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Three-hour shooting spree kills more than 80 animals

By MARY SCHLEY

A 39-YEAR-OLD convicted felon, Vicente Arroyo, from Salinas shot and killed 81 animals in Prunedale — including miniature horses, goats, rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens, ducks and other types of birds — during a rampage early Tuesday that lasted three hours and involved numerous firearms, according to Monterey County Sheriff's Cmdr. Andy Rosas.

One animal was the property owner's, while the rest

belonged to a person who rents the space for them. Some animals had survived but were taken by the SPCA to be euthanized due to the severity of their injuries.

The violence began at about 3:25 a.m. Sept. 3, when numerous people started calling law enforcement to report rapid-fire gunshots. When deputies arrived, they could hear the gunfire but couldn't immediately find the shooter.

"Various calibers of weapons could be heard being

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Vicente Arroyo (left) was arrested following a three-hour shooting spree that killed dozens of animals, including two miniature horses and a pony, on a neighbor's land in Prunedale. The next day, sheriff's deputies searched his home and found numerous firearms (above), as well as ammunition.

Street addresses, housing mandates, and mail delivery on council agendas

By MARY SCHLEY

EVERYONE'S FAVORITE issue to fight over — whether houses in Carmel-by-the-Sea should have numbers like those in most other cities do — is on the council's Tuesday agenda, offering the presidential debate set for that night a run for its money.

Meanwhile, a city staffer has set up a web page dedicated to the topic where anyone interested in making up their mind about the decades-old controversy can find staff reports, presentations, frequently asked questions, research and other information compiled since the council most recently made the issue one of its priorities in 2021.

Brown Act debate

At its July meeting, the city council narrowly voted to proceed with further delving into implementing a house-numbering system, which would include amending local law. At last month's session, numerous people objected to that decision and alleged it was a violation of the Brown Act because the agenda item had not specifically mentioned changing the municipal code.

City attorney Brian Pierik disagreed and said the council's discussion and decision did not constitute a violation of open meeting laws. The conflict generated correspondence on both sides, including a form letter signed by a number of residents alleging the violation, as well as numerous comments at the meeting.

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COASTAL COMMISSION REPORT REVERSES COURSE ON BEACHSIDE BUSWAY

Vote could come next week

By CHRIS COUNTS

JUST WEEKS ago, a \$92 million plan to turn a portion of the train tracks that run along Monterey Bay into a bus line seemed destined to be rejected by the California Coastal Commission, which is set to consider the project Thursday morning at the Portola Hotel in Monterey.

But apparently the powerful watchdog agency had a change of heart — its staff has revised a previous recommendation and now supports the Surf Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Path forward 'identified'

The project is being pushed by Monterey-Salinas Transit, which wants to build a 4.3-mile long, 30-foot-wide two-lane bus road along a section of the railroad corridor that runs along the coastline west of Highway 1 between Sand City and Marina.

The original plan called for placing the bus route next to the train tracks. But the coastal commission opposed the move, warning it would damage critical dune habitat, along with the flora and fauna it supports.

An alternative plan called for removing the tracks and replacing them with the bus lanes, but the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, which owns the land, objected to the idea of removing the tracks, which haven't been used since 1971. The agency wants to see a rail project remain viable.

However, in a report released Aug. 30, the coastal commission signaled that it no longer has "any substantial issue" with the project because construction would be done in a previously disturbed area, thereby lessening the impact on the environment. The agency also announced that all parties have "identified a path forward," and the transportation agency is now on board with the alternative.

The CEO of Monterey-Salinas Transit, Carl Sedoryk, said the removal of the tracks won't prevent a rail project from moving forward. But he suggested it could be a

while before that is viable. "There's room for both," said the official, who noted that it could be 30 years before a rail project gets off the ground.

Others supporting the bus road include Sen. John Laird, Assemblymember Dawn Addis, 4th District Monterey County Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, California State Parks and LandWatch Monterey County.

Rail better than bus?

The project has drawn fire from some due to its impacts to plants and animals, and others, who want to see

See **BUSWAY** page 19A

Second Tutelian victim sues over punch to face

By MARY SCHLEY

THE LEGAL battles in civil and criminal court against a Southern California real estate developer accused of beating up a downtown Carmel restaurant owner and one of his employees intensified last week when the restaurant server sued his alleged assailant.

Michael Tutelian, now 40, was the only suspect police identified after an allegedly unprovoked attack on Il Tegamino restaurant owner Giuseppe Panzuto and employee Jose Morales near the intersection of Monte Verde and Ocean the night of Sept. 1, 2022. According to accounts, Tutelian took Panzuto's scooter for a short ride when the owner reluctantly agreed to let him, and afterward, words were exchanged and a fight broke out, with Tutelian and his friends beating up Panzuto and punching Morales when he tried to intervene. Following an extensive investigation that included surveillance footage

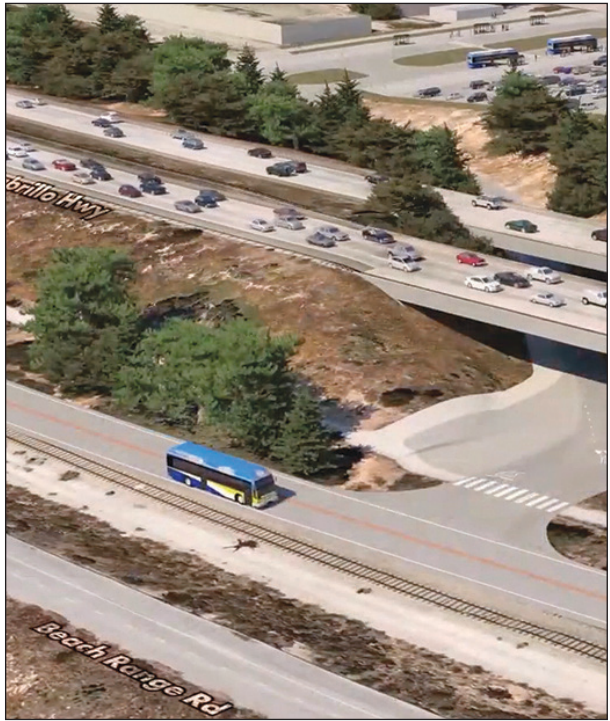
and help from the victims and witnesses, Carmel Police obtained an arrest warrant for Tutelian, who turned himself in to Monterey P.D. a few weeks after the incident and posted \$30,000 bail.

He was charged with three felonies, but the criminal proceedings have progressed very slowly, failing to even reach the stage of a preliminary hearing in which a judge will evaluate the evidence against Tutelian to decide whether the case can proceed or should be dismissed.

Broken nose

Tutelian late last year asked the court to set aside the criminal case against him for mental health reasons but then dropped that motion in March. Meanwhile, Panzuto sued him in civil court, and in response, Tutelian countersued, giving a completely different account of the incident

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A rendering prepared by Monterey-Salinas Transit shows the separate bus road it wants to build alongside Highway 1.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Good with goats

She had a horse. And two goats. And, in her past, she'd had dogs. But she'd never had what, for more than 20 years, she'd wanted most: a Bernese mountain dog. She liked their big, powerful presence paired with a sweet, gentle, affectionate nature. She was attracted to their beauty, their soft, double coats, and their tendency to choose "their person."

By the time she was ready to bring home a Berner puppy, she was married with two sons. The breeder was in Sonora, near her parents' home in Twain Hart. It was they who picked out the dog and brought her to their daughter's mid valley home. Her elder son named the pup Penny.

Penny's person admits to being attracted to all Bernese mountain dogs, but she really wanted a female. While male Berners reportedly are more predictable, she said, females typically are more calm, live a little longer and tend to be smaller. Now 6, Penny weighs 115 pounds.

"Penny has an imposing appearance," her person said, "but she's actually a little shy, almost sheepish. Sometimes people reach out to pet her, and I know she's not going for it. I tell them not to be offended. But I do wish she were a little more social."

Penny was pretty social with the family's two Ni-



gerian dwarf goats, but they brought out her herding instincts, so she would herd them back into their pen.

"We used to take the goats for walks with our puppy," her person said. "We were full-on 'Carmel Valley.' But once she reminded us she's a herding dog by nature, and the goats got pretty big, we moved them to Corral de Tierra, where I board my horse."

Everybody, particularly Penny, misses the goats.

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Elderly tenant says she can stay

By KELLY NIX

A 96-YEAR-OLD Pacific Grove woman who faced eviction after being told by her corporate landlord she had only three days to pay more than \$100,000 in back rent said officials have since informed her that she will be allowed to stay in her home for free for the rest of her life.

On Aug. 16, Jean Jacques was told by Pacific Grove Senior Living director Jessica Sanchez that she had three days to pay about \$109,000 or the owner would “commence a legal proceeding to seek a judicial declaration of forfeiture of the lease.”

In a surprising move, though, Jacques said officials told her she could stay in her apartment without paying rent and that the eviction process had been halted.

“I’m so happy that it’s going so well,” Jacques told The Pine Cone in an interview Wednesday. “There are so many people helping me, and I want to thank everybody.”

Done deal?

Fourteen days after issuing the eviction notice, two Pacific Grove Senior Living officials informed Jean in person that “she would not be evicted and there would be paperwork coming to assure her of that fact,” according to friend Bob Sadler.

In a letter to Jacques and other residents, Sanchez claimed that “there was never a decision to evict Ms. Jacques,” and that the Aug. 16 “three-day notice to pay or quit” from facility owner Pacifica Senior Living was merely to inform the elderly resident that “it was now time to start seeking government subsidies to help her pay her expenses.”

“We will work with Ms. Jacques, and we will allow her to stay at Pacific Grove as long as she wants and as long as we can

meet her needs,” said Sanchez.

However, the letter to Jacques wasn’t signed, and Sanchez did not return a message this week asking for confirmation that it was genuine.

Jacques — who is getting legal help from the Alliance on Aging — said she wants an official word from the facility’s corporate owner that she can stay in her apartment without paying.

“It would be so great to get this completely settled,” Jacques said. “When I get a signed letter, I will feel more secure.”

Lots of attention

Jacques said she paid an up-front fee of nearly \$250,000 in 2002 to live in the apartment on Gibson Avenue. She was also obligated to pay monthly rent, but when her money ran out several years ago, the former owners, operating the facility as Forest Hill Manor, said she could stay there without paying the monthly fees, Sadler said.

After the owner of Forest Hill Manor went bankrupt, Pacifica Senior Living purchased the facility but was required by the state’s attorney general’s office to honor existing residents’ contracts. It’s not clear if Jacques’ arrangement was also grandfathered in, though Sadler said a former manager of the facility stated that the previous owner promised she could stay there without paying.

After Jacques’ story appeared in The Pine Cone, her situation was covered by KSBW, which is owned by media conglomerate Hearst Communications. That helped lead to international coverage, including in the London-based Daily Mail and New York Post.

“Once the New York Post published Jean’s story, it spread like wildfire around the world,” Sadler said.

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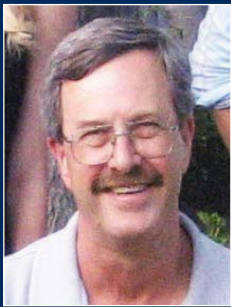
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Police & Sheriff’s Log

Loud music complaint noted

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

Carmel area: Deputies took a battery report from November 2023 from a 58-year-old male victim with no suspect information.

Carmel Valley: A 43-year-old male on Carmel Valley Road refused to provide his driver’s license and resisted deputies. He was arrested.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Three females accidentally knocked over a parked motorcycle at San Carlos and Sixth at 0143 hours. The motorcycle appeared to have minor damage.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Probation violation at Sixth and Junipero, serving alcohol after hours. The 35-year-old male was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found wallet turned in to a sergeant on patrol at Ocean and Dolores at 0411 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for found cell phone and cash at Scenic and Santa Lucia Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of ongoing observations of a neighbor at Forest and Eighth appearing to have difficulty driving, including repeated minor contacts with his fence and concerns about neighboring pedestrians. Evaluation for request for DMV reexamination. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A lot of children were at Devendorf Park. Some were “running wild.” A 10-year old trampled the caller’s belongings, and the person requested documentation. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigated non-injury hit-and-run collision with a parked car on Lincoln Street. No suspect information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property at Sixth and San Carlos.

Pacific Grove: Report of a violation of a criminal protective order on 17 Mile Drive. The 30-year-old male was arrested for violating the order and violating the conditions of his release.

*See **POLICE LOG** page 9RE in the Real Estate Section*



The gavel falls

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

Aug. 21 — The California Board of Parole has denied parole to Alfred Powell, 68, who was convicted of murdering two women in Monterey County in the early 1980s.

On Dec. 9, 1982, 32-year-old Sandra Steppuhn went missing after giving a ride to a hitchhiker whom witnesses would later identify as Powell. Steppuhn, a mother of three, was never seen alive again.

The vehicle she was driving was found abandoned in Monterey in February 1983, but Steppuhn would remain a missing person for 32 more years.

On March 4, 1983, Powell killed 30-year-old Suzanne Nixon, whom he had casually dated. Nixon’s body was found inside a garage where Powell was living on Third Street in Monterey.

Powell was allowed to live in the garage in exchange for performing gardening work for the elderly female homeowner. Powell was convicted of second-degree murder for killing Nixon and was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison in September 1983.

In September 2015, landscapers digging in the yard on Third Street where Powell had lived located Steppuhn’s skeletal remains buried in a makeshift grave on the property. Steppuhn was found in the same clothing she had been wearing the night she disappeared. On Jan. 5, 2018, Powell pleaded guilty to an additional count of second-degree murder for the killing of Steppuhn.

At his parole hearing on Aug. 6, Powell maintained that he had no recollection of killing either Nixon or Steppuhn. He testified he was not sure whether he was responsible for either murder.

After hearing Powell’s testimony, victim impact statements, and arguments of counsel at the hearing, the presiding commissioners denied Powell parole for a period of five more years.

The Monterey County District Attorney’s Office remains committed to honoring the memories of Suzanne Nixon and Sandra Steppuhn, who were deeply loved and are still missed.

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Cops arrest masked man found sleeping in stolen Mercedes

By MARY SCHLEY

‘CRIME SPREES can be tiring,” Carmel Police Sgt. Gerald Maldonado observed this week, following the arrest of a 23-year-old homeless man for vehicle theft and several other offenses after a passerby noticed him slumped over the wheel of a car Friday morning and alerted law enforcement.

Shortly before 6:45 a.m. Aug. 30, officers Tim Ament and Joe Boucher “found a male wearing a ski mask and gloves slumped over the wheel in the driver’s seat,” on Valley Way near Monterey Street, Maldonado said. Ament immediately recognized the man, Luke Shubel, “due to numerous law enforcement contacts.”



Luke Shubel

Large knife

After checking to ensure Shubel didn’t require any medical attention, the officers asked him to get out of the car. Ament noticed “the handle to an approximate 8-inch fixed-blade knife sticking out from the small of Shubel’s back,” Maldonado said. Additional searches revealed he was also carrying suspected methamphetamine, a meth pipe and a window punch.

Inside the car, Boucher found numerous burglary tools and a personalized license plate that Shubel had taken off of it, he said. The officer also saw shards of glass around the driver’s seat that appeared to be from another vehicle burglary.

A search for information about the 2004 Mercedes showed that it belongs to Daniel Zeller and had been stolen, according to Maldonado, though no one had reported it. The license plate on the Mercedes had been taken off a car parked on Carpenter Street, also without the owner’s knowledge. The Mercedes had been left unlocked in the Forest Theater’s parking lot with the keys inside, and it and the stolen plate were returned to the owners.

‘Cold plate’

“It is common practice for criminals to steal a vehicle and ‘cold plate’ the stolen vehicle with a different license plate, with the hopes of going undetected by law enforcement while they commit crimes,” Maldonado explained.

“We appreciate the citizen who called it in, and this was great work by the officers involved who ended Shubel’s crime spree so quickly,” Maldonado said. “It’s also a great example of, ‘If you see something, say something.’”

Shubel remained in Monterey County Jail this week on felony charges of vehicle theft and possession of a stolen vehicle and misdemeanors of carrying a concealed knife and possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia, burglary tools and stolen property. His bail is \$15,000.

Monterey County Superior Court records indicate Shubel has been convicted in two misdemeanor cases, both filed by Monterey P.D., since October 2023.

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in advocating for what is just and meaningful for all residents, embodying a commitment to integrity and community well-being.” Not many people may agree with me, but this kind of “unconventional path” versus what we customarily think of as a traditional path, is as valuable as that conventional path. It shows great ability to move through the “system” despite the lack of trappings of the usual.

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CHS pool to reopen after cleanup

By KELLY NIX

CARMEL HIGH’s swimming pool, which was filled with nasty brown water after Cal Am flushed its distribution system, was cleaned up Thursday, Carmel Unified officials told The Pine Cone.

Early Aug. 27, the CHS girls water polo team discovered the discolored water in the pool after Cal Am’s work on the water mains. CHS’ water polo teams were forced to relocate their practices to other swimming pools.

On Wednesday, though, Carmel Unified School District superintendent Sharon Ofek said that she expected the pool to reopen soon.

“The cleaning process is anticipated

and a regular backwash of the filters was conducted to flush the particulate matter out,” Ofek said. “A cleanup of heavier particles on the bottom of the pool is underway using a robotic vacuum device.”

A photo taken by a Pine Cone photographer Thursday afternoon depicted a pristine swimming pool.

Complex system

To compensate for evaporation, a system automatically refills the pool, which is how the brown water got in there. While the refill process can be stopped, it was not. Cal Am, Ofek said, “did not inform the district” beforehand “of any pipe flushing operation.” Cal Am officials have said the company issued a notice about the maintenance to all of its customers.

Ofek said that since the incident, Carmel Unified officials have been in regular contact with Cal Am and are talking to the company’s insurance carrier about costs.

Cal Am spokesman Josh Stratton said the Monterey Peninsula’s complex water system was partly to blame because of the “amount of infrastructure needed to provide water, and the diverse portfolio of sources needed to supply customers.”

“Our team works every day to provide safe and reliable water service,” he told The Pine Cone. “In response to the reports of discolored water, Cal Am actively flushed the system and conducted water quality testing. We are in ongoing communications with the Carmel Unified School District regarding efforts to resolve their claims.”

After the mishap, the girls team practiced at the Carmel Valley Youth Center Community Pool, while the boys’ team used the Monterey Peninsula College pool.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

The pool at Carmel High School was sparkling in the late-summer sunshine Thursday after a major cleanup.

to be complete on Thursday,” Ofek said Wednesday night. “The district is still compiling costs of the effort.”

She explained that once the high school realized the problem, it initially shut down the filtration and heating systems to flush the boilers and take them out of the loop to allow the heavier particles to settle to the bottom of the pool.

“The filtration system was restarted,

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Election forum in P.G. turns into solo act as only one candidate shows up

By CHRIS COUNTS

A CANDIDATES forum at the Monarch Pines Resort in Pacific Grove Aug. 27 offered a platform for three would-be mayors to express their views on a wide variety of topics that impact the town — but only one, Dan Miller, showed up. Miller is running against Nick Smith and Dionne Ybarra.

With about 50 people in the audience, Miller fielded questions from Peggy Gibbs of Leadership Pacific Grove, which co-sponsored the event, and author and economist Francois Melese.

A lifelong resident of Pacific Grove, Miller served six years as a city councilmember and three years as a planning commissioner. He ran unsuccessfully for mayor

against Bill Kampe in 2016. At the forum, he was asked why he’s running again.

“I’m running for mayor because I wasn’t wild about the other two people who are running,” Miller said. “We have a dearth of good candidates.”

He portrayed himself as a moderate who can help bridge the political divide between progressives and conservatives. “I don’t care what political party you are in,” he said. “I don’t care what color your skin is or how long you’ve lived here.”

Miller said city leaders need to do a better job of paying attention to the needs of residents. He said a lot of people don’t attend city council meetings because “they don’t feel like they’re being listened to.”

The would-be mayor also said the city needs to do a

better job of providing information online.

“The first thing we need to do is clean up the city’s website,” he continued. “You can go on there looking for something and it’s like an Easter egg hunt.”

The candidate was asked how he would address the city’s long term infrastructure needs. In response, he cited an example of inefficiency.

“I’ve been watching some work on Sinex that’s been going on for weeks,” he explained. “Six months ago, they redid the road. So did we not know that sewer line was a problem, or did we just find out about it after we redid the road we’re now tearing up? This happens all the time.”

From there, Miller turned to budget priorities and said the city is wasting money on salaries that could be better spent on infrastructure needs.

“At some point in time, you need to do the nuts-and-bolts infrastructure, and bite the bullet and spend the money,” he said.

“Quit spending it all on giving raises,” he said. “We’ve got employees who make 50 percent more than the same employee in Carmel. Does an employee in Carmel have a lower cost of living than an employee in Pacific Grove? Of course, the answer is no.”

Miller questioned spending so much money rehabilitating the recreation trail near Point Pinos, where storms recently washed away “hundreds of thousands of dollars” of work that had just been paid for. “If the ocean is rising, the rec trail is going to be gone in a couple years,” he suggested.

The candidate also took issue with the roundabout project at Sunset and Congress, which he said could cost \$10 million.

“If you put in a roundabout, you will never be able to get out on 19th Street,” he predicted. “There will be a constant line of cars.”

Miller also brought up the town’s pension liabilities, and he wants the city to “pay down some of that debt” when it has a budget surplus.

A candidate refused to talk about her campaign

Opponents contacted

Smith and Ybarra were contacted for this story. Smith gave The Pine Cone a statement listing his qualifications, which include serving on the Pacific Grove City Council.

“I bring a balanced approach and broad perspective to issues facing the city,” he said. “I pledge to listen to varied viewpoints, have informed discourse and make pragmatic and fair decisions based on all the information before me.”

Smith said top policy issues include addressing the city’s aging infrastructure, fiscal sustainability, environmental and coastline stewardship, youth recreation and housing.

As for infrastructure, Smith called it an “ongoing challenge.” “There is more to be done such as increased ADA

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‘Dragon House’ in Big Sur sells for \$4M

By CHRIS COUNTS

A STUNNING home with an unforgettable staircase, the “Dragon House” in Big Sur recently sold for its listing price, \$4 million. According to county records, the seller was reported as Dragon House LLC, while the buyer was identified only as Highway 1 Big Sur LLC, which has an address in Woodland Hills.

Located on 10 acres along a particularly scenic stretch of coastline between Esalen Institute and Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park, the home was named for the hand-carved railings on its staircase which depict the fire-breathing dragons of ancient lore.

The staircase was made by one of

his exquisite hand-carved wood sculptures. A one-time fashion designer and illustrator who worked in New York and Los Angeles, he left it all behind in 1953, taking a two-year bicycle trip around the world. In 1962, he moved to Big Sur, which he had discovered on his bicycle journey. In Big Sur, he carved hundreds of sculptures, including mythological and religious figures, abstract shapes, heads and masks. One of his best known works is a sculpture of Elizabeth Taylor he made for the movie, “Sandpiper”, which was filmed in Big Sur.

‘Marvel of craftsmanship’

The listing agent for the home, Nicole Truszkowski of Sotheby’s, described the property’s main house as “a marvel of artisanal craftsmanship and design.”

The 1,257-square-foot house was built in 1974. There are also two guest units and a caretaker’s unit — each “offering privacy and spectacular views.” Other amenities include five fireplaces, stained glass windows, a gated private driveway, and a private hiking trail. “There are multiple inside and outside vista points of the Pacific Ocean and several decks and outdoor entertainment areas for each cabin,” according to Truszkowski.

The real estate agent added that the home “promises a lifestyle manifested in tranquility, luxury and a connection to one of the most spectacular natural settings on the planet.”

The property was one of three owned by Peter Mullin, who died last year. One was an adjacent 11-bedroom home on 44 acres known as “Bien Sur,” which is on the market for \$21.5 million, and the landmark Coast Gallery, which is listed at \$2.85 million.



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Big Sur’s “Dragon House,” which just sold, features an impressive staircase carved by the late sculptor Edmund Kara.

Big Sur’s most respected artists, the late Edmund Kara, who is best known for creating the Phoenix sculpture that looms over the patio at Nepenthe restaurant. Some say Kara considered the dragon railings to be his finest work.

Kara, who died in 2001, was known for

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Road work in C.V. will slow traffic

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

MOTORISTS CAN expect to experience delays while county workers resurface Carmel Valley Road between Valley Greens Drive and Miramonte Road. The project started Sept. 5 and construction will continue weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through late October. “The work to be done includes resurfacing the existing pavement with asphalt rubber surfacing, including localized

pavement repairs, and removal and replacement of pavement delineation,” the county reported. “Traffic control measures such as lane closure and one-lane reversible traffic control will be implemented during construction. The public is advised to allow time when traveling through the area. The contractor is Coastal Paving & Excavating Inc. of Monterey. The project is expected to cost \$2.7 million, and will be paid for by taxpayers with Measure X and TOT funds.

Write-in candidates can file through Oct. 22

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

WOULD-BE contenders for local county and city offices who didn’t make the deadline for a spot on the Nov. 5 ballot can file as write-in candidates between Sept. 9 and Oct. 22, according to Monterey County Registrar of Voters Gina Martinez. While write-in candidates rarely prevail, it does happen, such as when Karl Pallastrini won his seat on the Carmel Unified School District’s board of education in 2011. To qualify, a candidate must meet the requirements to serve — such as being registered to vote in the district where the

person is running and not having been convicted of certain crimes — and file write-in nomination forms. Nomination forms for county or district offices must be filed at the Monterey County Elections Office at 1441 Schilling Place in Salinas, while those seeking a city office, such as council member or mayor, must file them with the city clerk. No fees are required, and, of course, a write-in candidate’s name will not appear on the ballot. For more information, visit countyofmonterey.gov/elections or call (831) 796-1499.

Ohana director honored by elected official

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

AN EXECUTIVE who heads Montage Health’s child and family mental health program, Ohana, was one of seven women selected to receive accolades from the assemblymember whose district includes Monterey County. Susan Swick, executive director of Ohana, was selected by state Assemblywoman Dawn Addis as a “Woman of the Year” honoree. “Dr. Swick, the visionary executive

director at Ohana, has transformed mental health services for our youth and families,” Addis said on social media. “Her leadership at Ohana, part of the Montage Health family, has set a new standard for compassionate and comprehensive care in our community.” Swick joined others, including Kate Woods Novoa, founder of blog BigSur-Kate, to be honored. The awards are overseen by the California Legislative Women’s Caucus to honor outstanding women in each legislative district.



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To avoid lawsuit, P.G. council says it will abandon at-large elections

By KELLY NIX

THE PACIFIC Grove City Council voted Wednesday night to move toward a district-based election system after a civil rights group upped the ante in its threats to sue the city if it doesn't make the change.

With councilman Nick Smith absent, the council decided 6-0 to direct staff to return with a resolution to transition from at-large elections to district-based elections and hire a demographer to assist in the process.

"Realistically, there's almost no way we can win" if the city is sued for refusing to change to district elections, councilwoman Lori McDonnell said.

Since 2022, the League of United Latin American Citizens has pushed P.G. to make the change to avoid violating the California Voting Rights Act, and on Aug. 23, the group sent a certified letter to the city formally requesting it go to district elections while also requesting it adopt a resolution to do so within 45 days and adopt an ordinance establishing districts within 90 days.

"We urge Pacific Grove to act proactively to avoid potential litigation, which has proved costly for other municipalities," the letter from LULAC official Aidee

Farias says. "Transitioning voluntarily allows the city to maintain control over the districting process and engage the community meaningfully."

A district-based election in Pacific Grove would divide the city into areas of roughly equal populations, and voters in each of them would pick a council member who resides in their area.

According to the most recent census estimates, the city is 74 percent white, 11 percent Hispanic, 8.5 percent Asian and less than 1 percent Black.

Expensive

With P.G.'s at-large electoral system, constituents are allowed to vote for any candidate running for city council. The mayor will remain an at-large position.

Farias also said that the switch would "align Pacific Grove with positive statewide trends, as numerous cities and school districts have already adopted district elections," such as Monterey, Soledad, Gonzales and Greenfield and the Carmel and P.G. school districts.

Complicating things a bit is Measure Z, which will ask P.G. voters on Nov. 5 to reduce the council from six to four, plus the mayor. If voters OK a four-member

council, the city would be divided into four districts, or six if voters reject it.

The council agreed that trying to fight LULAC or any other group on the issue could be costly to taxpayers.

Councilman Chaps Poduri, who has opposed Measure Z, said keeping at-large elections is a "liability to the city from a cost perspective," and he said the city should make the change.

Councilwoman Debby Beck, who supports Measure Z, agreed with Poduri but said cutting up the city into six voting areas could lead to council candidates running unopposed, since the geographical areas would be much smaller.

Councilman Luke Coletti, who also supports Measure Z, said the "choice is pretty simple — litigate or move forward with district elections."

McDonnell said fighting the effort could result in "throwing" attorneys a lot of money, while Mayor Bill Peake said, "We don't have a choice," and that the city must heed LULAC's demands.

Pacific Grove is the only sizable city in Monterey County — besides much larger Salinas — that still has at-large elections. It's estimated that nearly 90 percent of cities in the state have five-member councils.

"The California Voting Rights Act prohibits at-large election systems that impair protected classes' ability to elect preferred candidates or influence election outcomes," Farias told the council on behalf of LULAC. "We believe P.G.'s current system dilutes minority voting strength, potentially violating" the state voting act.

City attorney Brian Pierik said that the state's voting rights act "alters established standards of proof and defenses that exist under the federal Voting Rights Act, making it easier for plaintiffs to challenge the electoral system of any city or other

jurisdiction that does not elect its governing board by district."

For example, under the state voting law, a plaintiff is not required to prove that switching to districts will create at least one district with majority of Black or Hispanic voters, he said.

The law also expands the ability of plaintiffs to recover their legal fees and expenses, making awards mandatory if plaintiffs prevail in court. However, defendants, even if they win such cases, are not allowed to recover either attorneys fees or costs.

"Importantly, even if the city were to successfully defend itself against a California Voting Rights Act lawsuit, nothing prevents a different set of plaintiffs" from filing a new demand against the city, "potentially plunging it into litigation again," Pierik said.

'Absolute protection'

The lawyer went on to warn that the only "absolute protection" for the city against a lawsuit under the voting law "is the implementation of district elections."

In a February letter to the city, LULAC referenced a 2023 California Supreme Court ruling in which justices reversed a 2021 appellate decision that upheld Santa Monica's at-large voting system under the voting rights act.

In all such civil cases "to date, the court has ordered the losing jurisdiction to implement district elections," Pierik said. He also noted the "extremely high expense" of paying for such a trial.

Some of the state's municipal losers have had to fork over big bucks. For instance, Palmdale paid \$4.5 million, Modesto paid \$3.5 million, and Highland paid \$1 million. Santa Monica incurred a whopping \$22 million demand for attorneys' fees and other costs.



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Monterey seeks to amend charter in four Nov. 5 ballot measures

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY of Monterey will ask voters in November to make several changes to its charter, including imposing term limits on city councilmembers and the mayor, amending the rules for leasing public property, and eliminating the use of gender-specific pronouns in the document. The city has four measures on the ballot and will hold a meeting Wednesday night to explain them to the public.

In contrast to general-law cities like Carmel, those with voter-approved charters have “supreme authority” over municipal affairs, according to the California Constitution, including the ability to dictate how city government is organized, how elections are conducted, procedures for adoption of legislative documents, and quorum and voting requirements.

Charter cities still follow state law for all matters not covered by the charter’s provisions. The Monterey City Charter was adopted in 1925 and can only be amended via a ballot measure passed by registered voters.

One is contentious

The Monterey City Council in July OK’d the measures for the ballot, three unanimously and one — for 12-year term limits — by a 3-2 vote. Measure V is entitled “City Charter Clerical Corrections and Clarifications,” while Measure W is “Councilmember Filing as Candidate for Mayor,” Measure X is “Mayor and City Councilmember Term Limits (3-2 vote),” and Measure Y is “Leases of Real Property.”

V asks voters to decide if the city should “delete obsolete provisions, resolve contradictions, update procedures for the adoption of ordinances,” and clarify that the library board appoints or removes the

director who oversees it. Measure V also calls for the elimination of gender-specific pronouns in the charter, in favor of “they.”

If passed, the other ballot initiatives also specify when the term ends for a council member who has filed for mayor and change the rules for leasing publicly owned property so it can be made available to nonprofits and other government and educational entities “on terms and rates that serve the community benefit,” rather than based on the going market rate.

X: Good or bad

Only one, the measure seeking term limits, had arguments filed for and against it, both by sitting members of the council alongside others.

“Term limits are a crucial step in enhancing our democratic process and ensuring a vibrant, representative government,” reads the argument written by Mayor Tyller Williamson, councilmembers Kim Barber and Gino Garcia, former councilmember Libby Downey and planning commissioner Bob Bluth. Term limits will “empower our community to embrace fresh perspectives and new ideas, fostering innovation and progress.”

Proponents also argue that imposing limits will “open the door for diverse voices to enter leadership positions, creating opportunities for individuals from different backgrounds and experiences to contribute to our city’s future.”

The opponents, including councilmembers Ed Smith and Alan Haffa and former Mayor Clyde Roberson, suggest the measure should not have been placed on the ballot after being approved by such a narrow margin. Constituents should retain the right to choose who serves on their behalf, they say.

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County turns down chance to buy historic building in Carmel Valley

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE COUNTY has backed away from a plan to buy a historical building in Carmel Valley from the Carmel Unified School District.

County officials had assembled a task force to find a way to preserve the Carmelo Athletic and Social Club, which was built in 1895 and served for many decades as a site for meetings, dances and holiday celebrations.

The school district wants to sell the property, and the county had expressed interest in buying it to help facilitate a road improvement project. Their plans called for moving the building.

Meanwhile, more than 500 people signed a petition declaring they want it saved. Those leading the campaign

want the building to remain — even if it can’t be used by the public.

The county had hired an architect to assess its condition, which has been described as poor. Officials also sought to find a group willing to pay for the work involved with moving and restoring it, to no avail.

Preservationists surprised

A member of the task force, Paola Berthoin of Carmel Valley, told The Pine Cone that she learned about the decision Aug. 20.

“It was a pretty big surprise,” Berthoin said. “I’m personally feeling relieved. It gives us another chance to show how important the building is and why it should be left in place.”


Soon-to-be 5th District Supervisor and Carmel Valley resident Kate Daniels was also pleased by the news.

“It gives the task force the opportunity to start fresh with the school district,” Daniels said. “The school district doesn’t have the same infrastructure needs or interests the county had. The county wanted the space for the potential to do something with the road.”

Daniels agrees with those who say the building should be preserved in place. “It has so much character and history,” she added.

School district superintendent Sharon Ofek responded to questions about the building’s future.

“The district will always work to ensure that its assets always provide the taxpayers with a return on their investment,” Ofek said. “This property is no exception.”



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CMS girl to perform in Florida parade

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

KAIYA NEWMAN, a Carmel Middle School eighth grader and captain of the cheerleading team, has been selected to perform with about other 800 cheerleaders at the Walt Disney World Thanksgiving Day Parade in Orlando, Fla.

Organization Varsity Spirit holds summer cheer camps throughout the country. But only a select group of cheerleaders, such as Newman, are chosen as All Americans.

“All Americans are selected via tryout based on either superior cheerleading or dance skills,” according to Varsity Spirit.

“I am beyond excited and looking forward to meeting and cheering with girls from around the country and representing my school and Carmel,” Newman said.

CMS cheer coach Lisa Hanes called the honor an “incredible achievement for any athlete.”

“But what makes it even more remarkable is that she earned this honor as a middle schooler,” Hanes told The Pine Cone. “Although she isn’t directly competing against other athletes, she’s competing against her own personal best, pushing herself to meet the high standards of the NCA All-American program.”

Newman’s mom, Tiffany Newman — who was coached by Hanes when she was a cheerleader at P.G. High — said her daughter intends to pursue cheerleading in high school and college.

“Kaiya is very serious about her sport and is always practicing at home, where we hear the constant sound of her toe touches from her bedroom,” her mother said.

The cost of the Florida trip is roughly \$4,200, and the Newmans are seeking donations. They started a gofundme page at shorturl.at/jn9Ji.

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Western Flyer set to return to Mexico, and you can join the journey

By CHRIS COUNTS

FAMOUS FOR carrying writer John Steinbeck and marine biologist Doc Ricketts on a scientific voyage to the Gulf of California 85 years ago, the Western Flyer is headed there again in April 2025, and members of the public can be part of the adventure.

To help raise money for its research and educational efforts, the Western Flyer Foundation is chartering a small cruise ship, the Safari Voyager, that will accompany the Western Flyer for 10 days when it returns to Mexico. Spots for singles and couples are available, with costs ranging from \$14,000 for a solo traveler with the most basic room, to \$30,000 for a couple in the best room.

During the 10-day trip, the Western Flyer will explore some of the same collecting sites Steinbeck and Ricketts

the Gulf of California in 1940. While Ricketts collected samples of marine life, Steinbeck used the trip as inspiration for his book, “Sea of Cortez,” which came out in 1941. A second book, “The Log from the Sea of Cortez,” was published in 1951.

Time took a toll on the boat, and by 2015 it was

described as “almost beyond repair.” But that didn’t deter marine geologist John Gregg from buying it for \$1 million and launching an ambitious effort to restore it. Gregg founded the Western Flyer Foundation to guide the

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Eighty-five years after its famous voyage to the Sea of Cortez, the Western Flyer will return there early next year.

visited in 1940. Snorkeling, kayaking, paddleboarding, stargazing, yoga and gourmet meals are also part of the package.

The boat will leave Old Fisherman’s Wharf in Monterey in mid-March. The Safari Voyager will meet the historic research vessel in La Paz the following month and accompany it on a trip around the gulf, which is also known as the Sea of Cortez.

Built in Tacoma, Wash., in 1937 for Monterey’s sardine-fishing industry, the 77-foot fishing ship gained fame after Steinbeck and Ricketts took it on a six-week trip to

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CRUELTY

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fired in an area that was extremely dark and covered in thick vegetation,” Rosas said. “This made it difficult for deputies to immediately locate the person or persons responsible for firing the weapons.”

The sheriff’s office issued a shelter-in-place order for everyone within a 5-mile radius and evacuated a few people staying in a nearby trailer, Rosas told The Pine Cone.

The Monterey County SWAT team was deployed, and Seaside Fire Department and Gonzales Police Department provided drones. With the drones’ help and dawn approaching, deputies spotted Arroyo and a truck he apparently crashed in a vineyard on Avery Lane. SWAT team members in an armored vehicle approached Arroyo and “were able to take him into custody without further incident,” Rosas said. Deputies then discovered the extent of the destruction they believe he caused.

According to the 48-page complaint filed by the district

attorney’s office Thursday morning, among the dead were a pony named Lucky, miniature horses named Estrella and Pricessa, 14 goats, 10 chickens, seven ducks, five rabbits, a guinea pig, 14 cockatiels and 20 parakeets.

Rosas said Thursday that one pet belonged to the property owner and the rest to a person who rents space for his animals there. He said they have asked not to be identified and do not want to make any statements at this point.

Weapons cache

Beth Brookhouser, spokesperson for the SPCA Monterey County, called the shooting “a tragic situation.”

“The SPCA Humane Investigations team assisted the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office at the heartbreaking scene. All the animals involved were found deceased except for five severely injured birds that needed to euthanized,” she said. “It was a tough, sad day, but we’re hoping our work collecting evidence will help the sheriff’s department with this case and prevent this from happening again. We all held our pets a little bit closer yesterday.”

At the scene, deputies also found long rifles, shotguns and handguns, among them an illegal assault weapon,

at the scene, along with numerous loaded and empty magazines.

On Wednesday, deputies served a search warrant at Arroyo’s home next door to the victims’ property and discovered seven more guns — five long rifles, a shotgun and a handgun — and ammunition. “Among the firearms seized were an assault rifle and handgun without serial numbers,” Rosas said. “This brings the total number of firearms seized during this investigation to 15. Additional ammunition in varying calibers was also seized, bringing the estimated total



Vicente Arroyo

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of rounds of ammunition to near or above 2,000.”

Rosas commented on TV that the arrest and seizure of such an arsenal probably prevented a future tragedy. “We know that in this particular case, we’re talking about animals that lost their lives yesterday, but who knows what could have happened going forward?”

Rosas said Thursday he could not provide any information regarding possible motives for the shooting rampage and said the investigation is ongoing.

Arroyo was booked into Monterey County Jail for numerous felonies, including willful discharge of a firearm with gross negligence, animal cruelty, illegal possession of assault weapons, vandalism and criminal threats. Because he was convicted of a felony in 2021 for fleeing from a California Highway Patrol officer, Arroyo is also forbidden from possessing any kind of firearm or ammunition. He also has a prior misdemeanor conviction for DUI.

The DA’s office charged him with 92 felonies and one misdemeanor, along with numerous enhancements.

Bail was originally set at \$50,000 but was increased to \$1 million after the search. He remained in custody Thursday.

■ Squirrels ‘tortured and killed’ at Lovers Point, police say

By KELLY NIX

A MARINA man was arrested last week on suspicion of felony cruelty to animals after Pacific Grove Police say he

tortured and killed squirrels at one of the city’s most visited parks.

On Aug. 29 at about 2 p.m., police officers were called to Lovers Point Park after getting a report of someone throwing rocks at squirrels and killing them.



Michael Cargile

Officers arrested 53-year-old Michael Cargile and booked him into Monterey County Jail on PC 597(a), which is intentionally maiming, mutilating, torturing, wounding or killing an animal.

‘Throwing rocks and stomping’

Cargile “was found to have maliciously tortured and killed squirrels by throwing rocks as well as stomping on them,” interim Pacific Grove Police

Chief Brian Anderson told The Pine Cone Tuesday. He “was arrested and booked into the Monterey County Jail.”

Cargile was no longer in jail as of Tuesday, according to inmate records. Police did not offer a possible motive for the crimes.

According to the California Penal Code, the cruelty to animal charge Cargile faces is punishable by imprisonment or a fine of not more \$20,000, or by both.

The Monterey County District Attorney’s Office charged Cargile with one felony count of animal cruelty.

“The crime of cruelty to an animal in violation of PC597(a), a felony, was committed by Michael Gene Cargile, in that Cargile did unlawfully, maliciously torture and kill living animals,” according to the complaint filed by deputy district attorney Robin Duffy.

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I have had the pleasure of knowing David for several years, during which time he has consistently exhibited a deep devotion to our city and a strong sense of public responsibility.

As a devoted Carmelite, David’s commitment to preserving the character and charm of our city by the sea is unequaled. His knowledge and experience in city government, coupled with his unwavering passion for our community, make him a natural fit for our city council. David’s ability to navigate complex challenges, such as water management and allocation, housing mandates, budget constraints, and post-Covid recovery efforts is truly impressive.

I am confident that David’s character, dedication and strong leadership qualities position him perfectly to lead us through these difficult times. I wholeheartedly recommend him for any position that requires a blend of vision, experience and determination.

Richard Ely,
Carmel

Buder’s ‘expertise and experience’

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Hans Buder for city council. While I am not registered to vote in town, I am a Carmelite, born and raised on the Monterey Peninsula, and I owned and operated a business downtown for many years.



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HEAD AND NECK PAIN


A CHIROPRACTIC MESSAGE
from Dr. Steven MacDonald, D.C.

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


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I maintain a house in Carmel and come to visit family and friends every two weeks, and I am very interested and invested in the success of our community and in maintaining the city’s unique charm.

As we look for ways to confront the challenge of the one-size-fits-all state housing mandate that could have such far-reaching consequences for our village, I have been very impressed with the leadership, balance and expertise Hans has shown on this very important issue. Hans is working hard to help the city identify alternative strategies that would be more consistent with the character of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Thanks to the work of AHA (Affordable Housing Alternatives), the citizens organization he’s been helping to lead, the city council, which voted 4-1 in favor of developing 149 exclusively income-restricted units at the Sunset Center and Vista Lobos, subsequently reversed course and voted 5-0 to explore other options.

Like many of us, I’m very concerned about how we navigate this to preserve our unique charm and character, and as a dad raising three young children with his wife Meghan, I know Hans is as well. Hans is the candidate who has the expertise and experience we need, and I urge a vote for him for city council.

Wayne Armstrong,
Carmel

Thanks to volunteers

Dear Editor,

Nearly every day, rain or shine, my neighbor Shirley Moon gets up at dawn, puts on her denim overalls, sparkle hat and Carmel Cares yellow vest, and heads out to work. Her car is packed with shovels, rakes, buckets and other gardening supplies she may need for the many projects she manages around the city. Some days, she picks up trash and sweeps sand off stairs going down to the beach. On other days, she manages projects like installing the new redwood railing on the beach pathway. She doesn’t get paid for her countless hours of hard work; she does it because she loves this town and wants it to be the best it can be.

In 2020, when the city shut down for Covid, mayoral candidate Dale Byrne noticed that our beach path was not being maintained and was becoming overgrown with dangerous foxtails and other weeds. More and more trash was building up around the city and on the beach. He and Shirley couldn’t stand to see our beautiful city look so neglected and unkempt, so Dale started the nonprofit Carmel Cares. I believe Carmel Cares now has over 150 volunteers. One of those volunteers is Kelly Burke, who has been keeping our downtown litter-free. She spent nearly 40 hours picking up trash after Car Week.

I want to give a heartfelt “thank you” to Shirley, Kelly, Dale and all the other incredible Carmel Cares volunteers who have given their time and energy to make Carmel a cleaner, nicer, better place to live. The new redwood

railing on the beach pathway is gorgeous, and the pollinator plants on the Ocean Avenue medians are beautiful. Your hard work and dedication to Carmel are inspirational.

Christy Hollenbeck,
Carmel

Preservation misconception

Dear Editor,

Many in our Carmel community believe that the Carmel Preservation Association is promoting only one type of “historic” style. Au contraire! This misunderstanding most likely occurred when the Cotswolds in England or villages in Italy or the Greek Isles were described as places where restrictions have saved an Old World “look,” and consequently are desirable to visit. These locations clearly have consistent themes that are rigidly upheld. Can you imagine a Carmel cottage sitting on Santorini? Horrors!

The point of these examples is not to say that Carmel should have only one type of stone or one color of roof. The point is that Carmel has its own unique character to be preserved. This “charm” includes buildings of many styles, including Tudor, fairytale, mission, Craftsman, board and batten, Spanish Revival, etc., “designed with natural materials, pleasant open spaces and abundant landscaping with native plants. Carmel Stone, local granite and the frequent use of wood in hand-carved doors, window frames, sills, moldings, roofing materials and signs are all design features that contribute to the village character.” (Carmel General Plan).

The CPA was formed when it became evident that commercial and industrial-looking buildings were cropping up in our neighborhoods. A little boy, observing a new box-like home in Carmel, said, “look, Mommy, a Starbucks!”

Over 1,200 locals and visitors have signed our petition to save the unique architectural character of our village.

Many have said it is too late to save Carmel. We don’t believe that. We can’t believe we must try to save what is still here, as many before us have done. Please contact us at preservcarmel@gmail.com to join us or express your opinions.

Karyl Hall and Neal Kruse,
Carmel

Blame for inflation

Dear Editor,

It’s easy to blame inflation on the Biden-Harris administration because it happened during their watch. The truth is that neither their administration nor the earlier Trump administration had much to do with it other than the stimulus packages that both administrations provided to help Americans get through and recover from the effects of the Covid pandemic.

The reality is that two factors were to blame. First,

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the pandemic shut down commerce worldwide as workers stayed home in fear for their lives. This resulted in a worldwide disruption to supply chains, causing shortages of goods and services.

Secondly, the war in Ukraine disrupted the supply of energy from Russia which caused huge price spikes in the world market for oil and gas.

The effect of these two events caused Americans, who usually spent their extra money on services like eating out and traveling, shifted their spending to buying hard goods like TV's, furniture and appliances as they stayed home. When they emerged from the shutdown and once again began spending on services and travel, the spike of pent-up demand caused a perfect storm of too many dollars chasing too little stuff.

As a result, the increase in the consumer price index peaked at an annual rate of 9.1 percent in June of 2022. Today, as supplies of goods, services and fuel have been reestablished, the CPI is increasing at an annual rate of 3 percent.

I realize all things are ultimately political and it's easy to blame the guy standing in the room when something happens but a little critical thinking about topics that affect all of us can surely help.

Michael LePage,
Carmel

Squatter warning

Dear Editor,

I have a warning for property owners in California. I have been cursed with squatters who seized my sister's Orange County house after she passed away in 2023. They were my sister's friends, and she had let them live with her temporarily. I offered \$5,000 for keys; the squatters demanded \$45,000. Ridiculous. What were they smoking?

At the trial, the main squatter referred to my inherited property as her house. The judge asked, "Do you deny that Samuels is the owner?" She hemmed and hawed and could barely agree. I won the case, but unfortunately, justice creeps at a snail's pace. The squatters were able to keep staying the eviction, demanding a trial-by-jury, occupying my property for over a year. And I had to keep paying all of the house utilities, insurance, and legal fees!

We're in a world where criminals are rewarded, while victims are punished. Homeowners can no longer be generous with either outsiders or friends. In California, squatters have almost more rights than the property owner.

Take note. If I had known this beforehand, I would have given the squatters the \$45,000. Instead, I paid a fortune for an attorney while the squatters lived rent and utilities-free.

Lawrence Samuels,
Carmel

BUSWAY

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rail return to the Monterey Peninsula. Train advocate Bryan Rosen expressed his dismay this week at the plan to remove the tracks.

He insisted that a rail line would have a much greater benefit to the environment than a bus project.

"Unfortunately, coastal commission staff has reversed its longstanding opposition to the environmentally destructive Surf Busway after powerful politicians and their allies spent much time persuading them to support the project," Rosen wrote. "Miles of railroad tracks will be removed, which is a reversal of what [the local agencies] have been telling the public for years, that railroad tracks would remain in place."



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PUNCH

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that puts him as the victim and Panzuto as the aggressor. Now, Morales has also sued Tutelian. Filed by Salinas attorney Gary Thelander, his complaint tells a story similar to Panzuto’s. On the night in question, the restaurateur and server were standing next to the Vespa talking



Gray Burnham Hynes
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Orinda, Ca

Gray Burnham Hynes died peacefully at the well-lived age of 88, after a short illness.

Gray was the daughter of Dr. Clark Burnham, Jr. of Berkeley and Grace Chapman of Piedmont. She was raised by her mother and step-father, Dr. Carol McKenney, in Carmel and Pebble Beach. She went to Sunset School, Carmel High School, and was in the first graduating class of nine girls at Santa Catalina. She then earned a B.A. degree in English from UC Berkeley, where she was the president of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Gray met George Hynes of San Francisco at a party in Carmel Valley in 1958. After a whirlwind romance, they were married later that year at the Carmel Mission. They had three children, Ragan, Linden and Michael. They lived in Oregon, Piedmont, and Incline Village, Nevada (where George was key in the development of Northstar-at-Tahoe ski resort). Eventually they returned to Piedmont and in later years, moved to Orinda. After George retired, they spent much time at Graystone, their cottage in Carmel.

Gray used her innate good taste and sense of style as the manager of the Gift Horse boutique in the Claremont area of Berkeley. Later, she and a close friend owned one of the first home staging businesses in the Bay Area, Improve to Move.

Over the years Gray was active in charitable and educational groups including the AAUW, Junior League and the Orinda Garden Club. She also loved reading, bird watching and traveling the world. Gray was also, surprisingly, a big sports fan. She read the entire Chronicle sports section every day. Her favorite teams were the San Francisco Giants (where her daughter, Linden worked in the front office) and the 49ers.

Gray is survived and missed by her daughter, Ragan Rei (Doug Croll) and son, Michael; granddaughter, Meg Rei Straw (Rob); grandson, Will Rei (Stephanie); grandsons, Liam and Keller Hynes; and twin great-granddaughters, Kennedy and Camden Straw. She will also be missed by her sisters, Robin Holt of Lafayette and Wendy Kuhn of Jailly, France. She was preceded in death by her husband, George in 2002 and daughter, Linden in 2012.

Gray adapted seemingly effortlessly to life’s changes, wherever it took her. She was known by all for her elegance, charm, hospitality, beauty, and a “wit matched only by grace.”

when Tutelian approached and said he wanted to ride it, a request they ignored.

“The defendant then tried to take the scooter,” Morales alleges. According to the suit, Panzuto agreed to let Tutelian ride the scooter down the street and back, but said he had to wear a helmet. Tutelian left his wallet behind, presumably as collateral.

When he returned, “he practically threw the Vespa at Panzuto,” the lawsuit says. The two men exchanged words, and Tutelian spouted racial epithets aimed at Italians, at which point Morales says he asked Tutelian’s friends take him and leave.

“Defendant responded by threatening Panzuto and throwing a punch,” causing the Vespa to fall over, Morales’ suit recounts. “Plaintiff intervened, as he was afraid that his boss would be severely hurt. Defendant responded by punching plaintiff once in the nose.”

Tutelian tried to throw another punch but fell on the uneven sidewalk, according to Morales.

As that was happening, Tutelian’s friends were punching and kicking Panzuto, he says, and all four ran away after onlookers yelled at them that police were on their way.

Both men went to Community Hospital of the Monterey

Peninsula for treatment, according to the complaint, but the ER doctor was unable to fix Morales’ broken nose that night.

The lawsuit accuses Tutelian of assault and battery, intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress, general negligence and civil rights violations.

In addition to having to miss work, Morales “was hurt and injured in his health, strength and activity, sustaining injury to his nervous system and person, all of which have caused, and continue to cause, great mental, physical and nervous pain and suffering,” according to the complaint. He also incurred medical expenses.

Morales is demanding a jury trial and is asking the court to award him general and punitive damages, and compensation for medical expenses and lost earnings.



Michael Tutelian



Mary G. Vezilich

Mary G. Vezilich (née Mufich), 71, of Seaside, passed away with her family surrounding her on Sunday, August 4th after a short, but relentless, battle with ALS.

Mary was born May 20, 1953, in the “Strawberry Hill” neighborhood of Kansas City, Kansas and raised by second generation Croatian-American parents. Mary developed a love of diverse languages and cultures from an early age and was a member of her church’s Croatian “tamburitza” musical group, touring around both the U.S. and Eastern Europe as a teenager. After graduating from Notre Dame de Sion High School for Girls, she attended the University of Kansas and received a dual bachelor of arts in French and Slavic and Soviet Area Studies in 1975. She then went on to receive her master’s in Special Studies: Slavic and Applied Linguistics, in 1983. Mary received a Fulbright scholarship to teach English in the former Yugoslavia (what is now the country of Bosnia and Herzegovina) and to translate and edit English language articles published at the University in Mostar. Mary spent six years with her family in Pittsburgh, PA, beginning her true calling in publishing at the University of Pittsburgh Press.

After moving to the Monterey/Carmel area in 1994, Mary worked on the editing and production of undergraduate and graduate level engineering and computer science textbooks at Brooks/Cole-Thomson Learning. Then drawing on her love of language and culture, Mary was employed at the Defense Language Institute for more than 15 years as a senior editor and editorial coordinator on in-house developed curriculum for courses in Iraqi, Urdu, Russian, Egyptian, Sudanese, Dari, Tagalog, Turkish, Persian-Farsi, Serbian/Croatian, Spanish, Korean, Japanese and Chinese.

After retiring in 2019, Mary led a full and active life, driving across the country each year to her beloved Kansas City, stopping to spend time with her granddaughters in Arizona and Colorado; trying new recipes on her friends and hosting them for parties on her patio; practicing Tai Chi, yoga, and riding her electric bike for fun and exercise; attending lectures, art exhibits, and live music performances; and walking her beloved beagle, Chloe.

Mary will be remembered for being a tremendous listener; a loyal, generous, and caring friend; a “tech-savvy Boomer”; a craft beer enthusiast; and an extremely loving mother and grandmother.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Mildred J. (née Korosac) and Emil C. Mufich. She is survived by a sister, Linda K. Mufich, and a brother, Emil W. Mufich, both of Kansas City; two daughters, Anne (Matt) Warner of Denver, CO, and Kristina (Charlie Orr) Vezilich of Sedona, AZ; four granddaughters, Emily and Natalie Warner of Denver, and Sabrina and Faya Vezilich of Sedona; and two nieces, Millicent Knopp Kloster of Atlanta, and Lydia Knopp Moreno of Kansas City, as well as many additional in-laws and cousins. Mary kept up immeasurable relationships locally, around the country, and across the globe with friends who will now grieve her sudden passing.

A Catholic Celebration of Life for Mary will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 13th at her home parish of San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any donations be sent to Team Gleason (teamgleason.org/donate/) to help other families coping with ALS or to the Monterey Arts Council (arts4mc.org/donate/).

What say you about Car Week?

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

FEELINGS ABOUT Car Week run almost as deeply on the pro and con sides as they do about house numbers in Carmel-by-the-Sea, so community activities director Ashlee Wright is asking everyone to weigh in on how they felt this year’s events went. The city hosted four Car Week shows — Concours for a Cause on Tuesday, Astons on the

Avenue on Wednesday, and the Prancing Ponies and Ferrari Owners Club’s Concours Carmel on Thursday.

The online survey, conducted for the third year in a row, solicits feedback on the events as well as safety issues.

It begins with asking whether the taker is a resident, restaurant owner, retailer, innkeeper or worker within the city limits, or “a Car Week attendee from outside of the 93921.”

“How did you feel about Car Week in Carmel-by-the-Sea overall this year?” it asks, with possible answers being “Loved it,” “It was OK,” or “I did not like it at all.” It then inquires, “Why do you feel that way?”

The survey covers each event and asks for ratings, as well as, “How do you feel about the events in Carmel-by-the-Sea in general this year?”

It then seeks feedback on “the effectiveness of traffic calming measures in place for safety in the evenings in the business district,” specifically, the barriers installed to circumvent the reckless driving, drag racing and other antics that have occurred on Ocean Avenue in the past.

The questionnaire wraps up with a general solicitation of any additional thoughts on Car Week. Wright said it will be available on the landing page at ci.carmel.ca.us through Sept. 20.



DEBBIE NEIMAN

Debbie Neiman, age 79, passed away peacefully on Aug. 16 in her Carmel Valley home. She was surrounded by family and aided by the remarkable nurses of The Hospice of the Central Coast.

Debbie was born in Canton, Ohio, home of the Football Hall of Fame, a fact that Debbie would make clear whether you were interested or not. She attended McKinley High School, followed by Capital University in Bexley, Ohio. She moved to Chicago in 1967, teaching third grade on the west side of Chicago. She and her students were caught in the middle of the 1968 riots which broke out following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Debbie was the “hostess with the mostest.” Her parties were legendary. She hosted family reunions every year, feeding 30 people three meals per day for five days, always smiling. Her Christmas Eve parties were the hottest ticket in town. She loved bridge, tennis and hikes, as long as she didn't have to sleep in a tent. She loved roller coasters, dancing (more than once on a tabletop), making wine cakes, CSI, horror movies and word puzzles, Mick Jagger, cheeseburgers and Michigan sunsets. Downhill skiing, not so much.

Debbie had legions of friends: the Tennis Ladies, the Bridge Group, her hiking buddies, the Book Club Ladies, the crew at the Discovery Shop. Her kids’ friends thought she was the coolest mom in town. Her home was their home. She didn't have an enemy on earth. She was an extraordinary woman.

Debbie is survived by her two children, Cary (Missy) and Amy; her two grandchildren, Uzi and Trey; her husband, Cary; and by her brother, Dan. Debbie was preceded in death by her sister, Judy, and brothers Bob and Elmer. She has many, many in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins. Every one of them loved her and will miss her.

If you wish to honor her memory, Debbie was devoted to Foster Parents Plan, (plan-international.org) and the Discovery Shop of the American Cancer Society in Pacific Grove (cancer.org).

A casual celebration of Debbie's life will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22 at Los Laureles Lodge, 313 West Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, CA. An additional celebration of her life will take place in Chicago this fall.

ROBERT WLODARCZYK, D.O.



Robert Wlodarczyk, D.O., 79, passed away on Aug. 25, 2024, from cardiac complications. Known to most as Bob, he will be missed by his many friends and extended family including his brothers, Michael and Daniel; stepdaughters, Viveca Lohr and Vainca Bauman; grandkids and his handful of nieces and nephews. His wife, life partner and love of his life for more than 50 years, Ruth Bauman, a gifted artist, geriatric social worker and lover of horses, preceded him in death in 2021.

Born and raised in the south side of Chicago’s Back of the Yards neighborhood, he graduated from Southern Illinois University, then Chicago College of Osteopathic medicine. Bob practiced cardiology in Chicago and Monterey County for decades. As a physician, he was revered by his colleagues, co-workers and patients. He was smart, tenacious and practiced medicine with grit, heart and soul. He was delighted to have the opportunity to teach and practice cardiology in Nigeria during an educational program. In addition to medicine, he was a skilled blacksmith and artist and created innumerable sculptures throughout his lifetime. He enjoyed travel and was a collector of unusual objects. His humor, love of family and friends and passion for living and saving lives will be missed by many.

No services at this time.
Donations to Hope, Horses and Kids in Salinas would be meaningful.

MAUREEN SUE MASON

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

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

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



Maureen, Loving Nature (2008)



Maureen, Loving Her Granddaughter (2016)

Maureen found a reserve of energy to remain vibrant even after she was diagnosed with colorectal cancer metastasized to the liver. Chemotherapy helped her continue with substantial strength for more than three years. As she once explained: “I find myself being energized and restored each time I volunteer at Point Lobos. The Reserve is a joyous and integral part of my healing journey.” Ultimately, the chemo no longer worked and other attempts to fight the cancer were to no avail. As with everything in her life, Maureen made each day of those three years count through meaningful connections and gratitude, continuing as an inspiration to others.

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

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

Maureen, we all love and miss you so much!

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



YASUO TAKASAKI

Yasuo Takasaki was born in El Monte, CA on Sept. 16, 1920. Yasuo passed away quietly at his home with his family in Pacific Grove, CA on August 8, 2024. He was 103 years old. Yasuo joined the U.S. Army in 1940, prior to World War II. Yasuo married Hiroko Tokushima Takasaki (deceased) in 1948. They had five children born around the world. He is survived by his children, William Takasaki, from Pacific Grove, Shirley Jensen from Monterey, Yumiko Laney from Hawaii, Irene Oshiro from Hawaii, James Takasaki (deceased). He is also survived by 30 grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He is survived by one sister, Yuki Takayama (94) from Reedley, CA. He had eight brothers and sisters who are now deceased. Yasuo was honored with the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal in 2012. Sergeant Yasuo Takasaki, E6 served with the U.S. Army during both World War II and the Korean conflict. After retirement, he served another 20 years in civil service. Yasuo was a surf fisherman at heart. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, at the Monterey Buddhist Temple, Seaside CA. Yasuo's burial with Honor Guard Salute will be held at the City of Monterey Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 16, 2024. All are welcome to celebrate his life. Any contributions are welcome and will be distributed to his various charities.

LINDA MAZET
1-18-1933 ♦ 8-15-2024

The family of Linda sadly shares the news of her passing at the age of 91. She was held by her family members until her last breath. She was in her home, in her bed, just as she wanted.



Linda grew up in Ithaca, N.Y. and went to Cornell University. She moved to Carmel in the early '70s and became a Realtor. She visited Big Sur when she was a young woman and was determined to go back one day. All her dreams came true when she bought her property on Clear Ridge. She spent the happiest years of her life there.

Later in life, Linda moved to Ohio to be closer to her daughter, Laurie, and her family. Linda had many happy years in Ohio but Big Sur was always her true home. Linda always talked of her friends in Carmel and Big Sur with memories of love.

Linda is survived by her brothers, Bob Bailey and Jeff Bailey; daughter and son-in-law Laurie and Patrick Shaver; grandchildren, Gina Pheifer, Allison Hayden and Patrick Hayden; and great-granddaughter, Lauren Pheifer. She was preceded in death by her son, Tracey Long and daughter, Martha Hayden.

There are so many words to describe Linda, kind, loving, honest, generous, intelligent ... you can say many more. She loved to read, she loved animals, nature, looking at the stars and the ocean from Clear Ridge.

We will all miss her bright blue eyes and beautiful smile. When you look into the sky at night, there's another bright star, look for her and blow a kiss.

Donations in Linda's memory may be made to the Community Foundation of Monterey County, 23454 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940, to support the Big Sur Fund in Memory of Weston Call. Please make out your checks to CFMC, with "Big Sur Fund" on the memo line.

FORUM
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compliant sidewalks and improved storm drainage,” he said. While Smith said the city is “in good financial health,” it “must be proactive to address the rising costs in our society, including the costs of employee pensions, utilities, facilities, and services.” Regarding the dire housing crunch, Smith said he will support efforts to create more accessory dwelling units and look for opportunities to increase the supply, especially for those living and working here. Ybarra — who is embroiled in controversy over a confrontation she had with Israeli citizens while visiting the Philippines — refused to comment. She leads the Wahine Project, which teaches kids how to surf. On her website, she said her priorities for the city include improving

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241567
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **COASTAL EBIKE CONNECTION, 416 7th Street, Pacific Grove, California 93950.**
Registered Owner(s): CARLOS MARTIN LEYVA, 416 7th Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 8, 2018.
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/Carlos Leyva
Date signed: August 15, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 15, 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. 23, 30, Sept. 6, 13, 2024 (PC 831)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241474
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EMBODED PSYCHOTHERAPY, 516 Forest Ave., Suite 150, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
Registered Owner(s): OLIVIA FAE STADLER.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 29, 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 the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Olivia Stadler
Date signed: July 29, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 31, 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).
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS of CORA EVELYN JONES
Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of CORA EVELYN JONES ("Decedent"), that all persons having claims against the Decedent are required to mail or deliver a copy to HERBERT M. JONES, JR., as Trustee of the JONES FAMILY 2006 Trust, dated December 21, 2006, wherein the Decedent was a Settlor, in care of Tamara Reid, Esq., Aguirre Riley, P.C., 427 West Plumb Lane, Reno, NV 89509, within the later of four (4) months after the first publication of this notice or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, sixty (60) days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.
Dated: July 30, 2024
HERBERT M. JONES, JR., Trustee
c/o Tamara Reid, Esq.
427 West Plumb Lane
Reno, NV 89509
Tel: 775-376-9477
Fax: 775-964-5346
Email: Tamara@aguirreriley.com
Attorney for Herbert M. Jones, Jr.
Publication dates: Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 6, 2024. (PC835)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241601
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MESI-CREATIONS, 1862 Burgundy Way, Gonzales, CA 93926.**
Registered Owner(s): MARIO BREE PALOMARES MENDOZA.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 20, 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 the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Mario Bree Palomares Mendoza
Date signed: August 20, 2024

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN BARAK KINNICK, JR.
Case Number 24PR000381
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOHN BARAK KINNICK, JR..
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARY KATHERINE KINNICK in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.
The Petition for Probate requests that MARY KATHERINE KINNICK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: Dec. 2, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner: JENIFER K. GARDELLA
GARDELLA & GARDELLA, APC
520 Warren Street
Redwood City, CA 94063
(650) 364-7767
This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on August 15, 2024.
Publication dates: Sept. 6, 13, 20, 2024. (PC902)

accessibility, leveraging resources, addressing transparency, ensuring equity and inclusivity and embracing environmental stewardship. The forum was co-sponsored by Leadership Pacific Grove and the Monarch Pines Social Committee.

Miller to speak at foundation

CARMEL PINE Cone publisher Paul Miller will present a free talk, “Newspapers: We’re not dead yet,” at The Carmel Foundation Sept. 11 at 2:30 p.m. Miller, who bought the paper in April 1997, embarked on his career in journalism as a copy boy for the late Walter Cronkite, longtime anchorman for “CBS Evening News.” He subsequently spent 14 years traveling the world for network news with CBS and NBC, including serving for four years as bureau chief in Israel. The talk is free and open to all and will take place in Diment Hall at Lincoln and Eighth.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 20, 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 836)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241557
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Skinccredible 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 8/14/2024.
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)

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
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Historic Resources Board of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Board 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 AT CITY HALL. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom; however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom. The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible.

To attend in person, visit the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. **To view or listen to the meeting remotely,** you may access the YouTube Live Stream at <http://www.youtube.com/@CityofCarmelbytheSea/streams>, or use the following link to view or listen to the meeting via Zoom teleconference: https://ci-carmel-ca.us.zoom.us/j/82192956570?pwd=XXz9QXLUAAjcnCJW_13Trss9PIKKSww6QkQwSxRsB-TYcD. **To listen to the meeting via telephone, dial +1 669-444-9171.** Webinar ID: **821 9295 6570.** Passcode: **296093.**

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Historic Context Statement Update Monthly Progress Report
Location: Citywide
Historic Context Statement progress report and discussion.

DS 24204 (Esperanza Carmel, LLC)
Ryan Aeschliman, Development Director
26336 Scenic Road
Block B; Lot 18
APN: 009-423-001-000
Consideration of a Determination of Consistency with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the replacement of the existing asphalt driveway with a new pea gravel driveway, the repair of an existing stone curb along the south edge of the driveway, and the addition of a new stone curb along the north edge of the driveway, located at the historic "Mrs. Clinton Walker House" located at 26336 Scenic Road in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District, Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay, Park Overlay (PO), and Beach/Riparian (BR) Overlay.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Marnie R. Waffle, AICP, Principal Planner

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COUNCIL

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Ultimately, the council voted 4-1, with councilwoman Alissandra Dramov dissenting, that it had not contravened the Brown Act. It then voted to discuss putting the issue on the ballot, a decision led by Mayor Dave Potter, who has openly opposed the idea of implementing house numbers.

At the Sept. 10 meeting, administrative analyst Emily Garay will present “an overview of the proposed street address system implementation plan, a community engagement plan, and the city attorney’s legal analysis on the subject of address identification,” including discussion of state and local laws, “a draft ordinance, public voting and city options,” after which the council will be asked to provide direction.

Wildfire plan, housing

The council is also set to consider adopting the community wildfire protection plan developed for the cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove and Carmel-by-the-Sea and will receive an update on “alternative sites and programs that would allow for an amendment to the city’s adopted sixth cycle housing element to remove Vista Lobos and Sunset Center from the housing sites inventory list.”

Council members will be asked to adopt a resolution confirming their decision last month to allow parts of a property at Sterling Way and Perry Newberry to encroach into the public right of way.

Finally, some property owners are asking the council to overturn decisions by lower bodies. Greg and Van Rodriquez object to the historic resources board’s decision to list their home on Camino Real north of 11th on the historic resources inventory, and Cathryn Carlson disagrees with the planning commission’s approval of a neighbor’s remodel project at Ocean and Guadalupe.

The day prior, Sept. 9, the council will hold a special meeting to receive a couple of presentations and vote on the consent calendar, a list of routine items of business that can be adopted as a group unless someone objects.

Public hearings will follow on amending the contract for Peninsula Messenger Service, which the city uses to

deliver mail to residents who can’t or don’t want to go to the post office.

The resolution calls for an increase of \$105,600 through June 30, 2025.

The contract, which was approved in 2019 and increased three times subsequently, was last amended in 2021 — when the total reached \$322,200 and ran through the end of 2022, but services have continued.

“The proposed fee schedule represents a 40 percent increase over the fees previously approved and will cause current year expenditures to be significantly over the approved budget for this activity,” according to a report prepared by Garay.

“The proposed contract raises the cost of this service from \$5,200 per month last year (\$62,400 annually) to

\$7,300 per month currently (\$87,600 annually), representing an annual increase of \$25,000.”

Other contracts on the agenda include \$39,770 for project management and design services provided by the Wallace Group, and the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-750 5-yard dump truck from National Auto Fleet Group for \$135,825.

After the open session, council members will go into closed session to discuss price and terms for the use of the Rio Park property by the Carmel Area Wastewater District.

Both meetings begin at 4:30 p.m. and are held online and in person at city hall on Monte Verde south of Ocean. Find more information, including the complete agendas, at ci.carmel.ca.us.

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Monterey High grads set reunion in October

MONTEREY HIGH School’s Class of 1974 is celebrating its 50th class reunion with several events planned in October.

On Oct. 12, classmates will have a buffet dinner and dance at the Monterey Elks Lodge, 150 Mar Vista Drive. There are several other Class of 1974 events planned that week, too, including a walking tour, a bike ride, and golf at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch.

For details, including a list of the events and payment information, go to the school reunion website at shorturl.at/J8Abn.



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A new sport comes to town — and there are flags on every single play

FLAG FOOTBALL for girls, which was sanctioned this fall as a brand-new varsity sport by the California Interscholastic Federation, resembles full-contact tackle football like a third cousin.

Familial traits are evident, but the game took its own path of evolution and has its own personality.

Eighteen schools in the Pacific Coast Athletic League are expected to compete in two divisions this year, vying for inclusion in November’s first Central Coast Section flag football playoffs.

Some, including Carmel High, test-drove the game as an intramural sport a year ago, but the learning curve is in

no JV program at CHS this season. Some got experience on last year’s club team, which also was coached by Johnston, who grew up with a football in his hands.

His dad, Craig Johnston, was head football coach for 17 seasons at Carmel High, sending all three sons (Pat and Ken, both quarterbacks, and Phil, a receiver and line-backer) to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Football family

Dad earned a spot in Cal Poly’s Athletics Hall of Fame by quarterbacking the Mustangs to the 1980 NCAA Division II national championship.

All three sons were all-league and all-county as Padres, and Pat and Ken were Offensive Players of the Year in the Mission Trail Athletic League.

The family knows the game. But flag football is a very different sport.

“I remember playing flag football at Sollecito Park, where Monterey High plays its baseball games, when I was 8 or 9 years old,” Phil Johnston recalled. “But that was the extent of my experience with it.”

Teams play 7-on-7 rather than tackle football’s 11-on-11 setup, which opens up a lot of space for quarterbacks, running backs and receivers to run wild on a field that is 80 yards long (not counting the end zones) and 40 yards wide. A tackle field is 100-by-53 1/3.

Flag football is designed as a non-contact sport. There’s no tackling allowed. A ball carrier is stopped when one of her flags attached to a waist belt is pulled off by a defender.

Blockers on the offensive line may not make contact. They only plant themselves as stationary obstacles, and defensive players must run around them. No blocking of any kind is permitted beyond the line of scrimmage.

“It’s a bit like setting a screen in basketball, but a defender isn’t allowed to run through a blocker — she has to avoid contact,” Johnston explained.

The offense has four downs to move 20 yards for a first down and is permitted just one running play per series. But the quarterback may run at any time if pressured by a pass rusher.

Rugby-style laterals

A lateral to a running back is considered a pass, not a run. Downfield laterals — rugby style — are common, especially because a dropped lateral is a dead ball, not a fumble. The offense keeps



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Enthusiasm is sky-high at Carmel High, where about 30 girls are participating in flag football in its first season as a sanctioned varsity sport.

possession wherever the ball lands.

“We’ll usually throw short passes, and my quarterback has instructions to follow her receiver downfield, because once you complete a forward pass, any player can catch a lateral from whoever has the ball,” the coach said.

Every offensive player is an eligible receiver, including the center and blockers.

Teams play two 20-minute halves with two timeouts per half. The scoreboard clock runs continuously (except during timeouts), but stops after every play in the final two minutes of each half.

Online playbook

The vast majority of players have no experience playing football of any kind, so Johnston — while still becoming accustomed to the rules and quirks of the game himself — is also figuring out how to explain those things to his team.

“They’re unfamiliar with football terminology and a lot of basic concepts,” he said. “We’re teaching our receivers about spacing, and running the correct routes, trying to help them understand that we don’t want a bunch of them clustered together in one area of the field at the end of a play.”

Johnston, Carmel High’s freshman PE instructor and weight-training coach, typically draws every play on a whiteboard in the weight room, photographs the diagrams, and posts them online in a private Google Classroom for his players to study.

“Sometimes I’ll also post a video or two so they can see

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Quarterback Josie Hanson, No. 9, and running back Delilah Herro, right, got flag football experience a year ago, when the game was an intramural sport. This fall, the goal is to qualify for the playoffs.

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what the play should look like,” he said.

Defenses learn to play zone coverage, as opposed to man-to-man, with no more than two pass rushers on each play. Rushers line up 7 yards behind the scrimmage, then run as fast as they can when the football is snapped by the center to the quarterback.

“A rusher needs to be extremely fast, very aggressive, able to change direction quickly, and good at grabbing the flag,” the coach said.

The ball is “youth-sized” smaller than a high school football, and made of rubber (no leather). Players are not required to wear helmets, and few do, but soft-shell helmets are permitted.

Johnston, who also helps Mark Spindler coach Carmel’s JV boys, said coaching females is also a new experience.

“When I’m teaching, I don’t cuss at all. When I’m coaching tackle football, I’ll let one slip once in a while when I’m trying to make a point,” he said.

“I really try not to cuss in front of the girls. I try not to raise my voice too much. I try to talk to the team in a way that’s calm, collected and understanding.

“Of course, there are times when I also have to say, ‘You’re not doing this right ... you have to do it this way, or you’re coming out of the game,’ which can be tough.”

The tougher part is finding opportunities

for more than 30 players to get on-field playing experience in a 7-on-7 game.

Those who participated in last year’s non-varsity program — running back Delilah Harro, quarterback Josie Hanson and receiver Anna Rasmussen among them — are keys as the season gets underway.

But PCAL teams typically play two opponents on the same date a couple of times a week (the Padres have 16 games on the 2024 schedule), so skilled substitutes are valuable.

Enthusiasm is high

Meanwhile, morale is high, the coach said.

“They’re so excited that flag football is a sanctioned sport this season and they might get to go to the playoffs,” Johnston said.

“They’re enthusiastic, they’re very curious, they get really pumped whenever they learn something new and get it right. Their buy-in to what we’re doing has been awesome, and I’m having a blast coaching them.”

The Padres travel Tuesday to North Monterey County for a game against the Condors at 5 p.m. They’ll be on their home field on Sept. 17, playing against Pacific Collegiate at 4 p.m. and Pajaro Valley at 6:15 p.m.

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Editorial

\$3 billion a day

NO MATTER who wins the presidential election in November, it looks like the biggest problem they’ll have to deal with as soon as they take office is something almost nobody is talking about today.

The country’s debt has ballooned to a mind-numbing \$35 trillion — more than 120 percent of the nation’s annual gross domestic product — and the cost of interest payments on that debt is now more than \$3 billion every day.

The numbers are so big, it’s hard to comprehend them, but let’s give it a try: If you spent \$1 million each day, it would take you almost 96 years to spend \$35 billion. That’s a long time and a lot of money. But even at \$1 million per day, it would take you 95,890 years to spend \$35 trillion — a number which is insanely big, even as an abstraction. In the real world, it’s something that literally boggles the mind. (Definition of boggle: “To overcome with fright or astonishment.”)

The United States may be a nation of 340 million ambitious, hard-working and innovative people, but \$35 trillion is still an insurmountable amount to pay back. Truly, it is now evident that the United States federal government will be enormously in debt for decades, if not centuries, to come, and the generations that have been in power for the last 30 years are responsible.

As we have pointed out before, it isn’t necessary, or even advisable, for a government to have no debt. Unlike human beings, who have finite life-spans and earning capacities, and therefore must plan ahead to eliminate their debts, if not accumulate wealth, by the time they’re old, governments never die. They don’t have to plan for retirement or worry about leaving money to their children.

But one thing the U.S. government has in common with mortals is the need to pay interest on whatever debt it’s responsible for, and that’s where the feds are in big, big trouble. As of this writing, it is costing Uncle Sam more than \$3 billion a day to pay interest on the monster debt.

What does this mean, and why isn’t it being talked about in the presidential campaign? Opinions may vary, but everybody agrees it’s a terrible situation.

“Without meaningful reform, the U.S risks facing a financial crisis that could have far-reaching consequences for the global economy,” says Dionysis Partsinevelos at invezz.com.

“Our government is careening toward fiscal collapse, and half our voters think the most important policy issue is abortion,” says political analyst John Hinderaker at powerlineblog.com.

“If we get a cut in interest rates, that would temporarily stave off a default on the nation’s debt — a cataclysmic scenario that has never happened. But the U.S. has teetered dangerously close to that recently as lawmakers increasingly use the debt as a political bargaining chip,” reports Caitlin Emma at Politico.

“The harmful effects of higher interest rates fueling higher interest costs on a huge existing debt load are continuing and leading to additional borrowing. It’s the definition of unsustainable,” says Alan Rappeport in the New York Times.

“Our national debt is ballooning. Social Security is facing insolvency. Our aging population and declining birth rates are posing some unique challenges, and our country’s politics are arguably more polarized than ever,” offered Stanford professor Mark Duggan at a recent economic confab.

The Financial Times is equally grim and offers a bit of across-the-pond political cynicism: “The rapid rise in U.S. debt reflects the terrible state of U.S. politics. “Republicans only discover fiscal prudence when they are in opposition before cutting taxes when holding office. Knowing this, the Democrats have given up on fiscal prudence and instead promote huge, and often uncapped, spending programs such as the Inflation Reduction Act.”

The answer to this problem starts with a willingness in Washington and among political candidates to speak honestly about the problem to the American people. Since nobody is, it seems that no one in national politics has the courage to tell the truth.

BEST of BATES



“Just because we tore down a charming Carmel cottage to build this monster doesn’t mean we can’t be good neighbors.”

Letters to the Editor

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‘Unity rather than division’ Dear Editor,

As a candidate for Carmel mayor, I’ve been asked about my stance on various issues, and one topic that stands out is the proposed change from our 100-year-old tradition of directional addresses to 4-inch high, illuminated numeric addresses to comply with state fire codes. This issue has clearly polarized our community, and, in a small town like ours, such divisions can be particularly harmful. Therefore, any suggestion to alter one of the defining characteristics of our town must be approached with great care and deliberation. Unfortunately, this has not been the case so far.

The city council made a decision to have staff draft an ordinance for this change without having all the necessary facts on the table, such as public opinion, the implementation costs, the timeframe, and the overall impact on the community. This decision was made late at night,

around 10 p.m., after more than five hours of an already contentious meeting. In contrast, the following month’s Monday council meeting lasted only five minutes. This discrepancy suggests that when it became evident that this topic required a thorough and proper process, it might have been wiser to postpone the decision to a later date.

After a century of tradition, there’s no reason this issue needed to be decided so hastily and without comprehensive public and council input. Even if all the relevant information had been available, a matter of this significance likely shouldn’t be decided by just three council members. Perhaps it should be put to a public vote after all the facts have been presented and a proper debate has occurred, to prevent further division in our community.

Given that this issue won’t be resolved quickly, especially with two council members leaving after the November election, we should all take a step back. Let’s assist those who struggle with the current address system and work toward resolving this issue through a proper, inclusive process that fosters unity rather than division in our town.

Dale Byrne, Carmel

Ely endorses O’Neal Dear Editor,

I am writing as a retired U.S. Army colonel, Carmel City Council member and local business founder to wholeheartedly endorse David O’Neil for our city council.

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He emerged from the bay, and it was love at first sight

WHEN SHE meets somebody new, Maggie Holm just might ask if they remember seeing a submarine rise in the Monterey Bay toward the end of World War II. She has lived on the Peininsula long enough to have witnessed the sub’s arrival and to have run, among a bevy of young women, down to the wharf to greet

and only then because Covid put the place on a pandemic pause. Once the Beach Club reopened, she did resume her “Easy Does It” exercise class.

Holm gets to these clubs, as well as the market, her church, and the homes of her friends, by driving her Lexus 300ES, but only on the Peninsula and only during day-light hours.

“Maggie most recently passed her written driver’s test at age 99,” said her niece, Judith Logan. “They renewed her license for six more years. We’ll see.”

Holm’s eyes twinkled at the comment, and she fingered the infinity symbol necklace at her throat, a symbol and reminder of her longevity.

“I really don’t feel any different than I have throughout most of my life,” she said. “I’m a little slower, and I don’t hear as well, but I’m still having a good time.”

Back in the day

Margaret Logan Holm was born in 1924 to a minister and his wife in Auburn, Wash., the youngest in a family of four daughters until a “surprise” baby brother came long later.

“Imagine the shock of a minister’s wife becoming pregnant at 50,” she said. “But everything turned out hunky dory.”

Holm had finished two years of general education courses at the University of Washington when her father was relocated to Monterey Presbyterian Church. He performed her wedding a year before he passed away.

After returning from Minnesota, the young couple settled in the house Wally, an architect, had built for his bride and

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Maggie Holm (right) shown with her niece, Judith Logan, turned 100 on Sept. 4, with

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A DECADES-LONG journey of education, service and self-discovery has been a meandering path for Karina Svalya, whose companions at every turn have been spirituality, supportive parents and a heart-felt need to express herself through art.

“For me, it’s a calling and a vocation, and it’s how I come to understand things,” said Svalya, whose favorite subjects include African wildlife, like lions, giraffes, zebras, rhinos and camels, Central Coast seascapes and colorful cityscapes.

The Pacific Grove resident will debut 16 of her realist/expressionist-style cityscapes at Sunset Center in a two-month exhibition in the Marjorie Evans Gallery. The show opens Nov. 8 with a public reception from

vacant classroom and given a private work-study period to create her art during her senior year.

And second, “What I learned about myself, I think, was that art was actually a serious and important thing to me. I coveted it,” she said.

‘Nothing to say’

From high school, she moved on to Boston College, where, as a freshman, she took a drawing class from a moody professor.

“He was a New York City artist who was teaching once a week — a sculptor who did abstract, dark, really edgy kinds of things,” she said.

The prof gave her a B-minus with a terse explanation: “You’re the best drawer I’ve taught in 20 years, and you have nothing to say,” he told her.

Heartbroken by the cri-

tique, the freshman turned her back on art, graduated with a degree in English, then simultaneously applied to the Culinary Institute of America in New York and the Peace Corps.

When both applications were approved, she chose to defer culinary school and join the Peace Corps.

“As a freshman at Boston College, a Jesuit school, I had gotten involved with a Catholic workers’ soup kitchen, working with homeless men,” explained Svalya, who volunteered there through all four years of college. “I thrived on meeting people I never would have met, listening to them talk about their bad decisions and hard lives. I absolutely loved it.”

American in Jordan

The Peace Corps sent her to Jordan to teach English, placing her for three months’ training in the Muslim home of a village sheik who had two wives and a dozen children.

“They totally embraced me, protected me and loved me. They considered me their 13th child,” she said, adding “You spend that time trying to learn the language, the customs and all the cultural stuff.

“Their home was one hill away from

Mount Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land, so I also got the full biblical experience.”

When her training was complete, her experience changed dramatically. Svalya was assigned to teach English at a school in a radical Islamic area three hours away, and she quickly became aware that she wasn’t welcome.

“People in that village believed that everyone from the West was bad, and America was the enemy of the mosque,” she said. “I lived with a family where the father carried an AK-47. His wife thought he was taking me as a second wife and wouldn’t speak to me. Neither would their four children.”

The sheik from the original Jordanian family warned the Peace Corps

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

5 to 7 p.m.

“I see my art in a theological way,” said Svalya, who displays multiple pieces at Pacific Grove’s newest gallery, 480 Light-house, a two-story, 10,000-square-foot showroom that opened in August. “It’s completely important to me to spend all day painting an elephant or a giraffe. That giraffe, with his spots, was created by God, so I feel like I’m exalting his creation with my art.”

‘Karina did what?’

Getting to know herself as an artist has been an ongoing process for Svalya, who uncharacteristically boiled over at an art teacher one day during her junior year at Saratoga High.

“I told her off in front of the whole class because I thought she was a terrible teacher who wasn’t teaching us things we needed to know. It was so disrespectful. It was awful,” she reflected 30 years later. “I was taken to the principal’s office. My mom had to come ... and I was a good girl! It was like, ‘Yikes! What did Karina just do?’”

The event was important for two reasons:

First, the teenager was moved to a



PHOTO/KARINA SVALYA

Pacific Grove artist Katrina Svalya will show 16 colorful cityscapes in a two-month exhibition at Carmel’s Sunset Center.

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THE ANNUAL Monterey County Fair, which wrapped up last weekend, has been a part of Monterey Peninsula life for nearly a century, but when did it really begin? The Monterey Fairgrounds Heritage Foundation website gives a date of 1935 for the first county fair at the fairgrounds. However, in 1935, there was nei-

By NEAL HOTELLING

There were at least 20 Monterey County fairs in Salinas between 1876 and 1900 and three more in King City in the mid-1920s. After a gap of three years, Peninsula leaders formed Monterey County Fair Ltd. and organized the 1930 fair at the Del Monte polo grounds, which were located behind

today's fairgrounds. It was held there again in 1931 but economics of the Great Depression canceled plans for a 1932 county fair.

In January 1935, spurred by an editorial in the Monterey Peninsula Herald, county supervisors moved to appropriate \$40,000 from a new state fund for county fairs and hold the 1935 event at the polo grounds.

In February, the state budget office informed the county that because there had been no fair in 1934, it was not eligible for 1935 funding, which led supervisors to cancel plans for the event in

As that year came to an end, Arthur G. Metz, who had headed the 1931 fair, began pushing for a 1936 fair. With other leaders, they reactivated Monterey County Fair Ltd. and wrote to Gov. Frank Merriam to better understand the state's county fair fund. State money for it came from the 1933 California Horse Racing Act, which

legalized pari-mutuel betting and created a fund for fairs across the state from a portion of the betting proceeds. However, only agricultural districts could receive the money.

This led to re-establishing the Seventh Agricultural District association of California. Such an organization was originally created in 1880. It organized most of the earlier fairs held in Salinas. At some point it became inactive and was forgotten. In July 1936, Merriam activated the district and appointed A.A. Tavernetti and Dan Madeira of Salinas, Charles Olmsted, John A. Davis and Sheldon Gilmer of Pacific Grove, and B.J. Pardee, Arthur Metz and Edward David of Monterey as commissioners.

While the district's restoration was in process, the Monterey fair group reached a compromise with competing organizers in Salinas. For 1936, livestock classes would be judged in conjunction with the Salinas Rodeo, and Salinas would drop its plans for a county fair.

With a green light from Salinas, Monterey County Fair Ltd. contracted with the new district association and, in July 1936, set fair dates for Oct. 8 to 11 and assigned the committee heads. They initially planned to use the polo grounds, but local merchants

successfully argued for using the ball field on Franklin Street to be closer to the population center and businesses. Stages and circus tents were set up to provide space



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Carmel Valley's Harry Potter Russell, original owner of Stone-pine, and Muriel Vanderbilt Phelps were directors of the 1938 Monterey County Fair Horse Show and Race Meet held on the adjacent Del Monte polo grounds.

for exhibits and performances. Events included parades each evening and the crowds were tremendous.

Significantly, the success of the 1936 fair led to a state apportionment of nearly \$38,974 in January 1937. Monterey County Fair Ltd. reorganized and made Allen Griffin president. In June 1937, the

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FLYER

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project, and eventually raised about \$5 million for the work, which included installing a hybrid diesel-electric engine and a state-of-the-art marine lab.

Eight years after the work to restore the ship began, the Western Flyer returned to Monterey to great fanfare last November when Congressman Jimmy Panetta and other local leaders welcomed it with a ceremony, a boat parade and a party.

Fundraising auction

To pay for the boat’s upkeep and raise money for its research and education programs, the Western Flyer Association is presenting an online auction through Sept. 30.

The highlight of the auction is a chartered trip through Monterey Bay aboard the Western Flyer for 20, with bidding starting at \$10,000.

In addition, the foundation’s executive director Sherry Flumerfelt said the auction is “bursting with creative gifts and experiences.”

“We’ve curated auction items that are fun, creative, and even a little bit quirky, offering participants a chance to immerse themselves in that Western Flyer magic, while helping us maintain the boat and provide free programs for local students,” Flumerfelt said.

To see the auction, visit westernflyer.org.

CHARTER

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“There is ample turnover of council members without term limits,” the opponents write. “Long-term council members have lost their election in the past when voters decided a change was needed.”

They also point to numerous accomplishments shepherded by longtime members, including the Monterey Sports Center and Windows on the Bay Park.

Measure X, along with the three other measures, will be discussed during the Sept. 11 session, which runs from 6 to 7 p.m. in Steinbeck 1 at the Monterey Conference Center at the foot of Alvarado Street.

The talk will cover what the proposed charter amendments would mean to the people of the City of Monterey and will offer an opportunity for staff to answer questions from members of the public.

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ARTIST

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that Svalya’s life was in danger. At the end of the first month, he showed up with others to rescue her.

“They came with guns to get me out and had to negotiate before I was able to leave,” she said. “I was just 21, at an age where I didn’t understand the ramifications of the situation I was in.”

Prep and discipline

She returned to the United States and enrolled at the Culinary Institute of America, an enriching education that included working with chef Shane Osborne at Pied à Terre, a Michelin-starred restaurant in London.

“Culinary school taught me how

important preparation, discipline and timing are to creativity,” she said. She spent the summer of 2003 in England as a theology student at Oxford University and didn’t enjoy the classes but adored the experience.

“At Oxford, I was staying in a Harry Potter kind of building, where my room overlooked a little secret garden with a gorgeous tree,” she remembered. “I tried to figure out why that tree was so important to me and finally asked myself, ‘Because I can draw it?’”

Svalya, who hadn’t sketched anything in four years, drew the tree and became reacquainted with the power of art.

She called home and said, “Daddy, I don’t want to study theology anymore — I want to be an artist,” then braced for impact.

“We’ve been waiting for you to figure that out,” responded her deeply religious

father. Both parents are art collectors. She spent the rest of her time at Oxford sketching her professors as they lectured. She stopped turning in her papers and didn’t complete the program.

In 2004, she enrolled as a 25-year-old undergraduate at San Francisco’s Academy of Art University, studying under Craig Nelson, Carolyn Meyer, Kevin Moore and Karl Jensen.

In a moment of validation, the valedictorian of her graduating class bought two of her paintings. In 2012, she earned her Master of Fine Art degree there.

“I developed a lot — every week you’re making a new painting,” said Svalya, who, at the same time, became the bestselling artist at a Saratoga gallery by selling her homework assignments. “But I felt so burned out by the time I graduated that I wasn’t sure I could do art anymore.”

In 2013, she enrolled at Regent College

in Vancouver, British Columbia, earning a second master’s degree, this time in theology and art, in 2017.

Living with lupus

This past January, she moved to Pacific Grove. Her parents, Lois and Phil, live next door. Svalya has lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease characterized by inflammation and pain in joints and tissue, frequently with swelling.

“I’m sick a lot — in and out of the hospital all the time — so having a normal life with normal responsibilities ... I can’t really swing it,” she said.

Her show at Sunset Center will be Svalya’s first local exhibition. For additional information and to see images of her paintings, visit ksvalya.com.

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HISTORY

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state approved the district’s acquisition of a permanent site — approximately 21 acres owned by Tom A. Work adjacent to the polo grounds.

The association bought 15 acres in June 1937, with an agreement to purchase the remainder in 1938.

New buildings

That left little time to prepare for the Aug. 12-15, 1937, county fair. Organizers laid water and power lines and completed the main entrance and a few simple structures for art and flower exhibits that summer.

They used tents retained from the 1936 fair as supplemental facilities for the first such event on the new permanent fairgrounds. It was billed as the fourth county fair in Monterey.

The new site’s bare ground resulted in both mud and dust at the 1937 fair. Once it was over, Olmsted, a Del Monte Properties Co. engineer and volunteer director of the fairground’s building and grounds, prepared the site and seeded it with rye grass. Organizers then began planning new structures for 1938.

That year’s apportionment from the state was not enough to purchase the remaining acreage and complete planned construction, so directors paid the balance owed to Work for the land and held the debt until the district could repay them. They

also applied for a Works Progress Administration grant to help with construction.

In July 1938, the WPA approved a \$22,325 project and put 100 men to work on July 27 to prepare for the Sept. 22-25 Monterey County Fair.

Workers poured concrete and built open-frame barns, roofed with canvas, using pine poles provided by Del Monte Properties Co.

The four livestock buildings were 24 by 216 feet. The two buildings for industrial exhibits were similarly rustic and measured 12 by 250 feet.

Workers also built the horse show arena and grandstand which was 260 by 125 feet, and carnival attractions were set up for the 1938 fair on the far west side of the fairgrounds.

Picking a date

The next year, the district was able to pay back the directors and have a clean title to the fairgrounds. Then, with the help of another \$32,000 WPA grant, construction continued. For the 1939 county fair there were no canvas tents, and even the canvas roofs on the 1938 structures were replaced.

In determining what year will mark the 100th Monterey County Fair, officials will have to decide whether to include the three fairs held before they acquired the fairgrounds, as the founders did, or start counting from the 1937 event — the first at the fairgrounds.

That decision will come in the next decade or so, but the fair is a wonderful tradition no matter how you count.

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Downtown gallery unveils ‘Ladies of Light,’ cats and dogs reign at Carl Cherry

PAIRING THE artwork of seven contemporary women with pieces by two women who painted in the early 20th century, Carmel Fine Art Gallery welcomes

instrumental in inviting the celebrated New York painter William Merritt Chase to teach summer school here,” the gallery noted.

The contemporary artists are Jacalyn Beam, Cathey Cadieux, Coraly Hanson, Ellen Howard, Laurie Kersey, Sarah Lamb and Kim Lordier.

The show will be on display through Oct. 7. The gallery is located on Dolores just north of Sixth.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

an exhibit, “Ladies of Light,” with a public reception Saturday at 4:30 p.m. “This exhibition showcases the enduring legacy of exceptional women artists whose works captivate viewers with their compelling landscapes, still lifes and portraits, demonstrating a mastery of color and composition that evokes deep emotional responses,” the gallery said.

The historical artists are Mary DeNeale Morgan and Jennie Vennerstrom Cannon — each of whom left behind an impressive local legacy. “Both Morgan and Cannon played pivotal roles in forming the Carmel Art Association in 1927 and were



One of seven contemporary painters featured in a new show, Jacalyn Beam created this striking painting, “Carmel Rocks and Surf.”

■ First Friday in P.G.

Five exhibits open Friday at the Pacific Grove Art Center, including “Light as a Feather, Dark as the Rain,” which showcases the watercolors of painter Zoya Scholis.

“Her work features abstract forms from nature — figures, birds, leaves, petals, fruit,” the art center said. “Much of her work has a dreamy fairytale feel — for Scholis, art-making is an exploration of psyche and an experiment with the divine.”

Also new at the art center through Oct. 24 are shows by painter Elizabeth Wrightman and sculptor John Dotson (“What Did the Thunder Say?”), painters Christine Crozier and Victoria Galitzine (“Wind Beneath Your Wings”), a group show by members of the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation (“As You Like It”), and a group show by local students (“2024 AIM for Awareness Design Challenge”).



The late painter Mary DeNeale Morgan’s “Blue Bay, Pt. Lobos” is featured in a new show at Carmel Fine Art Gallery.

In tandem with First Fridays, which highlights downtown shops, the center hosts a public reception Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. It’s located at 568 Lighthouse Ave.

■ The fine art of portraits

An exhibit of portrait paintings by Joan Lewis, “The Naked Face,” opens Thursday at Sunset Center’s Marjorie Evans Gallery with a public reception at 5 p.m.

Through her art, Lewis seeks a connection with her subjects.

“My goal is to explore and express my own feelings and those of my subjects to ultimately reveal the unpredictable and often surprising synergy among the artist and viewer,” she explains. “Some faces reveal entire stories in their eyes, while others remain hidden behind the masks we sometimes wear.”

The show continues through the end of

October. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

■ Pets inspire exhibit

The Cherry Center for the Arts pays tribute to our furry four-legged friends Friday when an exhibit of pet-themed paintings and sculpture, “Reigning Cats and Dogs,” kicks off with a public reception at 5 p.m.

Cherry Center executive director Robert Reese described the show as “a love-of-life, all-medium juried exhibition of original and unique 2D and 3D artworks celebrating dogs and cats.”

The show features 50 pieces, including oils, acrylics, sculpture, assemblage, and mixed media. It will be on display through Oct. 13.

The Cherry Center is located at Guadalupe and Fourth.

LIVES

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ultimately their two children, Gordon and Nancy, an equestrienne and restaurateur who died in 2007.

Holm was in her 60s when she took up painting, preferring watercolors for their transparency, luminosity and fluidity, all of which facilitate vibrant, expressive painting. After a cruise to Italy and Rome, she painted a scene in Portofino from memory. She often paints florals but recently gave that up to spend more time in the garden, where she can spend hours at a time with real flowers.

“Maggie has been so excited about her birthday party,” Logan said. “She loves to be the center of attention and has the greatest sense of humor. She doesn’t take anything too seriously and can laugh at herself. There is a lesson in that.”

After a week of small celebratory gatherings and events, Holm looked forward to her grand centennial celebration. Decked in her tiara and sparkly shoes, she was feted by family and friends, who indulged in a white cake with strawberries and whipped cream from Layers Sensational Cakes, paired with her beverage of choice, a nice Rombauer chardonnay.

“My great-great-niece just turned 1,” said Holm, “and I’m turning 100. What a blessing that we two have met.”

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When pets and wildlife mix, it rarely ends well

By LISA LAPIN

UNLEASHED DOGS romping among shorebirds in the sand dunes. Pet food bowls left outdoors with the best intentions. Cats allowed to explore on an outdoor adventure. Rabbits and chickens living in the backyard. The most common animal practices can actually be the most dangerous.

The hazards and temptations are many for both beloved pets and the native creatures that inhabit woodlands and grasslands, and when it comes to protecting all of them, it's a two-way street.

Cats and dogs and other domestic animals are better off with minimal interactions with wildlife. And wild animals of all types have an optimal chance for healthy lives if they have little to no exposure to our pets.

"People say all the time that their cats or dogs are sweet and gentle, but they are absolutely not gentle with the animals they are catching," said Ciera Duits-Cavanaugh, manager of the Wildlife Center of SPCA Monterey County. "We see them in pretty rough shape when they come to us."

Cats are predators

Attacks from domestic animals are the second leading reason, after collisions with vehicles, that injured wildlife find their way to the SPCA's emergency wildlife care clinic just off of Highway 68. Of the more than 2,500 animals treated there each year, 10 percent are "cat-caught" animals, the majority of them birds.

All types of native creatures arrive at the SPCA, from mountain lions to snakes to opossums, raccoons and

skunks. Seventy percent are birds, 29 percent are mammals and 1 percent are reptiles.

"Our cat-attack patient numbers are higher in spring and summer," said Cavanaugh. "It's baby season, and bird babies are growing up and learning how to be adults, often on the ground, and they haven't yet fully learned how to get away from predators, including cats."

Follow the signs

While the SPCA doesn't distinguish in its statistics between attacks from feral cats and household pets, they strongly recommend that cat owners keep all felines indoors at all times.

"Obviously a big part of that is trying to decrease the feral population, but we also want to see an increase the use of 'catios' and people keeping cats indoors," said Cavanaugh, referring to fully enclosed outdoor spaces where cats can enjoy fresh air but not roam free.

"It's safer for cats too," she said, noting that some wild animals prey on pets, and disease spreads more easily among outdoor kitties.

Catios are increasing in popularity, according to Beth Brookhouser, spokesperson for SPCA Monterey County. The group has online guidance for how to create one on a balcony, outside a window or on a patio.

Keeping dogs on leashes at local beaches, particularly where signage indicates it's required, such as Carmel River State Beach, is also critical to protect endangered



This rescued hummingbird wasn't quite ready for adult life.

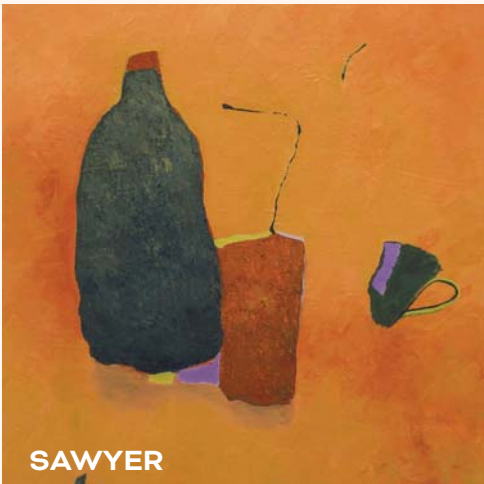
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Animals with cancer present special challenges for owners and vets

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

AMY ALTSHULER thought she had chosen the cat she wanted to adopt from the SPCA. She had him in her cat carrier and was heading out, past other candidates, when a large cat rubbed up against his cage and reached his paw out to her. She changed her mind, knowing she had to have this big, fat feline. “He was so big, I thought he was an adult, but he was only 3 months old,” she said. “Most of his life he’s weighed 20 pounds. You don’t reach that weight if you aren’t at least part Maine Coon,” a breed known for producing unusually large, fluffy pets.

According to Altshuler, Felix, now 13, is a foodie but he’s not fat. He’s majestic. In the winter, when he’s in his full coat, he’s most impressive, like a lion king with that ruff around his neck. His tail is extraordinary, long and really full. “Plumy,” even. “Felix is also a really sweet boy,” she said. “For such a big cat, he’s kind of chicken and doesn’t want to be picked up, but he’s very cuddly and loves to climb on me. Although he’s afraid of strangers, he’s very loving with his family. He’s a prince.”

Innovation and compassion

Felix also has cancer, a black blight right on his pale pink nose.

“He’s had this nose cancer for several years,” Altshuler said. “I took him to our local vet, who tried cutting off the cancer a couple of times, but it came back. This cancer is kind of a tenacious thing that has disrupted his very handsome face. So, I took him to Theresa Arteaga, an oncology veterinarian who owns Animal Cancer Center of Monterey.”

Arteaga founded the center in 2016 to provide hope and comfort, along with innovative treatments for pets with cancer. It’s the only veterinary practice in the community that focuses solely on cancer care, and her goal remains to provide compassionate help by presenting as many options as possible so people can choose the best therapy for their pet.

“The number one killer of dogs and cats is cancer. People have come in and said they didn’t know dogs and cats got cancer. Every species does, but dogs and cats get it more than anybody else,” among domestic animals, she said. “Among cats, it’s all breeds. The dog breeds that most commonly get it are golden retrievers, boxers and

German shepherds. People are aware of our practice, and we are very busy. There are not enough cancer specialists in this region and across the country for how many pets need care.”

Cancer treatment can be expensive. A single syringe of chemotherapy typically costs more than \$1,000. However, Felix doesn’t need that much at each appointment. So, rather than charging Altshuler for the entire amount and wasting the excess medication, Arteaga coordinates Felix’s visit with appointments for other animals needing the same treatment and charges each person their fraction of the cost. While a dog likely would require a larger dose, she can inject three or four kitties from the medicine in one syringe.

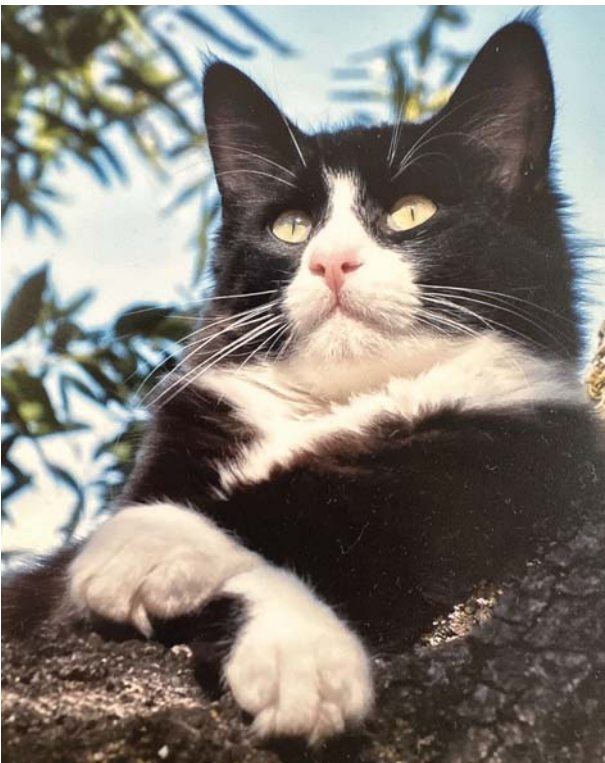
“The type of cancer Felix has is solar induced,” said Arteaga. “I see it often in dogs and cats who don’t have fur on their tummy or who, like Felix, have no pigment on their noses or ears. Sometimes the cancer is very advanced, and I don’t know if I can do anything for it. Yet often, there absolutely is treatment available.”

Felix actually came to Arteaga with a precancerous spot on his nose. His treatment, she said, was very similar to what golfers receive, cryotherapy, where the area is frozen.

“I do this a lot for pets who are precancerous, and that seemed to take care of Felix for a while,” the veterinarian said. “If, over time, it develops into a basal cell carcinoma, which invades deeper, officially becoming cancer — as it has with Felix — we have to do something more invasive. We’re injecting a nontoxic drug, bleomycin, which seems to be helping Felix.”

Easing the cost of care

Pet owners in this community who can’t afford cancer care or other kinds of veterinary help for their animals typically turn to Max’s Helping Paws for support. Based in Carmel, the nonprofit was established in 2016 by veterinarian Jonathan Fradkin, an internist at Blue Pearl pet hospital in Monterey, and his wife, Dyana Klein, to help prevent animal suffering, surrender and economic euthanasia by assisting low-income families with a dog or cat needing emergency care. Named after their late pup, Maximillian Amadeus, Max’s Helping Paws has helped more



Even as a 1-year-old, Felix exhibited a certain majesty.

than 2,000 dogs and cats in Monterey County through contributions of nearly \$1.8 million, Fradkin said.

“Dr. Arteaga looks at every patient the same way I do,” he said. “It’s about what we can do, within reason, for the pet. Sometimes it starts by figuring out the best way to offer care for those with limited means.”

Max’s Helping Paws, founded the same year as Animal Cancer Center of Monterey, is the charitable organization that has helped her practice the most, said Arteaga. “Their turnaround time for support is 24 to 48 hours. They must sleep with their phones. It is really efficient for me to be able to talk on the phone with a veterinarian and, in

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Owner and dog team up to help others

By TULLAH MCCOLL and ELAINE HESSER

BONNIE IS friendly, but calm. She’s always happy to see you, but never crowds you or asks intrusive personal questions. In fact, Bonnie never asks any questions at all. The 3-year-old golden retriever is content to let people stroke her soft fur and tell her their problems, and she’s a nonjudgmental listener.

Bonnie and her owner, retired EMT and medical assisting teacher Lee Wyker, have begun the process of becoming a certified therapy dog team in order to help others through emotional and mental struggles.

To do that, they have to meet certain standards for behavior and interacting with people put forth by a therapy dog organization. The American Kennel Club recognizes more than 200 such groups nationally, and Wyker is working with Therapy Dogs International.

By the time Bonnie completes her certification, she’ll have demonstrated dozens of skills, from walking through a crowd easily to visiting calmly with humans who reach out and pet her. She knows not to jump on hospital beds, too.

Different energy

Wyker’s been raising, handling and training her canine besties for years. The last one before this petite 48-pound beauty was a 70-plus-pound golden named Buzz, who had energy to burn. Wyker finally found his niche. Although she’s not a hunter, Buzz was great at all the tasks the AKC lists for hunting dogs, and they loved working together outdoors.

As Buzz grew old and eventually passed, Wyker said she wanted her next dog to be different — nearly opposite — but still a golden. Bonnie was smaller and



Owner Lee Wyker and her golden retriever, Bonnie, competing for a title in obedience.

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bird species, such as the snowy plover. The small shorebirds nest in sand dunes and sand pockets, and their habitat is easily disturbed by roaming dogs.

There are no firm statistics, but local animal officials say it is common for dogs and cats roaming outdoors or off leash to fall victim to coyotes and mountain lions throughout Monterey County, including in suburban and urban areas or around golf courses.

"It is in every case always better for your animal to have your pet always under your control," Brookhouser said.

For the most part, Cavanaugh said, raccoons and opossums will leave cats and dogs alone. But they will pick an occasional fight, and that can be bad news for pets.

"Skunks and coyotes in particular can pass canine distemper to each other, and that can spread to pets," she said. "And if there is a raccoon coming around for a free handout, if it is ill or has parasites, it can

'If there is a raccoon coming around for a free handout, if it is ill or has parasites, it can pass that along in an interaction with pets'

pass that along in an interaction with pets."

For this reason, the SPCA reminds pet owners to not leave food outside for domestic animals and to be mindful of regularly cleaning any outdoor water sources. They also caution against bird feeders, which can be sources of contamination if not regularly cleaned, and were in part responsible for a recent local salmonella outbreak among birds.

"We always remind people that in Monterey County, it is illegal to feed wildlife," Brookhouser said. "We get a lot of calls about skunks and opossums under the house. We explain to people that it's usually because there is a nice safe food source nearby." And even if you're not leaving snacks for the animals, it's possible a neighbor is, she added.

Bad habits

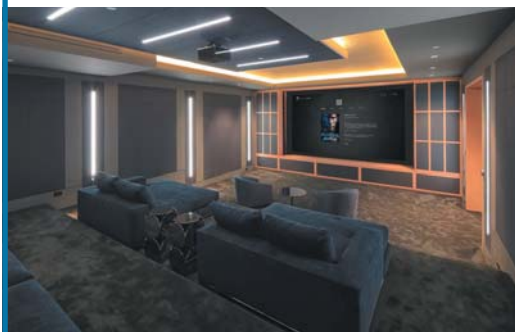
Feeding wild animals intentionally, or inadvertently while feeding your own animals, results in poor outcomes for wildlife, Brookhouser said.

"All wildlife, whether it's crows or raccoons, they are very smart, and they can become habituated to people and their feeding situation," Brookhouser said. "We tell people, think about your neighbors and think about your future. If crows become dependent on you for food, they are not looking on their own, and their babies



The SPCA's Wildlife Center cares for all kinds of animals, including this little skunk.

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calmer. At first, Wyker thought she also might want to share the outdoorsy hunting life, but she quickly realized that Bonnie didn’t love the demands of that kind of training, which included tasks such as retrieving objects — not to mention dead animals.

“I sent her to a professional handler in Montana, where she was in snow, which she loved,” said Wyker. “He worked with her and said she had potential if she was left there for three months to get an AKC junior-hunting title.”

Wyker said she knew one thing — she didn’t want her new pal to be far away for that long.

“You train the dog that you’ve been given, not the dog that you wish it could be,” a retired dog trainer and good friend of Wyker’s said reassuringly.

Obedience training seemed like a better choice, where they could compete in AKC rally trials in which handler and canine follow courses with various stations where they perform and are judged on various tasks, such as sitting or staying, with the commands becoming more complex and challenging as dog and handler progress.

Goosebumps

Unlike dog shows, where judges determine how well each animal fits an ideal set of breed specifications for things like size, demeanor and coat, Wyker said she finds the judging for obedience to be much more straightforward and objective.

Bonnie has received her beginner novice obedience and rally intermediate titles. Although the amount of time they spend on training varies, Wyker has worked hard with the pup since she was 6 weeks old, doing about three to six hours a week. Not only are her titles well earned, Wyker explained, but they exemplify Bonnie’s ability to learn and understand tasks at a highly competent level.

She realized that her sweet friend might be well suited to be an emotional support animal. They tried it out by attending a day hosted by Montage Health to support cancer survivors.

“I could feel the connection that Bonnie was able to give and receive from patients,” Wyker said as she discussed the emotions she felt when seeing how her dog and the patients were interacting. “Then I was almost in tears, wanting to cry, I had goosepimples all over me, and the message was ‘yes, this is what you should be doing.’”

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

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learn to be dependent on you for food. That means they are not as good at looking for food on their own.”

Even a single meal that is not a wild animal’s natural diet can cause illness, Brookhouser said. “Dog and cat food are not necessarily good for wild animals’ digestive systems, nor does it provide the nutrients they need. And it could foster the spread of disease.”

SPCA wildlife specialists say that avian flu is present in Monterey County. It has spread between wild aquatic birds and domestic birds, including chickens, ducks and geese. So far, there have not been reported cases of avian flu transferring to people or pets in Monterey County, but au-

thorities here are being vigilant and there have been such cases reported elsewhere, Cavanaugh said.

If domestic animals come into contact with sick wildlife, or are injured by interactions with wildlife, it is important to take them to a local veterinarian promptly. SPCA Monterey County provides detailed online guidance for how to handle injured or sick wildlife and ensure it gets treatment at the clinic.

In particular, do not touch or handle any bird that appears sick or is dead. With highly contagious avian influenza, it is critical to prevent contact between wild birds and domestic animals, including letting them share food or water. Wear gloves and face masks and wash your hands if contact with wild birds or domestic poultry cannot be

avoided. Bird owners should review their activities to ensure the health of their animals, and follow the bird flu guidance from the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

SPCA Monterey County serves as the region’s only wildlife emergency care and rehabilitation clinic. As an independent nonprofit, it operates entirely on donations and fundraising through its thrift shop. You can learn more and donate on its website at spcamc.org.

Finally, “Never attempt to treat or keep a wild animal as a pet yourself,” Brookhouser said. “Not only is it illegal, but injured and orphaned animals have specialized needs that only trained and experienced technicians can provide.”



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The connection between dog and patient that so moved Wyker has been proven by research. According to one study published by a journal called Frontiers in Veterinary Science, even short interactions with a dog can defuse difficult emotional situations and lower stress hormone levels.

Supported by research

Researchers found spending time with a therapy dog for 20 minutes twice weekly over a four-week period lowered cortisol (a stress hormone) levels significantly among developing and special-needs children. Not only that, but for children with ADHD, 12 weeks of visits with a therapy dog — accompanied by lessons to improve skills and reduce behavioral problems — can promote positive outcomes like improved social skills and more acceptable behaviors.

Wyker has witnessed this firsthand

and has found that just a social exchange between a strangers and her dog brings smiles to their faces.

As a retired teacher, Wyker said she missed working with teens and young adults and has made it her goal eventually to bring Bonnie for regular visits to Montage’s Ohana mental health facility for children and adolescents.

“Dogs can really take you away from your problems,” she shared.

Wyker said she can see how even the smallest interactions between her dog and strangers can distract someone from their difficulties. By focusing on how adorable the dog looks and how fluffy she is to touch, Wyker feels she has helped in one way or another by just having Bonnie by her side when she goes out in public.

“I have a fabulous dog who is going to be an ideal therapy dog. She loves kids, she’s mellow, she isn’t hyper,” Wyker said. “I feel like I am headed in the right direction with her.”

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a matter of seconds, he’s got what’s going on, what he needs to do, and he’s on it to support pets in need of cancer care. I want people to know we are here for them, and that a lot of cancers are very treatable,” she said. “While medical care can be expensive, in partnership with Max’s Helping Paws, a lot of times we can be efficient and smart about how we make it happen.”

Today, Felix is doing well. Although

his cancer is being managed, because a Maine Coon is a bigger breed, they don’t tend to live as long as smaller kitties. And, said Altshuler, since Felix was recently diagnosed with kidney disease, he may be entering what she calls his “marginal cat decade.”

“But, he’s happy and doesn’t seem unhealthy. In fact, he’s pretty cool. When he goes into the vet for treatments, he turns into a floppy lump, which makes him endearing and easy to handle.”

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Fraser is the son of renowned Scottish fiddler Alasdair Fraser, while San Miguel is a native of Spain.

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GRASING’S WINE DINNER, HOLIDAY HEAD START, AND ‘CHEF GARNISH’

MASTER SOMMELIER Larry Stone and the winery he founded in Oregon’s Willamette Valley, *Lingua Franca*, will star during a special dinner at Grasing’s restaurant at Mission and Sixth in Carmel Sept. 11 at 6 p.m.

Stone, the ninth person in the United States to reach the rank of master sommelier — of which there are 170 — and the first American to win the prestigious Best International

Soup to Nuts

Sommelier in French Wines competition in Paris, will share stories about his decades-long career in hospitality and the winery and vineyards he sunk everything he had into building in late 2012.

Lauded for producing high-quality Burgundian-style wines since its first release in 2015, *Lingua Franca* was purchased by Constellation a few years ago, following the Covid pandemic and the 2020 fires that destroyed that year’s vintage, but Stone and his team, including consult-

ing winemaker Dominique Lafon and his protégé, Thomas Savre, still run the enterprise.

At Grasing’s, *Lingua Franca*’s wines will be paired with five courses crafted by executive chef Mario Garcia.

“I encourage anyone seeking imminently appealing, thoughtfully realized and balanced examples of chardonnay and pinot noir from extraordinary domestic terroirs to attend,” Grasing’s wine director, Eric Ewers, said. “And, of course everyone who enjoys delectable food, engaging conversation and indelible memories.”

The evening will begin with an amuse bouche paired with 2021 Avni chardonnay, followed by prawn ceviche and the 2018 vintage of the same wine.

The second course of risotto with pecorino and black summer truffle will be accompanied by 2022 Bunker Hill char-



Grasing’s restaurant at Mission and Sixth has hosted many exceptional wine dinners. The menu for next week’s event with *Lingua Franca* includes delicacies like black summer truffle risotto.

donnay. The main course of harissa-rubbed lamb loin will be complemented by 2021 Mimi’s Mind pinot noir, and dinner will wrap up with warm doughnuts and a glass of vintage port, 1977 Fonseca.

Dinner costs \$225, inclusive. Register at [grasings.com](https://www.grasings.com).

■ Quail & Olive holiday boxes

You might want to sit down for this: The holiday countdown hits the 90-day mark in just a few weeks. The good people at the Quail &

Olive (quailandolive.com) in Carmel Valley don’t want anyone to freak out, so they’re partnering with nearby Comstock Farm & Kitchen to save everyone a little angst.

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For \$80, your loved one will receive olive oil and vinegar samples (from Q&O, natch), four pieces of Lula’s Chocolates, Big Sur Salts artisanal salt and Comstock Farm & Kitchen jam. The “Grand” box (\$180) includes a 375 ml bottle of olive oil and a sample bottle of 25-Star Balsamic Vinegar, Foustman’s Salami (from up the road a piece in the San Francisco Bay area), the salt and jam, plus some Acme coffee, nine pieces of Lula’s Chocolates, and Comstock Farm honey. All orders must be paid in full when they’re placed.

And get this: Half of the profits from these boxes will go to support Rancho Cielo, the alternative high school and vocational training center in Salinas.

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at 14 Del Fino Place, chat with the exceptionally knowledgeable staff and do a little tasting. Comstock Farm & Kitchen is named for architect Hugh Comstock, who designed the home on the property, which once belonged to Hank Ketcham of “Dennis the Menace” fame. Short of mailing someone a statuette of St. Junipero Serra

and a vial of beach sand, you can’t get much more local than that.

Holman Ranch gets lit

Even if you’ve never felt particularly crafty, making candles is a fun way to spend a couple of hours socializing and then walk away with something to brighten your home. Holman Ranch tasting room at 18 W. Carmel Valley Road will host Johnny Wicks Candles of Monterey for a two-hour

candle-making class — with your choice of scents — on Thursday, Sept. 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. All materials are included in the ticket price, along with a glass of wine. Wine club members pay \$45 a person, and everyone else is \$60 (plus fees) at exploretock.com. You can also email wines@holmanranch.com or call (831) 659-2640.

The fine art of carving

The Monterey Chapter of the American Culinary Federation will welcome Chef Ray Duey — aka “Chef Garnish” — to Monterey Peninsula College, where he will teach a class in fruit and vegetable carving this month. Duey, a certified executive chef with the Federation, has spent 30 years perfecting his craft. In 2012, he told California Bountiful magazine that he’d already completed more than 100,000 food sculptures, including a version of “The Last Supper”

that required five watermelons and took 10 hours to complete. He’s competed on Food Network, and in 2010, helped build a 3-by-4-foot haunted house out of pumpkins for the White House Halloween celebration. In his hands-on class on Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Monterey Peninsula College, participants can learn to carve their own displays. Cost is \$75 for ACF members and \$100 for non-members. Space is limited to 16 people, and supplies and refreshments will be provided. Register at bit.ly/3XdSKTM.

They sweat so you can chill

You probably think of a glass of wine as a way to unwind at the end of the day. But growing grapes for those beautiful bottles of pinot noir, chardonnay and sauvignon blanc for your dinner table requires a lot

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The Quail & Olive shop in Carmel Valley has joined culinary forces with Comstock Farm & Kitchen to kick off everyone’s holiday shopping with two tasty gift boxes to send (or keep). Each is filled with goodies from local purveyors.

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of time and energy year round, and, as harvest approaches, things are anything but laid back.

From the moment the fruit hits “veraison” — when green grapes start getting juicy, and red grapes take on their characteristic color — vineyardists and winemakers know harvest is not far off, and a period of hurry up and wait begins.

Wine grapes — unlike row crops, such as lettuce or broccoli — are harvested just once a year, so it isn’t surprising that many local vineyardists and winemakers are a little tense. Most constantly listen to weather reports, hoping for few heat spikes and no rain, either of which can damage the fruit during this critical time.

On a recent Santa Lucia Highlands AVA (American Viticulture Area) harvest phone call, Adam Lee of Clarice, Adam Franscioni of Franscioni Vineyards and ROAR winery, and Steve McIntyre of McIntyre Vineyards provided an informative backdrop to this year’s harvest.

Calm before the storm

Franscioni described this period as the “calm before the storm.” He added that his crews are in the midst of netting all of their vines, since once veraison hits, the newly sweet fruit becomes appealing to birds that consume the grapes right off the branches.

Clarice’s Lee, who uses grapes from the Franscionis for his wine as well as for

the pinot noir he produces for the venerable vintner, Rombauer, said that he is busy making sure that the bunches that have “wings” — small grape clusters, usually to the side of the main ones — are trimmed. According to Lee, clusters with wings are an average of 10 days behind in ripeness, so removing them makes for a more consistent ripening of the grapes.

McIntyre said he believes this year has had an ideal growing season, despite some heat spikes. He described how much tem-



Chef Ray Duey — aka “Chef Garnish” — will demonstrate his estimable fruit- and vegetable-carving skills at a hands-on workshop hosted by the Monterey Chapter of the American Culinary Federation this month.

peratures vary locally using the example of one recent day when Castroville was 65 degrees, while Soledad was upwards of 112 degrees, and they needed to place a shade cloth on one side of the vines to prevent sunburn, while the other was covered in netting to keep out the birds.

The overall consensus from all three vintners was that this year’s harvest will prove to be a stunning vintage once in the bottle. And isn’t it lovely that all we have to worry about is where to find a corkscrew and a glass?

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

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■ ‘Pure magic’ down the coast

In town for a workshop, two world class musicians from India, sitar player **Indrajit Banerjee** and tabla player **Gouri Sankar**, present a concert Saturday, 7:30 p.m., at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur. “Join us for an afternoon workshop and evening concert with two internationally renowned musical masters,” library executive director **Magnus Toren** suggested. “This one’s going to be pure magic.”

Concert tickets are \$30. The library is located at 48603 Highway 1. henrymiller.org

Live music Sept. 6-12

■ Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Saturday at 12:30 p.m.), **Paige Too** (jazz, Sunday at 12:30 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

Fernwood Resort — **Meez** (rock, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

■ Carmel

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

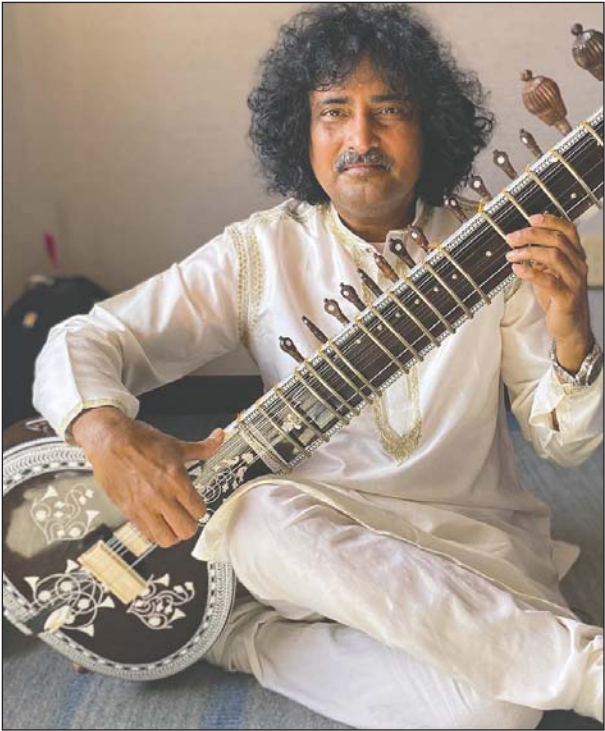
Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and pop, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **TJ Kuenster** (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 **Adrea Castiano** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth.

The Links Club — **The Transducers** (rock and funk, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kiki Wow** (Saturday at 7:30 p.m.), Singer-Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddaline**



Sitar master Indrajit Banerjee joins tabla player Gouri Sankar Saturday at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur.

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** (classical, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn**

Bell (jazz, Saturday at noon), pianist **Mathias Morris** (classical, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Folktales Winery — **The Black Donnellys** (Celtic, Thursday at 5 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

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■ Monterey

Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen — singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (jazz, 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 Holodiloff Duo** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and singer and pianist **Scotty Wright** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.
Estéban Restaurant — guitarist **Catherine Broz** (Spanish music, Friday and Thursday at 5 p.m.). 700 Munras Ave.
Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — guitarist **Gil Cadilli** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Fred McCarty** (Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.
Intercontinental Hotel — singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (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 Canary Row.
Marriott Hotel — **The Stu Reynolds Saxtet** (jazz, Saturday at 8 p.m.). In Characters Bar, 350 Calle Principal.
Midici Pizza — singer **Janice Perl** and pianist **Jon Dryden** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), **The Kenny Stahl Quartet** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.
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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

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Starting Sept. 8 – Catch all the action this season at Peter B's Brewpub! Monterey's favorite sports bar will have NFL and college teams on 18 HDTVs, award-winning craft beer, wings, pizza, burgers, and more! Peter B's is open for Sunday football breakfast from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Visit peterbsbrewpub.com for details.

Sept. 20 - Portola Hotel & Spa invites you to an unforgettable evening of fine wine and a spectacular six-course dinner in partnership with Bernardus Winery. Enjoy live music by internationally renowned saxophonist/flutist Paul Contos and the Scotty Wright Trio. This event promises an evening of sensory

indulgence. Visit portolahotel.com for details.

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. 8 – St. Mary's hosts international Celtic and Castillian duo, 3 p.m. Buy tickets at www.celticsociety.org. St. Mary's is at 12th Street and Central Avenue, Pacific Grove. Questions? Call or text (831) 224-3819.

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 must register. To sign up, call (831) 624-1588, or visit www.carmelfoundation.org.

Sept. 14 – ArtWorlds, presented by Monterey Museum of Art, 3 to 5 p.m. at Irvine Auditorium, Middlebury Institute, Monterey. Join a lively discussion with renowned local artists **Chuck Davis, Rick Murai, Ryuijie** and **Belle Yang**, along with a keynote by guest curator **Lydia Nakashima Degarrod**. For tickets and more information visit montereyart.org.

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BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Henry Wales, Member
Date: June 12, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 12, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: August 16, 23, 30, Sept. 6, 2024. (PC 815)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241498
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ZAMBRANO REMODELING, 583 MARIPOSA ST, SALINAS, CA 93906**
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): FERNANDO ZAMBRANO MAGANA, 583 MARIPOSA ST, SALINAS, CA 93906
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/ FERNANDO ZAMBRANO MAGANA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/05/2024.
8/16, 8/23, 8/30, 9/6/24
CNS-3822809#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Aug. 16, 23, 30, Sept. 6, 2024. (PC 819)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241541
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. FAIRCHILD VACATION RENTALS
2. FAIRCHILDVR
615 Abrego Street, Monterey, California 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: FAIRCHILD PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC, 615 Abrego Street, Monterey, California 93940.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 8, 2019.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*
S/Peter Laughlin, Manager
Date: Aug. 12, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 12, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: August 16, 23, 30, Sept. 6, 2024. (PC 822)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241510
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. DEL REY SUPPLY
2. DEL REY FINE PLUMBING & HARDWARE
575 Charles Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: CYPRESS BAY INC.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 15, 2001.
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/Edward L. DeBerry, President
Date: Aug. 1, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 6, 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: August 16, 23, 30, Sept. 6, 2024. (PC 814)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241487
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CARMEL VALLEY INK BODY ARTS, 7162 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: COASTAL INK LLC, 7162 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241502
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **OCTAVE HEARING SYSTEMS, 975 W. Alisal Street #E, Salinas, CA 93901.**
Registered Owner(s): JOE ANTHONY PEREZ, 975 W. Alisal Street #E, Salinas, CA 93901.
This business is conducted by an individual.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241502
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **OCTAVE HEARING SYSTEMS, 975 W. Alisal Street #E, Salinas, CA 93901.**
Registered Owner(s): JOE ANTHONY PEREZ, 975 W. Alisal Street #E, Salinas, CA 93901.
This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 23, 2018.
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/Joel Perez
Date signed: August 5, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 5, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Publication Dates: Aug. 16, 23, 30, Sept. 6, 2024 (PC 824)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241514
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KRISTINA'S ICE CREAM, 632 Cordoba St., Soledad, CA 93960.**
Registered Owner(s): KRISTINA ALCALA.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Kristina Alcala
Date signed: August 6, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 6, 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. 23, 30, Sept. 6, 13, 2024 (PC 828)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20241535
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WHISPERING MEADOWS APARTMENTS, 675 W. China Grade Loop, Bakersfield, CA 93308.**
Registered Owner(s): DAVID H. STEVEN, 25871 Paseo Real, Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: KERN.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: MONTEREY BAKERSFIELD LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: California
This business is conducted by a limited partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

CYPRESS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

FINAL BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. the Cypress Fire Protection District, Board of Directors will meet at the District’s fire station located at 3775 Rio Road, Carmel to consider adoption of the final budget for fiscal year 2024-25 that ends on June 30, 2025.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the preliminary budget was adopted May 30, 2024 and is available for inspection at the District’s fire station located at 3775 Rio Road, Carmel between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any District resident may appear and be heard regarding the increase, decrease, or omission of any item on the budget or for the inclusion of any additional items.

DATED: August 26, 2024

Leslie Baek, Secretary of the Board

Publication dates:

Aug. 30 & Sept. 6, 2024

(PC844)

SUMMONS
(Citation Judicial)
CASE NUMBER: 24CV000654
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
(Aviso al demandado)
JMA RESIDENTIALS, LLC; JMA RESIDENTIALS; MANAL L. MANSOUR, AYMAN ADEEB; PRESTIGE BUILDERS AND CONSTRUCTION, INC., and DOES 1 to 100
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
(Lo esta demandando el demandante)
JULIE AMANDA HARPER, NATHAN ALLEN KRAFT

NOTICE: You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court’s lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

names listed above on July 1, 1998.
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/David Steven
Date: July 26, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 9, 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).
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APN: 007-161-011-000 FKA 007-161-011 TS No: CA08000533-24-1 TO No: 3091900 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) **YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED July 21, 2006, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On October 8, 2024 at 10:00 AM, outside the main entrance of the Monterey County Administration building located at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on August 25, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006075341, and that said Deed of Trust was modified by Modification Agreement and recorded May 16, 2008 as Instrument Number 2008031463, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, executed by KAMLESH PARIKH, BHAVNA K PARIKH, as Trustor(s), in favor of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2002 MAJELLA RD, PEBBLE BEACH, CA 93953 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$220,475.04 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08000533-24-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 702-659-7766, or visit this internet website www.insourcelogic.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA08000533-24-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: August 26, 2024 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08000533-24-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Bobbie La Flower, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic At 702-659-7766 Order Number 104896, Pub Dates: 08/30/2024, 09/06/2024, 09/13/2024, CARMEL PINE CONE
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at 5 p.m.), **Andrea’s Fault Duo** (jazz and pop, Tuesday at 5 p.m.) singer and pianist **TJ Kuenster** (jazz, Wednesday at 5 p.m.), guitarist **Richard DeVinck** (classical, Thursday at 5 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.



Accordionist Mike Marotta and friends play Saturday and Sunday afternoon at Festa Italia.

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 **John Vicino** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Salty Seal Pub — **Vinyl Revival** (pop and rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **Santa Cruda** (reggae and hip-hop, Sunday at 4 p.m.), **Chuck ‘n’ Buck** (rock and blues, Thursday at 7 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 — **Everyday People** (“classic Latin rock with an old-school twist,” Friday at 9 p.m.), **3-Mile Smile** (’80s and ’90s rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row

Wendi Kirby Music — singers and guitarists **Anne** and **Pete Sibley** (Saturday at 4 p.m.). 550 Hartnell St.

■ Pacific Grove

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

Juice ‘n’ 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 David Morwood Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Weeds** (Celtic, 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 **Rachel Williams** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

Lucy’s on Lighthouse — **Meez** (rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **Johnny Tsunami** (rock, 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 multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wick-**



A native of Naples, singer Pasqual Esposito plays four shows this weekend at Festa Italia in Monterey.

strom (rock and blues, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

■ **Seaside**

Cuz’s Sportsman’s Club in Seaside — **Lovers & Strangers** (rock, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.). 594 Broadway.

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

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