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Lifelong surfer rescues 11-year-old from waves

By MARY SCHLEY

A MOTHER and daughter experienced terror followed by relief when the young girl fell off her boogie board during a weekend visit to Carmel Beach and was swiftly rescued by a surfer who was nearby and saw it happen.

Sam Maynard, whose husband's family owns a vacation home on Carmelo Street, shared the harrowing story on a Carmel-by-the-Sea social media page in hope of identifying the hero.

'Got too far away'

Maynard, husband Tim Holmes and their daughter and son have been on a road trip, and Maynard said the visit marks "the first time my children and I have really been out of our state of Montana."

"Today, I took my 11-year-old daughter to the beach, and while on her boogie board, she got too far away and lost control in a wave. Neither one of us was at all prepared for a situation like that, and I'm sure she would have drowned if it wasn't for a surfer who came to her rescue and brought her back to shore," she wrote.

"I can't even begin to thank him for bringing her back

See RESCUE page 13A

CRASH AT PT. LOBOS



PHOTO/PETER MISZUK

A GMC SUV that swerved off Highway 1 near Point Lobos and hit two trees, rolled over and landed upside-down in the middle of road was captured on camera by a truck that was following it Monday afternoon. "They veered off the northbound lane and into the woods, did a jump and then hit a tree and barrel-rolled back into the highway," said eyewitness Peter Miszuk, who provided images captured by a camera on the roof of his Rivian electric truck.

According to CHP officer Saul Perez, 47-year-old Carlos Ortiz was driving the white SUV when, "for reasons still under investigation," he "veered off the roadway and crashed into a tree." The GMC then hit a second tree, which caused it to overturn and end up back in the middle of the road.

Ortiz and his passenger, 45-year-old Juan Perez, were wearing seatbelts at the time of the wreck, and the extent of their injuries included abrasions and complaints of pain, according to Perez. DUI is not believed to have been a factor.

Dispute over exotic tree results in federal lawsuit

By KELLY NIX

A PACIFIC Grove resident has filed a lawsuit in federal court over two trees he contends are causing major damage to his property, including a retaining wall, but that the city won't let him remove.

In a lawsuit filed June 20 in U.S. District Court, Richard Fox claims that the roots of an 85-foot-tall Norfolk Island pine tree and a 30-foot-tall coastal oak have seriously damaged the retaining wall and his driveway, which he said need to be replaced. To do that, though, Fox says the trees have to be removed.

'Healthy'

Fox filed the lawsuit after members of the city's beautification and natural resources commission on June 18

\$60M sale heralds another big housing project

■ 1,300 more homes in fast-growing Marina

By CHRIS COUNTS

THREE HUNDRED acres of undeveloped land in Marina were sold last week for \$60 million to a developer who plans to soon begin construction of 1,360 homes and apartments — along with major commercial development — in a city that has seen prodigious growth in the last 10



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years, including many homes that have sold for more than \$1 million.

According to real estate records maintained by Monterey County, the sellers of the valuable land were Valle del Sol Properties and Carlos and Deborah Ramirez, while the buyer was identified as Marina Station LLC, with a business address in San Jose.

The land has long been slated for an ambitious development known as Marina Station, which received its first approval from the City of Marina in 2008 and its final approval two years ago. The latter approval extended the timeline for completing the project from three to 10 years.

Encompassing 320 acres, the site is on the north side of the city east of Highway 1. The project includes 887 single-family homes and 473 apartments.

Twenty percent of the units — 272 — have been deemed "affordable" for those with moderate, low and very low incomes. The developer is San Jose-based Third Millennium Partners.

Solar for every home

The plan for the housing suggests it will be "distinct from conventional suburban development."

"Marina Station will foster the creation of three new 'old time' traditional neighborhoods within the City of Marina in accordance with new urbanism,

See HOUSING page 16A

Big Sur's latest worry: The end of 'rustic' camping

By CHRIS COUNTS

AT A public workshop June 26 by the Monterey County Planning Commission on the process to update the Big Sur Land Use Plan, two speakers sounded an alarm over the conversion of rustic campsites — which are highly sought after in Big Sur — into expensive "glamping" units.

The speakers said the topic is important because rustic campsites provide the most affordable option for low-income people to visit Big Sur. The land use plan proposes setting a cap on visitor-serving units like hotel rooms but not on campsites — which some say encourages the practice of converting the sites.

Christina McGinnis of the group Keep Big Sur Wild told the planning commission that the conversion of rustic campsites into glamping units is a social justice issue.

"We really need to preserve our rustic campsites," McGinnis said. "They are under threat with these LLCs converting them into high-end sites. Our lower-income folks in the county are going to have much less access to be able to enjoy Big Sur if those are allowed to be converted."

McGinnis' concern over companies upgrading campsites partly stems from the recent sales of two private campgrounds, including one for \$28 million.

"There are simply too few campsites down the coast," McGinnis suggested. "The state park is at capacity always."

Another speaker, Big Sur resident and Keep Big Sur

Wild member Marcus Foster, said some rustic campsites are being replaced with park-model units which can be rented out at higher prices. "What I'm seeing is the loophole of park-model units on trailers that get brought in, and then the wheels are taken off," Foster said.

See RUSTIC page 12A

Condors vaccinated against deadly pathogen

By CHRIS COUNTS

EIGHT CONDORS from the local flock took a trip to Oakland Zoo last month so they could be vaccinated against a deadly avian flu virus that can also be dangerous to humans, according to the Ventana Wildlife Society, which reintroduced the endangered birds to Big Sur in 1997.

The vaccinated condors included Iniko, who became somewhat of a celebrity after the redwood cavity where she was being raised was burned during the Dolan Fire of 2020 — and yet she survived.

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A condor from Monterey County receives a vaccination against a deadly avian virus at the Oakland Zoo.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Female bonding

Luna is a 3-year-old Australian shepherd-border collie mix whose birth was unexpected and nearly thwarted.

Dedicated to doing right by his dog, a young man took his young Australian shepherd to the vet to be spayed, only to learn she was already pregnant. Some 60 days later, his apartment was overrun by seven puppies.

Unable to house or care for eight dogs, particularly newborns, he found homes for almost all of them, dispersing the pups when they were 6 weeks old. The little brother of a Marina recipient looked at the soft white fur with marbling, like the face of the moon, and named the puppy Luna.

"I took a week off from work and dedicated myself to spending time with Luna and building that essential bond," her person said.

"She was really small. I had to feed her every two hours. At first I gave her goat's milk and then slowly introduced wet food, so her stomach could get used to it, three times a day." Luna's person believes her dog, now 3 years old, developed into a healthy, well-adjusted pup because of the nutrition she provided and because of her family's devoted, nurturing care.

"When I went back to work," she said, "my mom



took over Luna's care during the day. My mom loves to hike, and she and Luna go out to Toro Park every morning for about an hour. So, she's bonded with two strong females."

Yet when her person is not on the job, Luna is attached to her side.

"Luna is not really interested in other dogs, she's more of a companion animal," her person said. "She comes with me when I shop or dine out, and she loves to run around on Carmel Beach but stays by my side when the water rushes in."

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Hofsas House, house numbers, housing sites on council agendas

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL City Council is set to handle a lot of agenda items during back-to-back meetings next week, but perhaps the most compelling is one resident's fight against the proposal to demolish the decades-old, Bavarian-inspired Hofsas House hotel and build an updated, high-end one in its place.

The planning commission in April OK'd owner Carrie Theis' application to tear down the family's hotel, which is outdated in many respects and doesn't meet ADA guidelines, and replace it with a Craftsman-inspired but more contemporary design created by architect Eric Miller. Anti-modern-architecture activist Neal Kruse filed an appeal in May objecting to the approval and asking the city council to overturn it.

Assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson said Tuesday that while the staff report for the hearing was not yet available, the planner is recommending the city council deny Kruse's request and uphold the commission's decision. That debate is set to take place toward the end of the council's regular meeting July 9.

Saturday farmers market?

Also on the agenda for next Tuesday's meeting, which will start with a tour of the Hofsas House at 3:30 p.m. and then continue in city hall on Monte Verde south of Ocean at 4:30, are a presentation on the community tree survey that will be used to develop the forest master plan, final approval of the ordinance regulating the police department's acquisition of military equipment and a few other items of routine city business.

A presentation on the specific needs and shortcomings of the police station will follow, and councilwoman Karen Ferlito will

provide an update on street addresses and ask her fellow council members whether to pursue plans to implement them.

The day prior, July 8, the city council will hold a special meeting that's also set to begin at 4:30 p.m. and will start with a lengthy consent agenda. Consent includes items that can be approved as a group unless a council member or someone from the public requests otherwise, and among them is adding a downtown farmers market on Saturdays in July through October. Organized by the same group that hosts the regular weekly market on Thursdays, the weekend markets would run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., according to Swanson.

New roof

Public hearings will focus on contracts involving the potential police station remodel or rebuild, tree contractors, and a \$183,310 contract for a new roof at city hall, Swanson said.

A proposed agreement with Pacaso, which sells fractional ownerships in homes that allow co-owners to take turns sharing them, will make the sole Pacaso property in the city on Dolores Street legal but prevent any similar sales in the future. "It will be considered a nonconforming use and basically grandfathered in, and Pacaso won't start any more in the city," he said.

The hot topic of residential development — particularly the affordable units that could be built on three city-owned sites according to the recently approved housing element — is also on the agenda. The council will be asked whether sites at Vista Lobos and Sunset Center should be removed from the plan. That would require city staff to find new potential locations for 149 affordable units. Full agendas and information on how to participate in the meetings online can be found at ci.carmel.ca.us.



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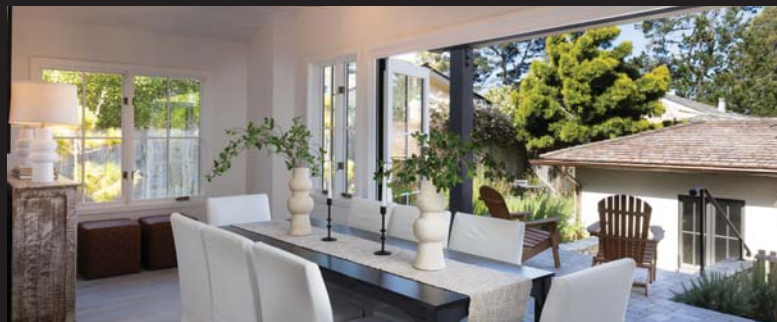
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Step away from the garden tools

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log was compiled by Mary Schley.

MONDAY, JUNE 17

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on Fountain Avenue, Crocker Avenue and at Railroad Way and Lighthouse Avenue were marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Municipal code violation for illegal dumping at Kenet Place and David Avenue. An administrative citation was issued.

Pacific Grove: A spent shell casing was discovered in the Safeway parking lot on Forest Avenue.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a possible trespasser on Cachagua Road.

Carmel area: Suspicious circumstances reported on Meadows Road.

The driver, a 48-year-old woman out of Pacific Grove, had a suspended driver's license.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Lincoln north of Ninth for expired registration. Vehicle also displayed false expired plates.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on Alder Street and on Pine Avenue were marked for 72-hour parking.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Attempt to cash fraudulent check. No suspect leads.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken at Carmel Beach for a lost cell phone.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle at Eardley and Spruce was previously cited. Vehicle was subsequently marked as an abandoned vehicle.

Pacific Grove: A 40-year-old female was arrested at Shell Avenue and Coral Street for mail theft, possession of stolen property and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Pacific Grove: Gravel stolen from the Pacific Grove High School parking lot.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism located at the Asilomar Coastal Trail.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 2341 hours, a traffic stop was conducted on Ocean north of Forest on a vehicle for a burnt out stop lamp.

See **POLICE LOG** page 8RE
in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

June 25 — A jury found Jose Omar Soto Velasquez guilty of felony domestic violence and dissuading or intimidating a witness.

Velasquez and Jane Doe had been dating approximately one year and lived together for several months with Doe's two children.

On April 28, 2023, Doe attempted to leave their apartment, but Velasquez grabbed her arm and pulled her away from the door. Velasquez grabbed her neck and began to strangle Doe while holding her against the wall. Doe retreated to her children's room, where Velasquez followed her and refused to let her leave for several hours. Doe managed to get halfway out the door at one point when Velasquez grabbed her arm and slammed the door shut against her body. Doe took photos of the significant bruising caused to her leg as a result. Once Doe's children got home from school, she took them to stay with her family in another county.

On May 17, 2023, Velasquez again tried to grab Doe's neck. Fortunately, she was able to stop Velasquez from strangling her and told him she would call police. Velasquez threatened to kill Doe if she called police for help.

On May 21, 2023, Velasquez changed the locks on their shared apartment while Doe was working her second job. When Doe returned home late that night, she called police for help getting into her home. She reported several prior instances of violence by Velasquez against her and one of her children.

The case was investigated by Gonzales Police Officer Joshua Macias. Velasquez faces a maximum of five years in state prison and will be sentenced by the Hon. Judge Hood on July 23.

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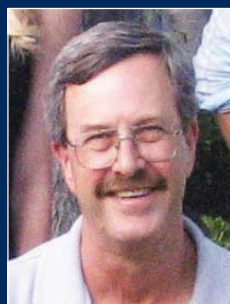
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It's shaping up to be an interesting election season in CBTS

■ Hala, Sours might run, too

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH LESS than two weeks to go before the filing period opens for the Nov. 5 Carmel City Council and mayoral election, seven potential candidates have already made appointments with city clerk Nova Romero to get started on their nomination papers.

Candidates for office must obtain at least 20 signatures of registered voters in the city in order to qualify for the ballot. The filing period opens July 15 and closes at 5 p.m. Aug. 9, unless an incumbent chooses not to run, in which case it will run to Aug. 14.

Romero said that as of Wednesday morning, three candidates for mayor and four potential city council members had made appointments to pull their papers.

Incumbent Mayor Dave Potter and challengers Dale Byrne and Jeff Baron are scheduled to meet with her,

as are incumbent city councilman Bobby Richards and council candidates David O'Neil, Bob Delves and Danny Hala.

Candidates in brief

Hala and his brother own Atkins Fine Clothiers in Carmel Plaza, and he's a partner in Café al Mare on Dolores Street. Hala's parents owned the former Sundial Lodge at Monte Verde and Seventh, and he told The Pine Cone that if elected, he would "create an open-door policy between city leadership and our community."

"Many residents are frustrated by ad hoc committees and the limited time allowed to speak at council meetings," he said Wednesday. Hala said he would also seek

to ensure his votes on issues "match that of residents and community stakeholders."

Hala has not been in public office but said he's learned from his time on the Carmel Heritage Society board.

Potter, who lives around the corner from city hall with wife Janine Chicourrat, is seeking his fourth two-year terms as mayor, while Carmel Cares founder and city hall regular Dale Byrne, who has never held public office, is hoping to unseat him.

Potter is also set to face city councilman Jeff Baron, a former forest and beach commissioner who unseated an incumbent during the same election in which voters chose Potter in 2018. Baron is running from a safe seat two years into his four-year term.

An ever-growing list of residents who want to run for office

Big field

Richards, who first took office in 2016, has said he plans to seek a third four-year term. Richards is a longtime local who worked with hotelier and developer Denny LeVett for two decades before retiring from

that job and subsequently becoming a full-time driving instructor. He also served on the boards of the chamber of commerce and the hospitality improvement district and was a member of the community activities commission.

Delves, who was appointed to the planning commission in 2020 a year after he and his wife moved here full-time, served as mayor and town council member in a resort village in Colorado. He announced his plans to run for city council in May.

Realtor and historic preservationist David O'Neil was the most recent resident to share the news of his potential council

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Monterey's threat letter goes to wrong people

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN MONTEREY resident Kimb Massey received a letter threatening fines and penalties if she didn't register her rental with the City of Monterey in the next 30 days, she was incredulous. She's owned her house on Via del Pinar for a decade, and it's never been a rental.

In a video released Friday — two weeks after the June 12 mass mailing went out — city manager Hans Uslar said some long-time residents received the letter in error.

The form letter lists the subject as, "Notice of rental inventory compliance — suspected unregistered rental unit(s) or incomplete/inadequate registration," and is aimed at landlords who have yet to register their rentals or file for exemptions from the inventory, which went online in January.

According to the law adopted by the Monterey City Council last year, landlords must share contact details for themselves and property managers, their rentals' street addresses or APNs, dates of construction, how many units there are, and the number of bedrooms, bathrooms and square footage each rental contains. Occupancy status and reasons for vacancy must be given, along with the amount and date of monthly rent and whether the total includes utilities or fees. HOA dues and other assessments

must be listed, and landlords have to disclose whether their tenants receive housing vouchers or other subsidies. Changes in ownership or management, rents and occupancy status must be reported within 30 days.

Those who own fewer than four rentals are exempt from the registry and its \$50-per-unit annual fee, but they have to file for exemptions with the city. Owners of subsidized units, ADUs, mobile homes and owner-occupied homes containing rooms for rent must register those units but don't have to pay.

Property owners initially had until March 1 to comply. In May, city officials said they would shift from outreach to enforcement.

Neighborhoods abuzz

In the letter Massey and others received, the city warns that per Monterey City Code, "you must comply within 30 days of receiving this notice" by verifying and registering rental units, correcting any deficiencies in the registration and/or making payment immediately, or contacting the city if the notice was received in error. The letter goes on to outline the financial penalties for failing to comply and warns that administrative citations might also be issued and collection efforts made.

Massey said she wasn't the only homeowner to get the letter in error, and she fired off an email to planner Anastasia Wyatt to express her frustration.

"The neighborhood is abuzz because we all — every single one of us — received your threatening letter telling us that our properties may contain rental units that haven't been properly registered," she wrote before going on to describe the letter as "accusatory and threatening."

"I've never rented my property. I don't have an ADU nor rental unit of any kind (house, bedroom, etc.). My detached garage is just a garage," she wrote. "And the city knows all of this because they've inspected my property multiple times (I remodeled a few years ago)."

Massey speculated the city was taking a shotgun approach to the effort to get landlords and property managers to register their rentals by bullying "innocent people" into responding "in order to get your records straight." The result, she said, is a lot of upset people, many of them who are



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The City of Monterey requires landlords to register their rental units, but a letter ordering compliance also went to some owner-occupied homes.

elderly and are now "afraid you are coming after them for no reason."

"Those of us who understand what is going on are having to help them through the bogus process of setting your non-existent records straight," she continued. "You are wasting hundreds of hours of our time defending our innocence against your false accusations. Get your act together."

During his "Monterey Mornings with the Manager" video made June 26 and distributed Friday, Uslar said some of the

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Community rallies around teacher with health nightmare

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER A longtime Tularcitos teacher sidelined by health issues was blindsided when her medical insurance stopped covering her ongoing stay in an acute care facility, she found herself stuck with \$550-per-day bills and a struggle to pay them. In response, her friends in the school community set up an online fundraising drive to help alleviate some of her stress.

Teresa Stasio, who lives in Pacific Grove and has taught first-graders for 39 years — the past 18 at Tularcitos — learned last year she'd have to have hip and knee replacements. She embarked on a weight-loss and fitness regimen to prepare for the surgeries, which were set to take place early this year, and used her sick leave to take time off from work to focus on her health.

"Because I've been teaching for so long, I was fortunate enough to have accumulated enough sick leave to take the year off and have the surgeries done," she said.

Unexpected turn

Everything was on track until she fainted while at home one day last December, and her husband took her to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, where doctors discovered she had dangerously low sodium and hemoglobin levels.

"I haven't been home since," Stasio said, adding that it's still unknown what caused her levels to drop, though she wondered if her drastic weight loss and decline in muscle mass had something to do with it.

"I was in the ICU for four days," she said.

After undergoing numerous tests, she was moved to a regular room at the hospital, but when it was time to discharge her, she was still unable to walk. So, Stasio was taken to Westland House for a couple of weeks and then transferred to Salinas Valley Post Acute in early January for longer-term treatment and help getting her hemoglobin levels up so she could finally undergo surgery. She also received occupational and physical therapy.

Then on March 3, she found out that her medical insurance policy, which she got

through the school district, would no longer cover her treatment because she wasn't making progress.

"I got cut off from Blue Shield because I was taking too long to heal, but I couldn't get surgery yet, because of the hemoglobin," she said.

They wouldn't discharge her since she



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Tularcitos teacher Teresa Stasio and her husband, Gene Anderson, enjoying a magnificent poppy bloom during better days. She hopes to be out and about again soon.

was still receiving care, but she suddenly had to pay the daily fees out of pocket. Stasio was also told she couldn't receive physical therapy because the facility wouldn't let her bring someone in due to liability. Without therapy, Stasio grew weaker — and more broke.

'Given her all'

"That's when the sweet folks started a gofundme for me," she said. "I still couldn't get any physical therapy, but I would have been devastated by the medical costs."

The instigator of the fundraising drive was Jessie Lloyd. "Mrs. Stasio has given her all to our children for years. She's taught them to be scholars, stewards of earth, and good people who look out for

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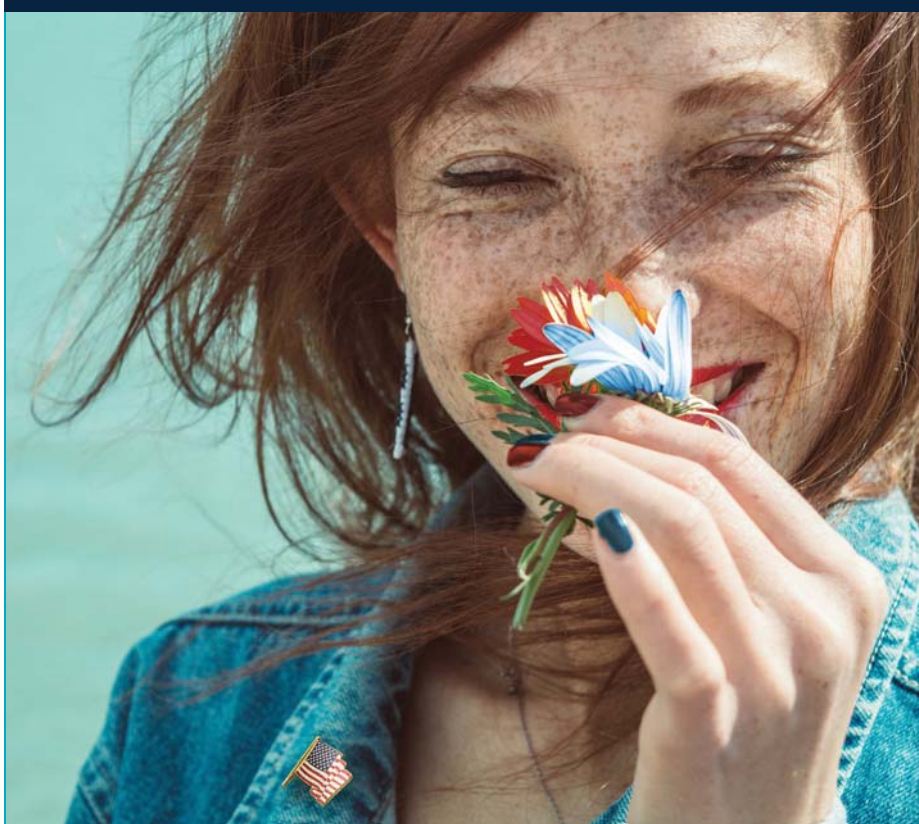
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Youngsters help make trail signs

By CHRIS COUNTS

AT PFEIFFER Big Sur State Park, a slew of colorful interpretive signs have been posted along two trails — all decorated by youngsters.

The signs — which include safety tips and interesting tidbits about the park's flora and fauna — were made by kids attending the park's Junior Rangers program for ages 7 to 12.

The vibrant handmade signs are adorned with artwork and can be found along two easy hiking routes, the River Path and the Warden's Path.

Make new friends

"Bring your kids to join the adventure," state parks said online. "Every Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m., we play games, do crafts and explore the park with interpretive staff. We learn about exciting topics like redwood resilience, steelhead survival, hiking safety and the importance of pollinators. It's a fantastic way for kids to connect with nature, make new friends and create memories in Big Sur."

If your children are younger than 7, they can join the park's Ranger Cub program. They will need to be accompanied by a parent, and they get together every Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. for a half-hour of story time, games and activities.

Other park activities this weekend

include a Children's Nature Walk (Friday at 2 p.m., meet at the Campfire Center), a River Walk (Saturday at 2 p.m., meet in Parking Lot No. 2), a Talent Show (Saturday at 8 p.m., meet at the Campfire Center), and a Nature Walk (Sunday at 1 p.m., meeting in Parking Lot No. 2)

The park, which has a \$10 admission charge for cars, is located 26 miles south of Carmel along Highway 1.



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Kids as young as 7 helped to decorate new trail signs at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park in Big Sur.

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Leadership group makes part of Scenic prettier

By MARY SCHLEY

A SECTION of the Scenic Road walking path that was badly degraded is now more beautiful — and safer, especially for visitors with disabilities — thanks to the effort of a small group of locals who participated in this year's Leadership Carmel class.

Participants in the nine-month program, which focuses on professional and personal development and is led by Barry and Jeanne Frew in coordination with the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, each year pick a project that will benefit the community and then collaborate on fundraising, planning and turning their shared vision into reality. Past projects have included upgrading the playground and other areas of Forest Hill Park last year and the design, placement and auction of large resin hearts painted by local artists in 2021.

In February, the forest and beach commission approved the group's proposal to restore the Scenic outlook near Ninth Avenue and make it more accessible to users of the road's only handicap parking spaces, which are located nearby.

Big improvement

Katie Jordan of Lewis Builders presented the plan at that meeting and explained that time, water and erosion had caused numerous issues at the idyllic spot, including exposed tree roots, benches that are uncomfortably high because the ground below them has eroded, pooling water, tripping hazards and haggard landscaping. Carmel Cares, a nonprofit group of volunteers that undertakes beautification efforts throughout the city, suggested the project and consulted on it.

Work began several weeks ago and wrapped up with a ribbon cutting shortly before this year's class celebrated its graduation at the Forest Theater June 21. The restoration was done in collaboration with the city's public works department and included removing

an exposed wood border and replacing the eroded decomposed granite to level the ground between the pathway and the overlook, installing flexible drain lines to divert storm-water and mitigate future damage, creating a border with golden granite rocks, and adding driftwood and plants.

Jeanne Frew described the ribbon cutting as "amazing."

"It was a beautiful day with only light wind, as compared to the super-cold/damp/windy days we spent working at the site," she said. "It was perfect."

Nicola Reilly, president and CEO of the Monterey Symphony, opened the ceremony with a violin medley to delight the 70-plus people gathered for the occasion.

"The Leadership Carmel Class of 2024 was very proud," Frew said. "And everyone is very proud of the hard work they put in and the great quality they produce."



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Leadership students and Barry Frew (red hat) restored a Scenic Road overlook. Even family members like Terrance Lamere (left) got involved.



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TREE

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crushed by the weight of the Norfolk Island pine, and root tension is disrupting the driveway,” Ono found, according to Fox’s self-filed lawsuit. “In another nearby area, the wall is being pushed out into the walkway by a coast live oak.”

Ono, Fox said, went on to conclude that “both trees require significant root removal for construction of the repair and create a dangerous condition as they will be highly likely to fail once roots are damaged.”

The city has not changed its position on the Norfolk Island pine since 2021 and has requested more information to support Fox’s request to get rid of it. However, the city that same year OK’d an application by Fox to take down the oak, but he did not do it and the permit lapsed.

Gho said the city would consider allowing the removal of the oak tree if Fox submitted to the city an amended version of the report Ono completed three years ago.

‘Dangerous’

Fox contends the Norfolk Island pine is dangerous and at risk of falling because the roots have grown in a “girdling” manner, meaning they’ve grown laterally around the trunk.

“They are harmful because they interfere with the flow of water and nutrients up the trunk of the tree, weakening the tree, making it more prone to disease, more likely to become infested with insects, and more likely to be uprooted by wind,” his complaint says.

The roots, he explained, have grown behind the south retaining wall and exerted pressure that caused the wall to crack and be displaced 7 inches to the north.

“Those roots have also undergrown the driveway, cracking and lifting up the driveway by several inches,” the lawsuit states.

But the city contends that Fox has not demonstrated sufficient findings to warrant cutting down the pine, an imported species from Norfolk Island in the southern Pacific Ocean. The city noted that the tree provides “numerous benefits,” and has requested that another assessment be completed to determine if root pruning could be done prior to rebuilding the damaged wall.

Fox filed the lawsuit in federal court because he’s charging the city with physical taking of private property for public use, in violation of the U.S. Constitution’s Fourth and 15th amendments. Fox names the city and the seven members of the P.G. City Council as defendants, though the council has not been involved in the tree dispute.

Fox requested that the court issue an injunction requiring Pacific Grove to either promptly issue permits for the removal of any trees from his property “or pay him just compensation for maintaining those protected trees upon his property going forward.”



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This Norfolk Island pine tree is at the center of a dispute in Pacific Grove. The property owner wants it removed while the city said it should stay put.



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RUSTIC

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At the Ventana Campground, which used to be set aside for only rustic camping, luxury tents can be rented for \$240 a night. In contrast, at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, a campsite for a tent or RV goes for \$50 a night, or \$60 for premium riverside site.

Too expensive to visit

Foster said the practice will eventually price many out of camping in Big Sur. "It's going to be a place where only people of means can come and stay," he suggested.

Not only do converted campsites make it harder for many to afford to visit Big Sur, Foster said, they create difficulty for local employees trying to find housing.

"When you turn a rustic campground into a high-end luxury resort, you need five times the number of employees," he explained. "It's critical that we don't make

this housing crisis worse."

Addressing the same topic was attorney Sara Clark, who expressed her concerns in a letter to the planning commission.

"There is an emerging trend toward less rustic campgrounds with expanded amenities. These amenities — tent platforms, yurts, improved restrooms, RV campgrounds — require more employee maintenance than the traditional 'rustic' campgrounds prevalent in Big Sur when the land use plan was initially drafted," Clark wrote June 17.

"Beyond the pressures glamping places on local affordable housing due to the increase in staff, it requires expanded utility development and erodes the availability of low-cost accommodations in Big Sur."

Besides the talk about campsites being converted to glamping sites, there was an extensive discussion at the workshop about "rural community centers" in the land use plan. The land use designation allows for more uses, making it possible for commercial activities that serve residents and visitors.

The workshop followed three others that the planning commission hosted in December 2023, February and March.

The update of the Big Sur Land Use Plan will next be discussed during a community meeting July 15 at 4 p.m. at the Big Sur Lodge. Meanwhile, county staff will make changes to the draft of the plan to account for input from the public and bring it back to the planning commission for a recommendation in late 2024 or early 2025 before the board of supervisors has a chance to review it.

Worth the effort

Planning commissioner Martha Diehl conceded the process to update the plan "is taking an inordinate amount of time," but she said it's been worth the effort. "It's developing a whole core of people in the community and on the staff who have this in-depth knowledge not only of the provisions of the plan, but the overall philosophy of the plan," Diehl said.

Because the California Coastal Commission must sign off on the plan, some are concerned it won't like the more restrictive provisions. But Diehl said she was encouraged by a recent conversation she and others had with coastal commission staff.



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Some say the classic campground experience, shown here at Pfeiffer-Big Sur State Park, could go by the wayside as campgrounds become less rustic and more expensive.

"We had a great meeting with them," she added. "I came away feeling very hopeful that their understanding of the local interests has changed over time."

Adopted and certified by the California Coastal Commission in 1986 after a public process that lasted more than a decade, the plan guides development in Big Sur and is noted for its strict land use regulations. The arduous process of updating it began more than 10 years ago, and last November, the county released a draft. The update includes an increased emphasis on creating more affordable visitor opportunities while also addressing the overcrowding of Highway 1 due to the pressures of increased tourism, and better preparing public agencies and private landowners to face the threat of wildfire.



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RESCUE

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to me. I'm sorry I didn't stay to say, 'Thank you,' a thousand times," she continued. "I rushed back home because, honestly, I was having a total panic attack, and my daughter was in about the same shape."

Maynard didn't know the identity of her daughter's rescuer and hoped her post would make it to him. She also asked if someone could teach the family a bit about ocean safety, since they were clearly unprepared for the often-precarious conditions that coastal beaches present.

While many responders simply urged them to stay out of the water because it's too dangerous, several suggested surfing lessons and the kids' participation in the local non-profit Wahine project that has helped more than 20,000 children learn ocean safety and surfing since it started 14 years ago.

Founded by Dionne Ybarra, Wahine has the mission of helping youth from all backgrounds get "access to ocean sports who would otherwise not have the opportunity," learn ocean safety and recreation, gain "physical and mental health through ocean interactions," and "develop a sense of social responsibility and environmental stewardship."

Small world

And it was her son, Jeremiah Greenberg, who rescued Maynard's daughter, Penny, from the surf. Greenberg, incidentally, is also the son of Carmel Surf Lessons founder Noah Greenberg and now runs the business alongside his

brother, Mitchell. Founded in 1986, the business is the Monterey Peninsula's oldest surf school.

"As a mom, my heart feels for you and what this experience put you through emotionally. Our family is a 'water family,' yet I, too, have known the feeling of the quick change in circumstance that can come from nowhere," Ybarra wrote. "It's terrifying, and you may relive this in your mind countless times."

She said she was very grateful Greenberg was in the right place at the right time and that she hopes the harrowing experience "doesn't change the relationship your daughter can have with the sea."

Noah Greenberg also said how proud he is of his sons, and Maynard later arranged to meet Noah and Jeremiah so she and her daughter could thank them in person.

"What a great family doing great things for their community!" she reported. "I felt like I had met people our family will have a lifelong friendship with."

Baum & Blume owner to sign books

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

DEBORAH WENZLER, owner of Baum & Blume in Carmel Valley Village, will be signing copies of her new book, "Love is the 'O'," at a release party on Saturday, July 13 from 4 to 6 p.m.

It's the second book in a planned poetry trilogy, "Messages from the Deep," and follows "Well Beyond the Water," which came out in 2019.

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CONDORS

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After they received their shots, six of the birds were taken to SPCA Monterey County, where they were set to receive their second dose of the vaccination July 3. Two of the birds, however, were discovered to be suffering from lead poisoning, so they remained at the zoo. There, they underwent chelation treatment, which removes metals from the bloodstream. One has since been released.

Last year, the VWS began taking steps to protect the flock from the pathogen after 21 condors in northern Arizona and southern Utah died. Within months, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service reported positive results from vaccine tests. More than one-quarter of wild condors have now been vaccinated against the flu virus, which is formally known as highly pathogenic avian influenza, or HPAI.

'A huge thank you'

In other condor-related news, the VWS is celebrating the arrival of two large water tanks, which were installed at an undis-

closed site in the Big Sur backcountry where the group releases condors back into the wild.

"A huge thank you to Black Tail Engineering for donating more than half of the total job cost to install our new water tanks and trench the water line to our Big Sur Sanctuary cabin," the group posted on Facebook "The previous structure was destroyed four years ago in the Dolan Fire, and we are very much looking forward to having a cabin again."



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Ginnie Ann Bosso (née Brown)

Date of Birth: 10/11/1944 ❖ Date of Death: 6/20/2024

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of lifelong Carmel Valley resident Ginnie Ann Bosso, who left us peacefully on June 20, 2024, at the age of 79 after a long illness. Ginnie was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Ginnie was born on October 11, 1944, in Los Angeles to Edie Elizabeth Brown and Carlton Russell Brown. She graduated from Monterey High School in 1962. At her graduation party she



was introduced to Chuck on a blind date. They wed in 1964 and she received an A.A. degree at Monterey Peninsula College. Then she and Chuck started Bosso Vending where she managed the finances for almost 40 years. At home, while raising the kids, she went back to MPC to get her horticulture degree. She put that to good use by beautifully landscaping their entire property. She also co-founded 3-Star Provision Company, a catering service with partners and dear friends Joy Pritchard and Ann Dillon. And she created Duskfire Farms, a pioneering local flower farm specializing in protea flowers. Ginnie was a life-long Dodger fan much to the good-natured chagrin of her family.



Ginnie is survived by Chuck, her husband of 60 years; sons, Chris (Nicole) and Chad (Aimee), and her third son, Andy (Marcy) Richard; three grandchildren, Ryan and Carter Bosso, and Evie Richard; and countless friends and colleagues. She was preceded in death by her brother, Roy Richard Brown (Kas).

She loved hosting parties and visiting Maui with family and friends. She enjoyed going antiquing where she would collect cookbooks, old restaurant menus and jadeite. She had a love of gardening and crafts, horseback riding, her dogs, her blue and gold macaw, and the music of John Denver. Ginnie will be fondly remembered for her warm welcomes, joyful laughs, sharp wit, and sorta obeying the speed limit in her Porsche.

A celebration of life will be held the weekend of October 12, 2024, with details to be determined. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the charity of your choice.

COLLEEN SULLIVAN

Colleen Sullivan, 92, passed into the arms of Jesus on June 14, 2024. She was born to Alfonsus "Sully" and Alfreda Louise Sullivan on September 14, 1933 in Mill Valley, California.

A lifelong Catholic, Colleen attended Dominican University of California in San Rafael. Upon graduating with a degree in education, she embarked on a lifelong teaching career. At age 23, wanting to travel, Colleen joined the Department of Defense to teach American dependent children in the UK for a year, then in Germany for another four years. While overseas, Colleen met MaryAnn Finocchi, establishing a life-long friendship. During their time in Europe, they would travel extensively, visiting art galleries, museums, churches and music venues.

Upon returning to the United States, Colleen settled in Monterey to continue her teaching career, primarily at Highlands School.

She was a long-standing parishioner of San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey and had a special devotion to the Infant of Prague. She will be missed by her many friends and some 3,000 former students.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, July 8 at San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey.

In lieu of flowers, Colleen asked for donations to Dominican University of California, 50 Acacia Ave., San Rafael, CA 94901.

Special thanks to the staff of CHOMP, Hospice of the Central Coast, The Key Home Health Care and Merrill Gardens for their exceptional care of Colleen.



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

Seasonal fire regs start

THE TEMPERATURES are rising, and with a bumper crop of spring vegetation drying up, U.S. Forest Service officials imposed a slew of fire restrictions in Los Padres National Forest June 29. They will stay in effect until the end of next January.

No open, camp or charcoal fires are permitted outside of developed recreation sites or designated campfire use sites — even with a California campfire permit. Lanterns and portable stoves using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel are OK, but only with a valid campfire permit, which can be obtained for free at readyforwildfire.org

All flammable material must be cleared within 5 feet of camp stoves, shovels must be available, and someone must keep an eye on the stoves when they're in use.

Outdoor smoking is prohibited. Also, internal combustion engines are never allowed, except on roads or designated trails.

All fireworks are strictly prohibited. Discharging a firearm is prohibited within Los Padres National Forest except while legally hunting or at Winchester Canyon Gun Club and Ojai Valley Gun Club.



CORY EVELYN JONES

September 8, 1948 – June 7, 2024

Cory (Gaches, Heller, Tracy) Jones of Pacific Grove, CA, was born on September 8, 1948, in Santa Rosa. In 1956 her family moved to Monterey, where she grew up near the high school in a home on Logan's Lane. She shared those growing-up years with her younger brother, Ricky, older sister, Bonnie, and twin sister; Linda. The three girls were known in high school, as the beautiful "Gaches Girls." On summer days, their mother, Margery Keleher, would walk her children to Lovers' Point in Pacific Grove. There, they enjoyed the sun and calm waters of that beautiful iconic beach. Years later, Cory, Linda, Bonnie, Marge and Rickie made the beach at Lovers' Point, their children's beach.

Cory graduated from Monterey High School in 1966. She immersed herself in the culture, beauty and wonder of Carmel, Carmel Valley and Big Sur in the late '60s and early '70s. In 1968 Cory gave birth to Cole Morgan Heller in Santa Cruz. Cory was one of the inspiring women baking healthy bread at "The Granary." There, her love of creating, and more importantly sharing, healthy food was exemplified as part of the empowered women that opened "The Granary" on Central and Dewey Avenue in Pacific Grove. Daily they baked and sold the best fresh healthy bread on the peninsula. You can still see Cory in the middle of the mural on the Dewey Ave side of Happy Girl Kitchen. She is the one in the middle with the long blond hair, glowing smile and welcoming wave.

Cory blossomed in the beauty, magic, spiritualism, and artistry of Esalen, Tassajara and Carmel Valley of the '60s & early '70s. Down the coast, in Big Sur, Cory spent many days with her friend and mentor, Emil White (Henry Miller's longtime friend and confidante). At the Tassajara Zen Monastery she lived, worked and played with the monks. While at Esalen Institute, Cory embraced its mystery, magic and spiritualism.

Her little red house in Carmel Valley, across the wooden bridge in Hitchcock Canyon, was the quiet place where she and her young son Cole lived. In the stream under the bridge Cole and his cousin, Greco, hunted tadpoles.

In 1972 Cory moved to Honolulu, doing the hard work of self-realization with some of the founders of the "New Age" spiritual awakening movement. A few years later she moved to Kamuela, on the Big Island. There, she opened Rainbow Mountain Natural Foods & Juice Bar. It was the first health food store and sandwich counter in West Hawaii. She loved creating and sharing delicious healthy meals for everyone. It was "THE" stop on the way to Hapuna Beach.

Always an entrepreneur supporting her friends' interests and visions, Cory contributed to Richard and Laura Spiegel's start-up "Volcano Island Honey Company." For decades they harvested and sold the one-of-a-kind Organic White Kiawe Honey. Cory also owned, with her partner David Tracy, land, homes and an apartment in and near Waimea, HI.

In 1983, at a Waimea party, Cory met Bart. They instantly fell in love. Nine months later, they were married on their 10-acre macadamia nut farm on the Big Island, near Honokaa. Together they managed their 10-acre mac nut orchard. With Bart's best friend, Tom Israel, they built a mac nut cracking and packaging factory (at the time one of only six in Hawaii). Later Cory and Bart incorporated Kahili Confections, selling tens of thousands of 8 oz. boxes of chocolate macadamia candy to Safeway. Later, their new LLC, Kuaola Management Co., signed a contract to manage the 1,000-acre Kapulena Orchards and its 26,000 macadamia nut trees.

In 1994 Cory and Bart moved to Las Vegas. Bart wanted to take advantage of an opportunity to work with his brother Steve's company, Merlin Custom Home Builder, as well as live near his 80-year-old father and other brothers. With her typical positive spirit, Cory accepted the challenge of moving from her beautiful, rural, Big Island home to a city house in Las Vegas. Cory's support made it possible for Bart to eventually become CFO and part owner of Merlin, named NAHB 2017 National Custom Home Builder of the Year. Cory quickly made friends in their new community with a new focus for her giving. Their home was one of 80 in an HOA neighborhood. The HOA included a 24/7 guard house, a landscaped park and streets. All needed to be managed and maintained. Cory learned the names of all 80 homeowners and their children. For over a decade she balanced the wants, needs and expectations of all the neighbors, guiding everyone to a common ground. Cory was the driving force behind the well-run business of maintaining all the HOA's property, keeping budgets in line and neighbors happy.

In January 2021, Cory and Bart permanently moved to their home in Pacific Grove. It was purchased in 2013 as their retirement home and their new life in Monterey.

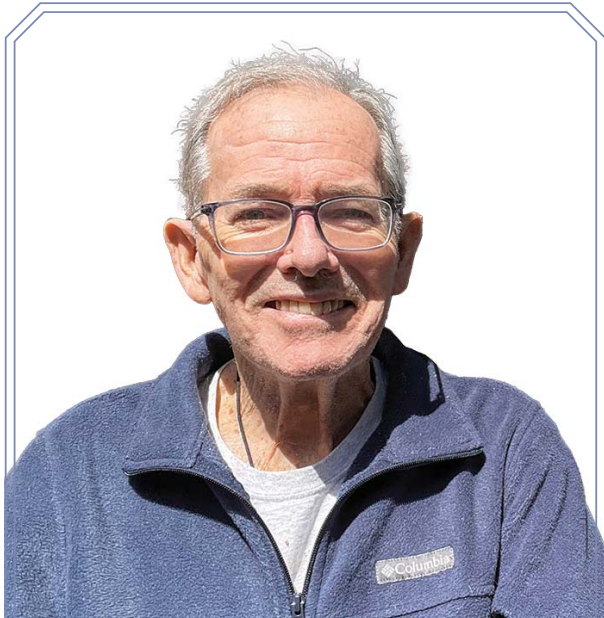
Cory's life was one of giving through sharing the joy and fun of life. Giving love and joy to her husband, son, daughter, grandchildren, great-grandson, nieces, nephews and stepbrothers. That same love and joy was extended to all her Hawaii and Las Vegas extended family and friends. Cory gave the kind of love and friendship that was authentic, without compromise and complete. She had the rare ability to express her opinion, project her will and demonstrate her commitment, without creating a defensive response.

Everyone who stepped inside Cory's home entered a place of warmth, beauty and sanctuary. That same care and commitment extended to all the neighborhoods, wherever she lived. Cory loved everything that came with food. The camaraderie, the artistry and the joys of planning, preparing, sharing food and the fellowship of dining. Her "Cory Cakes" (pancakes) are still favorites and are warm memories for people of all ages and in many places. At gatherings, she was able to find time to visit everyone, engage them in her warm and memorable conversations. Her presence was always a bright light in the room. She will be missed by so many. Cory's gift of giving will continue through all those who received her love, insight, and spirit.

On June 7th, 2024, Cory peacefully passed away. She was at home with Bart and Cole by her bedside. She was 75 years old.

Cory is survived by her husband of 42 years, Bart Jones; sister, Bonnie Trigg, son, Cole Heller; daughter-in-law, Michaela Heller; grandchildren, Alauna Egbeleou, Ashraf Egbeleou, Jonah Heller, Logan Heller and Kaili Heller; great-Grandson, Anelka Egbeleou; nieces, Megan Sherman & family, Rachel Frey & family; nephews, Greco Gaches & family, Dylan Coleman & family, many beautiful great nieces & nephews; godchild, Shaina Miller; stepbrothers, Mark & Todd Gaches & families.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Carmel Valley September 8th, location to be announced.



Michael Lee Thomas

Michael Lee Thomas (Mike, Raven) was born on September 7th, 1945, to James Bentley Thomas and George-Ann Baker Thomas, and died on June 7th, 2024, at the age of 78. He is survived by his wife, Patty; his sisters, Colleen (Ron) and Donna (Bill); his sister-in-law, Gayle; his children, Luann (Howard), Sean (Nikki), Chad (Liz), Alexis, and Casey; his grandchildren, McCaa, Jack, Riley, Koa, Kelani, and Avery; many nieces and nephews, and his dog Chewy, along with the rest of his family by birth and his family by choice. He was predeceased by his parents and brother, Larry.

Throughout his life, Mike always strove to foster community. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Mike counted among his greatest accomplishments was developing and implementing the strategic plan that brought the POWs back from Vietnam after the war. Throughout his professional career, Mike's aim was to support growth and integrity wherever he worked; for example, Granite Construction Company maintained a spot on the "Fortune 100 Best Companies To Work For" list during Mike's tenure there.

During his career and beyond, Mike felt a strong connection to All Saints' Day School and assisted in the continued growth and development of All Saints' to ensure a better future for the next generation. Even in "retirement," Mike sought opportunities that would allow him to give back and interact with local communities, including his work at Youth Orchestra Salinas (YOSAL), Hartnell Community College, All Saints' Day School, and the Big Sur Land Trust, among others.

Mike's deep love of community extended beyond our human community to include all of Life on this Earth. He was known as Raven in a circle of friends and colleagues who gather on the Earth every Summer to pledge what they choose to offer back to Life during the next solar year.

Mike was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He was the best of us and will be greatly missed every day, and his actions will continue to inspire us.

His family would like to thank Dr. Michael Galloway, Monique Garcia, NP, and the Natividad Hospital palliative care team for their compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to All Saints' Day School, Big Sur Land Trust, or YOSAL in his honor.

His celebration of life will begin at 3 p.m. September 7th at All Saints' Day School in the outdoor amphitheater. All are welcome.

HOUSING

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or traditional neighborhood design principles,” the plan indicates. The housing will also incorporate a variety of green-energy solutions.



RONALD A. SELTZER, D.D.S.

November 16, 1943 - June 12, 2024

Pebble Beach, CA

Ronald A. Seltzer, D.D.S. (Ron), passed away peacefully at The Park Lane, a senior living community in Monterey, California having navigated the challenges of Alzheimer's at the end of a life well-lived. He was known for his gentle spirit, kindness, for being a gentleman, as well as for his humor laced with puns. He was cherished by his family and others he touched along life's way.

Dr. Seltzer was born with his twin sister, Muriel, at Adventist Health Glendale in California, but moved from Glendale to La Sierra with his twin sister, brother (Bud) and adoptive parents Fred and Betty Seltzer in 1950, where he attended Adventist elementary school through La Sierra College.

In 1970, he graduated Loma Linda University School of Dentistry where he met and married ArvaDell Eckerman, R.D.H., and the newlyweds moved to the Monterey Peninsula, ultimately operating a dental office in Monterey for 34 years. When Dr. Seltzer retired from dentistry in 2005, he enjoyed volunteering as a driver for Meals on Wheels and the camaraderie of working with others for Hertz as a driver.

Dr. Seltzer is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, ArvaDell; and their three daughters, Leilani Seltzer M.D. (Tabor Dean), and twin daughters Malia Seltzer D.D.S. (Brent Mays) and Kealoha Seltzer Miller (James Miller D.P.T., D.C., E.M.G.); as well as his sister, Muriel Seltzer Jorgensen and his six grandchildren, Kierra, Garrett, Michael and Leila Dean and Brycen and Macy Mays. Additionally, Ron counted his nieces and nephews as treasures as well.

Ron's older, adoptive brother, E.C. (Bud) Seltzer M.D. was instrumental in assisting Ron financially through dental school, for which he was ever grateful.

Furthermore, Ron was privileged to have known and loved his birth family (Lonsdales) in Iowa, where he still has many wonderful first cousins.

The family is especially grateful to the professional angels who cared for him at the end of life including the at-home caretakers Maria Adelitka Bennett and Lindsay Beutel, the staff at The Park Lane (especially the memory unit) as well as VNA/Hospice, the physicians and all who supported us during the difficult weeks in which he was declining with Alzheimer's.

Those wishing to make a contribution in his memory can donate to:

- 1- Monterey Peninsula Adventist Church Endowment Fund at 375 Lighthouse Ave. P.G. CA 93955 Atten: Don Kellogg, M.D.
- 2- VNA/Hospice
- 3- Alzheimer's Association

“Every single-family home at Marina Station will be equipped with a 16-photovoltaic-panel system that will supply about 70 percent to 80 percent of the electric needs of each home,” the plan indicates. “Marina Station also will incorporate ‘Green Streets,’ a more environmentally sustainable dispersed percolation system than the conventional centralized retention pond storm drainage system.”

The plans call for constructing 60,000 square feet of retail space, 144,000 square feet of office space and 652,000 square feet of industrial space — all of which could eventually generate as many as 1,170 jobs, according to the city.

‘Model for the future’

Forty acres for parks and more than 100 acres for open space will be set aside.

In contrast to many local development proposals, some environmentalists are enthusiastic about Marina Station. LandWatch Monterey County called it “the best large-scale development ever proposed in Monterey County” and a “model for the future.”

“Large developments can have a positive impact on the community if they are in the right place and if they are well designed,” the slow-growth group said in 2008. “Marina Station will be a leading example of sustainable community design. This kind of planning encourages a real jobs/housing balance that allows people the opportunity of living close to their work.”

Construction is expected to start soon, with the total buildout anticipated to be completed by 2036.



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More than 1,300 homes and apartments are slated to be built at the Armstrong Ranch in the north part of the city of Marina. If all goes according to plan, construction will break ground this year. The project was first approved by the city in 2008.

DOROTHY MAE FINELL (FINKELSTEIN)

Dorothy Mae Finell (Finkelstein), 89, a longtime resident of Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA, passed away recently at her home. “Dottie” was born on September 12, 1934 — and grew up in — New Britain, CT. She was the daughter of Zundie and Sally (Hoffman) Finkelstein. She leaves behind her older sister, Alice Goldberg of New York City; and her beloved partner of many years, Wally Callaghan of Ontario, Canada. She also leaves behind her 1st cousin, Alan Finell, of Simi Valley, CA.



Dottie also is survived by many adoring children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and close friends. Her seven children include: Larry Reibman of Los Angeles, CA, Gregory Reibman (Cindy) of Newton, MA, Susan “Jane” Lieberman Obert (Jeffrey) of Newington, CT, Elaine Reibman Surveski of New Hartford, CT, Andrew Lieberman of Abington, MA; Lynne Reibman Rudek (John) of Harwinton, CT and Robert Lieberman of Lansdowne, VA.

“Grandy’s” 11 grandchildren include: Katie Reibman and Calvin Reibman, both of Los Angeles, CA, Andrea Obert-Hahn (Dan) of Newington, CT, Johnnie Rudek (Sarah) of Torrington, CT, Alex Obert of Stamford, CT., Ryan Surveski of San Francisco, CA, Michael Rudek (Rachel) of West Hartford, CT, Amber Surveski of Baltimore, MD, Alexi Reibman of Hyde Park, MA, Bailey Lieberman of Arlington, VA and Scottie Reibman of Cincinnati, OH.

Dottie (“Gigi”) is also survived by four great-grandchildren: Tyler Hahn and Jameson Hahn of Newington, CT and Milo Rudek and Jude Rudek of Torrington, CT.

Whether it was luck or fate, Dottie found true love in 2010, at age 75, when she met Wally Callaghan on a cruise ship traveling from Johannesburg, South Africa, to Hong Kong, China. Wally described Dottie as the “love of his life” and Dottie felt the

same way about him. Wally’s family embraced Dottie into their family, building close and loving relationships with them.

Dottie graduated high school from the Oakwood School in Poughkeepsie, NY. After high school, she went on to study English at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and Russell Sage College in Troy, NY.

Dottie loved singing from an early age. As a teenager, she was accepted into a summer program led by renowned Boston Symphony and Boston Pops conductor Leonard Bernstein at Tanglewood music center in Lenox, MA. Her love of music and singing brought her much joy throughout her life.

In 1956, Dottie married her first husband, Charles Lieberman, an anesthesiologist with whom she had three children. They later divorced. In 1968, she met and married Harold (“Hal”) Reibman, a widower with four children and a successful retailer. The seven “Brady Bunch” siblings bonded immediately. Sadly, Hal died in 1981, but the seven children continue to share a close relationship to this day. Shortly after Hal’s passing, Dottie moved from Connecticut to Beverly Hills, California. In 1986, she married Marvin Finell, an attorney and financier, who passed away in 1998.

Dottie worked in the retail industry from the time she was a young adult. After marrying Hal, she joined him as co-owner in Torrington, CT, of several specialty clothing stores and one of the country’s oldest independent department stores, where she was able to put her previous experience with retail sales and decorating to good use.

Dottie was a lifelong Democrat. She was quite knowledgeable about politics and loved to engage her fellow Democrats in discussion. She was an active member of Emily’s List for many years. She felt compelled to donate to Democratic organizations and campaigns that she felt strongly about. She also was active in supporting veteran’s, women’s and children’s organizations. In more recent years, Dottie became very concerned about the direction our country had taken, particularly the increase in gun violence. She feared the impact that would have on the futures of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and so, she focused much of her attention on gun-control advocacy.

Throughout her adult life, Dottie was an avid world traveler, having seen and experienced dozens of countries. In her later years, she also discovered a passion for book-writing. She wrote and published several books — “Finally Home,” “Specialty Shops” and “Going Green.” And, at the time of her death, she was writing another book intended as a family history for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dottie first visited Carmel while on vacation with her third husband, Marvin. Following Marvin’s death, Dottie was drawn back to Carmel, captivated by its rugged natural beauty and its eclectic mix of people. She developed many, many wonderful and caring friends there. Having found true happiness in Carmel amongst “her people,” she blossomed into a social butterfly, enjoying an incredibly active social life right up until her death.

A private memorial service is being planned by her family, to be announced at a later date.

Donations in Dottie Finell’s honor can be made to:

- Alzheimer’s Association — <http://alz.org>
- Sandy Hook Promise — Preventing Gun Violence Before It Happens - <https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/>
- Wounded Warrior Project — <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>

COMMUNITY

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one another,” Lloyd wrote. “The impact of all her work vibrates through our community, and now, we have the opportunity to send both appreciation and grace her way.”

Lloyd set \$70,000 as the goal in hopes of generating enough cash to cover Stasio’s stay for four months.

Finally, last week, Stasio saw her hemoglobin levels rise enough for her to undergo surgery, and she had her hip replaced June 26. She thought she’d be at CHOMP overnight but was still there Monday — several days later — though she was set to return to Salinas Valley that day.

“I’m crossing my fingers that when I get back there, they’ll tell me I can once again be covered,” she said, so she can undergo the necessary physical therapy that will get her walking again. Only after that can she

have her knee replaced.

It’s been a long road and promises to continue to be, and Stasio is grateful for the help and support she’s gotten, especially from those whose lives she’s affected.

“I’ve been a first-grade teacher for 39 years,” said Stasio, 62. “It’s my love to teach first-grade kids, and Carmel is a wonderful place. I feel very, very fortunate to have been part of the Tularcitos community.”

Former Tularcitos parent Scott Brown encouraged the community to support Stasio, whom he called “a legendary Carmel Unified teacher who is really in need from both health and financial standpoints.”

“Teresa Stasio is possibly the most beloved elementary teacher in Carmel Unified,” he said. “Both my daughters had her, and I served with her on the Tularcitos Site Council. Just an amazing lady. A master teacher.”

To contribute, visit gofundme.com and search for “Stasio.”

ELECTION

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candidacy. After restoring a chateau in France, he and his husband moved here full-time in 1921. He has been heavily involved in local organizations since his arrival but has not held public office.

Romero said former forest and beach commissioner Brian Sours, who resigned from the post last November after becoming frustrated with the public works department and its director, also inquired about making an appointment but has yet to do so. She did not indicate which office he might want to pursue.

In his Nov. 8, 2023, resignation letter, Sours wrote, “I feel the last couple years of service have not resulted in the type of support from the city’s public works department that in my, and I believe as well from my fellow commissioners’ position,

supports our responsibilities and duties in our roles.”

He told the forest and beach commission at a February meeting that the public works director had reported to state and federal agencies that he and Byrne were doing illegal work on the beach — an allegation he vigorously denied.

The council appointed Sours in January 2021 after Potter and Richards identified him as the best candidate among 10 applicants. In his application, Sours said he had always wanted to participate in Carmel city government and believed his years of experience as a financial manager, which included leading committees and boards, would be helpful.

“I believe I could provide similar leadership to the forest and beach commission team,” he wrote in his September 2020 application.

Romero said Karen Ferlito, who was also elected to the city council in 2020, has yet to reach out to her.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241058
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: BUILDING INTIMACY, 105 SCHOOL WAY, WATSONVILLE, CA 95076, County of SANTA CRUZ

(s) Thomas W. Walls
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: May 31, 2024
Publication Dates: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024. (PC 610)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241113
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BAG O' CRAB, 1401 N. Davis Rd., SALINAS, CA 93907, County of MONTEREY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241148
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: FitnessDefault, 51 Los Laureless Ave Salinas, CA 93901, County of Monterey

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.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS MORTEZA FAMILY TRUST 2022 DATED JULY 28, 2022 Case Number P24-01058

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the decedent, Fausia Mortezaei, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court located at 725 Court Street, Martinez, California 94553, and mail or deliver a copy to Katy Gronowski and Babak Mortezaei, Successor Trustees of the Mortezaei Family Trust 2022 dated July 28, 2022, in care of their attorney, Carolyn D. Cain, Law Offices of Cain, Cain & Housman, 150 N. Wiget Lane, Suite 105, Walnut Creek, California 94598, within the later of four months after the date of the first publication of notice to creditors or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 60 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the California Probate Code.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 24CV002511
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, KAREN ANNE BARRY, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A. Present name: KAREN ANNE BARRY Proposed name: KATHERINE ANNE BARRY 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.

DATE: July 26, 2024
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: 14

The 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 Cone.

(s) Thomas W. Walls
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: June 17, 2024
Publication Dates: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024. (PC 624)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 24CV002336
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, CARISSA MALIA INFANTE, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A. Present name: CARISSA MALIA INFANTE Proposed name: CLARISSA MALIA INFANTE 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.

DATE: August 2, 2024
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: 13A

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(s) Thomas W. Walls
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: June 6, 2024
Publication Dates: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024. (PC 625)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241189
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: STEAM & Robotics @831, 2984 Bird Rock Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953, County of Monterey

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241156
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BY THE SEA CHIROPRACTIC, 26555 Carmel Rancho Blvd #2, Carmel, CA 93923.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241172
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: J R S Trucking, 17510 Quail Hill Lane, Aromas, CA 95004.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241514
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CAMACHO'S TOWING, 1450 N 1st St., Apt. 3, Salinas, CA 93906.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20240886
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TOUCHSTONE REAL ESTATE, 6226 Tustin Rd., Salinas, CA 93907.

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to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/Adolfo Rodriguez-Salgueiro Date signed: June 10, 2024. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 10, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE - In accordance with Sec. 106 of the Programmatic Agreement, T-Mobile West, LLC plans to upgrade an existing telecommunications facility at 26080 Carmel Rancho, Boulevard, Carmel, CA. Please direct comments to Gavin L. at 818-391-0449 regarding site SF05875A. 7/5, 7/12/24 CNS-3827269# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: July 5, 12, 2024. (PC 701)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241210
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: MOONDOGGIES MOBILE AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES, 308 MAYA CIRCLE SOLEDAD, CA 93960, County of MONTEREY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241230
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: FOTOKRAFT, 1 SURF WAY, APT 111, MONTEREY, CA 93940, County of MONTEREY

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE S/ MARK KRAFT, MANAGING MEMBER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 06/20/2024 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26/24 CNS-3824824# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024. (PC 703)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241231
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: DOOLEY&STRUEDEL, 923 PALOMA RD DEL REY OAKS, CA 93940, County of MONTEREY

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241129
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ROCKIN B LAND & CATTLE CO., 29120 Chualar Canyon Rd., Chualar, CA 93925.

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.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 20241114
Filing type: ABANDONMENT:
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: March 8, 2024
File No.: 20210622
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: PEDEGO CARMEL, 125 Oceanview Blvd, Ste. 122, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 24CV002231
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, Nichole Sue Simonsen on behalf of Colette Leigh Ponsonby, a minor filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A. Present name: COLETTE LEIGH PONSONBY Proposed name: COLETTE PONSONBY SIMONSEN 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.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 24CV002231
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, Nichole Sue Simonsen on behalf of Colette Leigh Ponsonby, a minor filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A. Present name: COLETTE LEIGH PONSONBY Proposed name: COLETTE PONSONBY SIMONSEN 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.

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THREAT

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letters were sent in error due to a problem with a records search conducted by the Monterey County Assessor's Office.

City planners have been working on building the inventory since it came online, and they know many owners have yet to register as required, according to Uslar.

"We can tell there are significant numbers of rental units not being reported right now," he said.

So staff asked the county to provide information about potential rentals, which were identified by scanning records for those in which the property's physical address and the mailing address for the tax bill are different, suggesting out-of-town owners.

"If you have a house on Spencer Street but the tax bill goes to San Francisco, there's a chance it might be a rental," he suggested.

Uslar said the city mass-mailed 2,400 letters, some of which erroneously went to "people who have been living

at that address for many, many years" in homes that have never been rented out.

"The property and billing address were the same," he said. "We're trying to figure out why that glitch happened."

He encouraged anyone in Massey's situation to call the city to get the issue sorted out. "In 90 seconds, we're probably done," he said. "We apologize for the errors."

But at the same time, the letter drive is generating results.

"We have a lot of rental units that are being registered as well, so those numbers are going up," he said. "I think at the end of the day, we will have a good, well-populated inventory."

Uslar said the registry is the only way the city can know how many rentals exist.

"Census data says 64 percent of the housing stock in Monterey is renter occupied and 36 percent is owner occupied, but we do not have solid data," he said.

As of last week, Monterey planning director Kim Cole said the city had received documentation for 5,208 rental units, which she estimated is a 66.7 percent compliance rate. Much of the content of the database is intended to be available to the public.

Business taxes due

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

IT'S TIME for the 1,700-plus businesses to renew their licenses to operate in Carmel, and staff is taking the occasion to remind those with physical locations in town of their obligations to have annual inspections, too.

"We got all the business licenses notices out for renewal this week," assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson said Friday. "We took the opportunity to include a letter reminding folks they need to do their annual inspections" of fire sprinklers, exhaust hoods and other equipment.

"That will be part of the business license renewal this year," he said. "It's another step we tried to come up with to prevent unwanted fires and accidents in restaurants and other businesses."

Proprietors are taxed \$1 per \$1,000 of gross revenues received between July 1, 2023, and June 30 of this year.

According to the 2024-2025 budget approved by the city council last month, business license taxes are expected to bring in \$568,164 this fiscal year.



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The major-league heat is on, and Trosky's just waiting for a draft

SOME DREAMS come true all at once. Others are an evolution. Jabin Trosky, a 2021 Carmel High graduate, has ridden comet tails and dragged himself up mountainsides in pursuit of his lifelong aspiration.

On July 14, when Major League Baseball conducts its annual amateur draft, he'll get another glimpse of the horizon. Whatever happens that day, his options are scintillating.

Either is golden

A pleasant surprise on draft day could mean his professional baseball career begins immediately. Otherwise, Trosky plans to return to Corvallis, Ore., in August, excited about his junior year at Oregon State University, where he fully expects to be the starting shortstop for one of the best college baseball teams in America.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what happens on July 14. I've been talking to a couple of teams, and I'm definitely giving professional baseball some thought," said Trosky, who celebrates his 22nd birthday the day before the draft.

"Right now, my head is planning to go back to college, probably for one more year — but you never really know until you see what happens," he said.

The top college baseball player in the country this year was his teammate, Oregon State second baseman Travis

Bazzana, who is projected to be selected No. 1 overall by the Cleveland Guardians. Bazzana, a native of Australia, batted .407 this season with 16 doubles, four triples, and 28 home runs, driving in 66 runs in 60 games (all starts) and excelled defensively.

Meanwhile, Elijah Hainline, the Beavers' starting shortstop, was one of 319 players invited to work out for coaches and scouts on June 14 at the 2024 MLB Draft Combine in Arizona. Hainline batted .280 in 59 games (all starts), with 16 doubles, three triples, and 11 home runs.

Both were juniors. Both are expected to leave OSU after this month's amateur draft.

Strong season for Trosky

Trosky, a lifelong switch-hitter, batted only right-handed in 2024, compiling a .287 average — sixth-best on the team — with five extra-base hits in 40 games, 29 as a starter.

He also had a superb season on defense, committing just three errors in 94 chances (a .968 fielding percentage), despite playing three different infield positions.

A frustration, particularly during the first half of the season, was that he never got off the bench in 20 of OSU's games and played as a reserve in 11 others.

"I definitely felt some adversity early in the season when it came to playing time, but I kept my head down and kept moving forward, knowing there would be an opportunity for me eventually. I just kept my focus and tried to capitalize on my opportunities," said Trosky, a top recruit when he came out of Carmel High four years ago.

Bidding his time

When Trosky got his chances, he inevitably delivered. In his 29 starts, the sophomore went 31-for-103 (.301), with a .345 on-base percentage, 18 RBI and 17 runs scored.

During the first month, from Feb. 16 through March 16, Trosky watched nine of the team's first 19 games from the dugout and came in as a reserve in five others.

He started at shortstop four times during that span, going 6-for-14 (.429), with eight RBI.

Between March 20 (when he went 4-for-5 and scored twice against Utah) and March 29, Trosky went 6-for-20 (.300) in seven consecutive starts.

Long stretch of watching

From March 31 to April 27 — 16 games — he appeared twice as a replacement and started just once.

"For sure, there were times when I thought I deserved more opportunities," Trosky said. "I definitely was happy with the way I was playing, but I also felt like things eventually would fall into place if I just kept working hard and doing my thing."

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

On April 27, after sitting out four of OSU's previous five games, Trosky's season made an abrupt turn when head coach Mitch Canham installed him as the starting third baseman.

He responded by going 11-for-39 in the team's final nine regular-season games and started four of the team's seven postseason playoff games, playing in a reserve role in three others.

Arizona's 4-3 victory over the Beavers on the final day of the regular season determined the Pac 12's regular-season champion, and the rival Wildcats also took the postseason tournament.

Oregon State beat Tulane once and UC Irvine twice to win the regional tournament at Corvallis, and Trosky came in as a reserve in the first two games, then went 2-for-5 in a starter in the finale.

Disappointment for OSU

But their season ended at the Super Regional with back-to-back losses to Kentucky — a crushing disappointment to Trosky and his teammates.

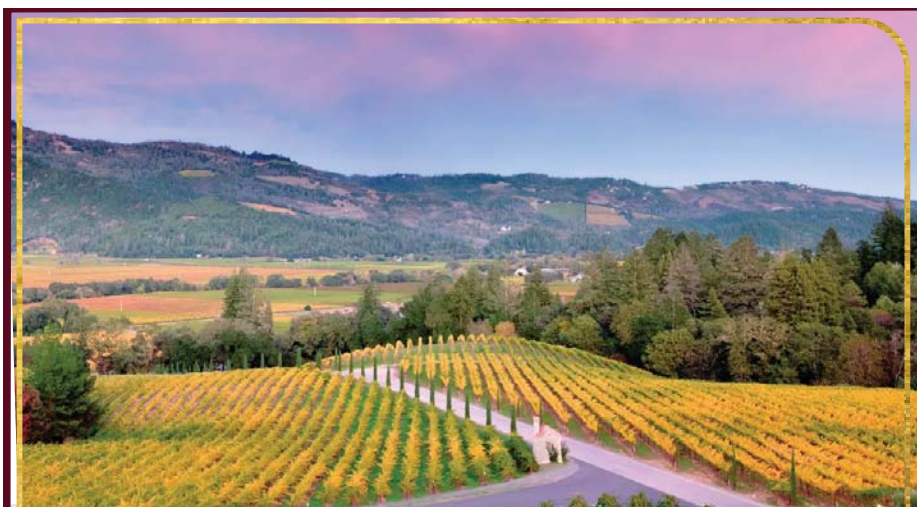
"The standard at Oregon State is really high, and we talk about it all the time. Our goal every year is to win the national championship," he said. "We felt like we had the talent to accomplish that this year, and to fall short at the

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Carmel High alum Jabin Trosky, regarded as one of the nation's best defensive infielders, is eligible for the July 14 MLB amateur draft.



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SPORTS

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Super Regional was pretty devastating to all of us. But it is what it is.”

The Beavers finished the season with a 45-16 overall record, No. 9 in the final NCAA rankings.

Shortstop is the plan

With Bazzana and Hainline all but certain to depart, Trosky feels confident that he'll be OSU's No. 1 shortstop this coming season.

“Shortstop absolutely is where I'm planning to play, and the coaches told me they're on board with that,” he said. “They've asked me to work on my arm strength a little bit this summer, stay healthy and continue to get stronger overall.”

Trosky recently joined the West Virginia Bears, a team in the MLB Draft League (a talent showcase for pro scouts), where, in his first four games, he has gone 5-for-14 (.357) at the plate, with a .500 on-base

percentage.

“Every player in the league is draft-eligible, so it's basically a last chance to get yourself noticed before the draft,” he said. “The talent in this league is pretty eye-opening. I batted against a guy the other day who was throwing close to 100 mph, so there's definitely some good competition.”

Pac 12 baseball is no more

In adjacent news, the Pac 12 Conference will dissolve. UCLA, USC, Oregon and Washington will join the Big 10, while Colorado, Arizona, Arizona State and Utah will become Big 12 teams and Oregon State will play as an independent.

Trosky is majoring in human development/family studies at OSU, but envisions a coaching career when his playing days are over.

His uncle, Nate Trosky, is widely regarded as one of the top amateur baseball coaches in the world, having contributed over the past two decades to the careers of more than 10,000 college baseball players and 500 professionals, including

big-league stars like Hunter Greene, Nick Madrigal, Christian Yelich, Nolan Arenado, Joc Pederson, Giancarlo Stanton, J.P. Crawford, Gerrit Cole, Lucas Giolito and Max Fried.

Hal Trosky, Jabin's great grandfather, was the American League's Rookie of the Year in 1934, when he batted .333, with 35 home runs and 137 RBI. In 1937, he

became the first professional athlete to appear on a Wheaties box.

Jabin Trosky would become the ninth member of the family line to play professional baseball if he signs with a big-league team.

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A switch-hitter through his sophomore season at OSU, Jabin Trosky focused on batting right-handed last year, with solid results.

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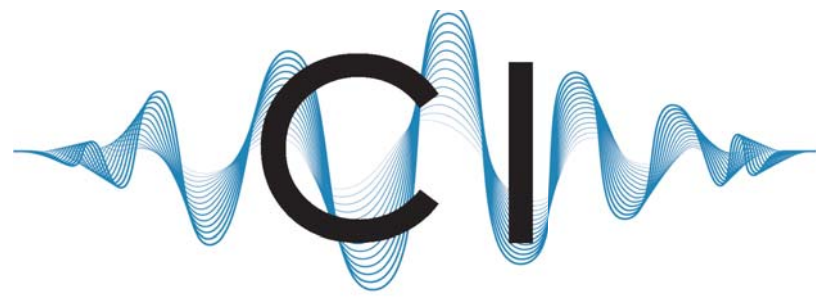
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Editorial

The president's age

DURING THE 1984 presidential campaign, when Ronald Reagan's bid for a second term was challenged by former Vice President Walter Mondale, the president's age was a major issue. Memorably, Reagan was asked about it during one of the nationally televised debates he had with Mondale.

Presidential politics were much more civilized in those days than they are today, and when the two men met for an honest yet friendly exchange of views, one of Reagan's answers brought down the house.

It came in response to a question from Henry Trehwitt, diplomatic correspondent for the Baltimore Sun (even the man's title tells you how long ago this was). The official transcript is worth quoting in full:

Mr. Trehwitt — Mr. President, I want to raise an issue that I think has been lurking out there for two or three weeks and cast it specifically in national security terms. You already are the oldest president in history. And some of your staff say you were tired after your most recent encounter with Mr. Mondale. I recall yet that President Kennedy had to go for days on end with very little sleep during the Cuban missile crisis. Is there any doubt in your mind that you would be able to function in such circumstances?

The President — Not at all, Mr. Trehwitt, and I want you to know that also I will not make age an issue of this campaign. [Pause] I am not going to exploit, for political purposes, my opponent's youth and inexperience."

Reagan, a former actor, delivered the punchline of his obviously prepared joke with impeccable timing. After he landed it, the audience broke into sustained laughter — and even Mondale couldn't help cracking a big smile.

At the time, Reagan was 73 years old.

Another anecdote from the politics of days gone by comes from more than 50 years ago, when Joe Biden, a local politician, tried to unseat incumbent Delaware Sen. Cale Boggs. CNN picks up the story from here:

"In 1972, Biden, then 29 years old and a local councilman, was running against incumbent Republican Sen. Cale Boggs, a former two-term governor and the state's senior senator.

'Cale doesn't want to run, he's lost that old twinkle in his eye he used to have,' Biden said of Boggs, who had originally wanted to retire but was persuaded to run for reelection.

Biden used his opponent's age against him in a way that was so explicit, one local reporter dubbed his approach, 'Dear old dad.'"

When Biden made the claim that his opponent was too old, Boggs was 63.

None of us are strangers to the idea that, if people live long enough, they lose much of their mental capacity and become physically infirm. We also know that being president of the United States requires an agile mind and a body free from serious illness.

Today we have two men running for president who are the oldest candidates for that office the nation has ever seen. Obviously, voters are entitled to full disclosure, not only of their political beliefs, but their personal abilities and physical condition. From the reaction of the news media and the political establishment to Thursday's debate, we understand that many people were unaware of Biden's senescence.

If that is so, the responsibility lies not only with Biden and his advisors, but with the news media, much of which has neglected or ignored the issue for years.

Donald Trump has many failings as a candidate, but his have been exhaustively and constantly chronicled and analyzed by thousands of reporters and commentators around the world.

Fifty years ago, Biden himself made an issue of a political opponent's age. Forty years ago, a humble print reporter from Baltimore gained national prominence by asking Reagan about his. Shouldn't we be doing at least as well today?

BEST of BATES



"Have you lived here your whole life?"

"Not yet."

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'Critical role'

Dear Editor,

Criticizing the annual pay of public employees, as you did in your editorial last week, overlooks the critical role that these individuals play in maintaining essential services that benefit the entire community. Public sector workers, including teachers, firefighters, police officers and healthcare workers, often face challenging working conditions and provide indispensable services that contribute to the safety, education and well-being of the public. Transparent reporting of their salaries is vital for accountability and ensures that taxpayer funds are being used responsibly. Rather than focusing on their compensation, which often lags behind the private sector for comparable roles, we should acknowledge and support their contributions to society.

With respect to the reference in the editorial referring to quotes from "our

economist," it is suggested that said economist not address issues in which it is apparent that there is no understanding regarding public sector employees (i.e. "you can't get fired from a government job no matter how poor your performance"). Public employees working as executives and administrators (i.e. city managers, department heads, management positions), often serve as "at will" employees who may be terminated at any time for any reason or no reason, and without prior notice, if the reason is not illegal. Employees that are not "at will" may be terminated for cause pursuant to public sector due process procedures.

William Woska, Carmel

Bit by bit

Dear Editor,

I didn't hear a peep from anyone when our mayor and vice mayor quietly and unceremoniously removed a competent preservationist from the historic resources board, packing it with modernists, all but ensuring the board will be facilitating modern, boxy building styles that undermine Carmel's charm. The removed board member took historic preservation seriously, and it seems that was her undoing.

They've also loaded up the forest and beach commission with survey-taking promoters, ocean view-seeking advocates, and pencil-pushing tree-height regulators who oversee cutting down native pines to replace them with olive and pepper trees.

Unfortunately, their counterproductive fiddling adversely impacts our unique and

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Cornell University ornithologist is putting birds in the cloud

MONTEREY COUNTY is home to thousands of birding enthusiasts and amateur ornithologists and boasts its own robust Audubon Society chapter. It is also home to one of the most instrumental people in advancing ornithology around the world: Brian Sullivan, lead digital project manager for the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

For almost two decades, Sullivan has quietly managed Cornell's major publicly

American robin, blackbird, tree swallow." He said that scientists have discovered those birds are in severe decline, now that they know how to measure them. "When we lose huge chunks of those so-called common birds, our whole ecosystem starts to get impacted."

As the digital publications lead for Birds of the World, Sullivan provides the vision, direction, supervision and guidance for a massive undertaking: 2,000 authors around the world, 24 scientific editors, seven software developers, 13 undergraduate interns and 23 international partner organizations.

"It is the work of many," he was quick to point out. "The thing we try to aim for is that it's both authoritative and approachable. It's written by ornithologists," he said, and everything is thoroughly fact-checked.

Not much money

A New Jersey native, Sullivan often found himself in California as a field researcher who moved from project to project.

"Field jobs last three or four months, whatever the bird season — breeding, fall migration, spring migration, winter. You can travel the world doing different field jobs. If you are willing to not make much money, but get a lot of experience and see amazing things and have that be enough, it's a great way to spend a lot of time," Sullivan said.

He was in the Channel Islands studying the loggerhead shrike — "trying to conserve that population, a really cool bird" — when he saw the posting for the eBird project leader job.

"I saw more potential in large-scale, longer-term impact, in what could be accomplished with something like eBird if it was successful," said Sullivan, who has been with Cornell since January 2005. "It's

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PHOTO/COURTESY BRIAN SULLIVAN

Cornell University ornithologist Brian Sullivan lives in Carmel Valley and enjoys birding at great spots like Point Lobos.

Great Lives

By LISA LAPIN

accessible digital projects from his home in Carmel Valley. "Maybe more than anyone in North America in the last 20 years, Brian Sullivan has been deeply involved in things that birders do," according to the American Birding Podcast.

In the early 2000s, Sullivan was one of the original developers of eBird, a mobile app that allows birders to record their sightings in real time and track and save their observation lists. Statistics that have been crowd-sourced into eBird have transformed what researchers know about bird migration and populations, and how many of any given species there are and where they are.

'Heartbeat of the planet'

Sullivan followed up eBird to become project lead of Cornell's Birds of the World, an online compendium of bird knowledge that uses mass data from eBird, combined with scientific research to make looking things up quick and easy for anyone. Together, eBird and Birds of the World are informing species conservation and management, habitat protection, and international law and policies.

"Our goal is to measure the heartbeat of the planet through birds," said Sullivan, a modest bird-lover who started his career as a field ornithologist and still marvels at the growth and importance of the Cornell projects, which also include Merlin, a mobile app that uses sound to identify birds in the wild.

"Now we can see how every species is doing in extremely refined and temporal details. People still enter all birds all the time, and there are more people using the apps all the time."

Notebooks

"Before eBird came along, we had to write it all in notebooks. Scientists took notes on what they considered noteworthy," Sullivan said. "What we didn't have was any real baseline on the common birds. Things like the

IT WASN'T A BAD PLAN, BUT IT WASN'T REALLY HER PLAN, EITHER

AS THE youngest of five siblings in tradition-steeped Iran, Azadeh Nikou was strongly encouraged to follow the footsteps of her brothers, sisters, cousins, nieces and

art studio, leaving those pre-ingrained instincts behind.

"I was very interested in art all along. In Iran, I spent a lot of time in the countryside, loving nature and playing with paints and colors all the time," she said. "My parents (a lawyer and a homemaker) wanted me to go into medicine, and I tried. But I began to explore myself a lot more after I moved to the United States."

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

nephews, most of whom went into medicine or law.

That was a practical and realistic path toward a successful adult life, she was taught. And she made an effort.

"I studied science and math in Iran. I'm basically very logical," said Nikou, a graduate of Azad University in Tehran, where she got a bachelor's degree in Farsi-English translation.

But logic and realism aren't practical when she wanders into her Pacific Grove

after I moved to the United States."

Art center show

When she approaches a blank canvas, realism and logic are far away for Nikou, a brilliantly creative abstract painter whose work will be showcased Friday (artist reception from 7 to 9 p.m.) through Aug. 29 in the Dyke Gallery in the Pacific Grove Art Center, 568 Lighthouse Ave.

"I love to create art that is beyond what I see," she said. "I like to add my imagination — things that kind of grew in my mind all through my childhood which eventually made me switch from realism to abstract as a painter."

"Sometimes, an idea will come into my mind as I sleep, and I'll sit up and write it down so I remember it in the morning," Nikou said. "I might even get out of bed at 11 p.m. and go downstairs to my studio because I feel like it's something I need to do at that moment."

Pacific beauty

Her vibrant pieces are largely inspired by the natural beauty that surrounds her on the Monterey Peninsula and also by Hawaii, where she and her husband — fellow artist Moana Rumi "Marty" Nikou — have a second home.

Her influences include art from China's 10th-century Song Dynasty, Persia's

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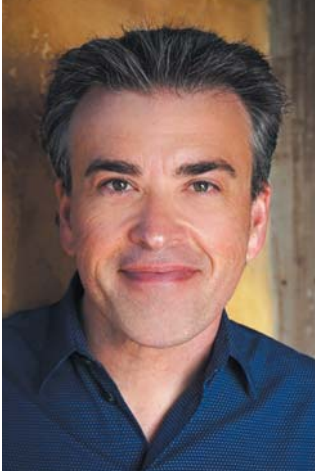


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Pacific Grove's Azadeh Nikou was encouraged to pursue medicine or law in Iran, but became serious about art after moving to the U.S. as a college student. Her abstract paintings are at P.G. Art Center through August.

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An unfinished story with flamboyant women and buried treasure

BRITISH WRITER Susannah Stapleton, author of "The Adventures of Maud West: Lady Detective," contacted The Pine Cone for assistance a couple of weeks ago. Stapleton has developed a reputation for unearthing stories of remarkable women that have been lost to history. She discovered two of them in Carmel and is hoping someone may have letters or diaries that can help complete their stories.

The Pine Cone of Sept. 1, 1939, records that "Peter Davis and Ann Dare were two old inhabitants of Carmel, having been residents for the past 15 years. Recently, Carmel lost Mme. Dare, who died at their home on Junipero Street on Friday, Aug. 18." It goes on to provide an all-too-brief mention of Dare's credits including being "a factor in planning the Chinese Village for the 1915 San Francisco Exhibition" and presenting "her Spanish Dancers as a feature of the fair at San Diego."

"Madame Dare," it said, "was born in Canada."

Clearly, the pair was well known in Carmel, and most readers of the day knew that Peter Davis legally went by Miss Lydia Brocklesby Davis. She was a native of Torquay, Devon, England, born in 1866, the daughter of Rev. Weston Brocklesby Davis.

Fractured marriage

Readers might not have known that Dare was born in 1866 as Mabel McMaster. Ann Dare was a pseudonym she began using as a playwright sometime around 1914. According to Stapleton's research, she was born in Ormskirk, Lancashire, England, and raised in Toronto, where her three younger siblings were born.

In 1887, McMaster married William Everett Clarke in Toronto and joined him in Chicago, where he was a department store manager. A son, Douglas, born in 1894, died in 1897. The death may have fractured the marriage. According to later reports, Clarke claimed his wife was mentally ill and had her admitted to an asylum. She was discharged and went home only to have him readmit her. They separated in 1906, and he reportedly gave her \$1,000 and \$75 a month until she remarried or one of them died.

It was then that Dare, still using McMaster-Clarke, came west and was granted a divorce on Oct. 4, 1909, in Oakland.

When she first came to Carmel is not definitely known, but well before the 1920s when she came with Davis. The Monterey Daily Cypress of Nov. 13, 1914, reported: "Miss Ann Dare, playwright and author, who has been in Carmel for some time, has left for Los Angeles. She may return in the spring and locate permanently." Permanence did not seem to play a role in Dare's life but she seems to have been largely based in Carmel from 1918 to 1922, during which time she was active with the Arts and Crafts Club,

serving as its director in 1920 and 1921.

Pirates' treasure

In 1922, Dare turned her focus to Laguna Beach where she created that community's first little theater and remained its director until 1924. While she was widely known there as Ann Dare, she bought land in Laguna Beach as Mabel McMaster Clarke, apparently never changing her legal name.

A Pine Cone column from June 17, 1932, gives us a glimpse of Dare's flamboyant style. "Madam Ann Dare is herself a famous impresario and came here a number of years ago after a serious breakdown from overwork. She was one of the most striking figures that ever came to the village. Of commanding presence, she wore a monocle and carried a long walking stick, which with her trim tai-

History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

lor-made suit gave color to the town. She was responsible for the adoption of Carmel as a home by a number of musicians who first came here under her sponsorship or management."

Davis had her own interesting past. Indications are she had a quiet childhood and in adulthood helped her father with his work as a rural vicar. While caring for an aging sailor, she heard the story of pirate treasure on the Island of Cocos, 250 miles southwest of Costa Rica. In 1911, at the age of 45, Davis and a widowed friend mounted an expedition and hired a steamer to take them to the deserted island where the two ladies fended off wild dogs and struggled to survive when their supplies ran out. They found skeletons in the cave where the treasure was supposed to be, but not so much as a doubloon by the time the steamer returned for them.

Different drama

Undaunted, they tried again in 1913, and were again unrewarded. Davis was visiting Carmel with Dare in September 1922 when she told of her pirate adventure to an Oakland Tribune reporter. Asked if she planned another expedition, she responded that her immediate plans were to "assist Madame Ann Dare in putting on plays in the little theater at Laguna." And she did.

A few years after the pair returned to Carmel in 1924, records show Davis bought lots 6 & 8 of Block 99 in 1927, and the Carmel Cymbal of May 11, 1927, confirms that "Madam Ann Dare and Miss 'Peter' Davis are now

occupying their new home on Junipero street near 8th in the Eighty Acres."

When a Vancouver expedition reportedly found \$60 million of treasure on Cocos in 1932, reporters sought out Davis, then 66, for comment. The Pacific Grove Tribune of July 5, 1932, carried the story:

Missed it by 30 feet

"Miss 'Peter' Davis swished a walking stick against her natty white linen knickers and smoothed down her manish white shirt. 'This chap, W.S. Clayton, he's the inventor of that metalophone that lets out a howl when it is held over buried treasure. I met him in Los Angeles a couple of years ago and I thought he had something. They tell me Sir Malcolm Campbell camped within 30 feet of all those millions when he was there with his expedition in 1925. But it is certain they didn't get all the treasure. Maybe I'll join with Sir Malcolm and we'll go down and dig up a few millions for ourselves.'"

There is no record that she did that. But Davis and Dare had active lives in Carmel until Dare died in 1939, Davis in 1947.

Ms. Stapleton and I are hoping Pine Cone readers can help her complete their story. Please contact me at nbhotelling@msn.com if you know of any papers, diaries, photos or other source materials on either of these women.

Camaldoli Hermitage welcomes back visitors

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

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18th-century Qajar Dynasty and French impressionist Claude Monet.

“I love Monet’s colors, of course, but also the surprises you see in his paintings. What he did with those water lilies in Giverny is amazing,” she said.

Nikou’s life took a turn in 1998, when she visited family members who were living in San Francisco and was formally introduced to Marty, who grew up in the same area of Iran.

“It was a small community, so we knew of each other there because we had mutual friends,” she said.

“We went out for dinner, had two bottles of wine, got pretty drunk and had a fun night,” Marty remembered with a laugh.

They were married a year later and moved to the Hawaiian community of Kailua, Oahu. There, Nikou began her formal art education at Windward Community College, studying representational realism in figure-drawing classes under Snowden Hodges, whose training was in Italian Renaissance art.

“I was very interested in doing realistic art but gradually became more attracted to abstract art after taking classes from Toni Martin, who was my design and color teacher,” she said.

Husband Marty — the art teacher — was surprised to see his wife’s metamorphosis.

Strong desire to ‘move on’

“She was very good at realism — Snowden thought she had a really great career ahead of her as a realistic painter — and I’ve always wondered why she made the switch,” he said. “But she’s always had this strong desire: She doesn’t want to do something she’s already good at — she likes to move on.”

Nikou transferred from Windward to the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where she earned degrees in art and art history and studied under Don Dugal — who taught fresco painting and traditional Renaissance and Gothic art — and master painter Yida Wang.

“Don, I think, was mostly a conceptual artist, and he taught me a lot of techniques, including glazed-oil painting and tempura painting,” she said. “Yida influenced me to think beyond what I was seeing out there.”

In 2021, the Nikous moved with their teenage son, Alex, who is soon to be a Monterey Peninsula College graduate, to Pacific Grove.

Mainland opportunities

“Hawaii is a beautiful place, of course, but it’s a small community, really, and it’s too remote for me. I wanted to find more opportunities for my son and more opportunities to show my art. There’s not much room to grow there,” she said.

“I also have a lot of family in the (San Francisco) Bay area,” she added. Her father passed away when she was 16, and her mom died a few years after she moved to the United States.

Azadeh and Marty already were aware of the rich art history of the Peninsula and the robust artist community that resides here.

“It’s wonderful being in a beautiful place with a lot of artists and so many galleries,” said Nikou, who received a first-place award in 2020 from a show at the Windward Artists Guild in Hawaii. “I’d love to display my work in a gallery here, if I could find the right one.”

Find images of her art and additional information at azadehartstudio.com, or visit the Pacific Grove Art Center throughout July and August to see her exhibition.

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beautiful urbanized forest and the protected “special status species” that live in it and ignores the intent of the existing forest plan as the city facilitates deterioration of the urbanized forest and habitat.

Not only that, but avoiding and misusing the California Environmental Quality Act and its protection of the environment and public health is now a habitual practice by the city when permitting projects. Even the housing element fell way short of the proper environmental review by, among other things required by CEQA, failing to assess the cumulative impacts of all proposed and foreseeable projects taking place within our 1-square-mile village. The adverse impacts alone to Carmel that will result from 349 more housing units, 349-plus more cars, 500-plus more residents and much more water use, garbage and waste production, utility needs, pollution and removal of the parking lots don't deter them.

The forest plan appears to be next, and impacts to legally protected special status species of the urbanized forest don't faze them.

It's a disturbing pattern, but the city is on a mission of change and conformity dictated by the state and couldn't care less about the process and procedures that are legally required. No impediment will deter the city, no environmental damage will stop it, no amount of facts is

persuasive, no showing of favoritism is too much, no number of residents' concerns avoid dismissal, no fear tactics are too low, and no nook or cranny in Carmel is safe from the so-called affordable housing scheme.

The upcoming election is the glimmer of hope, but the new candidates need to understand that Carmel is fading away, bit by bit, tree by tree, ADU by ADU, Flock police camera by Flock police camera, cell tower by cell tower, affordable housing unit by affordable housing unit, street address by street address, modern building design by modern building design, and parking meter by parking meter.

Chuck Najarian, Carmel

Baron for mayor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of the candidacy of Jeff Baron for mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea. I met Jeff during his first campaign for city council in 2018, and over the ensuing six years, I have been steadily impressed by his work on the council. Jeff is intelligent, thoughtful and fully engaged with the issues. I always appreciate the way in which he does his homework before meetings and comes prepared with thoughtful comments and questions which help resolve the issues before the council.

One of the things which sets Jeff apart is his commitment to listening to his constituents. His monthly email report, in which he lays out the issues before the city council at the upcoming meeting and provides links to staff reports and other information, is really remarkable, and it's something that no council member or mayor has ever done before.

These emails make it easy for Carmel residents to be fully informed and to participate in the decisions made by the city council by appearing at meetings and communicating their positions to the council members. In both of his election campaigns for council, Jeff has walked Carmel tirelessly, knocking on every door and talking to residents about the issues which interest them. He has weekly office hours at local coffee shops, where residents can come and talk to him about anything which concerns them in the city.

Our city faces serious challenges in the coming years. We need someone with the focus, energy, and leadership skills to face these challenges, someone who will actively work with constituents to resolve the complex issues before us, and someone who can set the agenda for the council and play a real leadership role.

That person is Jeff Baron, and I urge you to join me in voting for him for mayor in the coming election.

Chris Campbell, Carmel

Byrne endorsed

Dear Editor,

It isn't often that we are able to preview how a new candidate for mayor would be if elected. With Dale Byrne,

president of Carmel Cares, we not only have a preview, we have had a four-year rehearsal that has transformed Carmel-by-the-Sea. If you haven't seen the transformation from the Scenic pathway, to the Forest Theater, to the Ocean Avenue center medians to the Downtown Detail team improvements or the Pick up Posse teams with blue buckets reducing litter in the village, the pathway and the beach, or the Tag Team removing graffiti, and if you haven't noticed the smiles of the business owners and the enthusiasm of Carmel Cares volunteers, please check your pulse immediately.

The community has an opportunity to embrace a vision of a more spectacular Carmel. We have the opportunity to recognize how positive energy is infectious and creates a frenzy of action and gratitude. We have an opportunity to support a leader who inspires people to be their best for the benefit of the community. We have an opportunity to elect a person who thrives on engaging the community to explore creative solutions and then dares to ask, “What if ... ?”

Carmel needs and deserves this opportunity to renew and refresh its core value of being “primarily, essentially and predominantly a residential city.” Please join me in seizing this opportunity to support Dale Byrne for mayor!

Shirley Moon, Carmel

Defending Gibbs

Dear Editor

Heather Zunguze's letter (Pine Cone, June 28) is disturbing to anyone with a sense of decency. Mike Gibbs has always been a gentleman who works diligently to help others and the community. Zunguze's tirade against him is simply a smear attack against someone who is spending his time and effort to make our community and nation a better place. He is fighting against racism and other forms of discrimination, a noble concept that the DEI Task Force is trying to sabotage.

Mike is also trying to stop pornographic material from entering K-12 grade schools. We need to prevent such sexualization of young children. We need to work with the entire community to prevent pornographic material from invading tax-supported government school libraries. Our children need help, and Mike and others have the willingness and educational background to help establish a code of conduct with their own time and money. Bravo!

Lawrence Samuels, Carmel

Open forums?

Dear Editor,

Should Carmel and other Peninsula cities and Monterey County hold open forums addressing the Great Lockdown Swindle? It's important that such imposed unconstitutional regulations — the mandating of masks, mandating experimental shots, closures of businesses, churches and beaches — should never be repeated. This discussion should also apply to non-science regulations related to anthropogenic global warming theory.

Regarding the latter, there exists no empirical data supporting the theory that our current Modern Warm Period is human-caused. I dare The Pine Cone or Carmel city officials or Monterey County officials to offer such direct causal data. They do not exist. Any current or future related regulations, as with Covid lockdowns, should be based on solid science and constitutional law.

Our current interglacial phase of our ongoing Quaternary Ice Age — when glaciers melt — has lasted for roughly 10,000 years. Our current Modern Warm Period is believed to be milder than the Medieval, Roman and Minoan warm periods, all “golden ages” of civilization.

It's time for an open discussion to address the non-science Covid lockdowns and potential future global warming regulations. We must prevent governmental abuse of our constitutional rights. Never again should governments repeat the “Great Lockdown Swindle” or impose non-science global warming regulations.

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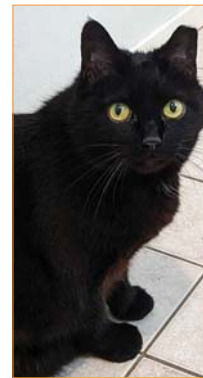
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interesting it's turned into the global thing it's become. It was a bigger challenge, with more unknowns, but in long run it was worth it."

While eBird and Merlin are free, Birds of the World charges an annual subscription for an access in North America and Europe. But the online database is free in 120 countries in the Southern Hemisphere to encourage widespread use in places with fewer economic resources.

Sullivan recalled that eBird was originally designed by scientists, for scientists. "The internet was young, and we were all on dial-up connections. The idea was ahead of the technology. It was tough to get just one checklist of birds logged in. But I realized it had a lot of potential. The trick was to get large volumes of people using it."

'A lot of potential'

Sullivan credits "a perfect storm of circumstances" with eBird's success, including faster internet, the evolution of the iPhone and mobile apps, and the ability to store and move big chunks of information. In 2020, Merlin enabled its sound ID capture for the everyday birder, adding a massive amount of new data for scientists.

"To walk around and record what you are seeing as you go was transformational for birding," Sullivan said. "It's a heck of a lot better than trying to take notes, then transcribe that into a data form online. It unlocked a lot of potential as the technology improved."

Technology also allowed Sullivan to work remotely and live full time here, in the place he loves most. He lived for two years in Ithaca, N.Y., upon joining Cornell to get the project up and running. But while on vacation in late 2006, leading a winter pelagic sightseeing trip in Monterey Bay in his free time, he met his wife, Sophie De Beukelaer, a research permit coordinator for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

"I've been here ever since," said Sullivan, who lives near Carmel Valley Village and has a daughter at Carmel Middle School. "It was a big stretch for Cornell and the lab to have remote employees at the time. But I was eager to get back to California. It's an amazing place to live. There is an amazing diversity of birds, habitat, and a great birding community. You can't beat it."

Off the beaten path

When he is not running Birds of the World, writing papers on its findings, or taking his daughter to softball practice, Sullivan spends his free time by himself, watching birds.

His favorite locations include Point Pinos in Pacific Grove in the fall, when sea birds are migrating. "Point Pinos on a blustery fall day, you see Pacific loons, surf scooters. It can be spectacular when conditions are right." He also likes Moss Landing for "flashy shore birds."

"But I'm a bit unusual as a birder. I try to find places off the beaten path to take pictures and sound recordings," Sullivan said. "Inland, down Carmel Valley Road or up Tassajara, or the south part of the county, Peach Tree Valley, south of Pinnacles."

And what's next on the horizon for digital ornithology? "There are lots of places on the planet where birders will never be, like hard-to-get-to, extremely diverse parts of the Amazon, or the rainforest in Indonesia," Sullivan said. "How do we create a series of automated recording units that would allow us to monitor sound for biodiversity in real time? That's the next frontier. We are really excited about it."

C.V. woman accused of stealing service dog

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

TWO EAST Carmel Valley Road residents ended up on opposing sides when one accused the other of stealing her service dog shortly after 3 a.m. last Tuesday, according to Monterey County Sheriff's Cmdr. Andy Rosas.

Jessica Englert, 47, was at the 60-year-old victim's home that night, and "when Englert left, the resident discovered the dog was missing, so she believed she took the dog."

Charges filed

Sheriff's deputies responded to the reported theft and went to both homes — one in the 45400 block and the other in the 45800 block, both at the Greenfield end of the road — to investigate. They found the Australian shepherd at Englert's residence.

And while Englert insisted she hadn't stolen the dog but that it had followed her home, since the animal was found in her possession and the victim accused her of stealing it, she was charged with the crime.

"She had the dog," Rosas explained.

The sheriff's office arrested her for possession of stolen property and theft of a service dog, which is a misdemeanor. Rosas did not say what kind of service the dog provides.

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Merrill Lynch is bullish, but she's more of a barrel racer

By ELAINE HESSER

SHE OWES her success to perseverance, keeping cool under pressure and remembering that she's the face of the firm. Or the rodeo. Whichever one Rose Escobar happens to be representing, she does it with a lot of positive energy. It's contagious, so talking with her feels kind of like chugging a Red Bull.

At 21, the Salinas-area native — who lives on a ranch in Greenfield where she helps her landlord with the horses on her days off — has worked for Merrill Lynch Wealth Management in Monterey for three years and has been Miss California Rodeo Salinas since last summer.

Her parents have worked in agriculture and volunteered in and around their East Alisal community for as long as she can remember. She admires their work ethic. "There aren't many holidays, and the agriculture business is fast-paced. Gotta feed America," she said with obvious pride, not just in her mom and dad, but in the business of farming.

Like many Salinas families, they went to the rodeo — the oldest and largest in the state — every year.

"Ever since I was a little girl, I idolized the rodeo queens," she said, and she would get an autographed photo from each year's winner. In 1958, her grandmother, Karen Henningsen Nunez, ran for California Rodeo Hostess — a predecessor of the rodeo queen role — in Salinas, and Escobar wanted to bring her dream to fruition along with her own.

Starting a stampede

There's a rodeo pageant circuit, she explained, where competitors start with smaller events and can work their ways up to state and national titles. Escobar's first title was



Rose Escobar, Miss California Rodeo Salinas 2023, works full time at Merrill Lynch as a client associate.

from the Salinas Valley Fair, held in King City. In 2025, South County will host the King City Stampede, the newest Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association-sanctioned rodeo, which Escobar helped to bring about. She has already volunteered for the event as the chair of several committees.

Escobar first entered the Salinas contest in 2022 and was first runner-up — largely, she said, because her grandfather died the week before she competed. "There were a lot of emotions, but I told myself, 'Next year, I'll be more

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Practical financial principles for every stage of life

By ELAINE HESSER

THIS STORY started out to be about single people — young adults starting out, and older, unmarried or widowed people — and how they should look at their money and investing.

As it turns out, it's pretty similar to what a married person should do. After separate conversations with Judy Colvin at UBS Wealth Management and Melissa Sterling at Edward Jones, both in Carmel, as well as Allison Barrientos at Integris Wealth Management in Monterey, many common themes emerged.

'You have to identify what it costs to be you'

All were quick to say that every individual's situation is different. Sterling noted that it's important for everyone to know what they want — not just what others might call "sensible," but in terms of dreams, like traveling.

Long-term, she said, "Everyone's idea of retirement is different." She noted that many people in the Midwest — the region she originally comes from — fantasize about getting a recreational vehicle and traveling the country, but that's not something she often encounters here.

Colvin was of a similar mind, saying that one of the things she knows from 38 years as a financial advisor is that plans must be "tailored to your lifestyle. There's no cookie-cutter solution, and there's an emotional element," as well. "Acknowledge the feelings and work with them. Don't run from it," she said.

Whatever your dreams are, starting young makes them much easier to achieve. "It's when you have the greatest and most irreplaceable asset — time," Sterling noted. She advocates starting with a budget, so people know where their money is going. Colvin put it this way: "You have to identify what it costs to be you."

All three professionals were adamant about staying current with student loan payments and building good credit, which affects obvious decisions, like purchasing a car, and less obvious ones, like finding a place to rent. The nonprofit Privacy Rights Clearinghouse confirms that prospective employers may even access credit information during the hiring process.

Pay off cards

Colvin also had strong words about credit cards, now often marketed to college students. "Pay them off every month" she said, to avoid interest and looming debt.

And, of course, youth is the best time to get in the habit of setting money aside. Said Barrientos, "You should have an emergency savings account that would cover three to six months of nondiscretionary spending (essential bills and expenses) somewhere accessible and very safe. Then, contribute to your employer's retirement plan — at least what's needed to get a full employer match," if one exists. "Otherwise, you're leaving compensation on the table."

As someone gets on more solid financial footing and starts thinking about investing, Sterling nicely summed up another common theme among the professionals: "You have adult money; get adult help," she said.

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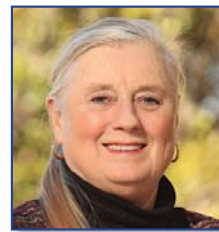
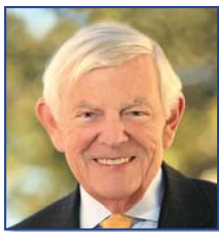
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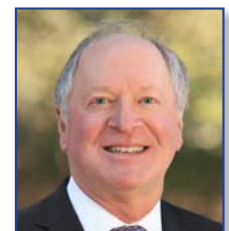
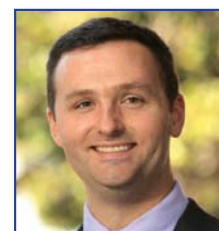
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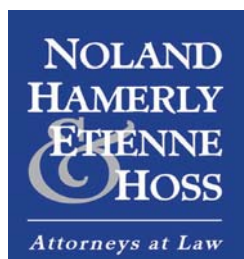
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By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON



Teri Scarlett

BORN IN 1865 in Atchison, Mo., Samuel Scarlett came across the country to the Monterey Peninsula, where he met Lou Ellen Swetnam Parmelee of Big Sur. They were married in Monterey on New Year's Day, 1910. The couple settled on acreage in Carmel Valley, accessed by a road Scarlett named after himself, and had seven children.

Although his great-great-granddaughter, Teri Scarlett, grew up in Hollister, she visited that Scarlett Road homestead with its rustic barn many times while growing up. Today, she calls it home, and her life is playing out on the family property.

Scarlett knew, even as a child and into her teens, that she wanted to become a lawyer. She saw it as a pursuit that would enable her to make a genuine difference in people's lives. She still remembers an incident that occurred while she was still in school in the early 1970s, when her teacher asked the class what they wanted to do with their lives. Scarlett raised her hand, only to be met with some rapidly fading ideas of what constituted an "appropriate" career for a woman.

"When I said I wanted to be a lawyer," she said, "our teacher said, 'Teri, you are a girl. You cannot be a lawyer, but you would make a great legal secretary.' That comment fueled my desire and intention even more."

Paralegal

Today, the Monterey College of Law graduate has 30 years' experience as an attorney. She spent five years as chief deputy at the Monterey County Public Guardian/Public Administrator/Conservator Office, where she served as a probate conservator (someone appointed by the court to care for someone else's affairs) for Monterey

County residents. More recently, Scarlett has worked for Legal Services for Seniors since 2020, for the past year as its executive director.

A graduate of Chico State with a degree in political science, she chose the university because at the time, it was the only state school that offered a prelaw program. She also earned her certificate as a paralegal while she was there and went to work for the Salinas firm of Pioda, Bryan, Ames, Helfrich and Wills as a legal secretary.

However, she said, "I always knew I wanted to work for a nonprofit organization, so I applied to serve as a paralegal for the Legal Aid Society on Cass Street. They didn't have an opening for a paralegal, so I was hired as a legal secretary."

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together.”

Forty percent of the scoring for the title comes from horsemanship, 30 percent for personality (based on interviews and a question-and-answer session with an audience), 20 percent for appearance and 10 percent for scholarship.

Escobar's been riding in barrel races and ranch rodeos since 2013. One of the tests she faced was a draw-horse competition, in which each woman was paired randomly with a horse brought by one of other contestants and had to complete a ride through a series of complicated patterns.

Scholarship is measured by an extensive written test on rodeo history and rules of the sport, along with grammar and math questions like the ones you might find on the SATs.

For the modeling round, in which contestants wear leather dresses, Escobar sported a stunning blue lambskin number. Brand-new outfits run anywhere from \$1,200 to \$5,000, but when she learned that former contestants from all over sell their used dresses, she found one on Facebook for \$300 and had it tailored. She also hired a former queen to be her coach.

Although her parents help support her efforts, she's been working for most of her young life. At 15, Escobar took a job at a Labrador retriever breeding and training business in Prunedale, where she became the manager of puppy affairs (yes, that was a real job), completing the paperwork for adoptions and helping with training.

It's hot

One day, a Peninsula man named John Elliott picked out a young dog, and Escobar became its trainer and sitter, often walking it while Elliott played golf. He appreciated Escobar's hard work and ability to learn quickly, and he asked if she knew anything about the stock market, which, after decades of experience in San Jose,

was his area of expertise.

“I've seen ‘The Wolf of Wall Street,’” she offered.

Elliott introduced her to a woman he'd mentored, Heather Downs, who worked for Merrill Lynch. The women talked, but Escobar said she wasn't interested in an office job. She enjoyed being outdoors and working with animals.

Downs said that if she changed her mind, she should contact her. She did, and Downs hired her. Escobar works in Merrill's Monterey office two days a week and remotely the rest of the time. She noted that although she loves working on the ranch, the temperate Peninsula weather and the comfortable office are a bit more pleasant than the three-digit afternoons in Greenfield.

As rodeo queen, she makes appearances throughout the state, doing things like presentations for kids on Farm Days, signing autographs, visiting senior homes, meeting with representatives in Sacramento for Ag Day, and talking with organizations like the CattleWomen's Association. She's well-versed in animal rights issues, as well. She also gives her time to the California High School Rodeo Association and recently accepted an invitation to coordinate that group's local rodeo queen competition.

She said the rodeo community has been really supportive, and regardless of what you may think goes on behind the scenes at pageants, “We help each other. If you see a girl's curl is out of place in the back, you fix it. You tuck in her shirt.” Just like in the farming community, she said, “We're always there to help a neighbor.”

She feels that way about her job, which often brings her in contact with people she's met in the ag community. She wants to help them take care of their money and their futures and noted that she's helped her team at Merrill set many of them up with college plans for kids she knows from

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Rose Escobar celebrates her 2023 rodeo queen title with her parents (left) and with John Elliott, who helped her get started in the finance business.



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Curious about trusts? Here's a primer.

By ELAINE HESSER

ACCORDING TO Monterey Trust Management president and CEO Liza Horvath, trust laws are pretty old — technically, they were derived from the Magna Carta.

She walked The Pine Cone through the basics of a trust, starting with what it is and why someone would want one.

“In the United States, people put their assets, which can include real estate, in trust so that someone is in charge and makes sure it’s administered after their death or incapacitation,” she said. “Usually, no court is involved,” and the trustee follows the owner’s instructions about how to handle things. “The trust document lays everything out,” she said.

On the other hand, if there is no will or trust indicating what the property owner wanted and they become incapacitated, a judge will appoint a conservator, who is paid hourly and who, under the court’s supervision, uses their best judgment to manage things until the person dies and their estate is settled. Information about it becomes a matter of public record, while a trust remains private.

There can also be significant tax advantages to passing an estate on through a trust, as opposed to a will, although Horvath said they’re subject to change by the federal government. She recommended talking with an attorney who is a certified specialist in estate planning, trust and probate law when setting up a trust.

Multiple uses

The first decision you’ll have to make is whether to set up a revocable or irrevocable trust.

A revocable trust is “almost transparent until you become incapacitated or die,” Horvath said. It provides the advantages of avoiding probate and can also manage assets if the person who sets it up becomes incapacitated. However, while someone is alive, a revocable trust doesn’t offer the tax advantages of an irrevocable trust and can be withdrawn, changed or amended.



Liza Horvath

An irrevocable trust, which, as the name implies, can’t be revoked or amended, is sometimes used — for example — to create a charitable remainder trust. If you planned to leave a large gift to charity, you would put it into the trust, and you could take an immediate tax deduction for the gift.

You might also specify that you want to take a percentage of the gift (within some limits) annually as income. The amount of the gift is then adjusted for tax purposes based on your life expectancy and the percentage you decide to take.

A highly appreciated piece of real estate can be gifted to the trust. You can stipulate that if the trust then sells it, you want to receive a benefit from that, as well. There are no capital gains taxes paid on a sale from an irrevocable

trust, either.

Horvath noted that selecting a trustee is a weighty decision, particularly if, for example, there are bad feelings among heirs. That’s where an outside trustee, like Monterey Trust Management, enters the picture. The company is “a professional fiduciary committed to ensuring your wishes and intentions are followed” — in other words, its employees manage other people’s properties and are legally required to do it for the owners’ benefit, not their own.

Cats and dogs

And, of course, since this is The Pine Cone, it’s important to address the issue of pet trusts. Speaking of Monterey

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Another recommendation was to consult a tax professional to see how savings and investment decisions will affect what you owe the government in the near and long term.

Even without a spouse, there may be children or aging parents — or both — to care for, which calls for difficult decisions about balancing one’s future with the needs of family. Barrientos observed that women tend to become caregivers for elders and may choose flexible jobs with less pay so they can help out, which likely would change their financial planning choices.

When it comes to paying for college educations, she said, “Look at the costs and be transparent with your kids about what you can do and what they need to do” — and give them some context around borrowing money.

Long-term view

Insurance came up, too — life insurance to care for dependents, and disability insurance were on the list.

Barrientos said that disability plans may be available through an employer, a professional organization, or a broker who specializes in life and disability. Long-term care insurance was discussed, and the women described it as complex, expensive, and difficult to obtain once someone approaches age 50 or 55. Still, it may be worth investigating, given that the average cost of long-term care, which is not covered by Medicare, is \$100,000 a year or more.

People with investments should take a long-term view, emphasized Sterling. “It’s about time in the market, not ‘timing the market,’” she said — a thought that was echoed among the others. “Diligence and being slow and steady is not as sexy, but it’s usually more successful,” she added.

Homeowners may be “house-rich,” and this is another issue where individual goals come into play — do you want to stay in that house and perhaps take out equity, or sell and move somewhere less expensive? Those considering a reverse mortgage should “enter cautiously and really understand all the terms and what it means,” said Barrientos.

At “the magic number,” as Colvin referred to age 65, being single or divorced does raise a few issues. First, divorced folks should contact the Social Security Administration about benefits. Those married for 10 years or more can usually make claims based on their salary or their ex’s (but not both) and, of course, should choose the higher of the two. This doesn’t affect the other person’s eligibility or payments.

Second, living solo makes it more imperative to think carefully about what will happen if you’re injured or become ill

and can’t make your own decisions. Barrientos suggested creating a team with your financial advisor and a professional fiduciary who can make decisions for you if you become incapacitated. An attorney can help with legalities, including advanced healthcare directives.

‘Magic number’

When to start taking Social Security is another personal decision. Said Barrientos, “Unless there’s a clear reason to take it early — you need the cashflow, or you have an illness that might shorten your life — wait until your full retirement age. If you’re healthy and don’t need it, wait until you’re 70,” when you get the maximum benefit. Depending on when you were born, your “magic number” might be higher than 65. The Social Security Administration’s website lets you see your potential benefits at various ages.

Likewise, decisions about starting to withdraw money from retirement accounts depend on things like risk tolerance, needs and wants, and tax strategies, and the combination is unique to each person.

There is one choice the government makes for you — at 73, Colvin said, people are legally required to annual distributions from their retirement accounts. “A lot of people don’t know that you have to take it, but you don’t have to spend it,” she said, only half-joking. “You can invest it, spend it, donate it,” depending on your goals.

Finally, all three pros recommended speaking with an advisor about if, how and when to move investments and savings around — and, assuming you’ve got a solid plan, they suggested making an investment in yourself by using some of the money you’ve been saving all these years to have a little fun.



Allison Barrientos



Melissa Sterling

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Trust Management, Horvath said, “We are the leaders in pet trusts. There is no other company I know of that has as many as we do.”

In one case, she said, a cat’s owner wanted her beloved friend to continue to live in her condominium until a suitable new companion could be found — and the woman had some very specific ideas about what “suitable” meant, so it took a while.

In the meantime, as trustee, the company fed and cared for the cat and set up cameras to keep an eye on it. “We knew the cat was up and awake every morning when it would knock the camera off the mantle,” she said with a chuckle.

When they finally located the right person and the new owner came to collect the feline, she was informed that the animal came with a trust. Horvath said she teared up at the thought that not only was she getting a new friend, but the friend’s needs would be taken care of.

“Some pets come with healthy stipends” for their new humans, Horvath added.

In short, she said, “the uses of a trust are only limited by your imagination” and the law, which says you can’t include any illegal instructions or any that would be against the public interest. So, if you were thinking of those old movies where someone can’t inherit the family fortune unless they marry “The right sort of person,” that sort of thing isn’t allowed.

But aside from that, a trust may be useful even if you don’t have a large estate to dispose of. The cost of setting one up starts at less than \$5,000 said Horvath, but they can become pretty expensive. If you’re curious, find an attorney and have a conversation to see if a trust is a good alternative for you.

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the rodeo.

Sometimes, little girls approach her to request an autograph, just as she once did, and tell her they want to be just like her. "That's just about the cutest thing on planet Earth," she said, and she tells them to take one step at a time, set small goals and accomplish them.

"Believe in yourself and work hard, and know that everything happens for a reason. I've learned from things" that have gone wrong, she said, and she perseveres.

No matter what kind of day she's having, Escobar takes care to present herself positively.

"If you're stressed out, you've gotta work through it and have a good smile," on a horse or behind a desk.



Horsemanship is a big part of becoming a rodeo queen, said Escobar, who's been barrel-racing since 2013.

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In her first week on the job, the attorney in the office was surprised at her legal knowledge and abilities. She was in her second year of law school by then, and she was the only pregnant woman in the class.

"Having had a child during law school, and then a 2-year-old while studying for the bar was a lot," Scarlett said. "I also was working in legal aid for Monterey County Legal Services."

She said she never imagined going into corporate law, motivated instead by the challenge and the satisfaction of providing legal services through a nonprofit. "I've never made a lot of money in this field, but to me, that's not what's important. What is important is doing what I want to do, feeling good about making a difference, and having time to raise my two kids while working."

When her children were young, Scarlett heard her son say, "My mom's a ten-

nis player." She realized that every time she told him she "had court this morning," he assumed she was headed to the tennis courts. While she isn't involved in that sport, she has been thinking about picking up pickleball.

'Never boring'

Scarlett also provides legal services outreach through the Carmel Foundation on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m. until noon.

"I love providing outreach. I feel strongly about giving back to my community," she said. "It's extremely rewarding and still, after all these years, it's interesting and never boring."

Scarlett works primarily on landlord-tenant issues with people 60 years and older who are at risk of losing their homes. She reviews wills and helps develop advanced healthcare directives for Carmel Foundation members, all at no charge.

"We also create guardianships over

minor children and we deal with a lot of consumer cases," she said. "Seniors are becoming victims of more online scams than ever. I want to tell everybody, 'Don't engage with anybody on your cell phone if you didn't initiate the conversation.'"

Scarlett can't think of a better job than providing legal services to protect and support seniors in her community and, she said, to make a positive difference in peo-

ple's lives.

"We must treat seniors with the respect and dignity they deserve. When seniors are taken advantage of, it affects them mentally and physically, often shortening their lifespan when victimized. The fear, devastation, and embarrassment takes a toll on them. We want them, instead, to feel secure, able to stay engaged in their lives, looking forward to something."

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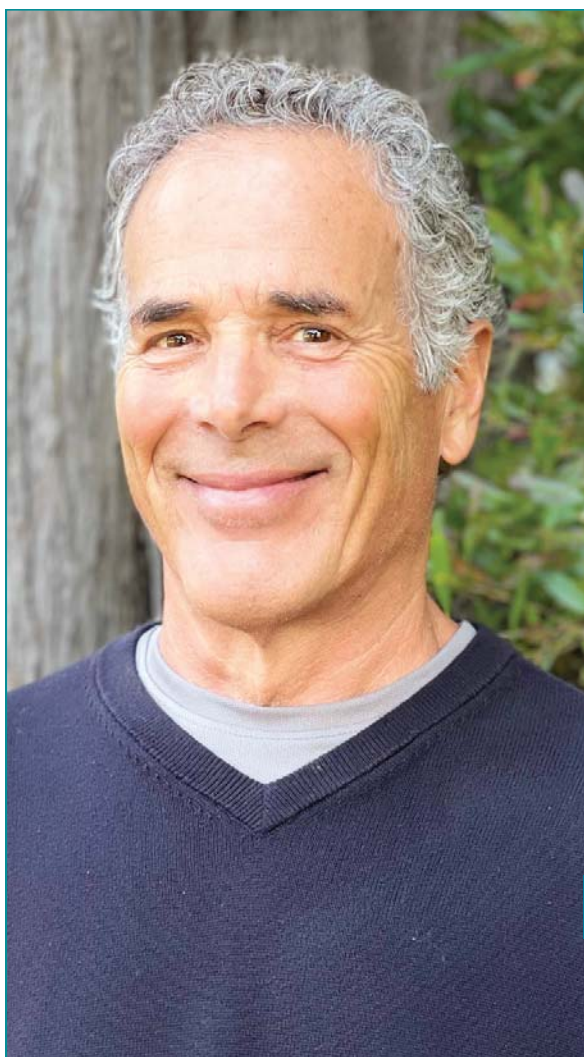




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Wild at Heart plays Carmel Plaza, stage show celebrates famous poet, songwriter

THE SECOND installment of Carmel Plaza's Summer Music Live series, featuring **Wild at Heart**, is set for Friday at 5 p.m.

The event is free, although food and drink packages are \$25. The shopping center is located at Ocean and Mission.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

With singer **Lisa Kincaid**, guitarist **Sam Nilsson**, keyboardist **Wobbles Rowe**, bassist **Jack Aiello** and drummer **Jon McClean**, the local band serves up a mix of "new country and classic rock covers."

The series continues through the end of July with shows by **The Chicano All-Stars** (July 12), **Scarlet** (July 19) and once again, **The Money Band** (July 26).

■ Dylan & Dylan again

Reviving a successful show that celebrates the poetry of Dylan Thomas and music of Bob Dylan, "Dylan & Dylan" returns Sunday, 3 p.m., to the Monterey History and Maritime Museum in Monterey.

The lineup includes actor **Taelen Thomas**, singer and guitarist **Steve Mortensen**, violinist **Laura Burian** and singer and bassist **Dixie Dixon**. The performers describe the show as "a beguiling excursion into the lives, minds and works of two passionate and unpredictable literary geniuses who share a name."

Tickets are \$30. The museum is located at 5 Custom House Plaza. For details, call (831) 236-3111.

■ Remembering Bonzo

The royalty of the local rock scene will be at the Heirloom Pizza Company in Salinas Saturday at 6 p.m. for the Bonzo Show, which celebrates the legacy of Led Zeppelin drummer John Bonham, who died in 1980.

The house band for the show features singer **Taylor Sarafin** of the Transducers on lead vocals, along with guitarist **Blaze DiGirolamo**, keyboardist **Donnie Dickman** and drummer **Jason Toboso**, who founded the event.

"We'll be playing Led Zeppelin songs all night," Toboso said. "Each song will have a different drummer."



Wild at Heart performs Friday, 5 p.m., at Carmel Plaza. The band serves up a mix of "new country and classic rock covers."

The drummers include **Lisa Rutta** of the Transducers, **Patrick Tregenza**, **Skylar Campbell** and others.

Tickets are \$15 at the door. The restaurant is located at 344 Main St.

■ Live music July 5-11

Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Lindsay Beery** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), 316 Alvarado St.

Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Friday at 6:30 p.m.), 800 Asilomar Ave.

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Tony Burciaga** (jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik**

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Yes, they said potato chips. Many experts recommend trying salty, oily foods with bubbly, and Wine Enthusiast magazine even offered a pairing guide in 2023, suggesting that plain or buffalo-wing flavored chips go best with sparklers.

Seats are \$75 per person, \$60 for wine club members and can be reserved at talbottvineyards.com.



From its secluded patio (left) to its eclectic menu that includes food and drink from the owner's native Paraguay, Café Guarani at 111 Central Ave. in Pacific Grove is welcoming and friendly.

■ This bar comes to you

Planning a party? If your uncle's a little heavy-handed with the whiskey bottle, or your guests can't agree on their favorite cocktails and wouldn't think of just sharing a pitcher of margaritas, you might want to consider a mobile bar service.

Olivia Satow, co-owner of the new 831 Mobile Bar service, explained that having a professional bartender do the pouring has many advantages. In addition to "making fabulous cocktails," you can count on the pros to "monitor consumption levels and know how to cut someone off

what on Earth possessed someone who grew up knowing all about the highs and lows of the hospitality business — her aunt and uncle own Daddy's City Diner, a popular breakfast and lunch spot in Marina where she still waits tables sometimes — to go into it, herself?

"I knew it would be a heavy endeavor," she said. "But there wasn't much in this area in terms of anything local with a liquor license and full bar. I saw a need and a gap." The service operates under the catering liquor license from the Otter's Den, whose owner also co-owns 831 Mobile Bar.

Signature drinks

Several packages are available, from a "dry hire," which means the customer provides the spirits, to a beer-and-wine-only option, a Bronze Package with one red and one white wine, "house" tequila, whiskey, vodka, gin and rum and mixers, and a Gold Package that includes top-shelf selections like Ketel One vodka, Bombay Sapphire gin and Maker's Mark whiskey. All include nonalcoholic beverages. Satow is also happy to customize a bar service to whatever best suits the client.

Since she has access to a number of distributors through the Otter's Den, Satow said that if a host wants a specific spirit for an occasion, she can probably get it, along with a wide variety of wines and craft beers. She can help someone create signature drinks for their event, including "his and hers" cocktail menus that are a feature of many wedding receptions.

In addition, she is able to set up either an open or cash bar that also accepts credit cards, depending on what the client wants.

While Satow foresees a lot of wedding business, she's already done a quinceañera — a girl's 15th birthday party in which large, extended families often take part — and is available for corporate functions and any other kind of event that calls for some cheer. With Car Week fast approaching, she said that she still had openings for parties celebrating all things automotive, too.

"We aim to provide a seamless, high-quality bar experience that allows our clients to relax and enjoy their events," said Satow. "Our attention to detail and commit-

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Soup to Nuts

when enough is enough." They also make sure that guests don't grab bottles of liquor off the bar and take them to their tables, and they prevent all manner of other troubles that can arise at DIY operations. Also, they let the hosts focus on having fun with their guests, instead of having to google what's in a Long Island iced tea.

Satow has been tending bar for nine years, including at the Otter's Den, a Marina sports bar, and regularly at weddings at Gardener Ranch in Carmel Valley, so she knows what it takes to run a successful beverage operation. But

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ment to excellence set us apart, making every occasion truly special.”

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■ A taste of Paraguay in P.G.

Café Guarani in P.G. has been open for about four years at 111 Central Ave., in the spot that used to belong to Tillie Gort's. According to the café's website, owner Liliana Rodas de Araujo grew up in the hospitality business in Paraguay (Guarani refers to the people of that country).

When she moved to the United States with her husband and children, she trained as a phlebotomist and worked at Community Hospital until she retired at age 60 and opened the coffee shop and bakery in P.G.

It's a funky little spot with indoor seat-

ing and a cheerful patio in the back, away from the street noise. Food includes pastries you might see in any local bakery, like miniature fruit pies and lemon meringue tarts, plus specialty items like flavored tapioca pudding, pastry rolls filled with dulce de leche (caramelized condensed milk), and guava cookies.

Savory choices include empanadas, which are Spanish-style turnovers with fillings including pulled pork, smoked brisket, and shredded chicken, as well as vegan options. You can also get a beef sopa — Paraguayan cheese cornbread with beef — or a side of Mbeju, a tapioca flour-and-cheese flatbread. The extensive coffee menu has plenty of options, along with chai, iced drinks and yerba mate, a kind of tea made from a plant native to South America.

Service is pleasant and efficient, and the shop's staff cheerfully answered what this reporter can only assume are questions they must get frequently from those less



Bartender and entrepreneur Olivia Satow is the owner of 831 Mobile Bar, an alcohol catering company that takes the hassle out of hosting friends and family for cocktails or serving clients at a corporate event.



Talbott Vineyards' downtown tasting room will hold a sparkling wine party on Saturday, July 13, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. They'll be pouring their brut and some limited-release wines paired with caviar and other goodies.

The Pine Cone has been a member of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce for more than 100 years.

well-acquainted with South American cuisine. An alfajore — two shortbread cookies with thick, dark dulce de leche sandwiched in between, then rolled in coconut around the edges — was satisfying and balanced, not overly sweet. Shortbread pecan cookies were tender and tasty. Prices for coffee drinks top out at \$6.75, which is mid-range for many similar operations, and the empanadas run from \$8.50 to \$10 apiece, with discounts on the purchase of a half-dozen or dozen frozen ones to go.

To learn more about the owner's interesting backstory and see the extensive menus, including weekend specials, visit cafegarani.com.

■ It's not you. Grenache is getting better.

Grenache is incredibly vigorous and productive and has been growing in California's Central Valley for years. There, it has been used to make inexpensive and unexciting pink wines. However, the same grapes produce beautiful wine in France and are the backbone of most wines coming from the Chateaufort de Pape region and the rest of the Southern Rhone Valley.

In 1982, Randall Grahm of Santa Cruz's Bonny Doon winery began using grenache

for his popular Cigar Volante (“flying cigar”) and Clos de Gilroy. Not long after, the Perrin family, renowned for its exceptional French wines, moved to Paso Robles and brought along an upgraded version of the varietal. So many vintners around California wanted access to it, that the Perrins opened a nursery to sell the vines to other wineries, including several vineyard operations in Monterey County.

Grenache occupies fairly limited acreage here, but interest is growing. Ian Brand, a well-respected winemaker and owner of I. Brand, Le P'tit Paysan and La Marea, is a big proponent of the grape and uses it in several of his wines, as do Morgan, Wrath, Scratch, Lepe and more. Odonata Winery on River Road in Salinas makes a 100 percent grenache wine called Machado Creek Vineyard, as well as Black Darter, a Rhone blend that is primarily grenache.

It's got a ways to go to overtake the ubiquitous pinot noir that's a Monterey County specialty, but grenache should become a solid player here, as it's well-suited to the climate and terroir. Next time you're looking for a good local pinot noir, consider trying one of the county's outstanding grenaches instead.

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



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Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault Duo** (pop and jazz, Saturday at noon), pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

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

Blue Fox Cellars in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Sunday at 2 p.m.). 25 Pilot Road.

Bon Ton LeRoy's Lighthouse Smokehouse in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Frida Vossler** (Friday at 6 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Wednesday 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 **Scotty Wright** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

Cuz's Sportsman's Club in Seaside — **The John Michael Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 8:30 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 pop, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel.

Estéban Restaurant in Monterey — guitarist **Catherine Broz** (Spanish music, Friday and Thursday at 5 p.m.). 700 Munras Ave.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — singer and guitarist **Richard Tripps** (Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Kris Angelis** (Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Benny Bassett** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The Monterey Jazz Festival Regional All-Stars** (Sunday at 11 a.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Thursday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Galante Vineyards Tasting Room — singer and gui-

tarist **Ryan Sesma** (country, Friday at 3 p.m.). On Dolores between Ocean and Seventh.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — **Chuck 'n' Buck** (rock and blues, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

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.

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 — **The Fabulous Sizzle Kings** (blues, folk and pop, Friday at 4:30 p.m.), Open Mic (Friday at 7 p.m., sign up by 5:30 p.m.), **The Zach Westfall Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** and violinist **Peter Mellinger** (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist **Andrea Carter** ("folky stuff mixed with surprises," Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

La Playa Hotel — multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Thursday at 5 p.m.). Bud's Bar, Camino Real and Eighth, Carmel.

The Links Club — **Sensory Tribe** (reggae fusion, Friday at 7 p.m.), **Sea Lvl** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.), Singer-Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

Lucy's on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove — **Pacific Jack** (classic rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **Moondance** (pop, rock and country, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

Marriott Hotel in Monterey — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff**, violinist **Peter Mellinger**, keyboardist **Wob-**



Singer and guitarist Dan Cioper (left) performs Saturday in Carmel Valley, while drummer Lisa Rutta (right) joins a Led Zeppelin tribute show in Salinas the same evening.



bles Rowe and multi-instrumentalist **Elijah McCullar** (jazz, Friday at 8:30 p.m.), guitarist **Mike Lent** (jazz, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.). In Characters Bar, 350 Calle Principal.

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

Midici Pizza in Monterey — saxophonist **Paul Contos** and keyboardist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), **The Kenny Stahl Quartet** (jazz, Thursday at 6 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., Carmel.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 5 p.m.), pianist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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NEW AT DAWSON COLE GALLERY: PAINTER SINKS HER TOES INTO THE SAND

CAPTURING A perfect day at the beach — and celebrating the style of the mid-20th century — “A Timeless Summer” by painter T.S. Harris opened last weekend at Dawson Cole Gallery and will be on display through July 21.

“Tracey Harris blends contemporary and timeless

elements in her large-scale paintings of female sunbathers,” the gallery announced. “Inspired by the bold light of Edward Hopper and the vibrant colors of Richard Diebenkorn, her work captivates viewers while prompting them to reconsider their gaze towards the female subjects.”

Harris, who lives in San Luis Obispo, calls her work “Sunshine Noir.”

“Inspired by snapshots and film stills from the mid-cen-

Grove, with many shops staying open late.

■ ‘Colors of the Coast’

A pair of shows open Saturday at the Carmel Art Association, including one that features five artists celebrating our local coastline.

Titled “Colors of the Coast,” the exhibit includes pieces by Maria Boisvert, Christine Crozier, Sibyl Johnson, Stan Robbins and Cindy Wilbur. “Across more than a century-and-a-half, our coastline has been an immeasurable canvas, offering endless shades and interpretations to artists,” the gallery’s Liliana Mendez told The Pine Cone.

Also new at the downtown gallery is a display, “You Are Here,” by printmakers Alice Geller Robertson and Pamela Takigawa.

The shows continue through the end of July. The gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.



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Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

ture, the paintings are colorful yet bittersweet, depicting fleeting moments captured almost a lifetime ago,” according to her website. “Suspended in time, Harris’ stylish and elegant cropped figures put on scarlet lipstick, dream by the pool or sit in contemplation.”

The gallery is located at Lincoln and Sixth. Call (831) 624-8200 or visit carmel.dawsoncole-fineart.com

■ Miniature show opens

Four shows open Friday at the Pacific Grove Art Center, including an important annual fundraiser, its Tiny Treasures Miniature Show.

“Every year, generous and talented artists from our local community contribute unique miniature artwork for this exciting fundraiser”, the art center announced. “More than 100 pieces of art were donated this year, consisting of oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, printmaking, collage, pencil, ink, mixed media, photography, sculpture, textile art and more.”

Also new at the art center are a solo exhibit by painter Azadeh Nikou (“Pardis”) and group shows by the Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association (“Serendipity”) and the art center’s studio artists.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each, 5 for \$20 and 15 for \$40. The winning tickets will be drawn after the show closes. The art center is located 568 Light-house Ave.

July 5 is also First Night in downtown Pacific



Inspired by vintage snapshots and movie stills, painter T.S. Harris creates sun-drenched scenes of women at the beach in the exhibit, “Timeless Summer.”

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 24CV002663
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, DIEGA GARCIA PINEDA, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: DIEGA GARCIA PINEDA
Proposed name: ANGIE GARCIA PINEDA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:

dollars (\$1,000).
S/Shawn Shehab
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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AND THEREAFTER, PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SUCH CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL, AND PROVIDING FURTHER THAT THIS ORDINANCE AND THE CHARGES ESTABLISHED HEREBY AND THE TAX COLLECTION PROCEDURE SELECTED HEREIN SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL EITHER THE SAID CHARGES ARE REVISED OR THIS ORDINANCE IS OTHERWISE AMENDED OR REPEALED

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT (DISTRICT) DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

- Sewer Service Charges.** Sewer service charges for services rendered are hereby adopted and levied upon all fiscal years hereafter until the charges established herein are modified or this ordinance is repealed, at the same rates set forth on Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.
- Collection on Tax Roll.** Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §5473, the District hereby elects to have the aforesaid sewer service charges for services rendered by the District collected on the tax roll in the same general manner, by the same persons and at the same time as the collection of general property taxes by the County of Monterey.
- Duration.** This ordinance, the service charges established hereby and the collection procedure elected herein shall continue in full force and effect until either: a) the said sewer service charges are revised, or b) this ordinance is otherwise specifically amended or repealed.
- Publication.** Following adoption, this ordinance shall be published once in a newspaper published in the District.
- Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force one (1) week after the date it is published in the newspaper, or July 1, 2024, whichever is later.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District duly held on June 27, 2024, by the following vote:
AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: PRO TEM SIEGFRIED, DIRECTORS: COLE, RACHEL, AND URQUHART ABSENT: PRESIDENT WHITE

(s) Bob Siegfried, Pro Tem
Attest: Domine Barringer, Board Clerk

Exhibit A

FY 24-25 RATE SUMMARY

| Category | Unit | Calculated Rates | | | Rate Model Revenue | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| | | ERU/Unit | FY23-24 Rate | FY24-25 Rate | | % Change |
| Residential | location | 1.00 | \$ 952.82 | \$ 952.82 | 0.00% | \$ 7,215,408.58 |
| Restaurants | seat-meal | 0.07 | \$ 68.04 | \$ 68.04 | 0.00% | \$ 994,943.75 |
| Veterinary Offices | location | 2.32 | \$ 2,207.88 | \$ 2,207.88 | 0.00% | \$ 4,415.76 |
| Animal Hospital & Boarding | each | 6.56 | \$ 6,251.90 | \$ 6,251.90 | 0.00% | \$ 12,503.80 |
| Bakery | location | 3.56 | \$ 3,395.32 | \$ 3,395.32 | 0.00% | \$ 16,976.60 |
| Bar | location | 1.60 | \$ 1,527.14 | \$ 1,527.14 | 0.00% | \$ 35,124.22 |
| Beauty Salon | location | 1.35 | \$ 1,290.80 | \$ 1,290.80 | 0.00% | \$ 51,632.00 |
| Business/Govt/Retail | per 10 employees | 0.62 | \$ 594.20 | \$ 594.20 | 0.00% | \$ 590,539.73 |
| Camera/Photo | location | 0.81 | \$ 768.28 | \$ 768.28 | 0.00% | \$ - |
| Church/Synagogue/Mission | ERU ≈ 1 | 0.91 | \$ 864.84 | \$ 864.84 | 0.00% | \$ 10,161.87 |
| Conv. Hospital | beds | 0.48 | \$ 456.84 | \$ 456.84 | 0.00% | \$ 57,561.84 |
| Dental Office | per dentist | 1.05 | \$ 1,000.64 | \$ 1,000.64 | 0.00% | \$ 11,697.48 |
| Gym/Health Spa | location | 1.19 | \$ 1,130.44 | \$ 1,130.44 | 0.00% | \$ 14,130.50 |
| Hotel/Motel | room | 0.48 | \$ 461.36 | \$ 461.36 | 0.00% | \$ 662,512.96 |
| Laundromats | per machine | 1.17 | \$ 1,118.72 | \$ 1,118.72 | 0.00% | \$ 39,155.20 |
| Laundry | location | 3.94 | \$ 3,750.68 | \$ 3,750.68 | 0.00% | \$ 11,252.04 |
| Market | each | 1.76 | \$ 1,677.24 | \$ 1,677.24 | 0.00% | \$ 6,708.96 |
| Medical Office | per physician | 0.46 | \$ 440.50 | \$ 440.50 | 0.00% | \$ 7,929.00 |
| Schools | population | 0.04 | \$ 41.38 | \$ 41.38 | 0.00% | \$ 110,370.81 |
| Service Station | per pump | 2.98 | \$ 2,838.54 | \$ 2,838.54 | 0.00% | \$ 45,416.64 |
| Supermarket | each | 24.44 | \$ 23,282.90 | \$ 23,282.90 | 0.00% | \$ 46,565.80 |
| Special/Unlisted Users | \$/flow characteristics | 0.94 | \$ 892.50 | \$ 892.50 | 0.00% | \$ 100,646.33 |
| | | | | | | \$ 10,045,654 |

| UNIT COSTS | | |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| | Cost per Unit | Total Annual Cost |
| Flow (Gallon) | \$0.02 | \$ 6,484,641 |
| BOD (lb) | \$1.64 | \$ 1,780,506 |
| SS (lb) | \$0.94 | \$ 1,780,506 |
| | | \$ 10,045,654 |

Publication dates: July 5, 2024 (PC713)

LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 3:00 pm
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LIVE

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Monterey United Methodist Church — The Jacob Jolliff Band (bluegrass, Tuesday at 7 p.m.). 1 Soledad Drive. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. For details, visit otteroprey.org

O'Callaghan's Pub — The New Wave Band (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). In The Barnyard shopping center.

The Other Brother Beer Company in Seaside — **Dave's Not Here** (Foo Fighters tribute, Friday at 7 p.m.). 877 Broadway.

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History — flutist **Dawn Walker**, harpist **Dan Levitan** and cellist **Paul Rhodes** play a free concert to preview the upcoming Carmel Bach Festival (classical, Friday at 6 p.m.). 165 Forest Ave.

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.

Phill's Barber Shop in Pacific Grove — **PG-13** (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.). 610 Lighthouse Ave.

Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **Neon City Lights** (country, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **The Matt Masih Acoustic Duo** (funk, soul and reggae, Sunday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Frechette** (Thursday at 7 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 — The Joint Chiefs (funk and classic r&b, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Phil 'n' The Blanks** (classic rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — mandolinist **Dan**

Ciofer (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Wave Street Studios in Monterey — **The Adam Moezinia Trio** (jazz, Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.). 774 Wave St. wavestreetstudios.com

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Light-**

house Jazz Quartet (Friday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

To update these listings, email chris@carmelpinecone.com.

CALENDAR

July 5 – Discover Pacific Grove Concert Series kicks off with Adam Behan and friends at Jewell Park. This free, all-ages event runs from 5-7 p.m., offering a perfect summer evening of music for locals and visitors alike. Bring your blankets and picnics to enjoy live performances in the heart of Pacific Grove.

July 5-6 – Carpe Diem Fine Books invites the community to browse its shelves of collectible and uncommon books, prints, maps and ephemera Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 245 Pearl St. (between Washington and Tyler) in downtown Monterey. We are always actively buying – call (831) 224-2272 for details.

July 10 – Carmel Residents Association hosts a conversation with Mary Adams – our Monterey County District 9 supervisor. At 6:30 p.m. doors will open at the Carmel Woman's Club. Attendance is free and open to the public. Mary will be answering questions on the workings in Monterey County and on the committees and boards that she sits on – these include AMBAG, Energy, Water, Transportation and more. Details are available at www.carmelresidents.org.

July 13 – Wine & Cheese Pairing at Taste Morgan with The Cheese Shop's Kent Torrey. Indulge in a selection of cheeses, each skillfully paired with four exquisite Morgan wines. Located in the Crossroads Shopping Center. Tickets: \$30, Club: \$20.

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July 20 – Galante Family Winery 30-year celebration is set for noon to 3 p.m. at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, 104 W. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley. There will be tastings of 100 wines from 30 years, mouth-watering barbecue, specials, music and surprises. Limited tickets are available at www.galantevineyards.com or (831) 624-3800

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