

The Carmel Pine Cone

WATER DISTRICT GM TO CITY: DON’T BE STINGY

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY should provide water to anyone who asks for it, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District general manager Dave Stoldt told the Carmel City Council Tuesday, because there’s plenty to go around, thanks to the expansion of the Pure Water Monterey wastewater recycling plant.

The city’s allocation as of March 1 was 2.661 acre-feet, Stoldt noted, but with the upgraded plant coming online by the end of the year, its water bank account will increase by 14 acre-feet.

The amount is based on historic use figures provided by California American Water — which show demand hit an impressive 20-year low last year of just over 9,000 acre-feet, compared with a little more than 15,000 acre-feet in 2004 — along with anticipated population growth and commercial expansion gauged by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, and the state’s demand for more housing.

Slow growth, more houses

Stoldt pointed out that AMBAG predicted a 25-year population increase of just 35 people in the City of Carmel, but the same organization devised the 349-unit allocation that state law demanded be planned for in the city’s housing element. The water district developed a formula using both figures to predict a 25-year water need of 43 additional acre-feet and set the new allocation at a third of that.

“But we retained 2,094 acre-feet for future allocation,” he said, so if the city doles out its share, it can request more.

Gas prices could soar as clean air rules take effect

By CAITLIN CONRAD

GASOLINE IS almost 20 cents per gallon cheaper than it was a year ago in the Golden State, but the downward trend may be coming to an end this summer, thanks to new rules to curb greenhouse gas emissions.

On Tuesday, a new “low carbon fuel standard” took effect that could significantly increase prices at the pump. The California Air Resources Board voted to increase the standard in November, but the rules have been on hold for months while the state’s office of administrative law made dozens of technical changes.

The air board approved those changes Friday, just in time for the new fiscal year.

‘Critical certainty’

“Implementing the July 1 effective date for the low carbon standard provides critical certainty to the industry, as well as the carbon credit market,” said air resources board chair Liane Randolph.

The fuel standard requires carbon dioxide emissions

Construction to begin at Rancho Cañada Village

By CHRIS COUNTS

MORE THAN two decades after the late Nick Lombardo proposed building 280 homes on land in Carmel Valley where Rancho Cañada’s West Course once operated — and nine years after the Monterey County Board of Supervisors approved a scaled-back version of the project — developer Alan Williams told The Pine Cone that construction is expected to start in the coming weeks, providing housing he said has been “needed forever.”

The project, Rancho Cañada Village, includes 93 single-family homes, 40 workforce/inclusionary units and 12 townhouses — and the donation of 36 acres of open space to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park

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Rainbow crosswalk may have to go



PHOTO/MONTEREY PENINSULA PRIDE

Monterey Peninsula Pride and Monterey Mayor Tyller Williamson (center) celebrated a new rainbow-colored crosswalk on Alvarado Street with a June 20 ribbon cutting, but the federal government says they should remove it. See page 9A.

“So, we encourage you to not ration your water,” Stoldt told the council. “I’m not saying first come, first served, but try to be expansive in your approach. Remodels are OK. Commercial growth is OK.”

Any property with a water meter could add an accessory dwelling unit or expand a residence or housing complex,

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from transportation fuels to decline every year, including a 30 percent cut over the next five years and a 90 percent reduction by 2045.

To hit those targets, bulk fuel sellers such as refineries must reduce emissions or buy credits from companies that sell lower-carbon fuels to offset emissions.

Prices for those credits increased under the new fuel standard this week.

The increased cost of credits means more money for clean energy infrastructure, like electric vehicle charging stations, and companies that produce clean energy

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Mechanical marvel lets paralyzed racer ride again

■ Wayne Rainey back at Laguna Seca

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER A career-ending crash in Misano, Italy, left three-time world champion Wayne Rainey paralyzed from the waist down in 1993, it might have been inconceivable to think the Carmel Valley resident would ever ride a motorcycle again.

But he’s done just that. Last month, for the first time since 1991, Rainey had the pleasure of doing laps on Laguna Seca raceway’s world-famous 2.238 miles of 11 turns aboard a Yamaha motorcycle made just for him. And he’ll do so again during the MotoAmerica Superbike Speedfest race weekend set for July 11-13.

On a typical motorcycle, a rider uses his hands and feet to shift gears, accelerate and brake, along with body weight and countless subtle inputs to maneuver, steer and balance.

Split-second decisions are constantly made based on sensory feedback a rider receives not just by what he’s seeing, but by what he’s feeling through his entire body.

So imagine what it’s like to be aboard a two-wheeled

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Council cools on valet parking but likes stop signs

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE THE Carmel City Council last month showed interest in seeing if valet parking could relieve some of downtown’s parking woes, Mayor Dale Byrne failed Tuesday to get the support needed to take the idea to the next step of seeking proposals from vendors interested in taking on the job.

Similarly, councilmembers showed a lack of interest in undoing some of the changes brought about by the AB 413 Daylighting Law that removed parking spaces near crosswalks.

Byrne and a committee he created had proposed those measures, along with several others, as potential ways to free up parking in the commercial areas, where motorists often spend time circling block after block in search of spots. The far-reaching plan presented last month listed near-term and long-term options, including setting up valet service by Carmel Plaza to ferry visitors’ cars to parking areas outside the downtown area and developing a plan to bring back some of the parking spots lost to AB 413.

‘Valet parking doesn’t feel like Carmel — it feels like La Jolla’

Done and undone

“Due to the speed at which valet parking could be implemented and ended, the council expressed particular interest in immediately exploring the concept as a potentially innovative step toward intercepting visitor vehicles before they enter the central commercial district,” assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson said in his July 1 report. Councilmembers wanted to know whether it would be feasible and asked about liability, zoning compatibility and how it would operate, including the collection of fees.

The program would use a professional service to stage cars in the tour-bus parking area on the Junipero side of Carmel Plaza and move them to “offsite parking lots on city-owned properties, such as Vista Lobos and Sunset Center, as well as privately held lots made available through partnership agreements,” according to Swanson.

“Another interesting option is the potential expansion

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PHOTO/COURTESY WAYNE RAINEY

For the first time since 1991, former racer Wayne Rainey got to ride a motorcycle at Laguna Seca — a major feat for a man who was paralyzed in a career-ending crash.



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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

The mayor of the manor

After a long era when she and her husband were devoted to each other, their kids and their canine companions, once the children grew up, it seemed by 2018 her days were suddenly down to one dog and a husband.

Yet, that May, their Labradoodle, Bogey, died, and her husband fell ill.

After her son told her she would need a new friend, she went online to a breeder in Bakersfield.

"Have you ever seen a baby Labradoodle?" she asked. "They're irresistible! Bailey was born in May, around the time we'd lost Bogey, and he came home in August."

Bailey's people brought him, at 8 weeks, to their home at Carmel Valley Manor, where they never had to socialize him. The community of residents did that, dubbing him "The Mayor of the Manor."

A month later, she lost her husband of 60 years.

"Today, Bailey is a gentle giant," his person said. "You don't have to bend over to pet him. His coat is soft and white, and his eyes are warm and welcoming."

Most Sundays, Bailey's person welcomes her son to town, so he can collect Bailey and head down to Carmel Beach for a long run by the sea — a favorite pastime for both.

"I go to exercise class on the Manor putting green in the mornings," she said, "and Bailey just sits there, waiting. He's figured out the last exercise, #14. Either he can count, or he simply understands the passage of time, but he knows when to stand up, ready to have his treat."



Carmel Valley Manor also has a small park where resident dogs love to congregate. Even the little dogs, drawn to Bailey, gather around him.

"This is his life — our life," his person said. "Bailey is my friend, my companion, my bundle of joy. He fills so many spaces in my life."



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Police & Sheriff's Log

Those are the brakes, they guess

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, JUNE 13

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on Morse Drive were marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Unknown subject seen vandalizing a flag on the city flagpole on Forest Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism to a wall on Central Avenue.

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services report alleging financial abuse on Carmel Valley Road.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Carmel Valley: Report of a suicidal subject with a knife locked in a bathroom at a

Carmel Valley Road location. Deputies arrived, and the knife was taken away from the subject, who was transported to a local hospital on a mental health hold.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found passport wallet at Dolores and Sixth

Pacific Grove: Verbal argument on Pacific Grove Lane between ex-spouses.

Pacific Grove: Four pairs of shoes reported missing from a location on David Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on Alder Street and on Lighthouse Avenue marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Report of sexual battery on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Missing person from a David Avenue residence was found in Pebble Beach.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Third Street marked for 72-hour parking.

See **POLICE LOG** page 8RE in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

April 29 — Robert Poliquin, 43, of Marina, was sentenced to four years in state prison for trespass with threats to cause serious bodily injury and resisting an executive officer by threat.

On Oct. 21, 2024, Marina Police officers responded to a report of a physical altercation on the roadway of Ingman Court. Officers learned through investigation that Poliquin had approached a male and female standing next to their vehicle and began staring at them. The male told Poliquin to leave, which angered him. Poliquin then made threats to rape the female. The female victim barricaded herself in their vehicle, but Poliquin attempted to open the doors while threatening to rape her. The male wrestled Poliquin away from the vehicle and held him down on the ground until police arrived.

On May 24, 2024, Marina Police officers responded to a report of an extremely drunk male yelling out randomly at a public park in Marina. Officers contacted Poliquin, who matched the description of the drunk male given by the reporting party. Officers smelled a heavy odor of alcohol on Poliquin's person and determined he was unable to care for his safety or the safety of others. Poliquin struggled with officers while being placed under arrest. As he was being escorted to a patrol vehicle, Poliquin told one of the officers he would shoot him. Poliquin continued to make threats during transport to the Monterey County Jail that he would shoot the officer in the parking lot and find out where he lived and shoot him.

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Carl’s Jr. debris to be removed

By KELLY NIX

DEMOLITION OF the Carl’s Jr. restaurant in Monterey that was destroyed by fire in April will begin in a couple of weeks, a city official said this week.

At about 6:35 a.m. on April 3, a large blaze engulfed the fast-food eatery at 902 Lighthouse Ave., causing the building to collapse. Firefighters from numerous jurisdictions responded to the dramatic blaze, which did not injure anyone.

The owners — listed as DMF Restaurants LLC — said shortly after the fire they intended to rebuild the establishment just the way it was.

Permit approved

“On Friday, the ownership of Carl’s Jr. applied with the city for a demolition permit,” Monterey city manager Hans Uslar said, adding that the permit was approved by the city Tuesday. “We think the demolition may take around two weeks.”

While investigators believe the fire began in the building’s attic, Monterey Fire Department Division Chief Justin Cooper said this week that the cause of the fire remains a

mystery.

“As of three weeks ago, the owner’s insurance company was not able to determine cause and they had an engineering team working to determine it,” Cooper told The Pine Cone Monday.

If someone had been injured or killed in the fire, local fire officials would have performed a thorough investigation. Arson is not suspected as a cause.

Carl’s workers were in the restaurant preparing to open for business when they heard a pop sound from the attic area. A customer then told them that there was smoke coming from the roof.

The fire drew nearly 40 firefighters and other personnel, seven engines, two aerial ladder trucks, a breathing support apparatus and two chief officers. Cooper, who also responded to the fire, said that crews had to force their way through plywood to get to the attic space to extinguish it.

The fast-food place did not have sprinklers but contained several localized devices to stop fires, which an employee activated for the restaurant’s broiler.

HISTORIC VALLEY BUILDING DEMOLISHED

By CHRIS COUNTS

THIS WEEK saw the demolition of what remained of the historic Carmelo Building in Carmel Valley, which was destroyed by a fire in February that many believe was started by a homeless person who was living in it. “Most of it is gone already,” resident Paola Berthoin reported Tuesday morning after surveying the scene.

Built in 1895, the small white building was located at Carmel Valley and Robinson Canyon

roads next to the Farm Center. Before the fire broke out, it had been in the news because Carmel Unified School District, which owned it, wanted to sell it. In response, the county created a task force to study how the building could be preserved, but later turned down an offer to buy it. Meanwhile, locals debated the merits of leaving it in place or moving it to another site.

Some wood salvaged

While much of the charred debris from the fire was disposed of this week, some of it was given to the Carmel Valley Association, Berthoin told The Pine Cone.

“The CVA was able to get permission from school district to get wood that hadn’t been burned,” she said. “There are some nice beams. There is some good, thick, rough wood.”

It’s too early to say what the CVA plans to build with the wood. “They plan to do something with it, but they’re not sure yet,” Berthoin reported.

The removal of debris was approved by the school board at its April 9 meeting. The same vote also gave the district the OK to donate to the CVA an old bench that was salvaged from the burned structure.



The charred remains of the Carmelo building, which burned down in February, were removed this week.

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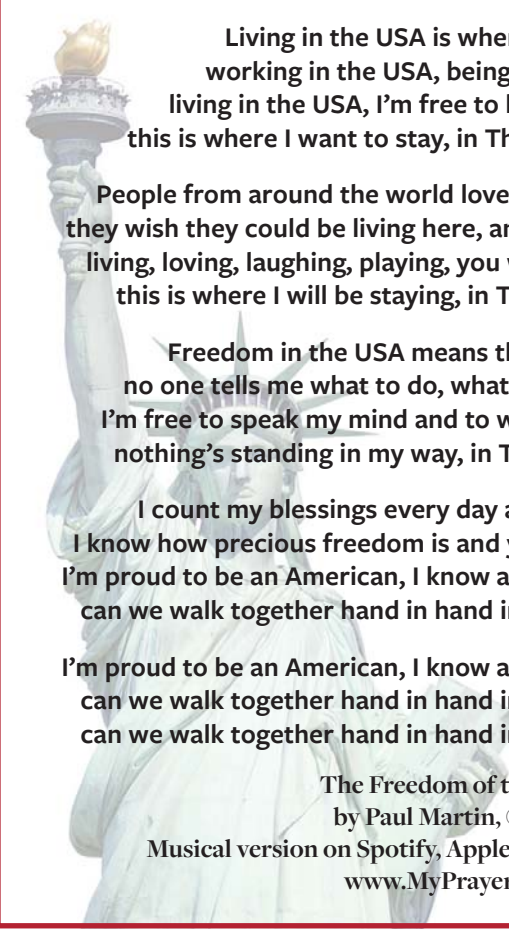
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Carmel Beach survey closes July 31

By MARY SCHLEY

A FIVE-MINUTE city survey asking people’s “values and concerns surrounding beach access, beach hazards and sea-level rise adaptation strategies” closes at the end of the month, and officials want as many people to fill it out as possible.

“The objective of this survey is to help the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea better understand how people use Carmel Beach,” according to the city. “The public’s input will be shared with experts who are developing ways to better respond to storms and sea level rise.”

The survey, which is open to everyone, includes questions about the beach and ocean, parking, and the Scenic Road pathway.

It’s funded by state taxpayers via the California Coastal Commission and begins by asking how often responders visit the beach and/or the Scenic Road pathway, how many years they’ve been doing so and how they typically get there, such as on foot, by bicycle or by car.

Favorites, priorities

Visitors are asked to rank their favorite recreational activities, such as walking on the pathway or on the beach, sunbathing, surfing, picnicking, swimming, fishing, volleyball, nature viewing or family fun, and what sort of facilities or amenities — like parking, restrooms, access to the beach or pathway, environmental education or driving on Scenic — should be prioritized.

“The natural environment is important for the visitor experience at Carmel Beach,” the survey states next. “Please

rank your top three environmental priorities for Carmel-by-the-Sea’s coast,” including water quality, surf quality, sand color, beach width and quality, dune habitat and preservation of sensitive species.

Participants are asked to give between one and five stars to ADA accessibility at



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How do you use the beach? Does the city maintain it well? Do you worry about the effects of climate change? The city wants to know.

the beach and to indicate on maps the areas they use most often to get down to the shore and where they spend most of their time once they’re there.

Regarding climate change and sea level rise, the questionnaire seeks information on respondents’ greatest concerns about storm-related impacts, such as loss of a wide and sandy beach, damage to stairways and sand ramps, erosion to cliffs and dunes resulting in damage to Scenic Road, debris washing up on the beach, and unsafe conditions due to larger waves.

Respondents are asked to rank their level of knowledge and experience with various means of addressing coastal erosion and hazards, including “nature-based

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Thank you

We want to give special thanks to our local Carmel Valley Fire response team for their quick action to douse the flames of the recent Carmel Valley Fire.

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FEDS: DON'T USE STREETS TO CONVEY POLITICAL MESSAGES

By KELLY NIX

A CROSSWALK in Monterey that was recently painted rainbow colors to symbolize support for the LGBTQ community is at risk of erasure after the Trump administration this week directed governors in all 50 states to remove artwork and other visual “distractions” from roads and intersections.

In a letter Tuesday, U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy asked states to participate in the Federal Highway Administration’s Safe Roads initiative, which targets non-freeway arterial roads where more than half of U.S. roadway deaths occur.

“Roads are for safety, not political messages or artwork,” Duffy said. “Today I am calling on governors in every state to ensure that roadways, intersections, and crosswalks are kept free of distractions.”

He gave governors 60 days to direct their state departments of transportation — in cooperation with city planners — to “identify a list of arterial segments, including intersections, with potential or documented safety or operational concerns that will be addressed,” and to submit the list to the Federal Highway Administration.

Symbol of acceptance

“The goal of the Safe Roads national initiative is to partner with state and local governments to make the entire roadway right-of-way easier to interpret and navigate for all users, including pedestrians, vehicle operators, and automated vehicles alike,” Duffy said, adding that the Federal Highway Administration would track states’ progress to comply with the initiative.

The directive would put the City of Monterey’s rainbow crosswalk at Alvarado and Pearl streets in jeopardy since the initiative takes aim at art on streets. The colorful feature was approved by city council members June 3 and paid for by donations made to Monterey Peninsula Pride.

Asked about the Trump administration’s initiative, Monterey city manager Hans Uslar said Tuesday that he and his staff have had no time to read, review or discuss it.

Monterey Peninsula Pride did not respond to a message seeking comment.

At a spirited council meeting in May in which members discussed the then-crosswalk proposal, some citizens supported the idea, saying it would demonstrate inclusivity and acceptance, while more residents opposed the idea, saying among other things that political messages don’t belong on city streets.

In 2011, during the Obama administration, a Federal Highway Administration ruling on the application of colored pavement determined that crosswalk art “degrades the contrast of the white transverse lines against the composition of the pavement beneath it,” and it is “contrary to the goal of increased safety and most likely could be a contributing factor to a false sense of security for both motorists and pedestrians.”

In May, Monterey public works director Andrea Renny pointed to 2023 federal rules stating that “decorative crosswalks” must preserve the required standard crosswalk markings, such as parallel white lines

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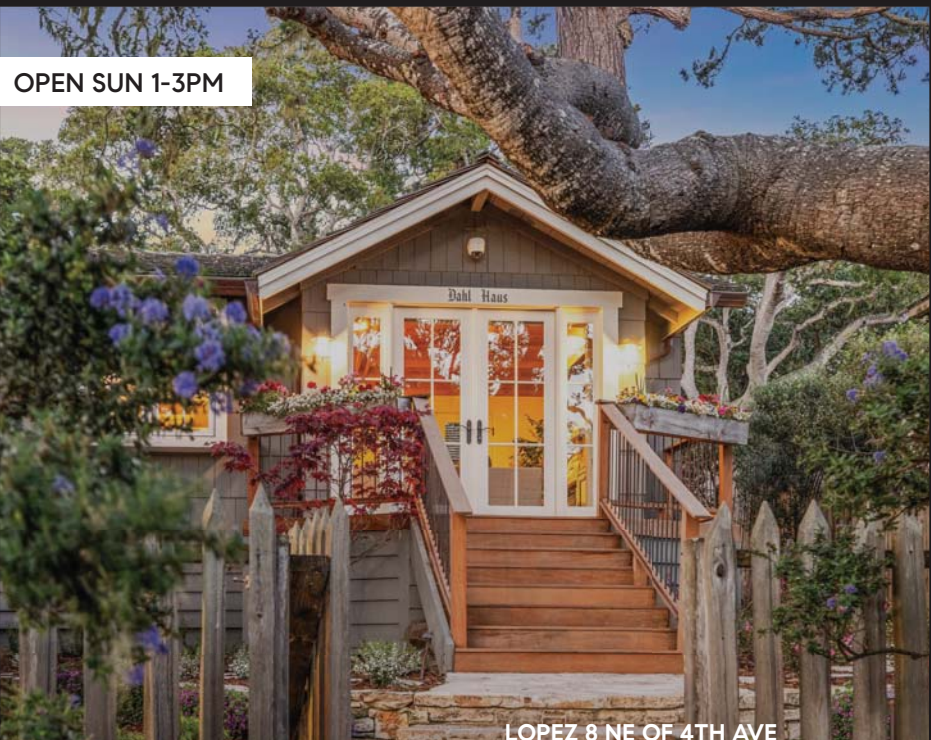
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Lawsuit: ‘Slave auction’ and a noose

By KELLY NIX

A FORMER firefighter stationed in Pebble Beach claims that severe racism and bullying by his coworkers caused post-traumatic stress syndrome and forced him to quit his job.

Kevin Ruskell, who used to work for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, alleges that shortly after transferring to the Cal Fire Pebble Beach station in August 2023, his colleagues and superiors started harassing him based on his race and disabilities. Ruskell is Black and says he has a speech impediment and dyslexia.

An employee “greeted Ruskell by saying, ‘What’s up, my nigga?’” Ruskell’s lawsuit, filed June 24 in Monterey County Superior Court, alleges.

Several months later, Ruskell claims he and the only other Black employee in his fire battalion were “sold” by a fire captain to another captain over open radio traffic, as if they “were participating in a slave auction.”

Cal Fire provides fire services for the Pebble Beach Community Services District, which is not named as a defendant in Ruskell’s lawsuit.

‘Slave auction’

In January 2024, Ruskell said he overheard a coworker saying he was a “great DEI hire,” while a month later he said, “someone placed a noose” in his locker.

“Ruskell has learned that this was not the first incident at the Pebble Beach station involving a noose,” his complaint, filed by Salinas attorney Neil Berman, contends.

The former firefighter also said he was also “consistently harassed” for his meal choices. He cited a May 2024 incident

when he was eating peaches and a superior said, “Damn, Ruskell. You can’t be more stereotypically Black, can you?”

“Ruskell felt he had to watch what he ate for fear of discriminatory bullying based on his race,” his suit says.

In July 2024, a coworker told him that his ancestors probably owned slaves and that “maybe we owned a few of you,” according to the lawsuit. And in an incident the next month, a superior directed a White employee to sit in between Ruskell and another Black employee in what he called “Oreo formation.”

Culture of hazing

Ruskell said he was subjected to more than just racism, and that he faced bullying for his stutter and dyslexia.

“The battalion chief would interrupt Ruskell while he was stuttering, saying things like, ‘Come on, spit it out.’”

There is sufficient evidence that Cal Fire “willfully ignored” the hostile work environment at the Pebble Beach fire station, according to the complaint. He said two employees in November 2023 warned him of the “culture of hazing and discrimination.”

The former firefighter said in August 2024 he filed an internal complaint with Cal Fire and a transfer request but was denied “in retaliation for reporting” the racial and disability discrimination.

Ruskell contends he lost more than 20 pounds because of the strain of the harassment and his “personal life deteriorated under the strain, placing his marriage and relationship with his children in jeopardy.”

He said he was later diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and was “deemed medically unfit to continue” working. A Cal Fire spokesman in Sacramento told The Pine Cone that it does not comment on litigation.

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Pricey new camping digs coming to Fort Ord state park

By KELLY NIX

A NEW campground estimated to cost \$33 million is coming to a 1,000-acre Fort Ord park and crews are set to start construction on the first phase this summer, the California Department of Parks and Recreation said June 25.

The campground will feature 43 traditional tent campsites, 45 RV campsites, 10 walk-in or bike-in areas and improved coastal access, parks and recreation said. The project — which will take about two years to complete — will also include a campfire center pavilion and a visitor center.

Transformation

“We are so excited to be breaking ground on the first new state parks campground in Northern California in decades,” said Dan Shaw, Deputy District Superintendent for Monterey District. “This was a true team effort by staff and partners working closely together to get us to this point”.

The agency said that the public may see orange construction fencing around project work sites and survey areas, and a portion of the recreation trail at Beach Range Road will be detoured to the parallel trail outside of the park during the work. The remainder of the park’s trails and the beach will remain open to the public.


Much of the funding for the campground comes from Proposition 84 — the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

As the facilities are under construction, the state agency will be working to transform the landscape to a coastal dune habitat to support native plants and wildlife.

“State Parks thanks the public for its patience and understanding during this construction,” officials said in a press statement.

Fort Ord Dunes State Park was opened to the public in 2009.

Toward the end of World War I, the U.S. government purchased 15,000 acres of property north of Monterey for field artillery training. The artillery field — known as Gigling Reservation — was named after the German family that originally settled in the area. The reservation was renamed Camp Ord in 1933 and then officially designated as Fort Ord in 1940, State Parks explained. Fort Ord was the first army post to accept racial integration and interracial marriage.



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City won't buy \$100K Scenic lot

By MARY SCHLEY

THE ALLURE of owning a little-noticed piece of undevelopable land on Scenic Road just south of the Frank Lloyd Wright House is not strong enough to entice the City of Carmel to buy it.

The city council in closed session Monday pondered the idea at the request of councilwoman Alissandra Dramov, who expressed interest in a taxpayer-funded purchase of the strip of ice-plant-covered land and rocky shoreline being offered for \$100,000.

While it boasts spectacular views in one of the most beautiful spots in the world, the small lot — no one seems to know its actual size — can't be developed, not even with a fence or a bench, according to deed restrictions recorded in April 1924.

Since the listing went live in May, Central Coast Properties broker Lance Monosoff has been marketing the land as an "oceanfront Carmel lot for the person who has everything."

"This lot is not buildable due to deed restrictions, size and other limitations," the sales flier says. "However, this little piece of heaven could be yours forever — bring a folding chair and enjoy spectacular sunsets."

Picnicking and sketching

After The Pine Cone ran a story about the odd listing, Dramov at the council's June meeting raised the idea of using taxpayer funds to buy it and suggested debating the possibility as soon as possible, since "time is of the essence."

She said several constituents had asked her if the city would purchase the strip, which bears a deed restriction stating, "Reserving, however, for the perpetual benefit of the pedestrian public, and none

other, the following rights and privileges, but none other, namely: to enter upon and pass over and across said property for the purposes, or any of them, but not otherwise, of sightseeing, fishing, sketching or picnicking; provided, however, that said public rights and privileges shall not be construed to include camping or the setting up or maintaining of tents or other shelters."

Further, the owner "agrees not to build or allow to be built any buildings or improvements of any kind or character on the said described property, but to keep the same in its natural condition."

Beverly Sue Bell and Barbara Diane Hutchinson have held the lot, which has an assessed value of \$11,494, since 1999. It is one of the parcels along that stretch of Scenic between the road and the sea that were drawn by the Carmel Development Company, which was owned by the city's founding fathers, J. Franklin Devendorf and Frank Powers, in 1910.

'Not interested'

At the June meeting, Pierik thwarted Dramov's efforts to ask her colleagues whether they liked the idea, since it wasn't on the agenda, but the council agreed to discuss it during a closed session, when property negotiations and the like are typically handled.

Mayor Dale Byrne said he had received several inquiries about the outcome of that June 30 talk and asked Pierik to share it with the public.

"We did have a closed session yesterday afternoon with respect to a non-buildable parcel of property on Scenic Road south of Martin Way," Pierik said. "The council has requested that I announce this evening that the council is not interested in purchasing that property."

With the city out, quirky parcel still up for grabs



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Nonprofit helps DA pursue cold cases

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH THE federal taxpayer dollars that funded the Monterey County District Attorney’s Cold Case Task Force running dry because the program that provided the money ended, a nonprofit has been formed to support its mission. Backed by a board of directors with impressive law-enforcement and legal pedigrees, the Cold Case Project of Monterey County will help fund high-tech forensic testing and other tools the DA’s office needs.

“This was the brainchild of Bill Clark, who is on our task force and was assistant chief of Monterey Police Department,” said assistant district attorney Matt L’Heureux, who has headed the DA’s task force since 2021 and is a member of the new nonprofit’s board.

Clark’s first cold case while on the job involved the 1981 abduction, sexual assault and murder of a woman that went unsolved until 2002 and ended with a conviction, according to his bio. He formed the Peninsula Cold Case Project in 2005 to bring together detectives from various agencies to present and investigate their unsolved murders and continued to work

on and help solve cold cases throughout his career. After he retired in 2020, Clark joined the DA’s task force as a volunteer.

Carmel cold case

With the aid of federal funds, the task force over the past five years has solved 19 cases, including the 2021 identification and arrest of Seaside resident Michael Glazebrook for strangling his former Carmel Point neighbor, Sonia Carmen Herok Stone, in 1981. Glazebrook was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison in 2023.

The county has more than 600 cold-case homicides, the oldest dating back to the 1960s, according to L’Heureux. “We’re working on 84 cases, primarily homicides, though a few are sexual assaults, and a few are missing persons where homicide is suspected,” he said.

But now, donations and other sources are necessary for that critical work to continue, according to the Cold Case Project’s board president, Ann Kern.

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‘Don’t mess with sand,’ county pleads

By CHRIS COUNTS

LOCALS ARE very familiar with the yearly effort to cut a channel in the Carmel River Lagoon sandbar, which reduces the risk of flooding in low-lying neighborhoods. But this week, the opposite was done as county workers brought in sand and beefed up the barrier that separates the lagoon from Carmel Bay.

“Public works staff mobilized Monday to add sand and reinforce the sandbar at the Carmel River Lagoon,” the county reported.

Not surprisingly, the effort was done to benefit steelhead. The National Marine Fisheries Service recommended adding the sand because of concerns that the bar is so low this year, juvenile steelhead could be swept into the ocean before they’re mature

enough to survive there.

Even without rain to fill the lagoon, the problem arises because some beach visitors can’t seem to resist creating their own channels in the sandbar.

“Members of the public have been observed attempting to artificially breach the lagoon sandbar, which is currently very narrow and thin,” the county observed. “As Carmel River State Beach is a popular destination for the July 4 holiday, State Parks rangers are urging beachgoers to enjoy the ocean and the beach, but please leave the sandbar alone.”

Those who ignore the warning risk being cited by law enforcement.

“Breaching the sandbar is illegal without permits and harmful to the lagoon ecosystem,” the county added. “There are strict penalties for illegal activities.”

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Road fixed 15 months and \$25 million later

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR THE first time since a large chunk of pavement slipped out in March 2024, both lanes of Highway 1 at Rocky Creek in Big Sur are open. The official reopening happened Monday at 8 p.m.

The slip-out caused the loss of a 30-foot section of rock wall and left a section of pavement dangling precariously over a drop of several hundred feet.

To fix the highway, a viaduct was built at an estimated cost of \$25 million. For the past 15 months, crews worked 12-hour shifts to get the job done as soon as possible, while motorists experienced delays at the construction site, where a one-way signal regulated traffic. The contractors were Gordon N. Ball of Walnut Creek and Teichert Construction of Stockton.

“Crews worked daytime and overnight shifts to stabilize the remaining roadway and prevent additional slide activity,” Caltrans said this week. “To execute a key step in restoring stability to the damaged area, crews lowered rock dowels into vertical shafts drilled deep into the slope. This engineering strategy allowed work to continue, while keeping workers in a safer environment.”

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Caltrans District 5 director Scott Eades described the repair as “an engineering marvel” and a “triumph in resilience for Big Sur residents, business owners and their elected officials.”

“The restoration of service along this famed transportation lifeline is a shared success and testament to their patience, hard work and community spirit,” Eades said. “The challenges posed by the slide on Highway 1 at Rocky Creek 15 months ago were met with an immediate commitment to restore access to this iconic roadway and symbol of north coast vitality.”

While motorists from Carmel can visit Big Sur inns, resorts, galleries and parks as far south as Esalen Institute, travel south of Lime Creek remains closed due to the Regent Slide, which has blocked the highway since February 2024. The slide isn’t expected to be cleared any time soon, although crews are working seven days a week on it and employing robotic equipment due to dangerous conditions.

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products, like biofuels. According to the air board, clean energy businesses will receive an estimated \$68 billion from the new low-carbon fuel standard credit sales. However, the increased price to purchase those credits for refiners will have to be passed on to consumers.

Gas Prices

Prior to its November 2024 vote, the air resources board initially estimated changes to the air rules would increase gas prices by 47 cents per gallon. The board walked those numbers back following public outrage last summer, but energy experts now say that estimate could be on the low end.

According to Danny Cullenward with the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy, if credit prices reach maximum allowed levels, retail gas prices could rise as much as 65 cents a gallon in the near term and as high as \$1.50 by 2035.

“There is only one way to stop the gas prices from skyrocketing further in California: A reversal of the damaging policies that Gavin Newsom and the Democrats have championed and passed over the last decade,” wrote Assemblymember James Gallagher, a Sutter County Republican.

The governor, however, has called the 65 cent increase an extreme projection, instead citing a UC Davis study predicting the new fuel standard will only raise prices between 5 and 8 cents per gallon.

“There are many disingenuous claims swirling about California gas prices. The truth is that gas prices won’t come anywhere close to increasing by 65 cents, as many would have you believe,” said Newsom in a written statement.

Clean air

The low carbon fuel standard is part of the state’s climate mitigation strategy, with the overall goal of reaching net-zero carbon emissions by 2045. Transportation that burns fossil fuels, including cars, trucks, trains and aircraft, is the state’s biggest source of greenhouse gas emissions.

“Often lost in the noise around this program are our primary reasons for approving it: better health for Californians, our economy and the environment, as well as achieving required state and federal air quality standards,” said air resources board chair Randolph.

According to the report, the low carbon fuel standard has supported the displacement of more than 30 billion gallons of petroleum fuels with lower carbon alternatives like electric vehicles, hydrogen and biofuels.

Gas Tax

California drivers also started paying higher gasoline taxes on Tuesday with an increase 1.6 cents per gallon, to 61.2 cents per gallon. The increase was enacted by the Legislature in 2017 to help pay for road repairs and approved by voters in 2018 when they rejected a gas tax repeal.

But gas tax dollars don’t always go toward fixing roads for the drivers of combustion engine vehicles. At the end of June, when the governor announced the California Transportation Commission awarded \$5 billion to improve state highways, but also for expanded bus, train, and clean transportation services, \$2.44 billion of those dollars came directly from the state’s gas tax.

According to the office of the governor, \$1.45 billion in gas tax dollars will go to zero and low-emission transportation infrastructure and to rehab marine ports, freight corridors and railyards. Another \$762 million has been allocated for passenger rail extension, rapid transit bus expansion, urban charging hubs, clean heavy-duty truck fleets, and ultra-fast charging stations along major interstates.

California’s roads ranked 49th out of 50 in the Reason Foundation’s Annual Highway Report. The conservative-leaning foundation found more than 25 percent of the state’s rural interstate mileage in poor condition and 40 percent of urban arterials in poor condition.

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A couple of speakers urged the council to update the city's policies on water

At the end of the meeting, councilwoman Alissandra Dramov suggested the council and the planning commission hold a joint workshop to get the community's feedback on how water should be allocated and develop a plan.



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PARKING

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of the Forest Theater parking lot which could not only serve to provide additional off-street parking during shows, but could add to the inventory of valet spots,” he suggested, adding that Byrne “has engaged with various property owners on the periphery of the commercial district — including churches and other institutions — who have expressed interest in making portions of their lots available for valet use.”

The city would collect drivers’ fees directly and pay the vendor, Swanson said, and its insurance, coupled with coverage held by the operator, would minimize any liability concerns. He also said nothing in the zoning code prohibits valet parking.

Research by the committee found that four cities — Mountain View, San Juan Capistrano and Palo Alto, as well as Lockport, Ill. — offer valet services.

“Three of the four cities don’t charge — they pay for it out of their general funds just as a measure to reduce congestion,” Swanson said. “All of them use professional valet service. That was something they all hammered on us and said, ‘Do not try to do this yourself.’”

Not Forest Theater

Several members of the public objected to the idea of increased parking at Forest Theater, including a group of 13 residents who complained in a letter that doing so would make traffic in their neighborhood worse and cause other issues.

Resident Andi Carr, who lives near Vista Lobos, said the city should focus on enforcing time limits on downtown spaces before undertaking any “complicated, convoluted” solutions like valet parking, and resident Linda Calafiore said visitors should be charged to park in town.

Councilman Jeff Baron said the valet option just doesn’t seem like the right answer.

“Valet parking doesn’t feel like Carmel

— it feels like La Jolla or some other community — and I don’t think that’s really what Carmel should feel like,” he said. Baron also objected to using the Sunset Center lots for valet parking.

Similarly, councilman Hans Buder worried it would lead to more parking and traffic in residential areas where pedestrians often walk in the street due to the lack of sidewalks.

“Having had the chance to turn it over in my mind, I don’t know that valet parking really fits the character of Carmel,” he added.

Focus on workers

Buder instead wanted to work on ways to keep employees from parking in the commercial district. “We really need to be focusing on solving that problem,” he said, perhaps by running a shuttle between downtown and offsite parking. The Carmel Chamber of Commerce has already committed to helping.

The only real solution is to have fewer cars coming into town in the first place, councilman Bob Delves said. “Having employees park elsewhere increases the capacity of downtown,” he said.

He and Buder also agreed that enforcement should be ramped up.

Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov said the entire effort felt rushed. She predicted valet parking would “bring more chaos to our streets” and sympathized with the concerns of residents.

She also said she was not at all in favor of rejiggering the AB 413 changes — especially since Swanson said doing so would require the hiring of a traffic engineer — “when we haven’t heard from our chief” who formulated the plan to deal with the new law.

Byrne was disappointed by his colleagues’ lack of enthusiasm.

“I don’t want to be the only one here who’s positive about trying to solve the parking problem in town by using creative solutions to try to find another 100 or 110

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spots, which is what I think Brandon and I were trying to do with this," he said. "I'm not comfortable moving forward with the kind of reception I got here tonight, so I can go work on other things."

He predicted that doing nothing will continue to negatively affect downtown businesses and said he's still committed to finding long-term solutions.

Byrne also said he was disappointed by the lack of interest in trying to recover some of the spaces taken away by AB 413. "I'm not hearing any support for even investigating that, despite the fact that we executed the plan we have without a traffic engineer," he said.

"You've convinced me to not move forward," he told the council.

On this, they agree

While opinions varied on downtown parking, the council was less divided about Police Chief Paul Tomasi's recommendation to install 16 more stop signs to convert seven downtown intersections to all-way stops, which he said would improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

Doing so would leave the commercial area bordered by Monte Verde, Junipero, Fifth and Eighth with just a pair of intersections with two-way stops: Mission and Sixth and San Carlos and Sixth, which the fire department needs to remain as-is to prevent backups in front of its station. Drivers should be warned at those locations that "cross traffic does not stop," he said.

His recommendation included the troublesome intersection of San Carlos and Fifth near the post office, which garnered most of the commentary at the July 1 meeting.

Parker Logan suggested converting it to an all-way stop would create chaos and huge backups on that busy street, while Carmel Residents Association board

member Nancy Twomey, resident Donna Jett and former councilwoman Karen Ferlito all argued in favor.

"Please fix that intersection," Twomey said.

Delves said he was "reluctant" to change it but said the city should at least test the idea.

"I think we've got to try it — it's confusion junction right now," he said.

Baron sided with Logan. "If we put a stop sign at the top, it will back up traffic all the way down the street," he said.

Buder said he would support adding more stop signs because Tomasi believes it will make downtown safer, and while Dramov said the Fifth-and-San Carlos crossing concerns her the most, "I'm willing to go ahead and add the stop signs."

"And chief, you're always really good about coming back to us and recommending changes" if something isn't working, she added.

At the end of the discussion, city administrator Chip Rerig said he would draft a formal resolution to add the stop signs, as recommended by Tomasi and the traffic safety committee, for the council to consider at its August meeting.

Blessing of the cars

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE COMMUNITY Church of the Monterey Peninsula is hosting the Carmel Valley Classic car show and blessing of the automobiles July 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a display, barbecue, awards, music, games and other activities.

The \$50-per-car entry fee benefits the church and its chosen charities, and the show will take place at 4590 Carmel Valley Road.

Gates open at 8 a.m. for registration, with the event opening to the public at 10. Awards will be given at 2 p.m., and the show will wrap up at 3 p.m.

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CARES

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another fence there ran \$18,500 in labor and materials and took 32 volunteer hours. The group pitched in \$26,152 in labor, including project management and engineering, and 32 volunteer hours toward the effort to underground utilities on a segment of San Antonio Avenue.

The Downtown Detail group’s tools, supplies, pots, plants and landscaping and cleaning services, as well as volunteers’ “acting as Carmel ambassadors,” cost \$4,947 and consumed 1,800 volunteer hours.

The Pickup Posse’s buckets and grabbers for cleaning at the beach, on the Scenic pathway and throughout downtown, its purchase and maintenance of cigarette-butt receptacles and the recycling of said butts, and volunteers’ service as “Carmel ambassadors” to residents and visitors were valued at \$1,061 in labor and materials and 1,800 volunteer hours, while the Median Minders’ cleaning and planting cost \$54,717 in labor and materials and 80 volunteer hours.

A new display case at Sunset Center and the nearby landscaping around cost \$3,700

in labor and materials plus 200 volunteer hours, and renovating the “milk shrine” at the First Murphy house required \$1,700 in labor and materials and 60 volunteer hours. Finally, improving and maintaining the garden at Vista Lobos cost \$11,392 in labor and materials and 360 volunteer hours, and the Tag Team spent \$220 and 40 hours on removing graffiti. Without discussion, the council unanimously voted to accept Carmel Cares’ donations. Byrne was allowed to participate because he is no longer in charge of the nonprofit, nor is he on the board.

Turning 5

Later this month, the group will celebrate its fifth anniversary with a party at the Forest Theater. “Join us to celebrate this milestone and learn about our efforts to keep Carmel-by-the-Sea beautiful, safe and inviting,” organizers said, adding that the party is free for volunteers and donors, so “all community members are warmly encouraged to attend with a donation or pledge to be a volunteer.” The event, set for July 13 from 2 to 5 p.m., will include refreshments, live entertainment and “community fun,” and anyone with questions is encouraged to email carmelcares1@gmail.com.

BLAZE

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At the hearing, school board member Jake Odello called the loss of the historic building “really unfortunate.” “A landmark along Carmel Valley is gone,” Odello said. “It’s a sad event.”

Once a hub of activity

Deputy fire chief for the Monterey County Regional Fire District Eric Ulwelling told The Pine Cone his agency did an investigation into the cause of the fire but couldn’t identify it.

“There was no power going into the building, and there was no surveillance or video that would indicate arson,” Ulwelling said. “Based on the conditions that were present, the fire investigator listed the cause of the fire as undetermined.” The building was known by several names, including the “Carmelo Athletic and Social Club Building,” “The Barn,” and the “Grange Hall,” It was once a busy site, hosting “town-hall-style meetings, holiday celebrations, birthday parties, dances and Grange meetings,” according to Carmel Valley historian Elizabeth Barratt. When it was built, it was surrounded by nothing but agricultural fields and trees.

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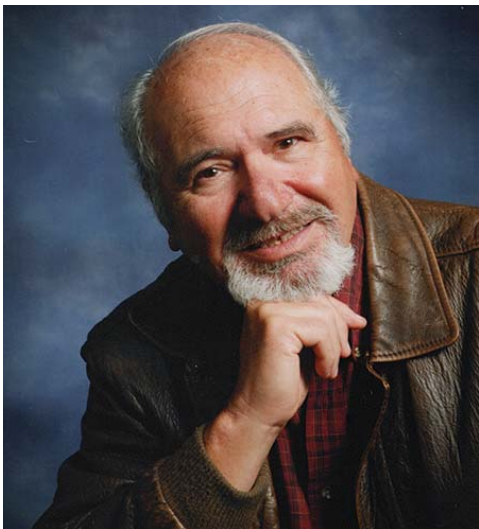
RAY ERASMO LUCIDO

May 25, 1942 – June 21, 2025

Ray Erasmo Lucido of Carmel Valley, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and community servant, passed away peacefully on June 21, 2025, at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula due to complications following open heart surgery. He was 83.

Ray was born in the quaint seaside fishing village of Isola delle Femmine near Palermo, Sicily, on May 25, 1942. In 1960, he immigrated to the United States to live with his uncle Mario (Kay) Lucido of Hollister and his cousins Maria and Patty. He became a proud American citizen in 1968 and built a life defined by faith, family and service.

In 1963, Ray married Patricia Azevedo of Monterey, the love of his life and partner of 62 years. Together they built a loving extended family and welcomed many friends into that circle of love. They stood by each other through life’s greatest joys and deepest sorrows. Ray is survived by his son, Salvatore Lucido (Merrielle Krause) of Santa Rosa. He was preceded in death by his infant son, John Anthony Lucido, and his adopted son, Mario Cunha. He is also survived by his nieces, Shelly Allen of Texas and Sharon Silva of Carmel.



Ray cherished his grandchildren, Domenico Lucido of San Luis Obispo and Sofia Lucido of Los Angeles, who brought him boundless pride and joy. To them, he was known as “Poppi,” a name born from affection and carried with love.

A gifted structural designer, Ray devoted nearly five decades to his craft. Outside the office, he was an avid tennis player and enthusiastic gardener. But his dedication to service was his hallmark: a Jaycee in his younger years, a Little League coach in Carmel Valley, a long-time member and past president of the Salinas Northeast Rotary Club, a volunteer firefighter for nearly 25 years, and a lifelong chef for countless parish and community events. His faith and service found a spiritual home at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Carmel Valley, where he was an active parishioner since 1971.

Ray’s deep Sicilian roots never faded. He remained close with his extended family in Italy, returning often to Isola delle Femmine. He was preceded in death by his parents, Salvatore and Anna Lucido, and his brother, Pietro Lucido. He is survived by his brother, Antonino Lucido of Isola and sister, Nazzarena Billeci of Capaci, along with his many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins in Italy.

Having arrived in America as a young man with big dreams and little English, Ray worked tirelessly to create a meaningful life — guided by determination, faith, perseverance and his uniquely special sense of humor.

Ray had a gift for making others feel welcome. His cooking —especially his cherished Christmas “Buon Natale” dinners complete with homemade cannoli — was legendary. But his favorite recipe may have been his warm smile and ever-cheerful disposition, often saying, “I’m fine and dandy, just like Christmas candy!”

Ray lived by the Jaycees’ creed: “Faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life. Earth’s greatest treasure is the human personality. Service to humanity is the best work in life.”

Ray’s legacy lives on, not only through his family, but also in the countless lives he touched — through his generosity, humor, mentorship and steadfast friendship.

A Rosary Service will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2025, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 18, both at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Carmel Valley, CA. A reception celebrating Ray’s remarkable life will follow. The Mass will also be live-streamed for those unable to attend in person. To view the livestream, visit <https://tinyurl.com/RayLucidoMemorial>

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ray’s favorite charity, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, in his memory.

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Mille Grazie, Ray. Your light and legacy will endure**

COLD

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methodologies, at a time that federal funding and grants for such work has lapsed, has fueled the creation of our nonprofit,” she said. “The diligent and ongoing work of cold-case resolution in Monterey County must continue to bring hope and closure for the victims, their families and the community at large.”

The group’s all-volunteer board includes Kern, Clark, L’Heureux, Monterey Police Chief Dave Hober and Assistant Chief Mike Bruno, foreign policy and international security specialist Darnell Whitt, and threat assessment expert and investigator Bruno Dias, a former Seaside P.D. commander.

‘Unprecedented potential’

While advanced forensic techniques, including DNA analysis and investigative genetic genealogy, “offer unprecedented potential to solve cold cases,” agencies often can’t use them due to their prohibitive costs, according to Kern.

“The organization is dedicated to raising the funds necessary to keep cold case investigations moving forward — ensuring that cases aren’t left unresolved because of financial barriers,” she explained. The project is raising funds via the Community Foundation for Monterey County.

“Behind every unsolved murder or long-term missing-person case is a family in pain, desperately seeking answers,” the group said. “Solving these cases brings justice for those who can no longer speak for themselves and provides a vital step toward healing and closure for the family and the community.”

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SURVEY

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DIANE ‘DANI’ PAUL

Diane – Dani – Paul (née Marshman) passed peacefully at the Hospice unit of Westland House in Monterey. She has been a resident of Carmel, living in the Carmel Highlands for 30 years. She is survived by her husband, Denny; her daughter, Sandra Jacobs of San Jose; son, Bruce of Reno, NV; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Dani was born in Green, NY in 1941. Her father, Cleon Marshman, was a WW I veteran and passed when she was 3 years old. Her mother, Helen, continued to live in Green and when Dani was 12 years old the family – Helen, Dani, three sisters and a brother, moved to Norwich, NY where Helen was a nurse in the maternity ward at Chenango Memorial.

Dani began seventh grade at Norwich High where she first met her future husband. Dani and Denny went steady from their junior year, 1958, and married in 1963. Dani continued her education at Buffalo State Teachers College, but after a year economics intervened and she began work. However, she was able to finish her education at San Jose State and received a bachelor’s degree in sociology.

Dani had a varied career, most importantly as a mother and grandmother, but was also an apartment manager, librarian, party planner and a trained and massage therapist. When she retired she continued to volunteer at charity shops, for the last 20 years at the Monterey County SPCA shop near the Barnyard. Since retiring she has enjoyed world travels to all the continents.



Elaine Marie McDermid

Elaine departed to heaven on May 16, 2025. She is survived by her daughter, Linda Forsythe (Michael) and five grandchildren. Saving her a place in heaven are her husband, Donald McDermid (2003); their daughter, Diana Kissinger (1994); and their son, Mike McDermid (2013). Her remains will be in El Carmelo Cemetery beside her sweetheart, her favorite place to be.



Born and raised on a farm in Kalispell, Montana in 1930, she attended U of M in Missoula, earning a BPharm degree. Within that journey she met and married her adoring husband. After marrying in Montana in 1953, he brought her back to his hometown, Pacific Grove, CA.

Elaine was a talented, hard-working, proper lady, who kindly offered a smile to everyone. She and Don worked side by side as pharmacists for more than 30 years, managing and running McDermid Pharmacy, their successful drug store in downtown Pacific Grove, CA. They settled in Carmel after selling their business in 1983 and continued as relief pharmacists throughout the peninsula. Elaine filled

her last prescription, 60 years in, at the age of 83.As an avid and accomplished golfer she enjoyed playing in the local salt air at MPCC and around the globe from 1961 until 2021.

In her last couple of years her memory was clouded. It would mean so much to us to hear stories of how you knew Elaine, how she affected your life, or simply how she brought a smile to you. Let this be a reminder that community is important, grace is essential, and a little kindness goes a long way.

No services will be held. Please visit www.ThePaulMortuary.com to leave your messages, stories and memories. Blessings abound, thank you for sharing.

TERESA GERALDINE HURTUBISE

July 30, 1930 – May 16, 2025

Teresa Hurtubise, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and lifelong learner, passed away peacefully on May 16, 2025, at the age of 94. She was a woman of extraordinary determination, intelligence and grace, who lived life with an unshakable belief that no challenge was too great and no obstacle insurmountable. Born in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, on July 30, 1930, Teresa was the eldest of five children. From an early age, she exhibited a remarkable drive for education, skipping grades and earning her teaching certificate from the University of Ottawa. It was at university where she met her future husband, Dr. Francis Armand Hurtubise, a medical student who would become her lifelong partner.

Teresa and Francis married in 1951, and together they embarked on a journey that took them across Canada and the United States. She dedicated herself to raising their six children while also pursuing her passion for teaching, working as an educator in a variety of settings, including in Massachusetts, where she taught French and American children with unflagging enthusiasm.

Despite the challenges she faced — first as a teacher in a new country, and later as a mother of six — Teresa always found ways to adapt, learn and persevere. Whether driving across the country with her children in tow or finding creative ways to stay connected with her community, her resourcefulness knew no bounds.

Teresa relocated to Pacific Grove in 2000, where she devoted herself to caring for her children and grandchildren. She later moved to Carmel, where she continued to be a vibrant part of the community. Whether volunteering at the Carmel Foundation or supporting her grandchildren in their academic and extracurricular pursuits, Teresa remained actively engaged in the lives of those she loved.

Her love for books, languages and lifelong learning remained a constant throughout her life. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, Teresa maintained a reading routine that kept her connected to the world, reading five or six books a week, often in both English and French in connection with the Carmel Public Library. Her ability to adapt and find joy in life’s simplest pleasures inspired everyone who knew her.

Teresa is survived by her six children — Michele, Anne Marie, Suzanne, Paul, Louise and Mary Ann, eight grandchildren, C.J., Kyle, Renee, Drew, Laura, Celeste, Marcel and Lena; and four great-grandchildren, Tripp, Weston, Georgia and Piper.

A celebration of Teresa’s life will begin at 10:30 a.m. July 31, 2025, at St. Angela Merici Church in Pacific Grove. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Carmel Foundation or the Carmel Public Library in her memory.



The Carmel Foundation Celebrates 75 Years of Community



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Robert Allen Zoller

Loving husband, father, and friend passed away on June 17th, 2025 at the age of 71.

Bob was born January 1, 1954 in Columbus, Ohio. His parents John and Donna Zoller raised a large family of six children in Eugene, Oregon. Upon graduating high school, Bob went on to attend the University of Oregon where he played on the golf team.

After college in 1975, Bob moved to the Monterey Peninsula to begin his 44 year career as Golf Course Superintendent at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club. Bob was known for his exceptional care of the course and knowledge of the game. Bob was a talented player himself and was respected both professionally and personally by all. He was considered a legend by many.

Bob was a proud father to Ben, Mackenzie, Megan, Mallory, and stepchildren Connor and Clay. He was their greatest supporter and a constant source of love and encouragement.

He shared a beautiful life with his wife, Diana. Together, they have many memories of traveling the world. In retirement, they settled in Thousand Oaks, California where Bob loved the Southern California sunshine.

Bob will be remembered for his kind heart, loving nature, and dedication. His legacy lives on through his family, friends and the many lives he touched.

A celebration of life will be held on July 9th. For information regarding the celebration please email rememberingbz@gmail.com

After overcoming injuries, Jabin Trosky heads for San Diego State

FOR THE second time since 2023, a surgeon has reconstructed the future of former CHS baseball standout Jabin Trosky.

And after four years with national powerhouse Oregon State University — two full seasons, plus two injury sea-

sons — Trosky has opted to take his talents elsewhere. The silky-smooth infielder announced on June 26 that he'll be playing shortstop this coming season at San Diego State University, joining a first-year head coach who already has made dramatic advances toward rejuvenating the baseball program there.

Trosky, a redshirt junior, is one of five former Oregon State players — so far — who have been enticed to play for the 2026 Aztecs by Kevin Vance, who spent the previous three years as pitching coach at the University of Arizona.

“There are a lot of Oregon State guys in the transfer portal right now looking for a fresh start in a new area,” said Trosky, who was the first of 14 Beavers who decided to move on after the 2025 season. “Some people felt like they weren’t treated right at OSU, some weren’t satisfied with their playing time, some are starting pitchers who didn’t see a spot for themselves in the rotation. They all have their own reasons.”

Injury interruptions
Trosky enjoyed highly successful seasons at OSU in 2022, as an 18-year-old freshman, and 2024, as a redshirt sophomore, but was a hard-luck case at OSU during his other two years.

He batted .288 in 24 games — 11 as a starter — as a freshman middle infielder, and was competing for OSU’s starting shortstop job during preseason workouts the following November.

“During one of our final practices, I made a throw, felt a pop in my elbow, and knew right away that something wasn’t right,” remembered Trosky, who immediately felt a tingling and numbness in the ring finger of his throwing hand. “When I woke up the next morning, I could barely move my elbow or pick up a 5-pound weight.”

When rest and rehabilitation failed, an MRI revealed a full tear of the ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow.

Keith Meister, team doctor for the Texas Rangers, surgically repaired the elbow, but Trosky missed the entire 2023 season.

Healthy again in 2024, he played 40 games — 29 as a starter — at second base, shortstop and third base, batting .287 with 20 RBI.

Among NCAA’s best

During his two active seasons, Trosky established himself as one of the elite defensive infielders in the country, committing just four errors in 155 chances (one in 61 chances as a freshman) — a .974 fielding percentage — despite playing three positions.

But the prospect of another year in a utility role didn’t appeal to a player whose ultimate goal is to become a major-league shortstop.

“I actually was thinking about leaving Oregon State last year until the coach, Mitch Canham, told me I’d be his



PHOTO/OREGON STATE ATHLETICS

Widely regarded as one of the top defensive infielders in the NCAA, Trosky expects to be San Diego State’s starting shortstop this coming season.

starting shortstop, no matter what,” he said. “That was my reason to go back.”

No room for sentiment
But NCAA Division I baseball is big business, with minimal room for sentiment. Canham subsequently recruited two top-drawer middle infielders, A.J. Singer, a junior college All-American, and Aiva Arquette, a 6-foot-5, 220-pound shortstop, a former first-team high school All-American who had slugged 14 doubles, a triple, and 17 home runs in 63 games in two seasons at University of Washington. Both were entering their junior seasons of eligibility.

“Singer wasn’t a big shock,” Trosky said, who felt comfortable with Canham’s promise. “And then, after the transfer portal closed, they landed Arquette. That, for me, was more of a blindside.

“Suddenly, I had to rearrange and try to compete for the second-base job,” he said. “And I felt like I was looking good when the shoulderthing happened.”

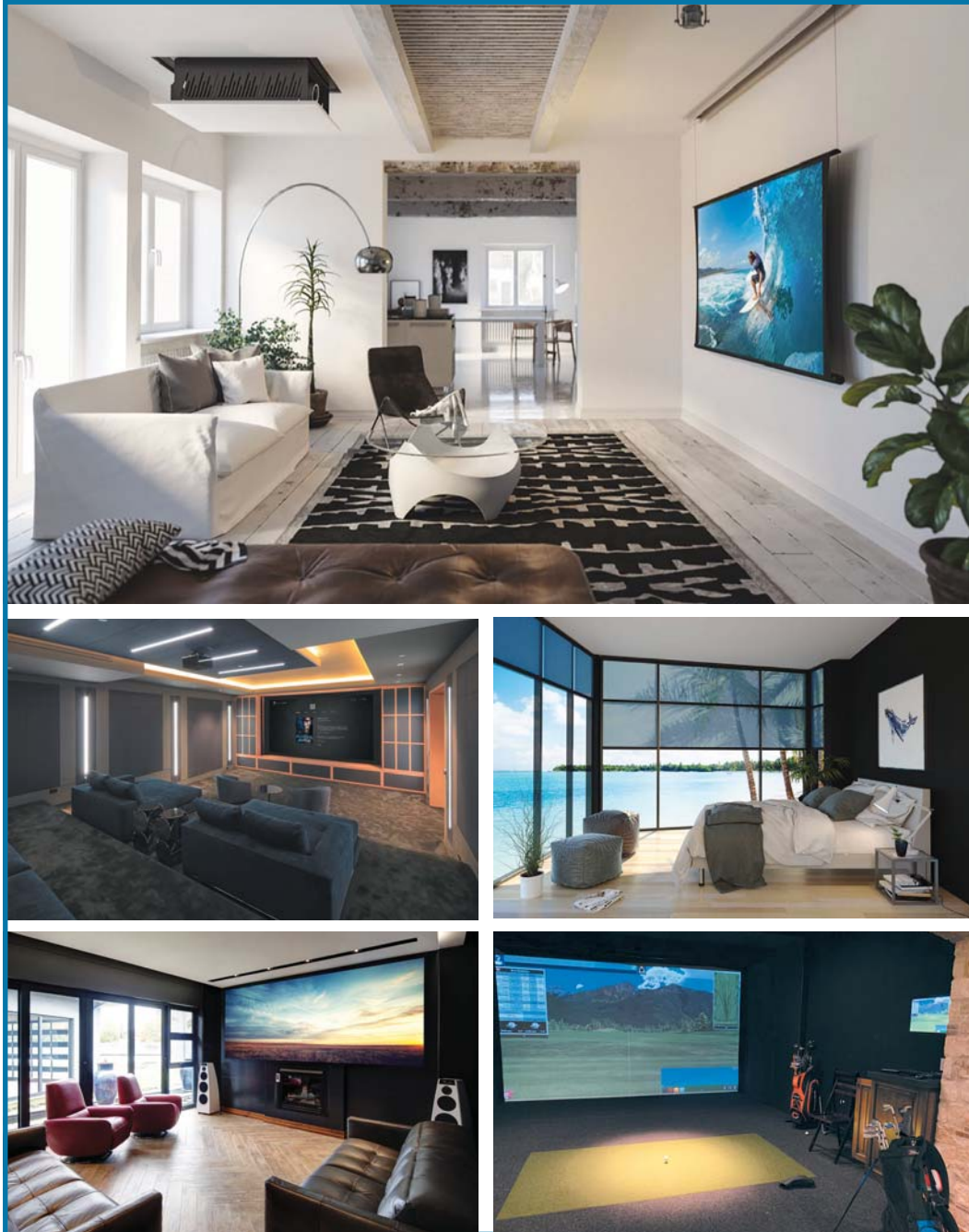
After recovering from the elbow surgery, Trosky, a right-handed hitter, dislocated his left shoulder swinging a bat. When the problem frequently recurred, his doctor

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Jabin Trosky batted .288 in his freshman year at OSU, .287 as a redshirt sophomore in 2024. In two healthy seasons with the Beavers, he played in 64 games, 30 as a starter.



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He’s always been listening closely

WHO STARTS a new business at 79? And that’s not to mention it’s an enterprise that flies in the face of the belief that seniors are easily confounded by technology.

George McKechnie, who lives at Haci-

After a while, he said, “I woke up one morning and thought, ‘What am I doing in chemistry?’”

On the suggestion of a professor who was a Berkeley alum, McKechnie went there to pursue his doctorate. He met Theodore Sarbin, a Berkeley professor and highly respected psychologist with a long list of awards and honors. Over lunch one day, McKechnie mentioned he was interested in architecture. Sarbin suggested that he meet Kenneth Craik, a Berkeley professor doing

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Great Lives

By **ELAINE HESSER**

enda Carmel, is that guy. He’s had alternating career tracks — one as a psychologist and one as an expert in home electronics, particularly audio and home theater. He seems equally pleased with his parallel paths.

McKechnie’s paternal grandfather was a coal mine inspector, and his dad became a welder and an electrician. McKechnie learned to rewire houses as he was growing up and also discovered he had some talent in the classroom. He wanted to go to college.

An awakening

His family didn’t have money for higher education, but “a great guidance counselor in high school” suggested he peruse catalogs in the school library and that he might find a scholarship to one of the colleges. McKechnie wasn’t too sure. No one in his family had ever taken that step.

Nevertheless, he applied to what is now Wesleyan University in Connecticut, and, after meeting with someone there, he received an offer of early admission with financial aid.

He planned to major in chemistry, but, “In my sophomore year, I took a psychology course. Then I took another, then another.”



PHOTO/RICHARD GREEN

At 79, after careers in psychology and audio equipment sales, George McKechnie launched a new business working with smart homes.

From the mayor’s desk — Making meaningful progress

By **DALE BYRNE**

IT’S BEEN six months since this new city council was seated, and Carmel-by-the-Sea is already showing visible and meaningful momentum — not just in projects, but in how we govern and engage.

We inherited delayed infrastructure improvements, complex mandates, stale ad hoc committees and Carmel’s natural resistance to change. But we’ve brought new energy, transparency and a commitment to getting things done. As we start the new fiscal year, even more visible results are on the way.

Prepared and focused

This council of five dedicated individuals comes ready. They do their homework, ask tough questions and engage in respectful debate. It’s not about politics — it’s about solving problems. We’ve retired inactive ad hoc committees and replaced them with action-focused workgroups. These teams have clear goals, defined timelines, and are already producing results — bringing staff and residents into the process.

Even more inspiring is how the public has responded. Residents — many for the first time — are attending council meetings

and offering thoughtful input. The message is clear: people feel heard. Inclusivity is becoming how we operate, not just something we talk about. You can feel the shift across town. Residents, business owners, and volunteers are stepping up. Our fully staffed city leadership team is moving forward with renewed purpose armed with a large capital spending budget. There’s a long to-do list — but we’re moving with intent.

Progress on big issues

As I shared in the last column, we’ve overhauled the budgeting process to prioritize infrastructure investment. In just six months, we’ve also broken the logjam on several long-stalled efforts. Sidewalk repairs are underway, the address dilemma is finally being properly vetted, and my top priority after being elected — the Harrison Library restoration — is advancing after council approved the architect contract this week. We also received five thumbs up on the police station workgroup’s rethinking of the project to better fit our needs and budget.

Housing is another area of major progress. With strong community input and

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Data support creative Carmel Valley man’s endeavors

LIKE A Lamborghini in search of a lane, a Carmel Valley artist weaves through traffic on a congested freeway, watching for his chance to separate himself from the crowd.

At 23, Oliver Hendricksen has unbri- dled energy and volcanic creativity — an

Ollie Loko’s channel, which previ- ously had around 100 followers, blew up overnight.

“The next day, I had more than 8,000 followers, along with some really nice comments,” he said. “That was a really great feeling of validation for me.”

Fredericksen plays key- boards and guitar — acous- tic, electric and bass — composes original songs and produces his recordings in the comfort of his Carmel Valley apartment, using computer software.

Three of his albums — written, per- formed, mixed, mastered and artistically decorated by Fredericksen — are on Ins- tagram, Spotify, and his website. His most recent album features 31 original songs.

The puzzle of getting paid

But the riddle that most freelance dig- ital creators struggle to solve is how to monetize their art.

“If you were a musician or band in the 1970s, ’80s or ’90s, you’d share your demo with somebody at a record label. If they liked it, they might offer you a contract, and the label would handle all the market- ing,” Fredericksen said. “Nowadays, even if you get on a label, most of the marketing is up to the creator.”

Conventional internet wisdom posits that a creator needs to post content several times a week — ideally every day — to be noticed by the algorithms that determine which videos and posts start trending and which ones disappear into the heavy traffic.

But creativity, lucrative or not, is also its own reward, and Fredericksen hails from a creative family.

His dad, Luca, a building contractor, is a blues keyboardist who frequently plays with the Lenny Williams Band at Deja Blue in Seaside. His mom, Tina, is a chef. His 25-year-old sister, Katya, is a multifaceted San Diego artist whose mediums have included pastel drawing, acrylic painting, collaging, photography and videogra- phy. Her current passions include designing artistic clothing and tufting color- ful rugs.

“I feel like the luckiest person in the world. We’ve always supported and helped each other,” he said.

Working at 7

Fredericksen became a “commissioned artist” as a 7-year-old, when classmates at the Interna- tional School of Monterey noticed his drawing skills and dipped into their allow- ance to hire him.

“Kids would give me

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exciting but frustrating combination in the ever-evolving world of digital art.

The Carmel High alumnus is an anima- tor, combining his quirky, colorful, hand- drawn cartoon characters with whimsical, three-dimensional digitally animated back- grounds. That combination of skills and talents opens doors to endless possibilities.

As a freelance contractor, Fredericksen has contributed his cartoons and back- grounds to music videos for Coldplay, the rock band, and Smino, an American rapper and singer.

‘Mad Dawg’

Fredericksen — online moniker is Ollie Loko — Smino, whose real name is Christopher Smith Jr., and an illustra- tor, designer, writer, rapper and producer known as Fin, also collaborated to create a pilot episode for “Mad Dawg,” a car- toon-style series they hoped to sell to a streaming service.

That 2022 project went dormant, and Fredericksen never posted it online.

“Then, for some reason, Mad Dawg leaked — I don’t even know who put it online,” he said. “After that happened, I posted it on my own YouTube channel.”



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Carmel High alum Oliver Fredericksen — aka Ollie Loko — is an award-winning animator, video creator, musician, songwriter and producer.

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work in environmental psychology, which deals with differences among individuals and how they relate to natural and manmade environments.

McKechnie completed his Ph.D. in 1972, and his dissertation resulted in two published psychological tests, The Environmental Response Inventory and The Leisure Activities Blank.

At Arizona State University, he applied his newly minted degree, later becoming assistant chair of the psychology department, and then was invited back to Berkeley as a visiting professor. Although he tired of teaching, he said, “I didn’t want to leave Northern California.”

In 1976, armed with his store of knowledge in environmental psychology and years of rewiring houses with his dad and his brother, not to mention significant musical experience as a choral singer, he founded Audio Excellence, a business that specialized in high-end home audio equipment.

“It was the only shop in Northern California” of its kind, he said. Francis Ford Coppola, who had an office in San Francisco, became one of McKechnie’s first clients. Singer Boz Scaggs was a customer, as was engineer Ray Dolby, which could be considered quite an endorsement. He’s the fellow who invented the noise reduction system used in movie theaters, HDTVs, DVD players and more.

But McKechnie’s work in psychology wasn’t over. About nine years later, he talked with his mentor and colleague, Sarbin, who said, “George, you’re wasting a good education. Would you consider going back into psychology?”

In 1985, McKechnie became a clinical psychologist and did his post-doctoral residency at Community Hospital, where he joined the staff, became chair of the psychology division and sat on the bioethics committee. He also had a private practice over the Bookworks in Pacific Grove. His second wife, Dee, later joined him in that endeavor.

When McKechnie’s son from his first marriage, Loren, entered adulthood, McKechnie worked with him to launch a new business, Axiom Home Tech, in Monterey. After three years, Loren moved to Silicon Valley, but McKechnie retired from CHOMP and his private practice and kept the business until 2022, when he sold it.

Flipping houses

Along the way, he sang with I Cantori di Carmel and spent 14 years singing with the Carmel Bach Festival. During his college and university singing careers, he was proud to be part of a group that performed for a visiting Martin Luther King Jr. in 1967.

He also obtained his real estate license and, over a period of 40 years, bought and flipped eight homes, doing most of the renovation himself. Building furniture and cabinets is also in his repertoire.

And now? He’s launched Smart Home Planner (smarthomeplanner.com) with realtor Ben Heinrich, retired attorney Robert Daunt and a former employee from Axiom, James Perry.

They offer services in entertainment and automation, tackling things like televisions, projectors, multi-room music, and home networks, as well as home security, energy management and home health and safety. That includes topics like medical monitoring, help with aging-in-place and people who have special needs.

McKechnie’s psych background makes an appearance

under the “Insights” tab on his website, where homeowners can define their priorities by choosing among lifestyle patterns he’s labeled protect, connect, enjoy, concern and adapt. Another portion of the site is dedicated to considering how tech will fit into a house’s existing infrastructure, as well as info on buying or selling a smart home.

It’s been a great way to integrate two lifetimes’ worth of knowledge. When he’s not at work, he said he enjoys listening to music. We bet the sound system’s awesome.

GAVEL

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Judge Rafael Vazquez sentenced Poliquin to 16 months on his trespass with threats to cause serious bodily injury case, and eight months on his resisting-an-executive-officer case. Each of these terms are doubled and will run consecutively for a total prison term of four years because Poliquin was previously convicted of a prior strike under California’s three strikes law.

April 30 — Jose Ramiro Sanchez, 25, of Salinas, was sentenced today to seven years and eight months in state prison after pleading no contest to one count of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and one count of DUI causing great bodily injury.

On July 20, 2024, just after 1 p.m., Sanchez was traveling southbound on Highway 101 through Salinas in a black Acura TL. Witnesses reported seeing Sanchez speeding and weaving in and out of traffic in a reckless manner. Victim Virginio Cortez was on the side of the road just south of the Laurel Drive overcrossing changing a tire on his granddaughter’s vehicle. Due to his level of impairment Sanchez swerved out of traffic lanes onto the freeway shoulder, striking the victim.

Cortez was pronounced dead at the scene. Sanchez also struck and injured the victim’s daughter, who had been attempting to alert oncoming traffic to the disabled vehicle.

Sanchez was contacted by California Highway Patrol officers after the collision, and they observed that he appeared to be under the influence. A subsequent test of Sanchez’s blood alcohol level found it to be .22 percent, more than twice the legal limit.

More than 15 of the victim’s family members spoke at the sentencing hearing about the impact the death has had on their lives.

The case was investigated by the California Highway Patrol and prosecuted by the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office specialized DUI prosecution unit.

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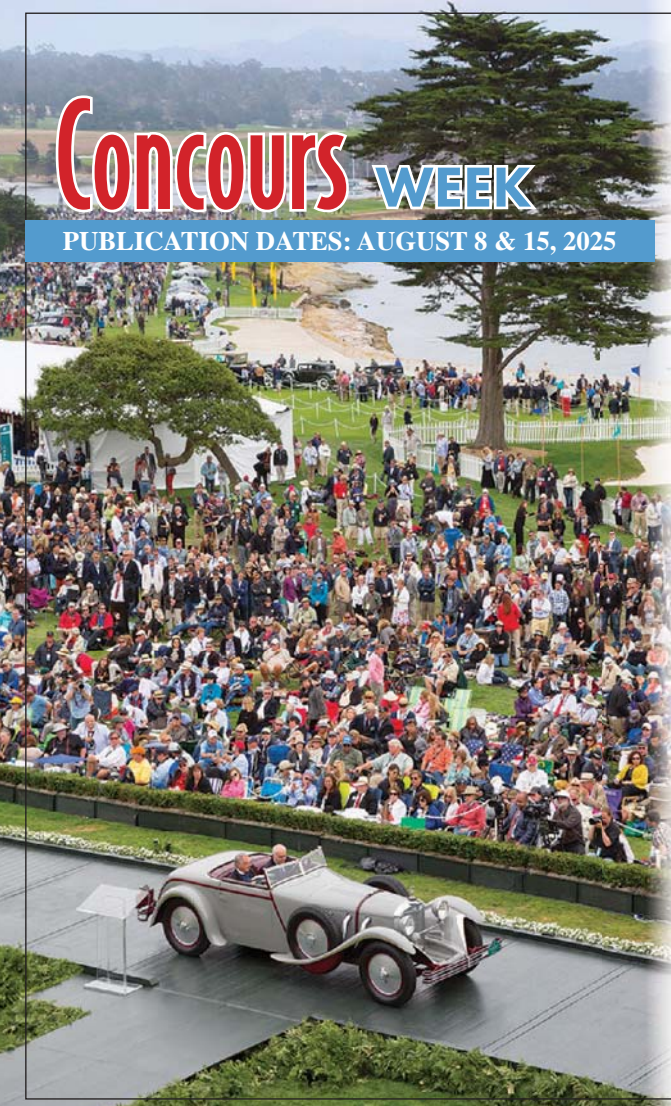
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District. Construction of most of the housing is expected to take 18 to 24 months to complete.

Williams said he and partner Clint Eastwood have sold the 93 market-rate homesites to an entity called Carmel Grand Avenue Partners 54 for \$22.5 million. The group is led by Chuck Lande of the Chadmar Group, a southern California boutique development firm, which will soon get started on infrastructure like roads, utilities, flood control measures and an acceleration lane along Carmel Valley Road near Village Park Road a short distance east of Carmel Middle School. Don Chapin Co. is the contractor for the initial work.

“I brought in Carmel Grand to build out some homes and get some improvements done,” Williams explained. “They’re bringing in the financing. We’re keeping the work local. We’re going to get the infrastructure in first.”

Meanwhile, Williams and Eastwood plan to build the 40 affordable workforce units and 12 townhouses. The Carmel Development Co. will do the work.

100 fewer affordable units

Williams had hoped to build the 280 homes Lombardo had proposed in 2004 — which included 140 affordable units — but he said opposition to the project, along with

RAINBOW

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or ladder-style bars, should avoid colors or patterns that resemble official traffic control devices, and ensure that designs do not confuse pedestrians, particularly those with visual impairments.

“In alignment with these guidelines, City of Monterey staff believe decorative crosswalks are permissible as long as they adhere to these safety-based principles,” Renny told The Pine Cone, referring to the rainbow crosswalk proposal.

Numerous other cities have painted rainbow crosswalks or used roads to convey political messages, including Washington D.C., which installed a massive “Black Lives Matter” street mural in that city in 2020. A few months ago, however, Mayor Muriel Bowser erased it after a Georgia Republican congressman threatened to withhold federal funds from the city if it wasn’t removed.

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A CHIROPRACTIC MESSAGE

from Dr. Steven MacDonald, D.C.

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a years-long planning process, caused the project to be whittled down to 40 affordable units.

While Williams said he was disappointed he couldn’t build more units, he’s gratified by some of the side benefits the project will provide. “That’s why Clint and I hung in there,” he said.

The 36 acres donated to the park district not only create a valuable connection for a network of trails, they give

Palo Corona Regional Park a bridge over the Carmel River that’s large enough for vehicles to cross — something it previously didn’t have.

The land offers “important acreage” for a restoration project, while flood control measures will help protect 240 businesses and more than 400 homes. “A lot of people have been waiting for us to get going for years,” Williams said.

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two or three dollars to draw things for them — a lion, or something,” he said. “One girl said, ‘Can you draw Cinderella jumping up and down?’ And I said, ‘Sure!’”

When he was a fourth grader, his fascination with 3D animation was sparked by the Pixar film, “The Incredibles.”

“My grandpa let me use his laptop to download a free app called Blender. It’s still my favorite 3D animation software, even though it turned out to be way more complicated than I expected,” he said.

His fifth-grade teacher, Tod Spedding, encouraged him to start creating animations for class presentations.

At the end of the school year, Spedding gifted his student a copy of Final Cut Pro Express, a video-editing program that Frederickson used for several years.

“It was so cool to hear him tell me, ‘You should keep doing this.’ That advice obviously stuck with me,” he said.

Mom’s secret partner

When Tina Frederickson’s son was a sixth- or seventh-grader, she began combing Craigslist to find people in need of somebody with Oliver’s evolving skills.

“Mom found a Carmel winery that needed a 3D model to show people the construction they were planning,” he remembered. “She said, ‘Do you think you can do this?’ And I said, ‘Totally.’”

Tina avoided disclosing that the winery’s 3D modeler was her middle-school son, he said, but the final product proved to be exactly what the client wanted.

As a Carmel High freshman, Frederickson became a

student at Monterey’s Youth Arts Collective, a nonprofit program for artists 14-22 years old.

Artistically, he grew more from that experience, he said, than he did as a student at California College of the Arts (2019-2022), where he studied animation, interactive technology, video graphics, and special effects.

“When our old YACsters often come for a visit or to do a workshop, the younger kids tend to gravitate toward them,” said YAC co-founder Meg Biddle. “Oliver is such a natural mentor that they love to hover and watch him. Then, when he leaves, they all want to know when he’s coming back.”

Fredericksen is teaching classes at Art Abilities, a nonprofit in Pacific Grove that serves children and adults with handicaps or special needs.

As a high school senior, he won Scholastic Art and Writing’s Silver National Animation award in January 2019.

Five months later, the Seattle Television Network Awards gave its “Best Animated Film” honor to Frederickson’s film, “Brick’s Path.”

In November 2019, his first semester at California College of the Arts, he entered another film, “Keys,” in the All-American High School Film Festival, where it was judged Best Animation and nominated for Best Overall. The festival rewarded him with a trip to New York City for its awards ceremony.

‘One little thing’

While studying at the College of Arts, Frederickson applied for an internship with Disney’s Pixar Animation Studios, but ultimately decided the company probably wasn’t a good fit.

“I slowly realized that working with teams at a major studio wasn’t what I wanted,” he said. “A Pixar production is a huge thing with so many animators that you’re really only assigned to do one little thing.”

Pixar’s art directors and storyboard artists make the big decisions, and the company’s low-level animators play minuscule roles.

“When that many people are involved, I feel like there’s something missing, some human element,” he said.

Fredericksen is a self-described control freak who

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prefers to oversee every detail of his own art — a plan that fulfills him for now. The freelance opportunities keep coming, and he’s excited to be forging his own path as he attempts to figure out the business side of art on his own.

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MAYOR

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close coordination with HCD, we’re nearing an update to our housing element that could actually produce new units — thoughtfully dispersed and designed through a resident-driven process.

Our commissions, reinvigorated by fresh appointments, are tackling longstanding issues — from design standards, to roofing, landscape materials, and shoreline infrastructure. Council is ready to codify updates that have been deferred too long.

■ Fixing what needs fixing

We’re actively addressing public safety and traffic. While a council majority wasn’t ready to continue work on ideas like a dynamic valet service or space adjustments related to AB 413, the parking workgroup will keep exploring workforce parking options, shuttle service and long-term solutions using city-owned lots. Significant drainage and street repairs are also in progress.

Our wildfire workgroup is getting ahead of new state fire zone regulations with urgency and local expertise. Our fire department, CERT Team and regional partners are stepping up with inspections, joint training, and coordinated planning. We’ve also made progress toward better coordination between Monterey Fire and our ambulance provider to strengthen emergency response.

■ Eyes on the future

My biggest takeaway so far? When committed leadership, engaged residents, and dedicated staff work together, progress isn’t just possible — it’s inevitable. We may be a small town, but we’re tackling big challenges with focus, creativity, and unity. We’re no longer stuck admiring problems — we’re solving them. And while much remains to be done, the foundation is now solid.

Now that the library project is underway, I’ll focus with our leadership team on making Carmel a model of excellent customer service.

The next six months will be exciting. Let’s keep the momentum going. The work matters. And the best part? We’re doing it together.

For a podcast version of this column, visit: cli.re/momentum.

Dale Byrne is mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea. His email is dbyrne@cbts.us.

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local ecosystems and nearby properties. In a county where open space is valued, this is a reckless use of resources.

Moreover, Monterey County’s roads are in deplorable condition. Potholes, crumbling pavement, and outdated infrastructure plague our communities. Funds earmarked for this roundabout — estimated to cost millions — would be better spent repairing existing roads. A 2021 study by the Transportation Research Board noted that roundabouts, while effective in some contexts, often come with high initial costs and maintenance expenses, diverting

funds from critical repairs. Why prioritize a flashy project when our basic infrastructure is failing?

The intersection, as a T configuration, functions adequately. Traffic volumes here do not justify the disruption and expense of a roundabout. Data from a 2019 Federal Highway Administration report shows that roundabouts only significantly improve safety and flow at high-traffic, crash-prone intersections. This intersection does not meet that threshold. It works fine as is, and drivers are accustomed to its layout.

Finally, Monterey County faces budget constraints, with limited resources for schools, emergency services, and housing. Spending on a non-critical project like this roundabout is fiscally irresponsible. Studies, such as one from the University

of Wisconsin (2020), have questioned the cost-effectiveness of roundabouts in low-traffic rural areas, citing minimal safety benefits relative to their expense.

I urge county officials to put a stop

to this misguided proposal. Let’s focus on fixing our roads and addressing urgent priorities rather than investing in an oversized, unnecessary roundabout.

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2Q 2025 | Market Update

Building Momentum



The market is steadily building momentum out of the doldrums that we saw in 2023, with 170 deals closing across Carmel, Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove, Monterey, Preserve, Tehama, Monterra, Carmel Valley Ranch and the Carmel Highlands this quarter, raising \$443M overall. Despite macroeconomic uncertainty, we saw a strong rebound over last quarter, as overall dealfow is up 19% from 1Q25. While the rebound hasn't been even across the entire region, we have seen buyers across all regions take a renewed look and anticipate growth continue to increase throughout the summer.

Historically, demand has been strongest in downtown Carmel and radiates outward, which has certainly been true this quarter as Carmel led the pack this quarter with \$143M closed in 39 deals, up 72% and 44% over last quarter, respectively. Pebble Beach is also starting to gain steam with 29 deals closing this quarter for almost \$100M, up 16% and 39% over last quarter, respectively. As demand continues to climb up the price point, Pebble and the Preserve are poised to show the largest increase over the next 12 months as they both have healthy levels of inventory and high quality product. Pacific Grove has continued to hold steady in the face of higher interest rates with 40 deals closing for \$63M. Monterey also climbed this quarter with 42 deals closing for \$52M, which was a strong rebound from last quarter. The Carmel Highlands jumped this quarter from 6 to 9 deals for \$44M as the market

continues to pay for ocean views. We represented another seller in Tehama, which was the top sale so far at \$9.8M to bring total sales to \$13.2M this quarter. Quail had 4 sales close for \$9.3M as inventory continues to get snapped up quickly in that market. Carmel Valley Ranch slowed a bit to \$5.8M, which isn't atypical as that area is prone to seasonal swings but overall looks healthy. The Preserve has slowed considerably this quarter to \$4.8M but we're seeing strong demand from new buyers entering the space, so we anticipate this changing over the next 6 months.

In the face of uncertainty, the top of the market tends to hold on big investments initially, but the historic stability of this area has turned into it's own asset class with people shifting money from the stock market and into real estate in this area. As such, we have seen prices continue to climb with the median sales price going from \$1.78M last quarter to \$2.77M this quarter. While sellers are still needing to work with buyers on terms, this price appreciation is driven more by stronger demand at the top of the market - a trend we anticipate continuing throughout the year.

This is a very nuanced market that balances patience from a seller and a deliberate approach to buying in this area, as the likelihood of more competition on the buy side increases every day.



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Giving yourself time to think s save money — and headaches

By LISA LAPIN

FINANCIAL FRAUD and financial abuse cases are skyrocketing, particularly among seniors. And attempts to scam people will continue to rise with the ease of digital outreach and artificial intelligence, according to local legal advocates.

“It’s an issue that is not isolated to Monterey County, but we are seeing such an increase that we feel strongly the need to get out and talk about it,” said Vicki Miranda, attorney and deputy director of Legal Services for Seniors, a local nonprofit that provides no-fee counsel to Monterey County residents over 60. “The only way to prevent fraud is to spread the word about how to avoid it.”

The nearly 1,200 reports of financial fraud reported to Monterey County Adult Protective Services in 2024 represent just a “fraction of a fraction” of the rampant fraud experienced by victims, Miranda said.

“People don’t typically report this type of abuse,” Miranda said. Even though it shouldn’t be, losing out to a scammer can be a little embarrassing, and the victims don’t know who they’re reporting. “It’s so much larger a

problem than we will ever see. If you lost \$500 to a text message, you are unlikely to report it.”

There is no one to sue, and because the thieves could be anywhere, there is usually no one for law enforcement to arrest or investigate, she added.

At a recent public education session at Meals on Wheels in Pacific Grove, Miranda asked for a show of hands from people who had recently received an unsolicited, suspicious phone call, text message or email. Everyone in the room raised their hands.

“We want to reduce these numbers,” Miranda said. “And the only people who can prevent it are the potential victims.”

How can you avoid being taken in? Give yourself a moment to think before taking any action, especially with anyone you don’t know. And don’t be pressured into any rushed decision.

“Criminals count on getting you to make a quick decision or to act quickly,” Miranda said. “They want you to be afraid, curious or concerned.”



Even the savviest consumers can fall for pressure tactics or not realize they’re being scammed.

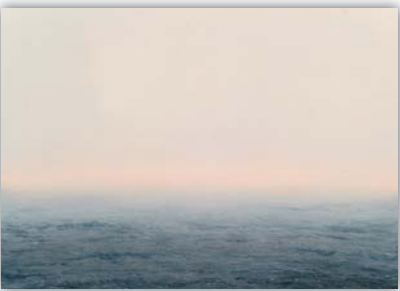
Miranda outlined two types of financial abuse: Theft from someone you know and trust, such as a family member or caregiver, or fraud perpetrated by strangers, who are often trying to pressure you to send money or divulge

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‘The only way to prevent fraud is to spread the word about how to avoid it’



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It's not Bedford Falls, but it seems mighty nice

By ELAINE HESSER

IF YOU’VE ever seen the classic Christmas film, “It’s a Wonderful Life,” you know that Jimmy Stewart played George Bailey, heir to his family’s business, a building and loan company. It was the sort of small-town operation



Wade Pyron

where people deposited their money, knowing that not only would they get a decent return on their savings, but that their dollars would be put to use in their own community, neighbors investing in neighbors.

Sure, it’s an ideal from another day, but that community spirit is dear to Monterey Credit Union president and CEO Wade Pyron. He could almost recite verbatim the lines in which Bailey tells his depositors that their money wasn’t lying around in a vault, but was instead “in Joe’s house ... and the Kennedy house, and Mrs. Macklin’s house.” That’s what he believes community financial institutions should be.

Pyron took over the job two years ago. He’s a soft-spoken Alabama native who’s been in banking and finance



In Carmel Rancho, the newest branch of Monterey Credit Union sports an updated logo.

for most of his life. Before coming here, he was chief marketing and chief revenue officer at Kitsap Credit Union in Bremerton, Wash. His introduction to the Peninsula was running in the Big Sur International Marathon a while back, when the dramatic coastline left him gob-smacked. When he got the opportunity to work here, he said he and his wife were happy to make the move.

The credit union’s offices are in an unassuming building at the foot of Franklin Street, overlooking the harbor. Its newest branch is in Carmel Rancho shopping center, and there’s one apiece in Salinas and Hollister.

To qualify for membership, customers must live or

work in one of five counties — Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, San Luis Obispo or Santa Clara.

Some readers may recall that around 10 or 12 years ago, the now-57-year-old institution was called Monterey Federal Credit Union. Pyron explained that the name changed when the board and management wanted to open up its membership a broader group of people. An application to the National Credit Union Association (more or less the federal equivalent of the FDIC for credit unions) to do so was met with disapproval, and no reason was

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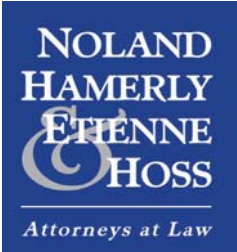
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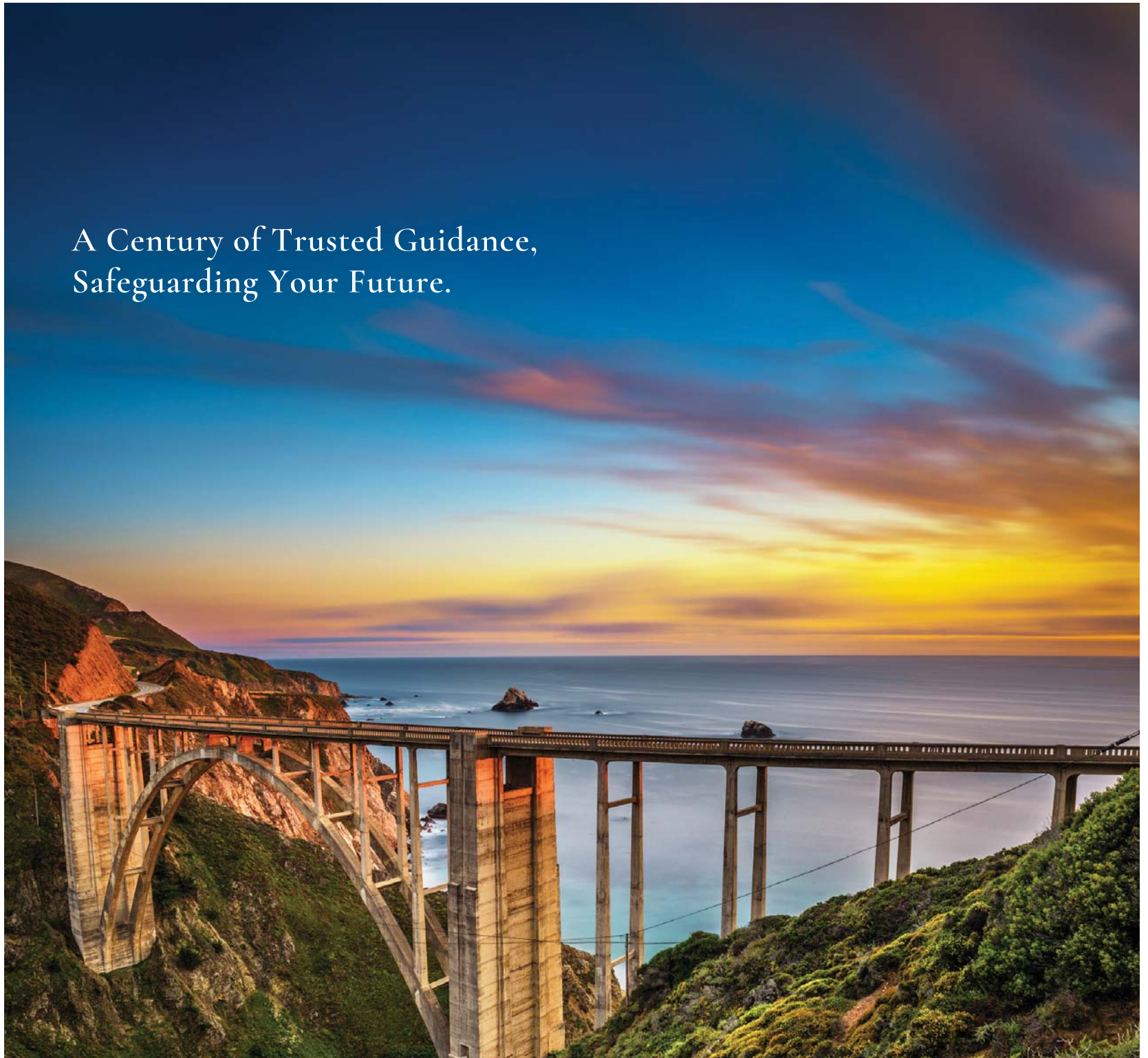


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given. The institution elected to become a state-chartered organization under the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation instead, and dropped “federal” from its name.

‘Pride of ownership’

The things Pyron seems to enjoy most about MCU are its strong ties to the community and the ability to offer personal service in an age when contact with a live person is becoming increasingly difficult to find.

He said that he was “blessed” to be working with a dedicated group of employees, many of whom have been with the credit union for years — at least one for more than 30. Everyone appears friendly and welcoming, treating each visitor as a neighbor.

“They know and care about the community and the

members,” said Pyron, who advises them to treat people “as they’d treat their mother.”

Another difference is that the credit union’s balance sheet is posted in the lobby and updated monthly. After all, members are shareholders and have a right to see how their investments are being handled. They seem to appreciate it and return the love.

“There’s a pride in being a member versus being a customer,” said Pyron. “It’s a pride of ownership.” He pointed out that people don’t just use a credit union, they say they “belong” to it.

To access any of its services, a customer must become an MCU member by opening a shareholder account with at least \$25. And, when the institution has a good year, shareholders receive a dividend payment.

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FINANCIAL & LEGAL

Like mother, like daughter

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

BARBARA MAY has owned her law practice for 20 years, but how she became a lawyer was something of an accident.

After graduating from Monterey High School, she commenced her undergraduate studies at Monterey Peninsula College before going on to Sonoma State. When she came home on a semester break, her stepfather, who worked at an attorney’s office on the Peninsula, gave her a job as a receptionist. She liked the environment of a practice endeavoring to do well by others.

The way up

“I worked my way into becoming a paralegal, a position I held for many years,” she said. “I married an attorney, and we had two wonderful daughters. As the girls got older, and I remarried, I decided it was time to go to law school.”

That she went into family law, she says, was on purpose. She enrolled in Monterey College of Law and graduated in 2002.

“The godmother of my children was an attorney. When I graduated from law school and passed the bar exam, she told me, ‘If you want to make it out there, you need to practice family law.’ I really like this specialty because it offers an opportunity to be a firm advocate for people who need one.”

Barbara May went on to achieve certifi-



Barbara May

cation with the State Bar of California as a specialist in family law. Candidates take a test, similar to the bar exam, followed by a series of background checks and referrals.

“My daughter, Amy Spiering, is a specialist who works with me,” May said. “Following her undergraduate degree at UC Berkeley, she graduated from University of San Francisco School of Law. Working with her is the best part of my

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So many questions — and paralegals have lots of answers

By LILY PATTERSON

THOUGH HER work inspired one of the most successful legal dramas ever to hit the box office, Erin Brockovich never became an attorney. And while Hollywood introduced her profession to millions of moviegoers, many people still don't know what paralegals do.

A few assumptions longtime local paralegals Charlena Nossett, Cheryl Bilgin, and Kelly Nicholas have encountered:

“I thought you just filled out a bunch of forms.”

“A glorified secretary”

“You need a degree for that?”

“Why aren't you an attorney by now?”

When asked about common misconceptions, Nossett laughed.

“Once, my own brother introduced me to someone, and mentioned that I'm a paralegal. I started to explain what I do and he said, ‘I thought you just kind of filled out a bunch of forms and checked boxes.’ So I turned to him and said, ‘Well, we have to know which box to check!’”

While working as a quality control inspector at a semiconductor plant, Nossett was exposed to environmental toxins. For health reasons, she quit her job and moved her two children to Salinas in 1983. When she needed legal assistance, she met an “inspiring” woman — a paralegal.

More than 30 years later, on the other side of the desk, Nossett is a paralegal with Noland, Hamerly, Etienne & Hoss. With 100 active cases in any given week, she said she regularly works with every attorney at the firm, nearly two dozen of them, across business, real estate and development, and environmental litigation.



Kelly Nicholas



Charlena Nossett



Cheryl Bilgin

In California, someone can become a paralegal through a certification course or with a combination of education and relevant experience. No degree is necessary. One thing a paralegal cannot do is provide legal advice, Nossett said. But they can walk a client through the process, by describing how a case may play out in terms of timeline and proceedings.

Research, the three agreed, is the essence of the job.

Paralegals involved in litigation dig up all the information needed to draft complaints or counterclaims, pulling information from depositions, conduct extensive research, gather evidence for court exhibits — then put it on paper.

“I always excelled in school. I was always reading, but I never took anything at face value. My grandfather

always said I was ‘getting to the bottom of it,’” Nossett commented.

Old-school approach

Research looks a little different for Nicholas, a paralegal with Leach & Walker.

“I didn't go to college for this. I come from an old-school approach, learning on the job,” she said. She was first a secretary at a large law firm while attending college at the University of Florida. Her first job was as a paralegal for a real estate attorney in her home state of New York. Skills gleaned from years spent digging through property

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deeds and titles remains “hugely helpful” in drafting trusts and planning estates.

The senior paralegal at Monterey’s Pierce King Law, Bilgin also specializes in wills, trusts and probates, and powers of attorney. Frequently, the firm’s longtime clients come directly to her with questions or special requests. Occasionally, she has to remind them, “That’s a no-no, giving legal advice. Even if I know the answer!”

In 1977, the University of Georgia graduate landed a paralegal gig with the largest law firm in Maryland, where her first boss was a union-buster — among the Teamsters’ Top 10 most reviled.

“Oh, it was exciting. They really knew how to use paralegals at that firm. We weren’t just treated as glorified secretaries. We were staying up all night and going through depositions. During the trial, we were sitting right behind the attorneys, passing them notes whenever a witness contradicted themselves on the stand,” she recalled.

When her then-husband landed a job at the Defense Language Institute, Bilgin discovered that most firms on the Peninsula were too small, at the time, to keep a paralegal on the payroll. She found one job, in estate planning, and she took it.

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job. There are a lot of highlights in this field, but this is definitely at the top. We’ve worked together more than 10 years.”

May’s other daughter, Christine Howe, is an aesthetician with Carmel Laser Aesthetics & Spa and will be studying nursing at Monterey Peninsula College.

‘I wanted to practice law my way, both ethically and compassionately’

After working at two law offices as an associate attorney and ultimately partner, in 2005, May decided it was time to go out on her own.

“I opened my own firm because I wanted to practice law my way, both ethically and compassionately,” she said. “I had been looking at available jobs, but they just didn’t suit my sensibilities. Since I’d already been in the legal field for so long, I knew I wanted the autonomy that would be inherent in my own firm.”

Twenty years later, what May still finds most gratifying is winning a trial, particularly a child-custody case where the parties start out fighting, and everything is adversarial. Yet, once she brings clients to that “Aha!” moment when they all understand they’re going through the process with the child’s best interests at heart, she feels the satisfaction in her work.



Amy Spiering

the demands of the day and the emotions of the party she’s serving weave a challenging mantle.

“I’ve often heard that people who practice criminal law tend to have clients with the best behavior, while family law attorneys typically have clients with the worst behavior,” she said. “I think this is true. At least at the start. Part of our job is to calm them down. Usually on both sides.”

“If one person is vicious, the other typically becomes vicious as well. In family law,” she said, “we don’t typically have a good guy and a bad guy. That’s not what it’s about. It is about getting a fair decision for everyone regarding property issues, or, in custody issues, it’s about what’s in the best interest of the child. This is where the decision has to land.”

There’s a reason the profession is called “practicing law,” she said, because attorneys must continue to practice throughout their careers. “I’m still practicing, for sure.”

When not on the job, May spends time with her grandchildren, ages 5 and 7.

“They are the loves of my life, plus my husband, John May,” she said. “Almost 30 years ago, he walked up to me at a bar in Cabo. We liked each other. We still do.”

She’s come to love her work, even when things drag on. “Some people treat estate planning as a hobby,” she laughed, referring to trusts that involve years of minute revisions. But those experiences have made her more patient and understanding, which she feels is the best a paralegal can offer a grieving family.

“It can be a heavy field,” Nicholas agreed. “Walking in on a Monday, you never know what message could be waiting for you. The other day, I had to run to the hospital to meet one of our longtime clients, who was sick and needed to re-sign a power of attorney.”

“Getting the job done is the only way to ease their minds,” Bilgin said — before adding that her dogs, who come to work with her, are two small comforts to clients.

Firm support

By all accounts, ambition is the only limit to what a paralegal can do — so long as the lawyers they work for value the partnership.

“This firm has allowed me to grow so much through continuing education, self-education, even writing work-

‘Walking in on a Monday, you never know what message could be waiting’

shops. Trial preparation and strategy is something I could only have learned on the job and because the attorneys here allowed me to be a part of the process,” said Nossett, who has worked with her firm since 1986.

Integral to her career, she said, was the leadership of late attorney Doc Etienne, of Salinas — noted for his pro

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personal information.

Be suspicious if a caregiver is asking you for personal or financial information. Be even more wary if it's someone you don't know, Miranda said.

"Fraudulent schemes ask you to transfer money to a stranger or imposter, with a fake promise that you will get some benefit," Miranda said.

"It's often someone posing as a government official or someone trying to establish a relationship with you," she added.

‘Unlikely’

Legitimate agencies and organizations, whether they be the IRS, Medicare, Social Security or even your bank, will never call unexpectedly to pressure you. "If someone calls you or contacts you and you didn't expect it, it's highly likely it's a scam."

You should take a moment to verify

who you are speaking with. And don't provide any information to anyone if you are not sure.

"It's unlikely that the FBI will call you and say your identity needs to be protected. Or it's unlikely that a government official will claim you owe money or have fines to pay in order to get your personal information," Miranda said.

Many who attended the education session reported receiving fake texts from the "DMV" asking them to pay a fine for a violation they never committed. "Just ignore it. Delete it," Miranda said.

Potential deceptions are increasingly clever, Miranda said. Artificial intelligence can be used to create convincing arguments and can help scammers to use familiar names or mimic the voices of people you know.

Because it's becoming more difficult to tell real from fake, Legal Services for Seniors applied for and received a grant from

the California Bar Association and the nonprofit California Access to Justice Commission to create an awareness campaign for Monterey County. The legal office is also available for consultations with seniors who think they have been contacted by a scammer or who want help investigating the facts.

Seniors, she said, are particularly vulnerable, because "we are trusting. We are courteous and we are polite. We grew up with manners. But we are also gullible."

So seniors are — as you may have heard in television commercials — urged to "Take a 'senior moment.' Pause. Reflect. Protect. Take control and check with someone before you click, sign or send."



Vicki Miranda is deputy director of Legal Services for Seniors.

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If you're being pressured to sign a contract, ask for help reviewing the terms. "Never sign anything and never pay up front for any service unless you fully understand what you are buying," Miranda said.

Never respond to someone who tells you to keep your conversation with them a secret. Legal advocates have heard from many victims who were told not to tell family members or friends about people who are asking them for money, which is a major red flag, Miranda said.

"Talk to someone before making any financial decision. And take your time investigating it. If it doesn't sound right or feel right, it probably isn't," she said. "Take a moment to think about it. If they say it's urgent and are pressuring you, it's most

likely a lie."

Legal Services for Seniors is holding several more education sessions this summer for anyone interested in learning about types of financial fraud and how to avoid being scammed. They are:

- July 8, 1 p.m., Meals on Wheels, 700 Jewell Ave, Pacific Grove
- July 23, 1 pm., North County Recreation and Park District, 11261 Crane St., Castroville
- Aug. 8, 11 a.m., Alliance on Aging, 247 Main St., Salinas

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bono legal work and hand in many major, sometimes controversial, development projects, from the desalination plant in Moss Landing to Hacienda Carmel and Del Mesa. Paying that kind of example forward is essential to her.

“One of the roles paralegals play here is to onboard associate attorneys, to help them put theories of law into practice. We’re the ones to say, ‘Good job, but you also need this form and this form, and this needs to be notarized,” said Nossett.

She mentioned that her history on the Peninsula has made her wise to the idiosyncrasies of municipal departments, resources, boards and local ordinances that make standard procedure anything but, well, standard.

Nicholas, meanwhile, didn’t feel the need to go back to school until relatively recently. She was already employed with Leach & Walker for five years and saw a certification for what it was worth in terms of pay. She has a ready response for anyone wondering why paralegals don’t just become attorneys.

“I don’t need my name on the door. I love being a great ‘right hand,’” she said.

Bilgin, Nicholas and Nossett emphasized the family-work balance in their jobs and chalked it up to the good will of their firms — all described in terms of “blessings,” “luck,” and “gratitude.”

Nicholas suspects the feeling is mutual.

“The recordkeeping alone ... paralegals are often the glue that holds everything together. Not everyone can handle it. But I thrive on it,” she said.



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counts. What might be unexpected is a checking account that currently offers more than 8 percent interest on accounts as large as \$10,000 with no minimum balance. There are activity requirements, however — among them, a certain number of transactions must occur within a designated time period. According to the credit union’s website, there’s also a cash-back checking account.

Alternatives for saving include share certificates — like certificates of deposit — a money market account, IRA, and regular savings accounts. Options for borrowing money include auto, home equity, mortgage refinancing and personal loans. A new, no-annual-fee rewards credit card is available as well.

Pyron noted that one advantage of belonging to a local credit union is that if a member needs a loan but has less-than-stellar credit, the staff has the flexibility to help them seek a workable solution in-house.

While services can be accessed online, Pyron said there are people available to help walk members through the process, and you can come in and talk to someone face-to-face.

And yes, he really is that earnest about what he sees as the importance of credit unions to a community. Being able to manage one here in paradise is simply part of his wonderful life.



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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

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At Caledonia Park in Pacific Grove, 141 Caledonia Ave., starting at 11 a.m., there will be a live reading of the Declaration of Independence, **The Monterey Peninsula Voices** will sing the National Anthem, and special musical guests will play throughout the afternoon.

And on the City Hall lawn in Seaside, 440 Harcourt Ave., **The White Album Ensemble** pays tribute to the Beatles at 2:30 p.m.

■ Recital set for Wednesday

Offering a sample of what's store for the audience when the 88th annual Carmel Bach Festival kicks off July 11, Grammy Award-winning guitarist **Jason Vieaux** will perform Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Ninth and Dolores in Carmel.

The program was "crafted" by the festival to showcase the guitarist's "expressive range." Vieaux will play three pieces by Bach, along with Pat Metheny's "Four Paths of Light." Tickets are \$45.

The festival officially opens with its gala July 11 at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club in Pebble Beach, including a "beautiful outdoor reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner, a live auction and a classical cabaret performance by Jesse Barrett and Lisa Edwards," according to the festival.

For more details, visit bach-festival.org.

■ Oak Ridge Boys play Tuesday

A six-time Grammy Award-winning vocal quartet with roots in gospel and country, **The Oak Ridge Boys** play Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

The lineup features three members who have been with the group for more than 50 years, **William Lee Golden**, **Duane Allen** and **Richard Sterban**.

The group had 12 No. 1 country hits, including "Elvira," "Bobbie Sue," "American Made" and "Leaving Louisiana in the Broad Daylight."

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FOOD & WINE

Péppoli celebrates, Foray honored, Il Vecchio chef’s homecoming

ATTENTION WINE lovers and Italian food fans: Pèppoli restaurant at the Inn at Spanish Bay is having its 25th anniversary dinner, “Under the Tuscan Moon: A Celebration with Piero Antinori,” Sunday, July 11, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Soup to Nuts

The restaurant has a longstanding relationship with Antinori wines. In fact, Pèppoli is named after one of the Antinoris’ vineyards. Marchese Piero Antinori is part of a Tuscan family that’s been producing wine since 1365, when Giovanni di Piero Antinori entered the Winemakers’ Guild of

Florence. Twenty-six generations of that family have worked to perfect their art, and their wines will be paired with chef de cuisine Angela Tamura’s exceptional menu, designed to honor Tuscan tradition and cuisine. “The event is a heavy ‘walk-around’ reception with seven stations,” explained Bryan Anthony, vice president of food and beverage for the Pebble Beach Co. Five stations will represent the five regions of Tuscany, with a sixth for Napa Valley, in honor of the Antinori family’s Stag’s Leap vineyard. Finally, there is a dolci (sweets) station. Each stop offers several dishes and a

wine or two to pair with them. At one, a Kobe-style beef carpaccio with fennel, celery and red onion pinzimonio — an olive oil dipping sauce — will be paired with a white vermentino and a red il bruciato, both from the Antinoris’ Guado al Tasso estate vineyard of the Bolgheri region of Tuscany. (Il bruciato means “the burnt” and refers to a historic fire at that vineyard.) Bistecca alla Fiorentina, grilled Tuscan-style porterhouse served with grilled lemons and Pèppoli olive oil, will be offered with two Antinori chiantis from different vineyards, including the restaurant’s namesake Pèppoli, located about 20 miles south of Florence.

Rare opportunity

Antinori is perhaps best known for introducing high-quality “super Tuscan” wines to the United States in the 1970s. He is “known as the godfather of Italian wine,” said Anthony. Antinori will attend the event and give the opening remarks, offering a rare opportunity for Italian wine lovers to meet and chat with the head of the renowned family. All attendees must be 21 or over. Tickets are \$295 per person and include tax and gratuity for the indoor/outdoor event. To purchase, visit tinyurl.com/epbtu5h4. ■ Foray second in nation Pine Cone readers have already honored Foray restaurant at San Carlos and Fifth with several Golden Pine Cone awards, but Newsweek readers in June selected it as the second-best farm-to-table restaurant in the country behind The Farm Cafe at Kahuku Farms in Hawaii. The publication’s “10 farm-to-table restaurants were selected by our featured panelists and contributors and voted on by readers as the best of the best.” “Pine Cone readers (and fans alike)



Marchese Piero Antinori of the renowned Tuscan wine family will be on hand at the Inn at Spanish Bay to help celebrate Pèppoli restaurant’s 25th anniversary. The restaurant is named for one of the Antinori vineyards. heeded the call to vote, and Newsweek ranked Foray No. 2 in the country on their list of Best Farm to Table Restaurants! Foray ranked higher than two other well established California nominees,” pointed out Cathy Farley, a fan of the restaurant. “Considering that No. 1 on the list is in Hawaii, Foray is really ranked No. 1 in the continental United States by Newsweek. Congratulations to a local Pine Cone favorite.” Owned by chef Michael Chang and wife and sommelier Caroline Singer, Foray capitalizes on local and foraged ingredi-

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ents. As Newsweek said, “The flavors of the Pacific Ocean and California’s redwood forests unite at Foray, where you’ll find local delicacies like red abalone, black cod, and truffles foraged by the chef’s dog, Falco. The restaurant sources everything from foraging (try the foraged huckleberry pie!) and the nearby Del Monte Farmers Market. And the shucked shells from Foray’s delicious shigoku oysters go back into San Francisco Bay to rebuild its ecosystem.”

The winners

The remaining Top 10 include Grove in Grand Rapids, Mich., Burlingame’s Twelvemonth — “an eco-friendly restaurant that focuses on plant-based food” — Trattoria Stella in Traverse City, Mich., Michelin-starred SingleThread in Healdsburg, The Old Mill Pottery House Cafe in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., Talula’s Garden in Philadelphia, Pa., Chateau Morisette Restaurant in Floyd, Va., and The

Quincy Exchange in Corning, N.Y.
“Thank you to our supporters for voting Foray into Newsweek’s Best Farm-to-Table Restaurant of 2025,” Chang and Singer said. “This level of national recognition is a first for Foray, and we are incredibly thankful for your continued support.”
The restaurant offers Happy Hour and dinner Wednesday through Saturday and is hosting wine dinners regularly, with a prix fixe developed by Chang to complement the featured wines. Next up is Rhys, located in the Santa Cruz Mountains and specializing in pinot noir, chardonnay and syrah, on July 17. The evening will feature four courses and six wines, along with “an interactive discussion by head winemaker Jeff Brinkman,” and costs \$250 per person.
For more information and to reserve, visit forayrestaurant.com.

■ A visit to Il Vecchio

Kelly Shatto, along with her son, chef Stefen Shatto, have taken over ownership of Il Vecchio in Pacific Grove. Stefen is returning as executive chef — he was there

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Foray restaurant was selected for the No. 2 slot in Newsweek magazine’s 10 best farm-to-table restaurants in the United States. Owners Michael Chang and Caroline Singer are delighted by the news.

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FOOD & WINE

PASTA

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when Il Vecchio opened 13 years ago and stayed for four years before moving on to other opportunities.

“When the previous owner, Carl Alasko, wanted to retire, he reached out to Stefen,” said Kelly. The mother-son duo have mostly maintained the menu, adding a few things to make it their own. Take the carbonara, a pasta dish from the Lazio region of Italy, which is home to Rome. Il Vecchio’s version is made with bucatini — a thick spaghetti-like pasta with a hole down the middle — guanciale, which is cured pork cheek, pecorini romano cheese, eggs and freshly ground black pepper. The eggs are added at the end and blend with the cheese to create a creamy sauce. Then,

the chef adds his own touch — a poached egg on top.

Designed to delight

All the dishes seem designed to delight, like crisped-to-perfection fried artichokes served hot with a trio of dipping sauces, including romanesco — a blend of tomato, garlic, nuts, and sweet red pepper — lemon aioli, and pesto. The apple and gorgonzola gnocchi, a homemade Italian pasta in the form of little pillowy potato dumplings, would be almost too rich if not for the apples and walnuts adding a little sweetness and texture.

They also serve sandwiches, from a classic burger, to the “burrato sando” made with burrata, pesto, a sweet-tart balsamic reduction, and zucchini.

Homemade tiramisu served in a stemmed ice cream cup has just the right amount of rum, and the not-too-sweet

mascarpone chocolate cake is also a great choice for a decadent dessert.

The lunch menu is served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, with prices set at \$17 to \$18 for sandwiches. Items from the dinner menu — served from 5 to 9 nightly — are also available midday, with pasta and other entrees in the mid-\$20 to mid-\$30 range.

Hearty traditional dishes include osso bucco, chicken marsala, and braised short rib polenta, or you can switch things up with lobster and ravioli in a saffron sauce, or truffle butternut risotto. The day The Pine Cone visited, service was prompt, professional and friendly.

“I love the spirits side of the restaurant,” Kelly said, and you can tell by the extensive wine and cocktail menu. Take the Donatello, her spin on a lemon drop with Tito’s vodka, pear syrup, lemon juice, egg white and dried pear, or the Heat

Wave, a fruit-forward mocktail fit for the beach. The eclectic wine list has a range of selections sold by the glass or bottle.

The restaurant embraces local artists, too, offering live music Tuesdays (blues) and Thursdays (jazz) at 6 p.m. The walls are accented by local paintings available for purchase. Il Vecchio is at 110 Central Ave. — parking is on the street — or visit ilvecchiorestaurant.com.

■ Pizza Jam

Carmel Mission Inn at 3665 Rio Road is having a Pizza Jam on July 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the courtyard. Local catering company Fire on Wheels will provide the pies, and local musical favorites the Transducers are bringing the jams. Drop by with some friends for a bite and a drink or two.

Sally Baho, Mary Schley and Elaine Hesser contributed to this week’s column.



Il Vecchio’s offerings include some excellent desserts, like two-layer mascarpone chocolate cake (left), but if you’re not an “eat dessert first” sort of person, the burrata sandwich — featuring creamy cheese, pesto, zucchini and a balsamic reduction — plus a cup of clam chowder make for a satisfying lunch.



Chef’s friends rally to put a roof overhead

By CHRIS COUNTS

FEW PEOPLE live more remotely in Monterey County than chef, cheesemaker and author Charlie Cascio of Big Sur, who lost his home in the upper reaches of Rocky Creek nine years ago in the devastating Soberanes Fire.

Cascio, 78, has been living in a yurt on the same property ever since, but with that structure on its last legs, his friends are raising money at GoFundMe.com to buy him a new home.

Besides being remote, the property is located thousands of feet above sea level and gets cold during winter — especially when you’re living in a home made from canvas.

“Years of cold and damp conditions have caused his health to decline,” according to the campaign, which is titled, “Let’s Get Charlie Out of the Yurt.” “Winter is coming, and it’s urgent that Charlie has a safe place to live before there’s snow on the ground. His friends are stepping in to

raise funds to build him a simple, fireproof home.

Before the fire struck in 2016, Cascio was raising goats for cheese — he was making six different varieties — bees for honey and chickens for eggs, along with growing fruit and vegetables. Most of the farm was destroyed in the blaze.

According to the organizers, “every dollar will go directly to construction materials and labor.”

50 donations

Launched just three weeks ago, the campaign has so far received 50 donations totaling nearly \$13,000. The goal is \$115,000.

To help publicize the fundraiser, organizers also produced a short video about Cascio on YouTube titled, “Help Our Phoenix Rising.”

A longtime chef at Esalen Institute, Cascio is the author of the “Esalen Cookbook.” He’s also been the subject of several profiles in The Pine Cone.



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Henry Miller Library — John Turkey’s Nightmares present a free concert (rock, Friday at 11:30 a.m.). 48603 Highway 1.

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Barmel — Jazville (jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Square on San Carlos north of Seventh.

Carmel Mission Inn — The Transducers (rock and funk, Thursday at 5 p.m.). In the courtyard, 3665 Rio Road.

Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and pop, Sunday at 11 a.m.), **David Morwood Jazz Band** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

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

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and guitarist **Javier Sanchez** (Spanish and classical, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist **TJ Kuenster** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

La Playa Hotel — guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Tuesday at 5 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth.

Links Club — Surf Monster (rock, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **Songwriters Showcase** (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., sign-ups start at 6:30 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.),

pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St.

■ Carmel Valley

Bernardus Lodge — pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea’s Fault** (jazz and pop, Saturday at noon), singer and pianist **TJ Kuenster** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Paul Behan** (Sunday at noon), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Tuesday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Wednesday at 5 p.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

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Singer and guitarist Casey Frazier plays Wednesday, 5 p.m., at Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley.



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Folktale Winery — singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Friday at 3 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Anthony Presti** (Saturday at 4 p.m.), **The Monterey Jazz Regional All-Stars** (Sunday at 11 a.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

McIntyre Vineyards tasting room — guitarist **Dan Cortes** (American roots and traditional Mexican, Sunday at noon). 24 W. Carmel Valley Rd.

Trailside Cafe — **The Mighty Maple** (“acoustic jams and cool grooves,” Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

Twisted Roots Winery — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Reija Massey** (pop, rock and country, Sunday at 1 p.m.).

■ Monterey

Albatross Ridge Winery — **The Paper Hearts** (indie pop, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.) singer and guitarist **Keith Rayburn** (Sunday at 2 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

Bon Ton LeRoy’s 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 — **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 — singer and guitarist **Kather-**

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Painter finds natural beauty worth protecting

EMPLOYING BRIGHT colors and flowing lines, painter Anastasiya Bachmanova offers a fresh perspective on the local coastline in her show, “Beneath Pacific Skies,” which opens Friday at the Pacific Grove Art Center. The gallery will have public reception for the artist at 7 p.m.

“My creative approach is the culmination of many years striving to perfect the ever-changing, and ever-inspiring essence of my adopted seaside home,” Bachmanova said. “From vibrant cliffside poppies straddling idyllic North

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Coast nooks, to moody sand dune vistas, this collection presents the viewer with an assortment of enchanting perspectives to inspire and uplift.”

Bachmanova, who studied environmental science and fine art Cal State Monterey Bay, infuses her art with a message of conservation. “The blank canvas is a tool to share my thoughts and opinions on what is important, what is worth protecting, and what is so magical about a certain moment or place,” she said.

‘Tiny Treasures’ opens

Also new at the P.G. Art Center are shows by the Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association (“Full Spectrum”) and the gallery’s studio artists, along with the gallery’s annual “Tiny Treasures” exhibit, which is also its biggest annual fundraiser. The latter features a display of more than 100 pieces of art, including oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, prints, collage, pencil and ink illustrations, mixed media, photography, sculpture, textile art



Anastasiya Bachmanova’s “Beneath Pacific Skies,” which features her colorful acrylics of local scenery, is one of four exhibits opening Friday at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

and stained glass — all of which was donated by the center’s many supporters. Proceeds will help fund the center’s many exhibits and programs.

Keyboardist Glenn Leon-Guerrero will play old-school r&b at the reception. The shows will be on display through Aug. 28. The gallery is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave. pgartcenter.org

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Contact was made with the ex-wife.

She also wanted the girlfriend to stop calling her.

Both parties agreed to stop calling each other.

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(Tuesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St.
Sly McFly's — **The New Wave Band** (rock, Friday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

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Pacific Grove Art Center — **The Robert Marcum Trio** (Gordon Lightfoot tribute, Sunday at 7 p.m.). 568 Lighthouse Ave.
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