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New airport terminal design nearly complete

■ Board approves up to \$50M in debt

By MARY SCHLEY

A MASSIVE earth-moving effort is underway to create more space for planes at Monterey Airport and prepare for the construction of a new terminal, and architects are nearly done designing the facility, Chris Morello, the airport's deputy executive director, said Friday.



RENDERING/HOK

An architect's rendering shows how the new terminal at Monterey Airport might look, including covered jet bridges leading to the aircraft.

Meanwhile, the airport district board of directors unanimously approved a resolution July 17 allowing up to \$50 million in debt for the project, and U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta announced Tuesday that the federal government committed another \$2.58 million toward the new terminal on top of the \$3 million it issued last September, both through the Airport Improve Grant Program funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. All told, federal taxpayers are expected to invest at least \$25 million in the redo, according to Panetta's office.

Safer taxiways

The airport's safety enhancement project includes demolition of the old general aviation hangars and fire station and building new ones, along with a ramp, on the other side of the airport — work that was completed early this year. Yet to come are a new commercial apron and taxiways, a 65,000-square-foot terminal, and reconfigured parking lots and access roads. It's expected to cost \$175 million.

In June, long-term parking was relocated so crews could tear up the lot to make way for the apron, where jets will have more space to maneuver, Morello said.

In the current configuration, when aircraft push back from the gates, they block the taxiway, she explained. The new area will allow pilots to move away from the gates and conduct their

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CAR WEEK FESTIVITIES MAY FEEL LIKE THE OLD DAYS

By MARY SCHLEY

EVER SINCE the Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance abandoned its downtown Carmel stop at the onset of Covid, and Concours on the Avenue ceased to exist following the sudden death of founder Doug Freedman in 2021, the city has been devoid of a large-scale show — and the crowds that inevitably come with it — during the Monterey Peninsula's vaunted Car Week.

But that's about to change, according to community activities director Ashlee Wright, who oversees all events on public property in the city. Downtown car shows this month are expanding so much they could be reminiscent of those beloved past events, she said.

"We've got some people who are interested in putting on events in town — they're passionate about this community, they're passionate about our village, and they're

passionate about making events that locals can enjoy as well," she said.

When Doug and Genie Freedman launched their Concours on the Avenue in 2007, they sought to create a far-reaching show of marques that were underrepresented at other events and do it on a day of the week that was typically quiet downtown despite the hubbub of the broader Car Week. It was also free, and as it became better known over the years, it drew thousands of people.

A vacuum

Its sudden end created a large vacuum that people were eager to fill but had no real idea of the work that went into it, Wright said.

"I understand the will is there, but it really takes a lot to do an event," she said, from finding sponsors and show cars, to lining up security, handling complex logistics, working with city officials and tackling myriad other tasks.

"It's one thing to put on a cocktail party," she said. "It's another to put on a show of classic cars that meets the

See CAR WEEK page 15A

Buder lists housing, community character as big concerns

■ Baron qualifies for ballot

By MARY SCHLEY

CONSIDERING HE is leading the charge in helping the city find better ways to accommodate affordable housing than putting large apartment buildings on public property, it should come as no surprise that the issue tops Hans Buder's list of reasons he decided to run for city council. But it's not his only motive.

"Of the main reasons I decided to run, the first is the housing issue," he said.

With professional experience in real estate development and social justice, Buder said he is well versed on the topic.

"I really believe our biggest challenge over the next four years is going to be navigating these new housing laws in such a way where we strengthen our community while preserving the character of our village," he said. "I've seen housing done well, and I've seen it done poorly. It's important we're thoughtful about this so it's a win-win for the community."

Top of class

Buder, 38, graduated at the top of his MBA class at Stanford and holds a master's in public administration from Harvard. He is founder and executive director of the Moving to Opportunity Fund, which is described as

County's top cop says she did not pull rank to avoid tickets

■ New dashcam footage emerges

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY Sheriff Tina Nieto — who was pulled over for excessive speeding three times in eight months but each time was let go without a ticket — finally addressed the issue by conceding she "should set a better example."

But Nieto has yet to comment on a newly released video in which she activated emergency lights in her unmarked county-issued vehicle just before a CHP officer pulled her over for going too fast in South Monterey County.

On July 25, Nieto issued a statement after an article appeared in The Pine Cone that documented three times when California Highway Patrol officers stopped her in the King City area for going too fast. She was driving more than 90 mph in at least two of the instances.

'Mistake'

"I acknowledged that on one of these traffic stops last year, I was on my own personal time driving back from Southern California," said Nieto, not indicating which stop she was referring to.

"I should have been aware of my speed. And, as some of you might have experienced yourselves, I knew I made a mistake as soon as I saw those red and blue lights flashing behind me."

Nieto said that on "another stop," she was "on the job and working in an official capacity. Still, my task at the

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SCREENSHOT FROM CHP DASHCAM VIDEO

This screenshot shows a CHP officer pulling over Monterey County Sheriff Tina Nieto, who last year was driving 30 mph over the speed limit in a county-owned SUV.

Apartment fire in Carmel Valley



PHOTO/MEGAN HUNGATE

A fire in an upstairs apartment in a Carmel Valley Village complex Thursday afternoon sent victims to the hospital and displaced seven residents. See the story on page 14A.

"a social-impact-focused real estate investment firm" that aims to "put low-income kids born into concentrated poverty on the path to college by providing their families with access to affordable housing in communities with high-performing public schools, while delivering market rate returns for investors."

Prior to that, he was a project manager in the San Francisco branch of a real estate developer specializing in mixed-income housing and the revitalization of distressed urban neighborhoods, formerly worked for a Boston-based real estate private equity firm, and taught science at an inner-city middle school in New Orleans as part of Teach for America.

His San Francisco Bay area job seemed like it would be a great fit, he said, but he quickly grew disillusioned.

"All of our developments were 100 percent low-income, and we were always building these things in high-poverty neighborhoods, so it felt like we were perpetuating the cycle," he said. "It's the way we've dealt with affordable housing in this country — so I went out on my own."

He also said he's "passionate about preserving what makes Carmel special."

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Family first

When a couple moved in together, their dogs were instantly attracted to each other, resulting in a litter of baby beagles, which the couple promptly distributed among friends. One recipient named his Lucy. Had it been a boy, he would have selected Snoopy.

A year later, Lucy's person was driving near his home in Dallas when he spotted a tiny little mutt on the side of the road.

"She was running down one of the busiest streets in Dallas," he said. "I slammed on the brakes, and I freaked out because I was afraid I'd run over her. But she was fine, so I brought her home and posted her picture on Facebook."

A man responded, saying he recognized the puppy, which had escaped his neighbor's home three times already. Later, the pup ended up in a shelter, and a month after that, the guy who'd nearly run her over received a call to see if he was willing to take her home.

"Maybe it was a crazy thing to do, because I already had Lucy," he said. "But I love them both. They are so different but have become great companions. While Lucy is shy and sensitive, Dolly loves everyone and is fearless. While Lucy doesn't like to run, Dolly will run



for miles without breaking a sweat."

Truthfully, he said, his dogs were a big part of why he accepted a new job and moved to into a two-bedroom house a mile from the Monterey Bay.

"I was so busy," he said. "I felt like a deadbeat dad to my dogs. We needed a lifestyle change. To live in a place where I can bring my dogs to the office, and I can run with them on the beach, is a huge change for me and for them. We're now spending our lives together."

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Lawsuit filed over spam emails

■ \$1,000 per message sought

By KELLY NIX

JUNK EMAILS are so common, most people hardly give them a thought. But two people have taken their disgust with spam to court and are demanding big bucks from an out-of-state company they say is responsible for sending large quantities of it.

In a lawsuit filed Tuesday in Monterey County Superior Court, Steve Souza and Lisa Swift allege they received a total of 70 unwanted commercial emails advertising “brain boosting supplements” from a Colorado company called Thrive Health.

The messages, which they started receiving in June 2023, violated California law, Souza and Swift claim.

“The emails are unsolicited commercial e-mail advertisements because plaintiffs never gave direct consent to defendant or any of its affiliates to send commercial emails,” the complaint says.

‘Likely to mislead’

Souza, who lives in Monterey County, and Swift, a resident of Contra Costa County, said the emails contained false and deceptive information, including subject lines “likely to mislead” recipients about their content.

Souza said the company sent at least 66 spam messages to his Yahoo email address, while Swift said four were sent to her Gmail address.

Because of a California statute that

makes it a crime to send certain unsolicited commercial emails and allows damages of \$1,000 per message, Souza and Swift figure they’re entitled to a decent chunk of money.

“This court should award plaintiffs damages against defendants in the amount of \$1,000 per unlawful spam email” for a total of \$70,000 the suit says, plus attorneys’ fees and a court order declaring that Thrive Health violated state law by advertising in and sending unlawful spam emails.”

‘Plaintiff never gave consent to defendant to send commercial emails.’

Unknown senders

The messages, Souza and Swift allege, also violated state law because they contained generic “from” names, including “Republican Wright,” “Smart Investment News,” “Breaking News” and “Alzheimer’s Warning” which had untraceable domain names and did not disclose the senders’ true names.

Thrive Health, the complaint goes on to say, contracted with third-party companies to advertise its websites for the purposes of selling its products, and is “strictly liable for the spam emails sent by its agents.”

Additionally, Souza and Swift are requesting an order compelling the company to give up the profits it made from such emails so the money can be directed to the California Attorney General’s office to support investigations and prosecutions of consumer protection laws.

The Kazerouni Law Group, a law firm with 11 offices in the United States, and the Orange-based Assassi & Cruz Law Firm are representing Souza and Swift.

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Car hits, drags boulder in median

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.

cense and having no current registration.

Big Sur: Deputies responded to the report of a trespasser continuously trespassing on private property on Highway 1. A 45-year-old male was arrested.

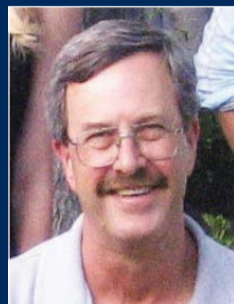
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Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report.
Pacific Grove: Ammunition surrendered by a subject on Lighthouse for destruction.
Pacific Grove: Dog at large at Laurel and Grand.
Pacific Grove: Fight between family members at a residence on Monarch Lane.
Pacific Grove: Dog-at-large at Alder and Gibson.
Pacific Grove: Found bicycle on Forest. Stored for safekeeping.
Pebble Beach: Fraud on Broncho Road was investigated, and a 34-year-old male was arrested.
Big Sur: Battery on Highway 1 involving a 51-year-old male victim.
Big Sur: Incident on Highway 1 documented.
Pacific Grove: Traffic stop at David and Ransford resulted in a 46-year-old male driver being cited for driving on a suspended li-

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person surrendered ammunition at the police station.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: DUI probation violation and driving on a suspended driver's license at Junipero and Third at 1313 hours. The 26-year-old male was arrested, cited and released.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found cash at Mission and Seventh.
Pacific Grove: Property found on the Polly Klaas Memorial Bench on Ocean View.
Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Gibson was marked for 72-hour parking.
Pacific Grove: A 50-year-old male was arrested on Ocean View Boulevard for public intoxication, possession of an open container of alcohol and probation violation.

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The gavel falls

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

July 19 — A jury found Angel Jeronimo Merino, 27, guilty of a violation of Penal Code section 261(a)(4) – Rape of an Unconscious Female.

On Feb. 5, 2023, Merino, Jane Doe, Doe's boyfriend, and two other people were at a bar in Salinas drinking and celebrating a friend's birthday. After the bar, everyone returned to Doe's boyfriend's house in Seaside. Doe was extremely intoxicated and tired. Initially, Doe went to bed with her boyfriend but, at some point, her boyfriend left Doe alone in the bedroom. Doe fell asleep. The next thing Doe remembered was waking up with Merino on top of her and Merino having sexual intercourse with her while touching her body. Doe pushed Merino off her, and Merino left the room. Doe was asleep when Merino began having sex with her and did not consent to the sexual act. Merino gave several different stories to a police officer regarding the incident. However, Doe remained firm in her statement that Merino raped her that morning. The jury believed Jane Doe's account of what happened and convicted Merino in less than 45 minutes.

This case was investigated by former Seaside Police officer Ruben Pulido and Seaside

Police Sgt. Eduardo Enriquez. District attorney investigator Pablo Andrade conducted follow-up investigation on the case. Jane Doe was assisted by the district attorney's office victim witness advocate Alma Sanchez.

July 24 — Gamal Kalini, owner of Rubystar Gems & Gifts in the City of Monterey, has agreed to pay a \$25,000 civil penalty for unlawfully selling tobacco products to minors, as well as selling unlawful flavored tobacco products, hallucinogenic gummies that contained psilocybin, and metal knuckles. The court, through a stipulated judgment, also imposed injunctive terms prohibiting Kalini from violating these laws in the future.

Two salesclerks at Rubystar Gems & Gifts had previously been charged with misdemeanors for selling tobacco products to minors in 2022 and 2023. Recently, the Monterey Police Department received additional complaints from parents alleging that minors were able to purchase tobacco products from Rubystar. The district attorney's office investigated and found that Rubystar was also selling flavored tobacco vapes, which are illegal to sell in California. Flavored tobacco vape

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Man in fight over 'Free Gaza' sign convicted of battery

By MARY SCHLEY

THE FORMER congressional candidate who faced off with three young women who placed a "Free Gaza" sign on the Sand City billboard sand dune last fall was convicted by a jury Friday of battery on a 13-year-old but acquitted of vandalism, according to the Monterey County Superior Court. Max Steiner, 38, was immediately taken into custody after the verdict.

Steiner was charged last November with battery and vandalism, both misdemeanors, for his altercation with the women, during which he allegedly grabbed one of their cell phones and destroyed the sign they made on the dune five days after the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel.

According to news reports of the incident, which involved two siblings of Palestinian descent and another relative, Steiner grabbed the youngest one, wrested her cell phone from her and flung it away.

A criminal complaint filed by Monterey County deputy district attorney Greg Peterson in November said Steiner, a Monterey resident, "did willfully and unlawfully use force and violence upon the person of Jane Doe," and "willfully, unlawfully and maliciously" vandalized her iPhone by grabbing it and throwing it.

In pro per

According to deputy district attorney Laura Batcha, who prosecuted the case, Steiner was riding his bicycle on the rec trail when he saw the sign and subsequently "stopped and engaged in a verbal altercation about the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict" before climbing up the dune to destroy their message.

"The altercation later turned physical, with Mr. Steiner grabbing 13-year-old Jane Doe 1 and removing her phone," Batcha said in her announcement of the verdict. "Jane Doe 1 was filming the incident. Mr. Steiner threw her phone, which was later retrieved."

Another of the trio called 911 as Steiner left on his bike, and Sand City Police officer Dave DeCouer interviewed the young women at the scene and later contacted Steiner.

After charges were finally filed in late November last year, Steiner was arraigned Jan. 16.

While he initially had a lawyer, Steiner decided on July 3 to represent himself during the jury trial,

according to court filings, which include a five-page document listing numerous warnings against self-representation and requiring acknowledgment of each one.

The trial began July 22 and concluded with the jury's verdict July 26.

"The victim Jane Does 1, 2, and 3 testified in court and were assisted by victim witness assistance program manager Alma Sanchez and district attorney investigator Alicia Cox," Batcha said. "Upon rendering of the verdict, Mr. Steiner was remanded into custody at the Monterey County Jail."

Steiner, who faces a maximum of 180 days in jail, was set to be sentenced by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Ian Rivamonte Tuesday, but he obtained a lawyer who successfully argued for a delay of the sentencing hearing and a request that he be released on bail, which the judge then set at \$5,000.

Steiner's sentencing was rescheduled for Aug. 30, with briefs from the attorneys due by Aug. 16.

'An altercation about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict'

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Owner of senior home pays big bucks to settle asbestos negligence

By KELLY NIX

THE OWNER of a Pacific Grove senior living facility has paid more than \$1 million to resolve violations of hazardous materials laws that Monterey County prosecutors said occurred during extensive remodels between 2014 and 2022.

Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni's office said Monday that her environmental protection unit, in coordination with district attorneys in Santa Clara, Alameda, San Francisco, and Sonoma counties, reached a settlement with Front Porch Communities and Services for not adhering to laws regulating asbestos removal at P.G.'s Canterbury Woods and seven other senior living facilities in California.

"At the Canterbury Woods facility," materials "in multiple restrooms were found to contain 0.1 percent to 1.7 percent of chrysotile asbestos," Monterey County Deputy District Attorney Emily Hickok told The Pine Cone this week. "We alleged that these asbestos-containing materials were disturbed in 2021."

While Front Porch, the Sinex Avenue facility's new owner, paid \$1,125,000 to settle the case, county prosecutors said its previous owner, Covia Communities, failed to obtain building permits, test for asbestos and follow proper safety precautions before the renovations, which included removing materials that contained the carcinogen.

"Because Covia is a business entity that was acquired by Front Porch and is no longer in operation as

a separate entity, our stipulated judgment with Front Porch resolves our allegations against Covia," Hickok explained.

Glendale-based Front Porch was cooperative during the investigation. The amount it paid includes \$700,000 in civil penalties, \$262,500 as reimbursement for the investigation and \$162,500 for a "college-level science course in the Monterey Bay area to educate students about air pollution and air quality management," the DA's office said.

While there were no reports of anyone getting sick from exposure, Hickok said, "It is important to understand that exposure to asbestos fibers may not present itself until years or decades later."

"When disturbed, microscopic asbestos fibers can be inhaled and ingested, which can cause latent negative health effects and disease," such as lung cancer, asbestosis and respiratory diseases, she went on to say.

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Twice in two weeks: Hikers rescued after running out of water

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR THE second week in a row, emergency responders and volunteers rescued someone who had run out of water in the Big Sur backcountry.

The latest incident happened the morning of July 26 along the Salmon Creek Trail, not far from the Monterey County/San Luis Obispo County line.

“A dehydrated hiker called 911 and reported they were at the top of the trail and unable to hike out,” the California Highway Patrol reported.

With temperatures in the 90s, volunteers from Big Sur Fire got to the scene first. In addition, they asked the CHP to send a helicopter, which landed on the nearby Coast Ridge Road. The hiker, who has not been identified, was soon checked out by a paramedic and transported by helicopter back to the Salmon Creek trailhead along Highway 1.

‘No joke’

On social media, there was a flurry of comments about the rescue, including one local who compared not carrying enough water in the Big Sur backcountry to “jumping off a cliff without a parachute,” while another noted the steep hike uphill on the 3-mile-long Salmon Creek Trail “is no joke this time of year.” Someone suggested the hiker should pay for the rescue instead of taxpayers.

A week earlier, another hiker was rescued along the Carrizo Creek Trail near Cone Peak, which has some of the steepest terrain in the Santa Lucia mountains.

“The hiker was three days into their hike, out of water and experiencing dehydration,” Big Sur Fire reported.

A CHP helicopter located the victim, and, with the help of Big Sur Fire, hoisted and delivered him back to Highway 1.

Big Sur Fire reported that its members have seen an “uptick” in emergency calls over the last month. The volunteer group added that it “continues to prioritize training so we remain prepared and ready for when the next call comes in.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control, hundreds of people die every year from heat-related causes — often while hiking in hot, dry weather and on steep terrain. In Big Sur, the topography increases



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Underscoring the need to carry enough water, a dehydrated hiker is rescued in Big Sur.

the risk of heat exhaustion because the temperature can be much hotter at higher elevations than it is along Highway 1, where the ocean provides some cooling.

The Environmental Protection Agency reports that more than 14,000 Americans have died directly from heat-related causes since 1979.

According to the U.S. Forest Service, adults require 2 quarts of water daily and up to 4 quarts at high elevations.

Commission delays vote on STR plan

By CHRIS COUNTS

A PROPOSAL by a Carmel Valley family to use two homes they own on Schulte Road as short-term rentals hit a snag Wednesday when the Monterey County Planning Commission continued its hearing on their plan to Aug. 28.

The applicants, John and Tammy Lewis, were told they needed to scale back their plan so that just one of the homes is rented out for vacation stays. And it was also suggested it would be OK for the resident to rent out the other home as an STR occasionally — without a permit.

12 overnight guests

The Lewises, who both spoke at the hearing, want permission to rent out their homes at 27610 and 27612 Schulte Road for up to 30 days at a time. The couple say they live in one of the homes, despite the contention by some that they are absentee landlords.

John Lewis told supervisors that only “once or twice a year” would both homes be rented at once. The rest of the time, he and his family would be on site to address any issues that come up.

Lewis also noted that a property

manager lives 11 miles away, which makes it possible for the family to get away. “We’re happy to jump into our RV and go for a weeklong camping trip so we can get some revenue,” he said.

Tammy Lewis echoed her husband’s comments.

“We moved to Carmel to put our kids in a good school district,” she said. “The STRs help us put our kids in that school.”

In their application, the couple said they would cap overnight visitors at 12 but impose no limit on the number of daytime guests. They also proposed quiet hours from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., no parties, no signage advertising the business, and making sure gas fire pits are always monitored.

Residents have expressed concerns about noise, traffic, parking, emergency egress and ingress, the loss of affordable housing, the devaluation of surrounding homes and taking business away from hotels. Speaking out at the hearing was Meredith Crowell, who lives “three properties away.” Crowell said she is opposed to the Lewis proposal because it doesn’t restrict RVs from being used as additional housing. She also contended the business

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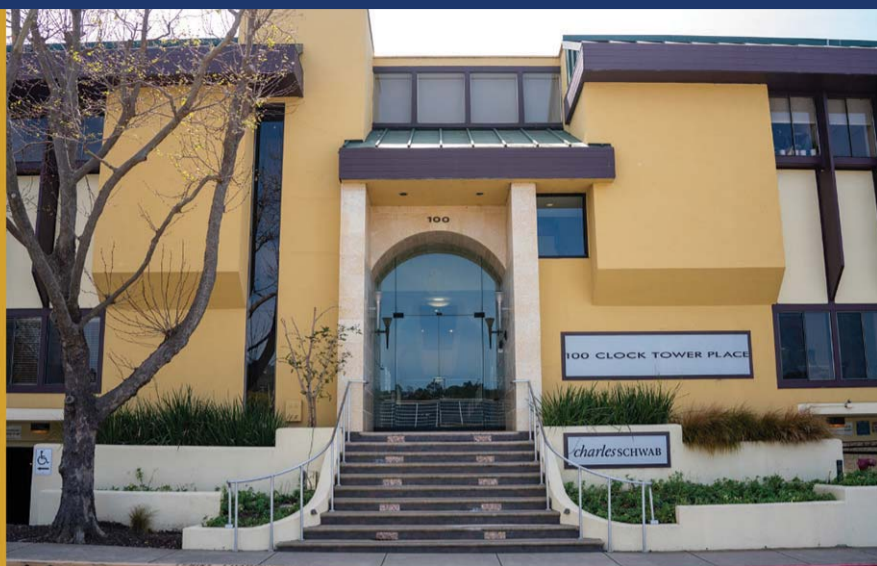
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P.G. mayor says he won't run again

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE Mayor Bill Peake, who was first elected to the seat in 2018, has ended his 2024 campaign and will step down when his term is over following the Nov. 5 election.

"On Friday, I officially ended efforts to seek reelection to a fourth term as mayor of Pacific Grove," Peake told The Pine Cone Tuesday morning. "This will allow me to devote more time to family, staying healthy, and personal pursuits."

Peake, who had given indications he would run again, said his decision not to come with mixed feelings and that he greatly enjoys being part of the council and working for the well-being of the community.

He called it a "pleasure" to work with city councilmembers and said, "Their time and efforts on the council to make Pacific Grove a better place are very much appreciated."

His filing status on the city's website now indicates his withdrawal.

As of Tuesday, three other people, Mayor Pro Tem Nick Smith, former P.G. City Councilman Dan Miller and nonprofit founder Dionne Ybarra, have announced their intentions to run for mayor. None of them have yet submitted the necessary signatures to qualify for the election or released candidate statements.

Six candidates

Peake, who was last reelected on Nov. 8, 2022 by a big margin, said Smith would be an "excellent choice" to replace him.

Meanwhile, there are six candidates, including incumbents Luke Coletti and Chaps Poduri, who have filed for three openings on the council, including the one to be left vacant by Smith. The others are former P.G. Mayor Carmelita Garcia, former diversity, equity and inclusion task force member Tina Rau, and residents Chilla Kartalov and Paul Walkingstick.

Voters will also be asked in November to again vote on a ballot measure to reduce the size of the city council from seven to five.

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Police: Homeless man attempted murder

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A HOMELESS man who has repeatedly expressed “anti-homeless views,” according to Monterey Police, was arrested and charged last week for trying to kill another homeless person.

Police said that on July 23 at about 10:30 p.m., officers responded to a report of a man being attacked on the recreation trail near the Coast Guard pier. The unidentified victim — who had significant injuries to his hand and cuts on the back of his head, back and leg — told police that a man with a crowbar or similar weapon attacked him.

The man was rushed to Natividad Medical Center and later to a San Francisco Bay area hospital for treatment of the injuries, which were not life threatening. Officers interviewed the homeless victim, who said he was walking on the rec trail when he was struck several times without provocation.

“The victim described the suspect as a Black male adult, bald, a slim build, and wearing prescription glasses,” Monterey Police said. “The victim stated he did not know the suspect but had seen him on several previous occasions in Monterey in areas where people experiencing homelessness congregate.”

Found and arrested

Monterey Police officers and detectives identified the assailant as 65-year-old David Thomas, who is also homeless. Two days after the attack, police caught up with Thomas and arrested him.

Based on the circumstances leading up to the attack and the victim’s severe injuries, Thomas was charged with attempted murder and booked into Monterey County Jail with bail set at \$1 million. He’s still there, jail records show.

“The motive of this incident is still under investigation, but Monterey Police

detectives have determined Thomas was involved in a number of incidents where he expressed anti-homeless views,” police alleged.

California State Parks rangers, police added, are familiar with Thomas because he’d previously complained to them about unhoused people.

“At one point, Thomas stated that if the police did not do more to address homelessness issues, Thomas would take action himself,” they said.

Previous assault

On the day of the attack, Thomas contacted a State Parks ranger at the Custom House Plaza in Monterey and complained about a homeless person selling drugs at Fisherman’s Wharf 1, according to police.

“Thomas was described as angry and stated he believed police were failing to take him seriously,” police said. “Park rangers investigated Thomas’ complaint but found no evidence of drug dealing at that time.”

“After the attack, while officers canvassed the area looking for evidence, they spoke to several homeless people who said they’d previously heard Thomas say that he ‘wanted to remove the homeless from the area,’” police said.

Thomas has a criminal record. In November 2023, police said, he was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon after he struck another homeless person with an expandable baton. The victim was not seriously injured.

A witness reported that Thomas struck the man because he was drinking alcohol in public, while Thomas claimed he called him a racial slur. In that case, he pleaded guilty to possessing an illegal club and was sentenced to 40 days in jail.

Monterey Police are asking anyone with information about the latest assault to call (831) 646-3822, or (831) 646-3840 if they would prefer to remain anonymous.

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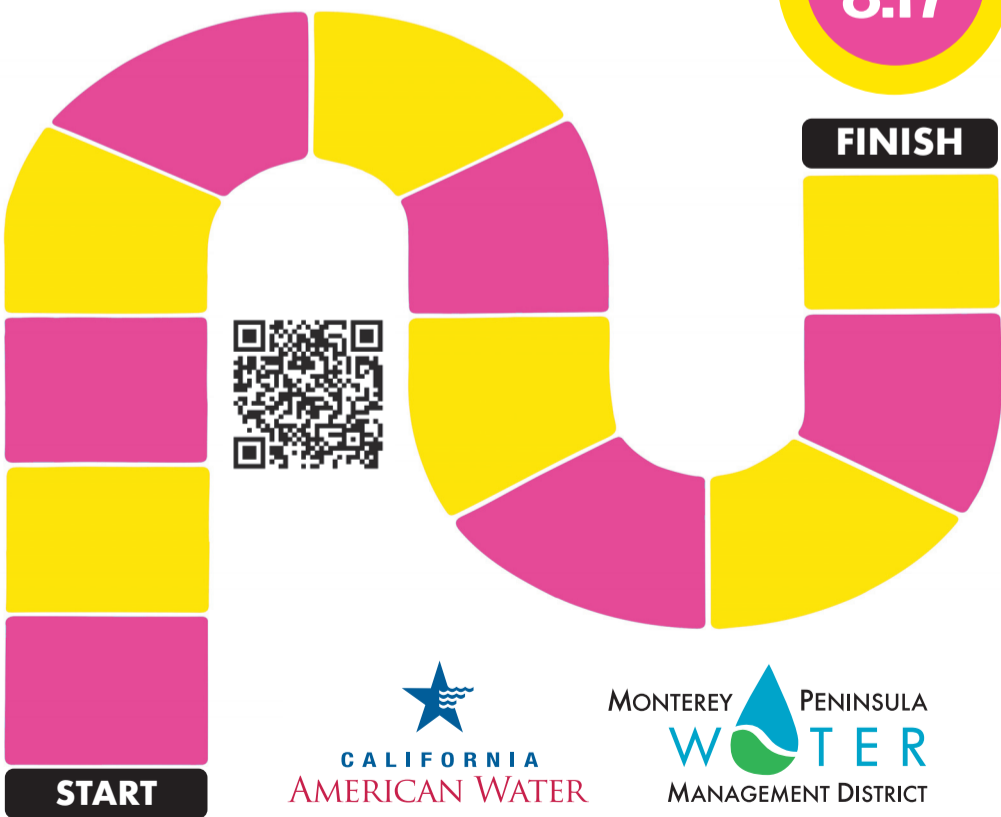
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Coastal commission delays hearing on \$92M beach side bus line

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO MAKE its buses move faster, especially during rush hour, Monterey-Salinas Transit wants to construct a 4.3-mile, 30-foot wide two-lane bus road along a section of the railroad corridor west of Highway 1 between Sand City and Marina.

But the California Coastal Commission has expressed opposition to the plan — in part due to concerns about how the project could damage sensitive sand dunes and their flora and fauna. As a result, an Aug. 7 showdown on the plan has been postponed to Sept. 11-13, when the coastal

commission meets at the Portola Plaza Hotel in Monterey.

Based on reports and correspondence the commission sent to the California Transportation Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission, the powerful state watchdog agency appeared unlikely to approve the plan to build the bus line — which is called the Surf Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project — at the August 7th meeting.

The project will cost taxpayers \$92.6 million, and funds have been secured from a variety of local, state and federal sources.

According to a coastal commission report for the Aug. 7 hearing, there are concerns the project would damage



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An artist's rendering shows how a dedicated road for buses would parallel Highway 1. But the plan has run into challenges, including concerns from the California Coastal Commission.

critical dune habitat.

“The coastal commission fully supports many of the goals and objectives underlying the proposed project, including facilitating less car-centric transportation options — particularly in terms of enhancing transit options for lower-income riders, environmental justice communities and the general public — but this particular proposal is not approvable under the law,” it says. “The proposed bus road is simply located in the wrong place considering the sensitivity of the affected coastal resources, and it can’t be found consistent with the Coastal Act.”

The report also notes that land for the bus line has been set aside for rail projects. “A bus road in the corridor may actually eliminate the potential for rail to be pursued in the future,” the document suggests.

The coastal commission also noted that the land for the project was purchased by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County with Prop. 116 funds, which it said “can only be used for rail, and explicitly cannot be used for bus transit.”

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Despite what it contends are fatal flaws in the plan to build the bus line, the coastal commission expressed admiration for its goals.

“Coastal commission staff finds itself in the unenviable position of needing to recommend denial of a project for which its core principles are ones that are quite laudable,” the agency said. “Those laudable goals cannot overcome the fundamental legal inconsistencies with the Coastal Act that require it to be denied.”

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Labor contracts, pickleball v. residents, on council agendas

By MARY SCHLEY

HOW DO you balance the needs of pickleball fans and tennis players with those of the people who live near the courts where they play? That pressing topic — along with labor contracts for city employees and management, salary increases for at-will employees, and other business — will be tackled by the Carmel City Council at its regular meeting Aug. 6.

According to the agendas released Wednesday, the council will also be asked to approve a \$168,360 contract for repairing windows in the Sunset Center cottages at the south end of the complex and discuss seeking proposals from architects interested in renovating Harrison Memorial Library.

Granny units and the law

Planning staff will update the council on an ordinance regulating accessory dwelling units — the granny units that state laws dictate property owners can build with very little local oversight as long as they meet some basic standards — and will consider allowing “the legalization of, and modification to, existing encroachments in the public right of way, adjacent to a single-family residence located at the northeast corner of Sterling Way and Perry Newberry Way.”

At a special meeting the day prior, the agenda indicates the city council is only set to vote on the consent agenda, a list of items of routine business that can be approved as a group without discussion unless someone requests otherwise.

That list includes monthly reports, establishment of “the newly created police services supervisor job description and salary range,” free use of Sunset Center by the Carmel Unified School District for three days next spring, and a \$226,297 destination-marketing agreement with the Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau (now called See Monterey).

For more information, including detailed reports and how to participate in the meetings online or in person, visit ci.carmel.ca.us. Each meeting is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m.

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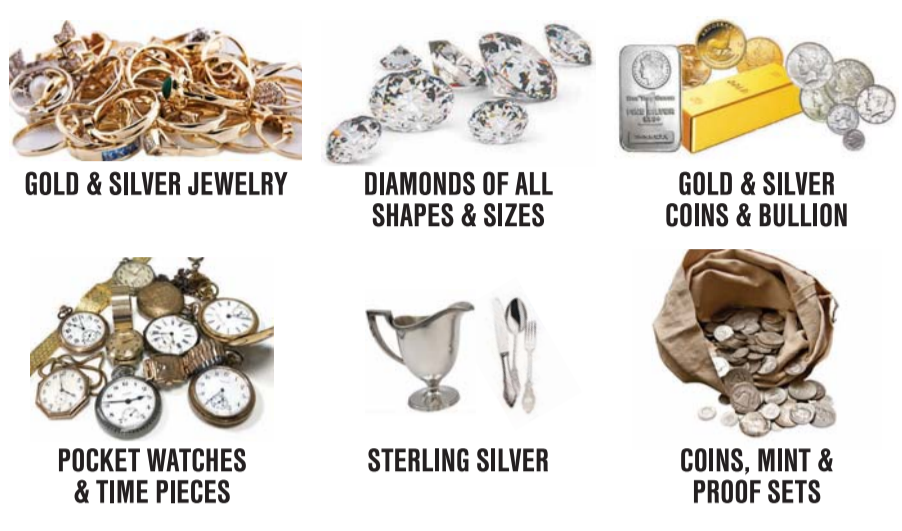




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Design glitch likely caused failure at water plant, company says

By KELLY NIX

THE HEAD of a construction business being sued by Monterey One Water for a costly piece of equipment it claims caused an explosion at its purification facility in Marina suggested that the mishap was related to a flaw in the design of the product.

Monterey One Water, the Monterey Peninsula's sewage treatment agency, filed suit in June alleging that as part of a contract with Santa Clara-based Anderson Pacific Engineering to build its advanced water purification facility, the firm installed a 21-kilovolt "switchgear" — manufactured by a separate company — to be connected to PG&E's system.

"The purpose of the switchgear is to distribute power" to the purification facility, Monterey One spokesman Mike McCullough explained.

'Design flaw'

In October 2022, the sewer agency alleges, the roughly \$1.2 million piece of equipment, which supports the Pure Water Monterey wastewater reclamation project, caused a critical component failure that led to "an electrical explosion that damaged" the unit and caused a loss of power

to the water purification system. It blames Anderson Pacific for the damage.

But Anderson Pacific Engineering president Peter Anderson suggested in a message to The Pine Cone late last week that the failure appears to have been caused by factors beyond his company's control.

Environmental cause?

"There was a pretty strong indication that the failure was due to an environmental issue," Anderson said. "The housing that was designed for the equipment did not protect the equipment from the environment, which caused the failure, potentially."

While Anderson Pacific is still investigating the cause of the accident, if the results show that the damage was due to environmental factors, "it would be a [product] design issue, not a construction issue," Anderson explained.

While Monterey One said Anderson Pacific refused to reimburse it for the equipment or replace it, Anderson contends that a subcontractor "furnished and installed the switchgear."

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Carmel Valley Fiesta kicks off Friday, benefits many local groups

By CHRIS COUNTS

THIRTY-FIVE years after a centennial parade morphed into one of the community's best-loved gatherings, the Carmel Valley Fiesta returns this weekend.

Presented by the Carmel Valley Kiwanis Club, the festive three-day bash kicks off Friday at 5 p.m. with the Hoopla BBQ at the Trail and Saddle Club at the end of



Wild at Heart is set to play Friday at the Hoopla BBQ, which kicks off the Carmel Valley Fiesta. Besides offering a bounty of summer-time fun, the three-day event raises money for good causes.

Garzas Road. The event will also feature live music and a silent auction. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$30 for those 12 and under.

Full weekend

On Saturday and Sunday, Carmel Valley Community Park comes alive with a busy slate of free events, along with a marketplace of vendors. A pancake breakfast starts things off on both days. Saturday's highlights include a classic car show, a horseshoe tournament (check in at 8:30 a.m., competition at 10 a.m.) and live music by Thomas Burks, Soul Shake, Sidestep and The Undecided.

Sunday's events include a "Doggie Show" and fundraising raffle, along with live music by Heartstrings, the B-Keepers and Moondance.

The raffle winner will receive a one-week stay at a large casa in Costa Rica, plus \$1,500 toward travel expenses. They don't need to be present to win.

The Fiesta's Mountain Run was canceled this year after organizers failed to find a sponsor. The Kiwanis Club is hopeful the event at Garland Ranch Regional Park — which included 7.7-mile and 2.2-mile runs — can be revived in the future.

More than two dozen local groups benefit from the money raised each summer by the Fiesta, including the Cachagua Community Center, Cachagua Fire Department, Carmel Valley Historical Society, Hidden Valley Music Seminars, Ventana Wildlife Society, Peace of Mind Dog Rescue and many others.

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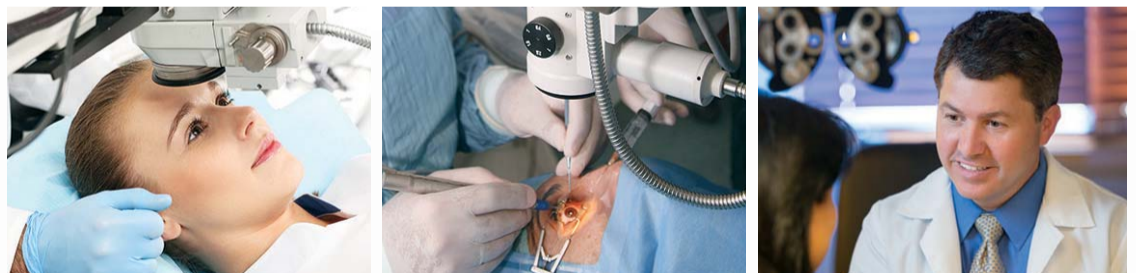
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Apartment fire kills dog, injures two, leaves more without homes

By MARY SCHLEY

SEVEN PEOPLE are homeless following a fire in Carmel Valley Village that badly damaged a Ford Road apartment complex, killed a dog and injured a resident and a firefighter Thursday afternoon, according to Matt Lumadue with the Monterey County Regional Fire District.

The fire began around 12:40 p.m. Aug. 1 in an upstairs unit at the west end of the building, and firefighters from several agencies fought to douse the flames and keep them from spreading.

During those efforts, crews had to cut through the roof of every unit to ventilate the building, according to Lumadue, and there is also extensive smoke and water damage throughout the complex.

Residents displaced

"Multiple units were damaged, and due to smoke damage, all 12 are uninhabitable," Lumadue said. "The good news is although people were displaced, it's sounding like most of them have somewhere to go."

While he didn't know the extent of their injuries or any other details, Lumadue said

one civilian, a resident of the complex, was hurt and had to be rushed to the trauma center at Natividad Medical Center, and a firefighter who was also injured was taken to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula for treatment.

Snakes rescued

A dog perished in the blaze, but "some snakes were rescued live," he said. He did not have information about any other animal residents.

Investigators will try to identify the origin and cause of the fire, but he said that will take a while.

"We have an investigator on site," he said from the scene. "The investigation process usually takes time."

In addition to several fire agencies, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, the California Highway Patrol and Monterey County officials helped, and Ford Road was closed for several hours.

The Red Cross distributed debit cards to assist the displaced residents in the short term and offered other services, and a friend set up a gofundme.com campaign for one of them.

"Tasha was only able to flee with her cat

and the sundress she was wearing. Behind her, she left everything, including all of their newly acquired belongings for their first child, Hunter, due Aug. 17," friend Carly Conley wrote.

"With their due date quickly approaching, they are not only seeking immediate financial relief so they can prepare for baby Hunter, they are also in dire need of finding

another rental in Carmel Valley (\$3,000 or less) until everything is worked out and filed with her renter's insurance," Conley said.

Conley said she would also set up a donation area at Valley Hills nursery, where the mother-to-be works. To help, visit gofundme.com/f/urgent-relief-for-tashas-family-after-fire.

After the blaze was put out Thursday, the extensive damage to the apartment complex was brutally evident. A dog died in the fire, two people were injured, and seven people are homeless.

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CNN to show how students tag sharks

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STUDENTS AND faculty from Cal State Monterey Bay's marine science department will be featured on CNN International this weekend tagging white sharks, the university announced Thursday afternoon.

CSUMB students and staff will be on this weekend's episode of "Tech for Good" on CNN. The news channel will document technology they developed to tag juvenile great white sharks in Monterey Bay.

The episode, CSUMB said, will feature other institutions in marine research fields, including the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute. The show is set to air on CNN International at 3:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3. It also airs Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m., CSUMB said.

A production team for the CNN show visited CSUMB in late June to film the program.

"In addition to filming on campus, members of the crew accompanied a group of divers off the breakwater in Monterey, capturing video of kelp forest sea life and swarming sea lions, and boarded a boat in Santa Cruz to observe a shark-tagging operation," the university explained.



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CAR WEEK

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expectations of the community.”

Wright lauded the Freedmans for doing everything they could to make their show a success. Their planning for one year often began before the previous year’s event took place.

“Concours on the Avenue was refined and refined over many years,” she said. “Doug and Genie were always looking to make the experience better. They really set the bar high.”

In the space left by Concours on the Avenue and the P.B. Tour, others stepped in, softly at first. Last year, Nile Estep, whose Good Roots Inc. organizes the weekly downtown farmers market and monthly Third Thursday events, introduced Concours for a Cause in and around Devendorf Park.

This year’s event set for Aug. 13 has significantly expanded to cover the park, Ocean Avenue and side streets on Mission, San Carlos and Dolores. It will also have longer hours, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will feature groups of American, Italian, British and German cars, with accompanying live bands and food.

“We’re trying to have a fully immersive event,” he said at a meeting Tuesday.

“Everything he’s done in his working relationship with the city has been so well received. He’s so thoughtful,” Wright said. “He’s a local guy, and last year was his testing ground.”

She said Estep has taken a lot of time

since then to connect with former Concours on the Avenue participants and volunteers to learn from their experiences.

“He’s been listening to everybody and working to make this a local-centric event that could give a good window for visitors into who we are and what we value in our community,” Wright said. “And always at the forefront are the cars.”

On Wednesday, Aug. 14, Meuse Gallery owner Simon Bull will turn last year’s rather last-minute gathering of a few Aston Martins parked in front of his gallery into a small show that shuts down Ocean Avenue between Monte Verde and San Carlos for a display of the highly regarded British marque.

“Last year, they rented a bunch of parking spots,” Wright said. “So, when it came up again for this year, I said, ‘Why don’t you make this a proper event?’”

Prancing puppies

Bull applied for a permit and received guidance from Wright on staging the show. Asters on the Avenue will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. “Everything is shaping up nicely,” Wright said. “We’ll see where Wednesdays go with the Asters.”

Thursday will come closest to covering Concours on the Avenue’s footprint, with two shows held adjacently.

Chanterria McGilbra, who had hosted her female-focused event, Prancing Ponies, on Dolores at Sixth for a few years but lost her spot when the Carmel City Council decided to limit large car events in town to two, subsequently returned to stage her show on Ocean Avenue on Thursday of Car Week, and this year’s Aug. 15 event will cover more blocks than it has in the past, according to Wright.

“Focusing on women-owned cars is a wonderful perspective,” she said.

At a media roundtable at Laguna Seca this week, McGilbra said Prancing Ponies, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will include a DJ, a fashion show, sales of boutique women’s clothing in Devendorf Park, a Prancing Puppies show hosted by Diggidy Dog, a mixer with a Rhinestone Cowgirl theme the night before, and an expanded exhibition of cars owned by the “men we love.”

Monterey Mayor Tyller Williamson, Carmel Mayor Dave Potter and Monterey County Sheriff Tina Nieto are expected to make appearances.

That same day, the Ferrari Owners Club’s Carmel Concours — which debuted on Dolores Street last year — will take place on an expanded footprint that includes three blocks of Ocean and two blocks of Dolores Street.

The free show will open at 9 a.m. and will include a field of 20 Ferraris that will be judged according to international standards, as well as non-judged cars and a special class of Italian motorcycles, according to organizer Tex Otto. At 10:30 a.m., local opera singer Aprille Lucero will sing the American and Italian national anthems on stage.

“They’re two different events, and they’ll butt up against each other,” Wright said. “It will be a great day.”

Wright said she’s excited to see downtown Carmel returning to the excitement and activity levels of the pre-Covid era.

“This year, for the first time since Concours on the Avenue in 2021, it’s really going to feel so much like Car Week before the pandemic,” she said. “We’re so fortunate to have organizers who listen, who are respectful, who understand the legacy of the Tour d’Elegance and Concours on the Avenue, and who want to bring that level of excellence back to Carmel for Car Week.”

Wright also told The Pine Cone that due

to feedback from downtown businesses who resented seeing the streets in front of their shops shut down as soon as the shows ended in order to prevent street racing and other antics previously seen in town, barricades directing traffic will be installed later in the evening rather than around 4 or 5 p.m., as happened in past years.

Crowded corners

And to deter the gawkers who crowd around supercars and exotics parked on red carpets in front of shops that rent parking spaces during Car Week, Wright is requiring permit-holders to either use those saved spaces for valet parking or keep their display cars onsite all day, rather than rotating them out.

“People who gather and want to photograph them crowd around them,” she explained, and those disruptions in the roadway and on sidewalks intensify when one car leaves and another arrives.

This year, to help control those crowds, a business can’t rent more than two spots, none of which can be corner stalls, and “unless you’re absolutely using the stalls for valet service, the car needs to be in place all day.”

She said she’ll seek feedback after Car Week to see how effective those new measures were and will adjust accordingly in the future. “Hopefully we can still continue to meet business owners’ desires to have those cars parked in front of their businesses,” she said.



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Fans will get their fill of Ferraris in downtown Carmel this year during the Ferrari Owners Club’s Carmel Concours, one of four Car Week events slated for downtown this year.



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AIRPORT

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safety checks without obstructing aircraft that are taxiing. The apron project is expected to be done in late spring 2025 at a cost of around \$45 million and involves moving 160,000 cubic yards of soil, which is being relocated to other areas of the airport property. Underground utilities for the ramp and the new terminal will also be laid and then covered with concrete strong enough to withstand the weight of multiple planes and related equipment.

“Right now, they’re doing the cuts to the same level as the runway,” she said, since the old parking lot was about 12 feet above the taxiway. A concrete plant will be built on site to facilitate the necessarily pours, and improvements will be made to two taxiways where the apron is being built.

“In the spring, we will be able to do the groundbreaking for the new terminal,” she said.

Design underway

The architectural firm of HOK has been working on the design for the five-gate terminal and its grounds, including long- and short-term parking and access roads. “The project will include the airport’s first passenger boarding bridges, so travelers can access planes in any weather,” the firm noted.

Bart van Vliet, project manager in HOK’s San Francisco studio, describes the design as “nature inspired,” with lush landscaping and a glass wall offering views into the terminal’s central plaza.

“The Monterey Peninsula Airport District sought a beautiful and cost-effective design that expresses the

beauty of Monterey,” he says on the HOK website. “We’re collaborating with them to create an innovative terminal that wows and welcomes passengers to Monterey.”

Morello said the design is about 65 percent complete. “We’re working on providing our comments to the board,” she said. “Probably in about a month, we should have some graphics that will be close to what we’re going to see.”

The airport’s board doesn’t have to approve the design but will be asked to support it, according to Morello, and if the timeline goes according to plan, the architect should have the project ready to go out to bid in November.

“We’ll bring it back to them for concurrence — it’s not really approval,” she said.

The board does have authority over contracts and spending, and at its July 17 meeting, it unanimously approved a proposal to issue up to \$50 million in bonds that will be repaid with the airport’s revenues, including leases, passenger fees and other income. The terminal portion of the project is expected to cost around \$88 million, with the airport putting in \$5 million in cash, seeking tens of millions of dollars in federal funds and financing the rest.

Executive director Mike La Pier explained that local taxpayers would not be on the hook for the debt.

“We are not on the tax rolls at all, save a modest \$135,000 a year the county gives us to cover the costs of our elections,” he said at the meeting. “Everything else, we earn on airport property through rates and charges. As we get into the issuance of debt — and we’ve done this before — there is no obligation and there can be no obligation imposed on the taxpayers of the community or the region, because we don’t have that authority.”

Board chair Mary Ann Leffel likened the airport district to a city without residents and said the \$4.50-per-flight passengers pay when they book tickets out of MRY, along

with revenues from parking, tenants and other sources, fund its operations and are used to match federal dollars for projects like the new terminal. The passenger fee is set by Congress and hasn’t changed in 20 years.

“So, when the bond counsel looks at us, with the help of our consultants and our staff, they will look at our future revenue based on what we are collecting now, and do an analysis of what we will collect in the future,” she said. “That money is the money that will authorize us for a bond amount in X amount of dollars.”

Morello said the district will have to get a bond rating before moving ahead with the financing.

What about Woody’s?

The project also calls for retaining the old terminal building, and Woody’s, one of the few airport restaurants in the country that’s located prior to security and therefore accessible to everyone, will remain, according to Morello.

“The plan is they’re staying here in this building, as is administration,” she said. “The public will still have the ability to go to their beloved restaurant.”


Last year, Woody’s was voted the No. 1 Airport Sit-Down Restaurant in the country in the USA Today Readers’ Choice Awards. Morello said the restaurant operators will have the option to open an additional post-security location in the new terminal.

While the airport district has the power to issue itself permits for construction, the FAA must approve the plans and provide the authorization to put the project out to bid, according to Morello.

In addition, the City of Monterey will have to sign off on a few items that fall on its property, such as the permanent long-term parking lot near Highway 68.

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BUDER

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“I grew up on Martha’s Vineyard and have this deep appreciation for the challenges that small coastal communities face,” he explained. “There are threats to the character of Carmel that come from a lot of angles.”

Some come from the “built environment,” he said, such as projects that aren’t a good fit, and some come from bad policies — or lack of a policy at all.

“We don’t have an accessory dwelling ordinance, which in practice means anyone can build anything they want up to 1,000 square feet,” he said, referring to the generally unregulated granny units that are being built on properties all over town. He mentioned the ADU constructed across the street from the Carl Cherry Center that provoked a lot of outcry from residents objecting to its size, style and proximity to the street.

‘Cookie-cutter’

And there’s the threat of “cookie-cutter concepts that aren’t tailored to Carmel,” such as a consultant’s list of recommended trees in a draft of the urban forest master plan.

“The initial draft of the tree species list was kind of this off-the-shelf product from the consultant with a ton of non-native trees that bore no relation to the native forest,” he said. “Anytime you import something cookie-cutter that’s not tailored to the town, it chips away at the place. I saw it in Martha’s Vineyard and have seen it here. If something fits a lot of other places, it’s probably not good for the character of Carmel.”

Buder also described the increasing

percentage of vacation homes in the city and the ongoing decline of the number of year-round residents as a “hollowing out of the community.”

“I’ve seen this movie before,” he said, again referring to his hometown. “That’s something I feel strongly about, too, and I just don’t want that to happen to us.”

Buder said serving on the city council will help fulfill his mission of supporting the city he’s now a part of.

“Meghan and I have always been committed to giving back to the community,” he said, mentioning his wife, a Monterey Peninsula native and Carmel High School graduate.

The couple moved here eight years ago and lives at Mission and 11th with their twin 4-year-old girls and a 1-year-old son, and Buder has been a commissioner on the Monterey County Housing Authority board for five years, is a Big Sur Land Trust trustee and was

recently appointed to the forest and beach commission. He’s also on the Carmel Residents Association board.

Buder said they decided to move here from Palo Alto because it’s the only place they would want to raise their children.

“We were living in Palo Alto and decided we wanted to find a place to settle down permanently, and Carmel was really the only option,” he said. “It’s always kind of felt like home.”

And they plan on sticking around for a while. “We really need someone who’s committed to Carmel for the long term,” he said. “We might live here for the next 40 or 50 years.”

Election update

Meanwhile, councilman Jeff Baron returned his nomination papers to run for mayor, and the Monterey County Elections department validated the signatures, so he

has qualified for the Nov. 5 ballot.

Among the residents who signed his forms are his husband, Kevin D’Angelo, former planning commissioners Alan Hewer and Don Goodhue, city councilwoman Karen Ferlito, planning commissioner Stephanie Locke, Tom Brocato, Ann Flower, Paul Falworth, Francyne Laney and Scott Lonergan.

Candidates who earlier qualified for

the ballot are Dale Byrne for mayor and David O’Neil, Danny Hala, Bob Delves and Buder for city council.

The first round of campaign financial disclosure forms was due July 31, and Baron, Byrne and O’Neil filed theirs.

Between Jan. 1 and June 30, Baron received \$1,604 in contributions and loaned

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SHERIFF

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time did not rise to the level of a response that required traveling over the speed limit. That was my error."

In the most recent CHP traffic stop in May, Nieto refused to identify herself to an officer and instead demanded that a supervisor show up, at which point she provided her name and was once again let go with no ticket.

The sheriff, who was elected in November 2022, also insisted in the press release last week that she "did not use" her "position to seek a break or avoid a citation at any time."

She went on to say that the CHP officers who stopped her, which included the same officer on at least two occasions, were professional and courteous during the stops, which the dashcam footage supports.

"As sheriff, I understand the importance of adhering to our traffic regulations," she said. "I should set a better example for my community, and I'm committed to doing so in the future."

Nieto, however, did not address why she refused to identify herself to the officer and demanded a supervisor.

Yet another

Nieto's remarks came after the release of a fourth dashcam video depicting her on May 5, 2023, driving 30 mph over the speed limit on Jolon Road near King City and activating emergency lights when a CHP officer tries to stop her.

The camera footage starts just before 9 a.m., according to the timestamp, and shows the sheriff speeding past a CHP officer in an unmarked 2023 Chevy Tahoe before the officer makes a U-turn and pursues Nieto. When the officer finally catches up — after more than three minutes of pursuit — the sheriff slows down and drives to the side of the road.

Instead of coming to a stop, though, Nieto suddenly activates the SUV's

emergency lights, indicated by flashing taillights and rear windshield lights, and accelerates away from the CHP officer. Nieto drives off for another minute-and-a-half before finally heeding the officer's orders and stopping.

The unidentified female CHP officer pulls up alongside Nieto and the two chat with their windows down. The sheriff says something, which can't be made out, before the officer tells her that she pulled her over to find out why she was speeding.

"Listen, I didn't know it was a police car when you're at 85 in a 55," the officer says.

"OK, no problem," Nieto responds, before abruptly taking off, again with emergency lights activated, as the officer asks in vain, "So where are you headed? Where do you need help at?"

The cop pursues Nieto for a second time before the sheriff again pulls over about 20 seconds later.

"I don't know where you're going, so if you are going somewhere, I can help you," the officer said. "You obviously look like you're by yourself, a solo unit."

Nieto seems to ask why she was stopped, although the audio quality of the video — provided by X user Deputy Dogg, who is frequently critical of Nieto — is hard to hear in some parts.

"I was stopping a car that was going 80 mph in a 55," The CHP officer says, before Nieto tries talking over her. What Nieto says cannot be heard in the video.

"I was stopping a car that was going over the speed limit," the officer continues. "Then you have your lights on, so I'm like, 'Is there something out here I should be aware of?' 'Why is the Code 3 (emergency lights) on?'"

"Because I'm the sheriff," Nieto seems to say, before the officer again asks if she needs assistance, to which the sheriff replies "No."

A few more words between the two women are exchanged before the traffic stop suddenly ends and the officer makes

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a U-turn and drives off.

It's unclear if Nieto told the CHP officer where she was going, and Nieto did not answer questions this week about the stop, including the type of emergency and the address where she was headed.

"There are no further statements being made at this time," county sheriff Cmdr. Andy Rosas said Monday.

Nieto's lead-foot habits have sparked anger from county residents. Some maintain she posed a danger to the public, while others said her position of authority afforded her special treatment.

"If it were an average citizen and not the sheriff, they would have received a ticket or perhaps been arrested for reckless driving and vehicle endangerment," one South County resident said last week in a letter to The Pine Cone.

Oversight committee

A sheriff's oversight board — which could hold the county sheriff and other employees accountable for misconduct — is still being contemplated nearly two years after District 4 Monterey County Supervisor Wendy Root Askew proposed it.

Askew's chief of staff, Yuri Anderson, said last week that an ad hoc committee composed of Askew and District 2 Supervisor Glenn Church is still studying and evaluating the formation of the oversight group.

"The committee held a number of open meetings in 2023 and 2024 to receive information from county staff,

including the sheriff" and the public, Anderson explained. "The committee is now working to prepare its recommendation related to the various options to the full board of supervisors."

In October 2022, a month before she was elected, Nieto told the supervisors that she supported "transparency and accountability," and was in favor of an oversight

committee.

Even without such a panel, supervisors have the power to reprimand the county's top cop. In May 2021, they unanimously censured Nieto predecessor Sheriff Steve Bernal after determining he misappropriated taxpayer dollars.

County supervisors declined to answer questions from the Pine Cone regarding Nieto's traffic stops.

VARSENIK JORDAN

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Varsenik Jordan, a beloved resident of Carmel for the past 45 years, who departed this world on Monday, July 29. She was 89 years old.

Varsenik will be remembered fondly for her vibrant spirit and the rich tapestry of life she wove in our community. For seven years, she co-owned and operated Jordan's Restaurant in Carmel with her late husband, Gogol Jordan. Following his passing in 1988, she channeled her creativity into painting, a passion that saw her artwork featured in numerous Carmel art shows.

A familiar sight around town, Varsenik could often be seen riding her bicycle or tending to her garden. As a devoted mother to her two sons and a doting grandmother to three granddaughters, she leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories.

She is survived by her sons, Albert (Melissa) and AJ; her granddaughters, Victoria, Isabella and Summer; and a host of friends and family who will forever remember her with love and admiration.



A memorial service celebrating her life will be begin at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, August 8th at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Carmel, followed by burial at San Carlos Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a favorite charity.

**In Loving Memory of SABREH GROSS**

Sabreh Gross, beloved wife, teacher and cherished member of the community, passed away peacefully in Carmel, California, surrounded by loved ones. Her life journey, marked by resilience, warmth and dedication, touched the lives of many.

Born and raised in Iran, Sabreh traveled to the United States in the 1950s to pursue her college education. After graduating from San Francisco State University, Sabreh returned to Iran to work as an English teacher. Life circumstances led her back to the United States in the late 1970s, where she joined the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California and worked as a teacher in the Persian Department for many years until retiring.

Sabreh's life took a beautiful turn when she met her partner, John Gross. They married and built a warm and active life together. They made their home in Carmel while exploring the world over their many years together. John passed in 2015, leaving Sabreh to cherish their memories.

After John's passing, Sabreh continued to lead an active and independent life, residing in Carmel and later in assisted living at Carmel Villa. Through her later years, Sabreh maintained her spirit of kindness and curiosity until a brief illness marked the end of her journey.

Sabreh is survived by her brother, Daruish Astari; his wife, Rosie; and many cousins, nieces and nephews both in the United States and abroad. She will be lovingly remembered by her stepsons, David and Peter Gross, who she cared for deeply.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Visiting Nurses Association, an organization both John and Sabreh found very meaningful and helpful in their later years.

Sabreh Gross will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

*Louisa Jessica Yavari*

Louisa Jessica Yavari (née Titus), also lovingly known as "Mama" to her daughters and "Weezy," "Weez" or "Auntie Weez" to her family and friends, passed away on June 7th, 2024.

She was born in Salinas, California on January 29th, 1963, and spent the majority of her life growing up on the Central Coast of California, eventually moving with her family from Salinas to beautiful Carmel-by-the-Sea. She is one of four sisters who all still reside in California.



She met her husband, Bobby, in 1985 in Berkeley and they went on to share 37 wonderful years of marriage, full of adventures, travel, and countless special memories. Together they raised three daughters in Louisa's hometown of Carmel, CA. After their children had left the house, they spent much of their time traveling, and had most recently relocated to Dublin, Ireland, where they had been living for the past two years.



A sportswoman most of her life, Louisa was an avid volleyball player in her youth and also had a passion for horseback riding, which she carried on into her later years. She loved nothing more than spending time with animals of all kinds, and was widely known for her array of wildlife that made itself at home in the backyard. Known as a real life "Disney princess" by her family, she was always rescuing and taking in animals of all sorts, ranging from squirrels to skunks.

She is remembered by so many as someone who had an unquenchable zest for living life and an open heart. She was always ready to walk out the door into something new or lend a listening ear to anyone who wanted it. She was a valued confidant and lifeline for many in her life. She raised three girls with these ideals in mind, and taught them that living is what happens when you step outside of your comfort zone, and that the people who you surround yourself with are what make life beautiful.

She is fondly remembered every moment by her loving husband, three daughters, three sisters and many family & friends who held her so dear. A memorial service will be held at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 24th.

If you feel inclined, we kindly ask that you do not send flowers, but rather make a donation in her memory to causes that she was passionate about. Two organizations that she loved were the Redwings Horse Sanctuary (www.redwingshorsesanctuary.org) and the SPCA of Monterey Country (<https://www.spcamc.org/>).

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JEAN LOUISE MURPHY (BEARDSLEY)

December 12, 1955 - July 6, 2024
68 years old Aptos, California

Jeanie, as she was affectionately known to friends and family, was born the fifth of eight children to Dick and Helen North in Okinawa, Japan, on December 12, 1955, while her Navy father was deployed in the Pacific. She first landed on U.S. soil at two months old and spent her first few years moving from base to base as her dad received a new post. The North family moved to California after the death of her father in 1960 and she called the Golden State home for the rest of her life. When her widowed mother, Helen, married Frank Beardsley, a career Navy man with 10 children of his own, she became a member of the blended Beardsley family. The combined family, immortalized in the movie "Yours, Mine & Ours," eventually grew to 20 children after settling in Carmel.

Jeanie attended Junipero Serra Catholic School and Carmel High School. She often reminisced about her joyful upbringing in Carmel and the surrounding Monterey Bay Area. While working at UPS in San Francisco during college, Jeanie met Stephen Murphy, the love of her life. They married in June 1977 and soon started their family. Jeanie graduated from San Francisco State University with a B.S. in biology in 1982. She returned to her education in 1990, after the birth of her fourth child, pursuing a nursing degree from the University of San Francisco and began her career at the VA Hospital in San Francisco at Fort Miley, where she devoted 25 years to serving veterans as an RN.

Jeanie and Stephen raised their family in San Francisco. She cherished being a part of the Murphy family, with deep roots in the City going back five generations. Jeanie loved exploring the city's many facets, often spending time with her family at Ocean Beach, the SF Zoo and Golden Gate Park. When the ever-present Sunset District fog was just too much, she sought sunshine up on the hills of Mt. Tamalpais. She was often found cheering from the bleachers at a baseball game, timing races during a swim meet or clapping from the sidelines, always in support of her four athletes. She enjoyed visiting family and friends in the Bay Area, loved visiting the clear deep blue water of Lake Tahoe and cherished her daily walks on the beach. After retirement she spent many joyful hours with her granddaughters, developed a love of gardening and always lived on the sunny side of life.

Jeanie is survived by her husband of 47 years, Stephen; her children, Daniel (Kathleen), Kathryn (Stephen), Liam (Jessica) and Shane (Swathi); and her beloved grandchildren, Leah, Anna, Alannah and Ty Rose.

Services will be held at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church, 2559 40th Ave., San Francisco.

In lieu of flowers, Jeanie requested that contributions be made to the Tunnel 2 Towers Foundation. t2t.org



KATHY SCHWEIKERT EYERMAN

Kathy Dorene Schweikert was born on January 3, 1947, in Burbank, California and she grew up in Hollywood and Fallbrook, California. She graduated from Fallbrook High School in 1964 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree at Cal Western University in 1968. Kathy was a beloved teacher at Carmel River Elementary School, where she taught for 21 years.

She married her high school sweetheart, Bob Eyerman, in 1968 and they went on to spend 56 adventurous years together. They moved to Pacific Grove in 1968 and then to Carmel Valley in 1976 where they raised their three children, Erick, Jennifer and Brett.

Kathy was a musician, educator and wine maker. She designed and sewed her own clothing, co-founded Carmel Bay Winery and became an avid quilter in her retirement. Her love for learning and education extended beyond the classroom as she volunteered for the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Kathy also enjoyed gardening, crafts, nature and traveling.

Kathy sadly passed away on July 28th at the age of 77, joining her husband and soulmate Bob Eyerman. She was an amazing Mom, who was full of love, energy, adventure and creativity, which she shared with all those around her. She was devoted to her family and is survived by her children, Erick and Jennifer; her grandchildren, Aaron and Noah Ballerstedt; and her brother, Dave Schweikert.

A memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 4th at Carmel River State Beach and is open to all those who want to pay their respects.

Book sale and membership drive at Sunset Center

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE FRIENDS of the Harrison Memorial Library is hosting a membership renewal day and book sale this Saturday, Aug. 3, at Sunset Center's book room. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and features thousands of curated and gently used books, as well as audio and visual materials, for all ages.

Anyone can come and shop, but members of the Friends of the Library will get a buy one, get one free deal on their purchases. Membership is \$15 per year, or \$20 for a family and can be renewed or purchased at the door.

This event replaces the traditional Friends annual book sale on a smaller scale. The group provides continued year-round support of the library, offering materials for sale at Sunset Center every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can also shop at Park Branch and the main library during usual business hours, and at Carmel Farmers Market on most Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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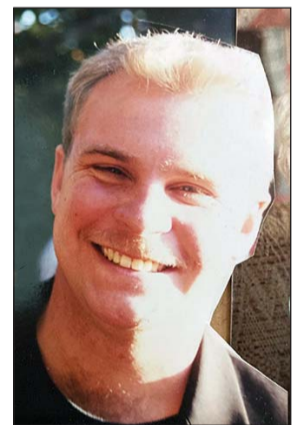
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DANIEL BRUCE WOODRUFF

Daniel Bruce Woodruff left this life on April 1, 2024, 10 days before his 44th birthday. Dan Bruce lived in Sacramento, having been raised in Rio Vista, Woodland and Pacific Grove. He graduated from PG High School in 1994.

At the age of 2 in Rio Vista, he began his running career which led him to win the Central Coast Cross Country Regionals. In Woodland he was a favorite newspaper delivery boy, rising as early as 4 a.m. to get the job done.

He was active in Parks and Recreation, the Chamber of Commerce and youth facilities in both Woodland and Pacific Grove.



He ran circles around his family, dancing and singing as he went. He was famous for dancing in the streets. He was a disc jockey and loved karaoke. He was a "crooner." He hosted parties — among them his father Pete's retirement party. He loved people. He listened, tried to help, brought neighbors food.

Dan Bruce was not just one thing. He was exuberant, all heart, kind, loving, brash and argumentative. He suffered from a mental uniqueness which people often misunderstood.

Dan Bruce died peacefully in his sleep at his home in Sacramento. He is survived by his parents, Peter and Barbara Woodruff; brother, Matthew Woodruff; niece, Isla Rose Woodruff and daughter, Ellie Rose Villegas. We miss him immeasurably. Donations to NAMI are appreciated.

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Fire department gets life-saving devices

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

MONTAGE HEALTH has given Monterey Fire Department a \$100,000 grant for two heart monitors and three resuscitation devices, the city announced last week.

The equipment, two Lifepak 15 heart monitors and three Lucas cardiopulmonary devices, allows the Monterey Fire Department to provide advanced life support services instead of basic life support services, officials said.

"The expansion of advanced life support service, along with the implementation of the additional CPR devices, makes a significant positive impact to the residents and visitors we serve," Chief Andrew

Miller said, "and we thank Montage Health for making this possible with their generous donation."

Montage Health President and CEO Steven Packer said that the organization is grateful to enhance community health and safety through its partnership with Monterey Fire.

"These devices provide a significant advancement in pre-hospital treatment, giving cardiac patients a better chance of survival," Packer explained.

"We are proud to support the firefighters and paramedics who serve our community every day," he added.

Heart monitors are the most important and expensive pieces of advanced life-saving equipment on fire engines.

LESLIE GREGORY-WAAS

February 6, 1955 - June 20, 2024

Leslie Gregory-Waas, born in San Diego, California, passed away peacefully in Guilford County, North Carolina, at the age of 69. Leslie was a dedicated and passionate personal trainer in the fitness industry, where she inspired many with her commitment and enthusiasm for health and wellness.

Leslie had a fervent love for fitness, music – especially R&B and Santana – bike riding and fishing. Her creative spirit shone brightly through her avid painting. She found joy in the company of animals and cherished spending time outdoors, particularly boating on Lake Bayden. Above all, Leslie's greatest passion was helping people and loving her family.

Leslie is preceded in death by her father, George T. Gregory; and her brother, Zane Gregory. She leaves behind a legacy of love and warmth, survived by her devoted daughter, Bailey Spears, and son-in-law, Ian Tweed; her beloved mother, Deirdre Schroeder; and her precious granddaughter, Evelyn Tweed. She is also survived by her sisters, Candice Gregory, Shannon Mandel, Robin Hagemeyer, Kimberly Gregory, and Molly McCall; her brother, George Gregory; and a host of nieces and nephews who will miss her dearly.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Animal Shelter in High Point, honoring Leslie's deep affection for animals.



BOB BOOKER

Aug. 1, 1931 – July 12, 2024

TV Producer/Writer Bob Booker passed away at his home in Tiburon, California on July 12th, surrounded by family. Best known for the Grammy Award-winning album "The First Family," Booker spent 75 years working in television, radio and film. In 1963, he co-wrote and produced "The First Family," a groundbreaking lampoon of President John F. Kennedy and his family. The album became the largest and fastest-selling record in the history of the record industry, winning the Grammy for Best Album that year. Booker went on to write and produce 16 other comedy albums, including "When You're in Love the Whole World is Jewish" (1965), "Al Tijuana & His Jewish Brass" (1966) and "Out of the Closet" (1977).

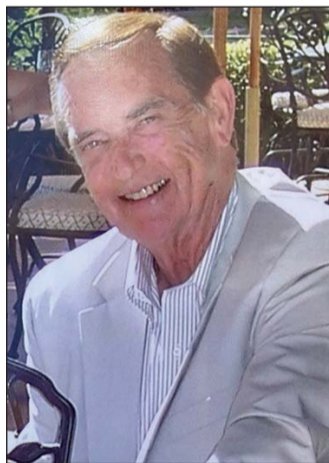
Booker wrote and produced more than 400 television episodes including the "NBC Follies" with Sammy Davis, Jr., "The Paul Lynde Halloween Special" (1976), "50 Years of Country Music," "Christmas Gold," "Cotton Club," "Out of This World" and "Foul-Ups, Bleeps and Blunders." He established an extensive comedy videotape library that he marketed globally for decades.

Born in Jacksonville, Florida, Booker made his start at the radio station WINZ AM in Miami in 1958. In his afternoon drive slot, he interviewed top entertainers of the time, including Jack Benny, Connie Francis, Nat Cole, Eartha Kitt and Frank Sinatra. He moved to NYC in 1960 and hit it big with "The First Family" album in 1963.

During the final days of his life, Bob continued to work on a variety of projects, following his grandfather's advice that one should "never retire." He recently finished a soon-to-be-published memoir entitled "Behind the Scenes in Hollywood."

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Barbara Noonan Booker; daughters, Laura Booker (SJ Dodd), Courtney Wilkins (Dennis); and four grandchildren, Emma, Jack, Lucy and Charlie. His humor and kindness will be missed by so many friends around the world. Although he lived in Tiburon since 2017, he resided in the Carmel Highlands for 28 wonderful years. Celebration of his life will be announced shortly.

The family would like to thank By the Bay Health, Jun, Rose and Colleen for their extraordinary care.



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ROSE MARIE KUNIN

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Rose Marie Kunin, beloved wife and mother, grandmother, friend and sibling. She passed away on May 12, 2024.



Rose Marie was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Dec. 12, 1934. She was the youngest of six children. During WWII her family moved from Cincinnati to Russell Springs, Kentucky, where they lived on their family farm throughout the rest of her childhood. She loved country life and developed a great respect for all living things, plants and animals alike. She learned to be self-sufficient and to appreciate the simple, dignified life of farm living.

Rose was an excellent student with a passion for journalism. After successfully launching the first edition of her high school's yearbook, using the funds she raised with advertising revenue, she graduated and joined a publishing company as a sales representative in the early 1950s. She toured the U.S. extensively

in her first year on the sales team. Her success was rewarded with the opportunity to sell in Europe. She spent time in Germany and France, and after returning to the U.S., she pursued an education in journalism at UC Berkeley.

Rose and her first husband, John Horan, started their family in the late 1950s. They moved from Berkeley to Washington and then settled back in the Bay Area, where they raised their three children. They settled in Palo Alto, near Stanford Children's Hospital, because their oldest son, Mark, had special needs. During the 1970s, Rose ran a busy family household with many pets and activities for the children and their neighborhood friends. She managed Mark's complex needs throughout with dedication and grace.

In the 1980s, Rose met and married Len Kunin, and they moved to Albany, California. Together, they acquired and managed a real estate investment portfolio of properties located in the East Bay. When time allowed, they enjoyed their pets, a shared interest in horses, travel to Arizona, where they had a small vacation home, and spending time with their grandnephew, Eliot, who visited often as a small boy.

After retiring in the 1990s and moving to Pacific Grove, California, they spent many happy years enjoying the unique natural setting of the Monterey coast. They enjoyed dog walking around town with their Labrador, Grover, going to the beach, engaging with neighbors and friends, gardening, reading, and spending time with their granddaughters, Camille and Amanda.

After Len passed away in 2009, Rose remained in Pacific Grove with her Pomeranian, Foxx, a gift from her son, John. He was a dear companion, and they went everywhere together. Rose led a happy, quiet life, full of her favorite pastimes, reading, Sudoku, family visits and sharing time with her dearly loved friends. Her wisdom was a source of strength for everyone who knew her.

Rose is predeceased by her husband, Len Kunin; and is survived by her children, John Casey Horan and Kelly Bossut; and her grandchildren, Amanda Horan and Camille Bossut. Rose's first-born son, Mark Horan, died in 2003.

The memorial service and celebration of Rose's life will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 31 at the Grace Dodge Chapel, Asilomar Conference Grounds, 800 Asilomar Ave., Pacific Grove, CA. For questions please contact both Kelly (bossutfamily@msn.com)

Editorial

Sam Farr was right

WE'RE NOT sure what "brat" means, but it's among the lavish tributes that have been bestowed on Vice President Kamala Harris since she was picked to succeed Joe Biden as the Democrats' nominee in the upcoming presidential election.

We're not just talking about what Politico called "a long list of things she's been the first to achieve" during her 20 years in public life: "The first Black woman to be elected district attorney in California history, first woman to be California's attorney general, first Indian-American senator, and the first Black woman and first Asian-American to be picked as a vice presidential running mate on a major-party ticket."

In terms of policy achievements, not only has Harris been one of Biden's closest advisers, she's been the administration's "primary messenger on abortion and reproductive rights" and has "campaigned aggressively for gun safety, has tried to connect with more women and people of color during her tenure, and has been praised by progressives for her forceful call for a ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war," according to NPR.

Harris has been such a great vice president, the Washington Post even found time to single out her chuckle as something wonderful: "The sound and sight of the vice president laughing carries confidence, strength and a peek into her own humanity," the Post said.

Yes, Kamala Harris has been very busy, and, by many accounts, has done a superb job. But for all that, the vice president has been paid a salary of \$235,100 per year — less than legions of Monterey County officials with much less lofty jobs, including the city managers of Salinas (2023 salary, \$498,594), Monterey (\$267,391), Seaside (\$254,693), Pacific Grove (\$373,487) and Carmel (\$261,954); the general managers of Monterey-Salinas Transit (\$292,930), Monterey One Water (\$295,671), Marina Water District (\$262,189), and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (\$280,959); and the superintendents of schools in Carmel (\$285,186), Pacific Grove (\$277,364) and Salinas (\$243,519). The list goes on and on.

One person who deeply understands the discrepancy between federal and local government pay rates is our former representative in Congress, Sam Farr, whose salary when he left office in 2017 was \$174,000 — an amount that is still paid to our current representative, Jimmy Panetta. Those hard-working guys don't even make as much as the principal of Tularcitos Elementary School, who earns \$210,238.

According to Farr, when he started his career in government, "the best public employment was at the Federal level for salary and benefits," but the situation is reversed now, with the highest wages being paid at the lowest level, because "it's easier to raise local taxes than to raise income and corporate taxes at the state and federal levels."

But he says the situation is so bad, "local government costs are exceeding what we can afford."

In a letter to the editor published in this newspaper July 9, he offered several measures he believes would help control local government salaries and benefits. We think the best ones are to make sure federal salaries are included in local government salary surveys, and to "combine all our local water and wastewater districts into one."

But we have an even better idea: Put a limit on what can be paid to local officials so that nobody is allowed to make more than a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, or certainly not more than the Vice President of the United States — especially a great one.

BEST of BATES



"You remember the two artists Bill Dodge and Ed Ward that moved to Oregon. Well, my youngest daughter, the artist, moved to Oregon and met the most wonderful man who is also an artist. His name is Sam. He does abstracts. Well, would you believe, they got married and have two of the most beautiful children you have ever laid your eyes on? The baby, her name is Megan, has the biggest brown eyes and her big brother, his name is Colin, will be three in December. Oh, he's a piece of cake. Sometimes he"

Letters to the Editor

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Open minds called for Dear Editor,

I was against house numbers until July 9, when I was for them.

I pivoted because I heard some fellow residents who have been seriously impacted by our quaint addressing situation. So I reluctantly agreed that it's time to change.

I've spoken with many other citizens who are unhappy and even angry about this change, often because they prize tradition over convenience, or safety, or anything that changes anything. They love our village as it is, and who doesn't?

Well, for at least some people, they're unhappy because they believe this change will affect them in ways they do not want. People spoke at the July 9 city council meeting about how much they love going to the post office to get their mail.

The council vote was as close as it could be, likely reflecting the division

of the residents. To make a change this historic, easily perceived as disruptive, the city owes very clear messages to the residents. It must be clear that this will change nothing about where our mail is retrieved, or put mailboxes on our houses. The fate of the post office has been and remains an open question, whether we have house numbers or not. Something like the splendid document that the Carmel Residents Association did about the housing element earlier this year, and perhaps a booth at the farmers market for a few weeks to spread the facts would go a long way to letting people know what's changing and what is not. Patience, empathy and open minds are called for to make this change less divisive.

Joe DiNucci, Carmel

Careful when you censure Dear Editor,

In May 2021, a unanimous Monterey County Board of Supervisors approved a motion of censure against then-sheriff Steve Bernal. His offense? Successfully attracting a statewide county sheriff's convention to Monterey County, during which deputies on county payroll were unwisely used to chauffeur convention attendees to the various venues involved.

Alternatively, the supervisors had the ability to voice their displeasure toward Bernal during any meeting and have it read into the record. After that, a clarification of county policy would have been in order and then they would move on to

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Singing in Doris Day's hotel has been a dream come true

‘SHE’LL BE 47 young in 25 days,’ is the opening line of “Living Her Dream,” written by singer-songwriter Debbie Davis in 2000. Her youngest daughter — who was living with her in Bakersfield — had moved back to Incline Village, Nev., to finish high school with her friends and live with her dad. It was the first time in 31 years Davis had no children in her home.

A friend asked, “What are you going to do now?” “I have no idea,” she replied. “You should go to Nashville and follow your dream,” said the friend. Her family agreed. Davis decided she would give it 30 days, made the necessary arrangements, packed up her car, and left Bakersfield by herself. Without a job or even an acquaintance there to call on, she arrived in the hometown of the Grand Ole Opry and the

and three years later, her second daughter, Brianna. During that time, 12-year-old Shannon was diagnosed with diabetes.

Time with family

For years, Davis sang in Bakersfield with country music legend Tommy Hays and his band. He, along with Buck Owens and Merle Haggard, were among the originators of the famed “Bakersfield Sound,” a subgenre of country music that originated in the Southern California city. “We did rodeos, fundraisers, Toys for Tots, concerts and weddings. I grew up on country music. I loved it,” she said.

Following a divorce in 1996, she became director of operations for a sales training company in Incline Village — a big job that disappeared four years later in the Y2K computer panic at the turn of the century. “I went from being an executive back to waiting on tables in Bakersfield,” she recalled.

After her sojourn in Nashville, where she had another marriage — a brief one — she decided it was time to come back to California. “I did not come home to sing. I came back to be with my kids and their families,” she explained. Davis lived for a year in Watsonville with Brianna, who told her, “Mom you have to visit Carmel.” She did, and returned home determined to live here.

“I was starting over at 55. I had nothing, no money and no job, but I was going to live in Carmel,” she said with a grin. Two nights later she went to the Mission Ranch’s piano bar for the first time and got on the open mic with Maddalaine Edstrom, then three nights later with Gennady Loktionov, both master entertainers. Her first song with Loktionov was “Crazy,” a mega-hit for her idol, Patsy Cline. “I sang it like Debbie Davis sings it,” she added. “I was there several times a week, and people got

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PHOTO/COURTESY DEBBIE DAVIS

Singer Debbie Davis said people recognized her gift when she sang as a child in church, but ultimately found success at the Cypress Inn.

How to find the soul of a bobcat

A TREASURED childhood memory for Alana Puryear is the simple instruction she and her siblings received from their mother every day as they headed out the door to play in the hills around their Santa Barbara County house:

“She always said, ‘Come home when the poppies close,’” recalled Puryear, an abstract artist whose paintings will be showcased through Aug. 4 at the Testarossa Tasting Room (1 East Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley Village). “I always

to the art history classes I took in college,” said Puryear, who holds degrees in both fine art and art history from UC Berkeley. “And now it turns up in a lot of my own art.”

Simplify

She also draws inspiration from whatever happens to be going on in her personal life, hence a series of nine abstract seascapes she painted in the past year, during which she spent copious amounts of time at the beach, processing the passing of her beloved mother, Lois Peterson.

“She’s been gone about a year, and my painting changed after she passed away,” Puryear said. “Mom

had Alzheimer’s disease, and after taking care of her for a few years I felt like I needed to simplify, simplify, simplify.

“The seascapes were very meditative paintings for me, which I think is the nice thing about any kind of creative practice,” she said. “Creating art, for me, is all about being present in the moment. I think my art allows that in my life: To make art, you really need to be in that moment.”

Puryear fell in love with nature as a child, romping through creek beds and meadows in the Santa Barbara County hills with her six siblings. She loved to draw, but never took a high school art class. She had thoughts as a teenager of becoming a psychologist, a teacher, or a clothing designer, but changed course when she got to college.

“Berkeley was where I started to become a painter — oils at first, then I switched to acrylics,” she said. “I started with still life and figures, but college was also when I began to paint abstracts.”

She supported herself and her daughter, now 13, with a series of jobs, selling insurance, working as an accounts manager for a Fortune 500 company, and representing a jewelry line, among other endeavors.

Wrangling squirrels

“I also taught art at various times, either out of my studio, or at the community centers in Pacific Grove and Carmel Valley,” Puryear said. “I taught kindergarten kids, which was a bit like wrangling squirrels:

They’re very much in their bodies, so I incorporated a lot of kinesthetic movement. For example, I’d ask them to use their body to show me an angle, and one of them would bend an arm into an angle, and I’d say, ‘Very good! That’s angle!’ Or I’d say, ‘What does a spiral do?’ and I’d have a bunch of 5-year-old kids rolling across the floor.”

She also has taught art to taught third graders, tweens, teens, and adults, and is planning a weekend workshop for adults on “art journaling” — a combination of writing, painting, and collaging.

“I think it’s a brilliant way for people to

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

thought it was such a beautifully poetic thing to say.”

Abstract art, like poetry, is a leap of faith for its creator — so personal that the viewer’s reaction is barely relevant during production — and is always at risk of being misinterpreted, if it succeeds in making any connection at all.

The viewer decides

Maybe it’s no accident, then, that some of Puryear’s most recent works have been inspired by lines of poetry. A painting she calls “Summer Wind” came to life after she went hiking through Carmel Valley on a day that was both blazing hot and windy, which reminded her of a line in a poem by Pablo Neruda: “Her mass of kisses breaks and sinks, assailed in the door of the summer’s wind,” he wrote in “The Morning is Full.”

A line from an Emily Dickinson poem, “Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul,” sparked a painting that includes a sketch of an eagle feather Puryear found during another hike. The feather appears on a sandy background (a beach), beneath blue and green swirls (a tide?), flanked on the left by blue and green drips, most of which reach from the top of the painting to the bottom. The feather is enclosed on all sides by a black box. What does it mean? That’s for the viewer to decide.

“I always loved symbolism, dating back



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Winfield Gallery artist and local environmental activist Mari Kloepfel specializes in portraits of wild and domestic animals that she observes on her property near Elkhorn Slough.

Great Lives

By CARLIN JARDINE

Country Music Hall of Fame on her 47th birthday, 25 days after writing “Living Her Dream.” Thirty days later, she flew home, put her belongings in storage, flew back to Tennessee and stayed for seven years.

Journey within

During that time, she didn’t perform as she does today in Carmel. “I sat in with a lot of very talented people, sang at a number of piano bars, was the karaoke queen and learned the industry from my friends — all part of the Nashville scene — musicians, singers, songwriters and dancers.” She auditioned, but nothing came of it. “At 47, I was too old for Nashville,” she said. “It’s not easy. You have to be at the right place at the right time with the right people.” She likened her time there to being a single mom at 16. “It was learning about myself and who I was. It was a journey within.”

Davis was born in Upland in 1953, and, with her twin brother, was the youngest of five children. They were a close family who moved a lot, which kept her from completing her education, but she grew up singing a cappella in her church. One Sunday after the service, a member told her mom, “Your little girl has quite an amazing voice.” But her mother was single, working three jobs and raising four kids with little time or resources to encourage or support her daughter’s gift.

First band

At 16, in 1969, Davis became a single mother with the birth of her first child, Shannon. Three years later, they moved to Fair Oaks in Sacramento County. She got a job, got married and added two stepdaughters to her life. She became a loan officer in a credit union and, in 1978, sang in her first band, doing countless weekend gigs.

When the marriage ended, she moved back to Bakersfield, worked as an administrative assistant and waited tables. She remarried and had a son, Brian,

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LETTERS

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other business. A motion of censure was not appropriate in this instance.

Regarding Sheriff Tina Nieto's recent troubles, should she seek reelection, her traffic violations may be a campaign issue and the voters will be able to make their judgment accordingly. But because of the precedent set with Bernal, if Nieto does not face censure from the board, there will exist a glaring double standard. The lesson? Don't use a motion of censure in this manner or it may come back to bite you.

The censure of Bernal has emboldened those who believe our county sheriff should be appointed by the board of supervisors, similar to a city police chief. When California became a state, the first action by the citizens of the new counties was to elect a paid sheriff. No matter what the name or political leanings, we must always ensure the office of sheriff, which is a non-partisan position, remains an independent elected official.

Paul J. Ingram, Carmel Valley

Byrne for mayor

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in regards to Dale Byrne running for mayor in Carmel-by-the-Sea. My English is not the best but, genuinely and honestly, I would like to make a straightforward judgment.

Dale has contributed a significant amount of time during the last six years to improve the City of Carmel — a more significant amount of time as a volunteer than anyone else has ever done in the past, based on my 20 years living here in Carmel.

During Covid, he tremendously helped several restaurants with ideas and connections with an unparalleled result. He never gives up and continues to connect people in the community and finds solutions that bring results that make a difference.

His voice and intention are always bringing results that will make a difference

for years to come to all the resident of Carmel, elevating all of us, including businesses, to a standard that other cities still don't have.

I am grateful and thankful for all he has accomplished.

Dennis Boaro, Carmel

Buder for council

Dear Editor,

We are endorsing our neighbor and good friend Hans Buder for city council. We feel his thoughtful approach and educational background make him an outstanding candidate.

Hans is deeply involved in our community. He is the chair of the Monterey County Housing Authority, a trustee of the Big Sur Land Trust, a board member of the Carmel Residents Association, and a member of the Forest and Beach commission.

Hans has a master's degree in public administration from Harvard and an MBA from Stanford. He is lending his policy expertise by helping to lead the group working with the city staff on the state-mandated housing element.

Hans is a homeowner and resident for nearly a decade. He is an involved father of a young family whose wife has deep ties in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Please vote for Hans Buder for city council.

Sharyn Siebert, Jeffrey Johnson, Carmel

'False and inflammatory'

Dear Editor,

It was disappointing to see you print Michael Hogan's "Killing eagles" letter which claims, "the U.S. Department of Energy has stated that the carbon reduction benefits of offshore wind are nil," and asks the question, "where are our national priorities if we are willing to sacrifice our national bird for no economic or carbon reduction benefit?"

A quick look at DOE's website shows that these claims are false. In fact, the DOE's Wind Energy Technologies Office claims, "The federal government has an

ambitious goal of deploying 30 gigawatts of new offshore wind energy by 2030, which would support 77,000 jobs, power 10 million homes, and cut 78 million metric tons of carbon emissions."

In terms of economic benefits, creating a new offshore wind industry in California would obviously create jobs as well as investment in new infrastructure.

For carbon reduction benefits, there are numerous life cycle assessments showing the global warming potential of offshore wind is dramatically lower than natural gas. In fact, offshore wind produces far less CO2 equivalent per kWh than natural gas even if the natural gas plant is implementing carbon capture and storage.

Granted, the killing of eagles is an issue, but solutions are being studied, such as automatic curtailment of turbines when eagles are detected, or creating transferable incidental take permits which would encourage locating turbines in lower-risk areas or alterations in turbine design.

It is an encouraging sign that at least the wind industry acknowledges its role in eagle deaths, whereas the fossil fuel industry has lied for decades about its role in climate change.

Furthermore, climate change is devastating all bird populations with the Audubon and American Bird Conservancy detailing impacts to bird range, migration, size, shape and population size.

At a time when we just recorded the hottest day in recorded history, it is irresponsible to print these false and inflammatory claims.

Eric Tarantino, Carmel Valley

When a tree falls

Dear Editor:

I'd like to alert the readers of The Pine Cone to a potential problem many homeowners in Carmel may face. It has to do with trees on city property which fall and cause property damage.

A tree on city property located in front of our house, between our property line and the street, was blown down by the Feb. 4 wind-storm. It damaged two fences and our roof

and the upended roots tore up our driveway. It also caused major damage to our neighbor's house. I contacted city hall and they recommended I fill out a damage report and supplement it with pictures, copies of bills from various driveway, fence and roof repair companies, and turn it into the city. I assumed that the city would be liable due to the tree being a city tree on city property.

After doing the submittal and waiting a month or so, I was contacted by the city's insurance company and asked to resubmit all the pictures and to explain again what had happened. After waiting another month for reimbursement from the city, I was told by the insurance company that the city has zero liability for this kind of damage based on Government Code 835, unless there was a prior complaint to the city citing a "dangerous condition" regarding the tree. Meaning: I was on the hook for the damages caused by a city tree damaging my property.

It appears that there is no recourse when a tree on city property falls onto your house and causes damage. So, I propose that Carmel property owners do the following if you would like the city to bear the proper financial responsibility when their trees damage your property: take a picture of every city tree that might fall on your property (house, gates, landscaping, car) and submit it to the city clerk as a possible "dangerous condition." If the city doesn't remedy the situation, and the tree falls and causes damage, you will have been covered, and the city might then be liable for not correcting the situation. That's your only chance to not have to pay for a city-caused issue.

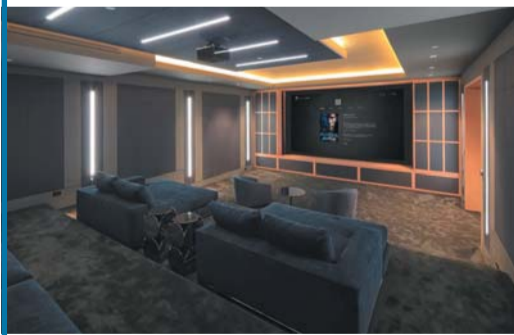
Lane Nonnenberg, Carmel

Doing what we ought

Dear Editor,

Bravo for your reporting on the Carmel Valley River Watershed repair. The news is indeed welcomed by us all that use, enjoy and reside close to the watershed. These days, getting federal, state and local authorities to talk to each other — let alone work together, agree and ink a

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BUS LINE

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The agency noted that the tracks haven't been used since 1971.

"The corridor contains the derelict railroad tracks of the former Southern Pacific-owned railway, some of which have been subsumed under the sand dunes," the report reads. "Much of corridor is now essentially a 100-foot-wide swath of sandy dune habitat with exposed rail segments."

Carl Sedoryk, CEO of Monterey-Salinas Transit, told The Pine Cone that the delay in the hearing will give MST and the coastal commission an opportunity to bridge some of their differences.

Sedoryk contends that his staff at MST believe "there is room enough" along the rail corridor for "both a rail and a bus project to co-exist."

"We have an opportunity over the next month to show the coastal commission that impacts on the environmentally

sensitive habitat area are not as large as they assumed, and that the benefits of the project are greater than what may have been assumed," he said. "The harm is less and the benefits are greater."

Sedoryk contends the habitat the bus line will impact has been "seriously degraded."

Nevertheless, to help mitigate those impacts, Sedoryk said native vegetation will be planted on more than 60 acres of parkland elsewhere.

TAMC likes it

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County, which owns the land where the bus line would be built, said the project will improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase transit use and reduce Highway 1 traffic.

TAMC suggested that those who ride the bus line could one day be the envy of their traffic-bound counterparts along Highway 1 — and they paint an idyllic image of what the experience will be like. The bus line would be placed 80-200 feet

west of Highway 1. "There's something so satisfying about seeing your friends stuck in traffic while you comfortably cruise past 6 miles of rhythmically flashing brake lights on your own Highway 1 bus way, waving to drivers stuck in stop-and-go traffic on one side and watching the sunset and waves crash on the beach on the other," the agency said.

Besides MST and TAMC, those endorsing the project include Sen. John Laird, Assemblymember Dawn Addis, 4th District Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, California State Parks and Land Watch Monterey County.

While some have hailed the project for its potential to make it easier for disadvantaged people to access Fort Ord Dunes State Park — 75 percent of MST's riders are minorities and 63 percent don't have a valid driver's license — an opponent of the project, Bryan Rosen of Monterey, suggested the bus line won't actually bring equity to local residents.

"After getting off the bus, one will have to walk under the freeway and up a

hill," which Rosen described as "quite a long walk." "People can already access the desirable section of the park from the Marina and Sand City sides," he suggested.

Instead of building a bus line, Rosen wants to see rail revived, and new tracks installed.

"Rail is a much better alternative," he added. "Putting in rail will have little environmental impact as a railroad berm with tracks on it is already in place."

Road vs. dunes

Also speaking out against the project is attorney Molly Erickson, who represents a group called Keep Fort Ord Wild. Erickson said her group has concerns about the road's impact on endangered species habitat, and public access to the beach, the state park and recreational activities.

She pointed out the coastal commission has previously determined that the project's impact to dune habitat would violate the Coastal Act. "Where else has anyone

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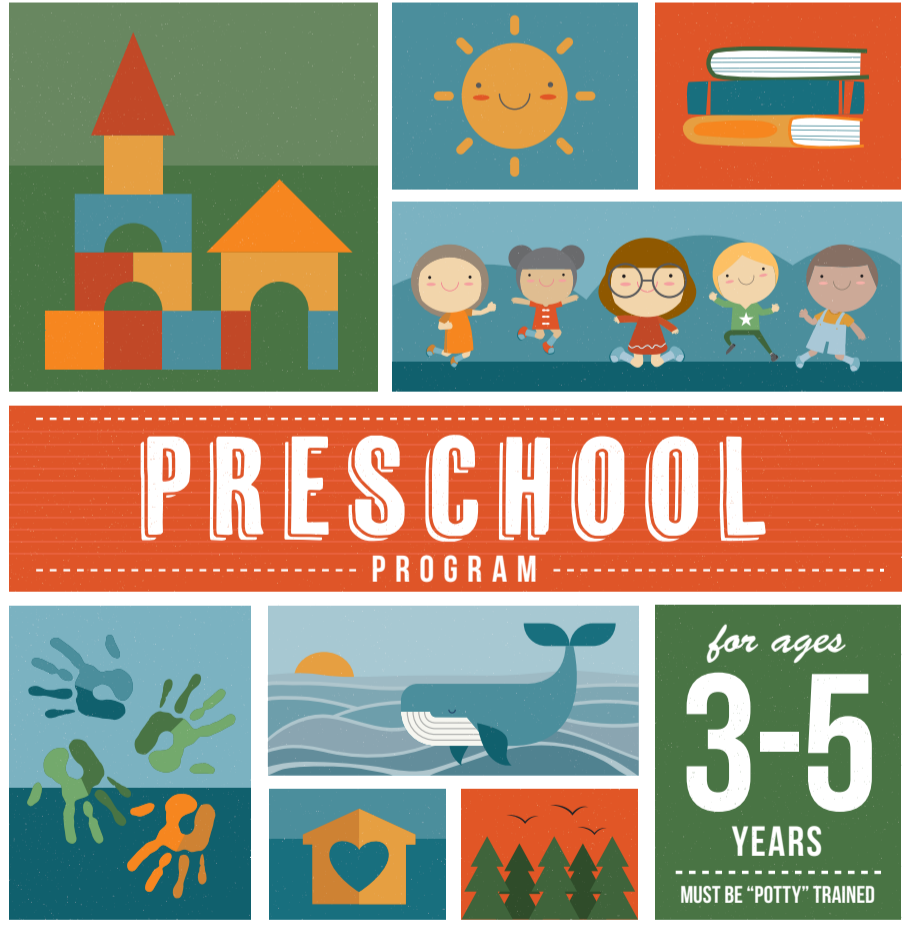


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LIVES

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to know me. Clint Eastwood came to hear me. I just kept coming back.”

Davis found a studio apartment and a day job as a project manager and moved here in September 2008. One night at Mission Ranch, Denny LeVett stopped in with friends, heard her and invited her to sing in the living room of the Cypress Inn on the last two nights of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am in 2009. She had no idea who he was or that he and Doris Day were co-owners of the revered hotel. Coincidentally, Davis said, Day was a defining influence for her as a singer.

Dazzling dream

The following year, LeVett asked her to reprise her 2009 show with Loktionov during the AT&T. “We did, and the two of us have done that show every weekend for the past 15 years.” That included the weekend seven years ago when Davis learned of the death of 48-year-old Shannon from the long-term effects of diabetes and heart disease.

“I wasn’t going to perform, but Gennady convinced me I should. The living room of the Cypress Inn was Shannon’s favorite place to be and was packed with those who knew and loved her. That night was profoundly meaningful and special for me.

“People are surprised to learn I’ve had no formal training. I can’t read music,” she said. “During the show I’m

often asked where I studied and I say, ‘Here, in my living room.’” Davis has always known she could sing and since childhood dreamed of doing it professionally. Singing in Day’s hotel is a dazzling fulfillment of that dream. Davis called it, “an affirmation of my deeply held faith and the gift I’ve been given.” She treats dressing up and singing beautiful songs in a beautiful room with a world-renowned pianist as a great privilege.

“I get to sing for friends and for those who come in as strangers but leave as friends. When I bring tears or smiles to someone’s eyes — and I do — I know I’m doing my job. What I do there is what I was born to do.”

ARTISTS

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get their creative juices flowing,” she said. “It’s mostly about learning to explore and seeing what comes from that.”

In 2013 and 2014, Puryear served as executive director of the Pacific Grove Art Center, where she helped institute several programs that still exist. She left that job when her mother became ill.

Her show at Testarossa tasting room will officially launch Saturday with a two-hour artist reception, beginning at noon. In honor of National Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month, Puryear will donate a percentage of each sale to the Northern California Alzheimer’s Association in memory of her mother.

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deal — no doubt took some doing. The Pine Cone is right to call out Jimmy Panetta’s tireless work across the aisle and across the agencies to deliver results for California’s 19th. Methinks it doesn’t happen without him. So in this day and age where both representatives and the mastheads spend altogether too much time “building national brand awareness” in the media — social and otherwise — teasing and taunting the other side, flinging red meat to the caged, corrosive choruses, it’s nice to see we have here several institutions “doing their job.” Panetta is governing the old-fashioned way, the way it’s supposed to be done, and The Pine Cone also is reporting what it ought.

Peter Nielsen, *Pebble Beach*

87th season in the books

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Carmel Bach Festival, I am writing to say, “Thank you!” to all who supported our 87th season. Local businesses donated food and wine, more than 150 volunteers staffed our events, artists donated artwork for our raffle, homeowners donated housing, and venues hosted our concerts. Our musicians traveled from around the world and were welcomed with open arms. Many of our musicians have been performing at the festival for decades. They come here for world-class music-making and the collaborative, loving ethos of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Nathan Lutz, *Executive Director Carmel Bach Festival*

ASBESTOS

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from Dr. Steven MacDonald, D.C.

Dr. MacDonald’s specialty is the Cervical Spine and Skull alignment. The skull and the cervical spine (Cranial-Cervical segment) must be in alignment to keep the rest of the body in balance. This section of the spine houses and protects the most important area of the central nervous system—the brain and brainstem. There are also so many life forces housed here, often called the mouth of God where the skull meets the cervical spine. The nervous system, Cerebral spinal fluid, circulatory system must be able to flow freely here to keep us healthy. Head and neck injuries and stress can misalign this area and interfere with these systems. Old and new injuries can hurt this spinal alignment and then be the cause of many of the symptoms people have today and distort posture later in life. Headaches can occur, balance problems, middle ear problems, neck and shoulder pain, mid and low back pain, poor memory, brain fog, blurred vision, speech, mood, depression, numbness and tingling, constipation, Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue. Cranial-Cervical misalignment can hurt every system in the body. It’s not something to take lightly.

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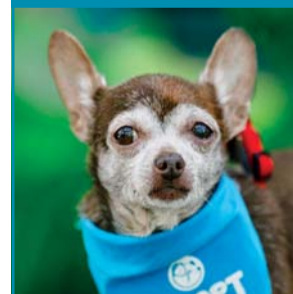
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ELECTION

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his campaign \$3,100.

His donors include Ann Flower, Terrill Dahl, Brodie Keast and Robert Gotch, all Carmel residents, and the \$604 in incurred expenses so far are listed as “credit card charges.”

Byrne’s campaign garnered \$1,000 from Robert and Linda Houts — whose city of residence is redacted on the form — \$200 from Carmel Valley residents Peter and Teuta Yengst, and \$80 from himself. Byrne also loaned his campaign \$1,000 and donated \$184 in web services, and bills paid during the period include \$563 to Carmel resident Maria Sutherland for graphic design, \$77 for checks and \$16 for a social media subscription.

O’Neil received \$1,950 in contributions from seven donors, including \$500 from David Nader and \$500 from Diane Wilcox. Two contributors — Ali McDaniel

and Stephen Neece — live within the city limits, while the others reside in unincorporated Carmel, Pacific Grove, Menlo Park and Oceanside. O’Neil also loaned his campaign \$1,000.

Printing and food

He has so far spent more than the other candidates who filed financial statements, incurring \$3,913.83 in bills for various marketing materials provided by Vista Print in Waltham, Mass., food from 5th Avenue Deli in Carmel for his kick-off party, postage and other items.

Mayor Dave Potter is also planning to run again and said Thursday he hasn’t returned his nomination form yet because a few of the people he wants to sign it are out of town.

Brian Sours also took out papers for the city council race but hasn’t returned them.

Councilman Bobby Richards announced a couple of weeks ago that he’s decided not to run for reelection, and Ferlito has been mum on the subject but has not contacted city clerk Nova Romero to pull her papers.

SURF

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proposed a road over dunes?” Erickson asked.

Responding to one of the project’s stated goals, Erickson said if MST wants to reduce greenhouse gases, it should start using zero-emission buses. “They could make the change right now,” she said.

As for the efficiency of its operations,

Erickson suggested adding more routes. “MST could increase bus frequency from every 30 minutes to every 10 or 15 minutes during the morning commute.”

Aside from increasing the efficiency of service during peak times, Erickson said bus riders will actually travel more slowly than their Highway 1 counterparts during non-peak times.

“During most of the day and night, the buses on the bus road would travel slower than buses traveling along Highway 1 at freeway speed,” she added.

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STR

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is “impacting the maintenance of Schulte Road.”

Another speaker, Larry Bacon of the Carmel Valley Association, said the permit shouldn’t be granted because the county-wide STR ordinance that’s in the works “would not allow this type of use on this property.”

Case ‘had no merit’

The family contends they have received no complaints about noise in the five years they’ve been there, and while they did operate a short-term rental without a permit, they insisted they paid their hotel taxes. The county noted a code enforcement case was opened for some kind of violation, but after investigating, found that the case “had no merit and was closed.”

After the couple made a presentation and the public comment period ended, the planning commission discussed the issue before agreeing that the homeowners need to revise their application so that only one house is rented out and that only six guests

are allowed to stay each night. Also, the permit would run for three years — unless the county passes its long-awaited STR ordinances before it expires — and then the Lewis’ business would have to conform to the new rules.

GAVEL

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products sold by Rubystar included flavors designed to appeal to youth, such as “watermelon sour peach,” “white gummy,” and “vanilla ice cream,” among other flavors.

DA investigators also found that Rubystar was selling packaged “magic gummies” in wrapping shaped like a mushroom that a clerk described as “psychedelic.” Testing later revealed that these “magic gummies” contained psilocybin, a hallucinogenic controlled substance that is illegal to sell in California. The magic gummies were professionally packaged and did not disclose on the packaging that they contained psilocybin. Additionally, upon scanning the QR code on the packaging, it appeared the product was counterfeit and not manufactured by the business named on the label.

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Section 2

Catalina grad dreams big as she transfers from Cal Poly to UCLA

A SMALL-TOWN girl from a petite Monterey high school is savoring a dream-come-true opportunity to finish her collegiate softball career on one of the nation's elite NCAA Division I teams.

The pond just keeps getting bigger for Jessica Clements, a Marina resident who became a big fish at Santa Catalina High (about 400 students) and spent the past four years as a record-setting leadoff hitter at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo.

With one remaining year of athletic eligibility (she rehabbed an ankle injury as a freshman), Clements has transferred to UCLA, a school that has played in 22 NCAA championship games since 1982, winning the Women's College World Series 12 times — more than any other program in the country.

She'll enroll this fall as a first-year graduate student and

Her season-ending .464 batting average ranked No. 4 in the nation — and she was No. 1 for a short time in April.

"I had no idea about that, because I don't pay a whole lot of attention to that stuff. My dad is the one who called and told me," Clements said with a laugh. "I didn't believe him at first — I thought it was a joke."

Her .526 on-base percentage ranked 15th. Among more than 6,000 D-1 softball players, she ranked No. 31 on the list of most difficult to strike out.

Team leader

She led the team in hits (with 22 more than her nearest teammate), doubles, home runs, total bases, slugging percentage and stolen bases, and was third in RBI — unheard of for a leadoff hitter.

As the starting center fielder, she committed just one error all season for the Mustangs.

Clements already had entered the NCAA's transfer portal in late April, and had made recruiting visits to Duke, Mississippi State and San Diego State by the time she picked up her Bachelor of Arts degree in agribusiness on June 15.

"I loved all of those schools — had no problem with any of them," said Clements, who also had sent unrequited inquiries to UCLA.

Late invitation

On June 16 — the day after graduation — she received an email from UCLA assistant coach Lisa Fernandez (one of the greatest softball pitchers in U.S. history) inviting her to tour the campus and facilities as soon as possible.

"It was all very spur-of-the-moment, and they also were very transparent from the start — they told me they



PHOTO/COURTESY JESSICA CLEMENTS

Jessica Clements, from small-town Marina and small-school Santa Catalina, will finish her college career with the most accomplished NCAA softball program in history, the UCLA Bruins.

already had made a scholarship offer to somebody else — so I knew my odds weren't very good," she said. "So I made a day trip, met with all the coaches and an advisor, and by the end I knew UCLA was the place for me. It was a no-brainer."

To her surprise, the coaches (head coach Kelly Inouye-Perez and assistants Fernandez and Kirk Walker) handed Clements a full scholarship offer.

"I was shocked. I literally was trying not to smile too big when they handed me the offer. I mean, they kind of have their pick of the athletes they want," she said.

"I felt excitement and nervousness and fear," Clements

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

is expected to compete for a starting outfield spot on the team that won the 2024 Pac-12 Conference regular-season championship, the Pac-12 postseason tournament, the regional and super-regional, and was eliminated in the national quarterfinals by a 1-0 loss to eventual-champion Oklahoma. The Bruins' overall record was 43-12.

Center field and leadoff

"Two of their outfielders graduated, leaving center field and left field open," Clements said. "Obviously, nothing is handed to you — they've made no promises — but if I'm working hard, executing, and doing all of the things I should be doing, I imagine myself playing center field and leading off in the lineup."

Based on her accomplishments at Cal Poly — also a Division I school — those lofty aspirations seem entirely realistic.

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confessed. "Playing for Cal Poly in the Big West Conference also is also D-1 softball — we even played some of the same teams — but it's just not the same level of competition."

She'll join a squad that has 16 returning players, including both starting pitchers — junior-to-be Taylor Tinsley (18-8, 1.90 earned-run average) and sophomore lefty Kaitlin Terry (21-3, 1.24).

The Bruins also have commitments from three of the nation's top freshmen recruits (source: perfectgame.org), including second baseman Jolyna Lamar, from Cary, N.C., who is ranked No. 3.

'Doesn't feel real yet'

"I still can't believe it," she said. "I mean, I bought a shirt when I was there, but it doesn't feel real yet, and I don't think it will until I actually get down there."

"I know I have some big shoes to fill, stepping into all that tradition, but I've always wanted to play with the big dogs. Now I'm going to get my shot."

It was the culmination of a longtime dream for Clements, who was all-league three times but was sidelined two games into her senior season with a severe ankle injury.

"I got total reconstruction surgery on Feb. 28, 2020, and had a year-long recovery during Covid. That was a rough year," she said. "I was still recovering when I got to Cal Poly for my freshman year, and had to take a redshirt year."

In 2022, after a year-and-a-half away from the sport, she batted .396 as a redshirt freshman, and was one of 25 finalists for Division I National Freshman of the Year.

In 2023, her sophomore year of eligibility, she batted .370, earned

All-Big West Conference for the second year in a row, and was named to the All-West Region third team.

She entered her junior year at Cal Poly as the leading hitter in school history (.387 career) and batted .464, almost entirely from the leadoff spot.

"I've batted leadoff most of my life — it's always been a comfort spot for me," she said. "I love getting the party going. I love being the one to clutch up and get things done."

Classes begin for Clements on Sept. 25, but she's been asked to report on Sept. 18 to attend team meetings and orientation events.

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PHOTO/COURTESY JESSICA CLEMENTS

"I love to get the party going," said Clements, a record-setting leadoff hitter and team sparkplug who led Cal Poly in nearly every offensive category.



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are in town for "for two weeks of intensive learning, rehearsal, and performances."

The Wednesday program includes music by composers **Francis Poulenc, Amy Beach, Elliott Carter, Giulio Briccialdi and Valerie Coleman.**

Concerts are set for Aug. 7, 9, 12 and 16. Hidden Valley is located at Carmel Valley and Ford roads. Visit hidden-valleymusic.org.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

The first gig is set for Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., featuring flutist **Seth Morris**, oboist **Mary Lynch Vander Kolk**, clarinetist **Anton Rist**, bassoonist **Harrison Miller**, hornist **Rebekah Daley** and pianist **Joanne Chang**. Performers during the series include "17 of America's finest young woodwind players," along with "five master teachers." All

Composers showcased

Also at Hidden Valley, **The Monterey County Composers' Forum** presents "A Gust of August," a concert of new music by local composers and songwriters, Sunday at 3 p.m. "Nine diverse new works will be unveiled," the forum said.

The music will be performed by the **Youth Music Monterey County Flute Duo and Guitar Ensemble Monterey**. The composers showcased include **David Canright, Jose Chaidez, Alejandro Gatica, Paula Kaiser, Carleton Macy, Judi Moncrief, Douglas Ovens, Julie Roseman, and Dale Victorine.** Tickets are \$15.

Back in Monterey

One year after playing here for the first time, **The Gipsy Kings** return Wednesday, 8 p.m., to Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

A French guitar ensemble that brings together flamenco and pop music, the Gipsy Kings attained global success in the late 1980s with hit songs like "Bamboléo," "Volare" and "Bailame." Seven of the group's albums, meanwhile, topped Billboard's world music charts.

While the Gipsy Kings' lineup has gone through many changes since 1979, singer **Nicolas Reyes** — whose powerful voice drove its early hits — remains its frontman.



Oboist Mary Lynch Vander Kolk and others perform Wednesday at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley.

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FOOD & WINE

Passionfish still swimming, Taco Tuesdays, and a garden party

THE NEW owners of Passionfish in Pacific Grove told The Pine Cone they want to make three things crystal clear, no matter what you may have heard. One, the restaurant is open with no plans to close. Second, its menu will remain as-is for the foreseeable future. Finally, they plan to continue Ted and Cindy Walter's legacy of serving sustainable local seafood.

Berk Guvenc and his mother, Meral Alpay, have been

Soup to Nuts

in charge of the restaurant on Lighthouse Avenue since July 8. Along with family patriarch Jay Alpay, they also bought the Fishwife in Pacific Grove a few years back.

The family is originally from Turkey and had several successful Turkish restaurants in the San Francisco area, with Meral cooking from her grandmother's recipes. One of the eateries, Tuba, earned a three-star Michelin rating,



Barmel at San Carlos and Seventh continues its tradition of Taco Tuesdays as it prepares for Car Week.

she said. Another was featured on "Check Please, Bay Area" on KQED, which Jay said "changed everything" in the best possible way. "We had to put up signs saying 'we have no tables left tonight' — a good problem to have, right?"

Respect

When the family purchased the Fishwife, founded in 1986 and one of the oldest continuously operating restaurants on the Peninsula, trepidatious locals and regulars from out of town were pleased to see very few changes. Online reviews written by people who made a point of dining there whenever they came to town noted that it was just as they remembered it.

Guvenc and his mother hope Passionfish loyalists will feel the same about their favorite spot. Why mess with a good thing, after all? They expressed great respect for the Walters — who have retired after more than 25 years in the business — and what they've accomplished. "We really admire Cindy and Ted. What they've done here is incredible," commented Jay.

Indeed, the Walters were leaders in the sustainable seafood movement, working with the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch program back when it published its first consumer guide in 1999.

Same staff

Guvenc has already started making the rounds of farmers markets and can tell you where to get the best peaches on Fridays and the finest, most flavorful tomatoes. He's also using the same seafood purveyors as the Walters. The sous chef and staff remain on board, and the wine program will still be run by Janna Lizza and Eugenia Flores, who have curated an eclectic, accessible and interesting list with a range of price points.

That doesn't mean Alpay won't bring some of her grandmother's influence to the kitchen, but you can think



Berk Guvenc and his mom, Meral Alpay, are the new owners of Passionfish in P.G. — with no plans to change its proven approach to seafood.

of it as sort of "Passionfish Plus" — all the hits with special dishes to spice things up. Guvenc said she made dolmas stuffed with local artichokes as an appetizer last week and the dish sold out in less than 90 minutes.

There might be a few more plates for landlubbers. Alpay mentioned a dish called Sultan's Delight, which her son described as a lamb stew served over smoky eggplant.

The family already has the support of another of the city's institutions, longtime P.G. Chamber of Commerce president-turned-business consultant Moe Ammar. He called them "the perfect restaurateurs who have the business savvy to preserve all elements of the operation. Passionfish is in good hands."

■ Barmel's revving up

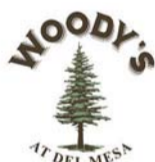
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■ Go to a garden party

Holman Ranch is throwing a summer garden party at its historic Hacienda in Carmel Valley on Sunday, Aug. 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. Paradise Catering will provide hors d'oeuvres and the \$70 ticket (\$55 for wine club members) includes a glass of estate-grown wine. Bottles will be available for purchase to enjoy throughout the afternoon.

The pool will be open, so if you'd like to take a dip, bring your suit, a towel and some sunscreen. Come to think of it, that sunscreen's probably a good idea even if you're not going for a swim. There will be lawn games and guests are invited to "take a leisurely stroll through the grounds," too. This is a strictly

grownup event for those 21 and older, and you'll have to leave the pets at home. Make reservations at Exploretock.com.

■ Dinners at Happy Girl

Pacific Grove's Happy Girl Kitchen (173 Central Ave., happygirlkitchen.com) has hosted lots of interesting workshops over the years, teaching locals about making preserves, growing sourdough starter, and other kitchen arts. It used to be home to monthly dinners, too, until the pandemic did away with communal dining.

According to a recent Happy Girl email, though, community dinners are back by popular demand, with the first two scheduled for Aug. 23 and Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.

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Holman Ranch is planning a summer garden party at its historic Hacienda in Carmel Valley for late August.

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Chamber partners with residents group

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH THE days of the Carmel Residents Association clashing with city businesses in the past, the Carmel Chamber of Commerce is collaborating with the CRA to benefit all sides.

“The Carmel Chamber of Commerce recognizes how important our merchants and restaurants are to our local community and economy,” chamber communications director Kimberlie Guerrieri said. “That’s why we are pleased to announce that in partnership with the Carmel Residents Association, we are supporting their shop-local program — the Village Incentive Program, where local merchants can offer discounts to CRA members.”

The CRA has more than 900 members and refers to itself as “the premier community civic nonprofit organization for residents, including owners and renters, in Carmel-by-the-Sea,” while it also welcomes “everyone to join who cares for, fre-

quents and wants to stay connected to our ‘Village in the Forest by the Sea.’”

Monitoring local controversies and lobbying the city council about things important to residents remain important parts of its mission, but the CRA’s leadership in recent years has worked to build more bridges between its membership and local business interests and has developed a sizable social component. It also continues to organize civic projects, including its monthly beach clean-up.

Guerrieri encouraged chamber members, which number around 500 and include businesses, to sign up to offer discounts to CRA members.

There is no cost to shops, restaurants, tasting rooms and others who want to participate, and those who do automatically become VIP Business Members of the CRA, she said, adding that the program is “a great way to get your business in front of 900-plus locals who are interested in supporting local businesses.”

MEALS

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“Late summer provides the most amazing local produce and you are sure to be delighted!” read the missive, which also notes that the owners will be heading up the evening’s festivities. “Jordan Champagne is going to be the chef and Todd Champagne the emcee — so it will be delicious and entertaining.”

The menus for the seven-course vegetarian affairs will be released the week before and will feature fresh local ingredients. Cost is \$95 per person.

In addition, upcoming workshops at \$125 apiece include sourdough bread baking (Aug. 14), summer jam making (Aug. 15), pickling (Aug. 19) and homemade cheese and yogurt (Sept. 19).

There are several others, as well — you can view full descriptions and register at the website by clicking on the Workshops and Events tab.



Peter B’s Brewpub in Monterey is serving Berry High Dive, a wheat beer, to honor Team USA.

pickles, jack cheese and secret sauce on open-face rye bread with seasoned ranch fries, all for \$15.

Berry High Dive is a \$7 glass of fruited wheat beer with “red raspberries, white wheat, and blueberries” in the flavor profile. The brewer notes that black currants were added for a “lovely tannic and tea-like note” to make a beer that’s “the absolute essence of summer,” adding that it’s “not too sweet, balanced by the tartness from the raspberries.” There is also a list of \$8 drink specials including hard seltzer and other summer favorites.

And if you missed Snoop Dogg’s commentary on badminton, you should look it up as soon as you’re done with this week’s paper. You will not be sorry.

This week’s column was written by Elaine Hesser.

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Open Thursday through Monday from 4 to 10 p.m., the eatery — with 18 big-screen TVs — has a few specials to try while you watch Team USA swim, cycle, dive, vault, run and play some serious games involving throwing, hitting, shooting and running about with various sorts of balls.

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PHOTOGRAPHERS CELEBRATE DOGS, HISTORY MUSEUM OFFERS ART MARKETPLACE

THE CENTER for Photographic Art is going to the dogs.

This Saturday, the downtown gallery at Sunset Center unveils its inaugural “The Dog Days of Summer” exhibit, which celebrates man’s best friend in both black and white and color. The gallery will be the site of a public reception at 4 p.m.

is at San Carlos and Ninth. For more details, visit photography.org.

Supporting local artists

The Pacific Grove Natural History Museum hosts its monthly Artist Marketplace Aug. 2, which coincides with

the town’s First Fridays celebration.

“Join us for a fantastic evening of artwork,” the museum invited. “Maria Klos will be at the museum with her work, and fellow artists will be selling incredibly beautiful prints, stickers, shirts and more — which makes this the perfect time to buy something gorgeous from a local artist.” The marketplace starts at 6 p.m. The museum is located at 165 Forest Ave.

Besides the museum’s marketplace and a bounty of live music, First Fridays showcase many downtown shops and galleries, which stay open late.

Participants include Artisana Gallery, which always has an interesting display of new local art, and the Pacific Grove Art Center, which has four shows on display through the end of August.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Curated by fine art photographer and gallery owner Jan Potts, the show includes 59 pieces submitted by more than three dozen camera enthusiasts near and far. There’s even an image of Doris Day’s poodle, “Smudgie,” riding in a convertible.

“We don’t want the public to miss the chance to see this incredible survey of dog photography,” executive director Ann Jastrab told The Pine Cone. “If you love dogs and you love photography, this is the event for you.”

Preceding the reception at 3 p.m., a noted collector of canine photography, Peter Federman, presents a free talk on the topic.

Highlighting the good work of the local group, Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, the gallery will have a Wine and Adoptable Dogs Yappy Hour Aug. 10 at 2 p.m., and the public is invited.

The show is on display through Sept. 8. Sunset Center



This unforgettable image by the late photographer Elliott Erwit is included in a show that celebrates dogs.

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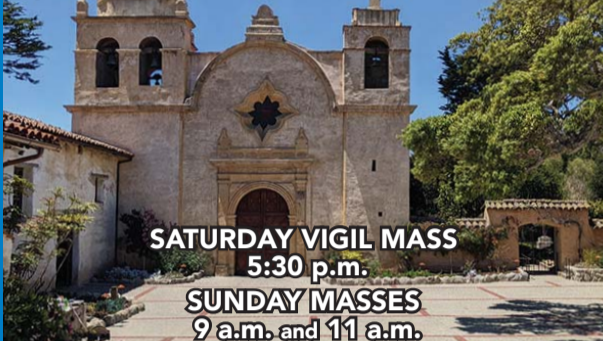
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Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove — guitarist **Javier Sanchez** (Latin American music, Friday at 6:30 p.m.). 800 Asilomar Ave.

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Tony Burciaga** (Sunday at 7 p.m.). In Carmel Square on San Carlos just north of Seventh.

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Saturday at noon), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock, folk and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur River Inn — **The Zach Westfall Quartet** (jazz, 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.



Queentide plays "salty grunge-rock with a fresh, indie twist" Saturday, 10 p.m., at Fernwood Resort in Big Sur.

Bon Ton LeRoy's Lighthouse Smokehouse in Monterey — 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** (jazz, Sunday at 6 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.

Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Lok-**

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TUNES

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tionov 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.

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

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



Lost and Found (top) rocks Sly McFly's in Monterey Friday, while singer and guitarist Adrea Castiano plays Thursday at La Playa Hotel.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **Queentide** ("salty grunge with an indie twist," Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Folktales Winery in Carmel Valley — **Two Rivers** with singer **Richard Bryant** and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The Monterey Jazz Festival Regional All-Stars** (Sunday at 11 a.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

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

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Friday at 6 p.m.), 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.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — guitarist **Gil Cadilli** (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Saturday at 5 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

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

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.

Jewel Park in Pacific Grove — **Yeobo** (indie rock, Friday at 5 p.m.). Forest and Central.

Juice 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 Ben Herod Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), guitarist **Catherine Broz** (Spanish music, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.) **Andrea's Fault Duo** ("folky stuff mixed with surprises," Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rachel Williams** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

La Playa Hotel — singer and guitar-

ist **Adrea Castiano** (Thursday at 5 p.m.), **Bud's Bar**, Camino Real and Eighth, Carmel.

The Links Club — **Matt Masih & the Messengers** (funk and soul, Friday at 7 p.m.), **Yeobo** (indie rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.), Singer-Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Lucy's on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove — **Kindred Soul** (rock and blues, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The Edge Band** (rock and country, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

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

Midici Pizza in Monterey — singer **Jaqui Hope** and keyboardist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), **The David Morwood Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

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S/Siempreviva Haro
Date signed: June 24, 2024
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Publication Dates: July 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 2024 (PC 736)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241364
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Registered Owner(s): ROBERTO JAMES QUINONES, 302 Costa Del Mar Road, Marina, CA 93933.
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File No. 20241385
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S/Michelle Ricketson, Managing Member
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Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
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Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: CHARBAR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 1016 Benito Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
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I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
S/Meral Alpay, CEO
Date: July 8, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 10, 2024.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: July 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 2024. (PC 744)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 24CV003006
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, LORENZO MOSLEY, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: LORENZO MOSLEY
Proposed name: LORENZO HUNTER
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Sept. 13, 2024
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: 14
The address of the court is 1200 Agua-

jito 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. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: July 19, 2024
Publication Dates: July 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 2024. (PC 747)

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement

Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. Seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, tools, and /or other misc. items.
Auction to be held at **4:00 pm on August 14, 2024.**
www.selfstorageauction.com
The property is stored at: StoragePro of Carmel 9640 Carmel Valley Rd. Carmel, CA 93923
Name of Tenants Joseph Skaro

8/2/24
CNS-3835860#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Aug. 2, 2024. (PC 801)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241372
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **INDIGO BUILDERS LLC, 209 Canal St, King City, CA 93930** County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): INDIGO BUILDERS LLC, 209 Canal St, King City, CA 93930
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
INDIGO BUILDERS LLC S/Justo Rojo, Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 07/15/2024.
8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23/24
CNS-3830251#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024. (PC 802)

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement

Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. seq.) Auction to be held at **4:00PM on August 23, 2024** at **www.selfstorageauction.com.**
The property is stored at: **Marina U Store Self Storage 475 Reservation Road**

Marina, CA 93933

Jaden Diego Brown
8/2/24
CNS-3837125#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Aug. 2, 2024. (PC 803)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2024183
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CALIFORNIA DISTILLING CO., 425 Alta St. Bldg. 15, Gonzales, CA 93926.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: FOG'S END DISTILLERY, LLC, P.O. Box 2102, Gonzales, CA 93926.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
S/Henry Wales, Member
Date: June 12, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 12, 2024.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024. (PC 805)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241250
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
BESPOKE DYNAMICS, 1380 JOSS-ELYN CANYON RD APT 20 MONTEREY, CA 93940, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): CAMERON LANGSHAW
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE S/ CAMERON LANGSHAW
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 06/25/2024
7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2/24
CNS-3824618#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 2024. (PC 712)

Date signed: July 8, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 8, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 2024 (PC 711)

Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
S/Aimee Warren, Vice President
Date: July 5, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 5, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 2024. (PC 718)

names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Franice T. Nissen
Date signed: July 5, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 5, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 2024 (PC 719)

Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
S/Madalynn Crouch, Managing Member
Date: July 1, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 1, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 2024. (PC 720)

the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
INCA LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, P.O. Box 3281, Carmel, CA 93921.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 2, 1981.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).
S/Ashley Callau, CEO
Date: June 24, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 24, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 2024. (PC 722)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241327
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BELLA PIEL SKINCARE, 2 NW of 7th on San Carlos, Carmel by the Sea, CA 93923.
Registered Owner(s): MICHELLE RICKETSON, 42 Southbank Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Michelle Ricketson

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241322
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PRECISION WATER PURIFICATION, 1738 Hickory Street, Suite C, Sand City, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: PRECISION PLUMBING CONTRACTORS INC
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241323
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ROSS NISSEN FARMS, 26185 Rinconada Drive, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
Registered Owner(s): ROSS NISSEN, FRANCINE NISSEN
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241314
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MR. ROOTER PLUMBING OF MONTEREY, 26030 Mesa Dr., Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: MCGA VENTURES LLC
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241273
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: INCA LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, 2210 Del Monte Ave., Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, CALIFORNIA

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

for FY 2023/2024 Storm Drain Improvement Projects

Notice is hereby given that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is soliciting bids from qualified Contractors for work including but not limited to:

Pavement trenching, demolition of existing storm drain facilities including piping and concrete structures, additionally, installation of new PVC and HDPE storm drain pipe, concrete structures including catch basins, manholes and headwalls. The disturbed areas will be restored to pre-construction conditions via trench and asphalt reconstruction. The various work will take place on Lincoln Street between 1st Avenue and 2nd Avenue, 2nd Avenue between Lincoln Street and Monte Verde Street, 11th Avenue between Carmelo Street and San Antonio Avenue, Santa Fe Street between 8th Avenue and 9th Avenue, and Acacia Way at Flanders Way.

There will be a Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Tour at 10:00 AM on August 14, 2024, at the intersection of Lincoln Street and 2nd Avenue. This meeting will allow bidders to receive an overview of the project, review the working areas, and ask questions.

The Invitation for Bids is available at http://ci.carmel.ca.us/carmel (under the tab "I Want to" "Submit a Bid or Proposal") or by contacting Carmel Public Works Department at 831-620-2070. At the time of the Bid opening, the successful Bidder must be legally entitled to perform Contracts requiring Class A General Contractor's License. Questions regarding this solicitation are to be directed to Javier Hernandez, City Project Manager, at jhernandez@ci.carmel.ca.us. All questions must be submitted via email by August 23, 2024, at 5:00 PM. Responses will be posted on the City website at http://ci.carmel.ca.us by August 30, 2024, at 5:00 PM. Sealed Bids shall be received no later than 2:00 PM on Thursday, September 5, 2024 and shall be submitted to the attention of the City Clerk with the envelope clearly labeled FY 2023/2024 Storm Drain Improvement Projects and showing the name of the Contractor.

Bid may be hand delivered or mailed as follows:

US Post Office City of Carmel-By-the-Sea City Clerk P.O. Box CC Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921
OR
FedEx/UPS/ Courier Service or Hand Delivery City of Carmel-By-the-Sea City Clerk East side of Monte Verde between Ocean & Seventh Avenues Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921

Bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, at 2:00 PM on Thursday, September 5, 2024. Bids received after the stated deadline will be returned unopened.

Per Sections 1725.5, 1771.1, 1771.3, and 1771.4 of the Labor Code, this project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. All Contractors and Subcontractors shall be listed in the bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, and shall be currently registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the Labor Code.
Publication date: Aug. 2, 2024 (PC806)

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, CALIFORNIA

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

for NORTH SAN ANTONIO AVENUE PEDESTRIAN TRAIL REPAIRS PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is soliciting bids from qualified Contractors for work including but not limited to: the partial reconstruction of an existing pedestrian walkway, wood lagging retaining wall, and wood fence that were damaged during rainstorms; replacement of failed wood lagging and posts, and a new concrete pier cap, doveled into the existing piers, and removal and replacement in-kind of grape-stake fencing.

The contract and bidding documents are available at http://ci.carmel.ca.us (under the tab "I Want to Submit a Bid or Proposal").

There will be an Optional Site Tour scheduled for 2:00PM on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, starting at the corner of North San Antonio Avenue and 4th Avenue. The Pre-Bid Conference will allow bidders to receive an overview of the project and ask questions. All contractors are required to visit the site prior to the bid and must submit the Site Visit Certification form found in Appendix A: Bid Forms for Submittal, Page 14, with their bid.

Questions regarding this solicitation are to be directed to Diane Miller, Project Manager, at diane@asonio.com. All questions must be in writing, submitted via email by August 16, 2024, at 5:00 PM. Responses will be posted by Addendum on the City website at http://ci.carmel.ca.us by August 22, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

Bid may be hand delivered or mailed as follows:

US Post Office City of Carmel-By-the-Sea City Clerk P.O. Box CC Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921
OR
FedEx/UPS/ Courier Service or Hand Delivery City of Carmel-By-the-Sea City Clerk East side of Monte Verde between Ocean & Seventh Avenues Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921

Bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, at 2:00 PM on Thursday, August 29, 2024. Bids received after the stated deadline will be returned unopened. Bids must be accompanied by a ten percent (10%) bid bond, certified check, or cashier's check payable to "City of Carmel-by-the-Sea." Bid bonds shall be in original form and executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety. At the time of the Bid opening, the successful Bidder must be legally entitled to perform Contracts requiring a Class A General Engineering, or Class B General Building Contractor's License.

Per Sections 1725.5, 1771.1, 1771.3, and 1771.4 of the Labor Code, this project is subject to prevailing hourly rate of per diem wages for this locality and project and compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. All Contractors and Subcontractors shall be listed in the bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, and shall be currently registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the Labor Code.
Publication date: Aug. 2, 2024 (PC804)

INVITATION TO RESIDENTS TO SERVE ON THE CYPRESS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Cypress Fire Protection District is seeking interested residents to serve on the District Board. The five-member Board is the governing body of the District.

The Cypress Fire Protection District (CFPD; a local government entity) encompasses the areas of unincorporated Carmel, Jack's Peak/Aguijito and Josselyn Canyon/Del Monte Fairways. The District is responsible for providing fire protection, fire prevention, and first responder emergency medical services. The Board meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every other month at 2:00 p.m. at the Rio Road fire station, 3775 Rio Road, Carmel, CA.

Candidates must be a resident of the District, a citizen of the United States and a registered voter.

For more information, interested individuals may contact the Cypress Fire Protection District Assistant Fire Chief or the Secretary of the Board at 831-333-4621 or stop by the District's office at 2221 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

Scott Hanham
CFPD Board President

Publication dates:
July 26, Aug. 2, 2024
(PC729)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Commission will visit some or all the project sites in person as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend both the Tour and the Hearing.

This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. To participate via teleconference, use this link: https://ci-carmel-ca.us.zoom.us/j/87694638519?pwd=K4w04362BLwv9Vsc-DfRfzBfBNpdQ.9AKtceOvBjdOlshp. To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171. Webinar ID: 876 9463 8519. Passcode: 900382.

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

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

UP 24195 (Cultura)
Shari Polovneff, Property Owner
Lincoln Street 3 northeast of 6th Avenue
Block 55; Lot 16
APN: 010-138-010-000
UP 24195 (Cultura): Consideration of a Use Permit Amendment, UP 24195 (Cultura), to modify the allowed maximum indoor seating capacity of an existing restaurant from 112 to 96 seats located on Lincoln Street 3 northeast of 6th Avenue in the Service Commercial (SC) District.

DS 23-211 (Hendley Family L.P.)
John Scourkes Architecture, Architect
Mission Street 2 southeast of 13th Avenue
Block 141; Lot 4
APN: 010-161-011-000
DS 23211 (Hendley Family L.P.): Consideration of a Concept Design Study, DS 23211 (Hendley Family L.P.), for the demolition of more than 50 percent of the exterior walls of a 680-square-foot, one-story single-family residence, the full demolition of a 226-square-foot detached garage, and the construction of a 1,574-square-foot, two-story single-family residence and 200-square-foot detached garage located on Mission Street 2 southeast of 13th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

DS 24017 (Newman)
Holdren + Lietzke Architecture, Architect
Carmelo Street 3 southeast of 4th Avenue
Block GG; Lot 22
APN: 010-252-020-000
DS 24017 (Newman): Consideration of a Final Design Study, DS 24017 (Newman), and associated Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of two cottages totaling 1,195 square feet and the construction of a new 2,730-square-foot, two-story residence located on Carmelo Street 3 southeast of 4th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

DS 24193 (Cruz)
Claudio Ortiz Design Group, Inc., Architect
Monte Verde Street 3 northwest of 11th Avenue
Block E; Lot 13
APN: 010-185-007-000
DS 24193 (Cruz): Consideration of a Track One Design Study referral, DS 24913 (Cruz), for an amendment to the ex-

isting Design Study Approval, DS 23-298 (Cruz), with an active building permit, BP 240028 (Cruz - Garage), to replace the previously approved carport with a 200-square-foot detached garage in the front yard setback located on Monte Verde Street 3 northwest of 11th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

DS 23-108 (Chadwick)
Eric Miller Architects, Inc., Architect
Scenic Road 2 northwest of 8th Avenue
Block C2; Lots 10 and 11
APN: 010-312-026-000
DS 23-108 (Chadwick): Consideration of a Track 1 Design Study referral, DS 23-108 (Chadwick), and associated Coastal Development Permit for the installation of a driveway gate located on Scenic Road 2 northwest of 8th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District, Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay, and Beach/Riparian (BR) Overlay.

DS 22-057 (Lim)
Angie Phares, Designer
North Casanova Street 2 southeast of Palou Avenue
Block II; Lot 3
APN 010-225-003-000
DS 22-057 (Lim): Consideration of a Concept Design Study, DS 22-057 (Lim), for the demolition of an existing 1,053-square-foot, one-story single-family residence, inclusive of a 205-square-foot detached garage, and the construction of a 1,794-square-foot, two-story single-family residence, inclusive of a 286-square-foot attached garage, in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District, Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay, and Beach/Riparian (BR) Overlay.

DS 23-216 (Workman)
Eric Miller Architects, Inc., Architect
Casanova Street 4 northeast of 8th Avenue
Block B; Lot 12
APN: 010-195-011-000
DS 23-216 (Workman): Consideration of a Final Design Study, DS 23-216 (Workman), for the remodel of an existing 944-square foot, one-story single-family residence, the addition of 96 square feet of floor space to the first floor, and the construction of a new 390-square-foot second-story addition. The residence is located at Casanova Street 4 northeast of 8th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Brandon Swanson, Assistant City Administrator & Acting Director of Community Planning & Building

Publication dates:
August 2, 2024
(PC807)

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SHOWS

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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.

The Monarch Pub in Pacific Grove — **The Katherine Lavin Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.). 617 Lighthouse Ave.

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.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Monday and Tuesday at 5 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

O'Callaghan's Pub — **Lighthouse** (rock, blues and country, Friday at 6 p.m.). Barnyard shopping center.

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

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

Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **The John Michael Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Saturday at 8 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Matt Masih** (Sunday at 4 p.m.), **Chuck and Buck** (rock and blues, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

Sand City Art Park — Night Market 831 features **The Joint Chiefs** (r&b and funk, Friday at 5 p.m.). 525 Ortiz Ave.

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Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Joel Martin** celebrates the late Jerry Garcia's birthday (Grateful Dead tribute, Friday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

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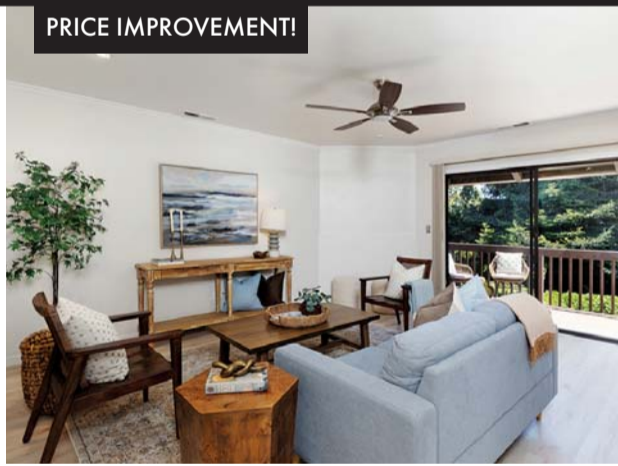


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A tale of two celebrations: one joyful, the other a *grande catastrophe*

THE OLYMPIC GAMES have been a favorite of mine since sprinter Mel Patton won two gold medals in the 1948 London games. You can imagine my excitement when the opening ceremonies of the 2024 Games fell on my birthday. I used to love seeing the athletes marching into the arena in their colorful uniforms, proudly displaying their

love of country. They waved to everyone, took pictures, and, in this century, took selfies. When I learned that the French Olympic Committee decided to stage the entrance of the athletes on boats floating down the Seine River, I thought it was an imaginative way to showcase the beautiful city of Paris.

I celebrated my birthday with family at my favorite restaurant on the wharf. It was a perfect ending to a day filled with birthday greetings from more friends than I thought I had. We often denigrate social media for being impersonal, but people taking time to acknowledge a birthday, no matter how they do it, is a gift received with gratitude. My TV was set to record the games, so I had another pleasant event to look forward to.

By now you are aware of the negative reaction to the outright mockery of Christianity during the Games'

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

opening ceremonies. There is little I can add to that outrage, except that the Frenchman, Pierre de Coubertin, the father of our modern Olympics, might have said, "*Quelle dommage!*" if he had witnessed it.

"My wish isn't to be subversive, nor to mock or to shock," said Thomas Jolly, artistic director of the 2024 Olympic opening ceremonies. Well, if you think Jesus was a drag queen, you certainly weren't shocked. The artistic director's pseudo-apology was as sincere as a spam email.

OK. Onto being a year older.

Witnessed it all

I've seen a lot during my 32,142 days on planet Earth. They say — whoever they are — that your entire life flashes before you at the moment of death. I can't confirm that claim, nor do I want to do the research. When you've been alive for about 35 percent of this nation's existence, there's a shipload of events and people wandering around inside your non-digital memory bank. I slept for about 10,000 of those days, so I may have missed a lot.

I remember wishing I was a grown up so I could be both seen and heard. Then adulthood and responsibilities arrived before I was ready to stop being a kid. I remember rationing, Joe DiMaggio, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, Greer Garson as "Mrs. Miniver." I remember Bogart and Bacall, "Lux Presents Hollywood," hosted on the radio by famed director Cecil B. DeMille, "Our Gang" movies and the Katzenjammer comic strip. I remember "Believe

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GERVASE

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It or Not,” Pathé News, Rod Serling. “Lucky Strike Green Has Gone to War,” polio epidemics, iceboxes, washing boards, coal furnaces, cars with stick shifts and starters on the floor, Uncle Miltie, canvas Keds, Buster Browns and corduroy knickers. I remember kneading a dye capsule to make oleo look like butter. Kilroy really wasn’t real, but the Holocaust was. And a man did walk on the moon. Our school day began with the Pledge of Allegiance. I remember D-Day, the national mourning for FDR’s death, and many other events that held the country’s collective attention during those tumultuous years.

‘What I’m good at’

The consensus is that wisdom accompanies old age. King Solomon asked for a discerning heart with which to govern. That implies wisdom, but it also implies a lot of common sense, which tends to increase with age.

What have I learned in all these years? I’ve learned to recognize what I’m good at. I’ve learned not to look at life as if it were a drag or drudgery. I give compliments generously and choose a dropped ego over a dropped relationship. And I’m not Atlas. The world doesn’t rest on my shoulders. Most importantly I’ve learned forgiveness, because being unforgiving can do more harm to the non-forgiver than to the person who has been forgiven.

“The Pine Cone.
Not the only great paper.
Not the only free paper.
But the only great free paper.”
— *unsolicited reader comment*

Let go of the stuff that doesn’t matter and life becomes amazing.

The philosopher Plato said that in everyone’s life, no matter how good their intent, there are people they made suffer. To that end, I wish I had practiced more self-discipline, especially tempering my tongue.

I wish I could hold my children one more time as babies. I wish I could sing or play a musical instrument. I’m in awe of the sunsets at Carmel beach and a

hummingbird’s ability to fly at incredible speeds, then come to a non-screeching stop at a flower. I’m grateful for love in my life. Without it, little else matters.

The two celebrations on one day in cities thousands of miles apart were quite different. One was celebrated with love and joy, the other with a blasphemous demonic lampoon of a faith embraced by more than 2 billion people.

Bon jour, Carmel. Au revoir, Pareae.
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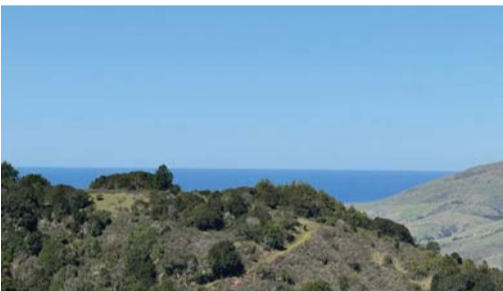
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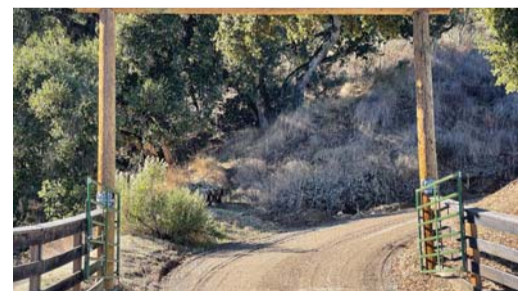
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POLICE LOG

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TUESDAY, JULY 16

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on Laurel, 18th Street and Ransford were marked for 72-hour parking.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Runaway juvenile from Mission north of 10th at 0055 hours. Located and returned home.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost wallet at Ocean and Lincoln.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost wallet at Scenic and Del Mar.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vandalism at Casanova and Ninth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle blocking a

driveway at Junipero and Seventh. Vehicle towed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer was proactively conducting traffic enforcement at Junipero and Ocean at 2246 hours when he observed a vehicle driven by a 73-year-old female drive into the center dirt median at Junipero and Ocean. The vehicle struck a boulder and continued driving south on Junipero, dragging the boulder. Officer conducted an enforcement stop near Junipero and Seventh. While speaking with the driver, the officer observed objective signs of alcohol consumption. She was not able to perform standardized field sobriety tests and was arrested for DUI. She was released to a sober family member with a promise-to-appear citation.

Pacific Grove: Items turned in at police station for destruction.

Carmel Valley: Law enforcement received a report of fraudulent activity on Dorris Drive.

Carmel Valley: Ambulance requested

law enforcement assistance on East Carmel Valley Road.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost credit card and ID at Carmel Beach.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found purse at Junipero and Ocean.

Carmel Valley: Online report regarding a lost ring.

Carmel area: Law enforcement responded to a medical emergency involving a female on Via Malpaso.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Prowler at Casanova and Ninth at 0029 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vandalism at Monte Verde and Fourth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Domestic incident inside a hotel room at San Carlos and Fourth

at 2130 hours. Both parties were contacted, and it was determined to be a verbal altercation between a husband and wife. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Misconduct on Ocean Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Battery between family members at an Eardley residence. Victim requested prosecution. Several contraband items were taken for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles marked as abandoned at Arkwright and Moreland.

Carmel Valley: Female on Carmel Valley Road lost her wallet.

Carmel Valley: Civil dispute over a delivery of concrete on Cachagua Road.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision

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sion on private property on Ocean Avenue involving minor damage to a small bollard.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject at Eighth and Mission reported a wallet missing. Subject called back later to say the wallet had been found.

Pacific Grove: Traffic stop at Central and 19th resulted in the 53-year-old male driver being arrested for driving with a suspended license and failing to appear on a misdemeanor warrant for shoplifting. He was booked into Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 1844 hours, officers responded to a disturbance located at an Ocean View Boulevard address. Made contact with the subject who was causing the disturbance, and a records check revealed the 44-year-old male had a warrant for his arrest. The suspect was transported and booked into Monterey County Jail for the warrant for failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge of driving on a suspended license.

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched after report of a burglary at Country Club Gate.

Pacific Grove: A woman fell on public property while riding an electric bike. The 36-year-old female was later arrested for DUI, driving while addicted to drugs, DUI with a prior conviction for DUI, and probation violation.

Carmel area: A female on Mesa Drive was placed on a 5150 mental-health hold.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Carmel Valley: Deceased male adult on Old Ranch Road.

Big Sur: Lewd acts with a child on Highway 1 involving a 36-year-old male and an 8-year-old female.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Controlled substance at Ocean and San Carlos was booked for disposal.

Pacific Grove: Responded to a located stolen vehicle on Ocean View Boulevard.

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