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The wonders of Car Week on full display



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Classic cars, sleek cars and just plain sexy cars have been seen in all parts of the Peninsula this week, including in downtown Carmel (above and right), and in Pebble Beach Thursday for the start of the Tour d'Elegance (top right). For complete coverage, see our special section.



Commission relents on Scenic Road gate

■ Tourists peering through windows, asking for restroom, taking selfies on porch

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER HAVING their request to install a driveway gate at their home on Scenic Road denied by the planning commission earlier this year and then failing to convince the Carmel City Council to overrule that decision, Art and Farah Chadwick prevailed Wednesday afternoon, when planning commissioners approved a modified proposal for the gate.

Since building their home on the west side of the beachfront road north of Eighth a few years ago, the couple have discovered that living in such a high-profile area has its downsides, including tourists walking down their driveway, knocking on their door, asking to use the bathroom and peeking through the windows. To help protect their security and privacy, they sought permission to install a gate across their driveway.

‘I’ve had people knock on the door and ask to see the inside.’

Associate planner Evan Kort said the commission’s recent practice of generally denying such requests has been based on a belief that gates “create a formal and compound-like appearance.” Even though the city has no formal policies or laws banning them, commissioners have “adopted findings that gates are not consistent with the city’s design objectives for the protection and enhancement of the urbanized forest,” he said.

However, Kort noted, each project is considered on a site-specific basis, and he made no recommendations regarding approval or denial.

Pedestrians overstepping

At the Aug. 14 meeting, Art Chadwick said he and his wife have had homes in Carmel for 17 years and spent seven years on Carmelo Street, which sees far less foot traffic.

“Scenic is really a unique street. I’ve had people walk up to the home, knock on the door, ask to use the bathroom — people who knock on the door and want to see the inside of the house,” he said. “I had an elderly couple that walked down the side, cupped their hands on the windows

Feds condemn CUSD’s handling of antisemitism

By MARY SCHLEY

CARMEL UNIFIED School District failed miserably at addressing antisemitic and racist graffiti and hate speech at Carmel High School, according to a highly critical 13-page letter from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights that reviewed 15 incidents at the school and administrators’ responses to them.

At Wednesday night’s CUSD Board of Education meeting, superintendent Sharon Ofek, who took over the job in February, said such mistakes won’t recur.

“There is no room for discrimination of any kind in our

community or in our schools,” she said Aug. 14. “I believe in fostering a cooperative and productive culture, which begins with how we raise our children and is further influenced by our educational environment.”

Ofek said she is “deeply heartbroken by these incidents,” and “profoundly disappointed that these counter-productive attitudes were allowed to persist within our district for a period of time.”

Records lacking

A 2021 complaint to the Office of Civil Rights regarding the district’s failure to address swastikas graffitied in a bathroom prompted the investigation of that incident and similar occurrences during the 2021-2022 and 2023-2024 school years.

According to the letter, “‘hate graffiti’ in the form of ‘the n-word or swastikas’” was found in one or more of the CHS restrooms on four occasions in October 2021, the district suspended a student on Nov. 5, 2021, for “drawing a swastika on plastic and transferring the inked image onto another student’s skin,” and on Nov. 30 that year, a teacher

See **SCHOOLS** page 24A

Fast-growing Marina puts \$50M bond on ballot

■ Needs new police, fire stations

By CAITLIN CONRAD

THE MARINA City Council voted earlier this month to place a \$50 million bond measure on the Nov. 5 ballot. The money would be spent on new infrastructure in a coastal city in the midst of a housing boom.

Dollars from the bond would be used to build fire and police stations, as well as a community center. Incorporated in 1975, Marina still uses facilities constructed decades ago, when it was a much smaller town of just 10,000 residents.

Booming population

Today, more than 23,000 people live there, and with two major housing projects nearing completion on property inherited from the former Fort Ord, and a third about to begin at the north end of town, Marina’s population will continue to grow. The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments estimates it will reach 30,000 by 2045.

Marina officials said the city’s dilapidated emergency infrastructure is already having an impact on 911 response times. In the last eight years, emergency calls have increased 50 percent, and the city is no longer meeting the national standard response time of five minutes. Instead, firefighters and paramedics are getting on scene eight to 10

See **MARINA** page 20A

Panetta sees Ukraine destruction, meets Zelenskyy

By KELLY NIX

REP. JIMMY Panetta and other members of Congress spent five days in Ukraine last week to meet with the country’s president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, members of the military, and civilians who have been affected by a 2-and-a-half-year-old conflict with Russia.

Panetta, a Democrat, visited Ukraine with Utah Republican Celeste Maloy and New Jersey Democrat Donald Norcross Aug. 3-9 to affirm the United States’ support for its ally and survey the destruction the war has caused. Russia launched its unprovoked invasion of the country in February 2022. The war has killed more than 500,000 Ukrainians and Russians.

‘Soldiers, sailors and citizens’

“It was very impactful to spend time not only in the country, but also with the people of Ukraine, including its leadership, its soldiers, sailors, veterans and citizens,

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During a trip to Ukraine last week, Rep. Jimmy Panetta met with Ukraine Pres. Volodymyr Zelenskyy to express America’s support for the country.

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Sandy Claws

Little big man

It's hard to judge his size in photos. It's actually hard to judge his size in person. Kind of a tall, oddly long Chihuahua, his person says, with the length and skinniness of a wiener dog but with longer legs, his look is the unlikely outcome of a chow chow-Chihuahua-Pekinese-poodle mix. Don't overthink it.

Mostly, his person says, he's really cute. Jax came home to Carmel-by-the-Crossroads from a rescue organization near Berkeley just over a year ago. His person had asked her partner if she'd "just hate it" if they got a puppy to balance the energy of Callie, their border collie.

"Hate" is such a strong word. They signed up for the dog a day later.

"We've already had him too long," his person joked, despite the fact that she loves him. "He has no boundaries with others. He's like a little tornado, throwing himself in circles."

They put Jax in with the big dogs at doggie daycare, where he runs with the pack. Even this doesn't seem to wear him out. Another dog owner who frequents the daycare center said he rules the roost. His person says it's a classic Napoleon complex at work.

Apparently Jax has no boundaries at home, either. He thinks the bed, couch, sofa, table, chair — all furni-

By Lisa Crawford Watson



ture, actually — are available to him. "If he can somehow scale a piece of furniture," his person said, "he will." Meanwhile, Callie, the elder canine citizen, has become a slightly younger dog in Jax's presence. At least for a moment. Then she retreats into her senior self. Jax's couple, who divide their time between the San Francisco Bay area and Carmel, recently brought Jax to the beach for his first experience by the sea. As soon as he reached the shoreline, he quickly discovered he was not actually in charge.

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"Just because you're doing the correct thing doesn't mean everyone else is," he acknowledged. "Don't get involved in road-rage incidents."



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Police & Sheriff's Log

Phone scammers are at it again

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.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended purse found lying in the roadway at Mission and Third. Brought to the station for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Abandoned vehicle on Lighthouse Avenue was marked.

Pacific Grove: A 34-year-old female on Ocean View Boulevard was found to be in possession of a stolen vehicle and was booked into Monterey County Jail on \$15,000 bail.

Carmel Valley: Subject was reported and located during a mental-health crisis on Jeanette Road. Subject transported to a local hospital for evaluation.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision with a runaway truck into a PG&E power pole on Junipero Street. Vehicle was towed away.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ongoing harass-

ment by electronic communication reported by a victim at Lincoln and Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken at San Carlos and Seventh for a lost backpack.

Carmel area: Deputies detained a suspicious person walking away from a Carmel Rancho Lane business that had been recently burglarized.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched to conduct a welfare check. A 35-year-old male was arrested at Line and Spencer and booked into Monterey County Jail for various charges, including resisting arrest, possession of methamphetamine and failure to appear on a misdemeanor warrant.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Trespass warning given at Monte Verde and Ocean.

Pacific Grove: Dog bite on Lighthouse.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog at large at Junipero and Ocean brought to the police department for safekeeping. Owner contact and dog was reunited.

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



The gavel falls

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

Aug. 8 — Marcus T. Carter, 41 years old and a resident of Antioch, California, entered a plea of no contest to a felony charge of human trafficking of a minor for purposes of commercial sex acts. In addition to admitting that he was sexually exploiting a child, Carter admitted that he suffered a prior prison sentence and that he was previously convicted of a robbery out of Alameda County in 2013, which is a strike pursuant to California's three strikes law.

At the time of his plea, Carter was advised and agreed that this conviction of human trafficking of a minor is also a strike and that it will require him to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life. Carter will be sentenced to a term of 24 years in state prison.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. on April 10, 2021, Jane Doe escaped to a gas station around Kern Street in the City of Salinas and called 911 seeking police assistance. Salinas Police officer Jonathan Tuiolosgea responded and met with Doe. Doe, who had just turned 13 years old, had two black eyes and a swollen jaw. Doe reported that Carter had taken her from Stockton and had forced

her to engage in commercial sex acts with buyers throughout the State of California and in Reno, Nev., for approximately one or two weeks. Through diligent investigation, Salinas Police officers and detectives learned that Doe was taken by Carter on April 3, 2021. Carter forced her to engage in commercial sex acts in Antioch, Pittsburgh, San Jose, Reno and Salinas, among other cities.

Doe alerted officers at the time of the 911 call that Carter and his associates, two adult females, were in the area possibly in a rental car with Missouri license plates or in one of the females' Jaguars. Officer Luis Dorantes located one of the described vehicles with Carter in it, and he was immediately arrested. Salinas Police detective Luis Toribio and district attorney investigator Pablo Andrade worked with FBI agents to pursue every lead and collect every piece of evidence possible. The evidence collected from Doe, local motels, the female associates, the described vehicles and Carter (including Carter's own cell phone activity) corroborated Doe's statements.

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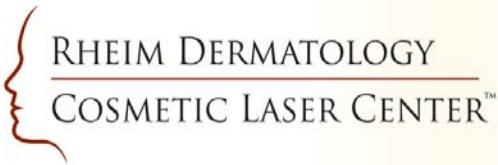
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To the entire Monterey Peninsula community, I am thankful for the support you have shown me throughout my career and the warm welcome you extended to my son, Dr. Joseph Rheim, as he established his practice. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve such a wonderful community.

As I retire from my dermatology practice, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you.

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Police: Wharf shooting suspect in custody

By MARY SCHLEY

A 23-YEAR-OLD Marina man has been arrested for shooting at a car at the foot of Municipal Wharf 2 and injuring a bystander last Tuesday night, Monterey Police Lt. Jake Pinkas said Wednesday. Roberto Isaac Castro Avila was booked into Monterey County Jail this week for attempted murder and other crimes.

At around 10:30 p.m. Aug. 6, Monterey Police officers rushed to the wharf after receiving reports of gunshots in the area.

“Officers contacted a victim who reported that someone had shot at him while he was in his vehicle,” Pinkas said. His car was riddled with bullet holes, but he wasn’t injured.

Police then found another person inside London Bridge Pub who had sustained minor injuries from apparently being hit by

fragments of the building after stray bullets struck it.

‘Worked nonstop’

Since then, “MPD detectives worked the case nonstop and developed information during the investigation that led to the identification of Roberto Isaac Castro Avila as the potential subject who shot the firearm on Aug. 6 on Municipal Wharf No. 2,” Pinkas said.

He told The Pine Cone that surveillance cameras and people who saw what happened help detectives identify Avila.

“The investigation through cameras and witnesses revealed he was the shooter,” he said.

On Saturday night at around 10, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Special

See SHOT page 30A

GOVERNOR WAGES WAR ON ILLEGAL WEED

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

GOV. GAVIN Newsom said this week that since January, a state cannabis enforcement team has seized more than \$120 million worth of illegal marijuana and destroyed nearly 37 tons of unlicensed pot.

The state’s Unified Cannabis Enforcement Task Force in recent months conducted operations in Mendocino, Tuolumne, Shasta, Orange, Kern, Alameda, Yuba, Trinity, Los Angeles, Butte and Humboldt counties.

Legal = good

“The legal cannabis market brings billions of dollars to the state’s economy, helping to sustain California’s position as the fifth-largest economy in the world,” Newsom said. “We will not tolerate illegal operations that threaten our economy and

the health and well-being of communities.”

The task force’s efforts continue to break new ground in unlicensed cannabis enforcement by leveraging the expertise and knowledge of partners to disrupt the unlicensed markets, according to Bill Jones, chief of the law enforcement division with the Department of Cannabis Control.

The governor, his office said, directed state agencies to “aggressively target the organized criminal enterprises involved in the illicit cannabis market.”

The illegal schemes not only threaten the legal market, their use of unlawful pesticides and unregulated practices harm California’s environment and water quality.

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is a small animal and exotics veterinarian. She grew up in Pacific Grove and is happy to be in her hometown serving the community that she loves. Dr. Dau holds a master’s degree from Moss Landing Marine Labs and California State University, Monterey Bay in marine science and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. She works with a wide range of exotic pets in addition to cats and dogs. Her main interests include feline medicine, soft tissue surgery, dermatology, behavior, dentistry, and ultrasound.

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Volunteers sought to build playground

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE EFFORT to build an accessible playground in a Carmel Valley park is expected to take a big step forward just weeks from now when the old playground at the site is removed. Demolition is set for Sept. 3. “After years of dedication and hard work, the project is now nearing the finish line,” Tatum’s Garden Foundation reported.

The foundation, which is coordinating the drive for the new facility, is a big advocate for accessible playgrounds.

“Accessible playgrounds allow for children of all abilities to play side by side,” it said. “This teaches children empathy, and it allows grandparents and parents of different abilities to enjoy the park with their little loved ones.”

Construction of the new playground is set for Nov. 11-17, with most of the work to be done by volunteers.

“Aside from the laying of the rubberized surface and other pre-build portions, the playground will be built by the community itself in scheduled shifts they sign up for ahead of time,” the group said. “This approach not only reduces costs, but also strengthens community bonds as volunteers of all ages and backgrounds work

side by side to bring the project to life.”

The park’s playing surface will be soft enough to minimize injuries from falls but firm enough for wheelchairs to travel over it. Its centerpiece will be a two-story “Swiss Family Robinson”-themed “tree house,” with wheelchair ramps leading to the second floor. It will also include a merry-go-round that accommodates wheelchairs.

The playground will cost an estimated \$800,000 to build, and fundraising has been going well.

“In May, a fundraising event at Joyce Winery raised over \$100,000, followed by the incredible news of a private grant of \$250,000, bringing the total funds raised to over \$660,000,” the foundation reported. “With this boost, the project is now 80 percent funded.”

Named for youngster

Now the foundation is seeking people who are willing to donate their time to help with construction — or childcare.

“The committee is actively seeking volunteers to help in various capacities,” the group said. “Whether it’s building the playground, loaning tools, feeding

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This accessible playground, dubbed Tatum’s Treehouse, will soon be built in Carmel Valley, but volunteers are needed to help make it happen.

RENDERING/PLAYGROUNDS
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P.G. whales in dire need of repair

By KELLY NIX

A ONCE-IMPRESSIVE sculpture in Pacific Grove’s Berwick Park that was carved in-situ from the twin trunks of a dead cypress tree is looking worse for wear these days.

The painted wood sculpture of two breaching whales by artists Jorge Rodriguez, Neftali Palomares and Javier Campos was crafted in 2016.

But less than a decade later, the art piece appears to be rotting from the inside out. Numerous cavities are present, the paint is worn, and a pectoral fin of one of the whales recently fell off.

“Maybe it’s time to retire the whales,” one resident said on social media after seeing their condition.

But Pacific Grove public works director Daniel Gho told The Pine Cone this week that there are plans to renovate the sculpture, which he said would probably cost

less than a few hundred dollars.

“Public works intends to make the repairs to the whale sculpture,” Gho explained. “We evaluated it yesterday, and the base is sound. We will reattach the broken fin, fill the holes and touch up the paint.”

\$\$ for maintenance?

The sculpture was crafted from a cypress tree that lost half its canopy.

While the cypress survived for years, a winter storm in January 2016 damaged the rest of it, leaving two large stumps in the middle of Berwick Park. Instead of removing them, the city’s Beautification and Natural Resource Commission OK’d a proposal to carve the stumps into breaching whales.

A campaign to raise \$9,000 to pay for the piece and fund future maintenance was launched in 2016. It’s unclear if any of that money remains.



A Pacific Grove city official said there are plans to repair this whale sculpture at Berwick Park. A fin of one of the whales has fallen off, and there are numerous holes and other blemishes due to rotten wood. The fixes won’t cost much, the official said.

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Colonel McArthur earned his Bachelor of Science degree in applied science and engineering from the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, and received his Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Following his last space flight he served as Director, Safety and Mission Assurance, Johnson Space Center. He now resides in Friendswood, Texas.

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P.G. candidate boasts of anti-Zionism

■ ‘Feels like antisemitism’

By KELLY NIX

A CANDIDATE for mayor of Pacific Grove boasted in a social media post about confronting a group of Israeli tourists on vacation in the Philippines, where she was also on a trip.

Dionne Ybarra, who is running for P.G. mayor in the November election, says in a video posted to Instagram that she even ordered the Israeli visitors to “leave the area” after one of them said he had served with the Israeli army in Gaza.

A Jewish resident of P.G. and others have labeled the video offensive.

Since the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas attack that killed about 1,200 Israelis, Ybarra, 53, has used social media to condemn Israel’s military response, which she has called “apartheid and genocide madness.” Tens of thousands of Palestinians have been killed in the war in Gaza.

‘Are you Zionists?’

While Ybarra was in the Philippines, she recorded a video she said was meant to encourage people to “speak our truth” and “protect what’s ours.”

The large number of Israelis in the town, Ybarra said in the video she posted to Instagram June 7, had been a “test” for her and that said she tried working on her “nonjudgment.”

“I can see how people are very racist,” she said, looking into the camera. “Because I want to go there.”

The mayor-hopeful goes on to detail a confrontation with a group of young Israeli tourists she said were in a “public space.”

“Enter four Israelis into the space that I have come to protect over the last month,” she recalled. “I’m aware they are Israelis because of the language, and my heart starts pumping, pumping!”

‘Are you Zionists?’

Ybarra said she wanted to “confirm” where they were from, so she asked. After the group responded Israel, she pressed them.

“I’m overseeing children, many of them,” Ybarra said, seemingly implying the tourists somehow posed a threat to the kids. “I just have to ask, are you Zionists?”

Ybarra claimed the group pretended they didn’t understand her.

“Suddenly English becomes very difficult for these people,” she said, before one man asked in English what the term meant to her.

“I’m asking you if you are for or against the genocide of the Palestinians?”

Ybarra said.

The Israeli man responded by saying he was a soldier and had served in Gaza.

“OK, so then it sounds like you are for the genocide of Palestinians,” Ybarra replied.

After the tourist asked the P.G. resident why she was questioning them, she demanded they leave the area.

“I’m going to tell you it’s time for you to go,” Ybarra said she told them.

The group pushed back by bringing up the Hamas attack last fall, but Ybarra said she wasn’t interested in arguing before repeating her demand that they leave.

She claimed one of the tourists, before



Dionne Ybarra

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PGUSD seeking \$\$\$\$ from taxpayers, raises construction fee

■ Declining enrollment in most schools

By KELLY NIX

IN ADDITION to an increase in a developer fee that Pacific Grove Unified School District started collecting last year from anyone who builds or remodels a home or business in town, the school district will ask voters in November to pass a \$78 million bond measure, which extends a \$30 million bond measure residents OK'd just four years ago.

In November 2023, the district began collecting the developer fees, which were set at \$4.79 per square foot for residential construction and 78 cents per square foot for commercial construction. But in May, the school board OK'd an increase to \$5.17 per square foot for residential construction and 84 cents for commercial.

Superintendent Linda Adamson said the fee is increasing so rapidly after last year's rollout because the school board initially adopted a rate that was nearly two years old.

PGUSD said it will use the revenue to pay for construction of new or renovated school facilities made necessary by the new students residential and commercial development will generate.

"New development results in the need for either additional or modernization of school facilities to house new students," according to a 2023 PGUSD study justifying the fee increases. "Because of the high cost associated with school facility projects and the district's limited budget, outside funding sources are required for

school projects. State and local funding sources for the construction and/or reconstruction of school facilities are limited."

But architect Jeanne Byrne, a former Pacific Grove mayor, said the developer fee was a way of addressing large developments with hundreds of homes, not small cities with little new construction, such as Pacific Grove.

"Obviously, Pacific Grove does not have this type of development," Byrne said. "In fact, the school population is dropping."

'Can't afford it'

She said that local architects and building officials she's spoken to have complained that the \$5.17 per square foot of new home is "unreasonable." The fee is affecting business, too.

"One project of about 3,000 square feet we were involved in would have had an a \$15,510 school fee added to the cost, on top of all the other planning and building fees, which were about \$20,000," she said. "The homeowners called us and said they can no longer afford to go forward with the project."

Byrne said that none of her clients were aware of the school district's developer fee.

"We were blindsided with yet another fee on top of significant other city fees," she said.

Enrollment at PGUSD schools, currently 1,772, has been declining for several years, although Adamson said there is an increase in the number of kids in kindergarten and transitional kindergarten, and that the trend may continue into next school year.

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But, Mwangi says, restless nights can be avoided all together by adopting healthy sleep habits. He recommends strategies like exercising during the day, avoiding naps, sticking to a consistent sleep schedule, engaging in relaxing pre-bed activities, and ensuring your sleep environment is comfortable with a cool temperature and minimal noise and light.

Mwangi also says that it is important to be mindful of evening routines and to avoid

caffeine, alcohol, nicotine, and heavy or spicy meals.

When to see a doctor

If you’re doing the right things to ensure a good snooze and you still can’t feel rested, it might be time to see an expert.

“If it’s negatively affecting your life,” Mwangi says, “you should see a sleep doctor.”

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“Sleep is essential for our health and well-being,” Mwangi says. “It allows our body to repair and our mind to refresh. If you’re struggling with sleep, remember it’s important to seek help. Good sleep is a cornerstone of good health.”

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Ballot set in historic municipal election

By MARY SCHLEY

FOR THE first time in decades, the ballot for an election of Carmel’s mayor and two councilmembers will see neither council incumbent seeking reelection and will include no female candidates.

With the close of the extended filing period for council Aug. 14, the Nov. 5 ballot was set with three mayoral candidates — incumbent Dave Potter, councilman Jeff Baron and challenger Dale Byrne — and five people vying for council seats: Hans Buder, Bob Delves, Danny Hala, David O’Neil, along with Parker Logan, who qualified for the ballot just before the 5 p.m. deadline.

Logan, who unsuccessfully campaigned for city council in 2022, coming in fourth out of four candidates with 17 percent of the vote, pulled his nomination papers Monday and returned them Wednesday for certification by the Monterey County Elections department.

According to city clerk Nova Romero, 20 of the 30 signatures he obtained were valid, with the remaining 10 disqualified by the elections department for various reasons. Twenty is the minimum required to secure a spot in the election.

Low-income circus?

In an email to The Pine Cone Thursday, Logan, a 50-year-old registered Republican who owns Sade’s bar on Lincoln Street and lives on Scenic Road, explained why he decided to try again.

“I’m running for council because I believe I can get enough support to ensure that ‘virtue-signaling Hans Buder’ doesn’t get the opportunity to turn Carmel into a low-income housing circus,” he said.

Buder is the spokesman for the Affordable Housing

Alternatives group seeking to identify potential sites so the city doesn’t have to use the Sunset Center and Vista Lobos parking lots for affordable housing.

Some of those who signed Logan’s nomination papers include Carmel Mission Bistro owner Shaheen Alnuaimi, hotel and restaurant operator David Fink, The Stationaery owners Anthony and Alissa Carnazzo, Tuck Box owner

Jeff LeTowt, fellow council candidate Danny Hala, David and Julie Castle, and Roy and Grace Kirkorian.

Two candidate forums are scheduled for next month. The Carmel Residents Association will host a forum in the Carmel Woman’s Club Sept. 17, and the Carmel Chamber of Commerce will present one a week later at the Church of the Wayfarer.



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and saw us eating dinner.

“It’s very, very intrusive,” he continued, asking the commission to make an exception to its past practice and grant the request, given the unique nature of that block.

“What we’re proposing is a see-through gate that’s waist high, so anyone walking down the street is going to see right over the gate,” Chadwick added.

Attorney Deborah Castles argued the gate meets the residential design guidelines for fences, including exhibiting

“interesting craftsmanship and design,” not blocking views or creating a walled-off appearance, respecting the context of the neighborhood and maintaining “a sense of openness” and “filtered views into the front garden.”

She also pointed out that many homes along that block have solid walls and tall fences facing the street, so a gate wouldn’t seem out of place. The property adjacent to theirs also has a driveway gate.

‘Have compassion’

The 4-foot-tall gate “made out of bronze and beautifully crafted in a traditional Carmel way could actually make this a more attractive elevation,” commented architect Eric Miller, who urged the commission to have compassion for the Chadwicks.

No one from the public spoke, though Diana McCallister, who said she has lived in four different homes on Scenic over the past four decades, sent a letter in support.

“There are definitely some aggressive people that knock on our door and ask to use our bathroom or phone because they have lost theirs,” she wrote, adding that she’s had passersby pick flowers from her garden, use her hose to wash



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An architect’s rendering shows the intricate dark-bronze driveway gate, along with a new pedestrian gate, approved Wednesday.

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off their beach sand, and peek through the windows.

“We have even been asked to drive people to their hotel because they have lost their keys,” she wrote. “One day I saw a family sitting on our bench on our porch. They said they were taking their Christmas card photo.”

She said everyone who lives on Scenic should be able to install a gate if desired.

OK, then

Planning commissioner Stefan Karapetkov said the proposed gate is beautiful and that it could make sense to allow it in that neighborhood.

“Do we want to make an exception for a policy for Scenic?” he asked.

Bob Delves, who as a commissioner has generally been open to the idea of driveway gates, said the Chadwicks’ revised proposal is even better than the earlier iteration and that he understands the need.

“I live three blocks inland, and I can attest to all of the negative impacts they’re talking about,” he said. “We see significant trespassing on our property. We do have people taking photos on our front steps and we do have people doing their business in our bushes.”

Delves said the proposed gate would be consistent with the design guidelines and is a better solution than an earlier suggestion

that the Chadwicks run a fence down the side of their driveway.

“All it does is highlight the garage door,” he said of that option.

Commissioner Stephanie Locke agreed sufficient “special circumstances exist” to justify the gate.

“Any house that’s a beautiful house named Scenic-by-the-Sea — everybody’s going to want to have their picture taken in front of that,” she added. “So, I imagine you’re still going to have people climbing your fence and whatnot to have that background.”

Chair Michael LePage took a broader perspective, pointing out the city does not have a specific ordinance or guideline that addresses driveway gates and that commissioners should be guided by the stated rules, not their own preferences.

As long as its appearance meets the design guidelines, there’s no reason to deny it, he suggested.

“As much as it pains me to say it, I think I made the wrong decision before,” when he voted to deny their previous application, he said.

“If the community doesn’t want to have driveway gates, then I think it’s incumbent on the community” to ask the city to codify that, LePage continued. “And until such time as they do that, there’s nothing there that says we can deny driveway gates as long as they meet the guidelines we have at this time.”

The commission unanimously decided, with Erin Allen absent, to reverse course and approve the Chadwicks’ gate.



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Local car community loses one of its own

By MARY SCHLEY

PASSION AMONG those who live and breathe automobiles runs deep, and Mike Antoncich, a Carmel man who died July 29 at the age of 56 shortly before his favorite week of the year, succeeded in making cars his life.

Whether working for Christie’s auctions, deftly applying his restoration and detailing skills, caretaking collections or participating in events, Antoncich was an exuberant champion of the industry.

“There are no words to adequately describe the incredible person Mike was,” said his longtime friend and business partner, Ti Titus. “I met Mike at Christie’s 30 years ago. We bonded over a love of automobiles and motorcycles, and it was the start of a decades-long friendship.”

At the time they met, Antoncich was working for Christie’s in its motorcar division and had earned the nickname, “Suicide Mike,” because he was “the only one

with the guts to work on vintage Indian motorcycles that are infamous for their suicide clutches,” Titus said. Suicide clutches are operated with the foot and are notoriously difficult to use, compared with the hand-controlled clutch with which most motorcycles are equipped.

“That was just the beginning of Mike’s illustrious career in the car world,” he continued. “He went on to become a Ferrari mechanic for a prominent local business.”

No sleep, it’s Car Week

Titus and Antoncich first worked together under the leadership of Gordon McCall, who had a highly regarded restoration and detail shop on the edge of Monterey Airport. The duo put in countless hours ensuring the automobiles in their care were meticulously prepared before rolling onto the grass at the world-famous Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance, crossing the auction block at RM Sotheby’s or



Mike Antoncich

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BIFF SMITH
14 MAY 1943 - 20 JUNE 2024

He has shuffled off this mortal coil.
He has joined the choir invisible.
More likely conducting them,
some impossible yet wonderful tune that he wrote.

He started in the unlikely place of Salt Lake City, the skiing was great.
His family was there
But the wider world called.

Off to Shattuck School,
Where he learned to march, spit shine his shoes
And made lifelong friends
And other academic stuff of course.

His three passions,
Music, magic and teaching
Informed his travels from then on.

To Carmel, Stanford, UC Milpitas, University of Oregon, RLS.
Then farther afield
To Boston, Virginia and a year in England
Where he would have gladly stayed (Anglophile to the end).

Along the way he was joined by three adored children, Hester, Bain and Rory,
Who in turn gifted him with four extraordinary grandchildren
Olivia, Flora, Hyde and Helen.
What a lucky man indeed.

When he met Camille they took to the road.
Their travels started with a year in England,
Followed by over twenty years of cross-country road trips,
With a corgi in tow.

Visiting friends along the way,
Seeing the sights,
Enjoying the peace
Becoming very knowledgeable about Best Western hotels.

During these summers he taught at Berklee in Boston,
At Turtle Pond we lived a communal life with Anne and Jerry and families.
There, the extended Smith clan became inextricably entwined with the d’Avenas clan.

And let’s not forget the other woman in his life ... Betty.
Betty came along and some very patient and talented musicians
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His laugh, contagious
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WALTER SCOTT CLAUSEN

Walter Scott Clausen, 75, passed away on May 9, 2024, in Pacific Grove, California. Born on December 6, 1948, in Coal City, Illinois, he was the beloved son of the late Walter H. Clausen and Ethel Mae Clausen, née Waters, and brother to the late Patricia Sue Clausen.

Walter, known as Scott, pursued higher education at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in German and secondary education from 1966 to 1970. Right after college, he served in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1973 as a translator/interpreter, utilizing his exceptional language skills in a pivotal role. He earned an M.A. in education from Chapman University in 1985.

Professionally, Scott dedicated much of his career to language education and testing, culminating in his role as Senior Test Project Director at the Defense Language Institute, Foreign Language Center in Monterey, CA, from September 1993 until his retirement in September 2011. His work had a lasting impact on language instruction and assessment within the military.

Scott’s passions were as broad and vibrant as his personality. He was an ebullient spirit who found joy in every aspect of life. A talented linguist, he was also a great cook, an enthusiast of classic cars, and had a deep appreciation for mixology. His musical talents were expressed through playing the saxophone and clarinet. Travel and languages remained his enduring interests, enriching his life with diverse experiences and friendships.

He was a generous and devoted friend, known for being a great listener and a captivating raconteur. His absence will be profoundly felt by all who knew and loved him.

His memory will be cherished through the stories shared by those he touched and the legacy he leaves behind. Among his dearest friends and family are: Henry Bittaker, Patrick Bowles, Christine Campbell, Philip Cooper, Leisa Corbett, Susan Coughanur, Donna Daunt, Robert Daunt, Jay Kalbrener, Chung Yao Kao, Larissa Kashnir, Anders Webb, Camden Webb, Natalie Webb and Ann Willis.

A celebration of Scott’s life will take place on October 12, 2024.

For more information, email
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August 26, 2024 – Monday

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 - **Celebration of Life:** 11 a.m. at San Carlos Cathedral Hall (directly across the street from Mass)
 - **Laid to Rest next to his Sweetheart, Jossie Diaz:** 1 p.m. at San Carlos Cemetery
- A complete obituary will appear in the Aug. 23 Carmel Pine Cone*



GAYLE NAKATA

March 5, 1929 – July 30, 2024

Gayle Nakata! Spicy, diminutive in size and determined to the end, Gayle died gently on July 30 in her sun-filled room in memory care.

Gayle was born near Fresno, California. During World War II, she and her family were incarcerated in an internment camp in Arkansas. After the war, Gayle and her twin sister began secretarial work for the U.S. Army and Gayle was invited to live in Japan as a civilian employee of the United States Army.

Gayle and Clifford married in Carmel, California and Clifford's involvement with the development of the Air Force Academy brought them to Colorado Springs. They left for a short time for work in Germany, but returned to the beauty of Colorado to live the rest of their lives.

Gayle was an avid gardener and her knowledge and arduous work resulted in exceptional beauty. She was the rare gardener who could plan what would bloom when, considering complementary colors, different leaf shapes and shades of greens, and plant heights so that nothing was hidden. Her gardens were special and meticulously tended.

Tennis was a passion, and she could tell anyone who was interested the statistics of every leading tennis great in excruciating detail. Federer's and Agassi's fan clubs are missing a most dedicated follower.

Gayle was an adventurous cook. She, like many good mothers of her time, prepared every meal every day and saw to it that we had adequate fruits and fresh vegetables. She must have baked millions of cookies.

Together, Clifford and Gayle traveled the world and skied all over Colorado and Europe. They shared a deep appreciation of Colorado, and loved their home in Pebble Beach. She is preceded in death by her son, Eric, in 2011, and her husband, Clifford, in 2016. She was the last surviving of her four siblings.

Creative, talented and outspoken... We will miss Gayle and are grateful for her lessons.

LAWRENCE MICHAEL WELCH

Lawrence Michael Welch, 81, of Carmel Valley, California, passed away on April 7, 2024.

Larry was born on July 30, 1942, to Katherine and Jack Welch in Belle, California. After graduating from Huntington Beach High School in 1960, he went on to study English and drama at Cal State University Long Beach, where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees and a teaching credential in English.

Upon completing his studies at CSULB, he began his 50-plus year career as an English and drama teacher in the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District at both Seaside and Monterey High Schools. He spent 31 of those 50 years as the MHS Theatre Program Director, and in 2022, his teaching legacy was honored through the dedication of the school theater to him.

Larry was also a lifelong participant of the performing arts on the Monterey Peninsula. He enjoyed acting, writing, and directing. His last acting performance was in 2019 at the PacRep Circle Theater in Carmel, playing Pozzo in "Waiting for Godot" by Samuel Beckett.

In 2009, Larry retired from teaching and continued to pursue his lifelong passions of poetry, painting and the performing arts. His last achievement was the film he wrote, directed and filmed, "Roses are Red Hot," in 2022. This film was recognized by various independent film festivals including the San Francisco International Film Festival where it received the best writer and best director for mobile phone feature.

Larry is survived by his daughters, Alicia, Sarah and Daniella; as well as his grandsons, Darian and Lukas.

Services will be held at Carmel's Outdoor Forest Theater from noon to 3 p.m. on Aug. 17. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Monterey High Drama Department.



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THOMAS PHILIP NUNES, SR.

Thomas Philip Nunes, Sr., co-founder of The Nunes Company, Inc., one of the most recognized and respected fresh produce companies in the United States, passed away at his home in Carmel, California on August 5, 2024. He was 95. Smart, passionate, and beloved, he was the patriarch of the sprawling Nunes family — as well as an esteemed figure in the Salinas Valley where he started his career in 1951.

Tom was born on November 2, 1928, to Portuguese immigrant parents, Tomas Nunes II and Eva Ventura Nunes. Raised in the town of Chualar, he attended the one-room grammar school and Salinas High School. A Northern California sprint champion, he made the finals in the state championship. A running back and defensive back, Tom earned a scholarship to play football for St. Mary's College in Moraga. Later, he transferred to Stanford University where he graduated with a degree in economics. With his brother, Bob, he became the architect of his own respected and successful namesake company, The Nunes Company.

Tom met Alyce Escobar on the school bus traveling to Salinas. He fell in love with the girl who in 1950 would become his wife, mother of his four children, and life partner. In the second half of his life, the late Nancy Koster would become his cherished companion.

A mentor to younger farmers, Tom taught numerous people how to use both old and new techniques. But his most effective technique was that of the heart. "Once you earn people's trust, you have loyalty, you have foxhole people." Tom enjoyed playing tennis and golf in Salinas, and many years of boating and skiing while at the family home on Lake Tahoe. His favorite pastime was traveling near and far to watch his grandchildren and great-grandchildren compete in various sports.

Tom was predeceased by his sister, Marilyn Classen; and his brother, Frank Robert Nunes. His memory will be held in the hearts of his children, Thomas (T4) (Margot), David (Irma), Ann (Gary) and James (Leighanne); his seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

With Tom departs a trove of history spanning almost a century in the Salinas Valley. Just recently he sat in a board meeting and recounted details of events that took place more than 70 years ago. He spoke passionately about his partners and employees, how he was able to build businesses only because of the trusted relationships he was so fortunate to have. Appreciative to the end, he wanted to offer thanks.

Visitation will be held 2 to 6 p.m. Monday, August 19, at Struve and Laporte Chapel in Salinas. Rosary will begin at 6 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 20, at Sacred Heart Church in Salinas.

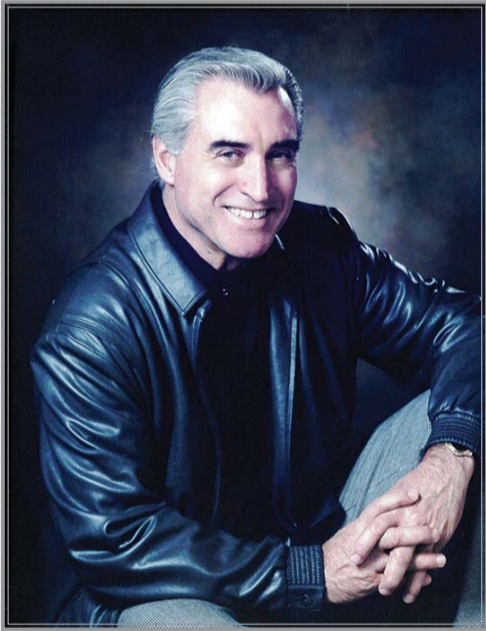
Following the service, Tom will be laid to rest at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Salinas.

Donations may be made to Palma School Foundation, 919 Iverson St., Salinas, CA 93901, and Central Coast VNA & Hospice, 5 Lower Ragsdale, Monterey, CA 93940

(For the longer version of this obituary please see the Struve and Laporte website.)

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MARINA

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Building new fire and police stations and a new community center will come at a cost. If voters pass the \$50 million bond measure in November, they'd pay an average of \$54.74 annually per \$100,000 of assessed value on their tax bills. However, that is only an average. Marina City Manager Layne Long said the cost will fluctuate over the 30-year life of the bond and could possibly go as high as \$83 annually per \$100,000 of assessed value.

The median assessed value for a home in Marina is \$496,962. This means at the \$54.74 rate the average cost for the owner of a single-family home would be \$272 a

pay more, but he compared the cost of the bond for longtime residents to a cup of coffee.

"We are asking the voters if they want to come along on this journey with us to pay the equivalent of a Starbucks a week for the average homeowner to provide incredible services that have been contemplated since 1975. And if you're one of the lucky ones who owns a million-dollar home, then it's a Starbucks a week for you and a neighbor," said McCarthy.

They say no

During the Aug. 7 council meeting, a majority of public comment was from those who said they would vote no on the \$50 million measure because of a lack of detail concerning what would be built with the money, and the locations of the new facilities.



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Hundreds of new homes have been built in Marina in the last five years, generating new taxes but also demand for services.

year, or \$5.23 a week. However, anyone new to the area likely didn't buy in at that price with newly constructed homes easily surpassing the \$1 million mark, and some going for more than \$2 million.

City councilmember Brian McCarthy acknowledged that residents of some of Marina's pricey new neighborhoods will

"The citizens of Marina need to think long and hard about voting to give you that much money to spend when you have been so cagey as to what it is and where it is," resident Denise Turley told the council about plans to spend the bond money.

"You have failed to involve the citizens of Marina in any meaningful way to discuss and evaluate engineering and architectural concepts. In fact, you never undertook any engineering studies and only in the 11th hour hired an architectural firm to conduct the simplest of

analysis," added longtime resident John Sanders.

RNT Architects of San Diego was hired to do a needs assessment and estimated the cost to build new facilities based on industrywide cost models. But sites for the some

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FEE

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The projected number of homes to be built in Pacific Grove over the next five years is 15, according to the fee justification study, and PGUSD expects that a mere four students — two in elementary, one in middle and one in high school — will enroll in its schools as a result.

The district said it determined the new home number figure “after contacting the planning departments within the school district boundaries,” though it’s not clear where the 15 homes will be built.

Another tax proposal

In March 2020, Pacific Grove voters passed Measure D, a \$30 million bond measure to raise money to upgrade PGUSD campuses. On Nov. 5, the school district will again ask voters to approve a \$78 million ballot measure, which is dubbed the “Measure D Prop 39 Bond Extension.”

“Due to the anticipated decline in currently projected sales tax rates, the district now has an opportunity to seek a new bond measure that, if successful, is expected to result in the levy of taxes no higher than the current tax rate collected” through Measure D, according to an agenda for a July 9 school board meeting in which the board OK’d it.

Adamson explained that the measure, which needs 55 percent approval, “will not increase tax rates, simply extend the bond out for a longer period of time.”

“A successful bond measure would generate funds to pay for critical repairs, modernization of facilities, and new buildings to meet 21st-century instructional standards,” the district said, adding that the revenue could not be used to pay for teacher and administrator salaries.

The fees come on top of the sharply higher property taxes that new construction and remodels already generate. Byrne said the ballot measure and the developer fees amounted to “double dipping.”

Adamson said that the district proposed the measure after a consultant it hired surveyed voters about the idea early last year.

The “district had a favorable passage rating of 74 percent of registered voters in the boundary area,” she said.

The school district in September will present to the board a facility needs assessment.

“The district will also begin the process in 2024-25 of developing a facilities master plan, which will serve as the roadmap for Measure D in subsequent years,” Adamson said.

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of the new buildings have not been identified, and plans have yet to be drawn.

“It would not make sense to spend money and time on detailed designs and plans before final locations have been selected and funding has been secured,” said Mayor Pro Tem Liesbeth Visscher.

Community Center

While the need for a modern police station and fire station may be self-evident, several residents questioned what services they’d find at a newly built community center.

“I have no idea what a community center means, and it’s leaving an awful lot up for the imagination as to what it is,” said Grace Silva-Santella.

A potential site for a new community center has been identified next to the Marina Library, but details on what recreation opportunities will be available there are still in the idea phase.

Not everyone who spoke during public comment was against the bond.

“We don’t have the modern facilities for a modern workforce,” said Christina Medina-Dirksen, adding that she’s been pleased to see the upgrades to Marinas parks and commercial spaces but lamented the outdated facilities found around the city hall complex.

Pictures on Marina’s “Vision 50” fact sheet show portable buildings installed 40 years ago that are now falling apart, and in some cases are being held together with tarps and tape. The city says the old buildings may not withstand a major earthquake and prevent them from serving

residents efficiently.

Voters have been open to raising taxes in the past. In 2018, voters approved raising the sales and hotel taxes. Revenues from those increased streams are added to the general fund are used for street maintenance. A city-hired consultant found 51 percent of voters were in favor of an infrastructure bond measure ahead of the August council meeting.

Lesser amount?

Fifty million dollars is a big chunk of change for Marina. In 2022 the city received \$25 million in total general fund tax revenue. Mayor Bruce Delgado said the bond may be too big to pass. He argued in favor of a smaller bond, explaining he’d like a \$20 million measure focused solely on building a new fire station.

The vote came down 4-1, with Delgado dissenting. Councilmembers voted just in time for the elections office to place the measure on the upcoming ballot.

Moving forward, city councilors will be allowed to speak out in favor of the measure and campaign for it; however, no city funds can be used for campaign purposes. Aug. 15 was the last day to file primary arguments to appear on the November ballot, and Aug. 22 is the last day to file rebuttals.

Under state law, the measure needs a two-thirds supermajority to pass, but that could be lowered to 55 percent if a state ballot measure passes.

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Snowy plovers rescued, released

By KELLY NIX

MOST OF the half-dozen tiny shorebirds that hatched at SPCA Monterey County after their nest was found perilously close to the edge of a cliff have been released back into the wild, the nonprofit said.

At the end of June, staff with Point Blue Conservation Science rescued six snowy plover eggs from a nest on the edge of an eroding cliff near the mouth of the Salinas River. The group determined that the cliff base would fall so they saved the eggs and brought them to the SPCA for hatching.

After spending more than a week in an incubator, three hatched on Independence Day and the remaining three hatched July 5.

“The snowy plovers, which are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, stayed in our care for a month, learning and growing strong enough for release back into the wild,” SPCA spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser said.

More rescues

On Aug. 9, a group of volunteers with Snowy Plover Guardian and Point Blue released four of the juveniles, along with a rescued killdeer, in the Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge, between Castroville and Marina.

“They wandered out after a short time viewing their surroundings,” Brookhouser said. “Two quickly flew off, with a third joining soon after. The fourth plover decided to hang around in the habitat with the killdeer for quite some time. There were adult plovers in the area where the juveniles were released, who were feeding and known to hang around in a flock.”

The other two plovers will likely be let go next week.

“They were a little younger and

needed more time to be ready for release,” Brookhouser told The Pine Cone.

The SPCA rescues plovers and their eggs every year, but “this year is higher than usual,” she said.

SPCA staff were careful not to let the young plovers imprint — or identify with — their human caregivers. If that happens, birds no longer identify with their species and are not scared of humans. Imprinting is irreversible.

“We use visual barriers and do not talk near them,” Brookhouser said. Plovers “mostly eat krill, shrimp, mealworms, and crickets while in our care.”



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Five little birds, including four snowy plovers, were released back into the wild last week after their eggs were saved from an eroding cliff.

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UKRAINE

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all of whom are determined to not just survive, but also to succeed,” Panetta said, adding that the country continues to “inspire democracies throughout the world.”

Besides meeting Zelenskyy, Panetta and his congressional colleagues met with Ukrainian Parliament Speaker Ruslan Stefanchuk, and military, energy and humanitarian leaders. They also held meetings with staff of the American embassy.

“While in Kyiv, Russia fired Iskander-M ballistic missiles and other air assaults into the capital,” according to Panetta’s press office. “Fortunately, the rockets were intercepted by U.S. Patriot missile defense systems that are deployed throughout the city.”

The American politicians also had meetings with Ukrainian veterans, citizens and orphans, and visited the Okhmatdyt Children’s Hospital, which was struck by a Russian missile last month, and other sites where Russia has killed Ukrainians and destroyed infrastructure.

Lengthy stay

Congressional delegations normally are allowed to spend less than a day in Ukraine and are confined to the capital of Kyiv, but Panetta and his colleagues spent five days in Ukraine and traveled to Bucha, a city northwest of Kyiv where Russians killed about 1,000 civilians, including several dozen children, and Odesa, a port city on the Black Sea.

“As disheartening as it was to see and hear about the many tragedies of this war, it was heartening to see and hear firsthand how American support, especially our work

in Congress to pass legislation for supplemental funding, is properly being used on the battlefield and affecting not just the Ukrainian military efforts, but also the morale of the Ukrainian people,” Panetta said.

‘Resilience’

Since Russia invaded Ukraine, the United States has appropriated about \$175 billion to the country, with \$107 billion directly aiding Ukraine, according to the Council on Foreign Relations.

“Most of the remainder is funding various U.S. activities associated with the war in Ukraine, and a small portion supports other affected countries in the region,” the think tank said.

The Pine Cone asked Panetta what his idea of a victory is for Ukraine, and if the United States and other allies should continue to bankroll the war-torn country until Russia pulls all its troops or the two countries reach a truce.

“As this war of attrition continues,” Panetta said, “support from democracies around the world — combined with Ukrainian innovation, resilience and determination — is necessary to stop Russian Pres. Vladimir Putin, promote a peaceful outcome and protect the international world order.”



PHOTO/REP. JIMMY PANETTA

Democratic Rep. Jimmy Panetta visited the Okhmatdyt Children’s Hospital in Ukraine, which was struck by Russian cruise missiles in July. Panetta was in Ukraine for five days last week.

Panetta authored the Ukraine Human Rights Policy Act, which seeks to put in a place a mechanism to hold Russia accountable for human rights abuses, and supports the No Limits Act, which would hold accountable Chinese Communist Party military firms that are assisting Russia in its Ukraine invasion.

He also advocates for a bill that condemns the forced adoption of Ukrainian children by Russia and has called for the young people to be reunited with their families.

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SCHOOLS

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passed out rulers that included one with a swastika and the n-word written on it. Swastikas and the “SS” symbol were also carved into desks. Nine incidents were documented that year.

When investigators asked for data from 2022-2023, they were told that due to staff turnover — including the firing of the principal and the subsequent departure of two assistant principals and other administrators — “the district could not find records for incidents of alleged harassment or discrimination on the basis of shared Jewish ancestry at the school.”

But a race relations survey conducted at Carmel High in spring 2023 indicated that nearly 11 percent of respondents had been “the subject of a ‘racially motivated act or statement,’” more than 20 percent had “personally observed a racially motivated action,” by a student, teacher or administrator to a student on campus or during a school-sponsored event, and nearly 50 percent either seen the graffiti and been upset by it or had heard about it and felt uncomfortable. More than 14 percent said they “hear racial slurs on campus,” daily, while more than 23 percent reported hearing them weekly. The survey did not specifically mention antisemitism.

‘Do nothing’

In 2023-2024, another half-dozen “incidents involving alleged harassment based on shared Jewish ancestry and the discovery of swastikas” were reported. In one, a parent “emailed that a student told her daughter that he wanted to kill all Jews and burn them in their homes,” but the parent didn’t want anything done about it, and there was no investigation.

Others included the vandalism of an Anne Frank Movie Night poster, a reference to Hitler in a game, and more graffiti of swastikas on benches and elsewhere.

“The evidence shows that the district

failed to take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to end a known hostile environment for students of shared Jewish ancestry, to mitigate its effects on students, and to prevent its recurrence,” the OCR team’s leader, Naghmeh OrdikhaniIn, wrote in the analysis. “In addition, in some cases of reported or otherwise known antisemitic conduct, the district failed to adequately determine whether a hostile environment existed for those students and if they needed remedies to address the effects of that environment.”

‘Pervasive’

OrdikhaniIn went on to state, “The frequency with which the swastikas and other antisemitic expressions or incidents occurred establishes that the incidents of antisemitic graffiti and conduct were pervasive and not isolated,” and noted that “the district’s nonexistent recordkeeping raises the likelihood that additional incidents occurred” during the past three years.

And while the district “asserted that it did not receive any formal complaints and that no students reported feeling harassed or subjected to a hostile environment,” it was clearly a cause of concern for the students who spoke about it during public meetings and formed a task force to try to address it.

At the Aug. 14 meeting, Ofek commented, “As a Jewish American, I can unequivocally say this type of behavior will not be tolerated.”

She also said she has the board’s full support in working to create an environment where all students and staff feel welcome. “It’s really imperative that our community knows antisemitism and discrimination in all of its forms are unacceptable, especially in our schools,” she said.

“As a Jewish American, I understand all too well the pain these experiences can cause,” added board member Sara Hinds.

The discussion followed the board’s July 24 approval of a 15-page agreement with the federal agency to overhaul its policies and drastically improve its record-keeping, among other changes.



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LOSS

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appearing in any of the other many shows and events Car Week comprises. But they also had a lot of fun.

“Mike came into the detailing world with a willingness to embrace this new industry, only to quickly learn it fit him like a glove,” Titus said. “That’s when the adventure began, and what a ride it was.”

When McCall decided to move on to other pursuits in the industry, he sold McCall Motorsports to Antoncich and

Titus, who renamed it Monterey Vintage Motorsports and took it in their own direction, including storing and caring for cars belonging to part-time residents.

“We worked so well together, like a well-oiled machine,” Titus said, adding that many of their friends and colleagues joked that they “were like an old married couple, spending more time together than with anyone else.”

During many a Car Week, the duo could be found rushing from venue to venue, often on motorcycles to get to their destinations more easily, to put the finishing touches on their clients’ show cars.

“We traveled the country together and

left our mark everywhere we went,” Titus recalled. “We rubbed shoulders with athletes, celebrities and the finest in the car world.”

\$35 million car

His work meant he was entrusted with the rarest and most expensive machines, including the Ferrari 250 GTO he and Titus drove onto the show field for the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance one year.

Ferrari only made 39 250 GTOs between 1962 and 1964, and several have sold at auction for tens of millions of dollars. The Concours exhibit featured 20 of the cars — the most ever seen together — and the

one they were charged with caretaking had been built for Sir Stirling Moss and painted in a distinctive pastel-green hue but was never raced. In a private sale in 2012, it sold for \$35 million.

And at his home on Valley Way, Antoncich’s love of everything automotive was also evident, with his personal collection of interesting vehicles and memorabilia, and he enjoyed inviting friends over to watch Formula 1 races.

“Mikey was loved by so many in the car world, and he will be missed by so many,” Titus said. “His legacy will live on in the hearts and memories of all those who were lucky enough to know him.”



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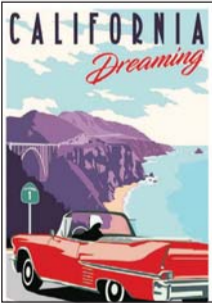

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Editorial

The people’s answer

THE CITY council may have voted 3-2 on July 9 to institute a conventional street address system in Carmel, but we highly doubt the vote will be the last word on this hotly contested topic. With details to be worked out, an important municipal election just weeks away, and the ever-present possibility that people will change their minds or file lawsuits, the decision probably wasn’t even the 100th-from-the-last word.

Nevertheless, some of the town’s diehard advocates of quaintness are panicking, not only because the council vote unexpectedly didn’t go their way, but because they know that if numbers are ever assigned to houses, it will probably be impossible to take them away. Their refusal to accept defeat, with the multitude of legal and political tools available to anyone who’s determined to stop something, is another reason the debate is surely far from over. Meanwhile, advocates of street addresses are becoming more and more impassioned, as well, not only convenience, but public safety.

The current debate over house numbers is only the latest of many since Carmel was founded in 1916. Within the memory of all but the most recent newcomers is the colossal battle of the year 2000, which included public hearings, protests, a fiercely contested election and threats of a class-action lawsuit, and finally concluding with the city deciding not to assign numbers to houses but setting up a courier service to deliver mail to anybody who couldn’t — or wouldn’t — pick up their mail at the post office. They also offered free P.O. boxes to residents.

All that trouble and expense was instigated by a single loudmouthed individual named Joe Steinfeld who moved to town, decided he didn’t like the city’s custom of not having house numbers or home mail delivery, and proceeded to raise holy hell about what he saw as a gross injustice.

Never mind what the majority of Carmel residents thought, or how much they treasured the town’s quaint traditions — Steinfeld was so sure he was right and so convinced of his own moral superiority that he simply would not shut up until he got his way.

He was the kind of person who makes “pariah” a synonym for “activist.” And then, as soon as the controversy was finished and Steinfeld got most of what he wanted, he left town and moved to Mexico. The man lived here only two years — and caused trouble almost the entire time.

Fifteen years later, another resident picked up the same mantle, demanding that the city number its houses and have the post office start delivering the mail. Not having either, the resident claimed, was “discriminatory, usurious, monopolistic and extortion.” Furthermore, he said, everyone had a “right” to home mail delivery.

However, Steinfeld and his progeny were wrong. There is no “right” to home mail or package delivery, or to mail delivery at all, for that matter. During the Steinfeld era, the post office pointed out that at least 4,000 towns in the United States do not have home mail delivery, including about 200 in California, and the number was said to be growing.

Meanwhile, the unique standing of Carmel in an increasingly homogeneous world has grown. Something as fundamental to that uniqueness as the lack of house numbers should be changed only if a majority of its citizens agree. Certainly, the opinions of a single individual, or even a small group, are not enough reason to change the town one iota, no matter how vehemently those objections are stated. However, the opposite is also true: There should be street addresses if that’s what most of the voters of Carmel want. Anti-house number zealots should also be subject to majority rule.

Over and over again during the various generations of city council debates over house numbers, we find ourselves wishing, against all odds, that the whole thing could finally be settled once and for all. There’s no foolproof way to do that, but it would help if the will of the people were known. The way to do that is with a vote. Should Carmel’s houses be numbered? Please put it on the next ballot and be done with it.

BEST of BATES



“Fourth tree NE of Carmelo and Eleventh ... four pine cones on ground, bark missing on two sides, one cracked lower limb”

Letters to the Editor

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‘Divine intervention needed’ Dear Editor,

The forever discussions at city council with no resolution sadden me.

Example: home addresses. Residents cannot agree on direction, compromise nor their neighbors’ opinions.

It is understandable that council members do not wish to lose the support of constituents by coming down on the “wrong side” of issues, as any side now ends up being an unpopular side.

I notice that meetings do not start with an invocation, although “One nation, under God” is still in the opening pledge of allegiance.

I know it is an old-fashioned thing, inviting local clergy to offer opening prayer for God’s guidance and blessing.

Some may incorrectly call the current practice keeping church separate from state, which of course meant simply not establishing a state or mandated religion.

George Washington said, “It is the duty of all nations, to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor.”

Moving things from one committee to another and inviting forever public comment do not seem to be working.

Maybe we should try something new, or rather, old.

Jon Levy, Carmel

‘What is going on?’ Dear Editor,

It would be irresponsible for the Carmel City Council and its paid staff to change an ordinance and a 108-year tradition in a rush and two months before a municipal election that will undoubtedly change the makeup of the council.

There has not been a single public ad hoc committee meeting on street addresses where members of our community can ask questions, get answers, explore options and exchange opinions. This entire process hasn’t been transparent and needs to be slowed down. What is going on with our local government?

Andi Carr, Carmel

Parking battleground Dear Editor,

It appears city hall is at war with parking. What else are we to think when they methodically plot to remove as many parking spots as possible? Consider that the city, with the help of the resident-armed

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Like wine, lives and communities ought to improve with age

BORN IN the Bronx and raised in Maryland, Kim Stemler graduated from Towson State University with a degree in communications. Although the East Coast culture formed the warp and weft of her life, California called to her. She has lived on the Monterey Peninsula since 1989, where she arrived after becoming deeply entrenched in the Big Sur community, another place that holds her heart.

Stemler’s career began at T. Rowe Price, a Maryland-based asset-management company which soon had her running its training department. When sent by the company to a corporate retreat in Berkeley that included a workshop at Esalen, Stemler felt she’d come home.

“I fell in love with Big Sur,” she said. “I felt at home there. The land was calling

Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

me, and I couldn’t leave. I knew I needed to change my life.”

After college, Stemler had envisioned continuing her formal education by earning a graduate degree at Stanford. Instead, she went to work for Esalen, built a house with her own hands, got married and had children.

“I spent 10 years at Esalen, having become their PR person,” she recalled. “My job was largely about managing the schedules of big production companies interested in filming movies there.”

After shifting from being married to being “a great coparent,” Stemler said she felt the need to use her education more directly for her community’s well being. She moved to a rental in Pacific Grove a block from the bay. When the owner died, the house was sold, so she bought a new home in Marina — a “super-convenient, connected community.”

Finding her way

Once settled, Stemler took stock of what mattered most at the time. Having benefited from excellent onsite childcare at Esalen, she found that the Monterey County Childcare Planning Council was conducting a study on the economic impact of childcare needs in the area. She signed on to consult with them, which led her to extend her work to different local organizations — typically county and city governments or foundations — followed by strategic planning gigs for larger nonprofits.

“Every group has its own focus and systems, but each is a business, and their needs are pretty much the same. They’re all people trying to get something done. One of my jobs, after Prop 10 (the California Children and Families Act) had passed,

was to help found and then work with First 5 Monterey County.” The group says its goal is to enrich “the lives of children and families by elevating early childhood as a priority, strengthening connections, and advancing quality within a whole system of care and support.”

Stemler subsequently spent five years serving as director of Monterey County Housing Inc., an affordable housing developer which, during her time with the company, built seven family/childcare homes designed as affordable rentals for people who wanted to operate childcare services.

Diverse groups

“One of the advantages of being a consultant is that you develop a huge network of people and learn a lot about a diverse array of businesses,” said Stemler. “People are the same. It’s about creating a positive culture among them. If you understand that, it’s easy to work with any group.”

In 2013, Stemler learned that the Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association was seeking an executive director. She got the job and served in that role for nearly 11 years.

“I love the wine industry, especially our local industry,” Stemler said. “Everyone is so supportive of each other, family oriented and collaborative. These are good people you want to be around, people who care about people.”

Yet, once Stemler learned the president/CEO position was open at The Carmel Foundation, she began to reevaluate what she wanted to do at this stage of her life.

“I love wine and the multigenerational families who care about the land and the

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PHOTO/COURTESY KIM STEMLER

New Carmel Foundation president and CEO Kim Stemler has years of experience working with nonprofits.

IT WAS A SURPRISING SELF-PORTRAIT

CARMEL PAINTER Diane Danvers Simmons divulged that she had a difficult time looking at the abstract self-portrait she created a few months ago during a workshop with a Santa Fe artist.

And then, like many of the women who have seen it since, she couldn’t look away.

“Close your eyes,” the instructor told Simmons and her adult daughter, Natalie, the only two students in the private class. “Feel your face with one hand and draw with the other.”

When Simmons finally peeked at what

of other female artists, the piece inspired “Many Faces of Womanhood,” a series of paintings Simmons showed earlier this year at Sunset Center as part of a multi-artist exhibit that also showcased the talents of her colleagues at Seaside’s Open Ground Art Collective, where Simmons rents a studio space.

‘My girls’

“I call them ‘my girls.’ They’re all paintings of women’s faces and the many moods of women,” said Simmons, who has devoted much of her adult life to female empowerment.

The exhibition represented a small part of a life-long healing process.

Since 2020, she and Natalie have collaborated on “Mothers and Daughters Unfiltered,” a podcast that included 25 episodes in Season 1 and 11 more (so far) in Season 2.

She is also the author of “My Mother Next Door” (2021, Koehler Books), an irreverent, often humorous coming-of-age autobiography depicting the stormy relationship she had with her narcissistic mother, who walked away from the family in search of her independence when Simmons was a teenager:

She said she sat in the family kitchen a week after her 16th birthday sipping tea with the matriarch, who confided that she’d be leaving the following day.

“My mother was a very volatile, larger-than-life character who was always threatening to leave, and I just didn’t believe it,” Simmons reflected.

No note, number, address

The next day, when young Diane came home from her summer job, she discovered that her mom was absent and her belongings were gone. There was no note, no phone number, no forwarding address.

Simmons solved the mystery the same day when she discovered that her mother had literally moved next door, into the house she was renting to “three hot college guys.”

You’ll have to

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Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

her hand had sightlessly created, her reaction was visceral.

“I was shocked,” she said of the jagged, sharp-edged, wounded-looking rendering. “I’m always a positive, upbeat, happy person, and, well ... I kind of didn’t want to show it to anyone at first.”

But she didn’t try to soften the image. She added smears and streaks of blood red, shards and zigzags of black, and smudges of jaundice yellow to the painting she would entitle, “Mad As Hell.”

Thanks largely to the strong advocacy



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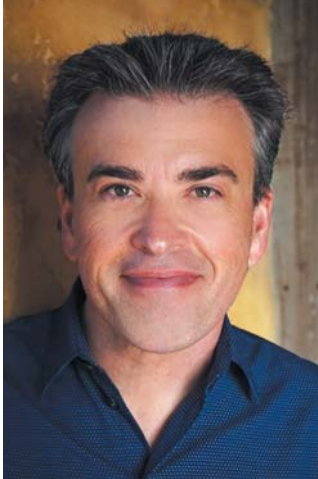


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LETTERS

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“city site alternatives” group, is trying to jam 349 housing units into every nook and cranny in Carmel to comply with the state’s one-size-fits-all housing mandates.

Assuming 349 renters average one-and-a-half cars per unit, the new housing will represent 500 fewer available parking spots. Now consider the city also authorized removal of our heavily utilized public parking lots for housing sites, and almost 300 existing parking spots will be lost. How about the one-size-fits-all AB 413 mandate, which will eliminate 400 more parking spots at intersections. So far that’s an estimated 1,200 fewer spots available for parking than exist today!

At this point, consider the parking required for the demolition and construction crews associated with large commercial projects in the pipeline. I refer to the Hofsas House, Ulrika Plaza (the Pit), the JB Pastor Building and the foreseeable old Svendsgaard’s Inn, which was just sold. All these projects will involve a significant demolition and construction workforce, and all are within several blocks of each other. Add to that the construction workforce for the 349 housing units, and you have several thousand more parking spots being used by workers over the next several years to varying degrees. Carmel will be one massive construction zone. But where will residents, employees and visitors park?

This will be a parking nightmare that the city purposely ignored. But that’s not surprising when city officials repeatedly avoid implementing the California Environmental Quality Act to address the environmental

implications of mandates and construction.

Recently, the city council reluctantly agreed to consider dropping the public parking lots from the housing element so long as more housing units can be crammed in elsewhere on private property. With the help of their minions at the “city site alternatives” group, they’re cajoling private property owners to facilitate their DEI housing vision. But there is an election soon, and hopefully, a complete change in leadership.

Chuck Najarian,
Carmel

‘Theme park’

Dear Editor:

Carmel remains a beautiful location, but it is no longer the residential community its founders envisioned. For those of us who live here year round, Carmel has become a combination of theme park, construction zone and parking lot.

Geoffrey Cocks,
Carmel Woods

Buses waste money

Dear Editor,

It must be terribly depressing to be an MST bus driver, driving around all day with little or no one in your bus, knowing that the bus you are driving is spewing exhaust into the air we breathe.

If we look up the 2024 budget on the MST website, we can see that they are projecting to bring in \$4 million in busing revenue this year but spending over \$58 million to do it.

Part of the losses are made up by Measure Q, which increases our sales tax, but the rest is made up by the inflationary spending of our government.

As much as it hurts to see this much money wasted, the fact that these huge buses are driving around day and night adding to global warming is an ironic tragedy.

John Watkins,
Carmel

Windmills and wildlife

Dear Editor,

In the Aug. 9 edition, a reader claimed there is “strong evidence that wind farms kill Atlantic whales” and that they “slice and dice” birds. However, this does not appear to be true.

In June, Scientific American carried an article, “The Science is Clear: Offshore Wind Isn’t What’s Killing Whales,” while The MIT Press Reader found that wind turbines only kill a fraction of the number of birds that house cats or buildings kill.

Clean energy is critical. Nobody should argue that. Offshore winds are typically faster in the ocean than on land, and even small increases in wind speed can produce large

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PLAYGROUND

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volunteers, creating artwork or providing on-site child-care, there’s a place for everyone to contribute.”

The project marks a collaboration between the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center and the Tatum’s Garden Foundation — and is the foundation’s second playground project.

The foundation raised \$1.3 million and recruited 3,000 volunteers to build the Tatum’s Garden playground in Salinas’ Sherwood Park in 2013.

Both playgrounds are named for a local youngster, Tatum Bakker, who uses a wheelchair. For more details, visit tatumstreehouse.com.

LIVES

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community,” said Stemler, 62. “But I wanted to do one more thing that fills my heart, and I know I made the right move.”

Protect the home

In 2022, Stemler returned her attention to her heartland of Big Sur to establish The Emile Norman Arts Foundation with Heather Chappellet and Heather Engen. Its goal is to celebrate the legendary artist and his devotion to a fine-art portrayal of the natural elements of the coastal landscape that was his “Valhalla” — and to protect his home.

“We wanted to enact what Emile wanted,” said Stemler, “and we couldn’t do it without the house he built and his artwork — both a legacy of his reverence for the landscape and how he portrayed it. Our motive was not to make a profit but to preserve the property and share it with the public.”

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increases in energy generation. I'll be the first to admit that offshore wind farms visible from the shore pollute the viewshed, but that's a small price to pay if we can reduce fossil fuel emissions.

The letter writer concludes his letter with, "Save the whales. Save the birds. Save our oceans. Stop industrial wind farms." I say, "Trust the science. Save our planet."

Geoff Johnston,
Carmel

Baron 'supports municipal code'

Dear Editor,

At the Aug. 6 council meeting, the mayor and two council members voted to ignore Carmel's municipal code by voting to allow retaining walls and stairs to remain in the public right of way.

In contrast, councilmembers Karen Fertito and Jeff Baron pointed out that applying the standards set forth in the municipal code protects and preserves the unique informal character of our village's rights of way by not allowing formal structures such as retaining walls and stairs. Baron further pointed out that the staff report correctly identified the findings needed to deny the application.

By speaking clearly and strongly to support our municipal code, Jeff Baron showed that he understands how important it is to make the right decisions to protect and preserve our community's unique character. Please join me and vote for Jeff Baron for mayor on Nov. 5.

Michael LePage,
Carmel

O'Neil is 'real thing'

Dear Editor,

David O'Neil first approached me at a

volunteer booth a few years ago and cheerfully asked, "How can I help?" Since that time, he has become a stalwart friend, and true to his word, he has helped many organizations in the community. I can say with total confidence that David will:

■ Protect Carmel's charm, Old-World character and its quirky ways, because he truly cares about our heritage and our community, not his own personal agenda.

■ Fight for local control; he will stand against parking meters and additional invasive cameras on poles.

■ Protect and enhance our beautiful forest.

■ Discourage new housing that looks like "Anywhere, USA."

■ Diligently work to start putting wires underground and repave roads.

■ Seek to provide solutions to our present home-address issues without losing our invaluable post office.

David listens. He is not your usual political candidate. He also educates himself, researching topics in depth, and fearlessly insists our county and state decision makers pay attention to our unique needs. His endless hours of studying Carmel's codes, mandates, requirements, guidelines, plans and regulations show his dedication. He truly loves our community and the people in it.

Let's bring fair, rational, commonsense and knowledgeable leadership to council. Vote David O'Neil.

Karyl Hall,
Carmel

Delves 'collaborative and respectful'

Dear Editor,

We met Bob Delves through his four years of dedicated service on the Carmel Planning Commission. He stands out as a good listener and reasonable decision maker. We have noticed him read and digest complex details on a variety of projects, listen carefully to multiple perspectives, and ask the right questions to become fully

informed so that his decisions are thoughtful and reasonable. He is collaborative and respectful of others while offering clarity on his own positions.

Bob brings 45 years of leadership experience in the public, private and non-profit sectors, including serving as a popular mayor in a Colorado resort town. This extensive leadership experience, his

intelligence, his dedication to serve and protect Carmel's character, his personal integrity and his full-time dedication is the type of leadership we need today on Carmel's city council. We highly recommend Bob Delves for city council. He has our vote.

Dylan and Tasha Witt,
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ISRAEL

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they departed, said under his breath, “I’ve already killed Palestinians and I’m going to go back and kill more.”

‘Offensive’

Ybarra has said that she converted to Judaism in her early 20s and has two Jewish children, but that “13 years ago, Zionism unraveled” for her.

Eric Emanuel, a Jewish man who’s lived in Pacific Grove for 26 years, said he believed the video was offensive.

“It felt like antisemitism,” Emanuel said. Ybarra “said she could understand why people are racist, but that she had to stop herself from going there.”

Emanuel was also struck that Ybarra would provoke the Israeli tourists, who were presumably in the Philippines to enjoy themselves, not to argue politics with a stranger.

“I certainly don’t want to see her as mayor,” Emanuel said.

Only four of Ybarra’s more than 800 Instagram friends liked the video, which was reposted by the operators of local website lighthouseavenue.com.

Ybarra is running against former P.G. City Councilman Dan Miller and incumbent councilman Nick Smith. Mayor Bill Peake decided not to seek reelection.

Nonprofit’s supporters

Ybarra is the CEO of the Wahine Project, a nonprofit she founded in 2010 that offers surfing lessons to underprivileged children.

Wahine Project’s programs for 2024-2025 were funded by the Pebble Beach Foundation, Salinas Valley Foundation, Yellow Brick Road, California State Parks, Monterey Peninsula Foundation, which gave the group \$30,000 for its “Black, indigenous, and other people of color Youth Occupational Development Program,” and Montage Health, which

donated \$10,000.
The Pine Cone posed several questions to Ybarra about the video, but she declined to answer them.

GAVEL

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This case, like so many other cases involving the sexual exploitation of minors, was solved through successful interagency collaboration and a commitment by detectives and investigators to uncovering and pursuing every lead.

Doe was supported through this process by victim witness program manager Alma Sanchez.

If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in commercial sex work or some other type of labor, call 911 or reach out to the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-(888) 373-7888.

SHOT

From page 6A

Response Unit — essentially a SWAT team comprising officers from various local law-enforcement agencies — helped Monterey P.D. serve a high-risk search warrant at Avila’s home in the 3000 block of Del Monte Boulevard in Marina.

Detectives subsequently obtained an arrest warrant, and on Tuesday, Pinkas said, Avila “self-surrendered at the Monterey County Jail,” where he was booked for attempted homicide, shooting at an occupied vehicle and at an occupied building, and possession of a loaded firearm in public.

He’s being held on \$1 million bail.

Pinkas asked that anyone who might have useful information regarding the shooting to contact detective Sgt. Greg Galin at (831) 646-3872 or call the anonymous tipline at (831) 646-3840.



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Car photography moves in new directions

IN TANDEM with Car Week, Winfield Gallery is hosting a display of images by Michael Furman and David Wiener — each of whom has earned acclaim for photographing some of the world’s finest automobiles. Titled “Departure Car,” the show closes Aug. 20.

While the photographers share a great affection for cars, each takes a very differ-

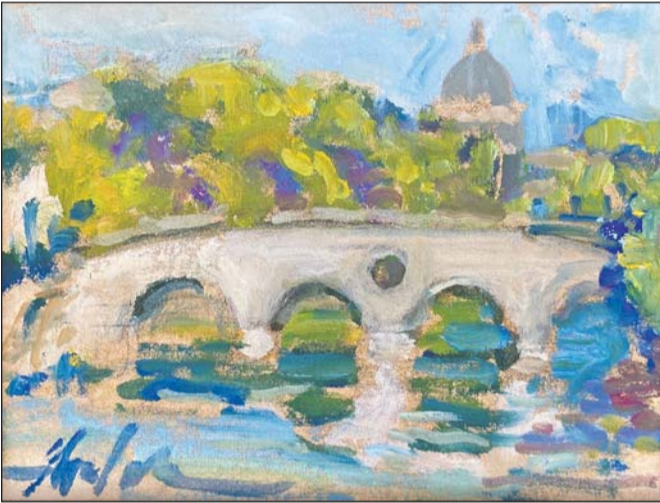
Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

ent creative approach to capturing images of them.

“Furman’s elegant studio images of historic and iconic GT and race cars will be juxtaposed with the modern abstract automotive art of Wiener, an internationally renowned automotive designer and artist,” the gallery said. “Furman’s artistry in capturing the beauty of automotive design plays against Wiener’s fresh perspective on the world of automotive fine art.”

Winfield Gallery is located on Dolores between Ocean and Seventh.



Johnny Apodaca’s plein air paintings from Tuscany are featured in an exhibit at the Carmel Art Association.

■ ‘Made in Italy’

A display of paintings by Johnny Apodaca is featured this month at the Carmel Art Association, and this Saturday at 2 p.m., the artist presents a free talk. “He will discuss his process and his passion for painting plein air, while sharing his experiences as a Monterey County artist for over 50 years,” according to the gallery.

Titled “Made in Italy,” the exhibit features paintings created during Apodaca’s travels in the country. The artist has a studio near Lake Trasimeno in the province of Umbria, and he and his wife travel there each spring.

“From this idyllic home base, he and his wife, Janelle, drive or take the train to various locales where he sets up his easel,” the gallery added.

“As a landscape painter, Apodaca is grateful to make this ‘Grand Tour’ each year. Italy provides him with endless inspiration and opportunities.”

The gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

ARTIST

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purchase the book to learn the rest, but suffice it to say the traumatizing abandonment dramatically impacted Simmons’ life.

“At 16, I solemnly vowed never to do unto my own children what my mother had done to me,” she wrote in the introduction to “My Mother Next Door.”

Much of her life today is devoted to her grown kids, Natalie and Nick, and to a multi-pronged crusade for women.

Beginning on Sept. 28, that will include an exhibition of her “Many Faces of Womanhood” series in the tasting room at Dawn’s Dream Winery (Seventh Avenue and San Carlos Street), a monthlong show that will open with a 3 p.m. artist’s reception.

Simmons also serves on the Women’s Fund Leadership Council and as a board member and director-at-large for the Carmel Public Library Foundation. She has been involved with Girls’ Health in Girls’ Hands and was a founder of the WomenH2H Global Leadership Circle. She was a consultant and moderator for “Women in Film” at the Carmel International Film Festival and is a filmmaker and a motivational speaker.

A 29-year career

A native of England, she moved America at age 27 to accept a position with an advertising agency in the Saatchi & Saatchi group, part of a 29-year career in advertising and marketing. She married Bill Simmons at 32, had Natalie the following year and Nick four-and-a-half years later.

“We moved to the Peninsula in 2005 because of the quality of the schools,” said Simmons, who sent Natalie and Nick to nearby private schools Santa Catalina and Stevenson, respectively. They lived in Carmel Valley before moving to Hatton Fields.

In Carmel, she also reconnected with her youthful passion for creating fine art. Originally a representational artist, she

began developing a deep affection for the contemporary-abstract style about four years ago, becoming more committed in early 2023, when she began painting at Open Ground Studios.

“The work I’m creating now is purely from my heart and soul,” she said. “People are reacting to it, liking it and buying it, and I think it’s because I have this life experience coming out of me.”

Simmons paints large — her smallest pieces typically are 36-by-36 inches — and embraces the freedom of approaching a blank canvas with no formula, no rules and no limitations.

Childlike wonder

“It’s like a meditation for me. I listen to music as I paint. I love to play — I feel that childlike wonder and awe that we often lose as adults,” she said. “Sometimes I finish a painting in a few hours, other times I’ll work on one for days. Most of the time, it comes out totally different than I had planned.”

Although Simmons travels frequently, often to take workshops from other artists, and has a second home with her husband in Incline Village near Lake Tahoe, she draws much of her inspiration from strolls along the shores of the lake and from the ocean and natural beauty of the Monterey Peninsula.

“I walk every day with my dog, and nature and the ocean are very important elements to me. I feel so blessed to live in such a beautiful, safe part of the world.

“I’m an author, I’m an artist, I’m a mother, I’m a traveler and explorer — my life today feels very fulfilled,” she said. “We’re multidimensional beings. I don’t think we have to put ourselves in a box, nor do I think our art should be put in a box.”

Images of her paintings and additional information can be found at dianedanvers-simmons.com. Access her podcast and find information about her book at mothersand-daughtersunfiltered.com.

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The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

Life is good and so is his game — Geisen shoots his age an amazing 221 times

DONEL GEISEN, a free-range kind of kid, was just a toddler when he began tagging along with his grandmother to the Beach Club.

Louise Waller O’Brien, a tennis and golf enthusiast, died when he was in grade school, but introduced her grandson to golf before she passed.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

“There was a practice range over there at the time, so while she was playing tennis, I’d wander down there and hit balls until she was finished,” reminisced Geisen, who figured out the rest over the past 7 1/2 decades.

“I’m self-taught, which is why I have a unique swing,

with a very short backswing,” he said. “But it’s worked out OK.”

In the unabridged history of humble understatements, that one ranks pretty high. Over the past 14 years, the Carmel resident has “shot his age” 221 times, most recently on July 31, when Geisen — age 78 — needed just 77 strokes to finish an 18-hole round at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch.

The Carmel High graduate (Class of ’63) first accomplished the feat in the summer of 2010, at 64, carding a 64 on the east course at Rancho Cañada Golf Club.

A shot in the heart

“A fellow named Pat Stafford was keeping score that day, it came down to the last hole, and everybody knew there was an elephant in the room — I had a pretty good round going,” Geisen recollected.

“I got on the green in three. I had a downhill putt, 12 feet, breaking left to right, for a par. I hit it perfect, dead into the heart of the cup, and Pat absolutely went crazy. I mean, he enjoyed the moment even more than I did, which made it a really wonderful experience for me.”

At 72, he shot his age 11 times. At 75, he did it 17 times. He shot 76 a remarkable 27 times. And since turning 78, the total was 13 at press time.

“So, theoretically, it’s getting easier,” joked Geisen, who missed a few rounds during the Covid pandemic, and a few more earlier this year after hip-replacement surgery.

His trophy collection commemorates 21 club championships — 18 at Rancho Cañada, plus two senior championships



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Lynn Geisen (right), who married Donel 57 years ago (the weekend of Monterey Pop Festival), has taught yoga locally for the past 25 years. Her husband now is one of her students.

and a regular crown at Old Del Monte. A favorite memory is being part of the 12-player roster that won the Northern California Golf Association Match Play Team Championship in 2000. And in 2009, he won the Apple City Amateur, played at Watsonville’s Spring Hills Golf Course and Pajaro Valley Golf Club in Royal Oaks.

Geisen has nine holes-in-one, the most recent in November 2022 at Monterey Pines.

Ace, eagle, four birds, same ball

A treasure on his mantle is Titleist Pro V1 golf ball he used at for three consecutive rounds, during which he scored a hole in one and a birdie at Laguna Seca, and an

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Donel Geisen, second from the left, played four years for Coach Buzz Rainer on Carmel High’s golf team, battling Robert Louis Stevenson School for league dominance, but says several teammates were better.



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eagle and three birdies at Old Del Monte.

“I said, ‘This ball doesn’t deserve to be lost,’ and I retired it in recognition of its excellent support of my game,” Geisen recalled.

His secret is not complicated: He hits the ball straight, staying out of trouble, his short irons are strong, and he putts well.

“I’m not the longest hitter out there, but I’m pretty consistent, and pretty level-headed,” Geisen said.

“I still screw up, but the most satisfying thing at my age — and also the most frustrating thing — is that you always know exactly what you’ve done wrong,” he elaborated. “And it always comes back to the same basic stuff: slow down, concentrate, don’t let a mistake get to you”

Geisen fell in love with golf, frequently sneaking onto Pebble Beach, and tennis, learning from John Gardner, and sailed out of Stillwater Cove on Carmel Bay throughout a largely unfettered youth, when he was mostly left to his own devices.

“I went through Carmel schools until the second half of the eighth grade,” he said. “That’s when my mother went to Europe with one of my sisters, and I moved up to Squaw Valley finished the year at Tahoe-Truckee Junior High.”

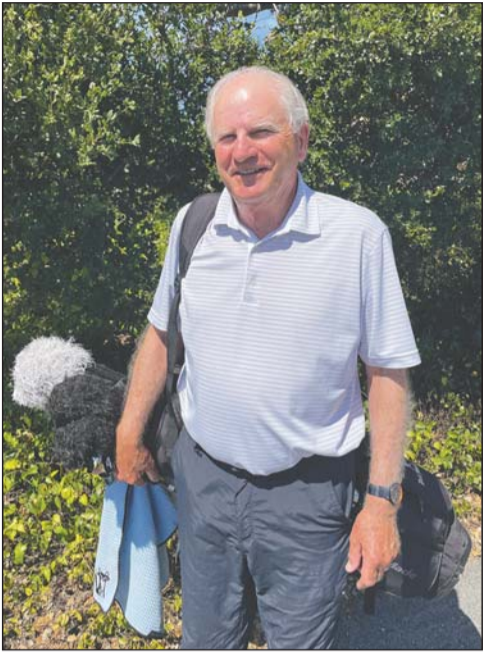
Bronze medalist’s skis

Geisen became a competitive skier on a pair of old skis he purchased from a classmate, Jimmy Huga, who went on to win a bronze medal in the 1960 Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley.

“My parents had just gotten a divorce, and I got out of school for two weeks to go back to Squaw Valley and work at the Olympics,” recalled Geisen, who was in his freshman year at Carmel High at the time. “I got to be a courier for a Time-Life photographer, which mostly meant that I followed him around and carried his stuff.

“But I got to see the opening ceremonies, ski jumping, skiing, and the hockey games, including the one between the U.S. and the Russians (USA 3, USSR 2, for the gold medal).”

During his four years at Carmel High, he played on the golf team (the Padres and Robert Louis Stevenson School both claimed Pebble Beach as their home course), and one year of basketball.



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Carmel native Donel Geisen has ‘shot his age’ 221 times over the past 14 years, and has nine career holes-in-one. At 78, he plays four times a week on local courses, typically walking the 18-hole round.

“I was the second-shortest kid in the high school as a freshman and was almost 6 feet tall by the end of my sophomore year,” he remembered. “But I only weighed 130 pounds.”

Carmel’s golf team — which included future Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback

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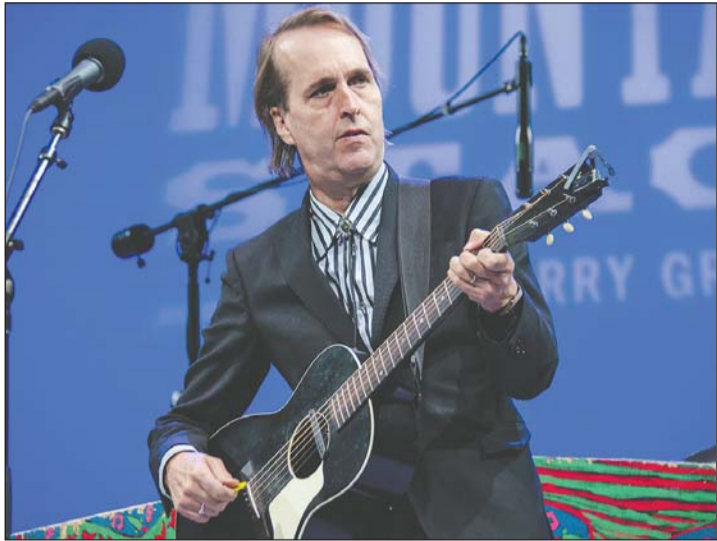
This Week

Live Music,
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Prophet plays Folktale after using music to help regain his health

SINGER AND guitarist **Chuck Prophet**, 61, had a difficult battle with lymphoma, but the challenges of overcoming a serious illness didn't keep him from playing his music, and now that he's recovered, he's back on the road and performs Wednesday, 5 p.m., at Folktale Winery in

"I was in a tunnel," he said. "But I had music — music to play, music to listen to, and music to get me out of my head."
Tickets start at \$30. The winery is located at 8940 Carmel Valley Road. For tickets, visit folktalewinery.ticketbud.com.



Back on the road, Chuck Prophet, former member of the psychedelic rock band, Green on Red, plays Aug. 21 at Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Carmel Valley.
A one-time member of the psychedelic rock band, Green on Red, Prophet has released 16 albums as a solo artist, and he has a new record, "Wake the Dead," that is coming out soon. During his health struggles, Prophet said music was his savior.



Singer and guitarist Citizen Cope performs Wednesday, 8 p.m., at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

■ Chamber music tickets

Tickets are on sale for Chamber Music Monterey Bay's 2024-25 season, which kicks off Nov. 9, when the Pacific Quartet performs at Sunset Center. "This season promises to deliver an array of captivating performances by world-renowned ensembles and musicians," the group says.

The rest of the schedule includes concerts by **The Isidore Quartet** (Jan. 11, 2025), **The Juilliard Quartet** (Feb. 22, 2025), **The Viano Quartet** (April 5, 2025), and **The Catalyst Quartet** with clarinetist **Todd Palmer** (May 3, 2025).

Tickets start at \$25, with a limited number of free tickets available for kids accompanied by adults. Call (831) 625-2212 or visit chambermusicmontereybay.org.

■ Oboist in the spotlight

The Festival of the Winds at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley wraps up with a concert Friday at 7:30 p.m.
The performers include "17 of America's finest young woodwind players," along with "five master teachers," who are in town "for two weeks of intensive learning, rehearsal, and performances."

Tickets are \$15. Concerts are also set for Aug. 12 and Aug. 16.

Also, oboist **Elaine Douvas** presents a recital Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Douvas, who teaches at the Juilliard School, plays principal oboe for the Metropolitan Opera. Tickets for that event are \$25.

Hidden Valley is located at Carmel Valley and Ford Roads. For more details, visit hiddenvalleymusic.org.

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Aubergine gets second Michelin Star, wine celebration follows the cars

LAST WEEK, Aubergine executive chef Justin Cogley and his culinary team learned their restaurant had earned an extraordinary honor. The establishment they shepherd in L’Auberge Carmel hotel at Monte Verde and Seventh became one of just 13 in the state — and the only one in Monterey County — to earn two Michelin stars.

“It’s a true destination,” Cogley said. “A two-star distinction is worth a detour.”

Soup to Nuts

David Fink, who owns the Mirabel Hotel & Restaurant Group that includes L’Auberge Carmel, noted that Cogley, a partner in the restaurant, is known for his passion and drive.

“There’s been incredible creativity and constant evolution and change,” he said. “People who aren’t in the business might not know that so much daily effort and hard work goes into what we do every day. You’ve got this great leader at the top, and this amazing team behind him. I couldn’t be more proud.”

Inspections by Michelin Guide reviewers are secret and anonymous. “You’ve got to be on your game for every



At a Michelin-starred restaurant like Aubergine, food is elevated to an art form, and creative and beautiful plating is part of an overall extraordinary experience.

single customer every single night,” Fink said.

Cogley explained that the nine-table restaurant serves about 8,000 guests annually, and during his nearly 13 years as executive chef, he’s built the team from four people to 14, many of whom have worked there for five years or more.

“Especially this last 12 months, Chef has had a new determination and an increased drive for excellence,” Fink said. “As good as the team was, he just stepped it up a notch. It’s a wonderful dining experience.”

John Haffey, the lead sommelier, was given the guide’s coveted Sommelier Award last year, and pastry chef Yulanda Santos is very impressive, too.

“I could go on and on,” Fink said. “The team is just so talented.”

They learned of their new rating at Michelin Guide’s annual reveal at the Ritz in Half Moon Bay last Monday night.

Cogley said he was nervous.

“It was super stressful, because there’s a lot riding on these awards,” he said. “It means so much for the team. We don’t work in an easy profession.”

No rest for the best

In addition to the surprise and adrenaline he felt at the announcement, Cogley said that when he went onstage to receive his official Michelin two-star chef’s jacket, “It was hard to keep back the tears.”

Fink called it “a dream come true” for Cogley and his team.

“And now the real work begins,” he said. “You can’t rest on your laurels. You can enjoy it for a little while, but the expectations from our guests go up, so we have to be better.”

Cogley says he is well aware of that fact.

“We have to be different. We have to have something where people want to come in and celebrate with us,” he said. “We’re a special occasion restaurant. That has helped us stay consistently busy. We have a lot of return guests, because they always like something new. We have a responsibility to them.”

A former professional figure skater, Cogley relies on morning runs and other athletic endeavors to manage the stress of the job. “We’re lucky we live in such a beautiful place where we can do that,” he said.



Chef Justin Cogley of Aubergine, inside L’Auberge Carmel hotel, proudly displays the Michelin two-star plaque and his matching chef coat. The restaurant is just one of 13 in the state to achieve the coveted rating.

Prior to joining the kitchen at Aubergine, he worked for renowned Chicago chef Charlie Trotter, who “ran an extremely tight kitchen.”

“It was more than just the food,” he said. Every surface was meticulously cleaned every night, every aspect of the dining experience was perfect, and Trotter was exacting.

“He always described it as the bachelor’s degree of the culinary world,” said Cogley, who spent four years there before moving to the Monterey Peninsula.

Now, more than a dozen years later, he’s celebrating the hard work and success that has further elevated Aubergine, which earned its first star when Michelin released its inau-

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gural California Restaurant Guide in 2019. “You have the blessing of this — it’s a huge achievement for Carmel and the culinary scene — and now you have to keep it,” he said, adding that he’s enjoyed an outpouring of support from all over the world. “I can tell you there’s a lot of exciting stuff down the road.”

Winemakers to celebrate

A week after the Car Week crowds have dispersed, the 31st Annual Monterey Wine Country Winemakers’ Celebration will take place in downtown Carmel Aug. 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. (VIP ticket holders get in an hour earlier, at 1 p.m.) Spread along Dolores between Ocean and Seventh avenues and on Seventh between Dolores and San Carlos, some 34 wineries from all over Monterey County

will offer tastes of their best selections as more than a dozen local restaurants offer small bites to complement them. For many years, the celebration was held in early May, but organizers shifted it this year to late August to celebrate the beginning of harvest, according to the non-profit Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association. Signed on to pour are Albatross Ridge, Bernardus, Caraccioli Cellars, Carmel Road, Chalone, Common Thread Wines, Corral Wine Co, Cru, Dawn’s Dream, Di Tierra, Folktale, Galante, Hahn Family Wines, Holman Ranch, I. Brand & Family Wines, J. Lohr, JL Wood, Joyce, Kori, La Crema, Lepe Cellars, Le Mistral Wines, McIntyre, Odonata, Pelio Estate Wines, Pisoni, Pessagno, Puma Road, Rexford, Robert Mondavi Private Selection, Rustiqué, Scheid, Scratch, Shale Canyon, Silvestri, Talbott, Tira Nanza, Windy Oaks

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The wine will keep flowing even after all the cars leave as vintners take over the downtown scene for the 31st Annual Monterey Winemakers’ Celebration on Aug. 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. Dozens of wineries will be on hand to pour tastes for a thirsty — but discriminating — crowd.



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VIP Experience tickets are \$145 and include valet parking and early access, while Main Event Experience tickets are \$95. Proceeds will benefit the Monterey County Vintners & Growers Foundation Peter Figge Memorial Scholarship Fund. Find more information at montereywines.org.

■ Jewish Food Festival returns

Since the Covid pandemic, Congregation Beth Israel in Carmel Valley has staged its annual feast of latkes, blintzes and corned beef as a drive-through/pickup event. On Aug. 25, however, it returns as a full-day, in-person celebration.

Starting at 11:30 a.m., there will be a series of sessions sharing Jewish culture, with two storytelling gatherings at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the synagogue’s sanctuary, plus a mock wedding at noon in the social hall, followed by Israeli folk dancing at 12:30, and a sanctuary tour at 1 p.m. Craft-making for kids will be available all day in the main festival area.

The event is free to attend, but if you want to eat — and of course, you want to

eat — you have to stop by the Gelt booth to purchase food festival tokens to pay for your noshes.

Booths will serve a variety of Jewish specialties, like crispy potato latkes, two kinds of knishes (potato and buckwheat), fluffy matzo balls with or without chicken soup (aka “Jewish penicillin”), regular and vegetarian chopped liver, sweet noodle kugel, and blintzes — which organizers described as “little Jewish burritos.” There will be plenty of pastrami and corned beef, too.



At the end of August, Congregation Beth Israel’s annual Jewish Food Festival revives its full, in-person event. After years of a drive-through/pickup approach brought on by the pandemic, guests can once again sit down and enjoy plates heaped with latkes, knishes and other delicious treats.

won’t be there, either, the synagogue’s gift shop will be open. To learn more, visit carmelbethisrael.org, where you can also pre-order food for pickup and sign up to volunteer, if you like. The congregation is at 5716 Carmel Valley Road.

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

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Danny Holman, John Leffer (the team’s best player), Marty Andrews, Dick McClean, and Geisen — was coached by Buzz Rainer and battled Stevenson for league dominance.

Pebble for free

“Some of us worked at Pebble, parking carts and filling the soda machine for the caddiemaster, Ray Parga, and we got to putt and chip all day long,” he said. “Around 3 o’clock, Ray sometimes would let us sneak onto the course and play for free.”

After graduation, Geisen became a not-so-serious student at Monterey Peninsula College — “I majored in women and drinking, and flunked out two or three times,” he said — and then, at age 21, went on a blind date with Barbara Lynn Burgers, a Los Gatos High alumnus.

“No, it wasn’t love at first sight. He went to Reno right after he met me!” scolded Lynn, who married him six months later in the summer of 1967 (the weekend of the Monterey Pops Festival), at St. John’s Chapel in Monterey. They celebrated their 57th anniversary in June.

“She worked at the Bank of Carmel, then Crocker Bank, and basically put me through Cal State Hayward,” said Donel, whose diploma is signed by Gov. Ronald Reagan.

“I got a job for a while as an administrator at the district attorney’s office, then became a State Farm Insurance agent (the beginning of a 25-year career).”

After their son, Loch, was born during their 10th year of marriage, Lynn became a homemaker and mom, and Donel exchanged golf (which took too much time) for tennis.

“I got back into golf after our son got interested in things other than playing with his dad,” Geisen said with a laugh.

‘Life is good’

For the past 25 years, Lynn has taught yoga on the Peninsula (Donel is one of her students) — sometimes seven days a week — which allows him to satisfy his four-day-a-week golf habit with a gaggle of longtime friends.

“You can file all of that under, ‘Life is good!’” Lynn

said.
The Geisens also have been avid philanthropists through the years.
Working with the Children’s Home Society and volunteering at Carmel schools have been two of Lynn’s favorite causes.

Geisen has served as president of Volunteers in Action, Friends of Carmel Unified Schools and the Cypress Fire District, chair of Citizens for Carmel Schools and the Human Race Walk-a-Thon, and a sponsor of Every Fifteen Minutes, which advocates for sober high school graduation celebrations. He also volunteered five years as an assistant coach of Carmel High’s girls and boys golf teams.

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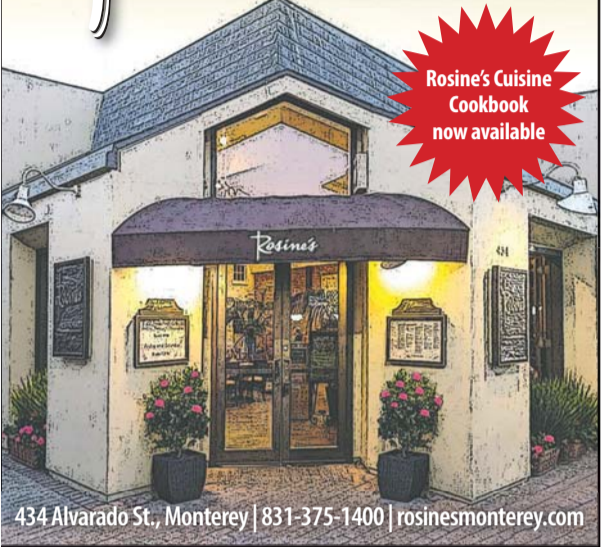
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Lighthouse Ave.
Julia’s Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove —
singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.),
singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.)
Andrea’s Fault Duo (“folky stuff mixed with surprises,”
Monday at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

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241385
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 93921**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **BELLA PIEL SKINCARE LLC, 42 Southbank Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.**
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/Michelle Ricketson, Managing Member
Date: July 17, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 17, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: July 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 2024. (PC 741)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241344
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PASSIONFISH, 701 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
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.**
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 July 8, 2024.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code 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/Meral Algay, 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 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone.
(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: July 19, 2024
Publication Dates: July 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 2024. (PC 747)

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)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024183
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
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)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241460
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **REDWOOD CATERING & SERVICES, 37751 Palo Colorado Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.**
Registered Owner(s): JAMES NATHANIEL HELTON, 37751 Palo Colorado Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.
LAURA HELTON, 37751 Palo Colorado

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241350
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TOWN & COUNTRY GARDENING & LANDSCAPING, 26485 Carmel Rancho Blvd. Suite 2, Carmel, CA 93923.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **TOWN & COUNTRY GARDENING & LANDSCAPING INC, 26485 Carmel Rancho Blvd. Suite 2, Carmel, CA 93923.**
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 Sept. 13, 2019.
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/Mary Luster, Secretary
Date: July 2, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 11, 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 Statent 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: August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024. (PC 808)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241460
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **REDWOOD CATERING & SERVICES, 37751 Palo Colorado Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.**
Registered Owner(s): JAMES NATHANIEL HELTON, 37751 Palo Colorado Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.
LAURA HELTON, 37751 Palo Colorado


FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241378
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HEDBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 23799 Monterey Salinas Hwy, Salinas, CA 93908.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **HEDBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, P.O. Box 22542, Carmel, CA 93922.**
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 July 12, 2024.

LIEN SALE
City of Monterey,
250 Figueroa Street, Monterey,
08-28-2024@ 11:00am
CA COSTLRECHIN# 652
8/16/24
CNS-3841652#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: August 16, 2024. (PC 817)

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/Robert Hedberg, President/CEO
Date: July 16, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 16, 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. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024. (PC 812)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20240483
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **OCEAN SIDE LANDSCAPING, 1893 SOTO ST, SEASIDE, CA 93955**
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): MIGUEL CRUZ JIMENEZ, 1893 SOTO ST, SEASIDE, CA 93955
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/ MIGUEL CRUZ JIMENEZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/01/2024.
8/16, 8/23, 8/30, 9/6/24
CNS-3811092#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Aug. 16, 23, 30, Sept. 6, 2024. (PC 813)



The Carmel Pine Cone office
will be CLOSED
Veterans Day – Monday, Sept 2ND

Legals must be submitted no later than
3 P.M. Friday, August 30TH

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
BID NO. 24-03
For the Pavement Improvement Project
At Various Locations within The Santa Lucia Preserve

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District ("District") hereby calls for sealed bid proposals to be received by the Director of Operations of the District, at the Gate House, One Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, California 93023 on or before Wednesday, **September 11, 2024** at 10:00 am U.S. Pacific Time Zone, verified at www.time.gov.

Description of Work: These bids shall cover all the furnishing of all labor, material, equipment, mechanical workmanship, transportation and services which are required for **construction of pavement improvement on the Santa Lucia Preserve**. The work generally includes, but is not limited to, AC repair for approximately 26,000 sq ft to be verified in the field on various locations throughout the Preserve. Cut outs and grinding of at least 4" will be needed, with grindings and cut outs staying on property, and other items that are required within standard specifications or the Invitation to Bid. Bids are required for the entire work described in the Bid Documents. Verification of the scope of work is mandatory via a job walk to take place at 9:00 am on Thursday, **September 5, 2024**. All bids submitted without a job walk will be disqualified.

Contractor's License Requirement. The bidder and all subcontractors of the bidder shall possess a valid California contractor's license issued by the Contractor's State License Board (www.cslb.ca.gov) for the type(s) of work they are proposing to perform at the time the bid is submitted. The bidder shall possess at a minimum the following California contractor's license Class A or C-12 The Contractor must be properly licensed as a contractor from contract award through contract acceptance (California Public Contract Code § 10164). When the Contractor submits its bid to the District, the Contractor must list each Subcontractor whom the Contractor must disclose under Public Contract Code Section 4104 (Subcontractor Listing Law), and provide all required information.

Contractor Registration Requirement. Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1771.1(a), a contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. To register, go to: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html>

Bidding Procedures. Bids must be made on a proposal form which is included with the contract specifications and must be signed by the bidder and accompanied by a deposit in the amount shown on the Bidder's Bond which is part of the Proposal and sealed within a bid envelope. The bid envelope is to be addressed to:

"Sealed Bid – Bid No. 24-03 – AC Work, Santa Lucia Community Services District, Attn: District Executive Assistant, Aimee Dahle, Gate House, One Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, California 93923."

The deposit may be cash, cashier's check made payable to the District, certified check made payable to the District (certified without qualification and drawn on a solvent bank of the State of California or a National Bank doing business in the State of California), or bid bond executed by an admitted surety insurer, made payable to the District, or the bid will not be considered. This deposit is to serve as agreed liquidated damages should the party or parties to whom the contract is awarded fail to enter into the contract after the award or fail to give the bond required for the faithful performance of the contract or fail to furnish any other bond required by law.

At 10:00 am September 11, 2024 the Bid Proposals will be taken by the Director of Operations of the District and opened and publicly read by him or his authorized representative. All bids received after this time will be returned unopened. The bids, together with a report of the bidders and the respective amounts of the bids, will be presented to the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

The successful bidder shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond.

Questions. Direct any questions to:

District Executive Assistant Aimee Dahle
Santa Lucia Community Service District
One Rancho San Carlos Road
Carmel, CA 93923
831-620-6780
adable@santaluciapreserve.com

Obtaining **SCHEDULE** and **CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS** may be obtained by contacting the Director of Operations. Each bidder shall furnish the District with the name, address, and telephone number of the firm requesting specifications. It is the bidder's responsibility to regularly check for any addenda that may be issued prior to the bid opening date. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an issued addendum will be cause for a submitted bid to be deemed non-responsive. The Plan Holders' List is available by contacting the District.

Addenda. Any addenda issued prior to the bid opening shall constitute part of the Contract Documents. Subject to the limitations of Public Contract Code Section 4104.5, District reserves the right to issue addenda prior to bid time.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and any or all items of such bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid but if the bids are accepted, the contract for the improvement will be let to the lowest responsible bidder for the Project.

Date of Publication: August 16, August 23 & August 30, 2024

By order of the Board of Directors of the
Santa Lucia Community Service District.
State of California
Forrest Arthur General Manager

Publication dates:
Aug. 16, 23, 30, 2024
(PC825)

T.S. No.: **2023-02045-CA** A.P.N.:**416-027-005-000**
Property Address: **11565 RANCHO FIESTA RD, CARMEL, CA 93924-9458**
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.
NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED
注: 本文件包含一个信息摘要
참고사항: 본 첨부 문서에 정보 요약서가 있습니다
NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACIÓN DE ESTE DOCUMENTO
TALA: MAYROONG BUOD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITO NA NAKALAKIP
LƯU Ý: KÈM THEO ĐÂY LÀ BẢN TRÌNH BÀY TÓM LƯỢC VỀ THÔNG TIN TRONG TÀI LIỆU NÀY
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/16/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
Trustor: **Jose De Jesus Buenrostro, an unmarried man**
Duly Appointed Trustee: **Western Progressive, LLC**
Deed of Trust Recorded **06/23/2005** as Instrument No. **2005063305** in book ---, page--- **and** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **Monterey** County, California,
Date of Sale:09/24/2024 at 10:00 AM
Place of Sale: **AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 168 W. ALISAL STREET, SALINAS, CA 93901**
Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 586,715.95
THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:
All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:
More fully described in said Deed of Trust
Street Address or other common designation of real property: **11565 RANCHO FIESTA RD, CARMEL , CA 93924-9458**
A.P.N.: **416-027-005-000**
The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is:
\$ 586,715.95.
Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.
If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.
The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.
NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property.
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **(866)-960-8299** or visit this Internet Web site <https://www.alisource.com/loginpage.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case **2023-02045-CA**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.
NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after **January 1, 2021**, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call **(866)-960-8299**, or visit this internet website <https://www.alisource.com/loginpage.aspx>, using the file number assigned to this case **2023-02045-CA** to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than **15 days** after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than **45 days** after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.
Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 238
Ventura, CA 93003
Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299
<https://www.alisource.com/loginpage.aspx>
Trustee Sale Assistant
Date: August 9, 2024
WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.
ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Publication dates: August 16, 23, 30, 2024 (PC821)

LIVE

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Sly McFly’s — The Joint Chiefs (r&b and funk, Friday at 9 p.m.), Phil ‘n’ the Blanks (pop and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), Bazooka Jones (Sunday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

St. Mary’s by the Sea in Pacific Grove — The Weeds and singer and multi-instrumentalist Adam Hendey (Celtic, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). Tickets are \$12 to \$35. 146 12th St. For more details, visit celticsociety.org

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — The Mighty Maple (“acoustic jams and cool grooves,” Friday at 6 p.m.), banjo player Banjer Dan (bluegrass, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Wave Street Studios in Monterey — Scott Amendo-la’s Sticklerphonics (jazz, Friday at 8:30 p.m.). waves-treetstudios.com

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

To update these listings email chris@carmelpinecone.com.

Have something important to say about a local controversy? Pine Cone readers would like to hear from you! Submit your letter to the editor (350 words max) to letters@carmelpinecone.com.

CALENDAR

Every Friday enjoy the “Summer Music Series” at Asilomar Conference Grounds from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Each week a new artist is featured along with wine, beer and handheld food offerings perfect for a summer evening.

Aug. 16 – Festival of the Winds free concert series: Seventeen of America’s finest young woodwind players and five master teachers gather at Hidden Valley for two weeks of intensive learning, rehearsal and performances. Performance starts at 7:30 p.m.; doors open at 7 p.m. No advance reservation required. The theater is at 104 West Carmel Valley Road, near Ford Road, Carmel Valley Village.

Watch the season’s games at Monterey’s favorite sports bar, Peter B’s Brewpub! Catch all the action on 18 HDTVs with friends and fellow sports enthusiasts. Indulge in delicious food and refreshing drinks in a lively atmosphere, making Peter B’s the perfect spot to catch the games. Check out peterbsbrewpub.com.

Aug. 17 – Enneagram Group Forming – a year-long program of self-discovery. The enneagram is an ancient nine-pointed symbol that can help us learn more about our true nature and what gets in the way of being our authentic selves. When we come to know ourselves more deeply we have more compassion and understanding for ourselves and for those who see and process the world differently. For more information please visit:www.allsaintscarmel.org or contact rector@allsaintscarmel.org.

Aug. 21 – St. Mary’s kicks off next Celtic Concert Series with fan favorites, The Weeds and Adam Hendey. Order tickets to the 7 p.m. show at www.celticsociety.org.

Aug. 27 – World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area presents Col. William McArthur, retired astronaut and U.S. Army aviator, discussing “Russia and the United States in Space: Conflict or Cooperation?” Col. McArthur is a veteran of three Space Shuttle missions and one expedition to the International Space Station via the Russian Soyuz capsule. Registration and cash wine bar begin 5:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, Monterey. Registrations are due Aug. 22. To register and learn more, visit www.wacmb.org.

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