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Your whiskers are in my nose!



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Hundreds of California sea lions crowd usually quiet San Carlos Beach in Monterey Saturday, creating what one onlooker called a "very loud and stinky scene." It's unknown when the up-to-700-pound sea lions will leave, except to say that it will probably be when they want to. See page 14A.

County bans most short-term rentals

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER MORE than a decade of public hearings that pitted an emerging industry against many residents, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 Tuesday to strictly regulate short-term rentals in the unincorporated parts of the county — and effectively ban them in residential neighborhoods in Carmel Valley, Carmel Highlands and Big Sur unless a host is living on site. In contrast, unhosted vacation stays will be allowed in Pebble Beach, but only with a permit.

Fifth District Supervisor Mary Adams said the ordinance is "not perfect" but called it "a balance that will allow us to move forward and have some teeth regarding enforcement."

Workforce housing

Adams said the ordinance is necessary to preserve local workforce housing, which many contend has been reduced by the popularity of vacation stays in residential neighborhoods.

"We have to act in the best interest of our

local residents," she said. "We have to protect the limited housing we have."

Before the vote on the rules, 46 residents spoke in favor of or against them — with most in support.

But some, like Richard Matthews of the Monterey County Vacation Rental Alliance, suggested that complaints about the industry have been overblown. He compared the ordinance to a sledgehammer and suggested it was the wrong tool for the job.

'Very small problem'

"If you look at how many code enforcement cases actually have an alleged nuisance, this is a very small problem," he said. "The data does not support the bans and heavy restrictions."

Matthews said the vast majority of those seeking to rent vacation homes want one without a host — and he suggested the practice is here to stay, despite opposition.

Short-term-rental host Chuck Stein echoed Matthews' concerns, suggesting that complaints about the industry have been

See **RENTALS** page 14A

CHP: Teen in fatal crash had been drinking, skipped sleep

By MARY SCHLEY

THE 17-YEAR-OLD Seaside resident who crashed his truck into a power pole on Highway 1 in Carmel in the early morning hours of May 12 — causing a chain reaction of wrecks that killed a motorcyclist — admitted to drinking the night prior and going almost 24 hours without sleeping, according to reports released by the California Highway Patrol following a state Public Records Act

request filed by The Pine Cone.

But the person who died, 44-year-old Ricardo De Orta-Garcia of Seaside, was responsible for his own death because he wasn't riding his motorcycle at a speed safe for the conditions that foggy morning and therefore failed to avoid crashing into the downed power pole, according to the CHP.

Three other motorists who also hit the pole or its wires were doing the same — traveling at a speed unsafe for conditions — and none of the drivers who crashed that morning were cited, according to the reports.

Passed FSTs

Juan Ramon Munoz, the teen from Seaside, was driving a 2014 Ford pickup truck northbound on Highway 1 at 5:50 a.m. when he veered across the southbound lanes and hit the power pole before coming to rest in some bushes a few blocks south of Carpenter. According to the CHP's description, the collision knocked down the pole, which had guy wires connecting to another on the east side of the highway. The fallen pole blocked the southbound

See **CRASH** page 16A

Undocumented closer to getting home loan help

By KELLY NIX

THE CALIFORNIA State Senate Tuesday passed legislation that would allow undocumented immigrants to be eligible for up to \$150,000 in taxpayer-subsidized zero-interest home loans, a move critics say the state can't afford and will encourage more illegal immigration. The bill is now headed to the State Assembly for a final vote before Gov. Gavin Newsom can sign or veto it.

If the governor approves the loan program, it will add people without visas or other legal status to the already eligible low- and middle-income first-time home buyers who qualify for the Home Purchase Assistance Program, which offers loans of up to \$150,000 for down payments and closing costs.

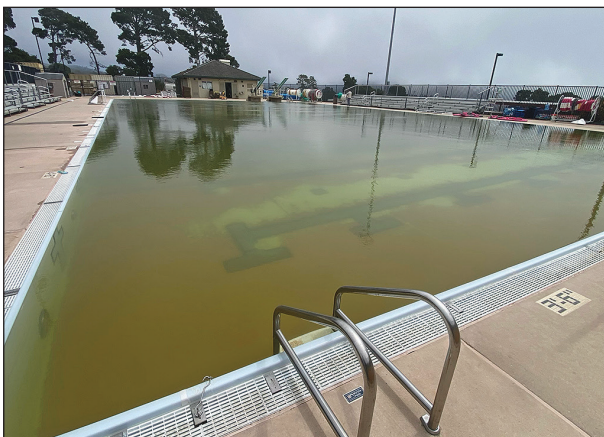
"This bill would specify that an applicant who meets all other requirements for a loan under the program shall not be disqualified solely based on the applicant's immigration

See **LOANS** page 18A

Icky water closes CHS pool, forces teams to relocate

By KELLY NIX

WHEN THE Carmel High School girls water polo team went to practice early Tuesday, they got an ugly surprise. The water in their pool was a repulsive brown color



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While Cal Am did maintenance work on its pipes, automatic refilling of the Carmel High pool turned the water an ugly brown.

that looked like sewage.

The transformation of the water — which was apparently caused by water company California American Water's flushing of its distribution system — forced the girls, along with the CHS boys water polo team, to find different pools to practice in, a parent told The Pine Cone.

"Everybody is thinking it's sewage because it's brown," according to the parent, who said they found out later it was not sewage but pipe sediment. Fortunately, the water

See **POOL** page 20A

Pebble Beach house sells for a record \$45M

By KELLY NIX

AN EXTRAORDINARY oceanfront property situated on one of the most attractive spots in Pebble Beach sold this week for \$45 million, the highest price ever paid for a home in Monterey County, according to realtors.

The 10,500-square-foot modern residence is just a few doors down from The Lodge and faces the storied 18th Hole of the Pebble Beach Golf Links. It has five bedrooms and six bathrooms and sits on nearly 1.8 acres of well-manicured grounds at 1544 Cypress Drive. The home belonged to former San Diego Padres owner John Moores.

Quiet sale

The listing was "off market," meaning it wasn't advertised or listed on the MLS, and realtor Ben Zoller, who represented the buyers, said the sale was a three-month process that came together at the beginning of August.

While the buyers have not been identified, according to county records they took title under the name Whiteapple DE LLC.

"My clients basically looked at every

luxury property that was for sale over the last couple of years and their attention was drawn to the detail and quality of construction of this home," Zoller, who works for Monterey Coast Realty, told The Pine Cone Tuesday. "It

See **RECORD** page 15A



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This home, shown not long after it was built in 1996, sits next to the 18th Fairway of the Pebble Beach Golf Links and sold this week to an undisclosed buyer for an astounding \$45 million.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Small but sassy

She really wasn't sure why she named her dog Birdie. Although she lives in Pebble Beach, she's not a golfer, so it wasn't that. But something about the sweet little face of the 8-week-old red heeler made her think, "She looks like a little birdie." So, she went with it.

The North Carolina breeder where she got the pup later said, "Since she was the runt of the litter, we started calling her 'Little Bird.'" Meant to be.

The name's cute, the dog's cute, the story's adorable.

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red heeler are medium-sized muscular dogs, natural herders who are said to be energetic and loyal.

Birdie, now 2 years old, lives with her person and her "older brother," Whiskey, another red heeler, now 5. Their person had lived in Pebble Beach when she got Whiskey but later moved to South Carolina. After two years, she missed the beach, the bay, and the coastal trails of the Peninsula, and so did Whiskey.

"We walked the beach this morning," she said one recent day, "and I don't know how I ever left this area."

A month or two after they returned to Pebble Beach, Whiskey's person decided he needed a sister.

"Whiskey and Birdie wrestle and chase each other like siblings," their person said. "But he's Mr. Alpha. Birdie's the sassiest little thing. She's small, but she makes big sounds. She's full of it, but he runs the show."

The pair look enough like siblings that when their person wakes up in the morning, she looks across the bed at the pair sleeping side by side and isn't quite sure who's who.

"Of course that's where they sleep," she said. "I wouldn't sleep well if they weren't right here with me."

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POLICE CHIEF REVEALS PLAN FOR DEALING WITH ‘DAYLIGHTING LAW’

By MARY SCHLEY

BY CONVERTING most corner parking spots near crosswalks into loading zones or bicycle parking, and by changing dozens of time limits on other spaces, Carmel’s central commercial district could lose just seven two-hour parking spots while complying with the Daylighting Law that took effect Jan. 1 and becomes enforceable next January, Police Chief Paul Tomasi said Wednesday.

During the quarterly traffic safety committee meeting Aug. 28, Tomasi shared the plan he and his staff developed to bring the city into compliance with AB 413, which prohibits parking near crosswalks with the goal of making the streets safer for pedestrians. It affects areas with sidewalks, curbs and gutters, so most of the residential area won’t be impacted.

Figuring out a way to lose just seven parking spots

While the law calls for banning parking within 15 to 20 feet of crosswalks, it allows some exceptions, including using those areas for 20-minute loading zones and for bicycle and electric scooter parking.

Tomasi said he started his review with an examination of accident data and found that of the nine vehicle-vs.-pedestrian incidents reported since 2019, only one might have resulted from a motorist’s view being blocked by a parked car. But that collision, which occurred near Bruno’s Market at Junipero and Sixth when the pedestrian was crossing toward Devendorf Park, also occurred at night, when overall visibility was poor.

“A major factor included darkness impeding the ability to see the pedestrian,” he said. “I included this one because there

was a car parked at the corner that may have had impacts. That’s as close as I can come to finding an accident in this town that might have been impacted by this law.”

Regardless, the city must comply with AB 413, so Tomasi and his staff started with tallying the spaces in the business district from Junipero to Monte Verde between Fifth and Eighth avenues, which he said covers “99 percent of the intersections that are impacted.”

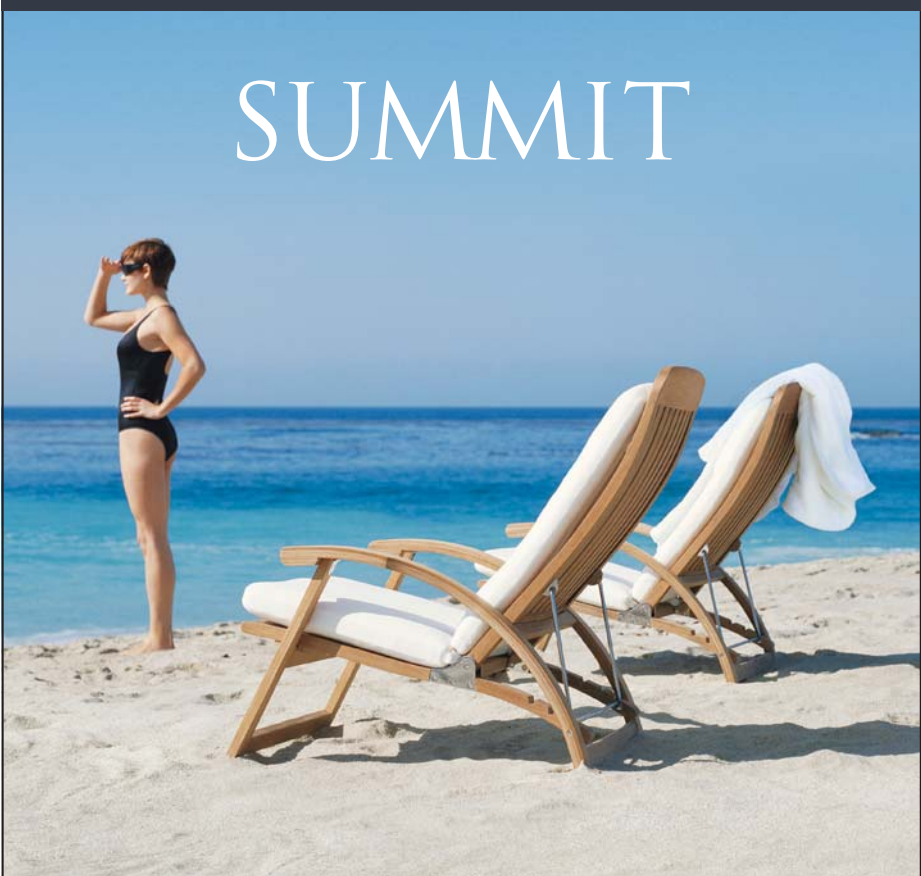
Of the total 810 parking spots in that area, 696 have two-hour limits, 102 are 30-minute or 10-minute green zones, eight are commercial loading zones and four are reserved for motorists with handicap placards. The review also revealed the busiest intersections are Sixth and Junipero near the park, every Ocean Avenue crossing, Mission and Eighth because of Sunset Center, and Lincoln and Eighth, according to Tomasi.

The high number of green zones is the result of changes made during the city’s brief experiment with paid parking several years ago. At the time, more short-term parking spaces were added to accommodate residents so they could make quick stops downtown without having to pay. After the program was abandoned, the green zones remained.

Cutting green zones

To meet AB 413’s legal requirements, increase safety and minimize the impact on parking inventory as much as possible, Tomasi suggested cutting the number of green zones to 40 — but retaining the highly used spots near the post office, city hall and the library — bumping up the

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Police & Sheriff's Log

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost wallet reported at San Carlos and Seventh.

Carmel Valley: Multiple victims at an assisted living establishment on Carmel Valley Road reported thefts. Subject(s) remain at large.

Carmel Valley: Two firearms surrendered to law enforcement.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of a battery at Mid-Valley Center.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a male on East Carmel Valley Road experiencing a mental health crisis.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A male was arrested for smoking marijuana in public, providing false information, and having four arrest warrants. A sergeant who was being stealthy on bicycle patrol detected a strong and distinct

odor of burnt marijuana in the area of Junipero and Seventh. He followed the odor and found a male smoking a marijuana blunt in front of an entrance to the Carmel Plaza on the Junipero street side. The male stated he did not have an ID and provided a false name and a date of birth that did not add up. But the sergeant was able to identify the 24-year-old male and a records check revealed he has four outstanding warrants. The male was arrested on the warrants and fresh charges of providing false ID to an officer and smoking marijuana in public.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Six vehicles towed from San Carlos and Seventh, Dolores and Sixth, Lincoln and Ocean, and Ocean and Mission for being parked illegally. Signs posted for special event.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft from a vehicle at Guadalupe and Fifth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Tree branch in roadway at Fifth and Santa Rita. Forwarded to public works.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ring found at Camino del Monte and Serra.

See **POLICE LOG** page 11RE in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Aug. 13 — A jury found Santiago Esquivel, 27, of Hollister, guilty of felony evading the police. Sentencing is scheduled for Sept. 20, 2024, in Department 3 of the Salinas Courthouse. The Hon. Judge Pamela Butler presided over the trial.

Esquivel admitted that he previously suffered a strike conviction in 2016 for first-degree residential burglary which occurred in San Benito County. He faces a maximum of six years in prison.

On Nov. 12, 2022, around 11:42 p.m., Deputy Freddy Villalvir of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office (now with Morgan Hill Police Department) saw the defendant speeding in his BMW.

Esquivel passed the deputy's parked patrol vehicle at 19 San Juan Road in North Monterey County.

Villalvir immediately followed the defendant, caught up to him, obtained the license plate information, and commenced a pursuit. The defendant ignored Villalvir's flashing lights and blasting siren, and sped on local streets, Highway 101, and eventually onto Highway 156 into San Benito County.

Due to the distance from the communications center, Deputy Villalvir's radio failed,

and he was forced to terminate the pursuit. The defendant drove a total of 14.3 miles in just nine minutes with an average speed of 95 mph and a speed as high as 140 mph.

During the pursuit, the defendant violated at least seven separate vehicle code sections.

The case was investigated by the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

Aug. 13 — A jury convicted Ronnie Dean Jones of possession of contraband while in prison.

In August 2018, Jones, an inmate at the Correctional Training Facility located in the City of Soledad, was involved in an incident during a routine cell search. Jones was instructed to exit the cell and place his hands on the wall. While Jones initially complied with the officers' instructions, he unexpectedly removed his hands from the wall and reached toward his waistband.

During this action, a bindle containing a black, tar-like substance fell to the ground. The substance was collected by officers and sent to the Department of Justice for testing, which confirmed that the substance was heroin.

The Hon. Stephanie Hulsey presided over the trial.



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Teen called hero after rescue at lake

By CHRIS COUNTS

A LOCAL teen was credited with saving a 7-year-old at Lake Nacimiento two weeks ago.

Lazaro Perez was visiting Lake Nacimiento Resort with his family Aug. 18 when he noticed a child struggling to stay afloat a short distance from the shore.

“The child was not wearing a life jacket and went under the water,” reported the Monterey County Parks Rangers Association. “When Lazaro did not see the child resurface, he immediately jumped into action, swimming out to the child and bringing him to the shore.”

Park rangers and firefighters soon arrived on scene. The child was later transported with his family to a local hospital “for further medical treatment,” but only as a precaution.

The rangers group called Perez’s actions “heroic.”

“Thank you, Lazaro, you truly saved the day,” the group said.

According to county parks director Bryan Flores, Lazaro is 13 and lives in Lompoc. “It’s rare that a 13-year-old kid would put his life on the line,” he said.

Enticing but dangerous

While Lake Nacimiento can be an idyllic place during hot weather, it can also be dangerous. Flores noted that someone drowned there earlier this summer. He said drownings can happen quickly even in shallow water, and he urged everyone to take precautions.

“Anybody entering the water should have a life preserver on,” he said. “You can be the best swimmer in the world, and if you hit your head, you could still drown.”

Flores also reached out to the family of the heroic youngster.

“I spoke with them the next day,

and I told them what an amazing thing he did,” Flores said. “It was nice to let the parents know that they did a good job raising a child who is compassionate and not self-serving in any way.”

Flores said that Lazaro wants to be a fireman or a police officer when he’s older. “He already has a desire to help people,” Flores said.

Monterey County District 3 Supervisor Chris Lopez was also impressed by Lazaro’s actions. The supervisors will honor the youngster at their Sept. 10 meeting in Salinas, and his family plans to be there.

“Lazaro sprung into action and saved a life today,” Lopez said. “Let’s celebrate him and the heroes like him who step up and run toward those in need.”



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Lazaro Perez of Lompoc, 13, was credited Aug. 18 with saving a child from drowning at Lake San Nacimiento. He will be honored by the county board of supervisors.

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Capitol report —

Local legislators in the home stretch ahead of adjournment

By CAITLIN CONRAD

Jan. 1, 2028.

SATURDAY IS the final day for California lawmakers to pass bills before the adjournment of the legislative session, and hundreds of potential laws are still being considered. Among California's prolific law writers are Central Coast representatives Sen. John Laird and Assemblymember Dawn Addis.

Not all of the bills coming out of Senate District 17 and Assembly District have a direct impact on Monterey County. However, many of those Laird and Addis are working to pass would have broad effects on all Californians.

As the former California Secretary of Natural Resources, it's no surprise much of Laird's work this session focused on environmental legislation. He's written bills to aid with composting, to protect drinking water and to prohibit single-use propane canisters, among others.

■ Propane canisters

SB 1280 would make it illegal to sell single-use propane cylinders, shifting the market to only reusable or refillable canisters. The legislation would impact everyone from campers to construction workers who use propane for fun or on the job.

The potentially flammable and explosive cylinders are frequently found discarded throughout the state park system and along beaches. The canisters that do make it to waste management facilities pose a threat to workers before they end up in the landfill.

The goal of SB 1280 is to keep used propane canisters out of landfills and to provide shoppers with products designed to be durable and used multiple times. If it's approved, the law would take effect on

"Drawing on my experience as the former secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, I am committed to advancing thoughtful and impactful legislation that directly benefits the residents of the 17th Senate District," said Laird in a statement about his legislative goals, including SB 1280.

■ Drinking water

Existing law in California requires public water systems to provide dependable and safe drinking water. It also requires companies to go through a permit process before operating. But as the law stands, there are no minimum standards for the financial, technical and managerial capacity of those water systems, including staffing minimums and rules for revenue reserves.

Laird has authored a bill that would require community water systems serving fewer than 10,000 people or those serving fewer than 2,200 that also serve a K-12 school to comply with new minimum standards. The senator's office says these standards are crucial, as small water systems are more likely to face problems with capacity and operations because of lower revenue bases.

"SB 1188 is designed to support communities with small water systems, such as the Big Basin Water Company in Santa Cruz County," said Laird in a statement.

Big Basin customers have suffered chronic supply shortages and even water outages in recent years. Under SB 1188, companies like Big Basin would have to report annually information like current capacity status. Not doing so would

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Heritage society tour fetes Comstock

By MARY SCHLEY

IN HONOR of the 100th anniversary of builder Hugh Comstock's first storybook cottage in Carmel-by-the-Sea, the Carmel Heritage Society and other organizations are honoring his legacy, and the society's 30th annual home tour Sept. 8 will feature several of his creations.

At its Aug. 6 meeting, the Carmel City Council adopted a proclamation recognizing Comstock, who in 1924 designed and constructed a small fairytale cottage he called The Doll House — recognized today as Gretel — where he and his bride, Mayotta Browne, lived as newlyweds and Browne designed her popular Otsy Totsy ragdolls.

Showroom

The following year, he designed and built the cottage known as Hansel to serve as a showroom for her dolls, marking the birth of the Storybook style in Carmel. Sixteen Comstock cottages are listed on the city's inventory of historic properties.

"The fairytale cottages are a local treasure and world-renowned, drawing visitors from across the globe," the proclamation approved by the council read.

In recognition of the Comstock centennial, on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 4 to 5:30

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Hugh Comstock's Hansel cottage is among the Storybook buildings the public can visit during a Carmel Heritage Society tour.

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Beach defender sells Scenic house

By MARY SCHLEY

FIERCE BEACH-FIRE opponent Kathy Bang and her husband, Gary, have sold their Scenic Road house for \$11,850,000 and are moving out of state. Gary Bang bought the house in 1997, and they renovated it in 2008-2009.

“Gary and I have reached that point in our life when we need to be closer to family. Gary and his family live in Florida, and my family is in the Midwest,” Kathy Bang said Tuesday, while announcing their new home would be in Vero Beach, Fla.

“It’s sad to leave, but we’re very excited about this next chapter in our life,” she said.

Bang, who served on the forest and beach commission and on the Sunset Center board, resigned both posts in 2016 after the then-Carmel City Council voted to allow a limited number of wood fires on the beach. Prior to that, fires had been OK in unlimited numbers south of 10th Avenue nightly between 4 and 10.

YouTube videos

“It is with regret that I resign from the forest and beach commission, effective immediately,” Bang said in her July 1, 2016, email to the city, before explaining that she could not continue working on behalf of an organization that would support wood fires despite their harmful smoke. Two days later, she advised the members of the Sunset Cultural Center board that she was leaving that group, which oversees the center’s operations, as well.

Bang worked for many years on the fire

issue, making multiple presentations to various city boards and commissions, the council and the California Coastal Commission. She also became known for her YouTube videos of Carmel Beach showing the fires and their aftermaths, including piles of charred wood and garbage.

The fire issue was finally put to bed, more or less, when the city council approved an open-ended “urgency ordinance” banning them in May 2023. (At the time, it was expected a permanent law, which would have to be approved by the coastal commission, would be drafted and taken through the approval process. But since the emergency ordinance has no expiration date, the council has made no efforts to draft a permanent ordinance.)

‘Still reeling’

Bang, a retired healthcare executive, also served on the Montage Health board of directors for nine years, including three as chair, and coordinated the Scenic homeowners for the last 15.

All of that has made for a lot of good-byes, and while the couple will miss this coast, they are looking forward to the next one.

“So, sadly, we have made the decision to move and have sold our beautiful home in Carmel,” Bang said. “We will once again be on the ocean — but the other one.”

The home’s buyer is George Grinzewitsch, owner of an auto group in the Sacramento area. “He is thrilled with the house, which makes me very happy,” she said. “He was the first person to see it. The whole thing went so fast, I am still reeling.”

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Eight candidates for four seats in school board elections

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH THIS year's election being the first time voters will choose members of the Carmel school board by district, two candidates are competing to represent each of three newly designated regions, and two more are running for an at-large two-year term.

In fall 2022, the Carmel Unified School District board unanimously voted to shift from at-large elections to five separate trustee areas with a seat available in each. Three trustee seats are up for a vote during presidential elections, with the other two elected during mid-term elections. CUSD made the change to comply with the California Voting Rights Act of 2001.

In November, voters in trustee areas 1 (Carmel and Del Monte Forest), 3 (a large swath that starts with the western portion of Carmel Valley and extends south to cover Big Sur) and 5 (Carmel Valley from Quail Lodge to Robles del Rio) will elect candidates for four-year terms.

In addition, voters districtwide will decide who serves the last two years of former board member Tess Arthur's term in what is now trustee area 4, which includes most of Carmel Valley Village and Cachagua.

At-large seat: Odello v. Tavakoli

Two contenders stepped up for the at-large seat, Jake Odello — who has unsuccessfully run for school board in the past — and attorney Monica Tavakoli.

Odello, who in 2023 was appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools to serve on the California Agricultural Education Advisory Committee and was subsequently elected chair by committee members who represent more than 100,000 students and nearly 1,000 teachers throughout the state, says in his candidate statement that he wants to improve the quality of education for district students and "will bring new and energetic leadership to Carmel schools."

A member of a longtime Carmel area family, Odello was also appointed by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors in 2020 to represent the 5th District on the county's community action commission.

According to the Monterey County Elections department, Odello, who lives on Southbank Road in Carmel Valley Village, is a registered Republican.

Tavakoli, who lives on Upper Trail in Carmel, says she has a background in law and engineering and is the parent of two young children in district schools, where she has "volunteered and worked alongside many dedicated teachers, staff and parents."

"Their passion for education showed me the incredible foundation CUSD already possesses while also providing valuable insights into the challenges facing our district," she wrote.

Monterey County Elections data indicate she is registered to vote with no party preference.

Area 1: Bozzo v. Patel

Running in trustee area 1 are education administrator Molly Bozzo and former board member Rita Patel, who served from 2011 to 2019.

In her candidate statement, Bozzo focuses on education and learning. "With over 28 years of experience in public and private PK-12 school systems, I am deeply devoted to cultivating learning environments predicated on differentiated, project-based and place-based learning," she says. "Horizontal and vertical alignment and innovative and passionate teaching practices invite collaboration, creativity and learning cultures devoted to celebrating innovation, individuality and academic success."

She lives on Forest Lake Road in Pebble Beach and is a registered Democrat.

Patel, a business owner and the parent of four Carmel High School graduates, says in her statement that while her children have moved on, her "commitment to Carmel Unified's excellence has not."

She has somewhat recently surfaced as a regular commenter at board of education meetings and mentions her "proven track record while on the board," including successfully implementing state standards and boosting college acceptance rates. She also says in her statement that she is "proud of our work in creating wellness centers, improving facilities and prioritizing student safety," all while keeping a balanced budget and attracting high-quality educators.

Patel also lives in Pebble Beach on Portola Road and is registered to vote with no party preference.

Area 3: Witten v. Glazer

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Salinas takes major step toward rent control as Monterey watches

By MARY SCHLEY

A LITTLE more than a year after requiring landlords to provide information about their rental units for a city registry, the Salinas City Council is set to impose restrictions on rent increases and require owners to pay tenants

whom they evict, among other new rules. At a nearly four-and-a-half-hour city council meeting Aug. 20, the council unanimously voted to proceed with the new laws and is set to adopt them next month.

When the City of Monterey was considering creating a rental inventory, which it did last year and launched in

January, detractors predicted it would lead to rent control.

Salinas city attorney Christopher Callihan said the new rules will apply only to multifamily complexes built before 1995 and mobile homes, since state law prohibits local governments from imposing rent control on single-family homes, condominiums and newer apartment buildings. Salinas contains 23,132 rental units, 8,330 of which would be subject to the rent caps.

(A proposition on the Nov. 5 ballot seeks to repeal that state law, known as the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act, and allow cities and counties to limit rent on all types of housing and forbid landlords from increasing rents to market rate when a unit is vacated.)

“Rent stabilization and tenant protections are intended to protect residential tenants from unreasonable rent increases and to protect tenants from arbitrary discrimination or retaliatory evictions,” Callihan told the council, minus Mayor Kimbley Craig and councilman Jesus Valenzuela, who recused themselves due to potential conflicts of interest. “At the same time, they assure landlords the right to a fair rate of return.”

Tenants paid back

Consultants suggested capping rent increases at 2.5 to 2.75 percent or 65 to 75 percent of the CPI per year and allowing one rate change every 12 months. The law would be retroactive to Dec. 31, 2023, and landlords would have to refund their tenants if their rents were increased by more than the new ordinance allows.

Owners can pass the costs of certain capital improvements on to tenants, but if they reduce the services available — such as parking and utilities — that’s akin to a rent increase. And landlords who fail to maintain their units in habitable condition would not be allowed to raise rents at all.

A separate ordinance on evictions would define those that are “at fault” — such as failure to pay rent, criminal activity, illegal use or maintaining a nuisance — and “no fault,” such as when an owner or family wants to move in or remodel or demolish the house, or when the owner decides to take it off the rental market. Unlike the rent stabilization rules, the tenant protection ordinance would apply to all rentals except motel and hotel rooms and units where the owner lives on site.

In the case of a no-fault eviction, state law requires the tenant be given the equivalent of one month’s rent. Salinas

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Marine mammal incursion forces people off beach

By KELLY NIX

A MONTEREY beach that is normally crowded with scuba divers and beachcombers has been invaded by boatloads of sea lions.

The pinnipeds recently took to San Carlos Beach near the U.S. Coast Guard Pier en masse, forcing the City of Monterey, which manages the beach, to close it to people. The noisy and foul-smelling animals are drawing a lot of tourists and national news media attention.

While large numbers of sea lions are common in Monterey, they usually hang out on beaches closer to Fisherman's Wharf and the harbor. City officials said the sea lions use Monterey as a resting spot between their breeding area in the Channel Islands in Southern California and Northern California waters.

"They take advantage of the fish-rich waters of the Monterey Bay before heading out again on their journey," according to the city.

Lisa Uttal with the Monterey Bay National Marine

Sanctuary said experts aren't completely sure why the sea lions selected San Carlos Beach this year.

"California sea lions began aggregating in Monterey harbor in 2003," Uttal told The Pine Cone. "They follow the abundant food source in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and predominantly male and sub-adult males migrate from Channel Islands to Monterey Bay during summer months."

While hundreds of sea lions have been estimated to have plopped down on the beach, Uttal said volunteers with the organization's Bay Net have stationed themselves there to count the animals and to tell visitors about "responsible wildlife viewing."

RENTALS

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exaggerated. He also reported that more than 1,300 people have signed petitions supporting the industry.

"The ordinances are flawed," Stein said. "After eight years of working on the ordinances, the planning commission made drastic changes at the last two meetings that are not fair and not reasonable." He urged supervisors to "remove the ban or at least allow unhosted vacation stays in rural and low-density areas."

Why not Pebble Beach?

While the new rules prohibit unhosted vacation rentals throughout much of the county, commercial rentals — without an owner living onsite — will still be allowed in Pebble Beach, although operators will need to apply for permits, and the total number of short term rentals can't exceed more than 4 percent of the number of homes.

Diane Goldman, general counsel for the Pebble Beach Co., asked why Pebble Beach is being held to a different standard than other communities where vacation stays are popular. "While Big Sur and Carmel Valley enjoy carve-outs exempting them from such rentals entirely, why is the Del Monte Forest being treated differently from these

Officials are warning people to stay at least 150 feet away from the sea lions — which are protected per the Marine Mammal Protection Act — for safety reasons. Also, people can be fined for harassing the marine mammals.

"Stay far enough away that you don't disturb their natural behavior," Uttal said. "If that animal raises its head, looks like they are reacting to you, please move farther away."

It's not clear when the sea lions will move on from the beach so the people can use it again, but the City of Monterey said it's tried to find out but hasn't heard back.

"We've received questions on when San Carlos Beach will reopen, and we reached out to the sea lions for a response," an employee of the City of Monterey said online.

communities?" she asked.

Nanci Markey of Pebble Beach said short-term rentals "are out of control" where she lives. "It seems like every home that is sold is turned into a vacation rental," she said.

Susan Kellerman of Yankee Point reported that some nearby homes have been turned into "mini-hotels." "They are jeopardizing the character and safety of our neighborhoods," Kellerman suggested.

Many speakers criticized the short-term rental industry for its impacts on residential neighborhoods — the chief complaints were noise, parking, fire risk and the industry's impact of the rising cost of rents for local workers and retirees. Peggy Goodale of Big Sur suggested that industry "destroys" neighborhoods. "It's important to realize that every short-term rental is housing that is lost," she said.

Alejo, Lopez vote 'no'

Joining Adams in support of the ordinances were supervisors Glenn Church and Wendy Root Askew, but supervisors Luis Alejo and Chris Lopez voted "no." Lopez suggested they are "not a realistic plan," would reduce county revenues and ultimately, "hurt small family operators." Alejo said they treat existing operators unfairly who have been paying their taxes, while at the same time allowing for too many vacation stays in the long run, reducing long-term housing for residents.

But Adams called the effort to craft the ordinances "a real compromise," and said she's thrilled to see it finally reach the finish line.

"I've been working on this since before I was elected," she added. "This took a lot of effort by a lot of people. County staff have been working on this for so long. Seeing this come to fruition was very exciting — I'm absolutely delighted by the outcome."



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RECORD

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checked all the boxes.”

Raised in Pebble Beach, Zoller attended Stevenson School, is an accomplished golfer and was well suited to represent the buyers. He said the home exemplifies the type of luxury properties that most realtors strive to represent.

“That house is something that has been iconic for years,” Zoller explained. “As a golfer, that house has always stood out.”

Tim Allen of the Tim Allen Properties Team, which is affiliated with Coldwell Banker Realty in Northern California, represented the seller in the Aug. 26 closing of the home, dubbed “Masterpiece on 18.” Allen noted that it is one of only five houses on the 18th Hole of the Pebble Beach Golf Links.

“The allure of unparalleled amenities and spectacular ocean views awaiting the new owners has propelled this closing to an all-time record high for Monterey

County home sales,” Allen said.

The lot is also the biggest of the five, Zoller said. “The home is spectacular, and the previous owners did a great job of maintaining it,” he added.

Recovered

Designed by architect Robert Griffin, Moores and his then-wife, Becky, built the home in 1996. It underwent a significant remodel in 2019 after a fire in the roof significantly damaged the structure two years earlier.

The sale broke the price record that was set in 2022 when actor Brad Pitt purchased the DL James Home in the Carmel Highlands for \$40 million.

While the local real estate market has recovered significantly from the slump caused by high interest rates starting in 2021, it is still well below the peak reached during the Covid boom, when many well-heeled urban dwellers, particularly in Silicon Valley, realized they could work from home and decided they’d rather live in scenic, coastal small towns than in San Jose or San Francisco.

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CRASH

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lanes, while the three guy wires stretched across the northbound lanes and up to the pole on the east side.

“As a result of this crash, there were four additional crashes at this location within five minutes,” investigating CHP officer Brian Bispham said in his report.

‘Driving around’ all night

When Bispham questioned Munoz at the scene, the teen — who had suffered a small contusion to his head from hitting the steering wheel — “admitted to consuming an alcoholic beverage the night prior,” but the teen passed a series of field sobriety tests and “was determined to not be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage.”

Munoz told the officer he “had dropped his prom date off at home and was driving around,” and that he’d been down to the beach and then drove up Ocean Avenue and turned left onto Highway 1.

“He hadn’t slept since waking up Saturday morning,” Bispham said. “He felt sleepy and closed his eyes. He awoke to an impact and hit his head on the steering wheel. He had no idea of his speed at the time of the crash.”

A witness who was a couple cars behind Munoz on the highway said the truck had been driving normally and all were traveling at the 45 mph speed limit when the truck “suddenly began veering left,” Bispham said in the report. “The truck crashed into a pole, then the bushes, there was a bright flash, and he stopped. The witness called 911 and reported the crash.”

A minute after that crash, Emma Mahaffey was on her

way to work at Carmel Valley Ranch and was running late when she noticed the truck on the side of the highway with its hazard lights on, according to officer Kristi Cho’s report, and then the 2013 Hyundai she was driving struck something.

“The sun was just coming out, and maybe that is why she could not see anything in the roadway,” Cho wrote. Her car “hit something hard in the road, and the object moved,” but the driver couldn’t tell what it was. Mahaffey continued driving, and when she got to work, she discovered “damage to the front bumper, hood and right side.”

Like the motorcyclist, Mahaffey, 20, “was driving at an unsafe speed for the current conditions where she was unable to see or react to an object in the roadway,” Cho’s report concluded.

Changing story

While CHP officer Kristopher Ewing was conducting traffic control at the scene, he was contacted by Evan Brown, 39, “who related he had struck some wires in the road and lost his license plate as a result of the impact.”

Brown had been driving his 2017 Lexus southbound at 5:55 a.m. when he heard the wires go under his car, but he continued on to work, where he noticed the front license plate had come off. He returned to the crash scene to retrieve it and filed a report with the officer.

And while Ewing was providing traffic control, he saw a tow truck pulling up to a moderately damaged 2016 Subaru Legacy, but the car’s driver was nowhere to be found. The tow company told Ewing the owner was 23-year-old Monterey resident Hayden Patton, and he called her later that day.

The woman initially told Ewing her boyfriend had been driving southbound at 5:53 a.m. when the cars ahead of

them turned to avoid the pole, but he slowed to approximately 20 mph “and went ‘straight over the pole.’” But in a subsequent phone call, she told the officer she “‘mis-spoke’ when we talked initially and that she was, in fact, the driver of the vehicle at the time of the crash,” and that her boyfriend hadn’t been there at all. She reported having a “general complaint of pain to her body” as a result of the impact.

Lifesaving measures

After he hit the pole, Garcia and the Honda he was riding were thrown into the air and landed in the northbound lanes. The impact destroyed the bike, and following life-saving efforts by numerous emergency responders, he was declared dead at the scene at 6:06 a.m.

Bispham interviewed Patton on May 22 to get her account of the fatal crash, and she told him that two or three minutes after her crash, she heard a vehicle approaching.


“The motorcycle did not appear to brake or slow prior to hitting the pole,” the officer noted.

In investigating fatalities, CHP officers interview people who knew the victim, and Bispham said Garcia’s father said his son liked to arrive early at work, “does not ride fast and is always telling others to slow down and enjoy the ride.” He also wasn’t much of a drinker, according to his family.

Bispham concluded Garcia was riding “at an unsafe speed for the weather and road conditions,” and therefore “was unable to react to the downed power pole directly in his path of travel and struck the pole,” after which he and the bike “became airborne and struck the asphalt concrete roadway just south of the initial point of impact.”

His collision with the downed pole was the last of the five that occurred that morning, according to the CHP.

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Woman running for P.G. mayor deletes social media

Video was for 'people of color'

By KELLY NIX

A CANDIDATE for mayor of Pacific Grove facing backlash for confronting a group of Israeli tourists doubled down last week, stating she intended to share a video to empower people of color. Days later, though, she deleted the video and dozens of pro-Palestine posts.

On June 7, Dionne Ybarra uploaded a video to Instagram in which she recounted demanding a group of four Israelis vacationing in the Philippines, including an Israeli soldier, to leave a "public space" after asking if they were "Zionists." Ybarra suggested the Israelis were somehow a threat to her son and some schoolchildren she was with.

'Encouragement'

The video, which The Pine Cone reported in the Aug. 16 edition after local website lighthouseavenue.com posted it, offended Jewish resident Eric Emanuel and others, who called Ybarra's behavior "disturbing" and "antisemitic."

In response to the article, which Ybarra characterized as "bad journalism," she posted a nearly 13-minute video to her Facebook campaign page last week. In the piece, she said she intended the June video to be "an encouragement

to people of color" to show that they are "not powerless."

Ybarra went on to say that she has "a right, especially as a woman of color" to "protect the space that I have and not feel dehumanized" by someone else's energy, and "someone else's way of being in the world that doesn't align with mine."

She also changed a key part of her story about the encounter.

"It was not a public space for tourists," Ybarra said. "It was a space for the children in the community that I was working in, and a place where the children that I taught had their like, PE time," she said.

Instead of telling the Israelis, one of whom Ybarra said was a "girl," that they were in an area they were apparently not supposed to be, she asked if they supported the "genocide of the Palestinians." She ordered them to leave after one said he was a soldier and had served in Gaza.

Ybarra said last week that she felt threatened to "have Israeli soldiers in my space."

"I am carrying trauma, because on a daily basis I am watching in real time what's happening to Palestinians with a community I've been connected to for almost 15 years," Ybarra remarked, adding that her community in P.G. is "suffering daily from this ongoing genocide."

Despite facing criticism, Ybarra said last week she

wanted to share the video "even more broadly with a panel of people" so people of color "can explain and invite allies to work with us in how we can use that power."

Ybarra said she wants to be "transparent" about the confrontation and encouraged people to ask her "more questions."

However, she has repeatedly refused to answer questions from The Pine Cone, which she claims "misquoted" her, even though the quotes the newspaper used came from her video.

Ybarra's online account was filled with Palestine activist-type posts, including a video earlier this year where she appeared to praise graffiti scribbled on a ski lift that stated, among other things, "free Palestine" from "Nazis and Zionists."

"My husband sent this to me today — taken while on the ski lift in Lake Tahoe!" said Ybarra, who added a heart emoji, "Free Palestine" overlay, and a "stop the genocide" hashtag to the post.

Has supporters

But her Instagram page with the June video and other pro-Palestine posts was deleted in the last week. She also removed the Facebook video.

Ybarra — who has said she converted to Judaism in her 20s but that "Zionism unraveled" for her 13 years

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LOANS

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status,” according to Assembly Bill 1840 introduced by Assemblyman Joaquin Arambula, a Democrat who represents parts of Fresno County.

In a state Senate analysis of the legislation, Arambula called homeownership a fundamental tool for wealth building, and said it fosters financial stability and provides a tangible investment in one’s future.

“When undocumented individuals are excluded from such programs, they miss out on a crucial method of securing financial security and personal stability for themselves and their families,” he said.

GOP opposition

The legislation has the support of Assemblywoman Dawn Addis, a Democrat who represents part of Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Luis Obispo counties. Addis joined 55 other Democrats in May to vote for the bill. Fifteen Republican assembly members in the Democratic supermajority legislature voted against it. The bill got through a Senate committee last week before senators passed it this week.

The Senate appropriations committee found that the modified program would create “unknown significant cost pressures, potentially in the millions annually,” to accommodate eligible undocumented immigrants who sign up for loans, according to reports.

Loans under the program are structured as second mortgages, but don’t require monthly payments or accrue any interest, according to the Los Angeles Times. Instead, when the mortgage is refinanced or the house is sold again, the borrower pays back the original amount of the loan plus 20 percent of the increase in the home’s value.

Illegal immigrants must have a taxpayer ID number or Social Security number to

apply for the loans.

While Republican lawmakers have not yet filed formal arguments in response to the legislation, they’ve issued strong statements opposing it

“California’s budget deficit continues to grow, and Democratic lawmakers are so out of touch with everyday Californians that they are quite literally taking money away from law-abiding citizens, their own constituents, and handing it over as a free gift to people who broke federal law to cross the border,” said Republican state Sen. Brian Dahle, who represents Senate District 1, which includes 11 Northern California counties.

“Once again, California has chosen to prioritize illegal immigration and fiscal irresponsibility over the needs of its citizens, all while facing a \$60 billion deficit that will ultimately be passed onto taxpayers,” San Diego County Supervisor Jim Desmond told the Daily Caller.

Will he OK it?

Newsom hasn’t indicated if he’ll sign the bill, which comes during an election year in which illegal immigration and the southern border are among the issues voters are most concerned about. On top of that, the cost to taxpayers is unclear but is “potentially in the millions annually.”

The program has received state funding but is also run by the California Housing Finance Agency.

The housing finance agency “is a completely self-supporting state agency, and its bonds are repaid by revenues generated through mortgage loans, not taxpayer dollars,” its website says.

When the agency rolled out the loan scheme in May 2023 for citizens, it set aside \$300 million it estimated would help about 2,300 home buyers. But the fund ran out of money two weeks later, The Times reported.

Lawmakers did not appropriate funds for the program this year due to the budget shortfall.



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CAPITOL

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become a crime under the existing California Safe Drinking Water Act.

■ Paying for composting

Laird has also written a bill to address a shortage in compost facilities. Starting in 2022, Californians were required to compost food waste, but what to do with all the organic material has left some waste management facilities struggling. SB 1046 would make it easier for jurisdictions to build composting systems.

Eight years ago, the state set the aggressive goal by 2025 of reducing organic waste in landfills by 75 percent below 2014 levels. California is not on track to make that happen, but Laird's office promotes SB 1046 as a way to efficiently develop facilities without sacrificing environmental review.

Any entity wanting to build even a small or medium site is subject to the state's arduous environmental review process. SB 1046 would streamline the process so facilities can get composting up and off the ground faster. The change would have to be implemented by January 2027.

■ Oil and gas extraction

Assemblymember Dawn Addis had a number of bills on the floor session agenda this week, with most of them inching closer to the finish line. One of her priorities is more local control of the oil and gas industry.

AB 3233 would give a city or county the power to limit or prohibit oil and gas operations in its jurisdiction. Those controls lie with the state. Under AB 3233, local communities would have a say over the methods of extraction and the locations of development. Owner operators would still have to comply with existing law when it comes to drilling and maintaining

existing operations and plugging and abandoning decommissioned wells.

Monterey County is home to a very active oil industry. Wells tapping into the San Ardo field are a familiar sight along Highway 101 south of King City and still produce millions of barrels of oil per year.

■ Electric and gas rates

AB 2847 would add consumer protections and transparency when it comes to electric and gas companies raising rates. The bill would require companies like PG&E to give more information when requesting a rate hike for capital expenditures. A corporation would have to provide its best estimate of the impact on its annual revenue requirement for each year of the project and state if the increases are expected to remain in the rate base.

■ Mobile-home park safety

Addis has also written a bill aimed at getting mobile-home parks across the state ready for emergencies. Parks with 50 more units are already required to have a point person responsible for responding to emergencies, including knowing about emergency procedures for utility systems and other facilities in a mobile-home park. This bill would require that person to add plans for emergency procedures for park entrances and exits to their list.

Mobile-home park safety has long been an issue. Since 2010, owners of parks have been mandated to have an emergency preparedness plan. Under the new law, the emergency point person needs to live in the park and post the safety plan in common areas. The person needs to also provide the plan in languages other than English and notify residents about the plan annually. If passed, the changes would be required by Jan. 1, 2027.

A staffer with Addis' office said the team hopes all of the assemblymember's bills would cross the finish line by Saturday. Gov. Gavin Newsom has until Sept. 30 to sign them.

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POOL

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It's not clear how much it will cost to clean the high school pool and who will pay for it.

Cal Am issued an alert early Tuesday about the maintenance four days this week between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

To compensate for evaporation and water loss due to normal use, a system refills the pool automatically, which is how the icky stuff got in there. It's not known why the refill wasn't manually stopped beforehand.

"Our crews will begin routine flushing of the water distribution system in your area Aug. 27, through Aug. 30, to provide you with high-quality water service," the Cal Am notice said. "Flushing also allows us to test and maintain fire hydrants."

The company apologized for the inconvenience. "All impacted customers have been notified, and we have taken steps to address the discoloration, and continue to monitor water quality to ensure water is meeting drinking water standards," Spencer Vartanian, Cal Am director of operations, central division, explained.

Carmel City Hall Tuesday was inundated with calls from customers about the off-putting water color, prompting city officials to send an email message explaining that Cal Am was flushing its system.

"If your water is discolored, run only the cold-water taps at the lowest level of the house for about three to five minutes until the water runs clear," Cal Am's alert said. "If discolored water occurs, please also refrain from doing laundry during that time."

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Judy Obbink was a talented artist and writer. Born Judith Angier in Lodi, California she grew up in San Mateo where she was a competitive sailor, archer and fisherwoman. She married Navy Pilot Bruce Obbink in 1959 and lived in Hawaii and Japan. They later settled down in Fresno, California where they raised two daughters. She was a dedicated mother and wife and will be greatly missed by her family and extensive group of loving friends.

Her relentless optimistic nature and her endless creativity will leave an enduring impression and continue to benefit all who knew her. Her website is www.judyobbink.com

She is survived by husband, Bruce; daughters, Susan and Kimberly; grandson, Jack and great-grandson, Wren.

A memorial service will be held in her honor 3 to 5 p.m. Sept. 14 at Canterbury Woods in Pacific Grove, California.

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GAIL LAIN GONZALES

Resident of Carmel

June 24, 1939 – Aug. 3, 2024

Gail Gonzales, a 62-year resident of Carmel, passed away at age 85 on Saturday, August 3rd with family and loved ones closely supporting her. Gail, daughter of Elizabeth M. and Michael M. DeNaty was born in Albany, California and grew up in Vallejo with her younger sister, Janis Partanen. Her grandparents had settled in Northern California in the 1890s. She attended UC Berkeley, graduating with honors in decorative arts/design with a minor in anthropology in 1962.

Gail and her first husband, landscape architect, Richard G. Murray, settled in Carmel that same year. Gail led an ambitious career weaving her skills in design and merchandising throughout – she had a great eye and added an element of beauty to everything she touched. She worked initially at Holman's Department Store in Pacific Grove, then she moved to Gladys McCloud Inc., a well-regarded girls, teens and juniors boutique in Carmel for many years where her sense of design and eye for style were applied. It was here that her skills as a buyer were developed taking trips to Trade and Fashion shows on the Del Monte Express train from Monterey to San Francisco.

Following her first marriage, she met Alex Gonzales of Carmel and were married in 1974. Alex was an art professor, and head of the Art Department at Monterey Peninsula College and well-known local artist. Following travel with Alex to Mexico and Guatemala, then a sabbatical in Europe the following year where they visited 21 countries, Gail and three friends from Carmel, Patricia Bordonaro (Hughes), Ester Goodhue and Carol Lee McDonald, put their entrepreneurial spirits together to create the Cotton Bale, an imported fabric and interior design store with high quality cotton fabrics and other natural fibers from around the world at the newly developed Barnyard shopping center. Their mission was to create the store in which they all would want to shop. The Cotton Bale thrived for many years.

Following the successes with her business partners, Gail moved on. She wound up in what she always claimed was a perfect synergy of luck and skill – a dream job – as merchandising manager for the new Monterey Bay Aquarium Gift and Bookstore. Gail started this position the year prior to the aquarium opening in 1984, where she worked with an esteemed group of colleagues to create a wonderfully successful, upmarket venture from the ground up that epitomized the spirit of Monterey Bay's rich marine life. Her position at the aquarium opened many doors for her. She was able to travel all over the U.S., to Asia and Europe to trade shows and conferences, and to create exclusive products. One of her favorite aspects of the position was working with artists, designers and photographers to design and ultimately publish at least 17 posters during her tenure. Upon her retirement in 1995, Gail continued to pursue entrepreneurial enterprises, consulting on museum shop design and merchandising for the Steinhart Aquarium, the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, and the expanded Cleveland Botanical Garden. She also volunteered for the Monterey Museum of Art where she reopened the La Mirada Museum Store and helped produce "The Story of La Mirada." Not long after Monterey's Cannery Row Antique Mall opened, Gail also opened "Lain Antiques," which she enjoyed for several years.

Gail's beautiful home and garden environment reflected her decorative skills. In retirement Gail and Alex traveled extensively. She contributed to and enjoyed the culture and arts community of the Monterey Peninsula. Gail was an artist in her own right, creating colorful weavings, watercolor works, prints and she enjoyed photography. She was an avid reader, interested in investing, travel, nature (treasured visiting Yosemite), loved flowers, and her many dogs – most of whom were rescues from the SPCA. Her most recent international travel was only two years ago at age 83 in which she explored the wonders of Zimbabwe and Zambia with her daughter. She had a large circle of loving friends, many of whom she met at Cal, through her crafting hobbies, work enterprises and the arts community.

Gail was a long-time member of the Junior League of the Monterey Peninsula, the National Society of Colonial Dames as she was knowledgeable and proud of her family's heritage in colonial America. She remained connected with her East Coast family throughout her life. She was also a member of the local chapter of The Questers, dedicated to the study conservation and preservation of local historical landmarks, where she remained active through her last month of life. Earlier on, she volunteered for the Children's Home Society and the Pacific Grove Art Center.

She was a beloved and eternally supportive mother of her two children who she is survived by, daughter, Dr. Alison Murray of Truckee, a research professor of microbial ecology and genomics at Nevada's Desert Research Institute; and son, Scott Murray. She is also survived by her sister, Janis Partanen of Napa. Alex, her loving, artist husband of 46 years, passed in October 2020. They had a fabulous life together.

A memorial service is being planned for early fall. Contact the family at carmelgna@gmail.com for details. Selected works of Gail's art are on display at the Carmel Foundation, SE corner of Eighth and Lincoln in Carmel through August 31st, where her work was featured as Artist of the Month. In memory of Gail, contributions can be made to the local Monterey Peninsula chapter of the Questers. Gail Gonzales' ashes will be interred at the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery.



Gail Lain Gonzales in front of one of her husband Alex Gonzales' large paintings at the Carmel Art Association

JAMES P. CALANDRA

James P. Calandra, known as Jim to his family and friends, passed away peacefully at his home in Seaside, CA on July 22, 2024, with his wife Karen at his side. He was 82 years old.

Known in the Monterey community as the friendliest accountant around, Jim practiced accounting as an independent CPA for nearly 60 years. He took great pride in making life easier for all that knew him, family, friends and clients alike.



Born in Fresno, CA, Jim attended CSU Fresno where he received his B.A. in accounting and met his wife, Karen. They were married for 62 years and raised two daughters together. Jim leaves behind his wife, Karen (Seaside, CA); and daughters, Lisa Corinne Jason (Denver, CO) and Juliette "Jette" Ferguson (Carmel Highlands, CA); as well as sons-in-law, M. Marc Jason and Kurt Ferguson and grandson, Ross Jason.

Jim was very social and loved being active in clubs and groups. He believed in supporting his local community and served in various leadership roles within those groups on the Monterey Peninsula.

Jim was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity in college, helped establish the Monterey Bay Alumni Chapter, and served as its first president. He was a devoted Rotarian and served as president of the following Rotary Clubs: Central Marin-Corte Madera, CA; Fresno Metropolitan, CA; Pacific Grove, CA and Kihei-Wailea, HI.

Jim served as a president of The Pacheco Club of Monterey. He was also active in the Chaine des Rotisseurs and the International Food & Wine Society of the Monterey Peninsula, the Paisano Club, and both the Beach Club of Pebble Beach and the Spanish Bay Club. Jim loved swimming (a 50 year passion) and could be found doing laps most days.

Jim and Karen lived in Fresno, CA; Marin County, (Mill Valley, Corte Madera & Larkspur), CA; Bloomfield Hills, MI; Monterey County (Pacific Grove, Monterey & Seaside), CA; and Wailea-Kihei, HI. However, Monterey County was the "home of his heart," for more than 30 years.

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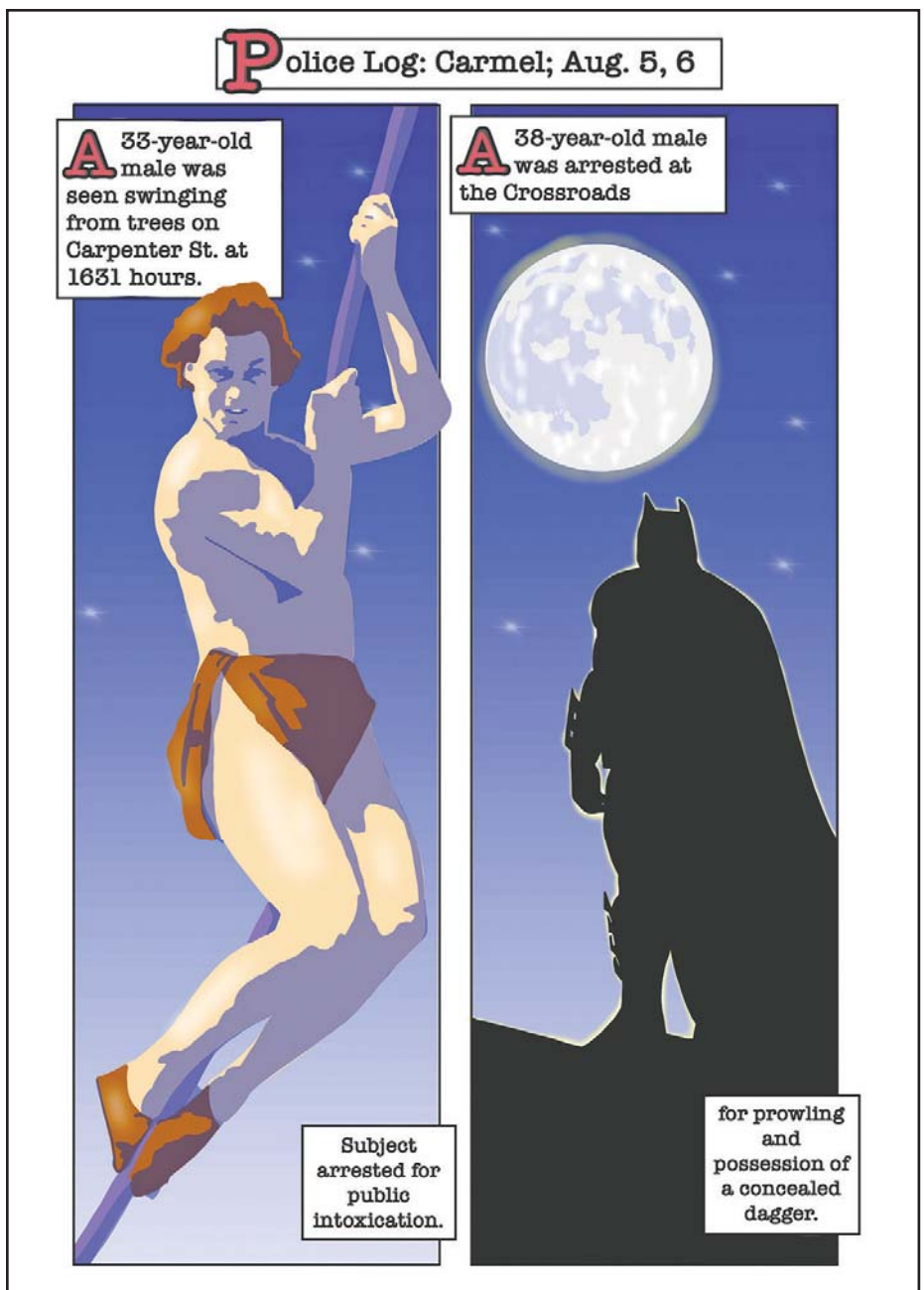
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Stanton Center welcomes massive Mora show, will be up for a year

ONE OF the most distinctive artists who worked locally in the early 20th century is the subject of an exhibit in Monterey. Titled "Jo Mora: Cartographer," the show at Stanton Center is the largest ever assembled of Mora's art.

His colorful and creative maps — also known as cartes — are widely collectible

Center is located at 5 Custom House Plaza. It's open every day except Tuesday from noon to 4 p.m.

■ 'Color Matters'

Two shows open Wednesday at the Carmel Art Association, including "Color Matters," which showcases the talents of painters Ann Artz, Sarah Healey and Dennis Peak.

"Color matters to friends Ann, Sarah, and Dennis, who gather regularly at each other's studios," the CAA's Lili Mendez said. "Their show illustrates their mutual love for color. Whether it be purely abstract or semi-abstract, their work is an expression of emotion capturing particular moments in time — curiosity and wonder lead the way."

The gallery presents a talk by the artists Sept. 7 at 1 p.m.

Also new at the downtown gallery is "Down to Earth," which features art by painter Robin Sawyer and print-maker Susan Giacometti.

"Sawyer's works are from a new series that presents quiet observations with subdued colors, while Giacometti's works include collages filled with unstructured

images that draw you in," Mendez said.

The CAA hosts a public reception for both exhibits — with wine, appetizers and live jazz — Sept. 14 at 4 p.m. The shows will be on display through the end of the month. The gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Carmelart.org

■ Diving for photographs

Opening Saturday at the Monterey Museum of Art is an exhibit, "Yu-gen/The Language of the Sea," which features images by a pair of photographers, Chuck Davis and Ryuijie. The two are friends, and both are diving enthusiasts known for their underwater work.

Davis went on numerous expeditions

with the late Jacques Yves Cousteau and his son Jean-Michel. Ryuijie is a native of Japan who took up fine art photography after establishing himself as a lithographer.

The show is curated by photographer Richard Murai. "Richard presents a unique and intimate creative conversation between two respected and prolific artists," the museum announced.

"Expressing their visions with the traditional processes of silver and platinum printing, these stunning black and white images tell a visual story of both the exquisite beauty of the ocean and a delicate biosystem in peril," the museum added.

The show will be on display through Dec. 8. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

today, and offer a trip back in time. Mora died in 1947.

The show is presented by the Monterey History and Art Association, which operates the center.

Shedding a light

"We are so pleased to offer this exclusive exhibit featuring a definite look at twenty-two Jo Mora cartes," the group's president, Gary Spradin, said. "Mora's cartes shed a truly fascinating light on our past on the Monterey Peninsula and beyond."

If you can't see the show right away, don't fret — it's on display through Aug. 31, 2025.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and active military, and free for members of the MHAA and anyone under 18 (accompanied by a paid adult). Stanton



Titled "Color Matters," a new show that opened this week at the Carmel Art Association includes pieces by painters Dennis Peak (left) and Ann Artz (above).

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A horde of returning Pirates gets down to (unfinished) business

A SECOND-PLACE football season was nothing to sneer at — and anything but satisfying — for the 2023 Stevenson Pirates, whose 5-1 record in the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s Santa Lucia Division wasn’t good enough to impress bracket-makers for the Central Coast Section playoffs.

The only Santa Lucia team chosen for the postseason was Greenfield, who handed the Pirates a 35-12 loss in a game Stevenson led 12-6 at halftime. As the second-place finishers, the Pirates were left out of postseason play.



PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

Junior quarterback Fin Mink (left) is a cagey on-field decision-maker who completed 62.5 percent of his varsity passes and threw for three TDs last year in limited action. Derek Diniz (right), an all-division safety last season as a sophomore, is fast, athletic and versatile. Diniz is also expected to be an explosive weapon at wide receiver this fall.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

That’s unfinished business this fall for players who qualify as returning starters at 17 of the 22 positions. They don’t plan to be disappointed again.

“Learning moments, right?” head coach Kyle Cassamas rhetorically asked. “A couple of things happened last season that definitely rubbed us the wrong way, but, hey, it is what it is.”

“What I’m seeing this fall is a team that is focused, and a team that wants to keep its foot on the gas pedal,”



Vincent Pierre earned All-Santa Lucia recognition last season as a sophomore defensive end, when he was second on the team in tackles. Stevenson has returning starters at 17 of the 22 positions in 2024.

he said. “We mature, learn from our mistakes and come back excited for the opportunity to get a little better every single week.”

Four all-division players

Key among Stevenson’s veterans are two first-team all-division players and two second-team honorees, all of whom were part of a defense that allowed fewer yards per game (101.8) than any other team in the PCAL.

At the top of that list are Tommy Dayton, a middle linebacker who led the Pirates with 114 tackles during his junior year, and Derek Diniz, who, as a 10th grader, was second with 66 tackles and intercepted three passes as a safety.

“I put Tommy on varsity as a sophomore, and he’s been a leader of our defense ever since. He’s a stud,” Cassamas said of Dayton, a 5-foot-11, 215-pounder who is attracting interest from Ivy League schools. “He’s like a coach on the field — a player I can lean on out there. He got a lot of love this summer at several football camps.”

Diniz, son of former Stevenson head coach Germano

Diniz (2004-2010), is another heady player who understands the sport, Cassamas said.

“Derek’s been around the game all his life, he’s been around our program, and he understands what I’m trying to do,” the coach said. “In fact, I’ve taught a lot of these kids in my classroom since they were fourth graders and also in middle school, which, I think, says a lot about the culture we’ve built here.”

Stevenson’s second-team all-division players in 2023 included Reggie Bell, who plays safety and cornerback, and defensive end Vincent Pierre, both juniors this season.

Defensive stalwarts

Bell led the team with four interceptions as a 10th grader and made 21 tackles (11 solo). Pierre was credited with 19 stops (10 solo), six sacks (second on the team) and two fumble recoveries.

Cassamas anticipates an aggressive pass rush from Pierre and senior Mitch Peuroch (three sacks), a returning

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starter at linebacker. The line will also include Jack Dalhamer, Hunter Guerrero, and Alex Wang — all experienced players.

Flint Dickson (three interceptions), Jett Jones (one interception, two sacks), Logan Lund (one interception), Cooper Olin, Fin Mink, Jack Rice and Caden Olson all return to a secondary that promises to be deep and talented.

Mink and Rice, both juniors, are competing to start at quarterback, a spot vacated by Justin Diniz, who threw for 848 yards and six TDs a year ago during his senior season.

A heady quarterback

“Fin has a very high football IQ and is a good manager of the game,” Cassamas said. “His ability to break down defenses and understand where he wants to go with the ball is strong.”

The pair traded off as last year’s JV starter, but Mink also impressed in

limited varsity duty, completing 20 of 32 passes for 306 yards, three TDs, and one interception.

Reliable targets in the passing game figure to be Caden Olson (38 receptions, 346 yards, both team bests), Flint Dickson (16-153), Derek Diniz (10-143), and Phinn Thomas (6-128).

The running game is likely to be in

the hands of Reggie Bell (10 carries, 93 yards) and Antonio “Tono” Borgamini, but Olson (24 carries, 236 yards, six TDs) also is a ground-attack weapon from his wide receiver spot.

Returning starters on the offensive line include Tucker Biggs (“6-3, 240, not an

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Senior Tommy Dayton, a 5-foot-11, 215-pound middle linebacker who led Stevenson in tackles in 2023, aspires to play football next year at an Ivy League school.

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Editorial

Price gouging

WHEN KAMALA Harris complained about “price gouging” at the nation’s grocery stores, she didn’t actually mean there was price gouging going on at the nation’s grocery stores. The U.S. system to produce, deliver and sell food is so competitive, it wouldn’t be possible for anybody to fix prices, and the vice president surely knows that.

Still, as Harris admitted, “Bread costs 50 percent more today than it did before the pandemic, and ground beef is up almost 50 percent.” Housing, energy and many other things have gone up almost as much, as the public knows all too well.

In a speech Aug. 16 in North Carolina, Harris blamed the whole mess on “opportunistic companies that break the rules” — a very handy way for her to try to deflect the public’s attention from the real cause of the inflation that started ravaging people’s bank accounts almost from the moment she took office. The real cause was the wild spending spree she and Joe Biden went on as soon as they arrived in Washington.

But admitting that the inflation was her fault would hurt her chances at the ballot box. Still, she couldn’t just ignore the people’s anger about the way prices have climbed — so what to do?

Her answer, of course, was to blame capitalism. After all, while Americans are upset about high prices, millions of them also have a deeply held belief that most businesses are out to screw their customers.

And you can’t really blame them. The idea that capitalism is an inherently exploitive economic system is something they hear from cradle to grave. Which explains why terms like “unfettered capitalism” and “unbridled capitalism” produce more than 200,000 online search results, most of them linking to things like Bernie Sanders’s admonition in *The Nation* last year that “workers deserve a better deal than the unfettered capitalism that is destroying our health, our democracy, and our planet.”

Pope Francis agrees with Sanders, at least according to the *Chicago Tribune*, which reported two years ago that the pontiff “attacked unfettered capitalism as ‘a new tyranny.’”

Way back in 1987, the *Milwaukee Journal* reported that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev planned “to visit Trump Tower, that glittering monument to unfettered capitalism.”

And in his 2019 book, “A Bit of Everything: Power, People, Profits and Progressive Capitalism for an Age of Discontent,” Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz said a new “social contract” had to be invented before climate change could be effectively confronted. “Capitalism will be part of the story, but it can’t be the kind of selfish, unfettered capitalism where firms just maximize shareholder value regardless of the social consequences.”

For people who believe the United States is a savagely unequal place, the problem is always capitalism, and the only solution is to tear it down and replace it with what Sanders calls “Democratic Socialism.”

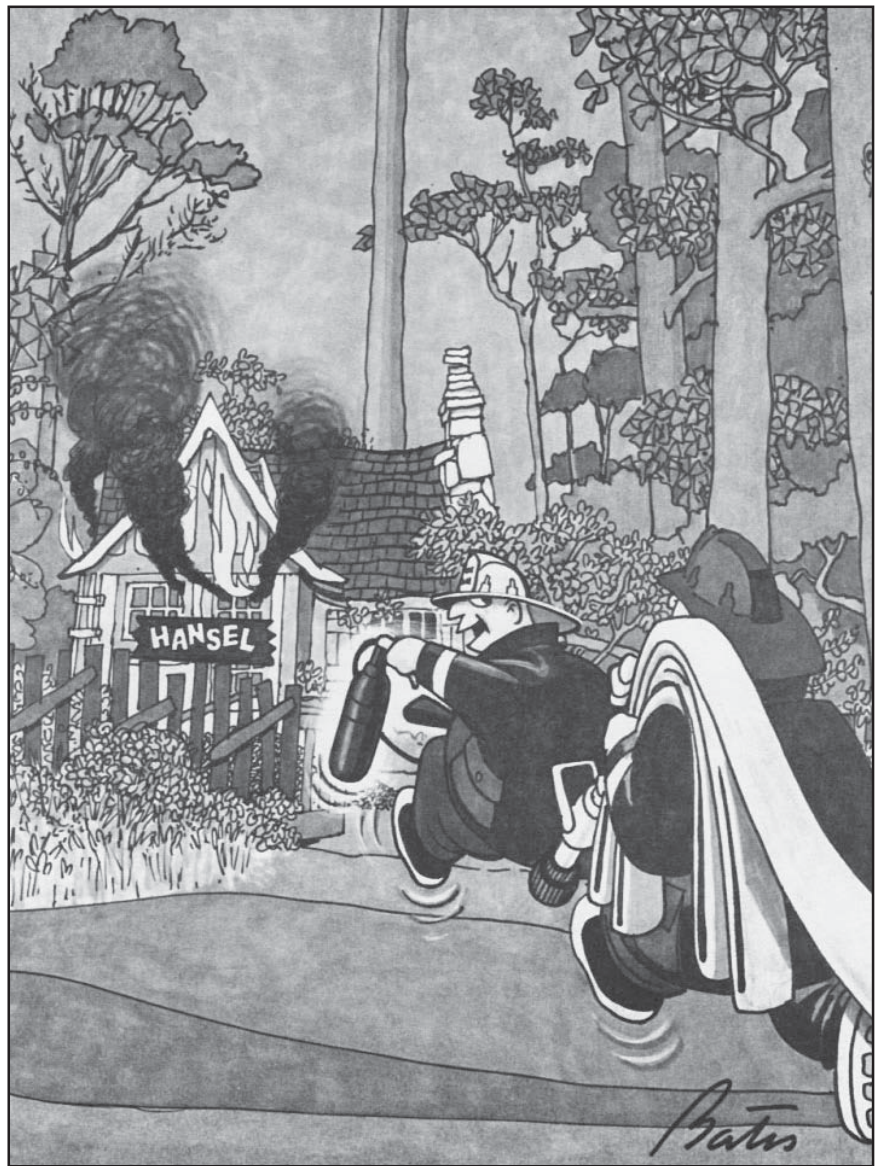
But is the American version of capitalism really unrestrained? Does bread cost too much because the people who sell it can charge whatever they want? Is this also true for housing, cars, clothing, computers and the hundreds of other types of material goods we use every day?

Economists who have analyzed this question have pointed to the thousands of laws that regulate businesses — prohibitions against monopolies, licensing and permit requirements, taxes and subsidies, and health, safety, energy and environmental rules, to name just a few — as proof that American capitalism is far from unfettered, and has been for decades. Others point to the overwhelming role government spending, itself, has on the tech, transportation, education and health care industries as evidence that many businesses do whatever the government tells them to do. The American version of capitalism is very heavily influenced by federal policies and spending.

But we think an overriding truth about our highly regulated economy is that American consumers are still very powerful because they have so many choices. Even within a single grocery store, there are hundreds of options for what to buy and eat, giving you as much influence over what something costs as the person selling it.

Want proof? If you believe something is too expensive, don’t buy it. If enough people agree with you, the price will come down, or, if that isn’t possible because the profit margin for that particular item is too small, the product will disappear — at which point it will be replaced by something else, which you can also decide whether or not to buy.

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‘Carmel privilege’

Dear Editor,

It is with dismay that I often read stories in the *Pine Cone* about “locals” who seem to dodge serious consequences for their behavior or enjoy favorable outcomes from local government. For example, consider last week’s story about Vesuvio and Edwin’s serving alcohol onsite after hours, in violation of their liquor licenses. Their liquor licenses have not been suspended. No arrest at Vesuvio was made on the first night when the illegal activity was discovered, despite a probation violation. It took a second incident the next night to have any consequences. Would an outsider be afforded the same immunity?

Similarly, how does Dia Kheir, owner of Yafa and Carmel’s Hidden Gem, walk free with probation for grand theft and credit card fraud amounting to \$214,000? Defrauding Capital One, American Express and Wells Fargo is not a victimless

crime. Higher costs are then passed along to the rest of us as a result of the losses of these financial institutions.

Moving from restaurants to hotels, how does the local family-owned Hofsas House (third generation Carmel hotel owner Carrie Theis) win unanimous approval in April from the city’s planning commission to demolish and rebuild the entire hotel? Meanwhile, Patrice Pastor had his redevelopment projects for “The Pit” rejected in totality multiple times.

Lastly, moving on to politicians, why does former Mayor Steve Dallas only get a slap on the wrist from the California Fair Political Practices Commission for violating gift and conflict-of-interest rules? Similarly, Monterey County Sheriff Tina Nieto doesn’t receive any tickets for recklessly speeding three times in eight months, even though she gravely endangered the driving public.

People should not be treated differently based on how long they have lived in the area and who they know in government and law enforcement. I am coining that “Carmel privilege.”

Lisa Doyle, Carmel

Ugly American caricature

Dear Editor,

In June 1968, at the height of the Vietnam War and nationwide unrest at home in the United States, my sister and I arrived at a boarding school in Belgium. I was 11. The Belgian kids promptly slammed us with blame for the war. This vignette

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TRANSPARENCY IS CONSERVATION

ONE DAY last week, Charlie Knowles sat down at his desk and spoke with a woman who works for Colossal Biosciences, an organization working to bring back the woolly mammoth and other species using genetic science — which he believes is possible. He said she wanted to talk about artificial intelligence and its role in conservation. Then he participated in a conversation with Goldman Sachs, this time with high-net-worth clients interested in contributing to preserving wildlife and land. He also had a meeting about a big exposition coming up this fall, designed to bring some 1,000 conservationists together

keys to conservation. By 2002, I had established the Wildlife Conservation Network to promote the coexistence of wildlife and people.”

Perfect score

Knowles, who hails from Chicago, is a fourth-generation entrepreneur. But, he said, “public service had always been ingrained in my family,” he added. “I always thought I’d start a nonprofit organization.”

He completed his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering and his post-graduate degree in engineering and business at Stanford. In 1989, he established software company Rubicon Technology, which he sold in 1994. Then he “retired.”

He grew up with a focus on promoting wildlife and education, and, based on the latter, had started teaching remedial math at a local high school. Then, he said, “I read about Laurie Marker, a woman from Santa Cruz, who had moved to Africa to save cheetahs,” and was inspired to help. Knowles wrote the woman a letter, sharing his admiration for her dedication. Six months later, he was putting on events to raise funds and awareness for her organization.

As he gained experience within the wildlife fundraising field, however, he said he saw “a lack of transparency about where the money was going, except that little of it seemed to be making it out to the field, where it was needed,” he said. “I established the Wildlife Conservation Network to turn this paradigm on its head and get funds where they are needed.”

Through his nonprofit, donors can designate the partner project they want to support, said Knowles, and 100 percent of the money goes there.

“Last year, we supported more than 200 organizations, and we received a perfect score of transparency and efficiency from Charity Navigator,” he said. “At a \$350 million investment so far, we’ve become pretty substantial.”

When Knowles isn’t focused on

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Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

at Mission Bay Conference Center in San Francisco. Finally, he participated in a discussion about Andean mountain cats, the most endangered cat species in the Americas, and the need to help people understand the role those animals play in the ecosystem.

All before lunch.

Knowles is the president and cofounder of the Wildlife Conservation Network. He, along with fellow entrepreneurs, philanthropists and wildlife conservationists, established the organization in 2002 to help sustain small-scale conservationists with big potential and encourage donors to support them in efficient and effective ways.

Starstruck by Goodall

At Knowles’ behest, on March 23, world-renowned zoologist and primate expert Jane Goodall came to Carmel just 11 days before her 90th birthday and gave an audience of 718 fortunate folks seated at Sunset Center “Reasons for Hope.” And, on the afternoon before that, the intrepid explorer — unfazed by intermittent rain showers — met 90 Carmel canines and their people on the beach for visits, pictures and kind words. This was, said Knowles, her favorite part of her visit.

Knowles met Goodall in 1998, after he received a call from a reporter for the San Jose Mercury News.

During an interview, the scientist mentioned she was looking to speak with an expert like Knowles about wildlife conservation on a broad spectrum.

“I’ve always been a huge fan of Jane Goodall,” said Knowles. “A few weeks later, I sat with her in my living room, starstruck, as we talked about chimps and cheetahs and how to promote the importance of community and global awareness as



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Charlie Knowles said he started fundraising for wildlife conservation after he met a Santa Cruz woman who had moved to Africa to save cheetahs.

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■ She has authored six books, including a mystery novel she converted into an award-winning screenplay, three self-illustrated children’s books, a collection of her own poetry and an environmental manual explaining how humans can live in harmony with wildlife.

■ She is the proprietor of a new 2,300-square-foot gallery, Reflections Elegante at 271 Alvarado St. in Monterey, where she showcases the work of 34 artists, including part of her own prolific portfolio of contemporary impressionist-style oils and acrylics.

■ She’s designing a new website and planning a newsletter for the gallery.

■ She has served for the past year-and-a-half as president of the Central Coast Art Association.

■ She is the mother of four adult daughters, a grandmother, and a great-grandma.

“I don’t sleep,” shrugged Thompson, a Skyline Forest resident who has called the

wielding the scissors at the ribbon cutting.

Thompson and her husband, retired architectural engineer Gary Thompson, had seven weeks before the grand opening to design and convert the space — previ-



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Lori Thompson’s newly minted gallery in Monterey’s Portola Plaza is home to 34 artists, including herself. She’s also an author, screenwriter, poet, wildlife advocate, mom, grandma and great-grandma.

ously a shoe store — into a bright, pristine showroom for the artists she chose after 200 interviews.

“Four of them have never been in a gallery, and our very first sale was a painting by one of those,” she said. “When I called and told her, she said, ‘I can’t believe this! Are you sure it was mine?’”

“That’s the kind of stuff that touches my heart,” Thompson said. “She was so nervous when we put her art on our wall, and I kept saying, ‘You’ve got to trust it ... let it roll out. We just have to get it in front of the eyes of the right beholder.’”

First aspiration: Law

Thompson grew up in Pinole along I-80 near Vallejo. The oldest of four siblings — she has two brothers and a sister — Lori Howell was a creative kid. Her

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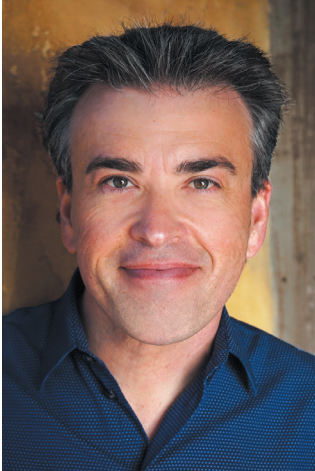
Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Monterey Peninsula home for most of the past 30-plus years.

She has two paintings in progress in the studio she rents at Pacific Grove Art Center. She has another mystery novel completed in manuscript form, and a third is already in the works.

But her priority for the past two months has been the gallery. The grand opening ceremony was July 31, 10 days before Monterey Car Week crowds hit town, with Monterey Mayor Tyller Williamson




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LIVES

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wildlife conservation around the world, his attention is turned to his family — his wife, Stephanie Knowles, a former Montessori teacher, and their identical twin sons, who are students at Chartwell School in Seaside. He noted that Goodall made time to speak there, as well, during her recent

visit. “She talked a lot about her reasons for hope and the power of individuals, of youth, to make a change in the world. And they listened.”

Knowles also accompanied the zoologist to China Cove at Point Lobos. As Goodall studied the sea otters congregating there, she recalled her visit to Big Sur during the 1960s, accompanied by the late Margaret Owings, a renowned artist and conservationist who fought ardently against the commercial development of

Big Sur and for the protection of sea otters, sea lions and mountain lions — and won.

Sea otters

He said that as they stared down at the sea otters, he and Goodall “talked about the continued challenges facing them and acknowledged the many good people working on their behalf, but recognized that they could benefit from additional resources.” He continued, “Next spring, I plan to create a big sea otter event at Sunset

Center in which Jane will participate, as well. There are opportunities for anyone interested in helping to get involved.”

When he moved to Carmel after living in Silicon Valley for 30 years, Knowles realized it was a kind of homecoming. “People here are so welcoming and kind, and interested in the conservation and well-being of our natural world.”

He welcomes anyone interested in getting involved in wildlife conservation to contact him at Charles@wildnet.org.

SCHOOLS

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in hospitality and is director of a nonprofit.

Witten and her husband, Marty, live on Upper Walden in the Carmel Highlands and have 14-year-old twins at Carmel High, according to her statement, and she’s had family in the Big Sur area since the 1970s. Witten says she believes that the “people in the geographic areas that make up District 3 are some of the most talented and forward-thinking individuals on the planet.”

“The unique nature of the people and the land makes the needs of our District 3 students, families and community unique as well,” she says, adding that she has served on the board at Santa Catalina School and has experience “managing finances and creating and implementing operational and strategic plans” as managing partner at the Hudson Martin law firm.

Witten is registered to vote with no party preference.

Glazer, who also frequently appears at CUSD board meetings and has two young children in the district, says in his statement that he believes in “fostering an inclusive environment where every voice is heard and respected.”

“I’m committed to engaging with diverse perspectives to shape thoughtful and balanced decisions,” he says.

The Big Sur resident is a registered Democrat who has participated in at least

the last six elections.

Area 5: Rosen v. Remynse

In trustee area 5, Jason Remynse, who was appointed to the board in March 2023 to replace Tess Arthur until the next election and is its president, is hoping to unseat Anne Marie Rosen, who is seeking reelection.

Rosen is an agriculturist and lifelong Carmel Valley resident who taught for more than 35 years, including as a math teacher at Carmel High, and holds a B.A. in economics from UC Berkeley and a master’s in cross-cultural education, according to her candidate statement. She also earned a master’s in governance while in office.

“I have prioritized student learning and safety, as well as district transparency, public responsiveness and fiscal accountability,” she says. “I have also achieved demonstrable results toward goals of disaster preparedness protocols, bringing independent study in-house and career technical education.”

She says she has not shied away from asking difficult questions and demanding answers “while engaging openly with the public and within our school sites.” Rosen has been the sole dissenting vote on several CUSD issues and openly criticized the board majority’s decision to sever ties with former superintendent Ted Knight, who a year ago was paid \$770,000 to resign.

Rosen, who lives on East Garzas Road, also has no political party affiliation.

Remynse, a contractor with four kids in district schools and a Carmel High School

graduate himself, says in his statement that he’s learned a lot during his time on the board. “As a board member, my dedication to community, schools and students has only strengthened,” he says in his statement, adding that he has “led with consistency and integrity, fostering positive momentum.”

“I aim to continue serving as a board member, leveraging school involvement, district understanding and collaborative

style to address CUSD challenges effectively,” he says. “I have invested significant time in training to enhance my role as a board member.”

Remynse, who lives in Carmel Valley, also says he is committed to keeping an open mind and working with district staff and his fellow board members to set goals.

According to the Monterey County Registrar of Voters, Remynse is registered with no party preference.

COMSTOCK

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p.m., architect Brian Congleton will discuss Comstock’s life and work. Admission to the lecture is free, with a suggested donation to the Carmel Heritage Society, and it will be held in Diment Hall at The Carmel Foundation at Lincoln and Eighth.

And on Sunday, Sept. 8, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Carmel Heritage Society’s annual home tour will include five Comstock creations among its eight stops.

The nonprofit’s annual self-guided tour of modern and historic houses this year includes its headquarters, the First Murphy House, at Lincoln and Sixth, along with Curtain Calls on Junipero northwest of Third, Hansel & Gretel on Torres northeast

of Sixth, Comstock’s residence on the northwest corner of Torres and Sixth and his studio on the northeast corner of Santa Fe and Sixth, the Temple House on Casanova eight northwest of Ocean, Adagio on Lincoln five southwest of 10th, and Tree House on Monte Verde three southeast of 11th.

A reception will follow at the First Murphy from 3 to 6 p.m.

Tour tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite.com and cost \$50 for Carmel Heritage and AIA Monterey Bay members, \$60 for nonmembers, and \$70 for everyone the day of the tour. Tickets can also be purchased with a check at First Murphy during business hours and on the day of the tour. Go to carmelheritage.org or call (831) 624-4447. Proceeds benefit the work of conservation and preservation of Carmel’s historic architectural legacy.

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LETTERS

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is what I thought of when reading your story detailing the appalling actions and subsequent online bragging of Dionne Ybarra, who is running for mayor in Pacific Grove. One might excuse her conduct if she were a child.

As an adult running for office, Ms. Ybarra has given the voters of Pacific Grove every reason NOT to vote for her. She revealed that she embodies the caricature of the entitled, ugly American abroad. She illustrated that she operates by slogan, not by nuance; that she has zero curiosity or empathy, not caring or thinking to ask if those strangers she accosted had their loved ones killed or kidnapped on Oct. 7, or whether they even agree with their government's actions. She "other'd" them, because they came from a country whose policies she rejects. She posed puerile "gotcha" questions like "are you for or against genocide?" She forced her opinion on them, then didn't "want to argue," then ordered them to leave? Leave what? Her august presence?

Ms. Ybarra touts she's been chairperson of the Monterey County Civil Rights Office and a member of the Commission on the Status of Women. Does she have thoughts about the atrocities and sexual violence committed by Hamas during the attack on Israel on Oct. 7, as detailed in the documentary film "Screams Before Silence?" How does she factor those in to her self-professed dalliance with racism?

It is unfortunate that Ms. Ybarra has chosen a facile, slogan-based approach to the complex quagmire that is the Middle East. Maybe that's not important in the day-to-day governing of America's Last Home Town — unless this is how she tackles subjects and handles people whose issues she disagrees with. I hope the citizens of Pacific Grove choose another candidate for mayor in November.

Dasha Keig,
Carmel

The villain is Hamas

Dear Editor,

Your article of Aug. 16 detailing Dionne Ybarra's position on Israel is most revealing about Ybarra. She tries to say that she is not an antisemite. Let's set the record straight. Anyone who gives their support to a group of murderers and rapists whose main goal in life is to destroy the state of Israel, kill some 8 million Israeli Jews and the final goal is to kill every Jewish persons in the world is, by definition, an antisemite.

Ybarra has also bought into the Hamas lie that Israel is committing genocide against the people of Gaza. Here again the record needs to be set straight. In urban warfare, the normal statistics are eight civilian deaths for every one combatant. Israel believes that all lives are sacred and as a result has taken extraordinary steps to avoid civilian deaths, even at a cost of increasing Israeli casualties. Israel has managed to keep the civilian death ratio to one-and-one-half to one, the lowest ever in modern urban warfare. It would be even lower if Hamas were to allow non-combatants to escape from Gaza.

It also needs to be noted that the international rules of war clearly state that if combatants take refuge in civilian areas, those combatants are still legitimate targets. If Israel were to allow combatants to attack and then hide behind civilians without being able to go after them, there would be no possible way for Israel to defend itself. Hamas uses civilians as shields in hopes of gaining support from such people as Ybarra.

Ybarra believes there is a villain in this tragic war. She is right, but the villain is not Israel, the villain is Hamas. I would hope the voters in Pacific Grove will remember Ybarra's position on Nov. 5.

Norman Leve,
Carmel

Double the fines?

Dear Editor,

Based on the amount of inconsiderate and dangerous driving I saw during Car Week, just in Carmel Valley, I'm not surprised at the number of tickets issued as published in The Pine Cone. Thank you to all the law enforcement involved for their help. Along these lines I have a question for those who have knowledge or expertise in the area of traffic law: Is there provision or precedent for doubling (or more) the traffic fines during an event such as Car Week? It seems whatever local or state laws are utilized to double the fines in the construction zones could be applied to an event such as Car Week. The logic is that the huge amount of traffic involved, in itself, creates hazards that warrant extended punishment for violations. The extra money could be used for hiring more law enforcement to manage the hazards.

Jim Dunn,
Carmel Valley

Hard to find

Dear Editor,

Not having street numbers may be fine for those whose homes in Carmel-by-the-Sea are easily found, but when a utility tells you that the one address you think is yours has

a different account assigned there, and whatever address they use would never allow an ambulance to find your home, that is a serious issue.

One of the utility companies that services our home does not have a meter at our house, but on an adjacent street! It's lovely to meet our kind neighbors when they try to find their misdelivered items, or ours, but what happens when a package is mistakenly delivered to second homes where no one is regularly in residence?

Please consider letting those of us who plan to continue living here in the 21st century have street numbers — especially the ones who do not have easily determined street locations.

Sharyn Siebert,
Carmel

Bus project costs

Dear Editor,

Surf Project to date for local taxpayers: TAMC has provided \$15 million from the taxpayer funded Measure X transportation bond. That amount has now ballooned to \$27.4 million. Next, TAMC received Proposition 116 funding, dedicated solely to rail projects to purchase rights-of-way for \$9.3 million. Now that the "light-rail" alternative is dead, that agency and taxpayers owe that amount back to the the state, but in 2024 dollars, which adds another \$6.5 million for a total payment of \$15.8 million, unless a deal is made.

Our association has talked about the current obligations of this project as well as ongoing maintenance costs associated, particularly with the placement of the bus turnaround area at the bottom of the largest sand dune in the Monterey dune complex. Cutting into this dune will create turnaround disruptions and a need for crews to clear the sand in this environmentally sensitive area with large equipment, adding to taxpayers costs.

Are there better ways to address the chronic issue of commuter congestion? Other cities are turning to technology to provide traffic alerts to bus drivers and optimize alternative routes. Is it time to revisit simpler alternatives like using Exit 406 and Gen. Jim Moore Blvd., which runs parallel to any area of congestion. This underutilized divided four-lane roadway would allow buses to continue down a designated route to the next stop for those on Line 20 (Salinas to Monterey) with few costs, if any.

There is no doubt a need for more creative approaches to addressing congestion in our county. The question is, is it Surf, or one that can deliver riders on a timely basis without a massive bill to the taxpayers?

Stephen Kennedy,
Salinas Taxpayers Association

RENT

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law would require an owner to pay out the equivalent of three months' rent, and if the residence returns to the rental market within five years, the evicted tenant would get the first offer to occupy it.

A third law would prohibit landlords from trying to drive out tenants in order to bring in new ones whose rents would be set at market rate.

More fees

To cover the costs of the program, landlords would pay more city fees. When Salinas implemented its rental inventory, it required two more full-time workers at a cost of \$399,706 and charged registrants fees based on the number of units they have. The consultants estimated the new program will cost \$1,124,884 to \$1,835,027 annually, depending on the level of enforcement and the number of new hires required to achieve it.

"We are threading the needle here and trying to find the optimal position," David Zehnder, managing principal of consultant EPS Inc. said. "If we do our job well, everyone will be a little irritated with us."

On the upside, he said, rent control increases housing stability, reduces displacement of minorities and worker turnover, improves educational outcomes and reduces demand for social services. It also gives people more spending money, which helps boost the local economy, and protects "communities of color from historical housing cost burdens."

The risks include a decreased supply of rental units, decreased property values, disinvestment in rental properties and inflated rents when units are vacated and new rates are imposed.

During more than two hours of public testimony augmented by 213 pages of written comments, strong and emotional arguments were made on both sides. Many in attendance wanted rent increases capped at 2 percent, while landlords and business

groups argued rent control would drive down the number of available units, not protect tenants.

Among other comments, council members sympathized with renters, commenting on the shabby housing many of their constituents are forced to inhabit and their fear of being evicted if they complain.

They decided the cap on rent increases should be set at 2.75 percent or 75 percent of CPI, whichever is lower, and the council is set to vote on the ordinances at its Sept. 10 meeting.

YBARRA

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ago — operates the Wahine Project, a non-profit that offers surfing lessons to underprivileged children. She's also on the board of the group that operates the Gaza Surf Club.

Ybarra has her supporters, including Colleen Ingram, a cofounder of PG Progressives, which claims to advocate for "diversity" and "inclusion" and a city that "represents the needs of all people."

Unbiased?

While Ybarra's comments would seem to conflict with those principles, Ingram has staunchly defended her, calling recent news about the candidate an "ultra-conservative smear campaign" by lighthouseavenue.com, which reposted the mayor candidate's videos. Ingram also blamed The Pine Cone for "shoddy" reporting.

Ybarra is running against city councilman Nick Smith, a registered Democrat, and former city councilman Dan Miller, who is not affiliated with a political party.

While PG Progressives said it intends to endorse one of the Democrats, Ingram and group cofounder Adam de Boor have Ybarra campaign signs on their properties.

The newspaper emailed several questions this week to Ingram and de Boor and group treasurer Colleen Crook, but they did not respond.



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ARTIST

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grandmother introduced her to painting at age 10, but her dream as she graduated from Pinole Valley High School

was to become an attorney. She was the first and only person in her family to attend college, earning a two-year degree in business law from Heald Business College in 1975, then studying small business administration and management at Golden Gate University. She worked for multiple attorneys, first in the San

Francisco Bay area, then in Carmel while raising two daughters as a single mom.

She was also employed as an executive assistant, an export compliance specialist and a hospital administrator, but fell in love with writing during her private time, frequently while sitting on the rocks next to the ocean for inspiration.

She published her first children's book, "An Adventure with Joshua and Rocky the Otter," then authored her second, "An Adventure with Joshua and Hoppy Frog."

Her first novel, "Reflections" — a murder mystery about a doctor who is being stalked by a serial killer — became a script for a possible TV series. It's now in the hands of a producer.

Not her idea

In 2014, a friend playfully registered her — over her objections — on the Match.com dating app. Gary Thompson tagged her three times.

"The third time, I finally read his profile, and it was amazing — very professional," she remembered with amusement. Their first phone conversation lasted two-and-a-half hours, deep into the night.

"I had to go to work the next day at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital," she recalled. "For the next two weeks, we talked every night, always for two or three hours."

Their first date, a lunch at Il Fornaio that also lasted more than two hours, was followed by an equally long walk through Carmel.

Then he said, "Do you have any plans for dinner?" She didn't. They ate again. And walked again.

Fourteen months later, Lori and Gary were married. She relocated to Gary's home in San Jose and opened a gallery in Willow Glen (just 800 square feet), but Covid shut the doors a month later.

"I told him, 'Gary, I can't handle San Jose. It's too big, there's nothing creative here, and I feel like I'm missing my right hand,'" Thompson recounted.

"After we had to close our gallery, he surprised me and said, 'Know what? We're moving. Let's go look at Monterey!'"

Their home in Skyline Forest is a seven-minute drive from the new business, which is adjacent to the Portola Hotel and Monterey Conference Center.

Thompson and her husband also have a residence in Lake Tahoe, where she's become an assertive defender of the wildlife that roam near their cabin. Her advocacy inspired her to write "Living in Harmony with the Wildlife in Lake Tahoe," which she published in 2022.

A 15-year breast cancer survivor, she believes God gave her a second chance at life and said art and writing were her catharsis during that time.

Make a difference

"Our goal here on the Peninsula is to make a difference," she said. "And my goal as a gallery owner is to promote my artists. I'm very proud of the art they're showing on our walls."

Additional information about Thompson's artwork, books and film project can be found at inawritersmind.com, along with more than 60 images of her paintings.

Reflections Elegante is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Visit reflectionselegantegallery.com to read bios of several of the artists.

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SPORTS

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ounce of fat," said Cassamas), Alex Wang and Hunter Guerrero, along with Tucker Green, who missed the last seven games of 2023 with an injury, and Dalhammer. All are 200 pounds or more.

Olson and Diniz are kick returners, but the search is on for a kicker and punter.

The Pirates' preseason opens with a home game at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 7 against last year's Santa Lucia Division nemesis, Greenfield, a team that went 9-2 (including a CCS playoff loss).

That success prompted the PCAL to move the Bruins out of the Santa Lucia Division and into the Mission South.

Their replacement in the Santa Lucia is Santa Cruz, which compiled a 0-10 record in the Mission North Division.

An intriguing division

"Our league is always interesting because we never quite know what to expect from a couple of teams, but we're always going to get good competition from Gonzales, San Lorenzo Valley and Pajaro Valley, and we don't know a lot yet about Marina, Harbor and Santa Cruz."

Other non-division teams on the schedule are George Washington of San Francisco (2:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at home), and Pacific Grove (7:30 p.m. Sept. 20 on the road.)

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Tattoo, shoes lead to arrest

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A 22-YEAR-OLD Aptos resident was arrested Aug. 14 for a July 2 theft after an officer on duty recognized him from a flier issued by the police department.

Early last month, the victim reported her wallet had been taken from her purse while she was downtown in the vicinity of San Carlos and Ocean, according to Carmel P.D., and her credit cards were used at a local store. During the investigation, police obtained images of the suspected thief and issued a "be on the lookout" flier alerting law enforcement.

Six weeks later, while setting up traffic barricades to direct drivers through town during Car Week on a Wednesday evening, Sgt. Gerald Maldonado "noticed a subject walking by me who had a tattoo that matched" the image in the flier.

"The subject was also wearing the same shoes from the flier," he said.

Maldonado arrested Kaden Harrah "without incident" for theft and released him on a citation to appear in court. According to Monterey County Superior Court records, Harrah has no prior arrest history here other than for a traffic ticket in 2020. The new case has yet to be filed against him by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.

PARKING

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number of loading zones to 39 and eliminating existing ones that are mid-block, retaining the four disabled spots, adding eight bicycle/scooter parking zones and painting 30 red zones.

"The red zones would be down the core of Ocean Avenue," he said. "These are the areas we identified as most dangerous" for pedestrians, who will benefit from the increased visibility. With more loading zones, he added, "We could essentially reduce the number of vehicles double parking and blocking traffic." While large box trucks are unlikely to use them, smaller vehicles being loaded or unloaded would be out of the traffic lanes. Tomasi acknowledged it would be up to him and his staff to enforce the 20-minute limit in the yellow zones.

According to his plan, the net loss of two-hour spaces in the commercial district would total just seven.

After resident Nancy Twomey complimented the chief and his staff for the "excellent shuffling," public works director Bob Harary noted that other local cities, including Monterey, have had a harder time complying with the law.

"We have a much easier load," he said.

He also lauded Tomasi for the scheme, "because initially we were a little caught by surprise."

"We have a great game plan," he said. "From a public works perspective, we're talking about painting curbs we'd paint anyway."

With no changes recommended by the public or committee members, the proposal will next be presented to the city council. Implementing it will require the adoption of new ordinances.

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The science — and art — of hand surgery

By DENNIS TAYLOR

A WELL-KNOWN Monterey Peninsula artist is back at his easel this summer after undergoing a surgical procedure to correct an affliction that was reshaping his painting hand into what he described as “a claw.”

Thomas Hawley, celebrated for his plein air seascapes and landscapes, sought help from a renowned hand specialist at Stanford Medical Center last summer for Dupuytren’s contracture, an unusual condition that typically bends fingers inward, toward the palm, resulting in difficulty opening the hand.

“About eight years ago, I started becoming aware that the pinky finger of my right hand — my painting hand — was beginning to contract inward,” said the 80-year-old retired attorney, a Carmel Valley resident.

“I barely noticed it at first and there was no pain involved, so I didn’t pay a lot of attention — I basically ignored the problem for five or six years,” he said. “But it turned out to be an evolving thing. Another finger on the same hand — my middle finger — started to bend and just kept getting worse.”

By 2022, when he finally consulted the specialist at the UC San Francisco Medical Center, Hawley’s pinky finger was completely curled, and his middle finger was bent halfway, impacting his ability to grip smaller paintbrushes.

Spontaneity became harder

The artist, who typically completes four or five pieces a week, devised “allowances and workarounds,” and never stopped painting. “But it’s a lot harder to be a spontaneous, free painter when parts of your technique become really labored,” he said.

The San Francisco physician diagnosed the condition, and explained that surgery was an option, but didn’t sugar-

‘You don’t really think about all of those times when you’re holding on to something and need to let go’

coat her prognosis. The surgery is painful, she told him. Recovery time and therapy are prolonged, and the procedure doesn’t always produce the desired results.

He took no action for another year. The hand got worse.

Hawley, a dedicated swimmer, began experiencing great difficulty exercising.

“I’ve swum all my life, and at some point I found myself unable to do laps because my hand had essentially become a claw,” he said. “I started using paddles, which helped for a while, but the hand got so bad that I couldn’t use those, either.”

He also became alarmed by tasks he otherwise took for granted. If he latched onto something with his right hand, he sometimes had difficulty releasing his grip.

“You don’t really think about all of those times when you’re holding onto something and need to let go,” Hawley said.

“You’re pushing through a revolving door at a muse-

HAND *con’t.* page 42A



Carmel Valley artist Thomas Hawley is painting again after undergoing surgery to correct a condition that was turning his painting hand into a “claw.”

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You can't see it or feel it, but you can still fight osteoporosis

By FUAD AL QUDSI

AS WE get older, our bones tend to become weaker. In young people, the body makes new bone more quickly than it breaks down the old, increasing overall bone mass, which peaks for most people around the age of 30. It increases only slightly after that, and people generally lose a little more than they gain.

Why should this be a concern? Dense bones are harder to break. As the bones become more porous, they become more fragile, and this significantly increases the risk of fractures.

With the onset of osteoporosis and the aging process, people's mobility may also begin to decline, and as they bump into objects or fall down, these once-harmless accidents can result in disastrous injuries like broken hips.

Doctors can screen for osteoporosis using what's called a DEXA (dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry) scan, which is like an X-ray but uses lower radiation and allows doctors to assess bone density. Women are often offered the service in tandem with their mammograms.

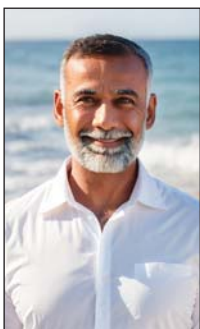
The risk of developing osteoporosis will depend on the amount of bone mass a person has attained by the time they reach 30 and how rapidly it's lost after that.

Yale Medicine lists several things that can accelerate that loss, including changes in hormones due to menopause, smoking, excessive alcohol use, low levels of physical activity, and poor diet. Here are some ways to maintain optimal bone health as you age to prevent what some call a "silent" disease.

Weight training

Try to get in two-and-a-half to three hours of exercise each week, outdoors, if possible, to increase production of vitamin D, which we'll come back to shortly. The exercise should be intense enough that you cannot talk or sing easily at the peak of the activity.

BONES *con't.* page 43A



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An excellent case for always reading those labels

By ELAINE HESSER

AS YOU might imagine, putting Healthy Lifestyles together each month involves a fair amount of reading. It's easy to get distracted sometimes, such as when this bit of information popped up during a search of the National Institutes of Health's library of medicine: "Acetaminophen toxicity is the second most common cause of liver transplantation worldwide and the most common cause of liver transplantation in the United States."

Seriously? Tylenol poisoning?

The article, using figures from the last decade, went on to say the widely available painkiller and fever reducer is responsible for 56,000 emergency room visits nationwide each year, split roughly evenly between intentional and accidental overdoses. The website for America's Poison Control Centers says that in 2021, 80,000 acetaminophen overdoses were reported in the United States.

Deaths are not common in these cases, but liver damage is, and while there's certainly no reason to panic or give up using the medicine, it was interesting to learn more — and there were a couple of surprises.

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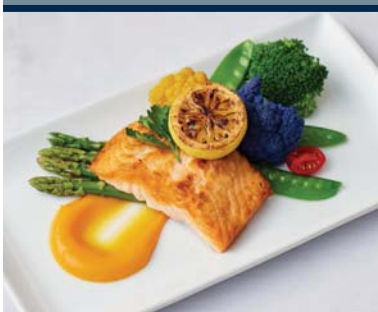
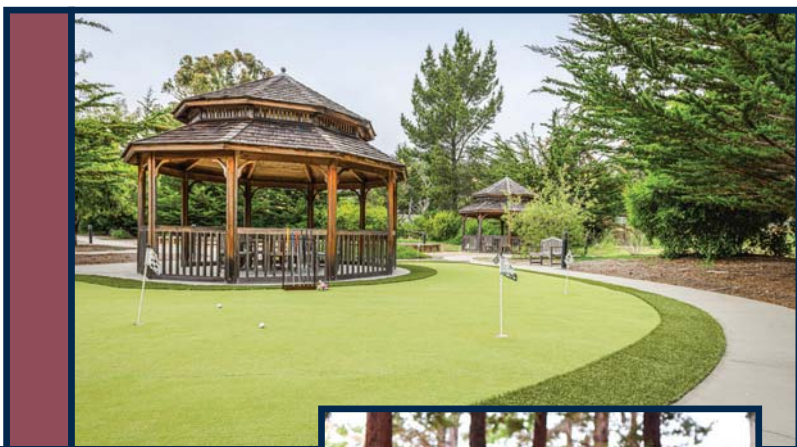
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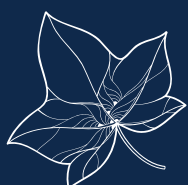
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THIS MONTH'S dish comes to us from local recipe developer and author Caroline Chambers' "What to Cook When You Don't Feel Like Cooking" — also the name of her weekly newsletter, found at whattocook.substack.com. You can find autographed copies of the book, which just debuted at No. 2 on The New York Times bestseller list for advice and how-to books, at Olivia & Daisy Books in Carmel Valley.

Harissa is a bright red North African hot chili pepper paste. You can find it at most grocery stores, and some brands offer a milder version that still provides great flavor. Taste it before you start spooning it in, as some folks find it a little overwhelming. You can also substitute low- or nonfat yogurt and feta cheese. Honey kosher salt combines crystallized honey granules and salt. If you can't find it, use kosher salt.

In her book, Chambers wrote, "Sometimes all I want for dinner is a heap of really well-seasoned roasted vegetables. I chop up whatever veggies need to be used up, throw them all on a sheet pan, make a sauce while it's cooking, and 30 minutes later: dinner. This whipped feta elicits positively indecent responses out of my guests every time I serve it — it's ridiculous."

If you're in a hurry, Chambers suggests, "Skip the whipped feta and just crumble some feta on top. Find pre-chopped butternut squash or sweet potatoes at the grocery store and use that instead of carrots."

You can also do an Italian variation: "Omit the harissa and honey, and instead toss a big spoonful of pesto into the veggies after they've roasted. Serve with burrata instead of whipped feta."

INGREDIENTS

Serves 4

- 1 15-ounce can chickpeas
- 1 pound medium carrots
- 1 large red onion
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons harissa, plus more for serving
- 2 teaspoons honey kosher salt
- 1 8-ounce block feta cheese
- 1/2 cup plain full-fat Greek yogurt
- 1/2 lemon
- Handful of fresh soft herbs, such as parsley, dill, cilantro, basil, or a mix
- Handful of toasted nuts or 1/4 cup toasted seeds

Preheat the oven to 425°F.

Dump the chickpeas into a colander. Drain them, but do not rinse.

Arrange a few layers of paper towels on a rimmed baking sheet, then pour the

drained chickpeas on top. Use another paper towel to pat them very dry. Discard all the paper towels, then shake the chickpeas into an even layer. There will be some chickpea skins on the baking sheet now — no need to pick them out. They'll roast up into crispy little bits and be delicious!

Cut the carrots on the diagonal into half-inch-thick slabs and thinly slice the onion.

Add the carrots, onion, olive oil, harissa, honey, and 1 teaspoon salt to the chickpeas and toss to coat well.

Roast for 25 to 30 minutes, until the carrots are golden outside and fork-tender.

Meanwhile, in a blender or food processor, combine the feta and yogurt. Zest and juice the lemon into the blender and add a pinch of salt. Blend on high speed until smooth, scraping down the sides as needed, 30 to 45 seconds. If it's too thick and

your blender is having a hard time mixing, add a bit of water, a splash at a time, until the desired consistency is achieved.

Chop the herbs and nuts.

Taste the roasted veggies and add more salt as needed. Stir in the herbs.

Spread a nice spoonful of whipped feta over the bottom of your bowl or plate and top it with a pile of roasted veggies and a sprinkle of nuts. Add another dollop of harissa on top if you love spice.



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Chef Bio



Caroline Chambers

CAROLINE CHAMBERS grew up in the kitchen on her mom's hip, learning how to cook in their North Carolina home. Her food career began in her early 20s when she worked as a chef and caterer. After a stint in a professional test kitchen, Chambers struck out on her own as a freelancer, developing recipes for a host of publications, as well as brands such as Boursin Cheese and Kim Crawford Wine. In 2018, she published her first cookbook, "Just Married." At the height of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, Chambers began sharing recipes and connecting with home cooks on Instagram (@carochambers) and launched her newsletter, "What to Cook When You Don't Feel Like Cooking." She lives in Carmel Valley with her husband, George, and their three young sons, Mattis, Calum, and Cashel — one of whom can almost always be found in the kitchen on her hip.



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Dr. David Ramos, who works in emergency medicine at Salinas Valley Health, said the problem is common enough that, “There are sections of emergency medicine texts and toxicology texts dedicated to it.” He said he sees acetaminophen overdoses three or four times a year.

Adults and teens

Christopher Burke, the physician who is the medical director of the emergency department at Natividad Medical Center in Salinas, said he sees it “a couple times a year,” and added, “While it’s very safe in the proper dose, people don’t realize it’s one of the most common causes of overdose in the United States.” He also noted that it’s more often seen in adults and teens than small children.

Burke said he thinks some potential overdoses might be “cries for help” from someone who took them without understanding the possible consequences of the outcome. Or, he said, people call and say, “I just took a bunch of pills and I don’t know what I took.”

In Europe, both doctors mentioned, the amount of acetaminophen that can be purchased at one time is much more limited than in the United States. This was a response to large numbers of overdoses in the region. In addition, many countries have restricted sales of acetaminophen to pharmacies, although no prescription is necessary. In England, the drug is sold in quantities of 20 pills or fewer, each in its own individual blister pack.

Common ingredient

If an overdose occurs, symptoms are relatively slow to appear — from several hours to several days — and include a general feeling of being sick, nausea, vomiting, and pain in the right upper abdomen, where the liver is located. Darkened urine, yellowing of the skin and a number

of other problems, including seizures and comas, follow. By the time those things happen, it may be too late to save the liver — but help should be sought as quickly as possible.

When an overdose is accidental, it’s usually because people combine medications without understanding what’s in them. For example, the cold remedy NyQuil contains 650 mg of acetaminophen per dose, and one extra-strength Tylenol tablet contains 500 mg. The accepted safe limit of acetaminophen for an adult for one day is 4,000 mg (although the makers of Tylenol have reduced their recommended limit to 3,000 mg) and it isn’t difficult to imagine how someone who was seeking relief from a bad cold might exceed that.

Burke said people don’t always wait for the recommended time period between doses to elapse, taking more than they should in 24 hours. Time-released versions of the drug stay in the system longer, increasing that risk. Damage may also occur over several days of taking too much.

People also may not know that acetaminophen is found in some common prescription drugs, like Vicodin, Percocet and Norco. Harvard Medical School puts the number of medicines — over-the-counter and prescription — containing it at 600, in-

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Dr. David Ramos



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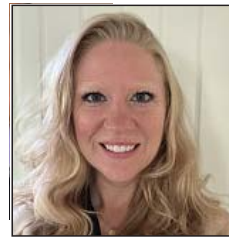
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um, and almost catch your arm as you're coming out," he said. "Or, you're holding onto a pole inside a trolley car, it's time to get off, but you can't open your hand, and you're still on the trolley without intending to be. It can be dangerous."

The storybook surgeon

In 2023, Hawley serendipitously read "The Covenant of Water," a best-selling novel in which the main character, a surgeon, burns his hands in a fire.

The author, Abraham Verghese, credited Dr. James Chang, a hand specialist at Stanford, as a consultant.

"I only knew about Dr. Chang from that book, and that's why I made an appoint-

ment with him," Hawley remembered with a laugh. "But he is a fabulous surgeon and an utterly delightful guy, and he turned out to be a great choice."

Buoyed by Chang's confidence and optimism, Hawley underwent the procedure, awaking to thick, zigzag stitching down both of the afflicted fingers.

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The middle finger had stitching that began at the top knuckle and ended about 1/2 inch below the webbing of Hawley's ring finger.

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The creative process of Carmel Valley artist was threatened by an unusual malady that contracted the fingers of his painting hand into a claw-like grip. A Stanford surgeon corrected the problem a year ago with surgery, which was followed by physical therapy.

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Weight-bearing workouts like weightlifting, yoga, gardening, or even just going up and down stairs, are recommended, since such exercises cause muscles to pull on the bone, which activates the bone-forming cells, prompting them to get to work.

Calcium and vitamin D

The recommended dietary allowance for calcium is 1,000 mg per day for adults 19 to 50 and men aged 51 to 70. For women 51 and older and men 71 and older, the recommended daily dose increases to 1,200 mg. The need is higher for women because, as mentioned, bone loss is related to hormonal changes during menopause.

These are some good sources of calcium:

- Dairy products (8 ounces of yogurt has more than 400 mg of calcium)
- Fortified plant milk or orange juice
- Almonds and almond milk
- Leafy greens
- Sardines with bones
- Whey protein powder
- Tofu

That brings us back to vitamin D, which the body needs to help absorb calcium. It is recommended that adults aged 19 to 70 consume 600 international units of vita-



Vitamin D

min D every day. Adults aged 71 and older should have 800 IUs per day.

The body makes vitamin D when skin is exposed to sunlight, which is how the nutrient got the nickname, "the sunshine vitamin." Expert opinions on exposure times vary, but the NIH suggests five to 10 minutes daily (or at least twice weekly) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Though some people worry that using sunscreen can interfere with the process, the British Journal of Dermatology says that no reliable studies have shown that this is the case. You can also obtain vitamin D from:

- Fatty fish (salmon, bass, trout, etc.) — Just 3 ounces of cooked sockeye salmon has 570 IUs of vitamin D, and the same amount of trout has 645 IUs.
- Mushrooms
- Eggs

- Fortified milk and cereal

Ask your primary care provider about supplementation if you have concerns about obtaining enough of these nutrients.

Avoid smoking and alcohol

Inflammation can impede bone-forming cells from doing their job and may accelerate the function of cells that reduce bone density. Thus, smoking and consuming excess alcohol, which cause inflammation, are not beneficial to healthy bones. Furthermore, alcohol may disrupt the function of hormones that are responsible for maintaining bone integrity.

The bottom line is that as we age, bone loss is practically inevitable, with women at higher risk due to the changes that come with menopause. However, there are steps you can take to mitigate this bone loss and

Alcohol may disrupt the function of hormones responsible for maintaining bone integrity

decrease the risk of fractures through diet, exercise and lifestyle changes. Talk to your doctor about getting screened for osteoporosis and recommendations for improving bone health.

Fuad Al Qudsi is a registered dietitian nutritionist who has a bachelor's degree from Northern Colorado University.

It takes approximately five to 30 minutes of sun exposure daily or twice a week to meet vitamin D needs

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"I can't even tell you what Dr. Chang did in there — I'm sure he explained it at the time, and it probably sounded so dramatic that I wasn't really wanting to remember it," Hawley chuckled.

"I know I wasn't really expecting what I saw. I think my first words probably were 'Holy (bleep)!' he said.

"And while I was sitting there, thinking, 'good God,' he was saying, 'This is really wonderful — these will grow back, this part will fill in.' He was very positive and excited."

'A great day'

Hawley characterized his four months of physical therapy in Salinas — 30-minute sessions three to four days each week, as "wonderful — I had a great therapist and was very pleased."

He also was buoyed by his own optimism: "I'm a pretty positive person, and never really considered that it might not work out for me," he said. "I really didn't have any emotional issues as I was dealing with this."

His upbeat attitude was validated six weeks into the rehabilitation process, when

he was able to return to his easel and start painting again.

"As a painter and as a swimmer, I was probably about 90 percent back at that point," he said. "And it was a great day when I was able to walk up to a canvas again knowing that I didn't have to worry about gripping those little brushes and knives anymore. It was a very nice feeling."

A year after the procedure, Hawley's surgery scars are barely noticeable. He no longer struggles to swim, has no problems with his grip, and he's back to his previous pace as an artist, finishing four or more paintings a week for multiple local showcases.

He is represented locally by the Carmel Valley Art Association, Cheryl Watts Pottery in Pacific Grove, Hart Habitats Interior Design in Carmel-by-the-Sea and Sugar Farms Marketplace in Carmel Plaza.

See images of his art online at thoshawleyart.com.

Additional information about Dupuytren's contracture can be found at mayoclinic.org.

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cluding combinations with other painkillers, as in Excedrin.

The drug should be avoided by people who overindulge in alcohol, as drinking also causes liver damage. In fact, online sources like WebMD, Medline.gov and others recommend against even using acetaminophen for hangover relief.

After following the Tylenol rabbit-trail,

there were two takeaways. One is a reminder that all medications, even those purchased over-the-counter, can be dangerous, and it's important to read instructions and ingredients.

The second is the urgency of seeking help for an overdose. "Don't wait and see," both doctors recommended. Go directly to the emergency room. Time is of the essence — and treatment can help prevent or limit liver damage if used promptly.

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With Williams at the helm, Tower of Power had a Top

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Singer Lenny Williams (left) plays Sunday afternoon at Deja Blue in Seaside. The Crooked Jades (above) celebrate their 30th anniversary Saturday in Monterey. Hip-hop singer André 3000 performs Sept. 3-5 at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur.

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FOOD & WINE

Bernardus turns 25, fishing fleet is blessed, hot dogs abound

IN TWO weeks, Lucia Restaurant and Bar at Bernardus Lodge (415 W. Carmel Valley Road, at the foot of Laureles Grade) will celebrate its silver anniversary, and tickets are on sale for what promises to be a swell party.



Bernardus Lodge has been celebrating its 25th anniversary with monthly Champagne toasts, but on Sept. 12, the gang there is pulling out all the stops for a really big shindig with wine, food and live music.

On Sept. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m., organizers say there will be “an evening of live music, award-winning Bernardus wines, signature cocktails and culinary delights,” prepared by the Lodge’s executive chef, Christian Ojeda.

Vintner, race car driver and Olympic skeet shooter Bernardus Pon built the resort and opened it in 1999 when he was 62, then sold it in 2013. Pon died in 2019, but his spirit of hospitality lives on in his namesake winery and hotel. Managed by Ensemble Hospitality, the Lodge sits on more than 75 acres, with bucolic scenery, a 50-acre vineyard, a rose garden and organic vegetable garden.

Ojeda, who has helmed the kitchen since 2022, is known for creative, delicious dishes that use local ingredients and for making his plates beautiful. Tickets for the evening’s festivities are \$125 and available at exploretock.com.

Wine and wieners

Twisted Roots winery (twistedrootsvineyard.com) at 12 Del Fino Place in Carmel Valley is celebrating Labor Day with tasty bites and live music. Local caterer Krusty Dogz, known for gourmet hot dogs, will provide food selected to complement a selection of Twisted Roots wines, and Evergreen Duo will bring the

tunes. The tasting room is open from noon to 5 p.m., and the celebration runs from 1 to 4. Reservations are required and can be made at Tock.com.

Frankly spicy

Monterey’s Nacho Bizness at 470 Alvarado St. has new menu items — including a loaded nacho dog — all with halal (conforming to Muslim dietary laws) meats. The wiener is smothered in jalapeños, cheddar, pico de gallo, crushed nacho chips, ketchup and mustard. A loaded

Soup to Nuts

nacho burger with the same fixings is also on offer.

If you’d prefer to go Greek-ish, there’s a Mediterranean bowl with gyro meat or pinto beans, Spanish rice, pico de gallo, jalapeños and tzatziki (cucumber and yogurt) sauce. With minor changes, including the addition of chips and cheese sauce, it morphs into Mediterranean nachos. For a limited time, you can get 20 percent off your entire order when you try one of the new items.

Nacho Bizness is open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to

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10 p.m. Visit nachobiz.biz for more information or to order.

■ Albatross Ridge vineyard party

Albatross Ridge, the Carmel Valley vineyard and winery that's closest to Carmel, will host a harvest party Sept. 14 from 2 to 5 p.m. at its site in the hills above mid-valley. Founded and operated by the father-and-son team of Brad and Garrett Bowlus, Albatross Ridge produces small lots of chardonnay and pinot noir from its hilltop vineyards less than 10 miles from the coast.

"Enjoy exquisite wines, delicious cuisine by Paul Corsentino and Jamie Jarrard of Seastar Catering, live music by RJ De Marco, and bike rides through the vines with Mad Dogs & Englishmen — all set against the stunning backdrop of the Carmel coast," spokesperson Nicole Huebner said. "Don't miss this afternoon of great food, wine and breathtaking views."

Tickets are \$100 for members and \$150 for non-members and are available at albatrossridge.com under the "events" tab.

Shuttle service is included. For more information, email info@albatrossridge.com.

■ Party like a Sicilian

Circle Sept. 6-8 on your calendar for the 91st annual Festa Italia at Monterey's Custom House Plaza. According to Joe Cardinali, president of the Festa Italia Foundation, the event is for "family and friends to gather to celebrate and share Sicilian-Italian culture, cuisine and family connections, and everyone is invited to come and be Italian for a day."

The festival began as a way of honoring Santa Rosalia, the patron saint of Palermo, Sicily. In 1933, the people of San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey — many of whom were Sicilian immigrants and their descendants — began an annual procession to Fisherman's Wharf to bless the fishing fleet, bringing with them a newly donated statue of the saint.

This tradition continues on Saturday with a special Mass at 10 a.m. in the cathedral at 500 Church St. A procession with the statue of Santa Rosalia and the blessing of the fleet will be held at Old Fisherman's Wharf as part of the 11:30 a.m. opening

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On Sept. 6-8, Festa Italia will take over Monterey's Custom House Plaza. The festival began with a tribute to Santa Rosalia (left) and the blessing of the fishing fleet, but has grown to a full weekend of food, music and other activities. On Saturday, historian Tim Thomas is also sharing "Fish Tales" of Monterey (historic abalone harvest at right) on a walking tour nearby.

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ceremonies. A very serious and high-stakes bocce ball tournament with cash prizes and bragging rights at stake will ensue.

As always, there will be plenty of great food for sale, from Sicilian arancini — breaded and deep-fried rice balls stuffed with mozzarella cheese — to sizzling hot calamari, shrimp, and three kinds of pizza, not one of which will have pineapple, ranch dressing, or anything else that might cause an international incident.

Vegetarians will want to try the new eggplant parmesan sandwich on this year's menu, too.

For dessert, you can't leave without trying the crunchy, creamy combo that is a cannoli, nor should you try to eat it with anything but your hands — forks just don't work. Wine, beer, sodas, water and cookies will also be available for purchase, and art and jewelry vendors will ply their wares.

Chef and "Gourmet Realtor" Tene Shake will do calamari cooking demos on Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Recipes will be provided.

The whole shebang gets started on Friday at 3 p.m., with dancing from 6 to 9 p.m. to the musical stylings of 831 All Star Band, and continues on Saturday and Sunday with Pasquale Esposito, the Anthony Lane Band and Mike Marotta and Friends. Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m., The Money Band will provide more tunes for "Dancing Under the Stars" or amid the fog, as the case may be.

Radio personality Dave Marzetti will emcee the event and the Tarantella Dancers will provide costumed demon-



Albatross Ridge will hold a harvest party at its estate and vineyards in Carmel Valley on Saturday, Sept. 14. In addition to plenty of wine, there will be live music and good food.

strations of the popular Italian folk dance, which supposedly earned its name as a cure for the bite of the tarantula.

A side of history

If you want to walk off some of that food and get a history lesson at the same time, local historian and author Tim Thomas will be leading one of his entertaining and educational Wharf Walks, this time focusing on "Fascinating Fish Tales of the Monterey Bay," Saturday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. Advance reservations for the free tour, which is for adults and kids age 10 or older, are required. Call Thomas at (831) 521-3304 or send an email to timsardine@yahoo.com.

■ Boba bubbles up

Boba drinks reportedly originated in Taiwan more than 40 years ago and have been taking hold here on the Peninsula for some time.

"Boba" are large tapioca spheres, also called pearls, that are a mainstay of the beverage — along with wide straws to accommodate them.

The drinks in which the boba are served began as variations on tea, often with plenty of milk and sugar, but now come in all sorts of flavors and combos. At Bobalicious & Bites' new shop at 474 Tyler St. in Monterey, you can try a wide variety of milk teas and drinks with and without pearls, from straightforward fruity concoctions to brightly colored cups of things you probably won't find at your neighborhood coffee house.

Our unscientific observations suggest they're especially popular with the younger crowd. That's probably why Bobalicious & Bites is offering a back-to-school special from 2 to 6 p.m. daily through the end of this month. Anyone who buys one drink will get a second for 50 percent off. They're calling it "a boba happy hour for all ages."

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

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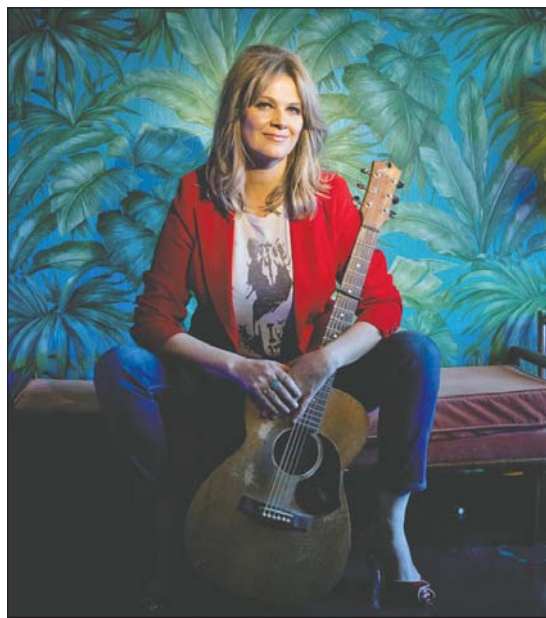
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Tickets start at \$55. Deja Blue is located at 500 Broadway. Visit dejabluelive.com for more information.

Live music Aug. 30-Sept. 5

■ Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Saturday at 12:30 p.m.), **James Henry & Hands On Fire** (jazz, Sunday at 12:30 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.



Singer and guitarist Jackie Bristow takes the stage Sunday, 4 p.m., at Wendi Kirby Music in Monterey.

Fernwood Resort — The Transducers (“rock and funk,” Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Henry Miller Library — André 3000 (hip-hop, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m.). 48603 Highway 1.

■ Carmel

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

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.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday at 8 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

La Playa Hotel — singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth.

The Links Club — Octane (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), **The Edge Band** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.), Singer-Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

■ Carmel Valley

Bernardus Lodge & Spa — pianist **Michael Culver** (classi-

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Folktale Winery — **The Al James Band** (r&b and blues, Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (Saturday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

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

Trailside Cafe — **The Boscoe's Brood Duo** (rock, Friday at 6 p.m.), **The Dave D'oh Show** (alternative, pop and soul, Saturday at 6 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Monday at 4 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Twisted Roots Vineyard Tasting Room — **Evergreen** (folk and pop, Monday at 1 p.m.). 12 Del Fino Place.

Monterey

Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen — singer and guitarist **Kris Angelis** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Johan Sotelo** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

Bon Ton LeRoy's Lighthouse Smokehouse — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), 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 — **The Dave Holodil-**

off 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.

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

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

Intercontinental Hotel — 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.

Jacks Monterey — multi-instrumentalist **Paul Contos** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). At Portola Hotel & Spa, 2 Portola Plaza.

Marriott Hotel — singer **Julie Capili** (jazz, Saturday at 8 p.m.). In Characters Bar, 350 Calle Principal.

Midici Pizza — multi-instrumentalist **Paul Contos** and guitarist **Bob Basa** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), **The Zach Westfall Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist **Peter Cor** (jazz, Friday and Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 5 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Tuesday at 5 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

Puma Road at Portola Plaza — singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), Martin and bassist **Zach Westfall** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Jacob Chase** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Salty Seal Pub — **Matt Masih & The Messengers** (funk and soul, Friday at 8 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Matt Masih** (Sunday at 4 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

The Sardine Factory — singer and guitarist **David Conley** (pop and rock, Friday and Saturday, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St.

Sly McFly's — **The 831 All-Star Band**

(r&b and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The New Wave Band** ('80s and '90s hits, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Wave Street Studios — **I Tawen, Kulch Knox** (reggae, Friday at 8:30 p.m.). wavestreetstudios.com

Wendi Kirby Music — singer and guitarist **Jackie Bristow** (Sunday at 4 p.m.). Visit wendikirbymusic.com for details.

Pacific Grove

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

Juice 'n' and Java — singer and guitarist **Frida Vossler** (Friday at 4:30 p.m.), Open Mic (Friday at 7 p.m., sign up by 5:30 p.m.), **The Steve Robertson Trio**



One of the busiest local bands, The Transducers play Saturday, 10 p.m., at Fernwood Resort in Big Sur.

(jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), singer **Akina Miyata** and pianist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m.), **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (jazz, Thursday at 6:30 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.) **Andrea's Fault Duo** ("folky stuff mixed with surprises," Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist

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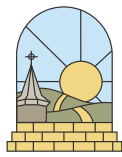


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Lucy's on Lighthouse — Long Distance Flyers (rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **Moonshine** (pop, rock and country, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

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

■ Pebble Beach

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Friday at 6 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

■ Seaside

Bayonet & Blackhorse Golf Club — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.). 1 McClure Way.

Deja Blue — singer **Yolandra Rhodes** with bassist **David Daniel** and drummer **Leon Joyce Jr.** (r&b, blues and soul, Saturday at 2 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza — Andrea's Fault Duo (jazz and pop, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

To update these listings email chris@carmelpinecone.com.

CALENDAR

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

Aug. 30-31 – Spend Labor Day weekend in sunny Carmel Valley! Lunch served on the Patio, Thurs.-Sat. (reservations required), gourmet dinners to take home, fun shopping in our gift & fashion boutique! Open Mon.-Sat. 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Baum & Blume and The Carriage House, 4 El Caminito Road, Carmel Valley (831) 659-0400.

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).

Sept. 13 – The Carmel Foundation presents a free seminar for homeowners age 55+: "Today's Reverse Mortgage: The Basics." Open to Carmel Foundation members. Non-members can attend as guests but most register. To sign up, call (831) 624-1588, or visit www.carmelfoundation.org.

Sept. 27 – The Carmel Foundation presents a free seminar for homeowners age 55+: "Home Equity Conversion Mortgage – A Swiss Army Knife in Retirement." Open to Carmel Foundation members. Non-members can attend as guests but most register. To sign up, call (831) 624-1588, or visit www.carmelfoundation.org.

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. 20241557
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Skincredible Skin and Cancer Center, 70 Garden Ct, Suite 101, Monterey, CA 93940
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
AG Medical Group PC, 27800 Medical Center Rd, Suite 220, Mission Viejo, CA 92691
This business is conducted by a Corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
AG Medical Group PC
S/ Alan Valdes, COO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 8/30/2024.
8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20/24
CNS-3845730#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 2024. (PC 837)

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement
Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. Seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools, and /or other misc. items.
Auction to be held at **4:00 pm on September 18th, 2024**, at: www.selfstorageauction.com
The property is stored at:
Leonard's Lockers Self Storage, 816 Elvee Drive, Salinas, CA 93901
Name Of Tenants
Aisha Murphy
Richard Lindquist
Nina Mottu

8/30/24
CNS-3845672#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Aug. 30, 2024. (PC 838)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241595
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
FLEURS DE LUNA, 4173 SUNRIDGE RD, PEEBLE BEACH, CA 93953
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
VIP TRADING COMPANY, 4173 SUNRIDGE RD, PEEBLE BEACH, CA 93953
This business is conducted by a Corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/18/2024.
VIP TRADING COMPANY
S/ LUNA PEGLER, CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/20/2024.
8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20/24
CNS-3845258#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 2024. (PC 839)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241382
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ELITE AUTO EXCHANGE, 10341 Merritt Street #8, Castroville, CA 95012.**
Registered Owner(s):
CELESTINE JAY LAWRENCE SR.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 10, 2021.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand

dollars (\$1,000).
S/Lawrence Jay Celestine Sr.
Date signed: July 17, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 17, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 2024 (PC 840)

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement
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Auction to be held at **4:00 pm on September 18th, 2024**, at: www.selfstorageauction.com
The property is stored at:
Coastal Storage
575 California Ave Sand City, 93955
Name of Tenants
Martha Cadena

8/30/24
CNS-3846569#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Aug. 30, 2024. (PC 841)

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement
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Auction to be held at **4:00 pm on September 18, 2024**, at: www.selfstorageauction.com
The property is stored at:
StoragePRO of Carmel
9640 Carmel Valley Rd.
Carmel, CA 93923
Name of Tenants
Ester Elles

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement
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Auction to be held at **4:00pm on September 18, 2024**, at: www.selfstorageauction.com
The property is stored at:
Rossi Self Storage
10 Rossi Cr., Salinas, CA 93907
Name of Tenants
Ida Ibarra
Aaron Gonzalez
Melissa Carrillo
Toni Merwin
Toni Merwin
Patricia Garcia
Everest Jennings

8/30/24
CNS-3845824#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Aug. 30, 2024. (PC 843)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241630
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MV TRUCK PARTS, 1721 Independence Blvd., Apt. 203, Salinas, California 93906.**
Registered Owner(s):
VICTOR EDUARDO DIAZ LOPEZ.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 21, 2022.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Victor Eduardo Diaz Lopez
Date signed: Aug. 27, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 27, 2024.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 2024 (PC 845)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241575
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FIRST CHOICE BUSINESS BROKERS #289, 288 Pearl St., Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
SF BAY BUSINESS SALES INC., 100 S. Murphy Ave., Ste. 200, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 1, 2024.

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Eric Johnson, CEO
Date: Aug. 16, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 16, 2024.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 2024. (PC 848)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Commission will visit some or all the project sites in person as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend both the Tour and the Hearing.
This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. **To participate via teleconference, use this link:** <https://ci-carmel-ca.us.zoom.us/j/87694638519?pwd=K4w04362BlVw9Vsc-DlRlZlBjNpdQ.9AkIcEouBjDQshp>. **To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171.** Webinar ID: 876 9463 8519. Passcode: 900382.
All interested people are invited to attend in person or via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Planning & Building Department at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or by emailing bswanson@ci.carmel.ca.us prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting to ensure they are provided to the legislative body and made part of the record. Comments received after that time and up to the end of the public hearing will be saved as part of the record but may not be provided to the legislative body prior to or during the public hearing. The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us> and found by clicking on "Government" and then "Meetings." The Planning Commission meeting will be broadcast live on the City's website at <http://carmel.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/meetingsresponsive.aspx> and the City's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofCarmelbytheSea> and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Planning Commission meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

CDP 24149 (CAWD – Scenic Road Pipeline Replacement)
Rincon Consultants, Agent
Scenic Road between Ocean Avenue and Martin Way
Block N/A; Lot N/A
APN: N/A
Consideration of an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Coastal Development Permit for replacement of 4,937 linear feet of existing sewer mains within the Scenic Road right-of-way between Ocean Avenue and Martin Way.

DS 24096 (Comeau-Meyrose)
Holdren & Lietzke Architecture, Architect
Santa Fe Street 3 northeast of 5th Avenue
Block 46; Lot 16
APN: 010-037-009-000
Consideration of a Final Design Study, DS 24096 (Comeau-Meyrose), and associated Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of a 612-square-foot one-story single-family residence, 223-square-foot detached garage with 130-square-foot attached workshop, and construction of a 1,900-square-foot two-story single-family residence inclusive of a 225-square-foot attached garage located on Santa Fe Street 3 northeast of 5th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

DS 23205 (CRI on Carpenter - Lot 10)
Eric Miller Architects, Inc., Architect
Guadalupe Street 5 southeast of 1st Avenue
Block 17; Lot 10
APN: 010-021-030-000
Consideration of a Final Design Study, DS 23-205 (CRI on Carpenter, Inc. – Lot 10), and associated Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of a 688-square-foot primary building and 122-square-foot accessory building and the construction of a new 1,944-square-foot, two-story residence, inclusive of an attached garage and basement, located at Guadalupe Street 5 southeast of 1st Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

DS 23206 (CRI on Carpenter - Lot 12)
Eric Miller Architects, Inc., Architect
Guadalupe Street 6 southeast of 1st Avenue
Block 17; Lot 12
APN 010-021-031-000
Consideration of a Final Design Study, DS 23-206 (CRI on Carpenter – Lot 12), and associated Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a 1,934-square-foot, two-story residence, inclusive of an attached garage and basement, located at Guadalupe Street 6 southeast of 1st Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

DR 16364 (Fountain)
Lombardo & Associates, Agent
8th Avenue 2 northwest of Junipero Avenue
Block 89; Lot 26
APN 010-087-020-000
Consideration of a request for a time extension of Design Review approval DR 16-364 (Fountain), associated Use Permits, and Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a 1,600-square-foot mixed-use building with a 1,499-square-foot basement and 595-square-foot car pit on a 2,000-square-foot vacant lot, and associated site improvements, located on 8th Avenue 2 northwest of Junipero Avenue in the Residential and Limited Commercial (RC) District.

DS 24175 (Rowland-Smith)
Jim Sullivan, Architect
4910 Monterey Street
Block 19; Lot 13
APN 010-001-006-000
Consideration of a Concept Design Study, DS 24175 (Rowland-Smith), for the construction of a 708-square-foot two-story addition to an existing 852-square-foot, one-story single-family residence and 240-square-foot garage, and associated site improvements at 4910 Monterey Street in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

DR 16364 (Fountain)
Lombardo & Associates, Agent
8th Avenue 2 northwest of Junipero Avenue
Block 89; Lot 26
APN 010-087-020-000
Consideration of a request for a time extension of Design Review approval DR 16-364 (Fountain), associated Use Permits, and Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a 1,600-square-foot mixed-use building with a 1,499-square-foot basement and 595-square-foot car pit on a 2,000-square-foot vacant lot, and associated site improvements, located on 8th Avenue 2 northwest of Junipero Avenue in the Residential and Limited Commercial (RC) District.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Brandon Swanson, Assistant City Administrator & Acting Director of Community Planning & Building
Publication dates:
August 30, 2024
(PC848)

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