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Pilot, passenger walk away from C.V. crash

By MARY SCHLEY

A VETERAN pilot was forced to crash-land his plane on an oak tree in the Cachagua area Sunday morning after the aircraft started losing altitude for unknown reasons. While Erik Fleming’s 26-year-old single-prop aircraft was destroyed, he and his passenger managed to



PHOTO/MONTEREY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

After the pilot who owns this plane was forced to crash-land it, he and his passenger were airlifted from the remote area by Calfire.

free themselves from the wreckage with minor bumps and bruises, he said Monday.

Fleming, a longtime pilot and instructor who is also well versed in aerobatics and works as an air traffic controller at Monterey Regional Airport, was out for a scenic flight with a passenger in his yellow and blue American Champion 8KCAB Super Decathlon. At around 9:40 a.m., they were flying over Upper Carmel Valley near Miller Canyon and Laurel Springs Road and had just finished a maneuver when the plane “started diving a little bit,” he recounted.

Not responding

When he told the passenger, who is also a pilot, to pull up, the plane didn’t respond. She continued flying “Blondie” while he worked the throttle, but even though the engine was running and the prop was spinning, it wasn’t getting the thrust they needed to rise, Fleming said.

At that point, he started looking for places they could land. He spotted a field but realized it was too far away.

“We’re getting slower and lower,” he said. “There was nothing we could do.”

He warned his copilot they were going to have to force a landing and told her to stay calm.

“Normally when you’re in this situation in a canyon,” he said, a pilot would try to land the aircraft uphill, but he worried the rocks and dirt were too loose and that the plane would either slide back or overturn.

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COUNTY FAIR BRAWL LEADS TO SEASIDE SHOOTING

By MARY SCHLEY and KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County Fair was forced to shut down two hours early Saturday after several brawls broke out and rumors of a man with a gun spread via social media, prompting panic, according to some attendees and law enforcement. As a result, fair officials have promised to beef up security at the longtime family-friendly event next year.

“On Saturday evening, there were several large fights that broke out in the carnival area,” Monterey County Fair CEO Kelly Violini-Rodoni confirmed.

Monterey Police officers who were patrolling the event that night reported the violence escalated as more conflicts began.

“We think there were about 13 individuals versus one or two on the other side, so it was very clearly

disproportionate,” MPD Lt. Ethan Andrews said Thursday. “It was a very violent, very lopsided, very brutal beating of these two individuals. It was very egregious.”

Andrews, who was working at the fair that night, said the first fight was reported around 8 p.m., with another reported 15 minutes later and a third not long after that.

A shooting?

“Then we got a report that someone told a security guard there’d been a shooting in the carnival area,” he said. Officers were already in that section of the fair, since that’s where the first fight had occurred, but they didn’t see or hear anything.

“And there was a lot of secondhand and thirdhand information about someone with a gun moving through

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Political landscape shifts as people leave California

SUMMER IS not officially over, but moving season is, and for the fifth year in a row, U-Haul reported more people renting trucks to move out of California than to move in.

Data from January through July show a tighter margin

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

than in years past, U-Haul said, with arrivals to California at 49 percent, and departures at 51 percent.

But moving company PODS says people are continuing to leave the Golden State in “droves,” with three California markets ranking in the top 10 on the company’s move-out list.

The California exodus has been happening for several years, with the state saying goodbye to more people than

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Pastor bracing for another council rebuff

By MARY SCHLEY

ANTICIPATING MORE bad news when the Carmel City Council again contemplates the objections to their JB Pastor project on Dolores south of Seventh next Monday, Patrice Pastor and his Esperanza Carmel managing director, Chris Mitchell, reiterated their disappointment with the city’s planning process and the residents who are fighting their efforts to build a mixed-use complex on three lots south of the steakhouse on the corner.

“My position remains the same. Esperanza Carmel is not treated fairly. If the same rhetoric and stalling under the guise of bureaucracy continue at the meeting on Monday, I will have no choice but to reconsider my business position in Carmel,” Pastor said. “I know the vast majority of the community are in favor of what we are trying to do. It is very sad that our elected representatives are listening to these 11 calculated people, instead of the other 3,113 residents of Carmel and their very own planning commission.”

The journey to approval by the commission took six years, Mitchell noted.

‘Vocal minority’

“We designed and re-designed it five times. It is in downtown Carmel, not a residential area,” he said. “Objections based on parking, building size, CEQA and landscaping are not valid — which is why the planning commission unanimously approved this project in April.”

Mitchell allowed that “a small and vocal minority” — in this case, 11 residents, including former public officials and a woman who lives next to the proposed building

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MIIS to close by 2027, its parent school announced. See page 12A.

Salinas Valley town OKs 3,500 new homes

■ After no growth for decades

By CHRIS COUNTS

REJECTING THE idea that the housing needs to be denser and more affordable, the Gonzales City Council unanimously voted Tuesday to approve a new subdivision of 3,498 residential units — a move that will significantly add to its existing population of about 8,600 people.

Known as the Vista Lucia project, the development will be located on 770 acres of annexed land that’s bordered by Fanoe Road to the west, Associated Lane to the north, Iverson Road to the east and Fremont Peak Parkway to the south. Just east of the city, it will include a mix of single-family and multi-family residential units at a variety of price points, from single-family homes on larger lots, to high-density apartments.

‘We need housing’

There will also be “two commercial/residential mixed-use centers, sites for elementary and middle schools, and recreational facilities, including parks, athletic fields, trails, plazas, community gardens and neighborhood squares,” plans show.

The development has been in the works for 15 years, and the buildout is anticipated to take three decades.

For more than a century, the Fanoe family has owned and farmed the land, and one member, Tom Fanoe, who also became president of Levi Strauss, was instrumental

in making the decision to develop it, according to Taven Kinison Brown, the community development director for Gonzales. Fanoe died in June.

Before the vote, several residents voiced support for the project, including Monica Rico.

“We need housing, period,” Rico told the city council.

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RENDERING/PEMBROOK DEVELOPMENT

Despite concerns about affordability, the Gonzales City Council voted unanimously this week to OK a new development project, Vista Lucia, which will include 3,500 mostly market-rate homes.

Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

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This article is part of The Carmel Foundation's new monthly column in the Carmel Pine Cone, highlighting stories, resources, and reflections to support successful aging.

Your Path to Healthy Aging

At a recent Open House, Dr. Pablo Veliz shared insights into the art of aging well. A specialist in geriatric medicine, Dr. Veliz reminded us that healthy aging is less about the years we add and more about the life we bring to those years.

Here are his key takeaways:

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And speaking of joy—don't miss our Artist of the Month Show! This month we feature Lisa Handley, one of our beloved art teachers. Her exhibit, *Nurtured by Nature*, transforms flotsam and jetsam from sea and land into meaningful works of art.

Our **Wednesday Programs** are also open to the public:

• *September 10 at 2:30 p.m.*

– **Advancing Science: The Latest in Alzheimer's and Dementia Research** with Claire Day, Alzheimer's Association

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– **Comfort Care with Lavender** with Ryan Hopkins, Lavender Creek Company

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A satisfactory cat

The Canine Capital of the Country also has cats. This story starts with Rasta, who loved catnip. She and her person shared a birthday, albeit 40 years apart. Her person's kids were little when she got Rasta, a gray cat who lived to age 19 and became a throughline for their whole childhood, a cat who emerged in every picture and every story.

When everyone in the family grew up or left home, she was left with Rasta, and she brought her, for Rasta's 16th birthday, from the "other peninsula" to Carmel Beach, where the cat repeatedly wandered down the shore to explore and then returned to check in.

"When I had to let Rasta go, I knew I could not be without a cat, so I went to the Monterey SPCA," she said. "Seeing other gray cats was too sad, so I decided to get a tabby or black cat."

And there she was, a cat with a tabby neck and black mane.

The cat's name was Shantal which, to her, sounded like a stripper. So she named her Shanti, after the Sanskrit word for inner peace and tranquility.

"She was so timid," she said. "We drove all the way back to the San Francisco Bay area, and she didn't make a peep. She hid in my closet for weeks but came out at night and slept right on my chest, nose to nose.



I would feel her purring."

In February, she and Shanti moved full time to a home near Carmel River Beach, where Shanti became what she considers a normal, well-adjusted cat.

"She still sleeps on my chest," she said, "but now she gets the zoomies and is no longer timid. I think she found her person and her place. My mom would say she's a very satisfactory cat."

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‘Director of fun’ leaving city

By MARY SCHLEY

ASHLEE WRIGHT — who was hired as a librarian by the City of Carmel 13 years ago and went on to serve as city clerk before becoming its community activities and library director — is leaving the post to join the private sector. Her last day is Friday.

“It wasn’t an easy decision. I’ve been here for 13 years and know the city pretty darn well but was figuring it was time for a change,” she said Wednesday. While looking for opportunities in the library world, she was chatting with Nile Estep, who runs Hacienda in Carmel Valley and whose Good Roots Inc. organizes the city’s weekly farmers markets and other events, including Concours for a Cause.

“And he said, ‘Would you consider working for the team out here?’” she recalled.

Wright pondered the prospect and decided her skills in organizing and managing events could be put to good use.

“They have a really good crew out there, they have been growing, and I’ll be bringing some cohesion to things and helping with day-to-day operations” at the Carmel Valley venue, she said, which hosts community activities like line dancing, bingo and pottery classes, is used for numerous events, and offers blacksmithing, feed, supplies, and animals.

“There’s a lot that goes on out there,” Wright said.

Many hats

While her education and passion for library work brought her to the city, she became well versed in many aspects of the

town’s operations over the years.

“I’ve learned a lot of life lessons along the way,” she said, acknowledging that many a person who made a career shift after a lengthy tenure expressed similar sentiments.

“And when I say the city is ‘unique,’ I say it underlined and in italics,” she said, and she embraced “all the great things and challenges that come with it.”

“I’m grateful for the time I’ve spent here,” she said.

‘Crazy or dead’

While working as city clerk, Wright oversaw municipal elections — including their 2018 shift from a traditional April date to coincide with general elections held every other November — but she said she really enjoyed helping to build the community activities department and the library.

“Without the rest of the staff, I’d probably be crazy or dead,” she added. In fact, she’s promised to come back to help set up November’s Homecrafters Marketplace at Sunset Center — which entails getting to work at 4 a.m. to help vendors navigate in the dark.

Articulate and a self-described “policy wonk,” Wright helped guide the city through developing and implementing structured rules for public events. She became the resident Car Week expert, from permitting requirements to after-action reports.

“It was just really getting the events super dialed in, listening to the community and making tweaks when they didn’t work,” she said. “I’m really proud of our events and how they work and still have



Ashlee Wright

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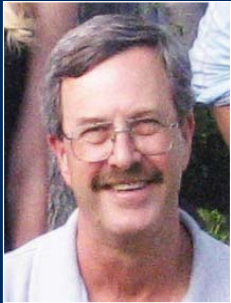


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Police & Sheriff's Log

They gave cops a front-row seat

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.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Carmel Valley: Adult Protectives Services report financial abuse of a Hacienda Carmel resident.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Watch reportedly stolen from a hotel room on San Carlos south of Fourth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at San Carlos and Camino del Monte at 2003 hours for a vehicle code violation. The 21-year-old male Seaside resident was arrested for driving with a suspended license and possession of a loaded firearm with no serial number.

Suspect transported to Monterey County Jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Battery reported at San Carlos and Ocean at 2319 hours, with no desire for prosecution. The suspect's friend, a 30-year-old female, was arrested for a warrant for narcotics and DUI. She was cited and released.

Pacific Grove: Report of a runaway juvenile. Juvenile located.

Pacific Grove: Apple AirPods were found on the street at Ocean View and Beach and turned in to the police department.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Cedar Street was admonished for trespassing.

Pacific Grove: Found dog at large brought into the department. Returned to owner.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Spruce was placed on mental-health evaluation hold.

Pacific Grove: Battery reported at Eardley and Sloat.

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in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

June 27 — Lawrence Adams, 45, was convicted by a jury of first-degree murder, assault by a life prisoner, and custodial possession of a weapon. The Hon. Stephanie E. Hulse presided over the four-day trial.

On Oct. 5, 2022, Adams stabbed fellow inmate Robert Tunstall more than 15 times in the yard at Salinas Valley State Prison using an inmate-manufactured weapon. Tunstall died within minutes of the attack.

The jury also found true allegations that Adams has prior convictions for carjacking in Yolo County in 2000, assault with a deadly weapon in Yolo County in 2000, criminal threats in San Joaquin County in 2001, and arson in Tuolumne County in 2007, all of which qualify as "strike" offenses within the meaning of California's three strikes law.

Adams faces a maximum sentence of life

in prison without the possibility of parole.

This case was investigated by the Investigative services unit of Salinas Valley State Prison and district attorney investigator Peter Austen.

July 1 — Cosme Ramos, 28, a resident of Salinas, pled guilty to one count of forcible oral copulation, one count of sexual penetration by a foreign object, one count of second-degree robbery with an admission to using a deadly weapon during the commission of the robbery, and one count of assault with a deadly weapon. All of these offenses are serious and violent felonies and are considered "strikes" under California's three strikes law.

On Oct. 13, 2023, Ramos entered a gas station in Salinas where Jane Doe was work-

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ALLEGED DRUG TRAFFICKER ARRESTED

By KELLY NIX

A CAR wreck in Pacific Grove last week led to the arrest of a man police say was in possession of a handgun and four different types of illegal drugs for sale.

On Aug. 27 at about 9:45 a.m., Pacific Grove Police officers responded to a vehicle collision near Forest and Bishop avenues off Highway 68. As officers inventoried items in the car — since it had major damage and had to be towed — they found prescription medication without a prescription.

After taking Castroville resident Nolberto Alaniz, 25, into custody, the cops discovered he was also in possession of suspected methamphetamine, cocaine or fentanyl and psilocybin.

“The majority of these items were being transported on a highway and were individually wrapped in various quantities, which

was believed to be for sales,” according to Pacific Grove Police.

It got worse for Alaniz.

“A search of Alaniz’s person revealed an unregistered Glock semi-automatic .380 caliber handgun concealed in his fanny pack,” police said.

Alaniz has a previous felony conviction, police said, which bars him from having firearms and ammunition.

He was taken to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula for injuries he received during the crash and was checked by medical staff and later discharged. Officers took him to the Monterey County Jail.

However, as of Tuesday, he had already been released from jail. A check of Monterey Court Superior Court Records indicates that

the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office has not charged Alaniz with a crime.

Pacific Grove Police did not specify whether the collision involved only Alaniz or if another driver was involved.



Nolberto Alaniz

Medivac lands on P.G. football field

By KELLY NIX

A MEDICAL helicopter landed on the Pacific Grove High School stadium field Aug. 27 to pick up a person suffering from serious injuries and take him to a San Jose-area hospital for treatment.

At 9:27 p.m., the helicopter landed near the football field’s 50-yard line, picked up the unidentified person and at 9:43 p.m. departed to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. There were reports that the patient suffered burns, but that could not be confirmed.

“We were driving by and there was a

weird sound,” a P.G. High freshman, who video-recorded part of the event, told The Pine Cone Wednesday night. “We saw cop cars and ambulances and then a helicopter on the field.”

Pacific Grove Unified School District Superintendent Linda Adamson said that the injured person was neither a student nor staff member at its schools.

“Both of our fields are designated as medivac fields in the event of an emergency,” Adamson explained Thursday morning. “I don’t know if it’s ever been put into practice” before Wednesday night, she added.

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Latest Mehdipour home design gets OK from supervisors

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE ONGOING saga of Massy Mehdipour’s efforts to build a residence at 1170 Signal Hill in Pebble Beach, where an architecturally significant home once stood, took another turn Tuesday when the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0 to approve a revised version of the project.

But it remains uncertain if the approval will be challenged — and a comment by supervisor Chris Lopez suggested it might be.

Mehdipour’s plans have been mired in controversy since 2010, when she proposed tearing down a home designed by Richard Neutra.

The approval came seven weeks after the supervisors

turned down a revised plan by Mehdipour and continued the hearing to this week.

At the Aug. 26 hearing, Mehdipour sought approval of her latest plan, which reduced the footprint of her proposed two-story home from 8,290 to 7,690 square feet.

“The revised design eliminates portions of the prior proposal that were not within the footprint of the Connell House and slightly reduces the size of the new home,” a county report noted. “The new design is within the footprint of the former Connell House.”

Mehdipour urged supervisors to approve her newest home design.

“This is my 19th overall hearing and ninth board of supervisors hearing,” she said. “I think we finally got it right — since the July 8 hearing we revised the plans based

upon your comments and current plans. It really mimics the Neutra design, not just with the U-shape, but also with the bend of glass and overall orientation and modern flat roof style.”

Mehdipour insisted the new home is now within the footprint of the old one.

“I will not have the largest home on the block by any measure,” she added. “We listened to your comments.”

Still too big?

Several speakers said the home is still too big, including Denise Estrada of Alliance of Monterey Area Preservationists.

“The approval came with specifics that to date our agency still feels have not been fully met,” Estrada testified. “The most recent submittal of redesign plans by the applicant still does not conform to the dimensions that were clearly defined by the board in your July meeting.”

Estrada said she’s convinced a “remarkable, beautiful home” can be built on the property, but the latest proposal by Mehdipour is “noncompliant with the requirements of this specific site.”

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Monterey wins sportscenter lawsuit

By KELLY NIX

A WEEKLONG trial in which a Peninsula man alleged the Monterey Sports Center was at fault for an accident in which he injured an arm, ended with a jury ruling in favor of the city-operated fitness business.

On Feb. 6, 2022, after completing a spin-cycling class, Richard Rosendale slipped on a laminated floor in the sports center’s Studio 2 and fell backward, tearing the rotator cuff in one of his shoulders. In a March 2023 lawsuit filed in Monterey County Superior Court, Rosendale alleged that cleaning solution that had been used by a city employee coated the surface.

But on Aug. 27, following a six-day trial, a jury determined unanimously that the City of Monterey had not created a dangerous condition, as Rosendale alleged, and was therefore not responsible for the accident and his injury.

“The sports center cleaning crew acted reasonably and with due care when they wiped down the spin cycles using a spray bottle and rag following the class,” assistant city attorney Karin Krattli said after the trial.

Rosendale wanted at least \$500,000 for pain and suffering and \$150,000 for lost wages and medical expenses. His attorney did not respond to the Pine Cone this week.

City attorney Christine Davi said Monterey does not settle claims when there is no liability on the city’s part.

Lost income

Rosendale said in his March 2023 lawsuit that he was employed as a waiter before the mishap but had to work in a different restaurant position and subsequently lost income because he was no longer earning tips.

Monterey’s witnesses at the trial included a former sports center manager who testified that “based on her decades of experience in the recreation and fitness industry, the Sports Center is a first-rate facility that prides itself on its high standards of cleanliness and customer service.”

Campsite with stunning ocean view



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The man who’s occupied this oceanfront encampment for the past few days chose one of the most scenic spots in Pacific Grove. Located off Ocean View Boulevard between 8th and 9th streets, the space is neatly kept, with two chairs, tent, religious message and several American flags. He’s not yet been forced to relocate.

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site — “should always be heard and has that right.”

“That said, kowtowing to them propagates discrimination, endorsed by elected officials,” Mitchell said.

Last month, after Mayor Dale Byrne and councilman Bob Delves recused themselves due to potential conflicts of interest — with Byrne stepping down under duress — the remainder of the council spent more than six hours debating whether the project is exempt from extensive environmental review under state law, satisfies parking and landscaping requirements, complies with rules for floor area, and won’t negatively impact the architecturally significant former bank complex next door.

Rather than take action then, councilmembers asked senior planner Evan Kort to draft a resolution listing the reasons they are sending the project back to the planning commission for review, again.

Specifically, the resolution released Thursday says, “The applicant has not sufficiently demonstrated that providing underground parking, as a means of satisfying the onsite parking requirement under CMC Section 17.38, is not practical,” and therefore, Pastor should have to redesign for more underground parking and not be allowed to pay in-lieu parking fees, which are authorized by the code when a project can’t reasonably include the number of spaces required.

Sending it back

It also states that “the council finds that the project does not comply with the city landscaping requirements,” — “or the intent of those landscaping requirements, because the project’s landscaping on the roof should not be included in the calculation of the 50 percent landscaping requirement because this landscaping would not

be visually accessible and, without the inclusion of the landscaping proposed for the roof, the project will have less than 50 percent of required open space.”

The council was divided on other parts of the complaint regarding CEQA compliance, historic review and whether its 12,971-square-foot, two-story complex is considered one building — which wouldn’t comply with the city’s 10,000-square-foot limit — or two, so Kort drafted separate motions addressing each of those for the council to vote on at the Sept. 8 meeting.

‘Want to be here’

For the hearing itself, he’s recommending that “the public be allowed to present comment on this agenda item for up to three minutes, and after public comment that a representative of the appellants be allowed to present a five-minute rebuttal to the public comment, and thereafter that a representative of the applicant be allowed to present a five-minute rebuttal to the public comment,” after which the council will presumably engage in discussion and vote on the resolution and motions.

Mitchell articulated some of his objections this week.

“The building opposite the post office which contains the Chez Noir restaurant was allowed to use the parking in-lieu program,” he pointed out. “We are providing twice the amount of parking they did. In fact, the neighboring property, owned by one of the appellants, also was allowed to participate in the parking in-lieu program. Not letting Esperanza Carmel participate in a valid pathway for parking is patent discrimination.”

“We care about this community,” he concluded. “We want to be here. If the city council upholds this appeal, it will be abundantly clear that we are truly not welcome here.”

For a full staff report and other information about the meeting, which will be held online and in person at city hall, visit ci.carmel.ca.us.

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Assembly Speaker, brother face claims of ‘illegal and unethical’ activity

■ ‘Total fabrication’

By KELLY NIX

ONE OF California’s most influential Democrats is facing allegations he retaliated against a female employee after she claimed he and his political-advisor brother engaged in illegal conduct — including bribery and influence peddling.

Cynthia Moreno, former press secretary for California Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, accuses Rivas and his sibling, Rick, of retaliating against her after she brought up alleged wrongdoing in his office. The Hollister-based speaker represents the 29th District, which includes the Salinas Valley.

“Speaker Rivas did not simply terminate Ms. Moreno’s employment but used the power of his



Robert Rivas

office to retaliate against her,” according to a Sept. 2 Sacramento County Superior Court lawsuit filed by Moreno, who was fired Aug. 6.

The 20-page document outlines a complaint Moreno filed last year alleging that Rivas’ former communications director, Spencer Hagaman, sexually harassed her.

“Even though the Workplace Conduct Unit concluded the complaint against Mr. Hagaman was substantiated, Robert Rivas stripped Moreno of significant job responsibilities,” her lawsuit says.

‘Influence peddling’

Moreno also alleges “unethical and illegal practices,” including the misuse of Rivas’ campaign staff to direct state government staffers, and the use of public money by him

and his brother for campaign-related press events. Rick Rivas is also the vice president of the American Beverage Association.

While California businesses must legally and financially separate their political campaign activity from their regular business operations, Moreno alleges the Rivas brothers did not do that.

Rick Rivas’ group, Govern for California — a nonprofit with a related political action committee he worked for — “funneled money to control” the speaker’s decisions on proposed legislation, she says.

His campaign, Moreno claims, also paid Rick Rivas through his political consulting company, Garnett Lake.

She points to a proposed Assembly amendment that would have extended University of California homeownership assistance programs to staff. In opposition to the proposal was Friends of the University, a political action

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Council considers pickleball ban

■ Halt would provide neighbor relief while solutions are sought

By MARY SCHLEY

AT THE end of a three-plus-hour special meeting Wednesday morning, the Carmel City Council decided to consider new pickleball restrictions — and imposing an outright ban on the game at Forest Hill Park while the details are worked out — at a future meeting.

While pickleball has been played on the Forest Hill tennis courts since the first restriping to accommodate the game occurred 14 years ago, its skyrocketing popularity brought friction between residents and players to the forefront after two more courts were added in 2021.

‘Strong debate’

The topic has arisen again and again at meetings of the forest and beach commission and the city council. Residents who live near the courts have repeatedly complained that the constant pop-pop and accompanying yells are intrusive and irritating, while fans of the game insist it’s critical to their health, happiness and well-being, and they need somewhere to play. Opponents suggest they should find a venue that’s not in the middle of a neighborhood where the noise intrudes on the peaceful enjoyment of their homes and parking crowds their narrow streets. And devotees tell them they shouldn’t live next to a park if they don’t like the sounds of recreation — even if those sounds have changed over time.

“We’ve called this special meeting because pickleball play at Forest Hill Park has become a subject of strong debate in our community,” Mayor Dale Byrne said at the outset of the Sept. 3 session.

Administrative analyst Tom Ford provided background on the issue and the measures his department has taken to assess noise impacts, research remedies like acoustic fencing, investigate the measures other communities have taken, and host discussions among city officials, proponents and opponents.

Automatic locks

He outlined the forest and beach commission’s March recommendations, including the creation of two permanent pickleball courts on half the Forest Hill venue with permanent nets purchased and maintained by the city. The other half would be devoted to tennis, and a fence would divide the uses. Pickleball would be allowed Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., while tennis could be played during the same hours seven days a week. To prevent people from using the courts after hours, automatic locks should be installed on the gates, and finally, the city council should adopt an ordinance detailing the rules so police can enforce them.

“The policy is not enforceable unless it is codified. As a result, circumstances have arisen that underscore the need for clear rules and penalties,” Ford told the council. “While most park users follow the policy, establishing enforceable provisions would benefit the public, neighbors, staff and law enforcement by providing a meaningful deterrent for noncompliance.”

Pickleball play has dropped since the forest and beach commission in January decided the game should only be allowed at Forest Hill three days a week between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., but residents have complained that the rules have no teeth and are

Will Forest Hill neighbors and players ever get along?

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Monterey international school to close by 2027

■ Deficit, low enrollment

By KELLY NIX

CITING PERSISTENT financial troubles and low enrollment, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, known as MIIS, announced that it would close by June 2027.

In a message last week to students, faculty and staff, Middlebury College President Ian Baucom said the school’s board of trustees on Wednesday, Aug. 27, followed his recommendation to conclude residential degree programs by 2027.

The decision was made following 15 years of “fluctuating” enrollment and applications, despite launching a major marketing effort and establishing new programs over the past few years to boost

enrollment.

“Ultimately, the decision to discontinue enrollment and end MIIS’ programs and operations over the next two years was the only financially viable option,” Baucom said.

The college blamed some of the low student numbers on the Covid pandemic that began in 2020.

Financial drag

The decision follows an April announcement by Vermont-based Middlebury to slash more than \$10 million from its annual budget through reducing staff and faculty benefits, according to the college’s online newspaper, The Middlebury Campus.

“The college attributed the changes to 15 years of consistent deficits, culminating

in the unexpectedly high \$14.1 million shortfall this fiscal year, a large portion of which is due to lower enrollment at the Middlebury Institute” in Monterey, the newspaper said.

Founded as the Monterey Institute of Foreign Studies in 1955, the college relocated to its current location in 1961. In 2010, it merged with Middlebury College and changed its name.

During a May faculty meeting at Middlebury College in Vermont, a professor estimated that its acquisition of the Monterey campus had cost the college \$250 million, the Middlebury Campus said. “A series of cost-saving measures listed in that school’s budget update, which included reductions to the retirement benefits of faculty and staff and increases in enrollment, sparked several forms of protest and calls to dissolve MIIS from Vermont faculty, staff and students. In May, faculty voted in overwhelming favor of a motion demanding the closure of MIIS within three years.”

Pricey property

MIIS sits on a wealth of prime real estate, steps from downtown Monterey. What will be done with the property and buildings, and when, is not clear. Middlebury only said it would “pause consideration of any repurposing, lease, or sale of property until the completion of programs in June 2027.”

Monterey City Manager Hans Uslar said the city hasn’t had any discussions about possible future uses of the buildings.

“However, we hope that Middlebury will sooner than later share with the communities its plans for the future of those properties,” Uslar told The Pine Cone



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Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey announced last week it would close by 2027.

Thursday. “The sooner Middlebury entertains discussions about alternative uses for their properties, the sooner a repurposing or redevelopment will take place, which will benefit our community.”

Because Middlebury is a tax-exempt nonprofit, the city doesn’t receive any property taxes from its properties.

In the meantime, there will be job uncertainty for Middlebury staff who were told that the college would “on a semester-to-semester basis” decide “how long their positions will continue.”

“This means that staff whose positions are being eliminated will have no less than four months’ notice,” Baucom said.

Some programs staying

Middlebury said it would maintain programs and centers in Monterey that are financially self-sustaining, such as its James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, which is based in Monterey but is not included among its academic degree programs. It will continue to operate under the greater Middlebury umbrella in multiple locations, including a reduced Monterey campus. Summer programs will

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Zigmont "Jody" Le Towt III, a longtime resident of Carmel and Pebble Beach, passed away quietly at his home on Aug. 4, 2025, after a short illness. He was 91.

Jody was born on Feb. 2, 1934, in New York City, to Zigmont J. Le Towt, Jr. and Virginia Clark Le Towt. The family moved to Bethlehem, PA, where Jody lived for his formative years. Jody attended Lehigh University for three years, majoring in finance. While at Lehigh, he played on the lacrosse team. During his junior year, Jody received a principal appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he started a new academic career as a proud (but lowly) plebe in the Class of 1958. After graduation, he attended the U.S. Army Artillery School at Ft. Sill, OK, and earned his parachute jump wings at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Jody's active-duty time was spent commanding a Cold War Nike missile base in the Boston area. While there, he studied industrial management at Boston University's graduate school.

After his military obligation, Jody entered the business world and was hired by Nestle Corporation, the Swiss chocolate company. He received corporate training at White Plains, NY, and Atlanta, GA. With his background in finance and his civil engineering training at West Point, he moved into manufacturing and production. Nestle sent him to a plant in snowy upstate New York, where he became assistant plant manager, making chocolate morsels and other custom chocolates. In 1962, he was sent to a plant in the Salinas Valley where he discovered the Monterey Peninsula. While living in Pebble Beach and working in Salinas, Jody met the love of his life, Dianne Ferrill. Jody and Dianne were married in 1965 at the Church of the Wayfarer. The reception was held at Del Monte Lodge (The Lodge at Pebble Beach).

Over the next few years, corporate transfers took the couple to Wisconsin and Fresno, however, the Monterey Peninsula was never far from their minds. Longing for Carmel and tiring of the corporate grind, the couple moved back to Carmel in 1969 and opened Le Bistro restaurant on San Carlos Street near Ocean Avenue. For the next 28 years, the couple owned and operated Le Bistro, which was known for its Bistro Burger (with secret sauce), deliciously fluffy waffles and savory omelets. Many local families were regulars, and more than a few Carmel youth obtained their first job and work experience bussing tables, washing dishes and waiting tables at Le Bistro with Jody and Dianne at the helm. As time passed,

Dianne looked after the restaurant and Jody spent more of his time devoted to property management, real estate development and forming partnerships with local families and friends to acquire commercial properties in downtown Carmel. In 1996, Jody and Dianne purchased the landmark historical Hugh Comstock Tuck Box property, on Dolores Street in Carmel and took over the Tuck Box "English" Tea Room, famously renowned for its English scones and jams. "The Box", as Jody and his family fondly refer to the restaurant, is still owned and operated by the Le Towt family today.

Jody's strong work ethic and drive had him always working on a project (usually real estate related). If he didn't have a project, he would seek, find or create one. Over the years, he worked with many local families, friends, business owners, community leaders, non-profits and those wishing to build, develop, improve or invest in commercial and mixed-used properties, public spaces and non-profit-owned properties in Carmel, Pebble Beach and Monterey. There was a time in not so long-ago Carmel history, where if you wanted to get something related to commercial property or development done in downtown Carmel, you would be told to "call Jody Le Towt."

Jody was an avid alpine skier, helicopter skiing pioneer and tennis player. He and his long-time band of ski buddies were instrumental in growing the Mike Weigle Heli-Ski resort in Blue River, British Columbia, Canada. He also enjoyed playing tennis with his tennis crew and friends at the Beach and Tennis Club in Pebble Beach. If he was not hard at work, he could often be found out on the courts serving up some nasty spins and slices and executing lethal drop shots.

Jody had a special bond with his class of '58 West Point classmates, and always remained involved in the greater West Point community. Notably, he organized two West Point "mini-reunions" in Carmel that are still remembered fondly by many of his classmates. Jody loved to entertain almost as much as he enjoyed reconnecting with friends and sharing his love of the beautiful area he lived in.

Jody was involved in numerous community organizations, and always available to lend a helping hand to anyone in need — an individual enduring a rough patch or a non-profit organization, giving his time, financial support and occasionally steeply discounted or donated office space. He served as president of the Carmel Rotary Club and remained

active in many local organizations that supported local youth programs or music and the arts throughout the years.

Later in life Jody joined the board of the Del Monte Forest Conservancy (DMFC) where he served several terms as president. During his DMFC tenure, he spearheaded restoration of the historically significant Casita de Lemos, also known as the "The Gingerbread House" in Pebble Beach. As long-time friend and business owner Pete Scudder put it, "Casita de Lemos was designed and built by artist Pedro de Lemos with a loving restoration headed up by Jody Le Towt." Jody took great pride in the final immaculately restored product of the Gingerbread House which is currently used by the DMFC as an income producing rental property. His contributions to the organization also included making improvements to the hiking and equestrian trails in Pebble Beach, especially in and around The Gingerbread House and Indian Village, as well as more recent hazard and fuel reduction efforts in the Del Monte Forest.

Jody was a husband, brother, father, grandfather, uncle, savvy businessman, attentive landlord and good friend to many. He was eldest of four Le Towt children, and maintained an especially close bond with his three younger siblings, Susan, Fran and Jon. He was affectionately referred to by them as their big brother "Jojo". The "sibs" remained close even though they lived across the country and abroad up until his passing. He will be greatly missed by us all. We will especially miss his big heart, equally big smile, his work-hard, play-hard, generous and kind, fun-loving attitude. Wherever he is now, we know Dianne is there too, likely entertaining and enjoying the company of good friends while dancing to great music and drinking fine wine.

Jody is survived by his sons, Jeffrey Le Towt of Carmel and Eric Le Towt of Carmel Valley; daughter-in-law, Kim Le Towt of Carmel Valley; grandson, Jack Le Towt of Carmel Valley; granddaughter, Tatum Le Towt of Carmel Valley; sister, Susan Peverley of Bel Air, Maryland; sister, Frances von Bonin of Dusseldorf, Germany; brother, Jon H. Le Towt of St. Michaels, Maryland; nine nieces and nephews; too many grandnieces and nephews to count, and his beloved Airedale, Bosky. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dianne, in 2002. A special thank you to his good friend, "helper" and angel on earth, Tara Banjanin, for her support in assisting him navigate the last year.

**A Celebration of Jody's life will begin at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18th, 2025,
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ignored.

“We believe that making the policy enforceable, in combination with the measures outlined therein, would significantly reduce complaints at the Forest Hill Park

courts,” Ford said.

The meeting drew the usual suspects who made their usual arguments, with some calling for unmitigated play and others demanding a prohibition of it. Several neighbors stated that tennis is much quieter and pointed out that they bought their homes near the park when that was the only game played on those courts.

Among the moderates was Suzi Crary,

JOHN PAUL HANNA

It is with deep love and heartfelt sorrow that we announce the passing of John Paul Hanna. John died at home peacefully in his sleep on Aug. 6, surrounded by family.

Born to two dedicated educators, Jean and Paul Hanna, John grew up with a true appreciation for learning — a value he cherished and instilled in his children and grandchildren. A proud graduate of Phillips Academy Andover, Stanford University and Stanford Law School, John launched a distinguished legal career spanning 65 years as one of California’s leading land use and real estate lawyers. John also completed specialized training at the U.S. Army Intelligence School at Fort Holabird and ultimately served as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve (Airborne). He attributed his love of art and aesthetics to being raised in the Frank Lloyd Wright house his parents built on the Stanford campus. Wright’s insistence on excellence in both “form and function” had a profound effect on John at an early age.

John’s professional achievements were widely recognized. He was named to *Best Lawyers in America*, *Silicon Valley’s Best Lawyers*, and *San Francisco’s Best Lawyers*, and earned the prestigious AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Early in life, he was honored as an *Outstanding Young Man of Palo Alto* and one of *Five Outstanding Young Men of California* by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

John was also a prolific author whose commitment to civic education inspired several published works. These include *Teenagers and the Law* and *Youth and the Law*, the latter being the first publication of the Palo Alto Unified School District. He wrote *The Complete Layman’s Guide to the Law*, which featured a foreword by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark.

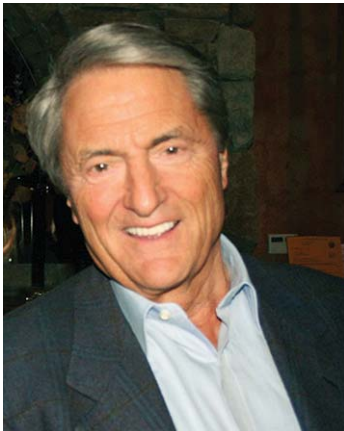
His published contributions to real estate and community law include *California Condominium Handbook* and *California Condominium Handbook II: Law and Practice*. He also authored *Homeowners Associations: A How-To Guide for Leadership and Effective Participation* and co-authored *Hanna and Van Atta on California Common Interest Developments*.

As a young man fresh out of Army boot camp, John rode his Harley Davidson from Kentucky to California — this adventurous spirit defined much of his life. His love of skiing, tennis, collecting and racing Ferraris, mountain climbing, surfing, spearfishing, fly fishing and abalone diving were not just hobbies but cherished opportunities to form deep, lifelong relationships. Whether sumitting Mount Whitney or the Grand Teton (at age 65), mastering the bagpipes and playing *Amazing Grace* at sunrise atop Windy Hill on Easter Sundays, earning membership in the 60 Pound Salmon Club on the Kenai River, breaking the record for the largest rainbow trout caught at Three Forks Ranch in Wyoming, abalone diving with his daughter amid sightings of great white sharks, teaching his granddaughter to abalone dive in Mendocino, playing tennis with the Menlo Circus Club “Z” team, or completing the original marathon in Greece, John embraced life with joy and determination.

His passions were many and pursued with zeal, but above all, he loved sharing them with the people he loved. John’s spirit of adventure and community touched every part of his life. A longtime member of the Menlo Circus Club, the Palo Alto Club, the Bohemian Club, the Elks Club, and the Kiwanis Club, John especially cherished the kinship and camaraderie he found at the Bohemian Grove’s Sempervirens Camp. At the Grove, he famously hosted abalone and lobster feasts and shared evenings filled with guitar, Country Western singing, poetry and jokes.

John was a devoted husband to Barbara Hanna, “the love of his life,” with whom he shared 40 wonderful years. He was a beloved father to his daughters, Kristine Shuman Hanna and Katie Hanna Dickson, from his earlier marriage to Joyce Hanna Smith, and a proud and loving grandfather to Allison Hanna Dickson, Sam Marks and Ben Hanna. John’s unwavering work ethic, integrity, love of family, and zest for life leave a lasting legacy and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughters, Kristine and Katie; son-in-law, Tom Dickson; grandchildren, Allison, Sam, and Ben; nieces, Ellen Hanna and Laura Hanna Goodman; nephews, Brett Hanna, Eddie Clark and Paul Clark; cousin, Kathy Hanna; sister-in-law, Beth Brookings; brother-in-law, Mick Briscoe and cousins-in-law, Janie Horton and Humberto Ramirez.



a national champion pickleball player and longtime local, who observed that play has declined and parking problems on nearby streets have diminished since the new rules took effect.

“Although not ideal for our group, we would recommend the city council accept the forest and beach commission’s recommendations,” she said.

‘Not the same game’

Councilman Jeff Baron suggested exploring sound mitigation — including requiring the use of softer paddles and balls, which some pickleballers have said result in an entirely different game — while councilman Hans Buder wondered if pickleball should be banned due to the noise it creates. Some councilmembers questioned how a rule requiring the use of softer equipment would be enforced.

“With the quiet ball, it’s fun, but it’s not the same game,” councilman Bob Delves said, adding, “I don’t know how you would enforce it.”

Delves said he used to play pickleball at the Forest Hill courts, but they got too crowded, so he joined a private club.

“My inclination is to respect the forest and beach commission and do as they requested and pass a resolution more or less as they suggested,” he said.

Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov said she appreciated the civility commenters maintained during the meeting and acknowledged the game is fun, social and healthy.

“However, I’m falling on the side of the residents,” who deserve quiet in their homes, she said. “I don’t like that the police are being called out,” when players are breaking the rules, and she worried

the noise and parking impacts could erode property values in the neighborhood.

“I think ultimately, the only solution is to ban it and find an alternative location,” she continued, voicing support for some pickleball proponents’ efforts to arrange for regular play on courts at Carmel Middle School.

“I know I wouldn’t want to live across the street from those pickleball courts,” Byrne said. He also supported finding a location outside the city for players to use.

“If we’re not going down the road of trying the soft equipment, I’m not prepared to ban it, yet,” Baron responded, and if the city experiments with acoustic fencing, it could end up spending \$50,000 to discover it doesn’t work, Buder commented.

Byrne doubted the city’s public works department and others who would be responsible for making the changes at the courts have the bandwidth. “We’ve got a lot of projects going on right now,” he said.

Ultimately, Byrne and Dramov decided to work together to further research ways to reduce noise and find other potential locations, and city administrator Chip Rerig said he would work with staff on a resolution formalizing the forest and beach commission’s recommendations for hours and days of play, automatic locks, court layouts, the study of sound attenuation and the expected costs.

The council would vote on that resolution and then consider an urgency ordinance temporarily banning the game while the details are worked out. An urgency ordinance would take effect immediately if approved by four of the five councilmembers.



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Judith Marie 'Judy' Nail

Nov. 3,1944 ❖ Aug. 5, 2025

With heavy hearts, we share the passing of Judith “Judy” Nail — a mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to just about everyone in Carmel.

Judy was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, the second of eight children of Cdr. (Ret.) Ambrose J. Kinion and Eleanor T. Weber. Her family moved to Carmel in 1956, where she grew up and graduated from Junipero Serra School, Carmel High and Monterey Peninsula College.

She spent several years in Salinas while raising her family, but Carmel was always home, and she returned for good in the late 1990s. Over the years, Judy worked in many local businesses — from Chase Bank, to Safeway, to ACE Hardware — and seemed to know just about everyone in town. Whether she was helping a customer or bumping into an old friend on the street, she always had a smile and a story to share.

Judy also closely followed both national and local politics and wasn’t shy about sharing her opinions, whether in The Carmel Pine Cone or at city council meetings.

She faced life’s challenges with determination and strength, but cancer was a battle she could not win. Judy will be remembered for her kindness, her big heart, and her gift for nurturing friendships — some lasting more than 50 years, others formed just recently. She often said she’d lived a long, full life, and she leaves behind a legacy of love, generosity and resilience.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Jaye Kinion (1986) and JoAnn Davis (2022); and brothers, Timothy J. Kinion (1978) and Terrence J. Kinion (1998).

She is survived by her daughter, Mindy Erickson (Fargo, North Dakota); son, Josh Nail (Dallas, Texas); sisters, Jeri Meisenheimer (Mariposa) and Janice Barlow (San Rafael); brother, Todd Kinion (Aptos); six grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and her dear friends, Carol LeNeve and Judy Ryan; as well as Artemis, her beloved cat.

Her family would like to thank her cardiologist, Dr. Lui, whose care gave her several extra years, as well as the Palliative Care Team at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

Arrangements are by Mission Mortuary in Monterey. Judy chose not to have a funeral. She will be laid to rest in the St. Dominic Niches at San Carlos Cemetery in Monterey.



GREGORY J. ERICKSON

BORN DEC. 27, 1947 — DIED JUNE 11, 2025

Gregory J. Erickson, a brilliant and dynamic man who shaped communities, home design and people, passed away peacefully on June 11, 2025. He passed on his way to his beloved farm in Battle Lake, Minnesota.

Greg Erickson was an inspirational and exceptional man who led a vibrant life filled with family adventures, long friendships and lasting professional achievements. He possessed a brilliant mind that could grasp global concepts and focus on the smallest of details to ensure success. His brilliant, creative mind was never more apparent than when presented with an obscure topic while in deep conversation. His incisive intellect always found unorthodox ways to solve a problem. He had an extraordinary ability to tell a great story. His humor and wit was built into his stories and outlook on life. It was uncanny how he would find ways to resolve what would seem to be an intractable, unsolvable obstacle. His generosity knew no bounds. He helped friends and family wherever and whenever they were in need. He could smile easily, embrace the fun of the outdoors and easily relax to be contemplative with those closest to him. In addition to his great love and affection for his inner circle, he had an unwavering love and devotion to his country.

Greg, as he was known to his countless friends and family members was born Dec. 27, 1947, in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Mrs. Celine (Betty) Sandine. He spent his early years playing on the shores of Lake Minnetonka in the Town of Excelsior, just outside of Minneapolis. It was here he developed his appreciation of nature, water in all its land forms and people from all walks of life. As a young boy, he was taken by the stories, TV shows and movies like “The Lone Ranger,” “Hopalong Cassidy” and “Gunsmoke.” He admired the good versus evil story lines and the clean-cut albeit roguish cowboy, who never shot first.

At the age of 13, he and his mother moved to Southern California. They settled in Canoga Park where he attended the end of middle school and then enrolled at Canoga Park High School. It was here he learned to surf and relish music through his life-long friend, Holmes “Butch” Stoner. They tore out the back seat of an old Pontiac and surfed the beaches of Southern California all through high school.

In 1968, he was drafted into the U.S. Army during the height of the Viet Nam war. He was sent to basic training at Fort Ord. It was here he developed a life-long love of Carmel and the Monterey Peninsula. He was trained and stationed as a medic in Frankfurt, Germany. After serving his two-year term honorably in the Army, he returned to Southern California, but always remembered the beauty of Monterey. He revisited medicine later in life, studying to be a paramedic again and volunteered in an acute care clinic at Big Sky, Montana.

Upon his return from service in 1970, he won a scholarship by entering a drawing contest that was posted on the inside of a matchbook. He attended a technical school on this scholarship, learning the craft of drafting which dovetailed with his love of drawing buildings and homes in high school.

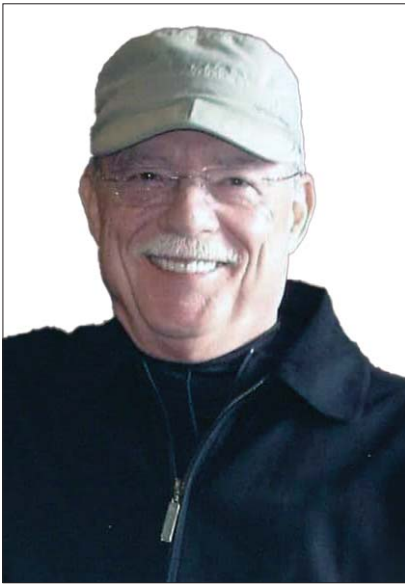
After graduation, he was fortunate to land a position as a draftsman for Nathan Shapell, who created the highly successful Shapell Homes, a real estate building and development company. Greg began his development career by drawing home floor plans in the hallway just outside the office door of Nathan Shapell under his direct

supervision, experiencing valuable development lessons.

Greg’s lasting design achievement to this day was creating in the early 1970s at Shapell, the highly successful floor plan layout of kitchen, nook (or dining) and family room combination as one open space across the back of the home. This innovative floor plan design by Greg can be seen in almost all production homes built today. Another of Greg’s highly creative home floor plan designs was the introduction in 1988 of the catwalk connecting secondary bedrooms and the master suite on the second floor in production homes. His innovative and creative designs were produced, reproduced and copied for decades.

After leaving Shapell around 1974, he left to join J.M. Peters in the forming of Ponderosa Homes. It was here he refined his talents for a more stylish and appointed production home being produced by the Ponderosa Company. After working at Ponderosa Homes, he left in the late 1970s with Jim Peters to help build a new home development company, the J.M. Peters Company, which focused on building production homes that looked and functioned like elegant custom-built homes. Together, they set a new standard of luxury home design in Southern California for what a production home could become.

It was also at Ponderosa Homes that Greg met his future building partners, Jim Sievers and then Chris Treble, which would become the Gregory Group in Northern California at the end of 1980. It was during this Ponderosa period where another life-long friendship began with the architect Aram Bassenian. They worked together for years designing homes while sharing a friendship lasting decades. Together they designed thousands of homes that won numerous industry awards from BIA, PCBC Gold Nugget and MAME. The Gregory Group built a category of homes known as “move-up” homes with larger square footage, unique architectural character and distinctive features found in more upscale custom homes. The Gregory Group developed a multitude of home communities for more than 20 years. Some of their more significant projects included Seven Springs in Cupertino, Meridien Court in Union City and West Briar Knolls in Danville. The Gregory Group was an early, equal partner with Shapell Homes in developing Windemere, now known as Dougherty Valley in Contra Costa County. Their numerous award winning projects were a reflection of Greg’s



creative design mind and his partner’s individual talents.

After leaving the home development industry in 2002, he returned to the two places he loved the most, the lake country of Northern Minnesota and Carmel-by-the-Sea on the Monterey Peninsula. It was here he created some of his most timeless designs.

In Battle Lake, Minnesota one night while reading a family genealogy book, it spoke of his ancestors owning land around Hollo Lake which he had happened to visit some months earlier. Greg and his wife returned to the property and made an offer to the farmer who had earlier predicted they would buy his farm. They took possession in 1989 and proceeded to design and improve the property with a new home, guest home, barn, work buildings and stables along with a new landscape that surpassed anything the county had ever seen. This 800 acre property with an 80 acre lake became the annual meeting place for 25 years of hunting, fishing, boating and family gatherings. It was here that Greg entertained and welcomed people from all walks of life, intermingling his family life, friends and acquaintances with numerous gatherings, creating lasting friendships and memories. He would usually spend his summers and fall here while also staying in Montana skiing and his winters in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

In Carmel, Greg purchased five separate properties and extensively renovated four. They are published here and you can see his talent for home design and the legacy of his home building experience. His final home was a modest house in Monterey. He passed away on his way to Battle Lake, Minnesota for his annual summer visit.

He leaves a legacy of beautiful home communities full of life, treasured family members and a cornucopia of close and beloved friends he embraced through good times and bad. He was a man who loved his country, the Beach Boys, country music, fishing, hunting, skiing, playing poker and deep conversations with friends. He was happiest as a kid surfing the Southern California beaches, listening to surf music or skiing down a Big Sky mountain with family and friends. He cherished his wide circle of friends and the annual hunting and fishing trips that he hosted for decades. He loved being on his boat “The Valkyrie” at the San Rafael Yacht Club and sailing the San Francisco Bay. Above all, he loved his family and children. They were always close in his heart and on his mind.

An example of his selfless dedication to his family is exemplified by the offer for one of his kidneys and part of his liver to his cousin Mike Kellington (now deceased) while in the midst of a calamitous health crisis.

He is survived by his children, Jon Erickson of Long Beach and James Erickson; his wife, Jill Erickson; grandchild, Jack Erickson of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and Johanna Erickson of London, England. He is also survived by a brother, Todd Erickson; and cousins, Debra Kellington of Battle Lake, Minnesota and Kathy Wendland of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

He will be forever missed, but always remembered and loved.



ACCESS

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people than any other state in 2023 and 2024, when more than 200,000 people packed up and left. While it is possible the numbers at the end of this year will show the outward migration is slowing, that doesn't seem to be the case. The exodus has wide-ranging political implications for California and the nation.

California lost representation in Washington for the first time in its history five years ago, when it was forced to give up one congressional seat following the 2020

census. As 2030 approaches, the Golden State is on track to cede as many as four more.

The potential loss matters as Gov. Gavin Newsom and fellow Democrats wage a redistricting campaign to counter a Republican move in Texas to do the same. Even if Newsom is successful in redrawing the maps to favor Democrats, the benefits may only last until the next census.

According to the Brennan Center for Justice, California is one of six reliably blue states poised to lose representation after the 2030 count. Based on data from 2024, the nonpartisan policy organization forecasts New York will lose two seats and Illinois, Minnesota, Oregon and Rhode

Island will each lose one. Meanwhile, red states are forecast to pick up seats. Utah and Idaho could each gain one and Texas and Florida are likely to acquire four more apiece — possibly five, for Texas. That's because more people are moving into those states than are leaving.

The changes would not only impact representation in the U.S. House of Representatives, but also the Electoral College, as a state's number of congressional seats is tied directly to its number of electoral votes. You may remember this from high school civics: Each state's electoral votes equal its number of U.S. representatives, plus two more for its U.S. senators.

Kamala Harris lost the 2024 presidential election, but her electoral count would have been even worse with 10 fewer blue state votes. With California anticipated to account for nearly half the potential Democratic electoral losses after the apportionment, reversing the exodus should be a top priority for leaders in Sacramento.

Affordability

Democrats in the state legislature said 2025 was the year affordability would be a priority in Sacramento — a smart idea, as the No. 1 reason people say they're leaving California is the high cost of living. However, legislation that would have directly result in lowering prices for housing and basic needs has not come to fruition this year.

By June, state lawmakers had brought forward 697 bills, but only a few dealt with affordability issues. Those focused on increasing housing supplies, boosting job training and reducing energy costs, with nothing aimed at lowering food and fuel prices. By the end of the fiscal year on June 30, Newsom and fellow Democrats had passed a suite of bills to make building housing easier, including a monumental reform of CEQA. But it could be years before new housing stock materializes and Californians are able to realize lower home prices.

Democrats spent much of the rest of the summer taking on the redistricting fight

with Texas, and with the Sept. 12 deadline to pass new laws looming, there is very little time left to make California affordable again.

Meanwhile California's electricity rates remain the highest in the lower 48 states, and residents pay the highest state income, gas and statewide sales taxes.

Republicans heave-ho

The state's high cost of living remains the primary factor in the outbound migration, but partisanship also plays a role. According to an analysis this summer from the Public Policy Institute of California, more Republicans are leaving than Democrats.

"California Republicans tend to disapprove of statewide elected officials, and they are far more likely to say they have thought about leaving California," said Eric McGhee, a senior fellow with the Public Policy Institute.

Using registration data from all 50 states, the research group found five times as many Republicans moved out of the state than moved in between 2020 and 2024. Researchers also found those moving into California were 1.5 times more likely to be Democrats.

Departing Republicans are also much more likely to move to a state that aligns with their political beliefs, as are Democrats, resulting in red states becoming redder and blue states becoming bluer. With a higher rate of Republicans exiting California and more Democrats moving in, the partisan trends also strengthen the dominant supermajority Democrats have in Sacramento.

Despite California looking bluer on the registration cards, not all trends point left. In 2024, Californians voted more Republican than in any presidential election in 20 years, with 33 of the state's 58 counties supporting Donald Trump, including eight that flipped from blue to red.

U-Haul's midyear migration report doesn't say anything about politics, but it

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JOAN DANIELS MANLEY HOULTON

Joan Daniels Manley Houlton, a pioneering publishing executive and passionate community leader, died peacefully in Keystone, Colorado on August 21, at the age of 92.

Born Sept. 23, 1932, in Cambria, California to Della and Carl Daniels, Joan was the eldest of five children in a warm, outdoorsy family. She grew up in Carmel surrounded by love, laughter, and a sense of possibility that carried her throughout her life. She graduated from Carmel High School in 1950 and the University of California, Berkeley, in 1954 with a degree in English.

In 1954, she set out for New York City, determined to make her way in publishing. Starting as a secretary at Doubleday, she moved to Time Inc. in 1960 and rose quickly. By 1970 she became the first woman in Time Inc.'s history to be named publisher, in 1971 its first female vice president, and later a group vice president overseeing a \$215 million division that included Time-Life Books, Little, Brown & Company and international publishing ventures. By the late 1970s, she was directing one of the 10 largest publishing operations in the industry.

Often called a trailblazer, Joan preferred the humbler title of "Yankee peddler," saying that selling books by mail carried the same honor as the peddlers who once stood behind their goods with integrity. Under her leadership, one in 10 American families purchased a Time-Life book, and she spearheaded its global reach into more than two dozen languages.

She was named Direct Marketer of the Year in 1974, awarded honorary doctorates from Babson College and the University of New Haven, inducted into the Direct Marketing Hall of Fame in 1995, and served as one of Time Inc.'s few women directors during her tenure. In the autumn of 1976 Joan flew to Plains, GA at the request of President-elect Jimmy Carter to discuss the Secretary of Commerce position in his cabinet. Despite the accolades, Joan often shrugged off her achievements as "a great accident of timing."

Joan retired from Time Inc. to Keystone Colorado in 1984 where she renewed her lifelong passion for travel, skiing and served as a director on numerous corporate and nonprofit boards. There she met Bill Houlton and married in 1991. She cherished the mountains, skiing, a glass of fine wine and keen conversation. Bridge and Scrabble opponents soon discovered that her mix of humor, wisdom and humility were disarming. Ever a generous hostess, visitors to their home, "Bear Max," were advised by an embroidered pillow that "guests of guests may not bring guests."

In 1999 Joan fell in love with New Zealand and built two houses in Queenstown that they enjoyed as a second home and shared with many friends and family. In Colorado, Joan continued her lifelong passion for education and the arts. She was a generous supporter of the Keystone Science School, Summit Medical Foundation and Flight for Life, National Repertory Orchestra and the Colorado Symphony Orchestra. She was a founder of Summit County's Snake River Chamber Music Festival, believing in music's power to enrich and connect communities.

Joan had no children of her own. She adored her nieces, nephews, Houlton stepchildren and their families. She took great joy in supporting their journeys, travelling with them throughout Europe and New Zealand. She donated to her Daniels family a large condominium in Kirkwood, California to provide a place to gather, learn to ski and enjoy the sport.

She is survived by her siblings, Carlie Short, Larry (Helene) Daniels, Dee MacDonald, Tim (Margot) Daniels and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband Bill.

Joan will be remembered for her pioneering spirit, her deep generosity and her ability to lead with wit, strength and kindness. Her legacy lives on in her family, the institutions she strengthened, the books that found their way into homes around the world, and the countless people she mentored and loved.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Carmel's Harrison Memorial Library, or the National Repertory Orchestra, two organizations especially close to her heart.



JEFFREY TALBOT BRADY

June 14, 1963 – Aug. 21, 2025

Jeffrey Talbot Brady, 62, died on Aug. 20 at the Carmel home of his parents, James and Suzanne Brady. Jeff was born in Oakland, California on June 14, 1963, while his father was a student in the College of Architecture at University of California, Berkeley.

The youngest of four children, Jeff came to Carmel with his family as a toddler and with his siblings started life as a Carmelite at Bay School with Rosa Doner. Then on to Carmel River School, Carmel Middle School, and because of illness, a short time at Carmel High, then Palma High, then graduation in 1981 from Carmel Valley High.

Except for his time in Little League, Jeff's sports activities centered around hiking in Big Sur, fishing, the beach, also cooking, and he worked in several local restaurants. During these late teen years he discovered the world of horses which became the abiding love of his life. Much too large to be a jockey, being around racehorses led to J. T. Brady Transportation venture with his uncle, Jim O'Brien, where he provided custom care in equine transportation all over the country.

His other love was big machines, so he settled down at Shasta College in Redding to earn an AA degree in industrial technologies. That led to large construction projects on local highways and the Monterey Peninsula Airport.

But his first love was a kinship with horses and the most satisfying time in his life was as overseer of a horse sanctuary in Novato. He was there with the alive big machines resting comfortably in his care. And there he lived until coming back to his loving family in Carmel and Hospice.

Jeff was a patient, kind and gentle man, appreciated for his delicious meals, the strum of his guitar, the little people he made of collected stones for our potted plants, help to build a fence, help with any thing to make our lives better. He is survived by his parents, James and Suzanne Brady; his siblings and their spouses, Keren Haedrich (Gary), Kristopher Brady (Jona), and Jonathan Brady. He was Uncle Jeff to Kiara Kennedy, Jacob, Ryan and Kristine Brady, Leslie and Hayley Haedrich; great uncle to Emmalyn, Conor, Liesel, Aoife, Avery and Liam; along with uncles John O'Brien and Larry Boehle; aunts Elisa Brady and Hilary O'Brien; many dear cousins and extended family.

Jeff was predeceased by his grandparents, Jim and Peg O'Brien of San Bruno, Dudley and Harryette Brady of Oakland; Uncle Jim and Aunt Gay O'Brien, Aunt Jane Boehle and Cousin Erica Levine.

The family would like to thank caregiver Wendy Adler and the VNA Hospice team for their outstanding care.

A celebration of life Mass will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at Carmel Mission Basilica. A reception will follow at Crespi Hall. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the restoration of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at the Mission or to Central Coast VNA Hospice, Inc., 5 Lower Ragsdale Drive, Monterey, CA 93940.



HOMES

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“We’re sending our kids to college and vocational schools, and they’re not coming back,” she said. “We have two families in two-bedroom apartments everywhere in town. We need our graduates to come back and give back to the community they grew up in.”

Rico said other nearby towns have added housing. “Soledad’s been growing and Greenfield’s been growing, while we’ve been stuck here for so many years,” she noted.

While several speakers warned that out-of-town buyers could gobble up the new homes, Daniel Gutierrez predicted that won’t be the case.

“Out-of-town buyers won’t move here due to a lack of amenities,” Gutierrez said. “They’re not going to take a job here.”

Also speaking in favor of the plan was Geoffrey Morgan, president of CHISPA, the largest private nonprofit housing developer based in Monterey County. Morgan urged the council to support it.

“Let’s not let perfect be the enemy of the good,” Morgan said. “It doesn’t get any cheaper the longer we wait.”

Is there enough water?

According to city documents, water for the new homes will come from four wells that pump a total of 5,700 gallons per minute. To meet the demands of the housing — and to provide “operational flexibility,” — a fifth well providing 1,500 gallons per minute will need to be drilled. According to those same papers, a water supply assessment was done, and it confirmed the supply “will be sufficient to meet the project’s water demands over a 20-year horizon.”

The project will also require at least one new above-grade water storage reservoir to be built to boost the city’s water storage capacity.

Speaking out against the project was Land Watch

Monterey County deputy director Laura Davis, who said the project needs to be more dense and the homes more affordable.

“They will be affordable only to a fraction of Gonzales residents,” Davis warned.

Days earlier, Land Watch executive director Mike DeLapa echoed Davis’ stance.

“If we’re going to sacrifice farmland for development, let’s at least use it intelligently and in a way that benefits the local community,” DeLapa said. “Gonzales must guarantee that Vista Lucia includes housing affordable to the local community.”

While Land Watch may have made some good points, at least four speakers who supported the project made comments that were critical of “out-of-town” groups getting involved in the approval process.

Council weighs in

After public comment, Mayor Pro Tem Liz Silva warned the housing will take considerable time to complete, but she suggested it will be worth the wait. She urged residents to be patient.

“It’s not going to happen next week or next month,” she conceded. “It’s going to take a while.”

Council member Maria Orozco noted that it’s been 25 years since homes were built in town.

“We need housing,” Orozco said. “We have families who are living in substandard conditions.”

Council member Scott Funk also spoke out in favor of the housing, calling it a “huge opportunity.”

“We’re on the cusp of something great,” Funk declared.

Tuesday’s approval involved votes on six separate measures, all of which were passed unanimously.

The builder is Pembroke Development. The Morgan Hill-based company is building two other master-plan communities, one in Chowchilla and the other in Madera.

It’s uncertain when construction will begin because there’s still more planning to do. Brown told The Pine Cone the next step involves going before the Local Agency Formation Commission.

“That’s our next stop,” he added. “We’re basically asking them for permission to stretch a new city line [around the land]. We think we have all the math and homework in place.”

LEAVING

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does detail where people are moving. According to the rental company, people leaving California are choosing Texas, Colorado and Tennessee, with the most popular cities to move to being Houston, Denver and Las Vegas.

PODS has yet to release relocation data for this year. In 2023 and 2024 the top states its customers were moving to were Texas, Florida and Washington, and Dallas, Seattle and Boise were the top three metropolitan destinations.

Remote work has helped to fuel the exodus since the pandemic, with as many as one in five workers still able to work from home as of 2023. Even with return-to-office mandates forcing some workers to move back to California, it’s immigrants that have been fueling real population gains in the state over the last five years. This year, that flow has slowed to a trickle as a result of Trump-era immigration restrictions. According to preliminary Census Bureau data, America’s immigrant population shrank by 1.2 million people between January and June of 2025.

California doesn’t have a lot of options for holding on to all 52 of its congressional seats. The state could invest more money in boosting census turnout in 2030, and likely will, but it would be even better to find ways to attract lots and lots of new people.

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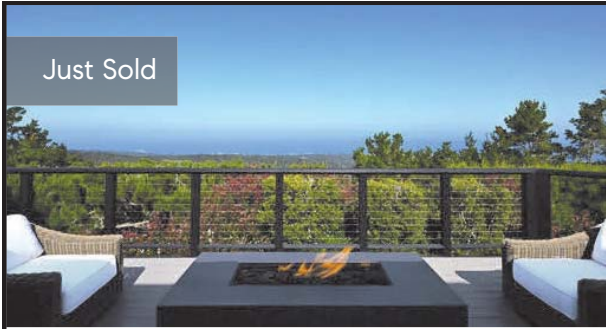
Elvira Fernanda Rosa
April 21, 1951 ❖ Aug. 19, 2025

Elvira was born in Luanda, Angola in 1951. She fled with her family to Portugal from Angola. She then moved to the United States with her family in 1983, settling in San Leandro, California and then Pacific Grove.

She worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant on the Monterey Peninsula and at Pacific Grove Convalescent Hospital for many years.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10, at St. Angela Merici Church in Pacific Grove.

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Editorial

Worshiping the past

WERE PEOPLE in the old days more virtuous than they are today — more noble, less greedy and more satisfied with the simpler things in life?

That's what everybody seems to think. They also think their forebears were healthier because they lived in the supposedly vaunted state of being "close" to nature.

Research shows that the widespread belief that the past was superior to the present, often called the “golden age fallacy,” has persisted across cultures and eras. In Carmel, the belief that previous generations were better than current ones is so pervasive, the local historic preservation movement demands the protection of all sorts of things nobody in their right mind would care about, such as the infamous 1970s-era pebbled concrete wall that blocked one of Patrice Pastor’s developments.

The founding of Carmel itself, worshiped today as an act of supreme cultural virtue, was really just a real estate speculation that sought to turn a fortune by subdividing a coastal paradise — something that, according to modern standards, only the Devil himself would even consider. Still, because it happened in the past, we all think it was an act of genius.

But as P.J. O'Rourke once wrote, "I have two words for anybody who longs for the good old days: Modern Dentistry."

Primitive humans lived close to nature. Too close. To them, the natural world was a dangerous place where starvation, sudden and fatal illnesses, and attacks by hungry animals were common threats. A toothache wasn't much of a worry when you were dying of yellow fever or hadn't eaten in a week. Nowadays, thanks to the accomplishments of civilization, any disruption in the food supply or outbreak of contagious disease demands a congressional investigation.

As he conquered terrible illnesses, learned how to obtain plentiful food, eliminated the danger from animals who were bigger than he was and started enforcing laws, modern man invented his own dangers, of course. The mass slaughters of the 20th century came about when the instruments of civilization were employed without its mercies. Just 85 years ago, Europeans were senselessly killing each other as fast as they could.

But all the deaths in all the wars in all the centuries pale in comparison to the destruction wrought by man's natural enemies. Indeed, if just one of mankind's discoveries — antibiotics — had never been made, hundreds of millions of people who are alive today would not be. Are they the ones who insist on unpasteurized fruit juice?

Every year, thousands of people get very sick (a few die) from eating raw fruits or vegetables tainted with harmful bacteria. Bacteria have been making people sick as long as there have been people. That's why cooking was invented.

So when you hear people yearning for medicine, clothing, food and even things such as cosmetics, soap, and vacations, to be more “natural,” what you’re really hearing is nothing more than a fantasy dreamed up by people who’ve been liberated from the dire circumstances of their forefathers.

Likewise with their culture. Whether it's in music, literature, architecture, the sciences, politics or real estate, even people who are alive today can occasionally have a good idea.

BEST of BATES



“What do you mean you caught your heel on a tree root?”

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Why we are appealing Pastor's project

Dear Editor,

Carmel-by-the-Sea is a community defined by its small-scale charm, pedestrian orientation and historic character. To safeguard these qualities, the city has adopted a general plan, municipal code, and commercial design guidelines that establish specific, objective standards for development.

We have filed an appeal of the planning commission's recent approval of the proposed project at Seventh and Dolores because the decision is inconsistent with those governing standards. This appeal is not an objection to development itself, but a request for adherence to the same laws and policies that apply to all property owners.

The bases for this appeal are as follows:

■ **Size and scale:** The municipal code imposes a maximum floor area of

10,000 square feet for any single structure. The approved project approaches 13,000 square feet, materially exceeding this limit.

■ **Parking:** The project requires nearly 18 parking spaces but provides only 12, 10 of which use a compact-car lift and will be private. Combined with the loss of seven existing public spaces, this creates a net parking shortfall in an area already facing shortages.

■ **Open space:** City regulations require ground-level open space with landscaping visible and accessible from the street, consistent with the traditional courtyards that define downtown Carmel. The project instead counts rooftop gardens and elevated decks, which do not satisfy this requirement.

■ **Historic resource:** The site is part of a state-recognized historic complex. A full study of how this project would affect that historic resource has not been completed, even though state and local law require such an analysis.

Our objective is straightforward: to ensure that Carmel's adopted codes and policies are applied fairly and consistently. Upholding these standards is essential to protecting the unique character of the village for current residents and future generations.

Mike Brown, Mike Cate, Don Goodhue and eight others, *Carmel*

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Dear Editor,

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Patting rhinoceroses on the head

SUNNY MIYASAKI was maneuvering her way through a packed lecture hall at the UC Davis Veterinary School when she noticed an available seat near a student who introduced himself as Rick Clark. He asked if he could borrow her lecture notes from the previous class. While making copies for him, she asked why he'd missed class. He admitted he'd been practicing with his rock band and invited her to come listen.

Miyasaki graduated from veterinarian school in 1982 and moved to Carmel, where she'd accepted a position with a veterinary hospital. Clark finished his veterinary medicine degree two years later, and the couple married. In 1992, their daughter, Robin, was born.

Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

“For two years, I did bloodwork and performed surgeries in that vet hospital, but I didn’t feel a sense of authority, which made me feel more like a vet tech than veterinarian,” Miyasaki said. “So, I put out my resume to nearly every veterinarian on the Peninsula. They all called me, but none seemed like the right fit.”

No indoor horses

When she learned that a UC Davis classmate had gone to work for veterinarian George Deauville in Salinas, she networked her way into a job at his office.

“Other than the 35-minute commute from Carmel, I loved working there. George was the nicest man, and the office was very busy. After a few years, upon his retirement, he offered me and my classmate the opportunity to buy the practice. Which we did.”

Meanwhile, Clark became an equine specialist, prompting his wife to declare, “You’re not going to bring a horse into my veterinary office.” During his 40 years in practice, he became well acquainted with the equine community and the rural terrain of Monterey County, as he went out to work with the animals where they were corralled.

Into Africa

While Miyasaki and Clark developed careers in veterinary medicine, UC Davis classmate Mike Kock, with whom Miyasaki had pursued a residency in zoo and wildlife medicine, had moved to Zimbabwe to work with wildlife, with an emphasis on conservation. This included a deep commitment to rescuing rhinoceroses from the threat of poaching.

“Mike was relocating

rhinos to Tasmania, South Africa, and even some to Australia,” Miyasaki said. “After Rick graduated from UC Davis in 1984, we traveled to Africa to work with Mike. We found that the rhinos were actually quite tame. We could walk into a ‘boma’ — a livestock enclosure — and talk to the rhinos and pat them on the head. They were very easygoing animals.”

‘Running like heck’

After Kock captured the rhinos by using immobilizing darts, Miyasaki and Clark would assess the animals’ well-being, then inject a narcotics reversal agent so they would wake up, unscathed. They’d herd them into large trucks and transport them to conservatories.

“Mike is such an excellent vet and knows where all the rhinos are and what they need,” Miyasaki said. “He took us to a place where there was an injured female.

We were walking through the grasses, and she came charging out at us. The guys climbed trees. I was running like heck.”

Aware that rhinos can’t see very well, Miyasaki dove behind a thorny bush and watched the large animal run right past her. The animal ultimately was treated and relocated to a refuge in Cape Town. Apart from that episode, she still considers rhinos docile creatures she likens to cows for their typically gentle demeanor.

“After our daughter, Robin, graduated from York School, she became intrigued by veterinary medicine before pursuing her art career,” Miyasaki said. “We went with her to participate in a wildlife class in Cape Town. This was the last time we went to Africa.”

The couple continues to support rescue

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PHOTO/PHILIP GEIGER

Husband-and-wife veterinarians Rick Clark and Sunny Miyasaki have spent part of their careers helping some pretty wild life.

Taking in the world through travel, music and a camera

AS THE daughter of Santa Cruz bohemians and descendant of Watsonville farmers, Carolyn Moore almost certainly was born to sow some wild oats.

Barely out of her teens, she dropped out of UC Berkeley and hit the road with a gal pal, a roadmap and a plan to head south — way south — through Mexico, Central America and South America, then hop on a boat to New Zealand.

After taking the train to L.A., they’d ride buses through Baja, travel from Cabo to Puerto Vallarta by ferry, and — well, heck, they were 20, bulletproof, resource-

“That’s how I ended up in Prescott, Arizona,” explained Moore, whose oat-sowing was only beginning.

After a short time at her friend’s Arizona home, she moved to a Fort Collins, Colo., commune. Then she signed up for the Peace Corps and was deployed to Swaziland — now called Eswatini — on the south end of Africa.

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

ful — they’d deal with the rest as it came.

“Hitchhiking was the backup plan for places we couldn’t get to otherwise. This is the young mind,” reflected the Pacific Grove native, who, 50 years later, survives to tell the tale.

Abrupt ending

Moore is a fine-art photographer whose images are part of “Embracing Light,” an ImageMakers of Monterey showcase that opens Friday at the Pacific Grove Art Center with a public reception from 6 to 8 p.m. and runs through Oct. 30. “Meet the Artists” events are scheduled for September and October.

The upshot of that road trip is that Carolyn’s friend got “very, very sick” (who knew that could happen in Mexico?), and they had to turn around in Guadalajara, about 7,000 miles short of New Zealand.

Backpack on the head

“That was amazing,” said Moore, 24 at the time. “A bus dropped me off in the middle of nowhere, a place where there were just big bushes. A lady wearing bright blue walked toward me with a huge smile on her face, laughing. She saw my backpack, said, ‘Oh, I’ll take that for you,’ put it on her head, and I was like, ‘Wow, OK ... this is new. Let’s go!’”

They walked off to meet her host family, who spoke no English — only Siswati. “It’s like Zulu, but it’s its own language — and, at that point, it wasn’t even a written language,” Moore said. “So, I spent two years in Swaziland learning the language and the culture.

No surprise: It was fascinating and eye-opening.

“When I’d go to meet people in the community, they’d all sit on the floor and give me a chair. When I’d share a meal, they’d eat with their hands, but give me a spoon. And I’d have to say, ‘No, I’m not doing that,’” she said.

“It was meant to be a showing of honor, but it was based on a false theory — ‘you’re better than me’ — which dates back to the domination of the English colony,” Moore explained. “I spent a good year of my time there breaking down barriers.”

Helping women

Moore worked as a “Women in Development” coordinator, setting up income-generating projects to teach female villagers and school dropouts how to support themselves. That work was imperative, she said, because the men were absent much of the time, working as miners in South Africa.

“They’d drink up their money, come home and make babies, then go back. It was a terrible cycle,” she explained.

Moore, whose Swazi name, Jabulile, means “happiness,” found Swaziland to be a joyful place.

“There was a lot of singing,” she said. “One person leads — always a quarter tone off — then everybody else joins in with these



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Free-spirited fine-art photographer Carolyn Moore has a passion for experimental creations like lumen prints and cyanotypes.

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WRIGHT

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a small-town feel. And we have hot dogs. It’s the important things in life.”

At the main library, she said she’s pleased with the community room that was built during Covid.

“That’s been really successful,” she said.

During her tenure, Wright also loosened rules for obtaining library cards and eliminated fines for overdue books and other items, and she said she encouraged her staff to share their ideas with her.

“The best thing I could do with staff was say, ‘Yes why not? Let’s try it,’” she said, adding that one of the programs that grew from that mindset is the library’s practice of hosting live music.

Wright has spent this week “doing everything all at

once, picking battles and figuring out what loose ends need to be tied up.”

She’s taken careful notes along the way so someone should be able to step in easily as she departs Sept. 5, and she’s excited about moving out of a government- and non-profit-driven world into a new, professional — and fun — environment.

‘Amazing to work with’

“This will be the first time I’ve earned Social Security,” observed Wright, who is 42 and will eventually receive distributions from the state’s California Public Employees Retirement System as a result of her years with the city. In 2024, her total compensation was \$233,159, including \$168,753 in base pay and \$26,909 in retirement contributions, according to payroll records.

In their Friday video Aug. 22, city administrator Chip Rerig and assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson shared the news of Wright’s impending departure and

praised her work here.

“I’m very supportive and happy for her,” Rerig said. “Brandon and I are already thinking about an interim solution.”

Directing his comments to Wright, Rerig said, “You’ve been amazing to work with and so dedicated to patrons, staff and our executive team.”

Swanson observed her successor will have big shoes to fill, and he urged community members to seek Wright out and thank her for her efforts.

“She’s the ‘director of fun,’ as I’ve been calling her for some time,” Rerig remarked.

“I couldn’t have done any of this without the love and support of my parents,” Wright told The Pine Cone, offering props to her family in Oregon.

Disaster kits, AEDs and breakfast

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

‘QUEEN OF Disaster Prep’ Wanda Vollmer will host another session of Carmel Prepares in collaboration with the City of Carmel in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center at Mission and Ninth Sept. 6.

Vollmer is teaming up with officials from the city’s police and fire departments to offer a series of talks and demonstrations focused on safety, emergency preparations and other potentially lifesaving topics. Upcoming is “Build Your Kit, Boost Your Skills,” which will focus on how to build disaster kits and how to administer basic first aid, including use of an AED.

“First aid will be led by Aletha Parker, EMT program director of MPC College and CERT member,” Volmer said.

Along with valuable knowledge and skills, attendees can enjoy breakfast, win raffle prizes and connect with local safety leaders. The class is free.

“Neighbors near and far are all welcome,” she said.

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BRAWL

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the fairgrounds,” he said.

Those claims moved rapidly via texts and social media. A 17-year-old girl and some friends were at the south end of the fairgrounds — where many of the children’s rides are located — when someone in the group received a text message claiming that “somebody had a gun by the kids’ section,” the girl told The Pine Cone, adding that the message had been posted on social media.

Panic, tears

While searching for an exit, the teens, including one who was panicking and crying, saw a fair worker and a police officer talking, according to the girl, who said they seemed unaware of the possible threat.

“The fair worker told the police officer, ‘What are they worked up about?’” the high school student said.

Andrews said no one could provide a description of the alleged gunman, but police couldn’t eliminate the possibility, either.

The girls left the fairgrounds and were picked up by a parent.

Not long after, officers and staff closed the fair early and told people to leave.

“We decided the best thing was to avoid any possible confrontation and undertake a coordinated emptying of the fairgrounds,” with the help of other law enforcement agencies, including Seaside P.D., Andrews said.

Because panicked parents were running up to police and security guards outside the fair and demanding to go in and get their kids, and because authorities couldn’t promise there was no danger, he said, “We

needed to, as quickly as possible, retake control, and the quickest way was to bring in those outside allied agencies and get everyone out of the fairgrounds.”

“Out of an abundance of caution for the safety of patrons, we shut our gates prior to 9 p.m.,” two hours short of the posted closing time, Violini-Rodoni said. “This was done in cooperation with Monterey P.D.”

Andrews said MPD has been investigating the fights at the fair since they occurred and is working some strong leads, but he provided little information for fear of tipping anyone off.

“We’ll keep the cards close to our chest for just a little longer,” he said, adding that he hopes to provide an update next week.

Seaside shooting

While no firearms were found at the fair, Seaside Police are connecting a shooting in their city with that night’s events.

“Tension was pretty high,” with some of those who were apparently involved in the fights moving on to Denny’s, Seaside Police Chief Nick Borges said. “Then we had a shooting. We had two cars — one car was chasing another through Seaside streets — and when they got to the 1300 block of Luzern, someone in the car in back started shooting.”

The shots were wild and didn’t hit anyone, Borges said, and police responded to the area immediately, thanks to the department’s shot-detection system that uses microphones to pinpoint the location of gunfire.

“We got alerted by that system before the first 911 calls came through, so we had officers flooding that area,” he said. They found plenty of evidence of the shooting, including casings, and have “strong leads” on the perpetrators.

“We have good information it was tied to the incident at the fair,” Borges

continued, adding that kids from multiple cities were involved in the melee and that Monterey and Seaside “are the two worst places you can commit crime, because we have resources, and we are relentless.”

He also resented the violence at the fairgrounds and in his city.

“We’re not going to forget about this,” he said. “It’s the fairgrounds. This is where families go. It’s a great time of year, the weather is amazing, and you go and you enjoy being there.”

Those who started and engaged in the fights, whatever the reason, ruined the experience for thousands of other people — not just attendees, but vendors who lost out on sales.

“It’s not OK,” Borges said.

Seaside Police detective Hector Huizar is investigating the shooting, and Borges is confident he’ll track down those involved.

“We’re grateful no one was hit, but I’m so angry at the same time that somebody thought they were going to shoot a gun recklessly at someone, and I have my top detective on it,” he said.

Security, refund questions

Some fairgoers who arrived Saturday just before the shutdown were offered refunds, and organizers allowed those who bought tickets that night to present their receipts for free admission the next two days.

But people who purchased wristbands for carnival rides weren’t so well accommodated, because the fair contracts out the rides to Helm & Sons, a Colton-based carnival vendor.

“We spent over \$200 on wristbands and only got to go on one ride before everything shut down,” one mother said.

Helm & Sons did respond to inquiries from The Pine Cone.

Also in the aftermath, some questioned the robustness of security measures at the gates.

“My husband literally said at the time, ‘If I had a gun on me, they would’ve never found it,’” a woman remarked, and the teen observed that “they waved the wand like a second.”

Violini-Rodoni said security was ramped up and attendance was limited on Sunday, and she promised more thorough checks will be implemented next year to avoid a recurrence.

“The last two days of the fair, we increased police presence and limited Sunday admission to 12,000 people. We additionally re-ensured that all gate admission and security protocols, such as our clear bag policy and metal detection wandering, were being implemented,” she said.

“For future events, the Monterey County Fair will be implementing walk-through metal detectors,” Violini-Rodoni continued. “The safety of our community and our patrons is at the heart of everything we do at the fair, and we want to ensure that the fair remains an event where family fun is put first.”

Fair spokesperson Tayler Baldwin reported that overall, the four-day event had mixed attendance and financial results compared to 2024.

Opening day Thursday saw a 21 percent increase in attendance over 2024, while Friday’s rose 3 percent.

The weekend had lower turnouts due to the early closure Saturday evening and a cap of 12,000 patrons Sunday, while closing day Monday got a boost, with a 14 percent increase. The net result was a 3 percent drop in attendance compared to last year.

Financial performance reflected a similar split due to Saturday’s fights, which curtailed carnival revenue by 12 percent compared to last year, while vendor concessions rose 4 percent, “underscoring consistent demand for food and merchandise even with slightly reduced overall attendance.”

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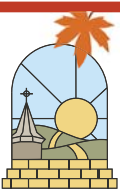
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ing as a store clerk. Ramos pulled a gun from his waistband and pointed it at Doe telling her to “give him everything she had.” Doe gave him about \$900 from the cash register. After Doe gave Ramos the money, he demanded at gunpoint that she give him a ride. Doe and Ramos got into her vehicle and she drove away from the gas station. Doe drove the vehicle to the Carr Lake area of Salinas. Once there Ramos forced Doe to orally cop-

ulate him while the gun was pointed at her head. Ramos then attempted to take Doe’s pants off to rape her, but she was able to get away from him. Doe then ran from the scene, leaving her vehicle behind. A good Samaritan returned Doe’s vehicle to the gas station after Ramos fled.

This case was investigated by Salinas Police Detective Scott Sutton as well as other Salinas Police officers. The victim in this case was assisted by district attorney victim advocate Mayra Sandoval.

Ramos will be sentenced to 45 years in prison and will be required to register as a sex offender for life.



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CRASH

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“We’re probably not even 100 feet off the ground, and I turn us downslope and see an oak tree about 200 feet away,” he recalled. “Our speed is 60 and decreasing, and I told her, ‘I’m going to try to stall us on top of this tree — that’s the only way to cushion the impact.’

“We’re about 30 or 40 feet off the ground, and I pull up and stall the plane on top of the tree,” he continued. “The tree buckled and put us on the ground on the other side on the belly and the nose.”

The wings crumpled in the impact and began leaking fuel, but the fuselage remained intact — as it’s designed to do, Fleming pointed out. Together, he and his passenger kicked out the door and managed to climb free. While there was no cell service, he reached a 911 operator via satellite, and the California Highway Patrol sent an aircraft to locate their crash site.

“A CHP Cessna circled overhead and found us in 20 or 30 minutes, and then Cal Fire came over in their helicopter and hoisted us out.”

The two were taken by ambulance to Natividad Medical Center for treatment but were released with just minor injuries.

Relied on training

“I’ve had over 30 years’ flying experience, but this is the first time something like this has happened,” said Fleming, a former Marine who has some 8,000 hours under his belt as a flight instructor and had roughly 3,000 to 3,500 hours at the stick in the plane that crashed. Among his specialties are aerobatics and how to properly respond to emergencies, and he’s flown various aircraft in different capacities throughout his career.

He credited his experience and training, and the calmness of his passenger, with the fact they were basically uninjured in the crash.

“Once I realized we’re not going to get out of this and we’re going to have to crash

land, you get that spark of panic in you and then you push past that and do what you need to do,” he said.

Flying is no more dangerous than driving, he added — “it’s just that when something happens, you can’t simply pull over to the side of the road and call AAA.”

Now, he’s dealing with insurance and



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When his single-prop plane started losing altitude and failed to respond to efforts to pull up, the pilot had to stall it onto a tree.

the National Transportation Safety Board, which is investigating. It won’t be until that analysis is complete that he’ll know exactly what failed on the aircraft.

While the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office reported Fleming had “noticed his aircraft was leaking fuel prior to going down” he said that’s untrue. He speculated the misinformation might have come from someone misunderstanding his call to 911, when he told the operator the wings were leaking fuel — because they were crushed in the crash, not before that.

The NTSB confirmed Monday that it is investigating the Aug. 31 crash. “Preliminary information indicates the pilot was practicing maneuvers, and at the end of the maneuver, the airplane did not respond,” the agency said. “The pilot made an emergency landing. The wreckage is expected to be recovered in the next few days.”

she added. The home was not designated historic or architecturally significant when Mehdipour bought it.

Before voting, Lopez recused himself “because I will probably vote on this again,” suggesting that the issue could come before the California Coastal Commission, which he serves on. His colleagues, meanwhile, approved the home with a slew of conditions that address its height and footprint limitations “to ensure the house is constructed within the limits shown in the plans that were approved.”

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By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

ON ANY given day here in the Canine Capital of the Country, we can see a prevalence of golden retrievers, Labradors, cavaliers and cattle dogs cavorting along that arc of white sand known as Carmel Beach. Yet the most commonly chronicled dog throughout the year is the poodle: the toys, the miniatures, the standards, and mixed breeds, also known as the hyphenate-doodles.

Labradoodles, golden doodles, Bernedoodles, sheepadoodles, cavapoos, Aussiedoodles, cockapoos, schnoodles. You get the picture.

Which is why, in 2009, neighbors Sue Rose and Barbara Sedelmeyer, while heading up the hill from Carmel Beach, decided to create Poodle Day on behalf of NorCal Poodle Rescue. Because despite the breed’s popularity, some still have no place to call home.

The nonprofit organization was founded in 1985 by the late, highly respected Blue Skies Standard Poodles breeder, Patty Moulthrop, who firmly believed, “If I’m going to breed poodles, I also must do rescue.”

“We knew, in a community that loves dogs, particularly poodles, we could create a successful event that showcases this family-friendly breed,” celebrating “visiting and resident” canines, said Rose. Organizers also wanted to support the NorCal rescue group while “inviting the community to come out and have fun.”

Rose loves poodles, particularly the standards. After all, she said, they’re sweet, smart, soft, and they don’t shed. “They’re cuddly and kind, and, particularly when they’re young, so cute,” she said.

Rose put her plan into play and created a website, poo-

dleday.com, which lists the array of activities she and her volunteer crew have developed. Registration for poodles and people is \$62 and runs through Oct. 1, or until the event reaches 500 dogs.

Although the morning parade on Saturday, Oct. 4, may be the event’s highlight, the pageantry begins with Friday-night wine tastings at Chalone Vineyard Tasting Room at Carmel Plaza and De Tierra Vineyards Tasting Room on Fifth near Mission. Both small venues will welcome two dozen people and their pets at \$70 per person. Social events are limited to registered participants in the Poodle Day and can be accessed at poodleday.com.

Allegro Pizza at The Barnyard will welcome adults, families and pets to settle into its new garden seating and enjoy two large pieces of pizza, Caesar or green salad, and one glass of beer on tap, wine, or soft drink for \$40 per person. Additional beverages will be served at happy hour prices.

Meanwhile, Carmel’s Mad Dogs & Englishmen will host a cocktail party (\$70) celebrating poodles and their people. They recommend people and pets dress to impress as they enjoy a handcrafted cocktail or glass of wine, or Puptinis for the four-legged set.

And all that revelry is only the first night’s festivities.

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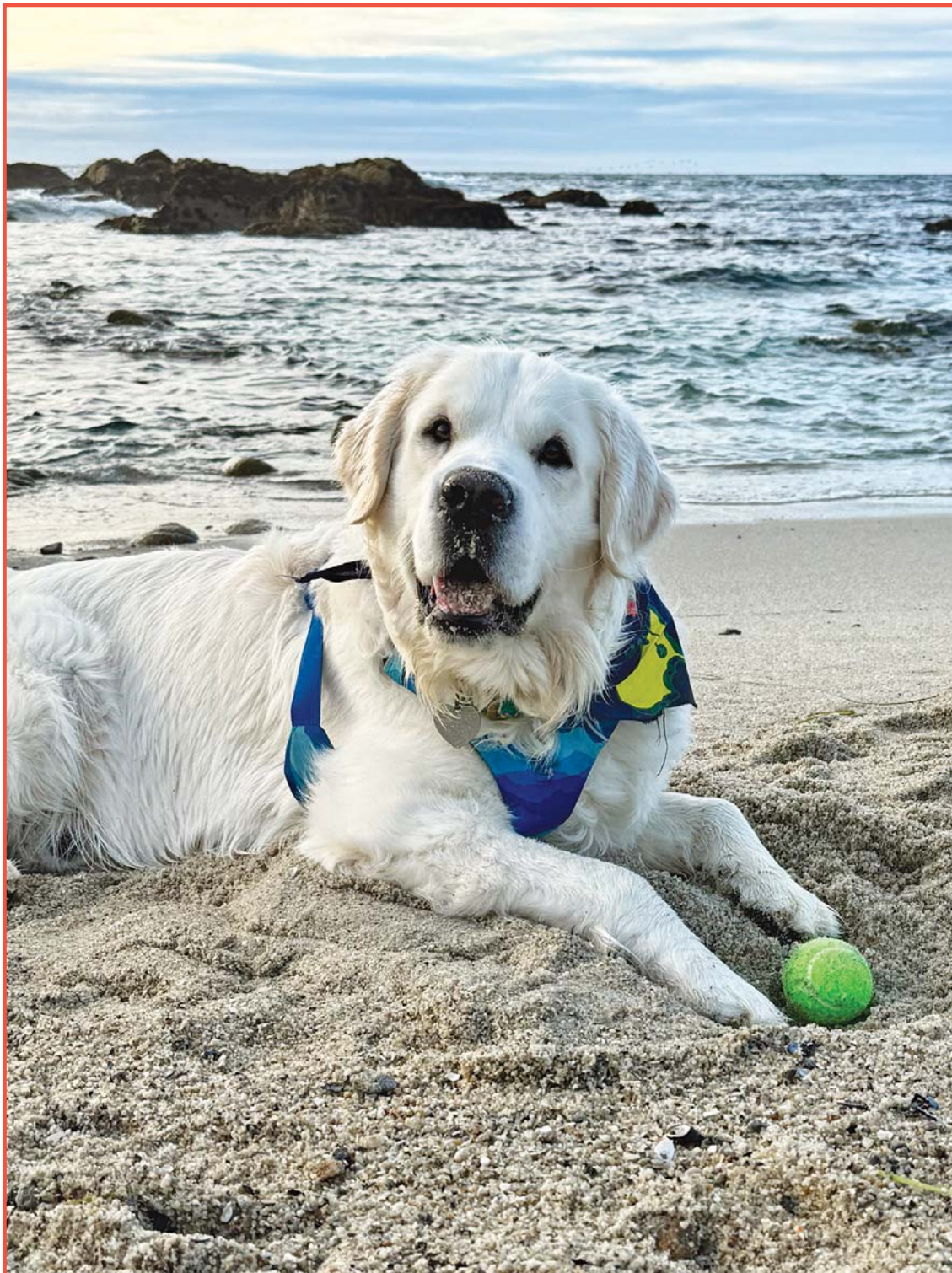
The highlight of weekend begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, with the Poodle Day Parade at the Crossroads shopping center. Launched by the soul-stirring skirl of



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So much more than just a walk in the park

By SALLY BAHO

HAVE YOU ever looked down into your dog’s sweet face and wished you could take him on more walks and adventures, to see new places and have some fun?

Leah Mendonca might just be able to help. She started Monterey Dog as a resource for pet owners who love their best friends as much as she does. Mendonca has spent her whole life around canines. “When I moved out of my parents’ house in my 20s, there were only one or two months when I didn’t have a dog,” she said.

Even then, she quickly fixed that and adopted a 1-year-old husky, Malibu. At the time, she and her now-husband were living in Alberta, Canada, in a rural area where they didn’t know many people.

“There were no resources for pet parents,” she said. She was hoping for some information on trails and advice on safety, or maybe suggestions on good places to take Malibu. That’s when the seed was planted for Monterey Dog.

Safety, security

When she moved to the Monterey Peninsula about a year ago for her husband’s job, she turned her passion into enterprise, and she has created a popular and success-



Leah Mendonca has it all mapped out.

ful business. In fact, she just hired her first two employees.

“We offer walks and adventures for dogs,” Mendonca said. Oh, and there are trail maps — Mendonca, who has a background in graphic design, is also avid about being outdoors, making her the perfect person for that job. The business also hosts community events where people can meet like-minded dog lovers, which can be a great way to socialize.

Monterey Dog will happily pick up your pooch from your house — or any location of your choosing — take them for a walk and bring them home. The staff carry pet first aid kits on all their walks and adventures and know how to use them, thanks to American Red Cross certifications. Mendonca said the company prioritizes the safety and security of four-legged friends.

Walks are specifically tailored to your furry best friend, range from 30 to 60 minutes, and are based in your neighborhood. Monterey Dog’s staff will even incorporate the training you’ve been working on, whether it be socialization in busy areas, leash training, reducing reactivity, and more.

Dog adventures are a level above a straightforward walk, taking your pup out of the neighborhood and somewhere new and exciting like the beach or a trail. Adventures are a minimum of 90 minutes but can be as long as all day and anywhere in Monterey Dog’s service area — Carmel, Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove and Monterey.

Walkers have done high-energy hikes at Garland Ranch Regional Park, morning runs around Carmel-by-the-Sea, off-leash days at Carmel Beach, and more. Mendonca said there are also group walks and adventures, because everything is better in a pack.

Mom’s day out

Monterey Dog also offers services for visitors to our lovely peninsula. One of the most popular is the “aquarium walk,” which takes them on the coastal trail while their moms and dads visit the Monterey Bay Aquarium, play a round of golf, or sneak off for a romantic date.

Headed out of town? Dog-sitting services are also available. They range from extended drop-ins, to overnights, plus signature stays for 24/7 care for your dog in



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Finally, perhaps remembering her feelings of isolation in Alberta, Mendonca said Monterey Dog hosts free community

events for dogs and their owners such as “Golden Hour Meet-Ups”— sunset social events at Del Monte Beach or Spanish Bay — and “Surfing with Your Dog,” which is just what it sounds like.

“One of the best things is hearing everyone’s story about their dogs,” Mendonca said. Learn more and join the community at themontereydog.com or on Instagram @montereydogco.



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the bagpipes played by Michel d’Avenas and followed by welcoming remarks from Crossroads general manager Cynthia Buhl and emcee and parade announcer Gerard Mattimoe.

The parade begins between Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Company and Crossroads BBQ, progresses down the end of the boulevard between BreadSong and Weber Goldsmith Gallery, makes a U-turn, and concludes where it began.

“Sue Rose came to us all those years ago with her idea to raise charitable funds through a weekend of poodle events, and asked if she could stage the parade at our shopping center,” said Buhl. “My immediate answer was, ‘Of course!’ We are so dog-centric on the Peninsula, and people spend just as much money on their dogs as they do themselves.

“Sue is a class act and has put together this amazing event, which hosts more than 500 dogs and a thousand people. And there’s not a single dog fight or bite among the dogs — or their people,” Buhl said.

The parade will progress in ascending order of size, from the toys to the standards, and everyone in between. Prizes will be awarded for each category of poodle, both au naturel and in costume, except for the standards, the largest class of entrants, who will vie for prizes for au naturel and for costume in each of the breed’s colors — black-and-grey, white, off-white-and-cream, apricot, red, brown, and particolored.

“I wanted to make it a different kind of parade than anywhere else, so we announce where people are from, plus their names and their poodle’s name,” said Rose. “This inspires the pride in having a dog. Whether it’s a



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poodle or a mixed-breed, they’re all special.”

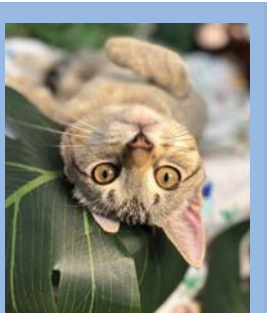
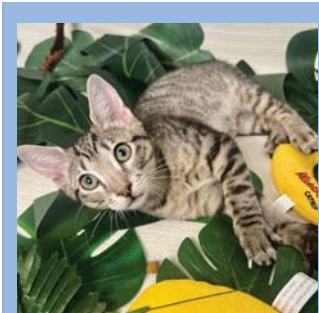
Following the parade, participants and their poodles, plus spectators, head to Carmel Beach for what dogs do best: race around in the surf and sand. The frolicking is free and open to all.

The afterparties

Rose said, “Fabulous ticketed parties on Saturday evening will conclude the Poodle Day festivities and allow tired poodles to relax in luxury while their human companions enjoy beverages, hors d’oeuvres and conversation.”

The Cypress Inn on Lincoln Street will present a cocktail party on Saturday evening featuring hors d’oeuvres and two glasses of wine, beer or soft drinks for \$82 per person. Meanwhile, VIN By-the-Sea on Dolores Street between Fifth and Sixth will have a cocktail party priced at \$76 per person.

And, from 5 to 7 p.m., The Crossroads Barbecue will present its annual Poodle Day dinner for 100 ticketed adults plus children and pets, offering a tri-tip meal or a



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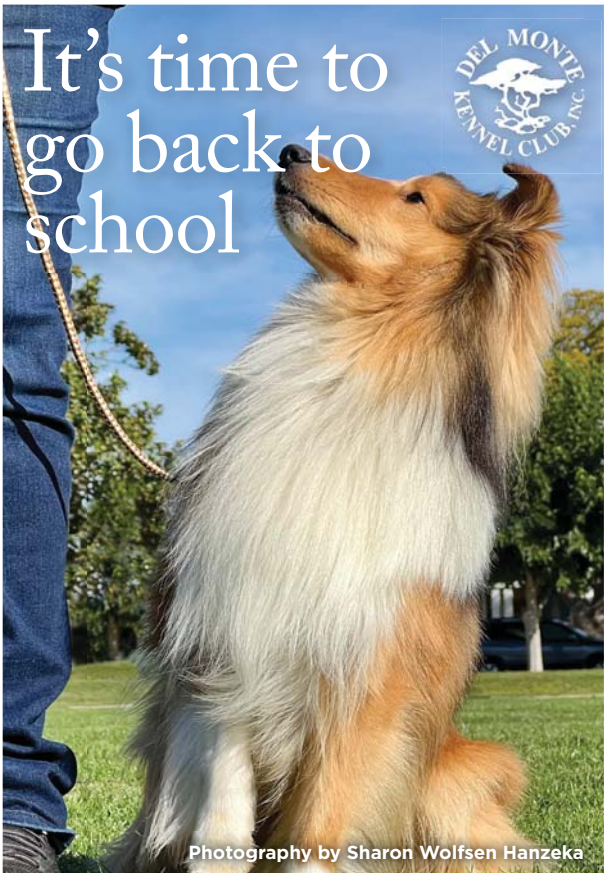
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Flag football emerges with experienced players and evolving rules

TWO YEARS ago, when girls flag football was essentially an intermural activity, coaches and players were learning the ABCs of the game together.

Last fall, when the California Interscholastic Federation sanctioned it as a varsity sport, a language began to evolve.

Now, as the 2025 season gets underway, 17 schools in the Pacific Coast Athletic League are writing the early chapters in the history of the fastest growing girls sport in America.

“I’m excited to be on the forefront of that,” said CHS coach Phil Johnston, who, in 2023 and 2024, was looking for ways to turn cave drawings into comprehensible terminology and strategy.

This year, for the first time, Johnston has an invigorating new weapon at his disposal: returning letter-winners — players who have “been there, done that” and are eager to step into leadership roles.

Experience makes a difference

“It’s like night and day. Almost all of the girls on our varsity squad have two or three years of experience now,” said Johnston, a Carmel High alum (’06) who played linebacker at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where younger sibling Ken (’09) was a quarterback, and older brother Pat (’03) was part of the coaching staff as a graduate assistant.

“The nuances of flag football are very different from tackle football, beginning with the fact that it’s a seven-on-seven game, as opposed to 11 per side, it’s a noncontact sport, and all of your players are eligible receivers,” he

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

said. “The rules are different when it comes to formations, how many offensive players can go in motion before the snap, things you can and can’t do as a blocker ... and the rulebook is evolving.”

A new rule this season changes the way defenses can pressure the passer.

Previously, a team was permitted to rush only two players at a time, and they were required to start from 7 yards behind the line of scrimmage.

“This year’s rulebook allows any number of players to



All-Division junior Delilah Herro (left) brings game-breaking speed to the running back position and plays cornerback on defense. Senior Josie Hanson (right) runs the offense as the returning starter at quarterback and earned first-team all-division honors as a safety.

rush the passer, and they get to start their blitz from 1 yard off the line of scrimmage,” Johnston said. “That really changes things. While they’re trying their best to make it a noncontact sport, this rule is almost inviting contact, and it’s pretty nerve-racking.”

Talented quarterbacks

The good news is that Josie Hanson, a senior, is beginning her third year as Carmel’s starting quarterback.

“She’s extremely fast, she’s very experienced, she knows the offense, she’s very smart, and she’s really good at making quick decisions,” the coach said.

Hanson is likely to share some snaps this season with rocket-armed sophomore Kealani Sagin, who transferred to Carmel from Santa Catalina, which has no flag football program. Hanson’s superpower is the ability to throw a football 40 yards downfield, Johnston said.

Another deterrent to blitz-happy defenses is junior Delilah Herro, a first-team All-Mission Division running back with game-breaking speed.

Herro figures to share the position with multisport standout Ava Staehle, another speedster who will also split time between flag football and another fall sport, field hockey, in which she earned second-team All-PCAL hon-

ors last season as a junior.

Staehle also is expected to be a threat as a wide receiver, a spot that already boasts Anna Rasmussen, a second-team all-division pass catcher last year as a sophomore.

“Anna goes about her business very quietly, but she’s great at running her routes and has really good hands,” said Johnston, who was a three-time all-league receiver for the Padres in ’03, ’04 and ’05.

Ella Grahll, a heady, athletic junior, is another glue-fingered inside receiver and returning letter-winner.

Starting wideouts on the left and right side of the offense are Bella Rodriguez, a junior, and Zana Balaban, a senior, and Carmel’s starting center, junior Pearl Burttschell, is yet-another capable pass catcher. Flag football newcomer Journey Pascone, a junior, is a fleet-footed track athlete who could develop into a deep threat for the Padres.

The starting defense is populated with most of the same names, with Staehle and junior Ava Daniels as starting linebackers.

“Ave Daniels is going to be my defensive guru this year,” Johnston said. “She has a high football IQ and she’s a leader — she demands a lot of herself, and also from her

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teammates.”

A deep and talented secondary features Rodriguez, a second-team all-division defender, at one cornerback spot, and Balaban at the other.

“Bella is our flag-pulling machine out there, and probably was our best defender last year as a freshman,” the coach said. “Zana, a senior, also is extremely talented at pulling flags, and probably is our most vocal leader.

The quarterbacks — Hanson and Sagin — are the safeties, along with Herro.

“I like having quarterbacks at safety because they tend to see the field better than most players,” Johnston said. “They know what to look for, because their seeing

11-3), King City (21-7, 9-5), Alisal (10-7, 8-6), Watsonville (12-14, 8-6), and Monterey (8-11-1, 5-9).

Two notable additions to Johnston’s coaching staff also promise to make a significant difference.

Input from Dad

Carmel’s junior varsity team, which didn’t exist a year ago, will be coached by Craig Johnston — Phil’s father. He was head coach of the Padres’ varsity boys team for 17 years before retiring to follow his three sons at Cal Poly.

“My dad still helps out my older brother, Pat, who is head coach at San Luis Obispo High, on game nights down there, but the flag football commitment is basically Monday through Thursday with games on Mondays and Wednesdays,” Phil Johnston said.

“He’ll also be on the sidelines for my varsity games, and I’ll be beside him for our JV games.”

The other new coach, Nick Cunningham, was a track and football star at Monterey High, then became a three-time member of the U.S. Olympic bobsled team.

“In flag football, speed is the name of the game, and Nick has been helping us out with a lot of speed stuff,” the coach said. “But he’s also very knowledgeable about football, with a real passion for the sport, and he brings a really fun energy onto the field.”

The Padres opened their season against Alisal on Friday and played King City on Wednesday — both home games. They’ll play a 5:45 p.m. road game on Monday at Monterey High, then return home Wednesday to face Palma at 3:15 p.m.

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Junior Anna Rasmussen brings quiet leadership and reliable hands to a deep core of wide receivers, a position at which she was second-team All-Mission in 2024.

the game from a flipped perspective.

After last year’s 6-6 season (9-6 overall) in the PCAL’s Mission Division, Carmel has been elevated this fall into the tougher Gabilan Division along with 2024 Mission champ St. Francis (23-4, 18-0) and Palma (13-4-1, 13-3).

Gabilan holdovers include 2024 champion Hollister (16-5, 13-1), Salinas (17-5,



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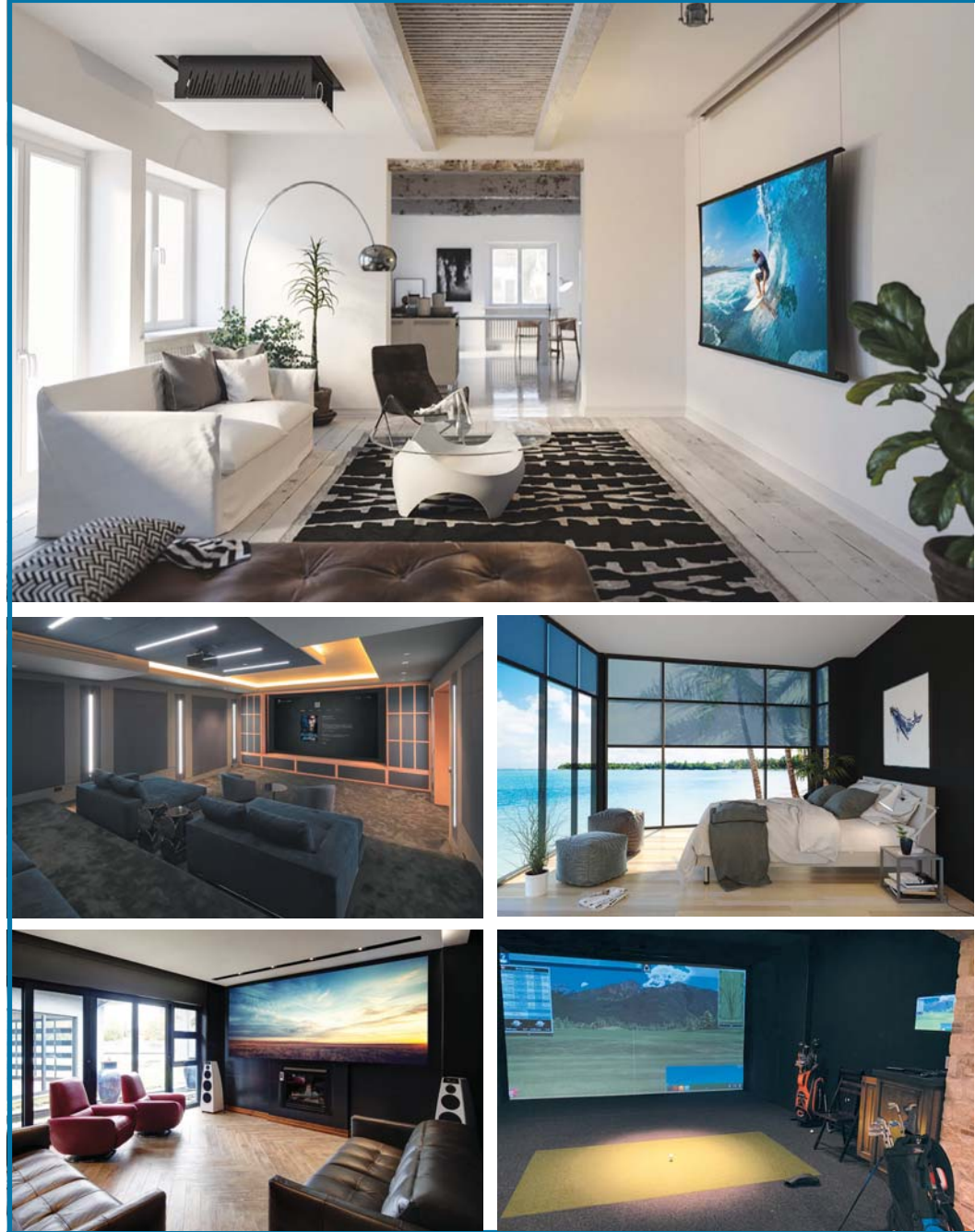
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LIFE PARTNERS as well as creative collaborators, Carol Chapman and Fred Slautterback share their latest work Friday at Sunset’s Center’s Marjorie Evans Gallery, which will have a reception for the artists at 5 p.m.

Both have pursued a surprising variety of mediums. Chapman is a painter, a sculptor and a mixed-media artist, using her creativity to explore “how light and shadow, and color and composition can transform the ordinary into something meaningful.”

Slautterback, meanwhile, delves into “balance, materiality, and innovation” across a range of media — from watercolor and fiber, to heated industrial plastics.

“I approach each idea as an explorer, experimenting with materials, methods and processes in pursuit of that elusive ‘aha’ moment,” he explains.

The show — one of many that is opening in the coming days and weeks during a busy time of year for arts events — will be on display through Sept. 30. The gallery is located in Sunset Center at San Carlos and Ninth.

students,” according to the group. “These pieces reflect not just individual expression, but a shared belief that making art is essential for ourselves and for those we teach. In these works, you’ll find risk,

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

reflection, and exploration — the same values we nurture in the classroom.”

Also new at the art center are shows by the Image Makers photography group (“Embracing Light”), coffee stain artist Ghassan Saeb (untitled), painters and poets Jevin Lee Albuquerque, Tonni Lynn Albuquerque and Katieann Vogel (“Art Fusion”) and the Image Makers photography group (“Embracing Light”).

The gallery is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave. pgartcenter.org

■ Taking a ‘Sojourn’

Known for her textured oil paintings of women, René Romero Schuler shares her

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■ All that jazz

The fine art of photography meets the cool sounds of jazz in a show that’s opening Friday at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts. Titled “Monterey Jazz – A Visual Legacy,” the display captures the many facets of the festival — which debuted in 1958 and is the longest continuously running jazz festival in the world.

“The exhibition features a curated collection of iconic and rarely seen images by Monterey Jazz Festival photographers Craig Lovell, Patrick Tregenza and others,” the Cherry Center said. “Together, these artists capture the intimacy, energy and artistry of some of the world’s most legendary jazz performers – as well as the unmistakable spirit of Monterey’s storied jazz scene.”

An opening public reception is set for Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. The show continues through Oct. 4. The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe.

■ Art by art teachers

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PAINTINGS

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latest work in the show, “Sojourn,” which opens Friday at Westbrook Modern, which hosts a public reception at 4 p.m.

Schuler’s art “blends abstraction to examine the complexities of the human experience.” “I don’t paint faces. I paint energies. I paint the invisible threads that connect us, the things we feel but don’t always know how to name,” she explains.

The keynote speaker for the Community Foundation for Monterey County’s recent Women’s Fund Luncheon, Schuler spoke to over 600 people about her experience overcoming homelessness as a teenager and becoming a self-made artist.

The exhibit continues through Sept. 12. The gallery is located on Dolores between Ocean and Seventh.

■ Capturing a moment

Complementing a 50-year retrospective show of Winston Swift Boyer’s photographs at Gallery Sur are two Q&A sessions with the artist — the first one is set for Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., and the second is scheduled Sept. 13 at 5 p.m.

As a photographer Boyer is as much a storyteller as he is a technician.

“One of the strengths of photography is its documentary effect, capturing a moment of the photographer and the subject matter together, keeping the finished photograph close to that experience,” he says. “Beyond being a dynamic shot, it is also a living story.”

Boyer’s exhibit will be on display through October. 5. The gallery is located on Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln.

■ ‘A Trilogy of Technique’

New at the Gallery at Del Mesa is a group show by photographer Dixie Dixon, ceramicist Bonnie Pond and printmaker Gloria Shaw. Titled, “A Trilogy of Techniques,” the exhibit continues through Oct. 26.

According to the gallery, Dixon’s display features “stunning, one-of-a-kind hand-colored photographs,” while



Artist René Romero Schuler has a new show that opens Friday at Westbrook Modern.

Pond explores the possibilities of working with mosaics. Shaw creates “beautiful monotypes with captivating a blend of printmaking and textural influences.”

An opening reception is set for Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. The gallery, which is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., is at 500 Del Mesa Dr.

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LETTERS

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at 7th & Dolores (including all structures and surrounding open space) has been recognized as historic at the state level. That status requires projects to comply fully with local, state, and federal preservation laws. Despite clear mandates laid out by the Secretary of the Interior, no developer has yet proposed a project for this site that meets them.

Since 2021, as the current developers began drafting their proposed project, the community has repeatedly reached out. Through direct invitations, public comments, and written submissions, former officials, architects, historians, and citizens have volunteered thousands of hours to helping this project come into compliance. Yet, that process has not succeeded. Even the historic assessment, mandated by law precisely in order to reveal

compliance issues, was never completed.

Unfortunately, the public has no way to fix this input process while it’s still underway. The only option is to appeal, and appeals are only allowed after the planning commission approves a project. Yes, this requires applicants to spend time preparing intermediary design drawings. But putting in time does not equal legal compliance.

A project only complies with the law when it complies with the law. And if that historic assessment had been done early, everyone, from owners to architects to staff to commissioners, would have known the legal design parameters from the very beginning. As folks in Carmel understand, the fastest way forward is not rushing ahead but investing early in learning a property’s history and the laws that govern it.

Victoria Beach,
Carmel

Follow the Law

Dear Editor,

In your recent editorial, it closes by

saying that developers in Carmel should be given the benefit of the doubt and that, “No changes to their plans will be imposed except ones specifically required by law.”

But that is exactly why the current controversy exists. The project under discussion simply does not follow the law. It exceeds size and coverage limits. It falls short on parking requirements. And most troubling, it encroaches upon a state-recognized historic resource. These are not subjective judgments or matters of taste — they are clear violations of Carmel’s planning rules.

No one in this community should expect special treatment, whether a long-time homeowner or a non-resident developer. If a project meets the legal requirements, it deserves approval. If it doesn’t, it should be revised until it does. That is the bedrock principle of fairness in Carmel’s planning process.

This debate is not about resisting change or rejecting investment. It is about ensuring that growth happens within the rules that safeguard our town’s character and heritage. To ignore those rules would set a dangerous precedent and put Carmel’s future at risk.

The editorial is right: Applicants should be free to build without arbitrary demands as long as they meet the requirements by law.

Dee Borsella,
Carmel

ADU rules needed

Dear Editor,

The City of Carmel desperately needs an ADU policy. Many ADU’s are being built all over the city without sufficient guidance from the city. Theoretically, many of those units are going to be used for affordable housing. But will the owners lease the units and at affordable prices?

In addition, many ADU’s are being built without consideration of their impact on immediate neighbors and neighborhoods. One such unit was built in our neighborhood that significantly impacted a neighbor negatively.

Why doesn’t the city require those who want to build ADUs to put up story poles and post a notice so local residents have an opportunity address any issues that may

affect their property? They should also create a registry of those that will be rented out at affordable prices.

The lack of policy has resulted in missteps, bruised feelings among neighbors and questionable building designs.

Carol Kahn,
Carmel

Don’t punish visitors

Dear Editor,

During every major holiday weekend in Carmel, visitors may feel stressed in a way that should be totally unnecessary. On Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends, when people flock to our village in search of beauty, shopping, and dining, they often find themselves saddled with a parking citation. This practice does not reflect the spirit of hospitality that Carmel prides itself on.

The city has already shown it can handle peak crowds creatively. During Car Week, for example, parking patrols are suspended and shuttle service runs from the baseball field. Visitors feel welcomed, businesses benefit from extended shopping and dining time, and the focus is on celebration rather than enforcement. If this flexible approach works for Car Week, why not for our major holiday weekends — weekends that bring just as many people into town?

The two-hour parking limit may work on quiet weekdays, but it is unrealistic when crowds swell. Families want to enjoy a meal and then shop. Couples want to explore galleries and then linger at a café. Employees already struggle to find spaces and tickets only make matters worse. A four-hour limit on holidays would provide enough breathing room for visitors to fully experience Carmel while still allowing turnover in our limited parking supply.

Our community thrives when people linger, discover, and connect. A rigid two-hour cap sends the wrong message — that Carmel values ticket revenue over a welcoming atmosphere. We should be treating our busiest weekends with the same level of thoughtfulness and generosity that we extend during Car Week.

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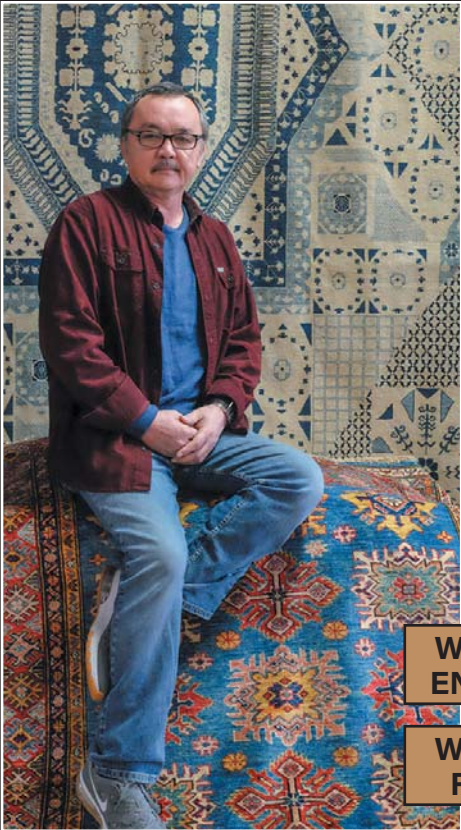
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venir. Let’s use common sense and compassion: extend limits, suspend ticketing, and let holiday weekends be about enjoyment, not enforcement.

Dave Ransone,
Carmel

The cost of water

Dear Editor,

Cal Am’s desal will not lower the cost of water as Jack Angel believes. No matter how much water Cal Am produces, if the cost goes up, demand goes down.

The reason demand is at a historic low is cost. It should be obvious that paying for a \$500 million desal plant will raise costs further. The CPUC Public Advocates Office estimates desal will add 50 percent to 70 percent to our water bills.

Removing the tiers would only redistribute cost, lowering it for high end users and increasing it for those who use less. But overall, the cost would be much higher.

The last 30 years of water shortage is history. As of October, the Peninsula will have 5,750 acre-feet a year (AFY) from Pure Water Monterey. All that’s required now is to lift the Cease-and-Desist Order (CDO) to use this new water for housing and growth.

There is no water scarcity, despite what Cal Am’s emails keep telling us. The CPUC decision states our current supply with the PWM Expansion is 11,114 AFY. Our current demand of 9,000 AFY leaves a surplus of 2,114 AFY.

With no water restrictions AMBAG predicts 10 percent growth for the Peninsula over the next 25 years. That would require 10 percent more water or about 900 AFY 25 years from now.

Pure Water Monterey has just given us 5,750 AFY for \$106 million. Why should we pay another \$500 million for a desal plant that would produce 5,376 AFY to satisfy a deficit of 900 AFY 25 years from now?

Cal Am claims it will break ground by the end of the year. But for the record, and we wish The Pine Cone would check it, the CPUC decision on water supply and demand did not authorize Cal Am’s 4.8 mgd desal plant. And that is the authorization Cal Am needs.

Melodie Chrislock,
Monterey

Panhandlers

Dear Editor,

The situation with panhandlers at the intersection of Highway 1 and Rio Road has gotten out of hand As a business owner in the Crossroads, I find myself going through that intersection and making a right turn several times a day.

There are three different men with signs asking for money standing right next to your car if you are waiting for the light to change. They seem to take turns and there was a recent report of one of them attacking the security guard in the Barnyard. This is a dangerous situation and I am always unnerved when I see a single woman in a car roll her window down and hand one of these guys money. It only takes a second for someone to grab your car keys, your purse or just push you aside and get in the car. Please do not encourage this by chatting with these men or giving them money or food. Last Sunday morning, I saw two of them get out of a white 4-door Mercedes with a blonde woman driving which leads me to believe these men are part of an organized scam.

Susie Bauer,
Carmel Valley

STR impacts

Dear Editor,

Recent media coverage of the California Coastal Commission’s certification of the county’s new regulations for short-term rentals in the coastal zone has largely focused on the perspective of vacation rental owners and operators. As a Carmel Highlands resident, I believe it’s time the conversation around commercial vacation rentals includes the real-life impacts on the people who live here.

The unchecked proliferation of commercial vacation rentals over the past few years has had serious consequences for our coastal community. Homes once available to local families have been converted into investment properties. These are highly profitable operations that have displaced full-time rental housing for people who live and work here.

My neighborhood has been overrun with unregulated mini-hotels, with single-family homes sleeping 10 to 20 guests. This overwhelms aging infrastructure, particularly septic systems, leading to sewage overflows and other

environmental hazards.

Living next to these commercial vacation rentals, residents have had to deal with a constant turnover of large groups of people, loud parties, overflowing trash, late night food deliveries, and garages converted into game rooms. This activity has degraded the peace and safety of our neighborhood. It is also unsettling not knowing who is living next door from day to day.

Residents and supporters of these new regulations have been unfairly portrayed as opposing coastal access or labeled as NIMBYs. In reality, we are simply asking for our rights as residents to be respected in areas zoned residential. While some may feel that arguments about affordable visitor access went unheeded, I feel someone is finally heeding concerns raised by residents about commercial vacation rental operations.

Thankfully, the majority of Monterey County supervisors and California Coastal Commissioners recognized the need for regulation and acted accordingly. Their decision to implement the new rules reflects a commitment to restoring balance, protecting local housing, and preserving the character and safety of our coastal communities.

Susan Kellermann,
Carmel Highlands

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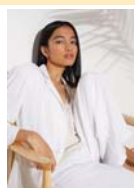


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ARTIST

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intricate harmonies that are so beautiful. The women sang as we walked to the river to do our laundry, walked to the hill to meet the midwife, walked to visit somebody — always with a trail of kids behind us.”

Her final day was particularly memorable.

“Two young guys scooped me up, put me in a wheelbarrow and ran me into the town center, where a bunch of people were waiting for me,” she reminisced. “It was jubilation, and it warmed my heart.”

At 26, Moore was hired by the Peace Corps as a consultant in Swaziland’s capital city, Mbabane.

She returned to UC Berkeley a year later to finish her degree in music, then returned to the Peace Corps as a desk officer in Washington D.C.

Part of her studies took her to the University of Oslo, in Norway, where for 22 years, she worked in preschool music education, music administration and music therapy. “I loved it there — it became my home,” she said. “If I switched from one language to the other, it was hard to switch back. I still have grammatical problems sometimes.”

Moore’s son, Daniel — 35, married, and father to her two grandkids — is an engineer in Norway.

In 2008, Moore’s wanderlust brought her back to the Peninsula, where, as a fourth-generation Californian, her roots are deep.

Her dad, John Moore — who died in 1963, when Carolyn was 9 — is heavily represented in the Santa Cruz Surfing Museum as one of the earliest members of the sport’s culture there.

“He and my mom, the beach bunny, were a big part of Santa Cruz’s original bohemian scene,” she said of her parents, who both became teachers. She lost her mother, Marietta, in 2020.

They also were artists. John was accomplished as a painter and sculptor. Marietta was known for pressed-flower art, and creative gardening.

‘Didn’t really train me’

Carolyn graduated from Pacific Grove High School in 1971, a year early, with dueling interests in art and music — a conundrum when she was accepted by UC Berkeley and the California School of Arts and Crafts.

“I chose to major in music at Berkeley, which, turns out, was the wrong choice: They didn’t really train me there to do anything more than go for a master’s degree, and I didn’t want to do that,” she said.

Moore has taught music, and she became a professional musician, specializing in flute and drums. She performs locally with Samba Legal, a community group specializing in samba, reggae, Afro, and parade-style rhythms.

She dabbled with photography in 2005, while still in Norway, but her passion grew in 2008, after she joined the Carmel Center for Photographic Art, and 2011, when she joined ImageMakers.

“Having a community of photographers has been amazing,” said Moore, who has served as that group’s director for three years. “As a photographer, I’m really self-taught, but ImageMakers and CPA give me a place to bring questions or ideas, or for honest portfolio reviews. They’re my sounding board.”

Although she began as a digital photographer, Moore has ventured into alternative techniques, including lumen prints, which don’t involve a traditional camera or lens, and others.

Her imaginative portfolio — both black-and-white and color — includes landscapes, seascapes, architecture, florals, portraits and street photography.

Images of her work and additional information can be found at carolynmooreart.com.

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LIVES

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efforts for rhinos from afar and intend to return to South Africa soon, to work with Kock again as he continues his mission.

Retirement rewards

At this stage in their lives, Sunny Miyasaki and Rick Clark are enjoying retirement in Carmel for all the reasons they were drawn here more than 40 years ago. Rick — a “big car guy,” his wife said — spent many years volunteering at The Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance and later worked to create “The Quail, a Motorsports Gathering” with Gordon McCall and the legendary Ed Haber, founder of Quail Lodge and an animal lover who had brought his dogs to the couple for care.

They spend their days at Carmel Valley Athletic Club, walking along Carmel Beach with their pup, Pal, and take as much time as possible with their 2-year-old granddaughter, Haru, which means “Spring” in Japanese.

“Meanwhile, Rick and I feel good knowing rhinos have an advocate in Mike Kock and are in safe sanctuaries in South Africa and are not being poached,” she said. “We know Mike will contact us when he needs us to come.”

Foundation offers Alzheimer’s talk

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE affects more than 6 million people in the United States, but gains have been made in the understanding of the science and biology underlying it and other dementias. Claire Day, who has been on the staff of the Alzheimer’s Association for nearly a quarter-century, is planning to discuss the disease during a free talk hosted by The Carmel Foundation Sept. 10. The association is “a global leader in research, mobilizing the field to advance the vision of a world without Alzheimer’s and all other dementia.”

Better understanding of the science is furthering progress in strategies for prevention, detection, diagnostics and therapeutic interventions, according to Day, a clinical social worker who received her degree from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. She has more than 20 years of experience as a family and professional educator in dementia care.

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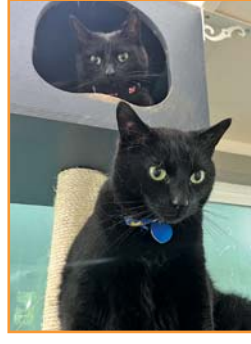


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Carmel sandcastle contest Sept. 14

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE 62ND annual Great Sandcastle Contest returns to Carmel Beach Sept. 14, this year with the theme, “Carmel’s Nature.” Held on the sand between 10th and 12th avenues, the annual contest is hosted by the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and the Monterey Bay chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and participants of all ages are invited to compete.

Sculpting can begin at 7 a.m., with onsite registration opening at 9 a.m. at Scenic Road and 10th, and judging beginning at noon.

Sandcastles must be made of natural materials found at the beach, and no paints, artificial colorings or power tools may be used. Commercial or political advertising is not appropriate, and a project may be disqualified at the judges’ discretion.

Anyone can enter, and everyone is encouraged to bribe the judges — a group that includes local architects and Carmel dignitaries — with food, wine, chair massages and other indulgences, but no cash. Awards they’ll bestow include the Golden Shovel for best of show, the Sour Grapes Award and the Best Theme Award, as well as a Best Kids Award.

For more information, visit ci.carmel.ca.us/community-activities, email communityactivities@ci.carmel.ca.us or call (831) 620-2020.



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Unlike other sandcastle contests which can draw professional entries, Carmel’s contest is a true community event.

HEAD AND NECK PAIN

A CHIROPRACTIC MESSAGE from Dr. Steven MacDonald, D.C.

Dr. MacDonald’s specialty is the Cervical Spine and Skull alignment. The skull and the cervical spine (Cranial-Cervical segment) must be in alignment to keep the rest of the body in balance. This section of the spine houses and protects the most important area of the central nervous system-the brain and brainstem. There are also so many life forces housed here, often called the mouth of God where the skull meets the cervical spine. The nervous system, Cerebral spinal fluid, circulatory system must be able to flow freely here to keep us healthy. Head and neck injuries and stress can misalign this area and interfere with these systems. Old and new injuries can hurt this spinal alignment and then be the cause of many of the symptoms people have today and distort posture later in life. Headaches can occur, balance problems, middle ear problems, neck and shoulder pain, mid and low back pain, poor memory, brain fog, blurred vision, speech, mood, depression, numbness and tingling, constipation, Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue. Cranial-Cervical misalignment can hurt every system in the body. It’s not something to take lightly.

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This Week

Live Music, Clubs and Events

Kearney plays Golden State, dulcimer master teams up with legendary dancer

BRINGING TOGETHER folk, pop, and hip-hop, singer and guitarist **Mat Kearney** takes the stage Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

“Closer to Love,” “Ships in the Night” and “Nothing Left to Lose.” His latest LP, “Still Drowning in Nostalgia,” was released in February.

Tickets start at \$40. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Since bursting onto the scene two decades ago, the Nashville-based musician has released nine studio albums, along with a string of singles that earned airplay, including



Andrea's Fault, featuring singer and guitarist Darrin Michell (left) and singer and multi-instrumentalist Andrea Carter (right), has two shows this week.

■ Instrument showcased

Kicking off its Fall Concert Series Saturday at 7 p.m., St. Mary's By-the-Sea in Pacific Grove welcomes hammered dulcimer master **Simon Chrisman**, who will be joined by dancer **Nic Gareiss**.

According to **Jacqueline Pierce** of St. Mary's, Christmas brings "vitality and energy" to the stage. "We can guarantee you have never heard dulcimer played quite like this," Pierce added. "It is spectacular."

Gareiss has “an international reputation for percussive dance, and has performed with some of the greatest living legends of Scottish and Irish music,” Pierce added.

A dance workshop precedes the show. Tickets for the concert are \$35 for general admission and \$15 for kids. The church is at 146 12th St. For more details, visit celticsociety.org.

■ The sounds of Italy

Besides celebrating the “sights, sounds, flavors, and traditions” of Italy, the 92nd Festa Italia in Monterey features a bounty of live music, including shows by **The Money Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Mike Marotta & Friends** (Saturday at noon and Sunday at 2:45 p.m.), tenor **Pasqual Esposito** (Saturday at 2:45 and 5:15 p.m., Sunday at 1:30 and 4 p.m.), and **The Anthony Lane**



Singer and guitarist Mat Kearney takes the stage Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Band (Saturday at 1:30 and 4 p.m., Sunday at 11:45 a.m. and 5 p.m.).

The family-friendly gathering, which got its start in 1993, is free. For a complete schedule, visit festaitalia-monterey.org.

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FOOD & WINE

A centennial and a nice lunch spot

THIS WEEK we’ve got a truly eclectic bag of goodies. The Carmel Woman’s Club is turning 100. It sounds like those ladies really know how to party, from bubbly to pasta, pizza and more. We also have an update on this weekend’s Festa Italia in

and our community better” by returning to college.

The celebration will take place in the woman’s club across from Sunset Center at San Carlos and Ninth, with a range of purveyors offering plenty of food and drink options.

LadySomm will have a Bubble Bar with mimosas, prosecco and champagne ranging from \$10 to \$85, with 10 percent of bottle

sales benefiting the scholarship fund. Platter Perfection will be serving charcuterie cones, fruit cups and vegetarian options for \$10 to \$15, and specialty coffees, lattes, cold brews and teas will be offered by the

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Soup to Nuts

Monterey, a reason for non-golfers to hit up Edgar’s in Carmel Valley, and a fundraiser for student-athletes. Also, if you want in on some old-fashioned harvest-time canning, Happy Girl Kitchen wants you right back — and they’ll even feed you in exchange for helping them prep lots and lots of tomatoes.

Party for Woman’s Club centennial

The Carmel Woman’s Club is “marking 100 years of community, friendship and philanthropy with a lineup of local culinary and beverage favorites” during Taste the Celebration Sept. 20 from noon to 4 p.m. The party costs \$10 per person, with plenty of options for eating and drinking at reasonable prices, and part of the proceeds will help fund the club’s scholarships.

“Step back in time with historical displays, live music, dancing, vintage photo ops, fun family activities, delicious fare and more — while supporting our Women to Women scholarship fund,” organizers said. The fund supports women “who are committed to making their lives, the lives of their families



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Bean Brigade coffee company for \$5 to \$10.

Café Carmel will be selling cookies, sausage rolls, quiche with salad, and pastries for \$4 to \$10, and the Rio Grill will have signature bites like Castroville artichokes, candied pork belly and Caesar salad for \$14–\$25, with 15 percent of sales going to the scholarship fund.

Fresh pasta and mac n’ cheese bowls will be offered by La Mia Cucina for \$15, Pizza Factory will have whole pizzas for \$20 apiece, and Sweet Elena’s will pre-side over the dessert tray full of signature sweets.

A “special clubhouse moment” will take place at 3:30 p.m. with free coffee and birthday cake, and other freebies include popcorn, ice cream bars, hot dogs and lemonade.

For tickets, go to carmelwomansclub.ticketspice.com/cwc.

Whether you’re driving or just driven, try Edgar’s

If you love the food at Quail Lodge, but you’re looking for a casual lunch or happy hour, consider stopping by Edgar’s at 8205 Valley Greens Drive, just off Carmel Valley Road. Although its clubhouse location might make you think it’s just for duffers, Edgar’s is open to the public with an upscale menu and a pretty nice wine list.

Named for Edgar Haber, who founded



the resort in 1964, it’s open daily for lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Happy Hour is Monday through Thursday from 3 to 6:30 p.m. and Friday through Sunday, 3 to 5 p.m. Dinner is served Friday through Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m., and there’s live music on Fridays, too (see our music calendar for details).

Sous chef Hondo Hernandez has been cooking up some BBQ for the weekend dinners. Specifically, he’s making the Alabama-style stuff known for its unique, mayo-based white sauce, which was invented by a fellow named Big Bob Gibson, late proprietor of a 100-year-old barbecue restaurant in that state.

Hernandez’s version is made for two, and comes with a half BBQ chicken, spare-ribs and brisket, corn bread, cole slaw,

bread and butter pickles, and two kinds of sauce, including the aforementioned white style, all for \$48. Other weekend offerings include lasagna for \$26 on Fridays, beef Wellington (\$45) Saturdays, and prime rib (\$39) on Sundays.

Wings and salads

But, hey, we started out this whole thing with lunch — and it’s a lovely variety. Shareable apps and snacks include a Bavarian pretzel served with bier cheese and grain mustard sauce for \$11 and barbecue, Buffalo or plain wings for \$12 to \$20. There are soups and salads, like a tossed Cobb for \$20 and The Lady Betty salad, which comes with roast chicken, curry, basmati rice, golden raisins, almond slivers, greens and chili flakes for \$17.

There are four flatbreads — mushroom, Italian sausage and artichoke with confit garlic, the ubiquitous Margherita with fresh mozzarella and cherry and preserved tomatoes, and pepperoni — and seven sandwiches to choose from. Street tacos are also on offer for \$6 apiece, and you can

have them made into quesadillas for \$12 each. Full-fledged chicken, salmon, steak and vegetarian entrees range from \$20 to \$30 and assorted desserts round out the meal.

There’s a full bar and wine selections include local pours under \$20 a glass from Bernardus alongside Moët & Chandon Rosé Imperial for \$105 a bottle, with plenty of interesting suggestions in between. Visit quailodge.com for more info and to make reservations.

Happy Girl in a pickle

Happy Girl Kitchen at 173 Central Ave. in Pacific Grove is looking for help with a bumper crop of tomatoes. From now through October, the staff is looking for volunteers to spend four hours apiece helping to de-stem and chop the harvest for canning on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8 to 4 p.m.

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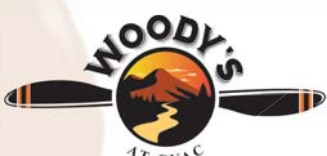
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■ Fundraiser to help student-athletes

The Gen Giammanco Foundation will hold its eighth annual fundraiser, which this year will be a charity golf tournament on Sept. 22 at Corral de Tierra Country Club.

While registration for the tournament is sold out, tickets for the reception from 4 to 8 p.m. — with awards, a taco bar, no-host beverages, and live and silent auctions — are available for \$50 per person.

The event aims to raise scholarship funds for local student-athletes heading to college. Since its founding in 2011, the nonprofit has awarded more than \$604,000 in scholarships to Monterey County students who demonstrate academic and athletic dedication. All donations — from private gifts, grants, sponsorships and fundraisers — directly support deserving student-athletes in the region.

In addition, the Gen Giammanco Foundation supports middle and high school athletic programs through the "Gen's Schools" program, which helps encourage student participation in healthy, active lifestyles.

The foundation's mission honors the life of the late Gen

Giammanco, an avid volleyball player who wanted to support students and schools in need. Giammanco, then 17, died in an auto accident in 2010, and the foundation was established in her memory.

Tickets for the event, details about the foundation and stories of students and schools helped by donor support are available at GenGiammancoFoundation.com.

For more information about sponsoring the event or giving to the cause, contact Annie Giammanco at (831) 915-1004 or gensfoundation@gmail.com. Purchase tickets for the event reception at gengiammancofoundation.org/golf-tournament.

■ Sweetening the Festa pot

Although we offered a preview of Monterey's Festa Italia on Aug. 8, it's happening this weekend in Custom House Plaza near Old Fisherman's Wharf, and there a couple of additions that might interest food lovers.

First, a dessert court will be situated in the upper plaza, near the bocce ball area. Organizers said there will be cookies, coffee, freshly filled cannoli, and

See **FOOD** next page



Festa Italia is coming to the Custom House Plaza in Monterey this weekend. In addition to enjoying a dessert court — cannoli, tiramisu, cookies — you can learn to make cioppino from chef Tene Shake.



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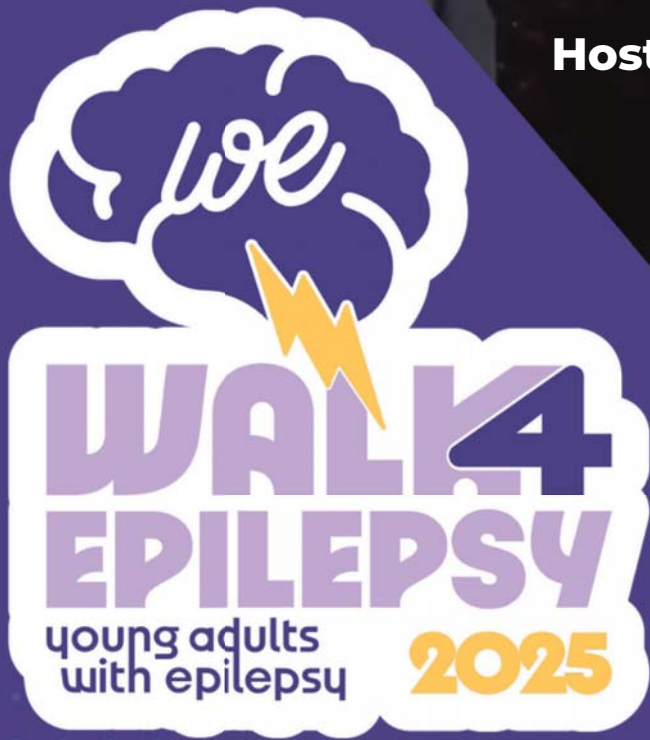
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cherry, watermelon and lemon Italian ice cups. “Enjoy the entertainment from the professional musicians,” and the goodies at new cafe tables, they added. From personal experience, other sound effects might include some loud outbursts of approval and other, less positive, emotions during the bocce tournament.

Second, on Saturday and Sunday, chef Tene Shake will show anyone who’s interested how to make cioppino in demonstrations scheduled both days from 1 to 1:25 p.m. That’s during a break between musical performances, so you don’t have to worry about missing a single note of “O Sole Mio” or “Volare.”

Elaine Hesser and Mary Schley contributed to this column.



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MUSIC

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■ Beethoven in Big Sur

A classical duo — cellist **James Jaffe** and pianist **Elektra Schmidt** — performs Sunday, 2 p.m., inside the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur. The concert will be a “magical indoor daytime performance of Beethoven’s *Sonata for Cello and Piano in C Major, Op. 102*,” the library said.

The program also includes Schumann’s *Fantasiestücke, Op. 73*, Sergei Rachmaninov’s *Vocalise, Op. 34, No. 14* and Astor Piazzolla’s *Le Grand Tango*.

Tickets are \$23. The library is at 48603 Highway 1. For more details, visit henry-miller.org.

Live music Sept. 5-11

■ Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Saturday at 12:30 p.m.), **Along Came Betty** (jazz, Sunday at 1 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

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■ Carmel

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

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

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

Carmel Mission Inn — singer and guitarist **Brad Wilson** (rock and blues, Thursday at 5:30 p.m.). In Shearwater Tavern at 3665 Rio Road.

Cypress Inn — 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.), **The David Morwood Jazz Band** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

La Playa Hotel — **The David Morwood Jazz Band** (Sunday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Tuesday at



Cellist James Jaffe teams up with pianist Elektra Schmidt Sunday at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur.

5 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth.

Links Club — **The Lighthouse Band** (rock and soul, 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** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 7166 Carmel Valley Road.

Bernardus Lodge — **Andrea’s Fault** (jazz and pop, Saturday at noon), singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Tuesday at 4 p.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Folktale Winery — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock & blues, Saturday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Monday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Thursday at 5 p.m.).

See LIVE page 42A

SWEET LIBERTY

Remember 9/11



*America, America, God shed His grace on thee.
And crown thy good with brotherhood and our Sweet Liberty.
Remember 9/11 and the heartbreak it has caused,
we’ll always be remembering those whose lives were lost.
We were shaken and forsaken on that fateful day,
united by uncertainty, we all began to pray.
“Lord guide us in our darkest hour, let us appreciate,
the liberty and equality that make our country great.
Help us to remember that our freedom’s never free,
lives are lost to pay the cost of our Sweet Liberty.”
America, America, God shed his grace on thee.
And crown thy good with brotherhood and our Sweet Liberty.
To those whose lives were taken by this senseless tragedy,
you’ll always be an honored part of our country’s history.
You’ll live on in our memories, for we meant what we said,
we will remember 9/11 and the freedom we defend.
America, America, God shed His grace on thee.
And crown thy good with brotherhood and our Sweet Liberty.*

Credits

The music for Sweet Liberty is adapted from America the Beautiful. America the Beautiful is a poem written by Katharine Lee Bates, first published in 1895. It was combined with music composed by church organist Samuel A. Ward in 1910. (P) 2017 New lyric written and music adapted by Paul Martin. New arrangement produced by Paul Martin and Daryl Kojak. Musical version may be heard on Spotify, Apple, or www.MyPrayers.net

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20251384 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LET’S PARTY, 1370 Burton Ave, Suite K, Salinas, CA 93901. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): JUDSON RICHARD SCHULTZ, 1370 Burton Ave, Suite K, Salinas, CA 93901. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 21, 1989. S/Judson R. Schultz Date signed: July 31, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 31, 2025. Publication Dates: Aug. 15, 22, 29, Sept. 5, 2025 (PC 825)	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20251414 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BUSY BEE DAYCARE, 235 4th St., Gonzalez, CA 93926. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): JENNIFER LYNNE YNIGUEZ, P.O. Box 1510, 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 Aug. 1, 2025. S/Jennifer Lynne Yniguez Date signed: Aug. 6, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 6, 2025. Publication Dates: Aug. 15, 22, 29, Sept. 5, 2025 (PC 828)	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20251441 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GMG ACCOUNTING SERVICES, 9315 Canyon Oak Rd., Salinas, CA 93907. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): GLENDA MOTZ-GAMINO, 9315 Canyon Oak Rd., Salinas, CA 93907 This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 11, 2025. S/Glenda Motz-Gamino Date signed: Aug. 11, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 11, 2025. Publication Dates: Aug. 15, 22, 29, Sept. 5, 2025 (PC 832)	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20251409 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Health Street Cafe, 1760 Fremont Blvd Ste D3, Seaside, CA 93955, County of Monterey Registered Owner(s): Hexbox Fitness, LLC, 1864 St Helena St, Seaside, CA 93955 State of Inc./Org./Reg. 201902410064 This business is conducted by a limited liability company Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not applicable S/ Alec Shun Abend, Member This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/01/2025 8/22, 8/29, 9/5, 9/12/25 CNS-3957516# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: Aug. 22, 29, Sept. 5, 12, 2025. (PC 839)
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20251372 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FOREVER BLESSED BARBER-SHOP, 301 Gabian Drive #335, Soledad, CA 93960. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): IVAN RODRIGUEZ, 742 Vida St., Soledad, CA 93960. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 30, 2025. S/Ivan Rodriguez Date signed: July 30, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 30, 2025. Publication Dates: Aug. 15, 22, 29, Sept. 5, 2025 (PC 826)	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20251362 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RAINBOW ELDERBERRY BLISS, 930 Casanova Avenue, Apartment 53, Monterey, CA 93940. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): KENNETH WAYNE VILLAFRANCA THOMAS EDWARD VANNORMAN LISA MARIE RAINBOWS This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 29, 2025. S/Kenneth Wayne Villafranca Date signed: July 29, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 29, 2025. Publication Dates: Aug. 15, 22, 29, Sept. 5, 2025 (PC 831)	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20251452 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MONTEREY COUNTY REPAIRS, 447 Sonora Way, Salinas, CA 93906. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): JHONI CESAREO MENDOZA. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 11, 2025. S/Jhoni Cesareo Mendoza Date signed: Aug. 11, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 11, 2025. Publication Dates: Aug. 15, 22, 29, Sep. 5, 2025 (PC 838)	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20251416 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Salinas Post Acute, 348 Iris Drive, Salinas, CA 93906 County of MONTEREY Registrant(s): Windsor Skyline Care Center, LLC, 9526 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035 This business is conducted by a limited liability company Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Windsor Skyline Care Center, LLC S/ AVROHOM TRESS, MANAGER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/07/2025. 8/22, 8/29, 9/5, 9/12/25 CNS-3947949# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: Aug. 22, 29, Sept. 5, 12, 2025. (PC 848)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Historic Resources Board of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 4:00 PM, 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=9H2Dl5GuqQ2eCddEodDJusxbLVYlhX.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 meeting to ensure they are provided to the Historic Resources Board and made part of the record. Comments received after that time and up to the end of the Public Hearing will be saved as part of the record but may not be provided to the Historic Resources Board prior to or during the Public Hearing.

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City’s website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us> and found by clicking on “Government” and then “Meetings.” The Historic Resources Board meeting will be broadcast live on the City’s website at <http://carmel.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/meetingsresponsive.aspx> and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Historic Resources Board meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

DS 25240 (Ramos)
Holdren-Lietzke Architecture
Northeast corner of San Antonio and 12th Avenues
Block X, Lots 18 & 20
APN 010-279-008-000

Consideration of a Determination of Consistency with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Design Study application, DS 25240 (Ramos), for after-the-fact revisions to a previous approval (DS 23396) including the removal of horizontal wood siding, wood shingle siding, wood windows, and a Carmel stone chimney, replaced with new at the historic “Rockwell House” located on the northeast corner of San Antonio and 12th Avenues in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District and the Beach and Riparian Overlay District. APN 010-279-008-000

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Katherine Wallace, AICP, Associate Planner

Publication dates: Sept. 5, 2025 (PC915)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Date of Sale: **09/25/2025 at 9:00 AM.** Place of Sale: **At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 West Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901.** NOTICE is hereby given that First American Title Insurance Company, a Nebraska Corporation, 1 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA in care of: 400 S. Rampart Blvd, #290 Las Vegas, NV 89145 – Phone: **(702) 304-7509**, duly appointed Trustee under Notice of Delinquent Assessment (“NDA”), and pursuant to Notice of Default and Election to Sell (“NOD”), **will sell at public auction** for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, (a cashier’s check payable to said Trustee drawn on a state or national bank, a state or federal credit union, or a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank as specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) **all right, title and interest** now held under said **NDA**, to wit: Multiple Timeshare Estates as shown on **Exhibit “A-1”** (as described in the Declaration recorded on **06/21/2002 as Document No. 2002058802** as amended) located at **120 Highlands Drive, Carmel, CA, 93923** with APN shown herein. The Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address shown herein. All recording references contained herein and on **Schedule “1” attached hereto** are in the County of **Monterey**, California. Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, as to title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said NDA, plus accrued interest thereon to the date of sale, estimated fees, charges, as shown in sum due on **Schedule “1”** together with estimated expenses of the Trustee in the amount of **\$475.00**. The claimant, **H.I. Resort Condominium Association, Inc., a nonprofit mutual benefit California corporation**, under NDA delivered to Trustee a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located, and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. **First American Title Insurance Company, a Nebraska Corporation. APN: 241-351-004-000. Batch ID: Foreclosure HOA 151979-HVC77-HOA. Schedule “1”:** Contract No., Owner(s), Lien Recording Date and Reference, NOD Recording Date and Reference, Sum Due; 800000603, Susan Marie Babbitt and Donald Lee Babbitt, 05/01/2025 Inst: 2025014038, 06/02/2025 2025017922, \$6,367.85; 800000759, William M. Curran, III and Mary M. Curran, Trustees of the Curran Family 1999 Trust, Dated October 28, 1999, 05/01/2025 Inst: 2025014038, 06/02/2025 2025017922, \$6,515.86; 800002655, Lorna Johns Schmidt, Successor Trustee of the Schmidt 2003 Trust, 05/01/2025 Inst: 2025014038, 06/02/2025 2025017922, \$6,421.55; 800002787, Neal R. Doty and Jean A. Doty, Trustees of the Neal R. Doty and Jean A. Doty Declaration of trust dated June 2, 1992, 05/01/2025 Inst: 2025014038, 06/02/2025 2025017922, \$3,858.69; 800002913, John H. Moore and Barbara A. Moore, 05/01/2025 Inst: 2025014038, 06/02/2025 2025017922, \$6,632.21; 800004772, Roland Gerald Fuette and Mary Lou Fuette, 06/28/2024 Inst: 2024022614, 09/23/2024 2024033999, \$6,616.22; 800007846, John Alvin Bischoff and Stacy Reese Bischoff, 05/01/2025 Inst: 2025014039, 06/02/2025 2025017922, \$9,900.64. **Exhibit “A-1”:** Contract No., Undivided Interest, Unit No., Fixed Week No., Frequency; 800000603, 1/51, 46, 6, annual; 800000759, 1/51, 90, 4, annual; 800002655, 1/51, 11, 4, annual; 800002787, 1/102, 65, 9, even year; 800002913, 1/51, 35, 15, annual; 800003771, 1/51, 26, 8, annual; 800004268, 1/51, 87, 35, annual; 800004772, 1/51, 52, 19, annual; 800007846, 1/51, 81, 44, annual.

Publication dates: Sept. 5, 12, 19, 2025 (PC905)

Publication Dates: Aug. 22, 29, Sept. 5, 12, 2025. (PC 844)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251470

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MARINA MINI MART, 320 Reservation Road, Marina, CA 93933.**

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
RASHAD AZIZ AHMED, 4104 Rosalina Drive, Modesto, CA 95357.

MOHAMMED AHMED OBEIDI, 1734 Tartarian Way, Ceres, CA 95307.

This business is conducted by a general partnership.

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

S/Rashad Ahmed
Date signed: Aug. 13, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 13, 2025.

Publication Dates: Aug. 22, 29, Sept. 5, 12, 2025 (PC 845)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251416

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Salinas Post Acute, 348 Iris Drive, Salinas, CA 93906** County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s):
Windsor Skyline Care Center, LLC, 9526 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035

This business is conducted by a limited liability company

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

Windsor Skyline Care Center, LLC
S/ AVROHOM TRESS, MANAGER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/07/2025. 8/22, 8/29, 9/5, 9/12/25

CNS-3947949#

CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication Dates: Aug. 22, 29, Sept. 5, 12, 2025. (PC 848)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251417

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **The Ridge Rehabilitation Center, 350 Iris Drive, Salinas, CA 93906 - 3514** County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s):
Windsor The Ridge Rehabilitation Center, LLC, 9526 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035

LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 3:00 PM (831) 274-8645 • legals@carmelpinecone.com

Se Habla Espanol

TS No. 250304175
Notice Of Default And Foreclosure Sale

U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development Recorded in accordance with 12 USCA 3764 (c) APN 187-461-013-000 Property Address: 2 Valle Vis Carmel Valley Area, CA 93924 Title Order No.: 95531054 Whereas, on 9/11/2009, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by H Russell Wilks Jr and Judith C Wilks, as Trustees of the Wilks Family Trust, a revocable Living Trust dated December 13, 1995 as trustor in favor of MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A. as beneficiary, and Placer Title Company as trustee, and was recorded on 9/16/2009, as Instrument No. 2009058757, in the Office of the County Recorder of Monterey County, California; and Whereas, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and Whereas, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an Assignment of Deed of Trust dated 10/7/2015, recorded on 10/23/2015, as instrument number 2015061435, in the Office of the County Recorder, Monterey County, California; and Whereas, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust in that the payment due on 3/1/2025, was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and Whereas, the entire amount delinquent as of 9/16/2025 is \$1,150,929.36; and Whereas, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; Now Therefore, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary’s designation of Total Lender Solutions, Inc. as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on 2/11/2019 as instrument number 2019005336, notice is hereby given that on 9/16/2025 at 10:00 AM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Legal Description: Lot 16 Of Tract No. 119 “Valle Vista” As Shown On The Map Filed June 12, 1946 In Volume 4 Of Maps, Cities And Towns, Pages 89, In The Office Of The County Recorder Of Said County. Commonly known as: 2 Valle Vis, Carmel Valley Area, CA 93924 The sale will be held at main entrance County Administration Building, 168 West Alisal Street, Salinas, CA. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid an estimate of \$1,150,929.36. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$115,092.93 [10% of the Secretary’s bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier’s check made out to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$115,092.93 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier’s check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier’s check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD Field Office representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD field office Representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The amount that must be paid if the Mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$1,150,459.67, as of 9/15/2025, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner’s attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Date: 7/2/2025 Total Lender Solutions, Inc. U.S. Dept. of HUD Foreclosure Commissioner By: Rachel Seropian 10505 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 125 San Diego, CA, 92121 Phone: 866-535-3736 Fax: 866-242-8599 A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document. State Of CA County Of San Diego On 7/7/2025 before me, Kimberly Alise Lokey, a notary public personally appeared, Rachel Seropian who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under Penalty Of Perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct. Witness my hand and official seal. Kimberly Alise Lokey (Seal)

Publication dates: Aug. 22, 29, Sept. 5, 2025 (PC846)

ROAD, CARMEL, CA 93923, County of
MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
WEDGEWOOD BEVERAGE, INC., 43385
BUSINESS PARK DRIVE, SUITE 120, TEME-
CULA, CA 92590This business is conducted
by a CORPORATION
STATE OF INCORPORATION: CALIFOR-
NIA
Registrant commenced to transact business
under the fictitious business name listed
above on 11/01/2025
S/ WILLIAM ZARUKA
This statement was filed with the County

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**
File No. 20251464

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

WEDGEWOOD WEDDING & BANQUET CENTER, 4860 CARMEL VALLEY ROAD, CARMEL, CA 93923, County of MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):

Z GOLF FOOD & BEVERAGE SERVICES, LLC, 43385 BUSINESS PARK DRIVE, SUITE 120, TEMECULA, CA 92590

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
Case No. 25CV004057
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, ANNABEL FAULKNER DE LUCA, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name:
ANNABEL FAULKNER DE LUCA
Proposed name:
DAISY FAULKNER DE LUCA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Oct. 7, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DEPT: 13
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
Date filed: Aug. 12, 2025
(s) Hon. Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date: Aug. 12, 2025
Publication Dates: Aug. 29, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 2025. (PC 857)

File No. 20251509
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LUPITA'S SERVICE, 766 Elkington Ave., front house, Salinas, CA 93905.**
County of Principal Place of Business: **MONTEREY**
Registered Owner(s): **MARIA GUADALUPE HERNANDEZ GUTIERREZ.**
This business is conducted by an individual. ☒
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names: ☐

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**
File No. 20251534
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **COMMUNITY FITCAMP, 1207 Forest Avenue, Apt. 1, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
County of Principal Place of Business: **MONTEREY**
COMMUNITY FITCAMP, LLC, P.O. Box 158, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: **CA**
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.
S/Alfred Soto, Member
Date signed: **Aug. 22, 2025**
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on **Aug. 22, 2025**.
Publication Dates: **Aug. 29, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 2025. (PC 859)**

The deposit may be cash, cashier's check made payable to the District, certified check made payable to the District (certified without qualification and drawn on a solvent bank of the State of California or a National Bank doing business in the State of California), or bid bond executed

By order of the Board of Directors of the
Santa Lucia Community Service District.
State of California
Shaw S. Pick, General Manager

Publication date:
Aug. 22, 29, Sept. 5, 2025 (PC854)

This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. To participate via teleconference, use this link: <https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/6782147510?pwd=06FeKlBnOwQ1aWp3aDZmMk8hbnR1c0tGPG1>. To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171. Webinar ID: 867 8214 7510. Passcode: 001916.

All interested people are invited to attend in person or via teleconference 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 aginette@ci.carmel.ca.us prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting to ensure they are provided to the legislative body 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 legislative body prior to or during the public hearing.

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 24 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 Planning Commission meeting will be broadcast live on the City's website at <http://carmel.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/meetingsresponsive.aspx> and the City's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityOfCarmelbytheSea> and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Planning Commission meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

Citywide
Conduct a public workshop to gather feedback on a revised draft ordinance amending Title 17 relating to Accessory Dwelling Units

Citywide
Provide an update on the
6th Cycle Housing Element
Amendment

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Anna Ginette, Director of Community Planning & Building

Publication dates
Sept. 5, 2025
(PC918)

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate of both, of RUTH G. WATSON aka RUTH GOMPERTZ WATSON.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by 17TH AND PERALTA, LLC in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that LAUREN WATSON CESARE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: Oct. 1, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of
California, County of Monterey
1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey
CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objection.

with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the **later of either (1) four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or **(2) 60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account has provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

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This statement was filed by
Superior Court of California,
County of Monterey on Aug. 26,
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