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## It's not the name that's historic, it's the decor

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER MORE than 60 years of serving Shell customers, the service station at San Carlos and Fifth is set to become a Chevron, according to applications filed with the



PHOTO/MARY SCHLEY

This hand-carved sign, as well as the Shell-shaped imprints in the column, are part of the historic downtown station that's set to become a Chevron, leaving the decorative details to face an uncertain future.

Carmel planning department. But rebranding won't happen quickly, as nothing does when a property is considered historic.

In March, a company called HASCO Holdings LLC purchased a half-dozen Shell stations on the Monterey Peninsula and in Salinas for a total of more than \$64.4 million, according to the Monterey County Assessor's Office. The downtown Carmel station, which for many years was Lugo's Shell and was later owned by racecar driver Mario Andretti's company, sold for \$9,822,500.

Designed for Shell Oil Co. by the architecture firm of Burde, Shaw & Associates — which also created the plans for the former bank at Seventh and Dolores and the Carmel Police Station on Junipero, among others — the station was built in 1963-1964. Among its more subtle features are Shell emblems imprinted in the pebble and concrete exterior.

**'Shell' to 'Chevron' could face hurdles at city hall**

The city's historic context statement, which guides planners in gauging the significance of the town's buildings, describes the station as "a remarkable example of a utilitarian building whose design blended well with the existing architectural fabric of Carmel."

**'Never in Carmel'**

"An industrial take on the Bay Region style so popular in Carmel from the 1940s through the 1960s, the station is softened by skylights in the roof over the service area and wood trellises over the gas pumps and corner signage," the

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## SECOND SEA LION SW OF THE OLD CYPRESS

By MARY SCHLEY

FOR SEVERAL days this month, dead seals accumulated on Carmel Beach, repulsing visitors and regulars, and distressing dog walkers who had to keep their canines away from them.

"Carmel Beach is our crown jewel," one resident said, noting that the dead animals hadn't been disposed of after a week and were left to rot. "It's hard to believe this is allowed to happen with all of the dogs that visit the beach, not to mention their owners."

**A permit**

In the past, city workers had simply buried dead animals found on the beach, but they'd recently been told they needed a permit from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association in order to dispose of the creatures, according to environmental programs manager Mary Bilse. That news amounted to a no-touch order until it could be confirmed.

It was later learned that public works crews can indeed bury deceased animals on the beach — but not until 48

hours after they are discovered.

"If you receive a report of a dead sea lion or seal on Carmel Beach, please notify the Moss Landing Marine Laboratories at (831) 771-4422 or [mlmlstranding@gmail.com](mailto:mlmlstranding@gmail.com) and provide the species or description of the animal, photos, GPS location, date and time the animal was last seen, approximate size of the animal, condition of the animal and name and contact information," Bilse told The Pine Cone.

After doing all that, beachgoers should call the public works department at (831) 620-2070, and the carcass will be buried after 48 hours. The delay gives the marine lab's scientists and researchers time to respond if they need to.

"The city public works department buried six seal

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When you come across a dead sea creature on the beach, you're supposed to notify the authorities, including exact location and other details, and then the city, which can bury it after 48 hours.

MONTEREY PENINSULA property owners will notice a change to their property tax bills after a local water agency was forced by the courts to cancel a long-standing charge.

Accompanying property tax bills recently mailed by the Monterey County Tax Collector is an insert informing property owners that the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District is no longer collecting a "water supply charge." Revenue from the tax had generated about \$3.4 million annually for the district.

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The insert goes on to tell property owners that they can

**It took years, but the water charge is finally gone**

find more information about the water supply charge on its website at [mpwmd.net](http://mpwmd.net).

The director for the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association — the group that sued the water district over the charge and prevailed — called the insert "another waste of taxpayers' money" and "misleading" because it did not say why the charge was being removed.

"The reason the fee was removed from the bill was that it was illegal, and the courts had already ruled against the water district when" water board directors "voted earlier this year to add the fee to the bill," Heuer, who said he paid \$96.36 for the water supply charge on his property tax bill last year, told The Pine Cone.

Heuer called the rescission of the tax "a good first step," but said that Peninsula homeowners are "waiting for their deserved refunds of illegally collected fees."

Water district general manager Dave Stoldt said that it was the county tax collector's idea to notify water

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## Salinas Valley to get agriculture robotics center

By LISA LAPIN

A SWATH of prime Salinas Valley farmland near the intersection of Highway 68 and River Road will soon be abuzz — not with pollinators, but with the drones and robots of dozens of high-tech agricultural start-up companies.

The new nonprofit venture, which will bring together growers, educational institutions and funders, is being



Artistic renderings show a robot deployed in the Salinas Valley (top) and what the interior of the valley's new robotics development center — combining workshops with experimental farm fields — may look like.

hailed by its organizers as the first in the nation to combine a "robotics development center with a farm" and promises to make the Salinas Valley a leader in agricultural innovation, especially in growing and harvesting leafy greens and berries.

Plans for Reservoir Farms were announced Wednesday at an autonomous agriculture conference in Yolo County, where the focus is on farming advancements to keep the United States competitive against foreign growers.

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## Homeowners see drop in taxes after court ruling

By KELLY NIX

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**Sandy Claws**

By Lisa Crawford Watson

**Quite a character**

He identified as a Corgi mix, yet since a genetic test revealed eight different breeds, his person says he's more like a "mixed-up" Corgi. She didn't hear a sound from him for their first few days together and then, all of a sudden, he let out a cry that sounded like beloved Sesame Street character Elmo. Which is how he got his name.

Elmo's person, who volunteers for Peace of Mind Dog Rescue in Pacific Grove, has a soft heart for abandoned animals, which causes her to collect dogs. This also caused her to abandon her cottage south of Ocean in favor of a "home on the range" in The Preserve.

"Elmo was one of three pups dumped somewhere in Texas," said his person, who heard about him through friends. "I bottle-fed him at first, yet now that he's 5 months old, he's rapidly gone from little puppy to big baby."

Elmo's a quick study. He instantly figured out how to open his crate and climb in, and he taught himself to pull out his bed and carry it around the room before launching into zoomies. He learned how to walk on a leash right away.

"Elmo's pretty amazing," his person said. "It's almost like he's already gone through a training program. But, he's still a baby, so he could be hell on wheels by



the time he's 10 months old."

Elmo has been to Carmel Beach but has not yet been off leash. He hits the sand and bounces like a wind-up toy, which his person believes to be a Corgi characteristic.

"If people don't stop to say hello to Elmo, he seems incredulous," she said. "He sits and waits for them to greet him, and if they just walk by, he looks at me, heartbroken."

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# Juarez guilty of burglary but not robbery

By MARY SCHLEY

IN A trial that lasted less than a week, a jury found Elijah Juarez, 22, guilty of grand theft, burglary and conspiracy but rejected the counts of robbery and other more severe charges sought by prosecutors. The verdict came almost two years after Juarez was arrested in a nearly million-dollar heist at Fourtane Jewelers in downtown Carmel.

On Dec. 7, 2021, Juarez and three others drove from Stockton in a stolen SUV and parked in front of the store at Lincoln and Ocean. Three entered the jewelers shortly before closing, carrying two sledgehammers, while the fourth waited in the car. All wore masks and dark clothing. They smashed cases and fled with \$932,950 worth of jewelry, but by the time police caught up with the stolen SUV on Highway 1 about 25 minutes later, Juarez and Omar A. — a juvenile — were inside, but the two other suspects and the stolen jewelry were gone.

Juarez was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail and has remained there ever since as his case has slowly made its way toward trial, with multiple delays and his defense attorneys' efforts to get the charges against him reduced or dismissed, arguing he couldn't be charged with robbery because he didn't confront any of the people in the store while committing the crime.

### Verdict rendered Friday

Following jury selection last Monday morning, the trial proceeded in Monterey County Superior Court Judge Jennifer O'Keefe's Salinas courtroom, and after closing arguments Friday morning, the

jury returned with a verdict at 2:20 p.m.

According to court documents, the verdict forms jurors had been given included possible lesser charges they could find Juarez guilty of if they didn't believe his crimes rose to the level of robbery. They concluded he did not rob Fourtane and instead found him guilty of three counts of grand theft, a lesser conspiracy charge, and burglary.

### Aggravating

O'Keefe also found three aggravating factors, which could lead to a harsher sentence, including that "the manner in which the crime was carried out indicates planning, sophistication or professionalism," that the "crime involved an attempted or actual taking or damage of great monetary value," and that "the defendant's prior convictions as an adult or

sustained petitions in juvenile delinquency proceedings are numerous or of increasing seriousness."

Following the verdict, sentencing was set for Tuesday and then delayed until Thursday.

Juarez remains in Monterey County Jail on \$185,000 bail, and two other cases are proceeding against him: a 2023 misdemeanor battery and a June 2024 felony assault likely to cause great bodily injury. Both occurred while Juarez was in custody.

In the latter incident, he attacked Rory Johnson, according to the criminal complaint.

Jail records indicate a 20-year-old inmate by that name was incarcerated May 23 by Salinas P.D. for felony pimping, pandering, human trafficking and carrying a loaded gun that didn't belong to him, all felonies.



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# Police & Sheriff's Log

## Stealing isn't one of the 12 steps

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

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

**Pacific Grove:** Police contacted a subject loitering near a bank on Forest Avenue, and he was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. The 30-year-old male was arrested.

**Carmel Valley:** Report of alleged sexual abuse at a residence on Cachagua Road residence.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Wallet found at Mission and Sixth.

**Pacific Grove:** Officers were dispatched to report of burglary from a vehicle on Pine Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** A welfare check was conducted on a subject on Forest Avenue. The 40-year-old male subject was arrested for public intoxication.

**Pacific Grove:** Officers were dispatched to a vehicle blocking a roadway on Congress Avenue. The 65-year-old male driver was arrested for driving under the influence.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle on Morse Drive marked for 72-hour parking.

**Pacific Grove:** Theft from an unlocked vehicle on 18th Street.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a vehicle on

First Street that was tampered with.

**Pacific Grove:** A subject was observed trying vehicle door handles in a parking lot on Ocean View Boulevard. Subject was located and arrested for various charges, including the manufacture or sale of large-capacity magazines, petty theft, public intoxication (toluene), loitering and vehicle tampering. The 19-year-old male was transported to county jail.

**Carmel Valley:** Report of vandalism on Nason Road involving a 33-year-old female victim.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to a report of loud music at a residence on Brookdale Drive.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Domestic dispute involving an intoxicated subject at Mission and Fifth at 1833 hours. Counseled to resolution, information only.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report of a lost dog at Eighth and Scenic. Found and returned to owner.

**Pacific Grove:** Suspicious phone calls received by a resident on 11th Street.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Missing plastic exterior piece of vehicle at Junipero and Fourth. Information only.

See **POLICE LOG** page 7RE  
in the Real Estate Section



## The gavel falls

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

**Oct. 17** — Jacinto Cortez-Gerardo, 48, was sentenced to six years in prison after pleading no contest to one count of Penal Code 245(c), assault on a peace officer with a deadly weapon, and admitting an enhancement under Penal Code § 12022.7(a), personally inflicting great bodily injury.

On May 13, a little before 9 a.m., officer Braden Palma of the Seaside Police Department contacted multiple transients, including Cortez-Gerardo, who were blocking the exit door to the Wingstop on Playa Avenue. Palma told the transients to move on from the business' exit ramp on the rear side of the business.

Cortez-Gerardo refused to do so and had created a makeshift barricade blocking the exit ramp. Palma saw Cortez-Gerardo also had a makeshift spear and shield and had

a pile of small-to medium-sized rocks near Cortez-Gerardo's feet.

Cortez-Gerardo quickly picked up the makeshift spear while Palma spoke with Cortez-Gerardo. Palma called for back-up and continued to politely engage Cortez-Gerardo while asking him to leave the barricaded area. Initially, Cortez-Gerardo gave Palma a fake name and eventually acknowledged he may have some problems with the law. When Palma asked to conduct a probation compliance check, Cortez-Gerardo refused, despite being on probation and subject to search terms.

For 20 minutes, Cortez-Gerardo refused to follow any orders or requests while holding the makeshift spear and shield and sometimes making veiled threats that someone

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# Hyberbaric chamber saves diver

By MARY SCHLEY

A SCUBA diver on Sunday had to be treated in the Pacific Grove Hyberbaric Chamber after surfacing too quickly and losing consciousness, according to Monterey Fire Chief Andrew Miller.

At around 9 a.m. Oct. 20, firefighters were dispatched to a medical emergency at Wharf 2 in Monterey “for a diver who lost consciousness during a rapid ascent from 99 feet below the surface,” he said. The fire department helped treat the diver, who was not identified, until an ambulance arrived and paramedics took over. They took the victim to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, where the emergency team quickly evaluated the diver’s condition and referred the case to the P.G. Hyperbaric Chamber for treatment, according to Miller.

At 9:45 a.m. the hyperbaric chamber team — comprising volunteer nurses, doctors and other skilled medical providers — was notified of the incident and activated the facility, where the diver underwent treatment for around six hours.

“After treatment, the diver’s symptoms — consistent with an arterial gas embolism or the ‘bends’ — were almost completely resolved,” he said.

### Not many

Despite the popularity and prevalence of scuba diving up and down the California Coast, and the dangers that accompany it, the Pacific Grove facility is one of just a few in the state that specializes in

providing emergency care for such diving accidents.

The chamber is also used to treat victims of carbon monoxide poisoning.

The original chamber, which was purchased in 1966 with funds donated by diving clubs, local service clubs and P.G. taxpayers, was housed in the Pacific Grove Fire Station but operated by members of a volunteer coastal patrol group.

It was primarily used for treating injured divers, though military pilots who suffered altitude bends also recovered there, with the process taking 12 to 36 hours.

### Staffed 24/7

Later, more than \$210,000 in donations were raised to purchase a new hyperbaric chamber, an air compressor and air storage tanks, and to construct the treatment room, with a new facility coming online in 1984.

In 1991, training requirements changed to follow the standards for the National Board of Diving and Hyperbaric Technicians.

Pacific Grove Ocean Rescue, which was responsible for the chamber, was disbanded in 2006, around the time the Pacific Grove Fire Department merged with Monterey Fire Department, and the Pacific Grove Hyperbaric Chamber organization separated from the fire department.

When an emergency such as Sunday’s diving accident occurs, the hospital’s emergency department or a doctor will notify a chamber supervisor, who coordinates with the team for treatment. The chamber is staffed 24/7.

## Correction


CARMEL CITY Council candidate Parker Logan filed a Form 470 statement with the city clerk’s office Sept. 30 indicating he has not received any campaign funds and does not anticipate spending more than \$2,000 in his election bid. A

story last week stated he had not filed the form. Logan said that while he has many supporters who have offered to donate, he has declined. “Instead, I offer a listening ear and a promise to support the values and needs of the residents of this city,” he said.

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# OLD HOUSE TOO DECREPIT, NOT SPECIAL ENOUGH FOR MANDATORY PRESERVATION

By MARY SCHLEY

A 103-YEAR-OLD house on Camino Real should either be protected because it represents early 20th century architecture in Carmel, or it has no place on the city's inventory of historic properties because it's "at best a mediocre example."

Given those dueling opinions from historical consultants and the exceedingly poor condition of the home, the historic resources board on Monday unanimously voted to keep it off the list of buildings that must be preserved.

In September, city-hired consultant Meg Clovis — who has seen several of her evaluations disregarded by decision makers — determined the board-and-batten home built in 1921 qualifies for the historic inventory because it is representative of the theme of "Architectural Development in Carmel (1888-1965)" and "embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region or method of construction."

Associate planner Katherine Wallace agreed. "It's not a good example of an architectural style, but it is a good example of a type of construction recognized as significant," she told the board Oct. 21.

Clovis identified the type of construction as "Carmel Early 20th Century Residential Architecture ('Other, with Craftsman

influences')," and concluded that the home has sufficient Craftsman characteristics pertaining to shape, rooflines, floorplan, windows and other elements, even if it doesn't have all of them. The evaluation also concluded it has retained substantial integrity.

### 'Crumbling in on itself'

"It should be noted the present condition of the building is poor," Wallace said. It's been vacant for several years and is contaminated with black mold.

But its decrepitude should not disqualify it from mandatory preservation, she said, pointing to the Jeffers log cabin on Monte Verde Street that has been condemned for more than two decades — and which the historic resources board decided in 2018 should be replicated since it can't be saved.

"A measure of integrity is not the same as an assessment of condition," Wallace said.

The owner, Tricia Bland, and her agent, Susan Fox, disagreed with Clovis' evaluation and hired consultant Anthony Kirk to review it.

In a one-page letter, Kirk pointed out that Clovis "makes no attempt to define the style of what she calls, 'Other.'"

He also said that according to the

Carmel Municipal Code, "in order to qualify for the Carmel Inventory, the building should be 'a good example of an architectural style or type of construction recognized as significant in the Historic Context Statement' or 'display a rare style or type for which special consideration should be given.'"

"The style of the house is not found anywhere in the Carmel Historic Context Statement, and Ms. Clovis makes no attempt to designate it 'a rare style or type of construction,'" he wrote. "As such, the house does not appear eligible for listing in the Carmel Historic Resources Inventory, and the City of Carmel should not place the property in the inventory."

Wallace said she reviewed Kirk's letter but sided with Clovis and recommended the historic resources board put the residence on the list.

Fox told the board the home has black mold, leaks and bees in the chimney. She

also said contractors have advised the house can't reasonably be salvaged.

"The foundation is gone," she said. "It's really crumbling in on itself."

### Preservation's place

Longtime resident Bud Smith, who lives across the street and was a frequent visitor when the previous occupants lived there, said he supports the principle of historic designation.

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This Camino Real home has some Craftsman elements, but it's not important enough and too bad of shape to force the owners to preserve it.

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## Bill to pay for veterans' trips to docs

By KELLY NIX

REP. JIMMY Panetta has reintroduced legislation that seeks to establish a permanent program to transport veterans to their medical appointments. More than 32,000 former U.S. servicemembers live in the congressman's district.

The bill, dubbed the Veterans Earned Transportation Act, would set up a program to offer veterans rides to VA medical centers for vocational rehabilitation, counseling, medical treatment and other appointments. The transportation services, which would be free, would be especially helpful for those who are elderly, visually impaired, mobility impaired, or live in remote and rural areas, Panetta said.

The 19th Congressional District includes South San Jose, part of Santa Cruz, coastal Monterey County and northern San Luis Obispo County.

"This legislation would ensure permanent funding for vital VA transportation services, allowing veterans, regardless of their ability or where they live, to access the mental, physical and vocational care that they may need," Panetta said. "Taking this action is a big step toward ensuring

that the United States is serving all those who served our country."

Panetta introduced similar legislation in 2021, but it failed to get a vote in the House.

### 'Owe them'

While a few programs offer free transportation or reimbursement for travel, they are limited to specific classes of veterans, or the programs must be renewed periodically, a spokesman told The Pine Cone. Panetta's legislation would make transportation services permanent and open to all veterans.

Panetta, himself a veteran, added that many former servicemembers in the country who live in rural areas have a challenging time accessing healthcare services because of the lack of proximity to VA clinics.

Joining Panetta in reintroducing the bill are Republican Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick from Pennsylvania and Democratic Rep. Ted Lieu from California, who said, "We owe it to them to make sure they have access to mental health care, medical treatment, job training services, and more offered by the VA."

## POTTER REELECTED TO CITIES LEAGUE

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

IN LONG BEACH last Thursday, Carmel Mayor Dave Potter was reelected as a state director for the Monterey Bay Division of the League of California Cities during the organization's annual conference. The league represents cities in dealings with Sacramento.

"In this role, Potter will continue to represent the needs of Carmel-by-the-Sea, as well as advocating for small cities and towns across California," according to the announcement of the appointment.

As a state director, Potter represents cities in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties.

The League of California Cities "advocates tirelessly on the issues that matter most to California's 482 towns and cities," by working with regional field staff and lawmakers to draft, sponsor and support legislation that promotes and preserves local decision-making. The group also lobbies against policy that erodes local control and forms coalitions with other associations and stakeholders in furthering common goals.

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# Panetta secures more money for MRV

By MARY SCHLEY

U.S. REP. Jimmy Panetta has secured \$14.2 million in federal tax dollars to help fund the first phase of construction of the new 65,000-square-foot terminal at Monterey Regional Airport. The congressman announced this week he obtained the grant through the Airport Terminal Program funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which provided \$15 billion for airport infrastructure improvements.

The design phase of the project, which includes building a new terminal south of the existing building, improved internal airport access and enhanced road access — including a Monterey-Salinas Transit hub — has been completed.

The new terminal will also have jet bridges, eliminating the need for passengers to walk across the tarmac and climb stairs to reach their aircraft.

In a statement, Panetta said residents and visitors deserve an airport “that is safe, reliable and comfortable.”

### Safety first

“I’m proud to ensure that the federal government is investing in local airports like ours to meet the demands of modern travelers with updated amenities and enhanced safety features,” he said. “With this federal support, we will continue to improve the mobility, economy, and quality of life in California’s 19th Congressional District.”

Airport executive director Mike La Pier, who recently announced he’ll be retiring, said that while Panetta has gotten more than

\$64 million in federal taxpayer funds for the terminal design, tarmac improvements, and other modernization and safety initiatives, the allocation announced this week represents the first earmarked directly for construction.

“With the design completed, we will be ready to move forward with the start of the construction in the spring, with completion sometime in late 2026,” he said, adding that he’s grateful to Panetta for his advocacy on behalf of the airport.

“It means a great deal to the airport to have such strong support in the district and in Washington,” he said.

### \$175M cost

In addition to responding to the needs generated by increasing traffic at the airport, the new terminal project was necessitated by the Federal Aviation Administration’s requirement that MRV relocate the passenger facilities to make way for operational safety enhancements to Taxiway A, which connects to and supports the primary air carrier Runway 10R-28L.

To accommodate that, the old general-aviation hangars and fire station were demolished and relocated to the other side of the airport, and work on the new commercial apron and taxiways is underway. In June, long-term parking was moved to make space for those additions. Construction includes laying underground utilities for the ramp and the new terminal and covering them with concrete strong enough to withstand the weight of multiple planes and related equipment.

The whole project is expected to cost \$175 million.

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# Lawsuit: Homicide scared customers

By KELLY NIX

**T**HE OWNERS of a King City laundromat have filed a lawsuit against the municipality alleging it's responsible for a significant loss in sales following a March shooting at a home near the business in which four people — including a woman celebrating her birthday — were murdered.

Maria Lopez and Anthony Mora, co-owners of The Laundry Lounge on Second Street, contend in a complaint filed Monday that prior to the fatal shooting on March 3, they complained to the King City Police Department about “municipal violations” at the home — which is across the street from the laundromat — but that officers “did nothing about it.”

### ‘Negligent’

Lopez and Mora contend they were netting between \$10,000 to \$15,000 per month from The Laundry Lounge before the slayings but have since seen a loss of about \$2,000 per month. They say the reason for the downturn is that customers are

afraid to patronize the business.

“This significant loss of income is causing co-owners Anthony Mora and Maria Lopez financial difficulties that they attribute to the negligence of the King City Police Department,” according to the lawsuit filed Monday in Monterey

County Superior Court by their Salinas attorney, John Klopfenstein.

The pair accuses the King City Police Department of ignoring their complaints which they say was a “substantial factor in causing” them financial harm. The lawsuit does not include details of their complaints.

Lopez and Mora are seeking an undisclosed amount in damages, including punitive damages, which can be awarded in cases involving oppression, malice or fraud.

“Plaintiffs are entitled to punitive damages to punish defendants and to deter such conduct in the future,” their lawsuit says.

City manager Steve Adams said the plaintiffs filed a claim with King City but

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# ‘Pampas’ disappears, but whodunit?

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO THE surprise of locals who frequently drive past the crest of Hurricane Point in Big Sur, a massive patch of invasive jubata grass (*Cortaderia jubata*) that once loomed over Highway 1 disappeared this past summer.

The topic came up the Sept. 13 Big Sur Multi-Agency Council meeting. Longtime resident Steve Beck asked, “Who can we thank?” El Sur Ranch, it turns out.

The ranch has “sponsored a company out of Oregon that specializes in climbing steep places and eradicating pampas grass in as many places as possible along the coast,” ranch spokesperson David Armanasco told The Pine Cone.

Armanasco said a 17-man team “strategically” mapped out its work before getting started and used special shoes to safely complete the task on acres of steep slopes. “This was a specialized crew,” he explained.

According to Armanasco, the ranch is doing the eradication because the invasive plant’s seeds spread so easily and overtake native vegetation.

The work is part of larger effort to eradicate jubata grass between Garrapata Creek and Big Sur Valley. Armanasco reported that the effort will resume next spring.

The first step in removing the grass is to apply an herbicide. Kevin Drabinski of Caltrans said the product used is approved by the EPA and is the “least toxic” option.

While the work crew was busy treating the invasive plants, Caltrans managed traffic control just below along Highway 1.

### ‘Slow-moving crisis’

Commonly known as pampas grass, jubata grass clings to many hillsides in Big Sur, where its large feathery plumes can be seen swaying in the breeze. Because some motorists think it’s cool, you’ll see a sprig of it attached to a car’s antenna, which helps spread its seeds to other hillsides.

Beck has long sounded the alarm over invasive weeds along the coast, which he called “a slow-moving crisis.” He noted the patch at Hurricane Point was the largest between Big Sur and Carmel Highlands, and he’s happy to see it gone.

“I couldn’t be more delighted,” he said.

While he and others have called for efforts to remove the nonnative plants, some have suggested the work will be in vain because they are simply too hardy and prolific.

### Can it be stopped?

But Beck said he believes invasive plants can be removed successfully, which in turn makes it easier for native plants to thrive. “This is proof you can stop the spread of it,” he said.

Another longtime local, Kodiak Greenwood, said the “critical spot treatment” of invasive plants “has a great success rate with little overall environmental impact,” as long as “it’s kept clear of riparian areas.”

Monterey County Planning Commissioner Martha Diehl said that while she has some concerns about herbicides, she supports the effort to get rid of jubata grass due to wildfire risks and the threat it poses to native ecosystems.

Jubata grass comes from Ecuador, Peru and Chile. While its seeds have a poor germination rate, the plant produces a lot of them, and they are carried afar by the wind and often get caught in car tires.

The spread of jubata grass risks harming native plants, including at least one that is protected.

A Caltrans report from 2016 noted that efforts to protect the endangered Smith’s Blue Butterfly are dependent on ensuring that its host plants, Seaside and Coast buckwheat, survive — something that is threatened by the spread of jubata grass. “Any mitigation replanting” of buckwheat “should be coupled with follow-up measures” that keep the site “free of invasive plant species.”

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P.G. welcomes Chinese pavilion

By CHRIS COUNTS

HONORING THE contributions of Chinese immigrants to Pacific Grove and other local communities over the past century-and-a-half, a pavilion is set to be built at the Elmarie Dyke Open Space next to Chautauqua Hall.

particular, and educational exhibits.”

The design of the structure will be a blend of Chinese and contemporary architecture. “There will also be an Oriental garden and a Chinese moon gate, which is a traditional circular entrance to a Chinese garden,” according to the plan.

The pavilion will stand as a tribute to the resiliency of the local Chinese-American community and the spirit of cooperation between the United States and China.

Pavilions date back more than 2,000 years in China. Built in varying sizes and shapes, they are often found within temples and in parks and gardens.

Nov. 9 fundraiser

Chinese immigrants first came to California during the Gold Rush in 1849 and played a key role in building the western portion of the first transcontinental railroad and various branch routes within

the state, including from San Francisco to the Monterey Peninsula. They also established fishing villages at Point Lobos and other local sites. In 1906, fire destroyed their fishing village at Point Alones near the site of today’s Monterey Bay Aquarium.

So far, \$200,000 has been raised to pay for the pavilion, and organizers are hoping to come up with the balance by the end of the year. Chef Lee’s Mandarin House in Monterey will host a fundraiser for it Nov. 9, with a silent auction. Meanwhile, final plans for the pavilion “will be brought forth to the city council for approval before construction begins.”



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An effort is underway to raise money to build a pavilion next to Chautauqua Hall in Pacific Grove to honor the contributions of Chinese-Americans.

In the works for two years, the \$400,000 project is being promoted by the Monterey Bay Chinese Association and was endorsed by the Pacific Grove City Council April 3. According to the group, the pavilion “will be an important step in recognizing the key role that Chinese played in Pacific Grove history.”

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Known as the Chinese Pavilion, the open-air structure will not only be a distinctive local landmark, it will provide space for “community events, including festivals and the Chinese New Year in



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# Newsom in Seattle to help Dems

By CAITLIN CONRAD

WITH JUST days to go until a hotly contested presidential election, California Gov. Gavin Newsom spent the weekend in Seattle rallying Democrats there ahead of Nov. 5.

Newsom was in Washington state to promote the campaigns of Democratic Party candidates, including Vice President Kamala Harris and Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson, who is running for governor.

The Saturday event was held at the Seattle headquarters for the Washington State Democrats. Newsom was there to meet with donors and fire-up volunteers brought in to knock on doors and make calls for the party's phone bank.

In an interview with KOMO News at the event, Newsom was asked if his reason for showing up in Washington was a concern about Democrats chances in the reliably blue state.

"The opposite, I feel like it is a sister state with California in the context of climate, energy policy, and the work we are doing together to eliminate poverty," Newsom said.

Another focus of Newsom's during the trip was a ballot initiative in the State of Washington to repeal the state's Climate Commitment Act, also known as the "cap and invest" program, which some blame for increases in the state's gasoline prices.

"I was here for your current Governor around your cap and invest program, which California advanced over a decade ago, to make sure you're defeating that initiative," said Newsom during the interview.

Supporters of the ballot measure to repeal cap and invest argue the climate law has increased the cost of gas in the state, but opponents claim the law has limited

pollution while providing funding for transportation.

Washington has one of the highest average gas prices in the nation, at \$4.06 a gallon, second only to California where drivers are paying an average of \$4.61.

Backers of the initiative to repeal cap and invest in the State of Washington have called the program a hidden gas tax and blame it for pain at the pump. The program sets a cap on carbon emissions in the state and requires businesses to buy allowances equal to their greenhouse gas emissions.

These allowances are traded at quarterly auctions, and the money funds climate initiatives in the state.

Supporters of the rollback argue the law hasn't stopped drivers from hitting the road, or trucks from transporting goods, but instead has only increased the price of doing so in Washington.

"It punishes working families and doesn't actually reduce emissions in our state. People still need to drive to work, and go to the grocery store, and drop kids off at school," said initiative sponsor State Representative Jim Walsh, a Republican.

### We're No. 1

The stated purpose of the climate law is to get the State of Washington to net zero emissions by 2050, similar to California's cap and trade program, which also aims to lower emissions. Both states have been proponents of getting drivers out of internal-combustion-powered vehicles and into electric vehicles and public transportation.

At the Seattle event, Geek Wire reported Washington Governor Jay Inslee and Newsom had a good-humored back and forth over who's state is leading the fight against climate change. According to

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## TOGETHER, LET'S FORGE A BETTER PATH FORWARD!

# Monterey man faces years behind bars for lengthy list of crimes

By KELLY NIX

other felonies and misdemeanors, and faces up to seven years in prison when he's sentenced next month.

On Oct. 18, Leslie Flores Sr., 59, pleaded no contest, the same as a guilty plea, to a host of charges, according to

the Monterey County District Attorney's Office. His plea came four days after the start of his jury trial.

Flores — who owns multiple rental properties in Monterey — was involved in what prosecutors described as "crime spree" that began in March 2022, when he and his son, Leslie Flores Jr., assaulted a bouncer at Britannia Arms on Alvarado Street.

"At one point Flores Jr. was strangling the bouncer while Flores Sr. prevented onlookers from coming to the bouncer's aid," the DA's office said. T

he bouncer survived the attack, and the younger Flores was convicted for misdemeanor assault likely to produce great bodily injury.

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## Park clears brush to reduce fire danger

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO REDUCE the risk of a dangerous wildfire, the Monterey Peninsula is thinning vegetation on 6.2 acres adjacent to East Garzas Road in Carmel Valley.

According to the park district, the project's goals include "pruning tree limbs that are near the ground, trimming back shrubs and woody vegetation in the forest understory, removing invasive weeds and other nonnative vegetation, and chipping and scattering cleared vegetation."

By thinning vegetation, fire officials seek to create what they call a shaded fuel break. While such a measure won't stop a wildfire from spreading, it can reduce its intensity and severity, while keeping

flames closer to the ground. By slowing a fire, responders have more time to stop it before it gets out of control.

The work, which will cost taxpayers \$80,000, is expected to take about two weeks, although periodic "maintenance" will be needed every one to three years.

### Eucalyptus next

Also, the park district has plans to "remove, thin and treat" three stands of eucalyptus on 12.2 acres in the park. Some will be taken out, while others will be pruned. The trees, which are native to Australia, pose a significant fire risk, and crowd out oaks, riparian trees and native shrubs.

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## PANETTA'S DISTRICT IS 30TH RICHEST

By KELLY NIX

THE 19th Congressional District, the area U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta represents, is one of the wealthiest districts in the country, according to a study released Tuesday.

Financial technology company SmartAsset ranked 435 congressional areas based on the percentage of households with more than \$200,000 in annual income, the IRS threshold for "high earners."

### Big money

The company, which examined 2023 U.S. Census Bureau income data, found that in Panetta's district, 72,174 of households, or 26.6 percent, earn more than \$200,000, making it the 30th richest in the United States.

The wealthiest district in the country, California's 17th, represented by Democrat Ro Khanna, is just south of San Francisco, stretching from Cupertino to Fremont.

"The median household income in California's 17th Congressional District is

\$175,010," the company said. "Potentially due to its proximity to Silicon Valley, 44.3 percent of households in this district earn over \$200,000 per year. This makes it the richest congressional district in the U.S."

Coming in a close second is the 16th Congressional District, which includes parts of San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, where 43.4 percent of households earn more than \$200,000 annually. Democrat Anna Eshoo represents the district.

The third spot in the nation went to New York's 12th Congressional District, located in the middle of Manhattan, which is represented by Democrat Jerry Nadler.

In addition to the 26.2 percent of households in Panetta's district that earn more than \$200,000, SmartAsset spokesman Steve Sabato told The Pine Cone that 18.6 percent of households in this district earn between \$100,000 to \$149,999, 12.1 percent earn \$150,000 to \$199,999 and 10.9 percent earn \$75,000 to \$99,999. About 4 percent of households in Panetta's district earn less than \$10,000.

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# Cameras to capture illegal dumping

By KELLY NIX

THOSE CONSIDERING discarding an old mattress, furniture, motor oil or other junk along the side of the road in Monterey County might want to reconsider. That's because officials have installed cameras at some of the more popular dumping sites in hopes of catching the scofflaws.

Monterey County Environmental Health Bureau supervisor Maria Ferdin told the press Wednesday that as part of an "illegal dumping pilot surveillance project" it installed two motion-activated cameras Sept. 16 in undisclosed areas in the county where people often discard trash. The county has purchased six and plans on installing the other four soon.

### Effective

"The purpose of the cameras is to significantly reduce illegal dumping in Monterey County," Ferdin said. "We are doing it to protect public lands and private properties from dumped household garbage, furniture, unknown liquid wastes, and hazardous wastes."

The cellular-powered Reconyx Hyperfire 2 cameras, which take still photos, are also used by law enforcement agencies, hunters and others.

"The images they capture go to the cloud, and we are able to view them," Ferdin explained.

While they capture images of a lot of

things, including passing cars, dog walkers and families on strolls, just three days after installation one of them caught a man dumping a mattress on the side of a county road near Highway 1 close to an agricultural field.

"The cameras captured an individual in a Ram truck, four-door with tinted windows, disposing of a box spring," Ferdin said. "The man dumped it within 34 seconds."

Though the truck's license plate was not readable, the county released photos in hopes the man can be identified.

### Pricey fines

Mattresses and box springs are free to dispose of at the Marina landfill, but the penalties for discarding junk are steep.

"Illegal dumping citations begin at \$2,500 for a first offense, then they go up from there," Ferdin said. "The second offense is \$5,000 and the third offense is \$10,000."

Depending on what is disposed of, she said environmental health sometimes contacts the district attorney's office for possible criminal charges.

While the cameras aren't perfect and don't capture good-quality images when it's dark, the hope is that people will think twice about abandoning their junk in public areas.

"You are paying for illegal dumping as a taxpayer," Ferdin said.



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# ROBOTICS

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“Our goal is to eliminate the friction points that have slowed the development of new ag-tech solutions,” said Walt Duflock, senior vice president of innovation at the Western Growers Association, one of the conference partners. “Reservoir Farms offers a new model, where start-ups can work side by side with growers to test their technologies, iterate in a low-stakes environment, and build scalable solutions to improve agriculture’s operations.”

When Reservoir Farms opens in early 2025, it will house space for more than a dozen fledgling ag-tech companies to test their new technologies in a real-world agricultural setting at a relatively low cost. With customizable farm plots and crop types, the founders envision the development and testing of autonomous machines to perform tasks such as grading, weeding and spraying.

“As robotics and automation become more integral to California agriculture, it’s essential to have facilities like Reservoir Farms embedded within the farming

community,” said Gabriel Youtsey, chief innovation officer at the University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, also a partner in the new ag tech center. “By bridging the gap between lab-based research and real-world application, Reservoir Farms can help build the workforce and technology needed to address the critical challenges on the farm, from labor shortages to climate change.”

With initial locations in the Salinas Valley and Merced, Reservoir Farms is positioning itself to support more than 50 start-ups and create more than 1,000 jobs over the next five years. In addition to the physical farmland and infrastructure, it will provide storage and laboratory space, expert mentorship, access to potential investors, and shared, state-of-the-art equipment that emerging companies otherwise cannot afford.



Many companies are developing agricultural robots, including this one from Naio Technologies, but much more innovation is needed, say the backers of a new ag tech center in the Salinas Valley.

### Early-stage startups

The effort is an outgrowth of HawkTower, a new Monterey Peninsula-based venture capital firm that aims to invest in early-stage startups in rural areas of California that have been overlooked by investors.

“We are helping to make Salinas a destination for early ag-tech research and development by providing facilities that are so much more cost effective than the alternatives,”

said Danny Bernstein, founder of HawkTower and CEO of The Reservoir. “The ag companies, especially in specialty crops, are begging for more automation, and this will really set up the Salinas Valley as a center of robotics development.”

Hartnell College in Salinas, which has a growing ag tech training program, has been a collaborator in Reservoir Farms “since Day 1,” Bernstein said. Hartnell will be doing workforce development training at the test farm, with the aim of placing its graduates into ag-tech roles.

California leaders have been making a case for the importance of high-tech agricultural advancements for many years, noting that they are essential for the state’s \$60 billion-per-year agricultural industry to remain competitive with lower-cost produce being imported from countries in Asia and Central and South America.

California growers are facing labor shortages and rising costs across the board, including labor and water, as well as the impacts of climate change and inconsistent weather. Changes to U.S. border policy and impacts to immigration are creating additional pressures for domestic agriculture by curtailing the availability of workers.

Autonomous farming techniques that don’t rely on physical human labor — which can compensate for labor

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shortages and potentially reduce crop costs — are considered vital to the state’s agricultural future. Others say that maintaining domestic food production in the United States is also vital to national security.

U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta, who lives in Carmel Valley, recently visited a Braga Fresh field in the Salinas Valley for a demonstration of regenerative carbon capture to preserve soil and laser weeding to reduce labor costs. Braga Fresh officials, who are extensively using ag tech today, said that weeding a field would otherwise require 25 to 40 people to work by hand.

Panetta posted to social media afterward, “Great visit to a local producer to see firsthand how innovations in agriculture and technology are having a direct impact in the fields. We’re a leader in sustainable agriculture and ag tech, and with continued federal investments we’ll continue to be at the forefront.”

### Showcasing innovations

According to Bernstein, Reservoir Farms is fully funded to realize its ambitions within the next several months. While he declined to state the exact location of the planned 50-acre facility, he said construction will begin shortly on buildings that will include a 40,000-square-foot warehouse and shared workshop, and a dozen 1,000-square-foot “megatronics shops” where rovers and drones can be stored for testing.

Reservoir Farms will operate on a rental model, with businesses paying for access to the research and development equipment, field testing and secure equipment storage. There will be co-working and convening space as well. Customized planting will be available for whatever crop needs to be tested, at a specialized row width or size, as crops are planted at different widths for different machinery. Customer demonstration days are planned, where startups can showcase their innovations, Bernstein said.

### High-tech products

While at Reservoir Farms, startups will work with the Western Growers Association on a validation process and a quantitative “scorecard” that give the fledgling companies feedback on scalability, efficacy and financial viability. This validation, combined with field testing by university researchers, will help startups refine their products, build trust with growers, and speed their high-tech products to market.

Businesses already lined up to take part in Reservoir Farms include local names such as Taylor Farms and Driscoll. Additional supporting partners include Central Coast Small Business Development Center, Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action, Digital NEST, Farmhand Ventures, Merced County Farm Bureau, MilanoTechnical Group, Monterey Bay Drone Automation & Robotics Technology, Monterey Bay Economic Partnership, Monterey County Farm Bureau, Tesseract Ventures, and The Vine.

# Hundreds of Carmel voters already cast ballots

## Opportunities for the not registered

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH A little more than a week to go before Election Day, just over a third of Carmel’s registered voters have already returned ballots containing their choices for mayor, city council and other key local and state offices, according to the Monterey County Elections Department.

And perhaps indicating the level of interest in this year’s race, two dozen more residents registered to vote in the city in the past few months, bringing the total to just under 2,500 people.

Over the years, elections departments in California have sought to make casting ballots easier. Not only is

voting by mail an increasingly popular practice — the vast majority of Carmel’s constituents are registered to always receive mail-in ballots — drop boxes have been placed in every community to allow residents to deliver their ballots any time of day.

In Carmel-by-the-Sea, the secure box is located near the polling place at Sunset Center, while others have been installed at Carmel Valley Library at 65 W. Carmel Valley Road in the Village, 650 Canyon del Rey in Del Rey Oaks, Marina Community Center at 211 Hillcrest Ave., Monterey Public Library (625 Pacific St.), P.G. City Hall at 300 Forest Ave., and Seaside City Hall at 440 Harcourt Ave.

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## Carmel: Practically Halloween Town

By MARY SCHLEY

‘AS WE all know, Halloween in Carmel is a big thing,’ community activities assistant Leslie Fenton said in the city’s weekly video Friday.

That’s because while people everywhere enjoy costumes, candy, parties and shenanigans on Oct. 31, that spot on the calendar also marks the city’s date of incorporation, and it’s turning 108 this year.

The traditional festivities will begin with a not-quite-so-old one. In the 9th Annual Pumpkin Roll on Oct. 26, participants select gourds from a pile available on Santa Fe Street and roll them down Ocean Avenue into a giant dumpster at Junipero, where they land with bangs and splats if they don’t turn to mush along the way.

#### Pumpkin cheers

The event runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Ocean Avenue is closed between Carpenter and Junipero that day until around 3 p.m., “or when we can get everything cleaned up,” Fenton said. Guadalupe, Santa Rita, Santa Fe and Torres will be closed at their Ocean Avenue intersections during that time, as well.

“It’s a lot of fun,” she said, adding that this year, the Carmel Middle School cheerleaders will be there to help egg everyone on.

And for those who worry about the waste, the pumpkin wreckage is taken to

the composters at the dump in Marina.

On Halloween, which falls on a Thursday this year, Ocean Avenue will again close, this time at around 4:15 p.m., for the city’s birthday parade of costumed residents, dogs, kids, dignitaries, clubs, nonprofits and everyone else who wants to take part.

Staging will take place in the area of Mission and Sixth near Devendorf Park, and the procession will head down Ocean, make a U-turn at Monte Verde and return to the park, where a birthday party will run from 5 to 7 p.m. with live music by Shannon and the Night Divers, trick-or-treating for the kids — and snacks for all.

#### Hot dogs are back

“Due to popular demand, we are bringing back free hot dogs, chips and water,” Fenton announced Friday, “so that’s always a big, fun time.”

Sunset Center is sponsoring the music, while the Carmel Host Lions are providing the food.

The streets around Devendorf Park will be closed from 2 p.m. until the parade and party are over, and the cross streets on Ocean between Junipero and Monte Verde will reopen as soon as the procession has passed and it’s safe for cars again.

To take part in the parade, go to [ci.carmel.ca.us/post/spooky-season-almost-here-0](http://ci.carmel.ca.us/post/spooky-season-almost-here-0) and click on the “parade participation form” link.



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# Biff Smith honored with concert, fund

By MARY SCHLEY

COLORFUL IN every respect, including his attire, Carmel resident, jazz pianist, teacher and magician Biff Smith will be remembered next week during a three-hour tribute by the band for which he played and wrote songs for many years, Along Came Betty. The Nov. 3 gig will take place in Characters lounge, the Monterey Marriott bar that was recently reimagined and reopened as a music club with high-top tables, low lighting, and live jazz and other entertainment.

Smith, a renowned musician and former

longtime Stevenson School English teacher and piano instructor who saw many of his students go on to great acclaim, enjoyed a lengthy career with Along Came Betty, drummer Patrick Tregenza's band, and produced solo albums, as well. Smith died June 20 at the age of 81.

Set for 4 to 7 p.m. on the stage in the Characters lounge in the hotel on Calle Principal, the tribute will include Along Came Betty alumni Pete Lips, Stu Reynolds, Brian Stock, Paul Tarantino, Steve Uccello, Bill Spencer and Tregenza, as well as special guests.

"Join us for an immersive experience that celebrates Smith's original Hard Bob compositions featuring a carefully curated selection of tunes from the band's seven albums produced over the last 25 years," Tregenza said.

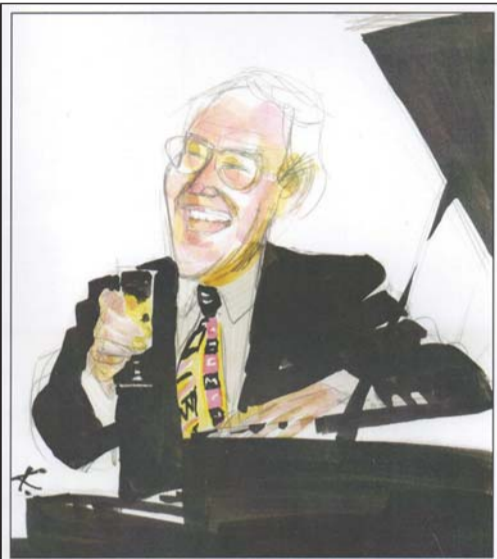
### Jazz endowment

No doubt a few anecdotes and observations — such as Smith's penchant for creative song names ("The Surreptitious Sorrows of Suburban Sycophants," for one) — will be shared throughout the evening, too.

There is no cover charge for the show, but donations to the new Biff Smith Jazz Endowment Fund, organized by Smith's widow, Camille d'Avenas, and overseen by The Monterey Jazz Festival, are encouraged.

Lauren Tobin, director of media and strategic relations for the festival — for which Smith was a board member and performer for several years — said she's pleased to be overseeing the endowment, which will award scholarships to deserving piano students.

"I hope that we can build a fund that pays a fitting tribute to Biff and inspires future jazz pianists," she said. To contribute, visit [tinyurl.com/Biff-Smith-Endowment](http://tinyurl.com/Biff-Smith-Endowment).



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Lately there have been posts that say I'm a madman, a racist, crazy, that I have anger issues that they are sure to exist in my home and it just goes on and on. Funny thing is not one of these people has met me or talked to me face to face. Reality is that in the 3,000+ times I have spoken on an issue at a city meeting maybe a dozen times I was so frustrated by the lack of understanding of the issue by the powers that be, or due to my passion about the subject, I raised my voice, not in anger, but in an attempt to get their attention. This doesn't mean I have mental or medical issues as some claim to try to marginalize me. It means that the council needs to listen to perspectives other than their own. So please, ignore the keyboard warriors that will stop at nothing to get their candidate elected and vote responsibly on November 5th

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# CRIMES

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The elder Flores pleaded guilty to numerous crimes, including having a short-barreled rifle/assault weapon, recklessly evading and resisting police, assault likely to produce great bodily injury, drug-related charges, mail theft and trespassing into one of his tenants' homes without consent.

However, the spree ended on July 4 when he was taken into custody at his Monterey home after a seven-hour standoff. Officers found him hiding in a 6-foot hole that he'd carved out with a chainsaw beneath a floor. He's been held in Monterey County Jail since then.

Monterey County Deputy District Attorney Christopher Puck said Flores has not shown regret for the crimes.

"Mr. Flores has shown absolutely no remorse for his actions throughout this entire saga and has been trying to game the system for quite some time," Puck told The Pine Cone Tuesday.

Changes to bail laws that has allowed most criminals, even repeat offenders, to be released from jail before they face trial benefited Flores, Puck explained.

### Often released

"Usually, the only people we can keep in custody are our most violent offenders," he said. "Unless or until they repeatedly disregard court orders, we are unable to keep flagrant recidivists like Flores Sr. in custody even if they continue to commit new crimes. I think it's one of a few

issues that has made protecting the public more difficult."

By 2023, Puck said Flores began to skip court dates while continuing to commit crimes. For instance, from December of that year until February, judges issued bench warrants for Flores' failure to appear in court while he was on bail or his own recognizance for pending felony charges.

"For weeks to months after each failure to appear, Flores would abscond from the criminal justice system until police found and arrested him," Puck said. "Every time police contacted Flores, he would attempt to flee," including when he twice led officers on high-speed chases through residential neighborhoods and city streets.

Flores is set to be sentenced by Judge Andrew Liu on Nov. 15. Flores entered the plea with no conditions or promises from the DA's office or the court.

"My office will be seeking a prison sentence despite this being Mr. Flores' first conviction for felonies," Puck explained.

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# SHELL

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document states. “The uniqueness and sensitivity of the design were the successful result of the Carmel Planning Commission’s insistence that a ‘manufactured service station’ would never be built in Carmel.”

The station received a Governor’s Design Award in 1966 for being “California’s best example in the service facilities category.”

### Historic evaluation

In August, HASCO applied to rebrand the property to Chevron, which calls for replacing all the signs, including the hand-carved hanging one designed by Shaw. The application includes replacing two Shell metal price signs and the hanging sign in the west planter, the “Shell” channel letter signs mounted on the west fueling canopy and north side of the store, and the air and water sign in the east planter, as well as pump decals, with Chevron emblems.

But before that can happen, principal planner Marnie Waffle told The Pine Cone, the property must undergo a historic evaluation.

HASCO submitted an application for that review Sept. 24, and at the Sept. 30 city council meeting, councilmember Alisandra Dramov sought assurance the new look will reflect the property’s history and the old hanging sign won’t be thrown out.

### Preserve the sign?

“Since that is a historic station from 1964 with Will Shaw as the architect and that sign is hand-carved, is there any chance we might be able to have the new owner maybe give it to the heritage society or the Monterey American Institute of Architects so it’s saved and not just discarded as trash?” she asked.

“We’ll make sure that there’s a conversation about what happens to it,” assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson responded. “Presumably Chevron’s not going to want to have a Shell sign out in front of their store — I think that’s a pretty good assumption,” but the historic resources board might get involved in how the rebranding is carried out.

Dramov also asked that the new owner be requested to create a Chevron sign that “fits in with that station and the architecture.” Swanson said he would follow up on that as well.

“Thank you for bringing that up,” he said. “That’s a great point.”

# CHARGE

From page 1A

customers of the change, and that the wording of the insert was edited by the agency.

“It was part of the tax bill mailer so there was no additional mailing cost,” Stoldt said.

### Legal ping-pong

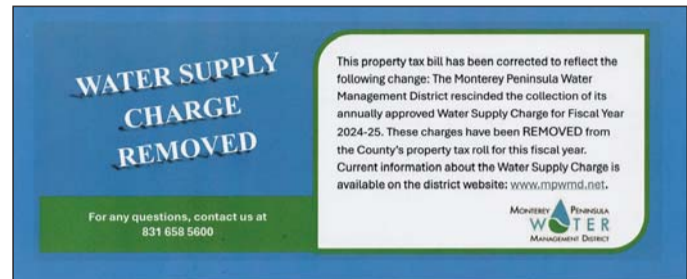
The taxpayers association filed suit against the water district over the charge, which led Monterey County Superior Court Judge Carrie Panetta to rule in March 2023 that the agency’s continued collection of the funds violated a sunset provision in the ordinance that authorized it. While the water district appealed Panetta’s decision, it continued to collect the charge,

The state’s Public Utilities Commission in 2009 determined that the water district could no longer collect an 8.325 percent user

fee that utility California American Water added to customers’ bills, and which was remitted to the water district. The fee generated about \$3.7 million — about half of the district’s then annual revenues.

To make up for the revenue loss, the district started collecting the water supply charge. In 2016, the state Supreme Court overruled the Public Utilities Commission and allowed the 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.”



This insert, which was included in Monterey Peninsula homeowners’ recent property tax bills, informed them that the water district is no longer collecting a controversial charge.

# VOTERS

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vote — is to visit one of the Monterey County Elections Office’s “flex voting” sites, where constituents can also fill out ballots in person and visit with the elections team, according to registrar of voters Gina Martinez.

Her office launched the program in 2022 to bring the elections office to communities “at dates and times outside of normal operating hours.”

Flex voting kicked off this week in South County locations but will be available in some North County communities, Salinas, and in Pacific Grove and Big Sur closer to Nov. 5. Elections officials will visit the P.G. Library at 550 Central Ave.

Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be at the Big Sur Library on Highway 1 at Ripplewood Resort Nov. 2 during the same hours.

On the Peninsula, voter registration and early voting will be offered during the week running up to and including Election Day at Embassy Suites, 1441 Canyon del Rey Blvd., Oct. 29-Nov. 5. Weekday hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekend hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on the day of the election, the site will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

And, of course, early voting and registration services are also available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the county elections office at 1441 Schilling Place, North Building, in Salinas.

Residents who are unsure of their registration status can check it online at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.

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“Save The Dates” for  
October 28th & 29th.

The CFMP’s Steering Committee will review the draft, section by section, over two days.

Monday, 10/28: 1-6pm  
Tuesday, 10/29: 11am – 5pm

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We appreciate the community’s interest in our upcoming meetings. While there will be a public comment period at the beginning and end of each meeting, the primary focus is for the Steering Committee, the City Forester, and a local Ecologist to discuss the draft document together. We’re opening this process to the public to listen in, as transparency is important to us.

We want to emphasize that there will be future meetings—like those we’ve held recently—that are designed specifically for engaging in dialogue with residents. For the 28th and 29th, we hope to provide a space for the Steering Committee and local experts to discuss the draft among themselves in a public setting, as they haven’t had that opportunity yet.

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# STATE WILDLIFE BOARD TO MEET IN MONTEREY

By CHRIS COUNTS

A STATE agency that gives away millions each year to preserve, protect or restore wildlife habitat, the California Wildlife Conservation Board wants to hear from people how they want their taxpayers' dollars spent over the next five years.

The board is hosting a public meeting Wednesday, 3:30 p.m., at the Japanese American Citizens League Hall in Monterey (424 Adams St.). One of five such meetings to be held statewide, the gathering will give people an opportunity to pitch ideas for funding worthy local projects.

### Comments sought

"We want the public's input into our strategic plan," executive director Jen Norris told The Pine Cone. "We're asking people what their priorities are, and what type of habitats they want protected."

The meeting will be done as an informal, open house-style workshop. The Big Sur Land Trust is encouraging people to attend.

See WILDLIFE next page

# Caltrans: Expect delays at Rocky Creek Bridge

By CHRIS COUNTS

MOTORISTS TRAVELING between Carmel and Big Sur can expect delays of up to 20 minutes during day-time for the next two weeks at Rocky Creek Bridge, where the construction of a viaduct has been underway since April, Caltrans reported. The work became necessary after a slide March 30 undermined a section of Highway 1 just south of the bridge.

The delays make it possible for the contractor to "bring equipment on site for continued excavation work." Kevin Drabinski of Caltrans told The Pine Cone.

### Overnight closures

Despite the delays, "crews have made substantial progress on a construction phase involving the drilling and casting of reinforced concrete columns to support the weight of the viaduct structure," Drabinski reported.

There will also be three full overnight closures at Rocky Creek on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from

10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

For now, the southbound lane of Highway 1 is closed, and a traffic light is regulating one-way traffic in the northbound lane. "Once construction of the southbound section of the Rocky Creek viaduct is complete, travel will be directed onto this southbound section and work will begin on construction of the northbound portion of the viaduct," the plan indicates.

The work is expected to cost taxpayers about \$25 million. The contractor is Gordon N. Ball Inc. of Alamo.

Despite the delays, motorists coming from the Peninsula can visit inns, resorts, shops and parks as far south as Esalen Institute, which is located about three miles north of the Regent Slide. "The vast majority of the Big Sur coast remains accessible and open," Caltrans added.

The Regent Slide has blocked vehicle progress to the south since it was triggered by a storm in February. Due to the discovery of cracks in August along a slope where major excavation efforts were underway, the slide isn't expected to be cleared until sometime in 2025.

# NEWSOM

From page 13A

Visual Capitalist, when it comes to electric vehicle uptake, California is No. 1 nationally, but Washington is second in per capita EV registrations.

But California has very little competition when it comes to high gas prices. Just days after the Nov. 5 election, the California Air Resources Board is set to vote on a low-carbon fuel standard that would require refiners to make an even more expensive blend. The board estimated last year the move could increase prices by 47 cents per gallon.

Inslee is not running for re-election and, as they have been for Newsom, climate issues have been a key focus during his time in office. The fight to repeal Washington's Climate Commitment was initiated by Redmond Washington Hedge fund manager Brian Heywood. His group, Let's Go Washington, has spent millions to get five other high-profile initiatives on the ballot all geared at rolling back major policies passed by the state legislature's

Democratic majority.

On the other side, more than \$14 million has come in to fight the ballot initiative and keep the Climate Commitment intact. Much of that money has come from Seattle tech scions, including a large donation from Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates

### Why Seattle?

"Bill Gates is committed to finding and funding climate solutions and the Climate Commitment Act is an important way to reduce emissions while spurring innovation, creating jobs, and improving energy security," said a spokesperson for Gates.

One reason Newsom may have decided to make the trip to Seattle to defend Washington's cap and invest is that his own cap and trade is set to come up for a vote in 2025. Next year lawmakers will decide whether to renew the program, which, like in Washington state, opponents blame in part for high gas prices.

Newsom also made campaign stops in Michigan and North Carolina last week, but those are both considered battleground states.

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# WILDLIFE

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“This is a fantastic opportunity for the public in our region to weigh in on how the largest conservation funder in California will be rolling out their programs and priorities over the next few years,” Alisa Selivanova of the Big Sur Land Trust told The Pine Cone.

According to Selivanova, the board

“plays a crucial role” in allocating funds for a variety of local projects that benefit the habitat that supports wildlife. “The Wildlife Conservation Board has been a significant funder of conservation projects throughout Monterey County, including Palo Corona Regional Park, Carr Lake in Salinas, the expansion of Toro Park, Carmel River and Elkhorn Slough restoration projects, and recent projects in Carmel Valley and the Arroyo Seco region to protect riparian and wildlife corridors and cultural resources,” she reported.

## JAMES BUELL LINDGREN

1930-2024

James Buell Lindgren, entrepreneur and real estate developer, passed away Oct. 10, 2024. He was 94 years old.

James, known to his friends as “Jim,” Lindgren was originally from Des Moines, Iowa. He was born Sept. 30, 1930, the second of three children, to Buell M. Lindgren and Grace M. (Turner) Lindgren. In 1931, Jim won the Better Babies contest at the Iowa State Fair, allegedly by consuming copious amounts of sour cream and butter. Although he grew up in the city of Des Moines, every summer Jim would work on his uncle’s farm near Sioux City, Iowa. He learned to drive a tractor and developed a passion for the combustion engine and all things automotive. Jim went to Roosevelt High School where he played the trombone in the high school band and graduated in 1947. He attended Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa and was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Jim was active on the college swim team and the ROTC. After earning his bachelor of arts degree in industrial economics in 1951, Jim served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force from 1953-1957, where he was stationed at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Austin TX and Hirooka, Japan. After his time in the service, Jim worked as a traveling salesman for Kaiser Aluminum and later head of the sales division at Applied Science Corporation of Princeton. Through his sales work, he was able to travel all over the United States, and eventually fell in love with Northern California.



In 1961 Jim relocated to California because, in addition to its natural beauty, he felt California was “the land of innovation.” He founded and was the president of Lind Instruments in Mountain View. The company specialized in building capacitors for the space program and satellites. In 1969, he sold the company and began work at Mobileparks West, a construction company that addressed the need for low-income housing. In 1971, he moved his young family to the Monterey Peninsula and founded Lindgren Construction, and later, Three Cats Construction. These companies specialized in custom residential homes and remodeling projects. Jim remained on the Peninsula for the rest of his life, living in a number of communities including Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach, Carmel, and lastly, The Park Lane of Monterey.

James Lindgren met his first wife, Joyce A. Johnson, in Palo Alto at a Young Republicans mixer in 1963. They married in December 1964 and had four children together.

Jim was an active volunteer for many organizations on the Monterey Peninsula and contributed to the community as both leader and volunteer. No task was too big or small where help was needed. He was a member of the Church of the Wayfarer of Carmel for more than 40 years, and during that time, he served in various roles: as an usher, member of the scholarship committee, officer on the board of directors, helping with construction improvements, and volunteer at the church rummage sale. Jim also supported the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 3, Carmel, for over a decade. Jim served as a troop leader with Mike Lewis and Don Sortwell from 1991-1993 and all three of Jim’s sons earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Jim coached YMCA Youth Soccer and was a Carmel Padre Parent.

After the death of his wife from cancer in 1996, Jim met his second life partner, Sheila Moore. The couple lived happily in Carmel for 26 years.

James Lindgren took immense pride and joy in his family. He provided them a wonderful life and many precious memories. Jim is survived by his wife, Sheila Moore; and by four children from his marriage to Joyce, Kristin (Jalees Rehman), Conard (Elizabeth), Lars (Virginia) and Jason (Beth). He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Abid, Habib, Zaynab, Charlotte, Otto, Owen and Ashe.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that friends might wish to make a memorial contribution in Jim’s name to the Church of the Wayfarer, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

A Memorial Service for James Lindgren will begin at 3 p.m. on Nov. 9, 2024, at the Church of the Wayfarer, Carmel, California.

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## WILLIAM AUSTIN KNAPP

1/15/1943 - 10/9/2024

William Austin Knapp passed away peacefully surrounded by family after a brief illness. Bill was an appreciative resident of Carmel, San Francisco and Lanai City, Hawaii.

Bill “Baba” was born and raised in Alpena, Michigan as a beloved only child. A graduate of the University of Michigan for college and medical school, he remained a lifelong Big Blue fan. Most importantly, he met and married his love and life partner, Katherine Knapp, in Ann Arbor.



In 1970, Bill and Kathy headed west to California and never looked back. He practiced medicine as a pathologist for Yosemite Pathology for 32 years — his interest in science and personal strengths of consistency and dependability defined his career. Along the way, he and Kathy raised three children and lived a full life together, appreciating the Tahoe Basin, the Pacific Ocean and the gift of family.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine Knapp; and his dear friend, Enzo. In addition, he is loved and remembered by his three children — Gretchen Knapp Mello, Jennifer Helen Dovichi and William Caygill-Knapp; his loving sons-in-law and daughter-in-law, (Paul, Eric and Katie) and his seven grandchildren. All loved their dear Baba.

Please help us by honoring and remembering him while walking the north end of the Carmel beach or taking in the sunset over the Pacific.

## LUIS 'SY' FLORES

We are heartbroken to share the news that Luis "Sy" Flores suddenly and tragically passed on Aug. 11, 2024, while home celebrating his wife's birthday and preparing to enjoy their anniversary and Car Week.



Luis was a beloved and devoted husband, father, son and friend whose bright spirit touched everyone he met. Luis was known by all for his eagerness and willingness to go above and beyond to help others and for his charm, generosity and kind heart. He was proud to serve the Carmel community at work and was always ready to strike up a conversation about cars or watches. He was an avid collector of watches, pens, fun socks, anime and Star Wars collectibles, Motorsport art and memorabilia, and was a lifelong passionate car and motorcycle enthusiast. He loved participating in Cars n' Coffee events, attending car shows and races, and volunteering at Laguna Seca. While he believed in working hard and giving 1000%, he also prioritized spending time with his wife and son, and took joy in both simple pleasures and all the finer things in life.

Luis was raised in a military family and was proud of his father's service. Being on the move while growing up allowed him to experience life in Europe and the United States and helped forge his friendly and adaptable nature. His family settled in the Monterey Bay area where he completed school and discovered a love for football before attending MPC and Berkeley. He later moved to the Santa Cruz area, where he made lifelong friends, and met his wife, Heather "Kali" Cross. He worked for many years in Silicon Valley before transitioning to a career in finance, becoming a business banker. He was known at every position he held for being a strong team leader that inspired and mentored others at every opportunity, and always strove for excellence. Luis was that rare person who felt that his greatest accomplishment in his work was developing and supporting others so that they could succeed, both with coworkers and clients, and believed in taking the time to get to know people.

Luis enjoyed both reading and watching documentaries and lively conversations with a wide variety of people and was always eager to learn and understand, leading to him becoming a fountain of knowledge on many subjects. Trips to the aquarium with him were magical, as he shared from memory the different species' names, traits and characteristics. He had a love for art and was a talented artist in his own right, having worked briefly as a comic book artist in his younger years, before deciding he preferred his creative freedom. His love for the arts and music was thoughtful and varied, and helped convince his wife when they met that there was a brilliant mind hiding in all that muscle. They enjoyed 20 years of fun and banter together and were known among friends and coworkers for their deep love, devotion and loyalty to one another and their son, Leonceo "Leo" Flores, as well as for their matching cars and shared love of motorsports. Luis is also survived by his beloved mother, whom he and his wife welcomed into their home after she suffered multiple strokes, and his in-laws, Steve and Kim, who visited frequently and enjoyed many happy times together. Luis will be forever cherished in his family's memory and will be missed both professionally and personally by so many.

A Celebration of Life will be held to honor and remember him at 1 p.m. on Oct. 26.  
For more information, please contact Heather at [carcrazycouple@gmail.com](mailto:carcrazycouple@gmail.com)

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## JOANIE SMITH-WEBB

Joan (Joanie) Ellen (Burnley) Smith-Webb, of Carmel, California passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 12, 2024, at the age of 79, surrounded by family and loved ones.

Born in Oakland, CA on Christmas Day, Joanie was the youngest daughter of Thelma (Pearson) and George Burnley. After her parents divorced she moved with her mom to Millbrae, CA. She attended Mills High School where she starred as a majorette. Shortly after high school she met and married Gregory Smith and they had a daughter, Michelle. After their divorce, Joanie moved to San Mateo, CA and then Walnut Creek, CA.

She worked for Blackhawk Real Estate, and then become a successful sales representative for North American Title company before marrying the love of her life, Jack Webb, and moving to Carmel.

Joanie had a love for fashion, even traveling to France for the Paris fashion shows. She always loved reading the newest fashion magazines and shopping for the latest trends.

She and Jack belonged to Tehama Golf Club where she loved to volunteer for the annual "Clint Tournament." She was so caring and friendly that whether it was in the pro shop, at the gym, or at the restaurant she knew each Tehama staff member by name.

She loved all animals big and small, always having a dog by her side. Holding birthday parties for her beloved dog, Shiloh, writing a book about "Rambo the Wonder Dog," or having Opus grace the page of the annual Humane Society calendar, animals were always dear to her heart.

She was always the life of the party and enjoyed opening her home to host her annual "Christmas Open House," several wedding celebrations, and any other occasion where she could dress up and celebrate.

She loved to travel, visiting friends around the world. Having traveled throughout Europe and to Asia, it was Hawaii that held a special place in her heart. A special memory of Joanie's was hosting a family vacation, last summer, to Kona, Hawaii. There was nothing she enjoyed more than having her family all together.

She was always available with a listening ear, sound advice, and a warm hug and will be remembered for her kindness, generosity and strength.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John "Jack" Webb. She is survived by her daughter, Michelle Smith-Napier (Jack) of Bandon OR; her sister, Diana Mendenhall, of Pleasanton, CA; her stepbrother, Allen Scott, of Danville, CA; her half-brother, Mark Burnley, of San Francisco, CA; her niece, Laurie Fraser, of Lincoln, NE; her nephew Matt Mendenhall of Pleasanton, CA; her grandchildren, Gregory Smith-Napier, Trevor Smith-Napier and Matt Daly (Erin); and finally her two great-grandchildren, Taylor and Samantha Daly. A heartfelt thank you to Lane Lyoko for his unwavering loyalty and friendship which brought immense joy to Joanie's life. The family wishes to thank her beloved caregivers who gave so much of their time and love to Joanie and Jack, Ermelinda (Emy) Pajimola, her husband Jeffrey and Yanira (Yani) Pereira.

There will be a celebration of life at a later time.

In lieu of flowers please send a donation to St. Dunstan's Church [www.saintdunstanchurch.org](http://www.saintdunstanchurch.org) or to Redemption Road Rescue <https://redemptionroadrescue.com> (a horse rescue facility in Jackson, TN).



## DAVID WESLEY RICHARDSON

Feb. 25, 1947 ❖ Aug. 22, 2024

David, a brilliant and prolific California landscape artist died unexpectedly at age 77. While recognized for his landscape painting, David was also an accomplished sculptor, portraitist, caricaturist, book illustrator, published author, poet, teacher, writer, historian and raconteur.

A longtime Monterey Peninsula resident, he featured the area prominently in his work. In 2017, "Resemblance, Portraits of Characters from Marcel Proust's In Search of Lost Time" was shown at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts in Carmel.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth Richardson and Barbara Snider Richardson; and his sister, Elizabeth Victoria Richardson. He is survived by his sister, Sarah Richardson Schafer; his brother-in-law, Harry Schafer; extended family members and a loving circle of lifelong friends.

David will be laid to rest alongside his family in Springville, CA. Plans for a celebration of David's life are pending.

**In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that you please consider donating in David's memory to the California State Summer School for the Arts Foundation (CSSSA Foundation).**

**Complete obituary at [Grisson's Chapel & Mortuary Inc. - David W. Richardson](http://Grisson's Chapel & Mortuary Inc. - David W. Richardson)**

## H. Glenn Bell, Jr., M.D.

Dr. Harry Glenn Bell, Jr. of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California passed away on Jan. 25, 2024, at the age of 87. He was born on March 20, 1936, in San Francisco, California where he grew up in his family home in Ingleside Terraces.

Glenn graduated from Lowell High School in 1954, Stanford University in 1958 and Columbia



Medical School in 1962. After graduating from medical school, Glenn enlisted in the United States Army where he served as a doctor on the army base in Augsburg, Germany. He met the love of his life, Carol von Waaden, a school teacher from San Jose who was also working on

the same base. Carol and Glenn got married on March 11, 1966, in Augsburg and started their adventures together from that very moment. Carol and Glenn then moved to Washington where Glenn earned his degree in radiology from the University of Washington.

Their journey took them back to their native California, where they raised their two daughters, Jennifer and Shannon, in Los Gatos. Glenn worked as a diagnostic radiologist at Kaiser Permanente for almost 30 years. He was dedicated to the care of patients and his warmth and honesty earned him the respect and admiration of both patients and colleagues.

To list all the things that Glenn loved is no easy feat. He enjoyed traveling the world by sea in addition to making frequent trips to Honfleur, France and Mazatlan, Mexico. While seeing some of the most beautiful places in the world, he made friends wherever he went. He loved Lake Tahoe. Spending time at the family cabin on the West Shore was extremely special to him. He would sit in his favorite chair either reading one of his many books on his Kindle or watching a golf tournament ... all while enjoying the view.

Glenn, a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother, is survived by his wife of 58 years, Carol von Waaden Bell; daughters Jennifer Bell of San Jose and Shannon (Eric) Lockman of Los Gatos; his two grandchildren, Matthew Lockman and Abby Lockman; his sister, Janet Bell of San Francisco; and his brother-in-law, Bill von Waaden of San Jose. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Dr. H. Glenn Bell and Carol Simmons Bell.

**In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in his honor to Hospice of the Central Coast and/or SPCA Monterey County.**



# LOSS

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it was rejected by the city council.

"The city believes strongly that there was no merit or basis to the claim received," Adams told The Pine Cone.

The Monterey County District Attorney's Office contends that several gang members were responsible for the quadruple homicide outside the Second Street home while Alicia Aparicio celebrated her 33rd birthday.

Leal Cervantes, 18, a minor identified only as Angel E., and a third gunman drove up to the party as it was wrapping up, got out and started firing, prosecutors allege.

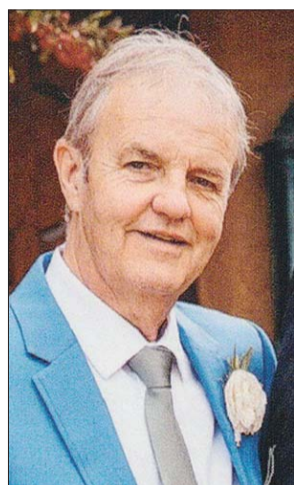
Besides Aparicio, the gunmen murdered Mario Guzman Mendoza, Francisco Aldape Perez and Olivio Perez Pina. Seven other people were injured, some critically, in the attack.

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"Con"

July 1, 1957 - Sept. 5, 2024

Con was born in Oldham, England to Dr. Cornelius and Mai Linehan. He grew up in County Cavan, Ireland where he attended St. Patrick's



College secondary school. Throughout his school years he participated in theater, music, sports, and made many lifelong friends. During his 20s, while setting out to emigrate to Australia, he stopped in Monterey to visit his sister and never left. He then started his long career in the hospitality industry

working as a bartender and restaurant server/manager. Throughout this time, he attended San Jose State University and earned his bachelor's degree in business management. He ended his career with over 30 years of service as the banquet department supervisor at the Monterey Marriott. His work ethic and attention to detail were stellar and he enjoyed and valued his time with his team and colleagues.

If you asked people to describe Con, the first word would most likely be humorous. It would then be followed by loyal, hardworking and kind. He was well-versed in world events, politics, enjoyed gardening, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Con's greatest love in life was his family. Con is survived by his wife of 39 years, Cathy, as well as his children — sons, Conor (wife Nicole) and Michael and daughter, Jenna. Conor and Jenna — know that your Dad loved you fiercely and was so proud of you and your accomplishments. Sadly, his son Michael died at age 13 of leukemia. Con firmly believed he would see his "Mickster" again and it brings his family comfort to know they are together again.

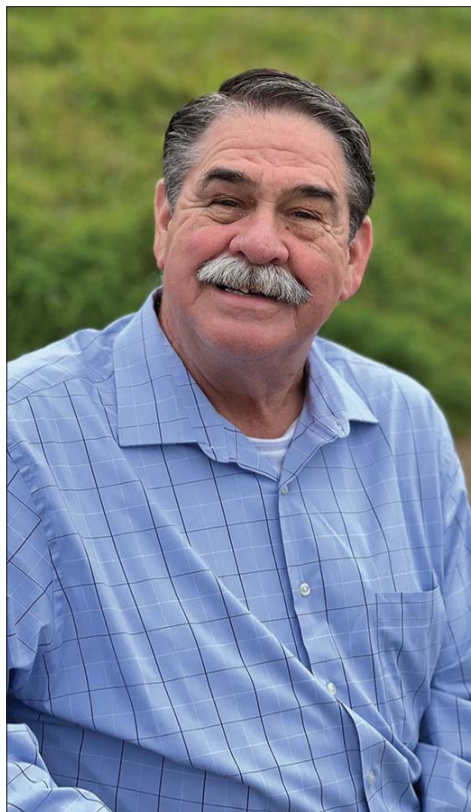
Con was further predeceased by his parents, Cornelius and Mai Linehan; and brothers, Desmond and Sean Linehan. He is survived by his sisters, Maria (Tony) Salameh and Angela (Richard) Collis; in-laws, Ann Linehan, Dawn (John) Hinz, Karyn (Tom) Wozny, Gail (Bill) Provo, Robb (Lynda) Brzezinski and eight nieces and nephews who are scattered around the globe.

Con left us too soon after a five-year battle against Alzheimer's disease. He was a proud and private man who faced his illness with courage and dignity. A funeral Mass will begin at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, at San Carlos Cathedral. A reception will follow.

We love and miss you so much, Con. We will carry your memory in our hearts always.

**In lieu of flowers, the family requests any contributions go to either the Alzheimer's Association or to Jacob's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services.**

## DANIEL 'BOOMER' ROCKWELL



Daniel "Boomer" Rockwell, born on Aug. 19, 1952, in Carmel, California, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024. A proud member of the Pacific Grove High School Class of 1970, he was the cherished son of Dean and Jacqueline Rockwell, who preceded him in death, along with his brother Bruce.

Boomer is survived by his beloved daughter, Brook Shadwell (Micah); and son, Daniel Rockwell (Helga); as well as three adoring grandchildren, Dasha, Baylee, and Brighton. He also leaves behind his siblings, Dennis, Dena, and Mike, who will continue to honor his legacy of love and laughter.

For over 30 years, Boomer was a dedicated general contractor, founding Rockwell Builders and making a lasting impact in his community. His commitment to youth sports shone through as he coached baseball and proudly embraced the role as "Coach Boomer."

Known for his gregarious nature and delightful storytelling, Boomer brought joy to everyone around him. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, at the Portuguese Hall in Monterey. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to a local youth sports organization in Boomer's memory. Friends and family are invited to gather and share their cherished memories of this remarkable man.

## JAMES W. KIRSHNER

On June 24, 2024, James "Jim" Walter Kirshner passed away peacefully at his home in Carmel, CA surrounded by his loving family. Jim was born on July 12, 1953, in Long Beach, CA to Hansel Menser and Katherine Thompson (née LaVoy). Jim grew up in Beverly Hills, CA with his younger sister, Cathy Carlson, and older brothers, Tom and Larry Menser. As a kid, Jim loved to ride horses, camp and fish with his family and friends.

Jim graduated from UC Berkeley in 1976, after which, he embarked on a lifelong teaching career. While working at Canyon Verde School in Los Angeles, Jim met his future wife, Patti. They were married on Sept. 1, 1979 in Fullerton, CA. The young couple spent their early years of marriage sailing along the California coastline in their wooden boat, the Amethyst, camping and backpacking in the Eastern Sierra, and traveling.



In 1987, Jim and Patti moved with their 1-year-old son Zach from Redondo Beach to Carmel, CA, the town where they had honeymooned. Jim lived in Carmel for the rest of his life and spent the remainder of his career teaching science at Chartwell School alongside Patti, who taught art. Jim and Patti's students fondly referred to the pair as "Mr. and Mrs. K." Jim created a hands-on learning environment in which students thrived and excelled in the sciences.

Throughout his life, Jim was an avid outdoorsman, lover of nature, a craftsman and a family man. Jim had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and a passion for learning. In his 40s and 50s, Jim became a musician, a beekeeper and a surfer. In true Jim-fashion, he not only mastered those skills, but refurbished and built his own violin, guitar and mandolin; created his own personal line of "Black Dog" surfboards, named after the Kirshners' beloved black Lab, Maggie; and harvested and bottled honey from his hives and helped safely contain unwanted bees nests in the Monterey community. Jim was also an extraordinary writer, and especially in his later years, a poet. Even when Jim struggled with the grips of his Alzheimer's disease, he continued to write beautiful poetry and never missed a harmonica jam session with his friends.

Above all, Jim's primary focus and source of pride and joy in life was his family. Jim is survived by his wife, Patti; his children, Zach (Emily) and Hannah (Shad); his sister, Cathy (Scott); brother, Larry; his sister-in-law, Monika; his mother and father-in-law, Judith and Ken West; father-in-law, Chuck Creswell and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Katherine Thompson; brother, Thomas Menser; and sister-in-law, Chantal Menser.

Everyone who knew Jim will miss his unconditional love, curious spirit, dry wit and infectious smile.

Details about a celebration of Jim's wonderful life will be forthcoming.

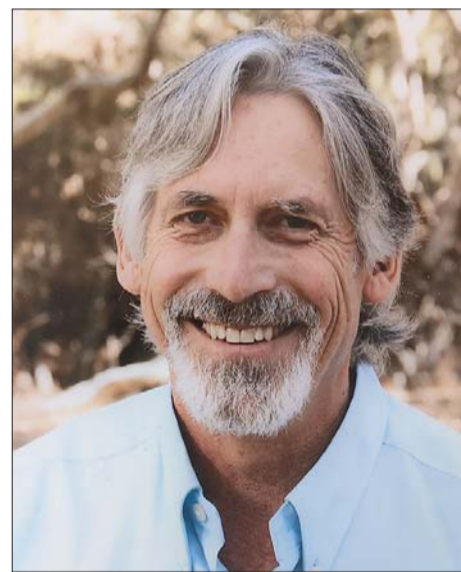
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# Editorial

## The warning signs

IF THOSE who don't remember the past are condemned to repeat it, the United States could be in for some rough times ahead, according to a former CIA counterterrorism officer who spoke at Monterey Peninsula Country Club Wednesday night.

Hank Crumpton is a soft-spoken gentleman whose roots are in rural Georgia but whose global experience fighting Al Qaeda would be enough to make a Roman gladiator feel like a wimp. And we're not just talking about what happened after 9/11, when Crumpton commanded a force of CIA officers, U.S. Special Forces and tens of thousands of tribal militias tasked with ending the threat from the group that killed the most Americans in a single day since the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The effort to hunt down Osama bin Laden started years before that.

As Crumpton tells it, Al Qaeda was known to be a serious threat as far back as the early 1990s and became Enemy No. 1 in August 1998 when its fighters truck-bombed the U.S. Embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, with great loss of life. Just one year later, the attacks moved the FBI to put bin Laden on its Ten Most Wanted list.

The terrorist leader wasn't intimidated in the slightest, however, and planned a horrific series of attacks on the United States and its allies in early 2000, including bombing plots against four tourist sites in Jordan, the Los Angeles International Airport, and USS The Sullivans, and the hijacking of Indian Airlines Flight 814. These global attacks were thwarted by counterterrorism cooperation among numerous countries — and some luck, according to Crumpton.

But in October 2000, bin Laden struck yet again, bombing the USS Cole, a guided missile destroyer of the United States Navy while it was being refueled in Yemen's Aden harbor. Seventeen U.S. Navy sailors were killed and 37 injured.

On top of these overt attacks and attempted attacks were repeated promises from bin Laden to strike the United States — which make it easy to see why, long before 9/11, Crumpton and his CIA colleagues became somewhat obsessed with tracking the terrorist mastermind and, if possible, killing him. And they almost did.

In fall of 2000, thanks to innovative use of Predator drones, they were able to track bin Laden to a compound in Afghanistan and very likely could have killed him, if only the Clinton White House had given the OK. But they didn't, and 9/11, with its tremendous loss of life, destruction of billions of dollars of infrastructure and paralysis of our national economy, was the result, not to mention decades of warfare and anti-terrorism efforts in Afghanistan, Iraq and many other parts of the world, costing "probably trillions of dollars," Crumpton said. All for the want of a single missile to kill bin Laden when we had the chance.

What was it that made the White House hesitate to pull the trigger? Was it complacency, fear of repercussions, or a simple miscalculation that caused such a golden opportunity to be missed?

We'll never know, but one that we do know is that the world is a much more dangerous place today than it was in 2000. And, as Crumpton tells it, the greatest threat facing the United States isn't what's going on abroad, but a series of dire problems within our borders — things like the huge national debt, a substandard educational system, and the fact that 70 percent of young people today aren't fit enough for military service.

Just as in the late 1990s, the warning signs are staring us right in the face. But we aren't prepared, and we don't even seem to be paying attention.

## BEST of BATES



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### Secret weapon

**Dear Editor,**  
Individual Carmelites pride themselves on strong, sometimes differing, beliefs on exactly how to preserve their beloved town, but regardless of our individual beliefs on the issue of, say, affordable housing, virtually all of us believe that the exact approach ought to be up to us locals, and not to Sacramento. However, a teeny village must use brains, not brawn, when challenging a state goliath. Thank goodness we have a secret weapon in the fight — Hans Buder.

Ever since the state panicked the city council and staff into submitting a hasty, one-size-fits-all housing plan, Hans has been the key member of a volunteer group researching how to fix this. This is a guy who has a business degree from Stanford and a public policy degree from Harvard, a guy who nerds out over all the stuff Sacramento throws our way, staying up late to

pore over details that would put the rest of us to sleep.

I remember one group meeting, when we were addressing some harebrained aspect of state law that mandates over-scaled housing projects that don't work for tiny-scaled Carmel. Within hours, we all got from Hans, completely unsolicited, a history of the origins of the law, a full policy analysis of same, possible loopholes and work-arounds, a list of experts for further consultation, the news that Hans had already contacted these experts, that he had extracted agreements from them to provide Q&A sessions, and that, as a further bonus, the experts would be donating their sessions for free!

Frankly, I expect anyone who runs for office here to say they love Carmel. So the question is not just who wants to defend Carmel, but who is capable of defending Carmel. Since living here, I have never met anyone more capable in this regard than Hans. I can only imagine the benefits of unleashing his policy skill on our behalf for all the tough issues we face. How fortunate that we have our own resident secret weapon to vote onto the city council.

**Victoria Beach, former mayor pro-tem**

### A better place

**Dear Editor,**  
Carmel is in such a better place than it was six years ago when Dave Potter took office as mayor. For me, this election is so clear — he has provided stability and thoughtfulness and inclusiveness in the decision-making process. For those of us

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# Making a living by making women look and feel their best

**PICTURE IT.** Three women study the designer apparel displayed like art in the windows of a boutique in downtown Carmel and decide to shop. Each wears a size small, yet each has a decidedly different shape. The store, Timeless Clothing, is owned by Loes Hinse, who has used her considerable talent to design and make everything in it. She studies the women and selects the same garment in the same size for each of them, knowing it will fit and flatter them all — something that's extremely rare in women's clothing.

"I understand people and fit at all levels," said Hinse. "It's about what suits the

What I have been doing for the past 30 years would not have been possible in Amsterdam."

Over the years, had anyone asked Hinse if and when she might retire, when she might stop creating the experience that comes from designing, making and suggesting her clothing to customers, she would have — and has — said, "never."

## Brain fog

But that was before Covid, before Hinse came down with it, and before the effects extended into long Covid. As a result, at the end of November, she will shutter her studio. At least, for the foreseeable future.

"Covid has brought me to this closure," said Hinse. "Before, my customer was a businesswoman, a professional or someone who

traveled, and the clothes I made were for that. After Covid, people started dressing differently. Yet part of that is a younger generation that has emerged, who likes the simplicity and quality of what I do."

Nevertheless, part of the challenge for Hinse, whose website is at [www.loeshinse.net](http://www.loeshinse.net), has been that the pandemic cut off her creativity, masking it with a brain fog she found startlingly real and severe. What ultimately emerged was a shift in expression, forcing her to realize she would have to design differently.

She said, "Until now, every two or three months, I would go to L.A. to buy the fabric on which I would base my new line. Then I would design it and make the clothes. I have an ability very few people have. This has been interrupted, and nobody can take

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## Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

customer. I make a pattern for a size, and the garment works for all different body types within that size frame. So, when I put the same garment on all different body shapes, it works."

## 'New energy'

When a customer asks Hinse what she should wear, the designer always says, "What attracts you?" When a customer asks how she looks in the garment she's trying on, Hinse says, "How do you feel?"

She's not in the business of designing and selling clothes. These are merely the vehicles that get her to her goal.

"It's not for me to sell an outfit but to help customers look and feel the best they can," she said. "They come in with their own clothes on, go into the dressing room with items I have selected, and when they come out in my garments, I see a different person. And they see it, too, even if they can't explain it. It's a new energy."

This has been Hinse's passionate pursuit ever since she came to the United States from her native Amsterdam and, more than 30 years ago, opened a studio in Monterey. Some 20 years ago, she moved it to a space on Lincoln Street in Carmel and, ultimately, settled in San Carlos Square, near Stationary restaurant. Diners tend to linger at Hinse's display windows, noticing the drape of a sweater, the weight of the fabric, the precise stitching in a crepe skirt.

## Another world

"In hindsight, I realize the Dutch mentality wasn't really the same as mine. It is very restricted or not fluid," she said. "Once I was in California, I realized there was a whole other world and way of living.



PHOTO/PHILIP GEIGER

Loes Hinse, who has been designing and making beautiful clothing for decades, has taken a step back from her business.

# It's simple: Freedom equals joy

A CENTERPIECE of Valentina Milaychev's art portfolio is a large seascape depicting a boy running along a pristine beach, leaving a trail of barefoot prints in the white sand. His arms are extended like wings as he chases a flock of airborne gulls toward a horizon of puffy, white clouds.

The boy is her son, Johnny, and the painting, entitled "Joy," expresses the effervescent emotions the Milaychevs have felt since they left their home country, Belarus — a dictatorship — and emigrated to the Land of the Free.

"I call this country 'Second Mother,' because America is like the adoptive mother who welcomes you after your own mother doesn't want you," said Valentina,

"If you go to a hospital, you have to bring a bribe or your doctor will not be thorough and will not pay any attention to you later. If you don't give a dollar to the nurse, she'll just pass you by," she said. "When our son needed treatment as a baby, the doctor came to the door and said, 'What are you crying about?' She was so rude! And we had the same issues with our daughter."

Changing doctors was not an option, because physicians were assigned to specific areas by the government.

## Teach your children

Parents in Belarus also are careful to teach their children from an early age, what to do and what to say, to avoid unnecessary reprisals from government

oppressors, she said.

"If you didn't like where you were living, you couldn't simply move," Valentina said. "To move to another town, you first

had to have a job in that town. To get a job there, you had to have a local address. If you didn't have the connections or the money, it was impossible."

When the Soviet Union nearing its end, and President Mikhail Gorbachev eased border restrictions, Valentina and Lev, both engineers, were granted working visas to come to the United States.

The Milaychevs arrived in New York on June 30, 1989, made their way to Los Angeles (where Valentina's older sister resided), and lived there until the Northridge earthquake destroyed their home in January 1994.

"We barely escaped. In fact, we didn't escape — we couldn't get out," Valentina remembered. "We shouted for help, and people outside broke the door down."

Anxious to leave L.A., Lev landed a job in Cincinnati, where the Milaychevs co-founded their own emergency-medicine patient-tracking software business.

## Rediscovering art

Cincinnati also is where Valentina rediscovered a passion for art and began attending classes, workshops and demonstrations, often at the Cincinnati Academy of Art.

In 2011, a medical-industry conference brought them west again.

"We celebrated my birthday in Marina at the Sanctuary Beach Resort, a place with nice fire pits and beautiful views," she said. "I looked across the ocean and saw the lights of Monterey, and it was instant love."

The Milaychevs decided almost immediately to sell their home in Cincinnati and buy one in Monterey. After navigating through the sticker shock of the Peninsula's real estate market, Lev found an affordable fixer-upper, bought it in 2012 and had it remodeled by 2013, when they moved in.

"My art just exploded after we came to Monterey because there are so

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## Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

whose impressionist and post-impressionist styles, and colorful, uplifting palette, permeate the landscapes, seascapes, florals, birds and figures she creates for Reflections Elegante Fine Art in Portola Plaza, Monterey.

## Born in the USSR

Valentina and Lev Milaychev grew up in Belarus when the country, then called Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, was part of the Soviet Union.

They met as computer science students at Belarusian State University, graduated together, earned master's degrees, and got married in June 1983. Their son was born the following Christmas.

By the time their son was 5 and his sister Alexandra ("Alex") was 1, the Milaychevs knew they needed to leave.

"My kids were not valued there, which is the main reason we left the country," Valentina said. "Belarus, then and now, was a place where you had to have money and connections," Valentina said, "and corruption is second nature to those who live there."



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Valentina Milaychev left Belarus with her family and found paradise on the Peninsula, where her work is represented by Reflections Elegante in Monterey.

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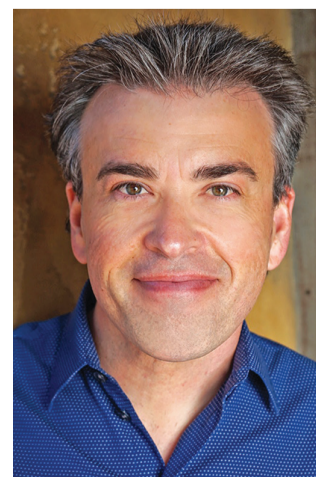
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# ARTIST

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many artists here,” said Valentina, who took her first local workshop with Marie Gilmore and began to meet other creatives. “I joined the Central Coast Art Association (where she is now a board member). Then I joined Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association. They promote their members, help them achieve their goals, and arrange exhibits to show the work.”

Exhilarated by her new surroundings and a growing tribe of artistic friends, Milaychev started painting more and more in her backyard studio, then retired from internet technology contracting.

“Some people retire and don’t know

what to do with themselves,” said Valentina, whose husband still does contract work for Aptive Resources Healthcare Transformation Group. “For me, the independence retirement created was wonderful.”

### ‘You smile too much’

She holds a part-time job at a Carmel winetasting room, usually one day a week, for pleasure. She loves talking about wine and socializing with the people who come through the door. Many ask about her Eastern European accent.

“Where are you from?” one woman asked.

“Belarus,” Valentina told her.

“Oh, you don’t look like a person from Belarus.”

“Really? Why do you say that?”

Valentina wondered.

“You smile too much,” she said.

An invitation from owner Lori Thompson to show her art at Reflections Elegante, a new gallery across from the Monterey Conference Center, was validating.

“That was so exciting,” she said. “It’s the first real gallery I’ve ever been in. It’s big and beautiful, with so many artists, so many different styles, and different prices. People who come in are always commenting on the variety.”

Valentina and Lev have two grandsons, with a granddaughter due in March.

Both of their adult children are creative. Alex, 36, is a resident of Portland, Ore., where she used the Covid pandemic to teach herself how to play the guitar. Then she started writing songs. Then she began to perform them.

Johnny, 40 — the boy in the “Joy” painting — has his own computer-tech administrative healthcare career and also

plays guitar, writes poetry and songs, brews his own beer, and makes kombucha and sourdough bread.

### The thrill of citizenships

The Milaychevs were thrilled to become U.S. citizens on Jan. 12, 1996.

“I feel so blessed, not only to be an artist, but also by the life we are living today in such a beautiful place,” Valentina said. “If someone in Belarus had told me that we would be living in the United States someday, in our own home, with a view of the ocean, and have our own cars, I could not have believed them.”

Her paintings can be viewed online at [valentinaspalette.com](http://valentinaspalette.com), or on exhibit at Reflections Elegante Fine Art, open seven days a week at 271 Alvarado St. in Monterey.

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# GAVEL

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was about to get hurt. Officer Jonathan Moore then arrived and drew his firearm, ordering Cortez-Gerardo to drop his weapons. After Moore arrived, Cortez-Gerardo dropped his spear and shield and pulled out a slingshot, and Palma drew his taser due to officer safety concerns. Palma deployed his taser at Cortez-Gerardo. The taser was ineffective.

Using the sling shot, Cortez-Gerardo propelled multiple rocks at the officers on scene, striking Palma and Jenkins in their faces. Palma took cover, drew his firearm and fired at Cortez-Gerardo as Cortez-Gerardo continued firing rocks at officers.

Officer Palma fired a total of four gunshots. These shots disabled Cortez-Gerardo

do and officers were then able to subdue him. Palma did not fire the shots in rapid fashion but rather made four controlled shots with commands preceding each one; commands Cortez-Gerardo continued to ignore.

Once Cortez-Gerardo dropped the slingshot, Palma stopped firing and officers rushed to detain Cortez-Gerardo and begin rendering aid.

Once struck, Palma bled profusely from his head wound both during and after the encounter. Palma’s and Jennings’ injuries required medical intervention.

Cortez-Gerardo was sentenced by Judge Pamela Butler. He received a sentence of six years in state prison because he has a prior history of using his slingshot and firing rocks at innocent people. The defendant did not express remorse for his actions.

The case was primarily investigated by district attorney investigators Rachel Maldonado and Matthew Costa.

# FIRE

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The project also involves planting native vegetation for pollinating birds and insects.

The work is expected to cost about \$1 million and could start as early as this fall “once full project funding is secured.” It has been “partially funded” by the California Coastal Conservancy’s Wildfire

Resilience Grant Program.

According to the park district, “California faces a growing wildfire crisis, driven by climate change, poor historical land management, and increased development in fire-prone areas.” In recent years, the state has experienced some of its most destructive wildfires,” it reported. “The frequency and intensity of these fires are expected to increase.”

In response, the park district “strives to be a leader in wildfire preparedness and resiliency.”

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# LETTERS

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who lived here prior to 2018, the difference is remarkable, and I am honored to vote for his re-election. He has served us well. Thank you, Dave!

**Jill Sheffield, Carmel**

## 'Chief caring officer'

Dear Editor,

I returned to live in Carmel six years ago after growing up here in the 1960s and 1970s. My memories of those times included beautiful landscaping and clean streets. Upon my return, I was disheartened by the changes in the village and took it upon myself to pick up trash and maintain the area around the post office parking lot. One day, I met Dale Byrne, who invited me to join him in cleaning a neglected area at Dolores and Eighth. I was struck by his passion and work ethic. Inspired, I joined Carmel Cares, and three years later, I am now a leader of a dedicated team of volunteers committed to restoring Carmel's beauty.

I have witnessed firsthand what a dedicated chief caring officer Dale is for Carmel Cares. He provides unwavering support and direction, tackling beautification projects with pride and joy. His leadership inspires high standards on every project we undertake.

Additionally, I have participated in Dale's bi-monthly update meetings with public works and city employees. I've seen his informative and collaborative nature as he consistently finds solutions to problems. These qualities are essential for the next mayor of Carmel. There are many city projects to complete and tough decisions to make, and Dale is more than capable of handling them all.

Electing Dale Byrne as mayor isn't merely "change for change's sake" or choosing a "gardener." It's about selecting a proven leader who has engaged

with merchants, city staff, and locals long before his candidacy. Dale has attended city department meetings for years and will ensure policy continuity. He is solution-oriented, streamlining processes and delivering visible results that will bring pride to Carmel-by-the-Sea residents, business owners and visitors alike. Dale's passion is infectious.

**Kelly Burke, Carmel**

## Correcting ad

Dear Editor,

In the Oct. 18 Pine Cone, an advertisement was posted about Hans Buder by Ali Miner. I would like to correct and/or add a rebuttal to an incorrect statement about his residency in Carmel.

The Buders rented a home from my mother that is well within the city limits for many years. The ad had this wrong.

My mother truly loved the Buders, as they were wonderful tenants. They were always kind to my mother and she always praised them to me. She would be writing this rebuttal herself if she were still alive, for she abhorred false facts.

I understand that this opinion/advertisement was just that — an advertisement. However, I feel that if The Pine Cone is going to allow an advertisement that is incorrect and derogatory in nature, it should be fact-checked first.

**Cynthia Williams, Carmel**

## 'Beacon of hope'

Dear Editor,

Dale Byrne is more than a leader, he is a beacon of hope and inspiration for our community. His remarkable qualities shine brightly — authentic, honest, and dedicated to the betterment of Carmel. Dale embodies integrity and stands by his word, reflecting a deep care for our village and its residents. Whether organizing projects or collaborating with PG&E on the undergrounding of utility lines on San Antonio Avenue, Dale's commitment is unwavering.

As an intelligent and charismatic leader,

Dale has built successful businesses, showcasing his entrepreneurial spirit. His outgoing personality enables him to connect effortlessly with residents and visitors, making him an excellent ambassador for our community. A memorable highlight of his leadership was organizing a welcoming party at Carmel Beach for the iconic Jane Goodall, celebrating those who inspire us.

Dale is a visionary problem solver, exemplifying the spirit of community service in challenging times. Just as President Franklin Roosevelt created the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression, Dale founded Carmel Cares to beautify our village during the pandemic. This initiative embodies President John Kennedy's call to action: "Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country." Dale lives this philosophy daily, inspiring us to contribute positively to our community.

As he states on his website, "When

neighbors work together, with a passion for mutual values, including transparent government that is open to residents' voices, great things can happen." This vision will guide Dale Byrne as he steps into the role of mayor of Carmel, fostering unity and collaboration.

Let's embrace Dale's inspiring vision and work together to create a brighter, more vibrant future for Carmel!

**The Kavners, the Witts, the Faussners, the Berris, the Davies and the Hollenbecks**

## Check the endorsements

Dear Editor,

This campaign season in Pacific Grove has been the most negative that I can recall. I speak from personal experience.

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# HISTORIC

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“Our home has been declared historic, and I like that future generations will be able to see the house and get an idea of what older Carmel was like,” he said, but forcing the preservation of a home in such terrible shape that no one will want to fix it up or live in it “kind of misses the point.”

“I think this one is going to be an old, abandoned house that just deteriorates over the years,” he said.

Smith also said he’s a big fan of Craftsman houses and owns books on the subject, but “this one doesn’t look like any of the Craftsman houses I’ve seen.”

### Straw vote

Bland, the daughter of the former residents, explained that she had to move them to Bakersfield “because the house was so uninhabitable.”

“My mom thought she was keeping it up, but she just couldn’t maintain it,” she said.

Board member Kathryn Gualtieri wondered why the home wasn’t included when the inventory was created two decades ago, and chair Jordan Chroman said it didn’t appear to be a very good example of Craftsman style.

Gualtieri was also conflicted over the issue of condition vs. integrity, “because integrity does relate to the physical condition of a property.”

Board member Kathy Pomeroy wondered what the point of forcing its preservation would be if no one would be able to live in it or restore it.

“This is just a really tough one,” HRB member Esther Goodhue said, because it pits Clovis’ analysis against the “human side of it.”

With no clear indication of how the board was leaning, Chroman suggested a straw vote before a formal motion and discovered they were all, in fact, in agreement the house should not be listed.

Gualtieri said she came to the meeting prepared to support Clovis’ conclusions and Wallace’s recommendation, but after touring the property and hearing the presentation, “I would recommend that we not put it on the inventory.”

She made the motion declaring the house ineligible for mandatory preservation, and the rest of the board agreed.

“That was a sad one,” Gualtieri said afterward. “But it seemed right.”

# SEALS

From page 1A

carcasses and one pelican on Carmel Beach Tuesday morning, Oct. 8,” she said.

Bilse also provided information on what people should do if they find injured or dead birds and other types of marine life. The Marine Mammal Center responds to stranded or sick seals, sea lions, dolphins, whales and the like, while the Monterey Bay Aquarium is the go-to agency for sea otters, dead or alive. The SPCA will care for injured birds, and dead ones, as long as they’re not banded or tagged, can be handled by the city’s public works department. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should be notified if a banded or tagged bird is found dead on the beach.

# OPINIONS

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whom I have never met, have taken the liberty to spew disinformation and uncanny comments about me on a social media app called Nextdoor P.G.

I believe these particular individuals are supporters of a group called Pacific Grove Progressives, a registered PAC and recognized by the Monterey County Democrats as a “club.”

Nextdoor P.G. has become a mechanism for negative campaigning, spreading disinformation, and for practicing extremism and intimidation.

It begs the question why any Pacific Grove candidate would accept an endorsement from a group that practices such demeaning principles.

Any Pacific Grove candidate who has accepted the endorsement by Pacific Grove Progressives are condoning the behavior that has been exhibited on Nextdoor P.G.

Having said that, to the voters of Pacific Grove, make the right decision. Check each candidate’s endorsements. I urge you to really consider who you vote for in this election.

**Carmelita Garcia,**  
*Pacific Grove*

# LIVES

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over, can do this for me.”

When Hinse was in Los Angeles, she said she saw “unsheltered people” dressed in odd pairings of clothing that, somehow, worked together and sometimes ignited a spark that translated into her designs.

“Everything that has happened to me has been spontaneous, in life and in my designs,” she said. “And I have been open to the creativity that emerges. The universe is, for some reason, forcing me to close, which is a big curiosity for me, leaving me to wonder what comes next — hopefully, a continuation of what I am doing now. I trust it will present itself when I’m ready. And for that, I am excited.”

## Leffel and the airport

Dear Editor,

I have known MaryAnn Leffel for more than 40 years. We first met while she was managing a bank branch in downtown Carmel. I was a detective with the Carmel Police Department at that time, so we worked together frequently trying to keep fraudsters from victimizing her unsuspecting customers. Her unique ability to see through a scam prevented multiple customers from suffering serious loss.

We stayed in close touch over the years, working together on multiple boards and commissions. Her intellect, drive and compassion always impressed me, as did her unerring ability to listen to her constituents and choose the best course of action for everyone concerned.

MaryAnn has served on the board of the Monterey Peninsula Airport District since 2008. The residents of the Monterey Peninsula, the flying public, indeed everyone with an interest in good and fair government, could do a lot worse than having MaryAnn continue serving as a member of the airport district board. As a resident of Carmel Valley outside the airport district’s boundaries, I am unable to vote in this election. But if I could, MaryAnn would unquestionably be my choice.

**Pete Poitras,** *Carmel Valley*

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# TAKING CUE FROM SOCIAL MEDIA, NEW PG GALLERY FEATURES ‘LIKE’ BUTTONS

**I**N THE age of social media, the lines are blurring between what’s real and what’s virtual — and the latest example is Pacific Grove’s newest art gallery, which opened in early August in the former location of Ham-brook’s Auction Center.

Named the 480 Lighthouse Gallery, the site offers 10,000 square feet of display space, which makes it the biggest art seller on the Monterey Peninsula. It also offers

## Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

a feature you’ve probably never seen in a retail shop, a “like” button below each piece of art. It works the same way as one on Facebook, tallying the total “likes.” Gallery manager Elizabeth Rodriguez said the “like” buttons are part of an “ongoing effort” to create “a unique environment” in the showroom. “We’ve finished installing over 250 electronic displays alongside every piece of art,” Rodriguez reported.

Not only does every piece of art offer the viewer an opportunity to pick their favorites, but QR codes are placed next to each piece, making a visit to the artist’s website just a click away.

More than 100 artists are represented by the gallery, including painters Karina Svalya, David Seibert, Dick Crispo and Christine Chatwell, and sculptor Paul Russell. 480Lighthouse.com

### ■ Juried show opens

Up and coming artists from three coun-ties are featured in juried show, “Reso-nance,” which opens Friday, 6 p.m., at Pearl Works in Monterey.

The exhibit, which will be on display for six months, is presented by the Emerging Artists Alliance of Monterey, which offers help to artists, giving them “the exposure and tools necessary to succeed.”

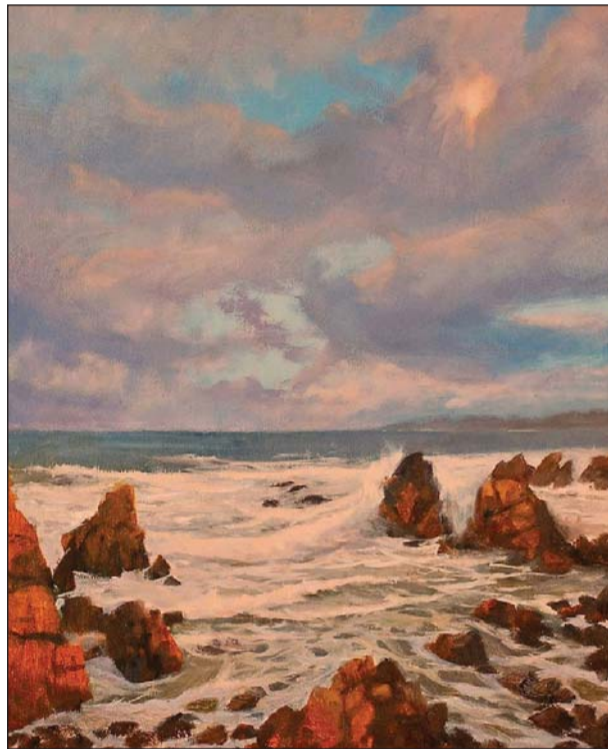
The artists represented in the show come from Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties.

In tandem with the opening of the show, Pearl Works celebrates its third anniversary with live music, interactive art and a mar-ketplace of art vendors.

Describing itself as “a communi-ty-driven flexible workspace, with meeting rooms and virtual mail,” Pearl Works is located at 288 Pearl St.



The 480 Lighthouse Gallery in Pacific Grove features 10,000 square feet of display space for paintings and sculpture.



This striking seascape by David Seibert is on display at the 480 Lighthouse Gallery.

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# 3Q 2024 | Market Update

## A Slow and Steady Summer



The real estate market across the Monterey Peninsula began to shift this quarter as sales held a slow and steady pace with buyers finally able to see more inventory in their search, just in time as interest rates began to drop. There were 156 sales this quarter across Pebble Beach (23), Carmel (38), Pacific Grove (45), Monterey (31), Carmel Highlands (5), the Preserve (5), Quail Lodge/Meadows (1), Tehama (2), Monterra (3) and Carmel Valley Ranch (3). We're pretty much on track to match last year, which had 577 deals, but that is historically low for this area as we usually see just over 800 deals per year. Much of this is due to the fact that so many people moved here over 2020-2021 that it has taken a while for the market to bring back new inventory.

We've seen buyers get fussier this year and start pushing back on pricing, which has brought down median sales prices a notch to \$1.81M (compared to \$1.85M last year). This is the first dip in prices we've seen since 2008. While not a significant drop, it is good to see that the market is overall holding the price appreciation we saw come with the market surge of 2021-2022. The two price brackets that had the biggest bump in activity this quarter were the \$3-4M range (23 sales this quarter, up from just 8 in 1Q) and the top of the market which had 8 sales north of \$8M. The bottom of the market (below \$1M) slowed this quarter from the 29 sold last quarter, to 19, which is more on-pace for this area in that price bracket.

With the increased inventory, we're starting to see sellers come off their original list prices to accommodate buyers that bring an offer. Days on market stretched back up to 54 days this quarter and sellers pulled 3% off the list price to get the deal done. We do anticipate more buyers to come off the sidelines as rates fall and inventory levels rise, so it will be increasingly important to make thoughtful negotiations on both sides over the next few quarters.

The biggest news in real estate is the de-coupling of buyer agent commissions from the listing process. Starting on August 17th, all buyers must now sign an agreement with an agent, akin to a listing agreement, in order to see a house. These agreements can either be property specific or for a specified period of time, and do include the agreed upon agent compensation. Sellers should be ready to receive a request for payment of compensation to the buyer's broker with an offer, either through a seller concession or price reduction. So far, the market has been open to receiving these requests and Sellers are paying for them as part of fair offers.



Jessica Canning  
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# The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

## Stevenson, Carmel and Catalina teams think globally, win locally

FROM ALL parts of a big, diverse world, they find their way to the Monterey Peninsula — and they bring their tennis rackets and a whole lot of talent.

to Kostkova) are here for one year only as part of a junior year exchange program, which also allows local students to spend the 11th grade in Europe.

I said, ‘Watch her footwork — she gets to the ball about two days before she has to hit it.’”

Fu’s magic stems from a killer approach shot and a sky-high IQ on the court, her coach said of the only senior in Stevenson’s lineup.

### Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

#### Stevenson star

No. 3 for the Pirates is Cece Li (15-1), a boarding student from China who was promoted from doubles to singles because of her competitiveness and consistency.

See SPORTS next page

Stevenson, Santa Catalina and Carmel wrapped up the regular season this week as the three best girls tennis teams in the Pacific Coast Athletic League, thanks in part to significant international flavor.

For the Carmel Padres, the league’s third-best team, the top player of 2024 was Margarita Sofia, a junior who will miss the postseason tournaments because she’s moving back home to Chile.

The starting lineup at Catalina — the Gabilan Division’s second-place team — is topped by a Persian boarding student, junior Gloria Arastoupour, whose home country is Sweden. She’s one of six foreign-born players on the Cougars’ varsity ladder.

And Stevenson’s Pirates — unbeaten Gabilan Division champions for the second-straight season — had five international players among their top 10, including their best player, Tereza Kostkova, a junior from the Czech Republic.

#### Pirates are 16-3 overall

“When Tereza got here and became our No. 1 player, that also helped our team depth,” said Stevenson coach Wendy Grover, whose Pirates were 10-0 in the Gabilan Division for the second straight season and took a sparkling 16-3 overall record to San Jose Friday for a non-league test against Archbishop Mitty.

Stevenson’s Kostkova (16-1 this year), and Catalina’s Arastoupour (10-3 — all three losses



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(Above) Stevenson standout Tereza Kostkova, 16-1 at No. 1 singles, is a junior boarding student from the Czech Republic. Carmel’s top player, Maria Sofia (right), is returning home to Chile after the regular season and will miss the playoffs.



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## SPORTS

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"She's a fighter — she'll get every ball back, and she'll just outlast you," Grover said.

No. 4 is Delara Gholami (13-5), a power-hitter with a ravenous appetite for advice, the coach said.

### Doubles standouts

At the top of Stevenson's doubles lineup are Chinese boarding student Jesse Chen, a junior, and her sophomore partner, Karen Baker of Salinas.

Sophomore Sloane Escher and left-handed freshman Claire Tite play No. 2 singles, junior Ashlyn Saxon and sophomore Belle Wang are the No. 3 tandem, and the No. 4 doubles pairing is South Korea's Adele Lee with Sophie Petrocelli, a junior from Salinas.

Santa Catalina (11-4 overall), coached by Richie Snelling, was the Gabilan Division's No. 2 team with an 8-2 record, both competitive losses to Stevenson.

With Arastoupour, a high-level club player in Sweden, at the top of their lad-

der, the Cougars also have strength at No. 2 in junior Aspasia Elorduy-Kyriakis (8-3), a second-year boarding student from Mexico, who was Catalina's No. 1 singles player last season.

Another junior, Monterey resident Yunah Baek, is a second-year varsity player, and Mexico resident Jessica Urtusuastegui (9-2), a sophomore, plays at No. 4.

Catalina's doubles tandems are composed of freshman Fiona Fang, a boarder from China who was 5-0 as a singles player this season, and senior Avery Nguyen (4-2 with three partners) at No. 1, sophomores Magdalena Pablos (from Mexico) and Chloe Thompson at No. 2, where they have a 4-2 record, and seniors Maria Amelia Artola and Hannah Brown (3-1 together) at No. 3.

The doubles lineup also has included senior Analu Barron and junior JoJo Castro (4-1 with two partners), a third-year player. A talented freshman, Zamina Singh, missed most of the season because of knee surgery but figures to be a strong player in the future, Snelling said.

The Carmel Padres were 6-4 in the Gabilan Division (all losses to Stevenson

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Catalina's No. 1 player, Gloria Arastoupour, is a Persian boarding student from Sweden, where she is a high-level club player.

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Clubs and Events

## Bee Gees remembered at Golden State, Carmel Valley cafe turns 25

**TAKING EVERYBODY** back to the glittering heyday of disco, **You Should be Dancing** celebrates the music of the Bee Gees Saturday, 8 p.m., at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

The San Francisco-based tribute band serves up what it calls “an unforgettable night of music, dance and nostalgia.”

“With meticulous attention to detail, they capture the essence of the brothers Gibb, delivering an unbelievable experience that transports audiences back to the golden era

students. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. youthmusicmonterey.org.

### ■ Irish music duo in P.G.

One-time members of Solas, which created a buzz in the Celtic music world in recent decades, guitarist **John Doyle** and accordionist **Mick McAuley** play Sunday, 3 p.m., at St. Mary’s-by-the-Sea in Pacific Grove.

Jackie Pierce of St. Mary’s called Doyle and McAuley two of the “most accomplished players of Irish music in all of the Emerald Isle.”

Tickets are \$30 for general admission and \$12 for kids. St. Mary’s is located at 146 12th St.

### ■ Jazz jam set for Sunday

A busy local group, **The Latin Jazz Collective**, will kick off the fun Sunday when Embassy Suites hosts its latest jazz jam at 1 p.m. The group is led by respected local percussionist **John Nava**.

“It’s sure to be a lively afternoon with great music,

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## On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

of disco and beyond,” according to the theater.

Tickets start at \$35. Golden State is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

Five-time Grammy Award-winning **La Mafia** performs at the same venue Friday at 7 p.m. Founded more than four decades ago, the group fuses traditional Mexican music with pop and rock influences. Tickets start at \$55.

### ■ Group kicks off season

Providing local youngsters with opportunities to explore classical music, Youth Music Monterey County kicks off its 37th year with a concert Sunday, 3 p.m., at Sunset Center.

The concert showcases the group’s Junior Youth & Honors Orchestras, while the program, titled “From the New World,” includes the West Coast premiere of composer Xavier Beteta’s *Tikal Nocturna*.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for

### ■ Halloween party, contest

Celebrating its 25th year, and its 10th in Carmel Valley Village, Trailside Cafe hosts a Halloween/Anniversary party in its beer garden Friday at 5 p.m.

Singer and guitarist **Lindsay Beery** will perform, and there will be a costume contest.

Owner **Sean Allen** gave a shout-out to the staff for the cafe’s long-time success.

“We could not have done it without our great serving and kitchen staff making it happen every day since 1999,” Allen said.

The cafe is located at 3 Del Fino Place.



led by singer Kristen Marie (second from right), Dreamsong plays symphonic rock Friday, 4 p.m., at Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley.

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### HALLOWEEN HIJINKS, WINE ON SALE AND A FUNDRAISER BY THE BEACH

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other supplies. From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., you — and your dog, if you like — can mix and mingle as you create a truly stunning squash. A gift basket and a bottle of wine will be awarded for the best work of gourd

### Soup to Nuts

look of jack-o'-lanterns, but wince at the thought of carving one, Sanctuary Vacation Rentals is hosting a knife-free event at its new office at Mission and Eighth on Saturday. Twisted Roots Wines is all in, too, so for \$25 per person, you can get some “nibbles,” a glass of wine, a pumpkin, paint and

art, and a portion of the proceeds will go to the Animal Friends Rescue Project. Register at [bit.ly/3AkBXvw](http://bit.ly/3AkBXvw).

On Halloween proper, Nielsen Bros. Market,

acquired last spring by Frank Sillman, Mark Lerman, and Michael and Susan Cohen, is celebrating Halloween and the city's 108th birthday with trick-or-treating on the patio and a costume contest for dogs and humans, alike. The party will run from 4 to 7 p.m. — providing ample time after the city's parade ends — and is free, so pop over to the market at San Carlos and Seventh for some mulled wine and cider, bratwurst and hot dogs on the grill, and lots of fun.

### More franks, with steins

Peter B's Brewpub in the Portola Hotel at the foot of Alvarado Street in Monterey is ready to celebrate, too. “Our annual Halloween Franks 'n Steins is back Thursday, Oct. 31, from 4 to 10 p.m. at Monterey's favorite sports bar,” the hotel announced.

All-evening food and drink specials include mini corn dogs for \$4, Diablo Ghost Chili Burgers for \$14, \$4 pints of selected beers and the Tequila Mocking-

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Estéban, the Spanish-themed restaurant in Monterey's Casa Munras Hotel, is celebrating Halloween with a party for pups and people. Fall menu additions include this Pesca del Dia, seared local halibut over butternut squash risotto.



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# FOOD & WINE

## FOOD

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bird cocktail for \$10. Live music is on tap, too. “Wear your Halloween costume and receive a \$5 food voucher” per costumed adult, kid or dog to use that evening, organizers suggest, and say the party continues through Nov. 1.

### Spooky Lips

Estéban restaurant in the Casa Munras Garden Hotel invites people and dogs to its Halloween party on Oct. 31 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. The patio and restaurant will be fully decorated for the occasion, and Richard DeVinck will provide live guitar music from a variety of genres. A special Spooky Lips cocktail combines Kahlua, Screwball (peanut butter whiskey) and cream. The regular tapas Happy Hour from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. will go on as usual, and costumed pets will be welcomed with a peanut-butter-oat bone or pumpkin-seed doggy bone, while the pup menu will be priced at 50 percent

off. New items for fall have been added to the humans’ menu, as well.

### Trick or treat, smell my...fish?

Monterey’s Old Fisherman’s Wharf will host Trick or Treat by the Bay and a costume contest with cash prizes on Halloween from 4 to 7 p.m. Participating merchants will hand out candy and a DJ will play everyone’s favorite spooky tunes. At 5 p.m., local radio personality and emcee Dave Marzetti will start the costume contest, in which kids and grownups alike can compete (in categories separated by ages) for prizes from \$25 to \$150. Roaming “ghoulish characters,” along with colorful Halloween décor, will provide opportunities for photos. For details, visit [monterey-wharf.com](http://monterey-wharf.com).

### ■ Marinus retrospective at Bernardus

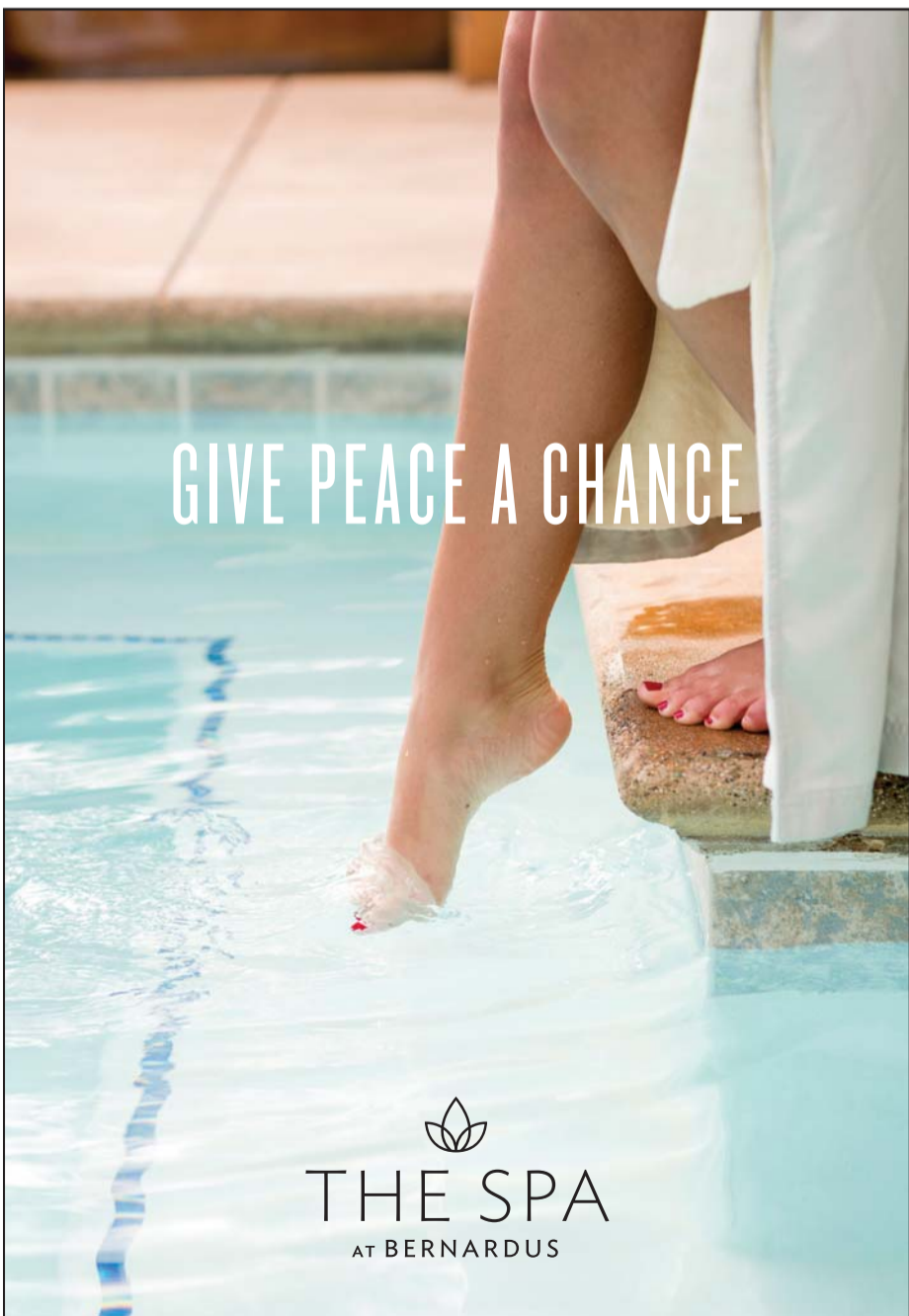
There is never a bad time to explore the storied vintages of Marinus — Bernardus Winery’s signature Bordeaux-style blend made with grapes grown on its estate vineyard in Cachagua — and the rare opportunity to do so will be offered Thursday, Nov. 7, during a special dinner at the tasting room in Carmel Valley Village.

From 5 to 8:30 p.m., vineyard manager Matt Shea and winemaker Jim McCabe will take 25 guests through a retrospective of the wines. Starting with the inaugural vintage of 1993, McCabe and Shea will share stories and offer insight on the evolution of the wine that the late

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The Fish Hopper on Cannery Row in Monterey is raising money for the Susan G. Komen foundation for breast cancer by donating half of the proceeds from special pink drinks this month.



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# FOOD & WINE

## WINE

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Bernardus Marinus Pon, who founded the winery, envisioned to rival the France's best. The retrospective will conclude with the 2019 vintage.

Chef Jerome Viel, owner of Jerome's Carmel Valley Market and a talented chef who has a long-running relationship with Bernardus — he was the chef at the now defunct Will's Fargo restaurant when Pon owned it — will create a menu to pair with specially selected vintages.

The dinner will take place in the Signature Room in the Bernardus Tasting Room at 5 W. Carmel Valley Road and costs \$250 per person (\$200 for club members) plus tax and 20 percent tip. For reservations, email hrammel@bernardus.com or visit bernardus.com.

### ■ Half-price wine at Rio Grill

Coastal Roots Hospitality, the group that runs Rio Grill in the Crossroads and Tarp's and Montrio in Monterey, is bringing back half-price wine nights featuring "a wide selection of delightful vintages," a spokesperson for Coastal Roots said. If you want to save money three nights in a row, the promotion takes place Mondays at Rio Grill, Tuesdays at Montrio and Wednesdays at Tarp's.

### ■ Not too late to go pink

It's still Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the Fish Hopper at 700 Cannery Row is donating half of the proceeds from four cocktails — also available as mocktails — to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, which, among other things, supports breast cancer research and education. The special pink drinks include a watermelon refresher, guava sparkling mimosa, pomegranate Margarita, and a martini featuring Tito's vodka, raspberry syrup and lemon juice.

### ■ Net gain for everyone

The Monterey Beach Hotel (a Marriott Bonvoy property) at the Canyon Del Rey exit on Highway 1 in Seaside has recently been renovated, and on Nov. 7 in The Lantern Room, a dinner in the Get Hooked Community Seafood series will connect guests "with the hardworking men and women who harvest local seafood and the chefs who thoughtfully prepare it," say organizers. Attendees will enjoy "a specially crafted menu featuring sustainably sourced seafood paired with local drinks and wines."

The event, which starts at 6 p.m., supports the Monterey Bay Fisheries Trust Community Seafood Program. The non-profit, launched in November 2020, says it

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Some people just don't know when they've overstayed their welcome! Old Fisherman's Wharf is planning a Halloween bash with "roaming ghouls," trick-or-treating at participating merchants, spooky tunes spun by a DJ, and a big costume contest with cash prizes.

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# MUSIC

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dancing, snacks, and libations—and the best part, there’s no cover,” said singer **Lee Durley**, who will co-host the jam.

Embassy Suites is located at 1441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd.

## Live music Oct. 25-31

### ■ Big Sur

**Big Sur River Inn** — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Saturday at 12:30 p.m.), **The Bubba Pickens Band** (bluegrass, Sunday at noon). 46800 Highway 1.

**Fernwood Resort** — **New Issue** (alt-rock, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

### ■ Carmel

**Barmel** — singer and guitarist **Tony Burciaga** (Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (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, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

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

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

**The Links Club** — **The Wharf Rats** (rock, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **Neon City Lights** (modern country, Saturday

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# LANTERN

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“provides healthy, sustainably harvested seafood to local families, farmworkers, seniors, and others in need of food assistance, along with economic support to local fishermen, food workers, and seafood businesses.”

According to its website, in four years, it has purchased more than 20,000 pounds of seafood and donated more than 50,000 meals in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties through organizations including the Food Bank for Monterey County, Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula, Al & Friends, The Big Share in Big Sur, and others. Tickets are available on Open Table and cost \$120 per person.

### ■ Warm up at Joyce

Although they’re just 13 miles apart, when it’s foggy and soggy in Carmel-by-the-Sea, it’s often sunny in Carmel Valley Village, making the latter a good place to visit when you want to get warm. Of course, with the plethora of tasting rooms that have taken up residence in the valley, wine tasting is often high on the list of things to do when travelers head in that direction. If you love to be outside but still want to sit at a wine bar, try Joyce, which lets the outside in via wide movable doors. If you need more fresh air, there’s a cute serving area to the side of the building as well. The main reason to visit Joyce, though, is the wines.

This family entity, which began in 1986 with Francis Joyce at the helm and only 5 acres of grapes, has grown into a respected Monterey County brand. Now run by Francis son, Russell, the winery and vineyard operations have grown significantly and moved to the old Ventana

operation near Soledad in the Arroyo Seco AVA in 2020. There is a tasting room there, too, but it is only open during the summer.

If you do head over to the tasting room at 1 E. Carmel Valley Road (open daily from 12 to 5:30 p.m.), here are two wines to try:

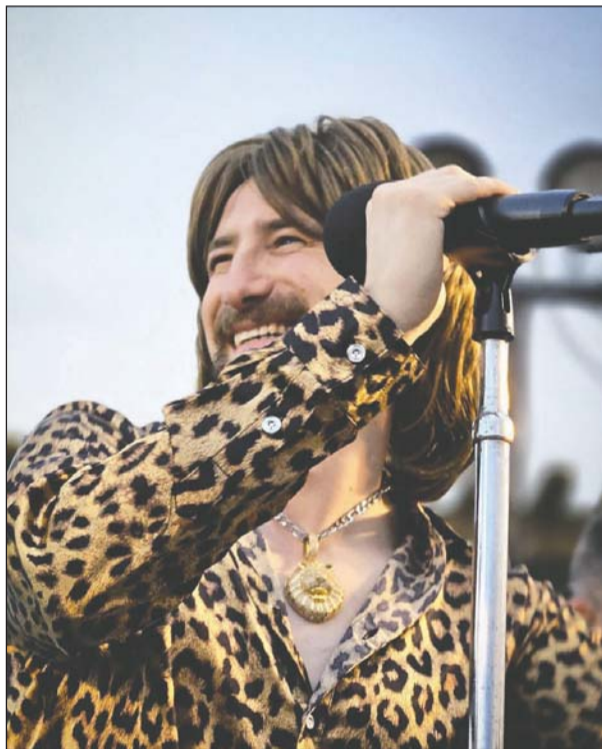
2023 Joyce Pinot Noir Cortada Alta – big red Bing cherry moving to red fruit and cherry licorice ending with earthy shrub and a long, nice finish. It sells for \$60.

Not into red wine? Try the 2023 Vermentino from the Cedar Lane Vineyard in Arroyo Seco, sold under the Russell Joyce brand. It’s herby with refreshing acidity, lemon-lime flavors and ends with a lovely tangy sensation. It’s priced at \$35.

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



The Monterey Beach Hotel’s Lantern Room will be the scene of a fundraising dinner for the Monterey Bay Fisheries Trust Community Seafood Program, a nonprofit that seeks to help fishermen, as well as people in need of healthy meals



You Should Be Dancing, featuring singer James Garcia, plays Oct. 26 in Monterey.

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# LIVE

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at 7:30 p.m.), Singer-Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

## ■ Carmel Valley

**Bernardus Lodge & Spa** — singer and pianist **TJ Kuenster** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Saturday at noon), pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues Sunday at 11 a.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

**Folktales Winery** — **Dreamsong** (symphonic rock, Friday at 4 p.m.), **The Jesse DeCarlo Trio** (jazz and funk, Saturday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

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

**Trailside Cafe** — singer and guitarist **Lindsay Beery** celebrates the cafe's 25th anniversary (Friday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

## ■ Monterey

**Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen** — singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Lindsay Beery** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

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

**Bulldog Sports Pub** — **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.

**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.). 750 Cannery Row.

**Melville Tavern** — **Tapson & Moseley** (rock, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 484 Washington St.

**Midici Pizza** — singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** and saxophonist **Arman Sangalang** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

**Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa** — pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday and Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 5 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

**Old Capitol Books** — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Florez Rain** and singer and guitarist **Alex Ramirez** (Friday at 9 p.m.). 482 Alvarado St.

**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.

**Peter B's Brewpub** — Halloween party with mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff**, pianist **Juneau Rowe** and percussionist **Will Bates** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Portola Hotel, 2 Portola Plaza.

**Salty Seal Pub** — **Sixth Street Alternative** (rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Transducers** (funk and rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **The Edge** (rock, Sunday at 4 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** — **Phil 'n' the Blanks** (classic rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Speakeasy Band** (pop and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

## ■ Pacific Grove

**Il Vecchio Restaurant** — **The Harpin' and Clark Duo** (rock and blues, Tuesday at 6 p.m.), **The Cena Jazz Trio** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 110 Central Ave.

**PG's Meetinghouse** — Halloween party with banjoist **Sam Wallace** (Friday at 7:30



Saxophonist Arman Sangalang plays Sunday, 5 p.m., with singer and guitarist Peter Barnes Martin at Midici Pizza in Monterey.

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# CALENDAR

**Oct. 26 – Harvest Craft Faire presented by Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 4590 Carmel Valley Road. Enjoy lunch and hot German donuts. Crafts for sale include jewelry, jams, photos, soaps, cards and more. For details, call (831) 595-9752.

**Oct. 26 – De Tierra Vineyards presents Yachtober, Yacht Rock performed live by the Alex Lucero Band.** Event includes a luxurious food banquet, paired with exquisite yacht worthy wines, a lively dance floor and full-stocked cash bar. Event held at Carmel Missino Inn, 3665 Rio Road, Carmel. Call (831) 622-9794 or visit info@detierra.com

**Oct. 26 – Annual Hunter Moon Arts & Crafts Fair**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Carmel Valley Lodge, 8 Ford Road, Carmel Valley. Stop by to view booths featuring local artists, crafters, galleries and more. This unique and fun event only happens once a year so don't miss out! Food & drink by The Bitter Ginger.

**Oct. 27 – St. Mary's By-The-Sea continues its fall Celtic music series** with two of the finest acoustic players from Ireland, **John Doyle** and **Mick McAuley**. Tickets and details at [www.celticsociety.org](http://www.celticsociety.org).

**Oct. 27 – Max's Helping Paws 5th Annual Howloween Fundraiser**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Outdoor Forest Theater, Carmel. Dog costume contest with runway and judges,

professional dog photos, magic show, live music, vendors and more. Kid-friendly, free to attend. Participants urged to pre-register for tickets. Details at: [information:www.maxshelpingpaws.org/events](http://information.www.maxshelpingpaws.org/events).



**Oct. 31 – Don't miss the fun free 6th Halloween on the Wharf at Old Fisherman's Wharf** from 4 to 7 p.m. Trick or treating at more than 25 Wharf merchants, a costume contest with lots of cash prizes, photos ops and more. Info at: [www.montereywharf.com](http://www.montereywharf.com)

**Nov. 1 – Join us for a Halloween Party**, 6 to 10 p.m. with a costume contest. Live music by **Wrockinfoose** starts at 7 p.m. \$10 donation at the door for the band; Dolores 2 south of Eighth, Carmel. Info: [alpost512carmel.org](mailto:alpost512carmel.org)

**Nov. 9 & 10 – It's Baum & Blume's Kaleidoscope Christmas! Our "Lighting of the Tannenbaum" and Holiday Open House**, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Discover a "New Perspective" on holiday shopping ... find colorful artisan gifts and décor ... enjoy live music, tasty apps and hosted wine tastings too! Baum & Blume and The Carriage House, 4 El Caminito, Carmel Valley. (831) 659-0400.

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p.m.), **The Miranda Perl Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), guitarist **Catherine Broz** (Spanish music, Sunday at 11 a.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 **Holysea** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

**Lucy's on Lighthouse** — **The Edge Band** (rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **Wolf Dog Walker** (rock, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

**Monarch Pub** in Pacific Grove — **Bow River** (Ameri-

cana, Sunday at 3 p.m.). 617 Lighthouse Ave.

■ **Pebble Beach**

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

**The Inn at Spanish Bay** — singer and guitarist **Stu Heydon** and pianist **Michael Martinez** (blues, Saturday at 2 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Dr.

■ **Seaside**

**Cuz's Sportsman's Club** in Seaside — **The Vick**

**Silva Band** (rock, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.). 594 Broadway.

**Deja Blue** — **The Flow** (jazz and r&b, Saturday at 3 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

**Gusto Pasta and Pizza** — singer and keyboardist **TJ Kuenster** and bassist **Tony Bianchini** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

To update these listings, email [chris@carmelpinecone.com](mailto:chris@carmelpinecone.com).



Singer and guitarist Holysea plays Tuesdays evenings at Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove.

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# MORE LETTERS

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## Odello's diligence

Dear Editor,

I wholeheartedly endorse Jake Odello for the Carmel School Board. I have worked closely with Jake on other challenging nonprofit efforts and know that he will listen carefully, collaborate, and work tirelessly for the betterment of our public schools. Throughout his time in our community, Jake has consistently demonstrated that he listens and studies before he speaks. He values the perspectives of parents, teachers, and students alike, ensuring that every voice is heard and considered.

Moreover, Jake's conciliatory approach is essential to our progress. In a time when divisiveness often dominates our discussions, he brings people together, finding common ground and working towards solutions that benefit everyone. His ability to navigate complex issues with empathy and understanding will be invaluable on the school board.

Finally, Jake's diligence is unmatched. He approaches every task with a commitment to excellence, ensuring that projects are completed on time and to the highest standards. His strong work ethic and willingness to spend the countless hours of unpaid time make him the ideal

candidate for this position. Please give Jake Odello your support!

Suzanne Shaw, Carmel

## Halloween invite

Dear Editor,

We're sorry to interrupt the incoming letters about politics, but Halloween does come before Election Day, and we wanted to be sure that all our friends and neighbors in Carmel and the surrounding areas are aware that we will, again this year, be extending our invitation to you to visit our home on Halloween evening for one of the best displays anywhere around.

Many people will remember that our home was consumed by a horrible fire almost two years ago. We have been unable to rebuild (still no permits!) but we will carry on, as we have for the last 25 years, spreading old-fashioned Halloween fun combined with the most up-to-date Halloween animatronics and decorations. This is difficult to do as there is still no electricity on the property, but we promise fun, friendships and a few scares to all who visit. Please come by and visit us on Willow Place in Mission Fields. The Carmel Halloween Extravaganza will be here, no matter what adversities we have faced in the recent past. Seeing all our yearly visitors, and hopefully some new ones, brings such great joy to our favorite holiday.

Stephanie and Bryan Whitehead, Carmel

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5:00pm – 7:00pm  
Camino Real & 8th Ave

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San Carlos btwn Ocean & 5th

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Registered Owner(s): SS JUAN PABLO ENTERPRISES LLC, 8 W GABILAN ST. SALINAS, CA 93901, CA
This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
S/ JESUS JUAREZ, MANAGING MEMBER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 09/17/2024
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CNS-3850907#
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Publication Dates: Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024. (PC 1004)

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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Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/30/2024.
AAA Cooper Transportation S/ Michelle Lewis, CFO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 09/25/2024.
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Publication Dates: Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 2024. (PC 1014)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241830
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MONTEREY BAY LANDSCAPE INNOVATION, 1123 ALAMO WAY APT 7, SALINAS, CA 93905
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): JUAN VAZQUEZ, 1123 ALAMO WAY APT 7, SALINAS, CA 93905
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/ JUAN VAZQUEZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 09/30/2024.
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Publication Dates: Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 2024. (PC 1016)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241782
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CAMINO CIVIL ENGINEERING, 552 San Benito St., Salinas, CA 93905.
Registered Owner(s): RUBEN MENDOZA, 100 W. Alisal St., P.O. Box 175, Salinas, California 93902.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 17, 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/Ruben Mendoza
Date signed: Sept. 23, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 23, 2024.
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Publication Dates: Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 2024 (PC 1010)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241839
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: LINEA DE ORO, 1511 MCKINNON ST B, SALINAS, CA 93906, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): ABRAHAM SIGUENZA, 1511 MCKINNON ST B SALINAS, CA 93906
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 03/01/2024
S/ ABRAHAM SIGUENZA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/01/2024
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CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 2024. (PC 1022)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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Registered Owner(s): ABRAHAM SIGUENZA, 1511 MCKINNON ST B SALINAS, CA 93906
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 03/01/2024
S/ ABRAHAM SIGUENZA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/01/2024
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CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 2024. (PC 1022)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF OVIDIO CASADO-FUENTE Case Number 24PR000481

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of OVIDIO CASADO-FUENTE.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by VERONICA FUENTE in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.
The Petition for Probate requests that VERONICA FUENTE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: Nov. 20, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
If you object to the granting of

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement

Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. Seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, tools, and/or other misc. items.
Auction to be held at 4:00 pm on November 13th, 2024:
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The property is stored at: Coastal Storage
575 California Ave Sand City, 93955
Name of Tenants
James Cuyno
Danis Taylor
10/25/24
CNS-3861159#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 25, 2024. (PC 1023)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241856
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. COAST WILDLAND
2. COAST WILDLAND MANAGEMENT
38493 Palo Colorado Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: GROW YOUR LUNCH, LLC, P.O. Box 222962, Carmel, CA 93922.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 27, 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). 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/Benjamin R. Eichorn, Member
Date: Sept. 27, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 4, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241856
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. COAST WILDLAND
2. COAST WILDLAND MANAGEMENT
38493 Palo Colorado Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: GROW YOUR LUNCH, LLC, P.O. Box 222962, Carmel, CA 93922.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 27, 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). 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/Benjamin R. Eichorn, Member
Date: Sept. 27, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 4, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241887
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BELLA STONE RESTORATION, 1530 Darwin St., Seaside, CA 93955.
Registered Owner(s): JIMMY NICK TURTURICI.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Mar. 1, 2007.
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/Jimmy Turturici
Date signed: Oct. 10, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 10, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241887
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BELLA STONE RESTORATION, 1530 Darwin St., Seaside, CA 93955.
Registered Owner(s): JIMMY NICK TURTURICI.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Mar. 1, 2007.
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/Jimmy Turturici
Date signed: Oct. 10, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 10, 2024.

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: Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 2024 (PC 1025)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241793
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MARK'S MOBILE LOCKSMITH, 1206 La Salle Ave., SPC 50, Seaside, CA 93955.
Registered Owner(s): JONATHAN PAUL WHITE, 1206 La Salle Ave., SPC 50, Seaside, CA 93955.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 17, 2022.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/Jonathan Paul White
Date signed: Sept. 24, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 24, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241693
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SALINAS POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, 312 E. Alisal St., Salinas, CA 93901.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SALINAS POLICE BENEFIT ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 725, Salinas, CA 93902.
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 Feb. 20, 1951.
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 Arthur Vossen
Date signed: Oct. 14, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 14, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241693
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SALINAS POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, 312 E. Alisal St., Salinas, CA 93901.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SALINAS POLICE BENEFIT ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 725, Salinas, CA 93902.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
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This business is conducted by a corporation.
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S/James Arthur Vossen
Date signed: Oct. 14, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 14, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, on or after 4:30 p.m., the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing via teleconference and in person at the City Hall Council Chambers located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 1. First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance No. 2024-002, amending Chapter 10.36.010 of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Municipal Code by adding subsection (1), under Section (C); Identifying Commercial Loading Zones to comply with CVC 22500 and Assembly Bill 413-The "Daylighting Bill"
Recommendation: Read by title only, waive full reading, and introduce Ordinance No. 2024-002.
2. Consider a recommendation from the Rule 20A Ad Hoc Committee to adopt Resolution 2024-094 establishing the Del Mar Underground Utility District and authorizing the Del Mar Utility Undergrounding Project utilizing Rule 20A Work Credit allocation.
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 2024-094, establishing the Del Mar Underground Utility District utilizing Rule 20A Works Credits for the undergrounding project.

This meeting will be held in person and via teleconference. 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 view or listen to the meeting from home, you may watch the YouTube Live Stream at: https://www.youtube.com/@CityofCarmelbytheSea/streams, or use the link below to view or listen to the meeting via Zoom teleconference:

To attend via Zoom (copy and paste the link into your browser):
https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/83289524838
Webinar ID: 832 8952 4838
Passcode: 904814
Dial in: (253) 215-8782

All interested persons are invited to attend in-person or via teleconference or in person at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921 or by email cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us prior to the meeting. Comments must be received 2 hours before the meeting in order to be provided to the legislative body. Comments received after that time and up to the beginning of the meeting will be made part of the record. If you wish to challenge the action of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

A complete copy of Ordinance No. 2024-002 is available in the City Clerk's Office, located at City Hall, and will be published online as part of the Council packet at https://ci.carmel.ca.us/meetings no less than 72 hours before the meeting.

Please direct questions about the Rule 20A item to Javier Hernandez, jhernandez@ci.carmel.ca.us, or 831-620-2070
Publication Date: October 25, 2024 Publication dates: Oct. 25, 2024 (PC1040)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241770
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ASPIRE CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING, 24751 Handley Dr., Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: UNITY OF ESCONDIDO, 24751 HANDLEY DR., CARMEL, CA 93923
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Has not filed since 1996- June 01.
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/Gregory E Penn, CEO
Date: Sept. 12, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 19, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241770
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ASPIRE CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING, 24751 Handley Dr., Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: UNITY OF ESCONDIDO, 24751 HANDLEY DR., CARMEL, CA 93923
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Has not filed since 1996- June 01.
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S/Gregory E Penn, CEO
Date: Sept. 12, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 19, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241825
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HILLTOWN INSTRUMENT REPAIR, 22220 Tara Ct., Salinas, CA 93908.
Registered Owner(s): DESIREE GABRIELLE YOUNGBLOOD PEDERSEN
QUINN MARTIN KAUFMAN PEDERSEN
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 30, 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/Desiree Youngblood Pedersen
Date signed: Sept. 30, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 30, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
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Registered Owner(s): DESIREE GABRIELLE YOUNGBLOOD PEDERSEN
QUINN MARTIN KAUFMAN PEDERSEN
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 30, 2024.
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S/Desiree Youngblood Pedersen
Date signed: Sept. 30, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 30, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241863
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GALLAGHER AMMUNITION, 871 Alice St., Apt. 6, Monterey, CA 93940.
Registered Owner(s): COLIN GERARD GALLAGHER.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 3, 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/Colin Gerard Gallagher
Date signed: Oct. 7, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 7, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241681
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. SRS CONSTRUCTION
2. SRS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
5451 Industrial Way, Benicia, CA 94510.
County of Principal Place of Business: SOLANO.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SHARIO, LLC.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 25, 2022.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code 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/Francisco Vega, COO
Date: Aug. 21, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 5, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241806
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DHE Transportation, 880 Airport Blvd, Salinas, CA 93901
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): AAA Cooper Transportation, 1751 Kinsey Road, Dothan, AL 36303
This business is conducted by a Corpo-

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 24CV004155
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, ASOMOE JOALLE FALESA PUNI, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: ASOMOE JOALLE FALESA PUNI
Proposed name: ASOMOE JOALLE FALESA TUPUOLA
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: Dec. 6, 2024
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: 14
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone.
(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Oct. 2, 2024
Publication Dates: Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 2024. (PC 1012)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241863
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GALLAGHER AMMUNITION, 871 Alice St., Apt. 6, Monterey, CA 93940.
Registered Owner(s): COLIN GERARD GALLAGHER.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 3, 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/Colin Gerard Gallagher
Date signed: Oct. 7, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 7, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241806
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DHE Transportation, 880 Airport Blvd, Salinas, CA 93901
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): AAA Cooper Transportation, 1751 Kinsey Road, Dothan, AL 36303
This business is conducted by a Corpo-

Be prepared for emergencies - www.alertmontereycounty.org

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241861
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ETERNO BEAUTY BY ANA, 423 Pajaro St., Suite A, Salinas, CA 93901.

Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 16, 2024.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner.

sand 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/Dennis Jarvis, Managing Partner
Date: Sept. 30, 2024

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: Dec. 6, 2024
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DEPT: 15
The address of the court is 1200 Agujaito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 22, 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.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 3, 2022.
BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code 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).

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement

Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. Seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, tools, and /or other misc. items.
Auction to be held at 4:00 pm on November 13th, 2024.
www.selfstorageauction.com
The property is stored at: Coastal Storage
575 California Ave, Sand City, 93955
Name of Tenants James Cuyno Danis Taylor
10/25/24
CNS-3861159#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 25, 2024. (PC 1036)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241926
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CHAMP CERTIFIED FARMER MARKETS, 100 Panetta Road Carriage House, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241933
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SELINA'S THERAPY CENTER, 620 Lighthouse Ave., STE 165, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241957
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MONTEREY'S FINEST, 700 Cannery Row, Suite H1, Monterey, CA 93940.

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement

Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. seq.) Auction to be held at 4:00PM on November 13, 2024 at www.selfstorageauction.com. The property is stored at: Marina U Store Self Storage 475 Reservation Road Marina, CA 93933

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241874
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CHANGE OF PLACES, 49 Ocean Pines, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241936
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SELINA SAHBA
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 17, 2024.

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241874
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CHANGE OF PLACES, 49 Ocean Pines, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20241956
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE PLUSHIE ZOO, 711 Cannery Row, Suite F, Monterey, California 93940.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 24CV004323
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, JOSE CARLOS RUIZ-MARTINEZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 24CV004349
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, ANTHONY MONDRAGON, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement

California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. Seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, tools, and /or other misc. items.
Auction to be held at 4:00 pm on November 13, 2024.
www.selfstorageauction.com
The property is stored at: StoragePro of Carmel
9640 Carmel Valley Rd. Carmel, CA 93923
Name of Tenants Joseph Skaro Ester Elles
10/25/24
CNS-3864075#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 25, 2024. (PC 1038)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

Loan No.: EWL6883 - Gate TS no. 2024-11104 APN: 189-372-011-000
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST, DATED 4/20/2023, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on 11/19/2024, at 10:00 AM of said day, At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. 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Nova Romero, MMC
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Dated: 10/22/2024
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# TENNIS

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and Catalina) and compiled an 8-7 overall mark.

"It's unfortunate that we won't have Margarita Soffia for our postseason matches," lamented Padres coach Leslie Tracy. "She's a steady baseline player — a grinder who keeps the ball in play — with a solid forehand and backhand."

An aggressive freshman with a big forehand, Gabby Samchenko, is Carmel's No. 2 player, but she has been nagged much of the season by a wrist injury.

Ruby Iranmanesh, a sophomore at No. 3, is a consistent baseline player with top-spin that creates a "heavy ball," Tracy said. Another sophomore, Meya Lin, also is a baseline-style player at No. 4.

Topping Carmel's doubles lineup is the all-senior tandem of Alyssa Moore and Ruby Myrold (7-0 when the week began), both strong serve-and-volley players who

cover the court well as a team.

"They really understand the basics of doubles play, and could be a strong post-season team for us" Tracy said.

At No. 2 are senior Emma Shin, a steady baseliner, and sophomore Havana Razi-Symes (6-3 as a team), who specializes in attacking the net.

Senior baseliner Aarna Desai (9-3 with three partners this season) and sophomore attacker Naomi Foudy (5-1 with two partners) are the Padres' No. 3 team.

### Sciuto 10-1 with 3 partners

Other notables for Carmel this year include Brianna Sciuto (10-1 with three doubles partners) and sophomore Alisa Babenko (4-0 with two partners).

As Gabilan champion, Stevenson receives an automatic spot in the Central Coast Section team tournament, scheduled for Nov. 11-16.

CCS "play-in" games are scheduled Tuesday to determine two other teams that will advance to the main bracket of the team tournament.



Lin Fu, a boarding student from East Bay, went 16-1 at No. 2 singles for Stevenson after playing No. 1 last year.

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Catalina, as Gabilan runner-up, will travel to face Cypress Division champion Palma (10-0), and Carmel will be on the road to face the Mission Division winner, which is likely to be Pacific Grove.

The CCS individual tournament will be played Nov. 18-20.

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