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Pastor bids 'Adieu' to Carmel

■ Says he's had enough of 'this strange community'

By MARY SCHLEY

FOLLOWING ANOTHER stalemate in city hall Monday over the project he's been pursuing on Dolores south of Seventh for the past six years, Patrice Pastor said late Thursday that he's had enough.

"Following this latest city council meeting, it's clear

that I need to reconsider my investment in Carmel. We are not treated the same as everyone else. I suppose we are now at the point where we need to accept we are not wanted and draw the necessary conclusions," he told The Pine Cone. "It's time to leave this strange community, if you can call it a community."

Permit ordeal 'makes a mockery of the city's own rules'

Further, he said, the "grotesque situation" at his other project at The Pit at Dolores and Fifth, Ulrika Plaza, "where everything is wanted so as not to let us begin work for reasons that are akin to a schoolyard, confirms that it's time for us to bring our expertise and motivation to other projects, elsewhere, where we will be better received and in a more professional and serious political environment."

His managing director, Chris Mitchell, who has endured numerous hearings on Pastor's behalf, said the permitting process for the Dolores and Seventh project "has made a mockery of the city's own rules."

"Our project was reviewed for six years, redesigned five times, and approved by the planning commission and city staff. Then, on Monday, we were undercut again, but this time by last-minute political maneuvering to further stall," he said. "Carmel needs more housing, and we were

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Murder victim's house burglarized

By MARY SCHLEY

FOUR DAYS after 79-year-old Donel Geisen was arrested for stabbing his wife to death, their house on Raymond Way in a neighborhood just outside Carmel was bur-



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Donel and Lynn Geisen in their living room last fall. He is accused of stabbing her to death July 24, and after their address was shown by some local media, their home was broken into and numerous valuables were stolen, including a car.

glarized and a car was stolen. While the Monterey County Sheriff's Office confirmed the address, it refused to share any details about the break-in and theft.

Residents in the close-knit community didn't hesitate

to talk about it, though.

"This has our little neighborhood pretty shaken up," said a resident who lives a few houses away from the Geisen home and had known the couple for many years, including going with them on ski trips to Bear Valley. "It's a terrifically sad thing for our neighborhood."

According to law enforcement, around 4:20 a.m. July 24, Donel Geisen called 911 and said he'd just killed his wife of 58 years, 78-year-old Barbara Lynn Geisen, who went by Lynn. Monterey County Sheriff's deputies and medics arrived at the couple's home in the High Meadows neighborhood to find them in their bedroom. She died at the scene from multiple stab wounds, while he was transported to the hospital for treatment of "life-threatening injuries" the sheriff's office said he apparently inflicted on himself with the knife.

Car, valuables taken

After a few days in medical care, Geisen was booked into Monterey County Jail July 27 on a charge of first-degree premeditated murder with an enhancement for using a knife, and sometime early the next morning, the Geisens' home was burglarized.

The neighbor told The Pine Cone he found a window screen in the middle of the street. Suspecting that was how the thief or thieves entered the home, he suggested the sheriff's office fingerprint it. Inside, since crime scene investigators had already gone through the residence, collecting further evidence was challenging, he speculated.

The resident went on to say that Lynn Geisen's silver Subaru Impreza was stolen, but not Donel's car, and that the burglar also took a large amount of valuable personal

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Leash rules debated after fatal dog attack

By CHRIS COUNTS

A HEARTBREAKING incident at Garland Ranch Regional Park in Carmel Valley Monday left a puppy dead and some locals wondering why there isn't a ban on unleashed pets in the park.

The dog was killed around 2:45 p.m. near the Dampierre Park baseball fields.

"I'm heartbroken to share that my 6-year-old daughter's puppy was tragically killed during an incident involving another dog," Christine Trejo wrote on Facebook shortly after it happened. She also reported that the dog "attacked her husband and daughter," although there is no indication either of them was injured.

Trejo described the attacking dog as a medium-sized "hound or pointer" with brown spots and a long tail. She said the owner is a tall White male in his 40s with a beard, and she believes he lives nearby.

"This person gave me a fake phone number," she said. "I'm asking for help identifying them so I can take the appropriate next steps."

A local woman witnessed the attack and described it

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SACRAMENTO DEMS ON BOARD WITH REDISTRICTING

CALIFORNIA VOTERS made it clear in 2008 that they don't want politicians drawing district lines for politicians. But that hasn't stopped Gov. Gavin Newsom from asking state lawmakers to do just that — and Democratic leaders in Sacramento are answering his call.

Newsom's directive to draw new congressional district maps comes in response to efforts in Texas to do the same. At the bidding of President Donald Trump, the

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

Republican-controlled Legislature in Texas has changed its map in the hopes of adding five congressional seats. Members of the GOP already hold 25 of the Lone Star State's 38 House seats, but Republicans have a razor-thin majority in Congress. An additional five GOP votes could make all the difference following the 2026 midterms.

The partisan power move has spawned a tit-for-tat approach in California.

"Whatever they are doing will be neutered here," said Newsom during a press conference this week.

The governor and fellow state Democrats are confident a new map could be drawn to eliminate an equal number of Republican representatives in the Golden State, essentially nullifying Texas' efforts. However, ramming through the legislation needed to upend the current process in California may not be politically popular, and state lawmakers have just two weeks to get it done.

How lines are drawn

Redistricting in California is not simple. Unlike in Texas, lawmakers need voters to approve a new district map, and since they want to draw the map themselves, they will also need voters to approve a change in the process.

In 2008, by approving Proposition 11, voters took the power to redistrict away from state lawmakers and established the independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Under that law, the independent commission is tasked with drawing congressional district lines, which it did most recently in 2020.

Newsom has proposed a special election Nov. 4 to change those rules. He is asking the Legislature to draw a map and then call for a special election so voters can approve it. He needs the election to happen by November so the new map can take effect in time for the 2026 midterms.

Getting it done will be a tight turnaround for lawmakers who are on a month-long recess until

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The invasion of the baby seagulls



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Baby seagulls like this one will soon be large enough to leave their nests. But they won't yet be able to fly, which puts them in danger of being struck by cars. See page 13A.

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Canine connection

Once her senior dog began to slow down, she thought about getting another to ease life's natural transition. She knew she didn't want a black dog, a puppy or a male.

Until she met Charlie, a 3-month-old black, male cockapoo rescue. He was that cute.

After she lost her elder dog and then her husband, Charlie became her constant companion, the heartbeat in her home just south of Ocean. Until they met a dog with a man.

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It started with a "meet cute" kind of "coffee with canines" affair. Yet the dogs, Charlie and a goldendoodle named Tucker, seemed to hit it off first.

"Tucker, who was nearing 14, had begun to slow down, had trouble walking up and down the stairs. Until he met Charlie," his person said. "Now he runs around with his pal, acting like he's no more than 10."

This is not the first tale in which the bond between an unlikely pair of pups brings their people together. Disney's done it, and Hallmark, too.

"If I try to take Charlie somewhere without Tucker, he starts crying. And so does Tucker. They're like Mutt and Jeff," his person said, referring to the long-running comic strip created by Bud Fisher (1907 debut), which

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portrayed two mismatched characters.

Yet, apparently, everyone is feeling the love.

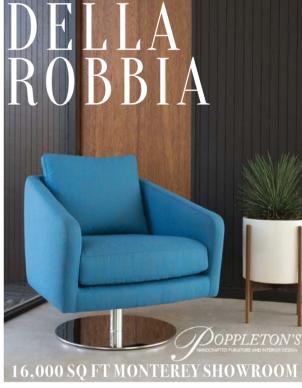
"Who would imagine falling into a fairytale life at 80, fostered by our dogs?" she said. "It's quite wonderful for all of us — rather shocking for the people but clearly not for our pups. They're best friends."

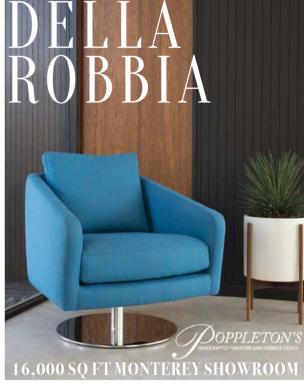
By Lisa Crawford Watson

Every morning, her beau takes both dogs out for a river walk or along the path along Scenic Road, overlooking Carmel Beach, while she heads to The Carmel Foundation for her exercise class.

"It's adorable to see the three of them walking along together," she said.











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Street address group to poll public

Setting the

stage for the

next debate over

By MARY SCHLEY

A TRIO of citizens working with Carmel City Councilman Bob Delves has nearly completed its research on the ageold and contentious issue of whether and how to implement standardized street addresses, Delves told the city council Tuesday, with plans to take its ideas to the public late this month or in early September. The group expects to present its findings to the council in October.

The committee includes residents Nancy Twomey, Kevin Ruess and Paula Hazdovac and an administrative analyst for the city, Emily Garay. Delves said it set

out with the goal of developing a comprehensive picture of the process required to implement a nationally recognized address system and the associated costs so the council can make an informed decision on whether to proceed with house numbers establishing house numbers.

"The beauty of the thing is Nancy doesn't want an address, and Kevin does, so

we have a really good conversation about everything we do," Delves added.

Reconfirming

The group "did go backward a little bit to reconfirm work already done," including reports prepared by Garay and a former ad hoc group, and reached out to the U.S. Postal Service official in charge of addresses for the western region of the country.

"We confirmed that a standardized address system will not trigger home delivery, nor would it trigger closure of the post office," Delves said, and that the postal service "is the authority for address authentication. Every building in the country has a unique address."

The group met again with police and

fire officials and reconfirmed that "not having standardized addresses does cost us in response time," he added.

"Our response times are excellent, and that's primarily a function of the fact that all of us live within a mile of our assets," he said. "But not having a standardized address can add 1 to 3 minutes in response time."

City attorney Brian Pierik reiterated that the city's lack of house numbers does not comply with state law.

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> the USPS address management system's requirements, should be OK with the city's first responders, should be based on the layout of the city, should be logical and intuitive, "and to the extent we can, we need to protect traditions," Delves said the committee decided.

> Ruess led efforts to research the minimum requirements for a standard-

ized address system and ran several possible iterations past the USPS specialist, according to Delves.

The directional addresses used in most of the city for decades — such as "Monte Verde 2SW of Ocean" — didn't pass the test, he said, "and our first responders were clear that they don't love it."

Variations of the directional system also didn't fly, and the system Monterey County uses for assigning addresses works, but "it's not very Carmel," he said, without elaborating.

"And then we did develop a prototype of the classic 123 Main St. idea," he said.

Ruess devised guidelines for establishing such a system, with numbers beginning

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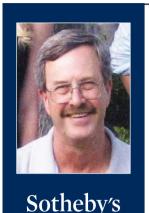
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Police & Sheriff's Log

That's a mighty specific earring

August 8, 2025

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.

TUESDAY, JULY 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious circumstances investigated at San Carlos and Seventh involving an homeless male exhibiting erratic behavior in front of a female. Information only.

Pacific Grove: A vehicle was stopped on Eardley Avenue for traffic violations. The 30-year-old male driver was arrested for several misdemeanor charges for possession of unlawful paraphernalia, driving without a valid license, failure to maintain insurance, possession of cannabis in an open container while driving, and an outstanding arrest warrant for failure to appear in court.

Pacific Grove: Report on Lighthouse

Avenue of checks being forged. Suspect unknown.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Lighthouse Avenue was marked for 72-hour parking.

Carmel Valley: Report of neglect of a Piedras Blancas resident.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Monte Verde and Eighth for blocking a driveway.

Pebble Beach: Report of a stolen package from a mailbox on Hermitage Road.

Carmel Valley: Alleged mental abuse involving a Via Las Rosas resident.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident vs. a city vehicle on Junipero Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Assisted another agency at Fifth and Dolores.

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The gavel falls

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

May 23 — Jesus Tejeda, 37, of Gonzales, was sentenced to 38 years and eight months in prison after pleading no contest to voluntary manslaughter with the personal use a firearm, attempted murder, and assault with a deadly weapon in furtherance of a gang, which arose from three separate incidents in 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively.

On Dec. 13, 2021, Christopher Connor was shot in the side of his head while driving his vehicle at the intersection of Nacional Court and Clark Street in Salinas. The vehicle then crashed into a wall of the apartment complex at the intersection. The shooter left the passenger seat of the vehicle, got into a vehicle that was following them, and fled the scene. After months of investigation, Tejeda was identified as the shooter, but no motive for the shooting was ever revealed.

On Jan. 5, 2022, before he was identified in the fatal shooting, Tejeda was driving a stolen vehicle near a farm in Gonzales. Another person, the attempted murder victim, was in the vehicle with Tejeda. In front of numerous eyewitnesses, Tejeda and the victim exited the vehicle, and Tejeda began to assault him, causing the victim to fall to the ground. Tejeda then grabbed a 55-pound filled cinderblock and threw it at the victim's head, knocking him unconscious. Tejeda then fled the scene in the vehicle and was apprehended by law enforcement after leading them on a dangerous, high-speed chase. The victim suffered great bodily injury, but he was uncooperative with law enforcement and refused to provide any statement as to what

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Dealer gets prison after boy's death

By KELLY NIX

The Carmel Pine Cone

A MARINA man who sold fentanyl pills to a Pacific Grove teenager who days later fatally overdosed after ingesting one was sentenced in June to eight years in prison. But the boy's mother said the punishment doesn't go nearly far enough.

Edward Tellez Solis, 27, will spend about 100 months in a federal prison for selling fentanyl-laced counterfeit oxycodone pills to Angelo Klotz, 15, a high schooler, on March 3, 2022. Klotz overdosed at his P.G. home several days after Solis provided him the drugs.

Senior U.S. District Judge Edward J. Davila handed down the sentence June 9, and Solis was taken into custody at the end of the court hearing, the U.S. Attorney's Office Northern District reported.

'Not justice'

Klotz's mother, Ashley Callau, told The Pine Cone this week that the sentence Solis received for preying on her son isn't enough.

"Eight years for the lifelong sentence my family and I now carry in grief, pain and emptiness," she said. "There is no justice in that."

Callau went on to say that the eight-year term "does not reflect the value" of her son's life, nor does it send a strong enough message about the consequences of selling fentanyl.

"My son is gone forever. The person responsible will one day walk free," she said. "I will continue to speak out — for Angelo, for every family destroyed by this epidemic and for a system that must do

The judge also ordered Solis to pay \$29,895.85 in restitution to Klotz's family. A grand jury indicted Solis on Aug. 4, 2022, and he later pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, distribution, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

He used social media applications to advertise, sell, and distribute controlled substances including fentanyl, cocaine, ecstasy, hydrocodone, marijuana and

Solis contacted Klotz through Snapchat and offered to sell him 13 pills, aware that they contained fentanyl "or some other federally controlled substance," the court said. Solis provided at least nine pills to him the next day. It's not clear if Klotz was aware he was purchasing fentanyl, or what he thought he was buying.

Fentanyl 'superhighway'

Drug Enforcement Agency special agent-in-charge Bob Beris said Solis used social media as a "superhighway" to sell drugs and line his pockets with the proceeds, adding that the prison sentence "marks a crucial step in bringing justice

> to the victim and a family devastated by the scourge of fentanyl.'

> When law enforcement caught up with Solis after Klotz's fatal overdose, they found a stash of illegal drugs, \$17,243 cash, a loaded firearm, three fully loaded magazines and an additional 89 rounds of ammunition. Inside Solis' home was another

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MPC preschool reopens with 'sliding-scale' tuition, teacher raises

'Nature-inspired,

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By LILY PATTERSON

Following A \$4.8 million renovation, Little Lobos Academy at Monterey Peninsula College is on track to reopen Aug. 18, MPC leadership announced on July 22. The public preschool will welcome up to 96 children at the start of the fall semester, offering "nature-inspired, play-based education" for toddlers ages 2 to 5. Enrollment is open, with priority given to low-income families and children of students and staff at MPC and Cal State University Monterey Bay.

"This preschool space is not an add-on. It reflects our core values of access, equity,

inclusion, and social mobility, with a sliding-scale tuition and, in many cases, free tuition," said Marshall Fulbright, MPC's superintendent and president during the press conference.

Local bond measure

"In a national climate of uncertainty, MPC chooses action," he added, alluding to the Trump administration's

proposed funding cuts to federal preschool programs like HeadStart. That program supports more than 80,000 children and 25,000 employees throughout California and provides additional benefits for low-income families, including resources for parents seeking jobs, housing and insurance coverage, according to the program's website.

Despite talk of funding cuts, a budget overview released in May by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services indicates that Head Start is on track to receive \$12,272,000 in the fiscal year 2026, the same amount it received last year.

Little Lobos Academy is not a Head Start school, instead funded by the California State Public Preschool Program and Monterey County taxpayers. The renovation was funded by a bond passed by Monterey County voters in 2020, Measure V, which asked for \$230 million to modernize and expand facilities on Monterey Peninsula Community College District campuses.

40 percent raises

The preschool boasts playground upgrades, new outdoor learning spaces and improvements to existing classrooms.

The littlest Lobos aren't the only ones

getting a leg up, starting this fall. According to the preschool's new director, Aprielle Anderson, full-time teachers will benefit from a 40 percent pay increase in the 2025-2026 school year.

"We keep our class sizes small with about one teacher for every eight children. And that is not counting the guidance our student-teachers provide,"

said Anderson, who explained that Little Lobos Academy operates as a "lab school," meaning its teaching assistants are either MPC or CSUMB students working toward degrees in education and early childhood development.

Parents attending or employed at either school get priority enrollment for their kids and tuition assistance as needed.

"This work not only supports local parents and caregivers. It strengthens our regional workforce, bolsters economic development, and strengthens the social fabric of the Monterey Peninsula," said

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Coastal commission staff backs county short-term rules ahead of showdown

'The key is

balance that

makes sense'

finding a

By CHRIS COUNTS

WEIGHING IN on a topic that has sparked dissension in many neighborhoods, the California Coastal Commission Wednesday will consider a set of ordinances passed by Monterey County to regulate short-term rentals in the coastal zone, including Pebble Beach,

Carmel Highlands and Big Sur.

The long-anticipated hearing will give vacation rental operators and their opponents a chance to plead their cases. Last August, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to strictly regulate short-term rentals in unincorporated

parts of the county — and effectively ban them in residential neighborhoods in Carmel Valley, Carmel Highlands and Big Sur unless a host is living on site. In contrast, unhosted vacation stays are allowed in Pebble Beach, but only with a permit.

Will the rules stand?

Some opponents of vacation rentals have expressed concerns that the powerful coastal watchdog group would ultimately strike down the county rules due to its general support of the short-term rental industry. A coastal commission report suggests this. "The commission has historically recognized that vacation rentals can provide a unique and important source of visitor-serving accommodations in the coastal zone, especially for families and groups," reads a recent report from coastal commission official Dan Carl and others.

But coastal commission spokesperson Joshua Smith told The Pine Cone Thursday that despite ambiguity in the report, the commission's staff is recommending

Sat. Sept. 13

approval of the county's short-term rental rules.

The report details some of the problems vacation rentals have caused in coastal neighborhoods. "The commission has also recognized a need to restrict vacation rentals in some coastal communities where evidence showed that the vacation rental

market was having impacts on coastal resources or significantly impacting the availability of housing," it says.

While the commission's staff is recommending support for the county rules, the report suggests they are trying to strike a compromise. They acknowledge the rules "may impact the availability

of visitor-serving accommodations in some part of the county's coastal zone," but they also suggest that "a healthy vacation rental market" would still exist.

"The commission has sought to accommodate a balance between these sometimes-competing interests," the report adds. "Vacation rental regulation is not an all or nothing proposition, and the key is finding a balance that makes sense for both communities and visitors."

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Wednesday's showdown is the latest in a series of hearings on short-term rentals that dates back more than two decades. It's also worth noting that two local residents, Chris Lopez and Ann Notthoff, have joined the commission in recent months — after a 15-year span when no county resident served on the commission. Lopez voted against the county short-term rentals regulations as a county supervisor in August

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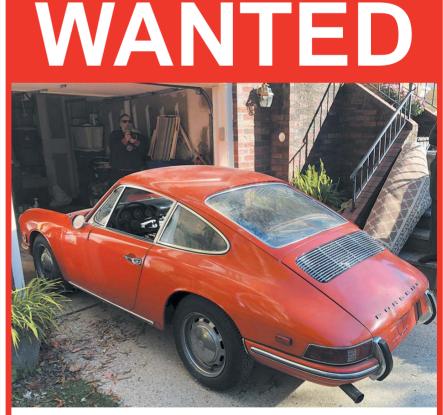




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Meals on Wheels expanding, buys \$3.4M building for food prep

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC Grove-based Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula — which delivers food to homebound seniors and others — has purchased a former

motorcycle shop in Seaside to help meet the growing demand for its services.

The nonprofit acquired the old Monterey Powersports building at 1020 La Salle for \$3.4 million, with escrow closing July 29. Taylor and Keri Loesch are listed as the sellers of the nearly 16,000 square-foot commercial structure, according to documents filed at the Monterey County Recorder's office.

"The building was purchased to be used as a production kitchen to make more meals to meet the rising demand

throughout Monterey County," Jacob Shafer, senior director of advancement for Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula, told The Pine Cone this week.

The kitchen likely won't be up and running until sometime in 2027, Shafer explained.

'Rising demand'

In Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula's 2025 Impact Report, board president Rory Coetzee talked about the challenge of "meeting the rising demand for our services" and the development of a "state-of-the-art kitchen capable of producing up to 10,000 meals per day."

"This ambitious step will ensure we can meet the ever-growing need for decades to come," Coetzee said.

In the meantime, the organization, which operates from its headquarters at 700 Jewell Ave., is gearing up for a fund-



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Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula serves paella to hungry diners on July 25, 2022.

raising campaign for the commercial kitchen project.

The home-delivered meals program is the only one of its kind on the Peninsula that offers "nutritious meals every day, five days per week, with an extra meal for the weekend," the organization said.

President and CEO Christine Winge reported that the group served an estimated 619,000 meals in 2024.

Details of how the transaction was handled were not immediately available, but Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula's 2023 tax forms indicate it had \$17,343,036 in assets including \$12,423,100 in publicly traded securities.



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Officials certify P.G. referendum

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County Elections office has certified a referendum organized by a group of Pacific Grove residents who are seeking to overturn a decision by the city council to give itself a nearly 130 percent increase in pay. The group wants voters to decide on the issue.

On Aug. 6, the elections office notified Transparent Pacific Grove head Luke Coletti, a former P.G. city councilman, that the group successfully surpassed the required 10 percent threshold of 1,060 signatures from registered voters. The effort took only three weeks.

The certificate will be provided to the city council, which will have the option of nixing the pay hike ordinance at an upcoming meeting or allowing residents to vote on the idea, which means the proposal will go on a ballot.

If the council repeals it, then the ordinance is defeated and a similar proposal to increase the stipend amount for councilmembers cannot be considered for at least one year.

If the city council chooses to allow voters to decide, then the ordinance will be

submitted to the voters at the next regular municipal election, which is Nov. 3, 2026, or at a special election.

'Misleading costs'

Special elections are expensive, and Coletti said that the last one in Pacific Grove cost taxpayers \$125,000. Placing the question on a regular municipal election ballot will cost \$5,000 to \$10,000, he said.

"The city council is almost always misled and provided a much higher cost" for elections, "which they then use to justify their no vote," Coletti said.

He said that Transparent Pacific Grove believes voting on the matter is the "most definitive and effective way of settling

"We brought the referendum forward to let the voters decide, and that's clearly what they want," Coletti explained in a press release. "To deprive the voters of this would be a betrayal.'

Proponents of raising the stipend for the council say that it could attract people interested in running for a seat. They also point to the fact that members haven't had a raise in more than 26 years.

Monterey 'landlord workshop'

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

An EFFORT to connect property managers and landlords with potential tenants will be offered by the City of Monterey and the Housing Resource Center of Monterey County, which are hosting a "Landlord Workshop" in El Estero Park Center Aug. 14 6 to 8 p.m.

"This workshop is to connect property

managers and landlords with clients ready to be housed," organizers said, and will include representatives from Sterling Property Management, ECHO Fair Housing, Downtown Streets Team, Community Human Services and Gathering for Women.

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Western Flyer tours offered Aug. 16

August 8, 2025

By CHRIS COUNTS

The Carmel Pine Cone

A BOAT that carried literary giant John Steinbeck and pioneering marine biologist Ed Ricketts on a famous ocean voyage more than eight decades ago, the Western Flyer will be available for public visits when it returns to Monterey Saturday, Aug. 16.

The ship will dock at the end of Fish-

erman's Wharf, just to the left of the Rockfish Harbor Grill, according to the Fisherman's Wharf Association. "This iconic vessel, made famous by John Steinbeck and Ed Ricketts during their legendary 1940 expedition to the Sea of Cortez, has just returned from retracing that historic journey," the group said.

Free public tours will be offered from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. — for one day only - giving people a chance to learn more about the boat,

which was built in Tacoma, Wash., in 1937 for Monterey's sardine fishing industry.

Steinbeck and Ricketts took the Western Flyer on a six-week trip in 1940. Ricketts collected samples of marine life, while Steinbeck used the trip as inspiration for his book, "Sea of Cortez," which came out the following year.

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Drivers keep hitting young seagulls

By KELLY NIX

SPCA MONTEREY County is caring for dozens of rescued seagulls, some of which were struck by cars and injured, the organization said.

SPCA spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser said the nonprofit off Highway 68 is taking care of 46 young gulls, which are leaving their nests this time of year so they can eventually make it on their own. They're the same size as their parents but are mostly gray and haven't yet learned to fly.

"Sadly, people are driving way too fast," Brookhouser said. "Drivers expect these large birds, which they don't realize are babies, to fly away, and they simply can't. We are issuing this alert asking people to slow down and give time for the gull babies to walk out of the way."

Hundreds of young seagulls have been hit and killed this season, she said.

Watch out

The most dangerous local areas for young seagulls are along Cannery Row, near CVS on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove, and in the Edgewood Shopping Center in Sand City, especially in front of and behind Target, PetSmart and Lucky, according to the SPCA.

"We strongly recommend slowing down and being compassionate for these birds,"

Brookhouser explained. "The fledgling season is brief; we can all slow down for a few weeks.'

The SPCA Wildlife Center is also rescuing nestling gulls, which have white and gray downy feathers with black spots.

If you see an injured gull, or any other injured wild animal, SPCA Monterey County asks that you call (831) 264-5427 or visit spcamc.org/wildlife.



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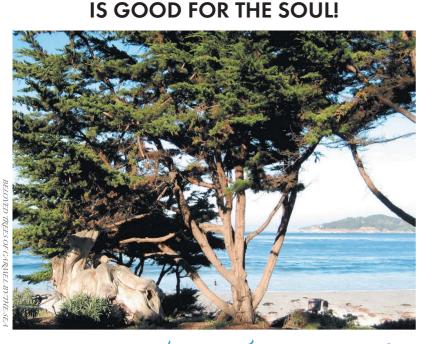
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28 years later, water permit OK'd

By KELLY NIX

The Carmel Pine Cone

A DISPUTE over a water permit for the owner of a Monterey home has been resolved nearly 30 years after it began.

In March, David Fockler was told by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District that a permit issued to him in 1997 enabling him to build his home was unresolved because the district never did a final inspection of the house to ensure the fixtures he installed matched those OK'd by the agency. The district even provided him a copy of the 28-year-old permit.

"Please be advised that properties not in compliance with district water permit may be subject to the recordation of a notice of non-compliance on the property title, along with other potential actions," the agency warned Fockler in the letter.

'Follow the rules'

However, Fockler told The Pine Cone in May that he was sure the permit process was finalized because a Monterey County official said it had a 1997 recorded notice of completion, a document that is only issued after all inspections are finished. He could not find a copy of that notice, though.

In any case, Fockler said he allowed a district official to come into his house last

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"A very nice lady, Stephanie Locke, did the inspection on Wed. July 30," he explained, saying it took about 15 minutes. "It was really kind of stupid. They were making sure that my builder installed all the fixtures on the permit. I said to Stephanie that after 30 years, I would have noticed a missing toilet or shower."

Locke told The Pine Cone Thursday that the district needed to verify the number and type of fixtures to close the permit, and that everything was in order in Fockler's house.

He later received a note from the water district, a government agency, telling him his "water permit is finalized and closed," and that "no further action is needed."

The water district has said that because more water will be available in a few months from the Pure Water Monterey reclamation project, the agency wanted to resolve "open" permits. The district contacted other homeowners, too.

District general manager Dave Stoldt had said earlier this year that his agency was notifying property owners about unresolved permits by mail, requesting they schedule final inspections.

"Follow their rules and everything is OK," Fockler said.

County fair seeks volunteers

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE MONTEREY County Fair is asking community members "to be part of one of the area's most beloved annual traditions" by volunteering to help pull off the event, this year scheduled for Aug. 28 through Sept. 1.

Volunteer opportunities begin Aug. 17

and continue through Sept. 2, with help needed setting up exhibits, judging various competitions, assisting guests, hosting and other jobs. The roles are open to adults, as well as students seeking community service hours.

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Board of supervisors sets renewal fees for vacation rental licenses

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN ITS latest move to create rules for short-term rentals, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 Tuesday to establish a \$135 renewal fee for a rental with no changes to a license and \$357.50 for renewals that require changes. Board chair Chris Lopez voted against

Classic Motorsports cancels kick-off

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

ORGANIZERS OF the Classic Motorsports Monterey Kickoff — which was held at Folktale Winery before moving to Pacific Grove a several years ago — announced they are not bringing their event back this year.

"A decade ago, we hosted our first kickoff with the goal of democratizing Monterey Car Week, inviting our readers to show their cars to the public in a venue with free admission and a laid-back, low-stress atmosphere," Classic Motorsports representatives said. "It's been a fixture of the Car Week schedule ever since."

But August on the Peninsula has accumulated more and more events over the years, and the kickoff evolved from a show-up-and-show event to one that required preregistration, fees, security and a lot more formal organization.

Its hosts have decided they're done.

Exponential growth

"As the event has grown, so too has Car Week, seemingly exponentially. And so too have the challenges and expenses of building, hosting and insuring an event with hundreds of cars and thousands of spectators," they said. "Despite these challenges, there are now more events and opportunities than ever for almost anyone to participate in the classic car world's biggest festival."

Classic Motorsports' editorial staff will instead focus on covering Car Week and partnering with other events, they said.

Pacific Grove will be the site of four Car Week events: The Little Car Show Aug. 13, Legends of the Autobahn and the new Woodies in the Woods Aug. 14, and the Pacific Grove Auto Rally Aug. 15.

the measure, which applies in unincorporated parts of the county outside the coastal zone.

According to a county report, fee amounts were set to offset the staff time needed to process the renewals. The \$357.50 charge for renewals with changes is higher because they "more in-depth review" and "additional staff processing time.'

In September 2024, the supervisors approved an initial license fee of \$965 but didn't set renewal fees.

Code enforcement

At Tuesday's meeting, county official Melanie Beretti reported that the planning staff "have been conducting code enforcement operations" on vacation rentals "that continue to operate but have not applied for permits from the county." The crackdown started April 14.

Beretti also offered a progress report on the applications it has received so far, which fall into three categories - homestays, limited rentals and unlimited rentals.

To qualify as a homestay, the owner must be onsite and use the house as a primary residence. Limited rentals don't need an onsite host but can be rented no more than three times a year. Owners may lease out unlimited rentals as often as they like.

The official reported that the county has approved nine homestay applications with 21 pending, four limited rentals applications with 10 pending, and 34 unlimited applications with 33 pending.

Of the 34 unlimited licenses granted, 30 — which were approved before the Monterey County Board of Supervisors finalized its short-term rental ordinances in August 2024 — will need to reapply in 2031.

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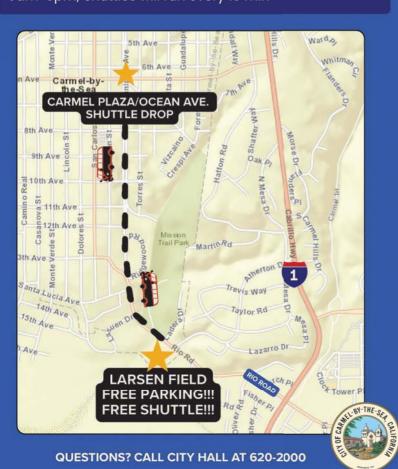
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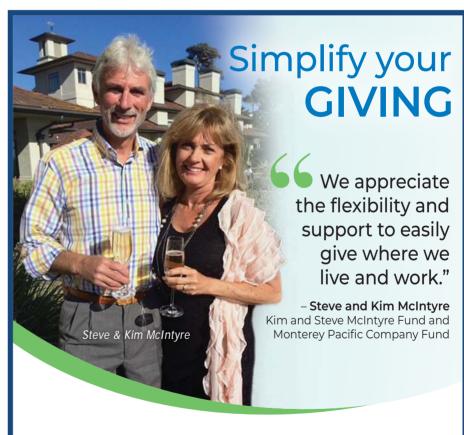
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Music meets astrophotography at Gallery Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

An UNUSUAL pairing at Gallery Sur Saturday brings together astrophotographer Gary Lopez and singer and guitarist Jewel Arianna. Titled "Tales Told by Ancient Light," the mixed media show starts at 5 p.m. and is free.

According to gallery director Rohana LoSchiavo, the pair "share their view of the cosmos with beautiful images and captivating songs."

"This is a unique program and beautifully expands our understanding of both the historic and current interplay between art and science," LoSchiavo told The Pine Cone. "Together, their work surrounds and washes over the audience, opening a portal to see and feel a familiar connection to the universe.'

Fascinated by the "beauty and drama that is captured in the ancient light of the cosmos," Lopez finds creative inspiration in the nighttime sky. "I strive to create visual experiences that evoke a sense of familiarity and connection, and offer the viewer a portal to a deeper level — a window to see and feel their connection to the universe,' Lopez said.

The gallery director described Lopez as one of the world's most respected astrophotographers. "He uses the ancient light of the night sky to create elegant images that tell the stories of the galaxy," she explained.

Arianna is a local singer and guitarist who performed recently at Hyatt Regency Monterey and Bernardus Lodge. And like Lopez, she's enamored with the stars.

"She herself is like an astrophysicist," LoSchiavo said.



A free show Saturday at Gallery Sur reveals the beauty of the cosmos through astrophotography and original music

"She has written five original songs inspired by Gary's astrophotography — Arianna transports the listener on a journey through the drama and beauty of deep space with her melodies and lyrics."

The gallery — which will be the site of a reception Saturday for Lopez from 4 to 7 p.m. — is located on Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln.

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PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

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Wristbands are \$40 each for unlimited rides between Ocean Avenue in front of Carmel Plaza and Pebble Beach, one-way tickets are \$20, and kids under 12 can shuttle for free. Passes can be purchased online or from the Carmel Visitor Center in the Plaza before Concours Sunday, or at the shuttle stop on the day of the show. For more information and to purchase online, go to carmelchamber.org and click on the "events" tab.



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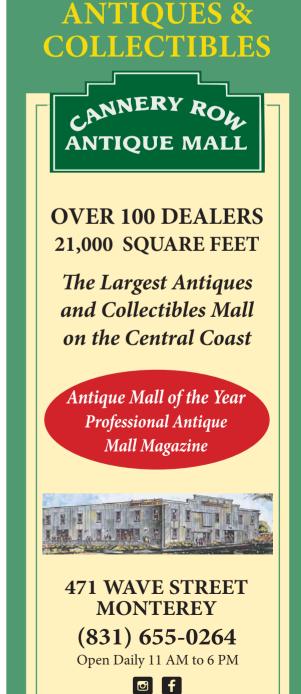
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A serene tableau with more precision moving parts than a Swiss watch

By ELAINE HESSER

'Is the bar OK here?" "That table-cloth isn't on right." "The groom's boutonniere is over there." Questions and information flew around Heidi Sebok like honeybees buzzing around nearby flowers at Holman Ranch in Carmel Valley. She responded calmly, not breaking a sweat — at least until the temperature climbed into the 80s.

In February, I reported on Coastside Couture's wedding planning services for a special section of The Pine Cone. Sebok, the owner, said that 10 couples who hire her each year spend at least \$1,000 per guest (not including lodging), with an average of \$2,500, and she said attendance has ranged from 20 people to 300, averaging around 140. So, I wondered, what does



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Simple isn't the same as easy. This ceremony and two days of associated events required in-depth planning and coordination.

that money get you?

Sebok let me tag along for a day, and here's what I saw.

Holman Ranch opened in 1928 and became a getaway for silent film stars like Charlie Chaplin. Gracious guestrooms line the driveway to the historic stone hacienda and manicured lawn overlooking rolling hills and vineyards. It's all über-photogenic, with multiple spots for ceremonies, receptions and wedding party preparations. That — and the helpful, professional staff

— make it one of Sebok's favorite venues. By 11:30 a.m. on a Saturday, she was supported by a diligent, resilient and good-natured squad of employees amid preparations for about 140 people who would be part of the 3:30 ceremony.

Lots of traffic

Sebok's seven-page schedule listed seven groomsmen and eight bridesmaids. She said such large bridal parties are

A third of that timetable was already yesterday's news. The wedding party and guests had arrived and gotten settled on Friday. The rehearsal, a dinner and a wel-

come party stretched into the evening, with postevent cleanup starting at 10 p.m.

By 7:30 a.m. Saturday, the hair and makeup artist was setting up large lighted mirrors and workstations in the bridal party's dressing room.

The Coastside Couture team, dressed in black with headsets like a tech crew in a theater, fanned out across a courtyard with undressed banquet tables that were a tad askew. One CC employee had arrived early to tend exclusively to the bride for the day.

There was an astonishing amount of minutiae, from dozens of childhood photos of the bride and groom displayed in the hacienda's great room, to table numbers for the reception. "These should face the entrance," noted Sebok quietly, turning the numbered cards so guests could find their seats quickly.

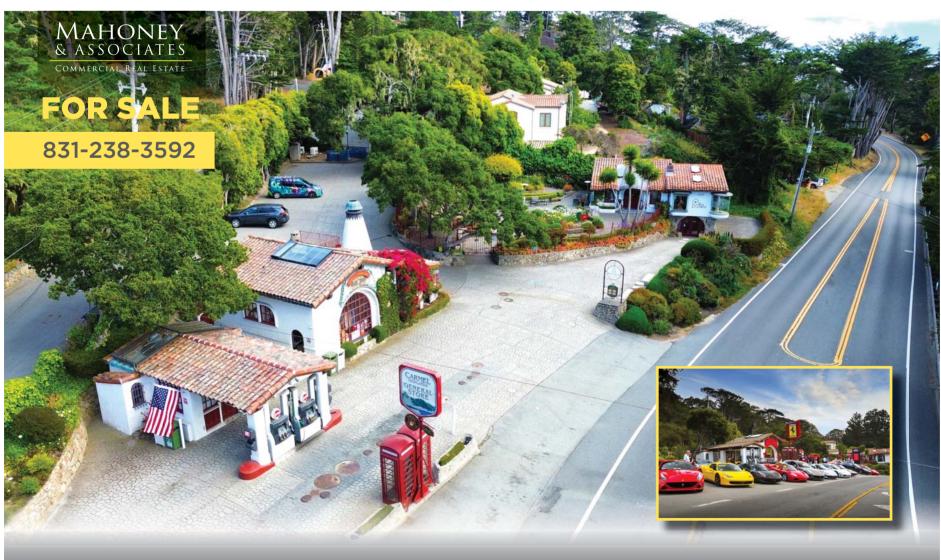
Meanwhile, groomsmen sunned themselves in a courtyard, and the mothers of the bride and groom looked relaxed, still in matching blue PJs. They gathered with the bride and bridesmaids — in their own color-coordinated jammies — for a toast

recorded by two photographers and a videographer.

Sandwiches from Jerome's Carmel Valley Market arrived for lunch.

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happened or why it happened.

On March 9, 2023, while in custody pending prosecution for the above offenses, Tejeda and multiple other Norteño criminal street gang members in the Monterey County Jail coordinated with each other to stab another inmate in their jail pod. Tejeda and other co-conspirators repeatedly stabbed the inmate, inflicting great bodily haarm on the victim, in furtherance of a criminal street gang.

Tejeda was sentenced by Judge Mark E. Hood. The homicide case was primarily investigated by Detective John Richardson of the Salinas Police Department.

June 5 — Travis Harris, 40, a resident of Scotts Valley, was sentenced to 40 years, 8 months to life in prison, after being convicted by a jury of 8 counts of lewd act on a child aged 14 or 15 in violation of Penal Code Section 288(c); 6 counts of lewd act on a child under 14 in violation of Penal Code section 288(a); 1 count of oral copulation of a child 10 or under in violation of Penal Code section 288.7(b); 1 count of contacting a minor for purposes of committing a sex offense in violation of Penal Code section 288.3(a); 2 counts of sending harmful material to a minor in violation of Penal Code section 288.2; 2 counts of unlawful sexual intercourse in violation of Penal Code section 261.5(c), 1 count of using a minor for sex acts in violation of Penal Code section 311.4(c); and 2 counts of providing cannabis to a minor over 14 in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11361(b). Judge Pamela Butler presided over the trial and sentencing.

The defendant met Jane Doe 1 online, on the chat board "Reddit," in September of 2022. At the time, he was 38 years old, and she was 15 years old. After talking online for approximately a week, they met in person and engaged in sexual intercourse. The defendant was aware that she was 15. They met in person many times, at various locations over the next few months, engaging in various sex acts. He also sent her lingerie, sex toys and adult clothing through Amazon.com. He also sent her nude photographs of himself and took photos and video of the two of them engaged in sexual intercourse. The defendant asked Doe 1 to recruit other young friends of hers to have sex with him and spoke to her about his sexual fantasies.

He also told Doe 1 about a 9-year-old girl who previously lived in his household and described being naked with that child and seemed sexually excited by it. After seeing a news story about the defendant's arrest, that child, Jane Doe 2, now a young adult, came forward to police and disclosed that the defendant had molested her when she was 9 years old.

The defendant was convicted of seven "strike" offenses under California's three strikes law and will be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life. Doe 1's mother gave an emotional victim impact statement to the judge, describing the impact that the defendant's crimes have had on her daughter and her family. Judge Butler praised Doe 1 and Doe 2 for their courage in coming forward and testifying about a very difficult topic.

This case was investigated by Greenfield Police Officers Jesus Rangel, Armando Lerma and Joseph Dyels, a special agent with the United States Department of Homeland Security, and Monterey County District Attorney Investigator Rachel Maldonado. The victims and their mothers were supported by victim advocate Mayra Sandoval. Court facility support dog Armani and victim advocate Kristen Peterson provided Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2 with invaluable support during their trial testimony.

June 5 — A jury convicted Elon Ocyris Whitaker, 40, from Vallejo, of one count of human trafficking for sexual exploitation (PC 236.1(b)), one count of human trafficking to obtain labor (PC 236.1(a)), one count of pandering by procuring another for prostitution (PC 266i), and one count of false imprisonment by violence (PC 236). These constitute the first felony convictions for Whitaker, who will have to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life.

On Feb. 26, 2025, at approximately 4 a.m., Marina Police Officers Jasmine Flores and Eduardo Gamboa responded to a motel in the City of Marina after Jane Doe had called 911 and left an open line. Dispatchers could clearly hear a disturbance including a male yelling about giving him money. Once on scene, officers listened at the door and heard the same male yelling to give him his money. Whitaker answered the door and Doe emerged from the bathroom crying hysterically. During the investigation, officers and Detective Ivan Santana learned that Doe was a resident of Alameda County, who had been brought to Monterey County by Whitaker. Whitaker had developed a friendship with Doe, occasionally buying her small gifts over the course of several weeks. However, after Doe rejected his romantic advances, Whitaker became hostile

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Aug. 18. Upon their return, they will have five days to review and vote on any new map before an Aug. 22 deadline from the Secretary of State to get the issue on the November ballot.

The race to get it all done will leave very little time for the public to review changes to their districts. But when pressed by reporters at his Monday press conference, the governor insisted the process will be legitimate.

"The ultimate test of transparency is what voters will decide on — full light of day, completely public, they will have opportunity to review those maps, they will have ample opportunity, and it will be in their ballot box," said Newsom.

Democratic leaders put the wheels in motion this week to fulfill the governor's request by Aug. 22, meeting behind closed doors Sunday night to hash out a battle plan.

"We will fight fire with fire. Our voters must be empowered to push back. California has never backed down — and we won't start now," said Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas.

As speaker, Rivas, a Hollister Democrat, will be tasked with leading the charge on passing two pieces of legislation upon the return from recess. One bill will be needed to approve the special election with a majority vote, and the other would include the ballot initiative to change the maps.

That second piece of legislation requires a two-thirds majority.

Addis weighs in

Central Coast Representative Dawn Addis said she is ready to take action later this month, but only if Texas changes its map. Addis spoke Wednesday from Boston where she attended the National Conference of State Legislatures and spent time with Texas Democrats who have fled the state to stop the Republican-led redistricting effort.

"This is just another form of a poll tax, this isn't only about partisan redistricting it is also about silencing the voices of Black and Brown voters," said Addis Wednesday.

Texas Democrats argue the proposed reconfiguration would take power away from Latino and Black voters in their state. Addis believes Texas may just be the beginning and that other red states may also move forward with maps aimed at gaining more seats for Republicans in the coming weeks.

Vulnerable Republicans

The Democratic lawmaker said blue states cannot allow themselves to be walked all over and that is one reason why she is open to the governor's proposal to redraw California's map. That said, she still has reservations.

"If we move the process forward, I would be looking for the legislature to be in control, I would be looking for a process that is transparent and a process that makes sure that voters have a say in what is happening, and then a process that only moves forward if Texas or another state takes the egregious action of doing mid-decade redistricting," said Addis.

A new congressional map for California has not been made public, but Addis said she does not anticipate any changes to Rep. Jimmy Panetta's 19th District.

"I have yet to examine any maps that are out there. I am not expecting any changes on the Central Coast," said Addis.

She confirmed that state lawmakers are hoping to gain around five seats for Democrats to counteract any gains Republicans make in Texas. Currently, California has 52 representatives and only nine, or 17 percent, are Republicans. Thirty-eight percent of California voters supported Donald Trump in the 2024 presidential election.

One of the vulnerable Republicans in Newsom's redistricting scheme is Rep. Kevin Kiley, who represents the 3rd District, which covers a stretch of Eastern California from Lassen National Volcanic Park to Death Valley. If new lines are drawn to add additional voters in Sacramento County to his district, Kiley could be out of office come 2026. In response to the game of Whac-a-Mole being played between Texas and California, the congressman has authored a bill to ban mid-decade redistricting altogether.

"I've introduced legislation to stop Newsom's plan to abolish the Citizens Redistricting Commission, seize its powers for himself, and remove all checks and balances in California. I'm calling on House Leadership to bring it up for a vote and end this insanity." wrote Kiley on social media platform X.

If passed, the bill would ban redistricting efforts nationwide and nullify any maps approved before the 2030 census.

Republicans in the state Assembly, who have a super-minority and no chance of stopping the redistricting effort on their

own, have unsurprisingly come out against Newsom's proposal as well.

"Gavin Newsom and Rob Bonta have concocted a strange legal 'theory' to undermine California voters who unequivocally said citizens should draw maps for politicians, not the other way around. It's undemocratic, it's wrong, and it needs to be stopped," said Assemblyman James Gallagher, a Sutter County Republican.

How much?

California Attorney General Rob Bonta, a likely candidate for governor when Newsom is term-limited out next year, is a big proponent of the plan to call for a special election and move forward with redistricting without the independent commission the people established in 2008.

Whether or not voters will agree is yet to be determined. Many Californians hate Trump, but how much?







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Chamber wants input on parking

By MARY SCHLEY

Would shuttles help alleviate downtown parking issues? How many workers take up prime two-hour spots near their businesses, anyway? The Carmel Chamber of Commerce and the City of Carmel are conducting a survey to learn the answers to those and other questions, all to help develop a solution to the decades-long problem of parking and traffic congestion in the city's commercial district.

"We are exploring a shuttle and remote parking program for employees who work in the Carmel business district," the survey says. "Your feedback will help us build a system that supports your business and meets the needs of your team."

The questionnaire asks for business and contact information, followed by how many employees work there, what times they arrive and depart, where they park (business district, residential streets, public transit, all-day parking lots or "other"), and whether "parking limitations negatively impact your employees or customers."

It goes on to ask how parking in

general impacts the business, if the owner has established "a standard practice for employee parking," and whether the owner would be interested in participating in a remote parking and shuttle or golf-cart service for employees.

"If yes or maybe, how many employees might participate regularly?" the survey asks, and then queries what measures might help increase participation, such as short wait times, comfortable shuttles, incentives, flexible hours or recognition.

It also inquires about "potential concerns" about the program and seeks additional comments or suggestions.

"As the chamber continues to advocate for improved downtown access for businesses, employees, residents and visitors, your voice is essential," chamber officials said. "Please take a moment to complete the city's parking survey to share your input and help guide future decisions. We're committed to representing the needs of our business community as these discussions move forward."

The survey can be found at forms. gle/6WLLfSvBM1nzzPCc7.

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While swans have been invited to upscale weddings, turkeys are annoying, kicking up dirt and digging up plants.

A small flock strode by near the ceremony area, one more thing for Sebok to think about.

Fancy Pansy florist and Paradise Catering toted carts and boxes to designated locations. Pour Girl mobile bar service brought ingredients for signature cocktails, and racks of glassware. DJs wheeled in speakers, microphones and turntables for the reception and ceremony. The violinist found her spot and began tuning up.

Cold water, lemonade and iced tea dispensers and a bucket of parasols were set up near the ceremony site. By the beginning of the wedding, half the seats would be in the shade, Sebok said reassuringly.

Hours of video and hundreds of photographs were taken and added to those from the previous evening. Boutonnieres were pinned and bow ties were tied.

More than one man asked, "Why can't we wear

"They don't look as good," answered Sebok, cinching one snugly around a groomsman's neck.

Human moments

Her work involves more than checking off tasks. Sebok loves the joy that blossoms as a wedding day progresses, and everyone commented on how she'd become "part of

When the flowers arrived, she made sure the bride got a peek at her bouquet. There was the adorable detail that the groom's father made chocolate-chip cookies for the reception. Someone reported that the groom cried when he saw the bride in her gown, and everyone within earshot sighed and smiled.

An endearingly earnest grandmother listened intently to instructions for her "flower granny" duties — distributing blooms from a white basket to guests as she walked down the aisle ahead of the bride in a newish trend meant to involve older family members.

Sebok asked the bride and her father if they'd had any water recently. They hadn't, so she vanished and reappeared with two bottles. Nobody swoons on her watch.

By 3 p.m., the entire hilltop had been transformed.

Flowers lined the grassy aisle. Reception tables were fully decked out. The smell of barbecue filled the air. A basket of flipflops sat near the dance floor and space heaters stood ready to be deployed against evening chill.

The work area comprised less than a city block. But in four hours, walking back and forth added over 2 miles to my pedometer.

Contrast that with, Sebok, who had almost more seven hours — including the ceremony — to finish before breakdown started at 10 p.m.

She said she was getting the hang of self-care when she got home — it involves a hot tub, perhaps a glass of wine, and lots of peace and quiet.

BURGLARY

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possessions.

"Why would they steal her car, but not his?" he asked. He also said some of the neighbors blame local TV media for showing the house and its address, which perhaps made it a target since people learned it might be

The Pine Cone has not reported the address.

Trip planned

He and another neighbor also said it was known in the neighborhood that the couple's son, Loch, who lives in Northern California, was having problems and that they were planning to go see him. One of the residents said the Geisens had withdrawn \$100,000 in cash in advance of the trip.

When asked on July 31 whether a sheriff's log item from July 28 that read, "A burglary and car theft was reported," involved the home where the murder occurred, Cmdr. Andy Rosas responded, "Yes. A burglary was reported. I do not have details on what type of burglary or what was taken."

Following a request that he read the report and provide whatever information he could, Rosas responded, "I have been told there are no further details available at this time."

Geisen, meanwhile, is undergoing mental health evaluations after the judge at his July 29 arraignment agreed with the defense attorney, who questioned his client's competency to stand trial.

The judge referred Geisen to "a psychiatrist, psychologist or other expert" for review and possible treatment. While that evaluation and prognosis are underway, the criminal proceedings against him are suspended, and he's next set to appear in court for a report on Aug. 13.

Geisen remains in Monterey County Jail on \$1,015,000



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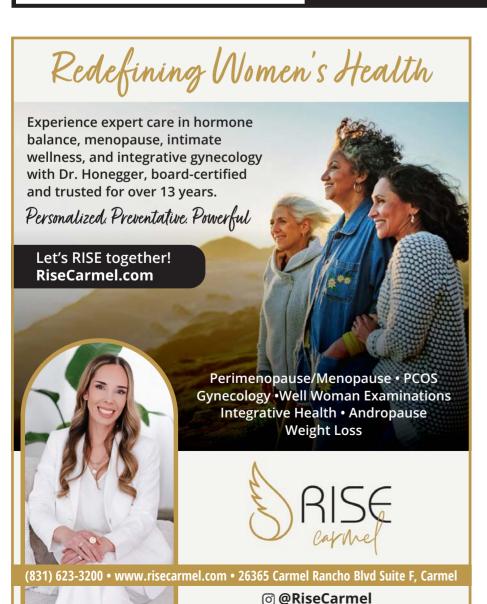


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HISTORIC BOARD OKS PASTOR PLANS FOR FORMER COTTAGE RESTAURANT

By MARY SCHLEY

THE FORMER Cottage Restaurant on Lincoln that burned in an April 2023 fire will be replaced by two retail spaces, with a new apartment in the back, according to plans submitted by owner Patrice Pastor's local company, Esperanza Carmel, while the building next door will be updated, as will the apartment complex to the rear. The historic resources board approved exterior changes proposed for the two street-front buildings last week.

Pastor purchased the property in January 2023 for \$6.2 million, according to Monterey County property records, and wants to restore and update it. While the apartment complex at the rear was built in 1973 and is not considered historic, the buildings fronting Lincoln were constructed in 1937, 1938 and 1941 and are "locally significant examples of the Colonial Revival architectural style as designed by architect Milton Latham and designer Jon Konigshofer," associate planner Katherine Wallace said in her July 21

report

The complex is also in the Downtown Conservation District, so any proposed alterations undergo additional scrutiny relative to any impacts they might have.

'Non-historic' stuff to go

The two structures designed by Konigshofer were later connected to make a single space and contained The Cottage on the ground floor and an upstairs apartment. Both were damaged in a kitchen fire. On the Lincoln Street facade, plans call for removing a wrought-iron gate and a brick planter, replacing light fixtures, reconditioning the bay window "to be like new," repainting the building and replacing the Dutch doors.

Changes proposed for the less visible sides include refurbishing window shutters and removing several non-historic features, such as a stairway, windows, a railing, light enclosures and lights. Some will be replaced. On the south side on the second story, the upstairs apartment's



PHOTO/MARY SCHLE

The historic resources board last month signed off on proposed updates to this Dolores Street property.

sliding glass doors will be replaced with double doors with side windows, a new awning will be installed, and

the deck will get re-tiled.

No alterations are proposed for the street-facing side of Latham's building to the north, where a juice bar was recently approved, but on the south side, a window will be replaced with a door to provide ADA access to a bathroom, and a door will be swapped out for a window. Stairs, a handrail, a guardrail and the landing will make way for new stairs, and at the back, the non-historic door, stairs, guardrail and landing will be removed.

Combining courtyards

Wallace also noted that all the hardscape on the site, including walkways, stairs, railings and planters, were installed in 1973 as part of the apartment complex and are not historic. The plans include resurfacing the steps in the Paso de Pauline interblock walkway leading down to the apartment complex, as well as adding Spanish tile risers and tearing down a wood fence separating its courtyard from La Rambla's courtyard next door. (Pastor purchased La Rambla, which is also historic and has retail on the ground floor and apartments upstairs, in January 2024 for \$7.5 million.)

"New landscaping will be added to soften the space

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and provide a cohesive outdoor environment that links both courtyards," Wallace explained.

Consultant Meg Clovis reviewed the proposal and made several suggestions to ensure it complies with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Original doors

Instead of replacing the Dutch doors, she said, the original ones should be retained and restored, including installing lattice-patterned glass in one and restoring a solid wood panel in the upper half of the other, as Konigshofer's drawings show. In addition, door shutters that were removed last year should be reinstalled, assuming they are being held in storage somewhere, and the original drawings should be referenced when deciding which light fixtures to use.

Clovis panned the Spanish tiles proposed for the risers of the steps leading down to the apartment complex, even though the HRB in 2023 allowed similar tiles under the bay windows in the Latham

"To prevent additional conjectural features that are not consistent with the Colonial Revival style of the resource, it is recommended that the Spanish tiles be omitted from the plans for the stairs," Clovis said.

In addition, she said the plans must include promises that certain "preservation techniques" will be followed and "the gentlest means possible will be used for cleaning all historic wood, brick and metal features.'

And she praised the proposal to remove

the barrier between the courtvards.

"Both the La Rambla courtyard and the Paso de Pauline have been recognized by the Carmel Heritage Society as two of the village's significant courtyards," she said. "The connection of the two courtyards will enhance both and contribute to this aspect of Carmel's historic village design."

A project manager for Esperanza Carmel agreed with Clovis' feedback.

"We take no exceptions to the recommendations by the consultant and would like to incorporate the recommendations into the project," he told the board.

For their part, board members didn't spend much time in discussion.

"I like what's going on here, especially the way it's being cleaned up," Kathryn Gualtieri said, while Esther Goodhue said the plan "has a lot of pluses, so I commend the developer."

'Excited'

Newest HRB member Bobbie Voris said she was "excited" about the planned repairs and restoration work.

Erik Dyar, who is also an architect, said the restoration work and other efforts will improve the property and the historic integrity of the buildings.

"I also appreciate the fact they're doing the multifamily units in the back," he said.

The board unanimously voted to find the project consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and with the Downtown Conservation District, and to determine they will have no impacts on nearby historic resources.

Pastor's plans for the whole property, including the full remodel of the apartment complex, still need to undergo planning commission review.

After his announcement Thursday that "it's time to leave this strange community," it's unknown how his project on Lincoln will proceed.

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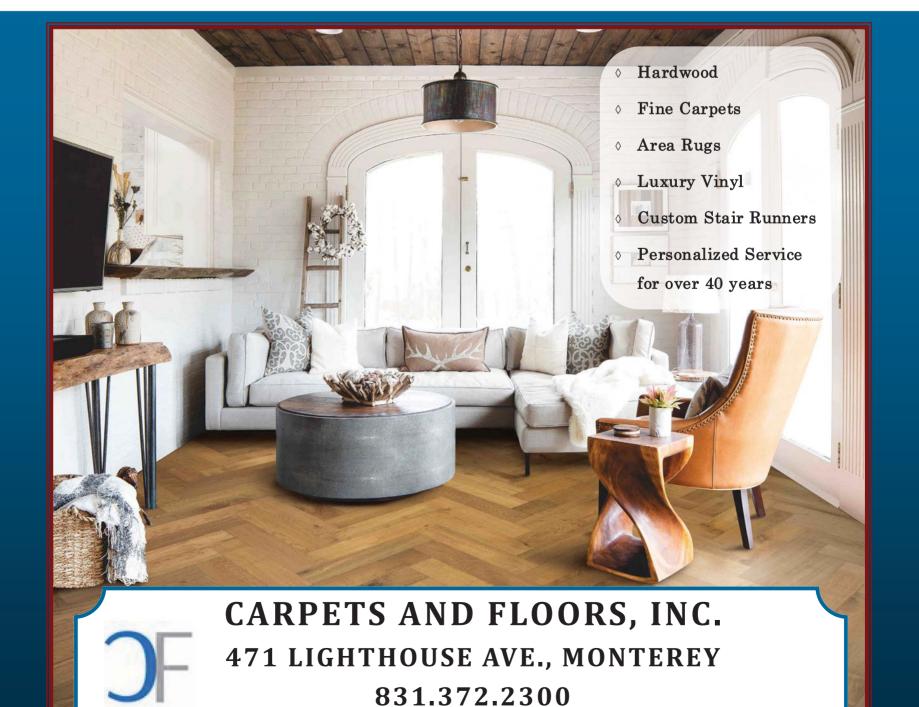


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His statement came a few days after a marathon meeting Aug. 4 which revealed doubts among a pared-down group of city councilmembers about whether his project on Dolores south of Seventh is exempt from an environmental impact report, satisfies parking and landscaping requirements, and avoids impacting an architecturally significant former bank complex next door. The council ultimately decided to delay taking any action on Pastor's project until next month, when it is set to request changes and send it back to the planning commission for review.

Pastor's announcement indicates he may kill the project. If he doesn't, the three councilmembers will be asked to state their reasons for agreeing with a group of nearly a dozen residents seeking to overturn the planning commission's April approval of the JB Pastor project, which calls for a 12,971-square-foot, two-story complex that includes eight upstairs apartments, roughly 5,100 square feet of ground-floor retail space, and an 852-square-foot basement containing a dozen parking spaces.

'Structure' and 'interaccessibility'

Represented by attorney Krista Ostoich, the group of opponents includes Mike Brown, Mike Cate, Don Goodhue, Steve Hillyard, Vinz Koller, Courtney Kramer, Cindy Lloyd, Ian Martin, Rich Pepe, Kristi Reimers and Julie Wendt. They contend the project is not exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and that the planning commission's OK was based on "improper applications of the terms, 'structure' and 'interaccessibility," which led to the approval of a structure with more than 10,000 square feet of floor area. They also say the development doesn't include enough ground-floor landscaping and object to allowing Pastor to pay in-lieu fees to compensate for some of the required parking and the use of lifts to stack two cars per spot in the garage. Further, they claim the plans don't meet demands made by a prior city council regarding preservation of a building and decorative wall behind the Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse.

Before the hearing, Mayor Dale Byrne said he would step down on the advice of city attorney Brian Pierik due to a potential conflict of interest. In a letter to the city, Ostoich demanded Byrne recuse himself because the nonprofit he founded, Carmel Cares, received donations from Pastor and realtor Tim Allen

"Volunteers with Carmel Cares have confirmed, and are willing to do so publicly, that Mr. Pastor has donated substantial resources to Carmel Cares," she said in the letter, though she didn't say what the "substantial resources" were. And Pastor is "publicly known to be a top client of Tim Allen's." His fundraising entity, Carmel Gives, has

also supported Carmel Cares projects. Those contributions create a "potential conflict of interest and appearance of bias" for Byrne, according to Ostoich.

'Due to Carmel Cares' close relationship with the city as well as Mr. Pastor's donations to Carmel Cares, I trust that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will take these concerns seriously and act to uphold both the letter and the spirit of ethical governance," she wrote.

Byrne disagreed but nonetheless recused himself.

"A concern has been raised about my impartiality due to the applicant making a charitable donation to support a Carmel Cares project over 16 months ago — before I decided to run for office — and one of his agents [Allen] contributing to the Community Foundation for Monterey County, which also makes donations to Carmel Cares," he said. "I want to be clear: This concern is misplaced."

'No conflicts'

Carmel Cares, founded by Byrne in 2020, and Carmel Gives, established by Allen during the Covid pandemic, are highly regarded for tackling civic projects, coordinating volunteers and providing funding for nonprofits and other worthy causes.

Byrne said he has no financial interest in Pastor's project and no legal or ethical conflicts with him or his real

"Still, based on our city attorney's advice, I will recuse myself — not because I believe it's necessary, but to keep this process moving and avoid giving grounds for further delay," he said. "It's disheartening when honest public service is met with suspicion. I will always stand for transparency, integrity and the value of giving back.'

When asked why he advised Byrne to step down and whether doing so sets a precedent for anyone making charitable donations or affiliated with a nonprofit while in office — Pierik simply said, "Matters need to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis."

Separately, councilman Bob Delves recused himself because Pepe, one of the people opposing Pastor's project, threw a fundraiser for him during last year's council campaign valued at \$1,000. By law, he could have returned \$500 to Pepe to resolve the conflict, but he opted not to.

Councilman Hans Buder also benefited from Pepe's largess prior to the election but opted to return the required amount to avoid any conflicts. He said Monday he had planned to recuse himself, as well, but decided to stay so the council would have a quorum.

With those two stepping down, the fate of Pastor's project was left in the hands of three councilmembers, who would have had to vote unanimously to uphold the planning commission's approval — effectively turning the recused members into "no" votes.

After senior planner Evan Kort gave his report defending the planning commission's unanimous approval of Pastor's project — which has been in the planning stages since 2019 — architect Jun Sillano, representing Pastor, described the plans and how they comply with the city's zoning and land use laws.

Ostoich then presented her clients' arguments, after which several speakers, including residents Nancy Twomey and Karyl Hall, urged the council to support the project, while others, including the appellants, argued for denial or kicking it back to the commission.

Councilmembers spent the next three hours debating each point and picking through the municipal code to draw their conclusions, many of which conflicted with Kort's analysis and recommendations.

On whether the two new buildings should be considered one because they are connected by a second-floor outdoor walkway, councilwoman Alissandra Dramov said they are a single structure that therefore exceeds the code's 10,000-square-foot limit, while councilman Jeff Baron who was running the meeting since the mayor and vice mayor had left — said he believes the project complies with the code. Councilman Hans Buder expressed uncertainty but agreed with Baron.

The three were united in their views that the parking is inadequate and said it should include all 17 spaces nominally required by the code, rather than the 12 called for in the plans plus the payment of in-lieu fees for the other five, which also meets the city's zoning requirements.

"I want to find a solution, so all the parking spaces are provided," Dramov said, and Buder said that "it feels like there is more opportunity for parking there.'

Baron said he believes the garage can be redesigned to accommodate all the required spaces without using lifts.

They also agreed the project should not be credited for landscaped areas on the roof, because it's supposed to be "visually accessible" to the public. The code requires at least 50 percent of the required open space to be landscaped, but contrary to the appellants' view, Kort said that doesn't mean it has to all be on the ground floor.

"I don't think landscaping on the roof applies," Baron said, with Dramov adding, "It's not a Carmel thing to stick all those trees up there," referring to the rooftop garden.

Spatial relationships

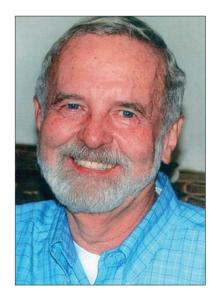
The council spent a long time discussing whether the project complies with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, as it must due to an earlier decision by the city requiring protection of the community room behind the former bank and a decorative concrete wall at the edge of Pastor's property.

Dramov pointed out the council in 2023 ordered changes to the design "to preserve the existing spatial relationship" of the former bank complex and to "preserve the context of the site" so that it "remains a prominent feature as viewed from Seventh Avenue and Dolores Street.'

"This project is enormous," she said. "And it ruins the whole composition of the bank building and the lot and its open space," so the planning commission erred in finding the plans in compliance with the standards when it approved them.

The council was divided on that issue and on whether it qualifies for California Environmental Quality Act exemptions for further review.

Because the council's feedback, views and direction were too extensive to summarize for a vote at the Aug. 4 meeting, the three decided to put off taking any action until their September meeting, when they'll ostensibly vote on a resolution rejecting the plans for parking and landscaping, and on motions addressing the points on which they are divided. In essence, they would be granting the appeal and sending the project back to the planning commission with requests for changes and more hearings — if Pastor doesn't abandon the effort. It's unknown if the full council would have decided differently.



JOE JOHNSON November 28, 1945-July 12, 2025

Joseph James Johnson, born in Binghamton, NY to Joseph F. Johnson and Sophie Nabywaniec-Johnson. He graduated from St. Mary's school in 1958, Susquehanna Valley High 1963, Broome Tech 1965 and earned a BA from Harpur College 1968. He received a master's degree in library science from SUNY Albany. Joe worked at the Binghamton Public Library from 1969 to 1974, when he started at Monterey Public Library where he worked until 2014. He is survived by several cousins and his close friend, Michael Matonick.

A Mass of Christian Burial with be celebrated at 10 a.m. August 11, 2025, at San Carlos Cathedral, 500 Church St., Monterey, CA 93940. Graveside service to follow at San Carlos Cemetery, 792 Fremont St., Monterey CA 93940.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to The California History Room, in care of Monterey Public Library Trust Fund.



ANGIE BUILTA HAPPY HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY AUG. 11, 1938 - FEB. 9, 2021

... there are so few words that could ever describe you, but I came across these written by a friend:

"Angie is the most fascinating woman I've met in my life! So beautiful, feminine, strong and talented ... such an honor to have known her." — (Paige)

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— demanding repayment for the money he had spent on her and accusing her of "wasting his time." Whitaker forced Doe to engage in braiding hair to pay him back. When the income from hair braiding did not meet his demands, he escalated his control by forcing her to engage in commercial sex work and took all the earnings for himself. After one incident where Doe was forced to exchange sex

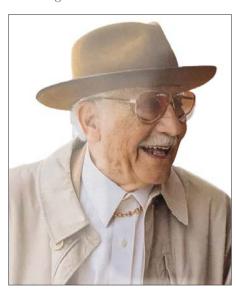
for money, Doe couldn't access the electronic funds from the "buyer" fast enough, which caused Whitaker to become enraged. During a heated exchange at the motel, Doe attempted to leave the room and Whitaker prevented her from escaping.

Doe bravely reached out for help and reported these crimes. She then courageously testified at trial. She was assisted by victim witness Advocate Kristin Peterson and canine companion Armani. District attorney Rachel Maldonado also assisted with the prosecution of this case and offered expert testimony at trial.

WILLIAM BRODSLEY

August 13, 1931 & July 15, 2025 Carmel/Carmel Valley resident since 1956

Villiam Brodsley, a longtime Carmel area resident and beloved community member, passed away peacefully on July 15, 2025, at the age of 93. Born on August 13, 1931, in Bayonne, New Jersey, to Dora and Samuel Brodsley, William lived a vibrant and purposeful life marked by professional success, environmental advocacy, artistic passion and an endearing sense of humor.



After graduating with a B.S. from Rutgers University in New Brunswick in 1953, William served honorably in the U.S. Navy from 1953 to 1955. He was stationed at the Pentagon with top-level security clearance (for what reason he never knew), though he fondly recalled having "a desk and no specific duties" — spending his time trying to look busy when supervisors walked by and occasionally taking naps in the supply

In 1956, William moved to the Monterey Peninsula, where

he would spend the rest of his life. That same year, he married Theresa Britten, beginning a devoted partnership that would last 52 years. Theresa established The Guitar Shop in 1957, creating one of the first West Coast guitar shops to import fine European classical guitars and teaching countless students throughout the Monterey Peninsula.

William's business career began when Barney Segal invited him to help with the newly opened Carmel Savings and Loan Association, housed in a modest 400-square-foot space next to Carmel Drug Store on Ocean Avenue. Working closely with Segal from 1956 to 1971, William helped transform the small institution into a major regional financial presence. He spearheaded the transition from pen-and-ink bookkeeping to computerized operations in 1963 — a pioneering move that none of the four employees initially understood but successfully implemented. William also managed the GI loan program during this transformative period.

When the Savings & Loan was sold in 1971, William remained with the new organization until 1983, then established a successful independent real estate appraisal firm that served the Monterey Peninsula until 2001. The success of the Savings & Loan effectively created the Segal Charitable Trust, which has benefited numerous Monterey County nonprofits since 1988. William served as co-trustee of the trust, which received recognition as Outstanding Philanthropic Foundation at the 16th annual National Philanthropy Day event in 2007.

An early environmental pioneer, William championed the use of California native plants for landscaping beginning in the early 1970s — a practice now widely adopted but then considered unconventional. He spent 25 years tirelessly eradicating invasive French broom in Carmel Valley. True to his environmental principles, he was known for allowing volunteer plants to grow wherever they sprouted, even in the middle of patios, creating unusual sculptural protective barriers that family members would inevitably trip over.

Despite his commitment to native plants, he paradoxically maintained a carefully tended rose garden, waging a decades-long battle with deer who constantly ate the buds. His solution — an electric fence — proved futile, as the deer continued their raids regardless.

In retirement, William and Theresa became full-time artists. William specialized in small ceramic sculptures while Theresa focused on watercolor, acrylic painting and printmaking. One particular ceramic sculpture, a life-sized head, would inevitably startle many passersby who thought a person was lurking in the garden. Both were gallery members of the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation on Cannery Row for 16 years. The couple also shared a passion for tango dancing, dedicating years to perfecting their technique.

William is survived by his son, Adam Brodsley of Mill Valley; daughter-inlaw, Justine; and granddaughter, Isabella. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Theresa.

A celebration of William's life will be held at a date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to local environmental conservation organizations.



JOHN STEPHEN THOMAS

September 14, 1965 - May 9, 2025

Surrounded by his family, John Stephen Thomas passed away peacefully at his Carmel Valley home early on a beautiful Friday morning, May 9, 2025.

Affectionally known as JoJo, Johnny, JT, Hoser, and Stripes, John was preceded into heaven by his father, John Thomas; and is survived by his mom and dad, Peggy and Pat Ward; his son, Cody; daughter, Taylor, and siblings Mike, Doug, Tricia and Shawn.

He will be greatly missed by his aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and numerous cousins and family members who were tremendously impactful to his life.

Born in the City of Angels,

Dodger John personified the truly loyal and never wavering sports fan, with constant chatter and vocalized passion for his love of the Dodgers, Lakers, Rams and Kings.

Regardless of whether he was the favorite or the underdog, he was always ready for game time banter with friends and strangers alike, most especially with buddies from his educational days at Tularcitos, Carmel Middle and Carmel High schools.

John attended San Diego State University with many of these same friends, where he earned a bachelor of arts in applied science.

He began his career at the University of South Florida, working in sports medicine,

ultimately returning to the Monterey Peninsula to focus on athletic training and physical therapy.

John was an avid golfer who loved alpine skiing, listening to music and attending concert festivals, catching rays on the beach or in his garden, prideful of his Carmel Valley community, especially the hospitable camaraderie extended to him by the Running Iron.

John's family would like to thank Jenny Johnson for being a loving companion, partner-in-crime — as they fondly called each other — and a meaningful part of his life.

The family would also like to thank the support John received throughout his journey, including
Nancy Rubin, John Hausdorff, Dharma Naidu, as well as the doctors, nurses and staff across
Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. September 13, 2025, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Carmel Valley, followed by a Celebration of Life from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Running Iron. We warmly invite all who knew and loved JoJo to join us.

A memorial website has been created in JoJo's honor — a place to share memories, photos, music, and heartfelt tributes:

www.forevermissed.com/john-stephen-thomas

You can also find it by searching "John Stephen Thomas."

August 8, 2025

Editorial

The childless city

THE TOWN has grown amazingly," an editorial in the Nov. 13, 1931, Pine Cone said about Carmel-by-the-Sea. In the 1920s, the newspaper reported, Carmel had "grown from a few homes hidden among the pines into a big town of businesses and residences with a population of almost 4,000."

The essay, written with evident pride by Pine Cone editor Perry Newberry, shocks the sensibilities of the modern reader who — having been lectured constantly about the virtues of old-time Carmel and the rampant overdevelopment that has supposedly ruined the place in the modern era discovers that Carmel has many fewer residents today than it had more than 90 years ago.

Carmel peaked at about 4,700 citizens in 1970, but according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates, it now has just a little more than 3,000.

A falling population is inevitable when hardly any housing is being added, a state of affairs which has prevailed in the Monterey Peninsula for decades. In an earlier era, when trees were cut routinely, roads were paved en masse, schools and shopping centers were constructed without a second thought and homes and



"Harold, come quick! There's a child at the door.'

apartments were built by the score, the population boomed as young families — society's most mobile demographic group — occupied most of the new houses. But those families were just a temporary phenomenon. In the blink of eye, or so it seemed, the children grew up and moved away. Houses that six or seven people once called home are left with just Mom and Dad, and the streets out front are emptied of playing children. This has especially happened in Carmel, where the sounds of little voices emanating from playgrounds have become practically unknown. Data from the Carmel Unified School District show that River School had 230 students from the 93921 zip code in 2016, while today it has just 130. Nowadays, it's seniors playing pickleball that everyone complains about.

The lack of new housing causes tremendous resentment among the people who are excluded from established communities like Carmel. Government officials pay lip service to their needs and the goal of affordable housing. But the traditional "solution" — requiring builders to include affordable units in their housing projects — is meaningless when no housing is being built at all. Even the latest state mandates promise to move the housing supply forward very slowly — and probably not at all, where young families are concerned. A two-income family with combined salaries of \$200,000 or so a year might as well dream of living on Mars as having a house on Carmel Point.

Can children come back to Carmel? Perhaps. But it will take a great deal of clever planning at city hall to make it happen.

BEST of BATES



"She was getting so old, she could hardly walk." "NEXT." "So we had to put her to sleep." "NEXT." "Well, we didn't know what to do." "NEXT." "So we decided to go out to the SPCA." "NEXT." "And are we glad we did." "NEXT." "We found the cutest little"

to the Editor

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Opposes desal plant Dear Editor,

The California Public Utilities Commission has a critical opportunity on Aug. 14 to hit the brakes on the outdated, unnecessary and environmentally destructive California American Water desalination project. As mayor of the City of Marina, I urge the commission to do right by Monterey Peninsula ratepayers and communities and reject this fatally flawed project and the obsolete data being used to justify it.

Before locking ratepayers into decades of costly and excessive infrastructure, the CPUC must reconsider whether this project still serves the public interest. A pending decision at its Aug. 14 meeting will answer a fundamental question: Does the Monterey Peninsula actually need an expensive and environmentally harmful desal project, given the region's dramatic decline in water demand and robust new water supplies? The correct answer, based

on all the available evidence, is a resounding "no."

A quick history: This project was proposed under vastly different circumstances in 2012. Back then, Cal Am claimed it needed a desalination plant to meet a projected water shortage of nearly 5,000 acrefeet per year by 2021 — mainly to comply with a cease-and-desist order limiting its water diversions from the Carmel River. But it is now 2025. The project still hasn't been built. The water shortage never materialized in 2021 and Cal Am has more than managed to meet its customer needs and comply with that cease-and-desist order without desalination. And the Pure Water Monterey Expansion Project, which will provide an additional 2,250 AFY of water to Cal Am, is expected to come online by early 2026.

In reality, the water demand on the Monterey Peninsula has precipitously declined since 2012 and continues to fall. Cal Am's own updated demand projections now estimate a potential shortfall of just 2,500 AFY by 2050 — half the previous estimate and two-and-a-half decades away. So why would the CPUC rubber-stamp Cal Am's outdated plans for a desal project that would generate three times that much water? Allowing Cal Am to move forward to construct that plant now would come with an exorbitant price tag that would raise customer bills dramatically in one of the most expensive water districts in the country, for a water supply they do not

The City of Marina calls on the CPUC

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She hasn't stopped growing and doesn't plan to stop giving

By ELAINE HESSER

THE YOUNGEST of six children, Margaret D'Arrigo said her father called her "the caboose." But long before she worked her way into the executive offices of produce companies and launched her consulting business, Margaret Inc., she was a Salinas High School Cowboy, learning about her family's business from the

She's part of the third generation of the clan behind agricultural powerhouse D'Arrigo Brothers, which sells produce nation-

ally and internationally under its Andy Boy

label. It's also known for philanthropy, and

the family name is on a major clinic at

Natividad Medical Center and a vocational

her childhood. "It was super simple back

then, and I was very independent. My dad

worked all the time and Mom was really

active in the community." Since her mother volunteered with the Girl Scouts, D'Arrigo

Her mom was part of the Valley Guild,

which restored and owns John Steinbeck's

boyhood home and runs a restaurant there,

so naturally, D'Arrigo became a junior

server. She was also a candy striper at

Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, and

that desire to contribute to her community

Crack of dawn

ily history and business as she grew up.

"I learned everything except how to drive

a forklift," she said, remembering early

mornings spent shadowing foremen in the

D'Arrigo was introduced to the fam-

hasn't faded. Nor has her energy.

ers who bent to cut produce

with sharp knives for hours

Brothers, she took a detour

after earning her Bachelor of

Science in agricultural and

managerial economics from

back to Salinas." She wanted

to see if she could find a job

where the D'Arrigo name

didn't pack so much of a

punch. That meant finding

employment with a citrus

co-op in Southern California,

then leaving agriculture to

work on Gov. George Deuk-

mejian's re-election campaign for about two years, organiz-

plain-spoken, her words are

laced with humor and com-

passion. D'Arrigo is ener-

gized by collaboration. Of her

An attentive listener and

ing receptions and dinners.

"I wasn't ready to come

she planned to work for D'Arrigo

on end. Though

UC Davis.

Now in her early 60s, D'Arrigo recalled

education wing at Rancho Cielo.

became one.

Great Lives

campaign efforts she said, "I loved it. I met people all over the state."

Eventually, though, she decided it was time to go home.

"My dad was so excited to have me back," she said.

She worked nights with green onions in a "shed" — a cooling and shipping facility - in Castroville, ensuring the inventory was done, the produce was correctly packed and trucks were properly loaded. "We closed around 2 a.m.," she remem-

> bered. She supervised 25 employees whose knowledge and work ethic earned her respect.

In another assignment she described, "I monitored shipments to Japan, mak-

ing sure the broccoli was iced properly." A two-week-plus trip took the produce from fields to trucks to ships that crossed the Pacific. The broccoli was refrigerated, but, she said, "If the Japanese didn't see ice in the containers, they'd reject the whole load."

'Lots of character'

After a stint in the administrative offices doing workers compensation and health insurance, she found her niche in marketing. She mentioned selling fennel and broccoli rabe, and noted her Sicilian grandfather was responsible for bringing the bitter leafy green "with lots of character" to the United States. He domesticated the company's stock from Italian wild mustard and named it for its resemblance to broccoli, when in fact, it's genetically closer to a turnip. The company trademarked the broccoli rabe name in 1964.

Initially, it only went to markets near Italian populations in Chicago, New York, Boston and Canada, because nobody else knew what it was.

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With more energy than many 30-somethings, Margaret D'Arrigo continues to put her stamp on agriculture and her community.

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Understanding and empathy come FROM REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCE

By DENNIS TAYLOR

AT 71, one of the Peninsula's most accomplished fine-art photographers shrugs when asked about his "bucket list." He's probably seen more than he ever could've anticipated.

Rick Murai, a Monterey resident, has toted his cameras to India, China, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Russia, the United Kingdom, Western Europe, North Africa and South America — often as a

workshop host for fellow photographers.

A notable section of his vast portfolio is

composed of sacred sites he photographed

raphy for 35 years at Yuba College in the

Part of MMA's Biennial

graph titled "Peace, Hope and Reconcili-

ation" — depicting a dove seeking release

is part of the Monterey

"When I retired in 2014, I had big goals," he said. "I

Museum of Art's Biennial,

which runs through Aug. 31

wanted to work for a non-

profit organization, or vol-

unteer as a photographer

for an NGO, or document

sex trafficking in South-

east Asia, or the diaspora in

dered if I could do those

things. I wasn't sure that I

could survive in the field

with marginal food and bad

happy and energetic. He

looks 15 years younger

than his age and remains

passionate about giving

back to the artform that's

been his lifeblood. He feels

very fortunate and is eager

to support the arts commu-

nity through volunteerism

10 photographers on a jour-

ney through Bhutan — a

Next month, he'll lead

tiny, landlocked country in the southern

Himalayas — for Carmel's Center for Pho-

tographic Art. He's traveled there several

Living vicariously

workshops and turn people on to unique

cultures, enhancing their appreciation of the greater world," Murai said. "I enjoy

evenings with the group over a glass of

wine or a beer and sharing their photo-

graphic experiences. I used to live vicariously through my students in the class-

room and now enjoy my fellow travelers

"It's gratifying to lead international

and advocacy.

times.

Murai remains healthy.

water," he said, laughing.

"As I got older, I won-

at 559 Pacific St.

Africa ...

His black-and-white infrared photo-

He's been an educator, teaching photog-

around the world.

north Central Valley.

Carmel's Artists

"I'm fortunate to be able to have these opportunities," he said. "I think we gain understanding and empathy by experiencing the real world."

Japanese roots

His Japanese parents lived in San Francisco until the bombing of Pearl Harbor pulled the United States into World War II and they were tossed into internment

camps — originally Tanforan Racetrack in San Bruno, then Topaz in Delta, Utah, where they were incarcerated for two years.

"When they released, they spent time in

Salt Lake City before returning to the East Bay because it was familiar and the most tolerant, compared to other cities," Murai

They opened a restaurant, Fuji Inn, on Telegraph Avenue, near the UC Berkeley campus.

"I spent a lot of time at that restaurant. I would hang around outside, riding my bike up and down Telegraph when I was 5 or 6 years old," he reminisced. It was the start of the free speech movement.



PHOTO/COURTESY MURAI STUDIOS

Celebrated fine-art photographer Rick Murai, a Monterey resident, has spent much of his adult life traveling the world with his

> When he was 9, his mother was killed in a car crash, leaving his dad to raise three sons on his own. His oldest sister attended Berkeley, while his two brothers engaged in criminal mischief, and Rick, the youngest, was also making dodgy decisions.

"Some young Asians experienced identity problems — you were either Black, Hispanic or White — and after nine years of Catholic school, I rebelled," he said.

'I latched onto the Black Panthers when I was in the 10th grade. I went to some of their meetings and listened to speeches by Eldridge Cleaver and Huey Newton. I

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in the field."

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to fulfill its mandate: Follow the evidence, protect the pub-

lic interest and stop this boondoggle now. **Bruce Delgado,** Mayor of Marina

Reckless e-bikes Dear Editor,

I have been a proud resident of Pacific Grove for more than 10 years. I am writing this letter to raise awareness about a public safety issue and urge the city council, the city manager and the Pacific Grove Police Department to swiftly implement a course of action.

There has been a significant rise in the use of electric bicycles across the Pacific Grove and Monterey communities. E-bike rentals support local business, encourage tourism and provide a more environmentally friendly means

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for transportation.

However, these bikes are not closely regulated in our communities. Topping out at 28 mph, they present a significant public safety issue. Inexperienced e-bikers on the recreational trail have been known to speed through areas with dense foot traffic, striking or just nearly missing pedestrians and other cyclists. Without close monitoring, these bikes can cause severe injuries or, in extreme cases, fatalities.

To be clear, I am not advocating for a ban of e-bikes. I understand their economic importance and the accessibility they provide to riders; in fact, I own an e-bike myself and use it to commute to work. Instead, I am urging the police department to institute a bike police unit to monitor high-traffic areas on the Pacific Grove sections of the recreational trail, particularly between Lovers Point and the Hopkins Marine Station. This police unit would operate on bicycles and be most active during the weekends and special events in the area. Funding for this unit could be supported by citations issued to cyclists who speed or recklessly endanger other cyclists or pedestrians on the trail.

Finally, I understand that the Pacific Grove Municipal Code dictates a 12 mph speed limit for e-bikes on the recreational trail. However, in all my years of living in this community, I have not witnessed any monitoring to ensure compliance with these rules. We don't post speed limits for cars without monitoring compliance, so why would we do this for e-bikes? My recommendation is to institute monitoring of the recreational trail to ensure Pacific Grove is safe for all.

Rivka Revivo, Pacific Grove

City of stops Dear Editor,

I want to commend the City of Carmel for increasing the number of stop signs in the downtown area. I have served as the Carmel representative to the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for the past 13 years. When you serve on this kind of committee, you look at all sides of any topics brought before you. That also means you must look at what drivers and pedestrians are thinking when they approach a typical intersection.

Carmel basically has narrow streets, with the exceptions of Ocean and Junipero, throughout the city. There are no electric signal lights within the city. Records show there are 421 stop signs, soon to be 428, and 169 intersections. Many have all-way stops. Most all four-way, and even a couple five-way, stop-sign intersections. It is the two-way stop sign intersections that occasionally create a confusing situation for drivers, bicycles and pedestrians. Locals have basically learned which intersections only have two-way and which are four-way or five-way. The downtown area is probably utilized the greatest by tourists and visitors who are unfamiliar with our streets. From their perspective, all

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the street corners look the same. They can easily misinterpret what to do at any intersection

I commend the city for considering the safety of all who enter the city.

D.L. Johnson, Carmel

Pickleball advocate

Dear Editor,

I am writing as an advocate of pickleball in Carmel, especially the Forest Hill Park courts.

Our community members all share a need for well-being and healthy living, which for many includes the active sport of pickleball. While the Carmel City Council has reduced the courts by 50 percent (from four to two) and limited hours to 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, this appears not to be enough for many of our quiet-loving residents.

Of course, I would recommend these residents use noise-canceling headsets or close their windows when play is open for residents (like I do when my neighbor does landscaping or gets a new roof). The idea of banning pickleball for all residents at Forest Hill courts is completely unreasonable and inequitable, especially after the recent reductions.

My recommendation is that Carmel City Council conduct a fact-based assessment on what would be equitable for pickleball playing in Carmel, and review how comparable California locations (Belvedere, for example) have solved this challenge.

The idea of listening to only a few residents and banning it for everyone goes against what Carmel-by-the-Sea stands for — a beautiful place where people can live together harmoniously whether they're artists or CEOs.

Maureen Healy, Carmel

Henson's achievements Dear Editor,

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Zan Henson. I met Zan in the late 1970s as we were both friends and supporters of Anne Holliday, a fearless powerhouse and environmental activist. We, along with many others, worked closely with Anne's group, "Stop Supertankers in Monterey Bay," to end an environmentally dangerous plan to build a 1-mile-long oil supertanker port at Moss Landing. All along the way, Zan provided crucial legal guidance. Just two days before the final permit sign-off, the supertanker port was denied by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. There were many crucial supporters all along the way including Leon Panetta, Col. John Adsit, U.S. Corps of Army Engineers, Capt. Charles Domac, U.S. Merchant Marines, City of Carmel, and many more.

Gail Bower, Carmel

Solving murders Dear Editor,

Thank you for drawing attention to the challenges law enforcement faces when trying to solve homicides, especially cold cases.

In June 2025, a group of concerned local volunteers launched the Cold Case Project of Monterey County, a

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Unfortunately, these tools are often cost-prohibitive and fall outside the budgets of local agencies. No one should be denied justice simply because the necessary testing is too expensive. The cold case project was created to help close that gap by raising funds, fostering partnerships and advocating for the use of cutting-edge technology in cold case investigations.

What if 40-year-old cold cases no longer existed because we'd solved them decades earlier? That future is within reach. Our goal is not only to solve these crimes, also to bring long-overdue closure to families and restore a sense of justice and safety in our community.

We invite readers to visit coldcasesmonterey.org to learn more about our mission, the cases we support, and how you can help. Every cold case represents not just a tragedy for one family, but an open wound in the community that deserves healing.

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IN ACTION

With the right tools, the passage of time doesn't have to mean the end of hope. Together, we can help ensure that justice is no longer delayed or denied.

Ann Kern,

Cold Case Project of Monterey County

Break the supermajority Dear Editor,

As a concerned Californian and Republican, I urge my fellow citizens to reflect on the state of our great state and the consequences of repeatedly voting for the same policies while expecting different outcomes. California faces pressing challenges — skyrocketing prices, a dire housing shortage, rising crime rates, and an education system that fails too many of our children. Yet, year after year, we trust the same leadership to address these issues, only to see

The Democratic supermajority in Sacramento has held unchecked power for years, and their go-to solution seems to be throwing more money at problems without addressing root causes.

Higher taxes and increased spending haven't delivered the results we need — housing remains unaffordable for many, crime erodes our sense of safety, and our schools lag behind despite record budgets.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, California's costof-living index is among the highest in the nation, and a 2024 report highlights that over 60 percent of Californians view housing affordability as a major issue. Meanwhile,

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the California Department of Education notes that only 47 percent of students met or exceeded standards in English language arts in 2023.

It's time to break this cycle. Electing a few more Republicans to the state Legislature won't upend the system but could dismantle the supermajority, fostering a balance of ideas in Sacramento. What do we have to lose by inviting diverse perspectives to the table? A Republican presence would push for pragmatic solutions — streamlining regulations to boost housing construction, prioritizing public safety through effective law enforcement policies, and reforming education to empower parents and students. Competition of ideas drives innovation; a one-party monopoly stifles it.

Californians deserve a government that reflects the diversity of thought among its people. Voting for balance in 2026 isn't about abandoning values — it's about demanding accountability and results. Let's stop expecting change from the same playbook and embrace a new approach. Our state's future depends on it.

> Brian Higgins, *Monterey*



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"We tested that with the postal service, and they said that would work," he said.

The committee reached out to Comcast. Cal Am, PG&E and other utility companies to see how they would handle the change and was surprised by the fruitfulness of those conversations.

"I was afraid that they wouldn't care, that they wouldn't return calls, that they'd be difficult. To the contrary, they showed up with their A-teams, and that was really encouraging," Delves said. "PG&E is delivering flammable and volatile compounds to our homes, and it bothers them that they can't find us."

"Based on those conversations, we have a very high level of confidence" that they favor standardized addresses and will handle the change in their systems, he said.

The biggest challenge has been seeking feedback from the county, according to Delves. But conversations with officials in Marina — which has created a lot of address schemes for new subdivisions shed light on how to work with the county, which would have to update tax records, link the new street addresses to assessor's records, and assist the utility companies.

Through the group's work, Garay has also developed a valuable network of resources that would help implement a new address system, Delves observed.

"The next step is community outreach," he said, with workshops likely to be held in late August and early September, followed by a council presentation in October.

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on Facebook.

"Today at the river spot by the ballpark, three guys were smoking when their dog wandered," the woman said. "It was some sort of hound or pointer. And it grabbed a little girl's puppy and killed it in front of everybody. And then the guy realized what was happening, grabbed his dog and ran."

Hard feelings

Not surprisingly, the incident elicited anger and outrage. One local accused the man of running away "instead of taking accountability.'

Several locals observed that the park allows dogs off leashes if they are under voice control, although it's also quite common to see dogs ignoring voice commands.

"Dogs should not be off leash in public areas, ever," a local woman said. "The same happened to people I know who were injured by off-leash dogs. There's no help and no consequences for the dog owner.



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The Carmel River is an inviting spot for hikers and their pets in Garland Park

We need to speak out and laws need to require dogs to be on leash at all times."

"Unfortunately, we need stricter — and actually enforced — leash laws because the few ruin it for the many," one resident

Mostly, people expressed sympathy for the youngster who lost her dog. One called the situation "absolutely heartbreaking."

"No one should ever have to experience something like that, especially that little girl," a resident said. "It's beyond cruel."

Supervising ranger Caine Camarillo told The Pine Cone that there's an "active and ongoing investigation" into what happened, and it's too early to share details.

"We're doing everything we can to gather as much evidence and info, which we will forward to animal control for possible prosecution," Camarillo said.

Out of control

While Camarillo confirmed the park allows dogs off leash if they are under voice command, he noted that "practically daily" he and his staff encounter unleashed dogs that are not under control.

Camarillo said the attacking dog was not under voice command, and he called what happened

"definitely tragic." "I want to be clear not only was the dog off leash, it was unattended," he added. "There were no owners present when incident

occurred." Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District board member Monta Potter was asked if she believes the board should be discussing requiring that dogs be leashed in regional parks. While she couldn't speak for her colleagues, "I absolutely think we should be discussing it," she said.



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"Many don't know, but I am a single parent. Having a childcare center on the campus when I was a teacher at a young age, having a 2-year-old at 28, where I could take my son and still work meant a lot to me," he added.

Little Lobos Academy does not offer information about tuition on its mpc.edu website, and staff did not respond to requests for it by press time.

The Carmelo Preschool program through Carmel Unified School District charges \$470 per month for students attending two half-days per week, up to \$1,425 for five full days. St. Angela's Preschool in Pacific Grove charges monthly tuition of \$735 for three half-days per week, up to \$1,323 for five full days, and Serendipity Preschool in Monterey charges \$539 for students attending two half-days a week, up to \$1,655 for five full days.

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2024. Notthoff, meanwhile, is recusing herself Wednesday from the vote due to "a family property interest that could be affected by the decision."

Planning Commissioner Martha Diehl, who lives in Big Sur, said she and others have been working on getting rules established for vacation stays since 1997.

"Nothing's perfect, but we did the best we could. We've heard thousands of hours of testimony. I know people on all sides who aren't happy."

Diehl said it's essential that the county regulates the industry, despite the challenges of doing so.

"We're living in the Wild West right now," she added. "Communities are at each other's throats about this."

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BOAT From page 12A

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raised about \$5 million to fund the repairs. The makeover included installing a hybrid diesel-electric engine, along with a state-of-the-art marine lab.

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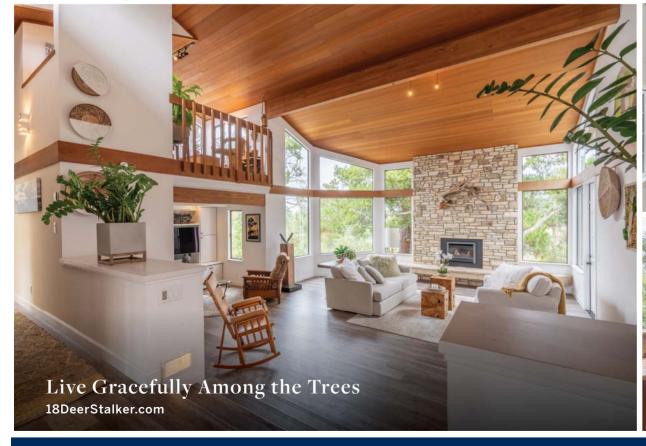


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The Carmel Pine Cone

From the pitcher's mound, Matt Maxon can see all the way to Stanford

IT'S HUMAN instinct, when you see an athlete like Matt Maxon, to shake your head, lift your jaw off the floor, and label him unreal.

Another natural reaction is to assume he's living his

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

dream — maybe because he's living yours.

But at 17, the Carmel High School wunderkind has a levelheaded understanding of who he is, how he got here, and what he needs to do before his dream comes true.

In fact, this moment is very real to Maxon, who, as he



Last spring, Maxon led the Padres in hitting, slugging, on-base percentage, doubles, triples, home runs, RBI, runs scored, and stolen bases. He's pictured here with Coach Mike Kelly.

enters his senior year at CHS, already has a full-ride scholarship waiting at Stanford University, one of the most tradition-rich baseball programs in the nation.

He was 11 in 2018, when his parents, John and Laura, took Matt and big brother J.T. to watch Stanford play at Sunken Diamond, when the Cardinal was the defending NCAA champion. That's when he started picturing himself in cardinal and black.

Three years later, after his eighth-grade school year, Maxon was turning heads as a pitcher and slugger for his summer baseball team, Livermore-based Alpha Prime, whose players routinely attract college scouts.

Stanford comes calling

And then — before he played a single inning of high school baseball — he was thunderstruck by a text from

David Esquer Stanford's head baseball coach, requesting a face-to-face Zoom conversation.

As his parents watched, Esquer offered their child a full-ride baseball scholarship to Stanford

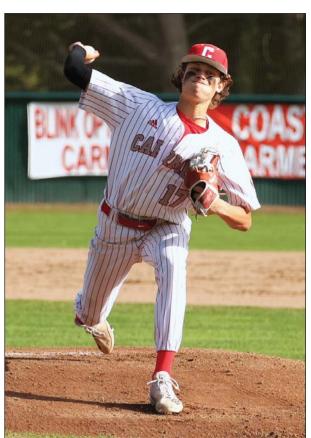
"Unbelievable," Maxon reminisced. "I started crying, gave my dad a hug and gave my mom a hug ... yeah, that was surreal.'

By then, coaches at Oregon and UC Berkeley had offered him campus visits (without discussing scholarships), so several "what-if" conversations already had taken place in the Maxon home.

"We realized the previous year that Matt probably was more than a big fish in a small pond, he was next-level," Laura Maxon said. "As parents, what probably separated Stanford from the others is that Stanford doesn't make academic concessions.'

They had faith in their son, whose grade-point average at CHS exceeds 4.0 as he enters his senior year. (He brought home one B-plus as a sophomore. Otherwise, wall-to-wall straight-A's).

"We realized he'd have to grow up quickly, because a Stanford education is like the Navy



Carmel's Matt Maxon was 14 years old when he verbally committed to accept a full-ride baseball scholarship from Stanford, primarily as a pitcher. He's entering his senior year at CHS.

Seals of academics," John said. "But Matthew is as serious about studying as he is with baseball."

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Carmel High pitching coach Scott Brown, who pitched at Santa Clara University, was both excited and concerned when he learned that a freshman-to-be had committed to an NCAA Division 1 baseball school.

Daunting spotlight

"When schools make an offer to a 14-year-old, they're betting on the player you're going to be, not the one you are now," he said. "And that kid suddenly has a target on his back — a ton of scrutiny. It's like learning to play an instrument on a street corner: Everyone knows how you're doing.

"Matty had to learn the art of pitching with all eyes on him," Brown said. "In my experience, the majority of pitchers who commit that early never actually get to that school. Psychologically, it's too much."

But Maxon's journey toward maturity has been supercharged by wise coaches, with special shout-outs to Carmel assistant John Bowker, a former big leaguer, for mental training, and personal trainer Erik Wagle at Kinetic Performance Institute.

He also credits genetics. His grandfather, former Carmel High softball coach Terry McGowan, stands 6-foot-4. His mom, Laura (5-9 1/2), was a stellar pitcher at CHS, Class of '97, who pitched a 1-hitter against Carmel's 1998 CCS champion baseball team at the postseason picnic. His dad, John, played baseball and football at Carmel High.

"My dad is really strong, and I got that from him. My height came from my grandfather and my mom. And I'll credit my mom for my competitiveness — she never let me win a card game as a little kid," Maxon said. "The work ethic, that's just me. Working hard is something I need to do, or I just don't feel right."

Another biggie: He has an athletic big brother, two years older.

"J.T. and I have always been super close. His friend group is basically my friend group, so I hung out with them, rather than kids my age," he said of his sibling, a three-sport athlete at Carmel High,

As a youth, Matt typically played on his brother's team, two years above his own

"That gave me a lot of confidence when I was really young. I realized I could compete and wasn't intimidated," he said.

At 10, he made Carmel's all-star team in Bronco Division (11- and 12-yearolds) and was the winning pitcher against Pacific Grove in the title game of regional tournament.

"I was a fourth grader, and they were sixth graders," he said. "I pitched the whole game, got a few hits, and my teammates, Ty Arnold and Jackson Lloyd, poured the Gatorade bucket over my head after the game."

Carmel High baseball coach Mike Kelly recalls a 2021 conversation he had with J.T., a freshman at the time. "I said, 'J.T., keep working at this and you've got a chance to be really good," the coach recalled. "And he said, 'You think I'm good? You should see my little brother.""

Big bro then wowed the Padres coach with a video of little bro, 13, crushing a home run over a 330-foot fence.

'He loves that process'

In the fall of Matt's freshman year at Carmel High, 2022-2023, he played in three varsity football games, then immediately pivoted toward baseball.

"Matt loves deliberate practice, which is the case with all great players," Brown said. "With a pitcher, you repeat, repeat, repeat until the involuntary becomes voluntary. Most teens get bored and lose focus. He loves that process.

"He never skips steps," said the pitching coach. "It's pouring rain ... the rest of the team has gone home ... he's still out there, doing his drills."

One Saturday, Maxon drove south of San Luis Obispo to take his SATs. On the way home, he made a phone call from his car. "He asked us to open up the field that night so he could get his workout in," Brown remembered.

As the only freshman on a 22-player varsity squad, Maxon played in all 32 games for a team that won the CCS cham-

pionship. The ninth-grader pitched 4.2 innings in the semifinals, allowed a run on four hits, struck out nine, and was winning pitcher in a 3-1 victory over St. Francis SCP. Then he pitched six innings in a 3-1 NorCal win over Pioneer, allowed a run on four hits, fanned five, walked one.

State football champions

As a sophomore, Maxon was a two-way starter on a Padres football team that went 10-0 during the regular season. That spring, at 16, he was 7-3, with a 2.45 ERA on the mound, and batted .387, with 10 doubles and five homers.

As a junior, Maxon was integral on a 15-0 Carmel football team that won a CCS crown. He intercepted two passes in a 42-41 thriller over Acalanes for the NorCal crown, then picked off another pass as Carmel massacred El Capitan, 48-7, for the 5-AA state title.

Last spring, he led Carmel in hitting (.467), hits (50), runs scored (48), RBI (42), doubles (7), triples (2), and home runs (11). The Padres captured their second CCS title in his three varsity seasons and won their NorCal opener 9-0. Maxon drove in four runs with three hits, including a home run in that one, and hammered a two-run double in the NorCal semis, a 6-5 loss to Rancho.

"Matt has unique mental capacity," Kelly said. "He's human, for sure — he has emotions, and ups and downs — but his competitive nature is off the charts, and there's no wiggle room. His attitude is, 'OK, I'm striking you out. I'm telling you I'm striking you out. Let's go."

Fun fact: Opposing hitters have a lower cumulative batting average against Maxon



Big brother J.T. Maxon, left, and 10-year-old Matt flank their dad, John, after winning Carmel's Bronco League championship in 2018. Matt then pitched the team to a victory over Pacific Grove in the regional finals.

if runners are on base.

Maxon plans to play football this fall as a senior, his fourth varsity season, then hopes to add 15 pounds of muscle to his 6-foot-3, 190-pound frame before reporting to Stanford, where Esquer expects to use him primarily as a pitcher.

His dream, by the way, reaches beyond Stanford, to a Major League Baseball

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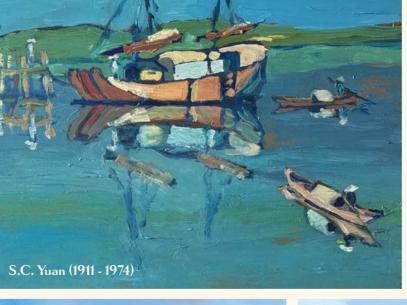
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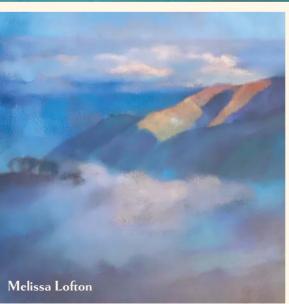
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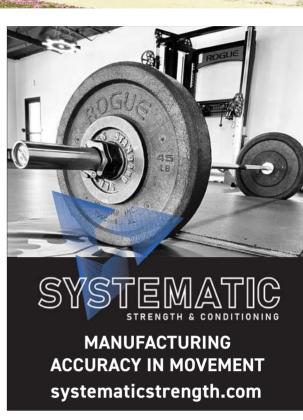


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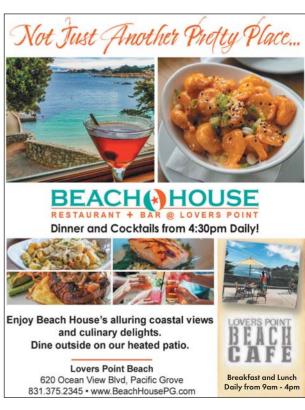
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still have my copy of Mao's Little Red Book somewhere." Murai was 16 in the summer of 1969, when California Gov. Ronald Reagan deployed the California National Guard to help police control Vietnam War protestors.

On May 15 — infamous as "Bloody Thursday" — riots erupted around the UC Berkeley campus and at nearby People's Park. A guard member shot a protester on a rooftop during the chaos.

"The man was on the roof of our restaurant," said Murai, whose family closed the business after the incident. He felt directionless at Berkeley High but discovered a

photography darkroom at the local YMCA.

"It was like, 'Wow, this is magical!" said Murai, who began photographing anti-war protests.

Becoming an educator

Murai earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from San Francisco State University, where he was interested in fine arts and photojournalism.

Ultimately, he gravitated toward teaching. After several offers, he landed at Yuba College — in a remote, agriculture-based region — where he could design his own curriculum.

"I was the teacher, the lab tech, the janitor — basically a one-man band, and I loved it," he recalled.

Three of Murai's students won full-tuition merit scholarships to Pasadena's prestigious Art Center College of

He also had summers off to pursue his fine-art photography. Best of all, the college offered a year-long, paid sabbatical every seven years — a perk that facilitated the global exploration and research that he shared with his students and that inspired much of his early work.

Some career highlights:

- In 2008, 2010 and 2011, he won first place in various categories from British-based Travel Photographer of
- In 2015, a series of images earned Best of Show at the Center for Photographic Art's International Juried Portfolio Competition.
- In spring 2024, Monterey Museum of Art featured six pieces from his portfolio in a multi-artist exhibition called "Sacred Encounters."
- Last fall, the museum invited him to curate an exhibition that he titled, "Yu-Gen," for undersea photographers Chuck Davis and Ryuijie, both celebrated Peninsula

He also felt honored to be asked to contribute photographs for Kim Weston's new hardcover masterpiece, 'Growing Up Weston: In the Presence of Women."

Murai's work includes a series of vignettes of Edward Weston's Carmel Highlands darkroom along with portraits of Kim Weston and his wife, Gina, and their son, Zach.

In 2015, shortly after relocating to Monterey, he was recruited by newly installed executive director Brian Taylor to help rejuvenate the financially troubled Center for Photographic Art, the country's oldest photography nonprofit. It was founded by Ansel Adams, Cole and Brett Weston, Wynn Bullock, and other photographic legends.

"Brian asked me to lend a hand for several months, which turned into three years," he reflected. "Brian and I worked long days with our seasoned office manager, Chris Wasserbach.

"Brian secured the donors who helped rescue the organization," Murai said. "With the support of the community and our valued volunteers, we stabilized this incredible organization. It was an honor and a labor of love."

Murai stepped down in 2019 but continues to serve on CPA's exhibitions committee, as well as the steering and exhibitions committee of ImageMakers of Monterey, an organization he joined in 2017.

Murai and his wife, Susan — a former registered dietician and school administrator, now a volunteer guide at the Monterey Bay Aquarium — retired to the Peninsula in 2014.

'A sense of community'

"I'd bring my students here for three-day photo workshops and always appreciated the Peninsula's rich photo history. Several established photographers were kind enough to meet with my students," he said.

"When Susan and I moved here, we immediately felt a sense of community that we've never experienced elsewhere. The friends, the climate, the ocean — we're truly blessed to live in this special place."

Find additional information and images from several of his portfolios at richardmurai.com.

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Town's oldest gallery turns 98, Gallery MAR aids charity with art auction

GALLERY MAR Carmel welcomes a world-famous artist when it hosts an opening reception Wednesday at 6 p.m. for a show — "Hunt Slonem d'Elegance!" by painter Hunt Slonem.

The gathering will be preceded at 4 p.m. by a fundraising silent auction for one of Slonem's paintings, with the proceeds benefitting CASA San Benito County, which trains volunteers to advocate for abused or neglected children placed in foster care.

Slonem, who was born in Maine and lives in New York City, has a distinctive neo-expressionist style that utilizes bold world-wide, including the Metropolitan and the Guggenheim, he is one of the most recognized and yet still collectible artists working today."

Gallery MAR Carmel is on Dolores between Ocean and Seventh. GalleryMar-

■ CAA birthday

The Carmel Art Association celebrates its 98th anniversary Saturday, 4 p.m., with new art, live music and birthday cake. The public is invited and the event is free.

The CAA, on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. was founded Aug. 8, 1927, "on a Monday afternoon in a home on the corner of Lincoln Street and Seventh Avenue," according to its

official history. "At that time over 100 professional artists lived on the Monterey Peninsula. Eighteen of them attended this meeting, creating a nonprofit organization that became known as the heart of the Carmel's artist colony.'

To mark the milestone, the gallery is presenting a miniature artworks raffle of works donated by artist-members. Proceeds help fund the gallery's exhibits and programs.

"Tickets can be purchased to try and win your favorite little gems," the association's Lili Mendez explained. "This raffle is an incredible way to see what artists who usually work at a much larger scale can do with just 36 square inches to work with."

New shows, too

Also new at the CAA are shows by textile artist Jessica Bovert ("Pond Farm") and Big Sur painters Sarah Healey and Melissa Lofton ("Earth, Water & Air").

As its title suggests, Bovert's display features pieces created at "the historic Pond Farm Pottery, a former Bauhaus-influenced artists colony tucked in the redwoods of Sonoma County."

'Merging structure with softness, the work echoes both the surrounding landscape and the introspective calm of her time at Pond Farm," Mendez said.

Healey and Lofton offer a birds-eye perspective of their surroundings. "Both

painters live on ridges high above the sea, providing each of them with insights into the qualities of luminosity, reflection, solitude and wildness," Mendez said. Carmelart.org.

■ Meet Beata

The Carmel Art Association is also participating in this Saturday's Carmel Art Walk from 4 to 7 p.m., which showcases downtown galleries. New on the art walk is Bea's Studio on San Carlos between Ocean and Seventh.

"Bea's Studio is a creative space for artist Beata Vavrova,' gallery owner Jaoquin Turner told The Pine Cone. "Tucked in San Paseo courtyard — on San

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Carlos between Ocean and Seventh — it is her working studio and gallery," offering her original art, along with "keepsakes made by California-based artists and artisans.'

Other participants in the art walk include Gallery Sur, Scott Jacobs Gallery and Edi Matsumoto Art & Design. Maps are available at participating shops, which will display blue lanterns to help people on their self-guided tours.

■ Contest hands out \$\$ prizes

A striking portrait of a cat by painter artist Bonnie Sailer won \$6,000 in an art contest hosted by 480 Lighthouse Gallery in Pacific Grove.

Seventy-two of the gallery's 300 artists participated in the competition, which awarded \$10,000 in prizes.

The paintings were all done on 16-inch squares. Other winners included Brian Sanders, who took home \$3,000, and Karina North, who earned a \$1,000 prize. 480Lighthouse.com.



This eye-catching portrait of a cat earned painter Bonnie Sailer a \$6,000 prize in a local art contest.

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Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

colors and vibrant brushstrokes — and often, the repetition of birds, butterflies, and rabbits.

"Slonem is considered one of the founders of the Neo-Expressionist painting movement," gallery co-owner Thomas Cushman said. "With work in the permanent collections of over 250 museums

place is set for November, and the city is

scrutinizing artists and craftspeople who

want to sell their wares there. The selec-

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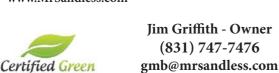
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But the company developed recipes and did cooking demos around the country, helping to build a market.

D'Arrigo related that early on, she was often the only woman in business meetings. "Women were quite rare, especially in management. They were mostly secretaries and a few members of other farm families. We had to prove ourselves.

She educated the management team at her own company on avoiding sexual harassment — a new concept at the time. As her career continued, she discovered that many male purchasers enjoyed working with female sales reps who were "smart, interested and not gruff." That enabled her department to build relationships with customers.

Helping start careers

In 22 years as VP of sales and marketing at D'Arrigo Brothers and 13 at Taylor Farms — which collaborates with her family's firm — as vice president of community development, she has acquired a drive to help young women enter and navigate the workforce.

She said, "One of the things I'm proudest of is Impower and its impact on the ag community, as women in produce open doors for more women."

Impower is the nonprofit D'Arrigo co-founded in 2007. "The concept was to bring women together, inspire (hence the 'I' in the name) and motivate them. There's no member-

> ship requirement and women could come from any walk of life." That includes those outside of agriculture and stay-at-home moms, who D'Arrigo said "have a very important job," a description she acknowledged was an understatement. Meetings often involve networking, motivational speakers and presentations from nonprof-

its that support women or girls.

Women were

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Highlights of her volunteer efforts include a stint as president of the Grower Shipper Association Foundation, where she was the second woman of three who have held that job. While there, she led the Salad Bars in Schools program, resulting in 55 salad bars being placed in schools countywide. Her work in education has included Children's Council of Monterey County and the Literacy Campaign for Monterey County. The former candy-striper is also secretary of Salinas Valley Health.

City council

In addition to her job at Taylor Farms and her consulting business, D'Arrigo was elected to Salinas City Council representing the city's 3rd district last year, filling a spot left vacant when Steve McShane unexpectedly resigned.

As others urged her to run, she said she realized she'd been preparing "her whole life for the job," which she described as "a huge challenge."

She walked precincts, knocked on doors, and raised \$150,000 for her campaign. City government turned out to be more similar to running a business than she'd expected, and her nonprofit experience helps, too. As it is everywhere around here, the housing shortage is a big concern. "We can't fix it today," she said, but she and her colleagues are working on solutions.

Still, "The learning curve was much steeper than I thought. Things don't move quickly — there are policies and procedures, bureaucracy. I'm learning to practice patience, which isn't one of my virtues. It's frustrating, but

"I really care about the community," she said.

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Despite suffering nerve and tendon damage from playing the guitar, as well as experiencing a partial loss of his hearing, Kottke is widely recognized as a master on both the six- and 12-string acoustic guitars. He leans heavily



The Carl Cherry Center for the Arts hosts its annual Ukelele Melee Saturday at 2 p.m.

on alternate tunings and has invented a few of his own. Kottke has recorded 21 solo studio albums.

Opening his show is guitarist **Julian Lage**, who performed at the 2000 Grammy Awards when he was just 12. The 5-time Grammy Award nominee has released 16 albums since his first in 2009, including 2025's "Speak to Me."

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■ 'Little four-string' shines

Often described as the world's happiest musical instrument, the ukelele is the guest of honor Saturday, 2 p.m., at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, which hosts its annual Ukelele Melee. "Come and enjoy the music and fun with our little four-string," suggests one of the musicians, **Dixie Dixon**.

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■ Lent at Wave Street Friday

A professional session player who has recorded and toured with pop singer Barry Manilow for more than two decades, singer and multi-instrumentalist **Mike Lent** takes the stage Friday, 7 p.m., at Wave Street Studios in Monterey.

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A five-time Grammy Award nominee, guitarist Julian Lage shares the bill with guitarist Leo Kottke Saturday, 7 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

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ers "work in close collaboration to continue their father's vision" as they create wines alongside legendary French winemaker Emile Peynaud.

Their wines will be enjoyed throughout a four-course dinner created by executive chef Christopher Welenc. It will start with lobster, forbidden rice, sunchoke puree and a vinaigrette. Second will be roulade lamb tenderloin with goat cheese, followed by a third course of smoked duck breast in a pinot noir glaze. Dessert will be dark chocolate ganache dipped in mixed-berry granola and vanilla creme fraiche. Wine pairings are being kept a surprise, for now.





The impending automotive occupation of the Monterey Peninsula includes the bayside area of Old Fisherman's Wharf and Custom House Plaza, home to "Cars, Cocktails and Calamari." When you cruise real collectibles on display in the Plaza, you're within steps of lunch, dinner and libations. Restaurants will offer variations on squid dishes, and Old Fisherman's Grotto has drinks like Red Ferrari Spritz (right) with Veuve Cliquot and Aperol.

The cost is \$200 per person, including tax and tip. Seats are available for booking through Open Table. The dinner will take place in the wine room in Pacific's Edge at the Highlands Inn, which is located off Highway 1 south of Carmel. Visit hyattvacationclub.com for more information.

■ Wharf and wheels

Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf is hosting "Cars, Cocktails & Calamari" during Monterey Car Week, Aug.

Organizers say you can stop at Custom House Plaza to see some collector vehicles on display before walking out onto the wharf for squid and a boozy beverage or two.

Calamari is, of course, available all year, with each restaurant putting its own spin on the popular dish. Paluca Trattoria has it fried with lemon aioli, and Old Fisherman's Grotto's offers lightly seasoned calamari strips and tentacles, as well as calamari eggplant parmesan. Rock Fish Harbor Grill is serving it with house dipping sauce, and the Crab House has a calamari sandwich, not to be confused with Crabby Jim's lightly seasoned and fried offering or Crab Louie's calamari and chips.

Abalonetti's is going in a different direction with Calamari Napolitana over linguine, Cafe Fina is grilling a calamari steak, and across the way, Domenico's plans to pan-sear its steak with garlic butter sauce.

The Grotto's bartender has also been busy with high-octane glassfuls like the Rolls-Royce Phantom Martini made with Casamigos mezcal, Citronge orange liqueur and fresh lime, a Red Ferrari Spritz featuring Veuve Cliquot, Aperol,

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and Angostura bitters, and a Little Red Corvette crafted with Tito's Vodka, sweetand-sour flavors and black raspberry.

■ Summer suppers

Mezzaluna Pasteria & Mozzarella Bar at 1188 Forest Ave. in Pacific Grove announced some menu additions celebrating the flavors of summer. Known for its house-made pasta and cheese, and for taking pride in sourcing ingredients locally, they've added Insalata di Gorgonzola e Noci — crisp gem lettuce salad with creamy gorgonzola dressing, toasted walnuts, oven-dried grapes, and Parmesan to the antipasti menu.

From the mozzarella bar, try Burrata con Pomodoro — Italy's delightfully creamy, semi-soft cheese on country toast, served with pea tendrils, basil oil and chef/ owner Soerke Peters' classic sauce made from oven-dried Swank Farms tomatoes. Prosciutto di Parma con Pesca features mozzarella and grilled summer peaches.

The handmade pasta in Cappellacci di Granchio is filled with Dungeness crab and ricotta and plated with lemon-butter sauce, English peas, Parmesan and crispy sweet potatoes.

Finally, you can enjoy a Watermelon Aperol Spritz, a refreshing Watermelon Margarita, or a sophisticated White Mezcal Negroni.



Mezzaluna in Pacific Grove announced this week that it's got summer favorites on offer, including Burrata Con Pomodoro (right), which pairs creamy burrata cheese with oven-dried Swank Farms tomatoes. With a surfeit of pasta dishes, entrees, small bites and cocktails on the menu, it's hard to save room for dessert (above) — but do. Tiramisu and house-made gelato or sorbetto treats offer a dolce finish to the meal.

Concho y Toro Wines. A prominent lawyer, politician and businessman who decided to bet on his region's winemaking potential, he launched the business in 1883 and soon expanded it. Today, the company has several labels and boasts that it is "the

most admired wine brand in the world," as

its products "deliver rewarding and unique

experiences to our consumers around the

world," with distribution in more than 130

countries.

Executive chef Matt Bolton's menu, developed in collaboration with Concho y Toro, will start with scallop ceviche paired with a sparkling wine, Casillero del Diablo

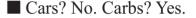
Devil's Brut from the Limari Valley.

Next, heirloom tomatoes and burrata will accompany Terrunyo sauvignon blanc from the Valle de Casablanca, followed by duck confit empanada with English peas and morels served alongside 2021 Amelia pinot noir, also from Valle del Limari.

The main course — dry-aged ribeve with chimichurri, fingerling potatoes, sauce bordelaise — will complement the wine that topped last year's Wine Spectator list of the best 100 wines in the world: 2021 Don Melchor cabernet sauvignon from Puenta Alto.

Dessert will be tres leches cake and fruit and passion fruit espresso martinis.

The cost is \$190 per person, inclusive, and reservations may be made by calling (831) 642-2013. The C is located in the InterContinental hotel at 750 Cannery Row.



"A tavola non si invecchia." (One does not grow old at the table.) — Italian proverb

Of course Italian food keeps you young. The 92nd Annual Festa Italia doesn't look a day over 21, after all.

The free event at Monterey's Custom House Plaza runs from Sept. 5 to 7 and begins with a procession honoring Santa Rosalia, patron saint of Palermo, Sicily, followed by the traditional blessing of the fishing fleet. After that, it's all about food, music, dancing and fun — whether you're there for live bands, bocce, or just a plate

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■ C hosts Chilean wine dinner

Wine Spectator's No. 1 wine for 2024 Don Melchor cabernet sauvignon from Chile — will be the star at a Latin-themed al fresco dinner hosted by the C Restaurant + Bar Thursday, Aug. 28, from 6 to 9 p.m.

"We were lucky to be able to source this for the dinner, and it will be held outside in our courtyard by the ocean and under the lights," food and beverage director Joe Valencia said. "We haven't done a dinner like this before."

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Fernwood Resort — Damma Damma (jazz and rock, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Henry Miller Library — multi-instrumentalist Sam **Reider** and bassist **Jeff Picker** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 48603 Highway 1.

Carmel

Barmel — singer and guitarist Ryan Sesma (Sunday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Square on San Carlos north of Seventh.

Carmel Mission Inn — pianist Glen Pearson, bassist Kenny Brown and drummer Leon Joyce Jr. (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m.). In the Shearwater Tavern at 3665 Rio Rd.

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 guitarist Kip Allert (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 — singer and guitarist Peter Barnes Martin (jazz, Tuesday at 5 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth.

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

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

■ Carmel Valley

Baja Cantina — singer and guitarist Matt Masih

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of calamari and a glass of wine.

Also known as Monterey's Santa Rosalia Fisherman's Festival, the event honors the area's Italian heritage and generations of fishermen who have shared their culture and food with the Monterey Peninsula.

Expect classic Italian dishes like calamari, steak and sausage sandwiches, pasta, and cannoli, plus last year's popular eggplant parmesan sandwich and a new smoked salmon sandwich with wild-caught Alaskan salmon, cream cheese, arugula, capers and sliced red onion on toasted ciabatta bread.

Don't try this at home

Topping the list of things you probably wouldn't make at home are arancini. Named for the little oranges they're meant to resemble, the deep-fried breaded balls of rice were a way to make food more portable. The fried carbs come with savory fillings, usually a meat-and-tomato ragu or some blisteringly hot mozzarella cheese. Wine, beer and other drinks will be available.

Don't miss the classic Fisherman's Wharf cioppino cooking demo with chef Tene Shake or the new tarantella dance lessons on Sunday to work off all that food. There'll be plenty of live music, and vendors with Italian-themed merchandise and crafts.

The festival is scheduled for Friday from 3 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit festaitaliamonterey.org to learn more.

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

<u>A Local's Getaway</u>... Baum & Blume's Lunch Patio And Biergarten! Lunch Menu Highlights Tasty Appetizers, Fresh Soup & Salad, Popovers, Avocodo Shrimp Louie, BBQ Onion Quesadilla, Chinois Salmon Burger, Classic Kraut Dog, Capresé Ravioli w/Basil-Citrus Butter + Yummy Desserts, Wine & Beer! Lunch: Thurs-Sat 12-3pm **Reservations Recommended** 659-0400 CHECK OUT OUR **BOUTIQUE FOR FUN** Regular Hours: SUMMER FASHIONS, Takeout: Tues-Sat 11:30-7 GREAT WEDDING & Boutique: Mon-Gat 11:30-7

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Bernardus Lodge — pianist Mathias Morris (classical, Friday at 6 p.m.), Andrea's Fault (pop and jazz, Saturday at noon), pianist TJ Kuenster (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist John Sherry (rock and blues, Sunday at noon), singer and guitarist Fred McCarty (Tuesday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist Peter Barnes Martin (jazz, Wednesday at 5 p.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Edgar's — singer and guitarist Scott Slaughter (Friday at 5:30 p.m.). At Quail Lodge, 8000 Valley Greens

Folktale Winery — singer and guitarist RJ DeMarco (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist Rory Lynch (Saturday at 2 p.m.), Monterey Jazz Regional All-Star Combos (Sunday at 11 a.m.), The Peter Martin **Trio** (jazz, Monday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Brett Perkins** (Tuesday at 5 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

McIntyre Vineyards — singer and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickstrom (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 24 W. Carmel Valley Rd.

Trailside Cafe — singer and guitarist Dan Cioper (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

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Albatross Ridge Winery — singer and guitarist Kito Rayburn (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and. guitarist Dave Tate (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Rick



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Bulldog Sports Pub — **Tribe in the Sky** presents a weekly jam (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 611 Lighthouse Ave.

Cibo — The Dave Holodiloff Duo (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer Lee Durley and pianist Bill Spencer (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.), singer Miranda Perl and guitarist Adam Astrup (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301

Estéban Restaurant — guitarist Catherine Broz (Spanish and classical, Thursday at 5 p.m.). Casa Munras Hotel, 700 Munras Ave.

Hyatt Regency Monterey — singer and guitarist Peter Barnes Martin (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist Scott Slaughter (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

InterContinental Hotel — guitarist John Sherry (rock and blues, Friday at 7 p.m.), guitarist Richard DeVinck

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Aug. 9 - Monterey Elks Lodge Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey. Something for everyone, reusable and repurpose-able items! Open to all. Vendor fees go to charity.

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Aug. 10 - Cabaret by the Sea Presents "Love is in the Air! A Cabaret Show," 4 p.m. at Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula (4590 Carmel Valley Road - mouth of Carmel Valley). For information call (831) 601-1462

Aug. 22 - Liz Longley New Life Tour is presented 7:30 p.m. at the Golden Bough Playhouse Founders Theatre, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Tickets available at www.PacRep.org or call (831) 221-

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(classical, Saturday at 7 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Portola Hotel & Spa — mandolinist Dave Holodiloff (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.). At Jack's Terrace, 2 Portola Plaza.

Melville Tavern — The Chuck Brewer Band (rock and blues, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 484 Washington St.

Midici Pizza — singer and host Janice Perl, keyboardist Gary Meek, bassist Steve Uccello and drummer Andy Weis (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), The Brian Stock Quartet with keyboardist Bill Spencer, bassist Pete Lips and drummer **Pat Tregenza** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel — pianist Martan Mann (jazz,

Friday and Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist Scott Brown (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery

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

Puma Road Winery at Portola Plaza — singer and guitarist Matt Masih (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Natalie Gelman (Saturday at 6 p.m.), The Smoky Vegas Project (classic lounge, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281

Recycled Records — The Wet Possums (garage-rock, Friday at 8 p.m.). 604 Lighthouse Ave.

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

Sly McFly's — The New Wave Band (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Duality** (dance music from the '70s, '80s & '90), Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Tarpy's Roadhouse — singer and multi-instrumentalist Alison Sharino (Friday at 5 p.m.), guitarist Richard Devinck (classical, Saturday at 5 p.m.), mandolinist Dave Holodiloff (jazz, Sunday at noon). 2999 Highway 68.

■ Pacific Grove

The Grill at Point Pinos — The Andrea Carter Trio (jazz and pop, Friday at 5 p.m.). 79 Asilomar Ave.

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Multi-instrumentalist Sam Reider plays Saturday, 7 p.m., at Henry Miller Library in Big Sur.

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MÄRIA ANGELICA HERNANDEZ, P.O. Box 839, 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 Jan 1, 1994. S/Maria Angelica Hernandez Date signed: July 2, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 2, 2025. Publication Dates: July 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 2025 (PC 762)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

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Main St., Salinas, CA 93901.
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S/Julia Lopez Valdes

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
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S/Lauren Dwight, Member Date: July 21, 2025
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County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): RICARDO THOMAS DIAZ, 11763 Cypress of Principal Place of Business

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Date: July 26, 2023 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 29, 2025. Publication Dates: Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025. (PC 815)

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NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2025158
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EL CHEGGZ, 72120 Jolon Rd., Bradley, CA 93426.
County of Principal Place of Business: County of MONTEREY

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S/Elias Chairez-Heggs, CFO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 29, 2025. Publication Dates: Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025. (PC 819)

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NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251369
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NAMASTE INDIA BISTRO, 538 Lighthouse Ave, Monterey, CA 93940. County of Principal Place of Busines MONTEREY
NAMASTE 538 INC.
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Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or na listed above on April 15, 2023. S/Subash Subba Chongbang, President Date: July 30, 2025

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ation Dates: Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 25CV003915

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Pe titioner, ASHIKA VANDANA MALA aka ASHIKA SUNDAR, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as fol-

A Present na ASHIKA VANDANA MALA aka ASHIKA SUNDAR

Proposed name:
ASHIKA SUNDAR
THE COURT ORDERS that all per-

THE COURT ORDERS and all per-sons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes de-scribed above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection and includes intereasons for the colection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition

without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Sept. 30, 2025
TIME: 11:00 a.m. DEPT: 13A

DEPT: 13A
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
Date filed: Aug. 4, 2025
(s) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date: Aug. 4, 2025
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(PC 821)

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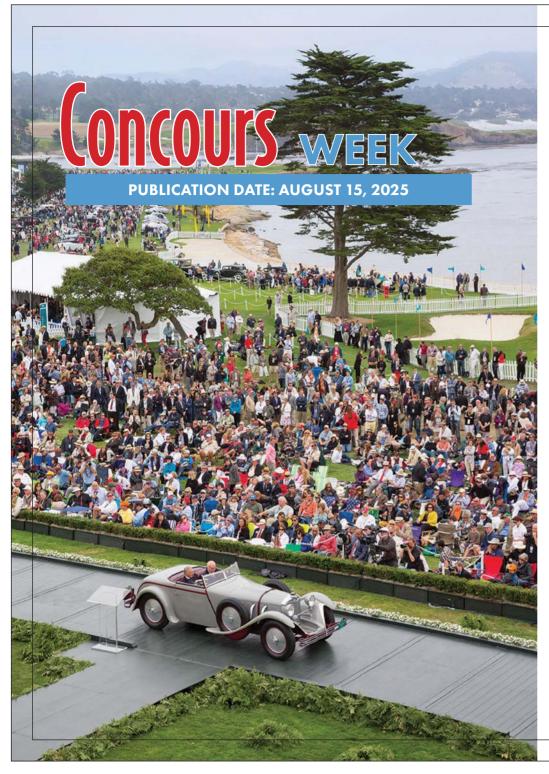
(PC 823)

Registered Owner(s): WILLIAM N. PRUNTY. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 21, 2025.

listed above on July 21, 2023.
\$\text{S/William N. Prunty}\$
Date signed: July 28, 2025
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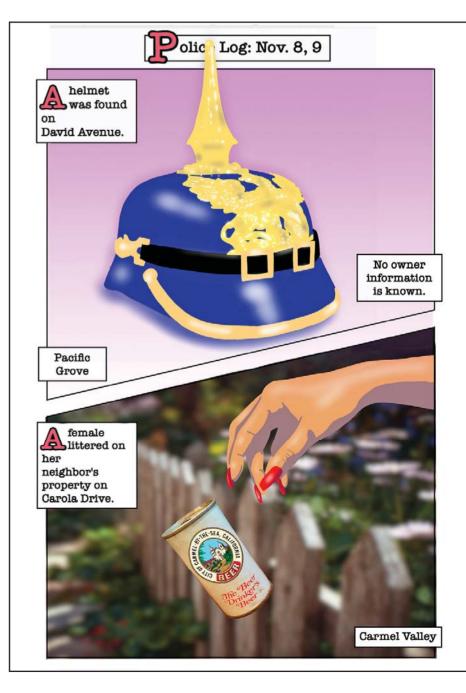


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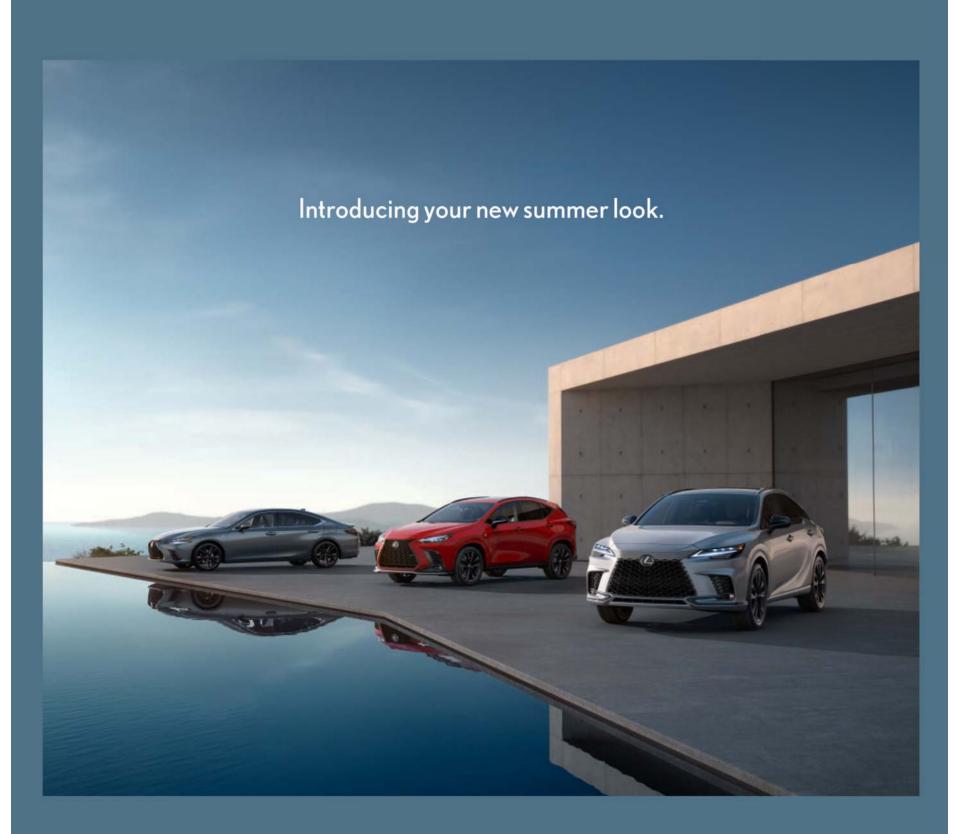
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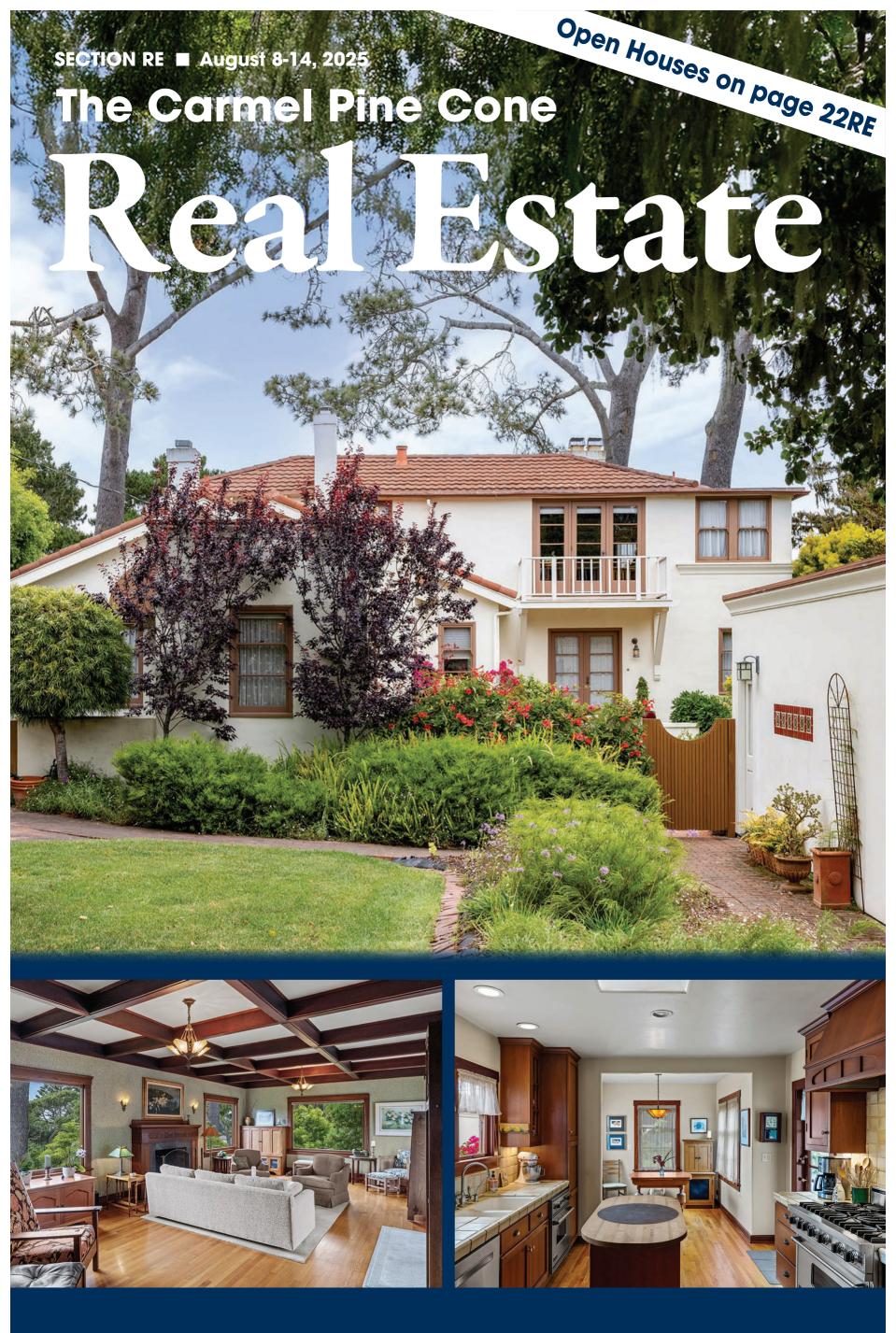
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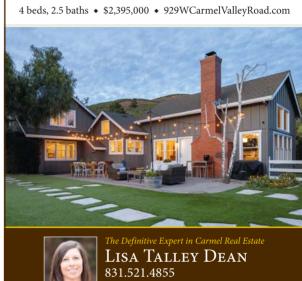
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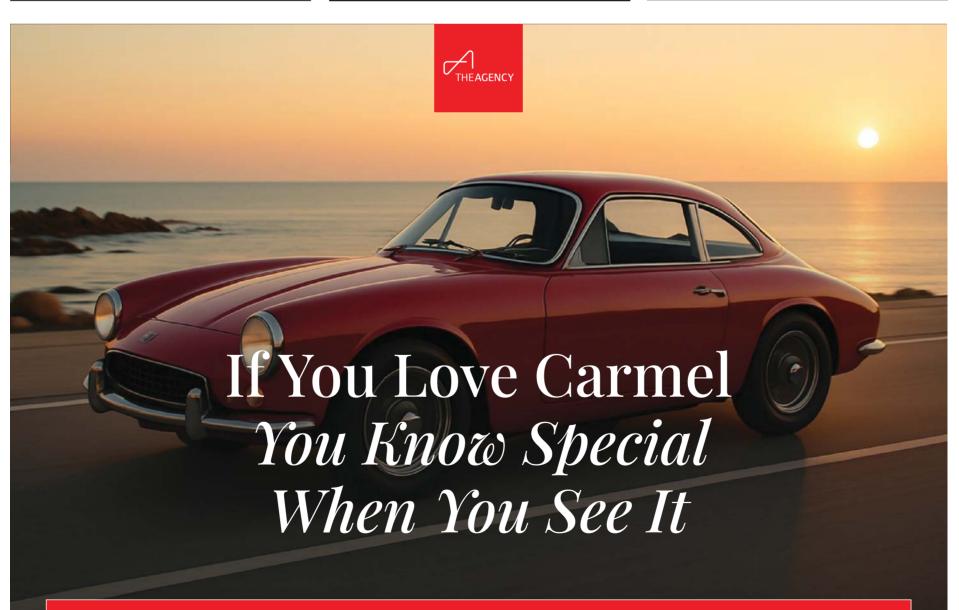




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Naming my 2014 Subaru Forester was almost preordained. Being a Japanese product, she became a Car Named Tzu, Americanized to Sue. I love my Forester, but as with many aging seniors, serious maladies began creeping in. I kept putting things off, thinking the symptoms would disappear. You know, like when you're in denial about needing that hip replacement.

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"I'll have to order a full blood panel," the diagnostician said. "Your Subaru will need overnight admission for observation." Then he delivered words that carved so many worry lines into my forehead that I resembled Dick Tracy's nemesis Prune Face: "Of course, there may

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

be some pre-existing conditions we'll need to deal with." I went home after saying sayonara to my Subaru, hoping the goodbye was temporary. Sleep eluded me as I wor-

ried about my expired warranty and wondered if repair costs would exceed the car's value.

They could tell me little until the results of the MRI — Mechanical Resonance Investigation — came back. The prognosis arrived with clinical detachment. "I'm afraid the MRI shows extensive deterioration. The patient's structural integrity has been compromised in several critical

Prosthetics

In essence, it meant surgery for Sue. The battery, the very heart of any car, had failed, requiring a transplant which proved the least serious condition. A bone marrow procedure was needed for the decayed right front wheel bearing, which was causing dangerous wheel play. Wheel bearings, like bone marrow, lie deep within the chassis.

The collapsed control arm bushings required cartilage replacement since they cushion metal components. As the tires showed signs of female pattern baldness, prosthetic "limb fitting" was highly recommended. Sue was facing three to five days of hospitalization.

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PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE PEBBLE Beach Concours d'Elegance has seen many remarkable displays of automotive finery since its inception in 1950. But it hasn't always been a competition among older cars and might never have come into existence, but for Alton Walker, a Pebble Beach resident and

auto enthusiast who heard about the planned road races through Del Monte Forest that year. He suggested adding a European-style car show, or concours, and was named chairman of the first

Walker was the owner of it is today Del Monte Aviation at Monterey Airport and rented cars to VIPs who flew into town.

His private collection was a by-product of the "Antique, Vintage and Classic Era automobiles" he acquired to make available to his customers.

Another key figure, Gwenn Graham, was handling publicity and public relations for Pebble Beach in 1950. She's credited by Pebble Beach historian and Pine Cone columnist Neal Hotelling with organizing and promoting the Concours from its inception until her death in 1968. In a newsletter published in Pebble Beach in 2016, Hotelling wrote that Graham, "wife of photographer Julian Graham, worked with Walker on arrangements for the car show, and continued to oversee it for the rest of her life. From 1969 to 1971, the event bore her name as a tribute to her dedication."

The Pine Cone's coverage of the first year's gathering was brief. On Nov. 3, 1950, it reported that "Numerous parties have been planned for the large group of San Franciscans planning to attend the Pebble Beach Sports Car Road Races this weekend."

Setting the standards

The next day, 30 cars (including five belonging to Walker) were exhibited at the first Concours d'Elegance. Sterling Edwards of San Francisco, chairman of the race committee, won with a new R-26 Special Sport Roadster, which he built.

The races and Concours were held again in May 1951, when 23 cars were shown. The scoring system was somewhat different from the one used today, however.

"Beauty of design, standard of maintenance and preservation of vehicles will be judged, and points awarded also on the beauty and costume of one female passenger allowed in each car," The Pine Cone said on May 18, 1951.

The winner was a '51 Jaguar Mark VII Saloon belonging to Mrs. Charles H. Hornburg Jr., whose husband's L.A. Jaguar dealership was the first in the United States. (No word on whether she was the female passenger during judging.)

By 1954, the races were major attractions, with an estimated 35,000 spectators. However, the crowd for the Concours held steady at 5,000, about the same size as in the first three years.

From 1951 to 1954, the car show was dominated by what were called, "just-off-the-boat British cars." In 1955, however, renowned racer Phil Hill's winning pre-World War II Pierce-Arrow marked the beginning of a trend toward older, classic autos.

Hill also won the Del Monte Trophy Race in a Ferrari 750 Monza, becoming the only person ever to top both competitions. He later became a Concours judge with a nearly 40-year tenure.

The 1956 races were marred by driver Ernie McAfee's fatal collision with a tree at 75 mph. The accident led to the remarkably rapid construction of Laguna Seca Raceway, where the races were relocated for spectators' and drivers' safety in November 1957.

The Concours had already been moved to Saturday, with the races on Sunday, and now also stood alone geographically as a separate event.

In 1962, Walker won with his 1913 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost, in which the Prince of Wales toured the United States in 1919. The prince would become King Edward VIII, who abdicated his throne to marry American divorcée Wallis Simpson.

The Concours grew to include 14 divisions with 25 judges and more than 100 restored classic and vintage cars by 1968. After Graham's unexpected death that year, however, it began to lose some of its luster.

Organizers renamed it the Gwenn Graham Concours in her honor for three years, starting in 1969, but ironically, it went into a decline through 1971. As Pine Cone reporter Ray A. March recounted in a 1987 retrospective, its size (the number of entries had dropped by one-third) and quality in the early 1970s were not what they once were, and attendance was falling.

Enter Jules Heumann (known as J) and Lorin Tryon. In March's account, which included interviews with both men, they were at the 1971 Silverado Concours d'Elegance in Orange County, discussing the Pebble Beach event and what could be done, "to revive it, to return it to its former glory and direct its future."

Unbeknownst to them, Pebble Beach resident Charles Chayne was eavesdropping from the other side of a nearby hedge. Chayne, a retired engineer and executive for General Motors, was a devoted auto aficionado and collector. He also served as a judge and as honorary chairman of the event from 1973 until his death in 1978.

Chayne interrupted the men's conversation to ask if they were serious about making changes. He offered to support their efforts — provided they could do everything in time for the 1972 show. Concours spokesperson Kandace Hawkinson told The Pine Cone in a 2015 interview, "Chayne convinced the executives at Pebble Beach to let Lorin Tryon and Jules Heumann make an attempt to turn the Concours around," and Chayne joined the event's executive board to help ensure its success.

Prominent and glamorous

By the mid-1970s, big changes were evident. "In the 1960s, it was very much a regional show," said one Concours expert. "An entry from outside California was the exception then, and usually meant someone came from Oregon or Nevada. A lot of times it seemed like the same cars, year after year.'

Heumann, who was "very much into European cars," and Tryon, who was "very well-connected in car circles" were "the perfect blend to expand the show geographically and in the types of cars that came."

Sandra Button — Concours chair since 2005 — joined the Pebble Beach Company in 1985. Four years later, she became director of special events and served as liaison between the company and Concours officials.

The 1990s brought launched an era of Hollywood celebrities, including John Travolta, who attempted to evade crowds by registering at the Lodge under a false name, designer and car collector Ralph Lauren, comedian Jerry Seinfeld and late-night TV host Jay Leno, who was regularly described as "gracious" and "congenial."

The past few decades have seen the addition of myriad events — likely beyond Heumann and Tryon's wildest dreams — including reviving the road races at Laguna Seca and bringing in high-end auctions. Car Week on the Monterey Peninsula has grown so much, it is widely considered to be the most prominent and glamorous exhibition of motor cars on the planet.



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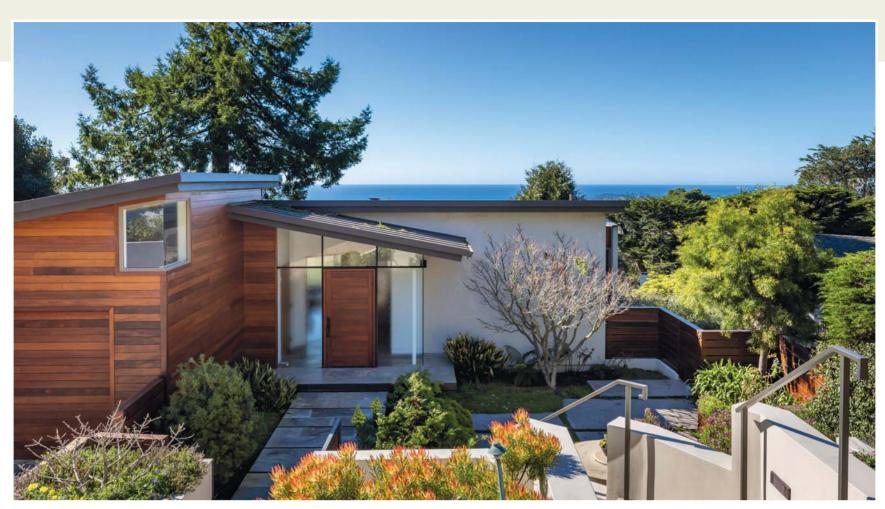




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The hardest part was separation from my sick Sue. Like a family member pacing ICU waiting rooms, I called the shop daily for updates. "How's she doing? Any change overnight?"

"No. Your car is still in the operating room," he intoned. "Up on a lift."

'Scrapitalization'

The separation anxiety was real. My freedom had been confined alongside my car. As a senior citizen in a town where public transportation is as reliable as a chocolate teapot, I was essentially under house arrest. The independence four wheels and an engine provided wasn't just

convenience — it was dignity, autonomy, and the difference between being a functional adult and becoming dependent on others for every grocery run and doctor's appointment. And I had no visitation rights.

I longed to sit with Sue, hold her hand brake and read to her from "Car Talk" by Click and Clack, the Tappet Brothers.

What if surgery and hospitalization exceeded the car's Blue Book value? Suddenly I faced automotive hospice care decisions. Do I pursue aggressive treatment knowing the prognosis is poor? When is it time to let go? The Neptune Society equivalent for cars is "scrapitalization," where your beloved vehicle donates organs to help other cars live on. The alternator might give life to a struggling sedan, the brakes might prevent a fender bender, and the catalytic converter could help another car breathe easier — maybe someone's asthmatic compact.

I even began planning my Subaru's obituary. Perhaps, as a Pine Cone contributor, I could get a discount: "Beloved 2014 Subaru Forester, 2.5L, 4-Cylinder, DOHC 16V, Stock #31146A, age 11, passed peacefully after a valiant battle with multiple mechanical failures. She is survived by countless happy memories of road trips, daily commutes, and emergency midnight pharmacy runs. Services will be held at the local salvage yard, where she will rest among other automotive companions. During her brief life, she was a faithful fellow traveler for almost 100,000 miles and never once left me stranded — until the very end."

I went through the five stages of automotive grief. Denial (Maybe it's something minor), anger (These mechanics are highway robbers!), bargaining (What if we just fix the essentials?), depression (I'll

never find another car like her), and finally acceptance (She gave me the best years of her life).

Willie and Sue

Happily, all that anxiety was for naught. I received a call from the Chief Surgeon Dr. Pasqual Nakauchi of Sasaki Brothers Automotive Service & Surgery Center in Seaside that Sue had come through with flying colors. He sent us home with discharge instructions, a six-month follow-up appointment for routine physical inspection, and a prescription for fuel as needed.

The next day, Sue and I were barreling down Highway 1, listening to Willie Nelson's "On the Road Again," and reveling in her restoration to good health — and my regained freedom.

Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo.

POLICE LOG

From page 4A

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from San Carlos and Fourth for a blocked driveway

Pacific Grove: Report of habitual dog barking on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Report of dogs at large on Sunset Drive. Owner was contacted and the dogs were returned to their owner.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of a vehicle burglary on High Meadows

Carmel Valley: Trespassing and vandalism on Flight Road.

Carmel area: Deputies took a report regarding theft from a vehicle on Outlook Drive.

THURSDAY, JULY 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on Santa Fe Street.

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Welfare check on an injured subject at Junipero and Sixth.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile at Fountain and Hillcrest was issued a citation for being out past curfew.

Pacific Grove: Ammunition surrendered to the police department by a Morse Drive resident for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Ripple Avenue was marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Burglary on Forest Avenue. A 22-year-old male was arrested at an Arkwright Court apartment complex for contempt of court, battery, obstruction, conspiracy to commit crime and burglary, and was booked into Monterey County Jail on \$20,000 bail. Another Arkwright Court resident, a 23-year-old male, was also arrested for burglary.

Pacific Grove: Subject admonished for trespassing at a Gibson Avenue residence.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a medical call at a Del Mesa Carmel residence. Coroner case.

Carmel Valley: Subject left the resort on Valley Greens Drive with an outstanding balance. Multiple attempts were made to contact with no luck. Credit card on file had no funds.

FRIDAY, JULY 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious circumstance at Casanova and Ninth at 0018 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious circumstances at Dolores and Fifth followed by a welfare check; behavioral health assisted with evaluation. Resources provided, checked OK. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found property at Sixth and San Carlos.

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to an unknown injury collision.

Pacific Grove: Officers investigated a social services report involving a resident on Dennett Street.

Pacific Grove: Found bicycle on Esplanade Street.

Carmel area: Person on Scenic Road was placed on a W&I 5150 hold [danger to self

Carmel Valley: Welfare check on Carmel Valley Road resulted in the discovery of an elder in medical distress.

SATURDAY, JULY 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 20-year-old fe-

male, stopped at San Carlos and Fifth at 0234 hours for DUI, was cited and released.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft from a clothing business on Ocean Avenue. Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious circum-

stances related to damage to a vehicle at Junipero and Fifth. Unknown cause of damage to paint and glass of vehicle, possibly by an unknown substance.

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property. Subject transported to the hospital.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision on Ocean Avenue. Two vehicles towed from scene. Information only.

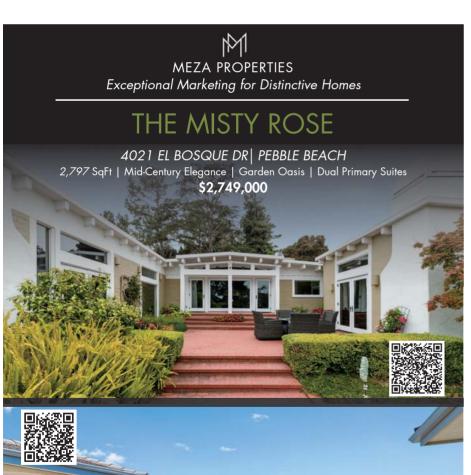
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog shock collar and leash found on the beach at Scenic and

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Verbal domestic at San Carlos and Eight.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop conducted on Ocean Avenue at 2213 hours. A 22-year-old male from Marina was found to be under influence of alcohol and was arrested for DUI. He was released on a cite.

Pacific Grove: The driver of a vehicle at

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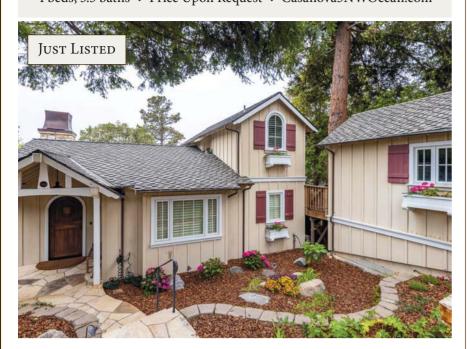


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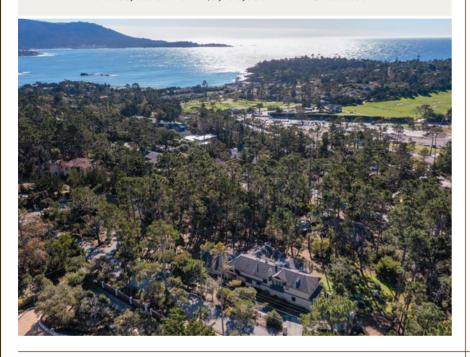
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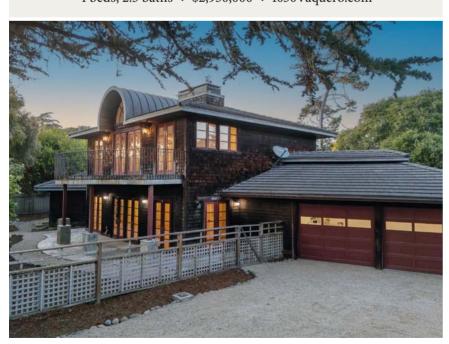
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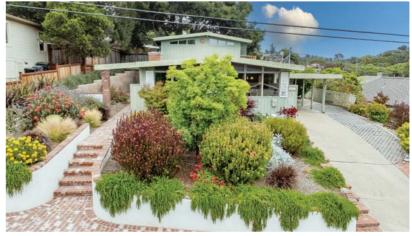
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SHERIFF

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Miles Drive and Sinex Avenue had a medical emergency and called for law enforcement. She was transported to the hospital. Vehicle

Pebble Beach: Left-ear costume clip-on earring found on the bike trail near the beach at Asilomar.

SUNDAY, JULY 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of an appliance from outside a residence at Junipero and Eighth. Under investigation.

Carmel Valley: Male seen wandering on private property on Via de la Paloma.

Pebble Beach: A civil dispute was reported on Bird Rock Road. Parties were referred to their retained legal counsel.

Carmel area: Report of alleged financial abuse involving a resident on Carmel Riviera

Pebble Beach: Public agency assist on Costado Place.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to suspicious circumstances on La Rancheria.

MONDAY, JULY 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found passport at Ocean and Junipero.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury traffic accident on Dolores Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A male was observed via camera entering and loitering in a residential backyard at Junipero and Second.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances

and potential trespassing on Gibson Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Officers dispatched to an argument among family members on Jewell Avenue

Pacific Grove: Motorhome on Asilomar Boulevard was marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Fountain Avenue was marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Officers responded for a welfare check on Jewell Avenue. Determined that the resident was deceased. Coroner called.

Pacific Grove: Unknown subject(s) defrauded the victim on Gibson Avenue via a credit card transaction for approximately

Carmel area: Report of alleged financial abuse involving a Pescadero Road resident.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of a female who exited a moving vehicle on Laureles Grade.

Pebble Beach: Report of alleged financial abuse involving a Signal Hill resident.

Carmel Valley: Financial abuse on Aliso Road and at a Del Mesa Carmel residence.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of a physical domestic at a residence on Vista del Pinos.

TUESDAY, JULY 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found cell phone at Ocean and Mission returned to owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property at Camino Real and Ocean. Victim transported to hospital for injuries.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject found dead inside of a home at 10th and Lincoln. DNR was found on file and the subject declared deceased on scene. Family notified and coroner

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Elderly male reported missing from a residence on Junipero Street. Located at home.

Pebble Beach: Subject at a Costado Road residence was placed on a 5150 W&I hold [danger to self or others].

Pebble Beach: Keypad to a residence gate on Padre Lane appeared to have been tampered with.

Carmel area: Male on Rio Road threw a rock at the victims' RV window and smashed it.

Carmel area: Subject at a San Luis Avenue residence was placed on a W&I 5150

Carmel Valley: Trespasser on a Carmel Valley Road property.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle at Bayview and

Cedar marked for 72-hour parking.

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report. Pacific Grove: Battery occurred at the public library.

Pacific Grove: Damaged vehicle window on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Lighthouse Avenue for expired registration more than six months.

Pacific Grove: DUI turnover to CHP at Highway 1 and Ocean Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Animal issue at a residence on Congress Avenue.

Carmel Valley: A scam was reported by an Oak Meadow Lane resident involving a male claiming to be a soldier in distress needing money overseas.

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services report alleging neglect at a Chaparral Road residence.



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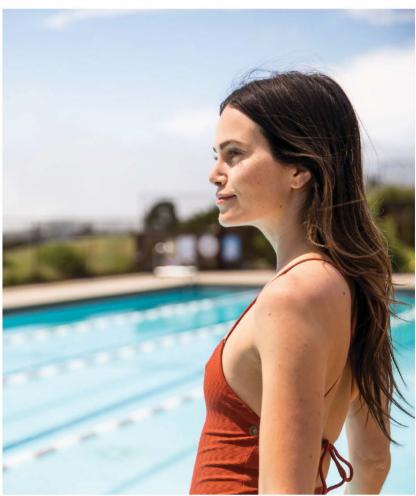


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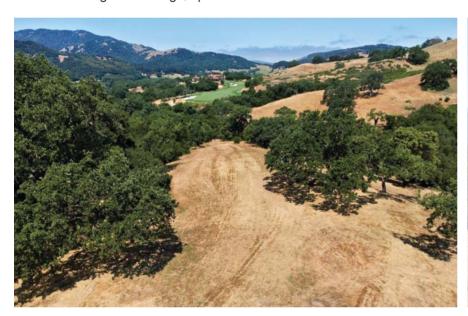
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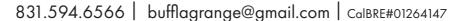
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251167
The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-

ness as:
1. Ouroboros Alchemy, 2. Lotus Path
Healing Arts, 3. Lotus Path Collective, 300 N 1ST ST, King City, CA 93930 -2819 County of MONTEREY Registrant(s):

Kyle Lucas Anderson, 45135 Royal Drive, King City, CA 93930 This business is conducted by an Individual Inis business is conducted by an individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

S/ Kyle Lucas Anderson
This statement was filed with the County

Clerk of Monterey County on [FileDate]. 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15/25

CNS-3933673# CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: July 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15
2025 (PC 716)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025/202
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: M&M LEGAL SUPPORT SER-VICES, 3 Deer St., Solinas, CA 93906.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Resistered Owner(s):

Registered Owner(s) MATILDE LIZZETH GONZALEZ, 100 W. Alisal St., Box 54, Salinas, CA 93902. MARY CRUZ ROBLES, 100 W. Alisal St., Box 54, Salinas, CA 93902. This business is conducted by a co-part-

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 27, 2025.

S/Matilde Lizzeth Gonzalez

Date signed: July 2, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 2, 2025 Publication Dates: July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 2025 (PC 734)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251214
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THOMPSON WILDLAND MAN-AGEMENT, 57 Via Del Rey, Monterey, CA 93940. of Principal Place of Business:

County of MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): ROBERT G. THOMPSON

This business is conducted by an individual

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 1, 2006. S/Robert Thompson Date signed: July 3, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 3, 2025. Publication Dates: July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 2025 (PC 735)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251218
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KD DETAILING & VINYL WRAPS, 1288 Lowell St., Seaside, CA 93955

County of Principal Place of MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): KEVIN JEFFREY DURAN CRUZ of Principal Place of Business:

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictilious business name or names listed above on July 7, 2025.

S/Kevin J. Duran Cruz
Date signed: July 7, 2025.

Date signed: July 7, 2025
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Monterey County on July 7, 2025.
Publication Dates: July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251187
The following person(s) is(are) doing busi-

ness as: Right Way Tools & Equipment, 210 Merced St., Suite A, Salinas, CA 93901, County of Monterey Registered Owner(s): Nicholas Ferraris, 210 Merced St., Ste A, Salinas, CA 93901

Benjamin Griesbach, 210 Merced St., Ste A, Salinas, CA 93901 This business is conducted by A General

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

S/ Nicholas Ferraris This statement was filed with the Co Clerk of Monterey County on 06/30/2025 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8/25 CNS-3946384#

CARMEL PINE CONE on Dates: July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 2025. (PC 737)

NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251241 Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JEANNIE GIRL, 508 Corral de Tierra Rd., Salinas, CA 93908.

of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): JEAN CHARMAINE GIANGIORGI This business is conducted by an individual

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 14, 2020. S/Jean Giangiorgi Date signed: July 9, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 9, 2025. Publication Dates: July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8,

NAME STATEMENT File No. 20251248

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ATLAS LAND SURVEYS, 75 Fourth Street, Spreckels, CA 93962. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): DAVID ALAN NACHAZEL, P.O. Box 7131, Spreckels, CA 93962. This business is conducted by an individual Registrant commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2022. S/David Nachazel Date signed: July 10, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 10, 2025. Publication Dates: July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 2025 (PC 739)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251075
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RISE CARMEL MEDICAL CORPO-RATION, 26365 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite F, Carmel, CA 93923. County of Principal Place of Business: County of MONTEREY

MONTEREY
JUDY HONEGGER, D.O., P.C., 18367 Corral Del Cielo, Salinas, CA 93908.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business
under the fictitious business name or names
listed above on N/A.
S/ludy Honegager President

Israe above on NYA.

S/Judy Honegger, President
Date: June 10, 2025
This statement was filed with the County of Monterey County on June 10,

PUBLIC NOTICES Publication Dates: July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 2025. (PC 740) 1. MONTEREY BAY BIRDING TOURS 2. MONTEREY BAY BIRDING GUIDE

3. MONTEREY BIRDING TOURS

NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251126 The following person(s) is(are) doing busi-

Voltedge Electric, 264 E Market St., Salinas, CA 93901, County of Monterey

Registered Owner(s): Daniel R. Radel, 264 E Market St., Salinas, CA 93901

This business is conducted by an individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A

Inis statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 06/17/2025 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8/25 CNS-3935743# S/Daniel R.Radel

CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication Dates: July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 2025. (PC 741)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 25CV003360

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, ANDREA F. FERNANDEZ, filed a netition with this court for a decree chang names as follows:

A <u>Present name</u>: ANDREA F. FERNANDEZ <u>Proposed name</u>: ANDREA MARIE FERNANDEZ

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes de scribed above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the

ion without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Aug. 19, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m. DEPT: 15 The address of the court is 1200 Agua-

jito Road, Monterey, CA 93940. Date filed: April 30, 2025 (s) Thomas W. Wills

Judge of the Superior Court
Date: July 2, 2025
Publication Dates: July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 2025 (P. 742) 2025. (PC 742)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT File No. 20251258 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: TERI'S EMBROIDERY, 19235 Creekside Lane, Salinas, CA 93908. County of Principal Place of Business MONTEREY

TERI MARIE HORSLEY. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

Under the fictificus business name or names listed above on July 1, 2025.
S/Teri M. Horsley
Date signed: July 11, 2025
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Monterey County on July 11, 2025.
Publication Dates: July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 2025 (PZ Z46) 2025 (PC 746)

NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251261 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. ing person(s) is (are) doing busi-

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 <u>Monday, August 18, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.</u>, 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=9H 2DISGuqQ2eCddEodDJusxbLYYLhX.1. To listen to the meeting via telephone, dial +1 669-444-9171. Webinar ID: 881 8836 2744. Passcode: 001916.

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 meetina 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

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.

HE 25120 (Profeta)

David Kasavan, Contractor

West side of Junipero between 5th and 6th Avenues Block: 58; Lot: 17, 19, 21, 22

APN: 010-098-005-000 and 010-098-006-000 Consideration of a preliminary determination of historic ineligibility for the property located on the west side

of Junipero between 5th and 6th Avenues. APN: 010-098-005-000 and 010-098-006-000

DS 25197 (Graney)

Carol Brock, Agent

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

Northeast corner of Camino Real and 12th Avenue Block L; Lot 12, 14 APN: 010-273-006-000

Consideration of a Determination of Consistency with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the re-

Katherine Wallace, AICP, Associate Planner

placement of wood windows and wood shingle siding at the historic "Louise P. Murphy House" located at the northeast corner of Camino Real and 12th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-273-006-000

DR 25181 (Carmel Mission Basilica)

Naomi Miroglio, Architect 3080 Rio Road Block: US; Lot: 38 APN: 009-531-003-000

Consideration of a Determination of Consistency with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for accessibility upgrades at the historic "Mission San Carlos de Borromeo" located at 3080 Rio Road in the Single-Family

Residential (R-1) District. APN: 009-531-003-000

Publication dates: Aug. 8, 2025 (PC822)

483 Ferris Ave., Marina, CA 93933. County of Principal Place of Busi County of MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): STEVEN ERIK ROVELL, 483 Ferris Ave., Marina, California 93933.
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/Steven Royell

5/ Steven Kovell
Date signed: July 11, 2025
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Monterey County on July 11, 2025.
Publication Dates: July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8,
2025 (P.Z. 747)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251223 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-

ness as:
R.K. ENTERPRISES, 100 Clocktower
Place, Suite 120, Carmel, CA 93923.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): RICHARD JOHN DENIER, P.O. Box 221753, Carmel, CA 93922. KATHY LYNN DENIER. This business is conducted by a married

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan 1, 2008.

S/Richard J. Denier Date signed: July 3, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 7, 2025. Publication Dates: July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 2025 (PC 748)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA **COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 25CV003524
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Pe titioner, FILA BARNETT-EVANSON aka PHYLLIS MYRA COHEN, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A <u>Present name</u>: FILA BARNETT-EVANSON aka PHYLLIS MYRA COHEN

Proposed name: FILA BARNETT EVANSON THE COURT ORDERS that all persons INE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection that includes the reasons for the objection and includes into reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the

petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: Aug. 26, 2025 TIME: 10:00 a.m. DEPT: 14

The address of the court is 1200 Agua-

jito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
Date filed: July 10, 2025
(s) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date: July 10, 2025
Publication Dates: July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 2025. (PC 749)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 25CV003478
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, GIANA LYNN ESPARZA, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing

names as follows: GIANA LYNN ESPARZA

Proposed name:
GIANA GEORGE ZUBILLAGA ESPARZA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes de-scribed above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear a

the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objec-tion is timely filed, the court may grant the

NOTICE OF HEARING. DATE: Sept. 2, 2025 TIME: 10:00 a.m.

The address of the court is 1200 Agua

jito Road, Monterey, CA 93940. (s) Thomas W. Wills Judge of the Superior Court Date filed: July 8, 2025 Publication Dates: July 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 2025. (PC 751)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 25CV003580
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, J. A. FOX FIORENTINO, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing ames as follows:

A. <u>Present name</u>: J. A. FOX FIORENTINO

Proposed name:
FOX JOSEPH FIORENTINO
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes de-scribed above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection that includes the reasons tor the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the

petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: Sept. 9, 2025 TIME: 11:00 a.m.

The address of the court is 1200 Aguaine address of the court is 1200 Agua-jito Road, Monterey, CA 93940. (s) Hon. Thomas W. Wills Judge of the Superior Court Date filed: July 14, 2025 Publication Dates: July 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 2025 (PC 752).

2025. (PC 752)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251203 be: NEW FILING Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TORO, Dolores 5 S/E of 5th, nee ronowing person(s) is (are) doing business as: TORO, Dolores 5 S/E of 5th, Carmel, CA 93921.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

KF TORO INC, P.O. Box 7203, Carmel, CA 93921. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 1, 2021. S/Kristen Ridout, President Date: July 2, 2025 Date: July 2, 2025
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Monterey County on July 2, 2025.
Publication Dates: July 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15,

2025. (PC 753)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-

1. SAY YES MAMA GROUP
2. SAY YES MAMA HOSPITALITY
3. SAY YES MAMA

AN Corner Junipero & Vista, Carmel by the Sea, California 93921. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY DOUBLE A INC, P.O. Box 2323, Carmel by

the Sea, California 93921 The Sed, Calliornia 93921.

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

This business is conducted by a corporation.

Registrant commenced to transact business
under the fictitious business name or names

listed above on Jan. 3, 2022.

S/Anthony Carnazzo, CEO Date: July 16, 2025 This statement was This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 16, Publication Dates: July 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 2025. (PC 755)

NAME STATEMENT

ness as: JGM PLASTERING, 3109 Seacrest Ave.,

683, Marina, CA 93933..

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business

Date signed: July 9, 2025

Clerk of Monterey County on July 9, 2025. Publication Dates: July 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 2025 (PC 756)

NAME STATEMENT

ness as:
Love's Alternative Energy, 1264 De La
Torre, Salinas, CA 93905
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
Trillium USA Company, LLC, 10601 N
PENNSYLVANIA AVE, OKLAHOMA CITY,

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

NAME STATEMENT File No. 20251225

ness as: Love's Alternative Energy, 142 Monte Blvd, Marina, CA 93933 County of MONTEREY

This business is conducted by a minimal bility company Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Trillium USA Company, LLC

Clerk of Monterey County on 07/08/2025 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15/25 CNS-3949462#

> FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20251235

Elite Fitness, 1587 Atherton Way, Sali-

This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 06/17/2025 S/ Christian Burrola

This statement was filed with the

CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: July 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 2025. (PC 759)

(Aviso al demandado) EMMANUEL MORA SOTO

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (Lo esta demandando el demandante) ALICIA SANCHEZ HURTADO CASE NUMBER: 25FL000579

served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court

may make orders affecting your marriage or domes-

tic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately.

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order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party. Tiene 30 dias de calendário después de habér

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puede dar ordenes que afecten su matrimonio o

Para asesoramiento legal, pongase en contacto de inmediato con un abongado. Puede obtener in-formacion para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte ca.aov), en el sitio web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) a poniéndose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su conda-

ENCUENTRAN EN LA PAGINA 2: Las órdenes de

la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario un for-mulario de excención de cuotas. La corte puede ordenar que usted pague, ya sea en parte o por completo, las cuotas y costos de la corte previamente exentos a petición de usted o de la otra parte.

Monterey, CA 93940 The name, address and telephone number of the

petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attor-ALICIA SANCHEZ HURTADO

CASTROVILLE CA 95012 (951) 816-1294

Monterey County on June 27, 2025. Publication Dates: Aug. 8, 15, 22, 2025. (PC

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-

Apt. A5. Marina, CA 93933 County of Principal Place of Business: MON-TEREY

File No. 20251224 The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-

OK 73120

CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: July 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15 2025. (PC 757)

The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-

Trillium USA Company, LLC, 10601 N PENNSYLVANIA AVE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73120 This business is conducted by a limited lia-

CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: July 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 2025. (PC 758)

The following person(s) is(are) doing busi-

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LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 3:00 PM

SUMMONS (Family Law)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy

help), at the California Legal Services website (www. lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county

court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement offi-FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may

recibido la entrega legal de esta Citacion y Peticion para presentar una Respuesta (formulano FL-120) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefonica o una audiencia de corte no basta para protegerlo.

pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custondia de sus hijos. La corte también le puede ordenar que pague manutencion, y honorarios y costos legales.

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The name and address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY

This summons was filed with the County Clerk of

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

ered Owner(s): GUADALUPE MUNOZ, P.O. Box

negistalit Continenced to Iransact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

S/Jose Munoz

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After a Brief Slowdown, Real Estate Continues with a Healthy 2025

As winter transitioned into spring and the longer sunlit days of early summer, the

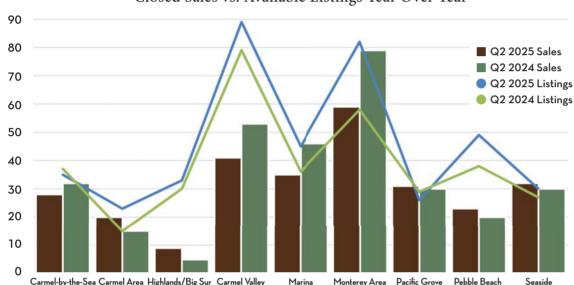
Monterey Peninsula real estate market entered its active selling season. The second quarter traditionally brings heightened energy to the market, and the early part of the quarter delivered, driven by fresh inventory, strong buyer interest, and the unmistakable allure of life along the Monterey Peninsula's iconic coastline. However, the momentum briefly paused as global economic uncertainty—sparked by newly announced tariffs and a sharp dip in the stock market—led to a temporary slowdown in transactions. Still, the resilience of the market quickly reasserted itself. By June, activity picked up once again, closing out the quarter with strength and signaling renewed confidence heading into the heart of the summer

Entering April, the Monterey Peninsula's real estate market had easily outperformed 2024 numbers, with transactions up 12% and sales volume up 21%. The first week of April, the US announced it was placing new tariffs on countries across the globe, and as a result the US stock market plummeted. The real estate market also saw an ex-

treme slowdown in homes going into escrow during the month of April. Because of so few homes entering escrow in April, May 2025 saw 44 less transactions on the Peninsula than May of 2024. As tariffs were quickly pulled back and the stock market rapidly recovered, the real estate market also bounced back resulting in June 2025 outperforming June 2024. Looking at the first six months of the year, 2025 has seen one less sale than 2024, but is up 4.28% in average sales price and 4.08% in total sales volume year-over-year.

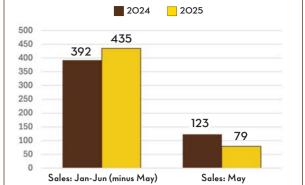
Most areas across the Peninsula experienced good, but not great, sales levels during Q2. One of the top performing areas of the quarter was the Greater Carmel area, which doubled its number of sales and saw a 58% increase in sales volume versus Q1. Carmel Highlands and Big Sur combined for nine sales during the quarter, a strong number for the area. While Carmel-by-the-Sea saw a typical number of sales, the average sales price in the area jumped back up above \$4.5M for the first time in over a year thanks to three large sales over \$13M. In Marina's new developments, 16 homes sold for over \$1M. Three of these high-priced sales took place in East Garrison, three in The Dunes, and eight in Sea Haven.

Closed Sales vs. Available Listings Year Over Year



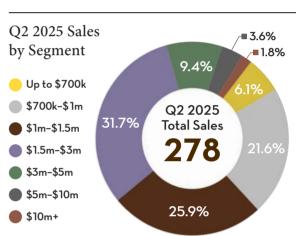
A Strong Year with a Poor May

From January through June, excluding the month of May, 2025 has outperformed 2024 by 43 sales across the Peninsula. During the month of May, 2025 underperformed 2024 by 44 sales.



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	Sales by Segment							Тот	CAL VOLUME SO	Available Listings Quarter End			
	Up to \$700K	\$700k- \$1M	\$1M- \$1.5M	\$1.5M- \$3M	\$3M- \$5M	\$5M- \$10M	\$10M+	Q2 2025	Q1 2025	Q2 2024	Q2 2025	Q1 2025	Q2 2024
Carmel-by-the-Sea	0	0	0	17	4	4	3	\$126,796,833	\$66,568,000	\$142,488,600	35	27	37
Carmel Area	0	0	5	9	5	1	0	\$50,166,500	\$31,595,400	\$37,757,000	23	23	15
Carmel Highlands/Big Sur	0	1	2	4	1	0	1	\$32,674,000	\$17,420,827	\$16,182,500	33	28	30
Carmel Valley	5	3	5	20	5	3	0	\$91,216,750	\$72,939,000	\$103,112,248	89	67	79
Marina	1	18	15	1	0	0	0	\$34,993,902	\$30,657,773	\$47,020,171	45	20	36
Monterey Area	7	10	26	12	4	0	0	\$79,544,499	\$54,607,500	\$98,308,291	82	49	58
Pacific Grove	0	6	12	12	1	0	0	\$47,905,851	\$54,302,000	\$51,101,185	26	26	29
Pebble Beach	0	1	2	11	6	2	1	\$79,218,100	\$65,445,250	\$77,376,400	49	41	38
Seaside	4	21	5	2	0	0	0	\$28,512,277	\$24,315,937	\$30,856,304	30	34	27
Totals	17	60	72	88	26	10	5	\$571,028,712	\$417,851,687	\$604,202,699	412	315	349

	Medi	an Sales Pr	RICES	Average Sales Prices			Days on Market			Number of Sales		
	Q2 2025	Q1 2025	Q2 2024	Q2 2025	Q1 2025	Q2 2024	Q2 2025	Q1 2025	Q2 2024	Q2 2025	Q1 2025	Q2 2024
Carmel-by-the-Sea	\$2,797,500	\$3,195,000	\$3,737,500	\$4,528,458	\$3,169,905	\$4,452,769	52	85	39	28	21	32
Carmel Area	\$1,922,500	\$1,936,200	\$1,800,000	\$2,508,325	\$3,159,540	\$2,517,133	56	28	41	20	10	15
Carmel Highlands/Big Sur	\$2,050,000	\$2,879,465	\$3,640,000	\$3,630,444	\$3,484,165	\$3,236,500	90	124	102	9	5	5
Carmel Valley	\$1,750,000	\$1,745,000	\$1,600,000	\$2,224,799	\$1,971,324	\$1,945,514	74	88	45	41	37	53
Marina	\$900,000	\$856,250	\$980,500	\$999,826	\$901,699	\$1,022,178	35	42	28	35	34	46
Monterey Area	\$1,130,000	\$1,013,000	\$1,058,000	\$1,348,212	\$1,213,500	\$1,244,409	48	49	31	59	45	79
Pacific Grove	\$1,353,850	\$1,465,000	\$1,557,500	\$1,545,350	\$1,696,938	\$1,703,373	38	36	45	31	32	30
Pebble Beach	\$2,785,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,962,500	\$3,444,265	\$2,845,446	\$3,868,820	38	53	46	23	23	20
Seaside	\$797,000	\$799,000	\$835,500	\$891,009	\$838,481	\$1,028,543	43	40	25	32	29	30

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Totals

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	Ten-Year Median Sales Price											10-Year
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD	Change	Change
Carmel-by-the-Sea	\$1,607,500	\$1,700,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,875,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,750,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,007,500	\$3,450,000	\$2,950,000	-14.5%	83.5%
Carmel Area	\$1,065,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,297,500	\$1,225,000	\$1,450,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,620,000	\$1,625,000	\$1,922,500	18.3%	80.5%
Carmel Highlands/Big Sur	\$1,685,000	\$1,937,500	\$1,597,500	\$1,775,000	\$2,645,000	\$2,375,000	\$3,709,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,640,000	\$2,800,000	-23.1%	66.2%
Carmel Valley	\$950,313	\$937,000	\$1,000,000	\$950,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,495,000	\$1,570,000	\$1,750,000	11.5%	84.1%
Marina	\$490,000	\$537,200	\$599,000	\$639,000	\$675,000	\$792,000	\$849,000	\$875,000	\$930,000	\$875,000	-5.9%	78.6%
Monterey Area	\$656,500	\$722,500	\$772,000	\$740,000	\$850,000	\$930,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,074,000	\$1,054,500	\$1,122,500	6.4%	71.0%
Pacific Grove	\$800,000	\$886,500	\$889,750	\$958,000	\$980,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,390,000	\$1,497,500	\$1,490,000	\$1,435,000	-3.7%	79.4%
Pebble Beach	\$1,525,000	\$1,575,000	\$1,557,500	\$1,767,950	\$2,100,000	\$2,795,000	\$3,150,000	\$2,690,000	\$2,612,500	\$2,642,500	1.1%	73.3%
Seaside	\$445,000	\$495,000	\$525,000	\$540,000	\$593,500	\$700,000	\$757,000	\$750,000	\$817,500	\$799,000	-2.3%	79.6%



586 Braden Way, Marina — \$1,535,000



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60 Skyline Crest, Monterey — \$1,275,000

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Michael and Tiffani Minafo to Kristin Blackwod APN: 013-132-013

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William Banta to Bradley Grantham and Kristin Ingram APN: 014-012-001

118 Eldorado Street — \$1,087,500

Louis Kaplan to Julie Elfin and Michael Freeman APN: 001-681-008

60 Skyline Crest - \$1,275,000

Marcia Kuhlman to Greg and Kelly Ekizian APN: 014-072-027

6 Stratford Place - \$1,475,000

Robert and Keri Dillard to Shane and Laura Strong APN: 014-111-011

1611 Hoffman Avenue — \$1.638.000

John and Elizabeth Hall to Andrew and Alistair Corse APN: 001-162-001

1123 Alta Mesa Road — \$2,450,000

Pamela Dewald to Kathryn Olivera APN: 001-752-059

Pebble Beach

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1051 Marcheta Lane - \$5,665,000

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Seaside

1191 Echo Avenue — \$1.010.000

Grace Gurus LLC to 1191 Echo Avenue LLC APN: 012-061-034

17210 Logan Street - \$1,100,000

Karen and John McKenzie to Fabian and Wendy Carballo APN: 031-166-007

18623 McClellan Circle — \$1,150,000

Jerry and Cynthia Hall to Ann Barragan APN: 031-163-003

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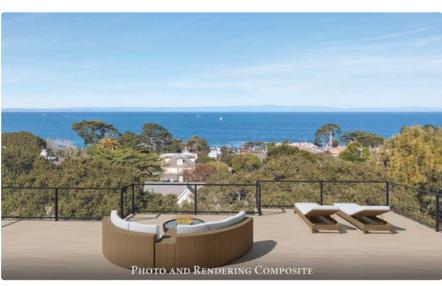
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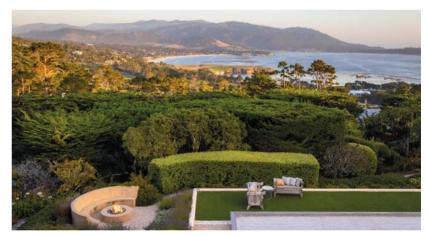


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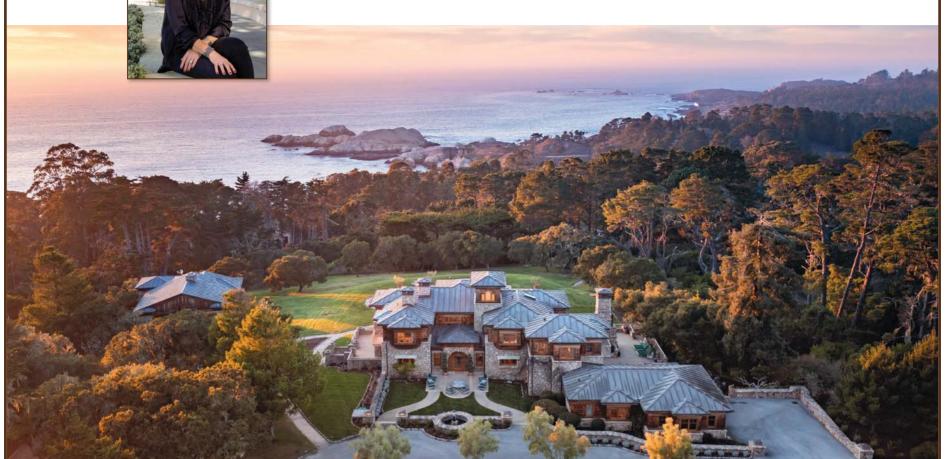






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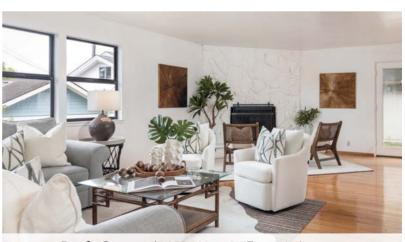
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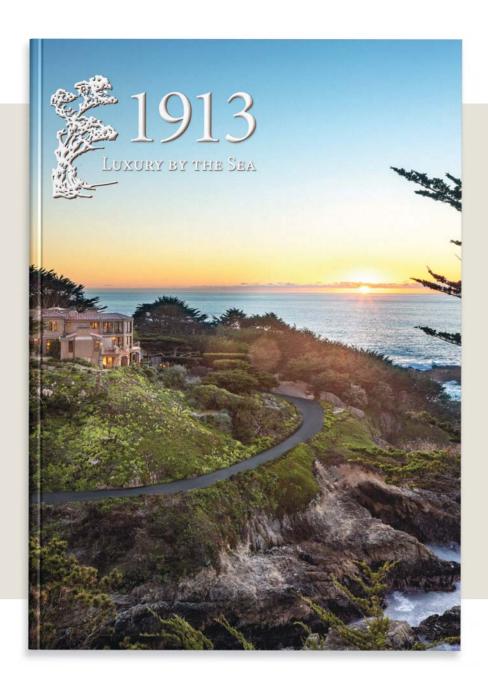
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Trouble deciding what to do during Car Week? Maybe this will help.

By MARY SCHLEY

■ANS PUT Car Week on their bucket list — ◀ and with good reason: There is simply no arguing that the Monterey Peninsula becomes the automotive world's favorite place to be each Au-

Since 1950, automobile racing and showing have been part of the Peninsula's impressive cultural landscape, starting with a single-day road race through Del Monte Forest accompanied by a just-among-friends show of the latest and greatest cars at the nearby Lodge. Not long after its inception, the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance switched from a display of contemporary autos to a judged contest of collector cars and has since spawned similar events all over the world though none match it.

In the late 1950s, Laguna Seca was built to accommodate the racing that had begun in Pebble Beach, and the first vintage races — now known as the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion — debuted there a half-century ago.

Since those early years, so many associated events have blossomed that Car Week now spans more than 10 days and stretches from Seaside to Carmel Valley to Big Sur. With a few new events this year, the number exceeds 40, even with the loss of a favorite kick-off event in Pacific Grove.

Keeping pace with that ongoing evolution is The Pine Cone's coverage and its must-read special sections this week and next that anyone who cares about anything Car Week-related should rush to pick up or download. A highlight of those editions is our comprehensive calendar of the area's numerous amazing events.

Take your time to examine this detailed look at everything Car Week has to offer, from free and casual

events, to high-end shows and stellar auctions. The fun begins with a show of few dozen race cars that make the drive from Laguna Seca to downtown Monterey and back Aug. 8 and ends with the world-famous Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance Aug. 17. Spanning those are celebrations of all aspects of vehicular genius: compelling and lively sales of old cars, new cars, rare cars, motorcycles, memorabilia (and everything else), rallies and tours, seminars and discussions, a decadent day of wining and dining among notable racing and collector cars, an homage to all things Italian, an impressive show of the prowess of the supercar community, several days of racing, and a be-

loved concours of automotive unmentionables. Prices run from nothing — more than a half-dozen events are free — to if YKYK, so there is truly an event (but hopefully more than one) for everyone who wants in on the action.

■ Monterey Classic Car Week **Kick-Off Car Show** Alvarado and Franklin streets, Monterey Friday, Aug. 8, 5 to 7 p.m.

Thirty to 40 race cars cruise from WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca to Alvarado Street in the heart of Monterey to mark the start of the Monterey Peninsula's



One of the most coveted events on the Car Week calendar is The Quail in Carmel Valley, now in its 23rd year, which offers an "unparalleled and exclusive experience for motorsports enthusiasts and collectors from around the world."

> automotive mania during the annual Monterey Classic Car Week Kick-Off Car Show. The event was launched in 2010 to take significant and historic race cars to the locals and has been heralded as a huge success, according to organizers.

> Participating cars, which are competing in the Monterey Pre-Reunion Aug. 9-10 and the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion Aug. 13-16, stage at the track at 4 p.m. and leave — with a CHP escort leading the way — at 4:30 to make it to downtown Monterey around 5.

> Visitors are allowed to walk among the cars, take pictures beside them and ask questions of their owners

> > See CALENDAR page 8Cd'E

CHARLES GRUWELL DESIGN STUDIO

Charles Gruwell is a national award-winning interior designer who has had a 45-year design career filled with prestigious design mentorships, 40 boutique hotels, luxury residential projects and extensive international world travel. Charles returned to his hometown on the Monterey Peninsula in 2020 and has reestablished himself as the Premier Luxury Residential & Hospitality Designer for Carmel, Pebble Beach and surrounding areas. He was mentored by some of the best designers in the world and has worked on projects in San Francisco, Bali Indonesia, Disney Resorts in Orlando Florida, Seattle Washington, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Hawaii, Sun Valley, Puerto Rico, and Hotels and Luxury homes here on the Peninsula and throughout California.

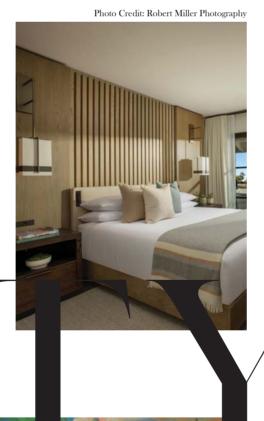


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He is a Master in the Art of Design with a passion for Coastal Contemporary, Classical European, Rustic Ranch Style Elegance and Asian inspired projects. Charles has a DIVERSITY of Style and Flair that is second to none and has developed a Curated Home Furnishings Collection called CHARLESTYLE. He is known for his artistic prowess, meticulous attention to detail and exceptional design eye. He is available to collaborate with you on your next Luxury Residential or Hospitality commission.

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By LILY PATTERSON

OU DON'T have to go to Italy to see one of the largest gatherings of Italian cars in the world. You don't even have to leave the Monterey Peninsula. On Aug. 16, more than 800 Italian cars and motorcycles will line the rolling greens of Bayonet & Black Horse golf courses in Seaside.

Despite the supercars and VIPs, the veteran team behind Concorso Italiano promises an atmosphere as laid-back as any Sicilian summer festival. Monterey-Italian-American royalty are among the guests of honor, including Bella Cutino, the reigning 91st queen of Festa Italia Santa Rosalia and granddaughter of Sardine

Factory co-owner Bert Cutino and his wife (Bella's namesake). In addition, Festa Italia Foundation president Joe Cardinalli will be there, not to mention Dave Marzetti, host of the "Sundays with Sinatra" radio show, which broadcasts live from Fisherman's Wharf.

Not so stuffy

And they know how to throw a party — with feasting, live music, great style and big personalities. It won't be a "hands-off" event by a long

"You can have picnics around the cars, sit in a Ferrari, and take pictures of the grandkids leaning on a perfectly turned-out Alfa," said Hutson Hart. The San Francisco Bay area native has been involved with Concorso Italiano for about as long as he's been affiliated with numerous Alfa Romeo clubs, 27 years, several as a judge for

"We really like to walk the field, meet people,

rub elbows. Somebody will be polishing the tailpipes of their million-dollar car, and they'll be happy to talk to you about it. You have people with perfect Italian luggage, made to fit their trunk, and right next to them is somebody who drives their car every day."

Doesn't sound so stuffy, does it?

Let's break down how to make the most of your day. Tickets go for \$250 or \$300, depending on how many frills you want and whether you buy in advance, and kids younger than 12 get in free.

The fun starts at 10 a.m. sharp, if you're planning to beat the afternoon crowd to the hottest marques on the

Start with the 30th anniversary display of the Ferra-

ri F50. It's an exceptionally rare model, with only 349 produced between 1995 and 1997.

For a real bombshell, head over to Lamborghini. This year's centerfold is the "Victoria's Secret Diablo," making its first public reappearance since mysteriously vanishing after a 1998 Christmas catalog spread. The car was presumed lost for two decades and "rediscovered" this year — get the story from Ed Bolian, the guy who found it.

While wandering among the Lamborghinis, you may run into Valentino Balboni, the company's former chief test driver. According to Matt Stone, Concorso

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PHOTOS/(LEFT) COURTESY BERT CUTIINO, (ABOVE) DAN DANBON

(Left) Bert and "Queen" Bella Cutino pose at the Festa Italia Coronation Ball last year. (Above) Some clear front-runners for "Best Paint" number among the 800-plus automobiles on the showfield at Concorso Italiano.

CALENDAR

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before everyone departs, again with a CHP escort, at 7. Catching the high-speed parade of vintage racers along the route is very cool, too.

■ Pre-Reunion vintage races Laguna Seca Raceway, Monterey

Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 9-10, gates open at 7 a.m.

Less crowded than the main event, the Pre-Reunion weekend at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca features more than 300 cars competing prior to the big Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion the following week.

The paddock is open to all and filled with devotees and their crews preparing their historic cars, many of which are fully restored, while others gracefully bear their age. Racers prepping for the Reunion use this opportunity to test their automobiles and their skills, and Pre-Reunion days offer up-close and personal looks at the cars, as well as chats with the owners and drivers who are often one and the same.

Race groups featured this year are 1950s-1960s SCCA Small Displacement Production Cars, 1955-1967 SCCA Large Displacement Production Cars, 1955-1969 Saloon Cars, 1961-1975 FIA Manufacturers Championship, 1966-1972 Trans-Am, 1991-2011 IMSA, ALMS, Grand-Am and FIA, 1981-1991 IMSA GTP, GTO, FIA Group C and Trans-Am, 1966-1985 Formula 1, 1963-1968 Sports Racing Cars and 1973-1981 IMSA GT, GTX, AAGT, GTU and FIA.

On Saturday, each group practices in the morning and qualifies in the afternoon, starting at 8 a.m. and ending at 5:35 p.m., and each races twice on Sunday, starting at 8:15 a.m. and ending at 5:45 p.m. (Race groups run out of order on Sunday.)

An unusual highlight of the weekend is Saturday evening's Corkscrew Hillclimb, with "historic race cars and fun exhibition vehicles racing reverse-course up the infamous Corkscrew."

Tickets run \$82.62 (including fees) for Saturday, \$72.28 for Sunday, or \$118.85 for both days and include paddock access and grandstand seating. Kids 15 and under are free, as is parking. For more information, visit weathertechraceway.com or call (831) 242-8200.

> ■ Captain + Classics Adams Street, Monterey Sunday, Aug. 10, 10 a.m. to 4p.m.

Captain + Stoker, the popular coffee shop and roastery in Monterey that was named the official coffee vendor for WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca last year, will host its second Captain + Classics event at its shop across the street from the Monterey Sports Center on Franklin Street.

This year's event will feature 50 cars brought by the Salinas lowrider community — which formed the Salinas Lowrider Council in 2023 to "honor the rich history and artistry that define lowriding, a form of expression deeply rooted in community and heritage" — and a dozen choppers, according to organizers.

While the coffee shop's address is 398 E. Franklin St., the event will be held on the adjacent block of Adams Street that runs along the edge of Jacks Park.

■ Central Coast Poker Rally Brass Tap at The Dunes, Marina Monday, Aug. 11, 8:30 a.m.

The Central Coast Poker Rally has drivers making a loop that includes stops along the way for views, fun, and laps around WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca. The day begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Brass Tap at The Dunes Monterey Retail Center at 99 Gen. Stillwell Drive with check-in, gifts and goodies, a breakfast buffet and fresh coffee, and KMBY Radio broadcasting live. A show of all participating cars will run until around noon — with the public voting for the People's Choice Award — and representatives will introduce the event's benefiting charity, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, which provides housing and support for injured veterans, first responders, and Gold Star families.

The next pit stop will be at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca for parade laps and photos, with around two hours onsite. Drivers will park in the paddock to line up for their drive laps, which will be immortalized by "renowned motorsports photographer" Michael Troutman, with photos provided after the event.

The rally's final stop will be at Baja Cantina & Grill in Carmel Valley for games and a celebratory buffet dinner. "Play fun games, bid on raffle auction items, and help raise funds for the Tunnel to Towers Foundation," organizers Mitch and Marsha Taylor said. Gold Star families will be honored, and awards will be given for best poker hands, along with surprise winners and sponsor gifts. Dancing to The Money Band Duo will follow.

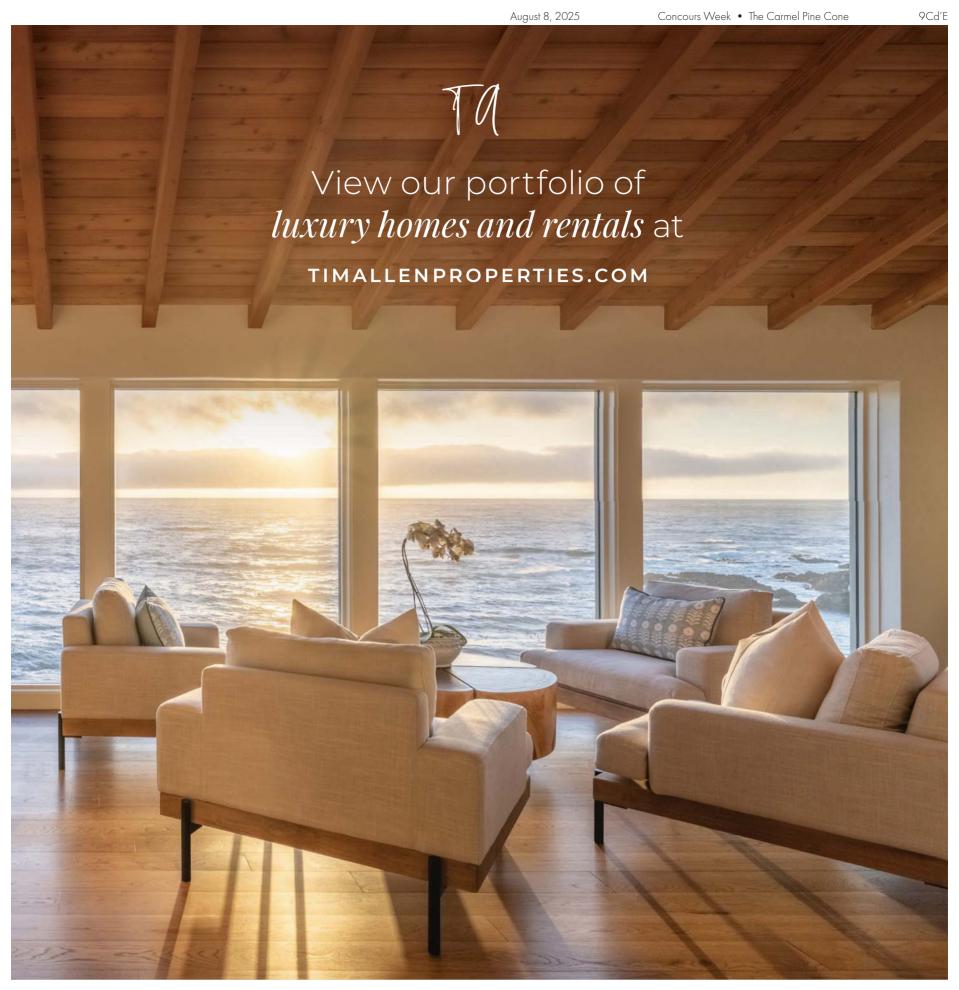
The full poker rally is sold out at \$150 per person, while space remains for a Show and Go option that includes breakfast, the car show and Laguna Seca, for \$75. For more information, go to centralcoastpokerrally.com.



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One of the most unusual cars in last year's Tour d'Elegance was this wedgeshaped 1960 Plymouth XNR Ghia Roadster.

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Rolls-Royce, Jaguar and Aston Martin: The sun never sets on British pride

By MICHAEL JAMES

'RISTAN NEUBECKER was born into her love of Jaguars. She remembers helping clean her family's cars as a youngster in England. Now, the Pebble Beach resident is sharing her passion with other owners and enthusiasts.

Neubecker is the organizer of the inaugural Monterey British event, when 100 vehicles, including Jaguars, Rolls-Royces and some niche makes and models, will be showcased Aug. 11 in Carmel Valley.

The show at Carmel Valley Community Park will open at 1 p.m., and an awards ceremony will begin at 3:30 p.m. Admission is free and there's parking nearby.

Neubecker's interest in organizing a new event for Car Week was kindled last year, when a weekend of celebrations was held on the Monterey Peninsula in honor of the 70th anniversary of the Jaguar D-type.

"There aren't too many things that Car Week doesn't have," said Neubecker, who owns four Jaguars. "And there's not too much space to put on any more events. But there wasn't much scheduled on Monday, so this event is taking on a life of its own."

The variety is impressive. "We are calling it a show because there are so many cars in one location," Neubecker said. "But we are really hoping it stays a more relaxed gathering. We are trying to break down all pretense of British snobbery."

Diana's ride

Like Italian, German and other manufacturers' country-centric automotive enthusiasts, English vehicle fanciers have their favorites.

Aston Martins were first associated with the James Bond film franchise 60 years ago, and their reputation lives on. Five are registered for the show, including a 1964 DB5 — the type seen in "Goldfinger," "Thunder-



No villains, just heroes and pups: James Bond (Sean Connery) with an iconic Aston Martin, and Kristan Neubecker (right), organizer of Monterey British, and her mom, Linda Humber, with their 2006 Jaguar X-Type Estate — their first "Lassie Limo."

ball" and "Goldeneye."

Aston Martin, of course, is 007's getaway car. Bond, played by actors from Sean Connery to Daniel Craig, drove many other vehicles during the series' 25 films, but none showed off the spy's automotive prowess like the Aston Martin chase scenes.

British car collectors also like rarities, and some will be part of the Carmel Valley event. For example, Austin Metros aren't particularly well-known, though the late Princess Diana reportedly drove one before her engagement to Prince Charles. There are ACs and Elvas, as well.

AC Cars' website boasts that it was established in 1901 and is "the UK's oldest active vehicle manufacturer." It started postwar production in 1947 in Surrey, notably turning out some exceptional race cars.

The Elva company made low-cost sports and racing

models starting in the mid-1950s. Estimates place the total number produced at around 1,000 before production ceased in 1968.

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"There's a lot of neat history and tie-ins to the original Pebble Beach Road Races and the Concours d'Elegance," said Neubecker.

Other rarities will include a 1937 Bentley 4 1/4 Windover special and a 1950 Jaguar-Parkinson Special. The Jag was driven by Don Parkinson in the inaugural Pebble Beach road race in 1950, where Parkinson placed second to Phil Hill, who also drove a Jaguar.

The regional group will also be involved in smaller events, like Cars and Coffee from 8 to 10 a.m. Satur-

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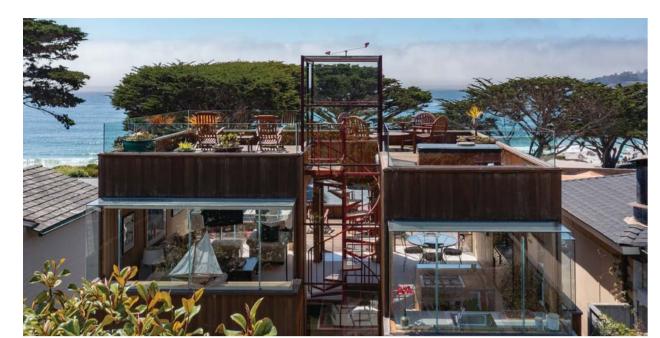


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Cars with one wheel in the scrapyard grave and another on a banana peel

By DENNIS TAYLOR

SIXTEEN REPUGNANT years have passed since the first Concours d'Lemons rattled into Seaside, dragging its mufflers, grinding its gears, spewing exhaust, and inappropriately goosing its well-endowed Pebble Beach neighbor, the Concours d'Elegance.

Alan Galbraith, founder of Lemons, unapologetically brings the garbage scow of "automobile" shows back to the lawn of Seaside City Hall (440 Harcourt Ave.), warts and all, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 16. In accordance with laws of public decency, there is no admission charge.

"Spectators are free — that way, you get what you pay for, and maybe less," Galbraith explains on his website, 24hoursoflemons.com/concours-d-lemons.

Since 2009, Lemons has served as an unofficial hospice for vehicles that had no discernable heyday and began decomposing the minute they rolled off the assembly line.

'All terrible in some way'

When asked if he has an all-time favorite ugly car from Lemons history, Galbraith immediately bridles: "That's like asking me to name my least-favorite kid," he said. "I mean, they're all terrible in some way, right?"

Who could argue with that?

The self-anointed "Head Gasket" of Lemons is, in fact, an automobile historian. He does double duty during Car Week as a docent at the Concours d'Elegance, regaling VIPs with tidbits about the most celebrated cars in the world. He knows his stuff.

And while he embraces every misfit that moans into Lemons each August, he gets most excited to see something he's never, ever seen before.

"This year, I've got a 2012 Koda coming to the show.

They were sold exclusively in California, and they only made 117 of them," he said.

"Koda was an independent car company that took an early swing at creating an electric car. There was all kinds of fanfare, tons of government grants from the state and the feds, and it all ended horribly," Galbraith recounted. "So they're very rare and they're unremarkable in every way, which is what we love at Lemons."

Also on his list of probables is a 1967 DAF, a Dutch car equipped with a very early constant-velocity transmission — also called a continuously variable transmission — "which is just terrible," he said. "It was actually a cool idea that just doesn't work well in practice." Take his word for it, because an explanation won't help.

A popular attraction, Galbraith predicted, should be a 1946 1.5-ton pickup truck pulling a 1959-vintage trailer that has been converted into a bar.

"And we're also expecting a Pontiac Aztec — the 'Breaking Bad' car," he said. "Those cars were super-functional, with all kinds of accessories, but Pontiac

Aztecs are just really, really ugly."

Galbraith says he doesn't ask for photographs from entrants, because he loves being surprised on the day of the show.

No reverse gear needed

The 2017 show featured a mutant Honda with two front ends — two windshields, two steering wheels, two fully-operable engines — fused together and pointing in opposite directions. The car had no need for a reverse gear, because it had no need to back up — any direction was frontwards, unless it moved sideways, like a crab, which it could. A highlight of the 2019 event was a drivable dumpster.

Guest judges have included auto-world luminaries like Wayne Carini, the host of "Chasing Classic Cars," Peter Brock — who designed the 1963 Corvette and the Shelby Daytona coupe — and Ed Wellborn, former

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Concours d'Lemons "winners" in 2024: An equine-themed 1976 Lincoln owned by Chris Overset of Discovery Bay won Worst of Show, while Vallejo's Fred Haves took first prize in the Slightly Better Than A Go Kart division with his 1960 VW Bus.

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Dreams, excellence and inspiration on display at Prancing Ponies

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

HILE DRIVING her new Ferrari, Chanterria McGilbra was rolling to a stop past Galileo High School in the Russian Hill neighborhood of San Francisco, reminiscing about what high school had meant to her, when one of three girls standing at the edge of campus said, "Miss, I like your car."

McGilbra's shock was masked by her smile. She had not imagined that teenaged girls might be into cars, but she did recognize a moment to launch a dream.

"I said to the girls, 'I expect you to get one, too.' Their eyes grew wide, and they slowly nodded," she said. "I realized this is why I'm here, in this moment, to inspire other females to believe in their dreams."

Show for women

McGilbra ordered a chocolate-brown Ferrari, "Coco," as a "Yay Me!" gift when her company, Ultragenyx, went public. After flying to Italy to collect the car, she participated in a rally back home and then drove it to Classic Car Week on the Peninsula. There, she met then-Carmel Mayor Jason Burnett, who said, "Why don't you create a car show for women?"

She told him perhaps she could — in five years. He said he thought she was ready then. She believed him and submitted her application to host Prancing Ponies Women's Car Show in Carmel-by-the-Sea, a showcase for women's cars aimed at empowering women in the automotive world. The event, which also welcomes men, represents all car categories and includes a fashion show, awards ceremony and a VIP lounge.

"I am super-excited about this show," McGilbra said.
"Each voting category offers two awards, one for Best in Class, and the other for Best in Presentation and for the woman who accompanies her car dressed in the fashion

of its time."

This event also supports the Prancing Ponies Foundation, which provides funds to help low-income women attend career-advancing workshops and conferences. The focus, said McGilbra, is representation and empowerment, plus a really fun experience for the community.

This year, the event will feature Patricia Fernandez, a single mom and college graduate who will share her experiences attending the 2024 Society for Human Resource Management conference in Chicago on a Prancing Ponies scholarship.

In 2020, when the world shut down, "Prancing Ponies" was put on pause as well. Not knowing how long that would last but anxious to do something celebratory and support-

ive through cars, McGilbra decided that instead of a car show, she'd host a rally and outdoor fashion show. She partnered with Monterey Touring Vehicles, owned and operated by Heather Gardner, who quickly became a "Legacy Sponsor" of the event.

"We had to learn how to pivot," McGilbra said. "Committed to our mission of supporting women, our challenge was how to add more value to our program."

McGilbra and Gardner created a wine-and-lunch event at local wineries in the Salinas Valley, followed by a few laps around the Laguna Seca racetrack before heading to Monterey Touring Vehicles for a Prancing Ponies fashion show. The first year, they featured some 16 models representing five local designers in an event which has continued to grow.

"As owner of Monterey Touring Vehicles and a



HOTO/COURTESY CHANTERRIA MCGILBRA

Chanterria McGilbra, founder of the Prancing Ponies, says she wants to inspire young women — and she's inspired by them, too.

member of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce for years, I've been involved in this event since the first year because we are a woman-owned business, and this was a woman coming in and trying to promote women in the car industry," Gardner said. "The Monterey Peninsula is one of the most beautiful places, with stunning drives; it makes sense that women in the car community should be driving their classic cars here."

Unique business

Gardner, who has a Ph.D. in molecular biology, kept thinking about the business of renting classic cars and believed she could and should do it.

She said Monterey Touring Vehicles, which she

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ONCOURS WEEK

Monterey Motorsports Festival embraces next-gen vibes for all car lovers

By LILY PATTERSON

AOLO MANCA has his heart set on making the Monterey Motorsports Festival a mainstay for the next generation of Car Week attendees, custom-built to their specifications.

"The idea was to introduce everything that gets left out of Car Week. What about the Japanese design guy, the modified Mercedes guy, the Mazda guy? It's important to let them dream, too," said Manca, the festival's founder.

Monterey Motorsports Festival takes place Aug. 16 at the Monterey County Fairgrounds, promising "rare builds, iconic machines, and custom culture," two stages of live music, a 100-foot rollercoaster, and a play area for the kids. Slated for 5 to 11 p.m., "it's the only Car Week event with a major entertainment program at night," said Manca.

Across the 22-acre complex, Monterey Motorsports Festival promises nonstop automotive spectacle — the action-packed night is planned to the quarter hour.

'Perseverance, family and love'

Over 60 futuristic "hypercars" will stream into the main arena at 6:15 p.m. Thirty minutes later, the Peralta S supercar makes its U.S. debut. The one-of-one aluminum marvel was designed by Fabrizio Giugiaro, whose father and collaborator, Giorgetto, designed the DMC DeLorean from "Back to the Future." Fifteen minutes after that is the reveal of the DC100, a high-performance electric motorcycle by Davinci Motor Corporation.

Manca, meanwhile, is a Ferrari guy. A native of Sardinia, Italy, he "practically grew up in" his father's mechanic shop and spoke reverently of his dream car. The Ferrari 360 Modena is "a symbol of perseverance, family, and love," which he purchased after moving to

Monterey in 2006, and, at 22, building P.M. Landscaping "from zero."

Manca said his service has worked at least a dozen previous Car Weeks for prestigious clients, including the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance and The Quail, grooming the grass and designing settings for private parties as well.

Drifting

But when he looked at his 67 employees, he wanted people like them — and others who work the events — to be able to enjoy the fun as well, and that's what inspired Monterey Motorsports. Planning the inaugural festival in 2023, Manca already had a venue in mind: For 14 years, his company has donated their services at the Monterey County Fairgrounds.

Manca organizes the event with his wife, Roselyn, supported by several local sponsors.

The afternoon he spoke with The Pine Cone, he was mowing lawns and mapping out elaborate outdoor lighting that his crew will install — which is one way to keep admission prices on the relatively reasonable end of Car Week events at \$129 per adult, \$59 for kids 13 to 17 and free for those under 12. And if anyone needs a break from the action, abundant food and drink options and comfortable seating areas are available.

"There's a lot in motion, not only the cars. At least every 30 minutes, there will be something new," said Manca.

That includes a sport you may never have heard of: drifting. Manca said three professional drivers will be doing a demo over at the "donut pit."

Drifting is big in Japan — known for its modi-





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Above, the "MadMac", a custom McLaren designed by "Mad" Mike Whiddett. Below, Whiddett after a recent "drifting" competition, surrounded by exuberant fans of the extreme motorsport.

fied-car culture — where the looping expressways and steep mountain roads of Osaka and Tokyo attract drivers from all over the world to skid and slide

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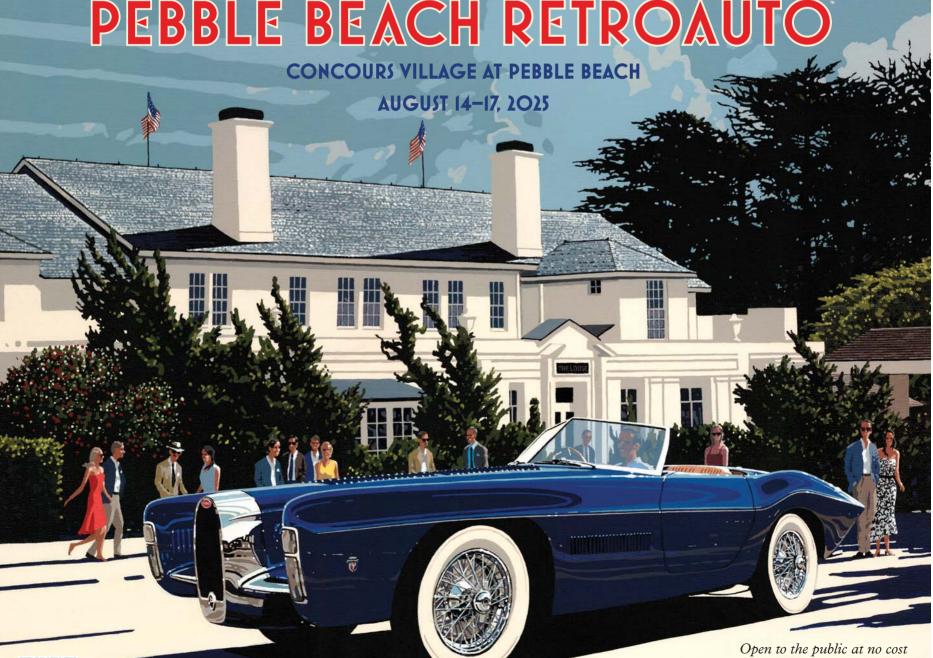
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CELEBRATING THE MOTORING LIFESTYLE





P.G. Rotary's rally supports vital youth programs — and the price is nice, too

By SALLY BAHO

▼HE PACIFIC Grove Rotary Club's 31st Annual Auto Show and Rally will be held Aug. 15, with classic cars of all genres parked along Lighthouse Ave. in downtown Pacific Grove starting at noon so you can take a stroll and enjoy. The best part is that admission is free.

After exhibiting their charms while parked, the cars rally through town and along the coast, beginning at 4 p.m. along Ocean View Boulevard, up Sunset Drive and into Pebble Beach on 17 Mile Drive before returning to downtown P.G. It's a fun route not only for drivers and passengers who love to show off their sweet rides, but for photographers who take advantage of the beautiful setting to get great pictures of classic vehicles. If you plan to dine at one of the restaurants in town, make a reservation, because the event draws a crowd.

In 1995, with Cobra as the featured marque, Carroll

Shelby — the late Texan automotive designer, race car driver and entrepreneur — came to America's Last Hometown to launch the inaugural P.G. Rotary Auto Rally.

Irresistible

His achievements, including developing the only American-made car to win at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, provided a nearly irresistible draw for racing fans. The intent back then was to raise funds for the Pacific Grove Youth Center, and the event continues in that spirit.

"Our mission is supporting the youth and education, not only in Pacific Grove, but in the greater Mon-

terey Peninsula and even more broadly internationally — but serving our community, always," said Arleen Hardenstein, Pacific Grove Rotarian and chair of the show and rally.

Check out pgrotary.org if you want to participate — there may still be a few spaces available. Registration is \$140, and while this year's featured marque is Mercedes, the rule is simply that the car must be drivable.

"We love classics and unique cars, but we welcome anybody who wants to participate," Hardenstein said. Awards are presented at a drivers meeting before everyone takes off for the rally. They include Best in Show, Best Preserved Car, Hottest Wheels, and Racy Racer.

Bob Gin, a retired police officer from San Bruno and his wife, fellow car enthusiast Ruby, have been participating in the P.G. Auto Rally since 2017.

"I came across the P.G. Auto Rally and Googled it. I thought it was interesting," Gin said. He just turned 72 and has been collecting cars since high school. His treasures include a purple Porsche 914 that he entered the first few years, a yellow 1973 Ford Mustang Mach 1, and a 1965 baby-blue Mustang, among others. He and his wife love driving the scenic route in the grand parade of autos. "I get so much satisfaction driving along the rally. People are happy to see you and wave to you. It's a fun event," Gin said.

Recruiting friends

He and his wife also love dining at P.G. restaurants and shopping at the antique mall. Over the years, Gin has recruited friends and fellow car enthusiasts from the San Francisco Bay area to join him, and they are now a group of six.

"I don't plan on stopping anytime soon," Gin said, "I just can't wait for the registration to open up. I know it's limited, and I want to be one of the ones who get in."

To learn more and view photos from past rallies, visit





With Sunset Drive and 17 Mile Drive as backdrops, the Pacific Grove Rotary Club's annual show and rally is fun for drivers and spectators alike. It raises money for charity while giving locals a chance to see a great display of cars for free.





CONCOURS WEEL

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Italiano's emcee of 10 years, he "strolls the field, stops at every car, everybody knows him. He's somewhere between Superman, Elvis, and Madonna," as Italian automotive legends go.

Balboni returns this year to present his namesake award for best car — inevitably a mechanical masterpiece — though he'll happily autograph the other Lamborghinis.

Best for last

Along with the Balboni Award, the day promises a slew of "Bests," right down to Best Paint and Interior. Second and third place in each marque are handed out before lunch.

That leaves Best in Show for the afternoon, along with a new award in honor of Concorso's 40th anniversary. Chairman's Choice will be presented by event chair Tanya Kosta and her predecessors, Jack Wadsworth (2004-2006) and Tom McDowell (2009-2024).

It's a personal touch from Kosta. She took over the event last year, as it appeared to be running on fumes, until International Car Week purchased it and encouraged her to stay on as chairman.

"We're not the typical car show. I wouldn't have stepped up last year had I not been a part of it for 18 years and known the people who pour themselves into this show, year after year," said Kosta, formerly the event's volunteer and philanthropic coordinator. Her nonprofit,

All-In Monterey County, is one of Concorso's beneficiaries.

Before all that goodwill and fanfare, however, be sure to fuel up.

If you've chosen to upgrade your ticket to VIP or Chairman's Club access, breakfast and lunch are beautifully catered. Numerous food trucks will offer vinos and cibo (food), for everyone else, and there's ample grass for sprawling. Anyone would be mesmerized by the classic cars glittering down the fairway, and should indulge in some nostalgia.

Concorso Italiano originated with a small 1985 gathering hosted by Maserati-obsessed Washingtonian Frank Mandarano, who ran the show until 2004. He first selected the Carmel Mission Inn as a lovely venue to get acquainted with fellow Maserati enthusiasts. Approximately 50 cars were in attendance.

Forty years later, car clubs still run the Concorso Italiano — you'll see their tents all over the place — but they've since embraced the independents. Anyone with Italian wheels is welcome to display them for just \$250 and a few clicks online.

That certainly explains the size of the field in recent years. All those world-class Italian cars and motorcycles are a proper bacchanal, if you ask Matt Stone.

For three decades he's made the trip up from Southern California to partake, the last 10 with a microphone in hand and before that a camera, as an official photographer.

"I love to hear people say, 'What is that?' It's one of the things that makes us unique. There's the expected stuff, but we have some real obscurata. Personally, I love the strange car, the freaky little Fiat," said Stone.

And after lunch, when everyone's flocking to the Ferraris, it's time to follow his lead.

Seek out the obscurata. Chat up every owner with a car that intrigues you. Head to the Alfa Romeo display and get Hutson Hart to talk shop, if you can find him.

"I've never worn the hat and the blazer of the Concours d'Elegance judge. We've always tried to make it fair with a silent judging, so that nobody is campaigning for an award," said Hart. It's in keeping with the spirit of Alfa Romeo, he said, which is the second highest-attended marque after Ferrari, but with "a deeper and longer history, much more approachable and affordable to the average Joe and Jane."

Hart recalls perfectly his first Ital-



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If you think you don't like sexy Italian sports cars, the Concorso Italiano might be just the thing to change your mind.

ian-made object of desire, a late '60s Alfa Romeo Duetto Spider, the exact make and model immortalized by Dustin Hoffman in 1967's "The Graduate" which can't be a coincidence.

Say, is it 4 p.m. already? Hold onto the photo-laden event program for when you recover from the excess — or, if you like, abbondanza — of Italian cars, so you can take a sentimental journey until next year.

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founded in 2018, is the only business in the country that allows people to rent classic cars and drive them wherever they like. The company offers a fleet of nearly 50 classic cars.

Gardner said she loved cars, "but even more, I love giving people a cool ride around Monterey County. Now that I'm co-chairing the event with Chanterria, I like to say we are sisters who look nothing alike but have a kindred spirit in supporting women's inclusivity and inspiring them to come out and show their cars, their fashion, and how fabulous they are."

Prancing Ponies will be held Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Ocean Avenue.



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day, Aug. 9, at Jaguar-Land Rover-Volvo Cars, 1711 Del Monte Blvd. in Seaside.

"We call it our Christmas. It's the best 10 days of the year as far we're concerned," said Neubecker, who moved from the San Francisco Bay area to the Peninsula 11 years ago.

All conditions

In addition to providing a British-focused venue, she said, "I wanted to be selfish. I wanted to be surrounded by our British friends."

"All British marques are welcome," organizers note on the club's website. "All years, models and conditions. No toothbrush-cleaning is required."

Organizers invited car enthusiasts, collectors and

visitors to "celebrate the rich legacy of British motoring. Expect a stunning showcase of Jaguars, Triumphs, MGs, Aston Martins, Lotuses and more — all in one relaxed, picnic-style setting.

"Whether you're a proud owner or an admirer of fine craftsmanship, this event offers an unforgettable experience to connect with the British car community," they said.

About three dozen Jaguars will be there — multiple years of E-Types, XJX models and a varied sample of additional years and models, from a 1937 SS 100, to a 2018 XF Sportbrake.

Fifteen MGs, ranging from a 1939 TB to a 1975 MGB, will be in the mix, as will vehicles from Jensen Motors to Triumph, Bentley to Turner, and Sunbeam to Mini.

Other autos scheduled to participate are a 1963 Morgan 4/4, 1973 Lotus Europa, 1994 Land Rover NAS Defender 90, 2012 Cataham Motors, and a 2021

McLaren GT.

One Rolls-Royce is registered, a 1953 Silver Dawn. Among the luxury carmaker's elite sedans, only 760 of that model were produced, all from 1949 to 1955. It was the first Rolls-Royce offered with a factory-built body, which was shared with the Bentley Mark VI until 1952. The Bentley R Type also used the Rolls-Royce body until 1955.

How it happened

Awards will be presented in numerous categories, including Best in Show, Best Aston Martin, Best British Performance (excluding Jaguars), Best British Specialty (excluding Jaguars), Best MG Sports, Best MG T Series, Best Race Car, and a variety of awards for Jaguars.

"When we had our celebration last year, it was so popular and everybody said it was such a great time, I basically became the sucker to bring it to Car Week," Neubecker said. "And that's how it all happened."

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head of global design for General Motors.

Lemons judges are famously corrupt, openly accepting creative bribes — intoxicants, cakes, barbecue lunches, or performance art: "Write a song about your car ... do an interpretive dance ... the more memorable, the better," the website says. Participants who make "satisfactory bribes" earn a Ribbon of Dishonor, which is placed on the vehicle's windshield.

Prizes are awarded in categories that include Rust Belt American Junk, Unmitigated Gaul, Rueful Britannia, Needlessly Complex Italian, Der Self-Satisfiedkrauttenwagen, Soul-Sucking Japanese Appliance, Swedish Meatballs and Kommunist Kars.

Special awards are presented for Best Back Seat, Slightly Better Than a Go-Kart, Sight for Sour Eyes,

Driving on a Prayer, Sickest Sickle, This Car Should Have Been a Lawsuit, and, of course, Worst in Show.

Traditionally, the Worst in Show competition is ferocious. The 2022 winner, owned by Monterey's Dodi Khalil, was a derelict 1960 BMW 502 with a mummified opossum inside.

Bring one, take one

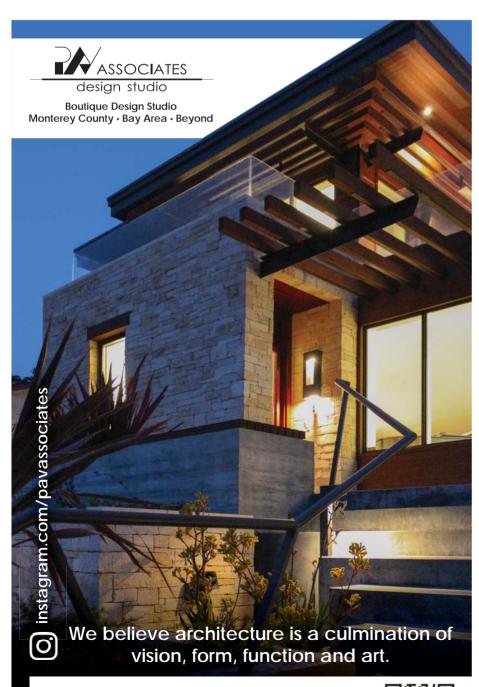
Galbraith's hard, fast rule for Lemons for participants is this: "If you bring a car, you have to leave with one — even if it's not yours." That mandate was instituted after a cheerful contestant called from the airport to tell Galbraith that his clunky hooptie was in a parking garage in downtown Monterey with the keys in the ignition. "Have fun!" chirped the caller.

"But this year we're actually making a slight modification to that rule: Habitat for Humanity Monterey Bay will be at the show, accepting car donations," Galbraith said.

Concours d'Lemons will not be televised, but the grease, grime and goofiness reportedly can be seen from space.



At the Concours d'Lemons, the uglier the car, the better.



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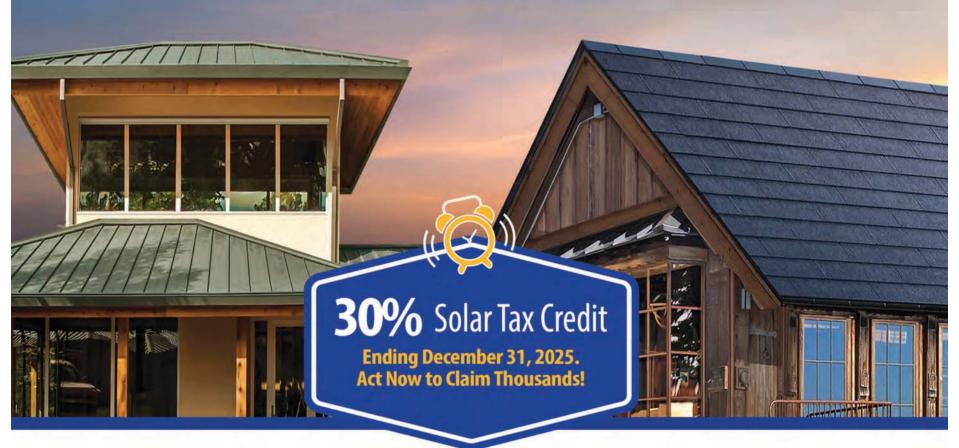


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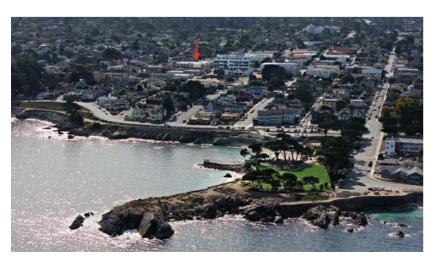














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Whether you're ogling beautiful Corvettes on Ocean Avenue in Carmel or watching the classics show their stuff on the roads of the Monterey Peninsula during the Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance, you're bound to witness something unique and thrilling during Car Week.

EVENTS

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■ Monterey British 2025

Carmel Valley Village Monday, Aug. 11, 1 to 4 p.m.

The grounds of the Carmel Valley Historical Society at 77 W. Carmel Valley Road and adjacent community park will take on a Union Jack flair when the All-British Show returns to Car Week this year.

Organized by the Jaguar Associate Group — an affiliate of Jaguar Clubs of North America that describes itself as "a fun group of Jaguar enthusiasts" — the show will "have close to 100 cars on the gorgeous lawn surrounded by the Santa Lucia Mountains in one of the loveliest settings all week."

Spectators and their dogs are welcome to the free show, and organizers say there is ample on-street parking in the area.

Awards will be given for Best in Show, Best Aston Martin, Best British Performance (excludes Jaguars), Best British Specialty (excludes Jaguars), Best Jaguar Fixed Head (before 1974), Best Jaguar Drop Head (before 1974), Best Jaguar Fixed Head (after 1974), Best Jaguar Drop Head (after 1974), Best MG Sports, Best MG T Series and Best Race Car.

Find more information at jags.org/event-details/monterey-british-2025.

■ The Porsche Monterey Classic 1781 Del Monte Blvd., Seaside

Monday, Aug. 11, 4 to 8 p.m.

For the eighth year, Porsche of Monterey celebrates its status as a Certified Porsche Classic Partner, as well as the arrival of Car Week, with a free block party that shuts down part of Del Monte Boulevard and offers an invitation to clients and other aficionados to bring their favorite Porsches.

"With a thrilling lineup of classic Porsche sports cars, this event is an automobile enthusiast's dream

come true. Immerse yourself in the world of luxury sports cars as you explore the stunning collection on display in our lot and the street," organizers say. "From vintage beauties to modern masterpieces, you'll witness the evolution of Porsche's iconic designs."

The Porsche Monterey team has used the event to unveil a project car entry in the official Porsche Classic Restoration Challenge and will do so again this year when they showcase a fully refreshed "barn find," a low-mileage GT3. Extra-special cars get all-star treatment on display in the dealership's shop, and this year, Heritage and Horsepower will celebrate "the timeless legacy and exhilarating performance of the Porsche 911."

"Join us as we bring together past and present in a beautifully curated space, all while enjoying crafted refreshments, interactive experiences, and stunning vehicle displays — all designed to immerse you in the evolution of an icon," organizers say.

Attendance is free, but registration through eventbrite.com is required.

Automobilia Collectors Expo Embassy Suites, Seaside

Monday-Wednesday, Aug. 11, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 12, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Aug. 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ben Horton of Hortons Books and WhatsUpMonterey founder Will Elkadi launched the Automobilia Collectors Expo in 2024 and have added a live auction to the mix. Special offerings, entertainment, prize drawings and other activities will enliven the event — which will feature more than three dozen exhibitors and vendors — as well.

"Rev your engines and get ready to find automotive rarities during Monterey Car Week," at the expo, which "brings together collectors, enthusiasts and history buffs for a celebration of all things automotive related," Horton and Elkadi say. "Explore a treasure trove of unique finds, connect with fellow collectors, and fuel your passion for automotive history."

The auction, set for 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, will include "Exceptional Collectibles: Vintage posters, rare literature, unique rally badges, scale models, and more," Donald Osborne's Private "Tin Toys" Collection, a private collection of Laguna Seca memorabilia, a series of Porsche artifacts, and the sale of a 1954 Jaguar XK120.

Admission is \$15 per day or \$30 for all three days, while a new VIP pass, which includes four premium drink vouchers to use at the lounge, reserved front-row seating at the auction, and a limited-edition official poster signed by the artist, costs \$35.

Embassy Suites is located at 1441 Canyon del Rey Blvd. in Seaside. Visit automobiliacollectorsexpo.com or call (844) CAR-WEEK.

■ The Quail Rally

Various locations

Monday-Wednesday, Aug. 11-13

For more than a quarter-century, a select group of fortunate auto aficionados has been treated to a multiday cruise along the best and most beautiful roads the Central Coast has to offer — with unique, fun and delicious stops along the way — during the annual Quail Rally.

Car Week's "most exclusive driving experience" spans three days and includes "world-class hospitality, unforgettable coastal routes and access to some of Monterey's most in-demand events, including two credentials for The Quail Motorsports Gathering and Motorlux at the Monterey Jet Center.

"Participants will travel in the company of rare, vintage and luxury vehicles from all corners of the world," organizers say. "In addition to curated experiences alongside fellow collectors and enthusiasts, participants in The Quail Rally receive custom event apparel and



the rare opportunity to drive the newest models from renowned automotive brands amidst the exceptional beauty of the Monterey Peninsula."

Participation is reserved for a select group of approved guests, but visitors are encouraged to keep an eye out for the procession of precious vehicles as it makes its way through the rally. Routes include trips south and north on Highway 1 Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

■ Concours for a Cause Downtown Carmel Tuesday, Aug. 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ended its run in 2021 after 14 years.

Nile Estep and his colleagues at Good Roots are continuing to grow their Concours for a Cause, which this year is expanding its footprint to cover 12 downtown blocks with an exhibition of 250 cars from England, Italy, France, Germany, Japan, and, of course, the good ol' US of A. After its debut in and near Devendorf Park in 2023, Concours for a Cause was staged on Ocean Avenue and side streets from Mission to Dolores last year — an evolution toward replacing Doug and Genie Freedman's beloved Concours on the Avenue, which

"The most frequent feedback we heard? People absolutely loved getting up close to the incredible vehicles — but even more so, they loved hearing the stories behind them from the owners themselves," Estep said to past participants this year as he encouraged them to join "the people's concours" again. "Your presence brought a unique energy that made the event so memorable. We're incredibly grateful — this show simply wouldn't be possible without you all."

Concours for a Cause: A Vintage Voyage Around

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If you're searching for a hard-to-find piece of trim to complete a restoration project, or a collectible poster featuring your favorite Hollywood star, be sure to visit the Automobilia Collectors Expo, Pebble Beach RetroAuto or other memorabilia event.

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HAPPENINGS

The World, will again be "an immersive and unforgettable celebration of cars, culture and the arts," with areas designated for vintage and collector vehicles. Each participant's minimum \$200 donation goes directly to nearly a dozen local groups serving kids, women and seniors.

Live music, culinary options and other fun will be offered all day, and spectators will have a chance to vote for their favorite car in each category, as well as the show's overall winner.

Visit concoursforacause.com for more information.

■ Vin Bar Porsche Pit Cru Crossroads shopping center, Carmel Tuesday, Aug. 12, 4 to 7 p.m.

Vin Wine Bar + Bottle Boutique in the Crossroads shopping center at Highway 1 and Rio Road will host its fourth Porsche Pit Cru Wine Party featuring 50 modern and classic Porsches, Best in Show judging, caviar and bubbles, small bites, wine tasting, live music and more.

Registration is full, but passengers can purchase tickets for wine and snacks for \$50 per person, while other attendees pay \$75, and the proceeds will benefit First Tee of Monterey, which aims to help kids learn valuable life lessons through the game of golf. Guests must be 21 or older.

Find more information at vinbarcarmel.com/events.

■ The Little Car Show

Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove Wednesday, Aug. 13, noon to 5 p.m., followed by a

tour/parade along Ocean View Boulevard

125 diminutive, charming and otherwise captivating vehicles 25 years and older, focusing on multi-marque mini, micro, steam, electric, and arcane vehicles of 1,800 cc displacement or smaller. A "special interest" category offers select limited production, custom and modified vehicles.

A panel of judges will pick those fortunate entrants who will receive trophies for Mayor's Choice, Best Vehicle 1,000 cc or Less, Best Vehicle 1,000 cc to 1,800 cc, Best Electric Vehicle — Original or Conversion, Special Interest, Most Smiles Per Mile, Preservation, Most Promising Project, and Most Interesting Display, and, finally, The Coveted Big Award, which goes to "the car, van or truck that is stopping spectators in their tracks, everyone's favorite to use as a selfie background, and the one that stands out amongst the others in a sea of Little Cars."

The event is hosted by Marina Motorsports, which formed in 1995 and was registered as a nonprofit in 1996 by five auto enthusiasts "to provide family-oriented automotive-related activities while benefiting local service clubs, other nonprofit organizations and the City of Marina."

Admission is free for spectators, while participants' \$100-per-car entry donations benefit charity. Visit thelittlecarshow.com for more information and registra-

■ BMW M Sport Event 1 Geary Plaza, Seaside

Wednesday, Aug. 13, 3 to 7 p.m.

Taking a page from the annual Porsche of Monterey Classic event, BMW of Monterey is holding its inaugural Car Week show this year. "The BMW of Monterey gathering will feature all the great generations of enthusiast BMWs, from the classics to modern M cars," organizers said. "Food trucks, live entertainment, and BMW giveaways will be provided at this no-charge-to-

Those who'd like to be there, as well as enthusiasts who want to bring cars to show, can RSVP through eventbrite.com.

■ Motorlux

Monterey Jet Center

Wednesday, Aug. 13, 6 to 10:30 p.m.

Hosted by Hagerty, Motorlux showcases more than 100 aircraft and collector cars on the tarmac at Monterey Airport and is among the half-dozen car events throughout the country owned by the insurance company and lifestyle brand.

Complementing the gorgeous hardware will be "Michelin-starred chefs and unbeatable local wines and cocktails," according to organizers.

"Don't miss some of Car Week's most exciting curated classes — From Stuttgart with Love, America's Wild Horse: 60 Years of Ford Mustang, Mods vs. Rockers, Micromacchines (SP?) and more," the folks at Hagerty

More than 27 chefs, including three who possess Michelin stars and many who have been recognized by the James Beard Foundation, will provide small bites among purveyors providing some 75 drink options. Ten private jets and vintage aircraft are expected, and the theme of the main hangar is Big Sur.

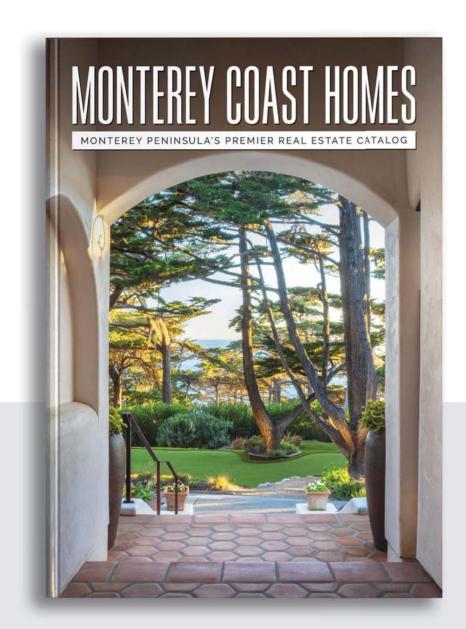
Tickets are \$650 — unchanged from last year — and include free entry to the Broad Arrow Auctions Aug. 13-14, the first round of which will take place during the party, with 60 cars expected to cross the block.

Attendees must be 21 or older. Proceeds benefit the California Highway Patrol's 11-99 Foundation. The jet center is located at 100 Sky Park Way, and parking shuttles will be running to and from general parking at the adjacent Monterey Pines Golf Course. Visit motorlux. com.



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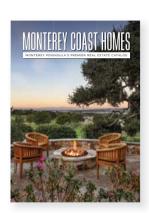
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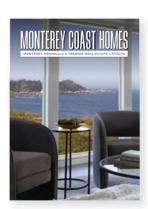
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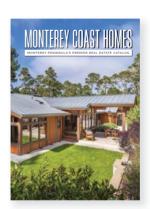
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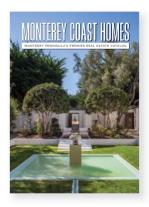
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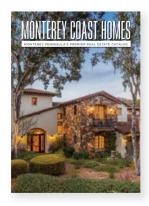






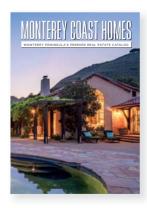












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■ Broad Arrow Auctions

Monterey Jet Center

Wednesday, Aug. 13, at 6 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 14, at 1 p.m. (Preview opens at 10 a.m. each day)

The Broad Arrow Auction debuted at the Monterey Jet Center in 2022 when Hagerty took over Gordon and Molly McCall's airport party and rebranded it as Motorlux. The sale subsequently expanded to two days, with the first round taking place during the Motorlux



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Private jets and exotic cars may be the draw at Motorlux at the Monterey Jet Center, but don't forget the gourmet food and fine wine.

event.

"Broad Arrow's 2025 auction will feature one of the finest assemblies of collector cars across virtually every niche of collecting within the grounds of the Monterey Jet Center kicking off Monterey Car Week in grand style," the auction house claims. "Last year's auction totaled \$71.5 million with 85 percent of all lots sold. Debuting an immersive, runway-style auction-block format that was well received by collectors and industry insiders alike, the auction saw record attendance, with 42 percent of bidders registering to bid for the first time."

Admission to the public previews is free. Auction attendance is reserved for consignors, registered bid-

ders and their guests. Bidder registration is \$300 and includes admission for two and an auction catalog. For more information, to check out the lots and to register, visit broadarrowauctions.com.

■ Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca Wednesday-Saturday, Aug. 13-16

An expansive tribute to the 75th anniversary of Formula 1 will headline the 51st Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion races at the storied Laguna Seca Raceway. The country's premier vintage racing event began in 1974 as a day of racing in the run-up to the Pebble Beach Concours

d'Elegance and over the decades became an event of huge significance in its own right. Every year, the races attract big names and very special cars, and this year is set to be exceptional, with former Formula 1 champion, FIA endurance racer and F1 commentator Jenson Button serving as grand marshal. (Last year, Button raced his gorgeous 1952 Jaguar C-Type, which was originally owned by six-time World Champion Juan Manuel Fangio, during the Reunion.)

The track's new general manager and president, Mel Harder, said the event will showcase more than 50 F1 cars from over the decades — including some from last year's season, including those raced by McClaren driver Lando Norris and defending champion Red Bull Racing driver Max Verstappen.

"What makes our event so special is the fact the cars that race on track are authentic, genuine, period-correct cars," Harder said.

Another special feature, which Harder said will return in future years, is the IROC (International Race of Champions) class, which presents "the best opportunity to showcase legends who have never been here," he said, like NASCAR driver Kurt Busch, who competed in the series from 2000 to 2022, won the championship in in 2004 and took the checkered flag at the Daytona 500 in 2017. Other famous names include Roger Penske and McLaren Racing CEO Zak Brown.

The four-day Reunion includes a whole lot of racing, with A and B groups practicing Wednesday, qualifying Thursday, and then racing Friday and Saturday, leaving Sunday open for the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

Classes are John Morton Trophy (1955-1967 SCCA Small Displacement Production Cars), Juan Manuel Fangio Cup (1922-1955 Grand Prix), Ken Miles Sixties GT Trophy (1955-1967 SCCA Large Displacement Production Cars), Dan Gurney Saloon

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Each of the cars was cleared for entry by a governing committee that considered its authenticity, race provenance and the historical accuracy of its mechanical preparation and livery.

Single-day tickets start at \$67.10 for Wednesday, while a four-day ticket runs \$253.40, and some higher-end options are available, too. Kids 15 and under are free with a paying adult. For full ticket information including details on car corrals, camping and premium parking — as well as a full schedule, visit weathertechraceway.com or call (831) 242-8200.

■ Prancing Ponies Ocean Avenue and Devendorf Park, Carmel Thursday, Aug. 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Held on Ocean Avenue in downtown Carmel-bythe-Sea, the Prancing Ponies — established in 2017 as the "the only car show that exclusively includes women" — though a special group of men can enter cars in the Men we Love category — will this year have a Great Gatsby theme, according to organizer Chanterria McGilbra.

The event will showcase more than 100 of the finest classic, muscle, super and hyper cars — and the women who own, co-own or even rent, and drive them. McGilbra encourages participants to dress to match their cars' colors or time periods and said judges will give awards for the best owner/car presentation in each category, as well as Best in Show. This year's event includes a new Built not Bought category, too. Judging will begin at noon.

The event will include a DJ, a fashion show, a "pawshion" show of adoptable pups, and a mixer the night before.

The show's mission is to "create opportunities for low-income women by fundraising to support their attendance at leadership conferences, workshops, and seminars to advance

their careers and better their families' lives." This year, the organization is also partnering with the local Rotary Club and supporting a couple of other nonprofits.

McGilbra said the idea for Prancing Ponies came to her after she noticed three girls staring at her and her Ferrari in San Francisco. "One of the girls said, 'Miss, I like your car, and without knowing where this came from, I said, 'I expect you to get one too.' Our eyes locked, and I'll never forget her little face as she slowly nodded in agreement," she recounts. "I knew in that moment there was a real connection made with her and that I could use my Ferrari to inspire young girls." Mc-



Concours Week offers five noteworthy auctions: Broad Arrow at the Jet Center, RM Sotheby's at the Monterey Conference Center, Mecum at the Monterey Hyatt, Bonhams at Quail Lodge, and Gooding Christie's in Pebble Beach.

Gilbra hopes the show will help motivate young women to pursue careers in the automotive and motorsports industries. Visit prancingponies.org for more informa-

While the display is free to explore, VIP and exhibitor passes are available — and offer lots of perks for \$300 to \$600 (which includes a guest). Monterey Touring Vehicles is a longtime sponsor and partner. Visit prancingponieswomenscarshow.com for more information.

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■ Concours Carmel presented by Ferrari Owners Club Ocean Avenue and side streets Thursday, Aug. 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The third annual Concours Carmel, organized by the Ferrari Owners Club, will feature an even larger display of curated Ferraris and Italian motorcycles, as well as a special class of Maseratis, on an expanded foodprint that covers seven blocks of Ocean Avenue and side streets.

"It's the 50th anniversary of the 308, which was made famous by 'Magnum PI,' so we're going to have a Tom Selleck lookalike contest this year," organizer and FOC President Tex Otto recently announced.

The show will have a greatly expanded field of 100 cars, including Ferraris that will be judged according to International Advisory Council for the Preservation of the Ferrari Automobile standards.

FOC Concours Carmel is free and open to the public, and will include an FOC Cavallino Ladies Presentation, operatic performance of the U.S. and Italian national anthems, live broadcasting by KMBY, a DJ spinning Sinatra-era tunes, owner and guest interviews, and midday live music from the Italian All Stars

Entrants' fees benefit the Carmel Public Library Foundation, The Carmel Foundation, First Tee Monterey and the Rancho Cielo Youth Campus.

See focnorcal.org for more informa-

■ Curves, Cars and Cabaret The Links Club, Carmel Plaza Thursday, Aug. 14, 5 p.m.

The Links Club in Carmel Plaza is hosting its inaugural Car Week event, Curves, Cars and Cabaret — "a vibrant 21-and-over ticketed event celebrating the passion for automobiles and entertainment."

Club owner April Montgomery is promising "a unique evening filled with stunning cars, captivating performances, and delightful culinary experiences," with an appearance by the Carmel Delights Dance Company, bites prepared by talented chefs, drink specials and oth-

Tickets start at \$35 for general admission, with VIP entry available for \$75 per person, and \$499 for a reserved suite for six people. For tickets and more information, visit linksclubgolf.com.

■ Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance Down the coast and back Thursday, Aug. 14, 7 a.m. to noon

Perhaps the best way to appreciate the stunning vintage cars invited to enter the renowned Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance is to see them in motion on scenic Monterey Peninsula roads during the an-

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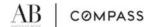
The gourmet kitchen boasts top-tier appliances and Calcutta marble countertops. With four bedrooms, including a primary suite, this home is finished with high ceilings, premium fixtures, and refined details throughout. Enjoy the jacuzzi and mature landscaping, all just minutes from Ocean Avenue and Carmel Beach.

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nual Tour d'Elegance — and you can do it for free!

The starting line near the Pebble Beach Equestrian Center on Portola Road is an ideal place to watch "more than 150 Concours entrants seeking to prove they are roadworthy and gain an advantage in the Concours as they trace a scenic route on Highway 1." They begin lining up at 7 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. departure, but anywhere along the route will afford good views of the rolling procession and its CHP escorts.

The tour was "initiated to showcase the elegance of the automobile in motion and underscore the early history of picturesque Pebble Beach," but participation can break a tie when judges pick the best cars during the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance Aug. 17. See pebblebeachconcours.net for the full route and more.

Legends of the Autobahn West Pacific Grove Golf Links Thursday, Aug. 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Legends of the Autobahn West, hosted by the BMW, Audi and Mercedes clubs of America, has had several homes, including Pasadera, the Pacific Grove Golf Links, and last year, Bayonet & Blackhorse in Seaside. This year, for its 15th anniversary, the show is return-

ing to Pacific Grove. The annual event offers corral and judged areas, awards for the three featured marques, and an open class for all other German-made cars. The show field also features displays from manufacturers, sponsors and vendors. New models, including the latest electric vehicles, will be showcased, too.

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The gathering has grown considerably since its 2009 debut as a standalone BMW show and now draws hundreds of cars and thousands of spectators, who "are regularly greeted by rare and historically significant models, as well as factory-prepared specials," organizers say. "The Legends of The Autobahn concours has become a national sensation among German car enthusiasts with widespread coverage in the automotive media."

It has also hosted several debuts, including the North American introduction of the BMW M5 Touring model last year.

Registration is available for display cars in corrals for \$180 and the judged concours for \$230, and spectators pay \$30 in advance or \$40 the day of for parking, while attending the show is free. "To maintain our event's future in Pacific Grove, all attendees must park in designated Legends of the Autobahn lots," organizers warn. "On-street parking is restricted to residents. Failure to comply may result in ticketing or towing by the Pacific Grove Police Department."

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■ Woodies in the Woods Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove

Thursday, Aug. 14, noon to 5 p.m.

Another new Car Week event, Woodies in the Woods, will have a collection of roughly 50 of the beloved cars displayed in the Grand Cypress Meadow at the state-owned Asilomar Conference Grounds.

The event is being organized by Santa Cruz Woodies, a chapter of the National Woodie Club, and registration and spectating are free. A beer garden, live music and a barbecue are planned.

For more information, visit santacruzwoodies.com.

■ Hot Chili Nights Baja Cantina, Carmel Valley Thursday, Aug. 14, 6 to 9 p.m.

Baja Cantina has been a go-to spot for car and motorcycle fans for decades, as the place is a veritable museum of machines and memorabilia, and it draws an especially lively and dedicated crowd during the Peninsula's automotive week.

Owners Gina and Pat Phinny are longtime collectors and participants in Car Week events, and they're hosting Hot Chili Nights for "enthusiasts with their favorite cars, out for a good time." The evening will feature live music, CalMex food and award-winning margaritas. The restaurant is located at 7166 Carmel Valley Road. Go to carmelcantina.com to learn more.

■ RM Sotheby's Monterey Auction

Monterey Conference Center Friday-Saturday, Aug. 15, 5:30 p.m., Aug. 16, 5 p.m. (Public previews 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 13-14 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 15-16)

"Of the auction events that take place on the Peninsula, RM Sotheby's Monterey sale has grown to become the most significant, featuring the most valuable and special collector cars and recording the highest total sales figures, year-in year-out," representatives of RM Sotheby's say. "With a catalogue of unmatched quality and depth and several model world records posted each year, there is no better place to sell or to buy."

Last year's auction, held over three days with bidders from 39 countries, saw 87 percent of its lots sold, including 33 that exceeded the million-dollar mark and five that topped \$5 million, with a total of \$161.2 million in sales. The highest sale in 2024 was the 1960 Ferrari 250 GT SWB California Spider that went for more than \$17 million.

During its nearly three-decade history in Monterey, RM Sotheby's has facilitated many large transactions, but the

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record remains the 2018 sale of "the world's most important, desirable and legendary motor car," the 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO by Scaglietti. It sold for \$48,405,000 — a figure that remains the record sale at RM Sotheby's Monterey Auction by \$22 million.

This year's auction features 160 lots, many estimated in the seven- and eight-figure range. On the list are contemporary and vintage vehicles from various countries, pedigreed race cars, luxury cars, motorcycles, automobilia, antiques and "weird and wonderful" vehicles, like the 1969 VW Beetle Limousine by Troutman-Barnes that's expected to fetch between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

Previews are open to the public for \$60, with passes available onsite, while the auctions are for registered bidders, consignors and media only. The Monterey Conference Center is located at the foot of Alvarado Street. Find details at rmsothebys.com.

■ Pebble Beach RetroAuto

Concours Village

Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 14-16, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Concours Sunday, Aug. 17, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Held in conjunction with the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, RetroAuto is "a world of automotive elegance and rare finds" where "passion meets craftsmanship."

Located in Concours Village at Pebble Beach, RetroAuto features "exclusive displays and curated merchandise from premier vendors around the globe," with 18 exhibitors offering rare collectibles, historic automobilia, art and literature, jewelry, clothing, hats, tools and official Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance merchandise.

Attendance is free. Details are at pebblebeachconcours.net.

■ Pebble Beach Classic Car Forum Concours Village

Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 14-16, times vary

The Pebble Beach Classic Car Forum brings together "key automotive figures to discuss some of the most interesting topics facing the collector car world today," and the talks promise to be informative and educational, with fans getting the rare opportunity to hear from luminaries as they discuss all things with engines.

Concours chairman Sandra Button has said the forum "brings to the fore some of the people who have created, or made history with, or spent a lifetime caring for these cars," and that she hopes it "is a place where we can come together as a community, tackle some tough questions facing the car world and draw knowledge from experts — all while encouraging new automotive enthusiasts."

This year's lineup includes "The Ford/Shelby vs. Ferrari Wars: The Truth Behind the Myth," moderated by Sue Callaway with Aaron Shelby, Gary Patterson, Winston Goodfellow and Drew Serb, "Preserving Provenance for Future Generations: The Need for a National Automotive Archives Consortium," moderated by Terry Karges with Miles Collier, Sam Mann and McKeel Hagerty, "Films at the Forum — 'Boundless: Betty Skelton," moderated by Amanda Busick with Pam Miller, Cindy Sisson, Lyn St. James, "Lights, Camera, Action — 'The Art of Film in Motorsports,'" curated by Women in Motorsports North America and moderated by Amanda Busick with Zoë Barry, Pam Miller and Cindy Sisson, "Virgil Exner: From Fins to the Future," moderated by Ken Gross, with Peter Larsen, Raffi Minasian and Kemal Curic, "The Great Expeditions: 75 Years of Land Rover Traversing the Globe," moderated by Jeffrey Ehoodi with Michael Bishop, Scott Brady and Tom Pickford, and the perennially sold-out "Spike's Car Radio Live at the Pebble Beach Classic Car Forum," hosted by Spike Feresten with Paul Zuckerman, Matt Farah, Jonny Lieberman and Jerry Seinfeld.

Reservations are required, and ticket prices run from free to \$20. Details can be found at pebblebeachconcours.net.

■ Mecum Monterey Auction **Hyatt Regency Hotel, Monterey**

Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 14-16 (Gates open at 8 a.m., and auctions begin at 9 a.m. with an hour of road art before bidding on cars starts at 10.)

Nobody sells more cars at auction than Mecum, according to organizers, who say the auction house and its team are "more than an entertainment powerhouse and world leader of live auction action and hard-hammering sales."

"From entry-level to investment grade, classic to modern, foreign to domestic and wild to mild, Mecum has it all for every budget and every individual taste,"

This year marks Mecum's 16th Car Week sale, and "The Daytime Auction" is open to buyers and spectators interested its always-eclectic collection of hundreds of vehicles. While most Mecum auctions have around 1,200 lots, the selection offered during Car Week is curated to half that number, with 600 vehicles and 100 motorcycles, "because it is Monterey Car Week."

Vehicles for sale run the gamut, covering American and European makes and models of all vintages and styles, from century-old specimens to modern-day prototypes, ensuring the auctions will be entertaining for buyers and looky-loos alike.

The sales will also be broadcast on ESPN+. General admission is \$30 for one day or \$75 for all three, chil-

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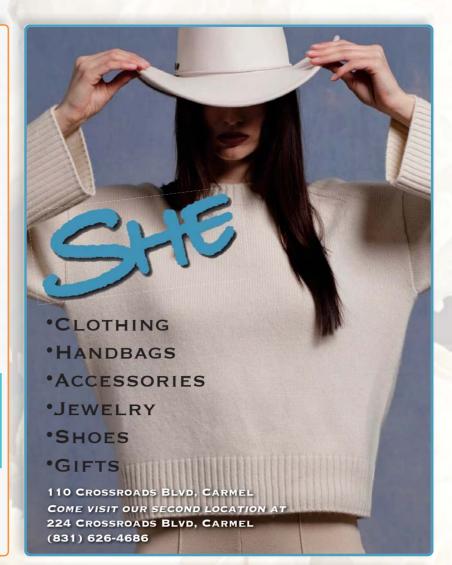


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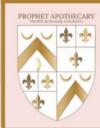
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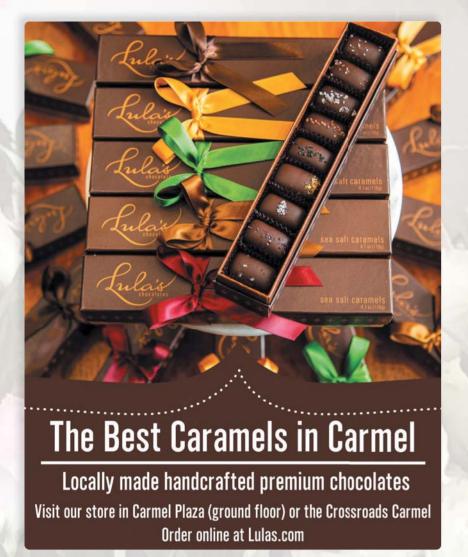
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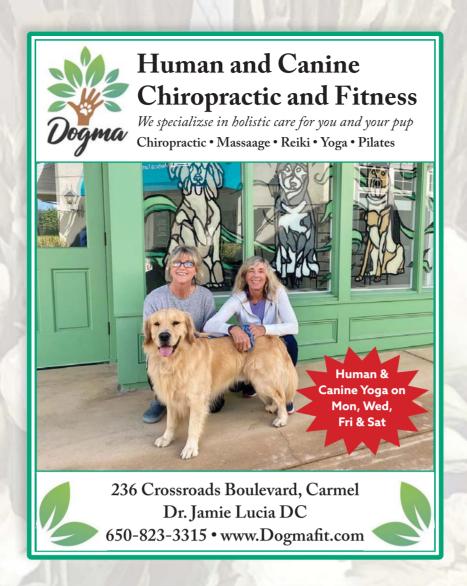


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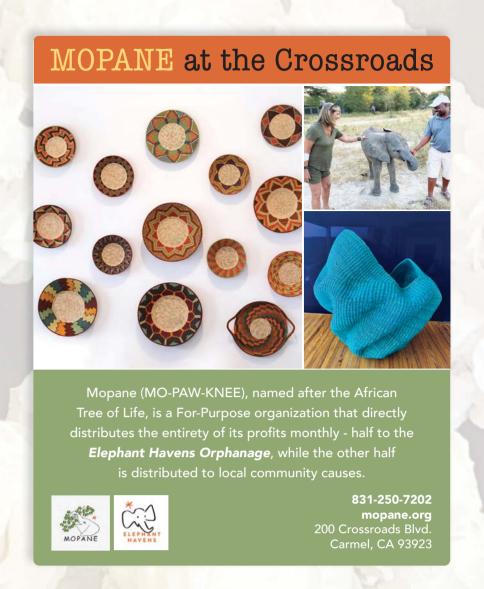
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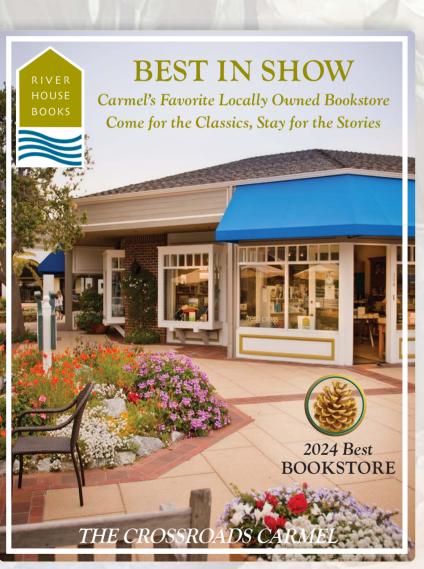
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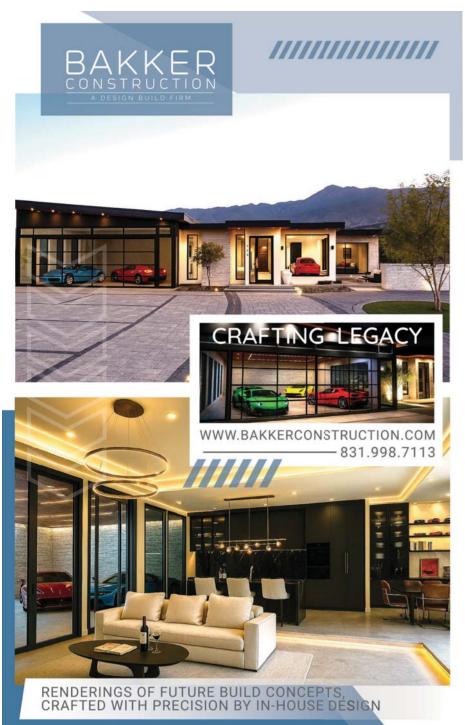




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■ Bonhams Quail Lodge Auction

Quail Lodge, Carmel Valley Friday, Aug. 15, at 10 a.m. (Public previews Aug. 13-14, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Aug. 15, 8:30 to 11 a.m.)

Bonhams takes pride in the fact it hosts a compelling car auction along-side one of the most sought-after events during Car Week, The Quail — A Motorsports Gathering. For decades, Bonhams has held an auction at Quail Lodge, and the sale takes place in an expansive open space, allowing buyers, sellers, spectators and others to enjoy the Carmel Valley sunshine as well as the cars.

This year, including artwork and models, 115 lots will be offered, among them cars in the Vic Edelbrock collection, such as the blue No. 64 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Sting Ray Z06 Coupe that was frequently raced during the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, not to mention one of 40 2020 Bugatti Divos built,

and a 2021 Koenigsegg Regera hypercar offered without reserve but expected to go for as much as \$3 million.

Bidder registration is \$150, while previews are \$120 for a catalog and admission for two people for all days, \$50 for an auction guide and admission for two for all days, or a \$20 wristband for admission for one for all days. Admission is included for attendees of The Quail, but a Quail ticket is not required for those who only want to attend the auction. The sale is held on Quail Lodge's West Field at 27050 Rancho San Carlos Road. Contact motors.us@bonhams.com or visit cars.bonhams.com/auction/30559/the-quail-auction for more information.

■ The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering Quail Lodge, Carmel Valley

Quail Lodge, Carmel Valley Friday, Aug. 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Quail, affectionately known as "The Q," celebrates its 23rd year and retains its spot as the most coveted of all Car Week tickets as it seeks to offer "an unparalleled and exclusive experience for motorsports enthusiasts and collectors from around the world" — and everyone involved works hard to achieve that mission. In November 2021, their efforts were recognized when the event was named Concours of the Year at the Historic Motoring Awards at the Rosewood Hotel in London.

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Featured themes for 2025 include Liveries of F1, 30th Anniversary of the Ferrari F50, 60th Anniversary of the Shelby Mustang GT350 and 60th Anniversary of Iso Grifo. Those categories, which are sure to feature numerous notable and compelling entries, will accompany The Quail's traditional classes: Pre-War Sports & Racing, Post-War Sports, Post-War Racing, The Evolution of the Supercar, The Great Ferraris, Custom Coachwork, and Sports and Racing Motorcycles.

In addition, The Q is "the" place for debuting new models, with the world's most prominent automakers hosting unveilings there. Many others will display unique specimens from the past, present and future.

The day also includes automotive luminaries engaging in fireside chats, gourmet food in themed culinary pavilions spread throughout the grounds, award-winning wine, specialty cocktails, champagne and caviar, and other indulgences.

Proceeds benefit the Naval Postgraduate School Foundation, Rancho Cielo Youth Campus, the California Highway Patrol 11-99 Foundation and North Monterey County High School's marching band and Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Visit peninsula.com/en/signature-events/events/motor-sports for information. To join the wait-

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Werks Reunion Monterey Monterey Pines Golf Course Friday, Aug. 15, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fans of Porsche have a space all their own at the Werks Reunion, which was created by the Porsche Club of America and welcomes all clubs, owners and enthusiasts to participate, and spectators to check out the machinery for free. PCA membership is not required. Owners can display their cars in model-specific Porsche corrals for \$114 or, for \$164, enter the judged field to compete in more than 20 categories, but both are sold out.

"Porsche Club of America welcomes all Porsche clubs, owners and enthusiasts to join us as we celebrate PCA's 70th Anniversary at the 11th annual Werks Reunion Monterey," organizers say. "We invite you to come to The Monterey Pines Golf Course to see a breathtaking array of Porsches, from rare to current models and everything in between." This year's featured cars this year are the Targas through the years and 912s.

The event was created to celebrate the marque and the camaraderie among owners and is therefore "not a contest of who has removed dust from the deepest crevices in their Porsches, but rather a judged show that rewards a Porsche that has been lovingly maintained and presents itself well on the field." Judges don't use score sheets, instead ranking the cars

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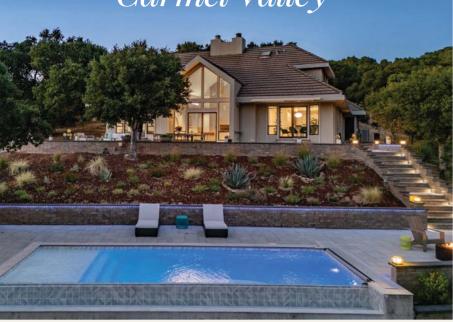






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according to certain criteria they discuss before setting out on their task. "This is a casual gathering of Porsche enthusiasts focused on having fun rather than solely competition." Judging will take place midday — and will include a group of youth judges sponsored by Hagerty — with awards presented between 2 and 3 p.m.

Gates open at 7 a.m., bars open at 9, breakfast and lunch items are available until 10, and food trucks will offer lunch items between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. The show is free and most vendors are cashless, but you'll need the green stuff — \$40 — for parking. Monterey Pines is located at 1250 Garden Road. Visit werksreunion.com/monterey.cfm.

■ Pacific Grove Rotary Auto Rally

Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove Friday, Aug. 15, noon staging, 4 p.m. tour

Launched in 1995 with the help of the late Carroll Shelby, the Pacific Grove Rotary Concours Auto Rally was established to raise money for community charities while presenting a more relaxed and less pricey alternative to the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. The rally is geared for people who own and drive their classic, vintage, sports and luxury cars, and allows owners to show them off along Lighthouse Avenue before heading out for an afternoon drive. It draws more than 200 participants and thousands of spectators who browse the cars while they're parked or line up along the route to watch them pass. Departing from Lighthouse Avenue at 4 p.m. — an hour earlier than in previous years — the drive follows a route along the scenic Pacific Grove shoreline and 17 Mile Drive through Pebble Beach before returning to P.G.

"The Pacific Grove Rotary Concours Auto Rally is now established as one of the most popular free-to-spectator events of Car Week on the Monterey Peninsula," according to organizers.

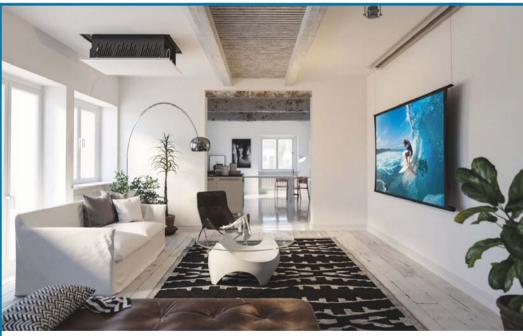
This year's featured marque is Mercedes. Concours judges will present an award for the best representation and will bestow honors in other categories during the mandatory drivers meeting at 3 p.m. The after-drive dinner is canceled this year.

Proceeds support Rotary Club of Pacific Grove projects and local youth programs, and the Rotary is also holding an online auction to raise funds. For more information, call (831) 372-3861 or visit pgrotary.org/annual-pacific-grove-concours-auto-rally.

■ The Paddock Bayonet Golf Course, Seaside Friday, Aug. 15, 3 to 8 p.m.

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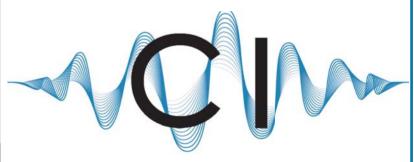












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are launching a new event, The Paddock.

"The Paddock Monterey makes its debut with an event that redefines what a Friday evening car gathering can be: stylish, inclusive, story-driven and full of surprises," they say.

Why sit in traffic and fight to get into local restaurants on the Friday night of Car Week when you can hang out with fellow enthusiasts and talk cars for as little as \$75 per person? Selling points for The Paddock include the Radwood Show — "a curated display with a 50-car tribute to the '80s and '90s, with retro music, fashion and flair included," "wild builds like The Black Cat Jaguar, a real Bond-worthy DB5, and Spyker's rare Dutch exotics," legendary guests, and VIP cabanas, hospitality tents, curated vendors, "and some of the most interesting cars of the week, all without formality, overwhelming crowds or fuss."

Go to international carweek.com/ the-paddock for tickets, vehicle registration and other information.

■ Pebble Beach Auctions presented by Gooding Christie's Pebble Beach Parc du Concours

Friday, Aug. 15, at 4 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 16, at 11 a.m. (Previews various hours Wednesday through Saturday, Aug. 13-16)

As the longtime partner of the Peb-

ble Beach Concours d'Elegance and the only auction held within the gates of Del Monte Forest, Gooding & Co. merged with Christie's — another storied auction house with a strong Car Week legacy — last year and is celebrating its 21st anniversary event as the official auction house of the Concours.

This year's offerings include "Concours-quality examples of the Alfa Romeo 8C, the Bentley Speed Six, and the Bugatti Type 43 alongside more historic selections from Panhard-Levassor and the White Motor Company," according to organizers.

Longtime specialist Rupert Banner explained that in the prewar era, "the most important and historic cars have come to be known simply by their model number or abbreviated names," and many in that vaunted category are set to be sold this year. Look for the 1933 Alfa Romeo 8C 2300 Torpédo (estimate: \$4,000,000 to \$5,500,000), the 1929 Bentley Speed Six Drophead Coupe (estimate: \$2,000,000 to \$3,500,000) and the 1927 Bugatti Type 43 Grand Sport (estimate: \$1,500,000 to \$2,250,000) among the lots in this year's Pebble Beach auctions.

Sales take place in the Parc du Concours pavilion located near Stevenson Drive and Portola Road. General admission is \$50 per person for the viewing and auctions. Bidder registration is \$200. See goodingco.com/auction/pebble-beach-auctions-2025/ for details.

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■ Breakfast Club Rally Carmel

Saturday, Aug. 16, 7:30 a.m. to noon

The Breakfast Club Rally boasts unpretentious meet-and-drive events all over the place, so of course Car Week would get one. The 100-mile cruise will start with a pre-rally social hour at an undisclosed Carmel location before three groups — Hare, Tortoise and Snail — depart in waves separated by five minutes each. The \$50 entry fee gets participants parking passes, rally decals, a PDF with rally info and route directions, a Google map and downloadable file, "and an amazing morning out on Northern California's best backroads with a crew of like-minded drivers."

All applications are subject to review and approval by BCR. Drivers must be at least 18 years old. Registration is per vehicle — not per person — so participants are urged to "share the good times and feel free to bring as many people as your car can safely seat."

The drive wraps up at noon. For more information and to register, visit breakfastclubrally.com.

Exotics on Broadway Broadway Avenue, Seaside Saturday, Aug. 16, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A decade after its 2015 launch as a small gathering of exotics and supercars,

Exotics on Broadway is now billed as "the most anticipated show during Monterey Car Week," and organizers say it is the "largest single-day attended event during Monterey Car Week."

EoB is free and caters to enthusiasts who are passionate about modern highend autos and enjoy modifying them. While cars line the streets, including an ever-expanding section of Fremont Boulevard, exhibitor booths will range from automotive manufacturers, wheel manufacturers and tuners to automotive dealerships and everything in between. New this year is an enclosed area spanning five blocks, with more than 40 hypercars, top sponsors and vendors, a main stage and a VIP Lounge, accessible for \$33.85 per person.

Meanwhile, Broadway continues to be free and open to all spectators, with exotic, luxury, and classic cars across four blocks between Del Monte and Fremont boulevards.

Live entertainment, DJs and other activities will round out what's sure to be a lively party in downtown Seaside.

"Thank you to the wonderful City of Seaside, Seaside Police Department and Fire Department, Seaside Public Works, and the businesses in Seaside for working closely with us year after year to continue growing Exotics on Broadway and helping to provide an automotive experience that makes it The Most Anticipated Event During Monterey Car Week," organizers say.

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parking and lounge access are sold out. Free parking and shuttles are located at the corner of Gen. Jim Moore Boulevard and Eucalyptus Road. Shuttles begin running at 9 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. For more information, visit exoticsonbroadway.com.

Ferrari Event at the Barnyard Barnyard Shopping Village Saturday, Aug. 16, 4 to 7 p.m.

Big Sur Food & Wine curates the Ferrari Event at the Barnyard and is its beneficiary. The gathering is held in collaboration with the Ferrari Owners Club and features new and vintage models. The moving forces behind the annual Big Sur festival ensure there will be plenty of fine wine to complement small bites offered by Barnyard restaurants. Live entertainment will be provided by The Zach Westfall Trio.

Guests are encouraged to make reservations to dine in one of the shopping center's many restaurants after the party.

The online ticket price is \$80, but kids 15 and under get in free, and car exhibitors get priority at the wine reception. Admission the day of the event is \$100. Order at bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/ferrarievent-at-the-barnyard-4/tickets.

The Barnyard is located off Carmel Rancho Boulevard near Highway 1.

Concours d'Lemons Seaside City Hall

Saturday, Aug. 16, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

"Celebrate the un-best of the automotive world," is the slogan of the Monterey Peninsula's celebration of the worst of the worst, which returns to the lawn at Seaside City Hall.

Founder and "head gasket" Alan Galbraith — who might be one of the funniest people on Earth — told local and international media he wouldn't go down the list of this year's show cars, "because there are too many cars that nobody cares about and that are unmentionable."

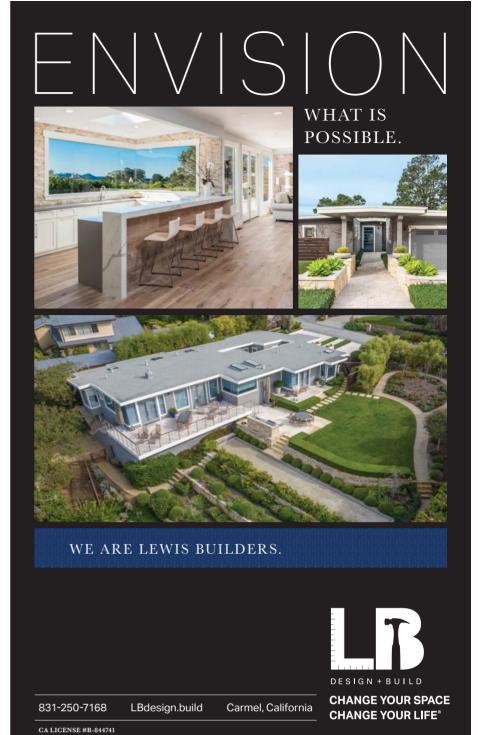
"We like to say we have better things to do, and we know you do, too," he said.

The judges are "guaranteed to be unprofessional, inattentive, capricious and subject to bribery," especially when the latter involves liquor and food, according to Galbraith. "Satisfactory bribes will earn the 'Ribbon of Dishonor,' to be placed on the car's windshield. Don't like their decisions? Check your ticket — you're at the wrong car show."

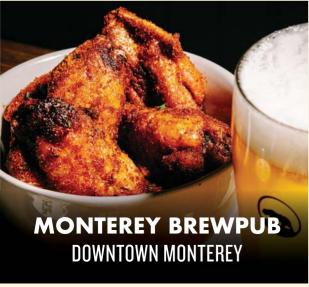
The highly sought-after trophies sourced from thrift stores are awarded to cars in classes such as Rust Belt American Junk, Needlessly Complex Italian and Soul-Sucking Japanese Appliance, as well as in special classes such as Best Back Seat, Slightly Better Than a Go-Kart, Sight for Sour Eyes and Driving on a Prayer.

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for the coveted 'Worst of Show' trophy," according to Galbraith.

And "spectators are free, that way you get what you pay for and perhaps a little less," while registering your hooptie costs \$23.18 through Aug. 16.

Galbraith has been known to note that the gathering is "attended by billionaires and parolees alike," and "draws hundreds of the worst cars and thousands of the best people, all of whom appreciate a little levity and value during the otherwise hectic and overpriced" Car Week.

Because many Lemons entrants ditch their cars on the city hall lawn at the end of the show, organizers are partnering with Habitat for Humanity, Galbraith said. Abandoned vehicles will be donated to the nonprofit's Cars for Houses program.

Oh, and by the way, Jane Pauley will attend this year's show, Galbraith said. And then she'll go to Pebble Beach the next day for a bit of compare and con-

City hall is located at 440 Harcourt Ave. Go to 24hoursoflemons.com/concours-d-lemons for more details.

■ Peninsula Cars + Coffee Chili's restaurant parking lot, Seaside

Saturday, Aug. 16, 7:30 to 10 a.m.

Peninsula Cars and Coffee will hold

one of its meet-ups in the parking lot at Chili's on Canyon Del Rey the same day as the Concours d'Lemons across the street.

"Our claim to fame is that we're across the street from the Lemons show," one of the organizers told local media recently.

"This is not a car show, but an informal gathering for people who like to see, share and talk about cars. It doesn't matter if they are original, restored, daily drivers, under restoration or otherwise," the group says. "We are interested in seeing all types of vehicles: hot rods, customs, classics, lowriders, bombs, sports cars, trucks, European, Brass Era, import/tuner, exotic, weird one-offs, modern classics, muscle cars, dragsters, funny cars, dune buggies, motorcycles, scooters or anything else on wheels that you are enthusiastic about."

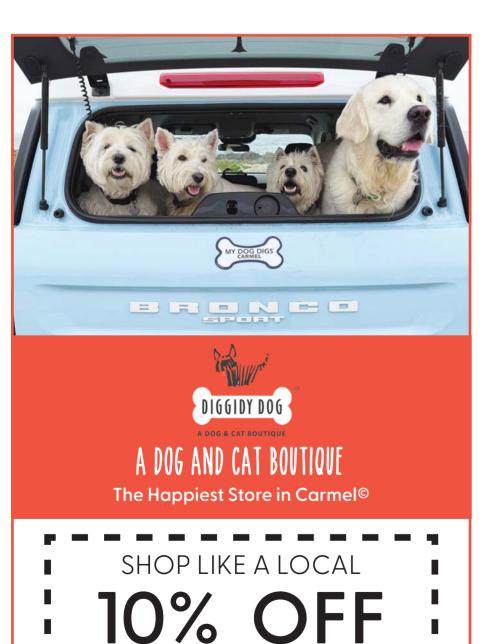
The lot is located at 1349 Canyon Del Rey Blvd.

■ Concorso Italiano Bayonet Golf Course, Seaside Saturday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The celebration of all things Italian is celebrating its 40th year and hitting its stride under new ownership.

The beautiful grounds of the Bayonet Golf Course host the "premier celebration of Italian automotive heritage" that "brings together legendary marques like Ferrari, Lamborghini, Maserati and Alfa Romeo alongside rare classics, cut-

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ting-edge supercars, and exclusive unveilings."

"Experience the spirit of La Dolce Vita with fine Italian cuisine, live entertainment, fashion, and art, plus VIP experiences, expert panels and prestigious awards," they say, and their milestone event "is a must for collectors, enthusiasts and design admirers."

This year's Concorso will feature automotive milestones including the 80th anniversary of Cisitalia, the 60th anniversary of Iso Grifo, the 50th anniversary of the Ferrari 308 and several other significant milestones.

An Italian Legacy display will highlight one-offs, engine displays and other Italian automotive innovation. Concorso Piazza will offer food, fashion and automotive-themed gifts, along with entertainment, the awards ceremony, and food and drink.

Tickets are \$250 per person, plus fees and a suggested charitable donation. Registration and other information can be found at international carweek.com/concorso-italiano.

■ Monterey Motorsports Festival Monterey Fairgrounds

Saturday, Aug. 16, 5 to 11 p.m.

After its debut in 2023, the Monterey Motorsports Festival is again partnering

with Mecum Auctions to promise "an unparalleled blend of automotive displays, interactive experiences, live entertainment and gourmet food, ensuring an unforgettable day for all attendees." New this year are later hours to avoid conflicts with the Peninsula's many daytime events, and even more entertainment and displays.

Special guests include globally renowned drifter and Red Bull athlete Mad Mike Whiddett, who will showcase his 1,000 hp flame-throwing McLaren P1 GTR-X, "MadMac", and the evening will feature a supercar drive-in, exotic car parade and displays, hypercars, supercars, muscle cars, off-road vehicles, EVs and other intriguing machines.

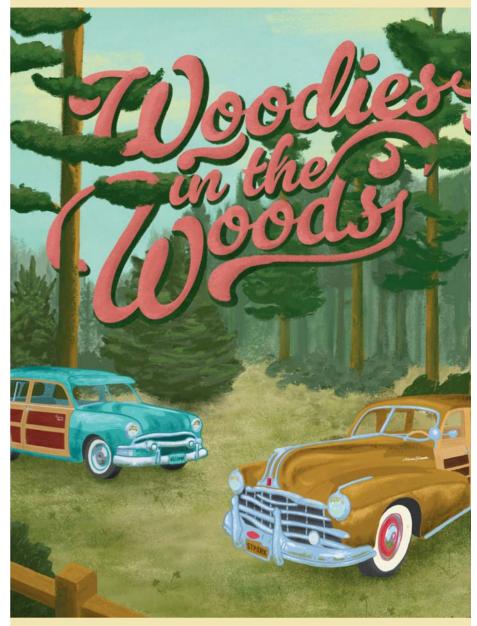
Live music will be performed on two stages, a DJ will provide more tunes, and a family zone, bars, food trucks and merchandise vendors will be on hand.

The event will support more than a dozen nonprofits, too. Tickets are \$119 for general admission, \$59 for kids 13-17, and free for kids 12 and under. A Vino & Vibes Package for \$219 includes general admission, exclusive wine garden access and elevated views.

"The Monterey Motorsports Festival is Car Week's only Saturday night public event, uniting car lovers, music fans, and community supporters for a night that celebrates horsepower, heart, and hometown spirit," organizers say.

Learn more at montereymotorsports-festival.com.

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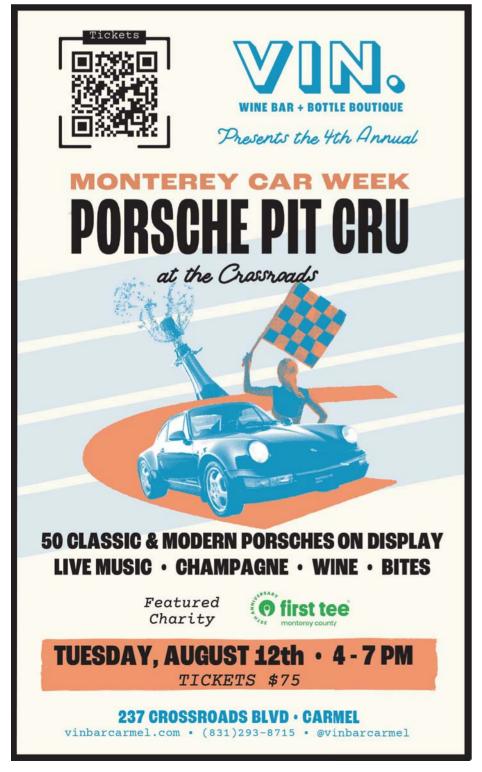


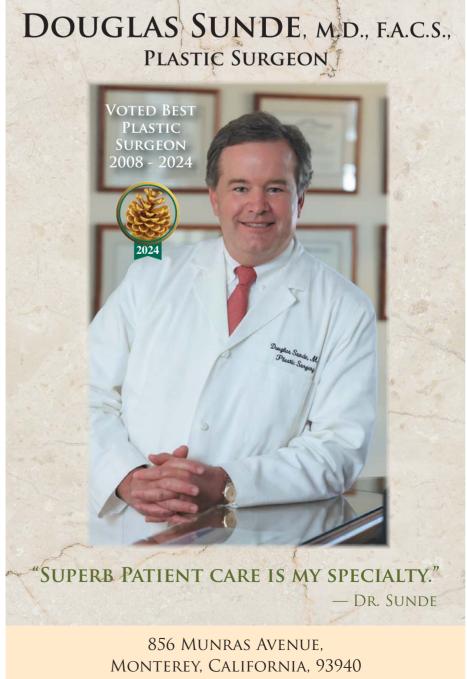
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■ Monterey Touring Vehicles Cruise In Monterey Touring Vehicles, Monterey Sunday, Aug. 17, 1 to 4 p.m.

The owners of Monterey Touring Vehicles, which

has a fleet of 37 vintage vehicles of all shapes and sizes, is hosting its 3rd Annual Monterey Car Week Cruise In for those who won't be in Pebble Beach on Sunday.

"This event was such a huge success, and we can't wait to do it again!" the agency's owners said this year.

New for 2025 are VIP and preferred registration offering priority parking, early load-in and a custom T-shirt and hat, but everyone is welcome, and there's plenty of space.

"We will have participant goodies, food trucks, merch for sale and, once again, there will be custom Monterey Car Week trophies for several different categories," they said. "Imagine winning a trophy during Monterey

Spots in the VIP showroom are \$100, parking in the "party" lot costs \$60, and the back lot is free. Monterey Touring Vehicles is located at 2228 Del Monte Ave. in Monterey. Go to montereytouringvehicles.com/ drive-monterey-road-rallies.

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their custom-engineered vehicles at extreme speeds. Heart-stopping videos of drifting demos and competitions, where personality and style matter just as much as technical skill, are popular with a younger, more online generation of car enthusiasts.

"Mad" Mike Whiddett is a star of the relatively new sport, and he'll be signing autographs, taking pictures, and showing off his 1,000 hp McLaren P1 GTR-X — the "MadMac" — at the Monterey Motorsports Festival this year.

"I'm not sure I'll be doing any drifting. But I'll be starting it at least, and you'll definitely hear it," Whiddett told The Pine Cone, with a laugh.

The Red Bull-sponsored driver has customized rotors, motors, and bodies of numerous cars over the years, a process he shares via live and recorded videos on YouTube and madlab.tv. As a New Zealander, Whiddett said the "MadMac" is especially significant.

"Bruce McLaren was a fellow Kiwi like me, driving, breaking, fixing the cars, so it was huge to get the thumbs-up from the McLaren family here in New Zealand," said Whiddett.

He also said that half the thrill of the sport is meeting his youngest fans all over the world. Whiddett has his own line of Hot Wheels toys and said he loves seeing how kids have tricked out the tiny cars, modeled after some of his life-size designs.

"I'm always the first there and the last to leave events like these. Before all this, I was just a kid, sharing a one-bedroom apartment with my mom, playing with remote-control cars.

"If you've got the vision, you're halfway there. The rest is just determination and passion," said Whiddett.

Torch run

And, as it happens, some extremely determined young people will open the Monterey Motorsports Festival. At 5:20 p.m., a Special Olympics Torch Run will be led by some of the athletes and local police officers.

"It's very close to my heart. I want to give people a chance to meet these kids and make an impact, not just, 'Here's a link, send a few bucks," said Manca, who was a reserve officer with the Sand City Police Department from 2016 to 2020 and has participated in law enforcement fundraising events for Special Olympics Northern California.

It's one of 12 nonprofits that will benefit from the one-night festival, including the Monterey County Fair Heritage Foundation and the Monterey County Family Justice Center, where Manca's wife is on the board.

"Monterey Motorsports Festival is a celebration with heart," Manca said. "Cars are cool, money is money, but there is so much you can do for others."

■ Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance **Pebble Beach Golf Links**

Sunday, Aug. 17, 5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with awards starting at 1:30 p.m.

This year marks the 74th annual Concours d'Elegance — also known as "the world's most prestigious car event" and "the world's premier celebration of the automobile." The show began in 1950 as a small collection of then-modern cars exhibited in conjunction with the Pebble Beach Road Races, and, during its expansive and impressive growth over the decades, has earned those superlatives.

Contestants are invited to participate and must pass stringent evaluations in order to land a spot on the grass, ensuring every vehicle at the Concours is rare and special, if not unique.

Fancy hats and all other sorts of fashionable accents complement the stunning coastline, champagne, parties, fine food and superlative people-watching that come with this annual celebration of 200 amazing motorcars from all over the world.

"The Concours is not a contest of speed, but of elegance," with entries judged for their historical accuracy, technical merit and style. Each class winner is a contender for the coveted Best of Show award, last year

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won by a 1934 Bugatti Type 59 Sports shown by Fritz Burkard of The Pearl Collection — the first preservation car to take such honors at Pebble Beach.

In addition to the traditional classes, featured classes this year will celebrate the centennials of Invicta, Chrysler and

Moretti, the creations of Virgil Exner, the 75th anniversary of Formula 1, and Japanese Concepts and Prototypes. Eight Rolls-Royce Phantoms will be there in honor of the model's 100th anniversary, and another exhibition will celebrate Land Rover expedition vehicles, including some that have circumnavigated the globe.

The Concours has also raised more than \$41 million for charity, including a record \$3,130,240 last year. The event benefits the United Way of Monterey County, the Pebble Beach Company Foundation and Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County and nearly 90 other charities.

General admission tickets, which include

parking, shuttle service and commemorative program, are \$595. Kids under 12 enter for free. Tickets for premium experiences range from \$1,100 and up, though many of those options are already sold out. Spectators with tickets are welcome on the show field from 5:30 a.m. onward. For more information, call (877) 693-0009 or visit pebblebeachconcours.net.

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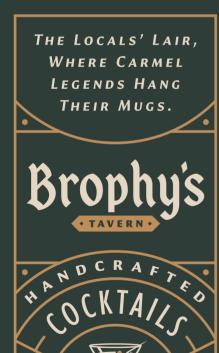
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