

## Coastal commission OKs \$92M Surf Busway

By CHRIS COUNTS

REVERSING ITS opposition to a plan to build a bus route along a section of the historic railroad corridor between Marina and Sand City, the California Coastal Commission voted 7-1 last week to approve the \$92 million Surf Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project. The Portola Hotel in Monterey was the site of the commission’s monthly meeting.

“We did it,” declared Carl Sedoryk, general manager of Monterey-Salinas Transit, which proposed the plan to build the 4.3-mile long, two-lane bus road. “Today’s win was years in the making. We are eager to get shovels in the ground and start building more connected communities and opportunities.”

Plans originally called for placing the bus route next to the train tracks, which haven’t been used since 1971. But the coastal commission

opposed the move, warning it would damage critical dune habitat. An alternative was proposed in which the tracks would be removed and replaced with the bus line.

### Bus vs. rail?

The alternative route was opposed by some who warned the move could jeopardize a future revival of the rail route. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County, which owns the land, previously opposed the idea for that reason. But backers of the busway insist it won’t stop a rail project, which officials say is likely decades away from being built — if ever.

According to 4th District Monterey County Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, the project, located in her district, marks “a generational investment” in public transit.

“It will increase equitable access to our coast and is

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## Forum sets up battle for control at city hall

### ■ Potter vs. Baron vs. Byrne for mayor

By MARY SCHLEY

A SEASONED politician, a councilman with six years at the dais, and a community organizer who founded a nonprofit during Covid to spearhead beautification projects around town made their cases at a forum Tuesday for why voters should choose them to be Carmel’s next mayor.

Following a panel featuring the five candidates for city council, incumbent Mayor Dave Potter and challengers Jeff Baron and Dale Byrne got their turn on stage at the Carmel Residents Association event, which was moderated by Pine Cone publisher Paul Miller.

### ‘New leader’ needed

In his opening statement, Baron described his busy schedule on behalf of the city and said he works so hard in his service on the council and other boards because “Carmel is incredibly important to me.”

“If we don’t work to protect it, it will erode over time,” he said. “It requires a city government that listens to residents, especially those who can’t attend meetings.” Since first winning his council seat in 2018, Baron has distributed a newsletter to constituents and held regular “office hours” at a downtown café. A hallmark of his campaign is knocking on doors.

Byrne, the founder of Carmel Cares, said the city “needs a breath of fresh air and a new leader.”

“We hear government should be for the people, but we see it being done to the people,” he said. “I am offering leadership that has already made visible improvements.”

Potter explained some of his health issues, including a back surgery that requires him to get up and move every 30 minutes, before arguing for maintaining the status quo as much as possible on a council that will inevitably see

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### ■ Five candidates for two council seats

By MARY SCHLEY

THE MEN vying for two Carmel City Council seats in the upcoming Nov. 5 election had their first opportunity Tuesday night to compare their views on the top issues of the day and show why voters should pick them over their opponents.

At a forum hosted by the Carmel Residents Association and moderated by Pine Cone publisher Paul Miller Sept.



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A Carmel Residents Association forum with (at table, left to right) mayoral candidates Jeff Baron, Dale Byrne and Dave Potter drew a big crowd Tuesday.

17, candidates were asked to weigh in on everything from the budget and house numbers to the police station, state housing demands and getting residents more involved in local government.

On some issues, they were unified. Hans Buder, Bob Delves, Danny Hala, Parker Logan and David O’Neil all professed interest in converting Carmel from a general law city to a charter city to protect it from some state mandates, said they oppose any sort of paid parking, and want to find more and better ways for residents to speak their minds and feel heard by decision makers.

### The hot topic

In the age-old debate over house numbers — which the council narrowly decided last week should be put to voters in a November 2025 ballot measure that may or may not be binding — some were open to the idea, and one was not.

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## POST OFFICE REPAIRS FINALLY IN PIPELINE

By MARY SCHLEY

NEARLY FIVE months after a Pebble Beach woman crashed her car into the front of the Carmel post office, a contractor has received a permit to begin repairs.

“This afternoon, we issued conditional approval of a building permit for the post office. We finally received an application from the property manager’s contractor a few days ago and then expedited review,” assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

On Thursday, the contractor submitted the required documents and fees, and the city granted the permit, according to Swanson, who said work can begin immediately.

### Sign of progress

The permit issued Sept. 19 to Cal Construction to “repair vehicle damage to the front of the building, windows, store front and wood posts,” and “repair brick flower bed and wood trim around windows” is the first sign of progress since the dramatic April 24 crash.

At around lunchtime that day, Rebecca Rouso, 74, was parked in a handicap space in the lot opposite the post office and inadvertently hit the accelerator in her Tesla Model S, which careened across the street into the front of the building, narrowly missing a pedestrian.

## Water board admits defeat, ends fight with anti-tax org

By KELLY NIX

DIRECTORS WITH the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Monday voted unanimously to accept an appellate court decision regarding a longstanding water supply charge.

On Sept. 11, the Sixth District Court of Appeal ruled in favor of the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association, which sued the district over the charge which the Superior

Court had already ordered the water district to stop collecting from its Peninsula customers.

While directors could have opted to request that the appellate court rehear the matter or petitioned the state’s Supreme Court for review, they decided 7-0 to accept the decision during a closed session Monday night.

On Tuesday, general manager Dave Stoldt told The Pine Cone that most of the district’s larger projects and programs that had been funded by the charge have been completed or ended. The loss of the revenue from the water supply charge will have an effect, mostly on salaries, but it won’t be devastating to the government agency, he maintained.

### ‘Belt-tightening’

“It will not mean the demise of the district, by any means,” Stoldt, who was not at Monday’s meeting, said Tuesday. “It will just be a belt-tightening for a few years.”

Directors made the decision to give up the legal fight after taxpayers association president Rick Heuer early at Monday’s meeting asked them to do so.

“I’m here to urge you to stop spending taxpayer money fighting a lawsuit that you’ve already lost three times,” said Heuer.

He went on to say that the water district should focus on how it will “refund the taxpayers the money” it collected from the fee.

After the taxpayers association filed its lawsuit against the district, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Carrie Panetta ruled in March 2023 that the agency’s continued collection of the funds violated a sunset provision in the

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## Playground’s chalk transformation



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Resembling a crop circle, a 56-foot-wide chalk labyrinth was made Sept. 13 by 300 students at Forest Grove Elementary School in Pacific Grove. Organized by parent Kim Kasner Stone, the chalk art project has been a tradition at the school since 2014.



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# Sandy Claws

## Dear little doodle

His wife wanted him to retire in 2010, but he didn't feel ready — until she said, if he retired, they'd have time to devote to a dog. While perusing The Carmel Pine Cone, they came across an ad announcing the arrival of Australian Labradoodle puppies. Aware they needed a hypoallergenic pet and drawn to the winsome little faces in the photo, they got in the car.

"My wife, with puppies scampering all around her, had no allergy symptoms," her husband said. "One pup in particular would come up to us and then run a few feet away and collapse, resting his face on his paws. Even if we didn't say it right then, we knew."

They said they'd take two weeks to decide. Unable to wait till they got home to call the breeder, they pulled over in front of Bruno's Market, en route to their Carmel Meadows home, and requested the little guy who had toyed with them.

They named him Schultz.

"Nine months later, my wife was diagnosed with a brain tumor," her husband said. "I became her care-giver, and Schultz looked after us both. Once my wife recovered, we took Schultz to the SPCA for training to become a therapy animal for others."

Schultz, now 14, spent a lot of time in the intensive care unit at UCSF, providing comfort to those receiving

crucial care. They remember a young man who was completely unresponsive to his family. But once they set Schultz on the bed, he turned toward the lad and smiled.

"Therapy dogs walk a two-way street," his person said. "They enrich our lives and receive so much love and affection in return."

These days, Schultz is content to wander the strand along Scenic Road overlooking Carmel Beach. There other folks walk their dogs, finding familiar faces but Schultz really only recognizes the dogs.

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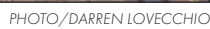
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By MARY SCHLEY

council decided again to “explore opportunities for Flanders Mansion.”

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Mike Buffo (far right) and a group of notable Carmelites have a mission to restore Flanders Mansion and open it to the public.

The fate of Flanders has been debated ever since the city bought it in 1972. Located in the Mission Trail Nature Preserve, the former home is accessed either on foot via the park's trails or by car on Hatton Road, and neighbors have long



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# Police & Sheriff's Log

## Fraudsters go for senior's \$20,000

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

### MONDAY, AUGUST 26

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Damage to a commercial parking lot gate at San Carlos and Seventh. Possibly a failed burglary. Information only.

**Pacific Grove:** Officers were dispatched to a possible missing person who was having suicidal thoughts. Subject placed on 72-hour mental health hold.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Lighthouse was admonished for trespassing

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicles at Forest Lodge Road and Congress, on 18th Street and on Laurel Avenue were marked for 72-hour parking.

**Pacific Grove:** Ammunition was taken for destruction.

**Carmel Valley:** A 41-year-old male was arrested on Schulte Road for domestic violence.

**Carmel Valley:** Report of financial abuse involving a Carmel Valley Road resident.

**Carmel area:** Report of mental abuse involving an Outlook Drive resident.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vehicle towed for expired registration over six months while parked on a public roadway.

**Carmel area:** Pacific Meadows resident discovered markings on her front door.

**Carmel Valley:** A suspicious circumstance was reported on Saddle Road.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

**Carmel Valley:** Report of alleged financial abuse involving a Rancho San Carlos Road resident.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Adult Protective Services referrals on Dolores and 13th and at Mission and Fifth.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vehicle at Junipero and 11th was repossessed.

**Pacific Grove:** Cross-report received from social services notifying PGPD the case will be closed.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to a disturbance call on Carmel Valley Road.

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## The gavel falls

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

**Sept. 10** — Jacob Anthony Bustamantez, 24, pled guilty to the second-degree murder of his former girlfriend, Faith Elizabeth Valenzuela. Bustamantez admitted he personally and intentionally discharged a firearm in the commission of Faith's murder.

On of July 5, 2022, at 2:53 a.m., Bustamantez texted Faith, his then ex-girlfriend, to pick him up and give him a ride. Faith picked up Bustamantez around downtown Salinas. Traffic cameras outlined their path of travel consistent with their return toward Faith's home.

At around 3:10 a.m., while Valenzuela was driving near Natividad Road and El Rancho Market, Bustamantez shot Faith with a 9mm semi-automatic ghost gun. This caused Valenzuela to crash against a wooden fence just off the road. Bustamantez fled the scene, then disposed of a pair of cotton gloves, a magazine with ammunition, and a 9mm firearm that was found on the roof of a nearby residence days later. DNA forensics analysis later identified Bustamantez as the killer.

Law enforcement stumbled upon the scene of Valenzuela's murder. After officers and medical personnel tried to revive Valenzuela on scene, she was transported to

Natividad Medical Center. Within an hour, Valenzuela was declared dead because of the gunshot wound.

Initially, Salinas Police Department detectives determined Bustamantez was a suspect. Witnesses stated that Valenzuela and Bustamantez had a romantic relationship in the past. Witnesses added that they were aware that Valenzuela had maintained contact with him and that she confided her wishes to end all contact with Bustamantez in the days leading up to July 5, 2022.

On July 7, 2022, Bustamantez was found and arrested on outstanding warrants. During Bustamantez's in-custody Miranda interview with Salinas Police Department detectives, he initially denied being in contact with Valenzuela, but he later admitted to shooting and killing her with a firearm.

This case was solved and brought to completion by the outstanding work of detective Robert Miller and other members of the Salinas Police Department. District attorney investigator Alicia Cox provided investigative support. Valenzuela's family has been supported by victim advocate Susana Reyes.

The Hon. Andrew Liu will preside over sentencing scheduled for Oct. 2.



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# Commission asked to roll back extension

By MARY SCHLEY

A FORMER Carmel City Councilwoman asked planning commissioners last week to reconsider a permit extension they had already approved for an owner whose projects she has long opposed.

At their Sept. 11 meeting, commissioners unanimously voted to grant Thomas Fountain’s permit extension alongside other items on their consent calendar, since no one from the commission or the public had requested further discussion of the request. Fountain had worked for years to get a project approved on the 2,000-square-foot lot behind his residence and in February 2023 finally received the commission’s OK for a 1,600-square-foot mixed-use building with a 1,499-square-foot basement and 595-square-foot car pit. The main level is slated for offices, with a residential unit upstairs and two underground levels providing four off-street parking spaces and a mechanical and elevator equipment room.

Fountain requested the permit be extended because he’s been called out of state for work and won’t be able to pull the building permits before the approval expires, and principal planner Marnie Waffle recommended approval.

“There have been no pertinent changes to the general plan, municipal code or local coastal program since this project was approved on Feb. 8, 2023, that would require the project to be reevaluated,” she said in her report. Without discussion, commissioners approved the extension.

### Emergency medical call

But more than an hour into the meeting, during the public comment period for a hearing on an entirely different matter, former city councilmember Victoria Beach

called in to ask that the item be pulled from the consent calendar after the fact.

“I had to take an emergency call, and I’m just tuning back in and I’m wondering if you would be willing to pull an item from the consent agenda that you already passed,” she said.

### ‘Would appreciate it’

After chair Michael LePage told her it had already been approved, she reiterated her request. “I know the chair has the ability to make an exception,” she said. “At the end of the meeting would be fine, but

I would appreciate if you would consider it.”

LePage said they would continue the conversation after the public hearings were finished.

According to the rules, a commissioner who voted in favor of the motion has five working days to request reconsideration. At the next meeting, the majority of the

commission would have to vote in favor of reconsidering an item in order to revisit it.

“When new information is available, that’s when reconsiderations are generally invoked,” Beach said at the end of the meeting, though she did not say what new information she has. “That’s what I would request — to be open to new information, to reconsider the item at the next meeting.”

Commissioner Erin Allen subsequently filed a request for reconsideration, according to assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson.

The next day, Lombardo, who has represented the Fountains for years, sent a letter asking the commission to not vote in favor of reconsideration.

Last year, the council granted a separate permit allowing the Fountains to build a fence on public property to enclose a

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## Former council member asks for chance to share ‘new information’

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# Marina seeks federal money to clear Army barracks for more housing

By CAITLIN CONRAD

ASSEMBLYMEMBER DAWN Addis is using her influence to help the City of Marina apply for a federal cleanup grant to clear land for future housing development.

Officials say it will cost about \$15 million to demolish old barracks on the former Fort Ord that are filled with hazardous materials.

On Sept. 9, the assembly member wrote a letter to the Region 9 administrator for

the Environmental Protection Agency in support of Marina’s requests for a taxpayer-funded Brownfields Cleanup Grant. The grants help communities safely cleanup contaminated sites so the land can be redeveloped.

The city wants to use the money to support demolition at the Cypress Knolls site in south Marina, 220 old barracks sit on the land and asbestos can be found in the pipes, flooring, roofing and cement. Lead paint was also used when the barracks were constructed in the 1950s and is likely present. Once cleared, Marina plans to use the land for even more new housing than the 5,000-plus units built or planned in the fast-growing city.

“I support the City of Marina’s grant application, as it will provide much-needed housing for workers in the greater Monterey Peninsula region and reduce hazardous materials released into the environment from the dilapidated structures that are a blight to the community,” said Addis in her letter to the EPA.

### ‘Missing middle’

The city promises the redevelopment of Cypress Knolls will result in units for what it calls the “missing middle,” which, in this case means housing for local first responders, nurses and teachers who are often priced out on the Monterey Peninsula.

“Equity and social justice impacts — I think that is a really critical element that we need to look at with that parcel,” said city manager Layne Long during a recent presentation to the city council.

Marina is one of the few cities in Monterey County that’s been successful at

developing new housing in recent years, and it is one of the only ones on the coast with water for building. Marina city staff describe “missing middle” housing as consisting of smaller-scale attached and detached units, including duplexes, four-plexes, courtyard buildings, cottage courts,



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The City of Marina is building thousands of new housing units, but all that development takes a lot of infrastructure. An EPA grant may provide some of the money for a future phase.

rowhomes, townhomes and tiny homes. The city’s goal with redeveloping Cypress Knolls is to provide neighborhoods and housing that are attainable for first-time home buyers, families, seniors and local workers. Any commercial space in the development would likely include mixed-use buildings with ground-floor storefronts and apartments in the upper stories.

### Cypress Knolls

The 188-acre site is a prime piece of real estate sitting partially elevated above the surrounding area with views of the Pacific Ocean and the city. While located in the southern section of town, it’s also adjacent to central Marina and close to

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# P.B. services district gets new GM

By KELLY NIX

A LONGTIME employee of the Pebble Beach agency that provides a host of services, including fire protection and garbage collection, has taken over where the well-respected general manager left off.

In June, the Pebble Beach Community Services District's board of directors selected Nicholas Becker, 46, to fill the spot left vacant when Mike Niccum, who had served the district for 30 years, retired.

"Mike has been a great leader and mentor, not only here in Pebble Beach, but throughout the Monterey Peninsula," Becker told The Pine Cone this week. "I have big shoes to fill."

### Experienced

Becker has been with the district since July 2013, when he was hired as principal engineer. He held several other positions before being named GM, including district engineer in 2019 and deputy general manager in 2022.

The Pine Cone asked Becker why he believes the board selected him for the top job at the agency.

"During my 11 years at the PBCSD, I have had the opportunity to build relationships not only with our board, but with the many constituents within the Pebble Beach community," he said. "I've successfully managed many capital projects, been a proven leader in managing staff and programs within several departments, and I'm a team player. I truly enjoy working with and now leading our amazing team."

The agency, which has offices on Forest Lake Road, offers supplemental law enforcement, wastewater collection and

treatment, recycled-water distribution, and undergrounding of overhead utilities. It also provides water to the seven golf courses in Pebble Beach.

Becker said that he has no plans to make any major changes because Niccum was a "great leader" and managed the district "extremely well," including financially.

### Community needs

"We are very lucky to have such a great staff here, and a lot of that can be attributed to Mike and his foresight and emphasis on succession planning, training and mentorship," he said.

He went on to say that the district has done a great job of expanding services based on community needs and that it's constantly evaluating the services it provides and administers to better support its constituents.

Becker repeated what he said was one of Niccum's famous quotes: "The most important thing to know is what you don't know."

"Adjusting to the ever changing landscape of California's regulatory climate is a challenge, whether it be sea level rise, integrating electrical vehicles into our fleets/operations, or the exodus of insurance companies from California due to fire risk and long-term sustainability of recycled water," he explained. "In addition, I think it is important — even as a young general manager — to value succession planning at all levels of our organization. Our people are our greatest asset."

Becker started the job July 1 and is paid an annual base salary of \$270,000. The district's 2024-2025 budget is \$30 million.

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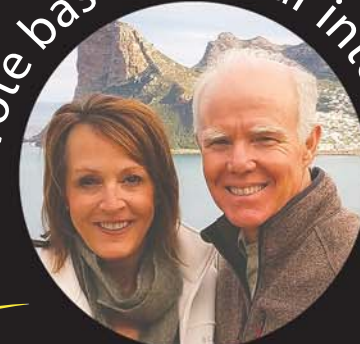
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# SPCA’s new facilities promise wonders

By KELLY NIX

A NEW SPCA Monterey County facility dedicated to treating dogs and other animals that need special care, including those that have been neglected or abused, is among two new buildings and other improvements at the group’s campus off Highway 68 that were recently completed.

The new SPCA Training Center will provide a base for its Humane Investigations workers and an expanded area for dog training, while the Sally Lucas TLC Center — named after a local philanthropist who has donated tens of thousands of dollars to the SPCA and other organizations — is dedicated to caring for animals with behavioral issues. The construc-

tion was done by Blach Construction and designed by Peartree+Belli Architects.

The Training Center will offer group classes and private instruction to treat separation anxiety, fearfulness and other conditions for dogs of all breeds. Also completed was a renovation of the two-story Claire Jacobson Learning Center, which has been home to summer camps for kids and is a hub for SPCA volunteers.

### Grateful

She added that the Sally Lucas TLC Center is helping dogs that need specialized training, care, and socialization before they are ready to be adopted. Brookhouser also praised Lucas for her contributions to SPCA Monterey County.

“Sally Lucas is a wonderful, compassionate donor to the SPCA and she supported the building of our TLC Center,” she said. “We are so grateful to her and everyone who supported this project.”

Blach vice president Kevin McIntosh said it would have been a challenge to tear down the learning center and start fresh, because of the county’s requirements related to slopes and viewshed, but that remodeling the structure gave it new life.

The completion of the projects comes 11 years after the Monterey-based construction firm completed more than \$13 million in work on the SPCA property, including its adoption pavilion, equine facility, barn, caretakers’ cottage and renovated Wildlife Center and Veterinary Clinic.



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# Bills from Laird, Addis reach governor’s desk

By CAITLIN CONRAD

MONTEREY PENINSULA representatives Dawn Addis and John Laird are wrapping up what they call a very successful legislative session this month with a combined 19 bills crossing the finish line in the week before final recess. The locally authored legislation heading to Gov. Gavin Newsom’s desk for his signature ranges from banning single-use propane canisters, to providing more tuition assistance for community college students.

### Propane canisters

As the former California Secretary of Natural Resources, it’s no surprise State Sen. Laird wrote a number of bills focused on environmental issues including one doing away with disposable propane cylinders. If the governor signs SB 1280 into law, it will be illegal to sell single-use canisters, commonly used for camping, starting in 2028. The cylinders are frequently found discarded at parks and beaches and pose a threat to waste management workers when thrown in the trash.

Retailers will have several years to make changes and start offering refillable canisters. Reusable cylinders for camping from brands like Flame King are already available at many retailers. They can be exchanged for full tanks at hardware stores or other places where propane is sold.

Laird also managed to get through a bill aimed at helping California address the climate crisis. SB 1046 will

streamline the permitting process for waste management facilities trying to build compost processors. According to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery landfills are the third-largest source of methane emissions in the state, and organic waste contributes 20 percent of those emissions.

Any entity wanting to build even a small or medium site is subject to an onerous environmental impact review process. Assuming the bill is signed into law, it will reduce the time and cost to build facilities so they can be placed closer to the material’s generation point. The change is also intended to reduce emissions and wear and tear on roads from trucks hauling waste to the nearest compost processor.

### Organics

In addition, Laird’s work this session included a bill to increase the regulation of food labeled “organic.” The bill authorizes the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to conduct inspections and collect samples for testing, makes it lawful to conduct farmers market inspections and prohibits food sellers from charging for samples.

SB 1117 will require people who repackaging organics produced outside of the state public health officers’

## Energy regulation, organic food and tuition aid

jurisdiction to register and pay a fee. It would make it illegal to label a product organic unless it’s duly registered.

### Electric and gas corporations

Assemblymember Addis spent time writing a bill she says will help save consumers money. AB 2847, if signed, will give the California Energy Commission the ability to require electric and gas utilities to provide a clear estimate of the full cost of long-term capital projects during the initial rate review. Currently the commission cannot require this information.

Addis said the status quo doesn’t serve regular people. “We need this information to make sure that ratepayers are not left with unforeseen, out-year financial burdens,” she said. Addis is hopeful the law will provide greater transparency and accountability, which could lead to lower energy bills.

“The Central Coast is expensive enough. We cannot afford to keep bearing the brunt of runaway energy costs,” she said.


### Oil drilling

Another bill from Addis, AB 3233 is also geared at regulating the energy industry. The bill will give cities and counties the power to limit or prohibit oil and gas operations in their jurisdictions.

“AB 3233 is important legislation for our state and I am optimistic about having it signed into law because it is right in line with California’s climate and energy goals,” said Addis.

Under AB 3233 local communities would have a say over the methods of extraction and locations of energy development. Owner operators would still have to comply

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# Parking on Old Coast Road banned

By CHRIS COUNTS

FED UP with the traffic jams that have become common at Bixby Bridge in Big Sur since selfies started proliferating on social media, Monterey County has announced big changes in how people can visit the landmark bridge and its overlook. As of Friday, parking was banned on the Old Coast Road. Motorists must park only in legal turnouts along Highway 1 or risk a pricey citation.

The measure is welcome news for residents and emergency workers who have often found their progress blocked by vehicles parked helter-skelter along the unpaved Old Coast Road.

While the action was heralded by some, others pointed out that visitors are now parking their cars in legal turnouts along Highway 1 on the far side of the bridge and walking across to the north side, where the view is better for photographs. The hike, which requires walking along a narrow shoulder of the bridge, is dangerous.

### Relief for residents

As county supervisor for Big Sur, Mary Adams has tried for years to bring together the various agencies involved to find a solution to the mess at Bixby. Adams said she was happy to see the parking ban along Old Coast Road go into effect.

“People who live along the road have been so overwhelmed by visitors who park so haphazardly,” she said of the need to put up “no parking” signs and k-rails along the road.

But Adams conceded that allowing pedestrians to walk along the shoulder of a busy Highway 1 isn’t a long-term solution.

“It’s a safety hazard, without any question,” she said. One of several Big Sur residents who have tried to draw attention to the risks of allowing chaos to reign at Bixby Bridge, Marcus Foster said he’s grateful the county is attempting to find a solution. “After years of the problem getting worse, the county is finally trying to do something about it,” said Foster. “It does help residents who live on the Old Coast Road. They’re very appreciative that they can get through more easily now — the road had turned into a parking lot for Bixby.”

### A risky walk

But Foster, too, worries about the risks of people walking along the edge of the bridge while motorists are whizzing past at high

speeds. Foster is urging officials to ban pedestrians from the bridge. Just the other day, he said, he captured an image of a model standing on top of the bridge for a photo shoot — with the photographer standing in the southbound lane. Motorists will be encouraged to abide by the new rules or face stiff fines. “As the ‘no parking’ rule goes into effect, CHP officers will be working to educate motorists and ask those who do park illegally to move,” the county reported. “Cars that are not moved will be ticketed and then may be towed.” To make enforcement easier, three agencies — the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office, the California Highway Patrol and California State Parks — will share the duties of writing tickets, the sheriff’s office told The Pine Cone.

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# Founded by Italian immigrants, Carmel Valley church turns 100

By CHRIS COUNTS

A CHURCH that has its roots in the immigrant fishing community that thrived in Monterey during the early 20th century, Sanctuary Bible Church of Carmel Valley celebrates its 100th anniversary this weekend.

The church will mark the centennial at its regular service Sunday at 10 a.m., along with an open house Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m., and an Italian-themed lunch Sunday at noon.

Located today on a 5-acre site at Carmel Valley and Schulte roads, the church got its start in the early 1920s. While most of Monterey’s Italian immigrants were Catholic, two of the new arrivals — Alena Oleari and Giovanni Canepa — held evangelical beliefs.

### Baptized in a basement

In 1924, Oleari and Canepa joined an Episcopalian, Mary Jameson of Pacific Grove, to offer church services at Canepa’s house in New Monterey. Jameson played the piano, taught hymns and read passages from the Bible, while Oleari translated for those who couldn’t speak English. The new converts were baptized in a wine vat in Canepa’s basement.

Not everyone was thrilled by the church’s arrival,

and one of its early members was beaten by her husband for attending. But the husband later repented for his actions and became a dedicated member of the growing congregation.

Several converts who lost their fishing jobs due to animosity over the church bought their own boats and went to work for themselves.

At the height of the Great Depression in 1933, the congregation began work on the Chisa Evangelica Italiana — or Italian Evangelical Church, which would be located on Pacific Street just west of Del Monte Avenue. The church opened in 1935.

**Move to the valley**

When World War II arrived, many of the congregants were forced to move away from the coast due to restrictions on Italian-Americans because their former country was allied with Nazi Germany. Some moved to Carmel Valley, where they were known as the “valley exiles.”

After the war, most returned to Monterey, and the church continued to thrive. A \$10,000 expansion began in 1954. But in the early 1960s, the city announced plans to take possession of the land as the future site of the Monterey Conference Center.

Despite an outcry, nothing could be done to save the church, so its congregants bought a property at Carmel Valley and Schulte roads. Construction began in early 1964, and the new facility opened nine months later as the First Baptist Church of Carmel Valley. In 1999, the church was renamed the Sanctuary Bible Church of Carmel Valley.

Today, the congregation is led by pastor Ash Hodges, who came aboard during the pandemic, working part-time in 2021 and full-time by 2022. Hodges told The Pine Cone that he was struck by the friendliness and dedication of those who attend the church.

“This has always been a welcoming place,” he said. “People feel at home here.”

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PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CHAIR of the Monterey Peninsula Airport District will offer information and answer questions about the ongoing construction at the airport.

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# Longtime P.G. elected official dies

By KELLY NIX

FORMER PACIFIC Grove City Councilmember Ron Schenk, a longtime resident and community volunteer, died Sept. 5 after a yearlong illness. He was 87. Schenk, who passed away at his home served on the city council from 2002 to 2006 and was the city's board representative for the Fort Ord Reuse Authority, Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board and Monterey-Salinas Transit.

"With his signature cap and shorts, which he wore year-round, he was recognized around town for his large physique, matched only by his even larger heart," his obituary said.

Former Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce President Moe Ammar, who knew Schenk well, said he touched the lives of thousands of people on the Monterey Peninsula because of his tireless volunteer efforts.

"In my 38 years in Pacific Grove, I have never met a person who gave so much of his time and energy to the community," Ammar told The Pine Cone Monday. "His volunteerism was diversified and not limited to a cause or two."

Ammar noted Schenk's delight in founding the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop, which he also managed, on Forest Avenue in 1997.

He served on the parish finance committee of St. Angela Merici Catholic Church on Lighthouse Avenue and welcomed

hundreds of parishioners to the Saturday evening Mass for many years.

He also volunteered for Bay Net, the Point Pinos Lighthouse, Good Old Days, Independence Day, the triathlon in Pacific Grove, The Salvation Army, and other organizations.

"He cared for the homeless before it was fashionable," Ammar said.

He was also not afraid to speak his mind and wade into controversial topics.

## 'Mentor'

In September 2022, after Tina Rau, the then-chair of the city's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force and candidate for city council, mocked Catholics and evangelicals in a social media post, Schenk called the behavior "foolish and ridiculous" and "poor judgment." Rau, who is running for a council seat again this year, lost the election.

Born in the Philadelphia area, Schenk moved to Pacific Grove in 1995 with wife Carolyn after retiring from John Hancock Financial Services, where he worked for 36 years. He was formerly married to Gladys McGurie, with whom he had four children, according to his obituary.

In 2010, he was presented with the James R.

Hughes Citizen of the Year Award by the chamber of commerce.

"He was my mentor — the backbone of the chamber of commerce during my 29-year career as chamber manager," Ammar said.



Ron Schenk

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# Serial school trespasser pleads guilty in deal with DA's office

By KELLY NIX

THE PACIFIC Grove man who threatened to kill the principal of P.G. High last year has pleaded guilty to a trespassing charge in exchange for prosecutors dropping three other criminal charges against him. While the crime calls for a maximum of three years in jail, it's possible he could get a reduced sentence.

Riley Elvin, 29, was arrested last November for making a death threat against Lito Garcia after the then-principal confronted Elvin about wandering onto the school's campus. Prosecutors charged him with threatening to commit a crime resulting in death and threatening a school employee, both felonies, and a misdemeanor charge of trespassing onto the P.G. Middle School campus the same month.

### Admits guilt

At a court hearing in Salinas Sept. 6, Elvin pleaded guilty to a newly added charge of PC601(a), trespassing with threats of serious bodily injury, a felony, on the condition the Monterey County District Attorney's Office drops the three other charges. Elvin told Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler during the hearing that he understood by pleading no contest — the same as a guilty plea — he was waiving his right to a speedy jury trial.

Elvin initialed a plea form indicating that while he could be sentenced to a maximum of three years in county jail, he will "receive felony probation with up to one year in jail as a condition of his probation."

"If I later violate probation, the court can sentence me up to the maximum" of three years in jail, according to the document, which also states he must pay restitution of no less than \$200 and no more than \$10,000.

Elvin will be prohibited from owning or possessing firearms, ammunition and other firearm-related devices. The three criminal charges will be dismissed at his Oct. 9 sentencing in Salinas, and Butler ordered him to remain behind bars until then.

### Formerly incompetent

The plea deal comes after a significant turnaround in Elvin's mental competency.

In January, Butler determined that he lacked "the capacity to make decisions regarding antipsychotic medication," and "as a result of the defendant's psychotic condition, presents a danger of inflicting harm to others," and found he was unable to stand trial. The judge ordered that he be committed to a state mental hospital for treatment.

In June, though, Butler found that based on a report from the Department of State Hospitals, Elvin was fit to face his charges. He had been treated at Patton State Hospital in San Bernardino.

Elvin repeatedly trespassed at P.G. schools, including walking inside P.G. Middle with a backpack while class was in session. School officials escorted him from the building but opted not to call police.

A week later, after Elvin returned to P.G. High and threatened Garcia, P.G. Police officer Andrea Hill arrested him, and the DA's office later charged him with the crimes.

Earlier in the year, Pacific Grove Unified School District sought a restraining order against Elvin, based on a "credible threat of violence or stalking." A judge granted the request.

He has a lengthy criminal history and has been charged with dozens of crimes, including battery, assault, drug possession, lewd conduct and numerous instances of shoplifting.

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# Library talk on P.G.’s computer icon

By KELLY NIX

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Gary Kildall, who ran Digital Research, Inc. before his death in 1994, developed the “Control Program for Microcomputers,” a software operating system that allowed computers to talk directly to disk drives, which made personal computers possible.

On Friday, Sept. 27, at the Pacific Grove Public Library, Tom Rolander, Kildall’s closest friend and vice president of engineering, talks to author and historian David Laws about the rise and fall of Kildall’s company, Digital Research Inc., which began at 781 Bayview in Pacific Grove and then moved to 801 Lighthouse Ave. before expanding to 734 Lighthouse Ave. As it grew, the company moved to 160 Central Ave., also in Pacific Grove. The talk is entitled “The Rise and Fall of Digital Research Inc.”

“Years before Bill Gates and Steve Jobs, in 1974, Gary Kildall booted the world’s first commercially successful personal computer operating system into life in Pacific Grove,” according to

Laws, who also said Digital Research was “one of the brightest stars in the pioneering days of the PC revolution.”

The discussion comes about a decade after Kildall’s daughter and son and approximately 30 former Digital Research Inc. employees gathered outside the company’s former 801 Lighthouse Ave. headquarters for the unveiling of a plaque cemented into the sidewalk to honor his legacy.

Kildall died July 11, 1994, after a blow to the head at the Franklin Street Bar & Grill in Monterey. He was 52 years old.

The event at the P.G. library, 550 Central Ave., starts at 5:30 p.m. It’s free (donations welcome, though).



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Gary Kildall (center) and his wife Dorothy (right of center) with investors and colleagues in front of their company’s Pacific Grove headquarters in the early 1980s.

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# Candidate tries to explain owner-renter conflict

By KELLY NIX

A CANDIDATE for mayor of Pacific Grove has addressed conflicting statements regarding her housing arrangement. Many Monterey Peninsula residents struggle to pay rent, and “affordable housing” units are scarce, if they exist at all.

In a 2022 book she co-authored, candidate Dionne Ybarra said she and her family are among those who have had trouble finding economical rentals.

On page 8 of the e-book version of “Step Up to Run,” she said vacation rentals and military housing stipends have led landlords to “get any asking price” for rentals.

“My husband and I realized we could no longer afford to rent,” she wrote.

As a solution, Ybarra explained her in-laws helped them with a down payment on a house “so that our mortgage was affordable.”

“This was the first time I was confronted by housing prices coupled with the responsibilities of home ownership,” Ybarra said, adding that she and her husband were “very lucky that we were able to buy when we did.”

She credited her housing situation on “White privilege.”

But in a social media post about two weeks ago touting her endorsement from a renters’ group, Ybarra, 53, seemed to contradict what she wrote in the book.

“I’ve been a renter since I moved out of my mom’s house in 1989,” she said. “I’ve moved 20 times in 35 years.”

Eight moves, Ybarra said, were in Pacific Grove.

In trying to clear up the contrary statements, The Pine Cone asked Ybarra if she owned or rented the house that she lives in with her family.

“My husband’s family owns our home,” she told the

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WHEN IN DOUBT, DENY, DENY, DENY

By MARY SCHLEY

A 57-YEAR-OLD man from Garden Grove was taken to Monterey County Jail on a grand-theft charge Sept. 7 after he was caught with a stolen cell phone he repeatedly denied having, even when it was heard ringing, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Gerald Maldonado.

The victim, a 31-year-old Florida woman, had briefly left her iPhone on a public bench at Ocean and Dolores, and when she went back to get it, she found An Nguyen sitting there, Maldonado said. She asked him if he had her phone, and he said he didn't.

"The victim was able to ping her phone, and it pinged where Nguyen was sitting," he said, but Nguyen refused to admit possessing it and then went to his nearby car

She continued to ping the iPhone, which "now showed it was in Nguyen's vehicle," Maldonado said, at which point she called

the police.

Officer Rene Guevera arrived, and Nguyen consented to a search of his car while he stood by on the sidewalk on Ocean Avenue. As Guevera went through the contents of the vehicle, the woman tried calling her phone. After it turned out to be set on silent, she used the Find my iPhone app to force it to vibrate and make a sound.

"The vibration and audible tone were now coming from Nguyen's person," Maldonado said. "Nguyen still denied having the phone."

Nonetheless, Guevera traced the sounds — and the phone that was making them — to the man's left shoe. After the officer returned the phone to the victim, she requested he be charged, and Guevera arrested Nguyen. Because the phone was valued at \$1,200, the theft is considered a felony, and he was booked into Monterey County Jail. He has since made bail.

Residents' group names new leader

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR THE second time in a decade, Pris Walton is stepping down as president of the Carmel Valley Association, and the group's new leader is Marianne Gawain.

A former public utilities regulator, Gawain is a board member for the York School, which she graduated from in 1976. She lives in a Carmel Valley home her family has owned for 70 years.

According to her biography on the CVA's website, Gawain joined the group because she believed it could bring residents together to find solutions to the challenges of protecting Carmel Valley's environment while promoting small businesses and affordable housing. She believes the Carmel Valley Association should help residents "convey their collective concerns"

to county leaders, while showing them how to take "simple steps" to protect the environment and protect their homes from wildfires.

In a statement sent out by the group Thursday, Gawain praised Walton, who will remain on its board of directors.

'A gifted conductor'

"Pris has been a gifted conductor, shaping the collective talents and voices of our membership into a powerful chorus communicating the needs and concerns of CVA's membership to elected officials and county staff," she said. "While I cannot fill the void left by Pris's retirement, I aspire to follow the example she has set."

Gawain gave Walton credit for her

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TRACEY ANNE OSBORN

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Tracey was well known to many in the California equestrian community. Born in Half Moon Bay, she worked and lived throughout Northern California before putting down roots on the Monterey Peninsula in 2001 when she joined Lynn Roberts Johnson and LRJ Dressage at Pebble Beach Equestrian Center. She also served for a number of years on the board of the Carmel Valley Chapter of the California Dressage Society.

Those who rode with her, or were trained by her, or whose horses she rode knew Tracey as a highly talented equestrian and horsewoman, who had a unique feel for a horse's individual personality. Her interactions with them always displayed great skill, understanding, sensitivity and tact. In so doing, she repeatedly created successful partnerships with the horses in her care. She earned the US Dressage Federation's coveted Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals, and countless other show and performance awards.

Out of the saddle, Tracey will be remembered by her many friends for her ready smile, sharp mind, wonderful sense of humor and generosity of spirit. She enjoyed sharing her extensive knowledge and skills with any who needed an assist, and did that so often over the years. While horses were a lifelong passion and focus, she had a variety of other interests including her many pet rescues — most recently her beloved cat, Mr. Frisky. She fully enjoyed the people in her life. Leather braiding, voracious reading, and writing poetry filled her "off" hours. Tracey also loved music and playing pool!

Tracey is survived by her sister, Terri Strickland of Burns, Oregon; niece, Tegan Kludt, and nephews, Brenton Kludt and Jon Osborn.

A Celebration of Life was held for Tracey on August 24, 2024, a beautiful day at the Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club.

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# MANSION

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to everyone.” “This is what the home’s destiny is,” he says. “And this is why the city bought it in 1972.”

Carmel Outlands’ approach, according to Buffo, “is different than every other proposal that’s come before it,” because it would offer “access and enrichment to all.”

The group put together a nonprofit board of directors to develop a fundraising plan, meet with neighbors and pitch its vision to the public. Buffo says in the video the cost of replacing Flanders’ “basic systems” will run \$2 million.

“The funds will enable us to transform Flanders Mansion into a cultural hub that blends exclusive in-person events with unlimited online attendance,” that will help put Carmel’s past and present “onto the world stage,” according to Buffo.

Also in the video, White encourages residents interested in the restoration, maintenance or public benefit programs to serve on the committee.

“We are seeking the village’s most enthusiastic creative minds to help us develop our programs at the Carmel Outlands, and our most connected Carmelites who can help us reach our fundraising goal under our strict timeline,” he says.

**Details online**

Buffo told The Pine Cone the mansion’s public-private use would be balanced by having a caretaker couple live in part of it and an interpretive center established in the other. “Much of the downstairs and half the upstairs would be semi-public. Carmel

Outlands would be on the lease as a curator and would appoint a resident caretaker executive director husband-and-wife team,” or some iteration thereof, he said. “It started with the idea that my family and I would live there, but I came to believe it needs to have some public space. I still hope it will be me, but it will really be the board of directors’ decision.”

According to the group’s website, carmeloutlands.org, once restored, the mansion “will be capable of hosting a variety of activities, including meetings for city support groups, private dinner salons, educational workshops, and community gatherings for a limited number of in-person attendees and an unlimited number of online viewers, all designed to enhance public access and enjoyment in harmony with the residential neighborhood.”

“This approach ensures that the property both preserves its historical significance and enriches the cultural fabric of Carmel-by-the-Sea,” it says.

Buffo and his group, which also includes city council candidate David O’Neil, preservation activist Karyl Hall, former city councilman Gerard Rose and others, provided their master plan to the council in late March and are seeking the city’s OK to embark on a feasibility study.

“We want them to allow us to pursue a public option, to fundraise, to see if there’s a need,” he said. “If we’re not successful, then they’ll know a fundraising option isn’t available.”

And if its vision doesn’t come to fruition, Buffo said, the group would turn over its research, including a detailed look at the mansion’s restoration needs and related cost estimates, over to the city. “To me, it sounds like a no-brainer,” he said.

# Woodworkers restore Flanders door

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

IN ITS ongoing efforts to ensure the long-vacant Flanders Mansion doesn’t fall into disrepair, Carmel’s public works department recently enlisted local experts to restore its front door, which is made of California black walnut.

“The door had extensive water damage and had been weathered pretty hard by direct sunlight and salty air,” Chad Smith of Carmel Woodworking explained. “The bottom was warped and pulling away from the solid inner core.”

The project called for removing the door — which Smith said is “very heavy” — and stripping its face, repairing the core’s damage and milling new walnut wood to match. “The door has some unique features that had to be precisely duplicated,” he said. “If you look closely, you can see that the new outer face is ‘bookmatched,’ meaning that the grain of the wood is symmetrical across the center line, as if you opened a book and each side were the mirror image of the other.”

Achieving that is “tricky” because it requires carefully splitting the lumber lengthwise and keeping the pieces in order through the milling and gluing processes.

The work, including how the panels were grooved and attached to each other, matched the original, and the hardware was reinstalled exactly as before “to keep everything working properly,” he said.

The project, which he undertook with Brian Steckler of Outta the Woods in Carmel Valley, cost \$2,870.



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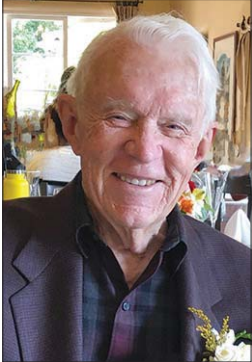
Local woodworkers restored Flanders Mansion’s black walnut front door.



New Camaldoli Hermitage Big Sur

## ROLF ERIC JOHNSEN, M.D.

Rolf Johnsen passed away peacefully at CHOMP July 23. After 96 years of a wonderful life, he was surrounded by family and friends he loved dearly. He will be missed especially for his curiosity, keen intellect, unique humor and caring nature.



Rolf was born on Nov. 9, 1927, in Minneapolis, MN, to Trygve and Hulda Hammer Johnsen. He received degrees in pharmacy and medicine from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He subsequently completed his medical internship at Santa Clara County Hospital in 1954 and his residency in dermatology at Stanford University in 1957.

Rolf and Margaret (Peggy) Williams were married in Antigo, Wisconsin on Dec. 27, 1954, nearly 70 years ago. They moved to Monterey in 1957, where they established their home and his medical practice.

Rolf loved medicine, and he enjoyed the great fortune of practicing dermatology in Monterey for 37 years. He loved to ski and play tennis with his family and friends well as hiking with

the Hassis Hiking Club into his 90s. His faith in God and an afterlife was core to his character. He was part of a long heritage in the Lutheran Church, and he attended All Saints Church and the Church in the Forest for many years. Above all, Rolf loved his family dearly, and he was deeply involved in their lives and activities. They enjoyed many holidays and memorable adventures together, including ski trips and exploring the Pacific Northwest, East Coast, Hawaii and Costa Rica.

Peggy, their three children (Kate Hart, Eric and Jeff), three grandsons (Nick Hart, Daniel and Steven), Eric’s wife Kathleen Johnsen, and Nick’s wife Marsha Hart are among those who will miss Rolf dearly. A private family celebration of life ceremony was held in August.



Sanaye Evenson  
April 21, 1940-August 22, 2024

Sanaye Evenson passed away August 22, 2024, with her loving family by her side. Sanaye was born in Salinas, California to Tokukichi Ohashi and Michi Iwakiri. After the start of World War II, her family was relocated to a Japanese internment camp in Poston, Arizona. They returned after the war to Aromas, California where she grew up playing among the farms and orchards, and sorting apricots during the season. She attended Watsonville High School and San Diego State College.

She loved driving her Jaguar down to Nepenthe in Big Sur where she met Bud Evenson, a local architect, over a plate of Lolly’s Roast Chicken. They married and settled down in a “cottage by the sea” in Carmel Highlands, with Sanaye’s daughter, Suzanne, and soon welcomed their daughter, Jenny. The family moved to “a place in the sun” in Carmel Valley, where their daughter, Sally, was born.

Sanaye was a reader and collected an impressive library of vintage books and mystery novels. She loved to travel, from road trips around California’s Gold Country to journeys throughout Europe and Mexico and an annual trip to the American Southwest where she enjoyed collecting Native American art.

Anyone who knew Sanaye could expect to see her stylishly dressed with a great pair of sunglasses, wearing her trademark silver and turquoise jewelry — perhaps walking one of her many beloved Doberman Pinschers who were her constant companions. You could usually find her at the beach in Carmel looking for rocks and shells or browsing the stacks at Harrison Memorial Library.

She loved music, ranging from the Eagles to Metallica, and could spot a Ford Shelby Mustang GT a mile away. She was also an avid sports fan, relished Western movies, any Kurosawa film starring Toshiro Mifune and a good slapstick comedy. She cared deeply for animals and delighted in tending to her hummingbirds and turtle. Sanaye was a self-taught gourmet cook and she would never turn down a piece of cake with white frosting. Her gracious manner, light-hearted spirit, intellect, generosity and sense of adventure will be remembered each and every day.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 59 years, Bud Evenson; loving daughters, Suzanne (Don) Feblowitz, Jenny Evenson (Douglas McClure) and Sally (Phillip) Lopez; adoring grandchildren, Craig (Ben Cheung) and Matthew Feblowitz (Suzanne) and Lilly and Ian McClure (Jenny); and brother, Robert “Bobby” Ohashi. Sanaye was preceded in death by her sister, Judy Akiye Ohashi.

The family will have a private celebration to honor her beautiful life.





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## BILLS

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### Expanding tuition aid

Another priority of Addis this session was expanding tuition aid for disabled students. AB 1885 is designed to expand eligibility for Cal Grants at California community Colleges. Students who have received a Cal Grant and are taking at least 12 units are eligible for additional funds from Student Success Completion Grant, but this leaves out many students in Disabled Students programs and services, since many of them do not take 12 units.

Under Addis' law, Cal Grant students who are participating in the Disabled Students Programs and Services Academic Accommodation Plan will only have to enroll in nine units to be eligible for the grant. Those students will be able to obtain grants of \$1,298 per semester to help pay for their education.

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## CVA

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leadership during the county's recent effort to regulate the short-term rental industry.

"With Pris leading the fight, [we] helped shape an inland ordinance that addresses the invasion of commercial operations into our residential neighborhoods while respecting the understandable wish of some residents to host paid guests in their homes from time to time," she added.

Walton previously served as president of the Carmel Valley Association from 2014 to 2022, and again this year after C.S. Noel stepped down. A resident of Carmel Valley since 1987, Walton had a lengthy career in education, including teaching multi-cultural education at UC Santa Cruz for five years.

## RENTER

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paper last week. "Together, we are caretakers of our home, and when I pay my rent each month, I am paying toward the mortgage of this home."

Ybarra didn't respond to a follow-up question, but said on social media that after her in-laws bought the home, "we honestly felt like homeowners and took that on as part of our identity."

Ybarra has also refused to answer Pine Cone questions about an incident in the Philippines a few months ago when she admitted ordering a group of Israeli vacationers to leave a "public space" after demanding to know if they were "Zionists."

She is running against former city councilman Dan Miller, 69, and councilman Nick Smith, 44.

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**SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**PERM EN 24129 (Voris)**  
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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person ("hybrid") in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom, however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom. The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible. To participate via teleconference, click the following link to attend via Zoom (or copy and paste the link into your browser):  
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All interested persons are invited to attend in person or via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or by email [cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us) prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting in order to ensure they are provided to the legislative body and made part of the record. Comments received after that time and up to the end of the public hearing will be saved as part of the record but may not be provided to the legislative body prior to or during the public hearing.

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## HOUSING

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Marina High School and Highway 1. It's the same site that received approved plans for senior living in the 2000s before that project was abandoned in the wake of the 2008 recession.

According to the city, a specific plan for Cypress Knolls could accommodate up to 2,000 homes as well as commercial space and parks while reserving about half for open space, streets, and a bikeway and trail system.

In addition to being the location of dilapidated barracks, Cypress Knolls is the home of Monterey cypress and pine trees and is habitat for endangered sand gilia plants. Marina is working with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to prepare a permit in the event the plants are destroyed during future development. The city says it plans to set aside protected habitat areas for the sand gilia at the site. An arborist would also be brought in to prepare a tree inventory. Based on the survey some trees would be tagged for preservation, and the city would require replacement for trees that are cut down.

### Land is not for sale

Buying Cypress Knolls outright has been of interest to a number of developers over the years.

"We get developers all the time who say they want to buy the site, which is probably the most valuable remaining property the city has," Long told council members. However, the city has stated it prefers to retain ownership of the land, where long-term ground leases will be offered to private developers.

As far as helping first-time homebuyers, the city's preference to retain ownership complicates that particular goal. Marina is considering agreements with community land trusts to develop residential projects. Under this model, a buyer could purchase a home within the project

at a more affordable price but not own the land. The city has suggested working with the California land trust Network to evaluate this idea. The Land Trust network actively works to keep homes off the open market and under community control with the goal of preserving low-income housing throughout the state.

### Infrastructure

Another hurdle to developing the land is infrastructure. Developers responsible for the new large-scale housing tracts in East Garrison and the Dunes relied on a special tax district and the now defunct redevelopment agency, respectively, to pay for infrastructure. In the case of East Garrison, a special tax district was established to collect 1.9 percent of homes assessed value. Those dollars paid for the roads, sewers, utilities and other infrastructure needed for building them. Long said developers interested in buying Cypress Knolls have expressed the likely need for another special tax district to get housing off the ground.

In its latest report on the parcel, the city proposed hiring an engineering firm to estimate the cost of infrastructure. To pay for roads and other utilities, Marina is considering a community benefits district or another special tax area — all of which translate to additional taxes on anything built on Cypress Knolls.

Before a house or a road can go in, the blight that is the old barracks needs to go. Wire fencing wraps around the former housing now covered in graffiti, and what's inside poses a significant risk to the public. Marina has taken steps to prevent people from trespassing, but homeless people frequently camp inside the buildings. The city says this increases the risk of contaminants being released as a result damage or fires. Cleanup and development of the property would mitigate the existing exposure risks, but it's unclear if the city will receive the full amount needed for the job from the federal government. In 2024, EPA Brown-field Cleanup Grant awards ranged from \$300,000 to \$5.5 million.

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# BUSWAY

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a critical step in planning for future rail service,” Askew said. “It will help us address our jobs-housing imbalance by providing high quality transit that reduces commute times. It will ensure zero-emission buses are traversing our coast, making it climate-friendly. It will improve our collective quality of life.”

Besides Askew, dozens of speakers commented during the four-plus-hour hearing, including 5th District Monterey County Supervisor-elect Kate Daniels, who called the project “bold.”

“This project is our future,” said Daniels, who is a county planning commissioner. “This is the busiest line on the Monterey-Salinas Transit schedule, and the opportunity we have is to transport our workforce in a much more convenient, less stressful manner. This is a huge leap forward for how we improve transportation.”

Many speakers supported the busway, while some expressed concerns about its expense and its impact on the environment. Others, meanwhile, contended it won’t improve public access to the coast, but actually make it more difficult.

Several project opponents expressed frustration with the coastal commission for its dramatic turnaround on the project, including Brian Jacobson of Monterey, who called it “whiplash-inducing.”

Only one commissioner, Dayna Bochco, voted against the plan. Those backing the project included chair Caryl Hart, who claimed that it took her an hour to drive 8 miles along Highway 1.

“I got caught in that traffic on my way to a commission hearing,” Hart said at the meeting. “I experienced it firsthand — I appreciate that it is a struggle trying to get to work on time. This will make a huge difference.”



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The new busway will parallel Highway 1 from Marina to Sand City and replace railroad tracks that haven’t been used for more than 50 years.

# DEFEAT

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ordinance that authorized it. The water district took it to the appellate court but lost.

The district continued to collect the charge after it appealed the taxpayers group’s complaint. The charge, which generates about \$3.4 million annually, amounts to roughly 10 percent of the water district’s budget. Stoldt wasn’t sure how much in legal expenses the district has spent on fighting the association, which has filed a half-dozen civil complaints against the agency, water district attorney Dave Laredo said Monday.

In 2009, the California Public Utilities Commission decided that the water district could no longer collect an 8.325 percent

user fee Cal Am added to customers’ bills and which was remitted to the water district. The fee amounted to about \$3.7 million, or about half, of the district’s annual revenues at the time.

To make up for the deficit, the district decided to replace the user fee with the water supply charge, despite facing overwhelming community opposition to the idea.

But in 2016, the state Supreme Court overruled the California Public Utilities Commission’s 2009 ruling and allowed the water district’s old user fee to go back into effect.

But instead of ending the water supply charge — which was spelled out in the sunset provision — the district continued to collect both fees, which the Monterey taxpayers group argued violated the district ordinance and amounted to “double dipping.”

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## MAYOR

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two new people elected in November, since neither incumbent councilmember is running.

“We’ve come a long way together, and now is not the time to change leadership,” he said, adding that during his tenure, the city rebounded well from the Covid period, embarked on an ambitious capital improvement plan and hired back much-needed staff.

### A big question

“What is working well and what would you change?” was the first question given to candidates, who each had one minute to answer.

Byrne said Carmel Cares — the non-profit he founded and which he mentioned frequently during the forum — works well with the city, and Potter said the city’s public involvement “is going well” and that he wouldn’t change much.

Potter also suggested it was the city’s financial help that got Carmel Cares going — an assertion Byrne challenged during his time to answer the next question.

Only Baron mentioned what he would change. After remarking that city staff interacts well with the public, he said he would reconfig-

ure the dais so the council sits at the center, with the city administrator and city attorney off to the side, that he would “change the way we do strategic planning to get all of council to pull in the same direction,” and that the annual State of the City talk would be held for free at the woman’s club, not at the annual \$150-per-person Carmel Chamber of Commerce membership lunch at Spanish Bay.

While Baron and Potter were fine with the 2024-2025 budget, which calls for \$43.5 million in spending and \$31.4 million in revenues — with the difference coming from prior years’ savings and earmarked mostly for capital projects — Byrne said the public isn’t involved in budget planning enough and that “all of a sudden at the end, everything happens very quickly, with no control.”

He criticized the council for spending too much on consultants and overpaying for projects like fixing the beach stairways, or not fixing them at all.

Speaking of consultants, the best way to combat the California Legislature’s tendency to force-feed mandates to cities

where they can’t or won’t work, according to Baron, is to hire “a consultant whose job it is to talk to Sacramento legislators.”

“That’s how the process works in California, so we have to decide as a community whether it’s important to hire a consultant to talk to legislators,” he said.

Byrne said Carmel is known worldwide and that decision makers should tap that power. “When a city’s story about street addresses becomes an international story, we have superpowers we’re not using,” he said. “We have to be aggressive and fight back against things we think we can win.”

Potter said representatives of the state’s cities are not being effective in getting their messages across to legislators, including Sen. John Laird and Assemblymember Dawn Addis. “When we have local representatives going to Sacramento, it does make a difference, and we have to get them down here more,” he said.

### On everyone’s minds

Potter’s and Baron’s positions on house numbers are well documented, with Potter generally opposing the idea but proposing it for a public vote in November 2025, and Baron favoring a change and pushing for a ballot measure sooner than later.

Potter also condemned councilwoman Karen Ferlito for proceeding with her research after her ad hoc committee with councilwoman Alistandra Dramov fell



Jeff Baron



Dale Byrne



Dave Potter

apart. “She went in there and drove the train herself,” he said. “I don’t think that was the right thing.”

“I think the city council could have taken steps to put it on the ballot in March 2025,” Baron said.

Byrne mentioned Carmel Cares’ role as a city support group and its meetings with the mayor and city attorney to illustrate that “process is important.”

“Time and time and time again, we’re having bad process,” he said. “The address situation was absolutely bad process.” He believes a compromise can be struck.

On the police station, Potter and Byrne said they agree it should be remodeled, and Baron said he’s “100 percent on board with whatever,” though he’d like various alternatives evaluated before making a

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decision.

“I think the city council took a wrong turn in limiting the city’s options,” when the majority voted in July to study only the remodel scenario, he said.

Speak up

Observing that many residents don’t attend city council meetings, Baron said he’d increase community engagement by knocking on doors and holding community meetings to “talk to people who live here, and find out what they want by asking them and listening to what they say.”

Byrne said he’d like to change the way council meetings are run “to make them more interesting and engaging.”

“When you speak at a council meeting, you have to feel like you’re being heard,” he said, adding that meetings should be shorter and more frequent. “I talk to people in the street all the time — they love to talk to us.”

Potter acknowledged the council could be more responsive to constituents and should consider holding more sessions.

Mayoral candidates also weighed in on city attorney Brian Pierik and whether he should engage more with the public (Byrne and Potter said yes, and Baron said no), the impacts of large commercial projects (all said they worried about too much construction happening at the same time), and public salaries, which all three said should be high enough to attract and retain qualified employees.

They also agreed it was good the city got its housing element approved by the state’s deadline, though Byrne lamented having to hire consultants to write it and then having to hire more to help fix it.

“It’s going to be a lot of work to get those units off our parking lots,” Byrne said of the affordable housing allocated to public property at Sunset Center and Vista Lobos in the plan. “But we’re working

hard to do it.”

Potter observed that everyone running for office this year is a White man and said he’d like to see more diversity in the community, which affordable housing would facilitate, and Baron remarked that it’s unfortunate that firefighters, police officers, teachers and the like generally can’t afford to live here.

Candidates also fielded questions specifically written for them, including how Byrne would continue serving with Carmel Cares if he’s elected mayor and how Potter could do a better job of interacting with the public and speaking his mind on important issues.

“Some people think I already am mayor,” quipped Byrne, who said his non-profit has a board well-equipped to take charge. “I will encourage the council to pay more attention to these city support groups. They have an incredible ability to get things done at lower cost.”

Potter said he freely hands out his personal contact information and encourages people to reach out whenever they wish. “We need to be as accessible as possible as elected officials,” he said. “It’s important the public knows we care.”

How to budget

If elected mayor, Baron said he would initiate a revamp of the budget process to get more of the public involved in deciding how their tax dollars are spent.

In closing, Byrne promised to “bring the same collaborative, hands-on approach” he used in creating Carmel Cares and getting projects done to city hall, Potter said he hopes voters will see him as the best mayoral candidate and pledged to be more open, more transparent and more involved, and Baron said the community is unified by its love of Carmel and touted his leadership skills, ethics, transparency and ability to “be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.”

To watch the forum, visit [youtu.be/PR9ewa33rl4](https://youtu.be/PR9ewa33rl4).

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# Editorial

## Beware the vote splitting

IF THERE’S one thing Tuesday night’s CRA-sponsored forum for candidates for mayor and city council proved, it’s that Carmel has a lot of highly qualified residents who are willing to put their time and energy into making the city a better place.

Serving as mayor or on the city council can be a very time-consuming and thankless job. Not only are there long and complicated meetings to attend and lengthy reports to study, there are all those boards and commissions (TAMC, MST, waste management district, etc., etc.) they have to serve on. It’s also never easy voting “no” on something that an applicant is staking his life’s savings on. Once you’re elected, constituents tend think of you as their personal complaint jar. And the pay is lousy.

Yet there they were, sitting on the stage at the Carmel Woman’s Club, speaking about their personal and professional experiences, their values, their commitment to making Carmel a better place, and analyzing what they think has gone wrong.

At one point, Mayor Dave Potter said he wished there was more “diversity” among the candidates, but one thing you don’t need diversity for is excellence, and all the candidates we saw this week were great. An embarrassment of riches, if you will. Other cities must be quite jealous.

Another thing that a spectator had to be pleased to see was the unanimity, or near-unanimity, about what should be done with some of the city’s longest-running controversies. Almost all the candidates agreed that the 100-year-old house-number controversy should be studied for a year and then submitted to the voters. And there was no dissent about what the path forward for the decrepit police station should be, which is another issue that’s been hanging around for a decade. All the candidates said it should be remodeled in the present location, and the work should be done as soon as possible.

But there’s a danger that can be lurking when a lot of qualified candidates seek the same office — especially in a situation, such as with the city council contest, in which five candidates are vying for two seats, which means that when voters complete their ballots, they’ll in effect be voting for their first and second choices.

Now let’s say that four candidates are equally the favorite of many voters, while the fifth candidate is the choice of not quite as many voters, but at least the lesser number all agree that they definitely like him.

What can happen is that the four candidates split their votes fairly equally, while the fifth candidate outdoes everybody as the voters’ second choice, putting him into office.

Something similar can happen with the mayor’s race. Since Potter and Jeff Baron are both incumbents, will they split the vote of people who are satisfied with the current council, making Dale Byrne mayor?

This dynamic explains why both Democrats and Republicans hate to see someone from their end of the political spectrum run as a third-party candidate for president, because all that does it make it more likely their favorite will lose.

As we said, it’s great that so many qualified candidates are running for mayor and city council of Carmel. But it behooves the city’s voters to cast their ballots strategically, so they don’t end up inadvertently supporting someone they don’t like.

## BEST of BATES



“Which way’s the ocean?”

## Letters to the Editor

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### Hardy’s endorsements

Dear Editor,

On the national campaign level, we questioned the health and mental acuity of aging politicians and realized the appropriate time to selflessly step away, to pass the baton to a younger generation of leaders. Sometimes, voters need to make the decision for these lifelong politicians when they can’t come to the realization themselves.

The next council we elect should bring a fresh approach to tackling the issues facing our village.

In recent years, we have seen too little accomplished, too many projects shelved or postponed for a lack of acceptable process and decision-making, and too much money wasted.

In Jeff Baron, we would have an experienced, steady hand as mayor, one who understands the role of leadership in city government, learned over his six years on the city council. I like his ideas of change for the budget process and his emphasis on full community discussions to aid in making good council decisions so we can all finally move on to new challenges.

While I admire mayoral candidate Dale Byrne’s passion and his accomplishments with Carmel Cares, running a volunteer operation is not the same as running a government. Nor is running the government like running a business. If he is elected mayor, he would have a steep learning curve but would certainly apply himself to the task.

At the CRA candidates’ forum, we saw the best of the council candidates rise to the top. Hans Buder and Bob Delves are head and shoulders above the other three candidates.

They were mature, intelligent, reasoned and had informed ideas about tackling state-mandated housing issues and city budgeting. Buder and Delves will bring their experiences, work ethic, and new approaches needed on council.

The other three council candidates profusely professed their love for Carmel as a qualifier for office but couldn’t list any other experience or qualifications that would make a difference. They simply do not fit the moment.

Having spent time on the city council, I know what it takes to do the work. That’s why I am endorsing Jeff Baron, Hans Buder, and Bob Delves. I hope you will give them your consideration and your vote in this coming election.

Carolyn Hardy,  
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### Byrne’s leadership

Dear Editor,

As a resident and business owner in

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# LETTERS

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Carmel, I’ve had the privilege of witnessing Dale Byrne’s leadership and commitment to our community firsthand. Dale isn’t just running for mayor — he’s already made a significant impact through his work with Carmel Cares.

One vivid memory is seeing Dale repair a sidewalk hours after someone tripped and fell on an uneven tree well. This wasn’t part of a campaign; it’s simply who Dale is — someone who genuinely cares about the safety and well-being of our town. His actions consistently reflect his dedication to making Carmel a safer and more beautiful place.

Dale’s leadership with Carmel Cares speaks volumes about his ability to unite people for the greater good. During the Covid-19 pandemic, when budgets were cut and services were reduced, Dale founded this volunteer organization, which played a key role in maintaining and improving our public spaces. Thanks to his efforts, city leaders now recognize Carmel Cares as essential to the smooth running of our town.

Dale’s vision for Carmel is one of unity and collaboration. He believes in bringing residents, businesses and city staff together to build a stronger community. With his extensive business experience, including founding successful global software companies, Dale is well-equipped to lead Carmel into the future. He knows how to manage resources and achieve results that benefit everyone.

Dale has also contributed as a developer, crafting five beautiful homes in Carmel, further deepening his connection to our town. His dual perspective as a resident and businessperson gives him unique insight into what Carmel needs to thrive.

I wholeheartedly support Dale Byrne for mayor because his proven leadership, community focus, and dedication make him the ideal candidate to guide Carmel toward a brighter future. Let’s support Dale and bring his visionary leadership to all of Carmel.

Nicole Cromwell, Carmel

## Confident in Delves

Dear Editor,

We have met with Bob Delves on more than one occasion and have been completely impressed with his outstanding qualifications and desire to dedicate such considerable skills to our unique village. In large and small gatherings of residents with wide-ranging questions and observations, Bob listens and conveys thoughtful, practical and factual information. We appreciate Bob’s clear-minded goals for quality council meetings, effective and prudent. We are all the more confident in Carmel having a great path forward with Bob Delves.

Rochelle & Randy Mapes, Carmel

## O’Neil ‘hardworking, dedicated’

Dear Editor,

I am the owner and practicing dentist at Smiles of Carmel, Family and Cosmetic Dentistry. I wholeheartedly endorse David O’Neil for the city council. David is unwaveringly hardworking, dedicated

to his city, honest, and deeply caring. His understanding of the issues facing our city is unparalleled. He takes the time to listen attentively and always acts with the utmost integrity.

David is thoughtful in his decisions, ensuring he carefully assesses every situation with the best interests of our citizens in mind. Moreover, he is heavily involved in the community, volunteering with numerous nonprofits and actively participating in community events. His contributions as a city council member would be invaluable.

Ana Maria Antoniu, DMD, Carmel

## ‘Weakness or Parker Logan’

Dear Editor,

This city council is dysfunctional and lost its way, if it ever had it in the first place. Councilmembers Karen Ferlito and Jeff Baron, fellow Carmel social justice crusaders, are on a mission to make our village conform to some sort of communal utopia, and their lack of impartiality is stunning.

After gleefully accepting and authorizing a ludicrous 349 more housing units to be crammed into the city and approving unnecessary and divisive street addresses, Baron has the gall to want to be our mayor. He is even more radical, destructive and divisive to our village than Ferlito, and they’ve already lined up Hans Buder as her replacement so they won’t skip a beat.

Buder is just as driven to make Carmel conform as the other two if we let him. They can’t espouse any exceptions, even if it’s only 1 square mile.

The city is the enforcement arm of the state’s social experiments but refuses to enforce the California Environmental Quality Act. Our city attorney wouldn’t know a conflict of interest, Brown Act infraction, and California Environmental Quality Act violation if they bit him on the butt. It’s a disgrace because CEQA would have ensured the Hofsas House, the Pit, the JB Pastor Building, other large commercial projects in the pipeline, and the absurd 349 housing units they agreed to cram down our throats, would not result in significant adverse environmental and public health impacts.

Planning commissioner Bob Delves participated in the outrageous permitting fiasco that exempted anything and everything from any CEQA review. He doesn’t care about all the large-scale construction activities and the adverse effects that will ensue, such as heavy truck traffic, work-force parking, noise, and air pollution. It’s a developer’s dream, but a debacle for residents, visitors, and Carmel itself.

As to other candidates, how can they stand up to the state if they can’t stand up to the city. But I know one candidate who already has. This man has the intestinal fortitude to stand up against anyone or anything trying to impose their will on Carmel, and that candidate is Daniel Parker Logan.

Chuck Najarian, Carmel

## Baron’s ‘vigor’

Dear Editor,

As mayor, Jeff Baron will bring fresh vigor to the office, ensuring that important matters are brought to completion after fully engaging with the community. His

See LETTERS page 30A

# A little chutzpah, a little kismet and a whole lot of pictures

FOR MORE than 40 years, Danny Aliotti has stored a time machine — gathering dust and mostly forgotten — wherever he happened to be dwelling.

Now, the Monterey native is inviting the rest of us to take a ride.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, the Carmel Val-

“A lot of times, it was just sheer chutzpah — walking around, strapped with cameras, trying to look like I belonged,” he said.

Aliotti credited “kismet” for the time he penetrated the inner sanctum of the Rolling Stones before their 1981 performance at Jack Murphy Stadium in San Diego.

“We entered a gate that just happened to be right next to the backstage entrance, where a good friend just happened to be working

security,” remembered Aliotti, who was 22 at the time. “He waved me in to where the whole band was lounging around watching Keith Richards play snooker, and the groupies and all the stocky, burly security guys were there.

“I just tried to be cool whenever I got backstage — always felt like I was an eyelash from being kicked out,” he said. “I rarely shot photos back there, but now I wish I had.”

On a couple of occasions, Aliotti brought a large print of a favorite picture to show to a performer he’d photographed. He would let security see it and ask if he could show it to the performer — and he’d be led backstage.

## ‘Oh, man, I love that!’

“George Benson saw my print, took a step back, and said, ‘Wow ... oh, man, I love that!’ Then he autographed it for me,” he said.

“Another time, I brought a great photo backstage to show to (Southern rock band) The Outlaws, and they practically fought over it,” Aliotti remembered. “Fred Salem, the lead guitarist, immediately said, ‘Oh, man ... I’m taking that!’ Then one of the other guys said, ‘Wait a minute, I want one too!’ Then he gave me his address, and I sent him one.”

One piece of treasured memorabilia is the guitar strap Aliotti routinely brought along that’s been autographed by Bonnie Raitt, Eagles singer-guitarist Glenn Frey, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Steely Dan guitarist Larry Carlton, Doobie Brothers co-founder Pat Simmons, jazz guitarists Pat Metheny, Lee Rittenour and Al DiMeola, and Dire Straits frontman Mark Knopfler.

“I caught Knopfler just as he was turning away from the buffet table with a sloppy chicken wing in his hand. There was an awkward moment as he figured out what to do with it,” Aliotti recounted. “He finally stuck the wing in his mouth, took my pen, and autographed my strap. It was pretty gracious of him.”

Certain concerts prohibit photography, but Aliotti once devised a creative solution involving a huge, fake sandwich he built around a 300 mm lens and smuggled into Day on the Green at Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum.

“I hollowed out a big loaf of French bread, split it just enough to stuff the edges with lettuce and onions and hid the lens inside,” he reminisced.

Positioning himself at spots

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## Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

ley Art Association will host a multimedia exhibition of the music industry superstars Aliotti photographed in concert during the 1970s, ’80s, ’90s and 2000s.

Aliotti, 65, will be present at the free event, scheduled from 1 to 7 p.m.

### Beatle boots at age 4

A lifelong music lover — he wore “Beatle boots” as a 4-year-old — and an amateur photographer, Aliotti shot thousands of high-quality photographs through the years of legends of rock ’n’ roll, jazz, rhythm and blues, reggae and country music during performances at multiple California venues.

His historic pictures, which languished for decades in cardboard boxes, depict Bob Dylan, The Rolling Stones, Frank Zappa, Linda Ronstadt, Bruce Springsteen, Dolly Parton, The Eagles, Dire Straits, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Jimmy Buffett, Bonnie Raitt, Fleetwood Mac, Heart, Rod Stewart, Pat Benatar, The Doobie Brothers, Ray Charles and numerous others.

Most remarkable, perhaps, is that Aliotti was purely an avid fan and was rarely a credentialed photographer.

### ‘Sheer chutzpah’

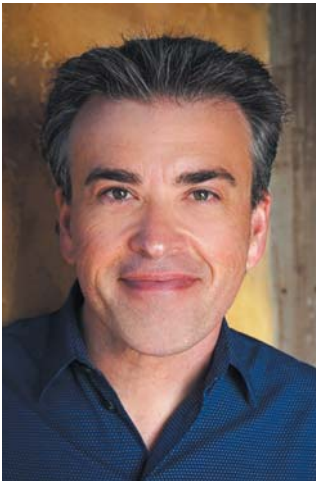
From his college days forward, he charmed and connived his way into vantage points that enabled him to capture the sweat, intensity and emotions of the biggest names of his generation as they displayed their unique talents onstage.

And he frequently managed to find his way backstage, rarely with a pass.



PHOTO/COURTESY DANNY ALIOTTI

Music aficionado Danny Aliotti shows his 1972 Les Paul Classic guitar, a favorite in his collection. The “sunburst” coloring is a design favored by Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin.



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# PERMIT

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small side yard so people would stop walking right next to their home, provided they installed landscaping and irrigation on the steeply sloped land down to the street.

They did so at a cost of more than \$4,000, Lombardo's letter says, "only to have the irrigation system and plants destroyed by vandalism," with someone repeatedly stomping on the landscaping and wrecking the irrigation system. After the damage recurred, they installed surveillance cameras.

Meanwhile, he said, if Beach wanted to object to the request for a permit extension, she could have sent a letter to the commission.

## 'Instrument of delay'

Lombardo also pointed out that when the commission approved the permit in February 2023, no one asked the city council to overturn it.

"The Fountains respectfully request that the commission not allow itself to be used as an instrument of further delay by Victoria Beach and that you do not vote to reconsider your approval of the extension of the Fountains' permit," Lombardo's letter concludes.

# REPAIRS

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The impact broke the planter and the front windows, and compromised the structural integrity of the building.

In the aftermath, building official Jer-mel Laurie declared the front section of the post office, where customers go to buy stamps, mail parcels, purchase money orders, and the like, unsafe to occupy, and it was boarded up, with package pickup available at the Dutch door in the box lobby, but no other services offered.

## Fast track

The north side of the building remained off-limits for another two months as property manager Manco Abbott and building owner Bing Sung Trust waited to learn how much insurance money would be available for repairs, public officials said. In late June, Laurie and building inspector Duane Dauphinee were able to work with the postmaster to shore up the building and install plywood barriers to make the service area available to the public again.

When Cal Construction finally submitted its building application, the planning and building department expedited it, according to Swanson, who recognized

Laurie and Dauphinee "for going above and beyond to not only get the post office lobby reopened a few months ago, but also for processing this application so quickly after receiving it."

Swanson also advised the postmaster of the permit approval "so that he can work with his property manager to minimize impacts to service as much as possible."

"At this point, with a permit issued, the speed at which the post office is fully reopened depends on how quickly the contractor can complete the approved repairs," he said. "They have not shared their estimated date of completion with us."



PHOTO/CITY OF CARMEL

Documents filed with the city to obtain a building permit show the interior damage the post office sustained after a car hit it in April.

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# COUNCIL

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O’Neil advocated for having “some wonderful meetings where we discuss it and work through it” and then put it to the voters. “Five people on a council shouldn’t be making that decision,” he said.

Buder said he appreciates the traditions and idiosyncrasies that make Carmel what it is, but two-thirds of the people he’s talked to would prefer to have standard addresses. He also relayed a story in which, shortly after moving here eight years ago, his wife fell unconscious and was not breathing following treatment for leukemia, and when he dialed 911 in a panic, he couldn’t remember his directional address. Regardless, he agreed the voters should decide.

**Fighting the state**

Delves advocated for more thorough vetting of the issues, rather than the “pieces of an answer” provided by councilwoman Karen Ferlito — a strong advocate for house numbers — in her research.

Hala said it comes down to what the residents want but that no one working on the city’s ambulance shouldn’t know where “Lincoln 3 southwest of Seventh” is.

Logan, however, said the council should pass a law decreeing that house numbers will never be imposed here — or not for the next thousand years, at least — and be done with it. With the technology available now, he offered, “I don’t think it’s that difficult to get the services we need.”

On how to handle state legislators’ habit of handing down “one-size-fits-all” laws, Logan and O’Neil advocated for becoming a charter city, which they said would give the council more local control. That would not make Carmel exempt from state housing mandates, however. Monterey and Pacific Grove are charter cities, but they still have to adopt the controversial plans showing where and how they can accommodate the state’s housing allocations.

Logan said the city should have fought

the housing element requirements because Carmel is too densely populated already and needs to be protected, and O’Neil suggested one possible work-around is creating historic districts.

“We also need to lobby,” he said.

Buder said city attorney Brian Pierik “needs to step up, and when a new state mandate comes down the pike, we need to be alerted.” In addition, citizen committees could keep themselves informed. But, he noted, no jurisdiction has been successful in fighting the state’s new housing laws.

“Elections have consequences, and I guess we keep getting what we deserve, in some respects,” commented Delves, who was on the planning commission that reviewed the housing element, which he voted against.

“It was a product that had been written by our staff and our consultants, but the words were being spoken by Sacramento,” he said. “It seemed to be their housing plan — we’re trying to turn that back into our plan.”

Hala said tax dollars should be used “for lobbying the state not to force us into conditions that will ruin the city,” including affordable housing, which he opposes.

“When you work your whole life to live here, that’s not fair,” he said.

**What to do with CPD?**

While most candidates said the Carmel Police station on Junipero is overdue for a major overhaul of some sort, Hala said “it’s very minimal what the police station needs” and suggested spending millions of dollars on it “would be a complete waste of the taxes you pay.” He said the money would be better spent fixing tripping hazards on sidewalks — a topic he repeatedly mentioned during the forum — and undergrounding utilities.

Conversely, Delves described the conditions in the building as “pathetic,” “disgraceful” and “embarrassing.”

“It has become absolutely urgent, and it’s going to cost some money to get it done,” he said. Rather than rebuilding or relocating, he supports a remodel.

“What an embarrassment that this hasn’t been done,” Logan said. “This should have been remodeled a decade ago. It shouldn’t be a topic. Move on with it and quit talking about it, OK?”

O’Neil, who volunteers with the police department, agreed, in a way, noting that Police Chief Paul Tomasi told him the remodel plans approved by the council before Covid “would have fixed all of their problems.” Instead, they were scrapped in favor of an updated analysis and review by an architectural firm specializing in police stations.

Buder said the conversation needs to differentiate “must haves” from “nice to haves,” and that he’d like to see estimates on per-square-foot costs of renovating vs. demolishing and rebuilding before making a decision on how to proceed.

**Government work**

Over the years, the city council and other panels have increasingly relied on ad hoc committees — which include two councilmembers and are therefore not subject to open-meeting laws — to do deep-dives on certain topics, such as housing, ambulance service and the police station remodel.

Committee members research the issues with help from staff and then return to the full council with a report and suggestions based on what they’ve found.

Some candidates said they feel that process has yielded results that blindsided residents who were unaware of the discussions, and that constituents often feel like by the time an issue reaches the light of day, it’s already been decided.

“I’m afraid they’ve all followed a pattern of starting in some public setting and then making progress quietly out of plain sight and emerging with an answer that is



unveiled at a city council meeting,” where the agenda is full and public comments are restricted to three minutes, Delves said.

“Most of the time, the solution that comes from that doesn’t reflect what the people in this community actually want,” Hala commented, a sentiment with which Logan agreed, particularly with regard to the elimination of outdoor dining parklets.

O’Neil advocated for citizen committees over ad hocs, and Buder said that while a smaller group’s examination of an issue can be useful, more important topics should be discussed by the full council in an open setting.

In addition to each making an opening and closing statement, candidates shared their views on capital spending, commercial development, staffing, and the city’s infrastructure needs. They also fielded questions directed only at them.

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# LETTERS

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unparalleled experience on the city council demonstrated his commitment to transparency and inclusion. He quietly led Carmel’s vital climate committee and achieved matters such as creating bike access on San Carlos Street. His unique practice of going door-to-door to hear citizens’ priorities is extraordinary, as are his office-hours coffees. Carmel will be lucky to have his service as mayor. I urge votes for Jeff.

**Don Goodhue,**  
*former planning commission chair*

## Already illegal

**Dear Editor,**  
I am writing to express my concern and confusion regarding the city council’s recent consideration to place the issue of house numbers on the ballot for voters to decide. It is perplexing that this proposal is even being entertained, given that it is already against California law not to have a house address. House numbers are not just a matter of convenience; they are crucial for public safety and emergency services. Firefighters, paramedics and law enforcement rely on clearly visible house numbers to locate properties quickly during emergencies, and any ambiguity in this matter could cost precious time and lives.

Instead of wasting resources on debating an issue that has already been settled by law, the council should focus on more pressing concerns that actually require public input. The idea of putting a basic safety measure up for debate seems not only unnecessary but potentially harmful.

I urge the city council to reconsider this proposal and redirect its efforts toward issues that truly benefit our community.

**Steve Anderson,**  
*Carmel*

## Address fight

**Dear Editor,**  
The Sept. 10 city council meeting was another round in the House Numbers Championship Fight. No knockout and no decision, either, except to put it on some future

ballot so the residents can decide. Which probably should have happened already.

I don’t know who will win the mayor’s chair or the two open council seats. But I’m voting for people who are actively committed to opening up the communications between city government and the residents. I want more meetings like the Aug. 21 housing meeting at Sunset Center, with lots of people there, good facilitation by city staff and civilians, and, I believe, a bit of progress. More communications using the excellent CRA people and The Pine Cone itself.

I salute our city leaders for their tireless investments of time and energy, dealing with diverse opinions on everything. But our current practices for making decisions and getting things done are failing us.

More and better communication is essential. I believe the burden of communication is on the sender, and the residents are equally responsible for paying attention and making themselves heard whether in agreement or disagreement. May the best communicators win.

**Joe DiNucci,**  
*Carmel*

## House numbers debate

**Dear Editor,**  
In the letter last week titled, “Address Conundrum,” the author purports to know a bunch of things: how many homeowners will put up mailboxes and house numbers, who does and doesn’t “deserve” mail service, what brought “newbies” to Carmel, who’s welcomed here (evidently only those “with money”) and even the future (nothing is going to change under the collective watch of the author and the “no change” guard). He also conflates the issue of house numbering with the issue of mail delivery which, as I understand it, are not the same issue. But it’s the use of derogatory phrases (“newbies who refuse to adapt,” “get off the couch, put the wine and bonbons aside, kick off the patent leathers and take a walk”) that particularly bother me.

Dismissive letters like his galvanize the “change crowd.” Evidently, if we don’t think the way he thinks, we should “move back to where we came from.”

Carmel is far from perfect; we live here because, in totality, it’s spectacular. But it has its challenges, and not having a logical, understandable address is one of them in

the eyes of some, including me.

My wife and I are probably what Frank Salcido would label newbies, but we don’t sit on the couch (much), and we don’t eat bonbons or wear leather shoes and we take a lot of walks. We also don’t need the post office to double as a social gathering spot, and we want a real address for a host of legitimate reasons.

Discouraging informed discourse on this multifaceted topic and insulting those who don’t think like the writer is unhelpful; the “change is bad/think like we do or leave” crowd irritates me. Dismissing without debating what might turn out to be the collective will of the people (i.e., creating a house numbering system for those who want it) is anti-democratic. On issues far weightier than house numbers in Carmel, historical challenges to “the way we’ve operated for well over a century” in America often have resulted in significant societal improvements.

**Chuck McKenzie,**  
*Carmel*

## P.G. workers’ wages

**Dear Editor,**  
This letter is in response to the comments from Dan Miller, candidate for Mayor of Pacific Grove, as you reported in your Sept. 6 story, “Election forum in P.G. turns into solo act as only one candidate shows up.” I am writing to correct the record on some comments made by Miller about the compensation of city employees.

Miller claims that the city is wasting money on employee raises and that there are employees making 50 percent over the market compared to other local cities. I am not sure which specific employees Miller is referring to, but as the union representative for the rank-and file General Employees Association, I can tell you that there are no employees in that group making anywhere close to 50 percent over the market. In fact, Pacific Grove conducted a salary survey in 2023 which found that the city was paying our union members on average 6.58 percent below the market median on total compensation compared to other local government agencies.

The benchmark set by the current council has been to set employees at 5 percent below the market median.

The truth is, Pacific Grove is paying below market for most city positions, not above. Moreover, its yearly annual salary increases have been modest and have lagged well below inflation over the past several years.

The General Employees Association represents the people who provide essential basic services to the residents of the city. They are public works maintenance workers, recreation specialists, code compliance officers, librarians and city planners (among others).

They are the life blood of the city and they are a great asset, not a liability. P.G. city employees are broadly underpaid and struggling to survive and pay rent in an extremely high cost of living area. Due to this problem, the city has recently suffered severe turnover amongst staff due to lack of pay and poor morale. This level of turnover and low morale negatively impact Pacific Grove’s ability to provide services to the public.

These sorts of comments will only make this problem worse. I hope Dan Miller will clarify which employees he believes are so overpaid.

**Ryan Heron, Redding**



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# ARTIST

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with unobstructed views of the stage could also be challenging for an uncredentialed photographer.

In San Diego, Aliotti’s close friend and frequent concert companion, Carmel native Dan Concepcion, spied roped-off, unoccupied seats at a Springsteen performance.

“That section was stage-high, stage left, a great place to shoot from,” he said. “Nobody was sitting there as the crowd was coming in, so Dan and I snuck in and sat down.” Security ignored them. The section filled up. Springsteen launched into his repertoire and the crowd got rowdy.

“Everybody started dancing, then we noticed that Bette Midler was sitting right behind us. So Dan and I found ourselves dancing with ‘The Divine Miss M’ to a Springsteen song.”

He also snuck unaccosted into a front-row seat at the Monterey Conference Center in 1978 to shoot pictures of an all-time favorite guitarist, Carlos Santana.

### Shrimp and lobster

A long career in Monterey Peninsula’s hospitality industry afforded Aliotti the freedom and flexibility to attend hundreds of concerts, usually with Concepcion. At 12, he was a dishwasher at Lou’s Fish Grotto. At 14, he manned the pretzel cart at Fisherman’s Wharf. At 16, he bused tables at The Whaling Station, chatting up the customers, illegally dispensing advice on wines they might enjoy and then sharing their drink orders with waiters.

After graduating from Palma High, Aliotti studied at MPC, then moved on to San Diego State.

“I came home because my mom was having some health issues,” he said. “I was probably five units short of a bachelor’s degree in design, but never completed those units and didn’t graduate.” From 1990 to 1999, he owned L’Escargot, an intimate Carmel restaurant on Mission Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues.

A favorite concert at Day of the Green on July 2, 1977, was performed by Lynyrd Skynyrd, a Southern rock band bound for tragedy.

“That concert was just a few weeks before three of them were killed in a plane crash,” he recalled of the chartered aircraft that plunged into a wooded area in Mississippi in October, taking the lives of founding member Ronnie Van Zant, vocalist Steve Gaines, and backup singer Cassie Gaines.

Another enduring memory was the date he had with Kathy Brucato at a Buffett concert at Shoreline Amphitheater in Antioch.

“I brought a couple of pounds of shrimp and lobster, margaritas, and surprised her,” he said. “Buffett was at his best, people were dancing in conga lines ... we had an amazing time.” Kathy is his wife of 34 years and the mother of their adult children, Carlo, a rancher south of Salinas, and Dianna, a speech pathologist in San Diego.

### ‘Didn’t bring my camera’

Yet another great moment was Stevie Ray Vaughan’s 1984 appearance at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, where he performed in a red gaucho jacket, red tuxedo pants and a feathered headdress. “And I didn’t bring my camera,” he lamented. But with help from legendary KLRB disc jockey Rich Berlin, Aliotti finagled his way backstage and got Vaughan to sign his guitar strap.

The exhibition at Carmel Valley Art Association was curated by his nephew, film-industry veteran Jason Reisig, a tenured professor of animation and cinema arts at USC, and Reisig’s daughter, Emma, a “Shark Week” editor for Disney Entertainment.

“I did the work 40 years ago. Jason, Emma and my older brother, John, are doing all the work now, and I couldn’t be more thankful,” said Aliotti, who was diagnosed four years ago with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease).

“They’ve culled through boxes of slides and binders of negatives and prints — thousands and thousands of images that sat in my garage for years — to choose the photos people will see at the exhibition.”

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# The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

## As Pirates prep for their regular season, no ‘cupcakes’ on schedule

SINCE THE beginning of the 2019-20 season, the Stevenson Pirates water polo team is undefeated against league opponents, a 36-0 streak they extended Monday, with a 21-3 obliteration of Monterey in their second Pacific Coast Athletic League game of the year.

All of that provides mouthwatering motivation for Carmel and Pacific Grove, both loaded with battle-tested veterans who, like Stevenson, went to the postseason playoffs in 2023.

### Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Consider, too, that Stevenson coach Brooke Higgins, at last spring’s graduation, said goodbye to seven seniors, including goalie Tate Escher (last year’s league MVP), second-team all-leaguer Cash Sativa (26 goals, 21 assists),

and fellow starter Nico Rupp (11 goals, 10 assists). “A typical roster size for water polo is about 15, so when you graduate almost half of your roster, that’s significant,” Higgins said. “It looks to me like Carmel and Pacific Grove are going to be strong, so I’m expecting one of the most competitive league seasons we’ve had in a long time.”

But the cupboard is hardly bare for the Pirates, who haven’t ceded a first-place trophy since 2018, when Soquel won the crown.

#### PCAL award-winners

Stevenson’s tri-captains this year include junior Laird Welch, senior Beckett Heywood — both first-team all-leaguers — and second-team All-PCAL Will Bufkin, another senior. All are expected to be prolific contributors.

“Laird has started for us since he was a ninth-grader,” Higgins said of his center, who led the team with 193 goals last fall. “We’ll be relying on him to be a prolific scorer for us again.”

Bufkin is a center defender, but managed 33 goals and 30 assists, second on the team in both categories, establishing himself as a threat at either end of the pool.

“Will’s primary job as on defense, so whatever we get from him on offense is gravy,” said the coach.

Heywood, the PCAL’s diving champ last spring, is an attacker who scored 26 times and led the Pirates with 34 assists.

That trio teamed up for 105 steals, and Heywood and Welch combined for 40 ejections (fouls resulting in an opponent being removed from the game for a period of time).

“We have no other returning starters, but we do have Alan Qian, who got some good varsity minutes,” Higgins said.

Qian, a left-handed attacker from Hong Kong, amassed

13 goals, 23 assists, and 13 steals as a key reserve in his junior year.

Other early season starters for the Pirates are junior attackers Andy Wu and Matias Higgins, the coach’s son. The goalie position is a competition between Ze’ Franz, a sophomore, and senior Tony Zaninovich, who was promoted to the varsity roster at playoff time two years ago, but spent last fall in Australia.

A talented freshman, Ozaze Djehuti-Mes, is expected to split time this season between the varsity and JV squads.

After their season-opening rout of Palma, the Pirates lost twice at Soquel’s Steve Martin Memorial Tournament, 14-6 to Archbishop Mitty, a San Jose team, and 11-8 to Sacramento-based C.K. McClatchy. Both were playoff teams a year ago, and Mitty made it to NorCals.

“We’ve created a very tough nonleague schedule for ourselves again this year. We don’t look for cupcake

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PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

All-league senior Beckett Heywood, a co-captain, led Stevenson with 34 assists and scored 26 times in 2023. He was also the PCAL’s diving champion.



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Center Boston Fisher, a second-team all-league center, was among Carmel’s team leaders in goals, assists, and steals in 2023.

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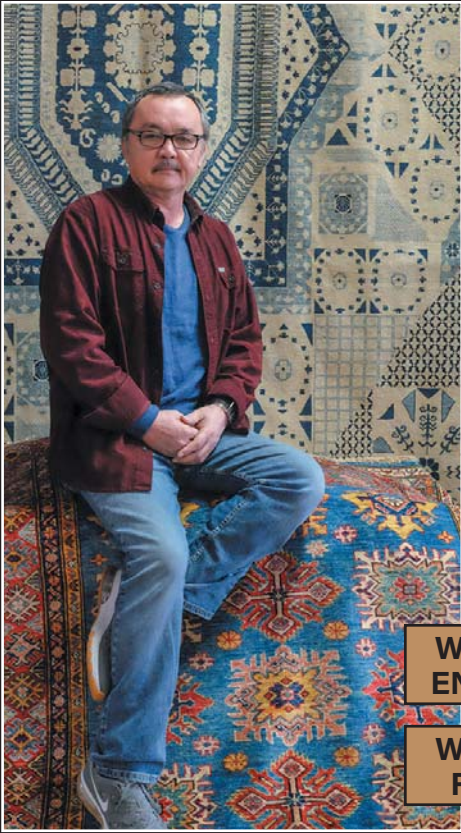
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teams,” said Higgins of a gauntlet that includes 2023 postseason regulars Los Gatos, Valley Christian, Pioneer, Junipero Serra, Northgate, Leland, Ponderosa and Brentwood.”

New coach for 7-0 Carmel

Carmel, meanwhile, came out of the gate quickly this fall under the direction of first-year coach Jerry Smith, a former first-team NCAA All-American as a 2-meter player at UC Berkeley.

As the week began, the Pirates were off to a 7-0 start, including victories over Branham (13-3), Lemoore Union (16-8), Willow Glen (16-8), and Sierra (17-11) at the Morro Bay Invitational Sept. 6 and 7.

“All of those were decent teams, but we know we have



PHOTO/KERRY BEISER

Jack Balas (left) and Marc Kalman-Zulik lead a balanced scoring attack that sparked Carmel to an 8-0 record.

some tough competition ahead of us,” said Smith, referring to upcoming showdowns with Pioneer, Valley Christian, Soquel, Santa Cruz, and league rivals Stevenson and Pacific Grove.

“Our guys believe they have a good chance to go deep into the postseason playoffs this year, and rightfully so,” he said. “The growth they’ve shown, even since the beginning of the summer, has not been subtle. It’s noticeable.”

Smith’s team is built on speed, aggressiveness and talented veteran players.

That list begins with first-team All-PCAL standout Jack Balas, a junior utility player who ranked among the PCAL’s leaders last season with 65 goals and 30 steals. Entering this week, Balas already had scored 25 times this

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After earning praise for two decades as a recording artists and performer, Raitt finally attained stardom in 1990 when her LP, “Nick of Time,” topped the Billboard Charts

### On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

and earned a Grammy for Best Album.

The singer has 18 solo records, including her most recent, “Just Like That,” which came out two years ago. Its title track won a Grammy Award for Song of the Year, while another track, “Made Up My Mind,” captured the Best Americana Performance Grammy.

Opening the concert is **Roy Rogers** — not the famous actor and singer, but a blues slide guitarist who was named after the cowboy star.

Tickets start at \$100.

Also at Sunset this week is a free outside concert by singer **Kaye Bohler** Friday at 6 p.m.

Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit sunsetcenter.org.

### ■ Folk trio plays Wednesday

A trio that won a Grammy Award in 2002 for Best Folk Album, **Nickel Creek** plays Wednesday, 8 p.m., at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Featuring mandolinist **Chris Thile**, fiddler **Sara Watkins** and guitarist **Sean Watkins**, the trio serves up a progressive style of bluegrass that crosses over into a variety

of musical genres.

Besides earning rave reviews from music critics, the trio attained commercial success in 2002 when their second LP, “This Side,” peaked at No. 2 on the Billboard country charts.

Tickets start at \$60.

Also at Golden State, **The Man in Black** celebrates the legacy of Johnny Cash Friday at 8 p.m. **Shawn Barker**, who got his start in show business portraying Elvis Presley, takes on the role of the legendary singer. Tickets start at \$33.

The Golden State Theatre is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.org.

### Live music Sept. 20-26

#### ■ Big Sur

**Big Sur River Inn** — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Saturday at 12:30 p.m.), **Wayward Jerry** (“old-time country and bluegrass,” Sunday at 12:30 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

**Fernwood Resort** — **The New Wave Band** (’80s and ’90s hits, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

#### ■ Carmel

**Barmel** — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). In Carmel Square on San Carlos 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,



Grammy Award-winning singer and guitarist Bonnie Raitt takes the stage Monday, 7 p.m, at Sunset Center.

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FOOD & WINE

# An ‘enchanted soiree,’ Oktoberfest, and a party to help dogs

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“Don your mask and festive attire for a mysterious and enchanting soiree,” the chamber entices. “Dance the night away to the energetic tunes of the Money Band, setting the perfect backdrop for a night of indulgence and celebration.”

And with Halloween stores already popping up, it shouldn’t be difficult to procure just the right accessories for the event, which also features a silent auction to benefit the chamber.

### Swanky options

Participating restaurants and purveyors include Aahba Indian Cuisine, All About the Chocolate, Anton & Michel, Barmel, Cafe Carmel, Cantinetta Luca, Congregation Beth Israel, Flaherty’s, 7th & Dolores, Hog’s Breath, Links Club, Carmel Mission Bistro, Nielsen Bros. Market, Quail & Olive, Rio Grill, Shearwater Tavern, Stationaery, The Pocket, Toro Sushi, Treehouse Café, Village Corner, and many more.

Among the many businesses providing beverages will be Alvarado Street Brewery, Bernardus, Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co., Chalone, De Tierra, Folktale, Hahn, Lepe Cellars, Peter B’s, Scheid, Shale Canyon, Silvestri, Talbott, Vin Wine Bar, Wrath and The Whisky Club.

## Soup to Nuts

General admission is \$200 per person (\$175 for chamber members) and includes 6 p.m. entry and a commemorative wine glass, while the VIP lounge costs \$250 and offers 5 p.m. entry, valet parking and exclusive lounge access with premium beverages and seating.

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Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley (left) is one of at least three local spots celebrating Oktoberfest with beer, special menu items and all-around good times. Also joining the party are Peter B’s (above) and Alvarado Street Grill.

experience by a private chef, exclusive premium wines, early entry, valet parking, heat lamps and blankets, a private restroom and access to all event areas. Organizers are willing to customize the suites and offer add-ons.

Guests must be 21 or older, and no pets are allowed. For more information and to purchase, visit [tasteofcarmel.org](http://tasteofcarmel.org). The Carmel Mission is at 3080 Rio Road.

### ■ Lederhosen optional

Why do Oktoberfest parties start in September? The short answer is, “because the days are warmer and longer” — and the party always ends in October.

According to Reader’s Digest, the whole shebang started when the future King Ludwig I married Princess Therese on Oct. 12, 1810. Everyone in Munich was invited, and they celebrated for nearly a week with all sorts of entertainment. Everyone had so much fun, they decided to make it an annual event. During the 1800s, the city’s leaders decided to change the dates, and the event stretched to more than two weeks.

Locally, we’ve heard about three parties so far, starting with Alvarado Street Brewery. Owner and brewmaster J.C. Hill temporarily moved to Munich in February and earned his Master Brewer certificate at the Doemens Academy.

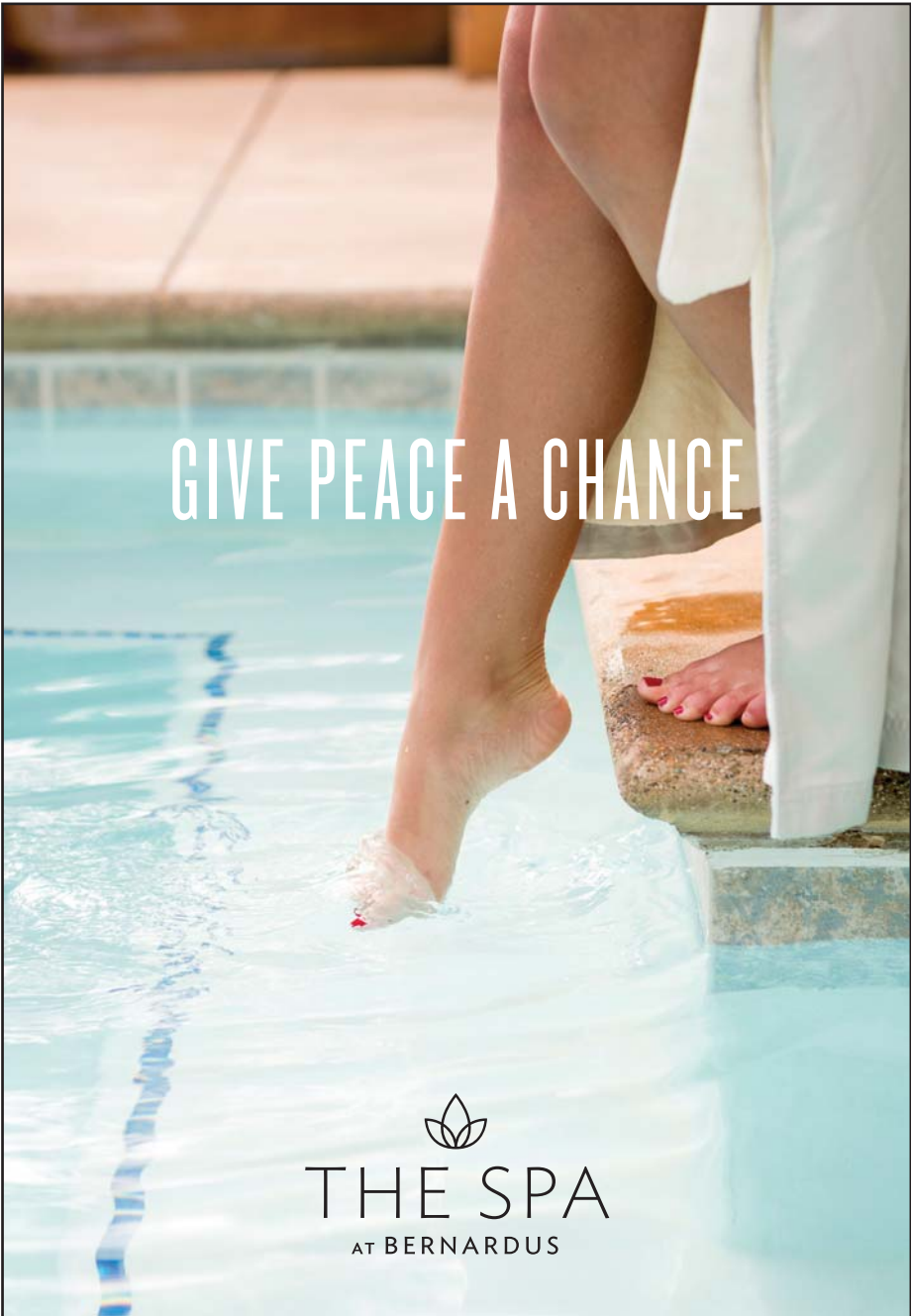
He applied what he learned at Alvarado Street’s Carmel Plaza location, which will now focus “on traditional European-style lagers and ales,” the company said. On Saturday, Oktoberfest specials will debut at all Alvarado Street Brewery eateries, including Monterey and Salinas. There will be Festbier, a 5.7 percent-alcohol pale lager; Oktoberfest Märzen, which is a full-bodied golden lager, a dark Schwarzbier, and Bistro Hefeweizen, a pale wheat ale.

Foods include Brotzeit, a snack board with pickled veggies, pretzels, cheese spread, and sausage made by chef Todd Fisher of the Meatery in Seaside. Pork schnitzel will be available, along with steak served with “Bavarian mac’n’cheese.” Traditional Bavarian dress — dirndls or lederhosen — is encouraged.


### Deutsch treat at Trailside

Carmel Valley’s Trailside Cafe (3 Del Fino Place in the Village) is hosting its 10th Oktoberfest, starting with a party on Saturday at 5 p.m. “One-man band” Tony Burciaga will lead everyone in in traditional German songs, and a mug-holding contest will be held. At least 10 German and German-style biers will be on tap, with more varieties in bottles and cans. Specials like schnitzel, sau-

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### Peterhosen? Ja.

The brewpub in Monterey’s Portola Hotel kicks off more than two weeks of fun on Saturday. An Oktoberfest lager called Peterhosen will be served for \$8, and you can use it to wash down a big old Bavarian pretzel, grilled bratwurst with mashed potatoes, sauerkraut and mustard, or chicken schnitzel with homemade spätzle. Live music is planned, and anyone who shows up in lederhosen gets 15 percent off food orders. Peter B’s is open Thursday through Monday.

### Oldies but goodies

Friday evening from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Hofsas House at San Carlos and Fourth in Carmel will raise money for Peace of Mind Dog Rescue with its Locals’ Favorites Wine Fridays event. Cost is \$15 per person and reservations are required. The fee includes “nibbles” and one glass of Twisted Roots wine, with additional glasses available for \$5 apiece. Proceeds will go to Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, which helps senior dogs and senior dog owners. Register by calling (831) 624-2745, or email [carrie.theis@hofsashouse.com](mailto:carrie.theis@hofsashouse.com).

If you want to see where the money goes, the nonprofit rescue group is holding an open house Saturday, Sept. 28, from noon to 2 p.m. at its office at 615 Forest Ave. in Pacific Grove. The harvest-themed afternoon will include hot apple cider, cookies and prizes. Between 10

and 20 adoptable pups will also be there to charm your socks off — and then probably chew on them. The event is free, but anyone interested in attending should RSVP to (831) 718-9122 or [info@PeaceOfMindDogRescue.org](mailto:info@PeaceOfMindDogRescue.org).

### Wine and jazz

If you’re looking for a nice pairing, Monterey’s Portola Plaza is throwing a special Bernardus Wine and Jazz Dinner Friday at 6 p.m. A six-course dinner

will be paired with Bernardus wines, and live music will be provided by the Scotty Wright Trio and Paul Contos. Award-winning composer, conductor, pianist and vocalist Darin Atwater will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$95 per person plus

taxes and a 20 percent gratuity. You can still make required reservations at (831) 649-7870 or [vgarcia@portolahotel.com](mailto:vgarcia@portolahotel.com).

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Two special events are scheduled for Peace of Mind Dog Rescue. Friday night, the Hofsas House and Twisted Roots are offering a wine and “nibbles” fundraiser, and on Sept. 28, there’s an open house at the nonprofit’s P.G. office.



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WINE

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Manzoni sale

In a village like Carmel, there are always rumors of who’s selling and who’s buying, from houses, to hotels, to wineries. One such story that has been tossed around for months is that longtime farmer and vintner Mark Manzoni wanted to sell his business. It was true, and the sale is complete. The new owners of Manzoni Wines are a young couple, Daniel Troyan and Doree Speidel.

Troyan and Speidel lived and worked in the San Francisco Bay area until Covid arrived. Like other city dwellers, they decided to try living elsewhere during the pandemic and moved to Washington state. After spending many hours traversing the wine trails of Napa and Sonoma, the couple began to focus on their dream of owning a winery and started looking for a place in Washington.

Instead, they decided to move back to California — specifically to Monterey County, where Speidel’s family resides. They learned that Manzoni was for sale, fell in love with the wines and the tasting room and began nego-



Manzoni tasting room (above) and its winemaking operation have sold to entrepreneurs Daniel Groyan (right) and Doree Speidel. The couple said they weren't planning to make any big changes — but they are contemplating adding some sparkling quaffs to the winery's labels.

tiations with the Manzonis to see if purchasing the winery would be a good fit for all of them. By the end of August, the business had changed hands. According to Troyan, not much will change. Wines will be produced by the same winemaker, using the same grapes. The future may hold a small increase in production and eventually adding sparkling wine to the program.

Tasting notes:

2021 Sauvignon Blanc, Santa Lucia Highlands, estate, \$27 — nose and palate have huge grapefruit flavors, some passion fruit and gooseberries ending with a nice, tart finish.

2022 Chardonnay Santa Lucia Highlands, estate, \$38 — ripe apple, butter and lemon chiffon ending with a tart blast and aged in 1/3 new oak, 1/3 neutral oak, 1/3 stainless steel.

2019 Cuvee Louis Bordeaux Blend from Pedregal De Pacines vineyard in San Benito County, \$53 — Very ripe plum, black cherries and cassis with a soft, fruity finish.

Wines can be purchased at the tasting room in Hampton Court on Seventh Avenue between San Carlos and Dolores in Carmel and at manzoniwines.com.

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



MUSIC

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tarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Sunday at 3 p.m.). Mission and Fifth.

**Hyatt Carmel Highlands** — singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (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.



Wayward Jerry plays old-time country and bluegrass Sunday afternoon at the Big Sur River Inn.

**La Playa Hotel** — guitarist **Bob Basa**, drummer **David Morwood** and others (jazz, Sunday at 4 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth.

**The Links Club** — **The New Wave Band** ('80s and '90s hits, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **The Katherine Lavin Band** (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 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 **Martan Mann** (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Fred McCarty** (Saturday at noon), pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

**Folktale Winery** — **Two Rivers** with singer **Richard Bryant** and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (pop and rock, Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch**

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CALENDAR

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

**Sept. 21 – Edi Matsumoto Art & Design** will have a grand opening noon to 4 p.m. Live music, art activities and more are planned. It's located on Mission and Fifth in Carmel-by-the-Sea. For details call (831) 596-5157.

**Sept. 21 – Join the National Steinbeck Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the annual FREE Steinbeck Street Fair and this year we are celebrating Steinbeck's "Cannery Row"!** Both inside the museum and on the 100 block of Main Street. Enjoy activity booths, games and prizes from our local non-profits along with music! Grab the family and come party with us!



**Sept. 21 to Oct. 6 – Raise your steins and celebrate Oktoberfest at Peter B's Brewpub!** Join us for German-inspired fun, featuring traditional foods, live music and German beer. Our brewmasters have crafted an exclusive Oktoberfest beer that perfectly complements our special menu. Wear your Lederhosen and get 15% off food! Visit peterbsbrewpub.com for details.

**Sept. 22 – In an organ concert not to be missed, St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church's music director, Frederick Burgomaster, plays compositions from across five centuries,** selected specifically to draw out the dramatic qualities of the church's Dobson tracker pipe organ. Reception follows the 4 p.m. concert. \$25 at the door, students and 18 and under free. 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel Valley.

**Sept. 25 – Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series presents Jack Galante, founder of Galante Vineyards, as he explores how his great-grandfather James Devendorf helped shape the community of Carmel-by-the-Sea.** 7 p.m. at Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center & Online. Registration required, on our website: www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. Hosted by the Carmel Public Library Foundation. Cost: free; \$10 suggested contribution. Questions? info@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org or (831) 624-2811

**Sept. 27 – Years before Gates and Jobs, Gary Kildall built in Pacific Grove the first commercially successful PC operating system.** Learn about the rise and fall of Digital Research, Inc. 5:30 to 7 p.m. www.pacificgrovelibrary.org

**Sept. 30 – World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) presents a luncheon by Dr. Brendan Kelly,** MIIIS and International Arctic Research Center at the University of Alaska, discussing **"The Rapidly Changing Arctic and its Global Impact"**, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Monterey. To register and learn more visit http://www.wacmb.org.

**Oct. 1 – Medicine Women present "The Future of Medicine for Health Practitioners and Patients,"** 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Garden Room of La Playa Hotel, Carmel. Four experts will speak and there will be a tribute to Dr. Joe Goldstrich's new book. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$125 and include lunch. Call or text (805) 451-7551 to reserve a space.

**Oct. 4-6 – Tor House Fall Festival features a Sunset Celebration** from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Tor House. Cost is \$25. Saturday there will be Talks and Panels, 8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Carmel Woman's Club, free. Banquet, Pine Inn, 5:30 p.m., \$65. Sunday, geology field trips: 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., free, advance registration required. For more information and registration: torhouse.org.

**Through October – Sunset Cultural Center is proud to welcome "The Naked Face"** to the Marjorie Evans Gallery for a two-month-long exhibit of works by **Joan Lewis**. The gallery is in Sunset Center at San Carlos and Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. To learn more, visit joanlewisartwork.com

**'RSVP for the Artist Reception requested, not required. Oct. 5 – Don't miss the 21st Annual Monterey Beer Festival** at the beautiful Monterey County Fair & Event Center to benefit the Monterey County Fair Heritage Foundation. Hundreds of craft beers to sample, delicious food, a great live band and a DJ. Clear Bag Policy. For tickets, go to www.montereybeerfestival.com.

**Oct. 5-6 – The first ever Jo Mora Gathering is coming** soon to the Stanton Center & Casa Serrano in Monterey and Trotter Gallery in Pacific Grove. Saturday will include numerous presentations about Jo Mora by experts from around the west (9-3:30) and a reception (3:30 -5) for the largest exhibit of Jo Mora's cartes (maps) ever assembled. Sunday (1-4:30) will provide opportunities to view and learn about Mora's work at Casa Serrano and the Trotter Gallery. Go to www.montereyhistory.org. select Stanton Center, & click on Events for ticket info.

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(Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The Monterey Jazz Festival Regional All-Stars** (Sunday at 11 a.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.  
**Massa Tasting Room** — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Sunday at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road.  
**McIntyre Vineyards Tasting Room** — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Sunday at noon). 24 Carmel Valley Road.  
**Trailside Cafe** — singer **Patti Gilbert** and singer and guitarist **Brett Freshour** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Tony Burciaga** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

■ Monterey

**Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen** — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Friday at 6 p.m.), **Cement Ship** (acoustic rock, 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 7 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.  
**Golden State Theatre** — **The Man in Black** (Johnny Cash tribute, Friday at 8 p.m.), **Nickel Creek** (bluegrass, Wednesday at 8 p.m.). 417 Alvarado St.  
**Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel** — guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Paul Behan** (Saturday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Mike Lent** and others (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.  
**Intercontinental Hotel** — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at 9 a.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.  
**Marriott Hotel** — singer **Julie Capili** (jazz, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **The Latin Jazz Collective** (Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 p.m.). In Characters Bar, 350 Calle Principal.  
**Midici Pizza** — Janice’s Jazz Jam with keyboardist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Joe Dolister** and drummer **Andy Weis** (Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.  
**Monterey Plaza Hotel** — pianist **Peter Cor** (jazz, Friday and Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 5 p.m.), pianist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Monday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist **Reija Massey** (pop, rock and country, Tuesday at 5 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holidiloff** (jazz, Wednesday at 5 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Thursday at 5 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.  
**Pearl Hour** — **The Zach Westfall Group** (jazz, Sunday at 8 p.m.), **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz, Wednesday at 8 p.m.). 214 Lighthouse Ave.  
**Puma Road** at Portola Plaza — singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Friday at 6 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.  
**Salty Seal Pub** — **The Rogue Roosters** (rock and blues, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The John Michael Band** (pop and rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **The Edge Band** (rock,



A Grammy Award-winning folk trio, Nickel Creek plays Wednesday at the Golden State Theatre.

Sunday at 4 p.m.), **The Snake Oil Road Show** (acoustic alt-rock, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.  
**The Sardine Factory** — singer and guitarist **David Conley** (Friday and Saturday, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St.  
**Sly McFly’s** — **The Money Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Mad About You** (pop and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The Stingrays** (classic rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

■ Pacific Grove

**Il Vecchio Restaurant** — **Chuck ‘n’ Buck** (rock and blues, Tuesday at 6 p.m.), **The Cena Jazz Trio** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 110 Central Ave.  
**Juice ‘n’ Java** — singer and guitarist **Dan Cioper** (Friday at 4:30 p.m.), Open Mic (Friday at 7 p.m., sign up by 5:30 p.m.), **The Steve Robertson Jazz Trio** (Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Zach Westfall Duo** (jazz, Sunday at 3 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** — singer and guitarist **Lisa Long** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The New Wave** (‘80s and ‘90s hits, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.  
**Wild Fish** restaurant — **The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet** (Friday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

■ Pebble Beach

**The Lodge at Pebble Beach** — singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Alison Sharino** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

■ Seaside

**Gusto Pasta and Pizza** — singer **Scotty Wright** and keyboardist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

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# SPORTS

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year, with 8 assists and 13 steals.

Boston Fisher, a senior, earned second-team all-league honors with 15 goals, 15 assists, and 17 steals a year ago, when the Padres went 15-9 overall, finished second in the PCAL with a 6-1 record, and qualified for CCS with an at-large berth.

“Boston primarily has been in our center role, but, much like the other top players on our team, he can do a little bit of everything,” Smith said. “He’s a threat, not only as a scorer, but also in drawing exclusions (ejections).

### Versatility rules

“I think the real theme on this team is versatility. We’ve got four or five guys who can interchangeably play some of the most important positions in the pool.”

That description would apply to junior Marc Kalman-Zulik, a center defender with exceptional speed, and the physicality to play an interior position on Carmel’s power play.

A balance of talent is evident in the

team’s early-season statistics. When the week began, Jack Balas, Kalman-Zulik, Fisher and freshman Sam Balas, all had between 18-25 goals after seven games. Landon Onitzuka had 10 goals, a PCAL-best 22 assists, and was one of five players with either 13 or 14 steals.

“Landon is a coach’s dream,” Smith said of his left wing. “He’s fast, he sees the pool very well, and he’s a heady player who can hear or see a concept and immediately put it into motion.”

Sam Balas, Jack’s brother, might have more natural talent than any other player on the squad, the coach said.

The Padres’ deep roster also includes center defenders Sean Fosmark, a year-round water polo player, and Jovan Osorio, plus attackers Harrison Glazer and Vitea Devillier — all seniors.

“The common denominator among those four guys is they’re very mature players — they act like men, in and out of the water, which is exactly what you want when you’re filling out your starting lineup and deciding on the first couple of people off your bench.

The goalkeeper, Alexander Frederick, is the team’s fourth captain and an exceptional defender despite being very new to

the sport.

“This is his second year playing water polo, but Alex plays with the poise of somebody who’s been playing for four or five years,” Smith said. “He anticipates well, blocks shots, he’s a good passer, he’s one of our team leaders in steals, and he’s a strong leader in a position that calls for good leadership.”

### Strong start in P.G.

Pacific Grove raced to a 5-0 start behind first-team all-leaguers River Lyon (22 goals, 3 assists, 4 steals) and Kenji Gonzalez, second-team All-PCAL goalie Matias Dela Garza, and Ryder Eldridge — all seniors.

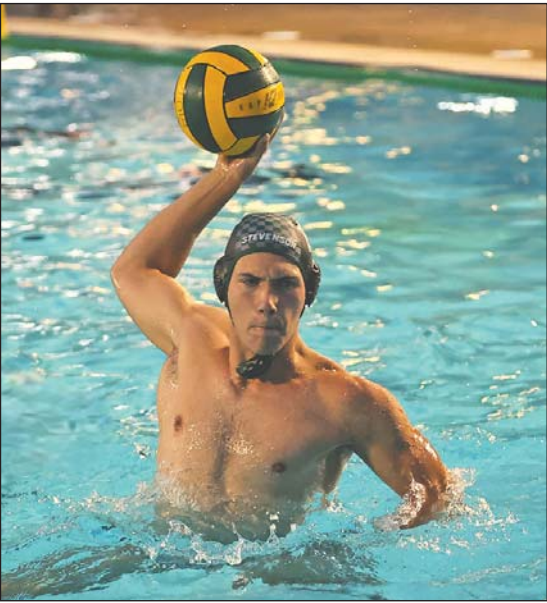
Pacific Grove hosts Carmel at 5 p.m. Monday and Pioneer at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Stevenson travels Friday and Saturday to the Napa Invitational, returning home on Wednesday for a 7 p.m. PCAL clash with Everette Alvarez.

All three schools will compete Oct. 4-5 at the Monterey Bay Invitational, which will take

place at both Stevenson and Pacific Grove.

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Stevenson junior co-captain Laird Welch, All-PCAL, scored a league-high 193 goals last season. He’s been a starter for the Pirates since his freshman year.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241571  
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE NEAL SHOW, 2 SE of Lincoln on 6th Ave, Carmel, CA 93921.**  
Registered Owner(s): NEAL OWEN KRUSE, P.O. Box 7239, Carmel, CA 93921.  
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 15, 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/Neal Owen Kruse  
Date signed: Aug. 15, 2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 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].  
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Filing type: ABANDONMENT:  
County of Filing: Monterey  
Date of Original Filing: May 10, 2024  
File No.: 20240977  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **COSMETIC LASER CENTER ADVANCED DERMATOLOGY MEDICAL CLINIC, 757 Pacific Street, Suite A-1, Monterey, CA 93940.**  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: JAMES RHEIM M.D. INC., 757 Pacific Street, Suite A-1, Monterey, CA 93940.  
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey  
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 10, 2024.  
S/James Rheim, M.D., President  
Aug. 29, 2024  
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County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in

the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: RHEIM DERMATOLOGY, INC., 757 Pacific Street, Suite A-1, Monterey, CA 93940.  
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
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S/Joseph R. Rheim, M.D., President  
Date: Aug. 28, 2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 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: Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 2024. (PC 919)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241695  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ALL WAYS CARING HOME-CARE, 805 N. Whittington Parkway, Suite 400, Louisville, KY 40222.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: JEFFERSON.  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SOUTHERN HOME CARE SERVICES, INC., 805 N. Whittington Parkway, Suite 400, Louisville, KY 40222.  
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: DE  
This business is conducted by a corporation.  
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S/Allison L. Brown, Secretary  
Date: April 15, 2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 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].  
Publication Dates: Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 2024. (PC 920)

### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 24CV003700  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, SYDNEY NICOLE EDWARDS, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
**A. Present name:** SYDNEY NICOLE EDWARDS  
**Proposed name:**

SYDNEY NICOLE ALQUIZA-DACUMOS  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING:**  
DATE: Oct. 25, 2024  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
DEPT: 15

The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: *The Carmel Pine Cone.*  
(s) Thomas W. Willis  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Date filed: Sept. 5, 2024  
Publication Dates: Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 2024. (PC 921)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241717  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **REDWOOD CATERING AND SERVICES, 27751 Palo Colorado Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.**  
Registered Owner(s): JAMES NATHANIAL HELTON LAURA LYNETTE HELTON  
This business is conducted by a married couple.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 11, 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/James Nathaniel Helton  
Date signed: Sept. 11, 2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 11, 2024.  
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name 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: Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 2024 (PC 922)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241730  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KAFE TORIBASHI, 95 Fishermans Wharf #1, Monterey, CA 93940.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: TORIBASHI FOOD 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 Sept. 12, 2024.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*  
S/Kibong Choi, CEO  
Date: Sept. 12, 2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 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: Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 2024. (PC 924)

### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 24CV003854  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, PATRICIA JACKSON LARSEN, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
**A. Present name:** PATRICIA JACKSON LARSEN  
**Proposed name:** PATRICIA BUTTERFIELD JACKSON  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING:**  
DATE: Nov. 8, 2024  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
DEPT: 13A  
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause

shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: *The Carmel Pine Cone.*  
(s) Thomas W. Willis  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Date filed: Sept. 16, 2024  
Publication Dates: Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 2024. (PC 925)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241618  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DIA DEL TRABAJADOR AGRICOLA, 50870 Pine Canyon Rd., King City, CA 93930.**  
Registered Owner(s): ANA BETANCOURT VARGAS ALEJANDRA VALADEZ  
This business is conducted by co-partners. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 13, 2024.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pur-

suant 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/Ana Betancourt Vargas  
Date signed: Aug. 23, 2024  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 23, 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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# Painter brings student art ‘festival’ to new gallery, museum honors family legacy

A NEW exhibit at the Monterey Museum of Art chronicles a family’s creative journey that began on the other side of the globe. Titled “Imagining China,” the show celebrates the artwork of the late Joseph Yang and his daughter, Belle Yang.

A painter and poet from China who died five years ago,

## Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Joseph Yang “bore witness to the collapse of the Qing Dynasty, Japanese colonization, the Soviet invasion, and finally the Communist takeover” before moving to Carmel in 1971. A painter and a graphic novelist who was born in Taiwan and moved to the United States at 7, Belle Yang lives in Carmel.

According to the museum, “father and daughter worked side by side at their home, each one providing both inspiration and painting techniques to one and another.”

“Joseph Yang was my mentor throughout his life, and even now from the afterlife,” his daughter said. “For both of us, creativity is the reason we are on this Earth.”

The display, which opened last week, continues through Nov. 24. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St.

### Gallery hosts pop-up ‘festival’

Students from Monterey High School’s Art, Media and Performance Academy present an art “festival” at Edi Matsumoto Art & Design Gallery Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

“The AMP Academy, a specialized school within a school, is dedicated to nurturing the next generation of artists, media producers and performers,” Matsumoto

explained. “The festival will feature an exciting lineup of student artwork, live music performances by the student band, a theatrical play and a wearable art fashion show modeled by the students.”

The event comes just two days after Matsumoto hosted the grand opening of her downtown gallery, featuring the artist’s visual and wearable art. It also has a “special focus on her latest series, ‘Otter Therapy,’ which features charming sea otters within classic paintings or as beloved celebrities,” she added.

An exhibit of student artwork will be on display at the gallery through the end of the month.

The gallery is located on Mission between Fifth and Sixth.

### Photo lab welcomes show

Nearly two dozen photographers are represented in a show opening Saturday at Bradley Print Services in Pacific Grove. A public reception starts at 6 p.m.

The display includes images captured by nearly two



A show at the Monterey Museum of Art shines a spotlight on the talents of painter, illustrator and author Belle Yang — who created this piece — and her late father, Joseph Yang.

dozen artists who print their art through Bradley’s lab or attend its workshops.

“The exhibition will present an array of artistic perspectives, featuring a mix of underwater photography, terrestrial landscapes, wildlife and seascapes,” according to the shop, which is located at 566 Lighthouse Ave.

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