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Six months later, post office repairs complete

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL post office looks good as new — or at least part of it does — following several weeks of construction and a final inspection this week. The new doors, windows, planter and wall represent a six-month journey from the afternoon a Pebble Beach woman crashed her car into the front of the building.

Rebecca Rousso, 74 at the time, was parked in the handicap stall in the off-street parking lot directly across from the front doors on Fifth Avenue when her Tesla Model S “took off,” sped forward about 40 feet out of control, missed a pedestrian in the crosswalk by approximately 1 foot, and crashed into the front of the post office, causing severe damage to the building and the car, police said at the time of the April 24 crash. The driver wasn’t injured and did not appear to be impaired, while the pedestrian was shaken but also unhurt.

Services unavailable

In the weeks and months that followed, the front section of the post office — including the area where customers go for stamps, shipping, money orders and other postal business — was shut off, as it had been declared unsafe by the city’s building official. Residents had to visit the Dutch door in the box lobby to retrieve packages, but all other services were unavailable.

The situation dragged on as the building’s owner, the Bing Sung Trust, and property manager Manco Abbott worked through insurance issues, while city officials repeatedly encouraged them to get a permit application submitted so it could be processed as soon as possible.

In late June, building official Jermel Laurie and building inspector Duane Dauphinee were able to work with the postmaster to shore up the building and install plywood barriers to make the service area available to the public.



PHOTO/MARY SCHLEY

Hey look, the doors work! There’s no longer any indication that a car ran into the post office in April, thanks to the repairs that wrapped up this week.

And finally, the construction application was submitted Sept. 9, with the permit issued nine days later to Cal Construction to “repair vehicle damage to the front of the building, windows, store front and wood posts. Repair brick flower bed and wood trim around windows. Condition: All exterior work shall match existing colors, materials and finishes.”

Intact again

After paying \$1,731 in city fees and submitting necessary documents, the crew got to work, and last week, the barrier blocking the construction site from view was removed so the planter could be rebuilt. By early this week, everything was intact and functioning as normal. Dauphinee conducted his final inspection Wednesday.

Reviews say Eastwood’s latest is ‘gripping thriller’

‘Juror #2’ opens Friday

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

AFTER ITS premiere on Sunday at the Chinese Theater in Hollywood, the new film, “Juror #2,” directed by Clint Eastwood, received the kind of acclaim most directors only dream about.

Pete Hammond of Deadline Hollywood said the former mayor of Carmel “has crafted not only a gripping suspense

thriller and poignant family drama, but also a work that delves deeply into themes of moral ambiguity and the profound challenge of confronting one’s conscience.”

According to David Fear of Rolling Stone, Eastwood is guilty of “wanting to entertain you like it’s 1992, definitely — but also of making a movie that tries to examine morality, accountability, and the meaning of justice.”

Serious dilemma

Warner Bros., Eastwood’s longtime production partner, says “Juror #2,” “follows the story of a family man who, while serving as a juror in a high-profile murder trial, finds himself struggling with a serious moral dilemma — one he could use to sway the jury verdict and potentially convict, or free, the wrong killer.” With a screenplay by Jonathan Abrams, “Juror #2” stars Nicholas Hoult, Toni Collette, J.K. Simmons, Chris Messina, Gabriel Basso, Zoey Deutch and Leslie Bibb, not to mention Kiefer Sutherland and Francesca Eastwood. It was filmed earlier this year in Savannah, Ga., and opens Friday at Del Monte Center in Monterey.

Speaking to The Pine Cone from his home in Carmel Valley, the 94-year-old Eastwood, whose numerous awards include Best Picture and Best Director Oscars, was typically modest.

“It was fun to do this one. It was a project I liked very much,” Eastwood said. “We had a good cast and everything fell into place.”

Asked the morning after the premiere if he was already aware how enthusiastic the critics are about his 40th directorial effort, he smilingly said, “That’s what they tell me.”

Hoult gave the AP an interesting angle on how he got the role, which at first he thought was a mistake.

After being told Eastwood wanted to talk to him about starring in his new film, a slow-burn legal thriller about a normal guy



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(Top) The jury box in the film, “Juror #2,” with star Nicholas Hoult second from left in the front row. (Above) On location in Savannah, Ga., director Clint Eastwood tells members of the cast what he’s looking for.

‘I thought he was going to shoot me’

Witnesses share accounts of fatal shooting near Golden Bough

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE THE assault-rifle-style gun that James Marshall was brandishing shortly before he was shot and killed by police in Carmel Friday morning turned out to be a BB gun, witnesses who saw it believed it was real, according to their accounts.

Edgar Placencia was one of five painters working at the Golden Bough Playhouse when Marshall, 27, approached them carrying the gun and a 3-foot-long crowbar. He was wearing a helmet and a camouflage tactical vest.

“As I was walking on the west side of the theater up the street, I saw the guy walking toward me, and he said, ‘Hey, come here, Jesus loves you,’” he told The Pine Cone Thursday afternoon. Placencia turned and ran toward the two others who had been working with him outside.

“I told them, ‘Run! The guy’s chasing us!’” he said. “He pointed the gun at me — he was about 10 feet away from me — and I was running away, thinking he was going to shoot me.”

Thoughts of his mom, wife, and 2-year-old son flew through his head. He leapt down a flight of 10 stairs without knowing how he did it. “I jumped all of them — I don’t know how, but I was so scared,” he said.

Thoughts of mom, wife and a 2-year-old son

‘Very scary moment’

Placencia said Marshall followed them down Carmelo Street but then turned back. “I think he saw the police,” he said. “It was a very scary moment for all of us.”

Another painter, Omero Gamez, speaking through an interpreter at The Pine Cone, said Placencia told him, “He’s going to kill me! He’s going to kill me!” Gamez went to see what was happening and saw Marshall “pointing the rifle at anyone who was in front of him.”

Gamez said he was afraid for his life. “The weapon looked very real,” he said.

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Upcoming vote could send gas prices soaring

By CAITLIN CONRAD

JUST THREE days after Tuesday’s election, the California Air Resources Board is set to vote on a policy change that could send average gasoline prices in the state well over the \$5 mark.

The upcoming vote has garnered skepticism from Democrats and Republicans in Sacramento who say the board has not been transparent about how potential changes will affect prices at the pump.

On Nov. 8, the unelected board is planning to decide on proposed changes to the state’s low-carbon fuel standard. When the plan went public last year, the air resources board said it could increase gas prices by 47 cents per gallon in 2025. Members of the board quickly walked those numbers back following public outrage, but energy experts say that number isn’t far off and could even be on the low end.

65 cents-per-gallon increase?

The proposed changes to the low-carbon fuel standard are complicated and will impact the oil and gas industry, hence the increased cost for drivers at the pump. The fuel standard requires the carbon intensity of transportation fuels to decline every year.

To maintain compliance, bulk fuel sellers must either reduce their emissions or buy credits from companies that sell lower-carbon fuels. Those credit prices would go up if the board adopts amendments to the low-carbon fuel standard next month.

According to Danny Cullenward with the Kleinman

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Raising a retriever

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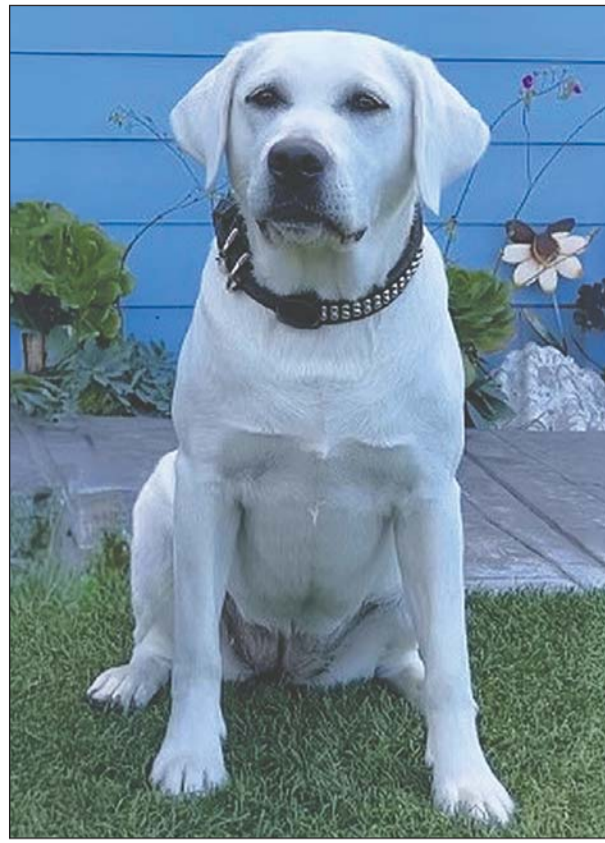
Yet on the day we met her, Ruth was simply a curious puppy, sniffing the grass in Devendorf Park, intrigued by a squirrel, excited by the birds, and fawning over passersby at the nearby farmer's market.

"Ruth is quite mellow and really smart," her person said. "She already knows all her basic commands and listens very well. She's also very affectionate."

In that moment, as if on command, Ruth laid her head upon her person's leg and gazed up at her.

"She's also really playful," her person said. "Her best friend is Willy, a 2-year-old mini-Dachshund who loves to wrestle."

Ruth hikes daily on the trails near her Jacks Peak home and loves to go to Carmel or Del Monte Beach, where she gets excited by the birds and loves to run with other dogs right into the water.



"Because she's so friendly," she said, "she'll come up to anyone just to say 'Hi.' But then I typically put her on a leash while she's so young because I'm training her."

Ruth's person, who grew up with a passion for dogs, started raising retrievers after realizing neighbors weren't willing to send their kids to play at a house with a Rottweiler. Everyone wants to pet retrievers.

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Q: What to expect on Election Day? A: A city council meeting, then cake

By MARY SCHLEY

AS THE final voters head to the polls at Sunset Center and officials plan for an Election Night celebration in Carmel City Hall Nov. 5, the city council will be handling business as usual on behalf of its constituents.

With residents and others invited to hear results as they come in live from the Monterey County Elections department that night — and to enjoy light snacks and socializing until city hall closes around 8:30 p.m. — the agenda was kept fairly light. Some 1,300 ballots have already been received from the 2,494 registered voters in the city, an election official reported Thursday, so the outcome should be available right when the polls close at 8 p.m.

Before that, however, the council is set to vote on a donation of \$1,000 to the Carmel High School Mock Trial Team and a proposal by the Carmel Area Wastewater District on plans to rehabilitate sewer mains in the area of Santa Rita and Guadalupe streets.

Undergrounding

Members will then consider a recommendation from councilmembers Alissandra Dramov and Jeff Baron to establish the Del Mar Underground Utility District so the city can use the \$667,639 it has in PG&E ratepayer funds to put power lines underground before the utility company

takes the money away.

In 2021, the city had nearly \$1 million for undergrounding, but since it had no active plans to remove above-ground power lines, the utility started reallocating the money to jurisdictions with underfunded projects in the works. Over the course of the next few years, PG&E removed \$324,414 from the city's allocation to help pay for undergrounding efforts in other parts of the state.

To keep what's left, Dramov and Baron recommended creating an undergrounding district to remove 10 power poles in the Del Mar parking lot west from the intersection of Ocean and San Antonio. Seven homeowners would be affected, and unless the city decides to use taxpayer dollars, their share of the cost could be between \$20,000 and \$30,000 each, according to the staff report.

Finally, at the Nov. 5 meeting, the council will be asked to approve changes to the municipal code to implement AB 413, the Daylighting Bill that removes parking spaces near crosswalks.

In addition, a special meeting set for Monday, Nov. 4, will have council members voting on their consent agenda of routine business and then going into closed session to negotiate with the Carmel Area Wastewater District on the use of Rio Park.

Both meetings begin at 4:30 p.m. and take place in city hall and online. For complete agendas and other information, visit ci.carmel.ca.us.

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- CSEA Carmel Chapter 190 (CUSD Classified Staff)
- Sam Farr Former United States Representative
- Ken White Former CUSD Board Member
- Paula Stark Former F.O.C.U.S. President
- Graeme Robertson Past President Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea
- Karl Pallastrini Current CUSD Board Member
- Seaberry Nachbar Current CUSD Board Member

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Juvenile altercation at school, church

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 11

Pacific Grove: A 51-year-old male was arrested on Asilomar Avenue for probation violation.

Carmel area: Adult Protective Services referral alleging neglect of a Portola Road resident.

Pebble Beach: Suspicious social media post reported on Morse Court.

Carmel area: Adult Protective Services referral alleging neglect involving a San Luis Avenue resident.

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services referral alleging financial abuse involving a Del Mesa Carmel resident.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a report of a runaway juvenile from a residence on Forest Lodge Road.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person at Santa Rita and Third assisted with the re-homing of a dog after the owners could no longer care for it.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Verbal dispute with a business owner on San Carlos Street.

Pacific Grove: A 28-year-old male was arrested on Ransford for assault on a peace officer and other violations, including pos-

session of unlawful paraphernalia, resisting arrest, petty theft and identity fraud.

Pacific Grove: A 48-year-old male was arrested at Sunset and Forest for being drunk in public.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Sunset Drive for expired registration over six months.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on Spazier marked for 72-hour parking.

Big Sur: Deputies responded to a report of trespassing at Pfeiffer Big Sur.

Pebble Beach: A report of theft was documented on Pine Meadows Way.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of a battery on Carmel Valley Road.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of at-risk missing person at Junipero and 10th; located by police and reunited with reporting party. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two dogs left a residence at Torres and Ninth and returned home.

Pacific Grove: Mental-health hold on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Report of a dog at large at a public event causing minor injury to a juvenile. Parent denied medical.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost ring report.

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 — A jury found Carlos Perdomo, 38, a prisoner at Salinas Valley State Prison, guilty of first degree attempted murder on a peace officer. Perdomo was also found guilty of assault by a life prisoner, second degree attempted murder, and possession of a weapon. Perdomo was also found to have received two prior strike convictions for two first degree murders in 2007 Monterey County Superior Court Judge Stephanie Hulsey presided over the six-day trial.

On June 25, 2022, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation officers attempted to conduct a routine search of Perdomo's prison cell at Salinas Valley prison. During their search, and without warning, Perdomo pulled a 9-inch metal stabbing weapon from his waistband and attacked the officers, resulting in multiple, serious stab wound injuries to both officers' heads, arms,

and torsos. Both officers were rushed to Natividad Medical Center for treatment.

On Sept. 13, 2017, Perdomo and two other inmates orchestrated an attack on another inmate while on the Facility B yard at Salinas Valley prison. Perdomo used an inmate-made knife during this attack and stabbed the victim over a dozen times. The victim inmate was transported to Natividad Medical Center, where he was treated for life-threatening stab wounds sustained from the attack.

Both cases were investigated by California Department of Corrections officers and members of the investigative services unit at Salinas Valley State Prison, as well as Monterey County District Attorney investigator Peter Austen.

Perdomo's sentencing is set for November 13. He faces up to 148 years to life in state prison.

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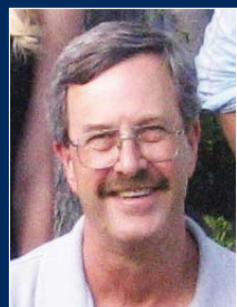


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Here's what others are saying about Bob

Bob Delves is an unusually gifted individual whose knowledge of local government and of Carmel demonstrate that he has all the qualities that our little Village needs at this crucial time. I believe Bob has the skills we need to set things right and I happily endorse him.

Gerard Rose - Former City Councilor

Bob Delves has demonstrated the interest, work ethic and leadership skills to be the person we need on the Carmel-by-the-Sea City Council. He has an impressive and lengthy record of leadership in the private and public sectors, including four years on the Carmel Planning Commission, and his service as a mayor in his previous home in Colorado. Bob would make one heck of a good City Council member for our Village. *Jeanne Le Vette - Citizen and Business Owner*

Bob Delves is exactly what we need at the Council level. His experience in city government, including his four years serving on the Carmel Planning Commission is very broad. He will hit the ground running and has my enthusiastic support and my vote. *Ken White - Former Mayor*

Bob Delves has been on the Carmel Planning Commission for four years where he has demonstrated that he thinks critically. He evaluates issues carefully, clearly sharing his decision-making rationale. Bob uses common sense when problem-solving and brings an analytical approach to financial matters. He is friendly, approachable and welcoming. Bob is ready to serve from the day he is sworn in. *Cindy Lloyd - Carmel native*

Bob is a clear-thinking problem solver. He does his homework, asks questions, and truly listens. This leads to better solutions. With his impressive range of experience in the public and private sectors, I know he is someone we can count on to serve us well on our City Council.

Judith Profeta - Citizen and Business Owner

Bob's extensive leadership experience in business and previous government experience in Colorado and his tenure on the Carmel-by-the-Sea Planning Commission will make him a tremendous asset to City Council. I wholeheartedly support Bob Delves for City Council.

Graeme Robertson - Citizen, Volunteer, President of Carmel Residents' Association

I've come to appreciate how Bob Delves has informed himself about the challenges our unique and fragile village faces. He clearly does his homework and makes decisions based on facts and information. Not conjecture and emotion. He also knows how to listen, and how to keep an open mind. All these qualities make him an ideal candidate, one I'm happy to vote for.

Ian Martin - Former Planning Commissioner

Bob Delves will bring to the City Council experience, skills, and direction that will be greatly valued by Carmel-by-the-Sea. He is highly regarded by everyone he has worked with for his engagement with the community. His first campaign plank is fiscal discipline, a quality needed. I will be voting for Bob Delves. *Don Goodhue - Former Planning Commission Chairman*

Bob's experience on the Carmel-by-the-Sea Planning Commission and as a former mayor has greatly impressed us. His financial expertise, especially budget scrutiny and long-range planning is exactly what our town needs. We believe Bob's vision and leadership will bring essential improvements. *Mo and Fay Massoudi - Citizens and Business Owners*

Bob Delves listens. He asks questions to get the information he needs to make responsible decisions. He has common sense. He is fiscally responsible and has an impressive background. He is a good neighbor who cares about our city, who has proven himself on the Planning Commission. I think the best choice is Bob, and he has my vote. *Bob Faussner - Citizen*

Carmel-by-the-Sea is lucky to have Bob as a committed and engaged resident and citizen. His current role on the Planning Commission has proven him to be in touch with the residents and protective of our community character. He brings decades of leadership experience which our community needs. Bob has my vote! *Nancy Twomey - Citizen*

Bob's extensive experience and connection to our community make him an exceptional candidate. His vision for our town blends innovative solutions with a respectful nod to our historic heritage. Bob's approach to governance is both inclusive and pragmatic, ensuring that every voice is heard and every concern is addressed. *Donna Jett - Citizen*

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Restaurant owner gets probation for credit card fraud, bank theft

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL restaurant owner who pleaded guilty in July to grand theft and credit card fraud amounting to more than \$100,000 was sentenced to three years' probation at an Oct. 17 hearing.

Dia Kheir, 52, bought Yafa restaurant at Junipero and Fifth in 2019 and then opened Carmel's Hidden Gem a few blocks away in 2022.

According to the case filed against him by Monterey County Chief Deputy District Attorney Emily Hickok in September 2022, Kheir and a co-conspirator, Tarek Hamade, used a complex scheme of maxing out multiple credit cards and never paying them off, running fake charges through Yafa's cash register system, and engaging in other schemes to bilk five financial institutions out of nearly \$214,000 in 2021.

Kheir, who was living in a Carmel Meadow apartment with wife Rita, was subsequently arrested and charged with 13 felonies for grand theft, credit card fraud and money laundering, with numerous enhancements because the losses totaled more than \$100,000.

A felony case was filed against Hamade at the same time, with an arrest warrant issued the following month, but he is thought to be out of the country and remains on the lam.

'Never intended to pay'

At a preliminary hearing in January in which Hickok and two investigators presented evidence gathered during a search of Kheir's apartment in December 2021, including records of the transfer of funds to relatives overseas, several Social Security

Cards in different people's names, and messages between the two men on Kheir's phone.

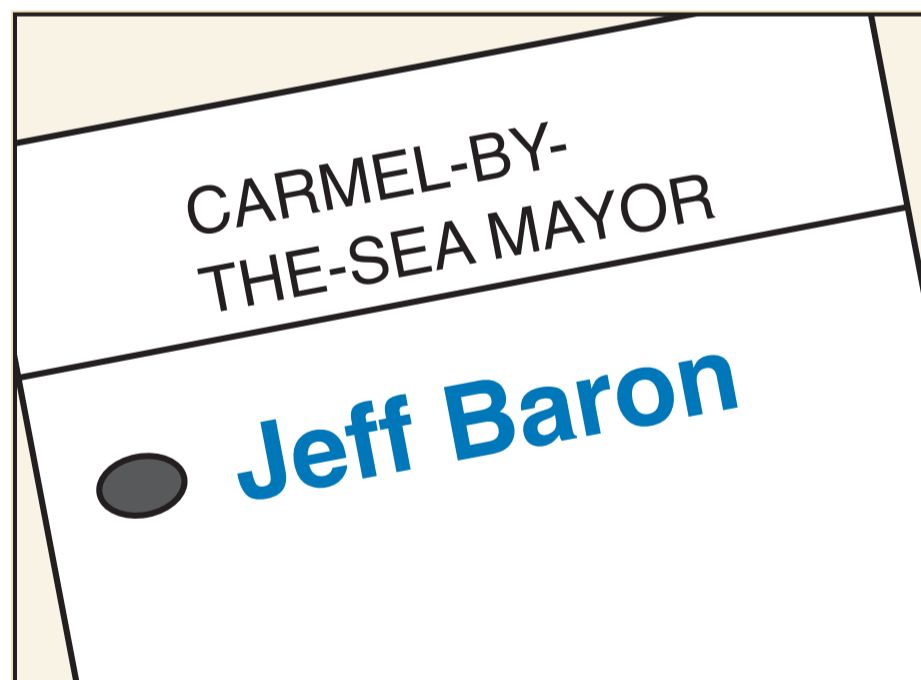
Hickok submitted 54 items as exhibits and explained that Kheir "conspired to make charges on Hamade's credit cards, and then they were never paid." In interviews with investigators, she said, Kheir first said he didn't know Hamade but then admitted they'd been friends for 20 years. Hamade also received mail at Kheir's home.

They used Yafa's payment system "to run charges on Hamade's credit cards for large catering transactions that never actually occurred," and "received tens of thousands of dollars from the credit card companies for these sham charges that Hamade never intended to pay for," according to Hickok, who said the proceeds of those charges were then laundered by funneling them through various financial accounts.

Pleaded to two

The duo also had a scheme to "bust out" credit cards, opening accounts with several financial institutions under various names and falsifying records to make the holders appear legitimate. In a bust-out scheme, perpetrators "run up charges, send in a payment that turns out to be bad, and before the credit card company realizes the payment is bad, they credit your account and you run up more charges, and then the bill is never paid," the prosecutor explained. Some of them included cash advances, overpayment of utility bills and purchases of restaurant supplies.

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Judge issues order after accused animal killer refuses to attend court

By MARY SCHLEY

VICENTE ARROYO — the 39-year-old man arrested for shooting and killing dozens of animals on a neighbor's property during a three-hour early morning rampage Sept. 3 — refused to leave his cell in the Monterey County Jail for a court hearing on his mental competence Oct. 23. In

response, the judge ordered this week that he be forcibly removed from his cell, if necessary, for future hearings.

Arroyo was arrested by Monterey County SWAT team members after they used drones to locate him in a rural area of Prunedale. In the aftermath, they found numerous firearms, including an illegal assault weapon, along with loaded and empty magazines, and discovered he'd killed a

pony, two miniature horses, 14 goats, five rabbits, a guinea pig, 10 chickens, seven ducks, 14 cockatiels and 20 parakeets, according to the criminal complaint against him. A search warrant served at his home the next day turned up seven more firearms and hundreds of rounds of ammunition.

The county district attorney's office filed its case against Arroyo Sept. 5, alleging 92 felony counts and one misdemeanor, along with numerous enhancements. As a convicted felon for evading arrest, Arroyo is already prohibited from owning any guns or ammunition.

At his arraignment in Monterey County Superior Court Judge Stephanie Hulsey's courtroom in Salinas the same day he was charged, defense attorney William Pernik "expressed doubt as to the defendant's mental competence" and requested a mental-health evaluation. Hulsey agreed and referred Arroyo to "a psychiatrist, licensed psychologist or other expert" for the purposes of determining his fitness to stand trial.



Vicente Arroyo

Extraction order

In such cases, the criminal proceedings are suspended while the suspect's mental condition is evaluated, and several hearings have been scheduled in Arroyo's case since then. Last week, he was set to appear in Judge Andrew Liu's courtroom for an update on his competence but refused to leave his cell.

On Oct. 29, Liu issued an order to allow deputies to forcibly remove Arroyo from his cell.

"If the defendant refuses to appear for the next court hearing, or any hearing set by the court, the court authorizes the defendant extracted from his cell, pursuant to standard Monterey County Sheriff's Office operating procedures," the order reads.

Although his bail was initially set at \$50,000 and then raised to \$1 million following the search at his home, it was subsequently withdrawn, so he is being held at the jail without the option of posting bail.

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Agency OKs possible Highway 68 traffic fix with better signal technology

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN A move that pleased those who are opposed to installing nine roundabouts along Highway 68, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County voted unanimously Oct. 23 to spend about \$500,000 on a Caltrans project to install adaptive signal controls at intersections along the busy transportation corridor between Monterey and Salinas — which is often gridlocked during morning and evening commutes.

While the signal upgrades may not eliminate the need for roundabouts along the highway, they could mean that fewer are required, which could save taxpayers millions of dollars. In October 2023, Caltrans proposed building the roundabouts at the cost of at least \$150 million.

At the hearing, the local road agency proposed installing the technology at just

four intersections along the route to see how it works, but resident Dwight Stump and others pushed to have it installed at all nine intersections.

Stump noted that the technology would be “far less” expensive than building roundabouts. He also suggested it would be more effective at increasing the traffic flow if done at more intersections at the same time.

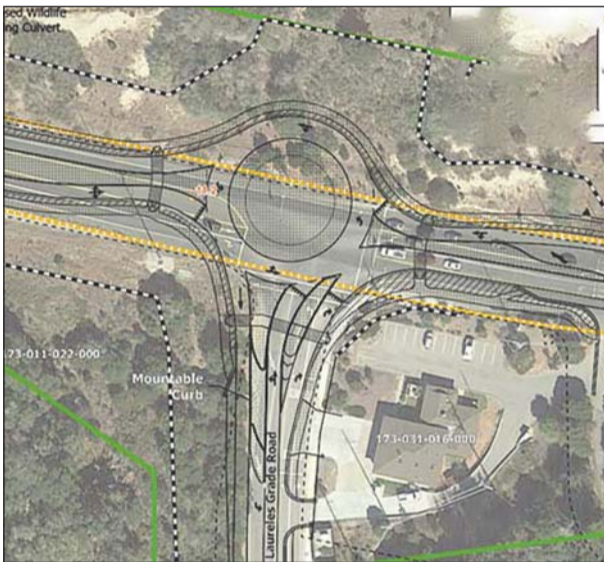
More is better

“Adaptive works as a system with communication between all intersections along the corridor to coordinate it and make it effective, which is why installations that are successful are those with 10 or more intersections,” he explained.

After public comment, transportation agency board member Glenn Church told his colleagues that he believes it makes sense to install the tech at all nine intersections at once. Board member Mary Adams agreed, and made the motion to pass the measure, which was approved unanimously.

Stump called the unanimous vote “a great step forward” in applying “better technology to the traffic challenges” along Highway 68. Based on examples elsewhere, he’s convinced it has significant potential to reduce traffic and lower the number of vehicle accidents.

“The software is easy to install,” he added. “Let’s keep our fingers crossed they do it quickly.”



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Smarter signal lights are coming to Highway 68, where Caltrans wants to install nine roundabouts like this one at Laureles Grade.

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Hotel taxes show steep rise over last year thanks to more rooms, higher rates

By MARY SCHLEY

EVEN THOUGH occupancy has not returned to the level seen during Car Week four years ago, average daily room rates and the hotel taxes visitors pay have

continued to rise over the past several years, according to reports released by the City of Carmel's finance department Wednesday, including a 17.4 percent increase in taxes this year over the same July-August period in 2023.

A reason for the improvement in TOT revenues from \$1,951,202 the year prior to \$2,290,176 during those months this year is a 4 percent increase in the number of available hotel rooms, thanks to the new Stilwell Hotel and other properties coming online, finance specialist Anna Aubuchon pointed out.

summer last year, and the Petit Pali properties on Junipero at Ocean and Eighth avenues came back on the market, as well.

As a result, while the average daily occupancy rate in July and August was 81.65 percent, just slightly up from the 78.91 percent rate seen a year earlier and still below the 85.59 percent reported during those months in 2021, total TOT

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‘DON’T WORRY, Your Orchestra is Here: How Dene Denny and Hazel Watrous Brought Music to Carmel,” is the title of a Nov. 13 presentation by David Gordon, a vocalist who served as the Bach festival’s dramaturge for 30 years.

Presented by the nonprofit Carmel Public Library Foundation at 7 p.m. in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center at Mission and Ninth, the event is part of the Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture series and is the third program of the 2024-2025 CPLF season titled “A Sense of Place: Profiles from the Collection.”

establishment as a cultural center,” founding the Carmel Music Society in 1927 and the Bach Festival six years later, CPLF executive director Alexandra Fallon said. The two “used the arts to bring people together.”

Gordon, a tenor and lecturer, is also author of “Carmel Impresarios: A Cultural Biography of Dene Denny and Hazel Watrous,” and will discuss the women and their contributions to the town they called home.

Artifacts from the library’s local history room will be shared, as well.

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‘No questions asked’ — Enduring food giveaway reaches milestone

By CHRIS COUNTS

ON DEL Monte Avenue in Monterey, across from Lake El Estero, an enduring food giveaway that many locals depend on just served its 50,000th meal.

The nonprofit group behind the giveaway at Window on the Bay Park in Monterey, Al & Friends, serves brunch to about 150 people every Sunday morning — roughly three times as many as it did in the days before Covid.

“We serve a lot more meals now,” Al & Friends board president Rick Richards told The Pine Cone. “Keeping up with it is daunting.”



PHOTO/FACEBOOK

Al & Friends volunteer Michele Barrett serves meals at the Window on the Bay Park in Monterey.

The food is served to anyone who is hungry, “with no questions asked,” according to the group’s motto.

The giveaway was started in 2010 by retired chef and caterer Al Siekert, who can often be found collecting donations next to the entrance of Grove Market in Pacific Grove on Fridays and Saturdays, or serving food on Sundays in Monterey.

The gathering relies on a dedicated — and growing — group of volunteers. A few work on Saturdays chopping vegetables and prepping meals, while others work on Sundays as servers or greeters, or as part of the cleanup crew. “We need 17 or 18 volunteers each week, and last week we had 33,” Richards said.

There’s even live music every week, thanks to the Arts Council for Monterey County, which sponsors singer and

guitarist Peter Meuse.

Grocery Outlet donates as much as 50 pounds of food each week, and the selection changes often. It’s prepared in a commercial kitchen that’s located at Chautauqua Hall in Pacific Grove. The city provides the space for free.

‘Well-oiled machine’

The effort also relies on private donations and its website lists dozens of sponsors, including Grove Market, Old Fisherman’s Grotto, Sudz Cyber Laundry and the Pacific Grove Police Department. They’ve also received grants from Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Services, Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop, the Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea, and Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. The latter recently gave Al & Friends two grants to pay for a new freezer and dishwasher. Now the group is

raising money to buy an electric van for transporting food.

“We used to be under the radar,” Richards said. “It’s amazing how far we’ve come in terms of community support.”

Richards described the operation as a “well-oiled machine,” which he said is “a testament to the organizational skills of volunteers.”

The giveaways make a big difference for the homeless and others who are struggling to survive.

“Our passionate volunteers always serve that meal with a smile and a kind word. Our guests sit down at tables with tablecloths,” Richards went on to say. “Our goal here is to reduce our carbon footprint while at the same time providing a safe and joyous atmosphere to dine — we strive to lift the spirits of our guests, even if it’s only for a couple of hours.”



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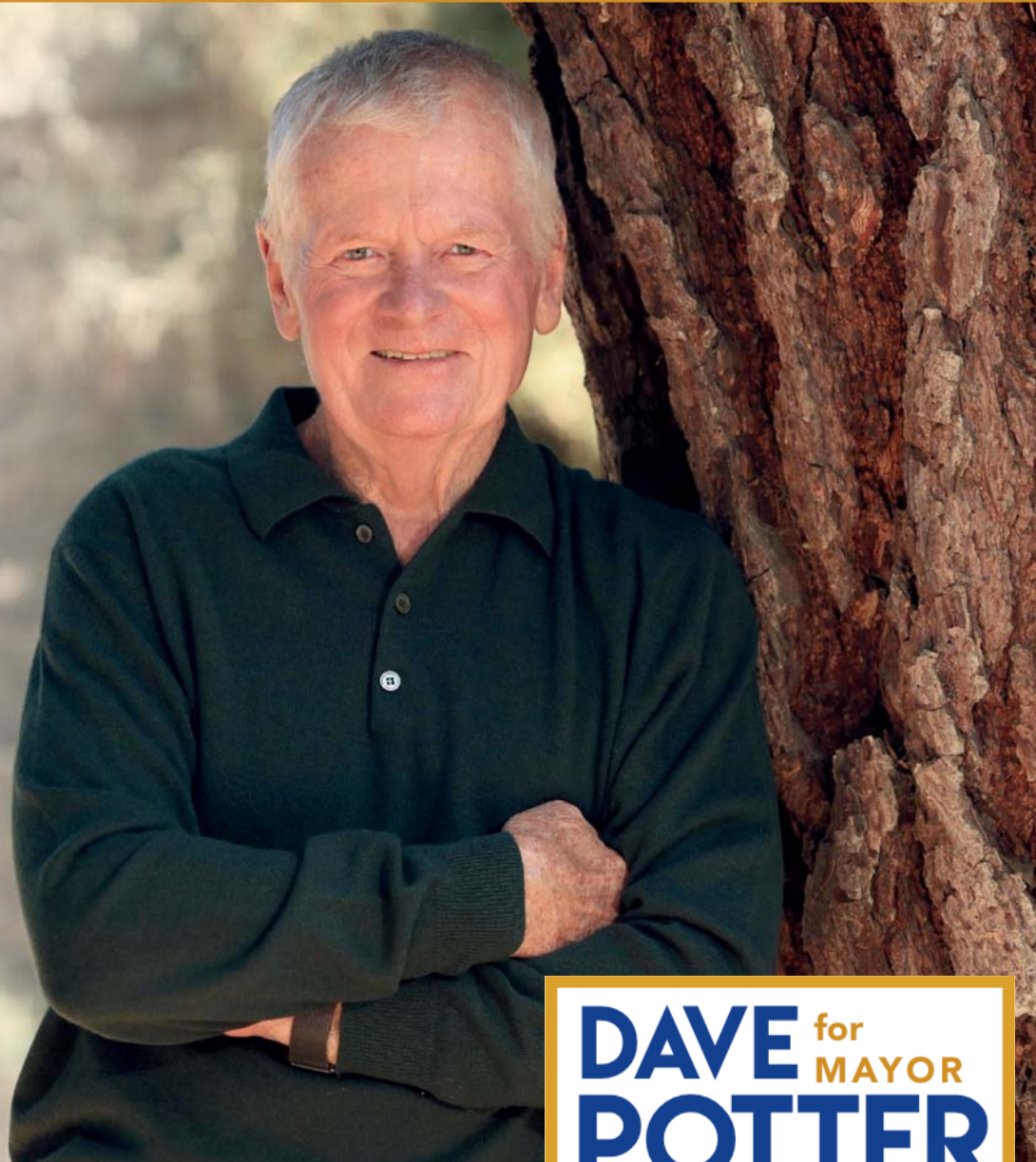
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Schools ditch Planned Parenthood sex-ed

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE Unified School District will no longer use a sex education course offered by Planned Parenthood because of the group’s restrictions on public access to the curriculum, the superintendent said this week.

For years, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, the nonprofit’s local chapter, provided a sex ed course to the school district. In the spring, though, some Pacific Grove parents and residents who requested to view the curriculum over concerns it contained gratuitous and explicit sexual content were denied access to it.

Pacific Grove Unified superintendent Linda Adamson told The Pine Cone Tuesday that administrators decided to abandon the Planned Parenthood course because the group only allowed parents with kids taking the course to view it, which is contrary to a district rule that learning materials be available for public inspection.

“We made the decision not to continue with our former program provider, Planned Parenthood, due to challenges we faced with making the materials openly available to parents and families, as is our district policy for all curricular offerings and materials,” she explained.

After the complaints earlier in the year,

a Planned Parenthood official sent a curt, 500-word letter to Pacific Grove Unified, saying that, while students as young as seventh grade were being taught the material, the public could not view the course because it contained “proprietary content.”

The California Healthy Youth Act of 2016 mandates comprehensive sex ed for students. While most schools in the state use Planned Parenthood’s course, Carmel Unified School District uses a different provider.

Public review

Adamson said that a committee composed of district administrators and teachers will search for a new course.

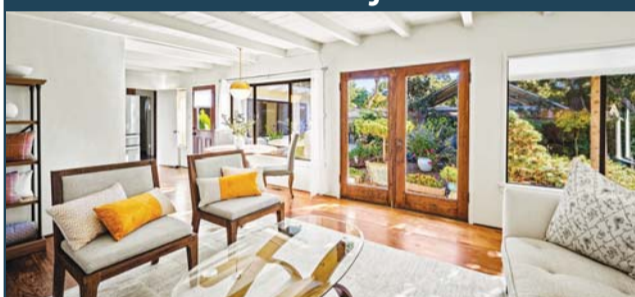
“We will follow the same process we do for all curriculum adoptions, which involves bringing forward the committee’s recommendations to the board for their approval, at which time the curriculum is placed on a 30-day public review so we can receive feedback from parents and families,” she said.

Facing criticism about a webpage in the course that seemed to promote sex to kids, Planned Parenthood removed the content. The same page contained a hashtag that, when searched online, offered pornographic websites, according to a citizen who viewed the course.

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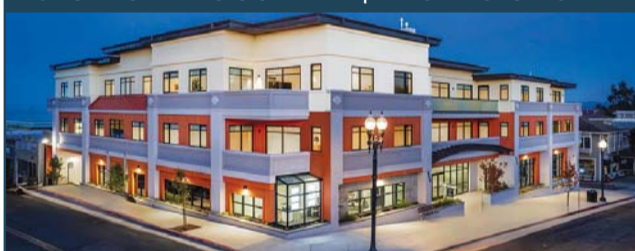
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Embattled restaurateurs seek \$\$\$ for lawsuit

By KELLY NIX

THE OWNERS of a Pacific Grove seafood restaurant are preparing to take the city to court over its outdoor dining plan and are asking the public to help pay their legal bills.

Wild Fish owners Kelvin and Liz Jacobs oppose a city plan to redesign the sidewalk outside their 545 Lighthouse Ave. restaurant. The construction project includes removing their enclosed wooden dining parklet and two others used by neighboring restaurants in favor of open-air eating areas.

In a GoFundMe page started Oct. 15, the Jacobses say they're preparing for a court battle against Pacific Grove and want people to open their wallets.

"We are asking for your help to fund legal services to

challenge our city to manage the outdoor dining program in a legal and transparent manner," says the page organized by Liz Jacobs which has a \$5,000 goal.

Approved by the P.G. City Council, the taxpayer-funded plan also involves a wider pathway and other improvements.

Neighbors in favor

The restaurant owners have complained for months that removing their Covid-era parklet would reduce seating and mean a loss of revenue. The structures were initially intended to be temporary. The owners of two adjacent restaurants are in favor of the redesigned outdoor eating plan.

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GROUP SAYS LIGHTHOUSE SITE SHOULD BE PROTECTED

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO YEARS after the federal government sold Pacific Grove's NOAA building to a private buyer, a group that formed to oppose the sale is asking the National Park Service to create a 92-acre historical district at Point Pinos that includes the former NOAA property — and prevents the building from being used for any commercial or residential purposes.



PHOTO/PINE CONE FILE

A group wants federal protection for 92 acres at Point Pinos, including the site of the NOAA building (lower left) and the Pacific Grove Lighthouse (lower right).

According to the group, known as COAST, numerous sites with historical significance exist on 92 acres surrounding the lighthouse, including places where artillery batteries and other military facilities were installed during World War II, and a site of "cultural significance" to local Native Americans that dates back thousands of years.

The case for doing it

The oldest continuously operating lighthouse on the West Coast, the facility at Point Pinos opened in 1855, four years the federal government claimed 25 acres for military use. In 1901, the federal land surrounding the lighthouse

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Farooqui helped develop the endovascular program at Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach and is now bringing his expertise to Monterey County, leading efforts to treat conditions including:

- Peripheral arterial disease — Reduced or blocked blood flow to the legs, arms, or abdomen caused by fatty plaque buildup
- Aortic aneurysms — A bulge in the wall of an artery that can burst and cause internal bleeding and death
- Carotid artery disease — Narrowing of the carotid artery in the neck by plaque, which blocks blood flow to the brain and can cause a stroke

Some vascular surgeries are already available at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula generally through traditional vascular procedures. For most endovascular procedures, patients have been referred to larger

medical centers like Stanford and the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Farooqui plans to build on Community Hospital's existing vascular program to make higher levels of care available locally.

"Our goal is to build a comprehensive vascular program and ultimately become a vascular center of excellence," Farooqui says. "Patients who live here would like to stay here for their care, and we'd like to be able to offer comprehensive and innovative care for any vascular needs."

Two areas Farooqui anticipates focusing on soon are transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) to treat aortic valve disease, as well as limb salvage.

In TAVR, surgeons make a small incision in the neck and place a stent into the carotid artery at the site of plaque blockage, stabilizing the plaque and creating a clearer path for blood flow. This newer procedure significantly reduces the risk of heart attack, nerve injury, and post-operative bleeding compared to traditional open surgery.

In limb salvage, a multidisciplinary team repairs or restores blood supply to the legs, feet, and arms, improving functionality and re-

ducing amputations. It's especially important in Monterey County, Farooqui says, because of the high diabetes rate, which increases the risk of limb loss.

"There are constantly new devices and equipment that improve patient outcomes and experiences," Farooqui says. "That's what drew me to the field of vascular surgery; it's at the forefront of technological advances. We hope to be able to bring newer devices that improve patient outcomes and overall care to Community Hospital."

The endovascular work will be done in two hybrid operating rooms that opened at Community Hospital in 2023, which provide advanced imaging technology necessary for minimally invasive procedures.

Farooqui completed a fellowship in vascular and endovascular surgery at the Keck School of Medicine of University of Southern California. He graduated from Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, followed by a general surgery residency at the level one trauma center on UCSF's Fresno campus.

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SHOOTING

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Gamez ran down the street toward the ocean. Moments later, he said, he heard what sounded like something breaking or gunfire and worried Placencia had been shot, so he mustered up his courage and went back to the area, where he discovered Marshall had been killed.

Mother called it in

The story began unfolding at around 8:40 a.m. Oct. 25, when a neighbor reported a person was seen in the area of Monte Verde and Eighth brandishing a rifle, and Marshall's mother called Carmel P.D. to say her son was having a mental breakdown and wanted to commit "suicide by cop," Monterey County Sheriff's Cmdr. Andy Rosas said at the scene a few hours after the incident.

Officers responded and found Marshall on his property. They repeatedly ordered him to drop his weapons, Rosas said, but Marshall ignored them. Videos shot by Placencia and others show him appearing to taunt police and standing next to, and then in front of, a woman who appears to be his mother. They also show him walking down Monte Verde Street toward them with the gun's barrel in the air.

Carmel Police requested assistance from the county's special response unit, specifically for crisis negotiations, Rosas said. Several agencies responded, but the man continued to ignore commands and would not speak with the negotiator.

Officers fired beanbag rounds in an attempt to subdue him, but "they were not effective," Rosas said.

Monterey County Chief Assistant District Attorney Berkley Brannon, who took over the investigation, said Monday afternoon after reviewing body-camera footage from the CPD officers on scene that after police fired the beanbag rounds, Marshall dropped the BB gun, which "looks exactly like a short-barreled AK-style assault rifle," but held on to the crowbar and retreated into the backyard of his house.

"He's holding an interior door off the hinges like a shield," Brannon recounted. "They're yelling at him to put everything down. They fire more beanbag rounds, they're telling him drop the weapon and get on the ground. And he doesn't."

Instead, he advanced toward the officers and lunged at them with the crowbar, according to Brannon.

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BB GUN

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“I’d say he got within 3 feet,” Brannon said. “At that moment, one officer fires six rounds from his handgun.”

One of those rounds hit Marshall, but he continued to come toward the officers for another 40 seconds, he said. Police Chief Paul Tomasi told Marshall, “We don’t want to kill you today, put it down,” Brannon said. “And he doesn’t — he just stands there with it, and he starts walking toward them again.”

At that point, the officers retreated and eventually wrestled Marshall to the ground and then rendered aid, but he later died at Natividad Medical Center.

The man’s mother, who would not talk to investigators, was taken to the hospital for treatment of injuries of unknown origin, and an officer was transported, as well.

The inside of the house, as well as an outbuilding in which Marshall was apparently living, indicate he had severe mental health issues, according to Brannon. Rantings were written on paper plates, paper towels and other surfaces, foil covered the windows, and doors and other parts of the house had been damaged by BB rounds and what appeared to be stab marks.

Incoherent

“Most of the content isn’t coherent,” he said. “There’s clearly some religious content, but I didn’t see anything that made complete sense to me.”

Brannon said he was scheduled to interview the officers involved on Thursday and that he anticipates releasing the camera footage, as well as their names.

He also said he’s not sure whether Marshall’s mother, who was on scene, lives in

the house on Monte Verde or if he had been living there alone.

In 2022, Marshall was taken on a 72-hour mental health hold by Seaside P.D., but Brannon did not have further details on what led to that detention. Brannon also said toxicology tests are being run on Marshall.

Tomasi told The Pine Cone he hopes to be able to talk publicly about the case in a few weeks.

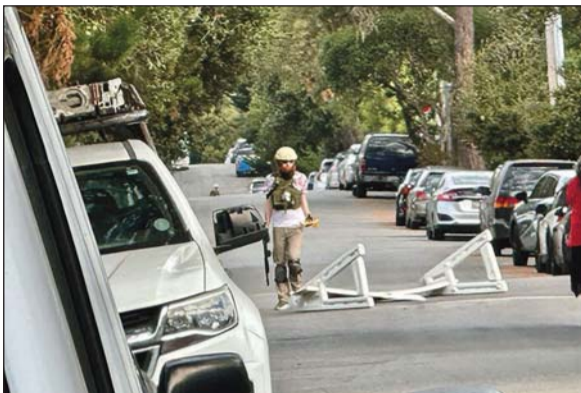


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James Marshall carrying what appeared to be an assault-style rifle on Monte Verde Street Friday morning.

This week, Mayor Dave Potter issued a statement asking people to let the DA’s investigation take its course, and the city offered resources for counseling, should anyone need it. “The events of last Friday are absolutely heartbreaking and shocking for our village. Currently, the district attorney is investigating the situation, and we look forward to receiving a full and thorough report of the facts,” Potter said.

“Please have patience as we allow the District Attorney’s office to complete their work,” he added.

The last time a Carmel P.D. officer was involved in a fatal shooting was in 2001, when Phil Nash, who was off-duty in Salinas at the time, fired a round at a gang member who drew a gun on him following a hit-and-run car crash.

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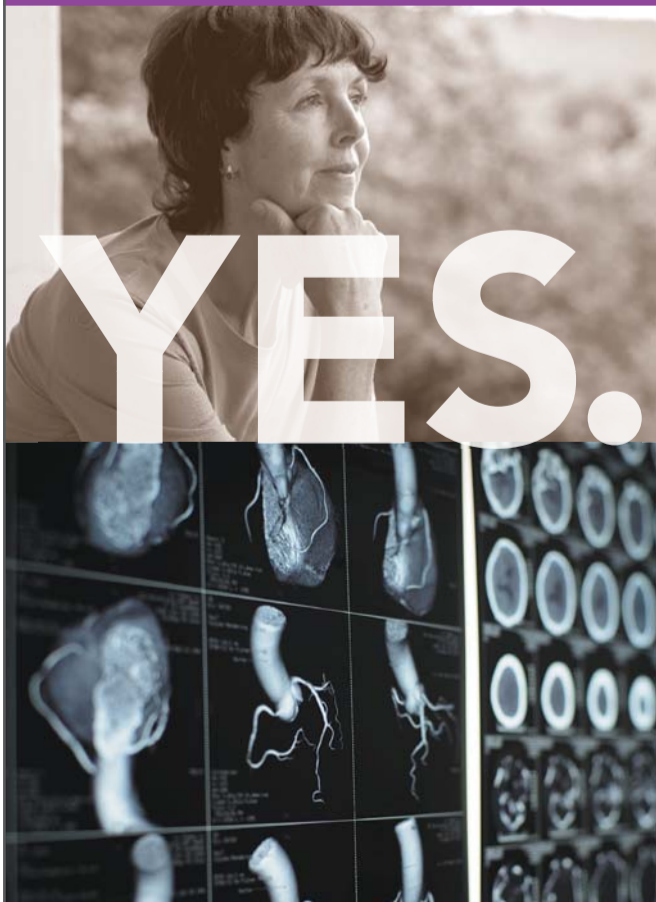


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Police seek owners of biting dog

By KELLY NIX

POLICE AND the parents of an 11-year-old Pacific Grove boy who's undergoing a series of rabies shots after being bitten by a dog this week are trying to find the owners of the animal, who did not offer to help the child and left after their dog attacked.

On Tuesday a little after 4 p.m., the P.G. Middle School sixth grader was riding his bike through the Rip Van Winkle Open Space on his way to cross-country practice at Monterey Bay Charter School when a white dog roughly 20 to 25 pounds charged him.

"The dog started chasing him and my son thought he was going to run it over with his bike," his father told The Pine Cone Thursday. "He got off his bike so he wouldn't hit it, and it latched onto his left leg. He said he had to shake the dog off."

An unidentified woman who was with the animal called it before asking the 11-year-old, "Did our dog bite you?" the father explained. But when his son confirmed it had, the woman, who was with another female, did not offer help and took off.

"The owner was really nonchalant about it," the boy's father said.

Tracy Travaille, who coaches the cross-country team with her husband,

Ryan, told The Pine Cone that when the athlete arrived to practice, an assistant coach used a first aid kit to bandage his wound, which she said amounted to two puncture wounds, bruising and scratches.

"I called his father then immediately called Pacific Grove Police to file a report," Tracy Travaille said.

The father called a pediatrician who said they should go to the emergency room since they don't know if the dog is vaccinated for rabies.

"The doctor said it's unlikely the dog has rabies, but rabies is 100 percent fatal," he said.

Numerous shots

His son had shots Tuesday and will get more Friday and next week. The hope is that the owner of the animal will contact the Pacific Grove Police Department and show proof it's been vaccinated so he doesn't have to undergo any more trips to the doctor.

"He got one rabies shot in each arm and one in the wound," his father said, adding that he took a day off of practice and has had some pain and initially walked with a limp. "That was painful."

The boy described the dog as having very short white curly hair on its body. He did not get a good description of the dog owner and the other woman.

How to get ready for winter storms

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

CARMEL POLICE Chief Paul Tomasi and Peace of Mind Preparedness founder Wanda Vollmer, who also leads the local Community Emergency Response Team, will hold another Carmel Prepares session Nov. 16 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Sunset Center.

"We'd love to see you there as we focus on winter storm and earthquake

preparedness," said Vollmer, a longtime expert in the field.

Held in Carpenter Hall at Mission and Ninth, the Carmel Prepares talk will include information and comments from Carmel P.D., emergency management officials, the National Weather Service, Monterey Fire Department, Cal Fire, CERT and others.

Find more information at peaceofmind-preparedness.com.

THEY'RE BACK: HOSPITAL REQUIRES MASKS

By KELLY NIX

IN A move Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula officials say is intended to protect patients, workers and visitors from Covid-19 and other respiratory illnesses, everyone in "patient treatment areas" of the facility off Highway 68 is now required to wear masks — a policy the hospital says will stay in place until at least Jan. 31, 2025.

For other facilities of Montage Health, the hospital's parent company, including at MoGo Urgent Care clinics, masks will be recommended for patients and visitors and staff will be required to wear them.

"Our masking protocol has been put into place after a careful assessment of how we can provide our patients, staff, and visitors the safest environment during the times when respiratory illness tends to spread the most," spokeswoman Monica Sciuto told The Pine Cone.

She explained that hospital officials, including Director of Infection Prevention Dr. Martha Blum, decided to adopt the masking requirement after reviewing

data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, county vaccination and booster rates, levels of viral circulation and other information.

"This is the second time that Montage Health has implemented this policy, post-Covid, to require masking in clinical areas of the hospital during respiratory virus season," Sciuto said. The policy could be extended depending on the status of respiratory illness in the county.

Low vaccination rates

"As healthcare professionals, we are entrusted to provide a safe environment for our patients and everyone who walks through our doors," Blum explained.

Masks help prevent the spread of viruses for those in the early stages of an infection who may be asymptomatic but contagious and offer some protection against exposure and infection. Masking decreases the risk of viral transmission regardless of vaccination status. The hospital said the rates of annual flu vaccinations and Covid boosters are lower in Monterey County than previous years.

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EASTWOOD

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faced with an extraordinary moral dilemma, Hoult thought Eastwood meant someone else. But soon enough he and the Hollywood legend were chatting on the phone about "Juror #2."

"I was so nervous," the British actor said. "I remember saying to him, 'I really like the script.' I was so eager to please."

Recounting Eastwood's comeback, Hoult slipped into a pitch-perfect impersonation of his gravelly voice: "If you like it so much, I guess I'll have to read it."

Suddenly Hoult was laughing. The tension was broken. "I was like, 'Wow this guy's cool,'" he said. "He's got a great sense of humor and we're going to get along."

'Workmanlike'

One critic said it was Eastwood's "workmanlike direction" that was one of the film's strongest assets.

"By valuing substance over style and character over contrivance, he gifts us with a provocative exploration of moral and ethical ambiguity," said Courtney Howard of Fresh Fiction.

As of Thursday, Rotten Tomatoes critics were overwhelming in their praise, giving "Juror #2" a 94 percent "fresh" rating based on 34 reviews, and they found a lot of things to like about it.

"Juror #2" puts a deeply involving and thought-provoking new spin on the courtroom drama genre, serving up a ripe moral quandary that goes deeper than anything

John Grisham ever managed," wrote Dan Jolin for Time Out, one of the critics surveyed.

"The film builds to a conclusion that is unexpected but surprisingly effective in its understatement, suggesting that this veteran director can still find new ways to explore what everyday courage looks like," said Tim Grierson of Screen International, another Rotten Tomatoes critic.

And Randy Myers in the San Jose Mercury News was equally enthusiastic. "There's much to admire about 'Juror #2,' from the multi-hued performances by Hoult and Collette to how Eastwood and Abrams so adroitly put us into each char-



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Nicholas Hoult and Clint Eastwood on location in Savannah, Ga., during filming of "Juror #2."

acter's shoes and make us wonder what we would do," Myers said.

Given Eastwood's age, numerous critics speculated that "Juror #2" might be Eastwood's "swan song," but if it is, "then he is finishing on top," said Hammond.

"Juror #2" opens Nov. 1 at the Cinemark theaters at Del Monte Center, with showings scheduled for 10:25 a.m. and 1:10, 3:55, 6:40 and 9:25 p.m.

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Self-storage unit plan at Mid-Valley stirs up concerns, hearing continued

By CHRIS COUNTS

AN APPLICANT wants to establish a 70,000-square-foot self-storage facility on a 2-acre lot near Mid-Valley shopping center, but residents have expressed a variety of concerns, including noise, safety, trash, the potential loss of a hiking trail, floodplain issues, its impact on property values, the loss of potential affordable housing, and loss of the community's "rural character."

The Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee voted 5-0 in May 2023 to back the project, but Wednesday — after listening to a litany of concerns and complaints from residents — the Monterey County Planning Commission voted 7-0 to continue the hearing to January.

During the hearing, attorney Tony Lombardo conceded there is opposition to the facility, just as there was when

another he represented nearby was built. He shared a flyer that's been posted locally, which suggests that "big trucks and U-hauls racing around our block will put our community in danger," and "will bring down the values of homes." The flyer also contends the business will bring "noise, traffic and trash" pollution to the neighborhood, and is not needed due to the presence of existing facilities like it nearby. Lombardo called the allegations "patently incorrect."

Very few available

The applicant, Will Tucker of Carmel Self Storage LLC, said the project was designed "to limit impacts on neighboring properties." He also noted that there are "very few" storage units currently available nearby.

Resident Tracy Kauffman, who identified herself as the "villain who made the flyers," expressed safety concerns, and suggested the business simply isn't needed.

"The traffic is going to come in and out directly in front of my house," Kauffman said. "Nobody wants this."

The president of the Carmel Valley Association, Marianne Gawain said she's worried about the loss a hiking trail that bisects the site of the facility, Gawain said she's been walking along the path for more than 50 years, and she said it "connects neighborhoods," and gives children and teens a safe walking path away from Carmel Valley Road. She's hopeful it can be preserved. "This trail represents a valuable and scarce resource for us," she said.

While planning commissioner Martha Diehl called the plan to build the facility "well thought," she said the site of it could provide "an opportunity" for affordable housing — something that is becoming a rare commodity in Carmel Valley.

The county reported receiving 15 letters opposing the construction of the facility, and two supporting it.

The two-story facility would be located at the east end of Center Street. The project includes installing an onsite waste water treatment, drainage controls and fencing. One oak tree would need to be removed to make way for construction.

Student with 'double edged' knife made threats

By KELLY NIX

A MONTEREY Bay Charter School student who threatened school staff with a knife was taken into custody by police officers Friday. Nobody was injured in the frightening incident.

On Oct. 25 at about 12:30 p.m., officials at the David Avenue charter school called 911 to report a student with a knife. Pacific Grove Police officers responded and found the boy near the corner of Forest Lodge Road and Congress Avenue holding a "doubled edged weapon."

"The student was safely disarmed and escorted away from the campus to access necessary support services," according to the Pacific Grove Police Department, which said Monterey Police helped secure the scene. The unidentified juvenile was placed on a 72-hour mental health hold and evaluation.

"The student brandished a knife at the school staff only," but did not make any verbal threats, PGPD Cmdr. Brian Anderson told The Pine Cone Monday.

While police launched a lockdown/barricade at nearby Forest Grove Elementary School, they rescinded the cautionary measure within minutes after the boy was taken into custody.



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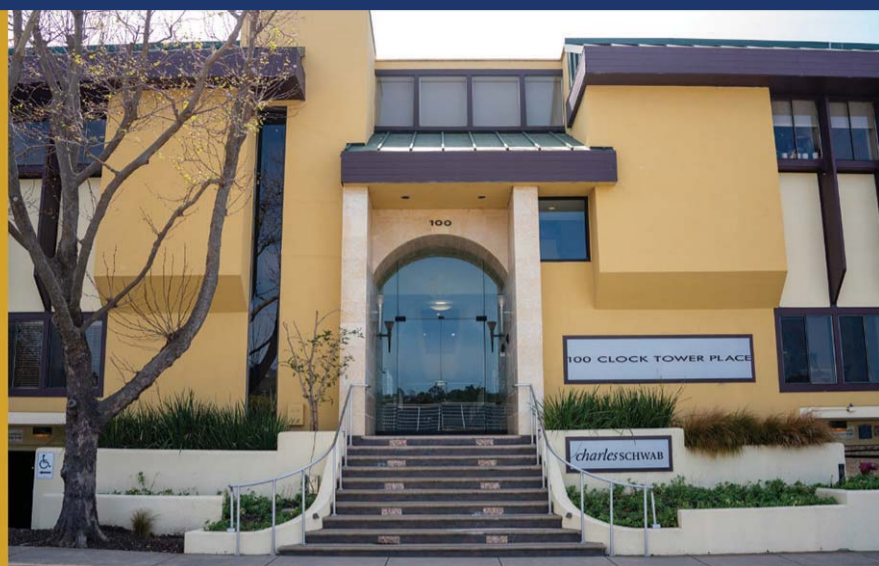
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Monterey P.D. subdues barricaded man

By MARY SCHLEY

A MAN who barricaded himself in a Monterey home and threatened to stab police officers was eventually arrested after he grabbed a sword and crawled through a bedroom window. Officers had to use pepper spray and “sponge rounds” to subdue him enough to take him into custody, according to Monterey P.D., and he remained in Monterey County Jail Thursday.

On Oct. 15 shortly before 9 p.m., MPD responded to a David Avenue residence on a report of a drunk man, identified as 24-year-old Giuseppi Abbruzzetti, “breaking items inside and acting erratically,” Lt. Ethan Andrews said.

When officers entered the home, Abbruzzetti “emerged from a bedroom holding a 10-inch kitchen knife and challenged officers,” he said. Attempts to calm him failed, so police went back outside, leaving him alone.

“Abbruzzetti attempted to open an exterior door, but an officer held the door shut to avoid a confrontation,” Andrews said. “Abbruzzetti threatened to stab officers and stated he was prepared to die.”

Tasers, pepper spray

As the standoff continued, officers used several “less lethal options” to protect themselves and the public from Abbruzzetti, including tasers, pepper spray, 40mm sponge-round launchers and a plexiglass shield, according to Andrews. A trained

crisis negotiator was also on scene, but Abbruzzetti refused to talk.

He then crawled out a bedroom window holding a sheathed sword and began walking on David Avenue, Andrews said, and when officers ordered him to drop the sword, he refused.

Traffic tickets

“One officer deployed pepper spray at Abbruzzetti’s face, while another officer deployed five 40mm sponge rounds that struck his hip and hand,” he said. “Abbruzzetti then dropped the sword, and he was taken to the ground by officers and arrested.”

The suspect also spit in an officer’s face and continued to threaten them as they took him into custody, according to Andrews.

After being checked out at the hospital to make sure he wasn’t injured and then released back into police custody, Abbruzzetti was booked into Monterey County Jail for making criminal threats, brandishing a deadly weapon other than a firearm, exhibiting a deadly weapon while resisting arrest, battery on a peace officer, obstructing with a threat of violence, and violating a court order.

According to Monterey County Superior Court records, Abbruzzetti has been written four traffic tickets during the past four years but has no other criminal history here.

The Monterey County District Attorney’s Office has not yet filed the new case against him.

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NOAA

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was expanded to 92 acres.

The lighthouse, along with a little over an acre of land, was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1977. But according to COAST, historical protection wasn't extended to the rest of the 92 acres in part because the NOAA building was being used at the time by the U.S. Navy, and many of the site's historical features were unknown to preservationists. Now that the feds have sold the NOAA building and more is known about the site's wartime history, COAST wants to see all 92 acres

protected.

"Designation of the complete 92-acre parcel as the Point Pinos Lighthouse Reservation Historic District would restore the original intention to preserve this unique site," the group contends. "This historic and scenic coastal location warrants comprehensive recognition and protection."

Measuring 11,200 square feet, the NOAA building was built in 1952 as a training facility for Navy pilots and ground personnel — and to withstand a nuclear blast. It was later used as a weather station for NOAA before being transferred to the federal agency in 1995. In 2009, artist Ray Troll was commissioned to create a colorful 400-foot-long mural of sea life on the building. The effort cost taxpayers \$120,000.

Sold for \$4.8 million

But in 2022, the federal Government Services Administration declared the property surplus and put it on the open

market. No effort was made by state or local government to acquire the property, but private buyers Tianzhi Chu and Yuncheng Huang for \$4.8 million. At the time, Chu said he bought the building to use as a private residence.

As part of an effort to meet a state mandate to identify sites for 1,125 housing units, the City of Pacific Grove released a document in September 2023 suggesting that 84 housing units could be built on the property. The city also suggested rezoning it from open space to residential, allowing "a maximum allowed density of 29 units per acre," according to the document.

Ken Parker of COAST told The Pine Cone this week that a historical study of the site is expected to be released soon. The Pacific Grove City Council voted 4-0 in February to pay for the study "to determine if the property deserves special protection as a historical site."

The Pine Cone reached out to Chu and his attorney Thursday, but they didn't respond.

SIGNALS

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Bilse told The Pine Cone there will be a six-to-12-month design process, followed by six to 12 months of installation. "We're working with Caltrans to install all nine as fast as possible," he said.

Highway 68 is "perfect for adaptive" technology, Bilse said — in part because its flows rise and fall due to a variety of circumstances, making it hard to predict the severity of traffic.

Bilse is hopeful the new technology will improve commute times, but he said it's too early to say if roundabouts will eventually be required. He said roundabouts won't be pursued if they can't do a better job than any of the alternatives. "We're still going to need more than adaptive signals during peak hours," he said.

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GASOLINE

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Center for Energy Policy, if carbon credit prices reach maximum allowed levels, then retail gas prices could go up as much as 65 cents a gallon in the near term and increase as much as \$1.50 per gallon by 2035.

Walking back

After walking back its initial 47 cent impact prediction, the air resources board maintained there is no good way to accurately predict increases in gas prices. It's a position that has lawmakers pushing back in Sacramento.

During a September hearing on the proposed changes, Democrats and Republicans demanded clarity from the board on price impacts ahead of any vote — this after requesting the data by letter months in advance and receiving no response.

"Republican or Democrat, when a legislator sends a letter to any regulatory agency, they should respond, but it's been four months," said Assemblymember Joe Patterson,

a Republican from Rocklin.

During that same hearing, California Air Resources Board members threw out much lower price-impact numbers when pressed by lawmakers on how proposed changes to the fuel standard would affect Californians.

"The most salient data that we have is the self-reported data by the refiners themselves through the California Energy Commission, and it is not even close to 47 cents. It's much, much lower," said Rajinder Sahota the executive deputy officer on the air resources board. When pressed by Patterson to state an exact number, Sahota provided a low estimate. "If I remember correctly, I think it is between 8 and 10 cents," said Sahota.

Representatives with the Western States Petroleum Association have said the original 47 cent increase analysis is more realistic, and even the lowest estimate from the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy has gasoline prices going up by at least 26 cents in the near term. Californians already pay the highest gas prices in the country at \$1.50 above the national average, and on the Monterey Peninsula, they are commonly almost \$5 per gallon.

Republicans urge delay

Amid concerns that stricter standards and higher prices for gasoline in California could drive prices up in other states, on Oct. 24, a group of 12 GOP members of the U.S. House of Representatives signed a letter to the air resources board chair asking for a delay in the November vote. The congressional representatives also called on the board to analyze the cost to consumers before voting on a change.

"Only then can CARB ensure that Californians have been afforded their rightful opportunity to an informed public comment process before imposing undue cost on their bottom line," the lawmakers wrote.

The low-carbon fuel standard is part of the state's

climate mitigation strategy, which calls for the state to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045. Transportation powered by fossil fuels is California's single biggest source of greenhouse gas emissions, the state says.

According to a report from the air resources board, low-carbon fuel standards have led to the replacement of billions of gallons of petroleum fuels with alternatives like electricity, hydrogen and biofuels.

Cullenward with the Kleinman Center says biofuel producers have come out as winners under the low-carbon fuel standard. "The LCFS puts the state's transition goals further at risk because it primarily funnels capital toward replacing fossil diesel with biofuels rather than toward electrification," wrote Cullenward in a recent analysis.

Extra credit

About 80 percent of the credits issued to date under the low-carbon fuel standard have gone to combustion-based biofuels, even though the stated goal of California is to move toward zero-emission vehicles. Those credits equal out to \$17.7 billion to biofuel producers.

The production of biofuels comes with its own environmental costs. The fuels are made from food crops like soy beans, which compete with food production. The fuel production can also result in deforestation. The state's carbon intensity scores may not reflect those impacts.

If the air resources board pushes ahead with its proposed changes, the amendments would require a 30 percent reduction in fuel carbon intensity over the next five years and a 90 percent reduction by 2045, based on the carbon intensity of fuels in 2010. This includes a 5 percent increase in stringency starting in 2025 which could spike gas prices in the near term.

Air Resources Board members are appointed by the governor. The panel's meeting will take place over two days in Riverside, with the vote scheduled for Nov. 8.



Catherine Louise (Sandman) Leiker

May 9, 1951- Oct. 20, 2024

Catherine, 73, died peacefully on Oct. 20, 2024, from complications related to Alzheimer's disease, with her husband and children by her side. She was welcomed into the arms of her Heavenly Father after a lifetime of following after Him. There is no doubt that anyone who met her was touched by her kind and gentle spirit.

Cathy was born in Sioux City, Iowa, to Fred and Marian Sandman. The family later moved to the Monterey Peninsula and she graduated from Carmel High School in 1969. Cathy attended Monterey Peninsula College, Cal Poly, and eventually graduated from Cal State Northridge in 1974 with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology. She married Michael Modugno in 1972 and returned to the Central Coast where they had two children. Mike and Cathy owned a successful property management business for many years. Later, Cathy worked for the San Carlos Cathedral, where she eventually led the restoration and conservation project for the Royal Presidio Chapel. The significance of her work on this project cannot be understated and is truly her legacy, eventually earning her a commendation from Pope Benedict XVI. In 1999, Cathy married Stephen Leiker, with whom she enjoyed traveling the world, and playing golf on the world-class courses on the Monterey Peninsula. Steve adored Cathy and diligently remained by her side for the remainder of her life.

Above all, Cathy cherished her family, and was happiest when she was with them. She is preceded in death by her parents, and younger brother, Michael. She is survived by her husband, Steve; her children, Patrick (Gioia) Modugno of Los Angeles, Anina (Russell) Duren; and her grandchildren, Alyssa, Kylie and Wyatt of Las Vegas. She also leaves behind her brothers, Father Greg Sandman of Salinas, Tom (Chris) Sandman of Atlanta, GA and Paul (Lynn) Sandman of Rocklin, CA; as well as many nieces, nephews and great-nieces. Also grieving her loss is her best friend of more than 50 years, Diane Krebs, whom she considered a sister.

A vigil will begin at 4 p.m. on Nov. 1st at Mission Mortuary Monterey. A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2nd at San Carlos Cathedral. Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of Cathy's life immediately following the funeral at the Elks Lodge in Monterey.



Sandy Ann Chaix

Sandy Ann Chaix was a loving wife and mother of three. She left this world on Oct. 11th, 2024, at the age of 87. Sandy passed peacefully in her home. Sandy will live on in the hearts and memories of her children and all those who knew her.

Sandy was born in Reno, Nevada to Balzak Ferdinand LaSalle Ruud and Bernice Mary Ruud on Jan. 24th, 1937. Balzak Ferdinand was from Norway and his father worked for the King. Sandy spent her early years in San Francisco and worked hard after graduating from Poly Tech. Sandy moved to Carmel in 1963 where she married Dr. Robert Read and had three sons.

Sandy married Richard Chaix in 1988 and loved to spend time in her beautiful home. Sandy loved to cook, read, play tennis, and walk through the streets of Carmel. Sandy also enjoyed going out for dinner and drinks with family and friends, where she'd laugh, share stories of the past, and discuss local and world events.

Sandy's sole desire in this world was to help others. Following a period in real estate, Sandy was an assistant to oncologist Jerome Reubin. She volunteered for Hospice, and she donated generously to organizations that help people in need.

Sandy is survived by her children: Christopher Read, Steven Read and Darren Read, and brothers Kenneth Ruud and Donald Ruud.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:
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A Celebration of Life will be held in Sandy's home on Jan. 25, 2025. For details contact Steven Read at (408) 250-1558.

GEORGE ROBERT EVANS JR.

June 24, 1931 ❖ Oct. 8, 2024

Bob Evans passed away Oct. 8, 2024, in his home in Carmel Valley, CA at the age of 93. He was born in San Antonio, Texas, but throughout the course of his life he lived in more than 18 cities across the U.S. and Canada.



He met Alma Emma Behling while at Wagner College in Staten Island, N.Y. They married and had seven children. Bob enjoyed much success in business in part due to the unconditional support from his wife and family and their willingness to move for each new opportunity — a whopping 14 times! Bob started

out working at U.S. Gypsum and worked his way up the corporate ladder. He eventually joined Arcata Corporation, which brought the family to Northern CA. They settled in Atherton and enjoyed many years there.

Bob lost Alma to cancer after 30 years of marriage. Amazingly, he was able to find love again with Charlotte Mortimer, who brought two daughters with her, raising Bob's total number of children to nine!

After many great years living in the Midwest in Wayne, IL, Bob and Charlotte relocated to Carmel in 1997 and greatly enjoyed the beauty of the area and the community. Bob loved dogs, and over the years had many. He enjoyed taking them in the car when running errands in town and one particular dog liked to sing along to his country music. Some of his dogs were well known in the community and one such escape artist would visit some local stores every so often. Luckily, the store owners knew who she was and soon Bob would be there to pick her up. Bob was very involved with the SPCA Monterey County, donating his time and money to this worthy cause.

Bob loved being active outdoors playing tennis, golf and fishing among many other activities. He was known for his love of music, often bursting into song — whether around the house or during intermission at a Broadway musical. Bob was a master storyteller, blessed with excellent timing and a penchant for dramatic pauses.

Bob was a devoted family man and had a generous spirit. He held himself and others to a very high standard. He was a role model of the highest caliber.

Bob is predeceased by his first wife, Alma; second wife, Charlotte; and daughter Teri.

Survived by his brother, John M Evans; eight children, 22 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren (and one more on the way!)

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the SPCA Monterey County in Bob's memory.

FUNDS

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The couple's GoFundMe page claims, among other things, that officials, including former city manager Ben Harvey, assured them the outdoor dining program would be permanent and that guidelines for wind abatement, covering, heating and lighting for the new dining idea could be released and approved only days before the parklets are set to be torn down Nov. 23.

City manager Matt Mogensen told The Pine Cone that a draft outdoor dining manual will be finished this week and put on the city's Economic Development Commission and Business Improvement District meeting agendas Friday. Liz Jacobs is chair of the business group and vice chair of the economic group.

The couple also allege that the outdoor dining program has been "plagued with mismanagement" and ask that the

process include "suitable scrutiny and standards."

"We consulted a lawyer in May 2024 and were advised that the city's current project is not legal in several respects," their GoFundMe said. "It does not treat all business owners equally but leaves some outside the project to continue enjoying the use and revenue of their parklets."

Building their parklet cost about \$60,000, according to the couple, who received more than \$400,000 in federal government funding to help small businesses stay open during the Covid pandemic.

As of Thursday afternoon, they had raised \$1,675.

'Entirely separate'

The restaurant's appeal for money comes after The Pine Cone in March reported that their company, Flying Kipper Corp., owed more than \$125,000 in unpaid state and local sales taxes, including liens from the county and state. The county recorder's office indicates Flying Kipper faces five liens from the state tax agency and one from the county tax collector that was recorded just a few weeks ago. Liens remain in effect until they are paid in full.

Liz Jacobs told The Pine Cone Wednesday that the GoFundMe money will be "entirely separate from other business finances and will be used exclusively for legal advocacy regarding outdoor dining policy."

FRAUD

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In July, rather than face trial, Kheir pleaded guilty to two felonies for credit card fraud and grand theft, and one enhancement for the total being more than \$100,000, in exchange for dismissal of the rest of the charges.

At his Oct. 17 sentencing in Monterey County Superior Court Judge Jennifer O'Keefe's Salinas courtroom, Kheir was given three years of probation, including the usual terms that he not possess any firearms or ammunition, not hang out with other people convicted of crimes, consent to searches whenever demanded and present ID when requested. He must also participate in counseling or classes, including a theft offender program, as ordered by the court or his probation officer, and can't move out of Monterey County or leave the state without notifying authorities.

Further, Kheir is not allowed to possess any blank checks other than for his personal bank account, and in addition to various fines and penalties, he was ordered to pay victim restitution totaling \$77,551.16, including \$8,380.92 to Capital One, \$17,304.57 to Wells Fargo, \$29,513.45 to US Bank/Comerica, \$5,386.08 to American Express and \$16,966.14 to First National Bank of Omaha.

A 364-day jail sentence was suspended, given he complies with all the terms of his probation.

Prior to his sentencing, Kheir was required to deposit \$35,000 in a trust account held by an attorney, according to court documents.

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OSCAR BOLANTE

Oscar Bolante, 76, passed away unexpectedly at Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula on Oct. 24, 2024.

Born on June 10, 1948, in the Philippines, Oscar's family settled in Salinas, CA in 1959 after living in Georgia and Germany during his father's military service. He graduated from Salinas High in 1966, excelling in sports, and later served four years in the U.S. Air Force as a sergeant in finance & accounting. An avid athlete, he loved golf most, often playing at Salinas Fairways with his wife, family, and friends.

Oscar was a devoted husband to Evie for 54 years, a loving father to Jeffrey (Valerie) and Javier (Christina) Bolante, and a proud grandfather of Jasper, Jameson, Benjamin and Jordan. He will be remembered for his warm smile and infectious laughter.

A memorial service will begin
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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.

Editorial

Unchartered

THERE WERE plenty of very informative moments in the CRA's candidate forum back in September, when mayoral candidates Jeff Baron, Dale Byrne and Dave Potter, along with council candidates David O'Neil, Parker Logan, Danny Hala, Bob Delves and Hans Buder, laid out their positions on everything from openness at city hall, to the budget and house numbers.

But one thing that mystified some onlookers was the position espoused by several candidates that the key to local control over housing policy was for Carmel to become a "charter city"— a status that, it was implied, would convey some level of exemption from the state's mandates.

The idea sounds nice, but is wrong, and it doesn't take much Google searching to understand why.

"Under California law, charter cities have 'home rule' authority. This means they can write their own charters and manage many of their municipal affairs independently of the state," the internet explains. "The idea is that charter cities can govern themselves in ways that best suit their local needs."

Fair enough. However, "this home rule is not a blanket exemption. State laws still apply in several key areas. For example, laws that are part of the California Constitution are binding on all cities, and laws that apply state-wide to protect the environment or public health generally preempt local ordinances."

And with those few words, the state grants itself unlimited authority over basically all local issues, including in charter cities, because pretty much everything can be brought under the umbrella of "environmental regulations or public health."

Monterey and Pacific Grove are already charter cities. They haven't tried to claim exemption from the state's housing mandates, and the cities that have were quickly slapped into submission by the courts. The truth is that becoming a charter city will do nothing to protect Carmel from those mandates or anything else the state decides to require in the name of protecting the public's welfare.

After losing a battle over its status as a charter city in state court, the City of Huntington Beach tried another novel approach, suing California in federal court on the unlikely grounds that the housing mandates violated the city's constitutional rights, or, failing that, the constitutional rights of the city officials who opposed them.

So weak was this argument, a three-judge panel at the Ninth Circuit rejected it this week with a ruling that ran just three pages.

"The City of Huntington Beach and several city officials sued to challenge the constitutionality of certain California housing laws," the judges wrote. In a lower court, their effort failed because a judge ruled that the city "lacked standing" to raise federal constitutional claims against the State of California.

An earlier appellate decision, the panel explained, "forbids political subdivisions and their officials from challenging the constitutionality of state statutes in federal court," and the precedent applies even though Huntington Beach — stop us if you've heard this one before — is a charter city.

"The city's federal standing does not turn on the intricacies of California law," the appeals court said.

Summing up, they also said that "a municipal corporation, created by a state for the better ordering of government, has no privileges or immunities under the Federal Constitution which it may invoke in opposition to the will of its creator." Ouch.

In a story dripping with condescension and sarcasm, the Los Angeles Times reported this week that even the blue-collar City of Norwalk has joined the battle against the state's housing mandates.

"Norwalk is not a white, wealthy enclave, but rather a Latino-majority, working- and middle-class community," The Times reports. "Elected leaders in the city of 100,000 said they feel like Norwalk has been treated as a dumping ground, forcing officials to dig deep in the budget to deal with an influx of homeless residents and broken promises from other agencies." But even that won't be enough to save Norwalk from being forced to comply when it comes to housing, as Gov. Gavin Newsom has promised to make them do.

The only hope any of these cities has is that voters will eventually pass a ballot measure to repeal the mandates. If they don't, instead of lining up to fight them, every city is just going to have to get in line to comply.

BEST of BATES



"Says here, my house has been declared historical. Hell, I'm more historical than my house!"

Letters to the Editor

Potter's 'prudence and experience'

Dear Editor,

Electing Dave Potter for mayor again will continue to ensure a stronger, more vitalized Carmel. With 36 years of political experience, having served at the state, county, and city levels, Potter's candidacy is predicated upon years of efficacy, insights, and policies that have led to a better Carmel. With an engaged disposition, he truly has a finger on the pulse of what Carmel wants, but, moreover, what Carmel needs.

For example, Potter's forethought and astute actions during the pandemic and beyond enabled our economy to thrive while keeping our community safe. Because of Mayor Potter, we have made a speedy recovery from the pandemic, and Carmel is once again thriving.

To have our community up and running the way that it is currently is a testament to the prudence and experience of Mayor Dave Potter.

David Fink, Carmel

Byrne's 'new vision'

Dear Editor,

Carmel is desperately in need of a new vision for governing. A new vision that promotes productivity, inclusivity and accountability. A new vision that is

respectful of divergent opinions without becoming paralyzed by them. A new vision to reform the process of governing to ensure better communication and more timely participation with the residents. A fresh vision that is honest without hidden agendas and offers innovative thinking to create a way forward.

If you've seen any of the transformational improvements in Carmel over the past four years, you can bet that Dale Byrne's Carmel Cares team has played a part or made it happen. A highly successful businessman, Dale's ability to connect with residents and other city leaders is a skill he uses to the fullest. For four years, he has been networking in the business community and connecting the extraordinary skills of the local citizens to solve problems in the city.

Dale has accomplished so much in the past four years, that his opponents and non-supporters stay very busy trying to discount his contributions to Carmel and diminish his role as a community organizer. While Dale could fill a page in The Pine Cone with a list of improvements he has facilitated for Carmel-by-the-Sea, his opponents counter: they have experience. Actions speak louder than words.

As a leader in community service, Dale has identified and organized solutions for one problem after another. Isn't that exactly who we want to represent us? Don't we want a leader that inspires others to be productive so that our problems start getting solved? Don't we want a leader who never asks more of others than he is

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The secret to staying young is 'a joyful life of creativity'

THERE ARE, of course, an incalculable number of moving parts in a musical theater production — everything from flying monkeys to pickpocket street urchins.

For at least four decades, Gloria Elber has been the virtuoso entrusted with imagining visionary ways to move Monterey Peninsula stage performers and the audiences watching them.

Since the early 1980s, Elber has diagrammed the movements and coached the performers for more local musicals, ballets and other dance-themed productions than she can recall, including "The King and I" (1984), "A Chorus Line" (1986), "The Wizard of Oz" (1998), "Peter Pan" (2007), "Oliver!" (2002), "Brigadoon" (2003), "Anything Goes" (2010), "A Taffeta Christmas" (2010), "Funny Girl" (2011), "Peter and the Wolf" ("2011"), "James and

American Legion in Carmel and choreography at Seaside's Pattullo Swim Center.

Elber has been designing synchronized-swimming routines (now called "artistic swimming") for Cypress members since Squire and Del Neel founded the team in 1964.

That led to an invitation to choreograph and teach the U.S. National team in 1993 and again in 1996, when the American team — including Carmel Valley resident and Cypress Swim Club alumnus Heather Pease Olson — won an Olympic gold medal.

Gymnastics club

In 1976, she co-founded Monterey Bay Gymnastics with Rick Johnson and Hiroshi Fujimoto after Fujimoto recruited her to teach dance moves to his floor-exercise and balance-beam athletes. He soon anointed her to coach both events for the club.

By 1982, she was teaching musical theater education and producing plays for

Carmel's Frohman Academy. Elber also taught and choreographed with Dance Kids of Monterey County.

"One year, Frohman brought in about 30 students from Russia who traveled with KGB agents, and we did a show with them called 'Peace Child' at Santa Catalina School," Elber recounted. "It was a wonderful experience, because they didn't speak a lot of English, and we only knew how to say a few things in Russian," she said. "But dance is a universal language, so we managed to communicate. The KGB

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Great Lives

By DENNIS TAYLOR

the Giant Peach" (2012), "Big: The Musical" (2017), "Hello Dolly" (2019), and many others.

An MPC water show

Her first gig was in 1962, as an 18-year-old Monterey Peninsula College student, when synchronized-swim coach Donn Squire asked her to work with his dancers and choreograph dance and water shows at the campus pool.

"That was my introduction," said Elber, a dancer herself since age 4. "I loved performing but suddenly realized that I also loved teaching, and started doing a lot of choreography at MPC."

As she approaches her 80th birthday this month, Elber looks and acts 20 years younger, a phenomenon she attributes to a joyful life of creativity. She claims to be "basically retired" but still teaches dance at Carmel River Elementary for its annual May Festival.

"I teach a different dance to every age group, pre-kindergarten through fifth grade, in their P.E. class," Elber said. "I get to choose what I want to do. I choose the music and the costumes. Then we have a big festival outside on the field."

"I've always loved working with kids," she said.

Youth Olympians

She also works weekly with a group of 16 synchronized swimmers from Cypress Swim Club. They do stretching and conditioning on Mondays at the



PHOTO/COURTESY GLORIA ELBER

Gloria Elber, a celebrated Peninsula choreographer and instructor, is the dancer depicted in a painting by the late Carmel architect and artist Kip Stewart.

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

ART INSPIRED BY A LANDSCAPE OF UNMATCHED BEAUTY

JULIE FOU DY'S passion for painting often delivers her to her easel early in the morning, when the light is magical, and has been known to keep her enraptured until 10 at night.

Inspiration comes easily, since her "studio" near Carmel is in her second-story bedroom, with a wall of windows overlooking a landscape of unmatched beauty.

This is where she's lived since 1974, where she taught kindergarten for four

Her art has been featured in a solo show at the Monterey Conference Center and has been honored with two "Best of Show" awards and multiple first-place ribbons at the Monterey County Fair.

Dad survived Pearl Harbor

It might be accurate to say she was born lucky — lucky to be born at all — considering that her father, Warren, and his identical twin, Wesley, were active-duty sailors at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, when Japanese bombers sank five U.S. battleships and damaged three others.

Wesley's ship went down. Julie's father was

serving on a vessel that wasn't hit. "For three days, my father didn't know whether his brother was alive, but they both came out of it OK," she said. "All of Wesley's uniforms went down with the ship, so they shared uniforms after that."

Julie was born eight years later to Warren, a UC Berkeley alumnus who had a career in sales, and Ruth, a UC Berkeley graduate who was subsequently accepted into law school and always regretted that a university dean talked her out of entering, advising her instead to marry well.

"Those were the times for women," Julie said. "She became an assistant to attorneys instead."

Turbulent times at Cal

One of four siblings, Julie was a shy child who attracted attention with her artistic talents and became an art major at UC Berkeley.

"It was a very turbulent place to go to school at the time," said Foudy, who remembers carrying her schoolbooks past rifle-toting National Guard troops on both sides of Durant Street while fellow students were protesting the university's restrictions on political activities and free speech.

"Those were scary times for me. There were bomb scares. There were riots," she said. "I was walking to an art class for a midterm exam and was tear-gassed, which was quite an experience. You can't breathe. You collapse. You run from building to building, trying to catch your breath."

After graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, she continued to take college art classes and attend off-campus workshops. She credits fellow artists Melissa Bispo and Anita DeCarlo for instruction that advanced her skills.

High school sweethearts

Michael Foudy was her love-at-first-sight sweetheart at Piedmont High — she was 15 and he was 16 when they met. They dated until they graduated, then remained a couple despite going off to separate colleges.

They were married in 1970. She got her first job

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

decades, and where she raised three athletic and successful sons (Patrick, Chris and Jeff) with her husband, Michael, who succumbed to cancer in 2015, after 45 years of marriage.

Painting probably was cathartic during his four-year illness, she said, and it is certainly a centerpiece of her life today.

'This was meant to be'

"I do feel blessed," said Foudy, a Catholic who attends Mass every morning. "I think all of this was meant to be."

"Living here, in this beautiful place, and actually being a part of this amazing art community, that's been awesome, because I love talking with other artists about their art," she said. "And working so many years with kids was a huge blessing."

Foudy favors acrylics, with a vibrantly colorful palette and realistic painting style, focused nowadays on landscapes and seascapes she exhibits at two local galleries — Reflections Elegante in Monterey and 480 Lighthouse in Pacific Grove.

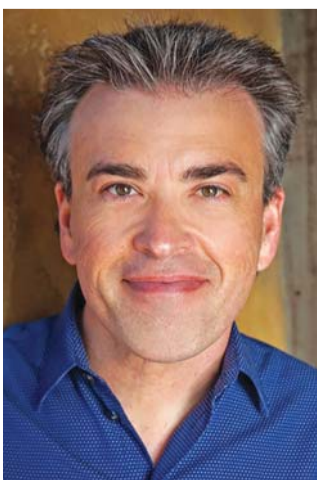
Past renderings also have included portraits of people and animals and quirky humor.

"I also do religious paintings, whenever I feel like it, but those are just for me," she said.



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Julie Foudy, who taught kindergarten for 38 years at River School, paints landscapes, seascapes, and portraits — human and animals — for two local galleries.



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probably spoke English, but never let on.” She taught for Frohman at most of the schools on the Peninsula and Salinas. The “universal language” came in handy during a few classes she taught in Salinas, populated mostly by students who spoke Spanish, which Elber does not.

A third-generation local

Elber is a Peninsula native, born in the old Carmel hospital in November 1944. “My grandmother came to Carmel in 1921, which is why my parents came here for their honeymoon in 1923,” she said. “They were hardworking people from England — ‘English stock,’ I call it — but were living in Canada when they were married. They lived a long life. Mom was 98 when she passed; Dad was 104.” Gloria was too young for kindergarten when she began attending the Dorothy

Dean School of Dance in a building that once stood near Monterey’s historic Custom House.

“Dorothy was my teacher for just a little while, but always had wonderful teachers coming in,” said Elber, whose instructors during her youth included Michael Smuin, founder of the Smuin Ballet, and Frank Borman, who became the artistic director of the Australian Ballet.

At 10, her “character teacher” — a specialist who teaches performance elements of character dancers — was Kira Ivanowsky, founder of Ballet Fantastique, and Elber danced with Ivanowsky’s daughter, Milou.

Elber learned tap dancing from another famous Peninsula resident, Dale Lefler, a Hollywood hooper who made movies with Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly, Judy Garland, Cyd Charisse, Lucille Ball, Doris Day, Betty Grable and Danny Kaye, among many others.

At 12, she was accepted to the Monterey Peninsula Ballet, took classes, and was sometimes chosen to perform with

the company. “I didn’t dance in their major things, but got to go on their L.A. tour, which was a lot of fun,” she recalled.

She received a scholarship to spend a summer in England studying at the Royal Ballet, but her parents turned down that opportunity. “They thought I was too young to be sent off into the world for the whole summer,” she said.

Disenchanted in San Francisco

As a teen, she studied with the San Francisco Ballet, then with Carlos Carvajal at San Francisco’s Dance Spectrum, where she became disillusioned by the cutthroat nature of the elite dance world.

“I didn’t like all the backbiting and decided then that I didn’t want to make a career out of dancing,” Elber reflected. “I really wasn’t interested in competition — I didn’t want to be in a company and fight for things, which is what happens.”

“When you hit your teen years, your interests and priorities change,” she said. “As a teacher of kids, I’ve always been able to see that coming.” She graduated with Monterey High’s class of 1962 and enrolled at MPC, where she took 18 credits every semester and every available

dance class. Her chance meeting there with Squire whetted her appetite for choreography and teaching.

Four decades at Frohman

“I was at Frohman Academy for about 40 years (starting in 1982), even during the 12 years that I taught at Stevenson Lower School, where I was head of the department,” she said. “I’d be done there at 3:30, then I’d teach at the academy in the

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Dance Kids of Monterey County founder Carol Richmond (left) is pictured with director Walt De Faria and Dance Kids instructor and choreographer Gloria Elber.


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LETTERS

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Shirley Moon, Carmel

Buder's 'positive impact'

Dear Editor,

I am writing to endorse Hans Buder for city council. I am a full time resident and have had the pleasure of having Hans, Meghan and their children as neighbors. Since full time residents are rare in Carmel, it's been very special to have people that I know, trust and can consistently count on should I need anything.

I don't think their decision to raise their family here should be overlooked or understated. That someone with Hans' education and experience would choose public service demonstrates to me that he believes he can make a positive impact. He and his family are caring, compassionate people that have chosen to put down roots here, and I believe he is invested in bringing level-headed, sensible leadership to our beloved community.

Cate Taylor, Carmel

Vote with 'youth in mind'

Dear Editor,

One of the most crucial elections in Carmel involves the CUSD Board. No candidate forum was provided. Just ads and prepared media statements. After researching those involved, I will vote for Mary Bozzo in my District 1. Her opponent, Rita Patel, was on the board in 2014 to 2019 and the timeline from 2014 to 2024 shows a period of turmoil with numerous hiring, firings and payoffs. If I could, I would vote for Jeannette Witten, Jason Remyne and Jake Odello, who would provide diversity and would be able to lead with clarity, compromise and common sense.

The community of Carmel has for many, many years been devoted to and provided financial support needed to build a superior school system. We cannot allow and should not allow the next four years to be a reflection of the blunders of the past ten years. Vote with our youth in mind.

Judith Nail, Carmel

Odello best fit

Dear Editor,

Jake Odello has been a dedicated advocate for our community and its schools for as long as I can remember, and his commitment is both inspiring and necessary for the future of our educational system.

Jake's lifelong investment in Carmel is evident through his active participation on local community boards, such as the Carmel Valley Community Fund, and Friends of Cachagua Children's Center. Additionally, he has provided mentorship to our local students, helping to conduct mock interviews, participating in career days, and for farm

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evenings and on weekends."

Her reputation as the Peninsula's preeminent choreographer blossomed through relationships with Morgan Stock, founder of MPC's drama department, Sam Harris, and Angelo DiGirolamo at the Wharf Theater, director Walt De Faria, and director Hamish Tyler, who was teaching at Stevenson's Upper School when he asked her to start choreographing his musicals at the Forest Theater.

A favorite memory for Elber was Tyler's 2003 production of "Brigadoon," the story of a mysterious Scottish village that appears only one day every 100 years.

"We built bridges into the audience. We used real, live sheep. The fog would come in every night. It was like magic," she reminisced.

Another highlight was choreographing an original musical, "Heaven Sent," which opened at MPC, co-starring "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In" comic Jo Anne Worley and her husband, Roger Perry.

Eight weeks in NYC

Executive director Michael Pippi — who established the Frohman Foundation, with its dance school and theater company — took the production to New York for an off-Broadway run.

"I went to New York, all expenses paid, for eight weeks," she remembered. "I lived in a nice hotel and never rode a subway because a car picked me up every day. I was there for the auditions. Some of the people from 'Cats' tried out for our show."

Elber has done "The Nutcracker" countless times using local talent and importing San Francisco Bay Area ballet stars, creating fresh choreography for every performance. She happily recalled the first time her dancers performed with a live orchestra, Monterey County Pops, conducted by Carl Christensen.

"This is how I've been able to make my living, and I've never had to ask anyone for anything. Every job I've ever had was offered to me," she said.

42 years with Reed Scott

For the past 42 years, her life partner has been Reed Scott (once her ballet student), who had a 12-year career as principal dancer for Ballet Omaha. He now designs and builds all the sets for the performing arts department at Santa Catalina School.

In "semi-retirement," Elber is an avid gardener at their Carmel Hills home, a member of the Carmel Foundation, and a caregiver for a neighbor who is approaching her 100th birthday. Gloria and Reed also adopt aging and ailing dogs from Peace of Mind Dog Rescue.

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as an educator in 1972, teaching two years in San Jose while he finished school.

"We decided to pick the place where we wanted to live before we got jobs," she

said. "We considered Marin. We loved San Diego. But we chose Carmel and got jobs here."

At Washington Middle School in Salinas, Michael Foudy devised a class in which his students would design and build a small house every year.

"Michael taught the kids how to do the plumbing, how to do the electrical, and

they did all the sheetrock. They literally did everything," she said. "At the end of the school year, they sold the house, and then the next group of kids would do the same thing the following year."

Her husband also expanded and remodeled the Foudys' own home, which was built in 1941.

He later became a counselor at Hartnell College, then was promoted to dean of the workforce and community education program there.

'We never missed a game'

Foudy also served as a board member for the Big Sur International Marathon for several years and coached his sons in youth baseball and travel ball.

"We traveled everywhere and never missed a game," she said. "I remember one day when all three were playing at the same time at Larson Field, so Michael and I went to the middle of the complex and just turned in a circle so we could watch all of them."

Patrick (class of '97), Chris (2000) and Jeff ('05) all became three-sport athletes at Carmel High. Jeff was the best, earning all-league, all-county, and small-school all-state honors in baseball as a senior, and the Mission Trail Athletic League's Offensive Player of the Year award as football quarterback.

The best-known athlete in the clan is Julie's niece — also named Julie Foudy — who co-captained the U.S. National women's soccer team to two World Cup Championships and three Olympic medals two golds and one silver.

Julie Foudy, the artist, taught

kindergarten at Carmel River School for 38 years, frequently using art as a fun educational tool, until she retired when her husband became ill.

"Most people don't love their jobs, but I did, because of the kids," she said. "I'd come home and tell Michael how my day went, and he'd say, 'You don't know how lucky you are!'"

A highlight of her teaching career was developing a docent program that trained parents how to instruct their children in art.

Patrick, her firstborn, is a vice president for First Industrial Realty Trust. Chris, a Carmel Valley resident, has been a project manager for NC Construction in Carmel since April.

Jeff, is an account executive for Sitejabber — a sales job he can do remotely, which enables him to travel the world for pleasure.

Where to see her art

Besides the two galleries Foudy's work is on exhibit at the Monterey Regional Airport and soon will be shown at Woody's, the airport's restaurant. Reproductions of her originals are on display at Carmel Belle at San Carlos and Ocean in downtown Carmel.

Foudy's paintings will also be part of an upcoming Central Coast Art Association show in the Marjorie Evans Gallery at Sunset Center.

See images of her works online at reflectionselegantgallery.com or @juliefoudy-art on Instagram.

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revenues for those months this year increased by \$338,974 over the same period last year. Based on the total, hotel operators throughout the city brought in \$22,901,760 in revenues in July and August this year.

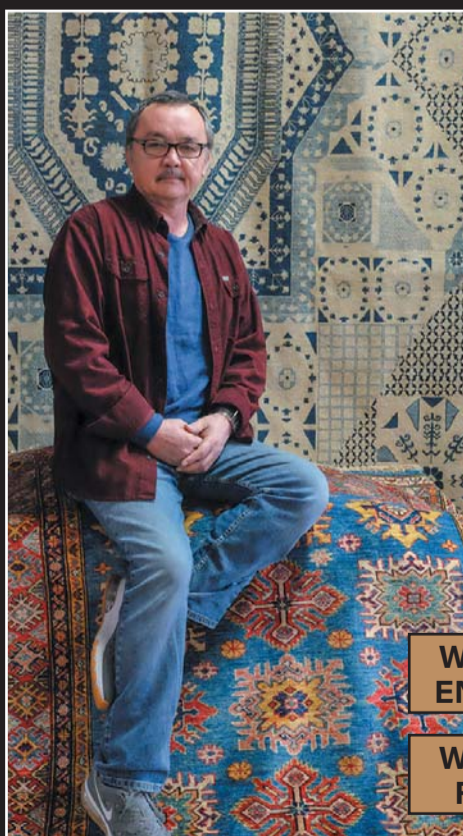
But the occupancy rate in the July-August period was 11 percent higher than

in the May-June period last year and this year, showing consistency in the market.

Meanwhile, the average daily room rate during the last five years has continued to climb, from a Covid-lockdown low of \$253 — when Car Week events were canceled — to \$415 a year ago and \$450 during July and August 2024. That 12-month change marks a nearly 8.4 percent increase, according to the city's numbers.

In fact, going back to the 2020-2021 fiscal year, average daily room rate is the only figure that has risen year over year.

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days which is an event for every 3rd grade in the county. Throughout his years of service, Jake has built strong relationships with students, parents, and educators alike. His ability to listen and respond to the needs of our community makes him an ideal candidate to represent us on the School Board. In fact, Jake has a proven record of doing just that, as he already represents our local area on the Monterey County Community Action Commission, evaluating and ensuring services meet the needs of our population that live in poverty.

Moreover, Jake's collaborative spirit and commitment to transparency will bring a refreshing approach to the school board.

I wholeheartedly believe that electing Jake Odello to the Carmel Unified School Board will be a significant step toward a brighter future for our schools. His passion and dedication to our community make him the right choice for this important role.

Jeff Markow, Carmel

Bozzo for school board

Dear Editor,
Molly Bozzo will be an outstanding Carmel Unified School District Board member. Molly has the hands-on experience with education, policy and administration along with the proven leadership skills necessary for the Carmel Unified School District Board in the future. In addition, Molly has an intimate knowledge of her Trustee Area having raised her two children in Carmel. I know that Molly listens well, is analytical, is transparent, and

possesses the common sense necessary to help lead the Carmel Unified School District as a Board member.

In addition, I feel strongly that our community needs to establish a positive and collaborative connection between the private and public sector to help our community become even stronger together rather than divisive. Molly possesses the skills to help us achieve that goal.

I wholeheartedly endorse and support Molly Bozzo for the Carmel Unified School District Board.

Graeme Robertson, Carmel

Airport candidate and LAFCO

Dear Editor,
Voters may remember when the Cal Am buyout came before LAFCO and current airport board member Mary Ann Leffel voted against it. Her position on the airport board allows her to serve on LAFCO.

Leffel is running for the airport board again and she's hoping we've forgotten her LAFCO vote against the mandate of 24,000 voters who passed Measure J by 56 percent.

If she were reelected and the Cal Am buyout is sent back to LAFCO for approval, she could be the one vote that blocks the buyout and the will of voters.

Her opponent, Uwe Grobecker, is a breath of fresh air. In the recent candidate forum, Grobecker asked why none of the grand jury recommendations had been addressed by the airport board. He championed more citizen involvement and greater transparency in airport operations.

He pointed out that the estimated cost of \$88 million for the new terminal may be far too low. And with only \$40 million in grants, he asked how the rest would be financed. His concern is that if high risk revenue bonds are used as planned it will mean more flights and more noise for Peninsula residents to produce the needed revenue to pay back the bonds. He argued that more flights should not

be driven by debt.

Public Water Now, Monterey County Democrats, Democratic Women of Monterey County, and the Monterey County New Progressives all endorse Grobecker. He's asking all the right questions, and he respects democracy.

Melodie Chrislock, Monterey

Taxpayers are not limitless

Dear Editor,
Our school districts need to learn how to live within their means. Monterey residents are being asked by MPUSD to support Measure A. If it passes, \$1 billion will have been sucked out of our pockets by the time we finish paying the \$640 million in bonds plus 30 years of interest. It is continual requests like this that make it evermore expensive to live in this area.

MPUSD wants us to pay for building teacher housing, yet a couple of years ago a developer offered to do exactly this and it would be paid for by them instead of taxpayers. The difference: MPUSD wants the rental income stream. Never mind that a survey of teachers showed they preferred increased salaries rather than be beholden to the district for their housing.

Tell them to finish using the bonds they already have and to stay out of the real estate development business and vote NO on Measure A.

Pacific Grove School District is asking for \$78 million more in bonds with Measure B. This is in a school district with declining enrollment and with substantially more revenue per student than MPUSD.

It is time to say no to blank checks for our school districts Vote No on new taxes, No on Measures A & B.

Rick Heuer, president

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Section 2

Fall action in the pool and on the golf course, the court and the pitch

STEVENSON'S GIRLS water polo team made waves a year ago by winning the school's second-straight Central Coast Section Division II trophy and the first NorCal championship in Monterey County history — with no seniors in its starting lineup.

This season, with every front-line player back (Emmer-

Open Division of the postseason bracket as one of the top eight teams in the CCS, regardless of enrollment or legacy in the sport.

“Encouraging”

The PCAL is guaranteed two postseason berths. The league champion (Stevenson in both cases — girls and boys) is an automatic qualifier. The other automatic qualifier will be the winner or runner-up (if Stevenson wins) of each of the league tournaments.

CCS teams, boys and girls, may also petition for one of two available at-large bids that will be awarded by the tournament committee.

Monterey (14-6), Pacific Grove (14-9) and Santa Catalina (13-7) are legitimately vying for CCS inclusion.

CCS quarterfinals are Nov. 9 at one of six San Jose-area schools, semis are Nov. 13 (at Gunn, Palo Alto, Sacred Heart or St. Francis), and the finals are Nov. 16 (all divisions at Sacred Heart Prep).

Last time Stevenson (enrollment: 510) was pulled into the Open Division — 2021 — the Pirates were seeded dead-last and lost their opening-round game to No. 1 Sacred Heart Prep.

The encouraging news this year is that this year's squad (currently ranked No. 4 overall in the section by MaxPreps) is likely to get a much higher seed.

Important victory

“I don't see us being placed any lower than No. 4,” said Stevenson coach Jon Burke, who will be part of the CCS committee that determines the tournament brackets for all divisions, based on factors that include strength of schedule, head-to-head match results, and historical finishes at the sectional level.

A victory in the quarterfinal round would qualify the Pirates for NorCals.



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(From left) Setter Cindy Moreau, outside hitter Riley Imamura and middle blocker Charlee Riddle were key contributors to Carmel's unbeaten PCAL volleyball season.

Strength of schedule and head-to-head matchups should be favorable for the Pirates, who wrapped up their regular season with a 16-8 overall record (6-0 en route to their fifth-consecutive league championship), despite playing 13 nonleague foes ranked among California's top 25 teams. Included on that list were No. 1 Sacred Heart Prep, No. 2 Campolindo, No. 6 Acalanes, No. 10 Davis (twice), No. 11 Clovis, and No. 15 Righetti.

On Saturday, the Pirates went 2-2 at Sacred Heart's NorCal Invitational — considered the state's most talent-loaded tournament — beating Leland (No. 3-ranked in the CCS) and Clovis West (No. 24 in the state), and los-

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

son Ferriera, Sienna Cimoli, Arielle Dale, Anna Mitchell, Miranda Salinger, Charlotte Morrow, and Jacqui Powers), the Pirates are stronger, faster, and more experienced — better than they were in 2023 — and their road at CCS will be much, much tougher.

On Monday, the Pirates are expected to be placed in the



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Senior midfielder Macey Torres contributed heavily to Stevenson's 10-0-1 PCAL championship season, and helped the Pirates earn a CCS slot, with a team-best 25 assists and seven goals.

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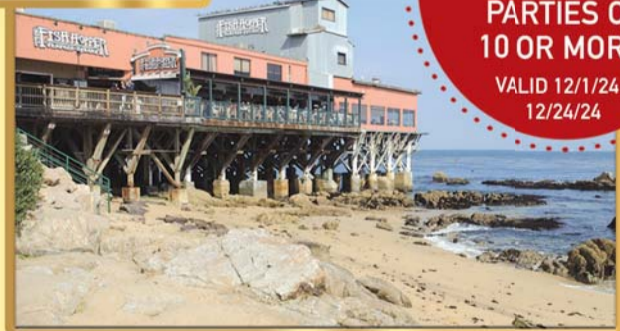
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ing 10-9 to Davis and 10-3 to Sacred Heart (No. 1 in CCS and California).

“Just based on the players we had returning, we felt from Day One that we were going to be one of the top eight teams in CCS this year, so being placed in the Open Division is what we expected,” said Burke, who coached previously at Sacred Heart Prep, where his teams won 10 consecutive CCS Division II championships, played for the title 14 times.

He labeled Friday’s 10-9 victory over Leland as the loftiest in his six-year tenure as head coach at Stevenson, but said CCS challenge will require the Pirates to raise their level of play yet again.

Their CCS tune-up was this week’s PCAL tournament (which concludes Saturday) — and practices will be intense, the coach promised.

“We’ll need to be the best we’ve ever been (at CCS), and we’ll be training hard — we’re not pulling back yet,” Burke said.

A second PCAL team will contend to qualify for CCS at the PCAL tournament.

Boys water polo

In a competitive battle at the top of the PCAL this fall, Stevenson’s boys won their fifth-consecutive regular-season water polo crown with a 7-0 record, extending the Pirates’ winning streak against league opponents to 48 straight, dating back to the start the 2019-20 season.

Led by scoring leaders Laird Welch, Matias Higgins, Alan Qian, Will Bufkin and Beckett Heywood, Stevenson edged Pacific Grove (6-1 PCAL) and Carmel

(5-2) — also CCS qualifiers. The brackets will be seeded Monday, and the quarterfinal round is Nov. 9.

Despite their league success, the Pirates (10-11 overall) were just 4-11 during a nonleague gauntlet that included four top-10 ranked CCS teams.

Carmel (15-9, including a 6-1 PCAL record) and Pacific Grove (12-13, 5-2 PCAL) were strong contenders to qualify for CCS via this week’s league tournament.

The high-scoring Padres have been led this year by Jack Balas, Boston Fisher, Marc Kalman-Zulik, Landon Onitsuka, Sam Balas, Harrison Glaser, and Frederick Alexander.

Pacific Grove’s River Lyon led the PCAL in scoring with 84 goals.

Girls golf

An exceptionally-strong and deep Stevenson squad is considered the favorite to win the team crown at Tuesday’s CCS tournament, which will be begin at 8 a.m. at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch in Monterey.

In fact, the Pirates also have designs on capturing this year’s NorCal and state championships with a varsity roster that, in 10 league matches (all 9-hole competitions), has reported 25 sub-40 rounds from seven different players this season.

Four players — senior Nikki Iniakov, sophomores Lucinda Wu and Isabella Sun, and junior Coco He — average less than 40 in all of their 9-round matches this year.

Iniakov (under 40 in five of her seven rounds) leads with a 36.85-stroke average, with a season-best of 33, recorded twice. Wu (37.88 in eight rounds) ranks second,

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with five sub-40 scorecards and a season-best of 35. He (38.25 in eight rounds) is third, but leads the team in sub-40 cards sixth six, and a season-best of 36. And Sun (39.4) — the Pirates' medalist in the first two matches of year — broke 40 three times in her first four matches of the year, with a low of 37 in the Sept. 9 season-opener. But she hasn't played a varsity match since Oct. 3.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Stevenson returned every key player from last year's CCS and NorCal water polo team, including (from left) Miranda Salinger, Arielle Dale and Charlotte Morrow.

Junior Ashley Gettleman — who transferred to Stevenson after winning the Utah state amateur championship this past summer — has averaged 40.2 in the five matches she's played since becoming athletically eligible to participate and has scored sub-30 in two of her last three outings.

Allison Chan (40.06), a sophomore, has broken the 40-stroke barrier in three of her eight rounds, with a season-best of 35.

And senior Michelle Wang (41.6), has played just five rounds this year, with a best score of 36.

The NorCal championships will be played Nov. 12 at Berkeley Country Club in El Cerritos, and the state tournament is Nov. 20 at San Gabriel Country Club.

Girls volleyball

First-year coach Andrew "Butch" Mandon led a talented Carmel High team to a 12-0 record in the PCAL's top division — the Gabilan — the first league crown for a Padres team since the 2014 season.

The Padres' 17-2 overall record was blemished in September by Santa Cruz and Harbor, but they'll take an

11-game win streak into the CCS tournament, which will be seeded on Thursday, and begins Saturday, when Carmel is expected to have a home game (time TBA).

Carmel's two-setter offense, quarterbacked by senior Cindy Moreau and sophomore Aspen Ashe, features a strong front-line attack led by seniors Riley Imamura, 6-foot-1 Charlee Riddle, and 6-foot Katherine Miller, and 5-11 junior Lizzie Descalzi.

Top defenders are Imamura and sophomore libero Hallie Crabbe.

Mandon coached previously at Salinas, where his girls won five league titles in eight seasons. His 2009 team captured the Division 1 CCS and NorCal crowns, and played Newport Harbor for the California state title.

Field hockey

Stevenson won the PCAL crown with a 10-0-1 record (a 1-1 draw at Hollister on Oct. 15 was the lone blemish) to guarantee itself the league's top seed at CCS. The bracket will be seeded Sunday, and the Pirates' first-round game will be played Tuesday in Pebble Beach (time TBA).

Key players in the team's 13-3-2 overall record included offensive standouts Charlotte Schipper (15 goals), Georgia Bonifas (11 goals, 9 assists), Tatum Le Towt (9 goals, 5 assists) Macey Torres (7 goals, 25 assists), and Grace Ishii (6 goals, 4 assists). Goalie Zola Ducker, a first-year starter, was credited with 30 saves.

Santa Catalina (6-3-1 league and overall) and Carmel (6-4, 7-6-1) also are expected to be seeded, along with PCAL runner-up Hollister (6-1-2, 7-4-2).

Second-round games are Wednesday in a tournament that runs through Nov. 16.



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Football seedings will be determined Nov. 10, with quarterfinals on Nov. 15 or 16.

The CCS cross country meet will be Nov. 16.

More on each of those competitions next week.

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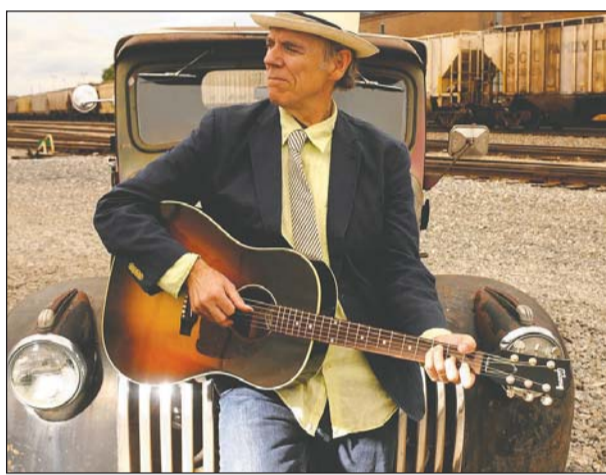
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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Album — Colvin has recorded nine other LPs, including one with singer and guitarist Steve Earle.

Sharing the stage with Colvin is singer and guitarist **KT Tunstall**, who was nominated for a Grammy Award in 2007 for her song, “Black Horse and the Cherry Tree.”



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Hauville and her partners, Kenneth Howe and Justin Saunders, opened the creamery in the landmark spot in July, and she's been using milk from Schoch Family Farmstead in Salinas to craft the cheeses, first releasing fresh versions like fromage blanc and chevre.

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washed with Other Brother Beer Ray Gun IPA during 60 days," they announced.

Obviously, it pairs well with beer.

Other cheeses in the works include Via Contenta, an Alpine-style, semi-soft cheese made from cow's milk infused with black peppercorn tea and accented with crushed peppercorn, and Cowboy, a camembert-style cheese with a bloomy rind and a dust of ash.

The creamery is open Friday through Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and also offers espresso drinks, beer and wine, pastries and breads from Golden Pine Cone winner Ad Astra Bread Co., gourmet foods, ice cream and picnic provisions.

Find more information at carmelvalleycreameryco.com.

■ Chez Noir stars

Chez Noir, the diminutive Carmel restaurant recently awarded with a Michelin star and nominated for a James Beard award, hosts three-time James Beard nominee Serigne Mbaye, chef and owner of Dakar NOLA — a famed Senegalese restaurant in New Orleans — for a special "Mes Amis" dinner Nov. 12.

Open just two years, Dakar NOLA, which is Mbaye's first restaurant, "has garnered impressive notice, including being

named one of the best new restaurants of 2024 by USA Today and by Bon Appetit, and by Eater and Esquire in 2023," according to Chez Noir owners chef Jonny Black and wife Monique. Dakar NOLA was also awarded Best New Restaurant of 2024 by the James Beard Foundation — an honor for which Chez Noir was also a nominee last year.

Best chef contest

Speaking of such accolades, fans can submit Black for a 2025 James Beard Award for Best Chef in California by going to jamesbeardawards.awardsplatform.com. Entries close Nov. 29.

For more information about Chez Noir and its collaborations with other star chefs, reservations (which open Nov. 1 for December bookings), brioche and caviar to go for Thanksgiving, and other details, go to cheznoircarmel.com. Chez Noir is

located on Fifth Avenue across from the post office.

■ Get your Ambrosia

The Quail and Olive, a Carmel Valley Village shop specializing in high-quality olive oils, vinegars and accessories, last week announced the return of its Winter Ambrosia seasonal vinegar, which owner Annelise — daughter of the store's late founder, Stephen Brabeck — describes as "apple pie in a bottle."

"This fantastic vinegar is the perfect accompaniment to any of your fall dishes," she said. "It is divine over sweet potatoes, Brussels sprouts, pork, turkey and pumpkin pie. Adding a splash of Winter Ambrosia to your dish will create a masterpiece your family and guests will not forget."

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Rosie's Cracker Barrel in the Village is home to the new Carmel Valley Creamery, which has released some new cheeses that are aged onsite. It's open Friday through Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Soup to Nuts

released some of their first aged cheeses, including River Day.

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The vinegar is made with freshly picked organic apples and pears and is only available seasonally, and the store shared a recipe for its Quail and Olive Winter Ambrosia Cocktail to celebrate.

Over a glass filled with ice, pour 1 ounce Winter Ambrosia vinegar, 1 ounce apple cider and 1 1/2 ounces rye whiskey, stir and then top with ginger beer and enjoy immediately.

Located at 14 Del Fino Place in the Village, the Quail and Olive is open from

noon to 5 p.m. daily. Visit quailandolive.com for more information.

■ Giving back with Coastal Roots

The company behind the Rio Grill in the Crossroads shopping center and Montrio and Tarpys in Monterey, Coastal Roots Hospitality announced last week that its “Pick It Up — Pay it Forward” initiative netted more than \$33,000 from March through August. The program sets aside 10 percent of proceeds from take-out (but not delivery) orders to be donated to various charities.

The money raised in March and April — \$11,179.29 — went to Seneca Central Coast, formerly the Kinship Center, which works with foster caregivers and provides other services to families and children in Monterey County. In May and June, \$11,202.64 was raised for MY Museum in Monterey, whose mission is to provide hands-on learning experiences for kids and families, and for July and August, Coastal Roots donated \$11,523.51 to Community

■ Carmel Mission Inn jams on

After Carmel Mission Inn’s inaugural food, wine and music event, Pizza Jams, met with success on Oct. 24, the hotel and its restaurant, Shearwater Tavern, are following up with Oyster Jams on Thursday, Nov. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m., bringing together Robbie T’s Oyster Bar and Bernardus Winery with live music featuring “the soulful sounds of George Woods,” organizers said.

Robbie T’s of Monterey will provide freshly shucked oysters “plus all the accoutrements,” and Bernardus will bring wines selected to pair with the shellfish. The outdoor event is free and open to people and their dogs.

Firepits will help everyone stay warm. Each guest will receive a coupon good for their next visit to Shearwater Tavern.

■ Bluegrass and BBQ

I. Brand and Family, which has its own I. Brand label and also makes wine sold as Le P’tit Paysan and La Marea, is having a fall festival on Sunday, Nov. 10, at its facility at 1367 Dayton St. in South Salinas. Along with food supplied by Kleinfeldt Family Barbecue, organizers said, “We’re opening up the library again and have put together some amazing” vertical tastings — those in which people can sample the same wine over several vintages.

Live bluegrass will be provided by the Dave Holodiloff Trio.

Wine club members get in free, but everyone else needs a \$30 ticket (plus fees), available at exploretock.com.

Elaine Hesser and Mary Schley contributed to this column.



Oysters will accompany Bernardus wines and live tunes at the Carmel Mission Inn Thursday.

Partnership for Youth, which offers positive alternatives to gangs, drugs and violence for local youth.

Since its inception during the pandemic, a spokesperson for Coastal Roots said that Pick it Up — Pay it Forward has raised nearly \$300,000 to benefit local nonprofits such as the Monterey County Food Bank, CASA of Monterey County and the Monterey Rape Crisis Center.

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One ‘salon’ honors Day of the Dead, another celebrates 10 years

FOR THE seventh year, Headdress Salon in Monterey welcomes a one-day pop-up show Sunday that uses art to honor the Day of the Dead, a holiday celebrated this weekend in Mexico and other places throughout the world.

The salon, which under normal circumstances is a place for beauty services, will have a reception for “November Skulls” at 3 p.m., and the public is invited.

The gathering offers an opportunity to meet those who created the art, including multi-media artists Lili Jorge and

The show will be on display through Dec. 29. The church — which hosted Kuck’s memorial in 2022 — is located at 4590 Carmel Valley Road.

■ Pushing boundaries

A group of fine art photographers who go by the name of Salon Jane celebrates its 10th anniversary with a show that opens Friday at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts. The center hosts a public reception at 5 p.m.

Founded in 2014 to provide “a sense of community for our members, supporting artistic growth and innovation,” the group includes Martha Casanave, Susan Hyde Greene, Jane Olin, Anna Rheim, Robin V. Robinson and Robin Ward. The focus of each photographer “ranges from the personal to the public, from conscious landscape to the unconscious mind, and to the inexplicable uncanny in everyday life,” according to the center’s executive director, Robert Reese. “‘Salon Jane’ provides the photographers with a forum to articulate what they are seeing, what they are thinking, and what meaning the work may hold,” he explained.

Not content to simply capture landscapes or portraits, the members of Salon Jane “inhabit an island of innovation” that has them pushing the boundaries of conventional photography — and expanding the possibilities of their medium “in diverse and unexpected ways.”

Titled, “Photography Reimagined,” the exhibit will be on display through Nov. 30. The center, which is open Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m., is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. CarlCherryCenter.org.



Dia de Los Muertos will be celebrated with an art exhibition at a Monterey beauty salon, and an opening party on Sunday will also feature tacos and cocktails.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Rory Glass, and photographer Michelle Robertson. Also, painter artist Avelino Sanher will create a mural on a wall outside the salon during the reception, which will feature tacos and cocktails.

“Join us for an afternoon of art, conversation, and celebration as we honor the past, present, and future,” the salon said. “Expect to see an exciting blend of styles and themes that reflect the unique interpretations of the artists while honoring Dia de Los Muertos.”

Delicate balance

The owner of the salon, Jorge employs cigar boxes and a mix of multimedia materials to create art “that explores the delicate balance between life and death,” along with “the beauty and fragility of life.”

Glass is a graphic designer and lettering artist whose art “merges digital illustration with AI, vintage ephemera, and bold color schemes, creating a unique fusion of commercial and fine art.”

Robertson delves into composite photography, bringing multiple images together.

“She masterfully blends multiple images into a single, thought-provoking composition, pushing the boundaries of digital photography to create works that tell a story,” according to the salon.

Headdress Salon is located at 883 Lighthouse Ave. myheaddress.com

■ Belonging together

Two painters who share a love for abstract art and rich color — Maria Poroy and Carole Klein — team up to present the show, “Double Vision,” which is on display through November at Venture Gallery in Monterey.

“Maria noticed how, over the years, she and Carole would bring in works that just seemed to belong together,” painter Edi Matsumoto said. “They often shared a similar

color palette. They love the full range of blues and rich reds, and use acrylic and mixed media. So the idea was hatched — why not do a joint exhibit?”

Poroy will be in the gallery Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to talk about her work, and offer a demonstration of her technique. The gallery is located at 260 Alvarado St. venturegallery.com

■ Hidden talent

Offering evidence that there is creative talent hiding among our most humble neighbors is an art show that opens Sunday at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, with a public reception at noon.

Titled, “Life Lines,” the exhibit showcases the illustrations of Larry Kuck, who passed away two years ago.

Many knew Kuck as a rural mail carrier in Carmel Valley, or as a groundskeeper at Spyglass Hill in Pebble Beach. But according to Pacific Grove gallery owner Steve Hauk, he possessed extraordinary skills as an illustrator — despite being dyslexic and color blind.

“After he died, a number of us looked at his work, and we were kind of blown away,” Hauk said. “He drew like Leonardo da Vinci — you never know who’s delivering the mail.”

Love and passion

While many never knew about Kuck’s skill at drawing, his obituary noted that his “love and passion for art pervaded his life as well as that of his children.”

“He was the master Halloween costume fashioner and also worked well with papier-mâché,” the obit reads. “One particular creation of his in that genre was that of the crocodile for his daughter’s Peter Pan production, which lived on to be utilized again and again in other school productions.”

Pianist Jon Close will play music during the reception.

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Soothing souls

Pianist Lucy Faridany and cellist Janneke Hoogland play a concert Saturday, 3 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula.

Faridany is the pianist for The Camerata Singers, while Hoogland frequently performs at the Church in the Forest in Pebble Beach. The duo presents a program titled "A Musical Journey to Soothe the Soul."

Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for seniors and students, and free for kids accompanied by an adult. The church is located at 490 Aguajito Road. For more details, visit uucmp.org.

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Live music Oct. 25-31

Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist Rick Chelew (Saturday at 12:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist Victor Veysey (Thursday at 5 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

Fernwood Resort — Minami Deutsch (avant-garde rock, Friday at 10 p.m.), The Derls (psychedelic rock, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

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Barmel — Jazzville (Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist Chris Jamez (Thursday at 7 p.m.). In Carmel



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De Tierra Vineyards tasting room — singer and guitarist Alex Lucero (Sunday at 3 p.m.). Mission and Fifth.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickstrom (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 — guitarist Glenn Bell (jazz, Thursday at 5 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth.

The Links Club — Seadogs & Friends (Friday at 7:30 p.m.), The New Wave Band (rock, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

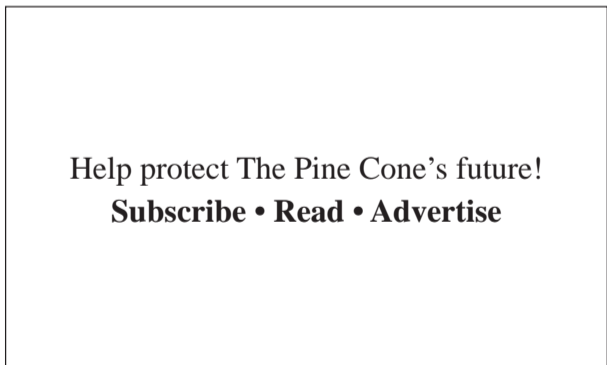
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Carmel Valley

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

Folktale Winery — violinist Chris Lynch (Friday at

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PUBLIC NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 24CV004508 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, OMAR FRANCISCO SANCHEZ and LUCIA MARIA SANCHEZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A. Present name: SAMANTHA SANCHEZ-ROCHA Proposed name: SAMANTHA SANCHEZ

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. 20, 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. 28, 2024 Publication Dates: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024. (PC 1111)

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4 p.m.), singers and guitarists **Thomas Burks** and **Stephen Pavlik** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), singer and guitarist Peter Barnes Martin (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m. 8940 Carmel Valley Road. **Massa Tasting Room** — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Sunday at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Monterey

Bon Ton LeRoy's Lighthouse Smokehouse — 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 pianist **Bill Spencer** (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.). 750 Cannery Row.

Midici Pizza — singer **Nina Hadzi-Antich** and guitarist **Brice Albert** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Lauri Hofer Romero**, bassist **Zach Westfall** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **TJ Kuenster** (Sunday and Thursday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Tuesday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

Salty Seal Pub — **The John Michael Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Saturday at 8 p.m.), singer and guitarist Matt Masih (Sunday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist Kyle Kovalik (Thursday at 8 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 — **Everyday People** ("classic Latin rock with an old school twist," Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Bridget Marie Band** (r&b and funk, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Pacific Grove

Il Vecchio Restaurant — singer and guitarist **Dan Frechette** (Tuesday at 6 p.m.), **The Cena Jazz Trio** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 110 Central Ave.

PG's Meetinghouse — electric banjoist Terceira ("alternative electronic," Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **The Anthony Bianchini Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), guitarist **Adam Astrup** and bassist **Zach Westfall** (jazz, Sunday at

11 a.m.), Open Mic (Sunday at 4 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault Duo** ("folky stuff mixed with surprises," Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Holysea** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forrest Ave.

Lucy's on Lighthouse — **Kindred Soul** (rock and blues, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The Edge Band** (rock, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

Monarch Pub in Pacific Grove — **The Katherine Lavin Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 6 p.m.). 617 Lighthouse Ave.

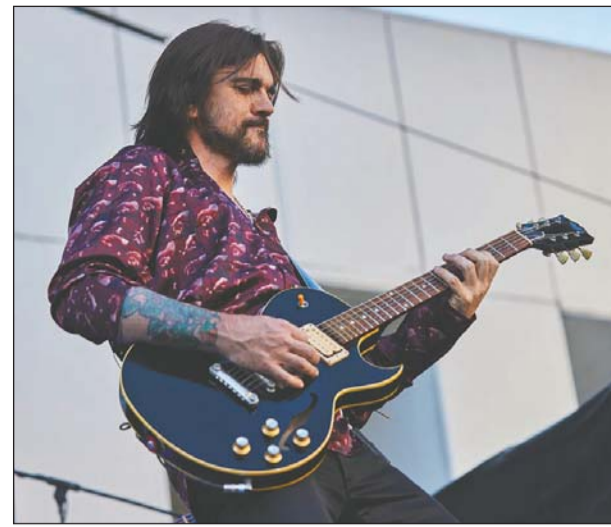
Phill's Barber Shop in Pacific Grove — **PG-13** (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.). 610 Lighthouse Ave.

Pebble Beach

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

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Gusto Pasta and Pizza — singer **Nina Hadzi-Antich**



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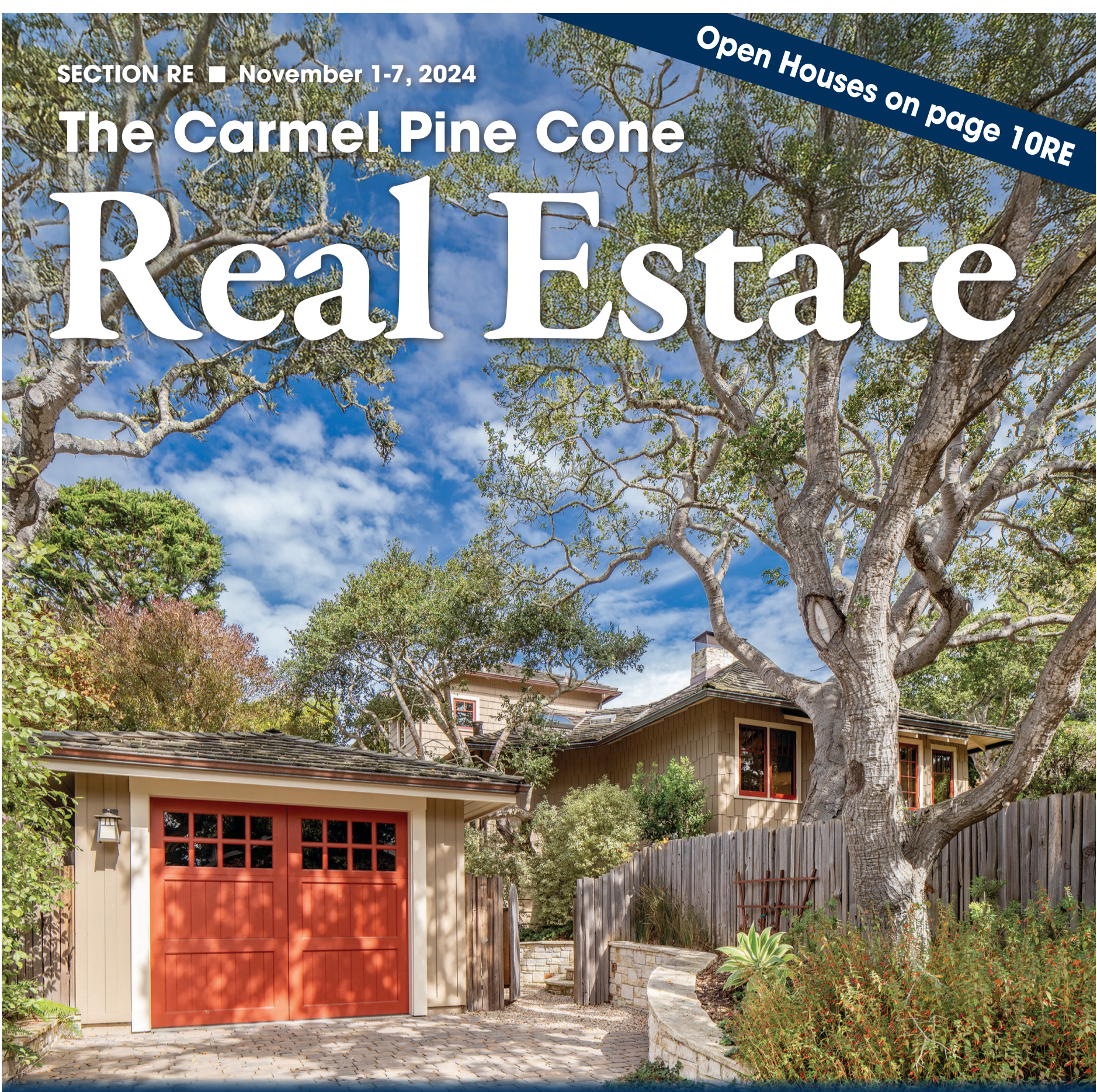


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APN: 015-512-008

9503 Alder Court — \$1,700,000
Gerald Byrne to Claudio and Susanne Goldschmidt
APN: 416-531-006

15 Via Milpitas — \$1,725,000
Philip Johnson to Antonio Trujillo and Esmeralda Martinez
APN: 187-571-008

6250 Brookdale Drive — \$3,750,000



158 Spindrift Road, Carmel Highlands — \$4,250,000



4032 Mora Lane, Pebble Beach — \$2,000,000

Darrell Tate and Lara Long to Martin and Dawn Chuck
APN: 015-241-011

Arline and Anthony Bertelli to Alberto Cabrera
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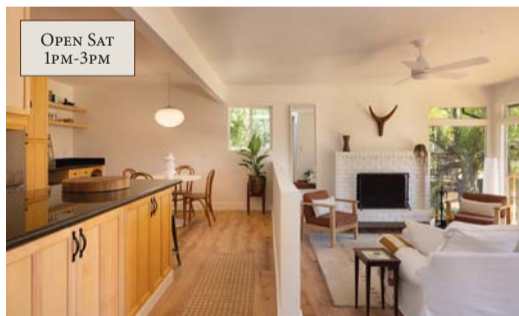
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Food for thought, celebrations, neighborliness and health

BEFORE THERE was Giada, Julia and Ina, there were Faye, Rose and Antoinette. They lived three houses in a row, 396, 400 and 404 West Utica Street in Buffalo, N.Y., where the best food I've ever eaten popped from their ovens into the eager mouths and tummies of their hungry families. Decades later, I still think of them as the wonderful kitchen witches of West Utica, with their uncanny ability to concoct epicurean wonders from proletarian ingredients.

It was my good fortune to live at 400 from 1945 to 1956, when I left for school in Detroit, never to live there again. It was where my mother, Rose, transformed an old Lorraine 4-burner gas range with a pilot light and two ovens into a place where food lined up eager to be cooked. She did this in a kitchen so small that the refrigerator was out in the hallway.

The fenceless backyards of the three houses formed an arena for a variety of holiday and family celebrations where the ladies' culinary skills were on display and appreciated

by the members of the three clans. The competition among them was low-key, but anyone could tell that each was trying to outdo the others. I think Faye had the edge on cookies with her inimitable hand with pastries and jellies.

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

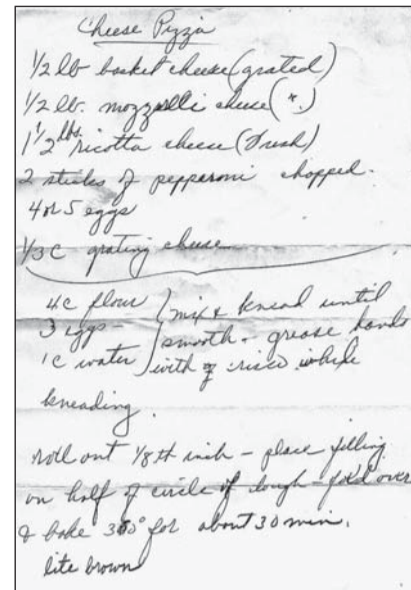
Antoinette's husband Frank was head chef at an exclusive private club, but he became a kitchen helper at home. At work, I'm sure he used his wife's recipes. Having tasted their food, Michelin would run out of stars. Their cooking was "lick the plate and the back of the spoon" good.

I am prejudiced, of course, but Mama Rose was the best. On meatless Fridays, she served us Fettuccine Alfredo before there was an Alfredo. When I came home

at midnight from stocking shelves at the A&P, there would be a plate of hot crispy chicken wings, years before they were a staple at Buffalo's Anchor Bar, where Buffalo Chicken Wings reputedly originated.

Her red sauce was extraordinary. The entire family, including Grandma, spent a whole day picking bushels of tomatoes that were canned into homemade tomato sauce, enriching pastas, meatballs, and raviolis. Her pizzas were not the puny thin Frisbees served today. They were made with three-cheeses and finely chopped pepperoni folded over into a calzone shaped oval and baked.

Food and family. They go together like ... well, like family and food. Birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, wedding rehearsal dinners, and just "it's a great day for a cookout" brought the tripartite households together for family feasts where the role of food was neighborly social theater. Food's place in the gatherings began with the basic tradition of neighbors sharing meals, ingredients and dishes.



Mama Rose Gervase's recipe for three-cheese pizza, written 70 years ago.

Trashcan steamer

Among my favorite backyard events was the Labor Day cookout, a major gathering because it was the last blast of summer — an annual clambake put on by three families. The steamer was a 30-gallon metal trashcan with holes in the bottom that was stored in a garage and used only on Labor Day. My father placed the trashcan on a pedestal of red bricks and built a slow-burning wood fire under it. Wet seaweed lined the bottom of the can. Yes, you can get seaweed from lakes. Dad drove us to a beach on Lake Erie to collect kelp and algae. Nylon net bags containing clams, lobster, shrimp, potatoes, corn and chicken drumsticks were placed on the seaweed and steamed. We had fantastic desserts, from ricotta-filled cannoli to a cornucopia of cookies so good that Mrs. Fields would have been arrested for fraud. But the pièces de résistance were the pasticciotti, those delicate shells of a short-crust pastry stuffed with warm custard. One is never enough.

No longer can I eat like we did when calories didn't

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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject at Ocean and Monte Verde reported a lost purse with contents.
Pacific Grove: Report of fraud on Congress.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dispute with her father. All parties were contacted and counseled.
Pacific Grove: Vandalism of a tree on Pico
Pacific Grove: Verbal dispute on Grove Acre.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report.
Pacific Grove: Deer hit by a vehicle at Central and 11th.
Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched to a phone detail regarding suspicious circumstances. Report taken for information only.
Pacific Grove: Subject at Arena and Sunset was placed on a 72-hour hold.
Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Spruce was marked for 72-hour parking.
Pacific Grove: Poisoning of a family pet on Lawton. No suspect information. Report is for documentation purposes only.
Carmel area: Person reported his cell phone stolen from his car on Ocean View Avenue.
Carmel Valley: Wallet was taken or found on Schulte and used to buy gift cards at a local supermarket.
Carmel Valley: Male on Carmel Valley Road reported his vehicle was struck by another vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Altercation at Mountain View and Junipero involving a weapon. A juvenile got into an altercation at school and it later spilled over to the church at Junipero and Ocean. One juvenile felt threatened and pulled out a knife. Nobody was threatened or injured. Once the investigation is complete, it will be forwarded to the Juvenile Probation Department for review.
Pacific Grove: Vehicle reported stolen from Jewell Avenue.
Pacific Grove: A 19-year-old female was arrested on Arkwright Court for an active juvenile felony warrant.

GERVASE

From previous page

count and cleanliness and sugar were next to godliness. Now the stress is on eating organic. I'm not sure what organic means, so I looked it up: "raised or conducted without the use of drugs, hormones, or synthetic chemicals." So I can eat eggs but the chickens have to have a better lifestyle than I have.

The well known American food writer MFK Fisher, who wrote 27 books over her lifetime and founded the Napa Valley Wine Library, asked: "Where are the witches of yesteryear, the strange old women with their dogged involvement, their loyalty to true flavor and changeless quality?"

They're gone, Ms. Fisher, but I knew three of them personally. They had a magical way with food. They willingly shared their secrets, although I have a hunch that when Mama Rose shared her recipes with her daughters-in-law, she intentionally held back on an ingredient or two, just to make certain their cooking wasn't as good as hers. When I think of the love that emanated from their dogged involvement and loyalty to flavor and quality, I look back in hunger for the gastronomic delights concocted in their cauldrons.

Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo.com

Pacific Grove: Report of domestic violence on Arkwright Court. Allegations include false imprisonment, rape, spousal battery and attempted murder.

Pacific Grove: Barking dog complaint on Presidio Boulevard. Information only.

Pebble Beach: A woman was found deceased in her home on Atajo Way.

Carmel Valley: Online report of fraud at Mid Valley Center.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found cell phone on Valley Greens Drive.

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

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident at Lincoln and Ninth said items at her home are missing, being used or moved around. Adult Protective Services advised.

Pacific Grove: Found bicycle on Park Street.

Carmel Valley: Reporting party on Dorris Drive was contacted by telephone seven times by her ex in violation of a Santa Cruz County restraining order, charges requested against the 24-year-old male.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fraud on Guadalupe Street.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male reported his ex-girlfriend trespassed in his apartment on Mission Street.

Pacific Grove: A 56-year-old male was arrested on Sunset Drive for outstanding warrants.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended cell phone at Seventh and Dolores was brought to the station for safekeeping.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended passport found at Del

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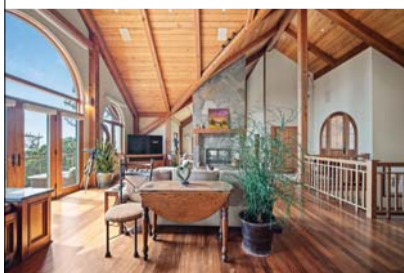


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Mar. Passport released to owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost diamond pendant at San Carlos and Ocean.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 74-year-old male at Lobos and Third was placed on a 5150 hold [danger to self or others].

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Del Mar.

Pacific Grove: Item stolen from a vehicle on Forest Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Report taken on Arkwright Court for a stolen cell phone.

Carmel Valley: Drug offense committed by a 24-year-old male on Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel area: A 51-year-old female was arrested on Rio Road for public intoxication and probation violation.

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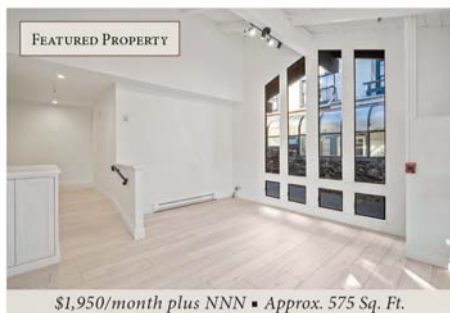
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Person reported waking up and finding a male in her hotel bathroom at 0300 hours.

It is unknown how the male entered the female's room.

The intoxicated male was assisted to his room a few doors away.

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From page 11RE

Carmel Valley: Report of financial abuse at a residence on Toyon Way.

Carmel Valley: Report of physical abuse at a residence on Lupin Lane.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vandalism to a vehicle on Lincoln Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Credit card fraud reported after a hotel stay at Dolores and Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vandalism at San Carlos and Fifth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle parked in a temporary tow-away zone at Dolores and Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found cell phone at Ocean and Del Mar.

Pacific Grove: A subject was contacted

during a traffic stop at Central and Eighth. The 60-year-old male was cited and released for multiple charges, including possession of a controlled substance and probation violation.

Pacific Grove: Report of a disturbance on Sunset Drive. A 43-year-old male was arrested for fighting in public.

Big Sur: Theft of services was reported on Highway 1.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 51-year-old female called from CHOMP. She reported she was battered in Salinas and in Carmel. A statement was taken, and her injuries were photographed. Follow-up with the victim will be conducted once she is released and feels better.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Intoxicated person fell on city property at Monte Verde and Ninth.

Pacific Grove: A vehicle on Sunset was marked as abandoned.

Pacific Grove: Information report regarding child endangerment at a residence on Bayview Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on Ransford and on Congress marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Report of a medical issue on Arkwright Court.

Pebble Beach: Theft of vehicle license plates on Ocean Pines Lane.

Carmel Valley: Vandalism to a vehicle was reported on Paso Cresta.

Carmel Valley: Runaway juvenile on Aoleado Road.

Big Sur: A report of a possible suicidal subject was taken on Highway 1.

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