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STOLEN PURSE RETURNED AFTER POLICE CRACK CASE

By MARY SCHLEY

SIX HOURS after Carmel City Councilman Hans Buder’s wife, Meghan, reported her purse had been stolen from their car late last Sunday night, police identified,



PHOTO/CPD

Carmel Police tracked down a man suspected of breaking into numerous cars, including a city councilman’s, and arrested him with the help of Capitola P.D.

found and arrested the thief, according to an announcement from Buder during the July 1 council meeting. The alleged thief, later identified as 38-year-old Israel Perez from Capitola, had broken into several cars in town around that same time, police said.

Buder and his family live at Mission and 11th, and their car was parked about 10 feet from his bedroom window, he said.

“I went to bed around 11 on Sunday night, and the first fraudulent charges started showing up around 2:30 a.m.,” he told The Pine Cone. The thief “started going through and trying to charge things on my wife’s cards — everything from charges in Poland and Mexico to a late-night snack at Jack in the Box up in Watsonville.”

Not yet aware that his wife’s purse was missing, Buder said he initially thought the middle-of-the-night fraud alerts were the result of one of his employees’ company cards being stolen. “It wasn’t until later that morning that I realized it was actually Meghan’s personal card,” he said.

Quick work

After she and her husband figured out what was going on, Meghan Buder reported the theft to Carmel police about 10 a.m. on June 30. That afternoon, Police Chief Paul Tomasi interrupted the council’s closed session meeting to tell Buder his officers had identified a suspect.

“During the six or seven hours after our report, the police gathered information from us and our neighbors, identified the suspect, located where he lives, went up to Santa Cruz in an unmarked car, took him into custody, and recovered most of the stolen property,” Buder said.

One of the other victims had golf clubs stolen from his car, and an officer knew of similar thefts committed by Perez. So he started reviewing video from the city’s license-plate-reading surveillance cameras to see if a car

See **PURSE** page 25A

Supervisors reject Mehdipour house again

■ She calls ordeal ‘extreme injustice’

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN THE latest chapter of Massy Mehdipour’s lengthy saga to build a home at 1170 Signal Hill in Pebble Beach — she says she’s been before the Monterey County Board of Supervisors eight times — supervisors unanimously voted Tuesday to reject the latest design of her proposed home because it’s too big.

Disrepair and destruction

The effort by Mehdipour to build a house has been embroiled in controversy since 2010, when she first proposed replacing a residence designed by noted architect Richard Neutra and constructed in 1958. The home had fallen into disrepair and was later torn down, upsetting preservationists, some of whom accused her of vandalizing her own home to make way for a new one.

This week’s vote comes three months after the Monterey County Planning Commission approved a plan by

Mehdipour to build a two-level, 8,290-square-foot residence on the site, which overlooks Fanshell Beach. The proposal was scaled back from an earlier one that included a three-level, 11,933-square-foot home. But the approval by the planning commission was appealed by two parties opposed to the project. Mehdipour also objected to the commission’s requirement that she establish a conservation easement over the land she’s not building on.

Too big?

At Tuesday’s hearing, attorney Tony Lombardo, representing a neighbor, said the home Mehdipour wants to build is simply too big. Lombardo cited language used by District 2 Supervisor Glenn Church at a hearing in June “which required the home be the same size and in the same location” as the old house, which he said was “4,124 square feet and 22 feet high.” He contended the

See **MEHDIPOUR** page 23A

Architect’s contract OK’d for library remodel

■ Board appointment delayed again

By MARY SCHLEY

IN A major step for the planned \$20 million interior renovation and seismic retrofit of Harrison Memorial Library, which supporters hope will be completed in time for its centennial in 2028, the Carmel City Council last week approved a contract with Moore Ruble Yudell Architects, a Santa Monica-based firm “nationally recognized for its expertise in historic preservation,” according to the city.

At the July 1 meeting, city attorney Brian Pierik said he, lawyers and representatives of the firm and the Carmel Public Library Foundation — which has pledged to raise the necessary funds via private donations — spent considerable time hammering out the contract over the last few months.

“The foundation will fund the Harrison Memorial Library Centennial Restoration Project to upgrade

Council all in on smaller rebuilt CPD station

By MARY SCHLEY

A NEW police station providing almost everything Carmel’s officers need might actually be smaller than the one they have now, according to an analysis presented to the city council by Police Chief Paul Tomasi last week. Among other major changes, space could be saved by getting rid of the firing range and the permanent emergency operations center — requiring officers to practice shooting elsewhere and setting up the EOC in a conference room as needed.

The line-by-line review followed discussions in the spring in which the council balked at plans detailing a larger complex to accommodate the needs of a modern police department and decided to form another committee



PHOTO/CPD

Police officers use the firing range in Carmel P.D.’s basement for training, qualifications and practice, but the council is considering building a new station without one in order to save money.

to tackle the topic. In the months since, Mayor Dale Byrne, councilman Jeff Baron, Tomasi and others have met numerous times to develop a realistic list of needs.

Their combined square footage totals less than half of what consulting architecture firm Indigo — which specializes in designing police stations — recommended.

‘Most productive’

“Out of all the ad hocs I’ve been on, this was probably the most productive,” Tomasi told the council July 1. “There are a lot of changes we’ve made — we rolled up our sleeves on this.”

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The Richard Neutra home on Signal Hill Road in Pebble Beach owned by Massy Mehdipour before it was demolished.

primarily the interior,” he said, but to also update structural and seismic elements, basic infrastructure, ADA accessibility, and technology and systems, at an estimated cost of \$15 million to \$20 million.

Many cooks

While the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea owns the nearly century-old building at Lincoln and Ocean and funds its staffing and maintenance, an independent board of trustees appointed by the city council oversees the library’s operations, and the nonprofit library foundation raises money for its materials, programs and services.

Last August, the city requested proposals from architectural firms interested in handling the remodel and received a half-dozen, Pierik said. After selecting two finalists, in January, the foundation announced that a 19-person selection committee had unanimously chosen Moore Ruble Yudell.

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The Oklahoma City breeder named him Spot and put him up for adoption.

When he was 9 weeks old, his person kissed his smudge, named him Beaublu, and flew him home to Monterey.

"Beau is such a clown," she said. "He sheds, so I vacuum every day. When I finish, he unplugs the cord and brings it to me. He also sneaks into my closet to retrieve my shoes. I put them all in boxes, but he knows how to lift the lids and make his choice. He also grabs dishtowels. If I could just get him to dry the dishes."

For five years, Beau was a working dog at Holman Ranch, living his best life, his person said. She was the stable manager, and he'd come along to greet people. He particularly loved trotting next to the horses and running around with the other ranch dogs.

Now 11, Beau has started to slow down. While he used to jump up into his person's SUV, she had to get him a ramp, so he could walk right in.



"He loved Carmel Beach when he was younger," she said. "He'd get so excited, he'd race down the stairs to the sand before I could shut the car door. Then he'd run through the surf, getting his paws wet but not actually going into the waves. What he loves is Carmel River. He paddles around with such a contented look on his face."

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C.V. STABBING CASE TO GO TO TRIAL

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER HEARING testimony from Monterey County Sheriff’s detectives regarding a Jan. 25 knife attack in a Carmel Valley residence and reviewing photos of the victim’s wounds, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler ruled that William Darpinian, 34, will stand trial for attempting to murder his mother. The judge set a pre-trial conference for July 16.

In the preliminary hearing May 30, detective Christina Scariot described what she observed the morning of the attack, which led to an hours-long lockdown of the Del Mesa Carmel senior housing community off Carmel Valley Road as officers searched for Darpinian.

A seriously injured woman was outside her residence leaning against some trees and surrounded by neighbors as she held a cloth to her neck, which was bleeding. She also had lacerations to her hands, according to Scariot.

Defensive wounds

Another deputy stayed with the 60-year-old victim until an ambulance arrived to take her to the trauma unit at Natividad Medical Center, where Scariot interviewed her that afternoon, according to the testimony.

“She was pretty bandaged up but had several lacerations to both her hands and to the back of her head and her neck,” Scariot said, adding that the woman “confirmed the assailant was her son.”

She told authorities she’d been sitting in the kitchen of the home where her son also lived and was waiting for him to come in for coffee — as he typically did most mornings — but he was taking longer than

usual. When he finally walked in, he was carrying a serrated hunting knife.

“Once he left his bedroom, he came out, and I do believe he was apologizing that he had to do this, and he started attacking her,” Scariot said, recounting the woman’s story.

His mother told the detective she pleaded with Darpinian to stop and tried to fend him off, grabbing the knife — which led to severe cuts on several of her fingers — but he didn’t relent until he apparently thought she was dead and went into the bathroom to wash off the blood.

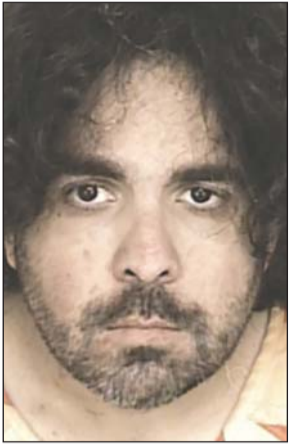
Graphic photos

“She tried to flee through the sliding glass door that was a couple of feet away from her,” Scariot said, but Darpinian came after her and “began stabbing her again.”

When he retreated to the bathroom once more, his mother was finally able to get out of the house, according to the detective’s testimony.

The prosecution also entered a half-dozen photos of the woman’s injuries as evidence. They show dried blood on her face, two lacerations on the side of her neck, another large gash on the left side of her neck and head area, and cuts to her fingers “consistent with trying to grab the knife,” according to the description in the court’s transcript.

Another deputy testified that after he determined Darpinian was not still in their house, as was originally feared, he entered and found blood splatters in the bathroom and kitchen, a large pool of blood in the



William Darpinian

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Definitely not one of the 12 steps

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bernese mountain dog missing from Seventh and Forest. Dog located by the owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found wallet downtown turned in for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Attempted fraud reported by a Buena Vista Avenue resident.

Carmel area: A 45-year-old male was arrested on Carmel Rancho Boulevard for displaying an imitation firearm in public and violating probation.

Carmel area: A battery on Second Avenue between a 39-year-old male and a 65-year-old male was documented. No prosecution desired.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female at Carpenter and Fifth reported a large truck hit her tree, and she wanted incident documented. Requested forestry assess the damage for the future health of the tree

Pacific Grove: No calls to report.

Carmel Valley: After a traffic stop on Carmel Valley Road, a 24-year-old male was found in possession of drug paraphernalia.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found dog at Ocean and Del Mar. Owner located and the dog was returned with a warning.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of a laptop from an unlocked vehicle at Dolores and Sixth.

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The gavel falls

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

May 1 — Joseph John Cubbage, 56, of Seaside, pleaded no contest to felony elder abuse and misdemeanor resisting, obstructing or delaying a peace officer for a February incident where he threatened to kill his ex-wife and then refused to exit his home for more than two-and-a-half hours when ordered to do so by the Seaside Police Department.

On Feb. 24, Cubbage's ex-wife reported to Seaside Police Department that Cubbage had entered her private bedroom, woken her up and threatened to kill her. She indicated that the threats caused her substantial emotional distress. Because the victim is 65 years of age or older, she qualifies as an elder adult as defined by California law.

When Seaside Police officers went to the residence to arrest Cubbage for the threats against his ex-wife, he refused to exit the

home. Multiple law enforcement officers surrounded the house and ordered Cubbage to exit using a loudspeaker, but he did not ultimately leave the residence for more than two-and-a-half hours.

Judge Andrew G. Liu will sentence Cubbage to formal probation for a period of three years, with a suspended prison sentence of four years that will be imposed if he violates the terms of his probation.

May 1 — Judge Mark E. Hood sentenced Brandon Turner, 34, of Marina, to four years and four months in state prison for domestic violence causing great bodily injury and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On May 21, 2024, Turner made a left-hand turn in front of another driver. When the

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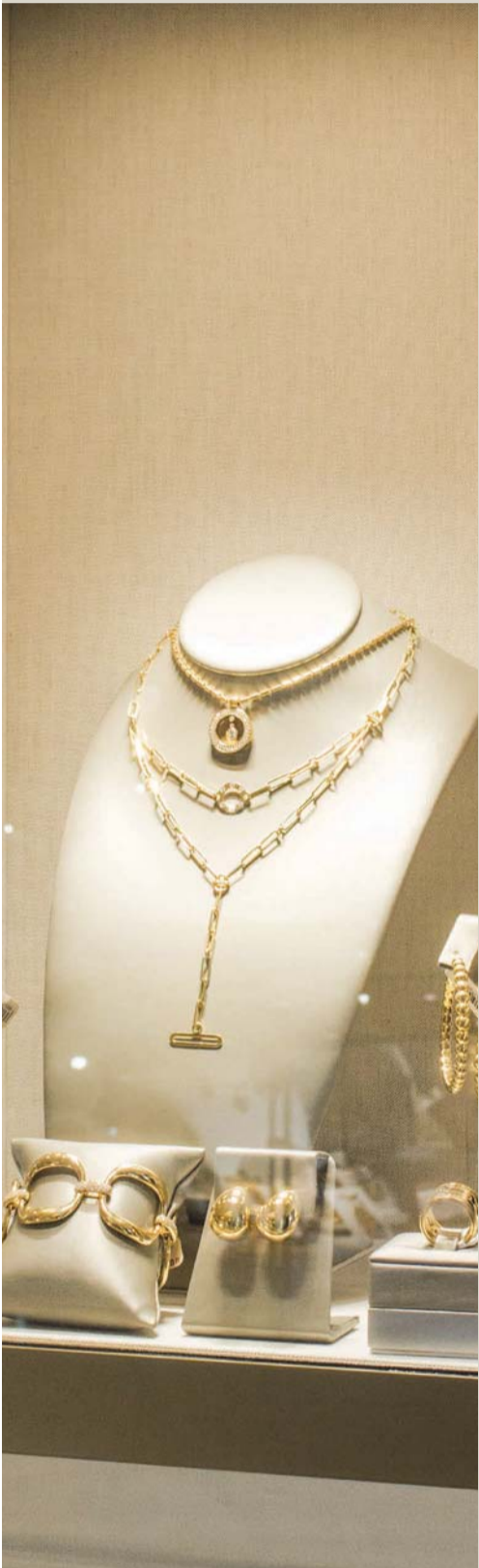
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TRANSIENT ARRESTED FOR THEFT, FRAUD

By MARY SCHLEY

A WELL-KNOWN longtime Carmel transient, 46-year-old Ebon Dixon, was arrested last month for fraud after he used a found credit card to dine at a downtown restaurant and book a room in a hotel a few blocks away, according to Cmdr. Todd Trayer.

Dixon, the 6-foot-2, 300-pound man who is often seen sitting on the benches in front of the post office, outside Bruno’s Market and near the Church of the Wayfarer, and walking around town — and who frequently spent nights on the bench in the post office lobby when it was open 24 hours a day — was arrested the evening of June 25 after police traced him to the Cypress Inn, according to Trayer.

“I am compassionate toward Ebon,” he said, but officers really had no choice but to arrest him after he apparently found the card on the street and used it to buy himself



PHOTO/PINE CONE FILE

Before the postal service removed this bench and started locking the doors, Ebon Dixon regularly slept there.

dinner at A.W. Shucks on Ocean Avenue and book a room in the hotel at Lincoln

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Where you should spend your old age

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

WITH THE wide range of senior living communities available, deciding what might be best for you or a loved one can be tricky. The Carmel Foundation’s weekly talk set for July 16 at 2:30 p.m. might make that choice a little easier.

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With so many options, people’s decisions on where to spend their later years

can be as much about lifestyle as it is about levels of care.

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Nearly 100 years old, critical wildfire lookout needs some TLC

By CHRIS COUNTS

PERCHED NEARLY a mile above sea level and playing a critical role in the never-ending effort to keep a nearby rural community safe from wildfires, the Chew Ridge Lookout is in dire need of repairs, and with forest service funds in short supply. volunteers have started a GoFundMe campaign to raise \$20,000.

The money will pay for materials and labor for a new roof — along with addressing weather-related damage and aging infrastructure — making the lookout “safe and functional for the seasons ahead.”

“Without immediate action, we risk

losing this important tool in our region’s wildfire defense system,” the Monterey Chapter of the Forest Fire Lookout Association announced. “Your donation will go directly toward this critical repair. Every gift — large or small — helps preserve this iconic tower and the wildfire protection it provides for thousands of acres of public land.”

Last of its kind locally

Located along Chews Ridge Road at an elevation of 5,082 feet, the lookout is one of the region’s last functioning fire towers, playing an invaluable role as a warning beacon. It’s been in service for nearly a century.

“The tower provides a 360-degree vantage point over a vast and rugged landscape that is both ecologically sensitive and highly fire-prone,” according to the group.

“By spotting smoke early, lookout volunteers give firefighting crews the crucial head start they need to contain wildfires before they spread out of control,” they said.

The chair of the local chapter of the group, Nancy Baker called the lookout “an essential part of our wildfire defense network.”

“From roof repair, to replacing worn infrastructure, these upgrades are critical to keeping the lookout safe, functional, and staffed,” Baker explained. “With support from our community, we can preserve this lifeline for early wildfire detection.”

Today, more than 60 volunteers are involved in the effort to



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The Chews Ridge Fire Lookout has helped alert firefighters to danger for nearly a century.

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‘Strong headwinds’ facing Montage Health, CEO says

By KELLY NIX

REFLECTING ON his first 90 days on the job, the CEO of Montage Health this week touted the quality care at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula while also pointing to challenges, including rising costs for patients and the hospital itself.

In a nearly 600-word message to the public, Mike McDermott, who started the job March 21, called the hospital “magic,” and said he witnesses employees delivering it daily “with positivity, pride and expertise.”

“It continues with the sophisticated level of care, usually seen only at larger hospitals and healthcare systems,” McDermott said. “And the magic is visible in our facilities, which are both beautiful and state-of-the-art.”

The president and CEO — who replaced Steven Packer — said CHOMP is in the top 5 percent of hospitals in the nation for overall care, and in the top 15 percent for patient experience. He mentioned an architectural group’s recognition of Ohana, Montage’s mental health facility in Ryan Ranch, for its “innovative and spectacular” interior spaces.

‘Moral imperative’

But the CEO also pointed to challenges, the biggest of which is “preserving the magic of Montage Health in the face of some strong headwinds — especially related to healthcare costs.”

“In short, we expect reimbursements for our care to go down while our costs go up,”



Mike McDermott

he said. “In April, the California Office of Healthcare Affordability announced a significant price cap for Community Hospital and six others across the state, starting in 2026.”

The state healthcare agency’s board said it made the move because CHOMP, Salinas Valley Health and five other hospitals in the state charge patients too much for medical services. The hospitals must limit annual cost growth to no more than 1.8 percent starting in 2026, and that decreases to 1.6 percent by 2029.

Labor costs

“We have raised concerns about the fairness and accuracy of the data that led to this action, but this is the environment we are in,” McDermott said of the state board’s decision. “In addition, deep cuts in healthcare spending are expected under the next federal bud-

get, now being debated in Congress. At the same time, costs for labor, supplies, and other expenses continue to climb.”

He went on to say that “affordable care isn’t just important — it’s a moral imperative.”

CHOMP’s largest expense is personnel. According to the hospital, it pays 26 percent above California’s average for wages, and its labor expenses account for 61 percent of its total costs — 7 percent higher than the average. Any significant reduction in expenses, it informed the state Office of Healthcare Affordability last October, would likely mean job losses and

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Emergency communications director gets national appointment

By MARY SCHLEY

LEE ANN Magoski, director of Monterey County’s emergency communications department, was sworn in as president of the board of the directors of the National Emergency Number Association, also known as the 911 Association, during an expo and conference in Long Beach last month.

With the appointment, she leads an organization of more than 23,000 emergency communications professionals across the United States and around the globe. While NENA is an advocacy organization that represents 911 workers nationwide, it is not a labor union, focusing more on education and certification.

Magoski began her nearly 30-year career in public safety as a 911 telecommunicator and rose through the ranks in three

other California agencies before coming to Monterey County in 2019 to oversee its consolidated emergency communications system.

In her remarks at the conference, Magoski discussed the urgent need to modernize 911 infrastructure nationwide and to provide more substantial support for those who work in the industry.

As seen on TV

“The public expects high-tech outcomes — like the ones they see on TV — without realizing that many of us are still working with infrastructure built in the 1970s,” she told attendees. “Our vision for nationwide, ubiquitous ‘Next Generation 911’ must become a reality. That

means not only deploying the technology, but building a next-generation workforce highly trained and fully equipped to

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Lee Ann Magoski

TREE WALK IN MISSION TRAIL PARK

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

CAL POLY botany professor and author Dr. Matt Ritter will lead the Friends of Carmel Forest’s tree walk through Mission Trail Nature Preserve Saturday, July 19, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., followed by a lecture and lunch in the Forest Theater. The events have separate admission fees.

Ritter’s park tour will include newly planted redwood groves in which “tribute trees” are available to commemorate significant events or honor loved ones

through the forest friends group, according to Maria Sutherland. Admission is \$35 per person (free for FOCF members), and spaces can be reserved by emailing tree-walk@carmelforest.org. Senders should specify they are signing up for the walk.

Ritter’s lecture and signing of his latest book will follow at noon at the Forest Theater and costs \$40, which includes lunch. Sutherland promised he will deliver “a visually rich and inspiring celebration of

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County funds mobile drug addiction/treatment program

By KELLY NIX

A MOBILE drug treatment program aimed at reducing the number of emergency room visits and fatalities due to opioid abuse will be deployed in Monterey County through 2027, the county board of supervisors decided last week.

On July 1, the supervisors approved a \$1,501,764 contract with a group called Central Coast Overdose Prevention for its “substance use response team” mobile out-reach services for the next two years.

“This contract makes it possible to reach out to those most in need who may be least likely to obtain services from other sources,” physician and Central Coast Overdose Prevention President Reb Close and her team told The Pine Cone.

A cornerstone of the out-reach and treatment effort is a converted Ford F-150 truck used to bring treatment directly to the people who need it.

Remote access

“This vehicle plays a vital role in making the team’s work accessible and effective,” explained Close, who is also a longtime staff physician at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. “It allows the team to reach individuals in remote areas, as well as locations where people may feel more comfortable engaging outside of traditional service settings — such as homeless encampments, public parks and community events.”

The organization’s team is led not only by physicians who treat addiction, but by “peer specialists” with “lived or living experience in substance use.”

When someone seeks help for opioid addiction, specialists working out of the truck will offer medication — including meds to treat withdrawal — and other treatment options.

“The team will discuss whatever the patient is ready for,” Close explained. “We are not a syringe exchange but have wound care and comfort supplies.”

Reduce fatalities

While residents in many parts of the county have opioid addictions, Close said the group prioritizes services in South County, including in Soledad, Greenfield and King City, “to help bring services to an area that is relatively underserved.”

In addition to walk-up services in South County, the substance use response team has remote audio-video consultation to offer

the same services.

The agreement with the county provides \$682,620 for 2025-2026 and the same amount for 2026-2027. It also secures \$136,524 for additional expenses during the term of the agreement. The county had an agreement with Central Coast Overdose Prevention that ended June 30.

The goal of the program — which is paid for by lawsuit settlement money from manufacturers, distributors and other entities that contributed to the opioid epidemic — is to reduce overdose-related fatalities and hospital emergency room visits by 5 percent in its second year and by 7 percent in its third year.

Walk-up services are also provided one day per week in the Salinas area and one day on the Monterey Peninsula at an area near Lake El Estero, the contract says.

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Park district names new GM

By CHRIS COUNTS

NAMING A replacement for general manager Rafael Payan — who stepped down late last year after he was placed on administrative leave — the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District announced that former Bureau of Land Management official Eric Morgan will take over the job.

“We’re excited for a new chapter,” park district board member Kathleen Lee told The Pine Cone.

Morgan recently stepped down as manager of the Fort Ord National Monument, where according to the park district, he “helped transform the former military base into a premier destination for recreation and conservation.”

‘Excellent candidate’

Morgan, who grew up in the Lake Tahoe area, had worked at the former Fort Ord since 1999.

“He managed 14,650 acres, preserving ecosystems, restoring habitats and expanding 86 miles of trails,” the park district said.

“He partnered with regional fire departments on fire hazard mitigation and suppression, and enhancing safety.”

Morgan earned the Secretary of the

Interior’s Meritorious Service Award in 2022. “In his role for the BLM, he facilitated stewardship, improved trails and rare habitats, and increased community access,” the park district added.

District board president Kevin Raskoff said Morgan’s “leadership in recreation, conservation and fire safety” makes him an “excellent candidate” to lead the park district.

Safe and accessible

Morgan — who attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and lives in Monterey — said he’s looking forward to getting started at his new job.

“I’m eager to work with the board, staff, and community to preserve our region’s open spaces, protect our natural resources and ensure safe, accessible parks for all to enjoy,” he added.

A park district report indicates Morgan’s annual base salary will be \$192,093.

Payan took over as general manager in July 2013, replacing Jim Sulentic, who left to take a job as executive director of the Nature Reserve of Orange County.

A park district employee agreement indicates his last annual salary was \$221,857. Shuran Parker has worked as interim general manager since Payan left.

State grant for cannabis cleanup

By CHRIS COUNTS

TAKING ON the environmental threat posed by illegal cannabis growers operating on local federal land, the Ventana Wilderness Alliance announced that it has hired Big Sur resident Bryan Goldberger as its first cannabis site restoration program manager.

“Bryan’s arrival marks an exciting new chapter for us and a powerful step forward in our mission to protect and restore the wild heart of the Central Coast,” reported the group, which is dedicated to keeping trails open on federal land in Big Sur.

‘Vital’ work

According to the VWA, illegal grow sites often leave behind poisons, plastics and pesticides “that threaten fragile ecosystems and iconic species like the California condor.”

“Bryan is leading the charge to reverse that damage, reclaim wild spaces and protect the lands and waters that make the Big Sur backcountry so extraordinary,” the VWA explained.

Goldberger, who moved to Big Sur in 2017, is an enthusiastic hiker and trail volunteer.

“Learning about the scale of damage

these grow sites are causing, right in our backyard, was eye-opening,” he said.

“This cleanup work is vital to protect the wildlife that call these mountains home and to preserve the wild places we all cherish — I’m proud to be part of a project that lets me turn my values into meaningful action.”

At least five sites targeted

The alliance’s executive director, Mike Chamberlain, is thrilled to see the cannabis site restoration program move forward.

“We think there’s an opportunity that we can do some meaningful restoration work in areas that were damaged by the harmful practices of growers,” Chamberlain said.

“By reclaiming them, we’re helping to restore the wildness and protect it.”

Kickstarting the effort to clean up grow sites is a taxpayer-funded grant of \$667,000 from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Cannabis Restoration Grant Program.

The money will pay for staff and materials. “This grant will fund remediation of five or more cannabis cultivation sites in the Ventana Wilderness,” the group added.

The effort also marks the first time the VWA has engaged in restoring cannabis sites since 2009.





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CUSD to expand mental health services at no cost to district, families

By LILY PATTERSON

THIS FALL, insurance reimbursements will help Carmel Unified School District pay for in-school counseling, and the district promises the added revenue will help expand mental health services offered to students, according to CUSD staff.

The district will be among the first in Monterey County to take advantage of a state program that will utilize private insurance, Medi-Cal and new state funding to

Funding, software promise ‘measurable benefits’

provide mental health services on school campuses at “no cost whatsoever” to families or schools. This was announced by Allison McHenry, a representative for education technology company Healthy Campus, at a board of education meeting in April alongside Steve Gonzalez, a director of CUSD’s special education department.

Depending on a student’s coverage, one or a combination of insurance payers will honor a special rate for in-school counseling services, with zero co-pay for families. State taxpayers will absorb the costs not covered by private insurance or Medi-Cal. The program was created by the Legislature in 2021 and is a central feature of the state’s five-year \$4.7 billion Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative.

Wellness services

“Carmel Unified has long prioritized student mental health, investing significantly in early intervention, counseling, and wellness services,” said Michelle Goncalves, executive assistant to district superintendent Sharon Ofek, speaking with The Pine Cone.

“In recent years, the school district absorbed the cost of new programs and expanded group and individual counseling, and this new program has the potential to ease the budgetary impact of those efforts and allow us to continue growing the support available to students.”

“This initiative will create a sustainable revenue stream for the district, in order to continue and, in time, expand services,” said Gonzalez at the meeting in April.

Gonzalez explained that both special education and general health services at Carmel schools will benefit from

the expanded state program, including the Wellness Centers at Carmel High and Carmel Middle schools, on-campus spaces where students can access counseling services, crisis support, and “decompression time” in the form of meditation and therapeutic music.

In 2025-2026, special education will receive \$8.6 million of CUSD’s \$87.4 million budget, up from \$8.1 million this year. That department supports 318 students and employs 82 staff members across the district, according to an April report.

Artificial intelligence

Carmel Unified will use a software called Healthy Campus, which shares its name with the education technology company that designed it, to help implement the funding program. Goncalves said that the software will “go live”

this month as CUSD’s in-school clinicians, counselors and support staff begin training to use it.

Coverage for student mental health and addiction treatment was significantly expanded under the federal Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, which required people who have individual and small-group insurance plans to pay for mental health services. But the 2010 law didn’t account for the “administrative burden” of filing a claim, said Healthy Campus president Thomas Shaffer, in a video demonstration of the platform available on healthycampus.com.

“For billing service providers, it often doesn’t make economic sense to go through that administrative burden. It requires personnel, even attorneys and researchers to

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He went through the committee’s assessment in detail, including square footage figures and justification for each element. The “public space,” for instance, should total 1,090 square feet, including a 290-square-foot lobby, which is “essential for patrons to access the front desk and obtain information and resources.”

“We absolutely need a public restroom, so when people come in, they have somewhere to go,” he said. The unisex bathroom would be 70 square feet, while a 100-square-foot “soft interview” room in the lobby would be used for speaking with crime victims and holding juveniles awaiting parental pickup.

A 500-square-foot multipurpose room

would be used for larger meetings and briefings in advance of major events like Car Week and could be converted into an emergency operations center during emergencies and disasters.

The committee drastically cut office space and storage areas. The chief would be fine with a 175-square-foot office, which is the same as he has now, for meeting with up to four other people and holding confidential conversations. A deputy chief’s office and administrative office proposed in Indigo’s designs were removed, since those positions don’t exist at Carmel P.D.

Mandatory records could be kept in a 90-square-foot room, and two dispatch stations, including computers, equipment and storage, could be set up in a 15-by-15-foot room, with another 144 square feet for the dispatch supervisor’s office.

A 180-square-foot space could accommodate equipment and storage for animal

control and parking, and other spaces would be set up for accommodating volunteers and the community emergency response team’s gear and equipment.

A detective should have a separate office, and areas for patrol would total 1,058 square feet, including 144 square feet for the commander’s office, a similarly sized office for sergeants, and a report-writing and briefing room large enough for computer desks, shift briefings, storage and deskwork.

Officers and staff also need a break room and a gym, along with locker rooms, showers and toilets. “This job has a physical fitness requirement, and a gym should improve health and reduce injuries,” Tomasi explained. “This is also a benefit for the officers and helps with recruitment and retention.”

Various closets would store vehicle equipment, firearms, officers’ duty bags when they’re off duty, and other items.

“Despite our efforts to return and purge evidence, some must be retained for court appearances and/or identification of victims,” Tomasi said. A 100-square-foot space would be used for “high value storage” — essentially, drugs, guns and money.

A 200-square-foot garage bay would protect two electric bikes and two motorcycles from the elements. “We took a hard look at what do we really need and what can we reduce,” he said.

The committee’s list of necessary spaces, including hallways, totals 7,260 square feet, compared with the police department’s former wish list that amounted to 13,500 square feet, and Indio’s configurations, which ranged from 16,100 to 17,190 square feet.

Not experts

City administrator Chip Rerig clarified that the committee’s analysis and suggestions had not been reviewed by any experts who might weigh in on their feasibility and potential layouts.

“We haven’t laid it out, because we don’t have that expertise,” Rerig said. “It could be off by 5 to 10 percent.”

The figures also don’t include parking and other exterior spaces, but the report identified 9,000 square feet for staff and CPD vehicle parking, 1,000 square feet for ADA access ramps, and an area for kenneling stray animals.

Because the police department and public works building are connected, public works director Ken Wysocki analyzed how much office space his department needs and concluded it could get by with 4,165 square feet, which would include shared spaces and more of a bullpen-style environment.

Outdoor space for equipment and materials storage and parking could be reduced, while the workshop, fabrication and fleet maintenance areas would stay the same.

“These changes emphasize our core operational needs,” he said, adding that the

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LIBRARY

From page 1A

In April, the city council approved a contract between the city and the foundation, and on June 24, the library board of trustees voted to recommend the council OK the MRY agreement, too.

Pierik said the firm has extensive experience with historic renovation and designing libraries. In a Nov. 1, 2024, letter to the city, partner Buzz Yudell said his firm has “completed a wide array of renovations and restorations of important historic architecture,” during the past four decades, including “award-winning libraries in Tacoma, Los Angeles, and Berkeley as well as many civic and educational buildings which were essential to their communities.”

“In each case, a legacy building was revitalized to become a treasured focus of civic life,” he said.

Yudell stated that “as the role of libraries in communities evolves, civic, cultural and educational programs increasingly inform libraries as the centers of community life and learning.”

Work ahead

The contract’s scope of services includes validation of the concept and program, schematic design, design development, construction documents and permit support, assistance with bids, construction observation, and post-occupancy review.

Pierik said the foundation will fund the work in three phases. The first will cover schematics/conceptual design and community engagement and will not exceed \$1,515,627, while the second will include design development, engineering, construction drawings, documents and specifications, and an estimate of construction

costs, for \$1,081,492. Phase 3 — support and consultation during construction — will run \$630,014.

The firm is also entitled to compensation for “supplemental and optional services,” such as a 3D lidar scan and model, a historic analysis, additional community meetings, a concept study for the south entry and landscaping, LEED Gold certi-



PHOTO/NANCY TWOMEY

Carmel Bach Festival musicians offered a preview in Harrison Memorial Library last week. The historic building is slated for a \$20 million interior remodel.

cation and additional construction site visits, as well as for any additional services.

“After nearly 100 years of loyal service, we know the building could use a little TLC,” CPLF board President Marci Mieux told the council. “This project is more than a renovation — it’s our promise to preserve the soul of the library.”

She said the foundation is “deeply committed to making this a collaborative process” and pledged to keep the community “involved every step of the way.”

CPLF executive director Alexandra Fallon said the project will help the library thrive for the next century.

“Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our donors, we have already been able to raise \$8.8 million toward this project,” she said.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND THEREAFTER, PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SUCH CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL, AND PROVIDING FURTHER THAT THIS ORDINANCE AND THE CHARGES ESTABLISHED HEREBY AND THE TAX COLLECTION PROCEDURE SELECTED HEREIN SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL EITHER THE SAID CHARGES ARE REVISED OR THIS ORDINANCE IS OTHERWISE AMENDED OR REPEALED

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT (DISTRICT) DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

1.**Sewer Service Charges.** Sewer service charges for services rendered are hereby adopted and levied upon all fiscal years hereafter until the charges established herein are modified or this ordinance is repealed, at the same rates set forth on Exhibit “A” which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

2.**Collection on Tax Roll.** Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §5473, the District hereby elects to have the aforesaid sewer service charges for services rendered by the District collected on the tax roll in the same general manner, by the same persons and at the same time as the collection of general property taxes by the County of Monterey.

3.**Duration.** This ordinance, the service charges established hereby and the collection procedure elected herein shall continue in full force and effect until either: a) the said sewer service charges are revised, or b) this ordinance is otherwise specifically amended or repealed.

4.**Publication.** Following adoption, this ordinance shall be published once in a newspaper published in the District.

5.**Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force one (1) week after the date it is published in the newspaper, or July 1, 2025, whichever is later.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District duly held on June 26, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: PRESIDENT WHITE, DIRECTORS: COLE, LONERGAN, URQUHART

NOES: BOARD MEMBERS: DIRECTOR SIEGFRIED

(s)Ken White, President of the Board

Attest: Domine Barringer, Secretary of the Board

Publication Dates: July 4th & July 11th

Exhibit “A”

Sewer User Fees Effective July 1, 2025

User Category	Units	Annual Rate
Bakery	Location	\$3,395.32
Bar	Location	\$1,527.14
Beauty Salon	Location	\$1,290.80
Business/Govt./Retail	Per 10 Employees*	\$594.20
Camera/Photo	Location	\$768.28
Church/Synagogue/Mission	Location	\$864.84
Conv. Hospital	Per Bed	\$456.84
Dental Office	Per Dentist	\$901.16
Gym/Health Spa	Location	\$1,130.44
Hotel/Motel	Per Room	\$461.36
Laundromats	Per Machine	\$1,118.72
Laundry	Location	\$3,750.68
Market	Location	\$1,677.24
Medical Office	Per Physician	\$440.50
Residential	Dwelling Unit	\$952.82
Restaurants	Seat/Meal**	\$68.04
Schools	Population	\$41.38
Service Stations	Per Pump	\$2,838.54
Supermarkets	Location	\$23,282.90
Veterinary Offices	Location	\$2,207.88
Animal Hospital & Boarding	Location	\$6,251.90
Special/Unlisted Users \$/Flow	Characteristics ***	\$892.50

* Each business is counted separately. For 1-10 employee it is counted as 1 unit. For 11-20 it is counted as two units. And so on. For the purposes of this model part-time employees are counted as 4:1

** Customer seats are multiplied by the number of meal periods (breakfast, lunch, dinner) serviced times two. The rate model assumes a seat will turn over twice during any meal period.

***Special/Unlisted users are assessed rates based on their loadings for Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), Suspended Solids (SS), and Flow (millions of gallons) multiplied by the following unit rates: \$1.729770691/lb of BOD; \$0.98753117/lb of SS; \$12.953.98/MG of flow

The Carmel Area Wastewater District collects, treats and disposes of wastewater from more than 6,500 residential and commercial connections in Carmel and surrounding areas and portions of lower Carmel Valley.

The fixed rate user fees include funds required for current operation and maintenance costs.

Publication dates: July 4 and 11,2025 (PC714)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251148

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

CALVARY CHURCH, 3001 Monterey-Salinas Hwy., Monterey, CA., County of MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in Articles of Inc./Org./Reg. CALVARY CHAPEL MONTEREY BAY, 3001 Monterey-Salinas Hwy., Monterey, CA 93940.

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1, 2025.

S/ Valerie J. Ceornocut, Secretary

June 23, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 06/23/2025

Publication Dates: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025. (PC 706)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (PROBATE CODE 19040(b), 19052) In re the Trust created by BONNIE ANN HILL, Decedent Case Number 25PR000353

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and deliver a copy to CRAIG CHRISTOPHER FERTAL JR, as Trustee of The BONNIE ANN HILL LIVING TRUST dated June 17, 1993, of which the Decedent was the Settlor, at 26335 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite 2, Carmel, CA., 93923, as provided in Probate Code §1215 within the later of four (4) months after JULY 11, 2025 (the date of the first publication of notice to creditors) or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, sixty (60) days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Probate Code §19103. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

Dated: June 25, 2025

UTE M. ISBILL-WILLIAMS, Attorney for Trustee CRAIG CHRISTOPHER FERTAL JR., of The BONNIE ANN HILL LIVING TRUST dated June 17, 1993.

26335 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite 2 Carmel, California 93923

Publication dates: July 11, 18, 25, 2025. (PC707)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251068

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

MAYARI METAPHYSICAL, 262 Lerwick Drive, Monterey CA. 93940, County of MONTEREY

Name of Individual Registrant: Johnali Rose Westmoreland.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 1, 2025.

S/ Johnali Westmoreland

June 9, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 06/9/2025

Publication Dates: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025. (PC 708)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251128

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

WHOLE DOG RADIANCE, 252 Casa

Verde Way, Monterey, CA 93940, County of Monterey

Registered Owner(s): Holly Mason Heimer, 252 Casa Verde Way, Monterey, CA 93940

This business is conducted by an Individual

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not applicable

S/ Holly Mason Helmer

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 06/18/2025

7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25/25

CNS-3943147#

CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication Dates: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025. (PC 709)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250374

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

SEVEN STAR SERVICES, 609 El Rancho Dr., Madera, CA 93637, County of Madera

Registered Owner(s): AGZC26 Corp., 3336 S La Cienega Blvd. 275, Los Angeles, CA 90016; CA

This business is conducted by corporation

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on n/a

S/ Shneur Cohen, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 17, 2025

7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25/25

CNS-3942856#

CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication Dates: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025. (PC 710)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251131

LIJ CREATIONS, EST. 2023, 733 CALIFORNIA ST, SALINAS, CA 93901, County of MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): LIJ CREATIONS, LLC, 733 CALIFORNIA ST, SALINAS, CA 93901; CALIFORNIA

This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE

S/ MIRANDA MALDONADO, MANAGER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 06/18/2025

7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25/25

CNS-3935745#

CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication Dates: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025. (PC 711)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251074

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

REZA'S CREAMERY, 445 Reservation Rd., Suite B, Marina, CA 93933, County of MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): I & P BROTHERS DAIRY LLC, P.O. Box 2106, Monterey, CA 93940

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE

S/ Jayesh Desai, Manager/Member

June 5, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 9, 2025

Publication Dates: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025. (PC 712)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251190

Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. STROBEL PROPERTIES, 2. OFF-ABBOTT MINI-STORAGE, 3. OFF-ABBOTT BUSINESS PARK, 246 Abbott Street, Salinas, CA 93901.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): JEFF STROBEL, RICHARD JAMES, LESLIE MARTIN

This business is conducted by a general partnership

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 9, 2012.

S/Richard James

Date signed: June 6, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 1, 2025.

Publication Dates: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025 (PC 713)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251194

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. BIGGSASS ENTERTAINMENTS, 2. CLEAN LIVING SOLUTIONS, 267 Chapparral Street, Salinas, CA 93906.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

Registered Owner(s): MATTHEW LEE LOGGINS, 267 Chapparral Street, Salinas, CA 93906.

KRISTINE LOGGINS, 267 Chapparral Street, Salinas, CA 93906.

This business is conducted by a married couple.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 2025.

S/Matthew L. Loggins

Date signed: July 1, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 1, 2025.

Publication Dates: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025 (PC 717)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250944

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WEST COAST SUBLIMATION, 412 Francioni, Soledad, CA 93960.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

Registered Owner(s): LORENZO SANCHEZ, 412 Francioni, Soledad, CA 93960.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 15, 2025.

S/Lorenzo Sanchez

Date signed: May 20, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 20,

2025.
Publication Dates: July 1, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 2025 (PC 720)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251191

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: COASTAL HOME SERVICES, 64C Southbank Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

Registered Owner(s): JESSICA HEATHER RAINS, 64C Southbank Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 2025.

S/Jessica Rains

Date signed: July 1, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 1, 2025.

Publication Dates: July 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 2025 (PC 721)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251196

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CUPERTINO PROPERTIES, 80 Valle Vista, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

Registered Owner(s): JOHN PARKER DOZIER.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

S/John Dozier

Date signed: July 1, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 1, 2025.

Publication Dates: July 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 2025 (PC 722)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251119

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

Hudson James, 201 W Franklin St., Monterey, CA 93940, County of Monterey

Registered Owner(s): Franklin Street Collaborative Inc., 201 W Franklin Street, Monterey, CA 93940; CA

This business is conducted by a corporation

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 11/01/2020

S/ Stacie Nicole Sundahl, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 06/17/2025

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CARMEL PINE CONE.

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CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, CALIFORNIA

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

FOR CONGLOMERATE PAVING PROJECT FY 24-25

Notice is hereby given that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is soliciting bids from qualified Contractors for work including but not limited to:

AC Paving / Overlay Streets

AC paving and overlay activities are planned for 10 streets across the city’s vicinity, with the potential inclusion of one street located beyond city limits.

These roadway improvements include: lowering utility irons, patch paving, conform grinding, reconstruction of several ADA ramps, placing a 2” or 2-1/2” thick AC overlay, restoring AC berms, swales and pavement markings, and raising utility irons.

Micro – Surfacing Streets

The project includes planned resurfacing using micro-surfacing treatment on as many as 21 street segments

These roadway improvements include: patch paving, removing markings, crack sealing, applying micro-surfacing, and restoring pavement markings.

Sidewalk Improvements

West Side of Junipero Street between Sixth Avenue and Ocean Avenue

Northwest Corner of Dolores Street and Seventh Avenue

North Side of Sixth Avenue between Lincoln Street and Dolores Street

South Side of Sixth Avenue between Mission Street and Junipero Street

Southeast Corner of Dolores Street and Ocean Avenue

These roadway improvements include: removing existing brick, concrete, asphalt, and paver sidewalk segments, regrading and compacting subgrade, installing redwood headers and new permeable pavers or asphalt sidewalk, reconstructing curb and gutter, cobblestone curb, AC berms, and adjusting utility boxes to grade.

There will be a Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Tour at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 02, 2025 we will be meeting at the southeast corner of Junipero Street and 6th Avenue.

This meeting will allow bidders to receive an overview of the project, review the working areas, and ask questions.

The Invitation for Bids is available at http://ci.carmel.ca.us/carmel (under the tab “I Want to” “Submit a Bid or Proposal”) or by contacting Carmel Public Works Department at 831-620-2070.

At the time of the Bid opening, the successful Bidder must be legally entitled to perform Contracts requiring Class A General Contractor’s License.

Questions regarding this solicitation are to be directed to Javier Hernandez, City Project Manager, at jhernandez@ci.carmel.ca.us.

All questions must be submitted via email by Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

Responses will be posted on the City website at http://ci.carmel.ca.us by Friday, July 18, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

Sealed Bids shall be received no later than 2:00 PM on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 and shall be submitted to the attention of the City Clerk with the envelope clearly labeled Conglomerate Paving Project FY 24-25 and showing the name of the Contractor.

Bid may be hand delivered or mailed as follows:

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Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921

Bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

Bids received after the stated deadline will be returned unopened.

Per Sections 1725.5, 1771.1, 1771.3, and 1771.4 of the Labor Code, this project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

All Contractors and Subcontractors shall be listed in the bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, and shall be currently registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the Labor Code.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Historic Resources Board of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Board will visit some or all the project sites in person as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend both the Tour and the Hearing.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE AND IN PERSON AT CITY HALL.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom; however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom.

The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible.

To attend in person, visit the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues.

To view or listen to the meeting remotely, you may access the YouTube Live Stream at: https://www.youtube.com/@CityofCarmelbytheSea/streams, or use the following link to view or listen to the meeting via Zoom teleconference: https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/88188362744?pwd=9H2DI5GuqQ2eCddEodJusxbLVYlhX.1.

To listen to the meeting via telephone, dial +1 669-444-9171.

Webinar ID: 881 8836 2744.

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All interested people are invited to attend via teleconference or in person at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter.

Written comments may be submitted to the Community Planning & Building Department at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or by emailing kwallace@ci.carmel.ca.us prior to the meeting.

With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting to ensure they are provided to the Historic Resources Board and made part of the record.

Comments received after that time and up to the end of the Public Hearing will be saved as part of the record but may not be provided to the Historic Resources Board prior to or during the Public Hearing.

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City’s website at http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us and found by clicking on “Government” and then “Meetings.”

The Historic Resources Board meeting will be broadcast live on the City’s website at http://carmel.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/meetingsresponsive.aspx and archived there after the meeting.

For more information regarding Historic Resources Board meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

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Mr. Rooter Plumbing, Applicant DR 25112)

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San Carlos Street 3 northwest of 7th Avenue

Block 76, Lots 13 & 15

APN: 010-146-003-000

Consideration of findings of consistencies with the established design context of the Downtown Conservation District for the installation of a 3 inch storm drain from flat roof drain along the side and facade of the building (DR 25112), and the color change of an existing retractable awning to black and white stripes (DR 25151) located at an existing non-historic property at San Carlos Street 3 northwest of 7th Avenue in the Central Commercial (CC) Zone District and Downtown Conservation District (DC) Overlay.

APN: 010-146-003-000

DR 24087 (Esperanza Carmel Commercial, LLC)

Ryan Aeschliman, Agent

Lincoln Street 3 southwest of Ocean Avenue

Block 74, Lot 11

APN: 010-191-001-000

Consideration of a Determination of Consistency with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for building exterior and site improvements at the historic “Aucourt Commercial Block” property at Lincoln Street 3 southwest of Ocean Avenue in the Central Commercial (CC) Zone District and Downtown Conservation District (DC) Overlay.

APN: 010-191-001-000

DS 25078 (Casanova All the Way LLC)

David Solomon, Designer

Northeast corner of Casanova Street and 13th Avenue

Block 134; Lot 24 & 26

APN: 010-175-011-000

Consideration of a Determination of Consistency with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for demolition of the existing garage and guest house and the construction of a new garage and ADU at the historic “Connolly-Search House” located at the northeast corner of Casanova Street and 13th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District.

APN: 010-175-011-000

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

Katherine Wallace, AICP, Associate Planner

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Publication date: June 27, July 11, 2025 (PC657)

BOARD

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A key part of that effort has been due to Mary Smith, who pledged a \$5 million matching grant and subsequently joined the CPLF board. Since then, the campaign has received 34 major gifts in amounts of \$10,000 and higher, according to the foundation.

Library director Ashlee Wright said she is “thrilled to be working with this firm,” and that she’s dedicated to keeping the community involved.

“I see an opportunity for gentle enhancements — for a subtle evolution, not a revolution,” she said.

After a few other public comments and a brief discussion, the council unanimously approved the contract, prompting a round of applause from those gathered in the chambers.

Appointment delayed

Earlier in the meeting, Mayor Dale Byrne and Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Delves put forward their nominee for the library board, Billy Farina, as they had a month earlier, when the majority of the council overruled them. Byrne and Delves recommended that Farina, a retired longtime Cox executive, replace Jonathan Krisher, whose term was ending and who applied for reappointment.

The two reiterated Farina’s strengths and his community involvement and noted that while he lives just outside the city limits on Carmel Point, he is eligible for appointment to the board.

But former councilman Bobby Richards, who recently joined the Carmel Residents Association’s board of directors, said the group “feels strongly that our city commissions should primarily be filled with residents who live in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea.”

He said the CRA board feels that residents are best suited to serve on the city’s boards and commissions.

After Delves made the motion to appoint Farina and Byrne seconded it, councilman Hans Buder made a substitute motion to put off the vote for another month, when a second vacancy on the library board is set to be filled, so the council could vote on both at the same time. Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov seconded it.

After Byrne said he would continue the item — and Pierik pointed out the motion required a vote — the mayor and Delves argued for appointing Farina.

‘Unfair’

Delves described Farina as “perhaps most exceptional candidate that I interviewed,” and said he has “leadership experience and a proven ability to manage complexity,” not just in situations but in relationships, such as the various agencies and entities involved in the library remodel.

He also said Farina is a “critical thinker” and a “self-starter.”

“My suggestion would be that we appoint him tonight, and we have an opening that we will endeavor to fill by August, but I think we’re stringing along Mr. Farina, who’s an incredibly qualified candidate, and I don’t think that’s fair,” Delves said.

As for whether a board member lives within the city limits, Delves argued that it’s more about the person’s qualifications than his zip code.

“It’s recognition that the library is a regional asset and is interesting and valuable to people” who live beyond Carmel’s square mile, he said.

Byrne pointed out that much of the financial support the library receives comes from people who don’t live in the city, either.

“I think we found the right person,” he said. “I’m quite frankly surprised that this is happening again, and I think we should appoint Billy Farina tonight.”

But Buder held fast to his motion for continuance and repeated his support for Krisher, and Dramov supported it. The motion to continue passed unanimously.



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Name of Individual(s) Registrant: Suzanne E. Gravelle, 225 Crossroads Blvd., #180, Carmel, CA. 93923.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 1, 2003.
S/Suzanne E. Gravelle

Date: June 6, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 17, 2025.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251149
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FROZEN ATOMS, 769 Northridge Mall, Salinas, CA. 93906**, County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

Name of Individual(s) Registrant: Awad Adel Ali Alsofi, 207 Moreno St., Greenfield, CA. 93927.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Awad Alsofi
Date: June 23, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 23, 2025.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251154
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **YOGA SALINAS LLC, 44 Plaza Circle, Salinas, CA. 93901**, County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: YOGA SALINAS LLC, 544 Archer St., Salinas, CA. 93901.
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 24, 2025.

S/Audrey Honeycutt, CEO
Date: June 24, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 24, 2025.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251063
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ANTOJITOS EL SAZON, 239 Cherry Dr., Salinas, CA. 93901**, County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.

Name of individual registrant, Maria Sofia Raya Anguiano, Juan Manuel Alvarado Corona, P.O. Box 662, Salinas, CA. 93902. This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 23, 2023.
S/Maria Sofia Raya Anguiano
Date: June 9, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 9, 2025.
Publication Dates: June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2025. (PC 665)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE TS No. CA-24-984063-BF Order No.: 240046891-CA-VOO YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/10/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **ROSANNE MAYHEW, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN** Recorded: 6/16/2005 as Instrument No. 2005060867 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of MONTEREY County, California; Date of Sale: 6/24/2025 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: **At the main entrance to the County Administration Building, located at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$800,957.90** The purported property address is: **109 PINE WAY, CARMEL, CA 93923-9603** Assessor’s Parcel No.: **241-123-008-000** **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. 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If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **916-939-0772** for information regarding the trustee’s sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-24-984063-BF**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an “eligible tenant buyer,” you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. 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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE No. 25-3347-MON YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED February 2, 2024. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On July 29, 2025 at 10:00 am, at the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, Ca. 93901, The Foreclosure Company, Inc., as Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) the following described property situated in the County of Monterey, State of California, described more fully within said Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation of the real property described above is purported to be: 11709 Camino Escondido Road, Carmel Valley, California 93924 APN: 416-082-030 The undersigned disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation shown here. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding in a foreclosure sale under a lien secured by the property, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder’s office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (408) 374-7204 or visit www.foreclosureco.com or www.nationwideposting.com and check Trustee’s Sale #25-3347-MON. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an “eligible tenant buyer,” you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an “eligible bidder,” you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. 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Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the Power of Sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Hilltop Assets LLC, a Wyoming Limited Liability Company, as Trustor, Recorded on February 15, 2024 as Instrument Number 2024005332 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County and Deed of Trust Modification Agreement dated June 1, 2024 Recorded on June 5, 2024 as Instrument Number 2024019543 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County. At the time of the initial publication of this Notice, the amount due to satisfy the obligation secured by the subject Deed of Trust, estimated costs, expenses, fees and advances is \$3,447,233.91. To verify the opening bid before the sale you may call (408) 374-7204, The Foreclosure Company, Inc., 827 Cedar Street, Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060 The Foreclosure Company, Inc, as Trustee By: Christina Leigh, Foreclosure Officer Date: June 30, 2025 This office is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose; whether that information is obtained verbally or in writing. NPP0476217 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 07/04/2025, 07/11/2025, 07/18/2025

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DEBORAH (PIPER) TRINGALI
July 22, 1951 – June 22, 2025

With deep sadness we share the passing of our beloved Debbie. Her passing was very unexpected at the age of 73 in Arkansas. She is survived by her partner of 30 years, Russel Norman, and siblings Adam, Sondra, Denise and Jill.

A 1969 graduate of Carmel High, she lived life with an adventurous and independent spirit, moving to Hawaii as a teenager. Debbie settled in Seaside with Russ where she worked at the Costco pharmacy. There, she became a beloved and familiar face, known not just for her professionalism and sense of humor, but for her kindness and generosity.

To all, Debbie was unforgettable with her loving and kindness. Her presence lit up a room, and her absence will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved her.

Full obituary at Neptune Society website.

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WALK
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the state’s iconic native flora.”

“From the towering redwoods of the northern coast to the otherworldly Joshua trees of the desert, his new book, ‘California Tree: A Field Guide to the Native Species’ takes readers on a journey through the state’s diverse landscapes, highlighting the remarkable variety of tree species that call it home,” she said. “With his striking photography, humor and botanical insight, Dr. Ritter will share the natural history of California’s largest and most storied organisms.”

To reserve a seat, RSVP by Monday, July 14, to tree-walk@carmelforest.org and specify, “lecture.”

The goal of the tree walk and lecture is to highlight the importance of Carmel’s urbanized forest, according to the Friends of Carmel Forest. Visit carmelforest.org.

TRANSIENT
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and Seventh.

“The owner said it could have fallen out in a number of places, because he was taking out his wallet here and there,” Trayer said, adding that Dixon’s charges amounted to “hundreds of dollars.”

After the victim called Carmel P.D. to report the card had been used at the Cypress Inn, officers went to the hotel and spoke with an employee in reception.

“The worker guided them to the room, and they knocked on the door, and it was Ebon,” Trayer said.

Minor record

While the new case against Dixon hasn’t been filed, he’s been involved in numerous criminal cases since 1997, according to Monterey County Superior Court records, though none involve felonies.

Over the years, he’s been arrested for theft, trespassing, vandalism and public urination, among other charges, and has been cited a dozen-and-a-half time for camping on public lands. Many of the incidents were reported in the area of the Church of the Wayfarer at Lincoln and Seventh, where he could frequently be found on the grounds. The last time he got in trouble was for violation of probation in March 2021.

COUNSELING
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provide documentation. This is why claims get abandoned. Our solution eliminates that labor burden,” he said, by using artificial intelligence to collect all the necessary paperwork and respond to requests from insurance companies.

Meanwhile, Shaffer said, schools can check on claim status using the Healthy Campus platform, which provides “full transparency on how claims are reimbursed to them,” he said.

Healthy Campus also functions as a “patient portal” for student documents, consent forms, appointment scheduling and mental health screenings used by school counselors. It’s designed to integrate with Carmel’s student information system and apps like ParentSquare. Families will have access to the platform, too, Shaffer told The Pine Cone, to make sure they know about the services their children are receiving.

‘Student outcomes’

He said the software is also capable of compiling data to measure the benefits of behavioral health services, both individually and schoolwide. The platform can create reports on academic performance, disciplinary incidents, attendance and even college and career readiness for students receiving mental health services.

“It aligns with our goals in really supporting students’ access to mental health, because we know that when well-being is supported, academics can improve, too. We’re really looking at student outcomes,” Gonzalez said at the meeting in April.

In addition to the data, Goncalves said the district will take “surveys and primary responses” from students to “measure key indicators of social-emotional wellbeing.”

GAVEL
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driver followed Turner, Turner entered a parking lot, made a U-turn and pointed a firearm out his window at the other driver. The other driver quickly drove off to avoid a confrontation.

Officers found a loaded, unregistered 9 mm pistol in Turner’s car and 8.9 grams of cocaine in his pants pocket.

On Nov. 9, 2024, Turner assaulted his ex-girlfriend, Jane Doe. Turner punched Doe in the face, pulled her hair, and punched the top of her head. Turner and Doe later took a walk outside when Turner again became angry. He pushed Doe to the ground, kicked her twice in the head, and grabbed her hair to pull her up from the ground.

When they returned to the house, Turner again hit Doe. When officers arrived, Turner refused to identify himself, repeatedly kicked at the patrol car, and yelled at officers throughout the entire interaction.

Doe suffered two swollen black eyes, redness and swelling on her forehead, pain, and redness and cuts to her face, hands, knees and elbows.



DONNA L. BRUHN
9/14/54 – 5/11/25

We sadly announce the passing of a beautiful, bright spirit that graced our presence and left us too soon.

Donna was born and raised in the Salinas Valley, youngest daughter of Dick and Bobby Bruhn. She graduated Salinas High School and UCLA where she joined Chi Omega Sorority. After college, she worked and lived in various locales and industries and eventually found her way to San Francisco working in event planning and floral design and studying Sogetsu Ikebana which influenced her artistic style. It was there in 1995 that she met the love of her life whom she referred to as “my Deb.” They managed a long-distance relationship for 30 years, separated merely by miles, inseparable by heart, by laughter and adventures, and by unwavering support of one another’s endeavors.

Savvy at business, she owned and operated Gifts on the Go, or as everyone called it, “Donna’s,” for 25 years. She made her success seem effortless by greeting everyone who came through the door with the dedication to finding them the perfect gift. Customers came in for the gifts but came back for the fun she infused into the experience. Her customers were loyal and steadfast. Donna generously donated her time and talents to organizations in the community including Alliance on Aging, the Steinbeck Center, American Cancer Society and Active Seniors. One of her favorite events was the Alliance on Aging “Trashion” show where her designs lit up the runway.

After 25 years in business, Donna was ready for a new chapter. She sold her business and Salinas home and moved to the Hacienda Community in Carmel Valley. For her, it was love at first sight, and it was reciprocated by her neighbors as she jumped in with energy, curiosity, and a can-do approach in this very special community.

How to sum up a life: she was loving, smart, funny, stylish, artistic, hard-working, quirky, generous, irreverent, intuitive, loyal, and possessed a creative spirit that was inspired by all she saw around her. In signature black, denim and a scarf, her style was unique and instantly recognizable, as was her laugh and the snort that accompanied it. She could throw a great party on a moment’s notice. What she couldn’t do was get anyone to leave, and that made her happy! Her garden was her meditation, and the plants and flowers reflected her deep love of the natural world. She was never happier than when her hands were in the dirt.

Donna leaves behind extended family and friends whose hearts are broken by her departure but will be sustained by the memories she left behind.

Donna, we will miss you always and will look for you in a beautiful garden under a full moon.

Donna is survived by her life partner of 30 years, Deb Wright; her sisters, Susie and Leslie; her adoring nieces, Sasha and Nikki; Sasha’s husband, Bubba, and their three children Mila, Cruz and Romie. She was preceded in death by her father, Dick; her mother, Bobby; and her dear sister, Bonnie.

Her celebration of life will be held at Hacienda Carmel from 2 to 5 p.m. on July 19, 2025, 1000 Hacienda Carmel, Carmel, CA 93923.

PETER G. WISSMEIER
Peter G. Wissmeier passed away on June 3, 2025, following a long battle with dementia. Peter was born on Jan. 11, 1942, in Heidelberg, Germany, with his twin brother, Walter.



He completed a three-year course to become an electrician. Peter arrived in the United States in 1964. In 1972 he started his own company in Monterey, Ramona Electric, which he led for 53 years. Peter’s interests were his work and Formula 1 car racing.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Karin; a stepdaughter, Ramona Davi; his twin brother, Walter (Dusanka), and nephew, Hans Peter (Sibylle). He will be greatly missed.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff of Carmel Hill Care Center who took such great care of Peter in the last nine months of his life.

A private service has taken place. Those who wish to honor Peter may do so by giving to the charity of their choice.

STABBED

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dining room and a knife stained with blood and hair.

Scariot said the victim also told her that several days prior to the attack, she had reported Darpinian missing and that he was later found walking barefoot along Carmel Valley Road. When she picked him up, he described hearing voices telling him to do something, but he couldn't say what, according to the detective's testimony.

His mother also said that "48 hours prior to the stabbing, he seemed off, agitated and moody." Darpinian had no history of violence.

Treated in jail

In fact, his mental health was called into question not long after he turned himself in early the morning of Jan. 26 and was arrested. The judge suspended the criminal proceedings, ordered an evaluation and initially committed him to up to two years of residential psychiatric treatment, but subsequently found him competent to stand trial after he received treatment at the jail.

At the preliminary hearing, Butler concluded the prosecution had presented sufficient evidence to proceed with the case against Darpinian, who has been charged with attempted murder and an enhancement for committing the violent crime with a knife.

"In reviewing the exhibits, I do note the large knife and, frankly, the very deep puncture wound," she said, as well as several other deep cuts and "very significant lacerations on all four fingers."

Darpinian remains in Monterey County Jail on \$1,015,000 bail.

CEO

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lower wages for its 3,300 employees.

McDermott said in his message that the community "deserves access to care that doesn't come at the cost of their financial stability or well-being."

He also said Montage is building on existing initiatives to be as efficient as possible to make the best use of its resources.

"One example is our intensifying efforts to improve the efficiency of care of patients in our hospital by eliminating waiting times for testing and treatment," he explained. "These efforts remove bottlenecks and increase our capacity, allowing us to free up beds to care for someone else in need."

NENA

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harness its potential."

She called for job reclassification — "because 911 professionals are not clerical workers" — taking advantage of AI and other emerging technologies to address call surges and staffing shortages, strengthening alliances, and investing in better data collection and analysis, "because we can't fix what we can't measure."

As the head of emergency communications, Magoski has been a major proponent of information-gathering and analysis. In late 2021, the county became the first in the state to provide surveys to 911 callers so they could

Another includes adopting more standardized care protocols, developed by our physicians and staff, which the Montage Health CEO said reduces cost of care while increasing its quality "because staff members know the protocols, creating a safer environment with lower risks of complications."

UCSF partnership

The hospital also recently partnered with University of California, San Francisco, to provide advanced neurosurgical procedures and welcomed Monterey Spine & Joint to become part of Montage Health.

"After spending the last three months listening to and getting to know our staff, leadership, medical staff and community, I'm grateful to be on this journey with all of you," McDermott said. "With your support, I know we have everything we need to continue creating the magic that is Montage Health."

provide feedback on their experiences talking to call takers or dispatchers. The previous year, as the Covid pandemic took off, the department received approximately 710,000 phone calls and processed 520,000 calls for service for law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services, according to the county. Magoski sought the feedback to help the department improve its services and to pass compliments on to those who earned them.

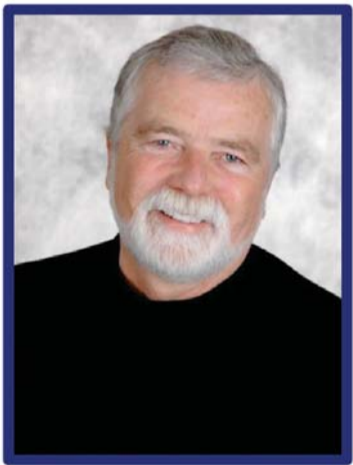
County officials congratulated Magoski on her appointment and said they look forward "to the transformative leadership she will bring to the emergency communications field, both locally and nationwide."

Other emergency communications professionals joining her in the year-long stint on the board include appointees from Kansas, Tennessee, North Carolina, New Jersey, Michigan, Idaho and Ontario, Canada.

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Casper 'Bud' Larson

6/8/1944 — 6/13/25

Casper 'Bud' Larson served as a real estate agent from 1971 until the present. His career began with Valley Realty in Livermore. Two years later he and his partners started their own company, Vintage Realty. They opened additional offices in Dublin, Pleasanton and Modesto. Then he and one of his partners came to Carmel and opened a Vintage Realty office, which became Real Estate by the Sea.

After 13 years Bud moved to Del Monte Realty, which was purchased by Coldwell Banker Realty, where he remained.

He is survived by two children, Scott Larson and Mari Flasck; four grandchildren; a stepson and daughter, Robert Thompson and JD Rochon; and his wife and her seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Bud was an amazing, kind and thoughtful husband who was also kind and helpful to all he connected with. One of his granddaughters said one day, when she was 4 years old, "You know Grammy, Grampy doesn't say much but he's always there for you."

I think that says it all.

Andrea Del Monte Thatcher

December 23, 1927 – March 11, 2025

CARMEL, CALIFORNIA – Andrea Del Monte Thatcher passed away peacefully on March 11, 2025. Born in French Camp, California, near Stockton, Andrea and her parents, Andrew and Edith (Ridenour) Del Monte began their visits to Carmel in 1935. By the summer of 1940, Carmel had become their permanent home. That fall, Andrea entered the eighth grade just as Carmel High School opened its doors for the very first time. She went on to graduate with the Class of 1945, beginning a lifelong bond with the town and its community.

She went on to study at the University of California, Berkeley, where she reconnected with a fellow Carmel High graduate, Peter Thatcher. The two were married on April 4, 1948, at the Church of the Wayfarer in Carmel. Their marriage was the beginning of a loving partnership filled with family, service and adventure. They lived in Spokane, Washington, Redondo Beach, Saratoga, Berkeley, and for 35 years in the Lafayette/Moraga area.

A proud third-generation Californian, Andrea had a lifelong passion for community service. As a high school student during World War II, she joined the Junior Women's Volunteer Services and held several student leadership positions.

Her dedication to helping others continued throughout her life. In 1960, she began volunteering at Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley, serving on the volunteer board for 12 years and as president in 1972. After her board service, she accepted the role of volunteer director at Children's Hospital in Oakland, where she helped develop an interdisciplinary program to support the emotional and social needs of hospitalized children.

In 1980, Andrea was invited to create a volunteer program at Peralta Hospital in Oakland. During this time, she also earned her bachelor of science degree in behavioral sciences from the University of San Francisco.

Andrea was a leader in her field, serving as president of the Northern California Association of Directors of Volunteer Services and contributing to several national committees with the American Society of Directors of Volunteer Services. Later she was actively involved with the Carmel Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. Andrea served as the chairman of the board for three years.

Though life and career took Andrea and Pete away from the Monterey Peninsula for many years, they were never far from frequent visits home with her beloved parents, Edith and Andy. Carmel was always in their hearts, and in 1993, they returned to the place they loved most to enjoy their retirement. One of their first joyful undertakings was organizing a grand reunion in the fall of 1994, bringing together all Carmel High School classes from the 1940s. More than 300 former classmates traveled from around the world to celebrate a heartfelt weekend of shared memories and renewed friendships.

Andrea treasured the simple pleasures of life with Pete — traveling with close friends, playing relaxed rounds of golf, and strolling together along the shores of Carmel Beach. Their spiritual lives were equally fulfilling; they were long-standing members of the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church and found great joy in their involvement with the Church in the Forest in Pebble Beach.

Her children lovingly remember her: Stephen (Karen), Michael (Renee), Robert, and Deborah; her grandchildren: Brian (Kelly) and Lindsey (Skip) Schumaker; and her great-grandchildren: Brody and Presley Schumaker, and Sydney and Trevor Thatcher. Andrea was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Peter Thatcher.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to her devoted caregiver, Sunita Kumar, and the compassionate staff at Carmel Hills Care Center and Hospice of the Central Coast.

A private interment will take place at El Carmelo Cemetery in Pacific Grove on Friday, August 1, at 11 a.m.
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LOOKOUT

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keep the tower staffed during the fire season. Standing 12 feet above the ground, the metal tower was built in 1929, along with a cabin, which was rebuilt after it burned in a 1978 fire, and it was renovated in 1984.

Sporadic use

The lookout wasn't staffed from around 1990 until 2017, when Scott McClintock of the lookout association began working with the Forest Service to get it back in service, according to the group. After another renovation in early 2019, volunteers returned to the lookout in August 2019.

For those who volunteer as fire lookouts, accommodations are minimal. "There is no running water, electrical service, air conditioning, or heating inside the cabin," according to the association. "There is no cell phone service, landline telephone or internet connectivity on Chews Ridge. Communications are conducted with a battery-powered U.S. Forest Service radio."

MEHDIPOUR

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proposed house is "over twice the size" of the original home.

Also speaking out against Mehdi pour's plan was Denise Estrada, secretary of the Alliance of Bay Area Preservationists.

"We urge the board to stand by the decision that the new structure be no taller than, no larger than, and within the footprint of the Neutra House," Estrada said. "There were also requirements for screening to preserve the viewshed from 17 Mile Drive and Fanshell Beach, and for adequate preservation and restoration of the dune habitat — these must also be upheld."

As she's done many times before, Mehdi pour pleaded her case with the supervisors, calling what's been done to her "extreme injustice."

"I want to put some perspective to this saga," she testified. "I've been through 18 hearings, including eight of them to the board of supervisors." Mehdi pour noted that she's been paying taxes on her land for 21 years and

assumes the liability that goes with that, but "I have no right to use my own property," she insisted.

"This has been an awful 21 years," she said. "Please don't let this cycle go again."

Mehdi pour predicted that even if the supervisors give her the OK to build her home, a project opponent will appeal the case to the California Coastal Commission.

"It's a disgrace that Monterey County has allowed this to happen," she added.

Supes make comments

Before the vote, Church said the board gave "real clarity" two years ago to Mehdi pour that the building must be kept within the footprint of the old house.

First District Supervisor Luis Alejo expressed disappointment that the historic home wasn't preserved.

"There's a responsibility to protect a historic home," Alejo said. "It's a valuable asset — I think it's a disgrace when a beautiful historic home isn't maintained."

District 3 Supervisor Chris Lopez said he was surprised by the size of the revised project. "I'm struggling with the fact that we gave, in my opinion, pretty clear direction, and what came back in terms of sheer square footage is substantially bigger," Lopez said.

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January email was disappointing jolt to former Carmel High golfer

AS NEW Year’s wishes go, the abrupt message Sonoma State University sent in January to every student-athlete on its campus couldn’t have been less inspiring. On Jan. 22, the Rohnert Park college

High alumnus Cole Kroeker, a scholarship golfer in his sophomore season with the Seawolves.

“I was sitting on my living room couch, about to head out to practice. One of my teammates sent a text to our group chat saying, ‘Hey, coach, we all just got a concerning email ... what’s this about?’” Kroeker recalled. “I found the email, which, at the very bottom said, ‘all NCAA sports will be eliminated.’”

His first reaction, Kroeker said, “was a little bit hysterical — I was thinking, ‘There’s no way,’” he reflected. “I called both of my parents and said, ‘You’re not gonna believe this’”

Golf is a big part of life in the Kroeker family. Dad Ross Kroeker is Carmel High’s longtime golf coach, and an instructor at the Pebble Beach Golf Academy. Cole’s high school highlights included a seventh-place finish at the NorCal championships in 2023, his senior year, which earned him a tee time at the state tournament as an individual qualifier.

‘Like a betrayal’

“There had been no talk that Sonoma State was running low on money — not even a rumor. To suddenly be told on a random Tuesday that, ‘Hey, you’re not going to be able to play your sport here anymore,’ felt like a betrayal,” Cole said. “Later that day, all of the sports teams went to a meeting to get more information, and the reality settled in a bit more. It was a really sad feeling.”

The good news, if any, was that Sonoma State’s

spring sports — golf and baseball — would be allowed to finish their seasons.

“The first couple of weeks were really hard,” Kroeker said. “In the back of our minds, I think the feeling was like, ‘What does this really matter?’ but then our thoughts kind of shifted to, ‘Let’s go out and show the community why Sonoma State should still have a team.’ It became a group effort to make sure everybody was staying positive, having a good time, feeling thankful to be out there. But it wasn’t like a normal season: Everybody had some mixed feelings.”

The Seawolves completed a solid season and made it to their regional tournament but fell short of qualifying for nationals.

The search for a new home

The hovering cloud, of course, was that Sonoma State coaches were out of a job, and its jettisoned athletes needed to find new places to play.

“I didn’t know if I would find another school that wanted me,” Kroeker said. “First of all, most schools are finalizing their recruitment toward the end of the spring, so it was an awkward time to reach out to coaches and say, ‘Hey, I’d love to join your team.’”

Secondly, beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, NCAA will limit golf teams to nine scholarships, a mandate that sends fringe Division I golfers into the transfer portal to shop for a Division II roster vacancy.

The effect: Division II coaches will wait for Division I players to get cut before committing their scholarship money.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Cole Kroeker’s game reflects a strong golf background. Ross Kroeker, his dad, is an instructor at the Pebble Beach Golf Academy and coaches Carmel High’s varsity team.

But Kroeker found himself in the right place at the right time when he spotted longtime Menlo College coach Mike Givens at a tournament.

“I approached him and said, ‘Hey, I’m interested in playing for you guys,’” Kroeker said. “He got back to me pretty quickly, arranged a phone meeting, and made me an offer.”

The kid from Carmel saw the private college in Atherton as a perfect fit.

“I still wanted to play college golf, and still wanted to play in California and be close to home,” he said.

Another unfortunate surprise was on the horizon: Givens subsequently resigned as

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PHOTO/SONOMA STATE ATHLETICS

Carmel High alumnus Cole Kroeker and his teammates learned in January that Sonoma State would be dropping its entire NCAA Division II athletic program at the end of the spring season.

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PURSE

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belonging to Perez had been logged entering or leaving town, according to Carmel P.D. Cmdr. Todd Trayer.

Sgt. Mike Bruno “was looking for the car that we believed was involved during that time,” he said, and sure enough, it appeared.

“There was some digital evidence like AirTags that led us to his location, also,” Trayer added. “Those types of devices help us a lot.”

Bruno and another officer drove to Capitola and worked with officers there to find Perez, who Trayer said admitted to having some of the stolen items.

He was also on probation, which means officers could search him, his residence and his car, and “that led to recovering the stolen property.”

Capitola police arrested him, Meghan Buder got her purse back, and the man whose golf clubs had been stolen

went to the station July 2 to retrieve them, according to Trayer.

“I was shocked by how quickly they were able to move on this. I just came away so impressed by their professionalism,” Buder said. “In most other places, this is an online report that goes into a black hole, and nothing ever comes of it, but not here in Carmel.”

No consolidation

Buder said the experience reinforced for him the importance of the city retaining its police department, rather than perhaps consolidating with other agencies to create a regional force, as some of his colleagues have suggested.

“It costs us a little extra to maintain our own police department, but I think this is a great example of why it’s worth it,” he said. “We really do get a concierge level of service.”

Buder thanked everyone involved.

“They really deserve some public recognition on this one,” he said.



PHOTOS/CPD

Good sleuthing led to the arrest of a Capitola man accused of breaking into cars in Carmel and the return of these stolen items to their owners.

SPORTS

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Menlo’s golf coach, but more good luck followed.

“The person they hired to replace Mike Givens was my old assistant coach at Sonoma State, Jess Stimack, which was great for me,” he said.

Kroeker has two years of NCAA eligibility remaining as he transfers to his new school, where he plans to major in finance.

Planning the future

“I’ve been interning with the Monterey branch of RBC Wealth Management,” he said. “Right now, I’m looking into becoming a financial advisor or potentially getting into investment banking on the private-equity side.”

The son of the Pebble Beach Golf Academy instructor doesn’t see himself following his father’s lead, but doesn’t rule out coaching.

“I could see myself doing something like that later in life, maybe at the middle school or high school level,” he said. “I love golf. I’m all about helping the game grow and helping young players reach the next level.”

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California Steve, Dave the Dude, and a great mall of artifacts

HE’S GONE to great lengths to salvage the artifacts of Monterey County and can’t help but compare himself to a famously rogue archeologist.

“I do feel like Indiana Jones sometimes, snatching things up,” said Steve Travaille, a longtime Carmel resident who lives in Hatton Fields. He smiled from under his hat — not a dusty fedora, but an old baseball cap.

“I call it urban archeology. To me, it’s about preservation,” he said.

By now, he could have filled a museum of his own. Instead, Travaille has donated

Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

or sold most of what he’s found in the last 50 years to big-name beneficiaries like the Smithsonian and Getty Museums, UC Berkeley and Stanford.

Travaille himself is something of a big name at local institutions like the Monterey County Historical Society, specifically the Hathaway Collection. It documents Monterey County between 1850 and 1990 — an archive of over 70,000 photographs. To help his late friend, Pat Hathaway, Travaille contributed nearly 10,000 of those.

Dumpster diving

Travaille scoops up pieces of the past like they’re about to be crushed by a giant boulder. It’s not nefarious fortune-seekers he’s worried about, but what might be lost to time or human oversight if he takes too long to get there.

A phone call, email, or a memo left at the front desk of the Cannery Row Antique Mall — which he founded in 1995 — is the simplest way he finds things. People often come by, wanting to show him what they’ve found in their attic.

Travaille prefers to do the dirtier work himself, with help from a curious team of scouts.

He mentions several names. John Thompson, cult-famous psychedelic poster artist and author of “The Secret History of Carmel,” is “a whole other story, for another time,” he promised. Someone called “Dave the Dude,” who owns a junk hauling and cleanup service, knows to give Travaille a call whenever something interesting comes up. It could be as small as some dusty file boxes or as daunting as a 30-yard dumpster filled with the contents of an entire home.

Occasionally, discoveries come like something out of “American Pickers.”

‘A barnful’

Several years back, Travaille took down an address in Salinas where a Mrs. Rudolph would be expecting him.

There, he found an old ranch house, where a stately woman well into her 90s was sitting on the porch, a teapot in front of her.

“We sat drinking tea and talking for an hour before we got around to it. I think she’d decided I was all right, and when I finally asked about the antiques, she said, ‘Well, I’ve got a whole barnful.’”

She wasn’t exaggerating.

Rudolph must have been tipped off that, in Travaille’s hands, generations of stuff doesn’t have to end up in the trash, and may become the treasure of some venerable institution.

What remains in Travaille’s personal collection are “probably 100,000” photographs and documents, he guessed — mostly from the Peninsula, from its Alta California days through the 1960s, with appearances by the early pioneer families of Big Sur and the last generation of Rumsen language speakers.

Carmel history

Among his treasured findings was a one-of-a-kind 1907 map, with ambitious plans for a railroad connecting Pebble Beach, Carmel and Lovers Point — a copy of which hangs in The Pine Cone office.

Incidentally, repairing the stairway leading up to The Pine Cone’s former office at Ocean and San Carlos in downtown Carmel was Travaille’s first gig on the Peninsula.

The Minnesota-born, Southern California-raised Travaille met the love of his life, his late wife, in high school. They attended UC Santa Barbara together and married shortly after graduation. Travaille then found himself at the Triple-A office, rifling through brochures in search of a dog-friendly hotel.

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Friendly faces welcome antiquers to the mall Steve Travaille established 30 years ago, located in a historic, 21,000 square-foot cannery building in Monterey.

Optimism rained down like tears

A VIBRANT painting of a narrow, very ancient Moroccan street — a work in progress — beckons seductively to Marianne Bland from a window-side easel in Pacific Grove, the home she chose nine months ago for healing, inspiration and, hopefully, to fall in love again with creating art.

At 43, Bland is painting, at long last,

“When I told my mom as a 16-year-old that I wanted to go to art school, she cried angry tears at me,” she remembered. “She said, ‘That’s a terrible idea!’”

Her otherwise-doting grandmother piled on. “You should become a lawyer. You’re so good at arguing,” she suggested.

“All teenage girls are good at arguing,” Bland retorted.

The high schooler rebelled by launching her own mural-painting company, obtaining a business license from city hall, buying an ad in the Yellow Pages, creating a website and attaching a magnetic sign to the side of her car.

“I mostly did residential projects — murals inside people’s homes — and saved the money for college,” she said.

Cultural education

In 2002, she enrolled at California College of the Arts in Oakland, an education that included a 2004 semester in Marseille, France, where she studied at L’Ecole Supérieure des Beaux-Arts. That experience, she said, was “transformative” — culturally more than artistically.

“As Americans, we like to ask, ‘What do you do?’ And that question confuses the French,” she said. “They’ll say, ‘I go to the beach ... I like to take photos...’ They tell you about their hobbies, not what they do for money.

“It was eye-opening to realize, at such a young age, that there’s an entire swath of people on our planet who don’t define themselves by what they do for a living,” Bland said. “For me, the semester in France was more about absorbing different life experiences, and the way people choose to live.”

In 2005, she graduated from CCA with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in drawing and painting, and she began to build an impressive curriculum vitae.

She has created public art projects that include:

- A 6-by-50-foot panel mural, entitled “History of Transportation,” for the City of San Bruno (2009)
- An 8-by-10-foot mural of Martin Luther King Jr. in the lobby of Mercy Housing in Sacramento (2010)
- Painting a prefabricated 3D fiberglass heart that stood in San Francisco’s Union Square for seven months (2012)
- Creating three paintings that became part of the permanent collection at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center’s Mission Bay location (2015)
- Becoming the inaugural recipient of the Sacramento Regional Community Foundation’s Gloria Burt Fellowship Grant, painting four honeybee boxes and creating a 3D mosaic queen bee sculpture (2017).

She also evolved into a prolific fine-art painter with a photorealistic style influenced by Edward Hopper, selling her work for several years at a San Francisco co-op gallery.

An ability to depict highly

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Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

after the two-year sabbatical she took from her lifelong passion in the wake of a difficult divorce.

“I needed to really focus on healing myself, emotionally and spiritually,” she said. “And after I made some progress on that, I needed to start painting again.”

Her ex-husband, she said, was heavily fixated on the potential marketability of her paintings, a friction that eventually helped erode their relationship.

“I was working, he wasn’t, and he really became kind of financially abusive,” said Bland, who travels 51 of California’s 58 counties selling technical-education curriculum.

Losing the joy

“My ex-husband’s mindset revolved entirely around whether I was painting something that a gallery would want, or that would be saleable at a show,” she said. “For me, that eventually sucked the joy out of making art.”

The marriage, of course, had other issues. “It was a slow disintegration,” she said.

Bland eventually left him, filed for divorce, and moved back to her childhood home in Newark to live with her mom.

She also lost the creative hunger she’d nurtured throughout her life, mostly against the counsel of her blue-collar parents.



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Marianne Bland moved to the Monterey Peninsula in October to rediscover her joy in making art. Three of her paintings are on exhibit at 480 Lighthouse Gallery in Pacific Grove.

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Carmel Art Association welcomes new shows with Saturday reception

THREE SHOWS are on display this month at the Carmel Art Association, including painter Barbara Kreitman’s “Luminous,” which explores “the profound interplay” that happens when “light, memory and the human spirit” come together.

“This collection aims to distill the essence of diverse landscapes — from the serene gardens of Japan to the historic light of Italy and the beauty of the California coast,” according to the downtown gallery, which hosts a recep-

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

tion Saturday at 4 p.m. “Through the rich atmospheric qualities of oil paint, Kreitman’s goal is to create a sense of calm, providing an escape from the chaos of our world.”

Unexpected colors

In the show, “Objets d’Art,” painters Wilda Northrup and Howard Perkins celebrate still lifes.

“Working in watercolor, Wilda captures the details of delicate flowers, intricate vases, and fresh fruit displayed on patterned fabrics,” the gallery said. “Utilizing a strong spotlight and painting in acrylic with bold brushstrokes, Howard Perkins explores the strong shadows and unexpected colors reflected in metal objects such as teapots, jars and paintbrushes.”

And in “Opposites Attract,” painter Robert McIntyre and printmaker Noro Partido team up to share a new collection of abstract paintings and monoprints.

“Robert makes water-based media dance upon synthetic paper or prepared canvas, while Noro transfers oil-based etching ink onto cotton rag paper,” the gallery added. “On special occasions such as this exhibit, Robert and Noro prove that oil and water do mix.”

The gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

Look for the lanterns

Saturday’s reception at the Carmel Art Association coincides with the Carmel Art Walk, a monthly event that showcases artist-owned galleries downtown. Galleries will have green lanterns hanging in their windows and maps available for the public.

The participants include Nicole Cromwell Gallery, which is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

“The gallery features new artwork by Nicole and an inspiring fundraiser with guest artist Ashley Bennett Stoddard, who will share about Colors of Compassion, her upcoming 15-foot illuminated sculpture debuting at Burning Man 2025,” the gallery announced. “Guests can enjoy light bites, live guitar by Cam Stoddard, and a portion of July art sales will benefit the project.”



Carmel Art Association hosts a reception July 11 for new shows, including painter Barbara Kreitman’s exhibit, “Luminous.”

‘On the Road Again’

Titled “On the Road Again,” a three-week display of Gary Geiger’s photographs opens Saturday at Gallery Sur, which hosts a reception at 4 p.m.

Geiger’s photographs, the gallery said, “capture the soul of diverse cultures across six continents over 36 years,” and the new exhibit, “showcases his striking visual narratives of everyday life in Mexico, Cuba, Indonesia, Morocco, India and beyond. Through color and light, Geiger reveals the universal rhythms and intimate details that connect us all.”

The gallery is located on Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln.

Art as fashion

The convergence of art and fashion reached dizzying heights in New York City during the 1970s, according to a new documentary film, “Living Art,” which will be screened Saturday, 5 p.m., at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts.

In the film, fashion artists Jean Cacicedo and Janet Lipkin explore the evolution of the “Art to Wear” movement.

“Hear the artists talk about their processes of making garments that use the body as a sculptural armature, which comes alive when the body moves through space,” the Cherry Center said.

Produced by the Textile Arts Council of the deYoung Museum in San Francisco, the 28-minute film will be followed by a Q&A with Cacicedo and Lipkin, along with a reception in the Cherry Center’s sculpture garden.

Tickets are \$20. The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. carlcherrycenter.org



Painter Wilda Northrop’s “Chinese Bowls and Peaches” is featured in a new show at the Carmel Art Association.

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LETTERS

From page 26A

illegal 24/7. And no, I do not live there and cannot hear it. Pickleball did not exist when people trustingly bought homes in that neighborhood. It was thus never considered by city council. Like flying noisy model airplanes in town ... lots of fun decades ago, but understandably no longer allowed.

We all live with restrictions on our hobbies and sports. Tough noogies. It is part of the crowded world we live in. No one should ever suffer so some specific group can have fun. The fact that some people think they have a right to play their game at the peace and financial expense of residents, is an example of many people today who think they are somehow entitled. The only entitled people around the park are the homeowners, who pay taxes and are literally begging their city leaders to protect their quality of life and their investment.

We need to stand up for our fellow residents.
Jon Levy, Carmel

Radio interview

Dear Editor,
I don't know how many people listened to Mary Schley's interview on KZCS, UCSC's student-run radio station a week ago. Mary provided a great insight into The Carmel Pine Cone, bringing a lot of history to light. She covered everything from how Paul Miller went from broadcast media and ventured into print media, to where The Pine Cone subscription is around 25,000 copies. I also didn't know that The Pine Cone is a couple of years older than Carmel. She also did a great job of mentioning all of the staff by names and job descriptions. Congratulations to Paul Miller, too, because when he was in broadcast media, he won two Emmys. Bravo.

I love The Carmel Pine Cone, and I look forward to it every week. Thank you!
Steven Rodewald, Pacific Grove

Car-free zones

Dear Editor,
I've been thinking about what makes our waterfront areas truly special. You know that feeling when you're walking along the coast listening to the ocean, and everything just feels right? Lately, as traffic ramps up and more cars come into town for the summer, that enjoyably relaxed space has been filled with engines, horns and frustrated people looking for parking. What if we created car-free zones along our waterfront and in some of our towns? Locals can still use their cars but are encouraged to walk or bike (or use golf carts), while visitors park outside these areas to reduce congestion.
In the Netherlands they call it "autoluwe" or nearly car-free zones. Before you panic, this doesn't mean eliminating cars. It means putting people first. Utrecht just started building a neighborhood for 12,000 residents with 21,500 bike parking spaces and limited car parking. Sounds crazy, right? But their residents are healthier, happier, and local businesses are booming.
Even in 750-year-old cities like Assen, they've managed to create pedestrian-friendly centers that work for everyone: grandparents, kids, cyclists, you name it. If they can transform ancient European streets, surely we can rethink our waterfront spaces in California.
Think about what we're missing here in Pacific Grove and Carmel. Every weekend, you spend 30 minutes circling for parking while breathing exhaust fumes. The waterfront is packed with cars creeping along, blocking the views and lots of unhappy people in traffic.
Now imagine the opposite: kids running freely, couples strolling, enjoying the ocean view, the quiet of a bike-only area, cafés with outdoor seating and car-free views of the water. Picture those packed parking lots turned into parks where community events could happen and families could

enjoy picnics looking out over the Pacific.
The Dutch didn't do this overnight. Amsterdam started with weekend car-free trials, gradually expanded bike lanes and added shared electric vehicles. We could do the same — start small, learn what works.
Our unique environment is a critical resource and a big part of why people want to visit with us. Let's not compromise on building a future that preserves these absolutely magical places to live and visit. The Netherlands proved this works, I say let's give it a try here. Start with a few car-free weekends. It's an investment in our future that will preserve our waterfront ecosystems, boost property values and create long-term economic prosperity for our precious Monterey Peninsula.
Jen Snow, Pacific Grove

Build the roundabout

Dear Editor,
I agree with Michael Addison's July 4 letter to the editor and his assessment of the condition of the roads in Monterey County. They are in sad shape. I also would like to ask why the roads are not being maintained? Where is that money spent?
However, regarding the roundabout at the intersection of Carmel Valley Road and Los Laureles Grade, I must strongly disagree with Addison's opinion. We need this improvement. My guess is that since Mr. Addison lives in the valley, but closer to Carmel than to this intersection, he does not drive east to the grade on a regular basis. For us valley residents that travel that intersection daily, it is most certainly in need of the roundabout.
To claim that the existing "intersection as a T configuration functions adequately" is not an accurate statement. Tell that to my wife after her accident there around a year ago. A man coming down the Grade was taking his daughter to Tularcitos school in the Village and was running late. The left turn lane was backed up, so he took the right turn lane instead. My wife was heading straight through the intersection, heading toward Carmel. His plan was to go right, then pull a quick U-turn to beat the backup. This driver was in such a hurry that he just pulled right out in front of the oncoming traffic.
Crazy maneuvers like this are not unusual at that location. Knowing this, my wife always approaches the intersection with caution, and fortunately, with some quick reactions, no one was injured in the collision, but it could have been much worse.
There will always be accidents at intersections. When someone runs a stop sign or traffic light, the results are often serious injuries or fatal. This may result in a lawsuit from the surviving family about the unintended death or medical expenses. If the county is found negligent, then they could be included as a part of the settlement. How many roads could we fix with that money?
Roundabouts are not "flashy." A better word is "safer." They are proven traffic-calming solutions that also keep everything moving. If you look closely at the various traffic studies that Addison referenced, they will show that rotaries do not prevent accidents. However, everyone must slow down as they approach a roundabout. Yes, there will still be accidents, but the slower speeds will keep the contact to a fender-bender instead of something more serious.
Thankfully, they are building the roundabout.
Hans Haselbach, Carmel Valley

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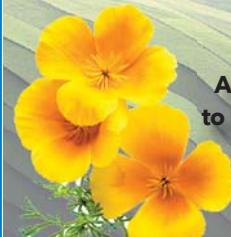
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ARTIST

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detailed cityscapes — often nocturnal — emerged as a natural talent for Bland, whose portfolio is aglow with paintings of San Francisco's neon at North Beach, a gleaming trolley car in the Embarcadero, the luminous exterior of Chinatown's Grant Place restaurant, a blissful couple hand-in-hand in the Financial District, the warm neon of Sacramento's Crest Theater, and multiple others.

For Bland, returning to her easel on the Peninsula has been inspiring and cathartic.

Her apartment is a four-minute walk from the Monterey Bay, a convenience that stimulates her interest in painting more seascapes and landscapes.

She's creating time-lapse videos — demonstrations of her painting process — which she posts on TikTok.

She recently painted two large, highly detailed renderings of Western-style art — Native Americans in ceremonial costumes and a cowboy hanging on for a wild bareback bronco ride. Those are from 1930s-vintage glass slides she purchased at a Sacramento estate sale and views using a 1950s-vintage projector she found in a thrift shop.

Optimism and excitement

Among her most emotional pieces is an expressionist-style reproduction of a photo she snapped from the inside of an airliner as she was waiting to leave Portland International Airport.

The photograph and her painting depict a misty view of activity on the tarmac on a rainy Oregon day. Dozens of raindrops cling to the jet's window.

"Part of the reason my marriage ended was that he wanted to have sex with other people," she recounted. "As I was waiting for my flight to leave, I had just been kissed by somebody, and I was wondering, at that moment, if I might be able to have a future with a different person — somebody I might be happy with.

"Someone might think of tears and feel sadness when they see those raindrops, but that's not what I was feeling at all," Bland said. "This was actually a very optimistic and exciting moment for me."

Three of Bland's paintings are on display at the 480 Lighthouse gallery in Pacific Grove:

"Benchwarmers" shows a couple seated in front of a food truck in Portland. "Tuppence" captures a woman surrounded by pigeons as she walks along a herringbone-brick sidewalk in San Francisco's Chinatown. "Muse" is a nighttime view of San Francisco's Palace of Fine Arts.

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LIVES

From page 27A

“We had a dog together and my wife said she wouldn’t go on our honeymoon without him,” he remembered with a smile. It was on the balcony of their room at the Cypress Inn in 1970 that Travaille first experienced the “enchantment” of Carmel-by-the-Sea. He always had a romantic bent — as a teenager, he memorized the greatest hits of Coleridge and Byron and Keats for fun — so it wasn’t out of character for the recent history major to pack up his life and convince his new wife to move to a place of “enchantment.”

He looked for a teaching job. When that didn’t work out, he fell back on practical skills.

Found a desk

Fixing up old buildings around Carmel was good work for a handyman-historian. The couple and their new son were living in a home on Lincoln Street, Travaille making \$7 per hour — which he didn’t mind until he got word of what a real estate agent had made on the sale of a home he’d renovated.

The ink was hardly dry on Travaille’s real estate license when Bill Mitchell Sr. pulled up to a jobsite one day. Travaille had once repaired his fence, and the owner of the small Mitchell family real estate firm offered him a job on the spot.

“I went into his office the next day. He was working with one chair, one desk, one phone. So I went out and found a used chair and a desk, and we got to work,” Travaille recalled.

He finally had time to teach, though his students weren’t exactly how he’d imagined them.

“I’d become very interested in Carmel’s history, and I think that got me a lot of my business,” he said of his 30-year career in

real estate. Clients loved that their young agent doubled as a local researcher, illuminating the history of Carmel and its residences with a growing collection of old newspaper clippings, books and photographs.

Travaille stayed on when Mitchell and his son, Bill Jr., established the Mitchell Group in 1990. But by the time the Mitchells acquired Carmel Realty in 2002, Travaille had moved on to Cannery Row.

By then, he was much more than a casual collector, and his investment in the Cannery Row Antique Mall was proof.

Old cannery

The largest antique and collectibles mall in the county just celebrated its 30th anniversary, but the building dates to 1927, when it was constructed as a warehouse for the Carmel Canning Company. In 1994, Travaille and a friend, Carl Zerbe, were eyeing the hollowed-out cannery building as a passive investment. Travaille got the idea for an antique mall from his mother after she told him what she was paying per square foot to sell her crafts and “knickknacks” at a similar spot down south.

The price was right. And what if, the two wondered, some zealous antiquers were willing to buy spaces for themselves?

The mall had its grand opening in 1995 with 50 dealers, all owners of their spaces — Travaille included.

“It’s unique, because it’s the only antique mall that I know of where dealers are able to buy their spaces,” Travaille said. “It works because people who sell antiques love what they do.”

The mall is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 471 Wave St. You may be able to catch Travaille while he’s there — if he’s not searching through someone’s old stuff or visiting with his four beloved grandchildren. If you do miss him, or have something you think he should see, be sure to leave a memo at the front desk.

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PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

RESIDENTS WHO want to learn more about their city’s history and the inner workings of local government are being encouraged to enroll in Monterey’s inaugural First City Academy, which offers once-weekly sessions on Thursday nights from Aug. 28 to Oct. 23.

The course will help participants learn about California’s first capital city, and they “will leave with a stronger connection to Monterey and a clearer sense of how they can contribute to creating a higher quality of life, now and for future generations.”

The first session will focus on city governance, services, organizational structure and what it means to be a charter city, while session two will dive into the history of Monterey and will include a bus trip to

city facilities, neighborhoods, parks and business districts.

The third class will look into finance/budgeting, human resources and technology, followed by community development — including land use, inspections, zoning, permitting and the like — a week later.

Public works and facilities will be the focus of the fifth session, with community services like parks, recreation, the cemetery, the sports center, the library and museums discussed during the sixth.

Public safety will dominate classes six and seven, with fire and emergency management followed by police. The eighth week will celebrate the city’s economic pillars, citizen engagement and graduation.


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88th Bach Festival's 'Dialogues' open lines of artistic communication

By ELAINE HESSER

THE CARMEL Bach Festival's 88th season brings two weeks of extraordinary music July 12-26 — not to mention education, history, trivia, live theater and whales — to a variety of venues around town. This year continues a trend toward performances that will appeal to a broader array of listeners and celebrate the contributions of cultures and composers beyond those found in 17th- and 18th-century hubs of baroque composition.

Don't worry, though — nothing in the program suggests any compromise of dedication to the works of Johann Sebastian Bach, which have been the focus of the event since its inception in 1935, when Dene Denny and Hazel Watrous arranged four days of concerts at the Carmel Mission Basilica and the old Sunset School auditorium.

Sparkling conversations

Writing in the festival program, artistic director and principal conductor Grete Pedersen says this year's theme, "Dialogues," is intended to "spark conversations" between artists and audiences, the past and future, and eras of music, inviting listeners to "ponder the profound connections that music can illuminate."

As always, many concerts are offered twice, including all the main evening performances. Opening night includes Felix Mendelssohn's overture to "A Midsummer Night's Dream" — based on William

Shakespeare's comedy — followed by Igor Stravinsky's "Pulcinella Suite" and Franz Joseph Haydn's "Harmoniemesse."

The festival is an ongoing dialogue between early music and contemporary expressions, Pedersen told The Pine Cone. "Stravinsky was inspired by and studied the composers born 300 years earlier than him, and the 'Pulcinella Suite' is an arrangement/composition of those 'old' pieces." The performance will be accom-

panied by projected images of the original set and costume designs created by Pablo Picasso, a contemporary of the composer.

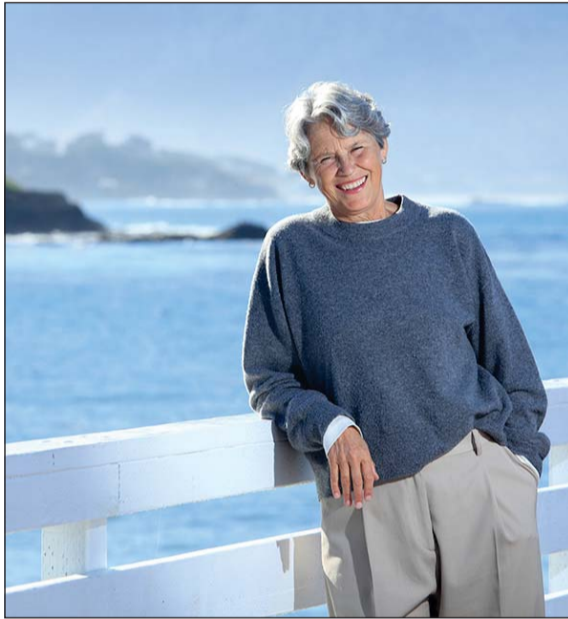
Mozart's 'Requiem'

Bach's Mass in B minor is set for Sunday, and on Monday night, concertmaster Peter Hanson will conduct Bach's "Ricercar a 6," from "The Musical Offering." A ricercar is a type of musical composition, in this case a fugue for six voices. Next up

is Franz Haydn's Harpsichord Concerto in D major featuring harpsichordist Andrew Arthur, and the evening concludes with Beethoven's Symphony No. 1 in C major.

Tuesday's performance is highlighted by Wolfgang Mozart's "Requiem" along with "Terza Messa" by Marianna Martines, a contemporary of Mozart and Haydn, and the haunting "Dona Nobis Pacem" ("give

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Carmel Bach festival principal conductor and artistic director Grete Pedersen (left) will lead the 88th annual event, which has the theme of "Dialogues," exploring how music communicates across times and places. A harpsichord (right) will be used in a Haydn concerto planned for both Monday evenings.

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Women’s compositions will be highlighted in chamber concerts

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

FEW HAVE heard of Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel (1805-1847), but plenty know of her brother, Felix Mendelssohn, whose “Wedding March” is a fixture of modern nuptials.

Similarly, composer Clara Schumann (1819-1896), now considered one of the most distinguished pianists of the Romantic era, was married to — and overshadowed by — composer and pianist Robert Schumann.

When classical violinist Gabrielle Wunsch, who has played in the Carmel Bach Festival Orchestra since 2004, was invited to submit a proposal for one of the festival’s chamber music performances, she thought of Hensel and Schumann, women who broke barriers and overcame the limitations of their era, which often precluded women from performing their own orchestral compositions.

To those works, Wunsch added music

by Grammy Award-winning contemporary composer and violinist Jessie Montgomery to create “The Candlelight Concert: Ahead of Her Time.”

“I first heard Clara Schumann’s ‘Three Romances for Violin and Piano’ during a live broadcast of Joshua Bell playing in Carnegie Hall,” Wunsch said. “He played an encore that was so beautiful, I had to know whose it was.”

More famous

Schumann was a prodigy, a performer with an active career. Wunsch said she was more famous than her husband when the two met.

Although Hensel and Schumann began composing at a young age, Hensel never had the dynamic solo career that Schumann enjoyed, even though she was apparently an astounding pianist. In fact, said Wunsch, she and her brother received

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Fanny Hensel



Clara Schumann



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BACH FESTIVAL

Stories of creativity and ambition take the stage in Sunset studio

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

QUEEN KRISTINA Augusta Wasa of Sweden was ahead of her time. Born in 1626, she acceded to the throne at 18. Ten years later, considered one of the most educated individuals in Europe, she abdicated, renamed herself “Minerva of the North,” eschewed wigs and gowns in favor of cross-dressing, and traveled the world.

Finnish-born violinist Marika Holmqvist has been enchanted by the queen’s story since she was a child.

“She was crazy and wonderful,” Holmqvist said. “She didn’t care what others thought of her. She bravely walked to the beat of a different drummer in a time when such behavior was not accepted.”

Which is why, as Holmqvist returns to the Carmel Bach Festival for her 17th season, she’s presenting a theatrical

chamber program based on Kristina, “The Crown of Creativity.” That program, and Igor Stravinsky’s “The Soldier’s Tale,” billed as “Deal with the Devil,” represent a new festival offering: dramatic performances with actors in Sunset Center’s Studio 105.

Unique programs

“I love Kristina’s story. It could be a Hollywood movie,” said Bach Festival executive director Nathan Lutz. “These are the kind of programs that can only come from our musicians.”

Holmqvist, too, considers this a special occasion.

“I have long been obsessed with Kristina,” she said. “My high school best friend shares my passion for the queen. She is into acting, and I’m in music, so we decided to create a production around the queen’s life.” Holmqvist

chose the music and her friend wrote the script.

The production, which has been performed twice in Finland, will be presented July 19 from 2 to 3 p.m. Monterey’s New Canon Theatre actor Brittany Buffo will play Queen Kristina, while Vincent Cardinale will perform various male roles.

Said managing director Justine Stock, who co-founded



Francesca Faridany



Justine Stock



Marika Holmqvist



Brittany Buffo

the New Canon Theatre Company with J. Matthew Gordon in 2022, “It is an honor to collaborate with this world-class festival on this premier piece and portray characters in a story rarely told.”

Holmqvist translated the original script from Swedish into English. Then she began curating the music.

“Every piece of music had to connect closely to the queen. That required knowledge of the composers she met and what compositions she heard. Much of what I wanted

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the same musical education with a famous piano teacher who reportedly said that Hensel was better musician.

Wunsch said being upper-class was an issue for Hensel because, “By her talent, she could have had a career, but because of her social status, it wasn’t considered proper.”

Toward the end of her life, Hensel’s husband encouraged her to publish her music under her own name instead of her brother’s, as she already had with six compositions. The year before she died, she published her Piano Trio in D minor, Opus 11.

Wunsch said she’d wanted to play that piece for a long time, calling it “phenomenal.” In search of a piece for cello and piano, she selected Hensel’s “Fantasia in G Minor.”

And, she said, “I am thrilled the festival wanted us to play a piece by Jessie Montgomery. I wanted to include a solo piece by a living female composer, and she has composed many.

“Jessie’s piece ends in a very haunting and beautiful section,

and it drew me to the opening of the very famous fugue melody we hear in Bach’s ‘The Art of Fugue.’” Movements from that masterwork by the festival’s namesake are found in numerous concert programs, so that a savvy listener can hear the entire composition by attending all of them.

Precious rehearsal time

Festival musicians don’t have a lot of time to rehearse together. The world-class artists fly in from all over the world and perform after only four rehearsals.

Speaking of the Montgomery work, Wunsch said, “One of the reasons I chose her solo violin piece is that, as a violinist, I could prepare it on my own time, freeing up rehearsal time for all the other pieces in the program.”

“I am thrilled to have the opportunity to curate this concert,” said Wunsch. “This is what musicians live for — getting to play chamber music with our colleagues and share it on such an intimate level with our audience.”

“Ahead of Her Time” will be performed on July 13 and 20, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church. Tickets are available at carmelbachfestival.org/tickets.



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The Carmel Bach Festival returns for its 88th season with a program themed, “Dialogues,” exploring musical conversations across time via works such as JS Bach’s Mass in B Minor and *The Art of the Fugue*, Mozart’s *Requiem*, Haydn’s “*Harmoniemesse*,” and works by Stravinsky and Jessie Montgomery.

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BACH FESTIVAL

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us peace”) by contemporary Latvian composer Peteris Vasks.

The Mission will host Wednesday evening’s “Reflec-tions,” with different choral settings of a single text. On Thursday, Pedersen, a native of Oslo, Norway, conducts “Nordic Folklore” with popular duo Fire and Ice — violinist Edwin Huizinga and guitarist William Coulter. Olov Johansson will play the nyckelharpa, an instrument with Swedish origins. It looks like a cross between a viola and an autoharp. Dating to at least the 14th century, the nyckel-harpa is played with a bow, while keys are pressed instead of fingering the frets.

Rounding out the week, Friday night’s performance, also led by Pedersen, is highlighted by Mozart’s Sym-

phony No. 41, “Jupiter,” a reference to the Roman god. And on July 26, the traditional “Best of the Fest” will close the event.

The Virginia Best Adams and Baroque & Classical Academy masterclasses and showcases are also part of the program. For the family concert, the continuing “Epic Adventures of Leonard & Rasmus” — the precocious boy and his stuffed horse who comes to life when adults aren’t around — will trace an undersea quest for “A Whale of a Time!” Musical selections by Bach, Percy Grainger, Juan Pablo Contreras, Jelly Roll Morton, Amy Beach, Ale Carr (Danish String Quartet) and Zhou Tian are planned. With writer and trombonist Suzanne Mudge once more penning this year’s painlessly educational script, you can count on family-friendly humor and an informal vibe. Recommended for those 3 and older, the performance on July 19 at 11 a.m. is free of charge, and tickets can be reserved in advance.

Chamber music offerings include favorites like the all-



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Beautiful and historic Sunset Center is the setting for many of the most important concerts during the Bach Festival.

Bach organ recitals, the Church in the Forest concert — this year featuring Franz Schubert’s “Death of a Maiden” — and the Candlelight Concert, “Ahead of Her Time,” with works by Clara Schumann and Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel from the 19th century and Jessie Montgomery, a contemporary Grammy Award-winning composer and violinist (see p. 34A).

“Twilight in the Cathedral” at Monterey’s San Carlos Cathedral will feature works by Bach, George Frideric Handel, Arcangelo Corelli, and Johann Rosenmüller.

The intimate Foyer Concerts at Sunset Center cover a wide range of compositions and topics, while the free Tower Brass performances bring live music to Sunset Center’s terrace before each evening’s main concert.

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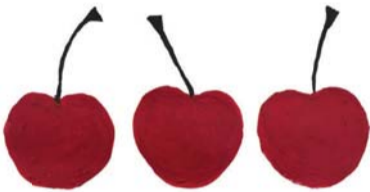
This year, the festival’s added a bit of a musical scavenger hunt. Fans of Bach’s “Art of the Fugue” — the composer’s final exploration of counterpoint in a collection of fugues and canons — will be able to enjoy individual movements spread among the chamber concerts, foyer series, Tower Brass, family concert, and the Baroque & Classical Academy showcase.

To change things up a bit, there’s a Trivia Night July 17 at 6 p.m. Another new addition — “Studio 105 Performances” in Sunset Center’s Black Box Theater — combines elements of stage drama with music. They include “The Crown of Creativity: The Legacy of Queen Christina,” highlighting the life of a Swedish queen and arts patron who abdicated her throne, with actors and a director from the New Canon Theatre Co. The following week, the Faustian legend, “The Soldier’s Tale,” scored by Stravinsky will raise the question, “How far would you go to fulfill your deepest desires?” (See story, p. 35A.)

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Keen's hometown of Kerrville was devastated by the terrible flooding that swept through central Texas in the early hours of July 4. More than 100 people died, including 27 campers and counselors at nearby Camp Mystic, in

a tragedy that's sparked a massive rescue effort and has widely been covered by the media.

"This has resulted in devastation across the area," Keen reported on Facebook the following day. "There are still many missing from the event, including campers from Camp Mystic, which holds a special place in mine and my family's hearts, as both of my daughters attended summer camp there."

Americana

After bursting on to the music scene in 1983 — when he took home the top prize at the prestigious Kerrville Folk Festival — Keen has emerged as one of the leading voices in the Americana music genre.

A prolific songwriter and master storyteller, he never strays too close to country, often veering over into folk, blues and rock.

Besides playing music from his 12 studio albums, the singer is organizing a benefit concert to raise funds for a relief effort to help his neighbors.

He's also encouraging fans to donate to the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country, which is supporting "organizations working on the front lines of the emergency." All proceeds from merchandise sold at Tuesday's concert will go the foundation.

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Singer and guitarist Robert Earl Keen, who plays Tuesday at Golden State Theatre in Monterey, is raising money for Texas flood victims.

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Carmel Art Association presents three July Exhibitions from July 2nd to August 4th

Barbara Kreitman exhibits **Luminous**, a show delving into the profound interplay of light, memory, and the human spirit. Wilda Northrop and Howard Perkins present a collection of still lifes in their co-exhibition **Objets d'Art**. Noro Partido and Robert McIntyre reunite to present a new collection of abstract paintings and monoprints in their show **Opposites Attract: Partners in Painting & Prints**.

Join us for our Garden Reception on Saturday, July 12th from 4 to 7 pm!



Howard Perkins



Wilda Northrop



Robert McIntyre



Barbara Kreitman



Noro Partido

They’re back: Highlands culinary fun, nice noshes in the valley

THE HIGHLANDS Inn in Carmel is bringing back its “Forks. Corks. Action!” summer culinary series “featuring exclusive winemaker pairings, elegant coastal cuisine and unforgettable evenings in the wine room overlooking the Big Sur coastline,” starting with a July 17 dinner starring ZD Wines.

The Rutherford-based winery was founded in 1969 by Norman and Rosa Lee deLeuze and remains a family enterprise generations later. Farming two small estate vineyards, ZD produces sauvignon blanc, chardonnay, pinot noir and cabernet sauvignon. Winemaker Brandon deLeuze — whose father, Richard, was the youngest winemaker in Napa Valley when he was promoted to the position in 1983 and is now ZD’s CEO and director of winemaking — will share stories and details about the wines during the four-course dinner.

Executive chef Christopher Welenc created the menu, which will begin with scallop crudo with pickled peach, and smoked gouda profiteroles with mint and apple, paired with 2023 sauvignon blanc. The winery’s Rosa Lee rosé will be used in a reduction sauce for the profiteroles, too.

Next, tarragon lobster cake will be served over grilled sweet corn, roasted red bell pepper, and arugula salad with a ZD Chardonnay mint aioli and served alongside the 2023 chardonnay, followed by fennel-dusted chateaubriand with blue cheese scallop sweet potatoes, roasted wild mushrooms with truffle and a blueberry ZD Cabernet reduction paired with 2022 cabernet sauvignon.

Soup to Nuts

For dessert, guests will enjoy poached pear and a glass of Rosa Lee Sweet Whim, a Port-style fortified wine.

Dinner costs \$175 per person, including tax and tip, and will begin at 6 p.m.

And for those who want to plan ahead, Monterey County favorite Pisoni Family Wines will be featured during the Aug. 14 Forks. Corks. Action! dinner. Tickets for that event are \$200 per person, inclusive.

Pacific’s Edge restaurant and its wine room are located at 120 Highlands Drive in the Carmel Highlands. For more information and reservations, visit hyattvacationclub.com, call (831) 622-5450 or book through Open Table.

■ Jewish Food Festival returns

After the pandemic sidelined the full event for several years, the Carmel Jewish Food Festival returns to Congregation Beth Israel, 1576 Carmel Valley Road, on Sunday, July 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Scheduled a month earlier than in the past, the festival invites folks to enjoy traditional Jewish foods, upbeat music, cultural performances and more. Admission is free, and proceeds from food sales support Congregation Beth Israel’s educational and outreach programs.

Many time-honored Jewish favorites will be prepared by volunteers. Items include matzo ball soup, potato knishes, latkes served with sour cream or apple-

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PHOTOS/BEN KAATZ

One of the best things about Congregation Beth Israel’s annual Jewish Food Festival in Carmel Valley is that you don’t have to wait for Hannukah to enjoy freshly made latkes (left). Now that the big event has returned, you can enjoy your blintzes, egg creams and rugelach onsite, while learning more about Jewish culture and traditions.



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sauce (debating which addition is better is optional), corned beef and pastrami sandwiches, assorted baked goods such as rugelach — filled cookies — as well as challah, hamantaschen and much more. Hamantaschen are triangular confections with sweet fillings — this year, strawberry/cranberry/lemon, traditional prune, and a riff on the trendy chocolate/pistachio combo dubbed “Dubai chocolate.”

Thanks to hard-hitting investigatory journalism (we sent an email), we are pleased to confirm that egg creams with classic U-Bet syrup and Seltzer Sisters seltzer will also be available. An egg cream has neither eggs nor cream, something to discuss if the applesauce/sour cream conversation loses steam.

At past festivals, there were numerous opportunities to learn about Jewish tradition and culture, and this year continues that practice. There will be a DJ, and organizers are planning a “mix of Jewish songs in English, Hebrew and Yiddish,” along with storytelling and cultural performances, including a Jewish wedding reenactment.

Newly retired Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum, who led the congregation beginning in 1994, is planning to attend, as is the new rabbi, Jeffrey Glickman.

“This event brings people together to

share in Jewish culture and community,” said Greenbaum, who’s had a salad named for him. “It’s a day for connection, learning, and good food.”

“This festival is our way of sharing Jewish culture,” said Lisa Averbuch, chair of the Jewish Food Festival committee. “Everyone is welcome — whether you’re coming for a bite to eat or to learn something new.”

Parking will be available at the temple. For more information, visit jewishfood-festivalcarmel.org, where you can also pre-order food to pick up. For sponsorship, volunteer or vendor information, contact info@jewishfoodfestivalcarmel.org.

■ Maker’s Mark dinner

On Wednesday, July 30, Estéban restaurant in Monterey’s Casa Munras hotel will be the scene of a Maker’s Mark Estéban Reserve Bourbon Whisky Release Dinner, scheduled from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Estéban Reserve is an exclusive blend made by the distillery for the restaurant, and it has a flavor profile that “displays flavors of honeycomb, vanilla, toasted marshmallow and an exceptionally harmonious finish,” according to a hotel representative.

The Maker’s Mark website explains that its Private Selection program “allows our retail or restaurant partners to purchase a barrel and explore their own taste visions of Maker’s Mark.” The process begins with the brand’s No. 46 Bourbon, which is aged longer than the more familiar flagship blend. The “proprietary” distinction is based on a unique assortment of as many as five different kinds of wood used in the staves of the aging barrels, which the company says allows for “more than 1,001” possible combinations.

A toast

Estéban chef Steven Patlan will pair the bourbon with four courses, components of which will also be prepared with Maker’s Mark spirits. Following a toast — Manhattans made with Maker’s Mark Private Reserve Kentucky Bourbon — and an amuse bouche of smoked pork belly bao bun (think dim sum) made with Estéban Reserve bourbon — the first course of grilled head-on prawns with Maker’s Mark vanilla bean chili butter will be served with the distillery’s Kentucky Straight Bourbon.

Maker’s Mark No. 46 finds

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The Highlands Inn in Carmel is bringing back its popular “Forks. Corks. Action!” series of winemaker dinners, starting with Rutherford-based ZD wines served up with scallops, lobster, and more in a four-course gourmet delight. Not only do you get to enjoy good food and wine, but the view isn’t too shabby, either.



A special blend of Maker’s Mark bourbon whisky will be the highlight of a four-course dinner at Estéban restaurant in the Casa Munras Garden Hotel in Monterey.

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its way into the mushroom risotto that’s up next, and into diners’ glasses, too. The third course features pours of Estéban Reserve with Patlan’s 45-day 16-ounce dry-aged prime ribeye, served with a Reserve Bourbon reduction.

Ending the meal with a bang is the Drunken Banana Cake Sundae with honeycomb ice cream, brûlée bananas and peaches, vanilla wafer, and Estéban Reserve butterscotch sauce, paired with a cocktail.

Complimentary cigars and hand-selected spirits will be served on the patio after dinner.

All-inclusive tickets are \$135 per person and guests must be at least 21. To make reservations, visit Eventbrite.com or go to the “Seasonal Specials” tab at hotelcasamunras.com.

■ Call for cookie recipes

Are your cookies the best? Does the aroma of baking from your kitchen attract neighbors? Do your college-age kids drop hints that you can skip parents’ weekend if you send care packages full of chocolate chip joy? Have we got a deal for you!

Local entrepreneur Annee Martin announced the official launch of The Cookie Kindness Project 2025, an initiative that invites home bakers and storytellers to submit their favorite chocolate chip cookie recipes and the personal stories that accompany them.

A warm hug

The goal is to create a cookbook from the contributions, but its promoters say that The Cookie Kindness Project is more — “a tribute to love in its simplest form — offering something small, warm and homemade to someone who may need it most.”

“I believe deeply in the importance of showing up for one another,” said Mar-

tin, founder of Ami Carmel and Sanctuary Vacation Rentals. “Whether it’s through a meal, a hug, or a cookie, kindness is always remembered.”

The cookbook will feature a range of recipes — they’re looking for traditional versions along with gluten-free, sugar-free, and vegan — and the stories that give them meaning. You can try some of Martin’s cookies at Ami Carmel. You know, to see where the benchmark is.

The book is scheduled for a fall 2026 release, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting some Monterey County nonprofits.

Send your recipe and story to: cookie-kindnessproject@gmail.com by Sept. 1, 2025.

Selected contributors may receive: a \$100 gift certificate to Ami Carmel, five printed copies of the book, an opportunity to win a three-night stay at a luxury vacation home on the Monterey Peninsula courtesy of Sanctuary Vacation Rentals, or a personal invitation to attend the 2026 book launch event. For more information or to follow the project’s progress, visit amicarmel.com.

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



Annee Martin, founder of Ami Carmel, announced a “Cookie Kindness Project” to collect recipes for and stories about chocolate chip cookies.



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Reservations are strongly suggested

MUSIC

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Carmel Plaza for our 2025 Summer Music Series,” general manager Kristin Torrice said. “These Friday nights have become a beloved tradition — bringing together great music, local flavors, and the vibrant spirit of Carmel. It’s a celebration of connection, community and summertime.”

The series continues the next two Fri-

days with a lineup featuring **The Chicano All-Stars** (July 18, Alvarado Street Brewery & Bistro, Blair Estate Wines) and an encore performance by the Money Band (July 25, Café Carmel and Scheid Family Wines).

The event is free, while food and wine packages are \$25. Carmel Plaza is located at Ocean and Mission.

■ New jazz festival in town

One of a series of events that make up the inaugural The Future Is Now Jazz Festival, Patricia Qualls Gallery hosts a performance by **Lyrical Opposition** Saturday at 11 a.m., featuring what the gallery called a “unique fusion of poetry, hip-hop and soulful rhythm that complements the festival’s vision of elevating diverse, emerging voices and genre-defying creativity.”

The festival, which continues through Sunday at various sites in Carmel, Monterey and Marina, highlights “new, diverse voices, emerging talent and up-and-coming artists and musicians, with an emphasis on new music and leaders under 40.” For tickets and more information, visit justjazz.tv. Patricia Qualls Gallery is on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.



Singer and guitarist Benny Bassett plays “soulful acoustic rock” Friday, 5 p.m., at Folktales Winery in Carmel Valley.

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CALENDAR

July 12 – Jones and Terwilliger Galleries invites you to meet Angus, a contemporary artist influenced by Post-Impressionism. Artist reception 1 to 4 p.m. at the galleries, Sixth Avenue between San Carlos and Dolores, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Details: (831) 626-9100

Thursdays – Live jazz with The David Morwood Jazz Band, 6 to 9 p.m., at Terry’s Restaurant + Lounge, inside Cypress Inn, Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel-by-the-Sea. For more information, please contact Cypress Inn, (831) 624-3871.

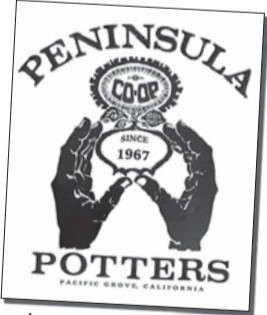


July 19 – Carmel Valley Classic Car Show and Blessing of the Automobiles, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free to community, barbecue for sale, kids welcome, silent auction and cool cars. Fundraiser for the Charities they support. Location: Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Road. Contact Carolyn to register a car, (415) 385-9629.

July 19 – Friends of Carmel Forest Tree Walk and Lecture led by Dr. Matt Ritter. Walk begins 10 a.m. at Mission Trail Nature Preserve. Dr. Ritter will present a lecture at noon at the Forest Theater and sign copies of his book, “California Trees.” Tree walk

is \$35, free to members. Lecture is \$40 and includes lunch. RSVP at treewalk@carmelforest.org.

July 19 through July 27 – Peninsula Potters 58th Anniversary Sale Event. Come see our newly remodeled studio, with shelves full of one-of-a-kind pottery just waiting for you. Everything is 20% off! Open daily: noon to 4 p.m. at 2078 Sunset Drive, Russell Service Center, Pacific Grove. (831) 372-8867



July 30 – The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) presents a dinner by Mr. Michael Ipson, retired international banker, whose topic is “**The Breadth of U.S - China Relations**”, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Monterey. To register and learn more visit <http://www.wacmb.org>.

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Live music July 11-17

■ Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist Rick Chelew (folk, Saturday at 12:30 p.m.), Andrea’s Fault (jazz and pop, Sunday at 1 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

Fernwood Resort — **The Love Creek Band** (psychedelic rock, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

■ Carmel

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

of Seventh.

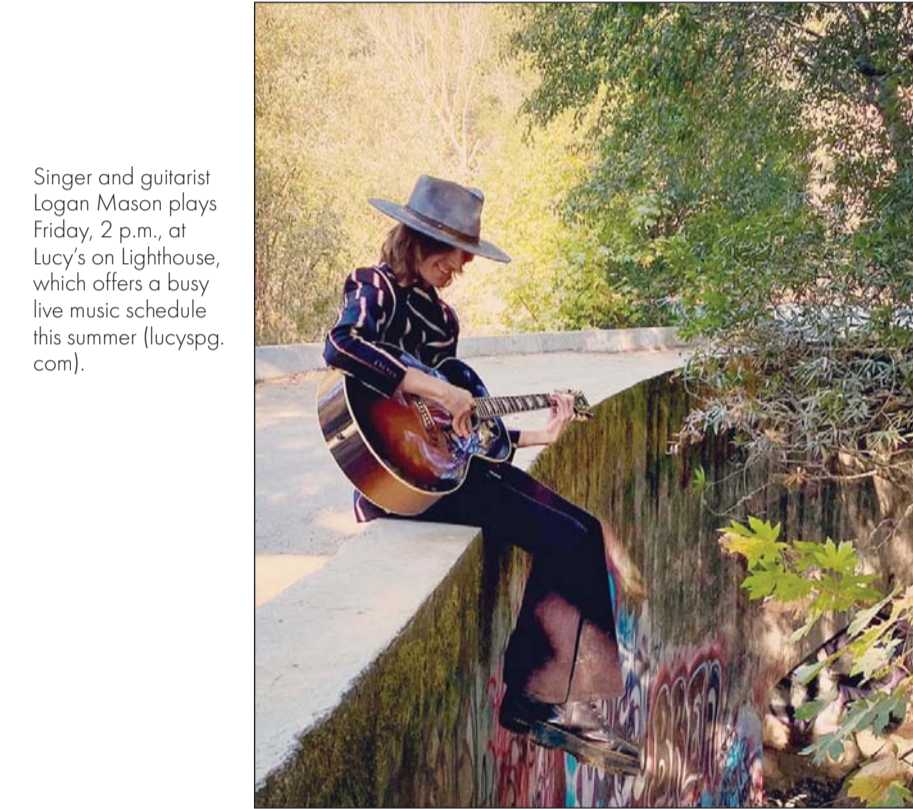
Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and pop, Sunday at 11 a.m.), **David Morwood Jazz Band** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and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

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday and Thursday, both 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 — **Meez** (rock, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), Songwriters Showcase (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., sign-ups start at 6:30

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Singer and guitarist Logan Mason plays Friday, 2 p.m., at Lucy’s on Lighthouse, which offers a busy live music schedule this summer (lucyspg.com).

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- Grilled Flap Sirloin 30
- Pan Roasted Salmon 32
- Gnocchi a la Vodka 23
- Pasta Bolognese 26
- Edgar’s Smashed Burger 22
- Chef Hondo’s BBQ Corner for Two 48

SIDES

- Grilled Asparagus with Garlic Aioli 9
- Crispy Brussel Sprouts 9
- Sautéed Herb & Garlic Mushrooms 9
- Twice-Baked Potatoes 9
- Thick-Cut Onion Rings 9
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Name of individual registrant, Candelaria Gomez, P.O. Box 1931, Gonzales, CA. 93926.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/ Candelaria Gomez
Date: June 9, 2025
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S/ Morgan Romero, President
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ORDINANCE No. 2025-01

ORDINANCE ADJUSTING AND SETTING COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

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WHEREAS, on July 5, 2000, the California Legislature enacted Senate Bill (SB) 1559 (Chapter 86, Statutes 2000); and

WHEREAS, this bill amended Section 6489 of the California Health and Safety Code, authorizing sanitary district boards to, by ordinance, increase Board member compensation by five percent (5%) for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the last adjustment for the Board of the Carmel Area Wastewater District was in July, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the California Water Code section 20200 et seq., which have been incorporated into the Sanitary District Act, require that any such increase be by ordinance and shall not become effective for at least sixty (60) days from the date of final passage; and

WHEREAS, the California Government Code provides that special districts may provide benefits to directors.

EFFECTIVE DATE. Upon adoption, this Ordinance shall be entered in the minutes of the Carmel Area Wastewater District Board, and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the District.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District does ordain as follows:

- 1.) Ordinance 02-02 is hereby repealed in its entirety.
- 2.) Board stipends: Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 6489, compensation for Board of Directors for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board or for each day's service rendered as a Director by request of the Board, is hereby established as follows:
Each member of the Board shall receive \$200 for attendance at meetings of the Board or for each day's service rendered, except that the President shall receive \$250 for such attendance or service, and that such compensation shall not exceed a total of six days in any calendar month, together with any expenses incident thereto.
- 3.) Stipend policy may be changed by Board resolution, as set forth in Administrative Code 21.022. Application of and changes in the stipend policy by Board resolution may not include increases in the stipend, which pursuant Health and Safety Code section 6489 may only be increased by ordinance.
- 4.) District Dental and Vision benefits shall also be conferred on members of the Board, pursuant to Government Code sections 53201 and 53205.1.
- 5.) Severability: The Board declares that each section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, is severable and independent of every other section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause and phrase of this ordinance. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held invalid, the Board declares that it would have adopted the remaining provisions of this ordinance irrespective of the portion held invalid, and further declares its express intent that the remaining portions of this ordinance should remain in effect after the invalid portion has been eliminated.
- 6.) Publication: Following adoption, this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the District.
- 7.) Effective Date: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force sixty (60) days after final passage of this ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District duly held on June 26, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Board Members: PRESIDENT WHITE, DIRECTORS: COLE, LONERGAN, SIEGFRIED, URQUHART

Ken White, President of the Board
Attest: Domine Barringer, Board Clerk
Publication Dates:
July 4th & July 11th

Publication dates:
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APN: 009-103-012-000 TS No: CA07000282-25-1 TO No: CTT25022922
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

(The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED August 8, 2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On September 2, 2025 at 10:00 AM, at the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on August 12, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022034099, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, executed by SUSAN E. BAILEY, A SINGLE WOMAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for PLAZA HOME MORTGAGE, INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF EXHIBIT "A" LOT 9 IN BLOCK 152, MAP OF CARMEL WOODS, BEING THE NINTH ADDITION TO CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, PER MAP FILED JUNE 9, 1922 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA IN MAP BOOK 3, CITIES AND TOWNS, AT PAGE 21. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 24739 DOLORES STREET, CARMEL, CA 93923 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$395,130.61 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. 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If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA07000282-25-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: June 20, 2025 WT Capital Lender Services, a California corporation 7522 North Colonial Avenue, Suite 111 Fresno, California 93711 (559) 228-8393 WTCap.com By Nate Kucera Chief Executive Officer (IFS# 39726 06/27/25, 07/04/25, 07/11/25)

A.P.N.: 001-026-011-000 File # 15953552 T.S. No.: 25-14308-168 Loan No.: *****0001
Notice of Unified Trustee's Sale Note: There is a summary of the information in this document attached *
*[Pursuant to civil code§ 2923.3(a), the summary of information referred to above is not attached to the recorded copy of this document, but only to the copies provided to trustor.] You are in default under a deed of trust dated 9/16/2019. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceedings against you, you should contact a lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Original Trustor(s): Fabrice L. Rondia, an unmarried man Duly Appointed Trnstee: WT Capital Lender Services, a California corporation Recorded 10/11/2019 as Document No. 2019046821, of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California Date of Sale: 7/22/2025, at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, Ca 93901 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,322,030.70 Estimated Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 419 Wave Street, Monterey, Ca 93940 A.P.N.: 001-026-011-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Beneficiary hereby elects to conduct a unified foreclosure sale pursuant to the provisions of California Commercial Code section 9604, et seq., and to include in the non-judicial foreclosure of the real property interest described in the Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Deed of Trust, all of the personal property and fixtures, together with replacements and proceeds, if applicable, described in the security agreement, dated 9/16/2019, and UCC Financing Statement in favor of Monterey County Bank, filed with the Official Records of the Secretary of State, State of California, on 10/15/2019, as Filing No. 19-7740590214 as continued in a UCC Financing Statement Amendment filed with the Official Records of the Secretary of State, State of California, on 9/27/2024, as Filing No. U240075695629, and also recorded in Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, on 10/11/2019 as Instrument No. 2019046824 as continued in a UCC Financing Statement Amendment recorded in Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, on 10/11/2024 as Instrument No. 2024038454 between the original trustor and the original beneficiary, as it may have been amended from time to time, and pursuant to any other instruments between the trustor, Belgian Pacific, LLC and beneficiary referencing a security interest in personal property. Beneficiary reserves its right to revoke its election as to some or all of said personal property and/or fixtures, or to add additional personal property and/or fixtures to the election herein expressed, at Beneficiary's sole election, from time to time and at any time until the consummation of the Trustee's Sale to be conducted pursuant to the Deed of Trust and this Notice of Trustee's Sale. A description of the personal property, which was given as security for trustor's obligation is: All Equipment, Fixtures, Inventory, Accounts, Right to Set Off, Instruments. 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All proceeds (including insurance proceeds) from the sale, destruction, loss or other disposition of any of the property in this section, and sums due from a third party who has damaged or destroyed the Collateral or from that party's insurer, whether due to judgment, settlement or other process. All records and data relating to any of the property described whether in the form of a writing, photograph, microfilm, microfiche, or electronic media, together with all of Grantor's right, title and interest in and to all computer software required to utilize, create, maintain, and process any such records or data on electronic media. No warranty is made that any or all of the personal property still exists or is available for the successful bidder and no warranty is made as to the condition of any of the personal property, which shall be sold "as is, where is". You have the right to request an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness secured by the property being sold. You may submit your request to the address listed below. The charge for this request is \$30.00. You may be liable for any deficiency if the secured obligation is not paid in full. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust and Security Agreement heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned, a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a Written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. In the event that the Deed of Trust described in this Notice of Trustee's Sale is secured by real property containing one to four single-family residences, the following notices are provided pursuant to the provisions of Civil Code section 2924f. Notice to potential bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Bidders at the trustee auction must make cashier's checks payable to WT Capital. Third party cashier's checks will not be accepted. Notice to property owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 559-228-8393 or visit this internet website www.wtcap.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-14308-168. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. **The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to tenant: Effective January 1, 2021**, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. **There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. 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Dated: June 20, 2025 WT Capital Lender Services, a California corporation 7522 North Colonial Avenue, Suite 111 Fresno, California 93711 (559) 228-8393 WTCap.com By Nate Kucera Chief Executive Officer (IFS# 39726 06/27/25, 07/04/25, 07/11/25)

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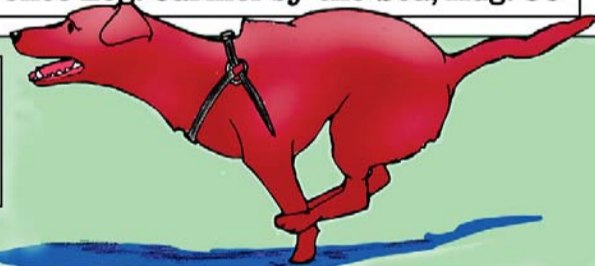
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Police Log: Carmel-by-the-Sea, Aug. 30


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and its owner was passed out at a local Inn.



The dog was transported to the holding facility.



The owner was transported to county jail.



BAND

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and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

Peter B's Brewpub — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Reija Massey** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Portola Hotel.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza — singer and guitarist **Matt Masih** (Friday at 6

p.m.), singer and guitarist **Linda Arceo** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), **Songbird Meadow** ("A sweet fusion of Latin, jazz, and pop," Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Sardine Factory — singer and guitarist **David Conley** (Tuesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St.

Sly McFly's — **Bazooka Jones** (classic rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Phil 'n' the Blanks** (classic rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

■ Pacific Grove

The Grill at Point Pinos — **Andrea's Fault** (jazz and pop, Friday at 5 p.m.). 79 Asilomar Ave.

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

Lucy's on Lighthouse — singer and guitarist **Logan Mason** (Friday at 5 p.m.), **The Transducers** (rock and funk, Saturday at 3 p.m.), **Victory Lane** (classic rock, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

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

PG's Meetinghouse — **The Daphne DeCarlo Combo** (jazz, Friday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Robert Papacica Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Jim Fucillo** (Sunday at 11 a.m.), **Open Mic** (Tuesday at 6 p.m., sign up by 5 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

■ Pebble Beach

The Inn at Spanish Bay — **The Al James Duo** (r&b and rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.). 2700 17-Mile Drive.

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