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Concours d'Elegance prototype destroyed in fire

By MARY SCHLEY

A ONE-OF-A-KIND Ford prototype displayed at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance Sunday was destroyed along with its trailer in a vehicle fire just hours later. The owner of the \$1 million car, Scott Grundfor of Arroyo Grande, purchased it from Ford Motor Co. in 2002 in perfect condition and was invited to enter it in the Concours' Wedge-Shaped Concept Cars & Prototypes featured class on the fairway Aug. 18.

According to Monterey Fire Chief Andrew Miller, crews were alerted to a trailer on fire on the Highway 1 Munras Avenue off-ramp at around 7 p.m., and by the time they arrived, the trailer was fully engulfed, with flames spreading to nearby vegetation.

Pacific Grove resident Anton Salameh, who drove by

the scene shortly after the fire broke out, said "there was a plume of black and gray smoke hundreds of feet in the air coming from what looked like the forest alongside Highway 1, but then I saw a large semi with a vehicle trailer engulfed in flames on the off-ramp headed toward the mall. The flames were so large I was concerned the trees would catch fire."

Cab saved

Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the trailer and the rare automobile it was carrying.

"Crews prevented the fire from spreading to the tow vehicle and were able to detach the tow vehicle from the trailer," saving the truck from burning as well, according to

See **FIRE** page 18A

Car Week marred by hundreds of tickets, dozens of collisions

■ Nearly 50 arrested

By MARY SCHLEY

CAR WEEK may generate major tax revenues and be a boon to local businesses and nonprofits, but this year's extravaganza also came with hundreds of citations, dozens of traffic collisions and loads of arrests, according to local law enforcement agencies.

Between Aug. 8 and Aug. 18 — the dates marking the eve of Car Week and its culmination with the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance — Carmel Police officers handled four crashes, wrote 103 tickets during 147 traffic stops, and had 15 misdemeanors and three felony arrests, including three people arrested for DUI, Sgt. Gerald Maldonado said Wednesday. The department fielded 663 calls for service — which could be anything from a blocked driveway or a noise complaint to a major problem — towed 13 vehicles and issued 316 parking citations.

Peeling out

Among the moving violations, Maldonado said, 14 were for disobeying signs or signals, 13 were for running stop signs, 13 were for exhaust/noise violations, and seven were for unsafe starts — essentially, peeling out.

At around 9 p.m. Aug. 15, an 83-year-old man was arrested for DUI after he drove around "road-closed" signs and vehicle barricades at Ocean and San Carlos.

"While doing so, he grazed an approximately \$400,000 Lamborghini that was legally parked," Maldonado said, but he kept driving until he was stopped by police at

See **TICKETS** page 24A



PHOTOS/INSTAGRAM

A heartbreaking scene unfolded Sunday night as a one-of-a-kind show car burned in its trailer (left). The aftermath left charred hulks of the trailer and its rare contents (above).

CRACKS HALT WORK ON BIG SUR'S LAST SLIDE

■ Timeline for full reopening uncertain

By CHRIS COUNTS

EVEN AS it was believed to be close to removing the last impediment to travel on Highway 1 between Carmel and Cambria, Caltrans had to halt work Aug. 16 at the Regent Slide in Big Sur "due to continuing slide activity in and around the repair site."

Previously, the state roads agency had anticipated the highway would be cleared by late fall. "Caltrans engineers are now assessing the slide area and gathering data to keep the public informed of the new timeline for reopening," the agency reported this week.

Earlier this month, a bulldozer crew noticed "surface cracking at several points around the area being excavated."

"Caltrans mapped this cracking and determined that this new slide would likely continue to move and impact the ongoing work to reopen the roadway," the report continued. "For the safety of work crews, Caltrans halted

excavation work."

Last week, sensors were installed to monitor the movement of the slide area.

"Caltrans will collect data from these sensors over the next several weeks to determine the magnitude, rate, direction, depth and type of movement involved," the agency added. "Engineers will evaluate data to determine if additional stabilization work is needed. Excavation work will resume once Caltrans confirms it is safe to do so."

'Height and steepness'

Construction has been slowed by "the height and steepness of the slope."

One of two slides in Big Sur caused by storms in early February, the Regent Slide is located about 5 miles south of the Esalen Institute. The slide occurred when rocks and debris about 450 feet above Highway 1 "engulfed the roadway and continued down to the beach and ocean below," according to Caltrans.

See **SLIDE** page 15A



PHOTO/COURTESY CPD

This lovingly restored Chevy Impala was stolen from the Carmel Plaza parking garage but recovered by police and returned to its grateful owners.

96-year-old served with eviction papers says she has nowhere to go

By KELLY NIX

A PACIFIC Grove senior home last week demanded that a 96-year-old resident pay more than \$100,000 in back rent within three days or face eviction from her apartment, where she's lived for more than two decades.

In an Aug. 16 "three-day notice to pay or quit" to Pacific Grove Senior Living resident Jean Jacques, the facility's executive director Jessica Sanchez said she owed \$109,295.58 in "rent past due and other fees" that had accrued from January 2023 through this month.

"Pursuant to state law, you must either pay the total amount due within three days from the date of this notice or vacate the premises," says the notice sent to Jacques, who's lived in the apartment for 22 years.

If Jacques, who has some disabilities, fails to pay or vacate her apartment, the facility will "commence a legal proceeding to seek a judicial declaration of forfeiture and termination of the lease agreement," the notice says.

Jacques' friend and a fellow Pacific Grove Senior Living resident, Bob Sadler, said that in 2002, she paid nearly

\$250,000 to live in the Gibson Avenue apartment. She also had to make payments that, once the whole bill was added up, came to about \$5,000 per month.

"Her \$249,000 entry fee and monthly payments were made with the understanding that she would be able to live in the community and receive additional levels of care, if needed, until her death," Sadler told The Pine Cone.

Outlived her savings

However, Sadler said that when Jacques outlived her savings years ago and sought financial assistance, she was "allowed to stay" at the facility, formerly known as Forest Hill Manor, "without paying monthly fees."

"I'm not sure if the agreement to let her stay without money until her death was an implicit or explicit agreement," Sadler said, adding that a former manager of the senior home informed him they would testify in court, if need be, to the validity of Jacques' previous arrangement with Forest Hill.

See **EVICTED** page 25A



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Jean Jacques says she's "no spring chicken" and has no idea what she'll do if she's evicted from her P.G. apartment.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Born to run

Pandi's people were not planning to get another greyhound. They'd already suffered the loss of Bachi, a beautiful, majestic fawn, to a heart tumor. But their behavior suggested otherwise. She, who religiously studied the Greyhound Adoption Facebook Group out of Santa Rosa, convinced her husband they could at least go look. We know what that means.

When they met Pandi, a female brindle, he said no, because he didn't like her coat. But she looked into the beseeching brown eyes of this 2-year-old retired racer from the Caliente track in Tijuana and said she had to have her.

Because she has the typical ear tattoos of a racer, Pandi's people were able to research her birthday, race history, and her six littermates, whose names all begin with the letter P — Pokémon and "Prissy Girl" among them. Pandi's people decided to honor her heritage and keep her name.

"Unlike many retired racers who end up lame and battered, Pandi was in very good shape," her person said. "She was well socialized, confident and friendly. To this day, we can take her anywhere, and she's chill."

Yet they never let Pandi off leash. They've heard too many "escape stories" of these rescued coursers, capable of getting up to 45 mph in seconds.



"We bring Pandi to Carmel Beach all the time," the Monterey couple said. "But as soon as she hits the sand, she wants to do 'zoomies.' She was born to run, but her recall is not the best. We've thought about getting one of those 100-foot lunge lines like they have for horses, but we haven't yet."

Pandi's people thought they might bring her, now 9, back to Caliente to thank her handlers for taking good care of her. But Caliente, built in 1927, closed in July, creating the need for some 200 greyhound adoptions.

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P.B. land auctioned over unpaid taxes

By KELLY NIX

THE FORMER owner of a highly desirable property in Pebble Beach — who was apparently unaware that eight years of taxes had gone unpaid — is suing Monterey County after officials sold the land at a foreclosure auction in May because of a delinquent bill totaling a mere \$3,200.

The strange lawsuit, filed in Monterey County Superior Court by landowner Napoli Investments S.A., claims that it had no idea it owed the taxes on the Spyglass Hill Road land and that the county was going to put it up for auction. The undeveloped parcel is 8,566 square feet, county records show, and sits right next to the 5th Green at Spyglass.

“Around May 29, 2024, the property was wrongfully sold at a foreclosure sale by Monterey County, unbeknownst to Napoli Investments,” the Aug. 16 lawsuit says.

Napoli, which has a mailing address in Nassau, Bahamas, claims that the bills sent by Monterey County never made it to Cititrust, the property’s trustee in the Cayman Islands, because the tax collector failed to use international postage.

“For that reason, Cititrust never received notice of the accruing unpaid taxes,” the complaint says. Napoli “also alleges that the county was aware that Cititrust was not receiving annual tax notices and that at least a certain portion of these notices were returned to the county as undeliverable.”

Going, going, gone!

Once the taxes had accrued, the county began the process of selling the Pebble Beach land, but Napoli alleges that it “failed to give proper notice of the impending sale” in violation of several provisions of the California tax code.

In June 2022, after the county recorded

a delinquent tax notice on the title, it published notice of its intent to sell the property. But Napoli alleges that Monterey County only published the listing for two consecutive weeks, when state tax laws require three weeks of publication.

In May, the county sold the land on Spyglass Hill Road — where homes have been purchased for many millions of dollars — at auction, and it went to the highest bidder for \$275,100.

“At the time of the sale, the delinquent taxes only totaled approximately \$3,200,” the lawsuit says.

The owners learned about the sale earlier the same day when a trust beneficiary who happened to be visiting Napoli’s adjacent property was informed about the fore-

closure auction.

A Cititrust representative “immediately contacted the tax collector in an attempt to pay the delinquent taxes,” but officials told him that “since the auction was complete, nothing could be done unless” the winning bidder didn’t pay the county for the property. On June 11, though, the buyer paid for the land, and a deed transfer to the new owner was completed several days later.

“The property was wrongfully sold at a foreclosure sale by Monterey County,” according to the suit, filed by Los Angeles attorney Cristyn Chadwick.

Napoli also claims Monterey County violated other tax law provisions, including incorrectly describing in the sales description an adjacent property that Napoli owned. It alleges “wrongful foreclosure” because the county “made insufficient efforts” to inform it that the land was to be sold. Napoli is asking a judge to find that the county violated provisions of the state tax code in the “wrongful foreclosure,” rescind the sale and declare that Napoli is the property’s “rightful true owner.”

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Zero stars, would not recommend

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.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 68-year-old male was arrested at Junipero and Sixth for trespassing, public intoxication and probation violation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken at Lincoln and Seventh for a lost wallet.

Pacific Grove: Verbal domestic incident occurred on Pico Place.

Pacific Grove: Legal feeding of birds on Del Monte Boulevard attracting other wild-life and rodents.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle marked for 72-hour parking on Ocean View Boulevard.

Carmel area: Deputies respond to the report of a theft at Safeway in the Crossroads shopping center.

Carmel area: Subject reported that someone took two sets of golf clubs from an unlocked vehicle on Randall Way. No suspect information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female at Fifth and

Dolores reported an unknown person opened her vehicle door while she was inside. She believed the person was attempting to take her purse and requested prosecution for tampering.

Carmel area: Airbnb guest on Outlook Drive received upset messages from the host regarding the cleanliness of the home.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 39-year-old adult male was arrested at Ocean and Lincoln for possession of meth and probation violation. Released with a citation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on Mountain View.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Civil issue on Fifth west of San Carlos.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Park Place was marked for 72-hour parking.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Tourist came into the police station to complain about being refused service at a restaurant at Fifth and Dolores because of his race/heritage.

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

July 26 — A Monterey County Jury has found Paulo Cesar Alcaraz Ortiz, 27, of Greenfield, guilty of murder in the first degree for intentionally running over Guadalupe Garcia. Judge Andrew Liu will sentence the defendant on Sept. 4. The defendant is facing 25 years to life in prison.

On Nov. 16, 2021, the defendant was in a car stolen from a friend's parent. A police officer tried to contact the defendant, but he refused to obey the officer's orders and began a high-speed flight from arrest. On several occasions he attempted to strike pedestrians with his car and missed. At one point he rammed a police car to avoid capture. Finally, he targeted Garcia with an intent to kill him. He missed in his first try but followed the fleeing victim through a field and drove over him, killing him. Police vehicles, including that of Soledad Police Chief Damon Wasson, then rammed the defendant and dragged him out of his car.

The defendant told the police that he believed killing the victim would either cause the police to stop chasing him or cause them to kill him.

The victim was a well known and beloved

member of his community.

This case was investigated by the Greenfield and Soledad Police Departments.

Aug. 13 — DGDG Automotive LLC, a large San Francisco Bay area car dealer with more than 16 locations in Northern California, including Salinas Honda, will pay \$290,000 to settle an environmental and consumer protection case.

The civil complaint, filed in the Santa Clara County Superior Court, alleged that DGDG, also known as Del Grande Dealer Group, unlawfully managed and disposed of hazardous waste, such as brake parts cleaner, automotive fluids, and parts containing circuit boards.

The settlement also resolves allegations that the company failed to redact or shred paperwork containing personal customer information before throwing it away in the trash.

On July 23, 2024, a judge ordered DGDG to pay \$215,000 in civil penalties, \$50,000 in investigative costs, and \$25,000 to fund training of California regulators to resolve these violations.

See **GAVEL** page 26A



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Cops track down thief of costly e-bike

By MARY SCHLEY

A SAN Jose man suspected of renting a \$4,000 e-bike from a downtown Carmel shop Aug. 9 and never returning it was arrested Monday after a police officer figured out his identity and tracked him down.

According to Carmel Police Sgt. Gerald Maldonado, Valdemar DaRocha — a 24-year-old man who's on parole for burglary — walked into Mad Dogs & Englishmen at Ocean and Mission two weeks ago and rented a Super73 electric bike that can be ridden on or off-road and has a range of 55 miles.

When he didn't return the bike at the end of the day, the shop owners notified police and posted surveillance photos on social media asking for help identifying the thief and offering a \$1,000 reward.

The shop, which specializes in high-end bikes and gear, has seen similar thefts in the past, so the proprietors knew to also keep an eye out for the bike on online resale sites.

"The business found the missing bike for sale on Facebook Marketplace," Maldonado said. The seller was someone calling himself Gabriel DaRocha.

"Officer Greg Johnson investigated the

case and conducted several records and database checks under that name," he said.

He eventually uncovered a link between that name and the man whose true identity is Valdemar DaRocha.

"Johnson obtained a photograph of DaRocha from the DMV database and compared it to video surveillance footage from the business," Maldonado continued. "It was a match."

'A ruse'

Further digging into his records revealed DaRocha is on parole and Johnson set up a sting.

"His parole agent was contacted, and under a ruse, DaRocha was told his PO needed to meet with him," Maldonado said.

DaRocha was arrested at the parole office on Coleman Avenue in San Jose at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 19 and transported to Carmel, where he was taken into custody and then booked into Monterey County Jail on charges of second-degree burglary, grand theft and possession of stolen property, all felonies, CPD records indicate. He has since bailed out.

The bike was recovered and returned to the shop, according to Maldonado.



A surveillance camera captured this image of Valdemar DaRocha as he arranged to rent the e-bike he subsequently stole and tried to sell online, according to police.

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Most candidate forms included signatures of non-voters

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER IT was reported in The Pine Cone last week that Carmel City Council candidate Parker Logan qualified for the ballot with the bare minimum of 20 valid signatures out of the 30 on his nomination papers, he asked city clerk Nova Romero for the tallies of his opponents. If a candidate requests public information during election season, the results are automatically sent to all contenders and are also available to the public.

When validating a resident's bid to secure a spot on the ballot, Monterey County Elections officials stop checking signatures — which must belong to registered voters in the city — after reaching the

minimum 20 required out of the maximum of 30 submitted.

Reasons why

According to the documents provided under the California Public Records Act, no other candidates for office came as close to not qualifying as Logan. Of the 10 signatures on his nomination papers rejected by the elections department, six belong to people who are not registered to vote in Carmel-by-the-Sea, one signer is registered in another district, two have different addresses on file at the registrar's office, and one listed an incomplete address.

City council candidate Danny Hala

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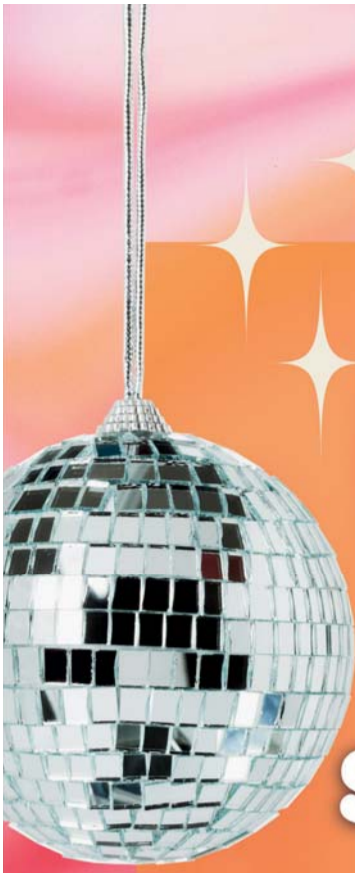
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Former Eastwood home on market

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL residence where Clint Eastwood lived while he was mayor is being offered for sale by its owner, Fred O'Such, for \$21 million. Eastwood called Las Ondas Estate at the corner of San Antonio and Ninth home from 1981 to 1996, when O'Such and his late wife, Joanne, purchased it. Realtor Tim Allen has the listing.

The three-story Spanish Revival residence was constructed in 1924, and O'Such hired architect Eric Miller to design a full rebuild in the Arts and Crafts style with Carmel stone and clay tile roofs. The work was completed in fall 1998, according to the city's property files.

Large lot with gate

The four-bedroom, four-and-a-half-bathroom house has a two-car garage and is located on an unusually large and gated 11,000-square-foot lot.

According to Allen's office, its features include vaulted ceilings with exposed mahogany beams, cherrywood floors, plastered walls and mahogany doors and

window trim, baseboards, moldings, staircases and custom built-ins.

The formal dining room and living room contain gas fireplaces, and the kitchen is equipped with built-in seating, high-end appliances, wood and tile countertops, tin tile ceiling details and a pantry.

Other amenities include a media room, a temperature-controlled wine cellar and two laundry rooms, one in the primary suite. Its multiple indoor-outdoor spaces feature decks with ocean views on the main and upper levels and a manicured interior courtyard. A generator was added in 2011.

According to the Monterey County Assessor's Office, its assessed value as of Jan. 1 is \$3,586,241.

In a statement, O'Such said, "My family has loved living and entertaining at this iconic property for nearly three decades. Right after we purchased the home, we rebuilt the interior spaces, adding in an Arts and Crafts style by installing mahogany wood finishes, cherrywood floors and other elements that were interesting to me. It is time for the next owner to enjoy this historic home and share it with their friends and family for years to come."



The stunning estate in Carmel where former Mayor Clint Eastwood once lived is on the market for \$21 million. Realtor Tim Allen has the listing.

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CSUMB TO GET NEW SCIENCE BUILDING

By KELLY NIX

CAL STATE University Monterey Bay this week announced the start of work on a \$38 million science building that will also have space for the offices of NOAA's Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The 20,000-square-foot building is expected to have "state-of-the-art" laboratories, workspaces and other student areas for the university's marine science program

and its new mechatronics engineering program, which will support the agricultural industry, according to CSUMB. The university planned to hold a launch event Thursday to announce the start of design and other preconstruction work.

"Our anticipated completion of construction is June 2027, with the building ready for use by students and faculty in fall 2027," CSUMB spokesman Walter Ryce told The Pine Cone Tuesday. "The funding for the building is a mix of philanthropic, federal funding, campus reserves and a loan from" the California State University system, "including a generous donation from Bruce Taylor of Taylor Farms."

The building, named after Ted Taylor, the father of Taylor Farms chairman and CEO Bruce Taylor, will be built near the Chapman Science Academic Center Building and Science Research Lab Annex, which is on 5th Avenue.



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This rendering depicts a new science building on the CSUMB campus. Pre-construction work has begun.

See **SCIENCE** page 26A

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P.G. sets council candidate forum

By KELLY NIX

DURING A public forum next month, Pacific Grove residents will have a chance to pose questions to the candidates vying for seats on the city council.

On Sept. 17 at 6 p.m., the Pacific Grove Candidate Forum at the city's community center will be moderated by the League of Women Voters of Monterey County. In previous such forums conducted by the group, citizens wrote down questions for the mayor and city council candidates, and a representative offered a chance for the candidates to respond.

Civic issues

Pacific Grove Mayor Bill Peake decided not to run for reelection, and those hoping to take his place are former P.G. City Councilman Dan Miller, councilman Nick Smith and Dionne Ybarra.

Those seeking a council member seat are councilman Luke Coletti, former

Mayor Carmelita Garcia, Chilla Kartalov, incumbent Chaps Poduri, Tina Rau and Paul Walkingstick.

Meanwhile, the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce last week sent a half-dozen questions to the candidates, the answers of which the group will publish in an election preview.

Several of the questions pertain to city issues that have already been resolved, such as a hotel at the site of the American Tin Cannery, approved January 2022, and a roundabout at the intersection of Sunset, Cedar and Congress, which was OK'd in July.

The chamber also asked the candidates their positions on outdoor dining, if they back several city-supported events, including Good Old Days, and how they feel about decreasing the size of the city council from seven members to five (four council members and the mayor), which residents will be asked to vote on Nov. 5, election day.

SACRAMENTO LOOKING TO PASS CRIME REFORM BILL UNDER THE GUN

By CAITLIN CONRAD

REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP in Sacramento hosted a press conference Thursday to bring attention to a bill that would overturn the sentences of some of California's most deadly offenders. Senate Bill 94, which was voted down in 2023, was revived on the legislative calendar this week with just days to go before the end of the session.

The bill would make it possible for a person on death row or serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole to petition for resentencing if the crime occurred before 1990. The convicted person must also have served at least 25 years in custody.

Republican Assembly Member James Gallagher said the bill poses a threat to public safety in a state that should be concerned with rising crime.

"SB 94 is a dangerous bill that would overturn the sentences of some of the most heinous killers in our criminal justice system," said Gallagher, whose district includes Butte and Placer counties.

Including murder

The bill's author, Dave Cortese, a Democrat from the San Francisco Bay area, describes it as a "second look" for Californians sentenced to death or serving life. A Democratic supermajority failed to pass the bill in 2023, and Republicans say bringing it back this late in the session is not the right approach for such an important crime bill.

"They are purposefully bringing this up to shove down the throats of Californians," said Senate minority leader Brian Jones, a Republican from San Diego.

Under the bill, some criminals would

not be eligible for resentencing, including individuals convicted of first-degree murder of a peace officer.

If passed, eligible prisoners would be allowed to petition the courts to reduce their sentences, and judges would be allowed to apply any changes in laws since conviction.

Under SB 94, judges would even be allowed to vacate a conviction or impose judgment on a lesser offense. Additionally, the bill would require a court to give "great weight" to evidence offered by the petitioner to prove there was a mitigating circumstance in their case.

'Evolving decency'

California has made numerous changes to criminal statutes since 1990. Democrats argue judges should have the opportunity to take a second look at these sentences in light of what the bill calls "evolving standards of decency." Some of the reforms mandate the consideration of mitigating factors at sentencing such as age, childhood trauma, victimization, race and military service. SB 94 would give courts a chance to apply these reforms to those sentenced to spend the rest of their lives in prison.

Over the last decade, California has also enacted reforms recognizing people are capable of redemption and requiring judges to consider an individual's rehabilitation while in custody when evaluating past sentences.

Victims and their families would be notified before any eligible prisoners come up for resentencing. Under Prop 9, the Victims Bill of Rights Act, any victim of a crime must be given notice of all public proceedings, including all parole or other post-conviction release proceedings.

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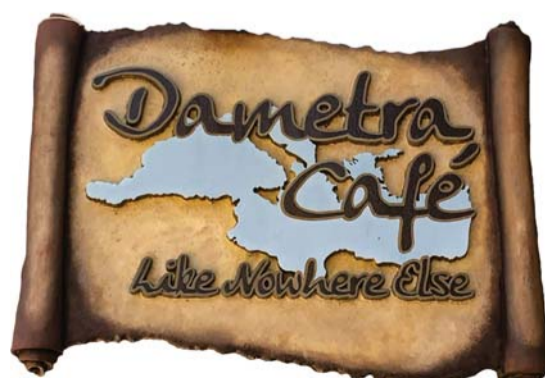
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Before condors, group brought back bald eagles

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE IT'S been overshadowed by the group's successful and well-publicized effort to reintroduce California condors to the region, the Ventana Wildlife Society got



PHOTO/VENTANA WILDLIFE SOCIETY

In this photo taken at San Simeon in June, eagle chicks impatiently await their next meal.

its start doing the same for the bald eagle.

Earlier this month, the VWS shared footage captured in June at San Simeon of "eaglets passing time in their nest as they await Mom's arrival with their next meal."

"Each member of this family is a likely descendant of the 70 bald eagles we released more than 24 years ago," the group said.

Between 1986 and 2000, the VWS released 70 juvenile bald eagles at a remote site in Big Sur. The effort proved successful, and the local population of the majestic bird is thriving.

"Our goal was establishing a self-sustaining population in Central California that would consist of at least four breeding pairs," the group's website indicates.

Off the list

By the 1960s, there were than 450 breeding pairs of bald eagles left in the continental United States due to impacts of the pesticide DDT, which causes eggshell thinning. Yet by the early 2000s, when they were taken off the endangered species list — thanks to VWS and many others — there were 15,000 breeding pairs in the lower 48 states. The federal government removed the bald eagle from its list of endangered species in 2007, while the group reports that there are "dozens" of nesting territories in the region today.

"We suspect we have around 30 active pairs — meaning they laid eggs and are attempting to raise chicks — from San Francisco to Santa Barbara," executive director Kelly Sorenson said.

See **CONDORS** page 24A

MONTEREY COUNTY FAIR KICKS OFF THURSDAY

By CHRIS COUNTS

SERVING UP five days of family-friendly summer fun, the 88th annual Monterey County Fair kicks off Aug. 29. Besides a busy slate of live music, highlights include racing pigs, a livestock auction and exhibits, arts and crafts, a magic show, a coloring contest for kids, a dizzying assortment of carnival rides with imaginative or scary names, pony rides, storytelling, tap dancing, horse racing, a farmers market, a dog show by K9 Kings, and performances by the Flying U Rodeo Co.

Thursday's music lineup features The Cypressaires and The Bay Belles (barbershop, 3:30 p.m.), Calfamous (pop, rock and r&b, 6 p.m.), Left of Centre (country and rock, 6 and 9 p.m.) and Under the Canopy (Americana, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.). On Thursday, everybody 62 and over gets in free, as well as anybody who serves or has served in the military.

On Friday, performers include the vocal duo DUB:RAE (6 and 7 p.m.), Left of Centre (country and rock, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.) and Definitely Dead (Grateful Dead tribute, 9 and 10 p.m.). Also on Friday, kids 6-12 get in for free.

Classic rock tributes

Saturday's music lineup features shows by The Bible Faith Remnant (gospel and r&b, 2 and 3 p.m.), Ridin' the Storm Out (REO Speedwagon tribute, 7:30 p.m.), Abba Fab (Abba tribute, 7:30 p.m.), Journey Revisited (Journey tribute, 9 p.m.) and The Harper Canyon Band (rock, 9 and 10 p.m.).

On Sunday, performers include singer Jay Keyrose (hip-hop, 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist CJ Storm (6 and 7 p.m.), and The Chicano All-Stars (Latin rock, r&b and classic rock, 7:30 and 9 p.m.).

Monday's musical lineup includes a show by Samz School of Rock (2 p.m.), The Nzuri Soul Band (r&b, 7 p.m.) and Pyrograph (hard rock, 7 and 8 p.m.).

Also, singer and guitarist Kevin Smith plays each day at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$6 for kids 6-12 and free for kids 5 and under. Tickets to the rodeo are extra. The site is located at 2004 Fairground Road. For a complete schedule of events, visit montereycountyfair.com.

Neal Hotelling traces the history of the Monterey County Fair, which he says began in 1876. See page 25A.



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Two busted for serving alcohol after hours

By MARY SCHLEY

LATE-NIGHT Car Week parties at a downtown restaurant led police to arrest Christian Pepe, son of restaurateur Rich Pepe, early Saturday morning.

According to Carmel Police Sgt. Gerald Maldonado, officers Tim Ament and Joe Boucher were on patrol shortly after 4 a.m. Aug. 16 when they heard loud music coming from the rooftop bar at Vesuvio restaurant on Sixth Avenue near Devendorf Park.

“Once on scene, they noted alcohol was being consumed onsite after serving hours,” he said. California state law prohibits businesses from selling or serving alcohol between the hours of 2 and 6 a.m. The restaurant, where the younger Pepe is the bartender, closes at 10 p.m. on weeknights and 11 p.m. on weekends.

Police also noted that Pepe, 35, was under the influence. Because he’s on probation for a February 2023 DUI conviction, Pepe is not allowed to consume alcohol.

They didn’t arrest him then, but Carmel P.D. forwarded information about the after-hours violation to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, according to Maldonado.

About 24 hours later, at 4 a.m. Saturday,

the same officers responded to Vesuvio “for loud music coming from the rooftop bar once again,” Maldonado said, and again they “observed subjects inside consuming alcohol after serving hours.”

This time, they arrested Pepe and booked him into Monterey County Jail for violating his probation, but he made bail not much later and was released. New charges have yet to be filed against him by the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office, according to court records.

Two weeks earlier, police officers working the graveyard shift cited Dexter Salazar, owner of Edwin’s restaurant at San Carlos and Sixth, for the same violation.

Salazar, who was caught Aug. 3 serving alcohol to customers in his restaurant at 2:15 a.m. in violation of state law and his use permit — which states the downtown spot must be closed by 11 p.m. — was cited and released for the violation, according to Maldonado. “He was previously provided with a verbal warning for the same violation,” he said, adding that the case was forwarded to ABC, the district attorney’s office and city code enforcement.

Charges have yet to be filed against Salazar, either, and the liquor licenses for both restaurants remain active.



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TAMC struggles to keep traffic flowing along Highway 68

By CHRIS COUNTS

FRUSTRATED BY their slow morning commutes along Highway 68, increasing numbers of westbound motorists have sought out shortcuts, including driving through a residential neighborhood near the Toro Place Cafe that parallels the busy road between Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula.

But the practice created so much traffic that a resident's group complained to the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, which did a survey and discovered that more than 500 cars a day were getting off at Portola Drive and driving about a mile through the neighborhood and past a school before turning back onto Highway 68. "We didn't realize it was this bad," TAMC official Doug Bilse told The Pine Cone.

Expensive tickets issued

To address the risks of bringing so much traffic into a residential neighborhood, TAMC closed a loophole in an alternate commute on a trial basis through September. The agency put up a barricade at the intersection of Torero Drive and Bravo Court, along with lots of warning signs. Despite the effort, some commuters resisted the road closure and tried to get around it.

"Eight tickets were given out the first day," Bilse reported. "It's a bad ticket — you get three citations: one for driving the wrong way, one for driving on the wrong side of the road, and one for aggressive driving."

According to Bilse, the closure of Torero Road seemed to have solved the safety issues in the neighborhood. But over time, some residents in the neighborhood complained the closure of the road was making their commutes longer, and worse,

when school recently started up again, commuters inundated another neighborhood to the east in search of a quicker route to work. "The extra traffic threw a wrench in it," Bilse said of the solution.

Bilse said the topic will likely "come to a head" Oct. 8 when there will be a community meeting. Meanwhile, the agency is doing everything it can to find a solution. "We're scrambling to make it better," he said.

The official suggested the long-term solution to the problem is building roundabouts along Highway 68. A plan to install as many as nine roundabouts, which could cost as much as \$200 million, is slowly working its way through the planning process. Meanwhile, some residents have spoken out against the plan, contending it is too expensive or won't solve the gridlock.

The project's environmental impact report is anticipated to be certified by October 2024. Some land still needs to be acquired to make the project possible, and that's expected to be done by May 2027. The design of the work should be ready by June 2027, with construction starting in February 2028. The project is expected to be completed — assuming no delays — by November 2030.

Petition launched

In response to preventing motorists from exiting the neighborhood via Torero Drive, some have started a petition at change.org. So far, 48 people have signed it. To find it, type "Torero" into the change.org website.

"Everyone wants to solve the morning cut-through traffic, but closing Torero is unfair to many residents of the Toro Park community," the petition reads.

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SLIDE

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With the previous clearing of two slides — including pesky Paul’s Slide, which had blocked Highway 1 for more than a year — the Regent Slide remains the last one preventing unimpeded travel along the coast in Monterey County.

Despite the construction and some minor delays for motorists, all Big Sur resorts and shops are open north of Esalen and south of Lucia. A 6.8-mile section of the highway between Esalen and the county line remains closed.

Stopping falling rocks

Also in Big Sur, a \$7.5 million “rock slope protection project” is underway along Highway 1 near Fernwood Resort. There will be minor delays for motorists through October, with one-way traffic control. The contractor is Graniterock Construction.

“During previous winter storms, several concrete blocks which previously armored the highway were loosened by rains and high-water flows in the Big Sur River,” Caltrans announced. “Crews will armor the bank of the river with 4- to 6-ton rocks, which will make the slope capable of withstanding the erosive forces of the Big Sur River and protect the integrity of the roadway above.”

Cyclist injured, charged after trying to cross slide

By MARY SCHLEY

A SAN Bernardino County cyclist ignored warnings and road-closure signs, tried to climb over a rockslide on Highway 1, fell and was injured, and then had to be rescued last Friday, according to the California Highway Patrol. Cody Mortensen, 28, faces several misdemeanor charges for attempting the crossing.

The morning of Aug. 9, a worker for Papitch Construction, the contractor tasked with clearing the Regent Slide on Highway 1 just south of the Big Creek Bridge, alerted California State Parks rangers that at around 9:30, Mortensen — who was later identified by his California ID card — rode his bike to the road-closed barricades on Highway 1 2 miles south of the point where motorists are directed to turn around and asked for some water, according to the highway patrol.

“He gave Mortensen a bottle of water and advised him that the road was closed due to a rockslide,” CHP officer Saul Perez said, adding that the worker told Mortensen the road was not passable, “and if he attempted to cross, he will probably die.”

“The crew member also told him that if he gets caught by CHP in the closure, he would be cited,” Perez said. “Mortensen

said he was going to try anyway.”

About an hour later, a California State Parks ranger drove to the slide and spotted “a backpack and a bloody arm,” approximately 100 feet below, according to Perez.

Rescued and treated

The ranger requested the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office Search and Rescue Team, though Mortensen had managed to climb down to the beach, where he was rescued by the ranger and Big Sur Fire personnel.

“After Mortensen was rescued, he was treated by AMR for a laceration to his forearm and possible head trauma,” Perez said. “Mortensen was life-flighted to Natividad Medical Center for his injuries.”

The Lucerne Valley resident “is being charged for the wanton disregard of failing to obey a person directing traffic and failing to obey the traffic signs and signals,” and could face double fines for the misdemeanor offenses.

“He also endangered the lives of rescue personnel who had to traverse an active slide,” Perez said. “Road closures are put in place for the safety of the public as well as for the crews working within the closure. It is against the law to drive, ride or walk past a ‘road closed’ sign.”

A case has yet to be filed against Mortensen, according to Monterey County Superior Court records.



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Barricades and signs advise people to stay away from the Regent Slide, but a bicyclist ignored them and had to be rescued.

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What a difference a year makes

■ Rancho Cielo students showed fully restored MG at The Quail, Pebble Beach

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH ROBUST financial help and a lot of enthusiasm, students in nonprofit Rancho Cielo's auto restoration program transformed a dusty, rusty, forlorn 1952 MG TD into a shiny red marvel that showed on the grass at The Quail — A Motorsports Gathering and at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance during Car Week.

The achievement was a major milestone for the kids in the program, now in its third year, and the restoration took around four months to complete, according to Joseph DeRuosi, a senior director at Rancho Cielo, which former Monterey County Superior Court Judge John Phillips founded in Salinas in 2000 to help at-risk youth learn the vocational skills they need to embark on solid career paths and stay out of the criminal justice system.

The drive behind creating the auto-restoration program was twofold: Ignite a spark in kids who will take that newly



PHOTOS/(TOP) COURTESY RANCHO CIELO, (ABOVE) MARY SCHLEY

Students in Rancho Cielo's auto restoration program rebuilt a 1952 MG TD from the ground up, including the chassis (top) and presented their finished product at The Quail — A Motorsports Gathering Friday (above).

acquired passion and learning and transform it into a job that pays them well enough to live in Monterey County, and ensure the vintage cars like those seen throughout the Peninsula during Car Week continue to run.

"These are students who haven't had a lot of success in an academic setting — and some have been in jail," DeRuosi said. They're unlikely to be attracted by English or math classes, but give them a pile of parts and help them make a car out of it, and they rise to the challenge.

"We're not going to train you to do lube and oil filters," he said. "We're going to train you to restore high-end vehicles, so you can make a living wage."

Rancho Cielo had its largest graduating class overall this year, with 73 students, according to DeRuosi, and the courses focusing on auto restoration and diesel engines — which are important in the agricultural industry — saw 16 students receive their certificates, also a record.

"Those 16 graduates have all gone on to start at MPC or Hartnell or went right into the industry," he said. Several received college scholarships.

Carmel-by-the-Sea Rotary Club member Mark Grandcolas, who helped establish the program, observed that while the expense of incarcerating a teenager is \$165,000 per year, putting them through Rancho Cielo costs far less — just \$29,000 annually.

"In two years, they complete their high school diploma and vocational training, they then get a job and become a taxpayer," he said, adding that such systems and programs should be implemented throughout the country.

Helping hands

The auto-restoration course benefits from the hands-on approaches of Phillips, his staff and Grandcolas — and generous contributions from the P.B. Concours d'Elegance and Rotary, among others, as well as federal and state taxpayer-funded grants. Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance chairman Sandra Button and her husband, Martin, along with other major donors, last year started a fundraising

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drive for scholarships in honor of the late Don Williams, a key figure at the Concours for a half-century.

“The program has grown better than we expected,” Grandcolas said. “When we first started it a couple of years ago, we didn’t know if the kids would cotton to this. These are old cars, and these kids are barely exposed to cars at all, much less old ones.”

And he’s gratified by the diversity of the students who are interested in learning the art of classic-car restoration and want to do it for a living.

“In Monterey County, we are especially happy to see this grow, because there are very few venues in the United States where kids can learn to work on and restore these classic cars,” he said. “Monterey County is watching as all these shops close down and disappear, and this is how we can replenish them. Not only do these kids love these cars and working on them, the local shops want to help teach these kids.”

Professionals are sharing tools, parts and knowledge. The MG the class restored was given to the ranch by Wiz and Bruce Lindsey, and pros from local shops guided students on everything from shaping fenders and finishing doors to rebuilding the motor. Students were paid for their hundreds of hours of labor, and when the car is sold, the proceeds will go back into the program.

Students are also allowed to bring their own vehicles in and work on them, according to DeRuosi. Transportation is one of the biggest barriers to getting a job, so encouraging them to get their own cars running serves the dual purpose of helping them learn and helping them get around.

Finding passion

The course got a boost when it was featured on the cover of Rotary’s magazine, which is distributed to more than a million members, according to Grandcolas.

“That has generated a lot of nice calls from people who want to donate to the ranch or offer scholarships for four-year programs, and from other clubs that have said they want to duplicate the program for kids” throughout the country, he said.

In addition to providing the initial funding, the Carmel-by-the-Sea Rotary Club recently bought a 1929 Ford Model A Roadster to donate to the ranch. “They’re going to restore it and auction it off,” Grandcolas said, and Phillips, who brought in his own truck for the kids to work on a couple of years ago, recently secured a Jaguar for a future class to restore.

The students’ success has also inspired Phillips to expand the course.

“Now the judge wants to build a new building on the campus dedicated to this program,” he said. “He wants to

put a lot more students through it.”

It could even generate a satellite effort at Laguna Seca.

“Everywhere I go, people recognize the need for this and ask how can they help,” he continued. “The whole community — for me, it’s beautiful to see they want it to flourish.”

Students who restored the MG — some of whom had never been out of Salinas before, according to DeRuosi — accompanied it during its Car Week appearances.

“They have never had the opportunity to see what a car show like this looks like,” let alone the lifestyles and career opportunities they present, he said.

Grandcolas said he’s thrilled by the progress and growing confidence he’s seen in the students who have gone through the program.

“In transforming these old vehicles, they transform themselves,” he said. “They’ll never go back. They’re different people, now.”

He mentioned a student in the inaugural class who

excelled at paint and body work.

“He got really good really fast, and before the class was done, only the fourth week, his friends were coming to him at his parents’ house and asking him to do repairs for them,” he said. “He was making money before he even finished the class.”

And that’s why part of the curriculum will in the future focus on basic personal and business finance, according to Grandcolas.

“They can become their own boss,” he said. “These older cars give them a chance that these new cars can’t.”

And those “older cars” don’t necessarily have to be the ones seen at the high-end shows during Car Week.

“It’s really important to us that the kids follow their passion. If they want to restore cars to compete somewhere like Pebble Beach, we’ll teach them that,” Grandcolas said. “But not all of them want to do that. Some of them want to take what they learn and work on hot rods or low riders, and I’ve been working on curriculum for that.”



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ETHYL ETSUKO RADOWICZ

February 10, 1941 to July 4, 2024

Ethyl Radowicz, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, passed away on July 4th at the age of 83. Even after losing her husband, Richard, in March of 2023 she continued with a positive attitude and was thankful for the wonderful life she lived and appreciated her many friends.

Ethyl was born on February 10, 1941 in Hilo, Hawaii to Shigeru and Yoshiko Hara. She grew up on a farm among her three sisters and four brothers. She often recalled fond memories of climbing trees, riding down cane chutes, and singing native Hawaiian songs. Following her graduation from Hilo High she left the Big Island for the mainland to continue her schooling at the University of Oregon, where she majored in education. Ethyl taught briefly in Redondo Beach and then in the Bay Area where she met Richard Radowicz. Ethyl and Richard married in 1965 and enjoyed 58 years together.

Ethyl and Richard moved to Carmel Valley in 1967 to raise their two children, Tanya and Steven, and quickly became involved in their new community and worship at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church. Ethyl helped Richard grow his fledgling company Apquip. As her children grew older, Ethyl began working as a substitute teacher for the Carmel School district and then taught fourth grade at the old Del Monte School for several years.

Ethyl then landed a coveted job at Tularcitos Elementary School and spent 25+ years there teaching fourth grade and then first grade. She remembered fondly all those students who had been in her classes, and took great pride in seeing former students become successful young adults. Many of those former students later came back to praise the positive impact Mrs. Radowicz had on their lives. Through teaching she also became lifelong friends with many of her colleagues. Ethyl's friend groups grew to include dinner parties, volunteering at community events, mah-jong groups, international travel trips, book clubs and lots of laughs and fun.

She loved tennis and could be found at CVAC several times a week playing with one of her groups of equally dedicated tennis friends, many of whom she had played with for several decades. She competed in local club tournaments for many years, and in retirement delighted in taking trips to watch the U.S. Open, Australian Open and French Open. Ethyl played tennis almost to the end, playing her last games 14 days before her passing.

Ethyl enjoyed hosting and cooking meals for family and friends, all of whom raved about her culinary talents. Her attitude was food equals love, welcoming guests with true Hawaiian spirit. She enjoyed preparing dishes from many different regions of the world. If friends dropped by or stayed for an extra meal, Ethyl could whip up an amazing multi course feast with ease. Her son's friends would often conveniently drop by just in time for dinner or dessert, and she loved it. She shared her talent for cooking with many, including spending hours in the kitchen teaching her grandchildren the art of pie making, with dough from scratch of course!

Ethyl had a zest for life that endeared her to many. She was fun loving and adventurous, and was fortunate to have visited many countries along with most of the United States, making many new friends during her travels. She and Richard visited Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Tasmania, France, Germany, Norway, Italy, Austria, Thailand and Iceland, plus many trips to "home home" in Hawaii. She also traveled with her friends Patty, Sandy, Bridget and Ann to China, Croatia, Peru and South Africa.

Ethyl was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, who passed in March of 2023. She is survived by her daughter, Tanya Radowicz Boillot (Dominique); granddaughter, Mia Boillot; son, Steve Radowicz (Melissa); grandchildren, Savanna and Justin Radowicz; her sister, Sylvia Donovan and brother, Kenneth Saito, as well as many nieces and nephews.

A special thank you to VNA Hospice care and Charito and the staff at Villa Mirage for all their compassionate care.

A celebration of life will be held at Gardener Ranch in Carmel Valley from 1 to 4 p.m. on September 22nd.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula, or Yellow Brick Road

FIRE

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Miller. Firefighters — a total of 17 responded — also used hand tools to stop the fire from creeping into the trees off the side of the road and managed to get everything under control in 15 minutes.

Miller said the car was valued at approximately \$1 million and estimated the total loss at around \$1,028,300. A firefighter sustained a minor injury during the overhaul work that followed, but no one else was hurt.

"Based on the preliminary investigation the night of the transport trailer/vehicle fire, the cause was undetermined," Miller told The Pine Cone Tuesday. "This will be a difficult fire to find origin and cause, due to the extent of damage."

He also noted that, as the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction, the California Highway Patrol is in charge of any investigation.

A rare Italian-bodied Ford, the Probe I was built in Dearborn, Mich., by Ford design chief Don Kopka in collaboration with Carrozzeria Ghia in Turin, Italy, "and became the star of the 1979 Frankfurt Auto Show," according to the Concours. "The thoroughly aerodynamic silhouette was the result of wind-tunnel testing and achieved a drag coefficient 37 percent lower than a typical contemporary two-door coupe."

While the car, which was a striking red and had a distinctive glass cabin and rear-wheel "spats," never made it past the concept phase, it heavily influenced Ford's production cars that followed.

Heartbroken

Shortly after the fire, Scott Grundfor Company posted about the accident on social media.

"It is with utter sadness and a heavy heart that we have lost our 1979 Ford Ghia Probe I Prototype in an accident on the highway late in the day on Sunday after showing the car at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance," Drew Grundfor wrote. "We are a family-oriented company, and

it feels like we have lost a member of our family today."

The fire started while the driver, Jackson Fajnor, was at speed on the highway, and Grundfor thanked him for his quick thinking in getting on the off-ramp to help ensure it wasn't more catastrophic.

He also acknowledged the firefighters and law enforcement officers who got the blaze under control and protected others during the process.

"We are forever lucky to be a part of this car's history, however tragic this event was, and we will bring what remains of the car home to Arroyo Grande so the car can remain next to the Ghia/Ford bodied prototypes in our collection," Grundfor wrote.



PHOTO/FACEBOOK

This one-off Italian-bodied Ford prototype had its P.B. Concours d'Elegance debut hours before it burned.

Ford President and CEO Jim Farley, a frequent and longtime Car Week participant, commented, "Our hearts are heavy, too," and Grundfor responded that he was glad Farley was able to see the car again this week before it was tragically destroyed.

"We will be bringing her back tomorrow to assess," he continued. "At the very least, she will be a sculpture in our showroom as a reminder that all is temporary and that we should be grateful for all we have, including Probe V, Probe IV and all the others in the collection."

It's not outside the realm of possibility that the Grundfor crew could restore the Probe I, though.

"It may be a long-term project for us," Fajnor commented online. "It will be a while before we do anything with it, but it's a car that is worth the effort someday."

Jacqueline Ruth Lynch

Jacqueline Ruth Lynch, beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend to many, passed away August 13, 2024, in Carmel Valley, CA at the age of 81. Born in Utah, Jackie lived a full and vibrant life starting from a childhood spent in Arizona with her grandparents, Mom, and two brothers. Jackie traveled the world with her grandparents and attended Marymount High School in Los Angeles, CA where she met her husband of 46 years, Michael Lynch. Jackie then attended the University of Arizona, graduating with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. After they were married and their son Michael was born, Jackie and Michael moved to Jackson Hole, Wyoming where their daughter Michelle was born. They eventually started three businesses and enjoyed everything the West had to offer.

In 1984, the family moved to the Monterey Peninsula, where they became active community members and owned several businesses. Over the last 40 years Jackie significantly supported the business, philanthropic, arts, education and religious communities on the Monterey Peninsula in addition to mentoring many individuals both professionally and personally. Jackie's enthusiastic energy and passion for friendship and family will be greatly missed by many.

Jackie is survived by son, Michael Lynch; daughter, Michelle Strauss; son-in-law, Brian Strauss; granddaughter, Adele Lynch; brothers, Russell and Michael Traher; sisters-in-law, Patty and Greer Traher, and 11 nieces and nephews.



Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday, November 8, 2024, at All Saints Church in Carmel, CA. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jackie's honor are encouraged for All Saints Church, Carmel, CA and the SPCA of Monterey County.

SHORTCUT

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the 2.2-mile detour is adding over 20 hours of driving every year to our commute per driver. It is creating additional pollution, wasting fuel, wearing our vehicles, and may even be impacting our property values.”

Also speaking out on the traffic mess was Jenny Kanter, who lives near the school.

“The closure has put myself and my family on the road for an additional few hours every week,” she added. “Dozens of kids are being late to school because of this.”



Deirdre Catherine Solari

May 20, 1943 – August 6, 2024

Deirdre Catherine Solari, age 81, passed away peacefully at her Carmel home on Tuesday, August 6, 2024.

Deirdre was born in Berkeley, CA to John and Margaret Keefe and had two brothers who preceded her in death, Dennis and John.

Deirdre is survived by her loving husband, Larry of Carmel; three children, Christopher (Adrienne) of Eagle, ID, Erin (Daniel) of Pacific Grove, CA and Bradley (Gio) of Fremont, CA. Deirdre was preceded in death by her son, Ryan, formerly of Reno, NV. She was a doting granny to seven grandchildren, Dr. Carissa Solari, Kenneth Solari, Maddison Solari, Piper Solari, Reilly Deegan, Charlotte Deegan and Maxwell Deegan.

Deirdre grew up in the Oakland Hills and was a graduate of Holy Names High School and San Jose State University. After graduation she lived in San Francisco and worked in retail. She then moved to Hawaii with roommates and worked at the local television station as their meteorologist (weather girl). In the late 1960s she returned to San Francisco and worked in advertising and later at an executive search firm.

Deirdre met Larry who was visiting San Francisco, but lived in Toledo, OH. After a long-distance relationship they were married in Acapulco, Mexico.

She and Larry lived in Perrysburg, OH for nearly 20 years where they raised their children. She was active in the Garden Club of Perrysburg, a member of the Belmont Country Club where she enjoyed playing tennis with her many friends, The Toledo Club and The Carranor Hunt and Polo Club. In 1996, they moved back to California. After considering San Francisco or Carmel, they chose Carmel as their home and have enjoyed the beautiful City by the Sea. They are members of the Beach and Tennis Club and Tehama Golf Club.

Deirdre and Larry also had a condo in San Francisco and enjoyed attending the San Francisco Giants baseball and 49er football games as well as the wonderful San Francisco restaurants. Deirdre had a love for Hawaii and after several visits she and Larry purchased a condo on the Big Island on the Mauna Kea Properties and later an additional villa, where they spent several months throughout the year.

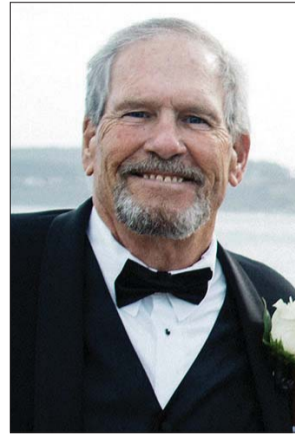
Deirdre will be missed terribly, but never forgotten and always remembered for her beautiful smile, her kindness and her joy for life.

A celebration of her life will be held for her family and friends at a later date. The family has requested no flowers, but donations can be made in her name to the SPCA of Monterey County.

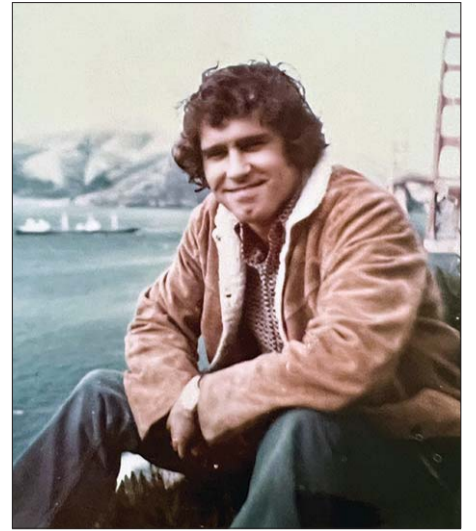
ROBERT ‘BOB’ PAUL HOLMES

Robert “Bob” Paul Holmes, born on September 14, 1945, in Ames, Iowa, to Mary Evelyn Holmes and John Lewis Holmes, passed away peacefully with his family on August 4, 2024, in Marin County.

Bob’s family moved to California, settling in Carmel Valley in 1960 to a home on Rancho Fiesta Road overlooking the valley. He attended Carmel High School, where he was senior class president, graduating in 1964. A stellar athlete, Bob played football and pitched for the school’s baseball team. His athletic prowess continued at Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) and San Jose State, where he concentrated on baseball. An avid golfer, Bob was taught the sport by his father, which became his life’s passion.



After graduating from San Jose State, Bob taught English and physical education in Mountain View before pursuing a career in golf. He served as the head pro at Fairway Glen Golf Course in San Jose for two years. In 1974, he married Wendy Holmes, and they moved to the Monterey Peninsula. They welcomed their only child, Nicole, in 1980.



Bob held the position of Director of Golf at the Carmel Valley Golf & Country Club and later became the Manager of Golf Operations at Monterey Peninsula Country Club. Known for his personable and friendly nature, Bob generously volunteered his time with the Violence Prevention Center of Monterey and the suicide prevention hotline.

In 2020, Bob and Wendy moved to Marin County to be closer to their daughter, Nicole, and son-in-law, Larenz. Bob loved animals, cherished time on the golf course with his closest friends, and found his greatest joy in spending time with his wife, daughter and son-in-law.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Wendy Holmes; his sister, Madge Holmes; his daughter, Nicole Dumitrescu; his niece, Jenni Copeland; his nephew, Patrick Copeland; and his son-in-law, Larenz Dumitrescu.

A private gathering to celebrate Bob’s life will take place in Carmel Valley in the upcoming months. Nicole and Wendy can be reached via email at nicole.holmes@gmail.com

WILLIAM HAROLD TYLER III

January 8, 1933-August 13, 2024

Bill passed away peacefully in Pebble Beach, California on August 13, 2024, with Susanne, his wife of 67 years, by his side. He was truly one of a kind; a natural born leader with a quiet charisma. He had a unique ability to find a positive solution in every situation which paved the way for a successful life.

Businessman, entrepreneur, philanthropist and Air Force veteran were just a few of his accomplishments during his 91 years of a life well lived. Bill also had an infectious passion for various activities. He was an avid collector of antique toys and memorabilia, military historian, world traveler, movie and vintage car buff, amateur artist and architect and game enthusiast; he taught his daughters to ski, play tennis and also loved to challenge his children and grandchildren to a lively game of dominoes or chess.

His parents, Lura and Harold Tyler, were early pioneers who settled in the Imperial Valley of Southern California in the 1920s. Bill’s entrepreneurial spirit began as a young boy with a little red wagon, a Christmas present that he used to sell ripe cantaloupes collected from the local packing shed and sold throughout his neighborhood.

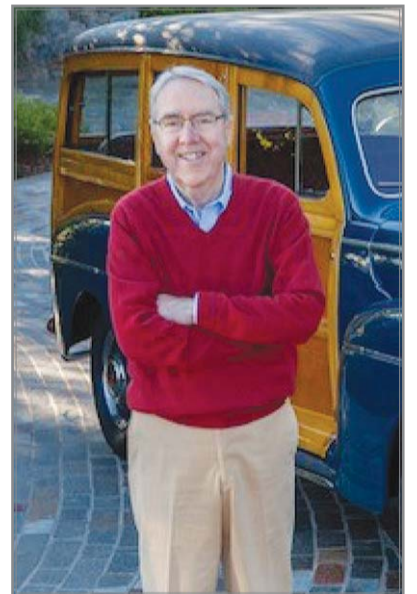
He earned a B.A. and M.A. in economics and was President of his Sigma Chi fraternity at UC Berkeley. However, his most important accomplishment in college was the day he met Susanne at a local picnic.

After graduation, the newlyweds spent their honeymoon traveling to Lackland Air Force Base in Texas to begin his pilot training. After his three years of service, he began a long career in both the insurance business and real estate industry.

Bill particularly enjoyed his service on many boards and philanthropic endeavors. He was former President of both the Palo Alto Jaycees and the Carmel Public Library Foundation, earned the Significant Sig distinction, was a recipient of the Carmel Rotary Community Service Award, a 2016 Distinguished Trustee of the Community Foundation of Monterey County, the 2023 Philanthropist of the Year for the Central Coast and founder of the Tyler Center for Global Studies.

He leaves behind his wife Susanne, daughters Kathleen Wood (Charles), Marlene Ciatti (John) and Amy Tyler; eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, his brother Jack and nephews Allen and David.

Words cannot express how grateful our family is for the support from the nurses of Hospice of the Central Coast and Ileini, along with her team of devoted caregivers from Ileini’s Care of Monterey. Their kindness will always be remembered with deep gratitude.



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JOHN MICHAEL ENDERT (JACK)

DOB: April 2, 1944

DOD: August 20th, 2024

Most recent residence city: San Luis Obispo

Jack passed on August 20th, 2024, from life's complications. Jack was born in San Jose, Ca. to William and Helen Endert. He was raised in San Jose and Crescent City, Ca. Predeceased by his parents and his brother, Bill Endert.

Jack had a 32-year career in the beverage industry, followed by 16 years at Trader Joe's grocery and Hacienda Hay & Feed in Monterey County. He was also a volunteer for Interim, Inc. for many years.

Jack loved golf, though he was never very good at it. He loved being out on the course and was quick to make friends there.

Jack is survived by his son, John Endert (Jill); his sister, Nancy Samsel (Bill); nephews, Mike Endert (Marina), Mark Endert (Sara), and grandsons Kyle Endert & Eric Endert.

At his request, no services are planned. A virtual celebration of his life will be announced.

RICHARD BURTON MOORE

Richard Burton Moore was born April 22, 1929. He passed away August 6, 2024, at 95 years of age. He most recently was a resident of Elk Grove, CA but is considered a native to Carmel. He lived more than 60 years of his long and remarkable life in Carmel, Monterey and Carmel Valley. He grew up in Carmel, graduating from Carmel High School in 1947. One year later he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and proudly served during the Korean War from 1949-1953. He returned to Carmel, working once again for his father-in-law, Jim Burgess at Richfield/Burgess Auto Service at Seventh and San Carlos. At this time, he met the love of his life, Edith Gierer. In 1953 they tied the knot and were happily married for almost 65 years. Edith preceded Richard in death in 2018, along with his son, Mike Moore, and his grandson Adiy Mir.

Richard's work ethic was unparalleled, a testament to his dedication and strength of character. During his working years Richard drove an AAA tow truck, did automobile mechanical work, became a milkman for Meadow Gold Dairy in Monterey, and lastly operated his own full-service gas station at Mid Carmel Valley. Richard had a fun and loving personality and could strike up a conversation with just about everyone. He loved nature, gardening, bee keeping and researching family history. He will be greatly missed! He is survived by two daughters, Kathy Yergler of Elk Grove and Linda Mir of Flower Mound, Texas; as well as eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



MAUREEN SUE MASON

Maureen Sue Mason helped so many people in this world as a concerned citizen, friend and businesswoman. Her loving family was by her side when she peacefully passed away on June 6, 2023, in her Pacific Grove home.

Maureen was born in San Francisco in 1946. She grew up in a less populated Marin County where nature abounded and provided, in her words, opportunities for "aimless wandering." As an adult she spent 17 years in Chicago and explored the Midwest before returning to California in 1983. The beauty of the Monterey Peninsula nourished her soul. She commented "I was fortunate to come to the Monterey Peninsula. Point Lobos was the place I visited more than any other in my first few years back in California. I was also lucky to be in the first Guide class at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, where I developed a love of marine invertebrates that has never abated."

She was a successful, well-known and respected Realtor for more than 30 years. Whatever the endeavor, Maureen was noted for her intelligence, generosity, wit and honest communication. Making the world a better place was her guiding principle. Her active civic life in Pacific Grove included positions on the Pacific Grove Historical Resources Committee and Housing Advisory Group, the non-profit board of Everyone's Harvest, Citizens for Sustainable Monterey County Board and the Friends of Hopkins Marine Station Board. She was awarded Volunteer of the Year in 2016 by the City of Pacific Grove. She was also Bill Peake's campaign manager when he successfully ran for mayor in 2018.



Many years ago



November 2022

Our dear Maureen gave family members a special gift when she was near death. She opened her eyes, looked around giving us all eye contact as well as a mischievous smile, and her last words were "Do good works!"

Maureen and husband Rick Parsons complemented each other in so many ways for a wonderfully fulfilling 36 years. Maureen had a special fondness for her nephews, nieces and grandchildren and was especially proud of her daughter, Jenny; Jenny's husband, Chris; her granddaughter, Sarah; son, Adam and nephew, Kevin. She loved her two brothers, Brian and Noel; her sisters-in-law, Cathrin and Karin. Sadly, she was predeceased by her sister Wendy, and by her precious 5-week-old daughter, Anna Kristina Mason.

Maureen, we all love and miss you so much!

The family requests those who wish to remember Maureen please consider a memorial gift (in lieu of flowers) to Point Lobos State Natural Reserve or the American Cancer Society. A celebration of her wonderful life will be held 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. September 16 at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.

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Antonia Alma Bertero Weldon

Antonia Alma Bertero Weldon died on August 13, 2024. She was born the second youngest and third of four daughters to Dr. and Mrs. Jules and Mary (Connolly) Bertero, on March 24, 1937, in Santa Maria, California. She was reared and educated in Santa Maria before departing and completing college at the San Francisco College for Women/Lone Mountain (University of San Francisco). She earned her bachelor of arts in 1959, and she subsequently became a primary school teacher thereafter. She worked (sporadically) as a substitute teacher over the next four decades throughout the State of California (San Francisco, Sacramento, Santa Maria, Los Angeles, Bakersfield and Fresno) while raising her children. Upon the jettison of her last child from the nest in 1987, she retired from this field to focus on her hobbies, her husband, and her dogs in the last third of her life.

Joining her in life (and nearly birth) was Thomas Patrick Weldon, Jr., who was born nine days before her and grew up some two blocks (Pershing Street) away from her childhood home on Broadway. Besides sharing the same nursery, they attended primary and secondary school together, in addition to attending colleges (Santa Clara [Tom] and Lone Mountain/San Francisco College of Women [University of San Francisco]) in the Bay Area. They graduated in 1959, married in 1960, and proceeded to have seven children in the next decade who received their love and attention. They lived in multiple cities in California (and even Arizona for a short time) during their decades of child-rearing with the final stint in Fresno. They then decamped to the Monterey Coast where they remained for more than 30 years until their deaths.

Antonia, like Tom, was an avid gardener, and they adored immensely their many Golden Retrievers with whom they shared an abode. She also swam daily, was a seasoned watercolorist, and was devoted to the French language and culture. These were not just hobbies, but passions that sustained her over the course of her entire life regardless of city in which she lived or the tasks before her. Dozens and dozens of paintings, books on all-things French, and her beloved paddle board were remnants of these cherished activities. Furthermore, she and Tom were devout members of the Catholic Church, attending Mass daily during their lives. They enjoyed immensely the serenity, beauty and (matching) pastoral activity of the Carmel Mission, and the opportunity to delve into Catholicism in a stunning and stimulating environment brought an enriched presence to their daily sojourns there.

Most importantly, their life was filled with friends and family, meals and memories, and drinks and discussions. The mild weather, view of the Pacific Ocean, and proximity to the waves and sand provided a necessary panacea for her physical ailments when they moved to the Monterey area in retirement. This location provided an easy opportunity to travel to see their parents, siblings, children, grandchildren and friends, in addition to the family farm in Guadalupe until their health prevented such excursions. Together for nine decades and married for 62 years, they built a wonderful life for them and their children. One might even say, "they won the race."

Tom died in July, 2022, and she died peacefully in August, 2024, surrounded by family, and her loving caregiver, Charito Serano. In addition to her husband (Tom), she is predeceased by her siblings (Mary Theresa, Ursula, and Marta), her parents (Jules and Mary), and one child (Mary Noel). She is survived by six children, (Thomas [Wendy], Mary [Michael], Timothy [Clodagh], Terrence, Kieran, and Christopher [Karin]); 16 nieces and nephews, and 17 grandchildren. As in birth, Tom and Antonia will be joined in death, and all services commemorating their lives will be held in time.

MARK A. STENIN

August 23, 1927 ♦ July 31, 2024
Pebble Beach, California

Mark Alexander Stenin (born Stanislav Manin) was born in Russia, to Pavel and Alexandra Manin.

After graduating from Civil Engineering Institute (SADI), in Saratov, he worked in architectural and construction companies in Moscow and the Ural region.

In 1960, he escaped from the Soviet Union and came to the United States where he started working at the Defense Language Institute (DLI) in Monterey, California as an instructor and course developer. During this time, he studied at the Middlebury College in Vermont where he earned the Liberalium Artium Magister.

In 1972, Mark married Ada Martinez who also worked at DLI as a Spanish instructor. They actively participated in many cultural and social activities in the Monterey area. They were both members of The Beach and Tennis Club, the Monterey History and Art Association, the Monterey Art Museum, the Carmel Foundation and he belonged to the St. Seraphim Church of Seaside.

Mark and Ada shared a passion for travel. They frequented the Sierra Nevada and enjoyed the skiing resorts. They visited many countries in Europe, North and South America and Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, Israel and Egypt.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Svetlana Zhigulina; and his beloved wife, Ada Stenin. He is survived by their son, Victor, from New York; his niece, Olga Vakileva (Ramil) of Russia and many other relatives and friends.

A memorial service took place on Monday, August 5, 2024, at St. Seraphim Church.



To place an obituary for your loved one, contact anne@carmelpinecone.com
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DEAN S. DIAZ JR.

April 5, 1942 - July 12, 2024

Dean S. Diaz Jr. was born in Salinas, California, to Dean Sr. and Jennie Diaz. He met his father for the first time when he was 4, after Dean Sr. returned from World War II. Dean grew up surrounded by a large extended family in the Alisal and Salinas area, enjoying his teenage years in the 1950s. With his James Dean-inspired look of Levis and white T-shirts, he drove a 1948 Dodge coupe to Salinas High School. He loved cruising Main Street and listening to Wolfman Jack, often ending his outings at Mel's Drive-In for burgers, fries, shakes and a chance to watch girls and cars.

Dean decided to join the Navy, inspired by his father's service and eager to see the world. After basic training in San Diego, he worked at Balboa Naval Hospital and was then assigned to Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, California, as a Navy Corpsman caring for officers, including

Admiral Nimitz. He jokingly remarked that the only boat ride he experienced in the Navy was the ferry from San Diego to Coronado, where he enjoyed staying at a hotel and would often shout "Ahoy Mates!" as he passed by battleships and carriers.

After returning to Salinas and attending Hartnell College, he met Jossie Espinoza at a James Brown concert at the Salinas Armory. They danced that night and had their first official date at the Como Del Rodeo Parade during Big Week. The couple married just a few months later in 1963.

In October 1963, a month before their wedding, the Diaz family opened Plaza Linda Mexican restaurant in Carmel Valley Village, California. They became a vital part of the community, serving cowboys and ranchers who rode up for traditional Mexican food. The restaurant became a cherished gathering place for families over the years, creating lasting relationships with patrons and community members. They also formed meaningful connections with members of City of The Lord, who became like family, and with those from Our Lady of Mount Carmel. For more than 20 years, men from various denominations met weekly at 6 a.m. at Plaza Linda for fellowship and praise, calling their gatherings "Taco Temple." Many friendships formed during these meetings endured until his passing.



Dean had a love for travel, whether planned or spontaneous, along with a passion for painting, storytelling, Christmas traditions and reading. He enjoyed gardening, biking, rollerblading and traveling by any means, including horseback and camels. He cherished dancing with Jossie whenever they could. Following her passing, he spent time exploring Monterey and San Diego while maintaining his routine of attending Mass, taking naps and biking. Although he kept busy, Monterey always felt like home, and he missed Jossie deeply.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Jossie; his parents, Dean Sr. and Jennie; and his sister, Sandra. He is survived by his brother, John; his sons, Rob and Rene (Massie and Gizelle), and many friends and relatives. He will be profoundly missed.

AUGUST 26, 2024 - MONDAY

Mass: 10 a.m. at San Carlos Cathedral - Royal Presidio Chapel of Monterey
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

Editorial

Taking vs. producing

FORMER FIRST Lady Michelle Obama made a very telling comment during her speech to the Democratic National Convention Tuesday night. Thanking her parents for the values they instilled in her, Obama said they “showed me the meaning of hard work and humility and decency” and “didn’t aspire to be wealthy.”

In fact, her mother and father “were suspicious of folks who took more than they needed,” she said.

Plenty of commentators have highlighted this remark, pointing out that Obama and her husband, the former president, have at least four expensive homes, a net worth upward of \$50 million, and obviously enjoy a life filled with possessions and material comforts that are way more than they need.

Not that they’re living beyond their means, though. Since Barack Obama’s eight years in the White House, he and his wife have made lots and lots of money, some of it for very little work. According to the Daily Mail, for example, Ms. Obama was paid “nearly \$750,000 for a one-hour speech at a tech fair in Munich, Germany,” in September.

She “picked up the eye-watering check” for speaking to so some 5,000 attendees on how to “push past self-doubt,” while also emphasizing the importance of “inclusivity and diversity,” the newspaper said.

But none of that is what we thought was striking about Ms. Obama’s comments. What struck us was something much more fundamental: Her idea that rich people are guilty of “taking more than they need,” whereas most of today’s rich get that way by producing, not taking.

The point is one Elon Musk — who started several successful companies and is one of the richest people on the planet — made during the Covid epidemic, when the idea was circulating that everybody could just stay home and get paid by the government.

“Some people have this absurd view that the economy is like a magic horn of plenty, and if somebody has more stuff, it’s because they took more from the magic horn of plenty,” Musk said.

But in reality, he added, the horn of plenty is full because so many people are working to keep it that way.

“If you don’t make stuff, there’s no stuff,” Musk said. “If you don’t make the food, if you don’t process food, if you don’t transport the food, there is no food.” And the same thing is true for all the material things and institutions we all depend on every day.

But not everybody is working, or inventing, or investing the same as everybody else. Even among people who have full-time jobs, some are only a little productive, while others are immensely productive. And it is their productivity that makes them rich, not their greed.

If Michelle and Barack Obama are rich, that’s fine with us, as long as they earned it. And they should be big enough to credit — not blame — anybody who’s done the same thing.

BEST of BATES



“Do they really get mail in these itty-bitty boxes?”

Letters to the Editor

The Pine Cone encourages submission of letters which address issues of public importance. Letters cannot exceed 350 words, and must include the author’s name and home town. We reserve the right to determine which letters are suitable for publication and to edit for length and clarity.

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Conflicts of interests

Dear Editor,

How could a sitting city council member not recuse herself from voting last April on the Housing Element Update when she was a founding member and long-time Board member of LandWatch, the watchdog organization pushing housing density all over the state and in Carmel?

Yet, even when a member of the public pointed out this obvious conflict of interest before the vote to approve the Housing Element and its 349 housing units to be crammed into our village, she refused to recuse herself. The evidence did not persuade or shame her into compliance, and the city attorney made excuses as to why conflicts did not apply to her.

As if that wasn’t enough, she also has substantive conflicts of interest for the highly controversial street numbers, where she acted as the sole “ad hoc” committee member to help force it through. In this

case, it was her own personal interests, as she repeatedly claimed her house was very hard to find, including in a revealing interview with the Canadian Broadcast Corp. In that interview she also stated a need to conform with the Patriot Act and Securities Act. Why didn’t she inform the public of her desire to enforce the Patriot and Securities Act in Carmel-by-the-Sea? What possible role is that of the city council and why is she so interested in surveilling us?

Adding insult to injury, she rushed and promoted the street numbers with false and misleading claims about long emergency response times, violations of the fire code, and exaggerated need for more convenience. But the 3.5 minute response time in Carmel is half the national average for urban areas, the fire code has never been violated for over 100 years, and anyone who can’t live in Carmel with an inconvenience can move. The history, character, and uniqueness of this village are much more important than those who can’t deal with inconveniences. Her self-serving arguments never legitimately justified the “need” for street numbers. She should be recused, her vote negated, and the address debacle dropped with extreme prejudice.

Charles Najarian, Carmel

Save our post office

Dear Editor,

Carmel’s Conservation Coalition’s mission is to protect Carmel’s heritage and traditions for future generations. We say NO to street addresses. Carmelites deserve a

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One of the good guys who took down some really bad ones

PEBBLE BEACH author Gregory Lee's first novel, "Stinger," is an international thriller that was published in March. After authoring three textbooks in the early 2000s — "Global Drug Enforcement," "Conspiracy Investigations," and "Practical Criminal Evidence" — the retired Army Criminal Investigations Division officer and Drug Enforcement Administration investigator finally completed the novel he had started working on years ago.

Volunteered in 1972

With more than 50 years of experience, including as an expert witness and a criminal justice consultant, Lee has a resume that includes helping to arrest Ramzi Yousef, who was behind the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and other terrorist

enjoyed. A year later, his wife, Virginia, a federal employee, was transferred to Pasadena. He joined the police department there, but when he heard about openings in the DEA, he changed his path.

Those early years of service, Lee said, were "during the days of 'Miami Vice,'" with drug dealers trying to emulate the flashy criminals they saw in the TV series. Chasing the bad guys in Southern California amid rapidly changing trends in trafficking methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin, he said he sometimes dealt with two shootings a week.

He was later assigned to Monterey, and, after a stint teaching at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., he returned to field work in Islamabad, Pakistan.

The assignment in Islamabad was pretty nifty, he said — a "nice embassy" with great housing where he and Virginia, who was working as a DEA intelligence analyst, and their two young sons could live quite well for relatively little money.

Getting Yousef

They arrived there in 1994, the year after Yousef had overseen the bombing of the World Trade Center in New York City which killed six people and injured more than 1,000 others. He was still on the run and planning an attack you've probably never heard of. Lee explained that Yousef's foiled "Bojinka" plot included — among other things — simultaneously blowing up 12 airliners while they were over the Pacific Ocean between Asia and the United States.

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Great Lives

By **ELAINE HESSER**

plots to kill Americans.

The path that led there started when Lee was 17 and joined the L.A. County Sheriff's Explorers program — his cousin was in law enforcement — and spent 500 hours doing ride-alongs in patrol cars. In 1972, when he was 19 years old, his birthday was No. 1 in the lottery, meaning men who shared it would be the first to be inducted into the military and possibly sent to Vietnam.

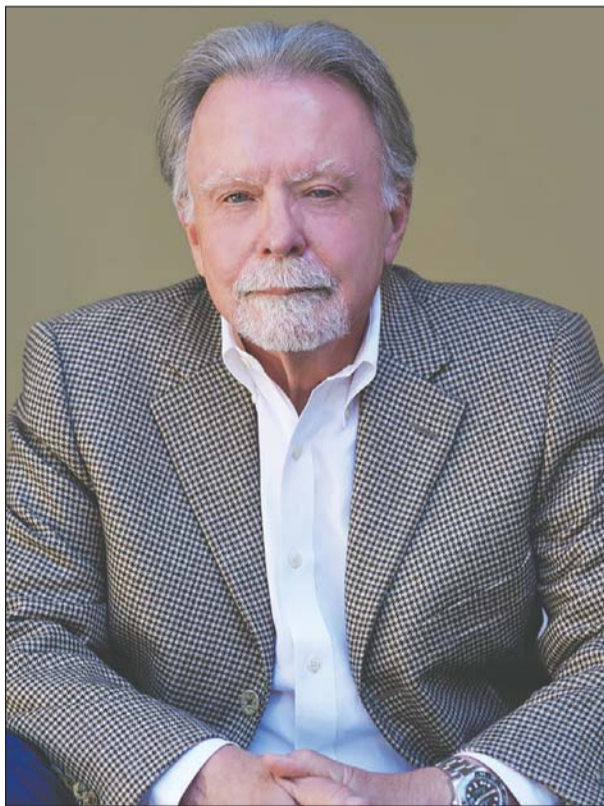
Like many others of his generation, he volunteered for the Army so that he could have some say in what his specialty would be. He chose the military police, and although the war ended the day he finished his training as an MP, draftees up to number 20 had been inducted that year, so he figured he'd chosen wisely.

Lee became an investigator with the Army's criminal investigation division, which deals with felonies — as opposed to the military police, who work mainly on misdemeanors.

'Miami Vice'

He was an Army warrant officer, a rank reserved for subject matter experts and specialists, including helicopter pilots, nuclear weapons maintenance personnel, and other technical professionals. Before retiring from the Reserves in 2012, he'd achieved the top rank of chief warrant officer five — a remarkable achievement, given there are only about 500 of them on duty in today's Army.

His career brought him to Fort Ord, where he left active duty in 1980 and became a Salinas Police officer — a job he said he



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Although author Gregory Lee's latest book is fictional, his real-life experiences also make for good reading.

Don't miss "Scenic Views" by Jerry Gervase — every week in the Real Estate Section.

CLASSES WITH REMBRANDT, GOYA, MICHELANGELO — AND SOME NUNS

SUSAN MANCHESTER was just 20 years old in 1962 when her mother drove her from their Santa Barbara home to the L.A. Airport and put her on a flight to New York City, where she boarded the SS Cristoforo Colombo for an eight-day voyage to Italy.

She was traveling alone, knew nobody on the ship, spoke rudimentary Italian, and had no one waiting on the other side of the Atlantic.

"The world was simpler and safer then," remembered Manchester, a Carmel-by-the-Sea artist and former York School art instructor. "I was naïve, but confident enough about my choices that I didn't entertain much fear."

"I wanted to study art in the seat of the Renaissance and assess the ancients," she said. "I always had this desire not to be underestimated or mistaken for a frivolous student of the arts."

Studying the originals

With parental approval and encouragement from instructors at UC Santa Barbara, she enrolled at the Accademia di Belle Arti in Florence, where, for over a year, she studied drawing, painting and printmaking in an environment steeped in the history of Leonardo da Vinci and other masters.

"I was not very skilled, but I worked at it through continuous drawing, etching, and painting classes," Manchester said.

With permission from the head of the school, she spent every morning at the Uffizi Gallery Library of Prints and Drawings, looking at original drawings by Renaissance artists, including Rembrandt and Michelangelo.

"I studied the paintings of artists like Caravaggio and Goya, as well as the etchings of my teacher, Giorgio Morandi, a celebrated painter and printmaker."

'Signorina Rembrandt!'

Manchester first encountered the legendary Morandi — "The Maestro" of Accademia di Belle Arti — when he slipped quietly into the classroom and stood behind her as she pulled an etching off the press.

"It was my own version of a Rembrandt etching, 'Tobias and the Angel,'" she

remembered. "He looked at my etching and called me 'Signorina Rembrandt!' He was an elderly man, and I didn't even realize who he was until the other students ran over and told me."

For the young student, the experience in Italy was life-altering, and her education there still impacts the art she creates today

Carmel's Artists

By **DENNIS TAYLOR**

in a second-floor studio at the Church of the Wayfarer.

Manchester spent that Christmas in Rome with Marguerite Courtney, whom she called "La Mama." She was the mother of a fellow art student.

"La Mama was friends with a young Augustinian monk who arranged an audience of about 100 people with Pope John XXIII," she said. "The pope spoke for about 30 minutes in three languages, blessed us, and then was kind of yanked off the stage. He liked to talk!"

The monk then took Manchester and La Mama on an impromptu tour that included the pope's private apartment, gardens and his private chapel, where they found themselves standing between two breathtaking Michelangelo frescoes, "The Conversion of Saul" and "The Crucifixion of St. Peter."

"It was, of course, mind-blowing for me," she said.

Mexico to Santa Barbara

Manchester, the youngest of three children, spent the first three years of her life near Mexico City, where her father, a Stanford graduate, was negotiating a deal for the U.S. government. She learned Spanish before she could speak English.

Fun fact: When Manchester was a toddler, her mother took her to have her ears pierced by Wilhelm Loeser, a physician who had been exiled from the United States for altering the fingerprints of American gangster John Dillinger. "It's my only claim to fame," she quipped.

The Manchesters moved from Mexico to Pasadena, then Santa Barbara, where

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Susan Manchester studied art in Italy, made illustrations that are at the Smithsonian and draws and paints in a bright, second-story studio at Carmel's Church of the Wayfarer.



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TICKETS

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Ocean and Dolores. It appeared Mueller had been drinking, and after he failed to perform field sobriety tests and did not consent to a blood draw, CPD officer Tim Ament wrote and executed a search warrant for a blood sample from Mueller.

He was arrested for DUI, and his vehicle was towed.

On Aug. 16, a 1964 Chevy Impala was reported stolen from the parking garage at Carmel Plaza. While on the way home, one of the police department's dispatchers saw the distinctive vintage car in the turnout on Highway 1 near Carpenter Street and notified CPD, but by the time officers got there, the vehicle was gone, Maldonado said.

"Knowing that the stolen vehicle was not too far ahead, officer Tim Ament and officer Rene Guevera conducted an area check on Highway 1," he said, and they soon learned a California Highway Patrol officer was behind the car on the highway near the Reservation Road exit. With the help of CHP and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, the two men suspected of stealing the car — 64-year-old Trent Mack and 41-year-old Tony Broomfield, both

from Los Angeles — were arrested and taken to Monterey County Jail.

"The vehicle was released to the victim without any damage to it," Maldonado said. "This was a great example of agencies working together. We are very grateful for the help we got from CHP and the sheriff's office."

The unnamed owners, who had just spent 25 years restoring the car and had brought it to Car Week to celebrate, were also very grateful. "Seeing them depressed as they made the report was rough," Maldonado said. "At the scene, they were thankful and hugged me."

Impromptu show

To stop the drag-racing and other antics that occurred on Ocean Avenue in pre-pandemic years, police and the public works department set up barricades each night to divert traffic through downtown streets.

While that practice has deterred street stunts, it has also in effect turned the central commercial district into a sort of ghost town, but this year, officers allowed owners and drivers of special cars to park within the barricaded areas, making for an impromptu nighttime car show that drew crowds but kept the shenanigans to a minimum. Police also maintained a strong presence downtown during those hours.

In the City of Monterey Aug. 14-18, police reported stopping 251 drivers for various infractions and writing 165 citations, according to Monterey P.D.'s statistics. Officers towed five vehicles and made 18 arrests.

MPD records indicate that while several of those arrests involved drug offenses and probation violations, eight of them were for violating the vehicle code, including three for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, two for engaging in illegal speed contests, and one for reckless driving. Some of the drivers either had suspended licenses or no licenses at all.

"We had 12 documented collisions during Car Week," added the city's communications manager, Laurie Huelga. "This does not include collisions where information was exchanged between the drivers and no report was taken."

Pacific Grove Police Cmdr. Brian Anderson reported his city's officers stopped 39 drivers during Car Week and wrote a dozen tickets from those, including seven for unsafe speed, two for failing to stop at a stop sign, two for violating laws on vehicle lights, and one for failing to yield to a pedestrian. "No arrests were made in conjunction with Car Week," he said.

CHP very busy

With the largest jurisdiction of any law-enforcement agency, including responsibility for highways 101 and 68, as well as Pebble Beach and parts of Carmel and Carmel Valley, California Highway Patrol officers were very busy during the main Car Week weekend, from Friday, Aug. 16, to Sunday, Aug. 18. During those days, officers wrote 207 tickets, including eight that were elevated to misdemeanors.

Among those cited earlier in the week was a group of nine Porsches, McLarens, Lamborghinis and Ferraris pulled over en masse on southbound Highway 1 near Lightfighter Drive Aug. 14.

The CHP responded to 33 crashes from Friday to Sunday, according to officer Saul Perez. While eight of those were on Highway 101 and another 11 were in the Salinas area or inland in North County, more than a dozen were in or around the Peninsula.

Perez said the agency handled wrecks in Pebble Beach, on private property next to Carmel Rancho Boulevard, on Soledad Drive near the on-ramp to Highway 1, and on private property east of Highway 1. Nine occurred on Highway 1, including incidents near Morse Drive, Munras, Salinas Road, Holman Highway, Riley Ranch, Highway 68, Lightfighter Drive,



Tony Broomfield



Trent Mack



PHOTO/FACEBOOK

(Above) A CHP officer snapped a shot of one of cars pulled over during Car Week. (Top) The suspects in the theft of a restored Chevy Impala from the Carmel Plaza parking garage.

Del Monte Boulevard and El Sur Ranch. CHP officers arrested 11 people for DUI, including a motorist whose car was disabled on Highway 68 at Olmsted Road. The driver "reversed and collided into the officer's patrol vehicle," according to the CHP. "An investigation was conducted, and the driver was subsequently arrested for DUI (drugs)." Nobody was hurt.

'Spectacle'

One anonymous resident, ostensibly in the Carmel Highlands, complained that Car Week "has morphed into a full-blown spectacle that is increasingly disrupting the lives of local residents."

"What began as a relatively subdued gathering of car aficionados has escalated into a chaotic frenzy," the person said, referring to Car Week's origins with a low-key show on the 18th Fairway at the Pebble Beach Golf Links and accompanying road race there 74 years ago.

"Locals are growing weary of the incessant noise pollution and the reckless driving that accompanies these events," the person wrote. "While tourists may be captivated by the spectacle, residents are increasingly frustrated by the disruption to their daily lives."

"Adding to the problem is the rise of social media influencers who are desperate to capture the action, often disregarding traffic laws and endangering themselves and others in pursuit of the perfect shot," the anonymous complainer continued. "Their aggressive driving has created a dangerous environment for everyone."

SIGNATURES

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met the minimum after officials checked 27 of the signatures he collected, meaning that seven were found invalid and the remaining three were left unchecked. One of his signers isn't registered to vote, four listed different addresses than what's on file with the registrar, one signature doesn't match voter registration records, and one person didn't sign at all.

Of the 30 signatures Bob Delves submitted, officials checked 24 before deeming his council candidacy valid, rejecting three as belonging to people who are not registered voters and one because the address didn't match the record on file.

Council candidate David O'Neil, who only submitted 27 signatures, had two

found invalid due to not being registered voters before securing his spot on the ballot, and Hans Buder had three rejected for the same reason before he qualified as a candidate for city council.

In the race for mayor, Dale Byrne, who was the first person to have his papers deemed complete, had 25 of the 30 signatures he submitted checked. The five found invalid included three belonging to people who are not registered to vote here, one with an incomplete address and one in which someone else had filled out the address field.

Incumbent Mayor Dave Potter qualified after 22 signatures were checked, with two belonging to residents registered at different addresses and the remaining eight of the 30 signatures on his form left unchecked.

Only mayoral candidate Jeff Baron, a city councilman, had none of the first 20 signatures on his papers rejected.

CONDORS

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Sorenson told The Pine Cone that when a pair of bald eagles was seen nesting in Monterey County in 1995, it marked the first time since 1934 that a breeding pair had been observed locally. In fact, he noted that the last bald eagle nest in Big Sur was discovered during the construction of Highway 1 in the 1930s.

Sorenson noted that while DDT took a cruel toll on the species, another manmade innovation — the reservoir — benefited them.

"In the 1950s and 1960s, California built a whole lot of reservoirs for

agriculture and drinking water," Sorenson explained. "When that happened, it created more habitat for bald eagles."

Sorenson noted that the best place to see the birds in the county is Lake San Antonio, which was built in 1965.

With bald eagles, researchers discovered that if the threat of DDT could be eliminated, the population could rebound, Sorenson said. DDT was outlawed by the federal government in 1972.

"Once DDT was banned and began slowly dissipating from the environment, bald eagles started reproducing successfully again," he said. "By 1995, we realized the population was ready to take off."

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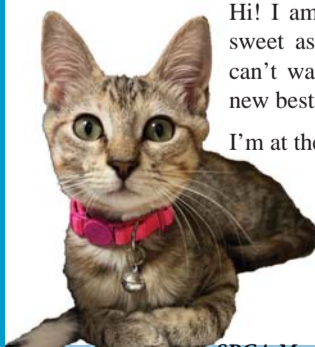
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Monterey County Fair turns out to be a lot older than it thinks it is

THE MONTEREY County Fair returns to the fairgrounds Aug. 29 to Sept. 2. My research on how the event began started with the official site: montereycountyfair.com, which offers that the Monterey County Fair & Event Center is a “22-acre, state-owned venue located in the heart of Monterey,” and that the first county fair was held there in 1935. “Since then,” according to the fair’s website, “not only has the fair continued annually but the Monterey County Fair & Event Center has become the site for an eclectic mix of public and private events ...”

It did not take long for me to find information about the origins of the fair and the grounds that conflicted. I messaged the fairgrounds for clarification. No response. I continued digging, and when I was convinced their history

History Beat

By NEAL HOTELLING

— both as to date and location — was in error, I wrote again. Still no response. So, to inform Pine Cone readers of the real story, I share my research here.

The earliest reference I could find to a Monterey County Fair was in 1876. The Fresno Weekly Republican published a talk on “The Value of Trees” that was reportedly given at the 1876 fair by the Hon. C.S. Abbott. This was followed by a June 1878 article in the Sacramento Weekly Bee that reported the dates of several county and district fairs that year. The Monterey County District Fair for that year was in Salinas Oct. 15-19. That city continued to host a Monterey County Fair annually through 1896, although by the 1890s, horse racing became the primary draw.

Nearly forgotten

After a hiatus, the regional agricultural district pulled together another county fair in 1900. It offered a variety of exhibits in addition to racing. However, after that the Monterey County Fair was sporadic at best and apparently forgotten.

In 1924, The Pine Cone reported: “Monterey County is at last to have a county fair. It is for one day only, Oct. 31, at King City.” Fairs in King City continued for a few years. The Peninsula Daily Herald (Sept. 14, 1926) affirms that a successful 1925 event was expanded in 1926 to three days, Sept. 24-26, with six classes of exhibits. However, it ceased after 1926.

A few years later, Peninsula leaders picked up the baton and created the 1930 Monterey County Fair which was held at the Del Monte polo grounds on land directly behind the modern fairgrounds of today. It was billed as the first.

The Aug. 22, 1930, Pine Cone declared “the first annual Monterey County Fair will be held in Monterey, Oct. 8-12 with a complete program of horse racing, polo, steeplechasing, and exhibits of many agricultural, industrial, and educational institutions of the county

Who’s who

Samuel F.B. Morse, president of Del Monte Properties Co. which owned the polo grounds, served as president of the newly organized Monterey County Fair organization. The board of directors reads like a “Who’s Who” of early 20th century Monterey County, including Mayor San Madeira, Harvey Abbott of Salinas, Knut Hovden, Will Jacks, Stuart Haldorn and Allen Griffin of Monterey, Ed Hatton, Henry Russell, Ben Schulte and Charles Van Riper of Carmel and Carmel Valley and Col. Roger Fitch of the Monterey Presidio.

Organizers of the 1930 fair chose to hire for experience and contracted with Ed Vollman and Jack Campbell, longtime general manager and stock manager, respectively, of the large San Joaquin County Fair. The 1930 Monterey County Fair was greeted with praise, not only for its programming, but for proving that diverse districts could work together “in putting over a project that is beneficial to the entire county.”

Community leader Arthur G. Metz was chairman of the 1931 fair, which again used the polo grounds. The Pine Cone’s report on the 1931 fair focused on the art exhibit, curated by Francis McComas, Armin Hansen and Paul Whitman, but it was a full-fledged fair, and well attended. Dates for the 1932 Monterey County Fair were set for Sept. 29 through Oct. 2 and appeared in published calendars throughout the state, but the event never happened. The Great Depression had reached the Peninsula.



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To help publicize the 1930 Monterey County Fair, Kitty Varien and Constance Heron (daughter of Herb) posed with Coronation, a huge Gurnsey bull that was entered in fair’s livestock competition from Carmel Valley’s Del Monte Rancho.

In late 1934, publisher Allen Griffin editorialized in the Monterey Peninsula Herald in favor of a 1935 county fair. He pointed out that the state was helping fund such events through funds paid from betting at fairground horse races.

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors listened and, in January 1935, took action to hold a county fair that fall at the Del Monte polo grounds and petitioned the state for \$40,000. The county’s plans were squashed in February, when the state budget office informed the county that it was not eligible for 1935 funding because it had not held a 1934 county fair.

There was more to the story. Nevertheless, despite what is claimed on the fairgrounds website today, there was not a Monterey County Fair, nor even the fairgrounds in 1935. Next week, I will share how and when the Monterey County Fairgrounds came to be.

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EVICTED

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On Wednesday, Jacques recounted the moment last week in which she was served with the three-day notice.

“I was really surprised,” she said. “Because I have been taken care of for years.”

The Pine Cone asked Jacques where she would move to if she was forced out her apartment.

“I have nowhere to go. The only thing I have is my Social Security,” she said, adding, “I’m not going to leave. I have no place to go. I’m 96 and I’m no spring chicken.”

When Jacques stopped paying rent because she couldn’t afford it is unclear, but a provision of the California Health and Safety Code indicates that a “life care contract shall include provisions to subsidize residents who become financially unable to pay their monthly care fees.”

Diana Jimenez, deputy director of Aging and Adult Services in the Monterey County Department of Social Services, said seniors are increasingly struggling to find facilities they can afford.

Dispute resolution

While there’s no perfect solution, Jimenez recommended that people who’ve outlived their savings immediately apply for Medi-Cal, the federal government’s medical insurance for the indigent. While Medi-Cal does not require someone to disclose their assets to be covered, if someone has income over a certain threshold, they might be required to pay a portion of the costs. Anyone over 65 is also eligible for Medicare, but it does not pay for senior living services.

Seniors who have disputes with nursing homes or residential care facilities should contact the county Ombudsmen’s office, Jimenez said, which is certified to help resolve the problems of residents in such facilities.

“Ombudsmen advocate for residents’

rights and investigate complaints on behalf of residents in long-term facilities,” according to its website, shorturl.at/h97hN. The program, part of the Alliance on Aging, can also be reached at (831) 655-1334.

Contracts honored?

When Forest Hill Manor was sold to Pacifica Senior Living about two years ago, a condition of the sale included honoring all of Forest Hill Manor’s existing life care contracts, said Sadler, who has a copy of Jacques’ agreement.

The eviction notice “appears to be out of compliance with Pacifica’s commitment to honor the legacy contracts from Forest Hill Manor,” Sadler said.

If Jacques is thrown out, other residents with similar contract terms are fearful they’ll also be evicted.

Sanchez did not respond to questions about the three-day notice she gave to Jacques. The eviction process in California can take at least 30 days.

In any event, Sadler said Jacques does not have the money to pay the \$109,000.

Her story is the latest complaint from Pacific Grove Senior Living residents. Earlier this month, a resident documented more than two dozen instances within about nine months where there was no hot water or heat in the facility’s south wing.

“Three longtime residents have left in frustration this month,” Sadler said. “If we don’t get this fixed urgently, we can expect more people to vote with their feet.”

When the nonprofit California-Nevada Methodist Homes sold Forest Hill to the for-profit Pacifica Companies in December 2022, state Attorney General Rob Bonta imposed 18 conditions, including the assumption of residents’ preexisting contracts with the former owner and the appointment of a monitor to ensure the facility’s compliance with professional standards of care.

In March, though, a consultant hired by Bonta concluded, among other things, that the new owners of the P.G. senior facility had failed to acknowledge and honor “multiple preexisting contracts.”

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ARTIST

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Susan's mother — unimpressed with the public school system — enrolled her daughter in a convent school operated by French nuns.

"I had no religious background at all, but we all learned to chant in Latin, and we prayed in French," she reflected.

"That school was in an old Italianate villa on a beautiful piece of property," she recalled. "And since my family wasn't Catholic, I wasn't at all worried about going to hell, so it was all pretty fascinating to me."

Her mother embraced Santa Barbara's cultural offerings, particularly theater, art and music. The Manchesters owned a grand piano and a bass piano.

"My mother was the type of woman who did things because she didn't know that she couldn't," Manchester said with a laugh. "She was the first woman in Santa Barbara to have a talk show on the radio and interviewed a lot of interesting people — authors who hyped their books, people who believed in UFOs — all kinds."

Drawing is her 'true north'

Manchester earned her high school diploma from Marymount School, a Catholic academy where her art interests were usurped by five hours of homework most nights.

But she began drawing again after enrolling at UC Santa Barbara.

"I'm also a painter, of course, but drawing has always been my 'true north,'" she said. "I actually do some of my best drawings while I'm talking on the phone."

At 21, Manchester returned from Italy a more serious artist. "My art vector was set in Florence," she said.

Santa Barbara's art community lacked "edge," Manchester decided, so she moved to North Beach in San Francisco, near the San Francisco Art Institute, where she studied with figurative artist Gordon Cook.

"But I didn't stick around for a degree," she said. Her Florentine training and eagerness to learn helped her land a job as an architectural draftsman. That experience

brought her to the Monterey Peninsula, where she worked three years for Burde Shaw & Associates.

Monterey also is where she first noticed David Allen Smith, a residential architect who worked on the other side of the business complex. They were married in 1974 and celebrated their 50th anniversary this year.

Sketches at the Smithsonian

After leaving Burde Shaw, Manchester found her first job as an artist when she was hired by the Hopkins Marine Station to help create illustrations for a 1992 Stanford University Press publication, "Marine Algae of California."

The textbook is still in use, and Manchester's original drawings are now at the Smithsonian Institute and are frequently borrowed by institutions all over the world.

In 1980, she was invited to upgrade the art program at York School in Monterey, where she served as department director and taught four days a week for 14 years.

"That teaching job gave me time to create my own drawings and paintings and build a body of work," said Manchester, who showed her art for 10 years at the Edith Caldwell Gallery and other San Francisco galleries.

She has been represented in Carmel-by-the-Sea since 2011 by the Winfield Gallery (Dolores between Ocean and Seventh) and shows at the Andra Norris Gallery in Burlingame.

"Not to dramatize it, but making art is my lifeline," said the artist. "When I enter my studio, the weight of the world evaporates. I've had some spectacular experiences in both the local and grand-scale art spheres, for which I am eternally grateful."

Manchester's portfolio features delicate drawings and soft-palette paintings, including portraits, figures, still-life botany, and what she calls "the floating world" — feathers and winged creatures.

She is creating work for a multi-artist exhibition planned for this fall at Winfield Gallery. For additional information and to view images of her art, visit susanmanchesterart.com.

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GAVEL

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In addition, DGDG was ordered to designate an employee to manage and oversee its hazardous waste management and employee training programs. DGDG cooperated with prosecutors during the investigation and took significant steps to improve its compliance with the environmental and consumer protection violations brought to its attention.

The investigation began in 2021 when investigators in Santa Clara conducted unannounced inspections of DGDG trash containers and found hazardous waste and pages of customer records. Additional inspections over the next year turned up violations at the company's businesses in Alameda, Solano, Contra Costa and Monterey counties.

LIVES

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And circumstances in Islamabad were about to make Lee — in his words — "the Forrest Gump" of law enforcement.

He learned from security personnel at the embassy that they'd been contacted by an informant on the Bojinka plot who told officials that Yousef would be in town that Saturday. They arranged for FBI and CIA agents to capture him. However, the terrorist arrived four days early and, they learned, only planned to stick around for 90 minutes.

So, said Lee, "They came to DEA, the only federal law enforcement in the embassy." Working with the State Department, they staked the place out and then went in.

"I was in the hallway when the Pakistani authorities opened the door, and there he was. I collected a lot of evidence in his room about his preparation for the Bojinka plot. He had various U.S. airline timetable books that were in use back then, dog-eared with the planes he was targeting," along with Casio watches with wires soldered onto them for use as timing devices.

9/11 and Kabul

Yousef was convicted and sentenced to life plus 240 years, which he is serving at a maximum security federal prison in Colorado.

Lee became the resident agent in charge of the DEA's Karachi, Pakistan office before being transferred to the DEA's Los Angeles Division, then retiring in 2003. Throughout his career, he was recalled to active Army service several times, including after 9/11, working with military intelligence to — among other things — assess additional terrorist threats. Between February and April 2011, he was sent to Kabul to evaluate the "Rule of Law" phase of Gen. David Petraeus' plan for Afghanistan.

He's also been a state and federal qualified expert witness, although his bio says he's "winding down his practice" in that area to devote more time to writing. Sounds like he's earned it.

To learn more, visit gregorydlee.com.

SCIENCE

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Funding for the \$38 million facility came from the Taylor family, the Berkshire Foundation, the Packard Foundation, CSUMB reserves and federal funding secured by Rep. Jimmy Panetta.

Taylor said he's honored that the building will be named after his dad, who he called a pioneer in the agriculture industry.

"By supporting Cal State Monterey Bay's science and engineering programs, we are not only honoring his memory but also investing in the future of our community, nurturing talent and supporting innovation," according to Taylor.

The new building's office space for employees of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, will allow CSUMB "to enhance quality learning and research opportunities for our students and faculty while also deepening our collaboration with the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary," CSUMB provost Andrew Lawson said in a statement.

Funding for the office space was made possible by \$7 million — which is included in the total \$38 million cost — from the American taxpayers through the Inflation Reduction Act.

"I'm proud to have helped secure part of that funding for a permanent [NOAA] office to bolster and further our collaborative conservation efforts in California's 19th Congressional District," Panetta said in August 2023 when money for the offices was announced.

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City ordinance 505.1, giving Carmel directional addresses, has been our law since 1926. In 1975, council member Mike Brown brokered a deal with USPS to keep our village post office where it is rather than have it shut down to join the building site on Via Nona Marie.

Brown has it on the best authority possible that the USPS will close our village post office with house numbers. USPS will move to a cheaper method of delivering our mail. Anticipate gang mailboxes throughout our neighborhoods. Our city council does not control the USPS fiscal decision-making process.

Carmel is under radical attack by our city council using unconfirmed claims and false scare tactics to destroy 100 years of history and our village post office. Our council has amended Ordinance 505.1 for its first vote on Sept. 10, "step one" in forcing street addresses upon Carmel without any community meetings, proper discussions, explorations into keeping directional addresses, how to help those frustrated who do not know how to use a directional address for applications, or studying the negative consequences of making the change. Under a lack of transparency and no public committee, Carmel's character and originality will be forever changed by Karen Ferlito, Jeff Baron and Bobby Richards.

California Fire Code does not preclude directional addresses which Carmel has used successfully since its inception. Our lives are not at risk! The National Library of Medicine analyzed 37 million calls in the United States. Carmel's average EMS response time is 3.5 minutes compared to seven minutes nationwide.

Please attend Sept. 10 at 4:30 p.m., city hall, to voice your opinion for a citywide vote.

Carolyn White, Carmel

Up or down vote

Dear Editor,

I always enjoy your editorials, especially when some of the letters to the editor cover the same topic, as they did in the most recent edition. In this case, I mostly agree with the editorial and one of the letters: Let's just have an open, transparent, disclosive, interactive forum of some kind on the issue of street addresses, so everyone interested will have the same facts (something that is most decidedly not the case based on available evidence), then put it to a town vote, yes or no, and be done with this. I'm squarely in the yes to house numbers camp, but if it's the majority's will that we not have the option to put up house numbers, then so be it and life will go on.

It's nutty that in 2024, we can't bring this debate to a reasoned, informed conclusion, one way or the other. And, please, let's not seek "divine intervention," as one letter writer espoused. Opening that incendiary can of worms will only distract from the fairly straightforward issue at hand.

Chuck McKenzie, Carmel

Gate happiness

Dear Editor,

I was so very happy to see that the Chadwicks had their much-needed gate approved by the planning commission.

Before my husband died two years ago, we lived on Camino Real for a very long time. We had people staring up close into our windows, asking to use our phone, asking to use the bathroom, walking into our yard and even into the backyard. People would pose right up close to the front windows for pictures.

Then my husband bought me a metal giraffe and it got so much worse! People even tried to put their kids on it for pictures, and it was at our front door, which was open a lot. That did not deter them.

You wouldn't think our little Comstock home called a Fairytale House would attract so much attention, but it did.

We had a local artist paint ivy on the front and he put a small heart with our initials inside. (He didn't even know we were married on Valentine's Day!) My husband also filled the front with flowers all year so even though small, it was very Carmel Charming.

I'm happy for the Chadwicks and their beautiful gate!
Pamela Wagner, Carmel

Tyranny vs. justice

Dear Editor,

The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) is reviewing California American Water Company's (CalAm) permit application to install four additional slant wells to the currently existing one in Marina. CalAm intends to source its desalination plant with Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (SVGB) water, threatening Marina's potable water, that is under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) mandate to restore and preserve these critically over-drafted aquifers. To save Marina's water and protect Monterey Peninsula ratepayers from exploitation, it is incumbent on concerned citizens to express opposition to this permit. Here's why:

■ CalAm's slant wells by hydrogeological expert analysis are engineered to cause seawater intrusion.

■ Permitting would enable desal completion, while devastating Marina's potable water supply.

■ California State Agency Act prohibits SVGB water exportation to Monterey Peninsula.

■ Permitting violates SGMA.

■ Permitting creates a serious environmental injustice: Marina is burdened with a sewer treatment facility, landfill dump, and Former Fort Ord World War II ordinance and asbestos-laden barracks removal. Permitting is part of ESHA and would create beach impairment, air-quality pollution, and brine discharge that threatens fish nesting areas.

■ Permitting jeopardizes Monterey Peninsula ratepayers because water bills would increase 50-70%.

■ CalAm's desal would obliterate Marina's and farmers' established water rights while violating Public Trust Doctrine.

■ CalAm's desal is not needed or wanted: Pure Water Monterey supply projections easily meet demand for thirty-plus years.

■ CalAm's exorbitant desal project is unlawful and infeasible per CalAm's EIR (no water rights).

■ The fight against water tyranny and environmental injustice is righteous.

Margaret-Anne Coppernoll, Marina

Baron for mayor

Dear Editor,

Yes, I will accept Michael LePage's invitation in last week's paper to join him in voting for Jeff Baron for mayor.

Instead of Mayor Dave Potter taking away public property and, in my opinion, freedom of speech, we need a

mayor who will give us something, like rights, fairness and protection.

I've gotten goosebumps and tears in my eyes during some of Jeff's comments, where he tells it like it is and faces tough subjects head on when no one else will.

Jeff Baron stands up for all of us and tries to get us to all stand together. He is an outstanding protector of Carmel. All the makings of a great mayor.

Brian Wilke, Carmel

O'Neil for council

Dear Editor,

Rarely does one have the opportunity to so enthusiastically endorse a candidate for public office as the voters do today. David O'Neil will be an asset to the Carmel City Council. Seeking the best solutions to any problem requires a humble approach to understanding complexity of any issue. David has been seeking the opinions of the best and brightest in Carmel and will help the council make good decisions with his input. David's sole motivation is serving Carmel, with all its quirks and charm, graciously and competently. We are fortunate that he is willing to serve.

Barbara Diamond, Carmel

Appropriate headline

Dear Editor,

One of your headlines last week said, "Apps tell Car Week people where to go." After a week of hearing cars vroom-vrooming up and down Fourth Avenue between Monte Verde and San Antonio all day and into the night, I'd love to tell certain Car Week people where to go!

Doug Gamble, Carmel

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Section 2

Returning Padres look for another championship-level football season

THE CARMEL Padres are poised for an encore as football champions of the Pacific Coast Athletic League's Mission South Division and hopeful of a deeper run in the 2024 postseason playoffs.

The Padres' 10-0 football record was so

ipating another stellar season, with nine returning starters, six of whom earned all-division recognition last fall.

That impressive list begins with senior Jackson Lloyd, a 6-foot-7, 285-pound offensive tackle who already has committed to play next year at the University of Alabama.

"He's primarily an offensive player for us, but he'll also play on the defensive side in

certain situations and against certain opponents. Obviously, he commands a lot of attention wherever he plays," said coach Golden Anderson.

Lloyd and teammates Hudson Rutherford and Simeon Brown also earned all-county plaudits as components of an offense that averaged 43 points and 395.5 yards a game, amassing 2,733 yards through the air, 1,615 on the ground.

Rutherford, a senior and second-year starter at quarterback, completed 140 of 199 passes (70.4 percent) for 2,409 yards, throwing 27 touchdown passes, with nine interceptions.

Brown, a wing-footed senior, is a three-year starter at wide receiver, caught 35 passes for 724 yards and scored eight times.

Another senior, all-division choice Ty Arnold, led the Padres

in receptions with 47 and yards with 726, and tallied eight TDs.

Leaper and sprinter

Other experienced pass-catchers are junior Matt Maxon (10-229, three TDs) and senior Ashton Rees (7-174, one TD), both all-division in the defensive backfield (more about that later). Senior Brooklyn

Ashe is a 6-4,185-pound leaper who plays tight end, wide receiver, and is a returning starter in the defensive secondary. Bennett Foreman, a 100- and 200-meter sprinter on the track team, also could have an impact at receiver or running back for the Padres.

The other veteran on the offensive line,

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

glitzy in 2023 that the Central Coast Section playoff committee hoisted them into the section's second-highest division for the postseason playoffs, where unbeaten Carmel (enrollment: 822) inexplicably found itself seeded No. 7 in a powerhouse eight-team bracket.

The competition included Archbishop Mitty (1,768), Sacred Heart Prep (1,408), Live Oak (1,101), Menlo (584), Monterey (1,350), Christopher (1,611), and the second-seeded Soquel Knights (1,095), who beat the Padres 35-14, ending their season.

While the Padres checked in their equipment, the Knights moved on to win the CCS Division 2 title, the NorCal regional, and the 4A state championship.

Adjustments made

The CCS subsequently made policy adjustments that theoretically will help protect small-enrollment schools from being matched against behemoths in future playoffs, hopefully resulting in more equitable competition.

Meanwhile, the 2024 Padres are antic-



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Senior Hudson Rutherford (left) quarterbacked Carmel to a 10-1 record and the CCS playoffs last fall, passing for 2,400 yards and 27 TDs, completing more than 70 percent of his passes. Versatile senior Ty Arnold (right), an all-division wide receiver, led Carmel with 47 catches for 726 yards and eight TDs, and also plays defensive back and returns kicks.

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junior Tallinn Lohberg, is a rugged 5-11, 185-pounder who can play either center or guard. He's been a starter since his freshman year.

Ball hawk

The main running backs figure to be Dylan Hinds, a third-year varsity player who got significant playing time at strong safety and cornerback a year ago, and sophomore Connor Reilly, who led the JV

team in rushing in 2023. The secondary is the most talented part of Carmel's defense, led by Rees, a free safety who was named Most Valuable Player in the Mission South Division as a junior, Maxon, who led the Padres with three interceptions as a strong safety, Ashe, a ball hawk with good hands, Hinds, who started eight games last year at cornerback, Arnold, who also started several games on defense, and Simeon Brown, who can play safety.

Talented sophomores Ethan Haas, Skyler Brown, Lucas Rocha and Kanan Seeklander also will compete for playing time.

Jeremiah Robinson, a third-year varsity player, saw significant playing time last fall at linebacker. Johnson is a strong tackler who plays bigger than his 5-9, 170-pound frame. Other frontliners at that position are to be determined, Anderson said.

Leaders on the defensive line will include quick, explosive Indy Gabrielson, who started 11 games last season as a sophomore, and Robert Beverly, a 6-6, 250-pounder.

Josh Granat, a soccer player, will handle the kicking and punting duties, with Rees, Arnold, and Brown returning kicks.

An invaluable intangible, said the coach, is that numerous players on his roster are three-sport athletes who have experienced pressure situations in the past.

"So many of these guys have faced tough situations in other sports, and there's no substitute for competition. For me, that's critical," Anderson said. "Have you shot a free throw with the game on the line? Are you a hitter who's battled back from an 0-2 count? Have you taken a big penalty kick in a soccer game? These guys are constantly experiencing competition, and they're learning from their successes and failures."

Fierce opposition

If the Padres qualify for the playoffs for the second straight year, the new CCS guidelines presumably will protect them against placement in either of the section's top two brackets.

But Carmel's rugged pre-season schedule is designed to battle-test the team with playoff-level opposition.

The Padres' four non-league opponents combined for 35 victories last year and all reached the postseason. Christopher (Aug. 30 on the road) was 11-3 and played Soquel in the CCS D2 finals. Seaside (Sept. 6 at CHS) was 7-4 and reached the D4 playoffs. Miramonte (Sept. 13 in Orinda), 9-4, won the North Coast Section's D5 crown and advanced to NorCals. Monterey (Sept. 20, CHS), 8-4, reached the D2 semifinals.

The Mission South Division loses 2023 runner-up Alisal (11-2, CCS finalist in Division 3), which moves to the Mission North. In Alisal's place will be Division

4 playoff qualifier Greenfield (9-2), last year's Santa Lucia Division champ.

Mission South holdovers are North Salinas (7-4), Pacific Grove (7-3), King City (4-6), Soledad (2-8), Rancho San Juan (2-8), and the Padres, who were 6-0 in league games last fall.

The coaching staff will get its first glimpse of this year's team in live combat at 5:30 p.m. Friday, when the Padres travel to a "jamboree" at North Monterey County High to scrimmage the host Condors and St. Francis.

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PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

At 6-foot-7, 285 pounds, Carmel senior Jackson Lloyd is one of the nation's top-rated high school recruits. He has committed to play offensive tackle next fall at the University of Alabama.



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Senior Ashton Rees played free safety, wide receiver, and returned kicks for the 2023 Padres, earning MVP honors in the Mission South Division of the PCAL. He also made the all-county team.

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

of more than two dozen musical performers on three stages, including blues singer and guitarist **Coco Montoyo**.

After getting a start in the music business as guitarist Albert Collins' drummer, Montoyo joined John Mayall's



Singer and guitarist Casey Frazier takes the stage Sunday, 4 p.m., at the West End Celebration.

legendary Bluesbreakers in the early 1980s. After a decade with the band, he launched a solo career. He has recorded 10 albums, including his most recent, "Writing on the Wall," which came out last year.

Other performers include singer **John "Broadway" Tucker**, **The Al James Band**, **The Sensory Tribe**, **The Rayburn Brothers Band**, **The Transducers**, **Joe Craven & The Sometimers**, **River Voices**, **The Casey Frazier Band**, **The Latin Jazz Collective**, **The Katherine Lavin Band** and many others.

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Legendary blues singer and guitarist Coco Montoyo plays Saturday, 4 p.m., on the Independent Stage at Sand City's West End Celebration.

■ Singer joins Jazz Jam

When the monthly Jazz Jam at Embassy Suites in Seaside returns Sunday at 1 p.m., the musicians will include a singer who is deserving of more attention.

"I am excited to introduce **Taylor P. Collins**, a remarkable blues and jazz vocalist who will be appearing as a special guest," said singer **Lee Durley**, who co-hosts the popular jam sessions in the hotel's atrium.

A protégé of singer Ruth Brown, Collins will be joined by guitarist **Bill Ireton**, keyboardist **Pamela Arthur**, bassist **Dennis Murphy** and drummer **Jason McIntosh**. "Together, they promise an unforgettable afternoon of exceptional music," Durley said.

Embassy Suites is located at 1441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd.

■ Trio performs at Cherry

In town for a residency at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, pianist **Steve Rudolph**, bassist **John Wiitala** and drummer **Akira Tana** perform Sunday, 4 p.m., at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts.

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Wine Olympics, Labor Day plans and a happy hour switcheroo

IF YOU'VE ever attempted a blind wine tasting — the kind where you try to figure out what kind of wine you're drinking, how old it is, and so on — you know it's pretty daunting. Most aficionados can easily tell a pinot from a zinfandel, or a chardonnay from a sauvignon blanc. But

brushes her teeth three hours before a tasting competition starts, then restricts herself to water to preserve her palate. Since she and three teammates will represent the United States in an international competition in October — a "Wine Olympics," as she describes it — those details can be significant.

Bindel is the sommelier for Peppoli restaurant in Pebble Beach and a descendent of the Post family of Big Sur. She's married to David Bindel Jr., and her father-in-law, David Bindel, owned the Old Bath House and the American Tin Cannery in Pacific Grove. While working as a bartender, she said her "love of beverage morphed into a love of wine." A wine-tasting sojourn in Italy sealed the deal. It's been more than 20 years since she started working at Peppoli and began building an impressive resume as a sommelier and wine educator.



Master sommelier Paige Post-Bindel of Peppoli restaurant is part of a four-woman team representing the United States in the World Tasting Challenge, a competition she calls "the Olympics of Wine."

purchase wines and pour them, and the women try to sleuth out all the pertinent information — country, region, grape, producer and vintage — based on what's in their glasses.

Think fast

When the World Tasting Challenge starts, each team will have to identify a dozen quaffs. "We get two minutes to personally assess each wine" on its appearance, aromatics and taste, and then 10 minutes to discuss it as a team, Bindel said. They weigh the evidence from their brief experiences with the pour, using a process of elimination to narrow possibilities that seem endless. Wine Enthusiast magazine says there are more than 10,000 grape varieties, which it culled to a list of 300 that dominate the market. Thirty-eight nations produce 85 percent of the world's wine, not to mention the regions into which they're subdivided — 152 in California alone. It's a lot to glean from a few sips consumed in less time than it takes to burn microwave popcorn.

The team will fly to Bourdeaux five days early to practice and get over any jet lag. The competition begins at 9 a.m. on Oct. 12, and Bindel expects it will take about half a day, followed by a celebration and dinner. "It's such an honor to be chosen to represent my country," she said.

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Soup to Nuts

what about Spanish or Australian varietals? Is the Champagne non-vintage or vintage? Is that cabernet from Chile or Sonoma?

The head begins to spin, and it's not just from all the sips.

But that's the world of the professional sommelier — a place where perfectly good and often expensive wine is rarely swallowed. A place where, said Paige Post-Bindel, she has a cup of coffee and a banana for breakfast and

'Practicing like mad'

She holds a Master Sommelier Diploma with the Court of Master Sommeliers, an organization founded nearly 50 years ago in the United Kingdom, is a certified sommelier with The Pebble Beach Co., a recognized sherry expert, and the wine educator for the Monterey chapter of The American Wine Society. Oh, and she's taking a Champagne master course with the Wine Scholar Guild.

"I've been preparing for this my entire career," Bindel said of the upcoming World Tasting Challenge in France. The annual event is sponsored by the Revue du Vin de France, a magazine she described as similar to Wine Spectator. "This is my first year, and I'm practicing like mad," she said, explaining that she was part of an unusual all-woman team of four who would be competing among a field of 40 countries.

The team has never worked together in person, but they meet on Zoom twice weekly for four to six hours to practice. Their husbands



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Although the United States has been in the Top 10 before, it's never won, so the possibility of being first lingers tantalizingly, like the last drops of a fine port slipping from bottle to glass.

Psst ... it's almost Labor Day

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Bruno's at Sixth and Junipero is planning its annual barbecue, too, for Saturday, Aug. 31 and Sunday, Sept. 1. You'll be able to smell it for blocks. Chicken, beef and other grilled goodies, along with an assortment of tempting sides from the deli case, will ensure your guests don't go hungry over the three-day weekend. Call (831) 624-3821 for more info, or check the website at brunosmarket.com.

Vineyard harvest party

McIntyre Family Wines has announced that tickets are on sale for its annual Harvest Party in the Vineyard at its property in Soledad on Sunday, Sept. 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can drive the scenic (but somewhat bumpy) Salinas Valley wine trail along the Santa Lucia foothills, or take a roundtrip shuttle from Monterey. There will be wine, food from Ardent Culinaire Catering, vineyard tours and a variety of games and other amusements. Tickets are \$90 per person and can be purchased at exploretock.com.

Shearwater changes up Happy Hour

Chef Fabian di Paolo at the Carmel Mission Inn has been tweaking the happy hour menu in Shearwater Tavern with new seasonal cocktails and bar bites. The Carmel Breeze is a "refreshing blend of Ketel One vodka, fresh strawberries and lemon juice" served in a glass with a sugar rim. The restaurant's namesake Shearwater Mojito blends Cruzan rum, watermelon, mint, simple syrup and lime juice, while the Steinbeck-themed East of Eden offers Hendrick's Gin, cucumber, St. Germain elderflower liqueur and lime and the Monterey Margarita adds raspberries to tequila, lime and Cointreau for a twist on the classic cocktail.

Happy hour is Tuesday through Thursday from 4 to 5:30 p.m., and once you've picked a cocktail, you can pair it with a variety of new bar bites priced at \$6 to \$9 and meant to be shared. They include some



Fabian di Paolo is the executive chef for Carmel Mission Inn, and he's changed up the happy hour menu at Shearwater restaurant with an assortment of locally-themed cocktails and a new selection of tasty bites to accompany them.

variations on bruschetta and crostini, along with baby back ribs served with guava glaze and chimichurri, Spanish-style fingerling potatoes with piquillo pepper aioli, meatball sliders and crispy kettle chips and chicharrónes (fried pork).

The Carmel Mission Inn and Shearwater Tavern are at 3665 Rio Road. Breakfast and dinner menus and other offerings are available at shearwatertavern.com.

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MUSIC

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Live music Aug. 23-29

Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **R.J. DeMarco** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Sunday at 2 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Friday at 6:30 p.m.). 800 Asilomar Ave.

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Chris Jamez** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). In Carmel Square on San Carlos just north of Seventh.

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

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

Blue Fox Cellars in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Tom Faia** and singer **Kate Miller** celebrate the release of their new record, “Bad for Each Other” (Sunday at 2 p.m.). 25 Pilot Road.

Bon Ton LeRoy’s Lighthouse Smokehouse in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Frida Vossler** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), Open Mic Night (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave.

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

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and singer and pianist **Scotty Wright** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

Cuz’s Sportsman’s Club in Seaside — **Octane** (rock, Friday at 8:30 p.m.). 594 Broadway.

Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and pop, Sunday at 11

a.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel.

Deja Blue in Seaside — **The Al James Band** (r&b and blues, Saturday at 2 p.m.), singer **Minor Williams** and others (r&b, blues and funk, Sunday at 3 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

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

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — **Harry & The Hitmen** (“psychedelic-inflected classic soul,” Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

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

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — singer **Lauri Hofer-Romero** and guitarist **Bruce Forman** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

Henry Miller Library in Big Sur — cellist **Rushad Eggleston** (Saturday at 1 p.m.). 48603 Highway 1.

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

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Saturday at 5 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

Il Vecchio Restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Cena Jazz Trio** (Thursday at 6



Harry and the Hitmen of Santa Cruz play “psychedelic-inflected classic soul” Saturday, 10 p.m., at Fernwood Resort in Big Sur.

p.m.). 110 Central Ave.

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

Juice ‘n’ Java in Pacific Grove — **Shilstone & Wilson** (rock, Friday at 4:30 p.m.), Open Mic (Friday at 7 p.m., sign

up by 5:30 p.m.), **The David Morwood Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** and saxophonist **Arman Sangalang** (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Julia’s Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and

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Singer and multi-instrumentalist Valerie June plays Friday at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur.

FOOD

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SUR makes weekdays fun

Why wait for Saturday or Sunday to have fun? SUR restaurant in the Barnyard shopping center just rolled out a collection of weekday specials that start with Martini Monday, when you can get a Grey Goose vodka or Tanqueray gin version of James Bond’s preferred cocktail for \$11. Tequila Tuesday includes a Patron margarita plus chips and salsa for \$17. Wednesdays are for wine, with selected reds or whites going for \$10 a glass, while Throwback Thursday has \$12 Manhattans, old-fashioned and negronis. Chill on Friday with a choice of draft beer and a basket of fries for \$14. Visit surcarmel.com to learn more.

Jacks celebrates wine

Jacks restaurant in the Portola Hotel at the foot of Alvarado Street is celebrating California Wine Month in September with a flight each of red and white wines. For \$20, you can try four impressive whites — Justin sauvignon blanc, Bernardus Griva



McIntyre Family Wines is planning its annual Harvest Party in the Vineyard for Sunday, Sept. 8, at its sunny location along the River Road Wine Trail.

sauvignon blanc, Boekenoogen chardonnay and Bernardus chardonnay — or four equally stellar pinot noirs. That flight includes David Bruce, Joyce Submarine Canyon, Testarossa Gary’s and Bernardus Rosella. If you think you might want something to eat with that, check out the dinner menu, with a variety of sandwiches, salads, pasta, steak and seafood, at portolahotel.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. 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. To register and learn more, visit www.wacmb.org.

Aug. 30 – Help First Tee-Monterey County and enjoy small bites, cocktails, and a performance by Grammy-nominated performers **Rivers Rutherford** and **Tim James** at 8 p.m. Contact development@FirstTeeMontereyCounty.org for details.

Sept. 6-8 – Don’t miss the 91st Festa Italia

at the Custom House Plaza in Monterey. All ages are welcome at this free festive event. Enjoy three days of authentic and delicious Italian cuisine, live music, dancing, bocce tournament, calamari cooking demo, crafts, Italian-themed merchandise, fun and friendship. www.festaitaliamonterey.org

Sept. 6 – BUNNYFEST 2024 – Join us for a fun-filled evening celebrating all things bunnies. Enjoy wine and charcuterie. Our adoption center will be open for attendees to visit and see how their support can make a difference. Tickets available on our website <https://www.thebunnytrailrescue.org/bunnyfest>. Setting is 3756 The Barnyard, Ste. H23, Carmel, in the community shared space (above Patrick James).

Oct. 19 – Monterey Firefighters Charity Ball & Firehouse Cooking Competition Awards, 5 to 10 p.m. at the Monterey Marriott. Tickets are \$225. Formal attire Requested. Proceeds Benefit the Monterey Firefighters Community Foundation. Contact Sarah Ward Murphy for tickets and more information: sarah@montereyfirefighterfoundation.org or (831) 641-9067.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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.

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

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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241487 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CARMEL VALLEY INK BODY ARTS, 7162 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241510 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. DEL REY SUPPLY 2. DEL REY FINE PLUMBING & HARDWARE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241487 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CARMEL VALLEY INK BODY ARTS, 7162 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.

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.

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.

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.

"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.

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 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 adahle@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.

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)

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

The candidate names are listed in the order that they will appear on the ballot.

For Mayor - VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE

Dave Potter Jeff Baron Dale Byrne

For Member of the City Council - VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN TWO

Parker Logan Bob Delves Danny Hala Hans Buder David O'Neil

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on election day. For more information, see the General Municipal Election Page on the City's website: https://ci.carmel.ca.us/elections

Nova Romero, MMC City Clerk/Elections Official Carmel-by-the-Sea

Dated: August 19, 2024 Publish Date: August 23, 2024 Publication dates: Aug. 23, 2024 (PC833)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN BARAK KINNICK, JR. Case Number 24PR000381

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOHN BARAK KINNICK, JR.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARY KATHERINE KINNICK in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that MARY KATHERINE KINNICK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: Oct. 2, 2024 Time: 9:00 a.m. Dept.: 13 Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 240 Church St., Salinas, CA 93901.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or

file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: JENIFER K. GARDELLA GARDELLA & GARDELLA, APC 520 Warren Street, Redwood City, CA 94063 (650) 364-7767

This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on _____, 2024. Publication Dates: Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 6, 2024. (PC827)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, on or after 4:30 p.m., the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing via teleconference and in person at the City Hall Council Chambers located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- APP 24188 (Mardani) Cathryn J Carlson, Appellant Ocean Avenue 4 northeast of Guadalupe Street Block 64, lot 6 APN: 010-033-011-000 APP 24188 (Mardani): Consideration of an Appeal of the Planning Commission approving Design Study DS 21-376 (Mardani) and associated Coastal Development Permit for one-story additions totaling 333 square feet to a one-story 562-square-foot cottage and construction of a 23-square-foot detached garage in the front yard setback located on Ocean Avenue 4 northeast of Guadalupe Street. APN: 010-033-011-000

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person ("hybrid") in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom, however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom.

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The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us. The Council meeting will be televised live on the City's website and archived there after the meeting.

All interested persons are invited to attend in person or via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or by email cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us prior to the meeting.

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

Nova Romero, MMC City Clerk Dated: 08/19/2024 Publish Date: 08/23/2024 Publication dates: Aug 23, 2024 Aug 23, 2024 (PC834)

Sunset hosts free art workshop, museum welcomes old photo display

OFFERING A family-friendly afternoon of creative play, artist Marie-Clare Gorham presents a free coloring and mask-making workshop Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the Sunset Center Terrace.

Gorham is the artist who won a contest to paint a large mural alongside the Palomas Home Furnishings on Mission Street near Ocean. The public art display caught the attention of Hofsas House Hotel, which offered her an opportunity to be its first artist-in-residence.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Sunset Center describes Gorham as “a folk artist heavily influenced by the ethos of the California Arts and Crafts movement and medieval themes.”

While the workshop is designed for those between 3 and 11, “all are welcome.”

Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

‘Under the Guard Tower’

Two shows are new at the Monterey Museum of Art, including “Under the Guard Tower,” which explores the watercolors painter Chikaji Kawakami created while he was confined to an internment camp during World War II. The exhibit opened Thursday.

Along with two others, Kawakami founded an art school in his camp, which was located in Topaz, Utah. There, they taught more than 1,000 students.

According to the museum, Kawakami’s “tranquil, dignified landscapes” radiate “calm and beauty despite his three-year imprisonment.”

Besides Kawakami’s display, an exhibit by painter and printmaker Robert Brokl opens Friday at the museum, which is located at 559 Pacific St. Also, the coming week marks your last chance to see painter David Ligare’s

“Spheres of Influence,” which has been up since May.

Art at the West End

Besides providing stages for more than two dozen musical acts, this weekend’s West End Celebration features a bustling marketplace showcasing 120 artists. “The West End Celebration welcomes an impressive array of artisans and vendors who will showcase their unique creations, ranging from fine art and handmade crafts, to innovative designs and culinary delights,” the event announced.

The roster of artists selling their wares at the annual street fair includes painters Kristi Peterson, Adam Hansen, John Paul Magan, Sofanya White and Julia Esdaile, sculptor John Chappell, glass artists Shelby Hawthorne, Kellie Wood and Barbara Orr, photographers Michelle Robertson and Tom Cohen, jewelers Carmen Davis and Carol Long, and weaver Belinda Cardoza. For a complete list, visit westendcelebration.com.

Looking back at Monterey

A display of local historical photographs from the collection of the late Pat Hathaway opens Thursday at the Colton Hall Museum in Monterey. Hathaway, who died in 2021, left behind a trove of more than 80,000 images dating back to the 1850s. The photos are now in the collection of the Monterey County Historical Society.

“We are excited to share with the audience some of the highlights of the City of Monterey from the Pat Hathaway Collection,” executive director James Perry said.

The exhibit will be on display through Sept. 29. The



The Monterey Museum of Art welcomes an exhibit of watercolors by painter Chikaji Kawakami, who captured his surroundings while living in a WWII internment camp.

museum, which is open Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is located at 570 Pacific St.

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guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.) **Andrea's Fault Duo** ("folky stuff mixed with surprises," Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rachel Williams** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

The Links Club — **The Rogue Roosters** (rock and blues, Friday at 7 p.m.), **The Next Blues Band** (blues and soul, Saturday at 7 p.m.), Singer-Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

Lucy's on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove — **Rabbit Truck** (rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

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

Marriott Hotel in Monterey — singer **Marilyn Scott** and **The Bill Spencer Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 8 p.m.). In Characters Bar, 350 Calle Principal.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — **The Bobby Phillips Trio** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), **The Peter Martin Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddalaine Edstrom** (jazz, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.), pianist

Gennady Loktionov (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 5 p.m.), pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Monday at 5 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

Pacific Grove Art Center — guitarist **Emilia Diaz-Delgado** (classical, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 568 Lighthouse Ave.

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

Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **Sixth Street Alternative** (contemporary rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **Sweet Tooth** classic rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **The Edge** (rock, Sunday at 4 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

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My first encounter with Carmel Beach (and encounter is the proper word because I came face to face with nature in all its intimidating magnificence) was in 1987. I was driving from San Francisco to Los Angeles with my wife and youngest daughter. We decided to spend the night in Carmel. After we checked into our room, we headed to the beach to catch the sunset.

I was used to the craggy beaches of the Great Lakes where I walked over sand so heavily compacted that cars could drive on it, and you had to traverse a minefield of

sharp stones to reach the water. The sand on Carmel Beach was like sticking your feet into powdered sugar.

As big as the Great Lakes are, I never had the feeling I was on the edge of the continent, the way I did when I stared at the Pacific Ocean. The sunset did not disappoint.

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

We watched the golden light fan out across the taut blue water while the bedazzling orb slipped beneath the fiery horizon. Seeing it filled me with a determination to live here someday. It only took 17 more years to be able to walk in that powdery sand any time I wanted.

I have favorite spots, such as an old Carmel cypress

that overlooks the sea. It has a bench-like branch extending toward the ocean, where I can sit and hear the seagulls calling. The location cannot be better. It sits above a rocky cove where an insistent ocean constantly tries to pull the land back into the water. The tree and the setting give credibility to Joyce Kilmer’s poem — not only is God the only one who can make a tree, he knows better than anyone where to place it.

Mailbox bench

Another favorite spot has a panoramic view of Carmel Lagoon, Point Lobos, and a large expanse of ocean. It’s a bench with a mailbox under it containing journals where visitors write everything from superficial doggerel to extremely personal entries, as if the bench were a psychiatrist’s couch and the writers were baring their souls and seeking guidance from the soothing rise and ebb of the tides. I was so taken by one entry that I copied it down: “Sitting here is a meditative exercise that flushed the demons and allowed me to function in a world where I no longer cared whether I was a part of it or not.”

Sometimes my meandering takes me as far as Monastery Beach, where I find smooth stones. When I pick one up and rub it between my fingers, I think about the stones David chose when he challenged Goliath. The Bible says:



Five smooth stones from Monastery Beach like ones David may have used to slay Goliath

“Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.”

I’ve wondered how one stone could have killed the 9-foot-tall Goliath. Research led me to an article written by a physicist, Jeral Walker (“The Flying Circus of Physics”), who explained how it was possible that a diminutive shepherd boy could bury a stone in the giant’s forehead with enough force to kill him. According to Walker, the sling had a flexible pocket with two straps attached, made taut by swinging it in a vertical circle several times to build up kinetic energy. Then the knotted strap was released, sending the stone toward the target. A sling like David’s was capable of hurling a stone at 60 mph and hitting a target more than 650 feet away. Goliath was much closer. Lucky shot? Well, that depends on your belief system.

Be prepared

I believe David’s arm possessed some heavenly oomph. Michelangelo captured the defiance in David’s eyes in his imposing statue in the Academia dell’Arte in Florence, Italy. It’s not in the Bible, but I can hear David saying, “How dare you diss my King!” I pick up a couple of those smooth stones every once in a while in case I run into any 9-foot-tall Philistines on the beach. Probably won’t. Most of them are playing basketball.

Beach walking is therapeutic. The whiz and whirl of the world fades away. I close my eyes and let my imagination soar with the shore birds until I think I can see all the way to Japan. I can’t, because Hawaii gets in the way. We need quiet corners in our lives where beauty can sink in. Life is a beach — if you let it be.

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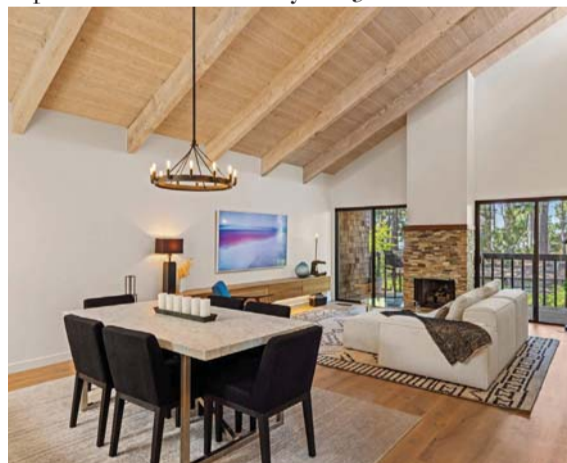
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POLICE LOG

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MONDAY, AUGUST 5

Pacific Grove: A 75-year-old male with a known arrest warrant for failure to appear in court was contacted at Country Club Gate and booked into the Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Report of graffiti on a public structure at Mermaid Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Verbal argument on Forest Avenue. Negative crime. Report taken for informational purposes only.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury vehicle-vs.-pedestrian on Junipero Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported to be prowling on a property at Mission and 12th. Subject was later contacted and a field interview was conducted. Subject took the bus out of the city.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Good Samaritan assisted with reuniting a lost child with family at Scenic and Martin.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for a

lost bracelet at San Carlos and Ocean.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Road rage incident on Carpenter. One driver was aggressive and came out of his vehicle and began yelling at the other driver in front of his residence. Resident was concerned the other driver would return to cause issues and wanted documentation of the incident.

Pacific Grove: A 56-year-old female on Pacific Avenue was cited and released for two outstanding misdemeanor warrants for failure to appear in court on a misdemeanor warrant.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious activity reported on Briggs regarding Social Security payments.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on Grand Avenue and on Grove Acre Avenue were marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Male, age 25, was arrested on Grove Acre Avenue for outstanding warrants after a traffic stop.

Carmel area: Stolen vehicle recovery on Hilltop Place.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury vehicle collision on Guadalupe Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Child Protective Services report at Monte Verde and 15th.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle repossession at Monte Verde and Fifth.

Pacific Grove: A report of a harassment occurred in the 400 block of Sinex Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Attempted fraud of an elder adult reported at Country Club Gate.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on Lawton and Central marked for 72-hour parking.

Carmel area: A 36-year-old male was taken into custody at the Crossroads shopping center for sexual battery against a 31-year-old female.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Towed vehicle from Junipero and Sixth per 22651(n) CVC [no parking zone].

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officers conducted a welfare check at Ocean and Carpenter.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found loose dog on Junipero. The dog was returned to the owner.

Pacific Grove: Report of a possible violation of a restraining order on 19th Street was unfounded.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Locust Street found deceased. No suspicious circumstances.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on 18th Street marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Courtesy report of a theft/

fraud that occurred in Southern California.

Pacific Grove: A 43-year-old Marina female was cited for failing to appear in court on a felony warrant.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a welfare check on Ford Road. Subject was deceased.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a reported burglary at the Crossroads shopping center with no suspect info.

Pebble Beach: Subject on Club Road reported a cell phone stolen.

Carmel Valley: Report of a possible real estate scam on Robinson Canyon Road.

Carmel area: Subject on Guadalupe Street reported getting a false Yelp review from an old boyfriend.

Carmel area: Report of financial abuse on Via Nona Marie.

Carmel Valley: Report of mental abuse involving a Colt Lane resident.

Carmel area: Report of financial abuse involving a Dolores Street resident.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision on Mission Street.

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

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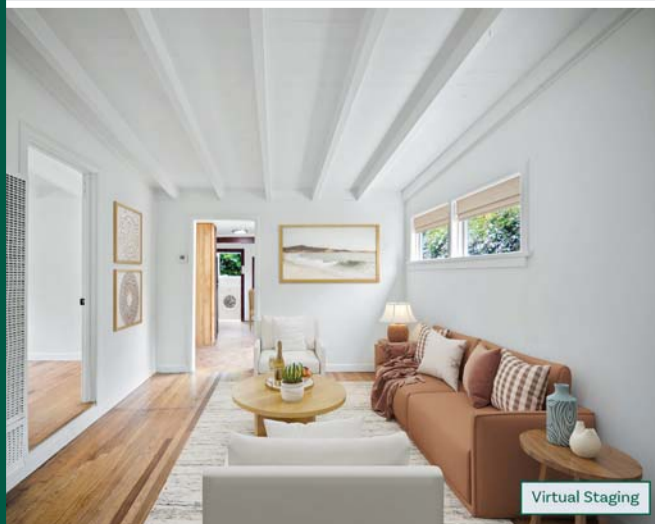
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During the second quarter of 2024, the Monterey Peninsula's real estate market saw the number of sales increase, sales volume increase, average sales prices increase, inventory increase and days on market decrease. Clearly, in this quarter the rain clouds lifted from above the Monterey Peninsula and so did the slow start to the year. Looking back at Q1, January and February gave some of the quietest months we have seen in years. March started a measurable recovery in both new listings and sales. This surge continued throughout the second quarter across the entire Peninsula resulting in three of the busiest months in real estate over the last two years. The sun is now shining, town is busy, and summer is in full swing.

Carmel-by-the-Sea and Pebble Beach each had bounce-back quarters in terms of sales, price, and volume after an extremely slow first quarter. In fact, eight of the nine areas detailed in the charts

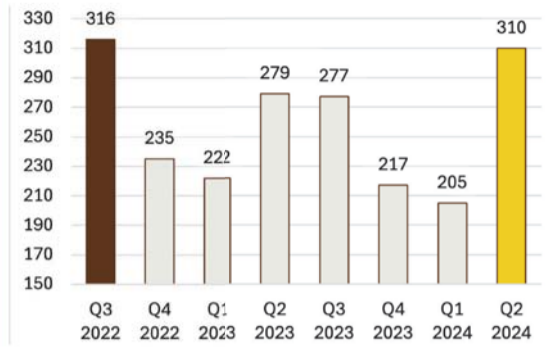
below saw an increase in units sold versus Q1 2024. One of the big struggles in the market over previous quarters was the lack of high-priced sales. We saw 15 sales over \$5M in Q2, which was more than four of the last five trailing quarters. Seeing the affluent buyers become confident re-entering the market was a positive sign that our market will continue to perform well.

As a whole, Q2 2024 was the best quarter we have seen in two years. In this quarter there were 310 new sales, up 51% over Q1 of this year. Impressively, sale prices remained strong at an average of \$1.95M across the Peninsula, up 15.5% quarter-over-quarter and 10.7% year-over-year. The \$604M spent on Peninsula real estate this quarter was the highest volume since Q2 2022.

The inventory of homes for sale has increased significantly as well, with 324 active listings to begin Q3. This was the most inventory to end a quarter since Q3 of 2020.

NUMBER OF SALES PER QUARTER - LAST 2 YEARS

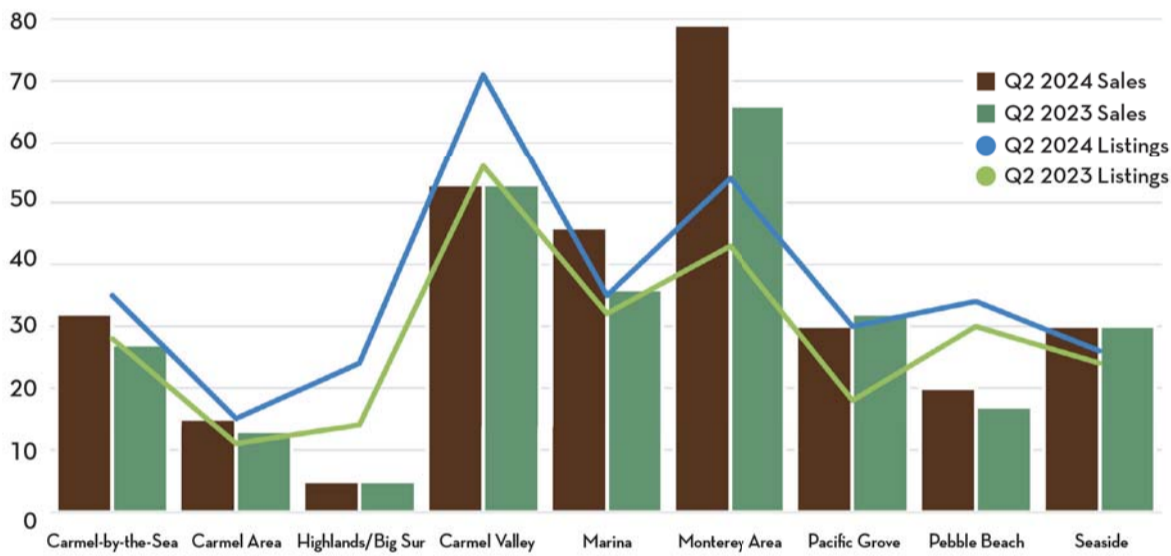
Q2 2024 topped 300 sales for the first time over the past seven quarters



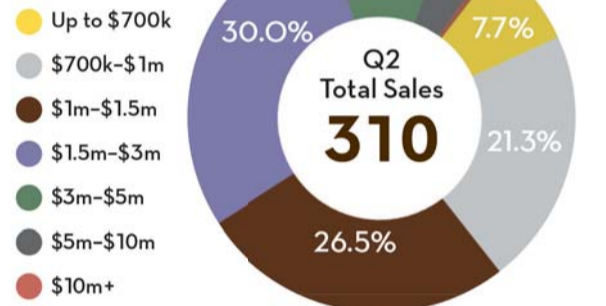
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Q2 2024 CLOSED SALES VS. AVAILABLE LISTINGS YEAR OVER YEAR



Q2 2024 SALES BY SEGMENT



	SALES BY SEGMENT							TOTAL VOLUME SOLD			AVAILABLE LISTINGS QUARTER END		
	Up to \$700K	\$700k-\$1M	\$1M-\$1.5M	\$1.5M-\$3M	\$3M-\$5M	\$5M-\$10M	\$10M+	Q2 2024	Q1 2024	Q2 2023	Q2 2024	Q1 2024	Q2 2023
Carmel-by-the-Sea	0	0	0	13	14	4	1	\$142,488,600	\$60,603,710	\$93,640,131	35	17	28
Carmel Area (93923)	0	0	6	6	2	1	0	\$37,757,000	\$29,954,000	\$21,999,355	15	12	11
Carmel Highlands/Big Sur	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	\$16,182,500	\$4,530,000	\$31,900,000	24	21	14
Carmel Valley	3	5	13	25	5	2	0	\$103,112,248	\$73,948,750	\$94,638,850	71	51	56
Marina	2	22	20	2	0	0	0	\$47,020,171	\$28,809,764	\$35,023,910	35	30	32
Monterey Area	15	18	28	15	3	0	0	\$98,308,291	\$64,544,178	\$74,894,816	54	37	43
Pacific Grove	0	2	9	19	0	0	0	\$51,101,185	\$36,807,000	\$49,516,155	30	30	18
Pebble Beach	0	1	1	8	4	5	1	\$77,376,400	\$19,999,190	\$63,772,000	34	29	30
Seaside	4	17	5	4	0	0	0	\$30,856,304	\$26,720,400	\$25,632,109	26	14	24
Totals	24	66	82	93	30	13	2	\$604,202,699	\$345,916,992	\$491,017,326	324	241	256

	MEDIAN SALES PRICES			AVERAGE SALES PRICES			DAYS ON MARKET			NUMBER OF SALES		
	Q2 2024	Q1 2024	Q2 2023	Q2 2024	Q1 2024	Q2 2023	Q2 2024	Q1 2024	Q2 2023	Q2 2024	Q1 2024	Q2 2023
Carmel-by-the-Sea	\$3,737,500	\$3,860,000	\$3,125,000	\$4,452,769	\$4,661,824	\$3,468,153	39	61	37	32	13	27
Carmel Area (93923)	\$1,800,000	\$1,622,500	\$1,649,000	\$2,517,133	\$2,139,571	\$1,692,258	41	41	31	15	14	13
Carmel Highlands/Big Sur	\$3,640,000	\$2,265,000	\$1,550,000	\$3,236,500	\$2,265,000	\$6,380,000	102	176	78	5	2	5
Carmel Valley	\$1,600,000	\$1,537,500	\$1,530,000	\$1,945,514	\$2,054,132	\$1,785,639	45	75	49	53	36	53
Marina	\$980,500	\$914,000	\$854,000	\$1,022,178	\$960,325	\$972,886	28	59	30	46	30	36
Monterey Area	\$1,058,000	\$1,050,000	\$918,750	\$1,244,409	\$1,403,134	\$1,134,770	31	34	25	79	46	66
Pacific Grove	\$1,557,500	\$1,377,500	\$1,496,503	\$1,703,373	\$1,673,045	\$1,547,380	45	45	30	30	22	32
Pebble Beach	\$2,962,500	\$1,275,000	\$2,740,000	\$3,868,820	\$2,222,132	\$3,751,294	46	24	48	20	9	17
Seaside	\$835,500	\$781,000	\$708,000	\$1,028,543	\$809,709	\$854,404	25	30	30	30	33	30
Totals										310	205	279

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	TEN-YEAR MEDIAN SALES PRICE										1-Year Change	10-Year Change
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YTD		
Carmel-by-the-Sea	\$1,550,000	\$1,607,500	\$1,700,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,875,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,750,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,007,500	\$3,825,000	27.2%	146.8%
Carmel Area (93923)	\$869,000	\$1,065,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,297,500	\$1,225,000	\$1,450,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,620,000	\$1,775,000	9.6%	104.3%
Carmel Highlands/Big Sur	\$1,857,500	\$1,685,000	\$1,937,500	\$1,597,500	\$1,775,000	\$2,645,000	\$2,375,000	\$3,709,000	\$3,000,000	\$2,880,000	-4.0%	55.0%
Carmel Valley	\$836,000	\$950,313	\$937,000	\$1,000,000	\$950,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,495,000	\$1,575,000	5.4%	88.4%
Marina	\$442,500	\$490,000	\$537,200	\$599,000	\$639,000	\$675,000	\$792,000	\$849,000	\$875,000	\$957,500	9.4%	116.4%
Monterey Area	\$610,250	\$656,500	\$722,500	\$772,000	\$740,000	\$850,000	\$930,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,074,000	\$1,051,000	-2.1%	72.2%
Pacific Grove	\$780,000	\$800,000	\$886,500	\$889,750	\$958,000	\$980,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,390,000	\$1,497,500	\$1,495,000	-0.2%	91.7%
Pebble Beach	\$1,378,750	\$1,525,000	\$1,575,000	\$1,557,500	\$1,767,950	\$2,100,000	\$2,795,000	\$3,150,000	\$2,690,000	\$2,675,000	-0.6%	94.0%
Seaside	\$405,000	\$445,000	\$495,000	\$525,000	\$540,000	\$593,500	\$700,000	\$757,000	\$750,000	\$825,000	10.0%	103.7%

SHERIFF

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sion on Guadalupe Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unwanted ammo picked up for destruction.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Hatton and Ocean at 0803 hours for CVC violations found the 24-year-old male driver to be on probation and to have a suspended license. Arrested and released on criminal court summons.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported a dog owner at Scenic and Ocean with two large great Danes, not within voice command rules and not on leash.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Follow-up made on a barking dog complaint at Crespi and Mountain View.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female driver, 19, was arrested at Mission and Ocean at 2304 hours for DUI after failing to stop at a crosswalk.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic collision, hit-and-run on public property on Mission Street.

Pacific Grove: A welfare check was conducted on 13th Street, and the subject was placed on a mental-health evaluation hold.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle marked for 72-hour parking on Grove Acre Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Four adult protective services reports involving residents on Jewell Avenue, Second Street and Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Report of a dog-at-large on Seaview.

Pacific Grove: A 34-year-old male was cited and released for a warrant.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a violation of a restraining order on Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel area: Deputies were dispatched to an illegal dumping on Aguajito Road with no suspect information.

Pebble Beach: Civil matter documented on Crest Road.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of a bike at Ocean and Mission.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Pedestrian check at Lincoln and

Sixth at 0859 hours led to the arrest of a male for a no-bail felony warrant and fresh charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. The 39-year-old male was transferred to Monterey County Jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found cell phone at San Carlos and Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An 18-year-old male was arrested at Lincoln and Sixth at 0915 hours for possession of burglary tools, meth and a meth pipe. He was later found to have provided false ID.

Big Sur: Multiple reports of loud music on Highway 1.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Camera bag found at Del Mar.

Pacific Grove: Officers dispatched to a residence regarding a possible domestic violence situation on Mermaid. It was determined no crime had occurred, and the parties separated for the night.

Pacific Grove: Dog-vs.-dog fight on private property on Forest Hill Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from the public roadway at Forest Lodge Road and Congress for expired registration over six months.

Pacific Grove: Subject was contacted for urinating in public at Ocean View Boulevard and Asilomar Avenue. Cited and released.

Pebble Beach: Security found suspected drug paraphernalia on Bird Rock Road in Pebble Beach.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet lost on the beach.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Repossession processed and the vehicle was entered into the stolen vehicle system.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Outside agency assist with a stolen license plate recovery at Ocean and Junipero.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Purse found at Dolores and Seventh.

Pacific Grove: Probation violation on Pine Avenue.

Pebble Beach: Report of forced oral copulation on Sunset Lane involving a 45-year-old male victim.

Carmel Valley: Female elder Cachagua Road resident reported money stolen from an unauthorized bank account transaction.

ESCROWS

From page 4RE

Highway 68

22378 Ortega Drive — \$1,050,000

John Chubbuck to John and Susan Spear
APN: 161-312-008

John Steinbeck Trail — \$1,075,000

Joseph Ferry to Shani Muscat
APN: 416-381-028

8140 Manjares — \$6,139,000

DG Monterey Partners LLC to James and Gloria Barron
APN: 259-191-016

Marina

2986 Bonte Drive — \$687,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Huyen and Nguyet Nguyen
APN: 031-278-026

3004 Minaret Way — \$687,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Stephan and Sara Steele
APN: 031-278-046

5009 Telegraph Blvd. — \$825,000

Deborah Muzik to Sukyung Pak
APN: 031-253-014

17051 Morgan Street — \$856,000

Joseph Rodriguez to Bishoy and Mona Saleh, Rania Anis and Emil Yousseff
APN: 031-166-040

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FAIRCHILD VACATION RENTALS, 615 Abrego Street, Monterey, California 93940.

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: OCTAVE HEARING SYSTEMS, 975 W. Alisal Street #E, Salinas, CA 93901.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: NEW FILING with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WHISPERING MEADOWS APARTMENTS, 675 W. China Grade Loop, Bakersfield, CA 93308.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ESSELEN TRIBE OF MONTEREY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, 38655 Tassajara Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GULVIA FAE STADLER.

Legal notice regarding a trustee's sale. Includes property address: 11565 RANCHO FIESTA RD, CARMEL, CA 93924-9458. Mentions a deed of trust dated 06/16/2005 and a public sale on August 23, 2024.

Legal notice regarding a trustee's sale under a deed of trust. Includes APN: 24-07864CA and a public sale on September 12, 2007. Mentions a deed of trust dated September 12, 2007.



806 19th Street, Pacific Grove — \$1,812,500



8140 Manjares, Highway 68 — \$6,139,000



50740 Partington Ridge Road, Big Sur — \$2,025,000

MORE SALES

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16939 Mahone Street — \$960,000

Travis and Jessica Paxton to Lisa Green and Dale Grubb
APN: 031-165-061

463 Marina Heights Drive — \$1,000,000

JPA Rentals LLC to Gary and Patricia Roche
APN: 031-278-028

Monterey

398 Belden Street — \$345,000

MCP LLC to Richard and Jacqueline Garza
APN: 001-057-008

820 Casanova Avenue unit 28 — \$470,000

Michael and Darlene Cohn to Jason Atcho
APN: 013-253-017

359 Casanova Avenue — \$825,000

Robin Price and Artellan Trust to Paige Bohrer and Andrew Cumpston
APN: 013-059-019

1221 Fifth Street — \$1,500,000

Kenneth Meleyco to Justin Brouse and Selena Salazar
APN: 001-839-013

Pacific Grove

132 19th Street — \$879,000

Robert and Elizabeth Sunukjian to Brenda Matsuda
APN: 006-161-003

313 Walnut Street — \$1,200,000

Leila Emadin to Misty Mitchell and David Garcia
APN: 006-335-006

477 Grove Acre Avenue — \$1,800,000

Carolyn Moore and Peter Larson to Jaymes Callinan and Vanessa Anaya
APN: 006-432-033

806 19th Street — \$1,812,500

Mikhail and Evelina Khain to Coast 1031 Exchange Inc.
APN: 006-653-038

Pebble Beach

3100 Flavin Lane — \$2,850,000

Michael and Valerie Parr to Mark and Jennifer Lupo
APN: 008-171-023

Seaside

1659 Yosemite Street — \$340,000

Francisco and Patricia Gomez to Jose Arellano and Cecilia Sandoval
APN: 012-651-012

1131 Kimberly Court — \$865,000

Ida Romig to Manuel Collazo
APN: 012-415-017

1900 Mendocino Street — \$1,175,000

Simon Tse to Matthew Savoca and Rachel Anderson
APN: 011-073-009

1950 Luzern Street — \$1,195,000

John and Susan Spear to John and Sharon Anderson
APN: 011-071-014

Cypress Lane — \$2,365,000

Shea Homes LP to Stephen Snodgrass
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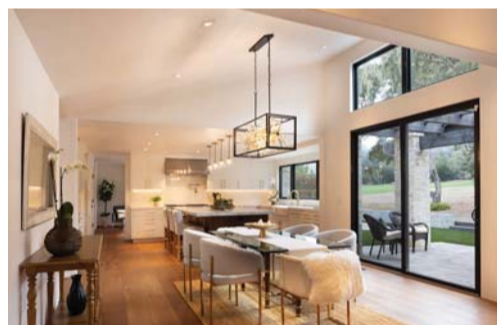
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