

## Housing policies, prices make families disappear

By LILY PATTERSON

A HISTORIC exodus is taking place in Carmel. Is anyone paying attention?

Carmel City Councilman Hans Buder said the question has dogged him since a look at city records and school enrollment numbers revealed that Carmel-by-the-Sea has fewer residents than at any point in the past decade, and hardly any of them are children.

The city’s population has declined by 20 percent, from 3,886 permanent residents in 2015 to 3,122 in 2024.

“In 1980, we had about 4,700 residents, which means we’ve lost as many residents in the past 10 years as we did in the 35 years before that,” said Buder, who has lived in Carmel for more than eight years with his wife, Meghan, a Carmel native, and their three children.

“One thing that I hear frequently is ‘I’ve seen a lot of young families around since Covid,’ and frankly, that has not mapped onto my experience. Not just that, it’s empirically false,” he said.

### Fewer kids in the 93921

Early last month, wanting to confirm his suspicions, Buder contacted Carmel Unified School District about enrollment records. If the city really was losing families, he figured, fewer kids in elementary school would clearly indicate that.

According to the district, from 2016 to 2017, there were 228 children from Carmel-by-the-Sea at River School. By the 2023-2024 school year, that number had fallen to 129.

It’s a major drop — 43 percent — which prompted The Pine Cone to look into the records for Carmel Middle and Carmel High.

In the 2016-2017 school year, Carmel Middle had 53

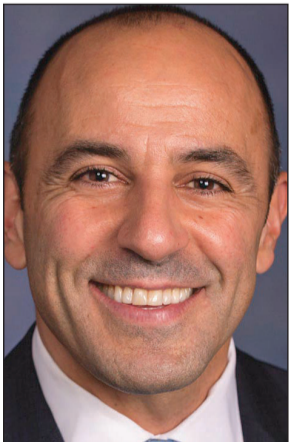
## Panetta calls for calm, reflection in wake of Kirk assassination

By KELLY NIX and CHRIS COUNTS

A RESOLUTION in Congress condemning the Sept. 10 murder of conservative activist Charlie Kirk and all forms of political violence was supported by dozens of Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives, including Rep. Jimmy Panetta, who called for civility and dignity in the wake of the tragedy.

On Sept. 19, the House of Representatives voted on the GOP-led resolution, which said Kirk, 31, was an “American patriot, whose life was tragically and unjustly cut short in an act of political violence on Sept. 10, 2025, at Utah Valley University,” and asked that his “life, leadership and legacy” be honored.

The FBI and police say Kirk’s assassin is in custody.



Jimmy Panetta

### 118 in opposition

While 95 House Democrats approved the resolution, 118 opposed or refused to take a stand on it, including veteran politician Nancy Pelosi. All Republicans were in favor.

While many considered Kirk to be a polarizing figure, his message of traditional values and personal

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## Young filmmakers offer glimpses of tomorrow



PHOTO/CARMEL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Lili Arlen Gomez is just one of the student filmmakers whose work will be showcased — along with major Hollywood films — at the Carmel International Film Festival. See page 8A.

students from the 93921 zip code, while 90 attended the high school. This year, there are 27 enrolled at Carmel Middle and 47 at Carmel High — a loss of nearly half.

### Trend to continue

Chief business official Yvonne Perez responded to the councilman’s request via email, saying the district expects this trend will continue over the next five years, in part due to declining birth rates throughout the state.

She then wrote, “For this area, in my opinion, the high cost of housing is a primary factor for younger families.”

As Buder campaigned door-to-door during his city council run last year, it surprised him how many homes

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## NEWSOM’S ABOUT-FACE ON REFINERIES, OIL DRILLING

GOV. GAVIN Newsom has a presidential campaign to run, and apparently it requires reversing his position on big oil. Last week, Newsom signed a sweeping package of climate and energy laws that included key provisions to appease the oil and gas industry.

The deal came through in the final week of the legislative session when the governor’s backroom meetings resulted in lawmakers voting to allow more drilling. The move is 180 degrees from Newsom’s stance a year ago, when he decried refiners’ “screwing” consumers and told Sacramento lawmakers to crack down on big oil and gas companies. Since then, with gas prices skyrocketing in California, he’s changed his tune.

“We are all the beneficiaries of oil and gas. No one’s naive about that,” said Newsom at a press conference last

## Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

month. “So it’s always been about finding a just transition to clean fuels, a pragmatism in terms of that process.”

That may be what Newsom is saying in public about his flip-flopping, but it’s no secret he wakes up every day asking what he needs to do to become president, and the prospect of \$8-a-gallon gasoline is not on the list.

“A lot is being driven by the governor running for president, and he doesn’t want to have baggage that would come along,” said Deborah Sivas, an environmental law professor at Stanford University.

Sivas is part of a team at Stanford that has spent the last half-decade convincing policymakers California should stop investing in fossil-fuel infrastructure, including

## Council heads for vote on street addresses

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CONTENTIOUS issue of house numbers will return to Carmel City Council chambers Oct. 7, when a committee led by councilman Bob Delves presents its findings on everything from legal requirements to what an address system might look like. The presentation follows months of research and two town hall meetings in August and September, and the council will be asked to consider “a resolution directing staff to return with a comprehensive street address program, including a process for implementing an address identification system and an ordinance to repeal related municipal code sections.”

The debate is almost as old as the city itself and has been known to prompt emotional outcries from people on both sides. At one of the town meetings, for instance, two women began arguing with each other about their experiences with emergency responders. One claimed the ambulance has trouble finding her home, while the other insisted it never has when responding to hers.

But the committee — which includes residents Nancy Twomey, Kevin Ruess and Paula Hazdovac, and administrative analyst Emily Garay — worked hard to maintain a dispassionate, analytical perspective.

### A tale as old as time: the fight over house numbers

### Things change

“If you’d told me a year ago that I’d be standing in front of you to lead a committee on addresses, I’d have

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drilling and permitting new wells. She said that five years ago, the state adopted aggressive climate policy that calls for ending the sale of new gasoline-powered cars by 2035, but California was still approving new oil well permits. Since then, Sivas said she thought they’d convinced the governor to slow down drilling.

Fast-forward to this summer, and after two years of targeting the fossil-fuel industry with special sessions,

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## Construction begins on \$33M dunes campground



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This image shows what the community building will look like at Fort Ord Dunes State Park’s new campground, which is on its way. See page 12A.

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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Love match

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"The minute I met my neighbors' Cavalier King Charles spaniel," she said, "and I saw the love darts coming out of his eyes, I knew I would get my kids a Cavalier."

After some diligent research, she contacted AKC-certified breeders Royalmark Cavaliers in Sacramento, which had a new litter of three males. After enduring considerable vetting as an adopter, she brought home little Maverick and surprised the kids on Christmas Eve.

Her son said getting his "best friend" was his favorite gift ever.

"This was the best decision I ever made, but I actually think Maverick chose us," she said. "He has the right amount of energy for us. He can go hiking or chill by our side while we watch a movie. He's a trooper who does whatever we want to do."

Now that Maverick has been with his family for eight years, his person believes she will always have a Cavalier.

"I thought I wanted a cocker spaniel until I discovered Cavaliers," she said. "I love the little smooched-in



face, and their eyes are so sweet, like dark marbles. It's really the dear, loving demeanor. Everything about Maverick is about love and softness. Even his fur is soft, like angora."

Maverick's family divides their time between homes at Tahoe and in Charleston, S.C. Yet every year, he gets to join his family for Car Week.

"We come for the cars and celebrations," his person said, "but Maverick understands that Carmel is a dog town, and he loves receiving the royal treatment. He particularly loves being by the water, but he never goes in, preferring to run up and down the shore, chasing birds."

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# Highway 1 could be open by March

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE ANNOUNCEMENT wasn't exactly what many had hoped for, but this week Caltrans gave an estimate for when Highway 1 will reopen at the site of Regent's Slide, and it's late March 2026.

If that forecast proves to be true, the closure of the highway between Carmel and Cambria will stretch past the three-year mark, by far the longest since the road was completed in 1937.

Because Big Sur often experiences torrential rains during late winter and early spring, it's anybody's guess if the road repairs will survive and the deadline will be met.

"Seasonal weather on site conditions may impact the estimated reopening timeline," the state roads agency conceded. "Caltrans will continue to provide regular updates."

Regardless of the challenges it is facing, the agency is working hard to reopen the highway as soon as possible, Caltrans official Scott Eades said.

"We are doing everything in our power to return this vital section of roadway to residents, businesses and travelers who

have demonstrated patience and understanding during the repair effort," Eades said. "Our work is dedicated to them, and this Regent's Slide reopening estimate allows people to plan ahead and prepare for when Highway 1 is fully reopened."

The Regent's Slide has blocked Highway 1 since Feb. 9, 2024, when rocks, mud and debris buried a segment of pavement. The task of clearing it became even more complicated in August 2024 with "new slide activity and surface cracking in the slope immediately above the project area."

The Regent's Slide is just one of several that have plagued Big Sur since storms battered the coast in January 2023 and shut down Highway 1.

### Relying on robots

Facing the dangers of a worksite marked by instability, crews have been forced to work above the slide and rely on remote-controlled bulldozers. Earlier this year, they stabilized the mountainside with 3,500 dowels and steel bars after cracks emerged there. The work also involves trucking away tons of dirt, rock and debris.

"Under challenging site conditions highlighted by a geologically active land-mass, crews have offset safety concerns with technological innovations in the field to keep the project on track," Caltrans added. "To date, 300,000 cubic yards of material have been removed, with 250,000 remaining until completion."

The slide is located about 5 miles south of Esalen Institute, making it possible for motorists from the north to access most of Big Sur's tourist hot spots, including parks, campgrounds, galleries, inns and resorts.



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# Police & Sheriff's Log

## It had no anvils or Acme crates

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

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A tablet was found and subsequently turned in for safekeeping.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Hit-and-run traffic accident on Fifth Avenue. Vehicle was drivable.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A license and several credit cards were found and turned in for safekeeping.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Ongoing harassment reported by a resident on Mission south of Fourth from an ex-dating partner.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Woman reported being victim of a gift card scam over the telephone. Requested report for her bank records

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle on Sunset Drive

marked for a 72-hour parking violation.

**Pacific Grove:** Dog found on Ocean View Boulevard was cared for at the city yard.

**Pacific Grove:** Resident on Sunset Drive was concerned for the welfare of a neighbor's dog.

**Pacific Grove:** Officers received an Adult Protective Services report involving a resident on Locust Street.

**Carmel Valley:** Drug paraphernalia found at Mid-Valley Center.

**Carmel area:** Child Protective Services referral alleging mental abuse and neglect at a residence on Hatton Road residence.

**Carmel area:** Property stolen from a vehicle at the Crossroads.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** No calls to report.

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in the Real Estate Section



## The gavel falls

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

**Aug. 7** — Fabian Cruz Licona was sentenced to two years in state prison by the Hon. Pamela Butler after entering a plea of no contest to a felony DUI and admitting a violation of probation for a prior felony DUI with injury case from 2023.

On May 26, 2025, California Highway Patrol officers conducted a traffic stop on Licona's car after they observed him swerving in and out of his lane. During the officers' interaction with Licona, they observed he displayed objective signs of being under the influence of alcohol. Additionally, a records check showed Licona to be on active felony DUI probation. Based on this, the officers conducted a DUI investigation which led to Licona being placed under arrest for felony DUI. A breath test determined Licona's blood alcohol content was 0.18 percent, over twice

the legal limit.

The case was investigated by the California Highway Patrol and prosecuted by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office specialized DUI prosecution unit, with funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

**Aug. 15** — A jury convicted Moises Meraz Espinoza, an inmate at Salinas Valley State Prison, of two counts of assault by a life prisoner for two separate violent stabbings of fellow inmates.

On Feb. 4, 2023, Espinoza attacked his cellmate after the evening lockdown, stabbing him more than 20 times in the back, chest, arms and legs. At approximately 9:08

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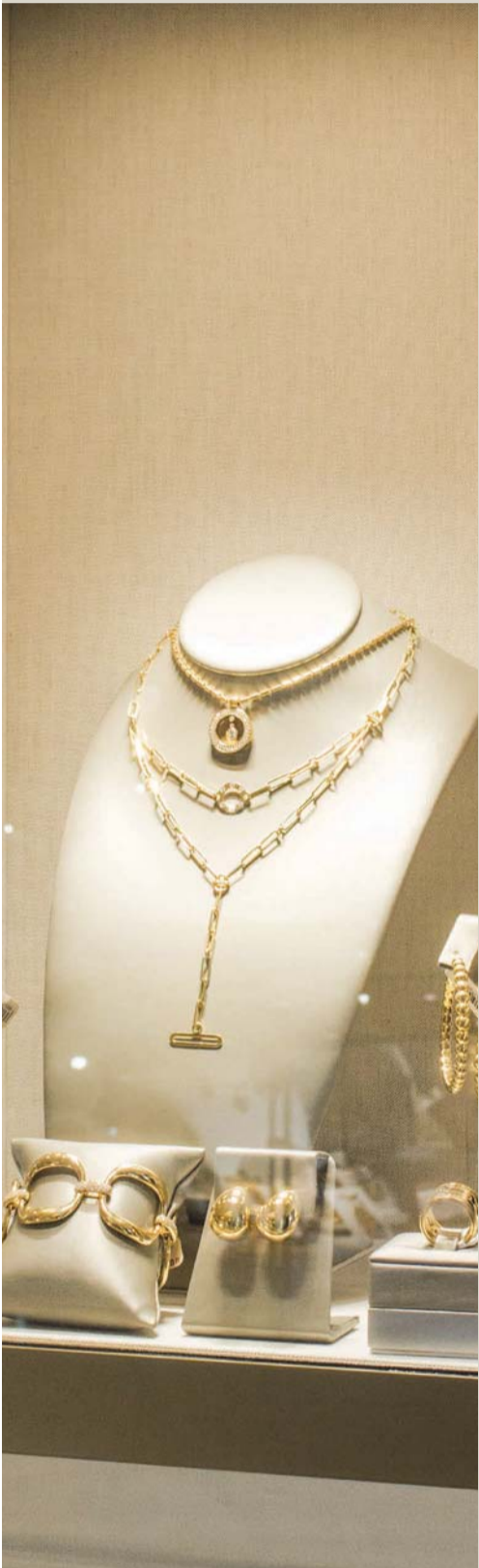
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# Arrests in fair fights, shooting

By MARY SCHLEY

SEASIDE AND Monterey police have arrested nine people in connection with the outbreak of violence at the Monterey County Fair Aug. 30 and the shooting



Ricardo Pacheco



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that followed in Seaside. Most of the suspects are teenagers, and two of the adults remained in Monterey County Jail this week on attempted-murder charges. Shortly before 8 p.m. on the Saturday of fair weekend, several brawls broke out

as rumors of a man with a gun spread via social media. Eleven MPD officers were working there that night, but the fights — three separate brawls that occurred minutes apart — had ended by the time police got to their locations, and those involved had either left or were uncooperative, making it difficult to determine what happened, MPD Lt. Ethan Andrews said. “We think there were about 13 individuals vs. one or two,” he told The Pine Cone a few days later. “It was a very violent, very lopsided, very brutal beating of these two individuals.”

### Fair shut down

During that same time, security staff received secondhand information about a man with a gun and a shooting in the carnival area, Andrews said. MPD officers were already there and found no signs of a shooting, but fair security continued to hear reports of an armed man moving

See **FAIR** page 22A

# Raccoon attacks woman and her dog

By MARY SCHLEY

A RACCOON bit a woman in the leg and then chased and fought with her dog, Acting Carmel Police Chief Todd Trayer said this week. The woman, who lives at the southeast corner of Camino Real and 12th, is receiving rabies shots while her dog, Charlie, is in quarantine.

The attack occurred around 9:30 p.m. Sept. 11 when the resident, who was not named, spotted the raccoon in a nearby tree and rushed to get her dog back inside the house.

“And as she was going in, the raccoon ran toward both of them and bit her on the back of the calf,” Trayer said. “I don’t know that she even knew it was coming — it charged at her and bit her.”

The dog fled around the side of the house, with the raccoon in pursuit, and the animals got into a fight, at which point another occupant of the house — Trayer said he believes him to be the victim’s son — ran out and fought to try to get the raccoon off their pet.

“He kicked the raccoon off the dog’s back and he flipped over a grill to try to hit the raccoon,” Trayer said. The creature ran back toward the house, apparently with the intent of getting in, but they closed the door and managed to scare it away.

“Then they quarantined the dog, and the person went to the hospital to get checked out and treated,” Trayer said. Charlie suffered scratches but was not bitten. In addition to having her wound cleaned and dressed, the resident must undergo a series of rabies shots, starting with an injection directly at the bite site. “I saw a picture of it — it was pretty significant,” Trayer said. “I feel bad for her.” He described their experience as “a nightmare.”

### Deterrents

The residents are trying to discourage raccoons on their property by ensuring their trash bins are closed and bungee-corded shut, he said. “Also, keep grill covers closed and don’t leave pet food outdoors,” Trayer advised. The University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources division notes that raccoons — which are often most active when foraging in the fall — are attracted to homes and gardens because they provide resources for food and shelter. Advice for controlling them includes

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# P.B. steps up fire prevention work

By KELLY NIX

WITH A much larger budget over last year, the Pebble Beach Community Services District has significantly ramped up fire hazard mitigation and suppression in Del Monte Forest.

While such work there has occurred for decades, the district's five-member board of directors recently increased the budget from \$500,000 to \$1 million, which has allowed for a wider scope of fire mitigation practices.

"With the increased budget this year, we have had the opportunity to contract with four different companies, along with deploying hand crews from the California National Guard and Gabilan Conservation Camp, to conduct different types of fuel-reduction projects," community services district general manager Nick Becker told The Pine Cone.

Becker said that in areas that require removal of extensive brush and/or downed trees, crews are taking a "mechanical approach" with different types of forestry equipment, brush-eating goats for removal of lighter fuels like seasonal grasses, and hand crews for selective tree trimming and removal.

### RC help

In steep, hilly and remote areas of Del Monte Forest, workers are using remotely operated masticators, which are essentially mulchers operated by humans with remote controls that grind and shred unwanted vegetation.

Pebble Beach resident Bill Warner said the community services district board increased its spending on fire mitigation

after several residents — concerned that the devastation that occurred in January in Pacific Palisades could also occur in the forest — met with officials from the district.

"The result has been everything we had hoped for and more," Warner told The Pine Cone.

As part of the work, Becker said the district is bringing all its fire roads and fuel



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Crews are ramping up fire mitigation efforts in Del Monte Forest this year, with the work to continue through fall.

breaks up to standards, including using selective thinning and removing dead brush and trees adjacent to the roads and breaks.

The agency's updated fire defense plan prioritizes roadside fuel breaks in so-called "wildland urban interface" areas, such as Pebble Beach roads, Spruance, Midwood, Sonado and Del Ciervo, and Becker said the district is "well on the road to achieving" the goals outlined in the plan.

"This year has required a lot of heavy lifting to remove an accumulation of dead and down material resulting from the past

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# CARMEL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL CELEBRATES THE MAGIC OF THE MOVIES

By CHRIS COUNTS

KICKING OFF Wednesday with a mixer at Mission Bistro, the Carmel International Film Festival is back for its second year, paying tribute to the wonders of the silver screen and doing what it can to promote the art and business of filmmaking here on the Monterey Peninsula.

The festival debuted last year under the leadership of Lawrence Roeck and Annette Anderson, marking the most recent effort to establish a film festival here — an endeavor that dates to 1929.

This year’s festival will offer 25 feature-length films, 40 short films, 12 panel talks and Q&A sessions, an episode from a television series and, as part of a competition, 26 screenplays. To keep things simple, all films will be screened in the Golden Bough Playhouse’s Founders Theatre — located on Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth — while all panel talks, Q&A sessions, parties and receptions will be hosted at the Circle Theatre next door.

After Wednesday’s mixer, which starts at 6 p.m., the festival launches Thursday at 9 a.m. with a showcase of 11 short films made by students from around the country: At 11:50 a.m., a collection of experimental short films produced by local students will be screened. A mixer for the student filmmakers follows at 12:25 p.m.

“Those Carmel High filmmakers are incredible,” said Roeck, who directed two successful Hollywood films. “They surpassed any expectations we had. I couldn’t have made a film like they did at that age. Usually film festivals start off slowly, but this one comes surging out of the gates.”

### Capturing the past

The history of the film festival in Carmel and making movies on the Monterey Peninsula is the topic of the next program, which starts at 12:35 p.m. An excerpt from a film that debuted at the Carmel International Film Festival of 1929, “The Light of Asia,” will be screened, along with “The Life and Death of 9413, a Hollywood Extra,” a short experimental film that also made its debut at the film festival in 1929.

“It’s a very rare film that was loved by Charlie Chaplin,” Roeck said of the latter. “He bought a copy and used to screen it for his friends privately.”

The two early films will be followed by the documentary, “Don’t Pave Main Street,” which tells the story of Carmel, with narration by Clint Eastwood and a guest appearance by Doris Day.

A Q&A with “Don’t Pave Main Street” director William T. Cartwright begins at 3:15 p.m.

“Bill’s flying in for the presentation,” Roeck reported. “He’ll give a unique perspective on the film that nobody’s heard.”

The program wraps up at 3:25 p.m. with a showing of Robert Blaisdell’s documentary, “Big Sur: The Way It Was.”

### ‘Oppenheimer’ actor speaks

Other panel talks Thursday include a Q&A with local actor Will Roberts at 2:30 p.m. Roberts, who co-starred in the 2023 film, “Oppenheimer,” will discuss how artificial intelligence can help actors with auditions. Actor and union organizer Robert Chestnut presents a panel talk at 4:15 p.m. that will investigate how filmmakers can better access local professional talent.

There will be a busy slate of films shown Thursday, including “The Old Man and the Mountain Lion,” starring Keith Decker, at 4:25 p.m., and “Bill Bates,” directed by Robert Franco, at 5:05 p.m. The subject of that film is the

legendary Pine Cone cartoonist, who died in 2009.

### Feelin’ blue

Another film with a local link is “Blue,” which will be shown at 8:20 p.m. The documentary looks at the life of the late George Rodrigue, who achieved success as a painter and gallery owner in Carmel before his passing in 2013. The film will be followed by a Q&A with director Sean O’Malley.

The evening wraps up with a Filmmakers Party and Networking Mixer at the Circle Theatre at 8 p.m.

Wednesday’s 6 p.m. mixer at Mission Bistro is open to all festival attendees. The restaurant is located at Ocean and Seventh.

The festival continues Friday, Saturday and Sunday. All access day passes are available at \$60 for one day and \$200 for four days. Also, volunteers are still needed Thursday through Sunday — if you volunteer for three hours, you get a day pass in return. Shifts are available throughout the day and evening. For more details, along with a complete schedule of events, visit [ciffest.com](http://ciffest.com).

## ‘The beer is OK!’ P.G. restaurant owners say

By KELLY NIX

AN EARLY-MORNING blaze at a brewpub in Pacific Grove late last week caused property damage but did not injure anyone, officials said this week.

On Sept. 19 at about 2:20 a.m., Monterey Fire Department responded to an incident at Hops & Fog Brewing Co. at 511 Lighthouse Ave. The building has a residential apartment upstairs from the restaurant. An employee called 911 to report the fire.

“The residents in the apartment evacuated safely,” Monterey Fire Assistant Chief Pat Moore said in a Sept. 19 media release.

On Wednesday, Moore told The Pine Cone that investigators believe the fire “originated near a vent from the brewery vat to the outside of the business.”

Firefighters were able to contain and extinguish it within 20 minutes, he said. The fire was contained to the “wall of origin,” which prevented it from spreading and adding to the damage, which was estimated to be about \$40,000. Firefighters checked the building and confirmed nobody else was inside.

The blaze drew 19 people, including three chiefs, four engines, including one person from state fire agency Cal Fire, and a ladder truck, as well as Pacific Grove Police, the community emergency response team, and PG&E.

Moore said a report on the fire would likely be completed soon.

Meanwhile, the business, owned by Mike Durrant and Ximena Waissbluth, took the damage in stride, posting a “Closed” notice on the window and a sign that said, “The BEER IS OK!”

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# KION newsroom shuts down

By CHRIS COUNTS

STUNNING STAFF and viewers, the newsroom at KION News Channel 46 was shut down this week after the Salinas-based television station announced a deal to partner with KPIX CBS San Francisco. Several media reports said all 13 employees in its newsroom were laid off, including four anchors, a meteorologist and a weather forecaster.

“We didn’t know our show this morning was going to be the last to locally run news on KION,” managing editor and assistant news director Victor Guzman said on Facebook. During the morning show, he even told viewers “we’d have more news tonight at 5 p.m.”

### Partnership

KION, which is owned by NPG Co., publicly announced the move Tuesday afternoon. “KION is entering a new chapter in local news by partnering with KPIX CBS San Francisco to bring expanded statewide news coverage to viewers across the Central Coast,” the station said.

Addressing the shutdown of the newsroom, station management conceded it “will no longer produce its own full local newscasts,” but insisted viewers will receive “trusted reporting, relevant community updates and world-class CBS content all in one place.”

KION got its start in 1969 as KMST, but its news programs have long trailed rival KSBW in the ratings.

Salinas Fox affiliate KCBA also had a local news department, but that closed in 2013.



The closure of the KION newsroom in Salinas this week surprised many, including its own employees.

# Pot drink co. pays for false claims

By KELLY NIX

A CALIFORNIA business that told consumers its drinks contained the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana that causes people to feel high made false and misleading claims, according to the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office, which joined other prosecutors in the state in filing suit against the company.

Dozens of prosecutors signed on to a complaint against Socali Manufacturing, a corporation that owns and licenses the Cann brand of CBD and THC beverages,

alleging that the labeling on its drinks was misleading.

Tetrahydrocannabinol is the psychoactive constituent in cannabis. Cannabidiol is also present, but it doesn’t cause a high.

The company “falsely advertised the amount of THC or CBD claimed on the label,” the DA’s office said. “Cann products typically advertise that they contain 2 mg of THC and 4 mg of CBD. But testing of these beverages purchased at dispensaries from across California revealed

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# MARINA FOCUSES ON WHERE TO BUILD CITY HALL, POLICE AND FIRE STATIONS

By CAITLIN CONRAD

THE MARINA City Council held a study session this week to discuss strategies for building major new infrastructure, including police and fire stations, as well as city offices and a community center.

Councilmembers had hoped to fund the projects with a \$50 million bond they placed on the November ballot, but the measure failed to receive the two-thirds majority vote required.

On Wednesday night, the city council went back to the drawing board, discussing options for the proposed facilities, including locations and potential funding sources, and how to bring more community members on board before the issue goes back to the ballot box.

Councilmembers considered a number of ways to raise funds to construct the facilities, focusing on another bond measure and a tax on electricity, natural gas, water and telecommunications.

### Dated facilities

Marina is one of the few Monterey County cities without a utility tax, with local rates ranging from 2 percent in King City to 6 percent in Seaside. Carmel and Del Rey Oaks are the only other Peninsula area cities without such a tax.

Mayor Bruce Delgado said Marina would be in a far better financial position now if it had started collecting a tax on utilities years ago, pointing to what neighboring cities have been able to accomplish with that funding.

“They are in the modern era when it comes to police stations, fire stations, community centers and city halls. Only we are working out of a 50-year-old portable building,” said Delgado.

The dated civic center housing city hall in Marina consists of units that were second hand when the city set up shop in them. Incorporated in 1975, the City of Marina uses facilities built decades ago when it was a much smaller town of just 10,000 residents. Today, more than 23,000 people live in Marina, and the population is booming with thousands of new housing units and many more in the pipeline.

The need for new facilities in Marina has been under discussion since 2022. In 2023, the council [approved hiring] a consultant, Team CivX, to assist with public education efforts and hired an architect to provide a facility needs assessment.

### All departments

The assessment found problems across all city departments, including a shortage of adequate meeting and training rooms, and serious shortcomings in the police and fire department. City reports released ahead of the election showed dilapidated fire station infrastructure is having an impact on 911 emergency response times.

Like all Monterey County cities, Marina only receives 6 cents for every dollar paid in property taxes, which means even as new people have moved into million-dollar-plus homes, those dollars haven’t been enough to fund big new projects.

Voters would need to approve a utilities tax. If it was designed to be used solely for the facilities, it would need a two-thirds

majority vote, but if it was a general tax, it would only need a simple majority.

Councilmembers reviewed utility tax rates ranging from 4 to 7 percent, which would generate \$1.7 million to \$3 million a year, respectively.

Studies done ahead of last year’s measure provided cost estimates for improving and replacing facilities, which totaled \$17.5 million for the police station, \$16 million for the fire station and \$21.5 million for the community center and city offices.

When the city tried to pass the bond measure last year, it had yet to identify locations for the proposed new facilities. During public comment on Wednesday, people said they’d like to know where their money will go before voting for a new tax.

“You all know I was a ‘no’ vote last year, and in large part I was a ‘no’ vote because there was not a site location for the city center,” said Grace Silva-Santella.

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# TRACTOR HITS PHOTOG, LAWSUIT FILED

By KELLY NIX

A MAN who said he was seriously injured two years ago when a tractor struck him during a race at Laguna Seca claims in a new lawsuit that the mishap also caused emotional distress and other damages.

In a suit filed Sept. 9, photographer Carlos Uriostegui contends he suffered lost earnings and medical expenses after being hit by the tractor during a September 2023 event at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca.

While the lawsuit doesn't say specifically whether Uriostegui was taking photos when the mishap occurred, he said the defendants failed to "properly control the flow of traffic through the property" and "maintain sufficient space between the tractor" and a "vehicle occupied by Uriostegui, causing him to sustain serious injuries and damages."

On Sept. 30, 2023, the date Uriostegui said he was injured, Laguna Seca was hosting the Rennsport Reunion 7, which in part

included races featuring vintage Porsche-branded tractors. Uriostegui names numerous defendants and says David Weiss, Hayward-based Sierra Equipment Co. Inc. and Porsche Cars of North America were the owners and operators of a vehicle involved in the crash.

## 15 mph

In an article following the 2023 Laguna Seca event, Road & Track called the Porsche tractor race "one of the strangest, and perhaps slowest Porsche races of all time," while another publication said the vehicles maxed out at 15 mph. Porsche licensed its tractor design to other companies, which manufactured most of the vehicles in the 1950s to early 1960s.

Other defendants listed in the complaint, filed for Uriostegui by West Covina law firm Lem Garcia Law, are Monterey County, Friends of Laguna Seca and A&D Narigi Consultants.

County counsel Susan Blitch told The Pine Cone she doesn't believe the county has been served with the complaint.

# Motorcycle show becomes biennial

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE SHOW that's celebrated all things and people related to motorcycles annually at Quail Lodge for 15 years is switching to a biennial format, with the next event set for 2027. The recently renamed Quail MotoFest will return to the Carmel Valley resort "with more experiences, motorcycles and action," according to organizer Peninsula Signature Events.

The extra time will give founder and Peninsula Signature Events motorsports director Gordon McCall and his team time to re-envision the show "and ensure it continues to set the standard as a world-class celebration of motorcycling."

They predict "a refreshed and elevated

experience that builds on the tradition our community knows and loves."

This year's show, held in May, featured an eclectic lineup of two-wheeled machines and legends of the sport, with more than 1,000 attendees there to celebrate the past, present and future of motorcycling.

Best of Show went to Clyde Crouch and his rare 1937 Indian Arrow, and guests enjoyed "a festival-like atmosphere that included a beer garden, an array of food trucks, live music, children's play area and bespoke accessories from local lifestyle brands."

Peninsula Signature Events also organizes The Quail Ride and The Quail Motorsports Gathering. Find more information at [peninsula.com/signatureevents](https://peninsula.com/signatureevents).

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## Jackie Craghead

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God has a beautiful new voice in his heavenly choir. Her fellow residents of Monterey and the entire Monterey Peninsula have lost a treasure.

Jackie was born and raised in Homewood, Alabama, a section of Birmingham, where as a child she aided elderly neighbors by helping them around the house and shopping for those who were homebound.

She left Homewood to see the world with her first husband, Arthur. She was a career Army officer's wife living in various places in this country as well as in Nuremberg, Germany, for three years with her three young children. She was fortunate to visit some of the world's most beautiful locales, Paris, Rome, Venice and many more. She eventually settled on the Monterey Peninsula with her three children.

It was in Salinas one evening that she was shopping in the mall when she spotted a ring in the window that she wanted a closer look at. The salesman at the store saw her looking in the window. He stood transfixed behind the counter staring at the beauty looking in. As she turned to enter the store he touched his co-worker on the shoulder and said, "I'll take this one." This was the beginning of a wonderful 40 years together for Jackie and her husband, Don.

Jackie was an avid dancer. She and Don took five years of ballroom dance classes and continued dancing for all of her life.

She attended the First Baptist Church of Pacific Grove, where she sang in the choir as well as chaired the yearly Anniversary Committee. She loved informing people about her church being the oldest African-American church on the Central Coast, and that it was the origin of the local branch of the NAACP.

She volunteered her time for numerous non-profits, serving on the board of directors of Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula (where she became an emeritus board member), The Salvation Army Monterey Peninsula Corps, Colleagues of the Arts (COTA) (past president), Monterey County Pops, Monterey International Blues Festival and Carmel Woman's Club. She was a past board member of Pacific Repertory Theatre and served on the special events committee more than 25 consecutive years. Jackie was on the committee for the Shake family fundraiser for The Salvation Army, Sabu's Safari, helping



by creating themes and decorations. She is past president of the Monterey Civic Club, serving three terms during which time she began decorating the cake for La Merienda. As a La Merienda committee member for many years, she continued to decorate the cake and host a table. She was honored to be selected as La Dueña several years ago.

Jackie served on the

organizing committee for the Hearts for Haiti fundraiser in 2010. She served four years as president of our local branch of the NAACP and was on its executive committee for many years. She offered the Carmel art gallery she formerly operated with her husband to the NAACP to host a reception honoring the visiting Julian Bond. She also offered the art gallery to many other organizations for fundraisers.

Jackie was a member of the Seaside Planning Commission for 25 years, one of the longest serving members. She belonged to the Naval Postgraduate School's Community Host Program for DRMI for about 17 years, hosting officers from around the world. She was also a member of Monterey Bay Chapter of The Links, Inc. until her passing, a national civic organization where she chaired the National and International Trends and Services Committees. She was a member of the Monterey Elks Lodge until her passing.

The Commission on the Status of Women of Monterey County named her one of the eight outstanding women of Monterey County for 2001. She was the Meals on Wheels Women Who Care Woman of the Year in 2010. She was the recipient of the Monterey County NAACP's President's Award in 2011. Jackie was Quota Club's Woman of the Year in 2000.

Jackie loved creating interesting and beautiful table settings and designing decorations for non-profit fundraisers. For 26 years she created show-stopping table creations at the Classique D'Elegance for Monterey Meals on Wheels.

Additional affiliations (dates are approximations):

- ☐ Pacific Repertory Theatre, board of directors, 1994 to 2000
- ☐ Community Foundation's Neighborhood Grants Program Committee
- ☐ Monterey County Red Cross, board of directors, 1992 to 1998. Various committee chairs, including Red Cross Ball chair
- ☐ Carmel Music Society, board of directors, 1988 to 1996
- ☐ Lifesavers (youth suicide prevention), committee member, 1992 to 1995
- ☐ YWCA, board of directors
- ☐ Various committee work for many organizations as needed
- ☐ Visiting Nurse Association, foundation board and nomination committee chair
- ☐ American Heart Association, Go Red For Women Luncheon Committee, Power To End Stroke Committee
- ☐ Naval Postgraduate School, DRMI community host for foreign officers
- ☐ Monterey Civic Club, three term president, past vice president
- ☐ Dance Kids, Inc.; board of directors, 2000 to 2006 (approx.)
- ☐ Community of Caring, board member and special events co-chair
- ☐ Ventana Wildlife Society, Condor Release Fundraiser, committee member
- ☐ Edith Alt Friendship Circle, coordinator
- ☐ Planning Commission, City of Seaside 1984 to 2010, chairperson, 1999 to 2003
- ☐ National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Monterey Peninsula Branch (NAACP); Golden Heritage member, past executive committee member, offices held: 3rd V.P., 2nd V.P., 1st V.P., and two terms as president, 1990-1994.
- ☐ Monterey Bay Symphony, board of directors, 1998 to 2010 (approx.)

She was preceded in death by her son, Courtney Mathis, and one of her daughters, Felicia (Lisa) Trosky.

She is survived by her husband, Donald; daughter, Sonia Ramirez (Tony); granddaughters, Tiffany Riley, Jennifer Louis and Jazmine Ramirez; five great-grandchildren and son-in-law, Lynn Trosky.

**A Celebration of Life will begin at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, 2025, at First Baptist Church, 246 Laurel Ave., Pacific Grove. Donations can be made to the Salvation Army, Monterey Peninsula Corps, or Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula.**

## CHET RYLEY MILLER

Aug. 6, 1990 -June 22, 2024

Chet was born on Aug. 6, 1990, to Rick Miller and Laurel Miller and lived in Carmel Valley Village all his life. Chet passed on June 22, 2024, at noon.

Chet loved life and experiencing all different adventures. He especially enjoyed going to Big Sur collecting jade and rock salt, and swimming in the ocean with his dogs. Chet also liked hiking in the Carmel Valley and Big Sur mountains

Chet was a great artist, loved skate boarding and snow boarding. He learned to surf in Hawaii which he loved.

Chet loved being with his friends. He loved raising Queensland Heelers.

Chet is survived by his Mom, Laurel Johnson Miller; and Dixie, his 13-year-old Queensland Heeler dog. Chet has joined his Dad who passed in 2018. The Shoe that Carmel and Pacific Grove pass between them each year belonged to Chet’s grandfather, Lloyd Miller, who was a teacher and coach at Carmel High.



Please join us to celebrate having Chet in our lives, 1 to 3 p.m. on Oct. 5, 2025, at the Corkscrew Restaurant, 55 W. Carmel Valley Road in Carmel Valley Village.

For more information, please contact Laurel at Laurellkj@sbcglobal.net

# Party raises \$105K for scholarships



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THE CARMEL Woman’s Club celebrated its 100th anniversary with a block party, vintage car show, music, food and other fun Sept. 20 — and in the process raised more than \$105,000 from sponsors, members and supporters for its scholarship program, exceeding its goal.

The event, themed “Live Music. Local Food. Family Fun. All in One Afternoon,” featured performances from the Alison Sharino Band, Cannery Rogue Men’s Barbershop Quartet, Mike Marotta and Dave Dally, and Vocal Point Women’s Barbershop Quartet. Guests enjoyed chef Brandon Miller’s paella, tastings from local restaurants, a classic car show, face painting, vintage photo booths, family games, and historic exhibits showcasing the city’s rich past.

The impressive gain in scholarship funds will help the club continue its legacy of service, education and community support by backing women’s endeavors to further their educations and careers.

Pictured above celebrating are Woman’s Club members (front row) Donna Jett, Paula Hazdovac, Deb Aitchison, Mary Luster, Debbie Lent, Robin Winfield and Heidi Mozingo. Also (back row) Tonya Antle, club president Tina De Maria, Debbie Basham and Lendy Haisley.

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## VERNA CLOYCE DUNSTAN TEST PARSONS

April 4, 1917 – June 27, 2025

Verna Cloyce Dunstan Test Parsons, born April 4, 1917, passed away peacefully on June 27, 2025, at the remarkable age of 108. Verna was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Lloyd Test, her second husband of 10 years, Charles F. Parsons, and her youngest son, Roger.



Verna was born and raised in Stockton, attended Stockton Junior College, and graduated from College of the Pacific (now University of the Pacific) in 1939. While there, Verna joined the Alpha Theta Tau sorority, appeared in several plays, and was crowned Queen of the Mardi Gras. Her gift for entertaining and connecting with others would bring her great joy throughout her long life.

After graduating, Verna married her sweetheart, Lloyd Test, and they raised three sons. She taught second grade, and was active in many organizations in Stockton. Verna was elected the first president of the Haggin Museum Junior Women’s Group, and helped organize the Dameron Hospital Auxiliary.

Upon retiring she moved from Stockton to Carmel-by-the-Sea. Verna was active in the Peninsula Club, was president of the Carmel Woman’s Club, and a member of PEO, the Monterey County Symphony, Friends of La Mirada, the Monterey Museum of Art and the Historic Garden League.

Verna was devoted to creating and teaching others about art, and was particularly fond of impressionist oil painting. As a spry 90-year old, She was often found teaching classes in art, music appreciation, literature, biography and history at the Carmel Foundation.

Verna was an avid reader, traveler, gardener and golfer. One of her special loves was her dogs, typically cocker spaniels or schnauzers, who welcomed friends into her home. Her last dog, “Sissy,” was a great joy.

Most of all, Verna loved the company of friends and family. She was known for throwing delightful gatherings, and was still hosting lunches, dinners and tea parties well past her 100th birthday. Verna always built up others with compliments, shared wisdom and laughter through stories.

A remarkable lady who will be cherished and missed by many, Verna is survived by sons and their wives, Allen and Barbara Test of Angels Camp, and Laurence and Holly Test of Stockton; five adoring grandchildren and their spouses: Heather and Andy Pinasco, Adam and Sarah Test, Kelly and Josh Hunsucker, Jennifer and Hans Hartvickson and Laura and Mark Mozolewski; and nine great-grandchildren: Abigail and Sam Pinasco, Will, Nathan and Grace Hunsucker, Annika, Karsten and Aksel Hartvickson, and Brooke Mozolewski

Donations to the Carmel Foundation or the Church of the Wayfarer are requested in lieu of flowers. Internment in Stockton, California will be private.

## BRYANT LYNN WRIGHT

With profound love and affection, we announce the passing of Bryant Lynn Wright — beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend — on Aug. 2 at the age of 70. Known affectionately as Lynn, he was a beacon of encouragement, wisdom and generosity — an example of the kind of man others aspired to be.

Born Dec. 15, 1954, in Cedar City, Utah, Lynn married his high school sweetheart and true love, Kimberly Ann, in 1978. Together, they built a home grounded in love, raising three daughters —Nicole, Brianna and Meghan — whose lives were shaped and strengthened by his constant love and unwavering encouragement.



Proudly known as “PopPop” to four beloved grandchildren — Lainey, Brooklynn, Hudson and Archer — Lynn was truly adored. He cherished time with them, whether attending their sporting events, sharing daily FaceTime calls, or simply enjoying their company. His playful spirit and loving heart created memories they will treasure forever.

Lynn touched countless lives through Cardinale & Wright, the seasonal business he built with his best friend Vince, now celebrating its 50th year, and through his 45-year career at Cardinale Moving & Storage. In every role, he was known for his work ethic, mentorship and unwavering love and kindness.

He is survived by his wife, Kim; daughters, Nicole (Tyler) Martin, Brianna (Nick) Barnes and Meghan (Todd) Graham; grandchildren, Lainey and Archer Martin, Brooklynn and Hudson Barnes; his sister, Susan Sandholdt; brother, David Wright; and many dear friends and extended family.

Lynn requested that his life be remembered with joy, laughter and the sharing of stories. We invite you to a reception in the Monterey Room at the Monterey Fairgrounds at noon on Oct. 11 to celebrate his memory.

## BARBARA LYNN GEISEN

June 11, 1947 ❖ July 24, 2025

Barbara Lynn Geisen was remarkable for her unconditional acceptance and love of life. She graduated from Los Gatos High School, where she was a valedictorian, celebrated for her speech and acting talent and her warm, engaging personality. In her career as a local State Farm agent, she assisted many clients, offering her signature cup of sunshine on the side.



She loved walking the beaches of Carmel, backpacking in the Sierra, hiking coastal trails and identifying native wildflowers. She nurtured plant starts from her friends and sisters; her own garden was her sanctuary. She looked forward to Tor House concerts, lunches with her friends, and to her twice weekly Mahjong gatherings at the Carmel Foundation (she almost always won!)

Most recently, for the last 25 years, she was a beloved yoga instructor, guiding students with her wisdom and kindness. She taught at the Carmel Foundation, Tehama Golf Club, MPC, Carmel High School extension and privately. Lynn left a lasting impression on all who knew her.

Sadly, she was tragically taken from us; we are all in mourning. Her presence is deeply missed. Lynn was a devoted wife and mother. She cherished her family. She is survived by her son, Loch; her sister, Susan; and niece, Leisyka. She was preceded in death by her sister, Karly; her mother, Mary; and her father, John. The placement of a memorial bench along one of Lynn’s favorite walking routes is upcoming.



Lynn Campbell

9/29/1951 - 8/31/2025

Age 73

Carmel Valley, CA

Lynn Campbell passed away peacefully on Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> at her home in Jamesburg, Carmel Valley at the age of 73. Lynn was a warrior when it came to health issues. She overcame a brain aneurysm only to be diagnosed with breast cancer. She fought breast cancer with the same valor as her aneurysm. However, after many years of managing the cancer, she succumbed at her home with her beloved dog Quinnie at her side. Fortunately, Quinnie is now in wonderful hands in a new home.

Lynn was born on Sept. 29, 1951, in Guam. She grew up in Carmel Valley with her mother, June Vestal-Campbell-Plumlee, and her four siblings, of whom she was the eldest. She was preceded in death by her sister, Noel Campbell-Tracy. She was the sister of Daniel Vestal Campbell, Grass Valley, CA, and Leslie Campbell of Bloomfield, WI. She was the proud aunt of Quinn Nolyn Campbell, Chicago, IL.

Lynn graduated from Carmel High School and attended MPC and was a lifelong learner. She lived in Carmel Valley for 50-plus years along with time in Lahaina and Kona, Hawaii. Throughout the course of her life, she had a ‘Joi de Vivre’ and brought a smile to the face of anyone who crossed her path. Lynn was a dedicated friend to a wide range of people, many of whom were lifelong friends.

As a teenager she volunteered at the White Oaks Summer Theater. She was an early member of the Cypress Swim Club, starting in the Competitive Syncro Club (ages 6-19, Carmel Valley). She carried her love of synchronized swimming into her senior years where she competed in several Master’s (50+ years) competitions. One of her proudest moments was when she “took home the gold” from one of her competitions. She also swam with the Synchronized (Artistic) Swimmers in Seaside, CA. As a true water lover, when she lived in Kailua-Kona she participated in the Reel Escapes Wahine Fishing Tournament. She was the co-founder of Ladies Night at Will’s Fargo Restaurant in Carmel Valley, an annual event that was attended by her grandmother, mother and sisters, and so many cherished friends. Her love for music included several performances with the Jamesburg Players in Carmel Valley, as well as singing with I Cantori di Carmel. She also volunteered for the Monterey Jazz Festival for numerous years. Lynn became a certified massage therapist and not only maintained a private practice but also volunteered for the Big Sur Marathon where she helped the runners with their aches and pains.

Lynn’s life encompassed numerous careers. She was a travel agent at the Monterey Presidio as well as private agencies. She also spent many years in the hospitality business, starting back in the day of the Hog’s Breath in Carmel. She also worked for many years at Carmel Valley Ranch, and her final hospitality job was her beloved Will’s Fargo in Carmel Valley. Over the years in hospitality, she became involved in the local wine business. With a fabulous palate, one could always trust her good taste in wine. She also co-founded “Women of Wine” where professional women involved in the wine business as well as women who enjoyed wine were able to get together and enjoy an evening of fun and good wine.

Over the course of her life, she touched the lives of many with her love for people, travel, music, sports, food and wine. She will be remembered as a devoted daughter, sister, aunt and cousin to her family as well as a dear sweet friend to others.

Her wishes were that memorial contributions be made to the Friends of the Carmel Valley Library, P.O. Box 1050 Carmel Valley, CA 93924. A celebration of her life will be scheduled at a later date.

BARBARA JEAN RUST

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Barbara Jean Rust, 88, who departed this life peacefully on July 7, 2025, after a short battle with kidney disease.

Born in Monterey, CA on Feb. 6, 1937, to Mark and Alma Tibbetts, Barbara was a lifelong resident of the Monterey Peninsula. She attended primary school at Bay School and graduated from Pacific Grove High School in 1954. She moved to the quaint coastal town of Carmel with her first husband, Dennis, where she raised two daughters and volunteered for many years at Carmel River School, where she was honored as Volunteer of the Year in 1982. She worked for local State Farm agent Barney Belleci for more than 40 years. She remained in Carmel alongside her second husband, Roger, until his passing in 2013. Barbara and Roger had a great sense of humor, often orchestrating playful pranks on friends and family. They were enthusiastic about card and board games and frequently hosted game nights at their home. Yahtzee, Uno and poker were regular features at holiday and family gatherings.



Barbara will be forever remembered for her cheerful spirit, fun attitude and bright smile, especially in the community she loved and by her family. She is survived by her two daughters, Deborah Ikeda (Don) and Brenda Starr (Douglas); stepdaughter, Debbie Klotz (Tom); sister, Jacqueline Torres; and grandchildren, Daniel Quinn (Katie), Dustin Starr, Michelle Starr, Jennifer Hoffman (Josh), Ian Klotz (Ashley) and Patrick Klotz (Jessica). She was also a beloved great-grandma to eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger.

A celebration of Barbara’s life will begin at noon on Oct. 18, 2025, at the American Legion in Carmel-by-the-Sea. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Animal Friends Rescue Project in Barbara’s memory: Animal Friends Rescue Project, P.O Box 51083, Pacific Grove, CA, [www.animalfriendsrescue.org](http://www.animalfriendsrescue.org).

THOMPSON LANGE

Thompson Lange, a beloved member of the Monterey Peninsula community and a passionate contributor to the arts, passed away in Sydney, Australia on Aug. 31, 2025, at the age of 64. Born on Feb. 1, 1961, Thompson enjoyed a life marked by creativity, entrepreneurship and a love for music.

He is survived by his loving mother, Ellyn Catania; his bonus mother, Suzanne Finklang; his sisters, Tracy Finklang and Keri Marion; and his brothers, Jay Finklang and Damian Cefalu as well as family and friends all over the world. He joins his brother, Beau Finklang; father, Thomas Finklang and beloved husband, Joe Vargo, in eternal peace.



Thompson attended Carmel Woods Elementary, Carmel Middle School and Carmel High School, and was known early for his charming demeanor and his razor-sharp freestyle stroke when he swam competitively for the Monterey Marlins, having been recruited when someone saw him swimming at the Beach Club pool at around age 10.

After graduating from UCLA and studying for a year in Germany, Thompson began his career as a set designer in New York, but after that time in Germany, the travel bug got him. To combine his love for travel (he visited 190+ countries of the world!), and an amazing talent for design, he and brother Beau shared a dream that, with their father, Thomas Finklang and his wife Claude Levy, transformed an historic building, the former

Grove Laundry in Pacific Grove, into a thriving import, interiors and design business. As Thomas wisely advised, “If that’s what you want to do, you should go for it. And you shouldn’t waste any time. Dreams have ways of slipping away.” This venture encapsulated their vision and passion for enriching their community, while getting to travel the world for product.

Gutting the building to the walls, they built it all by hand themselves, doing all the work, inside and out, salvaging what they could into the project. The dream and the years became reality when they opened The Grove Homescapes on Dec. 10, 1996, a building which bears a plaque commemorating their feats, going on to open an additional Homescapes in The Barnyard, and then the award-winning Homescapes Carmel, winner of numerous Gifts & Dec Magazine awards for excellence, with several featured articles over the years. As local boys, the brothers were inspired to create a store offering upscale furnishings sourced by them personally, from all over the world, with local artwork, plants and flowers. Their charming commercials let everyone know that “We travel the World so you don’t have to.”

Thompson was a marathon runner, with his first marathon on The Great Wall of China. Over the years, he had run a marathon on all seven continents, including Antarctica, with his final big run on his Continent Quest in the original Marathon in Greece. When his running days were over, he and Joe managed and worked the Big Sur International Marathon for a number of years.

Amongst all this, Thompson rediscovered his passion for singing from having toured Europe with America’s Youth in Concert chorus. He continued this journey with the UCLA Men’s Glee Club and later with Monterey Peninsula Voices. After moving to Palm Springs in 2020 with husband Joe, Thompson was a cherished member of the Palm Springs Gay Men’s Chorus, the Modern Men Chorus and Acabbello. He revived his travel and singing goals by participating in the GALA Chorus at World Pride in Sydney in 2023. His contributions to these groups brought joy and harmony, and his memory will be treasured by all who knew him.

When he left us, he was in Sydney, having the time of his life — happy, handsome and living the dream.

A celebration of Thompson’s life will be held at a time to be determined. We honor a man whose life was as vibrant and inspiring as the melodies he sang. If so moved, donations can be made to support music programs in the Monterey area, or to the Big Sur International Marathon, continuing his legacy of creativity and community. May he rest in sweet peace, forever remembered for his warmth, charm, talent and unwavering spirit.

# Another agenda highlight: proposed pickleball rules and a temporary ban

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL City Council’s Oct. 7 meeting is sure to be a humdinger, with not just house numbers on the agenda (see story page 1A), but potential rules restricting pickleball, too. A notice distributed Thursday indicates

city staff will ask the council to “adopt one or more ordinances regarding tennis and pickleball courts in Forest Hill Park, including ordinances to prohibit pickleball pending study by city of sound attenuation options and ordinances to adopt rules regulating the usage of tennis and pickleball courts.”

Last month at the end of a three-plus-hour special meeting on the topic, councilmembers decided they should, at a future meeting, consider new pickleball restrictions and whether to impose an outright ban on the game at Forest Hill Park while the details are worked out.

The increasingly popular game has been played on the tennis courts since the first restriping to accommodate it occurred 14 years ago, and friction between residents and players was brought to the forefront after two more courts were added in 2021. People who live near the courts repeatedly complain about noise and parking, while fans protest that the game is vital for their fitness and social lives. Opponents want it played elsewhere, while proponents challenge those who choose to live next to a park and then complain when people use it.

### Hours, days

In March, the forest and beach commission recommended the creation of two permanent pickleball courts, with permanent nets purchased and maintained by the city, and devoting the other half to tennis. 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.

At the end of the meeting, Mayor Dale Byrne and councilwoman Alissandra Dramov decided to work together to further research ways to reduce noise and find other potential locations for the courts, 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 also consider an urgency ordinance temporarily banning the game while the research is done and other details are worked out.

Details on the topic, including a staff report, will be available toward the end of the week as part of the council’s Oct. 7 agenda. The meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. in city hall and online. Visit [ci.carmel.ca.us](http://ci.carmel.ca.us) for more information.

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# PANETTA

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responsibility attracted a massive global following. He was speaking at a rally of his organization, Turning Point USA, when he was killed.

Panetta was unequivocal in his response to the murder, calling it a “heinous and horrible crime that we must firmly stand against.”

“I realize that extreme politics on both sides have driven a wedge deep in our society, but political violence is not just against the law, it’s also against our values,” the Carmel Valley congressman told The Pine Cone Wednesday. “We now have the opportunity to reflect upon the murder of Charlie Kirk and decide how we go forward as a nation. I’ve made my decision, not just through a vote on any one bill or resolution, but how I operate as a U.S. representative.”

He went on to say that “Despite the tensions and emotions that pervade our political discourse these days, each of us has a responsibility to turn down the temperature, uphold the First Amendment, and treat our fellow Americans with civility, dignity, and with our humanity.”

## ‘Overcome fascism’

Not everyone was pleased with Panetta’s moderate stance.

During the public comment period at Tuesday’s Monterey County Board of Supervisors meeting, a few people singled out the congressman for his support of the resolution.

“I’m very disturbed by this,” said one man who was identified only as Mr. Rosen. He accused Kirk of racism.

“Charlie Kirk has done a lot to vilify Black people, and Black women in particular, apparently,” Rosen claimed. “He didn’t like Martin Luther King, he said the Civil Rights Act was a mistake, and we’re honoring him — this is just so bad.”

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The next speaker, a woman, didn’t give her name but endorsed Rosen’s views.

“I was shocked to hear that Panetta actually voted to honor this man,” she said. “If these are the kind of people representing us, we don’t have a hope in hell to overcome the fascism that has taken hold of our country.”

A woman who only identified herself as Katherine pushed back against the criticism.

“I know he served God, and he was trying to help with

the issue of transgenderism, which is affecting a lot of things. I admired Charlie Kirk — may he rest in peace.”

Last week’s resolution in Congress contrasts to a similar one in June, when Republicans joined Democrats to unanimously condemn the politically motivated attacks on Democratic Minnesota lawmakers Melissa Hortman and John Hoffman and their spouses. Hortman and her husband were killed. Like the resolution for Kirk, lawmakers were asked to honor the victims.

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# ADDRESSES

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said, ‘Absolutely not,’” Delves said at the start of the Aug. 27 session. “When I was running for office and the topic of addresses came up, I changed the subject. I knew it was important to a lot of people. It was not important to me.”

But that changed, he said, following a four-hour council meeting devoted to the topic in March.

“There was a lot of passion around this, and when there’s that much passion in the room, you’ve got to listen,” he said.

Delves and the residents assembled their committee in April and began meeting weekly — and sometimes even more frequently — to research the issue of house numbers, with the goal of enabling the council “to make a well-informed decision on whether or not to implement standardized addresses in Carmel-by-the-Sea by developing a comprehensive understanding of the tasks, effort and responsibilities of doing so and the impacts of not doing so.”

What the committee will not do, he said, is make recommendations.

“Unless the city council wants us to ask more questions, we’re done,” he explained.

### Their findings

Delves said the committee found that thousands of towns across the country do not have home mail delivery and that implementing house numbers won’t affect that in Carmel.

“The postal service doesn’t want to change that — they’re not even interested in delivering mail to your homes,” Delves said, as using post office boxes is much more cost-effective.

The U.S. Postal Service also owns and manages the address management system, which he described as “the center of gravity for our addresses, house numbers, or what the utilities might call premises IDs.”

The address management system is the official source

for address validations and verifications nationwide, and the city’s directional system — which identifies buildings by their physical locations, such as San Carlos 2 southwest of Fourth — is incompatible with it. That’s why many entities and systems, such as financial institutions and government agencies, don’t accept Carmel addresses.

“All of those other towns have standard addresses recognizable by the official system,” Delves said.

He noted the city maintains its own 911 dispatch center in the police station because it lacks house numbers, and Monterey County Emergency Communications — which handles dispatching everywhere else — “doesn’t speak Carmel addresses.”

### Response times

As a result, Carmel dispatchers receive those 911 calls, figure out where they originated and then transfer them to the county to assign emergency resources.

“That can take 30 seconds to three minutes, and those are not included in the response-time reports” provided to the city council each month, Delves said. And when emergency responders indicate they’ve arrived, “that doesn’t mean they’ve really found us, it just means they think they found us.”

“But if it’s the middle of the night, they have to go out and count houses,” and look for lights, “and it adds time,” he said. “This really got all of our attention to really understand it.”

For these reasons, police and fire officials are on record in favor of house numbers, but they want to stay out of politics, according to Delves. “They’ve always viewed it as a political conversation, and we want to make it a public safety conversation,” he said.

When Mayor Dale Byrne asked if the city might eliminate its dispatching if house numbers are implemented, Acting Police Chief Todd Trayer said it could.

Outreach to utility companies — each of which has a unique way of identifying customers’ locations in Carmel — revealed they are also interested in having standardized addresses and would adjust their internal systems to reflect whatever the city implements, according to Delves.

Garay said the postal service requires physical addresses

to begin with whole primary numbers up to five digits and to contain only one street name, with even numbers on one side, odd on the other, and supplemental information like unit or suite numbers at the end. This system is found in the annexed areas at the edge of the city to the north, south and east.

Ruess developed a prototype that postal service officials said would work with the address management system.

“If somebody lives at 250 Torres, you know it’s on Torres between Second and Third and probably mid-block, so it preserves some ability to know from an address where the house is located,” he said. “It also keeps most to four digits or fewer,” while houses in outside the city limits have five-digit addresses.

Characters must be at least 4 inches tall and a half-inch apart, visible from the street and displayed with enough contrast to be easily seen, according to state codes.

Twomey said the system would also allow for accessory dwelling units to have their own numbers if their owners want them to.

“We would like to see as many of the ADUs that are built in our community as possible rented out,” and having separate addresses for them would offer tenants some autonomy, she said.

But she noted that residents and business owners will be free to continue using only their PO boxes wherever that works for them.

“If they don’t need your physical address, you don’t need to provide it to them,” she said.

### Three to six months

Hazdovac said the committee has been diligently collecting and logging comment letters from constituents, with many weighing in on all sides, and listing the pros and cons expressed in those letters.

Resident Wayne Moon, who said he doesn’t want a house number, asked the committee if it considered producing an aerial map that emergency responders could use to find houses. Twomey said a Google map that contains house names already exists.

“We encourage people to name their houses,” she added.

And Delves said the planning and building department has a map with parcel numbers on it, “but it’s not universal.”

Longtime resident Donna Jett admitted she’s been very vocal in arguing for a standardized system.

“I hate not having a house number,” she said, adding that she couldn’t believe putting four digits on a house would change its character or negatively affect property values or dissuade people from visiting.

At that point, Delves reminded the group to stick with questions and suggestions.

“I ask us to steer clear of the rallying comments, because we want to be absolutely respectful of everyone in this room,” he said.

When asked how long the process might take, Delves said councilmembers could decline to implement it, but if they like it, and especially if the city opts to go with Ruess’ prototype, he guessed three to six months.

The council is expected to answer some of those questions at the Oct. 7 meeting, which will start at 4:30 p.m. and will be held online and in person. Find more information at [ci.carmel.ca.us](http://ci.carmel.ca.us).



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# NEWSOM

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Newsom signed off on revving up domestic oil production in Kern County. The location is home to the state’s most productive oil fields, but new wells there have been tiedup in environmental review for years. In September, Newsom rubber stamped environmental impact reports on the wells, giving companies the green light to drill, baby, drill.

Sivas argued the increased oil extraction won’t lower gasoline prices because the oil



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The Valero refinery in Benicia, which may receive state subsidies to stay open.

left in the ground in California is old and heavy, making it more expensive to extract than imported crude. She said Newsom is acting out of fear over what’s playing out in the California fuel market.

“My take on it is that the oil and gas industry, which is on the sharp decline in California, is using this moment in time to spark fear and squeeze out a lot of exemptions,” said Sivas.

Californians have good reason to be afraid of future prices at the pump. While electric cars have gained in popularity,

more than 30 million drivers in the state use gasoline powered cars and trucks, and in May, a USC Marshall School of Business professor, Michael Mische, said gasoline prices could reach as high as \$8.43 a gallon by the end of 2026. (And you thought \$4.65 was bad.)

The prediction is based on the pending closures of two California refineries, Phillips 66 in Southern California and Valero in Northern California. Together the refineries make up 18 percent of the state’s refining capacity, and when those two big chunks of the supply fall away at once, it will make more than a ripple in the market.

Not everyone thinks Mische’s \$8 prediction is accurate. Right or wrong, it lit a fire under Democrats, who tasked themselves with making the state more affordable this year.

**Summer blend**

In addition to more drilling, one of the bills in the energy package allows the governor to suspend the requirement for cleaner summer blends of gasoline, to prevent “extraordinary gasoline price increases.” One of the reasons fuel prices are so much higher here than in other states is the special blend mandated by the state and only produced by California refineries.

The blend has been a cornerstone of California’s clean air regulations, reducing smog and pollution which can harm human health. Speaking on the television news show, “California Politics 360,” outgoing chair of the California Air Resources Board Liane Randolph defended those regulations as necessary for quality of life in the state.

“They have proved to be cost beneficial, they have proved to result in health-care savings, they have proved to benefit people’s lives, and they have really proved to make California a better place to live,” said Randolph.

The latest energy deal isn’t the only

proof of Newsom’s about-face on oil and gas. This month, Bloomberg reported Newsom and the legislature are considering giving Valero hundreds of millions of dollars to keep its North Bay refinery open.

Yep, you read that right — Democrats are talking about funding oil production. According to the report, between \$80 million and \$200 million in state funds could be earmarked to cover refinery maintenance costs and keep it online.

### Profit cap

News of the talks broke just two weeks after the California Energy Commission put the brakes on plans to impose a profit cap on refiners at the end of August. The commission has the power to require oil companies to pay a penalty if their profits climb too high but has promised not to until 2030.

Newsom’s office called the move a “prudent step” toward stabilizing the market. Mind you, the penalty was a landmark piece of Newsom’s climate agenda two years ago, one he was still pushing prior to Trump’s 2024 election victory.

Last October, Newsom held a press conference behind a podium reading, “HOLDING BIG OIL ACCOUNTABLE,” where he praised the legislators for their work and encouraged them to keep pushing back against the industry.

Monterey Peninsula Assemblymember Dawn Addis heeded the call this session, when she introduced the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act. The bill would have required fossil fuel companies to pay into a superfund to cover the costs of damage caused by climate change over the last three decades. It stalled last year alongside an identical bill introduced in the state Senate. The bills faced fierce opposition from the oil and gas industry, which argued the legislation would result in massive price increases for fuel.

A similar bill from San Francisco Democrat Sen. Scott Wiener that would have allowed wildfire victims to sue oil companies for causing climate change also fell by the wayside this session. The legislation faced opposition from oil and labor groups, both claiming it would send gas prices through the roof.

The results of the 2024 election showed Newsom that cost of living was a key issue at the ballot box, which is a problem when you’re governor with presidential aspirations in the most expensive state in the nation. Newsom is taking a gamble with this massive course correction on oil and gas. It could pay off if his moves result in lowering or stabilizing gasoline prices, but if it doesn’t work, he’s left some of his base behind, and he’ll take a hit for not sticking to his guns.



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# FAMILIES

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were “totally unoccupied.” He said city staff have since tallied those up to determine that only 35 to 40 percent of residences are year-round homes.

Buder attributes the “continued increase” in second-home ownership to the Peninsula’s eternal appeal and its highly competitive real estate market — the same factors that push local families to nearby Seaside and Marina, even parts of Monterey, in search of homes that are not quite so expensive.

Carmel is a resort town, of course, but it’s also a place to live. One that many people and most young families cannot afford. The person who can tends to be an affluent 65-year-old living with their spouse.

“The crux of the problem is that, in order to live in a market-rate single-family home here, families need to have at least \$400,000 in yearly income,” Buder said.

### “No. 1 Issue”

Population decline is hardly as visible or polarizing as the other hot topics in town, but Buder is insisting that Carmel’s family problem deserves a priority spot on the council’s agenda, now that he can prove it exists.

“This is the No. 1 issue that hasn’t been discussed,” he said. “We’ve had 100-plus hours of council meetings in the past six months and, aside from me pushing to make it one of our top priorities, it’s never been put on the agenda.”

Buder is a member of a volunteer coalition called Affordable Housing Alternatives which recently spent months researching and devising several options to bring Carmel into compliance with

California’s affordable housing mandate.

The city’s original plan was approved by the state in April 2024 and involved replacing two municipal parking lots with 149 new affordable units. Concerned residents and city officials almost immediately formed the housing group to revise it.

Presenting to the city council over a year later, the group offered solutions to supply cost-effective living options in keeping with the city’s character.

Among them is a “matching” service for accessory dwelling units — pairing private owners with prospective renters — repurposing commercial spaces, converting rooms in underused hotels, and building low-cost housing on church-owned properties.

### Best-laid plans

At the time, Buder emphasized the group’s alternatives would make Carmel more viable for younger people. Councilman Bob Delves was “in full support of all five strategies.” The group’s ideas have been well received in town and are being submitted to the state’s housing department for re-approval.

Of course, plans don’t necessarily yield the housing they envision.

In Carmel Valley, construction on Alan Williams’ and Clint Eastwood’s Rancho Cañada Village Project is only just getting underway, almost 20 years after it was proposed, and the number of units has been scaled back to 93 market-rate and 40 affordable homes, down from the original 280 homes, 140 of them deemed “affordable.”

More recently, a small group of citizens successfully lobbied the Carmel City Council to rescind the planning commission’s approval for the JB Pastor complex on Dolores and Seventh. The project has undergone five revisions and promises the

city eight apartments, if it can satisfy the latest round of changes to its landscaping and parking configurations

“We’re worried about losing the things that make Carmel what it is, meanwhile we’re losing the most important thing, which are the people that live here,” Buder told The Pine Cone a month before the Pastor ruling.

As for his proposed solutions to Carmel’s problem of disappearing families,

Buder said he first wants “to learn from the experience of other places, specifically to study what’s been tried in other resort communities.”

He said he’s a fan of the ADU matching program and policies encouraging long-term, 12-month-minimum rentals in town, and floated the idea of partnering with CUSD to offer housing incentives for teachers and staff, “folks that are already a part of our community.”



In 2016, a contingent of students from River School participated in the Carmel-by-the-Sea Centennial Parade.

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# FAIR

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through the fairgrounds.  
“The description was vague, and no direct witnesses were located to corroborate information,” he said. “Some individuals told officers they heard there was an active shooter inside the venue, but again officers had no evidence this occurred.”  
Considering the fights and the reports of an armed man, police and fair staff decided to close the fair two hours early and send everyone home. Officers from more than a half-dozen agencies assisted with getting everyone out.  
But that wasn’t the end of the violence, as it spread to the parking lot at Denny’s and then into the streets of Seaside, with a person in a car chasing and shooting at another vehicle, missing it but striking a building, according to Seaside Police Chief Nick Borges. “We had reports of shots from our shot-detection system,” he said. “Officers responded to the area and found shell casings. No one was injured, but one house was hit by gunfire.”

## Video evidence

In the aftermath of those incidents, police from Monterey and Seaside immediately started investigating. They located several videos “depicting a large group of males punching and kicking two victims numerous times,” Andrews said. Collaborating with Seaside P.D. and the Monterey County Probation Department, officers managed to identify the suspects and proceeded to track them down.  
On Sept. 1, Seaside P.D. arrested a 17-year-old, who was booked into juvenile hall, and Monterey P.D. took 19-year-old Mario Giovanni Perez Luis to Monterey County Jail, where his bail was set at \$200,000 for assault with a deadly weapon and participation in a criminal street gang.  
On Sept. 3, MPD arrested three more teens — a 17-year-old and two 15-year-olds — according to Andrews, and picked

up another 17-year-old on Sept. 6.  
Robert Mendez, 20, was arrested by MPD on Sept. 10 and taken to Monterey County Jail on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and gang membership. His bail was also set at \$200,000.  
Meanwhile, Seaside P.D. identified its shooting suspects using strong leads provided by surveillance images, Borges said.  
“Within 24 hours, we had some really good leads on license plates and camera footage,” he said.

## ‘A little elusive’

Using license-plate-reading technology and other footage, the investigator followed the vehicles’ and occupants’ movements, including in and out of businesses, and developed certainty they had been in the involved cars at the time of the shooting. Borges said the two men they arrested had not been at the fair but were connected to those involved in the fights and had gotten caught up in the violence afterward.  
Adrian Bernal, 20, was booked into Monterey County Jail Sept. 9 on charges of attempted murder and conspiracy, with bail set at \$1.2 million, while it took a little longer to catch 19-year-old Ricardo Pacheco.  
“He was a little elusive,” Borges said, and when Seaside P.D. asked the regional SWAT team to arrest him at his Marina house, he wasn’t there. Officers reached out to family members, friends and others who might convince him to come forward.  
“I had a very long conversation with the mom,” said Borges, who described her as being very upset and worried about her son. Later, she called and said her son was home and would be turning himself in. Pacheco was booked into county jail on charges of attempted murder, willful discharge of a firearm with gross negligence, participation in a criminal street gang and conspiracy. His bail has been set at \$2,050,000.  
Lopez pleaded not guilty to the charges Sept. 11, Pacheco entered the same plea Sept. 19, and they are set to appear for a preliminary hearing in a Salinas courtroom Oct. 1.



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# Hopes run high among girls volleyball teams as season ramps up

THREE LOCAL volleyball teams are bullish about their postseason playoff possibilities for very different reasons as they waded into the 2025 season with high expectations.

Two of those schools, Carmel and Stevenson, are adjusting to first-year head coaches. The third, Santa Catalina, is in its second season under Israel Ricardez, one of Monterey County's most successful coaches over the past 15 years.


The Carmel High School Padres dominated the 2024

## Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

headlines by going 14-0 in the Pacific Coast Athletic League's big-school Gabilan Division and 19-3 overall under first-year coach Butch Mandon, who inherited a ton of talent from his CHS predecessor, Ricardez.

The Padres' first Gabilan crown was the sixth league trophy in school history. Ricardez won the previous five, in 2009, '10, '11, '13 and '14 in the Mission Division,



Cody Jankowski, previously CSUMB assistant women's volleyball coach, expects the Padres to compete with the Gabilan's best teams in his first season at the helm.

and he coached Carmel's boys to Gabilan titles in 2016, '18 and '23. His 2018 boys won Carmel's only Central Coast Section volleyball championship, taking the Division 3 title.

Ricardez left Carmel after the 2022-23 school year, resurfacing last fall at Catalina.

Cody Jankowski becomes Carmel High's third head coach in three years, stepping into a program that graduated seven players, including two All-Gabilan picks and two second-teamers, from that 2024 powerhouse.

"With every new coach, there's a new culture and new stuff the players have to learn, which probably isn't a lot of fun for the girls, but it keeps them on their toes," said Jankowski, who spent the previous four years as an assistant coach for CSU Monterey Bay's women's team.

"I'm not going to tell you I'm expecting another undefeated season — we do have a lot of youth on our roster — but I think we should be one of the better teams in the league again this year," he said. "I believe we should be able to compete with the crème de la crème of the conference."

**Descalzi was All-Gabilan**

Outside hitter Lizzy Descalzi was a junior last season when she achieved All-Gabilan recognition for hammering 202 kills, second on the team, and accruing 185 digs, third.

Descalzi's back-row prowess will contribute to a strong defense that also includes libero Hallie Crabbe, last year's team leader with 9.0 digs per match, and Riley Nothhelfer, whose 147 digs were fourth-best on the squad. Nothhelfer was also second in service aces with 36.

Both are juniors, as is the Padres' lead setter, Aspen Ashe, who was second in assists (283) to her All-Gabilan teammate Cindy Moreau.

Ashe and senior Bella Boaro will set up the attack that features Descalzi and Eliana Sogge on the outside, middle hitters Maddie Willoughby (6-foot-2) and Hannah Drew, and outside hitters Julie Watkins, Ava Maxon and Sherry Beretti, all varsity newcomers.

After early-season losses to Harbor and Notre Dame Belmont, the Padres entered this week with a 3-3 overall record, with Gabilan Division victories over Monte Vista Christian and Santa Catalina.

Ricardez, Catalina's coach, has all but one player returning from a team that went 15-14 last season, but just 2-12 against Gabilan foes.

"We didn't get blown out by anybody in our league last year — we pushed them all to the brink — so I fought really hard to keep us in the Gabilan," said Ricardez, who



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Veterans of a Carmel team that went 14-0 in the Gabilan Division last fall are Maddie Willoughby (10), Aspen Ashe (3), Hallie Crabbe, Riley Nothhelfer (2), and all-division outside hitter Lizzy Descalzi (12).

savors tough competition. "My expectation is that we're going to win more games than we won last year."

The heartbeat for the Cougars comes from second-team All-Gabilan junior Evelyn Kim, who, according to the coach, "is everything you'd want in an NCAA Division libero, even though she's tiny — maybe 5-2."

**Kim, Henrard lead Cougars**

"She's one of those kids who plays really high-level club volleyball year-round," Ricardez said. "She's calm, patient, and extremely motivated. You don't have to worry about Evelyn."

The Cougars' only senior, team captain Grace Henrard, is a 6-1 middle blocker with years of experience. She's flanked by outside hitter Kristen Wong, who has a "big, heavy arm swing," said the coach, and athletic right-side hitter Abri De Ranieri, both juniors.

The other middle hitter, sophomore Jacqueline Greenfield, is a boarding student from Sacramento who has attracted the attention of Ricardez.

"She didn't play much last year, but Jacqueline

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probably has made the biggest transformation from one year to the next,” he said. “She’s coming in with really high expectations for herself.”

The quarterback of the offense, junior Ansley Brosseau, led the 2024 Cougars in assists (388) service aces (28), and scooped 68 digs on defense.

Leading the defense is junior Myah Cepeda, who has emerged as one of the team’s vocal leaders. The other back-row standout, sophomore Y-Sa Santiago, is one of the team’s go-to servers.

The other outside hitter, freshman Hana Wong, Kristen’s sister, is just 5-5, but jumps well, hits hard, and also



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

First-year head coach Jordan Leiter, middle blocker Katy Kimball (17), and the Stevenson Pirates celebrate a big point against Gonzales on Sept. 28.

defends at a high level.

Catalina’s 6-3 overall record includes a pair of non-league losses to Monterey, the second in the finals of the St. Francis SCP tournament, and a 3-1 Gabilan loss to Carmel.

Experienced core for RLS

Stevenson School’s first-year coach, Jordan Leiter, was previously the varsity assistant, making her very familiar with eight returning varsity players.

After a difficult 2024 season (2-12, 10-14) in the Gabilan, the Pirates return to the Mission Division, where they went 11-1 and 21-5 the year before, winning the school’s first league volleyball trophy and a CCS playoff game.

Five of last year’s varsity letter-winners played significant roles: Outside hitters Stella Elmore and Ashley Dalhammer and setter Brennecke Daley all saw action in 50 sets or more; hitter/middle blocker Caroline Bufkin and

libero Gabi Tight played more than 40.

The exciting part for their new varsity coach is that Tight, Bufkin and Elmore were freshmen, and Dalhamer and Daley were sophomores.

Daley steps up to become the No. 1 setter in the Pirates’ two-setter offense after recording 194 assists in 599 ball-handling attempts a year ago.

“She’s grown a lot as an athlete, and is doing a great job leading and directing our offense,” Leiter said. “I’m watching her come into her confidence and bring great leadership onto the court.”

Elmore, a right-side hitter, led all Stevenson underclassmen in kills with 54 as a ninth-grader, and her 85 digs also topped the non-seniors.

“Stella is extremely impactful on the right side, both in blocking and hitting,” Leiter said. “She’s continuing to grow into a consistent threat at the net.”

‘Flying all over the court’

Tight, the libero, was credited with 104 serve receptions, team best among underclassmen, and 70 digs.

“I’m so excited to have Gabi leading our serve receive and defense,” Leiter said. “In the last year, I’ve seen her completely lock in mentally. She brings incredible hustle and throws her body around, flying all over the court to keep the ball alive.”

Dalhamer scored 48 kills with nine blocks and 62 serve receptions in her sophomore season.

“She’s a tremendous athlete in her third varsity season, and I’ve seen her grow into a big hitter in our attack,” Leiter said. “She has a court presence that makes the players next to her feel comfortable and confident.”

Bufkin skillfully plays outside hitter, right-side hitter, middle blocker, or back row.

“Caroline is our Swiss Army knife,” Leiter said. “Not only does she play anywhere at the net, but she’s also a great defender and one of our best passers.”

A dynamic newcomer is sophomore Marley Heller, who has emerged as Stevenson’s most efficient outside hitter early in the season. She’s a strong defender too, the coach said.

Also notable:

Katie Kimball, a 6-1 senior, steps into a prominent role as a starting middle blocker. She leads in blocks this year. Varsity newcomer Clare Brandler — who has a “high volleyball IQ and stays composed in the chaos,” said the coach — is taking the other middle position in the lineup.

Crete Rosenau is a freshman who brings club experience and unusual maturity to the other setter position in the two-setter offense, and Audrina Malate, a junior, is a first-year varsity player who adds depth to the setter position.

Defensive specialists Emma Venkat and Sloane Nguyen are aggressive, consistent back-row sweepers, and Nguyen and Tight lead the team in service aces.

Outside hitter Olivia Rheim, a senior, plays almost



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

(From left, facing camera) Jacqueline Greenfield, Myah Cepeda, Evelyn Kim and freshman Hana Wong will be key players at Santa Catalina this year.

error-free, said her coach, and junior Simone Tomolo, a right-side hitter, has emerged as valuable spiritual leader as she competes for playing time.

And a transfer student, junior Olive Furmanek, is expected to make an immediate impact at outside hitter after her mandatory waiting period for athletic eligibility expires.

The Pirates entered the week at 3-2 overall, including a loss to Greenfield and victory over Gonzales in division play.

Stevenson is home tonight for a Mission Division match against Everett Alvarez. Catalina hosts Palma, and Carmel travels to Salinas in the Gabilan. All matches begin at 6 p.m.



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# Editorial

# Farewell to famine

IN HIS 1968 book, “The Population Bomb,” Stanford professor Paul Ehrlich famously predicted that mankind was destined for imminent and widespread famine.

“The battle to feed all of humanity is over,” he wrote. “In the 1970s and 1980s, hundreds of millions of people will starve to death in spite of any crash programs embarked upon now.”

This dire prediction was based on Ehrlich's assessment that human population was growing exponentially, while food supplies could only increase arithmetically, leading to inevitable shortages.

“A minimum of 10 million people, most of them children, will starve to death during each year of the 1970s,” Ehrlich said. “But this is a mere handful compared to the numbers that will be starving before the end of the 20th century.”

Ehrlich's thinking was influenced by the numerous significant famines that had occurred in the first half of the 20th century, including the Russian famine of 1921-1922, which killed about 5 million, the Chinese famine of 1928-1930, which killed as many as 10 million, the Soviet famine of 1932-1933, which took about 6 million lives, and the Bengal Famine of 1943, which starved more than 2 million.

While many historic famines have been caused by natural catastrophes, like droughts or floods, others are caused by political malevolence or incompetence. Ehrlich's doomsday predictions envisioned something completely different — the inability of mankind to produce enough food, even under ideal circumstances.

In his view, humanity was already “breeding itself into oblivion” because birth rates were much higher than death rates, while arable land, water and energy were limited and could not expand exponentially, as the population did.

“It now seems inevitable that this will continue to its logical conclusion: mass starvation,” Ehrlich wrote.

That was in 1968, when the Earth's population was 3.5 billion. Today, it's 8.2 billion, and Ehrlich's book can now be seen as ludicrously wrong. So much so that this week the United Nations agency for children (UNICEF) announced that obesity has surpassed undernourishment as the biggest health problem for young people around the world.

“When we talk about malnutrition, we are no longer just talking about underweight children,” said UNICEF executive director Catherine Russell.

Since 2000, the number of underweight children and teens has dropped from nearly 13 percent to 9.2 percent, the report says, adding that in the same period, obesity has tripled, from 3 percent to 9.4 percent.

“Today, obesity rates exceed underweight in every region except sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia,” according to Russell. “Globally, one in five children and adolescents, or 391 million, are overweight, with nearly half classified as obese.”

While famine is obviously caused by a shortage of food, its opposite is just as obviously caused by a surplus — which is to say that you starve if you don't eat enough calories, and you become fat if you eat too many. This very simple calculus is too often drowned out by bureaucratic gobbledygook about things like “processed foods” and “micronutrients.” For hundreds of years, mankind struggled with the simple task of producing enough food calories for every child to thrive. Today, it has succeeded so brilliantly at producing more than enough food for everyone, obesity has become more commonplace among the poor than the rich.

In that sense, the UNICEF report about obese children can be seen as a triumph of mankind. Ehrlich's doomsday scenarios turned out to be wrong, not because he was mistaken about finite quantities of farmland and clean water, but because he overlooked something that turned out to have no limit: human ingenuity.

Humanity still has great problems to solve, but it has conquered starvation.

# BEST of BATES



**“I just went on a pleasure trip. I took my mother-in-law to the airport.”**

## Letters to the Editor

*'Consistency and fairness'*  
Dear Editor,

The recent delays and reversals on the Patrice Pastor project at Seventh and Dolores raise troubling questions about consistency and fairness in how the city council applies its own procedures. The planning commission carefully reviewed and approved the project after months of public hearings and design revisions. That approval was subsequently upheld by the city council. Yet, after a later appeal from a small group of locals, the same city council reversed itself and rescinded the very approval it had previously granted.

Over the last several years, the city council has routinely affirmed planning commission recommendations on residential remodels, small commercial renovations, and even controversial applications such as the Verizon wireless facility on Carmelo Street. In those cases, the council either issued clear findings to support its action or allowed projects to move forward despite objections.

By contrast, the Pastor projects — each of which received planning commission approval after staff review — have been subjected to repeated remands, reversals, and prolonged uncertainty. The reasons have been broad and subjective: concerns about “scale,” “parking,” or “neighborhood character.” What appears absent are

detailed findings and timely action that the law and Carmel's municipal code require.

This raises a simple but important question: When was the last time, if ever, that the city council reversed itself after approving a properly noticed planning commission recommendation merely because a group of residents appealed? If not, then Pastor may be experiencing a level of scrutiny not applied to others.

Carmel deserves one set of rules applied evenly to all, not shifting standards depending on the applicant or the pressure of the moment. Consistency matters. Whether one supports or opposes the projects, all applicants deserve fair and equal treatment under the same set of rules. Selective enforcement — or inconsistent application — erodes trust in local government and invites unnecessary conflict. The council's reversal on this project is not only inconsistent with its own record but also unfair to those who participate in the process with the reasonable expectation that a final decision is, in fact, final.

**William J. Woska, Carmel**

*'Golden opportunity'*  
Dear Editor,

Building Tarpy Flats is a golden opportunity to help solve two major problems in the Salinas-to-Monterey Highway 68 commute. No. 1: Require the developer to provide funding for the construction of two additional lanes from Highway 218 to the airport entrance at Olmstead Road, or even better, to its intersection with Highway 1. This could provide considerable relief to

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# WWII veteran celebrates his 100th with brothers-in-arms

IT WAS the darkest of nights, the kind when a kid feels a shiver of fear in his spine, making him wonder whether this time, he might not make it home. Born in New Jersey in 1925, to parents who had immigrated from Italy, Anthony Pagano was raised under the weight of religion, scarcity, and great expectation.

He was nearly 18 and a senior in high school when he enlisted in the Army in 1943. World War II was raging, and Pagano thought serving would give him a chance to become an engineer like his older brother, who was already in uniform.

“As volunteers, we could choose our service, so I chose the Army’s Specialized Training Program,” Pagano said. “I was a good shot and didn’t drink, so they made me a chief driver in the motor pool. I didn’t know how to drive a Jeep, but I learned fast, in dicey conditions. I was 5-foot-4 and 115 pounds, so I had to learn to use my brains instead of my body to fight a war.”

## Heavy losses

In October 1944, Pagano was on a convoy leaving Fort Jackson, an Army training center in South Carolina. From there, he began a trajectory that — on a journey he recalls vividly — ultimately led him into the densely forested region of Ardennes, France. By mid-December, a 19-year-old Pagano was fighting for his country and his life in the Battle of the Bulge.

Day after day, he didn’t know if he would make it through — 12 of his comrades didn’t, and 50 soldiers in his company were wounded.

Varying reports indicate the Battle of

Although he lives in Sparks, Nevada, the Army veteran, who received a Bronze Star in recognition of his service in a combat zone, spent his early retirement in Monterey. He joined the American Legion Post 512 in Carmel, where his centennial



PHOTO/LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

World War II veteran Anthony Pagano fought in the Battle of the Bulge and recently celebrated his 100th birthday.

celebration and service to his country were feted on Sept. 6, and he was presented with a U.S. Congressional certificate by Representative Jimmy Panetta.

Pagano drove himself from Sparks to Carmel in his 2024 Mercedes for the occasion.

“I’m in good health for 100 — for any age, actually,” he said. “I think it’s because I came from an immigrant family, which made us hardy.”

“I grew up on and still follow a Mediterranean diet. The only time I ever had cake growing up was on someone’s birthday,” he recalled. “In addition, I gave up smoking as soon as the war was over and

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# Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

the Bulge, the largest and bloodiest fought by the U.S. Army in World War II, cost the lives of between 10,250 and 19,000 American soldiers, with tens of thousands more missing, captured or wounded.

But not Pagano, who, on Aug. 30, came to Carmel to celebrate his 100th birthday.

# From the mayor’s desk — Planning in a changing region

By DALE BYRNE

OVER THE last nine months, I’ve been meeting with mayors, councilpersons and city managers across Monterey County, following neighboring council meetings, speaking at forums and meeting with local businesses and residents. The message I’ve heard is clear: The regional landscape is shifting and it will affect us in Carmel. This situational awareness can help us plan rather than react to the impact of these changes.

Across the Peninsula and Salinas Valley, cities are advancing major hospitality, housing, retail, and infrastructure projects. New hotel rooms are coming online within a short drive of Carmel, some at the end of

the year. Nearby communities are investing in utilities, transportation, housing and public facilities to support growth, including an Amazon warehouse in Salinas. These commitments will reshape hiring patterns, travel choices and visitor flows across Monterey Bay. These are not concepts, they are commitments already put in motion.

## ■ Why it matters

Carmel’s economy is built on hospitality, including hotels, restaurants and small retail. About 1,000 new hotel rooms within 15 minutes will compete for guests and

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# HONEY, WHO WAS THAT GUY WE READ ABOUT IN APRIL ... KIM SOMETHING?

**ARTIST CONFIDENTIAL:** *Here are a few fun and fascinating things we learned about some of the local artists we’ve interviewed this year. The publication date of each artist’s full profile in The Pine Cone is in parentheses.*

**Oya Bolgun** (Jan. 24, 2025), an abstract painter in Marina, grew up in Turkey in a family where art runs deep. While studying at Anadolu University in Eskisehir, her professors would often ask, “Do you have any siblings coming here?” She did, in fact — her younger brother pursued ceramics,

a powerful role model: her mother, Ada Hooks. Hooks, who came of age in Arkansas and Texas under Jim Crow, overcame the odds, graduating as valedictorian, marrying a military man, earning an associate’s degree from Monterey Peninsula College, then bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of San Francisco. Kesten watched her mother break barriers, becoming the first African-American woman hired as a keypunch operator and later supervisor at Fort Ord, and eventually working as a computer tech, librarian and finance analyst. Kesten, a Seaside High School alum, graduated cum laude from CSU Fresno, earned a master’s, and became a psychotherapist.

# Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

and two sisters became sculptors. “At one point, four of us were at the university together,” Oya recalled.

Before **Wayne Marien** (Feb. 28, 2025) settled in Del Rey Oaks as a fine-art photographer, he built a career in Hollywood, taking on roles as a postproduction editor, cameraman, sound man, darkroom technician, still photographer and more. Marien contributed to documentaries, feature films, major TV series, music videos, and commercials. His credits include “Aliens” and the “Die Hard” films, as well as series like “Twin Peaks,” “Charlie’s Angels,” “The Fall Guy,” and “Daniel Boone.”

**Denise Kesten** (Jan. 31, 2025), known for vibrant acrylic landscapes and seascapes, grew up in Pacific Grove with

depict race cars. At 16, in 1966, he and a classmate made their way to the legendary 24 Hours of Le Mans. While his friend managed some sleep, Galgani stayed up all night, mesmerized by cars flying through the streets, some topping 220 mph on the iconic Mulsanne Straight.

**Rick Smith** (Feb. 7, 2025), from Toro Park, crafts wooden bowls, vases and vessels when he’s not paragliding over dunes or riding dirt bikes at 67. “I’m actually a fairly sane person,” Smith joked, recalling the time he stole a full-sized dairy cow model from the roof of Salinas’ long-gone Blue Ribbon Dairy at age 22. Most of his wood comes from Big Sur driftwood and fallen trees.

**Bonnie Sailer** (Feb. 21, 2025) of Pacific Grove often dreams her impressionist and expressionist oil paintings before she creates them. At 5, her kindergarten teacher scolded her for refusing to play “house.” Sent to a corner to fingerprint, she thrived. By 7, she was sewing clothes for her Barbie dolls on her own machine.

## ‘No style’

**John Cromwell** (March 7, 2025) grew up in a military family and considered the U.S. Naval Academy, but changed course when he couldn’t find art classes in its catalog. Later, after a teacher talked him out of the San Francisco Art Institute, he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in finance.

“My wife always told her friends, ‘I married an artist ... but he became a banker,’” said Cromwell, now retired in Carmel Point. He displays his work at Carmel Modern, a gallery he shares with fellow abstract painter Lucas Blok.

**Jessica von Essen** (March 14, 2025) of

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PHOTO/COURTESY BONNIE SAILER

(Top) Rick Smith, a Toro Park resident, creates stunning wood pieces that can be seen at Carmel Valley Art Association. (Above) Bonnie Sailer paints landscapes, seascapes and animal portraits.




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California Avenue and Imjin Parkway, but a site for the new civic center, which could potentially house city hall and the community center, has not been selected.

to the transit station.

They also talked about whether they wanted city hall to remain separate from city hall, or if it would be better to combine the two.

“Are we looking for a community center of old, or are we looking for a community center of modern times where there are many offices that are a part of it?” asked the mayor.

The idea behind a combo building would be to give people one location to do business with the city and meet with community members.

## Advisory committee

Before putting anything before voters again, the council wants to make sure they've checked more boxes than they did ahead of last year's effort, starting with a citizens advisory committee.

At the end of the meeting, the city council voted unanimously to direct staff to establish a committee within the next two months, and to have that group meet with consultants familiar with facility needs, plus a long list of add-on items from almost every member of the city council.

Councilmember Kathy Biala asked staff to make sure the committee includes people of diverse backgrounds and to provide the council with updates on the facility site locations.

Another councilmember, Jenny McAdams, called for a separate community meeting on new infrastructure as soon as possible and said they should “make it engaging.” Finally, councilmember Liesbeth Visscher asked staff to research tax exemptions for seniors for any potential bond or utilities tax that might be placed on a future ballot.

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couple of winters,” which were characterized by above-normal rainfall, heavy winds and a lot of downed trees,” he added. “With the PBCSD board’s support in doubling the budget this year, we have been able to achieve a lot of work in reestablishing fire road and fuel break standards, in addition to implementing fuel reduction work.”

The fire hazard measures, which also includes removing non-native plant species, allows for more sunlight and lets native vegetation to propagate — “overall contributing to a healthy forest,” Becker explained.

The first Pebble Beach fire defense plan, which is reviewed and updated every two years, was adopted by the community services district board in 1988, and the work, Becker said, is a collaboration among the California Department of Forestry, the nonprofit Del Monte Forest Conservancy, Open Space Advisory Committee and the Pebble Beach Company.

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securing trashcans, never leaving food out for pets or wildlife, picking up fallen fruits and nuts, removing woodpiles and other materials raccoons can den in or under, and pruning trees so the animals can't access the roof. Open areas beneath structures should also be screened.

Electric fences are also effective and generally only need to be turned on between dusk and dawn.

“By exploiting the raccoon’s sensitivity to electric shock, an ordinary fence can be made raccoon-proof by adding a single electrified strand of wire 8 inches above the ground and about 8 inches out from the base of the fence,” according to the university. “Electrified wire wrapped around the trunk of a tree will discourage climbing.”

Electric fences can also be used to keep raccoons out of gardens and ponds.

While trapping is an option, the university notes, it should be done by a professional, especially to ensure the animal is not a nursing female that would be removed from her litter.

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p.m., correctional officers discovered Espinoza straddling the victim inside the cell. The victim was rushed to Natividad Medical Center and treated in the intensive care unit for multiple life-threatening injuries.

On Nov. 25, 2024, Espinoza was seen walking up to another inmate in the prison yard and immediately stabbing him. The second victim also sustained life-threatening injuries and was transported to Natividad Medical Center for emergency treatment.

Following deliberations, the jury found Espinoza guilty of both assaults. He will be sentenced by Judge Stephanie Hulseby and faces a maximum sentence of life in state prison.

The case was investigated by the investigative services unit at Salinas Valley State Prison, with trial preparation assistance from district attorney investigator Erik Morris.

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# LETTERS

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the existing commute congestion issue. No. 2: Require the developer to provide low-to medium-income housing within the development to help meet the county’s RHNA goals. Earmark a large percentage of the development for the very workers who are commuting daily in either direction. The county does not need more open space. By far the majority of open space in the county, purchased for recreational uses with public funding, is unavailable to the public because of the lack of management or access plans.

**Buck Jones, Carmel Valley**

## Gerrymandering prop

**Dear Editor,**

In a special election Nov. 4, California voters will decide on Prop 50, a measure that would eliminate the work of the Citizens Redistricting Commission, changing congressional districts in a political move to gerrymander representation in the U.S. House of Representatives. This moves the power of drawing congressional district maps to Sacramento politicians, who in the past have inserted political interests in their map-drawing capacity.

By a successful ballot measure, voters overwhelmingly approved the creation of the Citizens Redistricting Commission to ensure that communities decide how districts are drawn after each census (every 10 years). The commission was designed to prevent gerrymandering that had muted many districts in their national representation.

Prop 50 would roll back the protections that the Citizens Redistricting Commission brings to this process and return map-drawing to the hands of legislators who work behind closed doors, out of the public’s oversight.

Rural voting power is at stake with Prop

50, because the proposed district maps clearly lead to more influence by larger urban areas rather than equal representation in communities with rural influences such as agriculture and eco tourism. If Sacramento politicians regain control over redistricting, our rural voices will be drowned out by those in urban regions.

Prop 50 isn’t just unfair, it’s also very expensive. In a year of tight budget constraints, Sacramento politicians have chosen to spend an estimated \$200 million on this special election.

Vote NO on Prop 50 to maintain our rural community representation at the federal level.

**Norm Groot, Prunedale**

## Mask ban

**Dear Editor,**

Gov. Gavin Newsom has just signed a bill into law that prohibits ICE agents from wearing masks while performing their duties. Good luck enforcing that. The only purpose of this law is to intimidate agents into not arresting illegal aliens. Since President Donald Trump allowed ICE and DHS agents to enforce laws that the Biden administration restricted, Democratic supporters of illegal immigration have been in a constant state of insurrection against these agencies. Many Democrats support illegal immigration as it is a source of future votes for their party. Some of these activists wear masks while attacking and obstructing ICE and DHS agents.

On July 14, the DHS reported that one of its employees was attacked and required hospitalization after being doxxed by California Congressman Salud Carbajal. Additionally, on June 7, the DHS reported a 416 percent increase in attacks on ICE employees and facilities. These included vandalism as well as targeting of ICE employees’ families. If there is to be a ban on wearing masks, it should apply to these insurrectionists and the protesters who support their violence.

**Brian Burleson, Seaside**

## Peace Corps’ birthday

**Dear Editor,**

Sept. 22 marked a major milestone in the history of the Peace Corps. On this day in 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed into law the original Peace Corps Act, which formally authorized this unique and independent agency that has become one of the most recognizable examples of goodwill to millions of people in the world.

Now, 64 years later, nearly 250,000 American citizens have proudly served the United States in more than 140 host nations. This includes over 300 current Peace Corps volunteers serving foreign nations and about 32,500 returned Peace Corps volunteers who call California home — the most of any state. I am a proud RPCV who served from 1979 to 1981 to help the government of Barbados establish its first marine protected area.


The Peace Corps has a long history of strong bipartisan support, and while our current political and social dynamics present unprecedented challenges, that support continues today. In its budget request to

Congress, the Trump administration has requested level funding of \$430 million for the Peace Corps in the upcoming fiscal year — a good sign. Meanwhile, Republican and Democrat lawmakers in the House of Representatives and the Senate are coming together to introduce legislation to honor the distinguished work of Peace Corps volunteers with the highest civilian honor — a Congressional Gold Medal.

At a time when our country and the world yearn for more civility and more cooperative engagement, I urge Sen. Alex Padilla, Sen. Adam Schiff, and Rep. Jimmy Panetta to support efforts to recognize the selfless, inspiring work of our past and present Peace Corps volunteers and provide the agency with the resources it needs to continue and thrive in the years to come. Public support for the Peace Corps is also needed, especially for women and men who want to volunteer for two years of service. You can visit the Peace Corps’ website (peacecorps.gov) for more information about becoming a volunteer.

**Patrick Cotter, Pacific Grove**

## PUBLIC NOTICES



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.**, the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing via teleconference and in person at the City Hall Council Chambers located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

**SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARING:**

Title	Recommendation
Consideration of One or More Ordinances Regarding Tennis and Pickleball Courts in Forest Hill Park including Ordinances to prohibit pickleball pending study by City of sound attenuation options and Ordinances to adopt rules regulating the usage of tennis and pickleball courts; and consideration of related CEQA exemptions (i.e., Common Sense Exemption [CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3)] and Class 2 Existing Facilities Categorical Exemption [CEQA Guidelines § 15301]).	Adopt one or more Ordinance regarding Tennis and Pickleball Courts in Forest Hill Park including Ordinances to prohibit pickleball pending study by City of sound attenuation options and Ordinances to adopt rules regulating the usage of tennis and pickleball courts; and consideration of related CEQA exemptions (i.e., Common Sense Exemption [CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3)] and Class 2 Existing Facilities Categorical Exemption [CEQA Guidelines § 15301]).
<b>Location:</b> Lorca Lane, between Junipero Street and Camino Del Monte, Carmel-by-the-Sea	
Consideration by the City Council of a Resolution directing staff to return to Council with a comprehensive Street Address Program that includes a process for implementation of an address identification system and an Ordinance repealing relevant City Municipal Code sections, for Council’s discussion and guidance.	Adopt a Resolution directing staff to return to Council with a comprehensive Street Address Program that includes a process for implementation of an address identification system; when a Street Address Program is approved by Council and implemented, staff will return to Council with an ordinance to repeal City Municipal Code Section 15.55.100 subsection (16) so that the City will be governed by the provisions of the California Building Code.
<b>Location:</b> Citywide	

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person (“hybrid”) in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea. 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 participate via teleconference, click the following link to attend via Zoom (or copy and paste the link into your browser):

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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>. The Council meeting will be televised live on the City’s website and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding City Council meetings, please contact the City Clerk’s office at (831) 620-2016.

All interested persons 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 City Clerk 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 email [cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us) prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting in order 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.

If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the city council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Nova Romero, MMC  
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# MAYOR

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employees. Even modest shifts in occupancy and prices ripple through our lodging taxes, and our budget is sensitive to those revenues. Even small changes in room nights matter. A tightening labor market and new housing far from here may also draw workers closer to home, raising costs and stretching schedules here.

Our neighbors are not trading away character; they are pairing it with practical planning. With more open land, they are diversifying revenue by inviting compatible investments. The takeaway is not to copy them, but to be intentional about protecting what makes Carmel distinct while staying competitive. For us, strategy means leveraging our advantage as the premier oceanfront destination while preserving village character.

## ■ Adopting a strategic posture

Strategic planning for Carmel means protecting the constants, our scale, walkability, and design traditions,

# ARTISTS

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Carmel calls herself “The Artist With No Style,” packing palette knives, brushes, gel pens, oils, watercolors, alcohol inks, and even her hair dryer in her toolkit. Her paintings range from impressionism and realism to pointillism and abstraction. “I don’t have a million hours in my day, which is the hard part,” she said. “I can’t wait to finish whatever I’m working on so I can move on to the next thing.” Von Essen also teaches art classes.

Vanessa Martin (April 11, 2025) learned to make unique jewelry during a three-and-a-half-year apprenticeship with a famously grumpy San Francisco goldsmith. That experience taught her, “I needed to become my own boss, so I’d never have to work for anybody like him again.” Martin, who has spent 25 years at Monterey’s Venture Gallery, is also an abstract painter and collage artist. “Today, I feel like I have the best of both worlds,” she said. “I’ve always wanted to live by the ocean, and now I do. I love creating art, and that’s what I do.”

**Kim Weston** (April 4, 2025) comes from a storied lineage of photographers: His grandfather, Edward Weston, his father, Cole Weston, and uncle Brett Weston. Kim, who specializes in nudes, grew up in his grandfather’s legendary darkroom on Wildcat Hill, south of Carmel, where he and his wife, Gina, live today. “I’ve been doing exactly the same process in the same darkroom since I was 6,” said Weston, who turned 72 in May. Their son, Zachary Cole Weston, has also become a noted Peninsula photographer.

After graduating from Carmel High in 1960, **Marcia McGinnis Shortt** (March 28, 2025) headed to San Jose State, where she won a national competition to be one of 20 guest editors at Mademoiselle magazine for a month. “They flew us to New York and put us up at the Barbizon Hotel,” she recalled. “We got to interview people like Bennett Cerf, Adlai Stevenson, Carol Channing, James Farmer, John Fairchild ... Then, they flew us to Europe for a week and paid for everything.” Shortt later did graduate work at Yale, studying under design legends Paul Rand and Walker Evans.

### ‘So many ideas’

Multimedia artist **Jim Dultz** (May 9, 2025) spent four decades in Hollywood as a set builder, prop master, art director, and production designer on films such as “Flatliners” (1990), “Back to the Future Part III” (1990), “Tank Girl” (1995), and “What Dreams May Come” (1998). TV

while recognizing regional change is accelerating. One way is to think regionally and act locally by collaborating where shared services improve outcomes without changing our size, as our fire and ambulance partnership with Monterey shows. The goal is not to get bigger, it is to be more deliberate.

Because we lack open land, we could leverage high-value city assets, especially downtown parking lots, to improve circulation and parking, support workforce housing and higher-value lodging, and guarantee long-term fiscal stability. Given today’s parking strains, we should look for solutions that improve, not worsen them. We could also expand our financial dashboard to stress-test resilience to labor tightening and seasonal rate pressure, tracking a few metrics like parking availability, staffing vacancies, and occupancy and rates so we adjust early rather than react late.

## ■ How this looks in practice

Start with a citywide look at our assets and needs like parking pinch points, visitor flow, workforce pressure and identify sites that can improve our position. Then evaluate public, private, and public-private options against our

credits include “Star Trek: The Next Generation,” “Amazing Stories,” and “Muppets Tonight.” Dultz remembers his first “invention” — a cardboard “camera” with a black cloth, made so he could mimic an old-time photographer. If a family member visited, he’d draw a cartoon of them, hide it in his camera and unveil it after pretending to take their picture.

Many of **Nikki Hoff’s** (April 18, 2025) detailed charcoal sketches are designed to send a shiver up the viewer’s spine. “I like to create a mystery. I want you to wonder who lived there, what happened, what’s the story behind that place?” Hoff said, referring to her moody, atmospheric



PHOTO/KENNY HOFF

Jessica von Essen is wildly creative in multiple mediums including oils, watercolors, alcohol ink, pressed flowers and more.

renderings of old, creaky houses. She also paints acrylic and watercolor cityscapes and seascapes for a bit of calm.

**Mary Fry** (March 21, 2025) is driven by an endless stream of creative ideas. “I think about art constantly. The paintings I’m trying to finish, and the pieces I want to paint next, are always in my brain,” said Fry, who is a full-time senior business analyst for a Monterey tech company. “I have so many ideas I want to chase, but it’s hard to get there. I’m always ready to move on to the next thing, but I also have paintings I need to finish — problems to solve. That’s the struggle: It’s more fun to start something new than to solve the old problems.”

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constants like village scale, quiet operations, and design standards. Ideas that pass move to full public discussion, others are set aside, but all options should be presented and considered.

Our goal should be to study the effects on Carmel of today’s regional realities and take prudent steps. Strategic planning does not commit us to projects but to clear priorities, trade-offs, and protecting “Old Carmel” while keeping our economy resilient.

My commitment is to bring regional insights home so our decisions reflect local priorities and the broader context. If we take this approach now, we will have better choices later and keep the charm we cherish on a stronger foundation.

To hear a podcast generated from this column, go to [cli.re/regional](https://cli.re/regional).

*Dale Byrne is Mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea. His email is [dbyrne@cbts.us](mailto:dbyrne@cbts.us).*

# POT

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that they routinely contained less or more of these ingredients by margins greater than 10 percent, and many sampled products had no detectable THC or CBD.”

On Sept. 15, a judge ordered the company, Socali Manufacturing, to pay \$115,000 to settle the consumer protection case, the DA’s office said this week.

Socali also must conduct various quality control measures to ensure that labels accurately reflect the actual CBD and THC content, including working with Socali’s manufacturing partners to test the products. Socali is also required to comply with terms that prohibit it from making untruthful, deceptive, or misleading marketing claims in the future.

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# HEALTHY

## Lifestyles

## Evolving treatments include a surprising way to radiate liver cancer

By ELAINE HESSER

**IN THE** 10 years that Healthy Lifestyles has been part of The Pine Cone, cancer treatments have changed radically. Survival rates have increased for many cancers, and a diagnosis for some of them is no longer the near-certain death sentence it once was.

Thanks to technological advances, doctors can distinguish myriad types of the disease and focus their approaches, making them more effective while reducing and limiting side effects. One example of this is Y90 treatments for liver cancer, available from Salinas Valley Health and Montage Health.

### Chemistry lesson

The “Y” is for yttrium, element No. 39 on the periodic table. The number 90 designates it as an isotope, or slightly different form of the element. Y90 is a byproduct of nuclear reactors. It’s unstable and as it decays, it gives off radiation. Its use in cancer treatment was approved by the FDA for use in the United States in 2002, with research dating to the 1960s.

Dr. Juan Rodriguez is a vascular and interventional radiologist at Salinas Valley Health, which began offering Y90 treatments this year and has been doing about one a week. Montage has been providing them since 2024, said spokesperson Monica Sciuto.

Rodriguez, who’s been working with them elsewhere for about five years, said that Y90 is used on a common form of liver cancer when it can’t be surgically removed — for example, because of proximity to major blood vessels. The procedure can be implemented if the cancer originated in the liver or if it’s the main place the disease has metastasized, or spread, from another location.

### Radioactive beads

There are two steps involved in Y90 treatment, Rodriguez explained. First is a “planning angiogram,” in which dye is injected into blood vessels near the tumor via a catheter inserted into an artery. Doctors use imaging techniques to locate the vessels that are feeding the cancer and to make sure that the radiation will hit its target and not migrate to other nearby organs, like the lungs.

The angiogram takes about a half day, including observation and recovery time, and is done with local anesthesia and “conscious sedation,” sometimes called “twilight sedation.”

The second step is to deliver the Y90. The radioactive material is carried by beads “slightly bigger than a red blood cell,” said Rodriguez, and it has to be ordered about seven to 10 days in advance.

For this discussion, “half-life” can be



Dr. Juan Rodriguez (center) uses radiation to treat cancer in the liver.

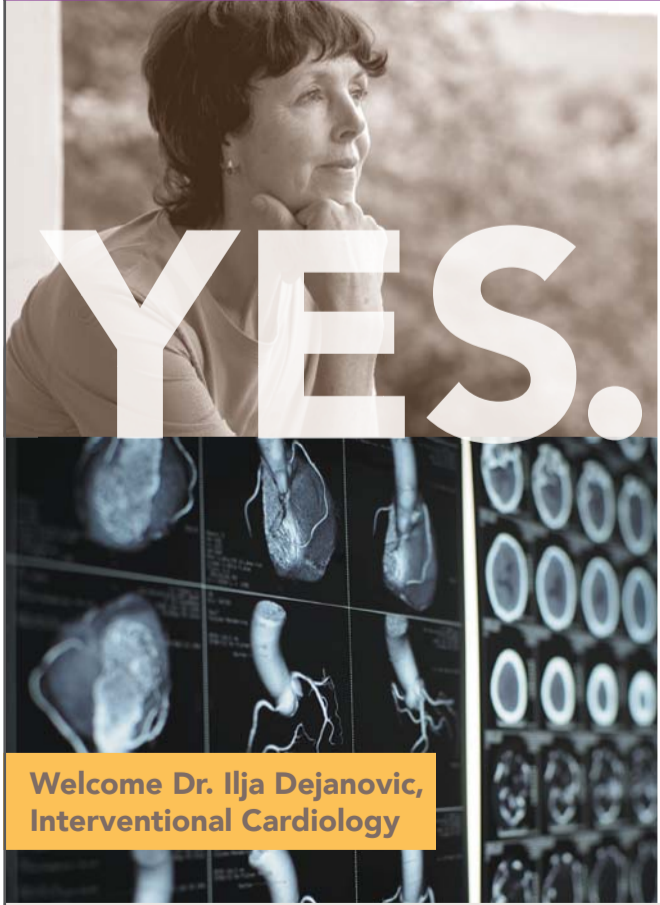
thought of as the amount of time a substance takes to decay by half. Each time that period elapses, the remainder decays by half again, so there’s 1/2, then 1/4, then 1/8 of the original amount, and so on. As that happens, radiation is released. Y90’s half-life is about 2.6 days. It’s delivered to the hospital the morning of the procedure

and must be used promptly.

The procedure takes around one or two hours, again using local anesthesia and mild sedation, Rodriguez said. Afterward, the person stays about four hours for observation and then usually goes home.

**LIVER** *con’t. page 39A*

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# HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

## Don’t navigate breast cancer alone

By LILY PATTERSON

**MANY WOMEN** — and a few men — have experienced the spiraling fear that follows an abnormal mammogram. Every year, millions go dutifully to their recommended screening, only to be told they have to return for more imaging, a biopsy or other tests.

The Carol Hatton Breast Care Center employs four women whose job it is to stop the spiral, starting with an immediate follow-up with a specialist at Montage Health to get a better picture of what’s actually going on.

“We’re able to get our patients in as soon as possible, within two weeks. We go all out to get them those referrals and our doctors are very accommodating,” said Margaret Snyder, a registered nurse navigator at the center. Before joining the team at Montage, she worked in clinical trials

for a breast cancer research center, as a consultant for a medical law firm, and for the National Institutes of Health creating an online breast health database.

She can tell you that navigator programs can be found at hospitals across the country, where RNs like Snyder and her colleague, Paulina Bruns, act as intermediaries between patients and the healthcare system.

“Our job is to identify any barriers and advocate for the patients while teaching them to be advocates for themselves,” said Bruns, who became interested in oncology nursing as her mother underwent cancer treatment. She was a nurse navigator at a hospital in the Central Valley before coming to Montage and said she appreciates the

**GUIDANCE** *con’t. page 37A*



(From left) Paulina Bruns, Nicole Dubiel and Margaret Snyder assist Breast Care Center patients.



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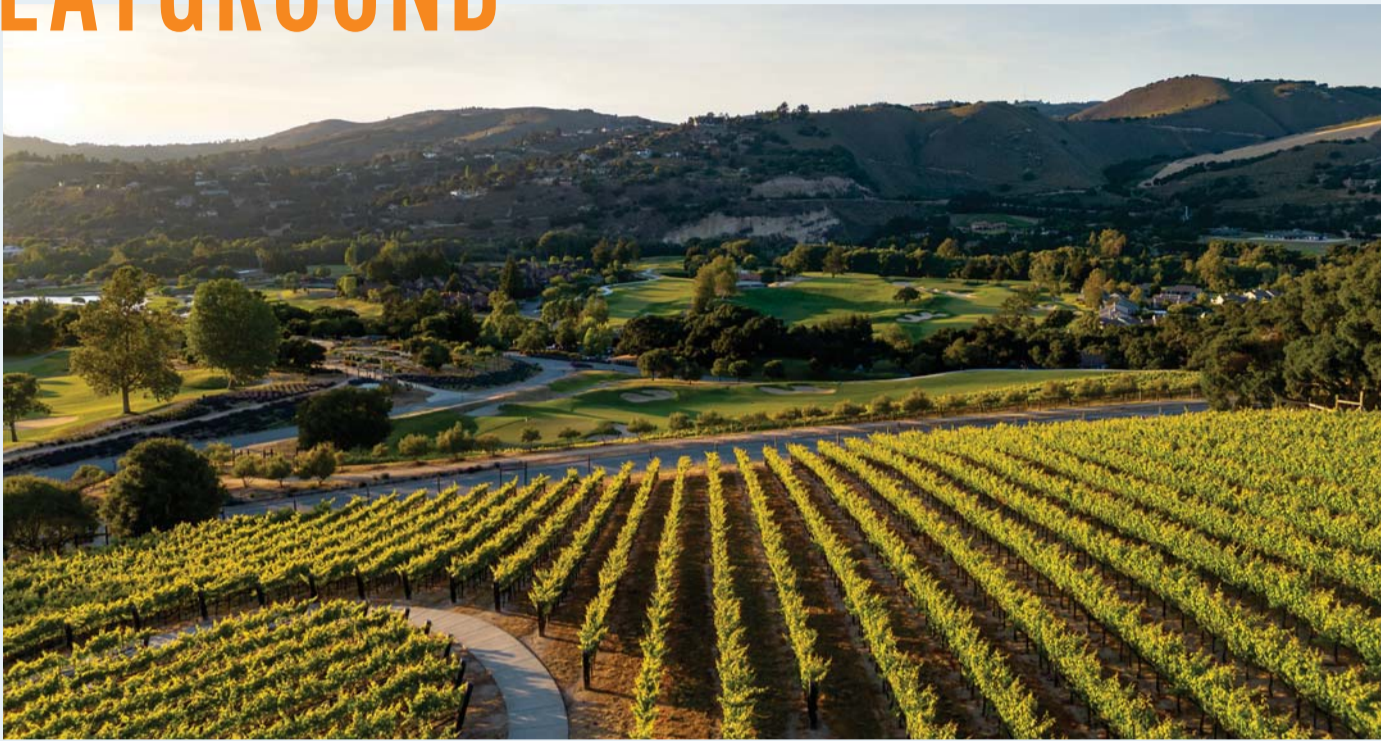
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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

The space between love and logic — deciding when to say goodbye

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

IF YOU want to learn about music, we might go to an opera. If you want to understand nuclear engineering, you should talk with a scientist. And if we want to experience unconditional love and a nonjudgmental heart, you should spend time with a dog.

Yet, at some point, the question becomes, “for how long?” When a dog or cat becomes elderly or ill, when their quality of life has declined to the point where they have chronic pain, how do you decide whether to treat the illness or to let a beloved pet go?

There are no pat answers — but there is wisdom that comes from experience.

Over the past 40 years, Carmel’s Chad and Leanne Kirkham have welcomed dozens of cats and dogs into their home. They’ve learned that like wounded people, most pets in need of rescue come with some baggage.

Some were missing legs, and Peggy, a 10-year-old golden retriever, came with cancer that was successfully treated. Nevertheless, the Kirkhams have faced many farewells.

“When I was a young adult, I could never end my pet’s life,” Leanne said. “Now, when it’s appropriate, I understand it’s a gift we give them. I learned that when we see a pet start to go through a tough time, we can curtail that for them. We’re pretty good at looking into their little faces, and knowing when they’re done. They tell us when it’s OK to let go.”

She spoke of Grace, a border collie mix. When the dog was 13 or 14, Kirkham needed to hold up her hindquarters with a towel so she could stand at her dish and eat. That is, until one day the dog turned and looked at her as if to ask, “What are we

doing?”

Kirkham said looked into Grace’s eyes and said, “I’ve got you. We will take care of this,” and promised her she could go.

Checks and balances

“Whether or not we should treat an ailing animal, for how long and at what cost, depends on each dog’s or cat’s situation, as well as the circumstances of their person,” said Carie Broecker, executive director and cofounder of Peace of Mind Dog Rescue. Based in Pacific Grove, the nonprofit, established in 2009, is dedicated to serving as a resource and advocate for senior pets and senior people.

“If we have a dog or cat who’s getting older, sometimes there is a slow decline, and then it becomes sharper,” she said. “Sometimes, with kidney or heart disease or cancer, it looks like the animal is going to go, but they get a treatment and get better, so they seem like they will persist for a while. Then they have another sharp decline. What to do becomes a very personal decision.”

Broecker acknowledges that some pet parents can and will pay \$20,000 for a dog or cat’s heart surgery or a complex diagnosis. But sometimes, even when help is affordable, it doesn’t align with a pet owner’s values.

“It’s up to each of us to make our own decisions about what we are willing and able to pay for what some of us call pets and others call family members,” she said.

Sometimes people call POMDR when a very senior dog or cat, perhaps 18 years old or more, is blind or deaf. And Broecker says the question becomes whether it is the animal’s quality of life that is difficult or that the person can’t manage the care. Sometimes, an aging adult can’t lift their dog or take him out to pee three times a night, or get down on the floor to clean up after them.

“A big part of what POMDR does is take in dogs from senior people who can no longer care for them,” Broecker said. “We do take in blind dogs and deaf dogs when we have foster homes available for them. Many of the dogs we take in are over 10 years old and have some level of hearing and vision impairment.”

Dicey proposition

Broecker has her own story of difficult decision-making



Chad and Leanne Kirkham, veteran animal rescuers, get to enjoy puppy love (like Kevin, seen here), but also know the difficulty of end-of-life decisions.

after discovering a lesion inside the mouth of Sneakers, a 12-year-old Chihuahua mix. She sent a picture of it to her veterinarian, who diagnosed metastasized melanoma and referred her to veterinary oncologist Dr. Theresa Arteaga of the Animal Cancer Center of Monterey. She said, based on the aggressive nature of the cancer and without immediate surgery, Sneakers might have three months to live.

A month before this crisis, Broecker, who’d had pet insurance for years, figured that although Sneakers was pretty old, he was doing well, so she’d finally canceled her policy.

She took Sneakers to a surgeon at Blue Pearl Pet Hospital in Del Rey Oaks, who removed lymph nodes and part of the dog’s jaw, then began additional treatments.

“We are not rich people, and even though Sneakers was 12, we’d had him only three years,” said Broecker. “So, we spent more than \$10,000 to save him. He’s almost 17 and is doing great.”

One of the toughest things Broecker hears from pet people is, “I wish I could have a conversation with my

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Carie Broecker of POMDR, Sneakers, her rescued Chihuahua, and Abby.

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**GUIDANCE** *from page 34A*

role “because it gives me more time with my patients, to educate and guide them.”

Much of that support takes place in conversation — in a quiet room at the Breast Care Center, over the phone, or by mail if necessary.

Nurse navigators are experts in the gentle push, and can calm even the worst fears of some patients.

““Can you call her and get her off the chandelier?” That was a favorite euphemism of Dr. Susan Roux, who just retired,” said Snyder.

“Occasionally, we have to call people three or four times. When a radiologist is recommending additional imaging after screening, sometimes we have a hard time getting patients back in the door. We follow up with phone calls, letters even,” she said.

**Regular screening is key**

Center manager Nicole Dubiel said fear — especially among younger patients, many trying to convince themselves what they don’t know can’t hurt them — is the primary reason women hesitate to get screened in the first place.

Among older women, Snyder said, “neglected cancer” describes something that might have been treatable earlier, but has advanced to a critical stage after years of missed screenings.

“A lot of those women are busy taking care of others and don’t make themselves a priority,” she said.

Cost can be another barrier to screening, though that’s changing. Healthcare plans cover basic breast health screenings — traditional mammograms — under preventive care. Also at the Breast Care Center, the Sherry Cockle and Carol Hatton funds sponsor mammograms for low-income patients and are always accepting donations.

Annual screenings are recommended for women beginning at 40, earlier if they

have a family history of the disease or other risk factors.

The center also offers 3D mammograms and breast ultrasounds. Dubiel said there’s a growing demand among patients for these approaches, which can capture what a traditional mammogram may miss.

Some are willing to pay out-of-pocket, according to Dubiel, at a cost of \$300 for the additional scans. Still, it’s worth checking with your insurance provider since many, including Medicare and Medi-Cal, have begun to cover 3D imaging.

The procedure is familiar, Dubiel said. The patient’s breast rests on a padded shelf and compression is applied for several seconds while the machine captures a 360-degree X-ray.

That yields a highly detailed and multilayered image, making it the automatic recommendation for women with dense breast tissue — which they might not know they have.

“You can’t feel it, since fatty tissue can also make breasts feel heavy. Dense tissue can only be detected by a scan, and 40 percent of the population has it, due to genetics or lifestyle factors,” she said.

That tissue appears to be white in a mammogram — the same color as benign or cancerous lesions. An ultrasound is often necessary to distinguish the two.

Insurance providers usually cover follow-up scans — but that’s little comfort to women who learn they have breast cancer.

**Unique experience**

Snyder and Bruns are there, though, answering questions, helping women manage symptoms and explaining what to expect during treatment.

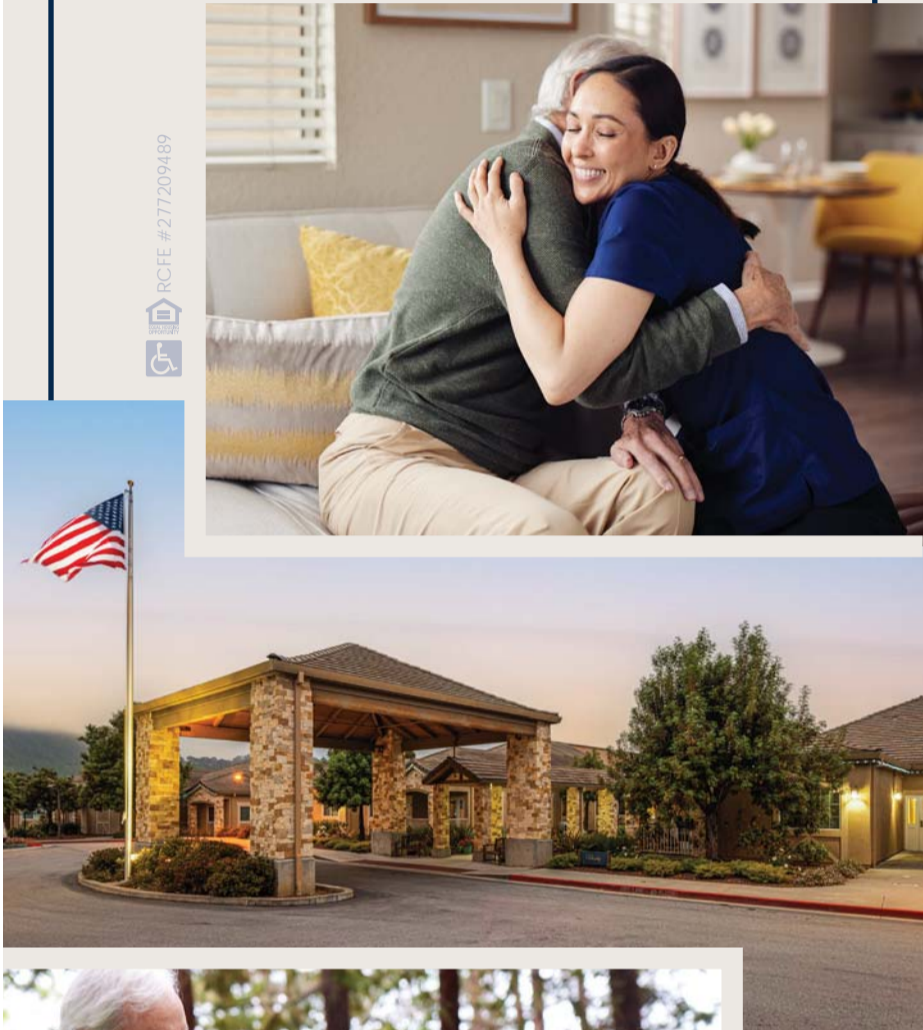
Among the first things Snyder tells patients is that their cancer — its origins, where and how it’s growing — is unlike anyone else’s, because there are “so many components” to a diagnosis and treatment

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Terry’s Restaurant + Bar Quinoa Salad

Courtesy pastry chef Joe Giordmaina

**WHO HASN’T** been to Terry’s at the Cypress Inn for a drink, a snack or a meal? With the late Doris Day still present in spirit and a dog-friendly vibe that truly embraces customers’ four-legged friends, it’s a classic — dare we say quintessential — Carmel experience.

Although the menu includes some decadent offerings, like braised short ribs and a small plate that combines the richness of mozzarella’s fancier cousin, burrata, with homemade basil pesto, there’s also a nice swath of lighter offerings.

The quinoa salad the folks at Terry’s shared with us this month is one of those dishes. Quinoa — a so-called “ancient grain” from South America — is nearly unique among its peers (barley, wild rice, wheat berries) in that it provides a complete protein, with all nine amino acids.

Aside from soy, buckwheat and hemp seed, you’d be hard-pressed to find another plant product that provides the same type of protein as fish, eggs, poultry, beef or pork.

In addition to fiber, quinoa has significant amounts of copper, manganese, magnesium and several other nutrients, all with less fat than a chicken thigh and fewer calories than a quarter-pound hamburger patty.

Of course, the salad is full of colorful vegetables, and a light vinaigrette rounds out the dish with a bit of acid and salt. You can substitute low- or nonfat feta cheese, of course, or just omit it entirely.

Oh, and that perfect disc of quinoa in the photo? If you have a ring mold, hamburger

patty ring, or large-diameter biscuit cutter, you can wipe a little vegetable oil around the inside, place it on the serving plate, firmly press the cooked quinoa into it, then gently lift it off. We’ve found it works best to press the quinoa in there while it’s a bit warm and then remove the ring a few minutes later, as it cools and sticks together a bit better. The carrots strips shown aren’t in the recipe, but make a pretty addition to the plate.

INGREDIENTS

(Serves 2-3)

- 1 cup uncooked quinoa
- 2 cups water or vegetable broth
- 1 cup cucumber, diced
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley or cilantro, chopped
- 1/4 cup feta cheese, crumbled (optional)
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Salt & pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

*For the quinoa:*  
Rinse the quinoa under running water in a fine-mesh strainer. In a medium saucepan, bring 2 cups of water or broth to a boil. Add quinoa, reduce to a simmer, cov-



er and cook for 15 minutes. Remove from heat, fluff with a fork and let cool.

*For the dressing:*  
In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, salt and pepper.  
*To finish and serve:*

In a large bowl, combine cooled quinoa, cucumber, tomatoes, bell pepper, onion, and parsley. Pour dressing over and toss to combine.  
Top with crumbled feta if desired. Chill for 20 minutes before serving, or serve immediately.



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### Chef Bio

**ORIGINALLY FROM** Malta, pastry chef Joe Giordmaina has been part of the Terry’s Restaurant + Lounge family at the Cypress Inn since 2005. He was professionally trained at the Sheraton Hotel in Boston, where he built a strong foundation in classic techniques.

Then, Giordmaina made his mark on the Monterey Peninsula as the owner of Joseph’s Patisserie and Deli, which he operated from 1988 to 2003. There, he became well known for his pastries, breads, and deli creations, earning a loyal local following.

Giordmaina has a deep love for the intimate experience of working with guests at a small hotel, and he enjoys creating dishes that bring comfort and delight to guests.

Although he’s a chef, he embraces simpler foods, too. Bread pudding is his all-time favorite dessert — something he says he could enjoy any time. For Healthy Lifestyles, Giordmaina shared a salad he loves — a refreshing option that reflects his thoughtful approach to balanced dining.

When he’s not in the kitchen, Giordmaina enjoys hiking the scenic trails of Carmel Valley and Big Sur, where he finds inspiration in nature. Above all, he is passionate about his craft, his team, and the welcoming spirit that defines Terry’s Restaurant + Lounge.

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The beads are inserted in a way that’s “very precise,” Rodriguez said, so that they act only on the cancer. Radiation continues to be released over 11 days. Side effects may include nausea, vomiting, low-grade fever and pain.

**Team effort**

The results, however, are startling. One woman Rodriguez helped treat had a more than 98 percent reduction in the size of the cancer, which he said enabled her to get onto the liver transplant list where more advanced disease can mean a danger of metastasis to the new organ.

Depending on their location, reducing the size of lesions or tumors can also make the patient eligible for surgery. For other people, the treatment might mean a longer life and maintaining the liver’s ability to function.

Follow-up includes phone check-ins along with imaging to make sure the cancer hasn’t recurred. If necessary, the Y90 procedure can be repeated.

Rodriguez, along with Salinas Valley Health spokesperson Karina Rusk, emphasized that all cancer treatment is a team effort, with Rodriguez praising the administration at SVH for its willingness and openness to implement use of Y90.

The doctor commented, “It’s not a solo sport.”

Said Rusk, “Salinas Valley Health has worked strategically to build a comprehensive cancer resource center,” aligning all of its cancer care offices, physicians and resources on East Romie Lane near the hospital.

She also mentioned the Susan Bacon Cancer Resource Center, which offers patients “a compassionate and personalized experience.” The goal is “to provide comprehensive guidance, education and outreach tailored to each individual including making sure all doctors’ appointments and treatments are scheduled and seamless.”

“The last thing someone with cancer needs is to have to coordinate and track all of that by themselves,” said Rusk. Resource center staff can also connect patients to resources like transportation, food, housing and ongoing emotion-

al care. Support groups, nutrition classes, and advanced care planning classes are also available.

The love extends beyond the cancer center’s walls, too. “We are grateful for the generosity of our community donors, who contribute handmade blankets, hats, scarves and pillows. These thoughtful gifts bring comfort and warmth to our patients during their cancer journey,” Rusk noted. “Additionally, with the generous support of our medical center leadership and the Foundation, we continue to grow our support team and the resources we offer to the patients we serve.”



Dr. Juan Rodriguez



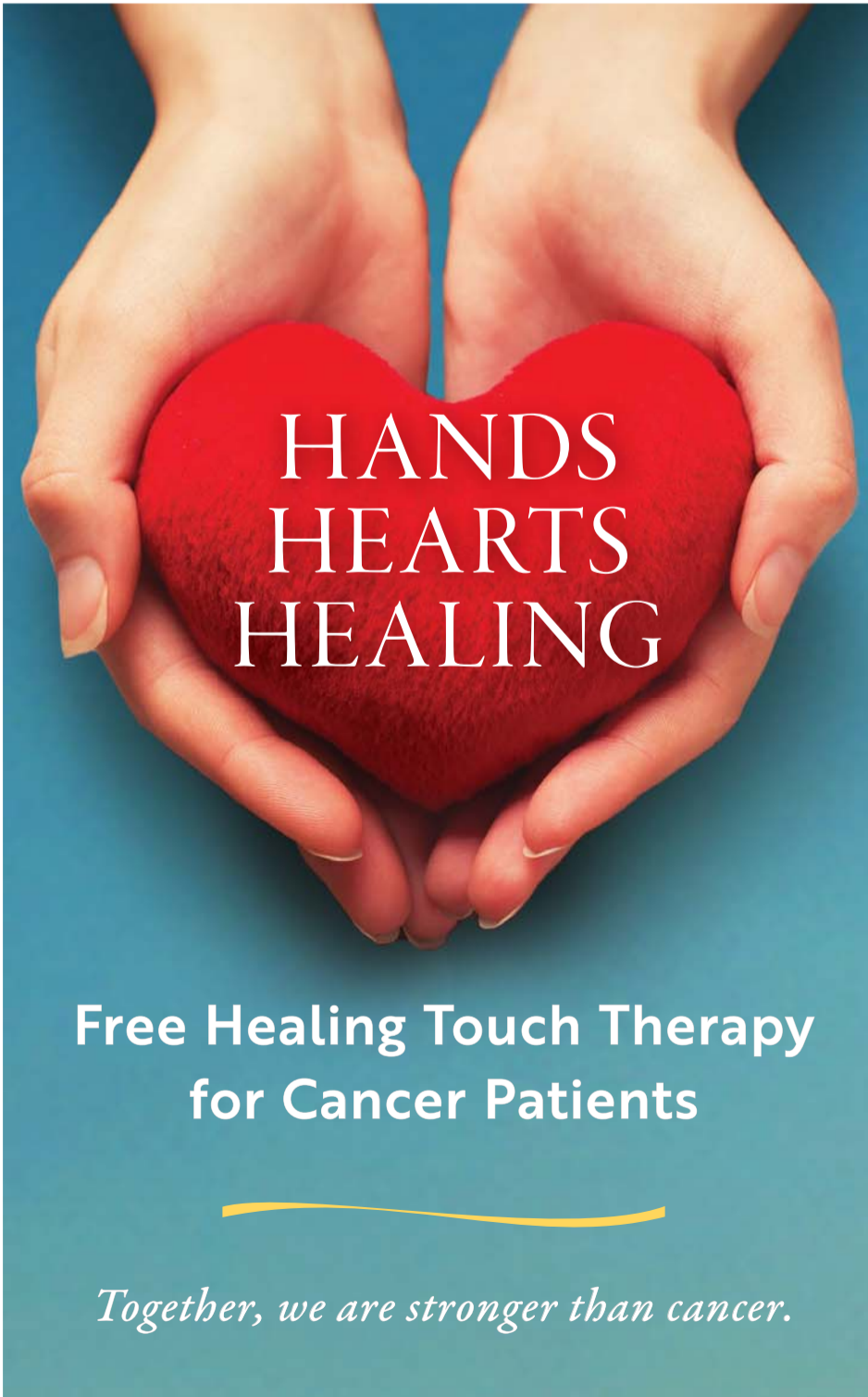
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## HELPERS *from page 37A*

plan, she said.

“Patients ask me all the time, ‘Why did my friend have a mastectomy and I didn’t?’ And I say, ‘Because that’s not what you needed,’” said Snyder.

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, where Montage’s Comprehensive Cancer Center is located, also offers navigator services.

There, patients and families will find support for life outside the hospital. As they contemplate the ripple effects of major surgery, or months of radiation or chemotherapy, oncology social workers are available for counseling and to connect them with financial and other resources, including nonprofits like the Breast Cancer

Assistance Group of Monterey.

Naturally, the cancer center hosts support groups and survivor services. Volunteers from nonprofits like Lipstick Angels and Healing Touch visit the center to offer comforting, life-affirming services.

The former provides oncologist-approved beauty and wellness workshops, and the latter, one-on-one “energy work” sessions based in Reiki and deep breathing techniques. The Montage Health Foundation has invested over \$1 million in grants and donations to sustain these services this year, according spokesperson Carrie Creasey.

One in particular — at no cost to patients or the foundation — has made a significant impact in a few short years. Established in 2020, Cancer Support Volunteers

connects patients with survivors who “navigate” from personal experience.

Kelly Lepai, volunteer manager for Montage Health Foundation, said 42 survivors volunteer to attend doctor’s appointments with patients, talk via phone, take walks, get coffee and generally help them feel less isolated during treatment.

Dubiel, from the Breast Care Center, is among them. She’s not alone in seeing it as an expression of gratitude for all the support she received during her own treat-

ment.

“We haven’t had to recruit at all, it’s just word-of-mouth and former recipients of this wonderful volunteer service. At times, we have more volunteers than patients,” said Lepai.

The Carol Hatton Breast Care Center is open Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call (831) 622-2760 or visit [montagehealth.org](http://montagehealth.org) to schedule an appointment, or ask your healthcare provider for a referral.

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dog. I don’t know how he’s feeling or what he wants.”

“We have medical directives to help us find out what people wish or what we should do,” she observed. “The range of choices are the same for pets, but we can’t ask them. So we have to be the ones who look out for them and make those decisions for them, which is really hard.”

In the end, there is no simple answer, no one-size-fits-all. The common themes seem to be “listening” to the animal and asking yourself if you’re keeping them alive for your sake or for theirs.

Looking into pet insurance while your buddy’s healthy can be a good hedge against having to make tough financial choices about treatment. Groups like Max’s Helping Paws might also be able to provide assistance.

Yet it helps to know that even experts and experienced pet owners struggle with the decision almost every time.

Said Kirkham, “I rarely hear anyone say ‘We did it too soon.’ I think it’s easier to do it too late because we don’t want to let go. But we have to do it on their behalf and not extend their pain to put off our own. Part of loving our pets is knowing when to let them go.”

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FEATURING A lineup that represents the past, present and future of the musical genre, the 68th annual Monterey Jazz Festival — which is set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Monterey County Fairgrounds — is full of surprises.

### On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

“Every year, something unforgettable happens at the



Singer and guitarist Peter Konikowski (left) will be joined by percussionist Shaun Elley when he presents a free outside show at Sunset Center Friday at 6 p.m. He plays two days later just steps away.

Monterey Jazz Festival,” organizers said. “It might be a legendary collaboration, a once-in-a-lifetime solo, or a set people talk about for decades. What will it be this year? Join us and find out.”

This year’s lineup includes singers **Dianne Reeves**, **Gregory Porter** and **Tony Lindsay**, bassist **Christian McBride**, percussionist **Pete Escovedo**, **Trombone Shorty** and more than 50 other performers from near and far. There are also some rising stars on the bill, like saxophonist **Grace Kelly**, who is making her festival debut. The music is mostly jazz, with some blues and Americana tossed in.

The festival also features a generous selection of local musicians, including mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff**, multi-instrumentalist **Paul Contos**, singer **Miranda Perl** and **River Voices**. Also showcased are an array of student-led jazz ensembles.

Tickets prices range from \$63 for one-day ground passes to \$693 for a three-day all-access pass. For tickets and a complete schedule, visit [montereyjazz.org](http://montereyjazz.org).

### Rockin’ Robin

A guitar legend from the heyday of hard rock, **Robin Trower** takes the stage Monday, 7 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

After a lengthy stint with Procol Harum of “Whiter Shade of Pale” fame, Trower struck out on his own in 1974, headlining a power trio that brought together blues and progressive rock. He recorded four albums that went gold during the

mid-1970s, along with headlining arenas and inspiring a generation of would-be guitarists.

Tickets start at \$55. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit [goldenstatetheatre.com](http://goldenstatetheatre.com).

Also, singers and guitarists **Trevor Hall** and **Will Evans** play Friday, 7 p.m., at Golden State. Tickets start at \$39.50.

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One of a handful of local musical acts that are set to perform at this weekend’s 68th annual Monterey Jazz Festival, River Voices play three shows Friday on the Courtyard Stage at Monterey Fairgrounds.



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# Cheers to the USA, a celebrity pup, and the magic of oompah

THERE’S A lot to get to this week, from an international wine-tasting competition that’s more work than you might imagine, to a four-legged landscaping supervisor, more dirndls and lederhosen, and a couple of restaurants that want to see your smiling face. One of them needs your online votes — and not just for the Golden Pine Cones, although we’re sure they want you to do that, too.

## Bindel returns to France

Paige Bindel, a sommelier at the Pebble Beach Resorts, is headed back to France Sept. 30 for the World Tasting Championship with the USA Wine Tasting Team. This year’s competition is in Jura, near the Swiss border. Last year, Bindel’s first, the team placed 20th among 40 countries, beating France, which took a surprising drubbing overall. Each country is represented by four sommeliers who try 12 wines. In 10 minutes for each pour, they must identify the wine’s country, region, predominant varietal (pinot noir, chardonnay, etc.) and vintage.

Lists of the world’s “most common” varietals range from 300 to 1,300 types. That’s only the start, as variations in weather, soil type and winemakers’ approaches can make huge differences even in neighboring vineyards.

The team, which has two new members this year, is



Chef and culinary advisor Paul Corsentino (left) has been working on a fall menu with Tidewater, the restaurant in the Monterey Beach Hotel at the west end of Canyon Del Rey Boulevard. The result is a selection of dishes from land and sea that also go well with I. Brand wines, thanks to vintner Ian Brand’s pairing suggestions.

and tannins. After discussion, they record and submit the team’s answer.

The Pebble Beach sommelier is thankful to her long-time employer for sponsoring her and being “part of her wine journey.” The team has several other wine-related-business sponsors as well. This year, the field has broadened to 45 nations, and USA’s goal is to make the Top 5. To see a 25-minute video of Bindel and her team preparing for and participating in last year’s event, search for “2024 Blind Sighted” on YouTube.

The contest will Oct. 3 and 4, in France’s largest Comte cheese cave, at the Fort des Rousses. The team’s website is [usawinetastingteam.com/competition](http://usawinetastingteam.com/competition).

## Music fundraiser

Longtime local singing group I Cantori di Carmel invites everyone to celebrate the “most wunderbar time of the year” at its 4th Annual Oktoberfest on Oct. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m.

It will be held at Blue Fox Cellars (25 Pilot Road, Carmel Valley) and is inspired by music director Daniel Henriks’ deep German roots. There will be bratwurst, beer, wine and authentic German cuisine from Henriks’ family recipes. For \$65 apiece, guests will also enjoy “live oompah music” with singing and dancing, and a live auction. Visit [icantori.org](http://icantori.org) to learn more and order tickets.

## Puppuccino drive-thru

Coffee and canines come together Saturday for the Puppuccino for a Cause Drive-Thru at P.M. Landscaping, 2611 Garden Road.

The event, set for 9 to 11 a.m., is hosted by P.M. Landscaping in honor of its four-legged “Snoopervisor,” Luca Manca, getting a feature in Carmel Magazine. Luca, known locally as a philanthropist and Ambassador of Smiles & Wiggles, will greet guests, offering paw-graphs and his

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“signature charm,” organizers predict.

Espresso drinks, cold brews and pastries from The Bean Brigade will be available with a \$5 suggested minimum donation to support Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, a nonprofit that assists senior dogs and senior citizens.

Adoptable dogs will also be on site, hoping to meet their future families. Organizers encourage everyone to enjoy coffee, meet the critters and support the rescue’s mission.

“Puppuccino for a Cause is more than just coffee and treats — it’s about building community and helping dogs find the

loving homes they deserve,” said Markus Covello, development director at Peace of Mind Dog Rescue.

Woody’s defends title

Woody’s at the Airport is hoping to retain its title of Best Airport Sit-Down Restaurant in USA Today’s 10Best.com Readers’ Choice Awards, but this week, the huge Landry’s Seafood — said to be the second largest seafood chain after Red Lobster — was edging ahead, driven by online votes that can be cast daily through Oct. 6.

“Longer layovers at the airport don’t have to be a drag,” the contest intro reads. “That’s especially true when you can use that extra time to dine at a standout sit-down restaurant.”



Chef/owner Tim Wood would like locals to vote for his namesake restaurant at Monterey Regional Airport to keep its crown as the best Airport Sit-Down restaurant in USA Today’s readers choice awards. The airport is also competing for votes as the best place to take off or land in a resort area.

Frequent flyers in and out of Monterey Regional Airport know Woody’s is a great spot to grab a bite and/or a drink before a flight — and owner Tim Wood and partner in crime Chris Caul also operate the grab-and-go spot after security for those who want to get their TSA chats over with before settling in — but the restaurant has an impressive number of local regulars, too.

Situated upstairs in the terminal and accessible before going through security, Woody’s is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, making it the ideal place for plane spotting, killing time while waiting for someone or sending them off, or meeting friends or family for breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner and/or drinks.

The food is always great — speaking to Wood’s lengthy culinary career — the staff friendly, and the bar well stocked. People regard Woody’s so highly that Wood has since opened restaurants at Del Mesa Carmel in Carmel Valley and the Carmel Valley Athletic Club, and has been selected to open a location in the Watsonville airport.

And, as a bonus, short-term parking at MRY is free for the first couple of hours with a ticket validated by Woody’s.



Pebble Beach sommelier Paige Bindel is again representing the United States as part of a wine-tasting team that will compete in France next weekend.

**Unusual**

Many of the contenders for the 10Best Reader Awards are post-security spots and/or spinoffs of downtown institutions, like the Cask & Larder in Orlando, Blanco Tacos + Tequila in Phoenix, Commanders Burgundy & Gold Club in Washington Dulles, and Cigar City Brewing in Tampa. Book & Bourbon Southern Kitchen is similar to Woody’s in that it’s one of a kind and is pre-security at Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport in Kentucky. All told, there are 20 nominees, and Woody’s is the only one in California.

Nominees were submitted by a panel of food and travel journalists, editors and


writers, and 10Best editors narrowed the field to 20 contenders.

Also local and in the running for a 10Best crown this year, Monterey Regional Airport is vying for the title of Best Resort Airport. Though many people fly through MRY for reasons other than leisure, it’s a contender because it fits the description of being among the smaller airports “in some of the country’s most beloved getaway destinations” that “offer a relaxed atmosphere, scenic surroundings and a smooth start or finish to your trip.”

The 20 nominees “stand out for their convenience, charm and ability to make journeys feel effortless — all while connecting passengers to some of the most beautiful places throughout the United States.”

Voters can cast their choices at 10best.usatoday.com/awards daily until

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**‘Rubbish’**, by Earl Crittendon - *What begins as a simple rummage sale spirals into a hilarious yet thought-provoking tug-of-war over history, legacy, and identity.*

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# MUSIC

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## ■ Meet Pete

Sunset Center’s Terrace Hour music series continues Friday at 6 p.m. when Big Sur singer and guitarist **Peter Konikowski** presents a free show.

A Big Sur resident, Konikowski plays “a genre-bending mix of reggae, folk, psych-rock, and more — driven by messages of unity, healing and hope,” according to Sunset Center, which is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

Two days later and just steps away from Sunset Center, Konikowski performs at Yoga Shala by-the Sea, which celebrates its 5th anniversary Sunday at 11:30 p.m.

Other performers include singer and guitarist **Anne Sibley**, singers **Richard Bryant** and **Amy Treadwell**, percussionist **Shaun Elley** and **The Whole-Hearted Song Circle**.

The yoga studio is located at 10th Avenue and San Carlos Street.

# CALENDAR

- Fridays and Saturdays – Soulful blues with Debbie Davis**, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Terry’s Restaurant + Lounge, inside Cypress Inn, Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel-by-the-Sea. For more information, please contact Cypress Inn, (831) 624-3871.
- Sundays – Live music 5 to 7 p.m. at Woody’s at Del Mesa**. Musical guests **Brice and Nina** deliver an eclectic mix of jazz, rock and reggae, 500 Del Mesa Carmel. (831) 624-1854
- Oct. 1 – Harrison Memorial Library Centennial Restoration Community Workshop No. 2**. Carmel Public Library Foundation invites the community to join us for another engaging conversation about how to shape our library. If you missed the first workshop, this is a great opportunity to get involved, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center. Register on our website: [www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org](http://www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org) or call (831) 624-2811
- Oct. 2 – Piano and Organ Recital with Eun Ha Chung**, 6 to 7 p.m. at Carmel Presbyterian Church, Ocean & Junipero, SE corner. Free. Featuring the music of **Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Liszt, Albinoni, Widor** and more.
- Oct. 2-11 – Carmel High School stages a dramatization of Louisa May Alcott’s “Little Women.”** Curtain is at 7 p.m. Oct. 2,4, 9, 10 and 11 and 2 p.m. Oct 5, in the Performing Arts Center at Carmel High School. Tickets are \$10 for students and seniors and \$15 for adults.
- Oct. 3-5 – Tor House Fall Festival: 5-7 p.m. Fri. sunset celebration** at Tor House. Music, poetry reading, wine and cheese. \$35. 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Sat. **talks, panel discussion, poetry reading** at Carmel Woman’s Club. Free admission. 5 to 8 p.m. Sat. **reception and banquet** at Monterey Conference Center. Speakers: **Sam Farr and Aengus Jeffers**. \$80. 2 to 5 p.m. Sun. **Tour of Point Sur Lighthouse with poetry**. \$25. Reservations: [www.torhouse.org/events](http://www.torhouse.org/events). Info: (831) 624-1813.
- Oct. 5 – Community screening of Rescued Hearts documentary and conversation with the filmmakers**. Experience a powerful film uncovering the miracles and science of healing with horses, 5 p.m. at the Golden State Theatre, Monterey. Tickets are \$35 to benefit Sea Star Horse Sanctuary. Visit [GoldenStateTheatre.com](http://GoldenStateTheatre.com)
- Oct. 12 – Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas in concert** at 3 p.m. at St. Mary’s by-the-Sea, Pacific Grove. Scottish fiddle and cello magic! Tickets: [www.celticsociety.org](http://www.celticsociety.org).
- Oct. 12 – Don’t miss the free fun 180th Wharf Birthday Party at Old Fisherman’s Wharf** from 10 am. to 5 p.m. Enjoy a great performance by The Money Band, free birthday cake, a candy crawl, meet Monterey Fire and Police representatives, tour and view the Western Flyer and General Pershing boats, Wharf Walks, drawing prizes, take photos with costumed strolling sea creatures and much more! [www.montereywharf](http://www.montereywharf).
- Oct. 18 – Monterey Firefighters Charity Ball comes to The Inn at Spanish Bay**. Black-tie elegance meets community spirit! Enjoy gourmet dining, thrilling auctions, and a lively dance floor – all to benefit local causes and outreach programs led by the Monterey Firefighters Community Foundation. Tickets \$250: [www.montereyfirefighterfoundation.org](http://www.montereyfirefighterfoundation.org)

## Live music Sept. 26-Oct. 2

### ■ Big Sur

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

### ■ Carmel

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

**Hyatt Carmel Highlands** — singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, r&b and dance music, Saturday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

**Carmel Mission Inn** — singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Tuesday at 6 p.m.). In the courtyard, 3665 Rio Road.

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

**La Playa Hotel** — **The David Morwood Jazz Band** (Sunday at 5 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Tuesday at 5 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth.

**Links Club** — **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.

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### ■ Carmel Valley

**Baja Cantina** — **Scarlet** (pop and rock, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 7166 Carmel Valley Road.

**Bernardus Lodge** — pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), **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), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (jazz, Tuesday at 4 p.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

**Folktale Winery** — jazz ensembles from Texas South-

# WINE

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Oct. 6, with the winners announced Wednesday, Oct. 15, at noon.

## ■ Tidewater announces fall menu

Tidewater, the oceanfront restaurant at the Monterey Beach Hotel, is ready for fall.

Thanks go culinary advisor Paul Corsentino, Tidewater’s menu features a mix of classic and regionally inspired



A familiar face on local stages, hard-working singer and guitarist Brad Wilson rocks Lucy’s on Lighthouse Saturday at 2 p.m.

ern University and North Carolina Central University (Friday at 11 a.m.), singer and guitarist **Tim Brady** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Jacob Chase** (Saturday at 5 p.m.), **Monterey Jazz Regional All-Star Combos** (Sunday at 11 a.m.), singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Monday at 5 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

**Trailside Cafe** — singer and guitarist **Cisco Jim** (cowboy music, Saturday at 5 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

## ■ Monterey

**Albatross Ridge Winery** — singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Keith Rayburn** and singer **Maya Rayburn** (Saturday at 6 p.m.).

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dishes designed to reflect local flavors.

Winemaker Ian Brand of I. Brand and Family Winery in Salinas has assembled a selection of Monterey County wines to pair with the food.

The shrimp and asparagus flatbread combines tomatoes, prosciutto, asparagus and burrata, and should go nicely with a crisp white like La Marea albariño or Paysan sauvignon blanc bring to balance the dish’s richness. For red wine fans, the restaurant suggests lighter options such as La Marea grenache or Birichino pinot noir to enhance the flavors without overpowering them.

Other pairings include a smoked brisket sandwich with a Paysan red blend or old-vine cabernet, and rock cod fish and chips with Paysan sauvignon blanc or rosé.

The restaurant also features Monterey Bay seaweed chips with ginger and miso aioli sauce, said to have “a hint of spice.”

Tidewater is open for lunch and dinner daily. Visit [tidewatermontereybeach.com](http://tidewatermontereybeach.com) for more info and the full menu.

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



This handsome fella is Luca Manca. He works for P.M. Landscaping in Monterey, which is hosting a fundraiser with espresso drinks and snacks for Peace of Mind Dog Rescue Saturday.





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**Bon Ton LeRoy’s Smokehouse** — **Open Mic** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave.

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

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

**The First Presbyterian Church of Monterey** — led by **John L Nash, Jr.**, **The Monterey Peninsula Gospel Community Choir** presents its annual concert (Saturday at 5 p.m.). 510 El Dorado St.

**Hyatt Regency Monterey** — singer and guitarist **Fred McCarty** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

**InterContinental Hotel** — singer and guitarist **Sabelle** (Friday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Saturday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Spanish, classical and jazz, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

**Jack’s Monterey** — singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Friday at 6 p.m.). At Portola Hotel, 2 Portola Plaza.

**Midici Pizza** — singer **Lauri Hofer-Romero** and guitarist **Bob Basa** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

**Monterey Plaza Hotel** — pianist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Monday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea’s Fault** (jazz and pop, Tuesday at 6 p.m.). 400

Cannery Row.

**Peter B’s** — singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). At Portola Hotel, 2 Portola Plaza.

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

**Puma Road Winery** at Portola Plaza — singer and guitarist **Jacob Chase** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Linda Arceo** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

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

**Sly McFly’s** — **The Money Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Bridget Marie Band** (r&b, funk and pop, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

## ■ Pacific Grove

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

**Lucy’s on Lighthouse** — singer and guitarist **Logan Mason** (rock and blues, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Brad Wilson** (rock and blues, Saturday at 2 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Brenden McLaren** (Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

**Julia’s Vegetarian Restaurant** — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea’s**



Set for this weekend, the 68th annual Monterey Jazz Festival features performances by acclaimed bassist Christian McBride (left) and rising star saxophonist Grace Kelly (right).



**Fault Duo** (jazz and pop, Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Holysea** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

**PG’s Meetinghouse** — flutist **Kenny Stahl** and friends (jazz, Friday at 6:30 p.m.), drummer **David Morwood** and friends (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **Open Mic** (Tuesday at 6 p.m., sign up by 5 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

**Pop ’n’ Hiss** — **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Friday at 6 p.m.). 215 Forest Ave.

## ■ Pebble Beach

**The Inn at Spanish Bay** — **The Andy Weis Trio** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

## ■ Seaside

**Cuz’s Sportsman’s Bar** — **The New Wave** (late ’70s & early ’80s tribute, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 594 Broadway.

**Deja Blue** — singer and bassist **Frank Tebo** (r&b and jazz, Saturday at 5 p.m.), **The Pam Arthur Band** (r&b and soul, Sunday at 4 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

**Embassy Suites** — the latest Jazz Jam features singer **Lauri Hofer-Romero**, pianist **Bill Spencer**, guitarist **Sam Nilsson**, bassist **Steve Uccello** and drummer **Andy Weis** (Sunday at 1 p.m.). Professional musicians are welcome to join in. 1141 Canyon Del Rey.

To update these listings, email [chris@carmelpinecone.com](mailto:chris@carmelpinecone.com).

# Lecture on Jeffers’ poetry Oct. 8

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

**POET ROBINSON** Jeffers, one of Carmel’s most famous early residents, will be the subject of a local history lecture organized by the Carmel Public Library Foundation.

“The Poet in a Democracy: Robinson Jeffers and His Relevance Today” will be offered by a local Jeffers scholar Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center.

Elliott Ruchowitz-Roberts will present “an engaging exploration of the poetry and life of Robinson Jeffers, whose stark, powerful verse challenging the political and cultural norms of his time is even more relevant today.”

Jeffers was known for his philosophy of “inhumanism” and was sharply critical of the United States’ engagement in World

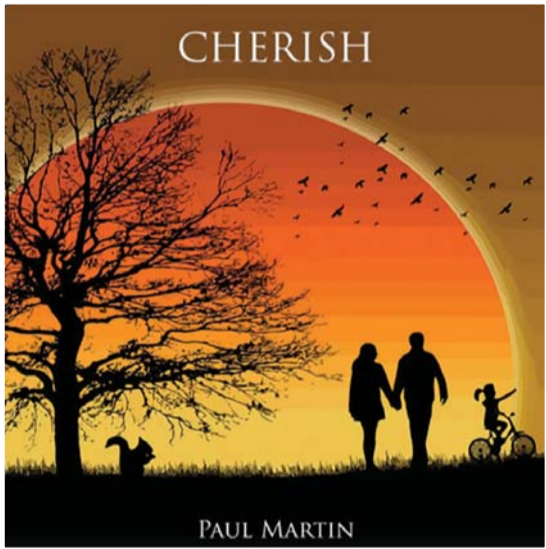
War II and “human arrogance,” according to the library foundation. He also “offered an uncompromising poetic voice during some of America’s most turbulent decades.”

Ruchowitz-Roberts is the president of the Robinson Jeffers Tor House Foundation, where he also coordinates the annual Prize for Poetry. He is also a poet, translator and professor emeritus at Monterey Peninsula College, having taught literature and humanities for more than three decades.

Registration is required, but the event is free, “with a suggested \$10 donation to benefit the Carmel Public Library.”

For more information and to register, visit [carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org](http://carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org). Carpenter Hall is located at Mission and Ninth.

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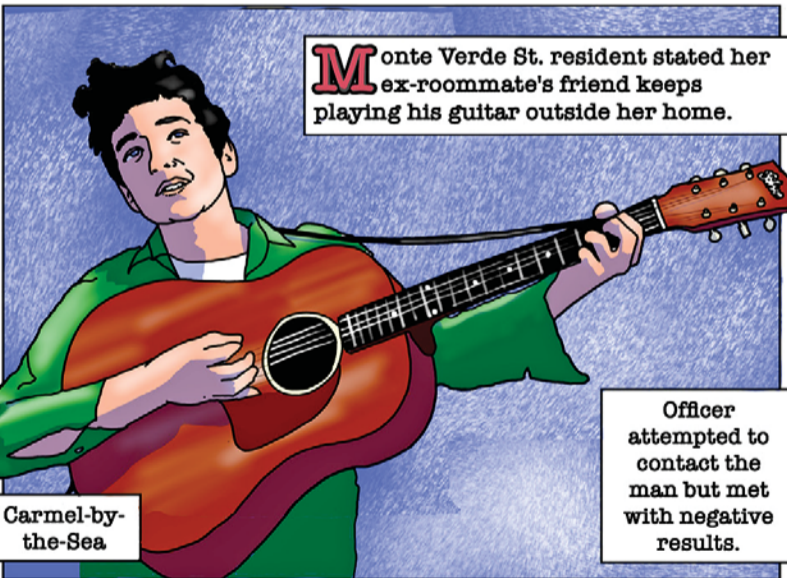
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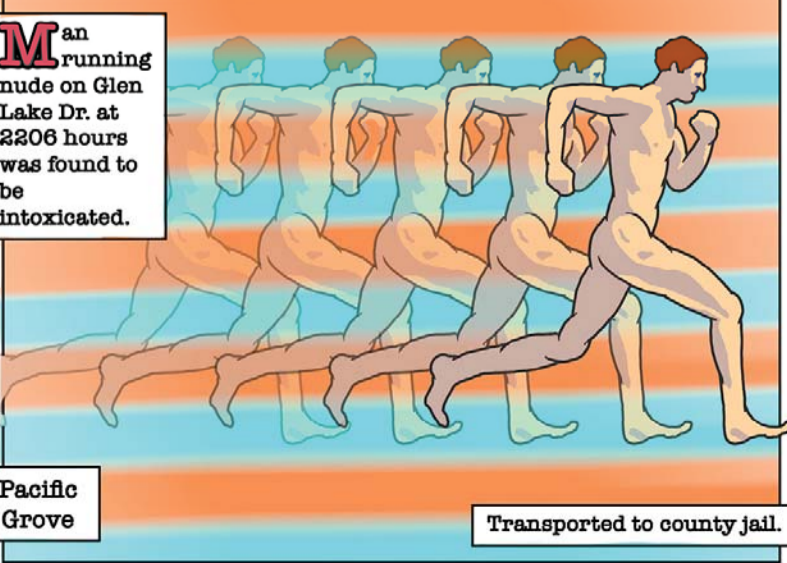
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**Monte Verde St. resident stated her ex-roommate's friend keeps playing his guitar outside her home.**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea**

**Officer attempted to contact the man but met with negative results.**



**Man running nude on Glen Lake Dr. at 2206 hours was found to be intoxicated.**

**Pacific Grove**

**Transported to county jail.**

# Theatergoers still plagued by overpriced tickets from online vendors

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR THE second time in the past year, Pac Rep Theatre sent out “an urgent public warning” that vendors are reselling PacRep tickets for outrageous prices — and even selling fake ones.

The scam involves three upcoming PacRep productions — “The Traveling Wilburys Revue,” “Gypsy,” and “The Al Jardine and the Endless Summer Band concert.”

“We have received multiple reports of patrons unknowingly purchasing drastically overpriced and potentially invalid tickets through third-party vendors,” the theater company announced. “The Mon-

terey County District Attorney’s Office is now investigating the issue.”

PacRep also warned customers not to buy tickets from third-party vendors, such as Stub Hub, Vivid Seat, Viagogo, Seat Geek, AXS Tickets, Tickets Center, Tickets On Sale, ticketsales.com and Go Tickets.

While such companies are commonly used in the resale market, their prices can be much higher than face value.

“If you purchased your tickets anywhere other than PacRep’s official box or website, you may have paid severely inflated prices, received misleading advertising, including images from Broadway or touring productions that are not PacRep’s shows, and/or been misled into believing

you were buying directly from PacRep at original prices,” the theater company explained.

### Be careful

PacRep is urging people to be “extremely cautious.”

“These websites are misleading the public by listing tickets they do not possess and are flat-out lying when they claim to be resale agents for customers who have changed their plans,” PacRep executive director Stephen Moorer said. “This violates California’s ticket resale laws and puts our patrons at risk of losing considerable money. We had reports of ‘Annie’ patrons paying hundreds of dollars for

their tickets.”

PacRep urged those who made purchases from resellers to “contact your credit card company and request a refund for “fraudulent sales, false or deceptive advertising and misrepresentation of tickets.”

It also encouraged ticketholders to file a complaint with the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office, “which is actively investigating these deceptive practices.”

The theater company reported it has sent cease-and-desist letters to the resale sites identified. PacRep also suggested that in some cases, ticket holders may be entitled to refunds, with penalties for the resellers rising as high as \$2,500.

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no one was handing out cigarettes for free, and I never got into drinking. Plus, I can add motivation. I came from a poor family, so I’ve always been motivated to live a good life.”

Pagano, a wiry man wearing a “World War II Veteran” ballcap and a jacket embroidered with a 2024 D-Day 80-year celebration logo, leaned into his story from the folding chair where he was perched, his eyes filled with enthusiasm and his hands gesturing as if conducting his tale. The centenarian recalled details of places, dates and people as if reading a memoir aloud.

“It all comes back to me as I talk,” he said. “Some things in life just stay with you.”

Upon returning to the United States in 1946, Pagano enrolled in Seton Hall University. His intention was to pursue a degree in physics but, after his first year, he met students enrolled in medical school. That inspired a change of plans.

“I joined the National Guard and trained as a medic but ultimately graduated from Seton in 1950,” he explained. “Then I applied to 20 medical schools but didn’t get in, so I met with the Italian Consul in San Francisco and got into

the University of Rome Medical School.”

During his enrollment, Pagano decided to specialize in obstetrics and gynecology. He also met Rosemary Tomaino, and they married just before his last two years of medical school. They went on to have four children.

“By 1968, I was working in general practice in the eastern United States, making house calls and delivering babies. In 1975, a lot of California physicians went on strike, so I came out west, and the California Medical Association gave me a list of places that were hiring. I practiced medicine in Oroville, retiring in 1990 at age 65, and moved to Monterey, where my brother, Joe Pagano, a psychologist, was living.”

Last year, Anthony Pagano flew to France with 60 fellow veterans to participate in the “Return to Normandy” 80th anniversary of D-Day, sponsored by American Airlines. “We spent a week there,” he said. “On our next-to-last day, we were at Omaha Beach. We also visited the Arc de Triomphe and saw the Flame of the Unknown Soldier. It was a very solemn moment. President Joe Biden gave a speech, and (former Speaker of the House) Nancy Pelosi came up to me and kissed my hand. So, I kissed hers.”

Then, Anthony Pagano leaned forward to express a feeling he seldom shares.

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# Sometimes I wish we still had some of the things we had back then

I'M NOT someone who thinks everything was better in the old days. Heck, most things are infinitely better now than when I was running around in corduroy knickers because I wasn't old enough for long pants. My wish to outlive my parents came true, thanks to a surgeon who slipped a pacemaker the size of a glass-tube-fuse into my ticker without cracking open my chest like a lobster.

Just last week, another doc carved a growth with a genuinely terrifying name right off my noggin while I sat there answering emails on my iPad. No going under, although I nearly chewed through the wooden stick she jammed between my teeth like I was some Civil War soldier getting his leg sawed off.

My smartphone gets a lot of use as everything except a phone. My private, unscientific poll reveals that as the years add up, the number of phone calls received goes down. I get a lot of texts, and I appreciate them because the messages are succinct. No weather reports or the insulting words, "Hang on while I take another call." Texting works well because I don't have to reply right away — or at all if

I just don't want to. But here's the thing — there are pieces of my childhood that I miss more than I expected.

Our first telephone was the size of a toaster oven and had a rotary dial that moved with the deliberate slowness of a snail strolling down Molasses Street. Dialing wasn't just communication, it was commitment. Each number was a small exercise in patience, and once you started that dial spinning, there was no backing out. Heaven help you if the number had multiple nines — you'd be standing there long enough to read the morning paper while that thing rotated. Life moved at a slower pace then, so the rotary dial phone fit right in.

We had a four-party line, meaning we shared the phone

line with three other households. Eavesdropping was practically a neighborhood sport. You had to go through an operator to make a long-distance call, which was expensive. When I was traveling between home and school from Buffalo and Detroit, I would make a long-distance person-to-person call, asking for myself. Naturally, I wasn't there, so there was no charge for the call, but my parents knew I had arrived safely.

**Sounds like patience**

My smartphone doesn't have a dial tone. I miss that gentle electronic hum more than I care to admit. It was a technological lullaby promising connection — a steady drone that meant miles of copper wire stood ready to carry my voice wherever it needed to go. That dial tone had patience my current phone lacks. It would wait while I double-checked numbers scrawled on napkins. It was an overture to every conversation.

See **GERVASE** page 8RE

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# POLICE LOG

From page 4A

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

**Pacific Grove:** Report forwarded to Adult Protective Services involving an Asilomar resident.

**Pacific Grove:** Dog bite on Congress Avenue resulting in injury.

**Big Sur:** Resident on Highway 1 reported suspicious persons/circumstances.

**Carmel Valley:** A male said his wife made suicidal statements and he could not contact her.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Currency found at Mission and Sixth was turned in for safekeeping.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Lighthouse was placed on a mental health evaluation hold.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle on 19th Street was towed for expired registration.

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

**Pacific Grove:** An 18-year-old male was arrested at David and Moreland for DUI after being involved in a collision. He was booked into Monterey County Jail for disobeying a court order, driving a motor vehicle without a valid license, DUI with a blood alcohol concentration of more than .05 percent while being under the age of 21, and DUI over .08 percent.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Mental health hold at Camino del Monte and Pico.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Incident at Del Mar and Ocean involved a reported vehicle theft or burglary. Due to the circumstances, it is possible the incident occurred across multiple jurisdictions. A courtesy report was taken.

**Pacific Grove:** Welfare check requested on a juvenile on Del Monte Boulevard. Child checked OK and officers could not determine a crime occurred.

**Pacific Grove:** Animal bite on Stuart Avenue.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to a residence on Colt Road for a domestic dispute between a 35-year-old female and a 38-year-old male. The female was arrested.

**Big Sur:** A welfare check was conducted on a juvenile on Highway 1.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to a Boronda Road residence after report of an assault.

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### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Found dog at Monterey and Valley was brought to the station for safekeeping. Later returned to owner.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A bracelet found at Sixth and Mission was turned in for safekeeping.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle on David Avenue marked for 72-hour parking.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Grove Acre Avenue placed on a mental health evaluation hold.

**Carmel Valley:** A 62-year-old female was cited for trespassing on a Carmel Valley Road property.

**Carmel Valley:** Two males on Rancho San Carlos Road had a physical altercation.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** No calls to report.

**Pacific Grove:** Runaway juvenile from Forest Hill Boulevard returned home.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Sunset Drive was found deceased of natural causes. Coroner contacted.

**Pacific Grove:** Informational report of threats on Monterey Avenue. No prosecution desired.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded for a 911 hangup call from a residence on Nason Road.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Lost earring.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Sighting of a healthy-looking coyote approximately 40 pounds in Mission Trail park.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Lost wallet at Mission and Ocean.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Previously unreported domestic violence at Ocean and Mission was reported to and investigated by an outside agency. Assisted.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Forest Avenue admonished for trespassing.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Juvenile injured after falling from a scooter at Junipero and Vista.

**Pacific Grove:** Arrest of a 29-year-old male at Ocean View Boulevard and 15th Street for failure to appear in court on a misdemeanor warrant. Subject was issued a citation containing a new court date and released on the scene.

**Pacific Grove:** Found license plate at Congress and David.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on David Avenue admonished for trespassing.

**Seaside:** Officer made a proactive traffic stop leading to

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## GERVASE

From page 6RE

I also miss sharpening pencils with one of those sharpeners mounted on the wall next to the school room blackboard — the kind that had a handle and could accommodate eight different pencil sizes. The scent hit you first: clean, woody, resinous, like stepping into a forest of learning. When I screwed up, that little pink eraser in its metal sleeve destroyed the evidence faster than a shredder during an administration change in Washington. And those bright yellow No. 2 Dixon-Ticonderogas with their perfect hexagonal grip still make my penmanship more legible than when I write with a ballpoint.

I miss winding my watch every morning — three careful turns of that tiny crown, feeling the mainspring tighten like a coiled heartbeat storing up the day’s time. I could hold it to my ear and actually hear time ticking away. Now my watch tells me how fast my heart is beating, which seems backwards somehow.

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After World War II, gas rationing ended. Dad would load us into his old DeSoto for Sunday drives to absolutely nowhere. Windows down, cruising past pastures and roadside stands, stopping at scenic overlooks with no agenda except hoping we’d stumble across an ice cream stand. No GPS telling us where to go, no destination programmed in — just the road ahead and whatever it might offer.

Sure, almost everything is better today. My pacemaker proves that. But I think we’ve traded away more than we realize. We’ve gained efficiency and lost ritual. We’ve gained convenience and lost anticipation. There’s a lovely lyric from the 1962 Broadway musical “All American” that expresses my feelings. It goes like this: *Once upon a time, the world was sweeter than we knew, everything was ours, how happy we were then. But somehow once upon a time never comes again.*

I’d sure like to hear that dial tone one more time. It was a promise that the world was waiting whenever I was ready to reach out and touch it.

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# CALLS

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**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to Rio Vista Drive

for a report of incident between husband and wife.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to a report of an individual on East Carmel Valley Road brandishing a weapon.

**Carmel area:** Deputies collected property on San Remo Road. Incident documented.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** No calls to report.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** No calls to report.

**Pacific Grove:** Shoplifting at Country Club Gate Center.

**Pacific Grove:** Battery on David Avenue.

**Big Sur:** Female on Highway 1 was referred to the hospital for a mental evaluation.

**Pebble Beach:** Adult Protective Services report alleging financial abuse involving a Los Altos Drive resident.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** At Camino Real and 12th, a raccoon attacked a dog and an adult while another person attempted to save the dog. Raccoon attempted to follow dog into a residence but was locked out.

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

**Pacific Grove:** Subject was reported missing from a Lighthouse Avenue location and later located.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject admonished for trespassing at a business on Forest Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** Officers responded to a report of a transient male who was being belligerent and talking to himself in the 100 block of 12th Street. Determined the subject was in violation of his sex-offender registrant status. The 45-year-old male was booked into Monterey County Jail for failing to register when released from custody and failure to update his information within 30 days.

**Pacific Grove:** Property was found near Laurel Avenue and 18th Street.

**Pacific Grove:** Ammunition surrendered by a Lobos Avenue resident for destruction.

**Pacific Grove:** A 41-year-old male on Fountain Avenue was cited and released for warrants for failure to appear in court on a misdemeanor charge.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on 17 Mile Drive was placed on mental health evaluation hold.

**Pebble Beach:** DoorDash driver took a backpack with several personal items and money belonging to a 24-year-old male on Riata Road.

**Big Sur:** Deceased person on Highway 1.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded after a disturbance call on Aliso Road.

**Carmel area:** Adult Protective Services report alleging physical and financial abuse at a residence on Oakshire Drive.

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For some, paradise at Teháma is an inspiring architectural home perched high above the Carmel Valley with far-reaching views of Monterey Bay. For others, it is a masterfully-crafted residence secluded amid century old oaks and towering pines. For all who call Teháma home, it is living in a last-of-its-kind community — where 85% of its nearly 2,000 acres is preserved as open space, conservation and sustainability are a way of life, world-class amenities seamlessly sync nature and nurture, and the very best of Carmel and Monterey are just moments away.

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**APTOS**

<b>\$995,000</b>	<b>3bd 1.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3:30</b>
2146 Penasquitas Dr		Aptos
Coldwell Banker Realty		359-9826
<b>\$3,400,000</b>	<b>3bd 3.5ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 1-4</b>
625 Quail Run Road		Aptos
Sotheby's Int'l RE		535-2649

**CAPITOLA**

<b>\$3,495,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Su 12-2</b>
4840 Cliff Dr		Capitola
Coldwell Banker Realty		234-2612

**CARMEL**

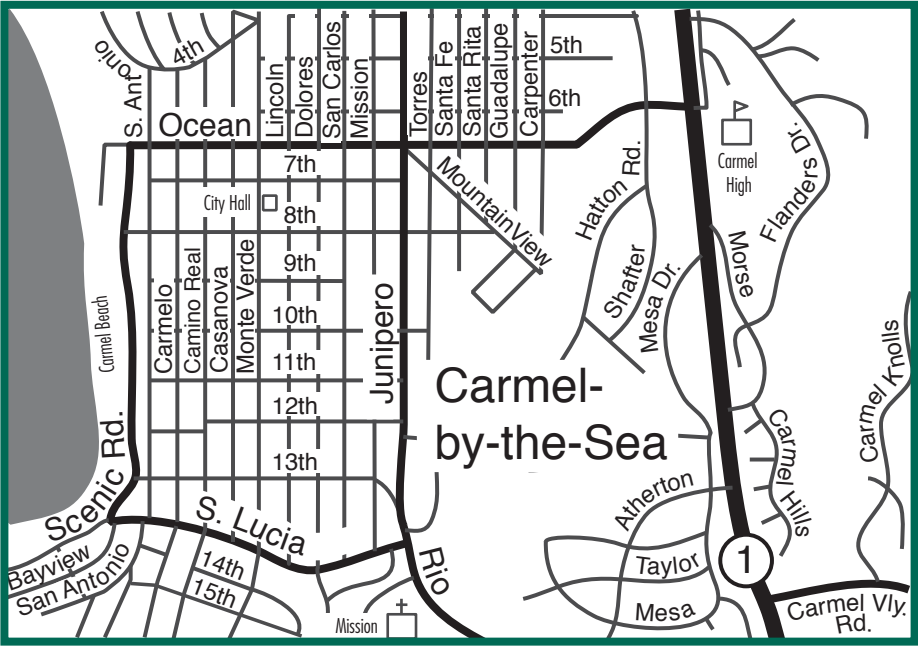
<b>\$850,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Su 1-3</b>
171 Hacienda Carmel		Carmel
Monterey Coast Realty		717-7959
<b>\$950,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
64 Del Mesa Carmel		Carmel
Carmel Realty Company		250-3399
<b>\$990,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
254 Del Mesa Carmel		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		333-6060
<b>\$1,098,000</b>	<b>2bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 2-4 Su 1:30-3</b>
3850 Rio Road #7		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		917-9886 / 277-3371
<b>\$1,150,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
27 Del Mesa Carmel		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		620-2468
<b>\$1,199,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
39 Del Mesa Carmel		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		293-3391
<b>\$1,295,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-2</b>
9365 Los Prados		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		277-9250
<b>\$1,550,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 2-4</b>
27180 Los Arboles Drive		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		915-0265



<b>\$1,695,000</b>	<b>2bd 1ba</b>	<b>Su 1-3</b>
5165 Carmel Valley Road		Carmel
Carmel Realty Company		233-4839
<b>\$1,799,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-4 Su 1:30-4</b>
25601 Carmel Knolls Drive		Carmel
Carmel Realty Company		521-4855
<b>\$1,895,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 12-2</b>
3610 Oliver Rd		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Realty		917-7029 / 917-3966
<b>\$1,998,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3:30 Su 1:30-3:30</b>
3050 Ribera Rd		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Realty		320-6391 / 917-7029
<b>\$2,390,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 1-3</b>
Santa Fe NW of 3rd Avenue		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		320-1109
<b>\$2,499,000</b>	<b>3bd 3ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 2-4</b>
SE Corner Santa Rita and 6th		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		214-2250 / 277-9250



<b>\$2,695,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Fr 3-5 Sa Su 1-3</b>
SW Corner Camino Real & 4th		Carmel
Carmel Realty Company		877-3345



<b>\$2,895,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Su 12-2</b>
Santa Fe 4 SE of Ocean Ave		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		925-216-0647
<b>\$2,895,000</b>	<b>4bd 2ba</b>	<b>Fr 12-2 Sa 11-1</b>
25905 Junipero Ave		Carmel
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		261-6468
<b>\$3,300,000</b>	<b>4bd 3.5ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 1-3</b>
Forest 2 NW of 8th		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		277-3371 / 333-6060
<b>\$3,399,000</b>	<b>4bd 3.5ba</b>	<b>Su 1-3</b>
24694 Dolores		Carmel
Bramin Atler		595-5045
<b>\$3,495,000</b>	<b>4bd 3ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-3 Su 11-1</b>
24587 Castro Lane		Carmel
Compass		236-5290
<b>\$3,849,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
Camino Real 5 SW of 13th Ave		Carmel
Compass		238-1380
<b>\$3,999,500</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 11-1</b>
San Antonio 3 SE Ocean		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		214-2250 / 238-3444
<b>\$4,200,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-2</b>
Lopez 8 NE of 4th Ave		Carmel
Compass		262-7768
<b>\$4,250,000</b>	<b>3bd 3.5ba</b>	<b>Fr 3-5 Sa Su 1-3</b>
3 SW Monte Verde & 13th Street		Carmel
Carmel Realty Company		884-3868
<b>\$4,495,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Fr 4-6 Sa 1-3 Su 1-3</b>
Lincoln 5 NE of 13th		Carmel
Staples Gannaway Team, Compass		595-0009
<b>\$4,750,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 10:30-1:30</b>
Mission 5 NW of Santa Lucia St		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Realty		206-0129
<b>\$4,895,000</b>	<b>4bd 3ba</b>	<b>Su 12-2</b>
Mission 4 NE of 10th Ave		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Realty		917-5646
<b>\$5,850,000</b>	<b>4bd 3ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-4</b>
Palou 8&9 NW of Casanova		Carmel
Compass		574-9470



<b>\$7,950,000</b>	<b>3bd 3ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
San Antonio 2 NW of 7th		Carmel
Carmel Realty Company		233-4839

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**CARMEL VALLEY**

<b>\$1,095,000</b>	<b>2bd 1.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-4</b>
18 Camino De Travesia		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		297-9805
<b>\$1,595,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Su 11:30-2</b>
77 Paso Hondo #A		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		915-6391
<b>\$1,850,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-4 Su 11-1</b>
42 Upper Circle		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		213-503-0300
<b>\$2,175,000</b>	<b>2bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-12</b>
9 Story Road		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		236-8571
<b>\$2,395,000</b>	<b>4bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Su 11-1</b>
929 W Carmel Valley Road		Carmel Valley
Carmel Realty Company		521-4855
<b>\$2,995,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-2</b>
13369 Middle Canyon Road		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		238-7559
<b>\$3,300,000</b>	<b>4bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Su 1-3</b>
31499 Via Las Rosas		Carmel Valley
The Agency		293-4878
<b>\$3,780,000</b>	<b>5bd 5.5ba</b>	<b>Su 2:30-4:30</b>
50 La Rancheria		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		293-3030
<b>\$3,795,000</b>	<b>4bd 3.5ba</b>	<b>Su 1-3</b>
15340 Via Los Tulares		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		277-1169

**CORRAL DE TIERRA**

<b>\$1,070,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 12-3</b>
13500 Paseo Terrano		Corral de Tierra
Sotheby's Int'l RE		238-6152
<b>\$1,975,000</b>	<b>4bd 3ba</b>	<b>Sa 11-1 Su 1-3</b>
25317 Camino De Chamisal		Corral de Tierra
Sotheby's Int'l RE		917-9886 / 277-8622

**MARINA**

<b>\$999,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Su 11-1</b>
579 Rosa Monte Way		Marina
Sotheby's Int'l RE		601-2200
<b>\$1,698,000</b>	<b>6bd 4ba</b>	<b>Sa 9-12 Su 12-2</b>
465 Russell Way		Marina
Monterey Coast Realty		206-295-6427 / 293-3668

**MONTEREY**

<b>\$579,000</b>	<b>2bd 1.5ba</b>	<b>Su 2-4</b>
515 Ramona Court #1		Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE		915-8989
<b>\$845,000</b>	<b>2bd 1.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-4</b>
401 Sequoia Ave		Monterey
The Jones Group		917-4534
<b>\$1,139,000</b>	<b>3bd 1ba</b>	<b>Su 2-5</b>
799 Grace Street		Monterey
Carmel Realty Company		206-295-6427
<b>\$1,150,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 2-4 Su 12-3</b>
125 Surf Way #434		Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE		620-2936 / 402-5877
<b>\$1,249,000</b>	<b>3bd 1.5ba +1/1ADU</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
815 Taylor Street		Monterey
Bramin Atler		595-5045
<b>\$1,250,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
1109 McClellan		Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE		277-8622
<b>\$1,349,000</b>	<b>4bd 1.5ba</b>	<b>Su 12-3</b>
1056 Harrison St		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Realty		241-1264
<b>\$1,399,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
25 Linda Vista		Monterey
Bramin Atler		595-5045

<b>\$1,769,000</b>	<b>2bd 1.5ba</b>	<b>Fr 11:30-1:30</b>
457 Wave St Unit 1		Monterey
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		718-7667
<b>\$1,795,000</b>	<b>4bd 4ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
301 Euclid Avenue		Monterey
Monterey Coast Realty		333-6325
<b>\$1,850,000</b>	<b>4bd 3.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-4</b>
23 Cramden Drive		Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE		510-589-6892
<b>\$2,250,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-4</b>
18 Deer Stalker Path		Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE		915-8989
<b>\$2,270,000</b>	<b>5bd 5.5ba</b>	<b>Su 2-4</b>
401 San Bernabe Dr		Monterey
Compass		238-2022
<b>\$2,649,000</b>	<b>3bd3.5ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 1-3</b>
216 Mirasol Way		Monterey
Monterey Coast Realty		574-9393
<b>\$2,850,000</b>	<b>3bd 3ba</b>	<b>Su 1-3</b>
471 El Dorado Street		Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE		521-4118

**PACIFIC GROVE**

<b>\$839,000</b>	<b>2bd 1ba</b>	<b>Su 2-4</b>
1001 David Ave		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Realty		594-6158
<b>\$1,295,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
1007 Brentwood Ct		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		596-9726
<b>\$1,295,000</b>	<b>2bd 1ba</b>	<b>Su 10-1</b>
405 Carmel Ave		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Realty		220-9817
<b>\$1,349,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 2-4</b>
119 Fountain Ave		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Realty		594-6158
<b>\$1,350,000</b>	<b>2bd 1.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
585 Ocean View Blvd 3		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		318-3808
<b>\$1,350,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-1</b>
723 Eardley Avenue		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		521-8508
<b>\$1,800,000</b>	<b>6bd 2ba</b>	<b>Su 1-4</b>
206 Cypress Avenue		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		510-589-6892
<b>\$2,097,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 12:30-4 Su 11-2</b>
222 Wood Street		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		238-8116 / 521-8508
<b>\$2,785,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 12:30-3:30</b>
155 12th Street		Pacific Grove
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		620-2243
<b>\$3,474,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Su 1-3</b>
944 Bayview Avenue		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		402-2017
<b>\$3,495,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Su 1-4</b>
735 Bayview Avenue		Pacific Grove
Carmel Realty Company		747-4300
<b>\$4,900,000</b>	<b>3bd 3.5ba</b>	<b>Su 1-3</b>
910 Egan Avenue		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		318-3808
<b>\$7,800,000</b>	<b>4bd 4.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
1051 Ocean View Boulevard		Pacific Grove
Carmel Realty Company		277-5256

**PEBBLE BEACH**

<b>\$1,798,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Su 1-3</b>
4091 Pine Meadows Way		Pebble Beach
Compass		320-0719
<b>\$1,899,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-5 Su 2-4</b>
4106 Crest Rd		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Realty		238-5793 / 220-9817
<b>\$2,100,000</b>	<b>3bd 3ba</b>	<b>Su 1-3</b>
4095 Pine Meadows Way		Pebble Beach
Compass		320-0719
<b>\$2,295,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
1147 Arrowhead Drive		Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE		277-0971
<b>\$5,295,000</b>	<b>4bd 3ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
3093 Hacienda Drive		Pebble Beach
Carmel Realty Company		717-7156
<b>\$7,350,000</b>	<b>4bd 4.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3 Su 12-4</b>
3937 Ronda Road		Pebble Beach
Carmel Realty Company		277-5544 / 333-6325

**SALINAS**

<b>\$1,125,000</b>	<b>4bd 3ba</b>	<b>Su 2-4</b>
30 Santa Ana Drive		Salinas
Sotheby's Int'l RE		277-0971
<b>\$1,199,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-3 Su 1-3</b>
13525 Paseo Terrano		Salinas
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		869-3992

**SEASIDE**

<b>\$675,000</b>	<b>2bd 1ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 12-3</b>
1778 Harding St		Seaside
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		601-2080
<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>3bd 1.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-3</b>
1212 Trinity Avenue		Seaside
Sotheby's Int'l RE		277-3026
<b>\$785,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
1713 Goodwin St		Seaside
The Jones Group		917-4534
<b>\$2,799,000</b>	<b>4bd 3ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 12-2</b>
5 Fairway Ct		Seaside
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		392-6993



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**24826 Santa Fe Street**  
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File No. 20251512  
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Registered Owner(s):  
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This business is conducted by a limited liability company  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 04/03/2025  
S/ John Mazzei, Secretary  
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File No. 20251513  
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:  
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Registered Owner(s):  
VELOCITY GLOBAL, LLC, 3790 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306;  
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: COLORADO  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A  
S/ Shawn McIntire, MANAGER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/20/2025 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26/25  
**CNS-3960682#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication Dates: Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025. (PC 904)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251566  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **E&C KEYS, 259 Pacifico Place, Soledad, CA 93960**.  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s):  
EDUARDO GARCIA CORNEJO, 259 Pacifico Place, 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 N/A.  
S/Eduardo G. Cornejo  
Date signed: Aug. 27, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 27, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025 (PC 908)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251569  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PACIFIC GROVE ADVANCED CHIROPRACTIC, 718 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950**.  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s):  
STEVEN NEIL MACDONALD.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
S/Steven N. MacDonald  
Date signed: Aug. 27, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 27, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025 (PC 909)

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE**  
**ANN P. CLEARY**  
**CASE NO. 25PR000457**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ANN P. CLEARY.

**A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by** CHARLES M. CLEARY in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTE-REY.

The Petition for Probate requests that CHARLES M. CLEARY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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 objections 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 as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:  
Michael Kennedy  
5886 Wyadotte St. E. Windsor, Ontario, Canada N8S 1M8 (519) 252-3888  
The petition was filed with the Superior Court of California County of Monterey on August 26th, 2025..  
Publication dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2025. (PC923)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251522  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE WRITE INVITE, 553 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950**.  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s):  
MARIAN JEAN SOSNICK, 23755 Spectacular Bid Lane, Monterey, CA 93940.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 16, 2025.  
S/Marian Jean Sosnick  
Date signed: Aug. 16, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 20, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025 (PC 911)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251521  
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:  
**MP CONSTRUCTION, 3008 KING CIR, MARINA, CA 93933**, County of MON-TEREY  
Registered Owner(s):  
MONTEREY PENINSULA CONSTRUCTION INC., 3008 KING CIR, MARINA, CA 93933; CA  
This business is conducted by A CORPORATION  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 02/02/2008  
S/ MATTHEW PALADY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/20/2025 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26/25  
**CNS-3963202#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication Dates: Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025. (PC 912)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251565  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **QB CONSULTING, 10250 Golden Meadow Circle, Salinas, CA 93907**.  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s):  
JEANNE EMILIE BACON, 10250 Golden Meadow Circle, 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. 26, 2025.  
S/Jeanne E. Bacon  
Date signed: Aug. 26, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 26, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025 (PC 914)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251527  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HATCH, 3658 The Barnyard, Unit D-11, Carmel, CA 93923**.  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
KSI HATCH INC, P.O. Box 5066, Carmel, CA 93921  
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
This business is conducted by a corporation.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 21, 2025.  
S/Kristen Ridout, Secretary/Treasurer  
Date signed: Aug. 21, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 21, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025. (PC 919)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251548  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CYPRESS + SAGE BOOKKEEPING CO., 8250 El Camino Estrada, Carmel, CA 93923**.  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s):  
MEAGAN A. ALVAREZ.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 25, 2025.  
S/Meagan Alvarez  
Date signed: Aug. 25, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 25, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2025 (PC 920)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251614  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CURRY LEAF COCKTAILS & SHISHA, 220 Olivier St., Monterey, CA 93940**.  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:  
INDIAN SUMMER, 2601 Bluewater Ct., Marina, CA 93933.  
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
This business is conducted by a corporation.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 4, 2020.  
S/Navin Thapa, CEO  
Date: Sept. 4, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 4, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2025. (PC 922)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251547  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LAMPLIGHTER SALINAS, 255 E BOLIVAR STREET, SALINAS, CA 93906**  
County of MONTEREY  
Registrant(s):  
LAMPLIGHTER, LLC, 3491 Conours St., Suite 204, Ontario, CA 91764  
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.  
LAMPLIGHTER, LLC  
S/lori carraway, VICE PRESIDENT ,  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/22/2025.  
9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3/25  
**CNS-3956530#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication Dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2025. (PC 924)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251574  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **AROMAS CONSTRUCTION, 575 Carpenteria Rd., Aromas, CA 95004**.  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s):  
THOMAS STEVEN SOUZA, 575 Carpenteria Rd., Aromas, CA 95004.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 28, 2025.  
S/Thomas Souza  
Date signed: Aug. 28, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 28, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2025 (PC 927)

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE**  
**STEPHEN DALY COVELL**  
**CASE NO. 25PR000434**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of STEPHEN DALY COVELL.

**A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by** LAURA COVELL ZORE in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that LAURA COVELL ZORE 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. 29, 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 objections

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 as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:  
Albert J. Nicora  
NICORA LAW OFFICES, LLP  
26385 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite 100, Carmel, CA 93923 (831) 622-2000  
This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on Sept. 18, 2025.  
Publication dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025. (PC951)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251612  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LOVE + LAVENDER FARM, 388A Corral de Tierra Rd., Salinas, CA 93908**.  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s):  
GABRIELLA SANDOVAL PAROLA, 388A Corral de Tierra Rd., Salinas, CA 93908.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 25, 2025.  
S/Gabriella Parola  
Date signed: Sept. 3, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 3, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2025 (PC 928)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251571  
Filing type: RENEWAL FILING - filed within 40 days of the expiration date and no CHANGE(S) from the previous filing  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PROGRESSIVE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, 2872 Forest Lodge Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953**.  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s):  
JEFFERY ALLEN DAVIES.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 25, 2025.  
S/Jeffery A. Davies  
Date signed: Aug. 25, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 28, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2025 (PC 929)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251570  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **VALLEY ARMORY & GUNSMITHING, 28 Quail Run Circle, STE. F, Salinas, CA 93907**.  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s):  
RAYMOND MARTIN PARGA, 28 Quail Run Circle, STE. F, 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. 28, 2025.  
S/Raymond Parga  
Date signed: Aug. 28, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 28, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2025 (PC 930)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251582  
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:  
**1. POP ITS, 2. POP ITS INTERNATIONAL, 10838 OCEAN MIST PARKWAY, CASTROVILLE, CA 95012**, County of MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s):  
MASTRONARDI PRODUCE WEST, LLC.  
STATE OF INC./ORG./REG. DELAWARE  
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/ DAVID EINSTANDIG, SECRETARY  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/28/2025 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10/25  
**CNS-3966408#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025. (PC 931)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251621  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BROS AUTO GROUP, 1935 Princeton Ct., Salinas, CA 93906**.  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:  
BROS AUTO GROUP LLC, 1935 Princeton ct., Salinas, CA 93906.  
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 Sept. 4, 2025.  
S/Alfredo Soto, CEO  
Date: Sept. 4, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 4, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2025. (PC 932)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251636  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **INDUS, 110 General Stilwell, Suite 1104, Marina, CA 93933**.  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:  
OCEAN SPICE LLC, 3690 The Barnyard, Carmel, CA 93923.  
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 Sept. 8, 2025.  
S/BD Singh, Member  
Date: Sept. 8, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 8, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2025. (PC 933)

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**COUNTY OF MONTEREY**


**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Case No. 25CV004602  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, LETICIA RUIZ-RODRIGUEZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**A Present name:**  
LETICIA RUIZ-RODRIGUEZ  
aka LETICIA RUIZ RODRIGUEZ  
aka LETICIA AYALA RUIZ  
**Proposed name:**  
LETICIA RUIZ PULIDO

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING:**  
DATE: Nov. 4, 2025  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
DEPT: 14

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on, or after, **Friday, September 26, 2025**, the Director of Community Planning & Building of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea preliminarily approved the following application, appealable for 15 working days:

**Proposed Action:** Approval of a Design Study application (DS 25202, Brookes), Coastal Development Permit, and revision to a previous Planning approval (DS 20191) and Building Permit (BP 21181), updated to include revised fence designs at the north, west, and south property lines; a new outdoor shower in the southwest side/rear yard; and miscellaneous additional site and building changes as specified in the revised plans and Revisions to Planning Approval form. The project site is located at Carmelo Street 2 NW of 12th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District, Beach & Riparian (BR) Overlay, and Coastal Commission Appeal Jurisdiction.

**Project Location:** Carmelo Street 2 NW of 12th Avenue, Block: X, Lot: 17, 19, APN: 010-279-019-000

**Coastal Permit Status:** Required

**Appealable to the Coastal Commission:** Yes

**Environmental Status:** Exempt

Carmel Municipal Code Section 17.52.120 (Public Hearing Waivers for Appealable Coastal Permits) allows for a waiver of a public hearing on a coastal development permit for a development that is appealable to the Coastal Commission when a public hearing would be required solely because the project requires a coastal development permit. The public hearing requirement may be waived if, the project is consistent with the Local Coastal Program; requires no other approval other than a track one (administrative permit) review by the Director; and, has no adverse effect either individually or cumulatively on coastal resources or public access to the shoreline or along the coast.

This notice is being provided to advise the public that no hearing on this application will be held unless one is requested in writing within 15 working days of the publish date of this notice. Failure by a person to request a public hearing may result in the loss of that person's ability to appeal to the Coastal Commission any action taken by the City on the permit application. If no hearing is requested within 15 working days, this action shall become final on **Friday, October 17, 2025**.

Please direct questions about this item to Marnie Waffle, Principal Planner: [mwaffle@ci.carmel.ca.us](mailto:mwaffle@ci.carmel.ca.us) or 831-620-2057.

Project plans can be viewed on our website at: <https://ci.carmel.ca.us/post/current-planning-applications>

Publish Date: 9/26/2025 – The Pine Cone

Publishation dates: Sept. 26, 2025 (PC952)

PUBLIC NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Case No. 25CV004035  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, KEVIN PATRICK BERRY, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
**A Present name:** SOPHIA VIRGINIA BERRY  
**Proposed name:** SOPHIA VIRGINIA GAUTIER  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING:**  
DATE: Oct. 21, 2025  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
DEPT: 15  
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.  
Date filed: Aug. 11, 2025  
(s) Hon. Thomas W. Wills  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025. (PC 942)

**ABANDONED PROPERTY  
AUCTION**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the abandoned personal property described below pursuant to Sections 1983 and 1988 of the California Civil Code. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on OCTOBER 8, 2025 at 4:00 pm, on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at ROSSI Self Storage, WWW.SELFSTORAGEAUCTION.COM, California the following described goods:  
LORI WILLINGHAM #300 - MISC. GOODS  
Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is where is and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.  
9/19, 9/26/25  
**CNS-3967761#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, 2025. (PC 944)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251601  
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **FRANKENFRAU, 254 MODERN LN, MARINA, CA 93933**, County of MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s): WALKER PACIFIC INDUSTRIES LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 254 MODERN LANE, MARINA, CA 93933, CALIFORNIA  
This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE  
S/ CAMI WALKER, MANAGING MEMBER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 09/02/2025 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10/25  
**CNS-3962185#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025. (PC 945)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251670  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**1. RAT-RACE**  
**2. RAT RACE SPRAY**  
**255 Watson St., Monterey, CA 93940.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: RAT RACE SPRAY LLC.  
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: California  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 18, 2025.  
S/Nathaniel Martin, Managing Member  
Date: Sept. 3, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT OF YOUR OBLIGATION UNDER YOUR DEED OF TRUST. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** Date of Sale: **10/17/2025 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** as the duly appointed Trustee, Successor Trustee, or Substituted Trustee of Deed(s) of Trust executed by **Trustor(s)** and recorded among the Official Records of **Monterey County, California**, and pursuant to that certain **Notice of Default (“NOD”)** thereunder recorded, all as shown on **Schedule “1” which is attached hereto and a part hereof, 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 that right, title and interest** conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State to wit: Those certain Timeshare Interval as shown on Exhibit “A-1”, within the timeshare project **H.I. Resort, a Leasehold Condominium located at 120 Highlands Drive, Carmel, CA, 93923. The legal descriptions as set forth on the recorded Deed(s) of Trust shown on Schedule “1” are incorporated by this reference.** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, as to title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the unpaid balance due on the note or notes secured by said Deed(s) of Trust, as shown as Note Balance on **Schedule “1”**, plus accrued interest thereon, the estimated costs, expenses and advances if any at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale, together with estimated expenses of the Trustee in the amount of **\$475.00.** Accrued Interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. First American Title Insurance Company, a Nebraska Corporation. APN: **241-351-004-000.** Batch ID: **Foreclosure DOT 154743-HVC79-DOT. Schedule “1”: NOD Recording Date and Reference: 06/20/2025; 2025019984;** Contract No. and Loan No., Trustor, DOT Dated, DOT Recording Date and Reference, Note Balance; 0080006433, Edward Walter Leska Jr. and Patricia Mae Leska, 11/24/2014, 05/19/2015 Inst: 2015026179, \$9,261.02; 0080006437, Harry-Todd Astrov and Lydia Marcellina Lopez-Astrov, 11/26/2014, 07/14/2015 Inst: 2015038257, \$44,192.75; 0080006550, Noemi A. Tungpalan and Aurelio Echinique Tungpalan, 03/04/2015, 09/03/2015 Inst: 2015049858, \$6,522.79; 0080007010, Frank Cardarelli and Charlene Cardarelli, 03/11/2016, 05/13/2016 Inst: 2016025918, \$11,800.22; 0080007011, Frank Cardarelli and Charlene Cardarelli, 03/11/2016, 06/22/2016 Inst: 2016034170, \$16,014.12; 0080007450, Marcela Toledo, 03/10/2017, 06/29/2017 Inst: 2017034610, \$12,327.96; 0080007513, James Francis Dietz and Cheryl Lynn White, 04/15/2017, 06/30/2017 Inst: 2017034707, \$25,014.70. **Exhibit “A-1”:** Contract No., Undivided Interest, Unit No., Fixed Week No., Frequency; 0080006433, 1/102, 03, 45, odd year; 0080006437, 1/102, 71, 48, even year; 0080006550, 1/102, 36, 27, even year; 0080007010, 1/51, 42, 35, annual; 0080007011, 1/51, 42, 36, annual; 0080007450, 1/102, 30, 50, odd year; 0080007513, 1/51, 41, 24, annual.

Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 11, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025. (PC 946)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251679  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PACIFIC EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, 170 Hayes Rd., Royal Oaks, CA 95076.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s): BARBARA THERESA BROWN  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
S/Barbara Brown  
Date signed: Sept. 12, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 12, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025 (PC 947)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251654  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CENTRAL COAST RUSH LUBE, 1301 Old Stage Rd., Salinas, CA 93908.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s): ALEXANDER RAMIREZ, 1301 Old Stage Rd., Salinas, CA 93908.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
S/Alexander Ramirez  
Date signed: Sept. 10, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 10, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025 (PC 948)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251695  
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**GREEN VALLEY FARM SUPPLY, 11280 Commercial Parkway, Castroville, California 95012.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: GROW GLOBE, LLC, 11280 Commercial Parkway, Castroville, California 95012.  
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: California  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 1, 2023.  
S/ Michael James, Treasurer  
Date: Sept. 15, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 16, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025. (PC 949)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251716  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SALINAS VALLEY NOTARY SERVICES, 1011 Zinfandel Drive, Gonzales, CA 93926.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s): NAOMI ELIZABETH DAUDA, 1011 Zinfandel Drive, Gonzales, CA 93926.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
S/Naomi E. Dalida  
Date signed: Sept. 19, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 19, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025 (PC 954)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251708  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MARTIN MEDINA PHOTOGRA-**

**PHY, 10901 Pomber St., Castroville, CA 95012.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s): MARTIN GERARDO MEDINA,V 10901 Pomber St., Castroville, CA 95012.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 17, 2025.  
S/Martin Medina  
Date signed: Sept. 17, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 17, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025 (PC 955)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251685  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**COASTAL ROOFING AND WATER-PROOFING, 865 Abbott St., Salinas, CA 93901.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SEL ROOFING AND WATERPROOFING INC., 865 Abbott St., Salinas, CA 93901.  
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
This business is conducted by a corporation.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 15, 2025.  
S/Christopher Del Hoyt, Vice President  
Date: Sept. 15, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 15, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 956)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251650  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**MARATHON PETRO, 1222 Del La Torre, Salinas, CA 93905.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SALINAS PETRO INC, 510 Myrtle Ave. #209, South San Francisco, CA 94080.  
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: California  
This business is conducted by a corporation.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 1, 2020.  
S/Hamdi Alzghou, President  
Date: Sept. 2, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 9, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 957)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251720  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FANTASTIC JANITORIAL SERVICE, 1435 Mira Monte Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Registered Owner(s): WENDY BARRAGAN MONROY  
JOSE MANUEL PACHECO PEREZ.  
This business is conducted by a married couple.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2025.  
S/Wendy Barragan Monroy  
Date signed: Sept. 19, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 19, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025 (PC 958)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251648  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SIMNS LIFE, LLC, 72 El Potrero, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SIMNS LIFE, LLC, 72 El Potrero, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.  
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/Anthony Jonas Lopez, CEO  
Date: Sept. 9, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 9, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 959)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251636  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**INDUS, 110 General Stilwell, Suite 104, Marina, CA 93933.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: OCEAN SPICE LLC, 3690 The Barnyard, Carmel, CA 93923.  
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 Sept. 8, 2025.  
S/BD Singh, Member  
Date: Sept. 8, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 8, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 960)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251759  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**LEGACY CHURCH, 1035 Rogge Road, Salinas, California 93906.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: NEW HARVEST CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF SALINAS, 1734 New Haven Way, Salinas, California 93906.  
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
This business is conducted by a corporation.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

listed above on Nov. 5, 2020.  
S/Ignacio Torres, President  
Date: Sept. 23, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 23, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 961)


**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251725  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**3BROS, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: CAL GROW, LLC, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.  
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/Leticia I. Rogers, CFO  
Date: Sept. 22, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 22, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 962)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251726  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**AWESOME DOPE, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: CAL GROW, LLC, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.  
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/Leticia I. Rogers, CFO  
Date: Sept. 22, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County

Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 22, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 963)


**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251727  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CANDESCENT, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: CAL GROW, LLC, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.  
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/Leticia I. Rogers, CFO  
Date: Sept. 22, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 22, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 964)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20251728  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BLOOM, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: CAL GROW, LLC, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, CA 93930.  
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/Leticia I. Rogers, CFO  
Date: Sept. 22, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 22, 2025.  
Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 965)



County of Monterey Fish & Game Propagation Grant Program

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The County of Monterey is soliciting grant applications for eligible projects for Fiscal Year 2025-26 Fish and Game Propagation Grant Program. The deadline for submitting applications is November 7, 2026, 5 p.m.


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Application packets and additional information regarding the grant funds and application process are available on the County website at: <https://www.countyofmonterey.gov/government/departments-i-z/public-works-facilities-parks/committees-hearings-agendas/fish-game-advisory>. Alternatively, you may contact the County of Monterey Parks and Lakes Division to request an application packet at (831)755-4895.

The County Board of Supervisors has charged the Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Commission with reviewing all grant applications and making a funding award recommendation to the Board for approval

Publication dates: Sept. 19 - Oct. 31, 2025 (PC950)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Commission 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 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/85075274055?pwd=xjGuf1VHPManTYPLVc94aalw24Tld.1>. **To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171.** Webinar ID: 850 7527 4055. 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](mailto: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 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 Planning Commission meeting will be broadcast live on the City’s website at <http://carmel.nowusagenda.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.

**Director Referral**  
Citywide  
Discussion on the determination of the A.W. Shucks Use Permit

**SI 25148 (Brunello Cucinelli)**  
Matt Lightner, Architect  
Southwest corner of Ocean and Junipero Avenues  
Block 78, Lot 1 - 27  
APN 010-086-006-000  
Consideration of a Sign Permit for a second wall mounted sign above the interior courtyard door for the retail space, Brunello Cucinelli, in suite 204 in the Carmel Plaza located at the southwest corner of Ocean and Junipero Avenues in Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District. APN: 010-086-006-000

**DS 23-137 (Layman)**  
Adam Jeselnick, Architect  
San Carlos Street 5 southwest of 13th Avenue  
Block 143, Lot 11  
APN: 010-165-021-000

Consideration of a Track 1 Design Study referral for amendment to the previous Design Study, DS 23-137 (Layman), to increase the ridge height of the front portion of the property, change the roofing materials, change the siding, and associated site improvements located on San Carlos Street 5 southwest of 13th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-165-021-000

**DS 25162 (5855 Junipero LLC)**  
John Moore, Designer  
5855 Junipero Ave  
Block 128, Lot 4  
APN 010-073-004-000  
Consideration of a Concept Design Study, DS 25162 (5855 Junipero LLC), for a 148 square foot addition, a new 264 square foot garage, and associate site improvements to an existing single-story single-family residence located at 5855 Junipero Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-073-004-000

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

Publication dates:  
Sept. 26, 2025  
(PC983)

# HOME SALES

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## Carmel Valley (con't.)

### 27465 Loma del Rey — \$2,244,000

Tyler and Sydney Munson to Braden Burckhard and Raquel Sghiatti  
APN: 169-071-047

### 33732 E. Carmel Valley Road — \$3,450,000

James and Betty Kasson to David and Julia Moran  
APN: 197-221-020

### 5473 Quail Meadows Drive — \$5,750,000

Stephen Neal and Michelle Rhyu to Germana de Falco  
APN: 157-171-074

## Greenfield

### 41640 Elm Avenue — \$1,750,000

Scheid Vineyards to Susan Gill  
APN: 221-011-070



501 7th Street, Pacific Grove — \$1,359,000

## Highway 68

### 19115 Creekside Place — \$691,000

Daniel and Diane Wukmir to Michael and Wendy Grim  
APN: 161-531-050

### Olmsted Road — \$8,500,000

Saucito Land Co., Christopher Knight, Stuart Beck and Thomas and Michael Silverberg to 2300 Garden LLC



24736 San Carlos Street, Carmel — \$3,275,000

APN: 259-011-072

## Marina

### 451 Weldon Way — \$380,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Christian and Katlin Echeverry  
APN: 031-293-026

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## Carmel-by-the-Sea Real Estate Activity This Week:

Status	Address	List Price	Sale Price	DOM
New Active	Carmelo 4 SW of Ocean	\$6,250,000	---	5
New Active	Guadalupe 4 NW of 1st	\$3,250,000	---	3
New Active	10th Ave 2 SW of Dolores	\$2,500,000	---	0
List Price Decreased	2 SE of Pineridge Way	\$3,675,000	---	145
List Price Decreased	SE Corner Santa Rita & 6th	\$2,499,000	---	48
Contingent	Guadalupe 4 NW of 1st	\$3,250,000	---	3
Contingent	Carpenter & 2nd NW Corner	\$1,695,000	---	161
Pending	12th Ave 2 NE of Monte Verde	\$4,395,000	---	46
Sold	10th Ave 2 SW of Dolores	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	0

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## Marina (con't.)

**213 Reindollar Avenue — \$400,000**  
John Groves to GT Marina LLC  
APN: 032-312-032

**1702 Eichelberger Court — \$415,000**  
University Corporation at Monterey Bay to Joel Ryman  
APN: 031-171-036

**Maritime Street — \$1,241,000**  
Shea Homes LP to Patricia Maya  
APN: 031-283-022

**2610 Lighthouse Lane — \$1,315,000**  
John Epega to Benjamin Bishop  
APN: 031-255-043

**2411 Ocean Bluff Avenue — \$1,942,500**  
Shea Homes LP to Taylor Whinery and Shana and Naro Zheng  
APN: 031-284-065

**2417 Ocean Bluff Avenue — \$2,065,000**  
Shea Homes LP to John Epega  
APN: 031-284-068

## Monterey

**1128 Third Street — \$1,214,500**  
Katherine Phillips to Henry and Lesley Fairtlough  
APN: 001-835-003

**338 Watson Street — \$1,425,000**  
Joseph Cardinale to Michael Shahani  
APN: 001-375-036

## Moss Landing

**188 Monterey Dunes Way — \$2,100,000**  
Janice Opendyk to Rachel and Kevin Scott  
APN: 229-071-009

## Pacific Grove

**884 Gibson Avenue — \$1,265,000**  
Derek Tadlock to Malcolm Cleary  
APN: 006-562-011

**501 7th Street — \$1,359,000**  
Richard and Jessica Atkinson to Christopher Knight  
APN: 006-505-001

**138 3rd Street — \$2,000,000**  
Paul and Monica Ferreira to Timothy and Jill Halloran  
APN: 006-228-006

## Seaside

**1659 Judson Street — \$440,000**  
Jeannie Heres to JJAC Properties LLC  
APN: 012-745-015

**1475 Hilby Avenue — \$622,000**  
Anthony de Franco to Jeremy Bosio  
APN: 012-321-013

**1121 Elm Avenue — \$650,000**  
Elizabeth Brown to Patrice Glover  
APN: 012-195-052

**1899 Soto Street — \$655,000**  
Frank Odendhal to Carli Herring  
APN: 012-856-020

**5140 Ocean Bluff Court — \$1,400,000**  
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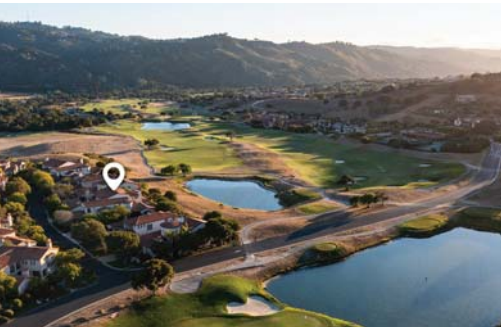
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