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Carmel loses inimitable luminary in Denny LeVett

■ Hotel owner, showman was 87

By MARY SCHLEY

'THERE ARE only two types of people in the world: Those who met Denny and remember him, and those who never met him," observed former city councilman Bobby Richards, who worked alongside Denny LeVett for more than 20 years. "Nobody ever says, 'I think I met Denny, but I'm not sure.'"

PHOTO/MICHAEL TROUTMAN, DMT IMAGING

Denny LeVett could often be found in one of his collectible cars, impeccably dressed and accompanied by at least a few of his four poodles.

LeVett, who died Monday at the age of 87, was just that memorable, whether it be for his real estate prowess, his distinctive way of dressing, his philanthropy, his community spirit, his sometimes bawdy jokes, his extensive collections of cars and guns, or his way of lighting up a room.

"He was Mr. Carmel," said attorney and Carmel resident Tony Lombardo, a longtime friend.

Indeed, the impressions LeVett left on the city are plentiful and deep, from co-owning the historic Cypress Inn with the late actress, Doris Day, and operating several other local boutique inns, to building and renovating numerous homes, playing a large role in the business community, or being involved in city politics — and supporting many local causes, including animal welfare and children's charities. Many of his friends said they are heartbroken that he's gone.

'Gave his all'

"When he was engaged in something, he gave it his all. He was a person who fully engaged, and that's how he made such a big impact," said Paul Bruno, CFO and principal of Monterey Peninsula Engineering and a member of the Lincoln Club of Northern California, to which LeVett also belonged for many years. "He didn't just lend his name, he lent his brain, his expertise and of course his personality, which made everything fun."

The Lincoln Club is a group that supports limited government and fiscal responsibility, putting it right of center,

See **LEVETT** *page 28A*

Council votes for street addresses

■ 100-year tradition comes to end with unanimous decision

By MARY SCHLEY

TO A round of applause from the audience, the Carmel City Council made history Tuesday night with a unanimous vote to create a standardized system of street addresses in town. The move comes after decades of debate over whether to maintain the tradition of not having house numbers and followed a citizen group's exhaustive effort to research the issue.

It also marked a profound shift in the tenor of the debate, with hardly anyone arguing in favor of retaining traditional directional addresses and no one on the council objecting, either.

Led by councilman Bob Delves and assisted by administrative analyst Emily Garay, a committee that included residents Nancy Twomey, Kevin Ruess and Paula Hazdovac spent six months researching all aspects of conventional address systems, from whether they're legally required at all, to what it would take to implement one and who'd be responsible for what.

Changing times

When it was settled in the early 1900s, Carmel was sparsely populated, and poetic names on the town's cottages sufficed for those heading to a neighbor's house or having milk delivered. The quirky tradition of solely relying on directional addresses — Camino Real 3 SE of Ocean, for example — persisted as the city and its population grew, and was eventually codified, with the Carmel Municipal Code stating, "Buildings and parcels shall be identified by a description of parcel location relative to the nearest cross-street intersection as determined by the community planning and building department."

And for decades, residents have argued, often strenuously, over whether to hold onto that unique practice or change with the times, especially as demands for verification of physical addresses and the use of technology to do so have increased. At a recent town meeting, for instance, two women sparred over their experiences: One claimed

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State agency to consider county's ADU plan

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO COMPLY with a state law that makes it easier to build additional housing on lots where it already exists, Monterey County has loosened its regulations for allowing accessory dwelling units. The state's top coastal watchdog agency, the California Coastal Commission, plans to weigh in on the county's plan Friday in Redondo Beach — and, not surprisingly, some want more oversight for creating such housing while others are happy to have less.

Previously, county rules made it difficult for anyone to build an accessory dwelling unit. According to a coastal commission staff report, they were restricted in "various ways, including through blanket prohibitions, through large lot requirements, and through numeric caps."

Coastal commission staff, which for decades staunchly opposed most new development along the coast, suggested there was some justification for the county's past stance.

'Resource constraints'

The previous approach was, "in part, due to bona fide resource constraints," the report indicates. "It is also a vestige of a time when ADUs were not seen as the type of development that should be encouraged, unlike today,

See **ADUs** *page 29A*

Prop 50 ballots drop as campaign for Congress heats up

CALIFORNIA VOTERS — all 23 million of them — received single-issue ballots in the mail this week for Proposition 50, the state's special election on redistricting. It's rare to have a statewide contest with just one item to vote on, but it gives the public the chance to focus solely on the campaigns for and against the issue.

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

Prop 50 would replace California's congressional map, drawn by the state's independent commission, with a map drawn by Democrats with the intention of flipping five seats in their favor. The redistricting is intended to counteract efforts by Republicans in other states to capture

See **PROP 50** *page 20A*

$3M home in valley to be used for senior dogs

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR MORE than a decade, Peace of Mind Dog Rescue has struggled to find property to house senior pets in need of adoption. Recently, the group made an offer on what its leaders determined was "a perfect site" for such a facility at 8 El Caminito in Carmel Valley. The property is in escrow, but will its neighbors accept it?

The move by the group comes more than a decade after Monterey County Planning Commissioner Martha Diehl tried to establish the Carmel Canine Sports Center on 45 acres at 8100 Valley Greens Drive in 2014. The county board of supervisors later turned down the project after residents rallied against it.

Four-legged tenants

The facility that Peace of Mind Dog Rescue wants to establish will be smaller, but homes are located nearby. Slated to be purchased for a little less than its $3 million asking price, the property features 3,614 square feet of living space and a four-car garage on about a half-acre. It's a short stroll from the shops, galleries and restaurants of Carmel Valley Village.

According to executive director Carie Broecker, the facility would provide 20 senior dogs with "round-the-clock care, comfort and companionship."

"The dogs will be in a cage-free environment," she explained. "Somebody will be with them 24/7."

Broecker told The Pine Cone she recently walked through the neighborhood and introduced herself to residents. She said some suggested the group look for a place that's more rural, like Prunedale or Cachagua, but she said that isn't practical.

"We can't be way out in a more rural setting because

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This home near Carmel Valley Village on nearly half an acre could one day house 20 senior dogs.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Beautiful breed

Halley wasn't supposed to be hers. Or so she thought. Having raised Samoyeds for more than 50 years, she had Cody at the time, her fourth who, at just over 10, was doing well. When she learned that a breeder in the Carmel Highlands had a litter of Samoyeds, she let the woman know she wasn't in the market but would love to see the pups. All were already spoken for, anyway.

And then, suddenly, Cody died.

And then, just as suddenly, a female puppy became available.

"Samoyed puppies are adorable. They look like little harp seals," she said. "Yet I had just paid big vet bills and wasn't sure I was ready to buy a puppy — until a friend, followed by several other friends, gifted me money to pay for the pup."

The new dog's energy — which brought to mind Halley's Comet — inspired her name.

While Halley's parents were champions and her sister, also a champion, is a therapy dog, Halley, now nearly 13, got to grow up as a mascot of the Carmel Inn during her person's employ. Once her family moved to Monterey, she took on her most prized position as pet.

"When we lived in Carmel, we went to the beach quite a bit, where Halley loved chasing a ball and playing in the waves," her person said. "Admittedly, since Sammys have a lot of fur, getting the sand out of that fur is asking a lot."

Samoyeds, who are smart and well-tempered, her person said, are great herders, which made Halley and her predecessors wonderful help in raising her children.

"Halley is such a soft, beautiful dog," her person said. "I used to save her fur to knit into sweaters, but I abandoned that and, instead, leave it for birds to weave into their nests."

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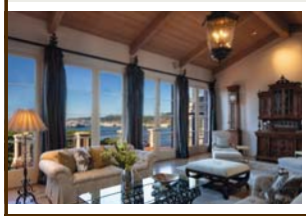

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STR group to sue over county's new rules

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO MONTHS after the California Coastal Commission voted 6-2 to approve Monterey County's tough new rules regulating short-term rentals in Big Sur and other parts of the county's Coastal Zone, a group representing the owners of rental units plans to file a lawsuit challenging the regulations.

The rules effectively ban short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods in Carmel Highlands and Big Sur unless a host is living on site.

Under the new rules, unhosted vacation stays are allowed in Pebble Beach, but only with a permit.

Inadvertent

Word of the pending lawsuit spread after the attorney for the Monterey County Vacation Rental Alliance sent out a questionnaire to members in preparation for a lawsuit and inadvertently contacted at least one opponent, who forwarded the correspondence to The Pine Cone.

It's not clear who, specifically, the legal action will target. Alliance president Dick Matthews declined comment but did confirm the group plans to take legal action regarding the new rules in the Coastal Zone.

In the letter he sent out to Alliance members, attorney Shaun M. Murphy suggested legal action will move forward once the county starts enforcing the new rules. "In preparation for a potential request for a preliminary injunction from the court, we need to gather evidence to demonstrate the hardship that owners would experience if the county elects to enforce the short-term rental restrictions in the new ordinance," Murphy wrote.

Filed suit last year

In his letter, Murphy asks vacation rental owners in both coastal and inland areas for detailed booking and financial information dating back three years, including how much money they've taken in, how much tax they have paid and how much revenue would be lost due to the new rules.

"What we need is specific information and actual dollar amounts, as opposed to general statements and summaries," he said.

"The coastal ordinance goes into effect on Oct. 23, so we also need information from coastal STR owners now," he added.

In November 2024, the Alliance sued the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and the county after the supervisors approved a set of ordinances regulating vacation stays in inland areas. The inland rules were passed Aug. 27, 2024, by a 3-2 vote.

Defensible space inspections way up

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

MONTEREY FIRE Department boosted its inspections of homes and vacant lots significantly this year in its efforts to "enhance wildfire resilience," nearly quadrupling its number of visits.

The inspections — in which fire officials examine properties to ensure trees, vegetation, wood piles and other items are well maintained and located a safe distance away from structures — surged from 875 to 3,459.

In Carmel alone, the figure rose from 195 in 2024 to 1,065 this year, according to the fire department, while 189 inspections were conducted in Pacific Grove last year, compared with 1,116 this year. The number of Monterey inspections grew from 491 to 1,278.

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Theft from 'unlocked structure'

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.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Pacific Grove: Subject arrested on Grand Avenue for grand theft.

Carmel area: Shoplifting on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

Pacific Grove: A 62-year-old male was arrested at Lighthouse and 16th for public intoxication.

Pacific Grove: 20-year-old male arrested on Arkwright Court for public intoxication.

Pacific Grove: Report of a physical incident between a father and son on Asilomar Avenue. Information only.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a domestic dispute on Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur: A 41-year-old male was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol on Highway 1.

Carmel area: Ongoing investigation of suspicious circumstances at the Crossroads.

Pebble Beach: A neighbor complaint on Los Altos Drive was documented.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Attempt to defraud the owner of a vehicle for sale at Carpenter and Fourth by tampering with the vehicle during a test drive.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost or stolen phone. The phone was later turned in and returned to the owner.

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The gavel falls

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

Aug. 27 — A jury convicted Ira Ulyesses Bastian, 86, who lived most recently in Fresno, of two counts of first-degree murder for killing George Smith and Eva Thompson at The Smith's restaurant in Prunedale on Nov. 11, 1991. The jury found true special-circumstance allegations that Bastian murdered George Smith and Eva Thompson during the commission of a burglary and that he committed multiple murders in the first degree. They further found true allegations that he personally used a knife to kill both victims.

George Smith, then age 67, and his wife Anna Smith owned and lived at The Smith's restaurant, which was located on El Camino Real North in Prunedale, in 1991. Eva Thompson, then age 79, was Anna Smith's mother and also lived with the couple.

On Nov. 11, 1991, Anna Smith returned home from running errands and discovered that her husband and mother had been brutally murdered. George Smith had been stabbed 11 times with a kitchen knife. Eva Thompson, who was physically disabled and unable to walk, was found slain in her hospital-style bed. She was beaten, strangled, and her throat slit with the same knife used to kill her son-in-law. George Smith's bedroom was ransacked and cash stolen from it. The knife was recovered in a laundry hamper in the restaurant hallway.

Bastian, then age 52, was a former employee of The Smith's restaurant, but he claimed to have not been at the business for more than a year prior to the murders. A pair of shoes provided to investigators by his

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Man convicted for attacking officer, K9

By KELLY NIX

A SALINAS man who kicked and punched a police dog and injured a police officer after knocking a convenience store cashier unconscious with a stick was found guilty of the crimes this week after a five-day trial.

On Monday, a jury convicted Jaime Pompa, 31, for the July for assault with a deadly weapon, resisting an executive officer with force or violence, willfully harming a police animal, and resisting, obstructing or delaying a peace officer.

Beat clerk

Pompa entered the 7-Eleven store on Sanborn Road in Salinas on July 21, grabbed a beer from a refrigerator and began drinking it without paying. The clerk, Jose Antonio Gonzalez, tried to get Pompa to leave the store, but Pompa swung his closed fist at him, nearly striking the cashier's face.

Gonzalez grabbed a 2-foot wooden stick in self-defense, but Pompa disarmed him of the weapon and hit him with it numerous times, striking Gonzalez's head and knocking him unconscious. The employee had a 2-inch cut to his scalp which required three staples. After the attack, Pompa left the store.

Fought

Officers with the Salinas Police Department dispatched to the scene searched for and found Pompa, who refused to surrender and instead challenged officers to fight him. Officer Eric Rodriguez released his police dog, Draco, on Pompa so officers could arrest him, but he punched and kicked Draco multiple times, prosecutors said. It's not clear if Draco, who underwent cancer treatment in 2024, suffered any injuries.

When officers went to try to cuff Pompa he fought with them for several minutes before he finally gave up and was taken into custody.

The criminal complaint against Pompa indicates he used force and violence against police officer Samantha Garcia.

See **K9** *page 31A*

PHOTO/MONTEREY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Salinas Police K9 Draco pictured with Officer Rodriquez in February 2024 after completing cancer therapy. Jaime Pompa, the man who kicked and punched Draco, injured a cop and assaulted a 7-11 clerk, is shown here in his booking photo.

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Renovation helps homeless pets

By KELLY NIX

A PET-CENTRIC upgrade to a Salinas homeless facility will undoubtedly please some of its residents and their four-legged pals. It could also prompt some people to seek shelter versus staying on the streets.

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors Tuesday OK'd a contract with company K&D Landscaping for a 45-by 12-foot concrete slab that's already been installed in a pet run area at the Salinas Housing Advancement, Resource & Education Center at 845 E. Laurel Drive, which offers temporary housing for more than 100 Monterey County people. The project cost $40,000.

"These improvements allow for installation of kennels for pets who are staying with their owners at the resource center," a report to the supervisors said.

The center, which previously had four kennels, will have five more, which shelter officials were in the process of installing Wednesday. The enclosures are weather-resistant, made of "high-quality alloy steel for durability" and have roofs and side covers, the department of social services told The Pine Cone.

Social services expects the project to be completed Friday.

More options

The City of Salinas and Monterey County partnered to build the facility, which opened in 2021 and offers temporary shelter until residents can find long-term housing.

County spokeswoman Maia Carroll said homeless people with pets who need emergency housing sometimes don't accept help because they don't want to leave their animals behind.

The extra kennels "give more options for people in that predicament," Carroll told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

Support, love

Similarly, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals reported that a 2017 study showed that 48 percent of homeless adults with pets said they'd been turned away from shelters because they did not allow animals. Another study by the National Alliance to End Homelessness indicated that 22 percent of homeless people said they'd avoided shelters because their pets were not allowed to be with them.

"As with housed persons, the companionship, support and unconditional love provided by that pet is invaluable," the

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Employees put together sturdy kennels outside a homeless shelter in Salinas that will be used by residents' pets.

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Increase in discarded animals, SPCA says

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

IT WOULD seem obvious, but SPCA Monterey County is reminding pet owners that dumping animals on the side of the road is not only inhumane, it's illegal in California.

The Salinas nonprofit and Hitchcock Road Animal Services said that there's been an increase in people abandoning their pets, for whatever reason.

"California law explicitly prohibits the abandonment of animals, which can lead to substantial penalties, including fines and criminal charges," the SPCA explained. "Beyond legal implications, abandoning a pet places the animal in grave danger, exposing them to life-threatening situations such as starvation, injury or death."

Discarded animals also go through intense stress and anxiety when left in unfamiliar environments, further threatening their safety.

During one week in North Monterey County, Hitchcock Road Animal Services, the county pound, fielded multiple calls for animals, mostly dogs, abandoned at areas near Old Stage and Crazy Horse roads. It took in several animals from that location safely, however, there were several that couldn't be caught and fled before they could be helped.

'We understand pet ownership is challenging, but help is always available.'

There are much better ways to part ways with pets, the SPCA said.

"We understand that circumstances may arise that make pet ownership challenging," the nonprofit said. "However, help is always available. Before making the heartbreaking and illegal decision to abandon your beloved pet, we encourage you to reach out to local shelters, rescue organizations, or community resources for assistance. These organizations can provide compassionate support, including options for rehoming, temporary foster care, or financial assistance for pet care."

Both animal welfare organizations take in pets when their owners no longer want them or can't take care of them.

For help, contact the SPCA at spcamc.org and Hitchcock Road at hitchcockroadanimals.org.

AFRP fundraiser at Mission Inn postponed

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A FUNDRAISER for Animal Friends Rescue Project scheduled for Oct. 14 at the Carmel Mission Inn has been postponed until Dec. 2.

Organizers cited a forecast of rain as the reason for the change in the "Great PUPkin" pet costume contest, which was to take place outdoors at the hotel's Shearwater Tavern.

They added that the December event will have a holiday theme. For more information, call (831) 624-1841.

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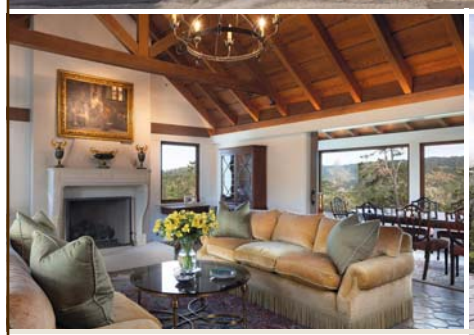

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High-tech NPS buoy taps wind, solar

By MARY SCHLEY

A 62-FOOT-LONG buoy moored off the Monterey coast is collecting a wide range of data, monitoring surface and undersea domains, and relaying information via cellular networks, according to the Naval Postgraduate School, which built and deployed the buoy in collaboration with Ocean Power Technologies and AT&T. Anchored in 230 feet of water, the buoy is powered by wind and solar and is expected to last at least three years. It's been in the water since July.

"The technologies on the buoy are commercial off-the-shelf systems. When combined, they provide oceanographic and meteorological data and sea-shore communications 24/7, enabling '5G at sea' applications and enhanced maritime domain awareness," NPS said.

'Multi-hop'

The buoy is serving as a demonstration 5G base station that could revolutionize maritime communications, which are typically limited to VHF radio frequencies and expensive satellite communications. It's using AT&T 5G and is equipped with a Starlink antenna.

"Future 5G maritime networks can utilize a 'multi-hop' concept where signals are passed from buoy base stations, one ship to another, and to shore with a data link enabling real-time access to ship systems, weather and navigational updates, and more efficient operations through remote control and automation," the school stated.

Tracking vessels

The buoy and its sensors also allow for real-time tracking of maritime vessels on and under the ocean.

The data it's collecting include meteorological information like wind speed and direction, wind stress and turbulent heat and water vapor, carbon dioxide concentration, air and humidity, sea surface temperature, incoming and outgoing solar radiation, water current speed and direction, water temperature and salinity, and temperatures every meter from 8 meters to the surface. In addition, passive acoustic sensors track tagged great white sharks and other species.

"Study of the sea in support of naval warfighting has always been a focus of NPS to ensure combat advantage 24/7 in

See **BUOY** *page 29A*

This large buoy was built and deployed off the Monterey coast by the Naval Postgraduate School in collaboration with Ocean Power Technologies and AT&T to collect data and enhance maritime communications.

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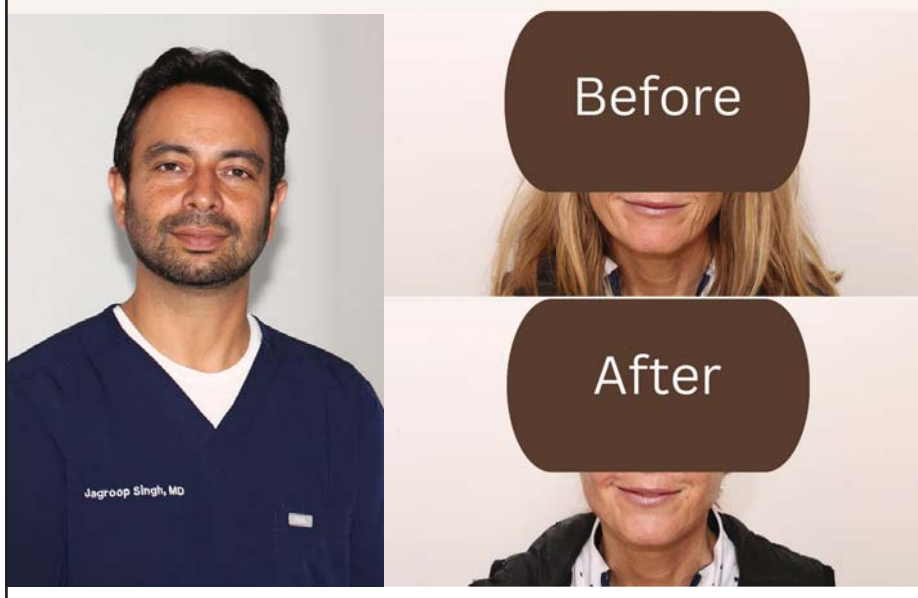

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Gov signs safety bill for batteries

By KELLY NIX

BATTERY STORAGE facilities in California will have to adhere to stricter safety standards under a bill authored by Democratic State Sen. John Laird and signed this week by the governor.

On Monday, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed several bills authored by Laird, including the Clean Energy Safety Act of 2025 — SB 283 — which requires stricter guidelines for battery storage operations like the one at the Vistra Energy plant in Moss Landing that caught fire in January. The incident destroyed the plant, endangering nearby facilities, filling the air with toxic smoke and forcing about 1,500 people to be evacuated.

"California must prioritize safety at every step when expanding battery storage," Laird said Tuesday. "SB 283 ensures that future battery storage facilities are developed with safety and the community in mind and that our fire officials are involved in every step along the way. I thank Gov. Newsom for signing this bill to protect first responders, local communities and the integrity of our renewable energy transition."

No more Moss Landings

Earlier, the senator, whose district stretches from Santa Cruz County to San Luis Obispo County, said, "We must take a look at our existing battery storage facilities to make sure we do not experience another Moss Landing."

The legislation, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2026, mandates that at least 30 days before companies submit applications to the California Energy Commission and local jurisdictions for battery storage plants, they must certify that they discussed system design, fire mitigation and risks to safety with fire officials.

It also requires that before a battery plant goes online, it must undergo an inspection by fire authorities or the State Fire Marshal.

The bill states that as part of the next update to the California Building Standards Code, expected in July 2026, the State Fire Marshal will review and consider provisions that restrict the location of energy storage systems to noncombustible buildings or outdoor installations.

"By strengthening safety standards for battery storage facilities and ensuring local fire authorities have a seat at the table through the meet-and-confer process, this law puts responsibility where it belongs — on the owners and operators of these facilities — and helps prevent disasters before they start," Brian K. Rice, president of California Professional Firefighters, said Tuesday.

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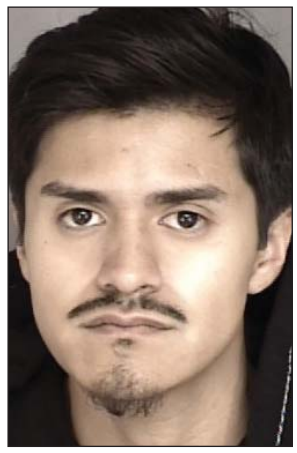
Big charges for man arrested in P.G.

By KELLY NIX

A CASTROVILLE man arrested in Pacific Grove in late August on drugs and weapons violations has been charged with seven felonies.

Nolberto Alaniz was taken into custody Aug. 29 after Pacific Grove Police officers responded to a car crash near Forest and Bishop avenues at 9:45 a.m. While officers were searching Alaniz's car, they found drugs and a loaded gun.


Nolberto Alaniz

Alaniz is now facing numerous serious charges, including possession of a drug while armed with a loaded and concealed handgun. Police said he had a Glock .380 firearm.

"It is further alleged that during the commission of the offense, Alaniz was not the registered owner of the firearm," according to the Sept. 16 criminal complaint filed by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.

Prosecutors also charged him with possession and transportation of cocaine and prescription medicines clonazepam and diazepam, a generic for Valium, for sale.

"Alaniz did unlawfully possess for sale and purchase for sale a controlled substance, to wit, cocaine," the DA's office said, adding that the type of drugs he had for sale can be laced with the powerful synthetic opioid fentanyl, and if someone "dies as a result of ingesting a fentanyl-laced product, you can be charged with manslaughter or murder."

While Pacific Grove police reported initially that officers found in his possession suspected methamphetamine and psilocybin, which are hallucinogenic mushrooms, the DA's office has not charged him with having those drugs.

Alaniz, who has a previous felony conviction prohibiting him from having firearms, pleaded not guilty to the alleged crimes. His case is set for a Nov. 14 preliminary hearing — when a judge will decide if there is enough evidence to bring him to trial on the charges — in a Salinas courtroom.

Alaniz was treated for injuries he received in the crash and was taken to jail but was released within days.

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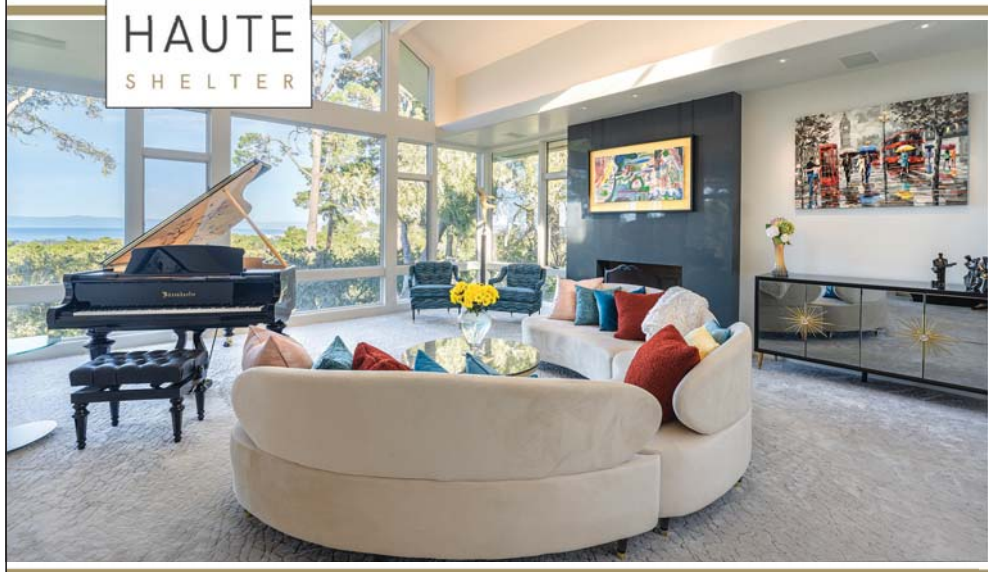

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Denny LeVett

Jan. 15, 1938 – Oct. 6, 2025

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Denny LeVett on October 6, 2025 at the age of 87. Beloved husband, father, grandfather and iconic figure in the hearts and minds of all who knew him, it is a daunting task to capture in mere words the full life of Denny LeVett.

A groundbreaking real estate maven, pilot, author, antiquarian, philanthropist, comedian, trusted political adviser, and so much more, Denny's keen insight led him to early investments in Palo Alto, California, the birthplace of Silicon Valley, and to an elite roster of boutique inns and properties in the storybook village of Carmel-by-the-Sea, including a partnership with legendary actress Doris Day in the elegant and dog-friendly Cypress Inn.

Born Dennis Albert LeVett to Frank K. LeVett and Eloise Mayburn LeVett of Iowa Falls, Iowa, Denny discovered what was to become a lifelong passion for collecting guns when he was just nine years old, going on to accumulate the largest collection of Colt Patersons in the world, now featured in major museums across the country; including the Autry Museum of the American West in Los Angeles; and the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, in Cody, Wyoming. His lifelong love of history prompted a lifelong collection of antiques ranging from toy soldiers to vintage comic books. Known by all for his love of the color red, Denny was also very proud of his red Ferrari collection and of the diverse assemblage of vintage cars that he showcased each year during Car Week in Carmel-by-the-Sea, where he was both presenter and namesake of the Dennis A. LeVett 'Best of Show' Award for the annual Concours on the Avenue competition. You could also say that Denny was a collector of jokes. If he heard a funny one, he'd write it down. "Tell us a joke, Denny," and he would whip out his list. Often called upon as a master of ceremonies for public events, he'd act out those jokes in his big booming announcer voice and hold the room spellbound.

Blessed with unmatched entrepreneurial spirit and tenacity, Denny went on to amass a real estate empire that stretched from Iowa to California to Lake Maggiore, Italy; including apartment buildings, commercial structures, boutique hotels and inns such as the Cypress Inn, Vagabond Inn, Lamplighter Inn, Monte Verde Inn, and Casa de Carmel Inn in Carmel-by-the-Sea; the Benbow Inn in Garberville; the Laning Chateau in Palo Alto; and homes he designed and built from the ground up that remain a testament to his vision. Of their 32-year partnership in Carmel's Cypress Inn, Doris Day has called it "the longest relationship I have had with any man!" Indeed, when Denny, as sole owner of Carmel's Cypress Inn agreed to partner with Doris Day in 1987, it helped put it on the map. The Mediterranean inspired hotel, designated a historic landmark in 2003, is a mainstay for both tourists and locals alike, beloved for the timeless elegance of its architecture, its cozy living room featuring live music, and its dog-friendly approach; complete with Yappy Hour and Doggie Bar.

A philanthropist to the core, Denny's generous donations to museums, charities, civic causes, and most especially, animal welfare, are renowned in his community, for although a collector of guns, Denny's big heart made it difficult for him to hunt game for food or sport. In 2016, the Dennis A. LeVett Cardiovascular Care Center was unveiled as a result of his generous donation to the Palo Alto Medical Center. Over his lifetime, Denny has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, too countless to remunerate. He has also served as President of the Lincoln Club of Northern California, and as Chairman, Trustee, and member of many distinguished advisory boards and councils.

And let's not forget Denny "the pilot" — whose ardent passion for aviation has afforded him more flying adventures in his plucky Skymaster, Cessna 182, and favored Cessna 414 Chancellor than the Wright Brothers!

If you are lucky enough to live in Carmel-by-the-Sea, then you may have been lucky enough to see Denny LeVett walking down the street, always dressed meticulously, maybe in the pink suit he chose that day with a yellow tie and matching satin handkerchief, placed carefully in his chest pocket.

Denny is predeceased by his younger brother Bill; his parents Frank and Eloise; and his Grandparents A.J. and Marie Strutz, the former a tremendous influence on the course of his life. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne Cox LeVett; his daughters, Amanda and Kate; his son-in-law, Casey Crayne; grandchildren, Liam, Henry, and Camille; and the children of his late wife Karen, Barbara Rowe and Aime Carroll. He is also survived by his four poodles, Hyden, Strutz, Bear and Cotton, whom he loved like family.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Doris Day Animal Foundation or the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust.

Details for a Celebration of the Legacy of Denny LeVett will be forthcoming.

SENIOR DOGS

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we will be relying on volunteers to help the staff care for the dogs and it needs to be accessible for our two to six volunteers per day," she explained. "We also need the general public to be able to reach us easily so they will come visit and we can find foster homes and adopters for the pups so we can rescue as many dogs as we can. Finding a property in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties that has the proper zoning for what we want to do is difficult."

The chief fears Broecker has heard from residents mostly pertain to barking, smell and traffic. Comments made on Facebook's Carmel Valley Locals page also bring up worries about parking and property values, with some opposing the location, and others backing it.

Addressing the obvious concern, Broecker said she's confident barking can be contained.

Barking, poop

"If there is a dog at our senior dog haven who is barking, we can move them to a more appropriate location. In our experience, dogs bark when their needs are not being met," she said. "Attend to their needs, and they tend to be very quiet."

Broecker insisted smell won't be an issue. "We pick up poop the second it happens," she reported. "We deodorize everything twice a day."

As for traffic, Broecker noted that a consultant did a study "which found that we would have very little impact" on it.

The property is zoned for a dog kennel, she said, but "escrow is contingent on us getting our use permit." She reported that the previous owner has given the group "many months" to sort any issues that might arise with the county or neighbors.

According to Broecker, the group's permit "is under review," and no hearing has been set.

LOUIS 'LOU' ELDON VASU

March 19, 1955 – Sept. 8, 2025

Lou Vasu, age 70, was born, raised and lived in Monterey, CA. Lou passed away suddenly, yet peacefully on Monday, Sep. 8th, at home while taking an afternoon nap. He was a son, brother, husband, father, best friend and a gentleman to ALL that knew him.

While at Monterey High, Lou lettered in football, basketball and track. Lou was a great teammate, and a favorite of all his friends, both on his team and those in the stands. Lou went on to attended MPC and San Jose State. He became a general contractor and was licensed for over 40 years.

Lou enjoyed his morning walks and taking amazing pictures of birds and other wildlife at sunrise along Carmel Beach. While at home in his spare time, Lou loved to make wood carvings which were truly amazing. He also enjoyed looking for sea glass along Monterey Bay with his loving wife of 32 years, Lynette Denise Vasu.

Lou is survived by Lynette; his stepdaughter, Megan Betterley; daughter, Whitney Vasu; brother, Barry Vasu (Donna); along with many extended family members and great friends.

Lou will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him!

Lou loved his kitties: Lucy RIP, Gracie and Ziggy. If you can, we ask you to please donate to one of our local animal shelters. Lou had the kindest soul, and it would be a nice tribute to honor his memory.

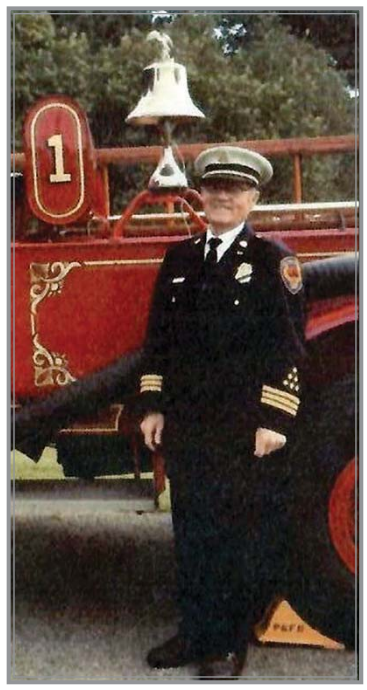
GERALD WILLIAM ROBINSON

July 7, 1940 ❖ Aug. 7, 2025

Surrounded by his family, Gerald "Jerry" W. Robinson passed on peacefully at his home in Pacific Grove early Thursday morning, Aug. 7.

Jerry (also affectionally known by his grandchildren as Popo) was a loving brother, husband, father, stepfather, grandfather and great-grandfather. Born and raised in Pacific Grove, Jerry was a lifelong resident of the town he always cherished. He earned an A.S. degree in police and fire science and went on to serve for mor than three decades in the Pacific Grove Fire Department, retiring as division chief. After his retirement he went on to become a painting contractor, once again serving the P.G. community proudly. You would notice him driving around in his vintage van, swinging his brush alongside Andi, his trusty apprentice (on occasion) at friends and neighbors' homes and businesses for the next 20-plus years.

He enjoyed a lifelong passion for photography, California and Monterey Peninsula history, as well as the percussive "musical spoons," dabbling in this ancient tradition whenever he felt the urge for rhythm. Spontaneously at any sort of musical gathering he would pick up a pair and begin jamming along in perfect time. His wry sense of humor could be ignited by the simplest thing: for example, dancing at a family wedding, draping a table napkin over his head, tied at the chin, acting like a little old lady while cackling and dancing an Irish jig. Jerry also had a desire for traveling, and was very proud of his deep-rooted Irish heritage. Visiting Ireland was one of the highlights of his life. Another love was Hawaii and wearing Hawaiian shirts. Getting into the aloha spirit, he called Kauai (the garden isle) his second home. He traveled there on many occasions with his beloved Andrea and to visit his daughter, Deborah, and son-in-law, Don. Andi is an equestrian — in every sense of the word — and Jerry would always be willing to accompany her on a ride in Carmel Valley, just to be by his "dream girl's" side. He could also be seen riding his bike around P.G. with his trusty companion, a Chorkie named Olive (his other dream girl) always in tow (whom he had trained like a circus dog) ... making his rounds to the coffee shop/bakery downtown where he would run into locals and strike up good ol' conversation while nursing his favorite "cup of joe" before heading back home — taking the scenic route up Asilomar Beach.



He leaves behind his loving wife, Andrea (Andi) Robinson; and brother, Bill Robinson (Kathy); their blended children, Deborah Robinson (Don), Denise Schroder, Kevin Robinson (Sundae), Scott Robinson (Cheryl), Eryn Allen, Domine Zmrzel (Bill), Adam Trosky (Oona), Ian Trosky, Noah Trosky (Candace), Nathan Trosky (Nincy) and Abram Trosky (Jen); along with grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Please also remember Jerry for trusting wholeheartedly in honesty, hard work, loyalty, honor, integrity, and above all else, faith. He believed in doing things the right way the first time ... never cutting a corner for any reason, and always being held accountable. He was a true gentleman with old fashioned etiquette and an unshakable moral code.

For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and melt into the sun? And what is it to cease breathing, but to free the breath from its restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?

Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing. And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb. And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then you shall truly dance.

I love you, Lord, my strength
The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock,
in whom I take refuge, my shield
and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold
Psalm 18: 1-2

FEAR NOT

Celebrating the Life of Julie Ann Dalton

Friends and family of Julie Dalton will gather to celebrate her life of loving service and resilience from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Carmel Woman's Club.

Julie passed away peacefully and suddenly at home on Aug. 26, 2025, after living courageously with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, a painful and complex connective tissue disorder. She faced years of health challenges — including three major back surgeries — with quiet strength, humor and a deep sense of compassion.

Julie was born on Feb. 25, 1967, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Edward Dalton and Margo Phillips. She is warmly remembered by her two brothers, Greg and Brian Dalton, and her stepfather, Bob Phillips. Julie was preceded in death by her parents. Though she lived life on her own terms, those connected to her early years remember her with affection and respect.

Raised in Carmel, Julie graduated from Carmel High School in 1985. She went on to earn her degree in psychology from San Francisco State University, graduating magna cum laude in 1991. Early in her career, she operated a group home for teen girls in San Rafael, demonstrating her commitment to care and advocacy.

Later, Julie pivoted into the world of technology, where she truly found her calling. Returning to her hometown, she built a successful IT business known for its integrity, excellence and personalized service. For two decades, she served as the primary IT support for Cypress Point Club and also gave individualized support to many local businesses and individuals. More than a technician, Julie was a trusted advisor and friend to many of her clients— relationships that often extended far beyond the screen.

Those who knew Julie will remember her for her intelligence, wit, generosity and a spirit that shone even in the face of adversity.

Memorial Details

All who knew Julie or were touched by her life are warmly invited to attend her memorial.

Appetizers and mingling will begin at 1 p.m. A remembrance program, led by Julie's dear friend and father figure Brian Le Neve, will begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by more time for connection, food and shared memories.

Please let us know your intention to attend via email JulieDaltonLife@gmail.com to help us plan appropriately.

In Julie's Memory:

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ehlers-Danlos Society, an organization that reflects Julie's strength and lifelong courage.

To place an obituary for your loved one, contact anne@carmelpinecone.com or (831) 274-8654

Art association raising funds to fix Pit damage

By MARY SCHLEY

EVER SINCE Leidig/Draper Properties excavated the 16,000-square-foot property at Dolores and Fifth and then abandoned the project in 2019, its neighbors — the Carmel Foundation's Haseltine Court senior housing complex to the west and the Carmel Art Association to the south — have suffered cracking, sagging and other problems.

No one has accepted blame for the damage, however, and after years of unsuccessful efforts to get the former owner/developers, the former contractors and/or their insurance companies to cover repairs, both nonprofits have resorted to spending their own funds on the necessary work.

The Carmel Art Association announced this week it needs to raise $400,000 to shore up its building — which was built by M.J. Murphy and is historic, according to artist and CAA member Joaquin Turner — and fix its sagging floors and cracking walls and ceiling.

Soil study

A January 2020 study by a soil engineering consultant, GeoForensics Inc., concluded the work in The Pit caused the damage on the northern side of the gallery, including sagging of as much as 2 inches. The art association blames the driving of pilings into the ground next to its building and says the contractor dug holes underneath its foundation.

"We have been ignored for seven years," Turner said this week, including by public officials who declined to visit the site at all or promised to help and then failed to follow through. "We haven't been able to get anywhere with the city, anywhere with the developer or anywhere with the developer's insurance company. They aren't even acknowledging us anymore."

Jeff Becom, the association board's president, said Leidig/Draper "made it extremely clear they were not going to take responsibility unless they were forced to," and that suing wasn't an option for the nonprofit, given its limited resources and no assurance of a positive outcome.

Pull the trigger

He also said a person working for Patrice Pastor, who purchased the property for $9 million in March 2020, initially said the new owner would stabilize the association's building while undertaking shoring work at that side of The Pit, but those plans evaporated after that person left Esperanza Carmel and it took three years to get plans for Pastor's project, a mixed-use complex called Ulrika Plaza, approved by the city.

Every time there's been a reason for hope, new CAA member Polly Osborne said, fixes have been put off in anticipation of assistance, only to have the offer fall through. But further delays will only worsen the problems and drive costs up as materials and labor get more expensive, so the association has decided to pull the trigger.

The association had a soil engineer and a contractor draw up plans for shoring up the gallery and has them

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MARINA FRANCESCA NARDUCCI

It is with profound sadness that Claudio Fabrizi announces the passing of his beloved wife, Marina Francesca Narducci, his closest companion for more than 50 years. Claudio and Marina were best friends, companions, lovers, fellow world travelers and partners in all things for more than half a century.

Marina was born in Rome, Italy on May 27, 1954, to Reno Narducci and Mara Cergoli. She was the youngest of two girls. She died in Pebble Beach, CA on Sept. 14, 2025, at the age of 71 after a long battle with cancer.

Claudio and Marina met in Rome as teenagers and were married in the Basilica San Camillo de Lellis in 1974 in their early 20s. Marina had just graduated from college with a teaching degree. They lived in Rome from 1974 to 1992.

She was an exceptional, talented, creative person with excellent business sense and wonderful people skills. She went from teaching to an advertising modeling career. Later, she started a successful clothing manufacturing company, producing evening gowns and swimsuits for major fashion designers. She also found time to volunteer large amounts of her time as a nurse for the Italian Red Cross in the Italian Army hospitals, bringing her upbeat attitude and positive outlook to the hospitalized soldiers.

In 1992, Claudio and Marina began what was supposed to be a yearlong trip around the world. When they arrived at the Monterey Peninsula, Marina fell in love with the Monterey Bay area while watching one of our gorgeous sunsets on the beach with Claudio while sharing a bottle of wine.

At Marina's insistence, they abandoned their travel plans, settled in the Monterey area, and bought a home in Carmel where they lived for five years. They moved to Pebble Beach in 1997 where they have remained since.

Marina also fell in love with the United States and made it a primary goal to become a U.S. citizen. Claudio and Marina both began learning English and went to nursing school to become licensed as Registered Nurses in California. They also applied for U.S. citizenship. After many years of work and waiting, they became U.S. citizens in 2008. Becoming an American citizen was by far one of Marina's proudest achievements. The other achievement that Marina was extremely proud of was the successful and solid marriage that she and Claudio shared, built on love, joy and mutual respect! Claudio credits Marina with contributing those building blocks to the relationship, although they built it together day by day.

Using her natural and learned nursing skills, Marina started another successful business. This time it was an anti-aging and hormone and supplement therapy consulting business. After providing this service in the Monterey Bay area for many years, Marina expanded the business to Europe. Over time, she grew the business to include Asia and the Middle East.

Marina was filled with enthusiasm and zest for life. She made the best of her time on Earth and made life better for those she touched. She cared very much about her family and friends, and gave her love and time generously to them.

Claudio says that he learned a lot from Marina, and that she was the joy of his life. He plans to do his best to continue on the path that she designed for them, although with a large hole in his heart and life.

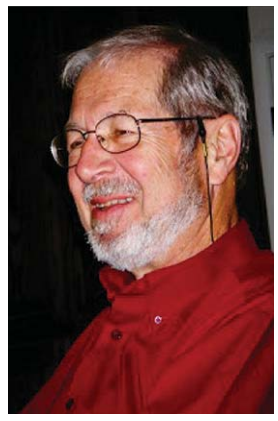
Marina is survived by her loving husband, Claudio; her sister, Lilia Narducci; her niece, Sabrina Graziano who has two sons, Lorenzo (Elise) and Francesco Sgandurra; and Sabrina's fiancé, Clarence Daniel Baer III and of course Marina's dear puppy, Joy. She was predeceased by her parents.

Her funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 23rd at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church, 362 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove. A celebration of life and light lunch reception will follow in the church library.

JON RICKARD DUNGAN

Jon Rickard Dungan passed away on Aug. 4, 2025, in Pacific Grove, California. He was born on Oct. 30, 1934, to parents Ruth and Deryl Rickard, and raised with his brother Albert in Plymouth, Pennsylvania. Jon admired his parents' idealism, dedication to service, and strong sense of duty, and talked in particular about his father's warmth, kindness and passion for music. For those who knew Jon, it is easy to see that he inherited all of these qualities.

Jon graduated from Wyoming Seminary high school in 1952. He then headed to Haverford College, where he majored in psychology, attended compulsory Quaker meetings, and cultivated lifelong interests in sailing, woodworking, music, and cool cars. Jon dated Bryn Mawr student Claire Anne deLorme, and the two moved to Boston to get teaching credentials after graduation, with Jon receiving a Harvard M.S. degree in 1958. They married and began teaching in Northport, New York, where daughters Jennifer and Stephanie were born. Next, Jon's work developing education materials took him to Laidlaw Brothers, then to Stenograph, near Chicago, where they had a third child, Elizabeth.



The Dungan family moved back to Northport by the 1970s, and Jon and Claire dedicated themselves to providing a happy life for their children. Jon worked as a director of product management at EDL/McGraw–Hill. On weekends he helped with home, garden, and his children's projects, and spent time in his woodworking shop or playing his favorite records. For his children, he was a kind, fun and affectionate father, and an excellent teacher — editing and discussing written work, giving impromptu history lessons, listening to oral presentations and disentangling math confusion. As the children began leaving home for college, Jon bought a 22-foot Bristol sailboat with beautiful wood trim, and spent many happy hours tinkering with it and sailing it in Northport harbor.

In the late 1980s, Jon moved to Carmel, California to work at CTB/McGraw-Hill on testing programs, retiring from that company in 1994. Jon explored the beauty of California, volunteered as a docent at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve, and enjoyed the company of his and Claire's affectionate Portuguese water dogs, Nina and Corky. He used his talents in woodworking and construction to contribute to their amazing garden in Carmel, and was especially proud of his craftsmanship in remodeling a second home they purchased in Berkeley. Being in Berkeley meant that he could visit more frequently with his grandchildren, and they spent many holidays and birthdays there.

Jon and Claire divorced in 2005 and Jon moved into a very happy new chapter of his life. He met his life partner Marilyn Beck and together they shared their passions for travel, photography, art, music and books for 20 wonderful years. Jon's travel photographs adorned his home on Crocker Avenue, which also contained his extensive music collection, furniture he made in his wood shop, his books and artwork. He also continued to be a teacher, helping local international students from Korea and Turkey with their English. At the same time, he was a student himself, often taking a class in music, history or literature with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. One of the highlights of every year was the Carmel Bach Festival. The wisdom and fellowship he received from the Breakthrough Men's Community in Monterey changed his life for the better. Finally, for the last three years of his life Jon found a welcoming home at Canterbury Woods. He was deeply grateful for the new friendships he found there as well as for the staff and caregivers that helped him so much.

Jon was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Albert. His beloved partner, Marilyn; his dear children, Jennifer, Stephanie and Elizabeth and his grandchildren, Paul and Emily miss him very much.

Donations in memory of Jon may be made to the Monterey Breakthrough Men's Community (https://breakthroughformen.org).

ADDRESSES

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the ambulance always has trouble finding her home, while the other insisted it never has when responding to hers.

Emergency responders rely on technology to get them to the right location as quickly as possible, financial institutions and government agencies run addresses through globally accepted systems to verify people's physical locations, and delivery companies use technology, too, when figuring out where to drop packages. More and more, residents and business owners have encountered problems when trying to use their directional addresses to accomplish everything from directing firefighters to their homes, to obtaining insurance, setting up utilities and getting medications delivered.

Thousands of communities and millions of people solely receive mail at post offices — so that doesn't make Carmel special, Delves said — but they also have universally recognized physical addresses that are verifiable via the U.S. Postal Service's address management system, which Carmel doesn't. That's unique.

"The U.S. Postal Service manages the address management system, the national safe source for address verification, and our traditional numbering system is not compliant with AMS," he said, and because of that, most of the technology that uses that system "ignores you."

Not legal

It's also not legal, the group confirmed. City attorney Brian Pierik reiterated that the directional system also doesn't comply with various state codes, and public safety officials reported that not having house numbers adds anywhere from 30 seconds to three minutes to response times during emergencies.

After running various iterations of directional addresses past the postal service and learning the AMS would accept none of them, Ruess developed a prototype system for numbering houses, complexes and commercial buildings that the USPS said would, according to Delves. Numbers would be assigned starting on the northern and western edges of the city and run from single digits to four digits.

Delves said he conferred with the utility companies and came away with "a high degree of confidence" they will embrace a standardized system and will do their part to integrate it.

Monterey County and the USPS are the principal entities that will be involved in implementing a new system, according to Delves, with the county updating its GIS map, tax and assessment records, voter registration and other critical data.

Concerns include costs, effort and enforcement

Traditions that would be preserved, he said, include mail delivery to P.O. boxes and the post office maintaining the status quo, as well as free boxes for property owners and no need to change billing addresses.

Assigning numbers, meanwhile, will provide AMS-compatible addresses for deliveries and emergency responders and will require the installation of 4-inch-tall digits visible from the street — though homeowners can choose their designs and placements — and integration into Google and other maps and databases.

It will also mean eliminating the obsolete language in the municipal code via adoption of an ordinance. The transition could be completed by the end of June 2026, Delves said.

'On board'

Following workshops in late August and early September that were attended by dozens of residents, Delves said common questions involved costs, the level of effort required by residents, and enforcement.

He said he doubts the costs would be significant and that it will be up to individuals to determine which entities they deal with should be advised of the change. Insurance companies, for instance, would want to know, while Netflix probably won't care.

As for enforcement, education and outreach will generate compliance and some level of uniformity, Delves speculated, and he doubted anyone would be going around measuring numbers to make sure they're the proper dimensions.

Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov asked how Google maps will incorporate the data, and while Delves said the app sweeps the internet regularly to update addresses, a local contact found by Ruess could make it happen more quickly.

"And then they can call Apple maps and say, 'We're ahead of you,'" he joked.

After Delves' presentation, members of the committee spoke, including Twomey, who had been a proponent of maintaining the status quo when it came to addresses.

"But I also hear the issues and have experienced some of the issues with our home," she said. "I am sensitive to the challenges. I also knew I wanted to be part of the solution."

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NUMBERS

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While she appreciates the town's traditions, increasing reliance on technology and the impacts on emergency response are driving the need for conventional street addresses, she said.

"It was essential for me personally to understand what's involved in implementing this, who the stakeholders are, what we need to do and what the city needs to do," she said.

And now, armed with all that information and knowledge, Twomey noted, the council can make an informed decision, and the city and its residents "shouldn't pick what laws we respect and what laws we don't."

"If you move forward, you've got my vote, big time," she said, adding that the way people can honor tradition is by naming their homes, as many have done, and retaining those names.

Widespread support

Several members of the public thanked the committee for its efforts and comprehensive research and said they support the change.

"I appreciate your thoroughness, your openness and your willingness to change your mind," former councilwoman and house-number proponent Karen Ferlito said.

For public safety and other reasons, resident Connie Hess said, "I encourage you to vote for numbers on our houses that can be verified."

Fire captain and paramedic Nate Smith, who lives on Torres Street and recently won the right to put a metal roof on his house, said he always jokes that "there are two things that firefighters dislike equally: the way things are, and change."

"My guess is our little town feels similarly," he said, but making it easier for rescuers to find the right home as quickly as possible is critical.

Two speakers opposed the change, including Dan Zeller, who said he's worried about "unintended consequences" and speculated, despite assurances to the contrary, that adding house numbers could lead to home mail delivery and the closure of the downtown post office.

Of the 10 emails sent on the topic, only Zeller's was in opposition.

Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov said she, too, was swayed by the committee's findings, and while she's loyal to the mission of preserving the village's charm, "in this case, that's not enough."

When they want to

The city must comply with the law, Dramov acknowledged, and she encouraged people to continue using their directional addresses when they want to, such as when receiving deliveries from local businesses that are familiar with them, and to name their houses.

"While I hoped we could find some compromise for keeping the traditional system, the reality is we can't," she said. "I am on board."

Councilman Jeff Baron, who has long advocated for house numbers, said the council should offer residents the opportunity to weigh in on how house numbers will be assigned and said a lot of outreach and education should be undertaken before the change is implemented.

"A hallmark of Carmel is we've never felt the need to do things another way just because others were doing it," councilman Hans Buder said. Nonetheless, "its time has come."

"I just think we need to do this," Delves agreed.

Mayor Dale Byrne did not comment, but the vote in favor of a resolution "directing staff to return to council with a comprehensive street address program that includes a process to begin implementation of an address identification system and an ordinance repealing relevant city municipal code sections" was unanimous.

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more seats in Congress during the 2026 mid-term elections.

If approved California's new map would be in place for the 2026, 2028 and 2030 congressional elections.

Voters took the power to draw maps away from politicians in 2008 and 2010 when they amended the state constitution with ballot measures establishing an independent commission — with members evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans — to draw political boundaries.

Flipping the script

Prop 50 has forced members of both parties to flip their recent positions on redistricting. California Democrats were adamantly opposed to Proposition 11, the measure that created the current redistricting process in the state. Since then, they've come around to the idea of the independent commission, authoring numerous pieces of legislation to make it more powerful.

Meanwhile Republicans, who originally embraced Prop 11, have become less enamored with the independent process in recent years. Over the last decade, Republicans lawmakers opposed all 10 bills related to the commission in the state legislature. In July a piece of legislation came up requiring Merced County to adopt an independent redistricting commission to draw the lines for its supervisor districts. Republicans didn't like it.

Anti-Trump fervor in Sacramento

"If they think gerrymandering is going away with independent redistricting committees, that's not happening," said Riverside Republican Kelly Seyarto during a hearing ahead of the bill's passage.

The vote came down along party lines, with Democrats in favor and every Republican recording a no vote, or not voting at all.

The Merced bill required the composition of the commission to reflect voter registration in the county, which is 40 percent Democratic and 30 percent Republican, rather than requiring equal representation. But it is not the only example of Republicans rejecting the independent commission for legislative districts.

'How convenient'

In 2023, Los Angeles Democrat Isaac Bryan introduced a bill to require local government entities in large cities and counties to adopt independent commissions; it, too, passed along party lines, a fact Bryan brought up on the assembly floor ahead of the vote to put Prop 50 on the ballot.

"Every Republican in this House voted against it. How convenient to switch your tone when you are now on the line," said the Los Angeles Democrat.

But Bryan is a prime example of the pot calling the kettle black. The lawmaker, who once espoused the virtues of independent commissions, is now one of the most visible proponents asking voters to override the non-partisan process this November.

Dem solidarity

Democrats, who pushed independent commissions in the past, insist Prop 50 is essential to checking President Donald Trump's power. So powerful is their lockstep, key voices in the campaign to protect the power of the citizens have been talked into changing their tune.

Common Cause, which calls itself a "pro-democracy" organization, was one of the biggest backers of the 2008 and 2010 measures that created the California independent redistricting commission, and was quick to denounce Gov. Gavin Newsom's partisan proposition when he unveiled it this summer. The group even held press conferences criticizing gerrymandering efforts in both California and Texas, but has since reversed course, opining that California's Democratic Party efforts are OK, but a similar push by Texas Republican isn't. How handy.

The League of Women Voters also got themselves turned around on the issue. Following Newsom's proposal to put redistricting on the ballot, the League released a statement calling California's independent commission the "gold standard." The organization's president, Gloria Chun Hoo, also wrote a sharply worded op-ed in the Sacramento Bee criticizing Newsom's plan.

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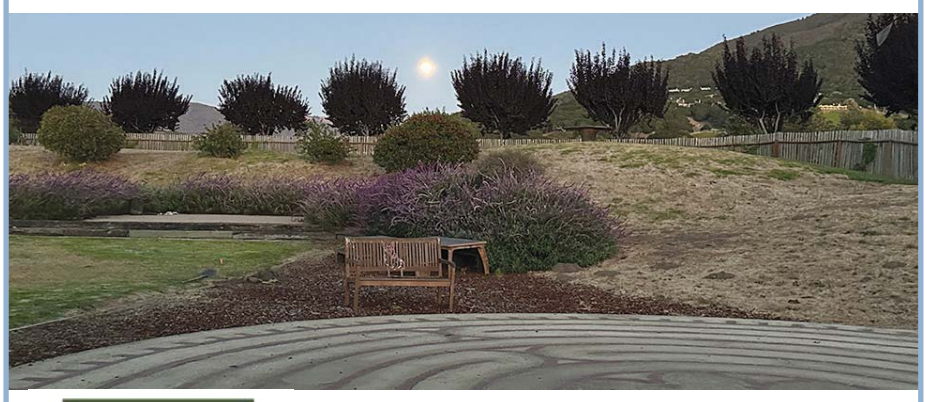

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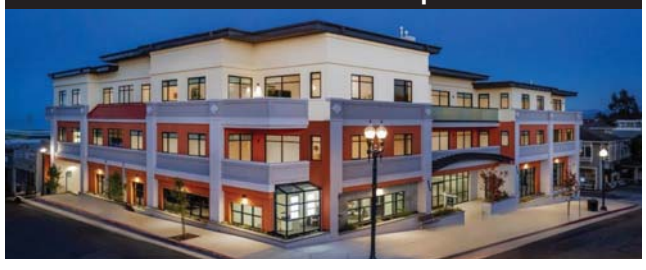

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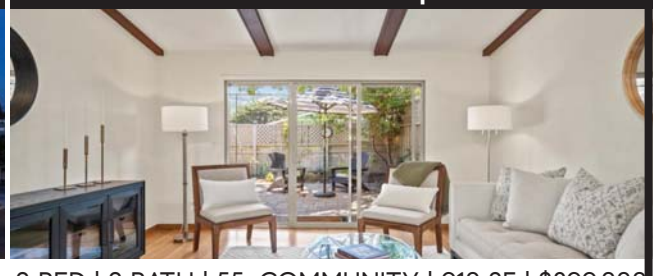

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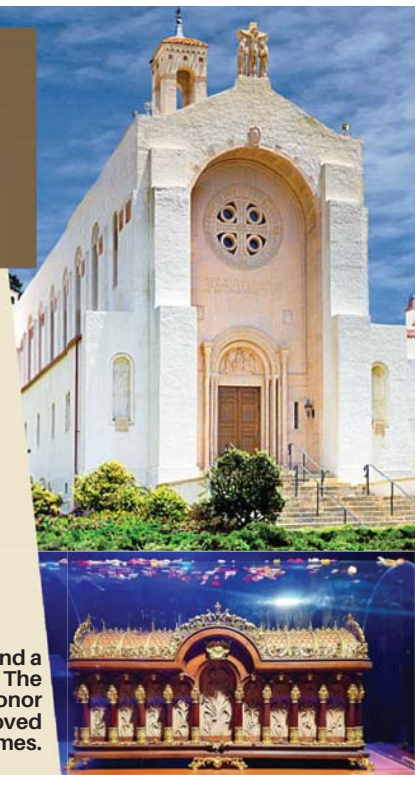

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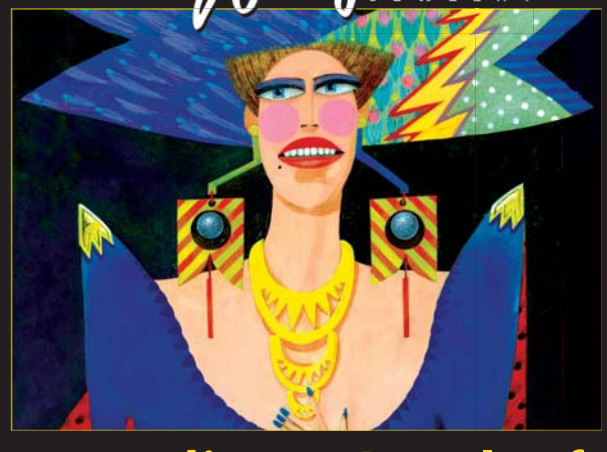

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have a deep mistrust of government, the last thing Californians need is a return to the days of backroom redistricting deals and political gamesmanship," Hoo wrote at the end of July.

But just a week later, the organization formally declined to take a position on Prop 50, citing the need to align with other chapters of its organization.

Days later the league filed suit in Texas over unfair maps and followed up with a federal lawsuit in September. It has made no legal claims in California, however.

Campaign spending

Prop 50 is already the third most expensive ballot measure in California history, with the campaigns supporting and opposing it having raised $215 million. The war chest for Yes on 50 is the larger one by far.

Newsom has managed to raise $138 million, with about 40 percent of it coming from small donors giving less than $100. Most of the small contributions are coming through the House Majority PAC, a Democratic organization that fundraises for congressional races. Half of those donors are from outside of California, showing just how important the race is to national politics.

Other big donors to the Yes campaign include billionaire George Soros' Fund for Policy Reform, MoveOn.org, The California Teachers Association and the National Education Association. Newsom also transferred $2.6 million he raised for his 2022 gubernatorial campaign into the Yes on 50 bank account.

No on 50 has raised about $77 million, most of it coming from two big sources. The Congressional Leadership Fund, a Republican Congressional Super Pac, gave $42 million and Charles Munger Jr., a supporter of the original ballot measure to create the independent redistricting commission, gave $33 million.

Polling on Prop 50

The political landscape in California has shifted this year, taking a baby step to the right. Since February, the Republican party has gained 48,000 new voter registrations, while just 190 voters became registered Democrats. A far larger group of people, 82,000, switched to no party preference in 2025, signaling a shift away from partisan politics altogether.

Despite the changes in registration numbers, 45 percent of voters remain registered Democrats in the state, giving the Yes on Prop 50 an edge.

A Cook Political Report poll last week showed 50 percent of California voters were in favor while 35 percent were opposed to the measure.

Similar findings came out of other recent polls, including one from Emerson College with 51 percent of voters supporting Prop 50, and another from co/efficient showing 54 percent of voters in favor. The measure requires a simple majority to pass.

Anti-Trump fervor is running high in California and the Yes on 50 campaign is being run as a referendum on the President, rather than focusing on the new map and the implications of undermining the power of citizens. No matter how you look at it, Prop 50 is an issue of fairness. Supporters say it's a defense of democracy while those against it argue two wrongs don't make a right. In the end it will be up to Californians to decide which side is fairest of them all.

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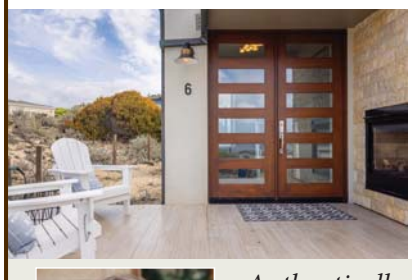

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Maybe the drivers were cat people?

By KELLY NIX

SERVICE ANIMALS seem to be everywhere these days — coffee shops, concerts and even grocery stores. But a Monterey County disabled man claims in a new lawsuit that a driver for a major rideshare company kicked him out of a vehicle mid-ride because he had a dog with him.

James Marshall Isbell alleges in an Oct. 2 lawsuit that he booked vehicle trips from rideshare giant Lyft through company Call-the-Car to go to his medical appointments and that during each request he informed Call-the-Car — which he also names as a defendant — that he would have his service animal, Nina, with him. Each time, though, Isbell said the Lyft drivers refused to take the pooch.

Kicked out mid-ride

"On at least one occasion, Isbell was kicked out of a vehicle mid-ride and left stranded in a public location" after the driver saw that a dog would be riding along, according to the complaint, which adds that he missed medical appointments because he was denied service.

Isbell said Lyft refused more than once to accept the dog.

Lyft "repeatedly denied transportation services to Isbell on at least four separate occasions in 2025, and potentially more, solely because he was accompanied by Nina," according to his lawsuit filed in Monterey County Superior Court.

Isbell said he suffers from several disabilities, including post-traumatic stress disorder, severe migraines, brain injury, and a "severe debilitating mental impairment." His disabilities substantially limit life activities, "including concentrating, thinking, sleeping, caring for himself, working, learning and the operation of major bodily functions, including neurological and brain function."

He suggested Nina has helped him by detecting signs of anxiety and PTSD episodes, recognizing when he is trembling and shaking, redirecting his thoughts and snapping him out of PTSD flashbacks.

Furthermore, Isbell said his dog is trained to "retrieve emergency medication when Isbell is experiencing migraines and provide therapy and grounding."

Isbell claims both companies trampled on his civil rights under California law because they violated the federal Americans with Disabilities Act by refusing to take him and his service dog.

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CHOMP doc's vaccine reminders

By ELAINE HESSER

WHILE YOU'RE dusting off the ceramic pumpkins and digging out the turkey platter, don't neglect another important preparation for autumn.

Dr. Martha Blum, medical director for infection prevention at Montage Health and Community Hospital, is urging locals to take precautions as cold and flu season approaches. As winter weather arrives and people move indoors, viruses like the flu, Covid, and RSV spread more easily. But, Blum said, "While most of us will get a respiratory illness at some point, the good news is that we're not powerless,"

Safe, effective and free

"Vaccines won't guarantee you won't get sick, but they're your best bet at avoiding severe illness, long recoveries, and hospital visits. They're safe, widely available, and often free," she noted.

Her recommendations include:

■ Flu shots are for everyone 6 months and older, and should be done annually. Blum said that early fall — ideally September or October — is the best time to get one.

■ Those 65 or older, or who have a chronic health condition, should get an updated Covid vaccine. Others may be eligible, too — Blum recommends checking with your doctor, especially if it's been more than six months since your last dose. She noted that, while Covid doesn't have a "season," updated vaccines have often been released in the fall.

■ People 75 and older, or between 60 and 74 with certain medical conditions — and those who are pregnant — may qualify for the RSV vaccine. That season picks up in late fall, Blum said.

■ Pneumococcal vaccines protect against pneumonia, which often follows viral infections. Adults 50 and older as well as younger adults with chronic conditions should discuss this with their doctor.

Common sense

"Getting vaccinated is a smart move for your own health, and it also helps protect the people around you, especially babies, older adults and those with weakened immune systems," Blum noted.

She reiterated that regular hand-washing — or, in a pinch, using sanitizer — wearing a mask to protect yourself and others, allowing a little extra personal distance from people, and taking steps to remain healthy, like getting enough sleep, eating well and exercising, can all help keep you well.

Improving indoor airflow by cracking a window, running a fan or using an air purifier can also be useful.

"Viruses love stuffy air," Blum said.

Finally, stay home when you're sick. If you have symptoms like high fever, chills, body aches, fatigue, sore throat, and a cough, you should get tested for Covid. Antiviral medications are available and work best when taken early.

Blum said to try to rest, stay hydrated, and avoid contact with others until you've been fever-free for at least 24 hours.

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Residents with "support" animals can keep them inside the center, otherwise the animals must be in kennels.

The concrete pad at the Salinas shelter was paid for by a "homeless, housing assistance and prevention" taxpayer grant for shelter improvements. The kennels and small dog tunnel were purchased through an earlier grant aimed at enhancing the needs of pets and their owners in shelters.

Scaled back

The Department of Social Services several years ago worked with county public works, facilities and parks to do the renovations, but the scope and cost exceeded the budget, and the project was scaled back, the report said.

CAA

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lined up to do the work, according to Becom. The city permit is also ready to go, but the nonprofit is desperate to raise the needed funds, which Becom said roughly amount to the gallery's annual income.

"We put $100,000 in as a starter, and hopefully we'll be able to raise the rest of it fairly quickly," Turner said. "A lot of it is letting the community know what we're dealing with, because we've been biting our tongue for many years because we don't want to dish dirt and spew this negative stuff.

"But it's time the community knows, and we've come to the realization we're going to have to pay for this ourselves," he said.

The fundraising effort marks the second time in the Carmel Art Association's 98-year history that it's made a direct plea to the public for donations. In general, it's funded through the sales of its member artists' work, according to Becom, with the creators collecting 60 percent and the association keeping the rest.

The repair fund is being administered by the Community Foundation for Monterey County.

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Editorial

Give it time

THE NO-GROWTH movement in California may have come to a well deserved end, but some of its most useful tools are still kicking around.

One of those is the transparently phony tactic of pretending a building is historic, not to protect something that actually is, but to attain a selfish political goal.

That's exactly what happened to cartoonist Gus Arriola. For months back in 2001, his name was bandied about by Carmel's zealous preservationists. His long-running comic strip, Gordo, was such a ground-breaking achievement of American culture, the preservationists said, and his insights into the trials and triumphs of Mexican immigrants were so important to the formation of 21st century California culture, that a home he lived in for 11 years could not be altered or torn down, despite the wishes of the family that owned it long after Arriola had moved on.

Never mind that the decrepit home had been declared unfit for human habitation. Never mind that it was an ugly eyesore detested by its neighbors. Because of Arriola's genius, it had to be protected, the zealots cried.

But then a major problem cropped up with their campaign. Gus Arriola was still alive, and as soon as he got wind of them campaign to block changes to his former home, he spoke up to say that throughout their campaign — from the planning commission to the city council to the California Coastal Commission to the state office of historic preservation — nobody seeking to protect Arriola's old home went to the trouble of asking him about the house, his life, his work, or anything.

It must have been a very strange feeling to have your creative accomplishments cited as the justification for turning your former home into a shrine by people who didn't actually have any interest in you or what you thought.

And when Arriola did speak out about the home he lived in from 1959 to 1970, he said it wasn't particularly important in his life, had nothing to do with his work or the development of his famous comic strip, and should not be turned into a government-protected "historic resource" because of him. While he was very proud of his work, he completely disavowed the idea that the old home at Camino Real and 13th was historic, and he said the people who owned it in 2001 should be allowed to demolish it if they wanted to.

Nevertheless, the supposedly revered man's views about his own life were ignored by numerous high level officials. Prodded by Carmel's band of preservation activists, the coastal commission decided that the home must not be torn down, and the State Office of Historic preservation agreed. However, based on the Arriola's irrefutable testimony about his own life, the city planning commission decided the old home could be demolished, which it was in late 2001.

We always thought this type of ridiculous situation was an only-in-Carmel type of thing. But novelist Philip Roth, it turned out, ran into something similar with an article on Wikipedia about his 2000 novel, "The Human Stain."

In 2012, Roth said he discovered a "serious misstatement" about one of his books on the internet encyclopedia, where an article claimed Roth's book was inspired by the life of a writer and literary critic named Anatole Broyard. Roth said this was not true. "The Human Stain" was actually inspired, Roth said, by his friend Melvin Tumin, a professor at Princeton.

According to an article Roth penned in The New Yorker in September 2012, the false claim "entered Wikipedia not from the world of truthfulness but from the babble of literary gossip — there is no truth in it at all." Nevertheless, when he contacted Wikipedia, a site admin responded that he, Roth, "was not a credible source" on his own work — and told him to find a secondary source.

"I understand your point that the author is the greatest authority on their work," a Wikipedia administrator told the author — "but we require secondary sources."

For years afterward, Wikipedia continued to claim to know whose life inspired Roth's novel, regardless of what he said.

Carmel may have taken more than a year to come to its senses about the preservationists who wanted to protect Gus Arriola's home, but it took Wikipedia more than two decades to take Roth's word for what his own book was about.

The lesson from all of this is that if you're going to lie about somebody, it's better if you wait until they're dead.

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Who is in charge?

Dear Editor,

The Pine Cone has recently published a couple of informative editorials regarding the city's vague rules on development. This subjective enforcement of these rules has hurt all of us, if not directly.

There have been many articles on Patrice Pastor and how's been forced to deal with these vague rules. They have been painful to read, and I hope that one day he succeeds.

But the problem of vague rules is not limited to Carmel. If we need to crown a champion of vague rules, it would be the California Environmental Quality Act. She is Medusa, and every snake head has a mind of its own.

After the disastrous fire in Los Angeles, executive orders were introduced to expedite the rebuilding of people's homes and their lives. CEQA restrictions were standing in the way of the permitting process.

Fire experts reported that one of the contributors to the fire's rapid spread was failure to reduce the dead wood and underbrush on the surrounding hillsides. CEQA restrictions had prevented this fuel reduction for many years.

With this information, Gov. Gavin Newson issued an emergency executive order bypassing the CEQA restrictions, allowing fuel reduction mitigation to move forward. Not just in L.A., but throughout the state.

My neighbor is planning on a complete teardown of his existing home, not just a remodel, and building a new one on that property. Monterey County has determined that CEQA requirements can be waived, and the permits are in the works. It looks like the governor's orders are working!

However, on an adjacent property, there are grants approved for removal of dead wood and underbrush for fuel reduction. There are water pumps, tanks and other infrastructure in the area. Our Firewise chapter in Carmel Valley has been working with Monterey County Regional Fire on these fuel mitigation grants. We are into our third year of delays due to CEQA's vague rules and regulations, inspections, and attorneys. The fire hazard remains.

Carmel Valley Firewise groups know that a fire is in our future and wonder if we will be doing cleanup before — or after.

With that in mind, one must ask the question: "CEQA, who is in charge?"

Hans Haselbach,
Carmel Valley

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Passing on the gift of family has been a lesson in good design

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

How does an interior designer show prospective clients that her kitchens are as practical as they are good-looking? Sarah Boyle cooks for them — sort of.

She launched her "Sundays with Sarah" cooking show on Facebook about a year ago, bringing together her career and her passion for all things culinary. It's filmed in her own kitchen, where she prepares meals for herself, husband Shawn, and their two sons.

Coming of age in the then-small East Bay city of Alamo, Boyle said she felt lucky to have her parents at home all the time, and that was something she wanted to pass on when she became a mother.

PHOTO/COURTESY SARAH BOYLE

Interior designer and home cook Sarah Boyle believes your home's layout should make your life easier — and she loves doing kitchens.

Finding 'freedom'

"They didn't have office jobs," she said. "They managed their investments." She explained that her folks "started young," putting their money into real estate, and she recalled tagging along as her dad repaired tiles, repainted — "little things when you move tenants in or out," she said.

"I wanted to be just like them."

By the time she was ready to start high school, both of her brothers had graduated and left home, and Boyle asked her parents to send her to a boarding school, thinking she might gain more freedom. She was quickly disillusioned.

She ended up at Santa Catalina School in Monterey, where the nuns kept a close eye on their charges. Her parents had a vacation home in Carmel, though, so it didn't feel like a brand-new place, and she said she wanted an all-girls school so she would "focus on my studies instead of boys."

If that sounds mature for a teenager, that's the point — Boyle remains focused and thoughtful, but with a sense of humor that indicates she doesn't take herself too seriously and a contagious laugh that underscores her positive attitude.

At Catalina, she thought about being a "fine-arts teacher, or a fine-arts something," because she knew she had artistic talent. She wondered how to make ends meet while indulging her creativity.

Just after graduation, she got a job at an interior designer's shop in downtown Carmel, and after watching the proprietor at work, Boyle said she thought, "This is something I can get behind."

At Monterey Peninsula College, she learned to use AutoCAD design software. "We had to start with hand-drafting and move up to AutoCAD," she said, but once she learned the program, "it gave substance to my vision." She could easily show clients how rearranging a few things in a room would make their lives better. It

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How moving here led to toting a camera through the Andes

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

While most of the rest of us sank slothfully into our sofas, TV remotes in hand, Carmel resident Thomas Hierl, 72, his wife, Karyn, and their 35-year-old son, Alex, spent part of their summer in Peru's Andes Mountains, hiking the 26-mile Inca Trail to Machu Picchu.

The magnificent images he breathlessly captured while ascending 8,200 feet above sea level were well worth the four-day, mostly uphill trudge for Hierl, a fine-art photographer.

The Lost City of the Incas — as Machu Picchu is sometimes called — a 15th-century citadel, is celebrated as one of the most iconic symbols of Incan civilization and is believed to have served as an estate for Incan emperor Pachacuti.

"But I'm not going to book that trip again next year," Hierl guaranteed with a grin. "You're going up and down steps for four days, and the elevation made that very tough."

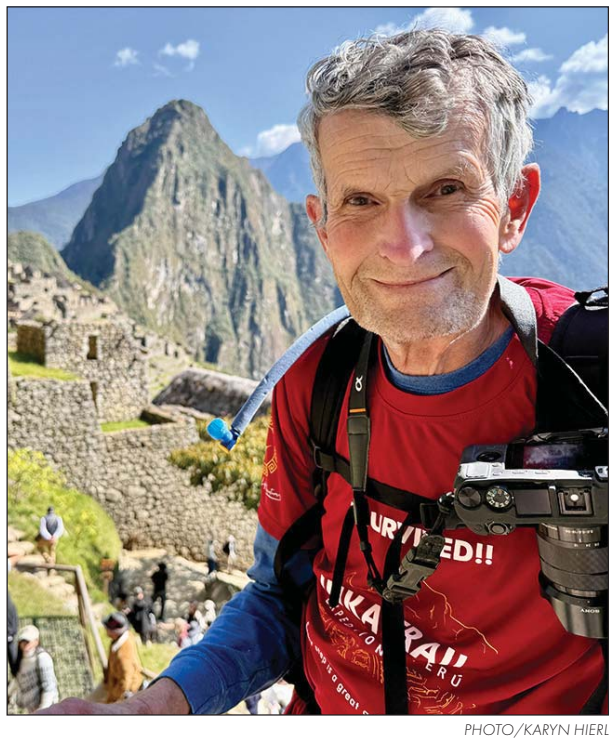
For Hierl, an avid hiker and backpacker, the search for breathtaking vistas in sometimes in hard-to-reach locations has been a quixotic quest since 2011, when he retired from a career in the semiconductor industry.

Moonscape

One of those images is part of an exhibition that continues through Oct. 30 at Pacific Grove Art Center (568 Lighthouse Ave.), featuring the work of 50 members of ImageMakers of Monterey.

"It's a photo of a place near Hanksville, Utah, they call the Moonscape Overlook," he said of his photo of a woman standing on a ledge that towers over a barren, grey- and brown-colored badlands known as Skyline Ridge. "The drop from that spot is several thousand feet, and it looks like the moon.

"I got up really early to catch the morning light, saw that overlook, and thought, 'Wow, it would be really great for the photo if somebody was standing out there," remembered Hierl, who isn't fond of heights. "Then a van pulled up, two young women said, "Good morning," to me, and one of them scampered out there. Problem solved!"



PHOTO/KARYN HIERL

Carmel fine-art photographer Thomas Hierl poses at Machu Picchu in Peru after a rigorous four-day trek in August with his wife, Karyn, and their son, Alex.

Otherworldly vistas

During the same camping trip, Hierl took his four-wheel-drive camper truck 10 miles off the paved road into the Bentonite Hills to capture a drone shot of the colorful, otherworldly landscape near a place known as the Mars Desert Research Station.

The location was chosen because the area closely resembles the surface of Mars. Research crews at the station are typically a mix of scientists, astronomers, physicists, biologists, geologists and engineers.

"The colors there are amazing, and they're all natural," Hierl said. "I've been experimenting with a drone just to get abstract pictures like that one."

His portfolio also includes stunning shots of Dante's View in Death Valley National Park, Slot Canyon in Utah's Zion National Park, Mono Lake in the Eastern Sierra, the aurora borealis over Alaska, the Milky Way glittering over a sculpture entitled "The Twelve Apostles" at the Goldwell Open Air Museum in Beatty, Nev., and, locally, above Bixby Bridge. He captured intimate shots of a grizzly feasting on salmon in a stream at Alaska's Katmai National Park.

The most beautiful place he's photographed, said Hierl, might be Norway's Fulton Islands, a spot he visited with Karyn in March. He was also beguiled by the scenery in Iceland.

Hierl was raised in New Jersey and shot his first photos as a 7-year-old during a vacation in Yosemite Valley.

As a high school student, he took pictures for the school newspaper and yearbook, processing them in a darkroom he put together in the family's basement.

He earned an electrical engineering degree from Cornell University and spent his career in the semiconductor industry.

Hierl and Karyn met 40 years ago as members of a bicycling club.

"I scheduled a Saturday event that I called 'Tom's Surprise Ride,' because I didn't know where I was going yet," he remembered. "She showed up for that, so, turns out she was 'Tom's Surprise.'" Karyn homeschooled all three kids.

Their son, Alex, earned an English degree from Santa Clara University and intended to become a journalist, but he changed plans after a family vacation to Costa Rica enticed him to

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From the mayor's desk —

Measuring success in city government

By DALE BYRNE

The purpose of city government is simple: to make daily life work in ways that are safe, fair and forward-looking. It's not about hours in meetings or the number of reports we generate. Success is measured by results residents can see, feel and trust. In Carmel, it's also about protecting what makes our village unique.

This week's city council meetings showed what that looks like. Thanks to the efforts of a highly effective workgroup, we directed staff to craft a plan for numbered street addresses. This will improve public safety and help first responders reach the right place faster while also making daily life more convenient. We allocated part of the water district's increased supply so residents can advance projects that require additional water credits. We also approved consulting work to help adopt objective design and development standards which will safeguard neighborhood character while meeting state law.

■ Forestry and the firehouse

Beyond that, we invested in forestry equipment to keep our urban forest and our crews safe. A modification to our firehouse required for our new fire engine was approved, and we added project management services to keep pace with our ambitious capital program.

Some decisions were challenging, some

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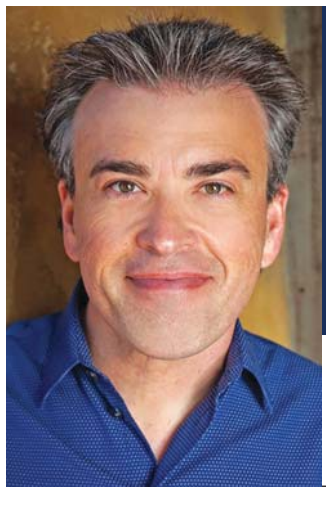

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LEVETT

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its executive director, Megan Range, said. When LeVett was nominated to be the organization's chairman in 1999, he flew home from a visit to China, accepted the honor and then flew back, Bruno recalled. He served as chairman from 1999 to 2001.

'Devoted member'

"As our chairman and a devoted member, Denny inspired generations of local candidates and elected officials. Ask our members what they'll remember most, and they'll say his wicked sense of humor — jokes that stayed with you long after he told them," Range said. "We will miss his counsel, his kindness and that unmistakable, genuine laugh."

Former Monterey County Bank CEO Charles Chrietzberg enjoyed a 40-plus-year friendship and business relationship with LeVett, whom he first encountered as a member of the Sheriff's Advisory Council.

"He's one of the shrewdest real estate investors I've ever met, and I've met a lot, between Texas and here," he said. "He had a knack for locating a property and visualizing what he could do with it to make it better."

Indeed, while he had intended to become a commercial pilot, LeVett was led to real estate by a professor at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, according to Richards. And he was good at it. Starting in Palo Alto, LeVett "bought one house, sold it, bought two, sold those, bought four," and so on, going on to create an empire that included numerous residential and commercial properties in Palo Alto, in his home state of Iowa — he was born in Iowa Falls — in Carmel, and even in Italy.

"Denny once told me that he regretted every piece of property he ever sold, but the truth is that people who bought his homes knew they were getting quality construction at fair prices," commented attorney and former councilman Gerard Rose, who met him when LeVett and business partner Chris Tescher brought a development proposal to the city in the 1980s. "And Denny made it his practice to work with neighbors to make sure that everyone's needs were met without taking negative advantage of the privacy of adjoining lots."

Inn swap

LeVett discovered Carmel after acquiring the Benbow Inn in the Humboldt County community of Garberville. He began visiting the Monterey Peninsula and would stay at the Vagabond House at Dolores and Fourth. The then-owner of the Carmel hotel would visit the Benbow, in turn, and each loved the other's property so much that they arranged a swap, according to Richards.

"That was his first deal here," Richards said. Forms in the city's property files link LeVett to the Vagabond House starting in 1979.

"After he got the Vagabond, he fell in love with Carmel," Lombardo said. But LeVett was especially fond of the Cypress Inn, which he bought in 1986 with Doug Dusenbury, Ben Heinrich and Dick Albers. Two years later, Day and her son, Terry Melcher, became his new partners in the inn, which LeVett said he'd loved since seeing an ad on the back of a Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance program 15 or 20 years earlier.

They made it a haven for locals, visitors — and their dogs — and their partnership lasted until Day's death in 2019. LeVett was often found dining with friends or doing business at one of the tables there in Terry's Lounge.

"That was his special place," Lombardo said. "He said Doris Day told him he was the only man she'd been partners with who hadn't stolen from her."

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Denny LeVett with Doris Day at her 90th birthday party in 2014.

Rose said LeVett "promised that the Cypress Inn would always reflect his family's fervent interest in retaining the hotel as a place that was animal-friendly and a place that made locals as well tourists feel at home in our village."

It was while working at the Cypress Inn as a part-time bartender that Richards met LeVett in the late 1990s. Richards had been caring for his mother, who was living in a nearby convalescent home, and after she died, he told LeVett during a lunch at the Beach Club in Pebble Beach that he was planning to quit and move away.

"He threw his drink down and said, 'That's the stupidest thing you've ever said. Why would you ever leave this place?'" Richards recalled. He explained he wanted to get back into real estate somewhere more affordable, and LeVett countered with an offer Richards couldn't refuse. "He said, 'I want you to manage all my properties.'"

Richards was in. They went on to buy a hotel together and partnered in residential deals, growing closer all the while. While exploring opportunities, they also traveled — Richards recalled walking through an Iowa Walmart with his impeccably attired mentor, and on another occasion making a stop at Taco Bell while driving through Palo Alto in LeVett's Bentley.

"He was my boss, he was my friend, he was my mentor, he was my partner, but we never ever had a fight. I respected him totally," Richards said. If he disagreed with one of LeVett's ideas, he'd object twice — and then do as LeVett said, which almost always turned out to be the right decision.

'Unique and inspiring'

Pine Cone publisher Paul Miller recalled that in 1996, when he was trying to make up his mind whether to buy the newspaper, LeVett was one of the few who told him to go for it.

"He knew how important good journalism could be to the town, and he was very encouraging and supportive, and he remained an irreplaceable friend to me and The Pine Cone until the day he died," Miller said. "Sometimes he'd get a little hot under the collar about something going on at city hall or something that was in the newspaper, and he'd never hesitate to let me know, but it was always good natured. He was unique and inspiring."

LeVett embraced the courage of his convictions and occasionally offered impassioned testimony at city hall, including in defense of Car Week events. A devoted collector — including a selection of red Ferraris — LeVett was a huge proponent of the former Concours on the Avenue, which named its Best of Show award after him.

"He was so comfortable and he took such pride in the way he dressed and his uniqueness — not everybody could get away with that," Richards said. "I loved the way he was always the life of the party, he was gracious about it, he knew it, but he was still humble in a way. He was wonderful."

His appreciation of history prompted LeVett to amass vintage comic books, toy soldiers, and guns, which he began collecting at the age of 9. He went on to compile the world's largest collection of Colt Paterson revolvers, which are exhibited at the Autry Museum of the American West in Los Angeles and the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, in Cody, Wyo.

Richards had the pleasure of accompanying him to the dedication at the Autry.

And while he didn't become a pilot, LeVett still managed to indulge his love of flying at the stick of his Cessna 182 and his favorite, a Cessna 414 Chancellor.

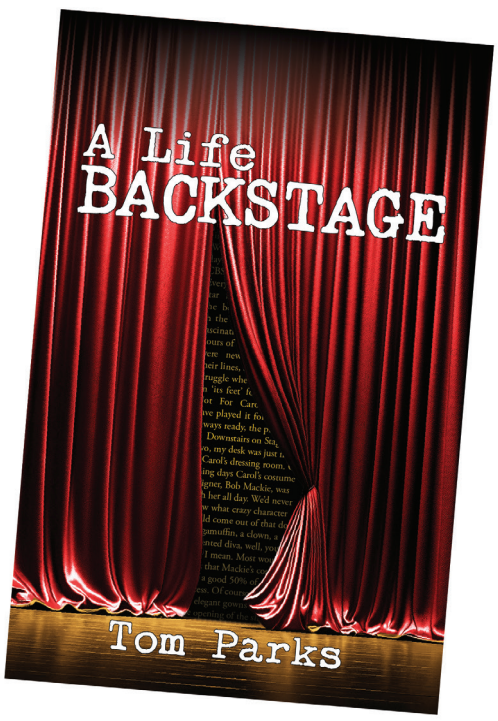
Richards said he's sad not just for his own loss, but for Carmel's. "I will always be so incredibly grateful to him. He was a super special guy to me, and next to my dad and my brother, he was a big deal in my life," he said. In fact, Richards knew LeVett far longer than he knew his father, whom he lost when he was 22.

"Denny had the ability to make everyone he met feel like he was their best friend," Rose said. "And in Denny's case, it was heartfelt and legitimate."

"He's going to be a loss to this community," Chrietzberg said. "There's no question about that."

LeVett is survived by daughters Amanda and Kate, and wife Jeanne. He was predeceased by his former wife, Karen. The family is planning a celebration of his life and legacy.

In movies, television, theater he was there ...in the wings.



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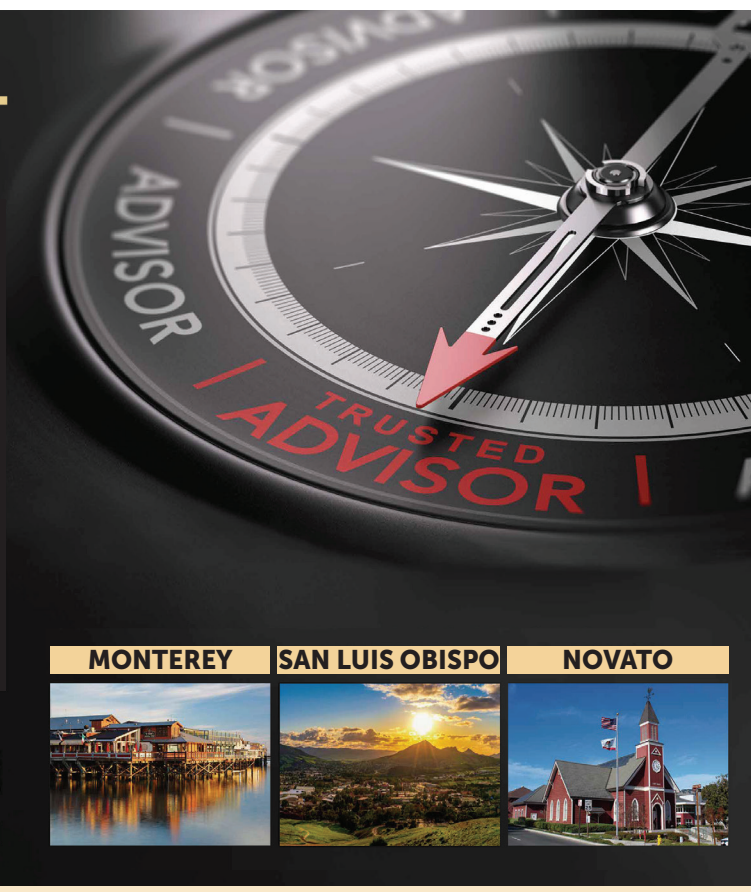

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ADUs

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where they are generally recognized as a relatively benign small housing type incidental to existing residences."

The county's new rules will make it easier to build accessory dwelling units, according to staff.

'Desperately needed'

"The proposed amendment would expand where ADUs are allowed to include all zones that currently allow for single-family residences," the report continues. "Minimum parcel size requirements would be eliminated and ADUs would be allowed in North County, unincorporated Carmel and Big Sur without numeric limitation."

The county plan includes some area-specific rules, including a "length of tenancy requirements in Big Sur to encourage longer-term housing available for workers."

In all, coastal commission staff contend the county's plan "adequately balances" concerns raised by both sides and "should provide for critically needed housing in a manner protective of the region's extraordinary resource values."

Lucas Handy, South Coast representative on the Big Sur Multi-Agency Advisory Council, is backing the county's plan.

"Our community is in the midst of a critical housing crisis," Handy said. "Service workers, small families, and longtime residents are being displaced as property values rise, and absentee ownership increases in our community. Removing the restrictive cap and allowing ADUs under the staff's proposed framework is extremely essential — it would create desperately needed housing for our local workforce and families while maintaining the environmental safeguards that protect this treasured coastline."

But Big Sur resident Trey Kropp is concerned the new rules will remove a needed layer of oversight by taking the local land use advisory council out of the review process.

"The shift to the administrative track effectively removes review by the land use council from the process," Kropp said. "In Big Sur, that means the community loses its only meaningful avenue for early input on ADUs."

Big Sur resident Heidi Hopkins supports the relaxed rules, but not if they're used to create short-term rentals.

"Big Sur faces an excruciating affordable housing shortage," Hopkins wrote to the coastal commission. "My support for the amendment is contingent on the amendment also prohibiting the use of ADUs for short-term rentals. Short-term rentals are among the activities that exacerbate the current housing shortage."

Also chiming in is Patte Kronlund, president of the Community Association of Big Sur, which endorsed the county's plan.

"This amendment contains practical changes in policy that will benefit both the Big Sur community and the millions of people who visit Big Sur each year," added Kronlund, who noted that it will "allow for an increase in available housing stock while maintaining all existing coastal resource protections."

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BUOY

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any climate and in all weather, from seabed to space," NPS said. "Understanding and accurately predicting operational environments remain critical to effective force planning, readiness and warfighter resilience that NPS enables as a center of academic excellence for the Navy and DOD."

The oceanographic and meteorological data will be available to other institutions that study Monterey Bay, according to the Naval Postgraduate School.

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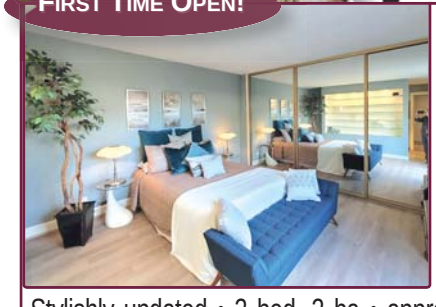

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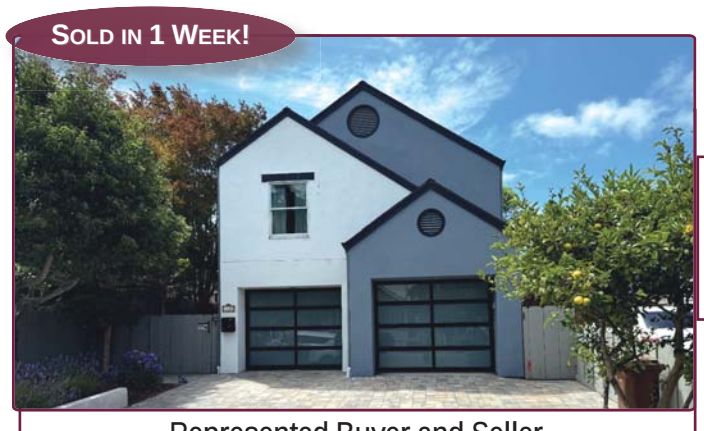

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MAYOR

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surprising. After careful discussion, we voted for an ordinance to prohibit pickleball at Forest Hill Park while studying sound-mitigation options. Staff was also directed to prepare a resolution to wind down the Mills Act program. Designed in the 1970s to encourage historic preservation, it was felt it no longer fits Carmel's high-value real estate market. Council believes there may be better ways to help owners of historic homes reduce costs and streamline improvements.

Each action reflects a council that listens, weighs options and balances immediate needs with long-term sustainability. Residents participated throughout — exactly as it should be. As mayor, I couldn't be prouder of our dedicated staff, our thoughtful council and commissions, and the positive, constructive engagement of our community.

City government works best when we all work together, and Carmel is proving how powerful that can be.

■ Public safety at new level

Perhaps the most important advance this week came in public safety. As of Wednesday, Monterey Fire officially is managing not only our fire service, but also our ambulance operations. That means faster response times, advanced paramedic support on every engine, and the backing of a larger, fully staffed department. Carmel residents and visitors now benefit from one of the most capable emergency response systems in the region. Combined with future street addresses, we've raised the bar significantly.

On their own, these decisions — addresses, water allocations, design standards, quiet neighborhoods, forestry, preservation policy and emergency services — may look unrelated. Together, they define how success should be measured: not by one big project, but by a steady stream of choices that improve quality of life, enhance safety and preserve Carmel's character.

Success isn't abstract. It's a chainsaw safely removing a dangerous limb. It's an ambulance arriving more quickly. It's peace and quiet. It's a visitor or delivery driver finding the right house. It's knowing when to act decisively — and when to pause and study before moving forward.

That is the role of city government: not perfection, but progress you can see and feel every day. On that score, Carmel is moving forward.

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K9

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Jurors were shown photographs of Garcia's injuries received in the fight with Pompa, including a cut to her left eye and injury to her hand.

Pompa also "did willfully attempt by means of threats and violence to deter and prevent" Rodriquez from arresting him and "did knowingly resist" Rodriquez "by the use of force and violence," the complaint says. Both officers testified at the trial.

Other violent crimes

Despite the violent nature of the July incident — and a criminal history which includes battery on a police officer — Pompa is facing a maximum prison term of five years and eight months.

According to court records, Pompa pleaded guilty to felony assault with a deadly weapon in 2022. While the court does not indicate a defendant's immigration status, Pompa initialed a box on a court form acknowledging that if he "is not a citizen of the United States" his guilty plea would result in "automatic deportation" from the country. He faced four years in prison for the assault, but it's not clear how much time he spent behind bars.

In September 2023, he was charged with battery with injury on a peace officer, resisting arrest, destroying someone else's vehicle, and battering two other people. While some of the charges were dropped, he was convicted on other charges and sentenced to two years in a state prison in Kern County.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Rafael Vazquez, who presided over Pompa's trial, is set to sentence him Dec. 4.

LETTERS

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Teaching kids to read

Dear Editor,

An article on the front page of last week's Pine Cone asserted that phonics-based reading instruction was used in California classrooms before the 1980s but since then has "fallen out of favor." This left readers with the impression that phonemic awareness has not been used as the foundation for emergent literacy instruction in our Monterey County schools for the last 40 years.

As a former director of teacher education at CSUMB and as a faculty member in the education department from the earliest years after its founding to 2021, I want Pine Cone readers to know that:

■ The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing has not, and would not, accredit a teacher training institution in our state that does not include evidence-based reading instruction grounded in phonemic awareness.

■ The teacher training programs of your local university, CSUMB, have been, and continue to be, accredited by the commission.

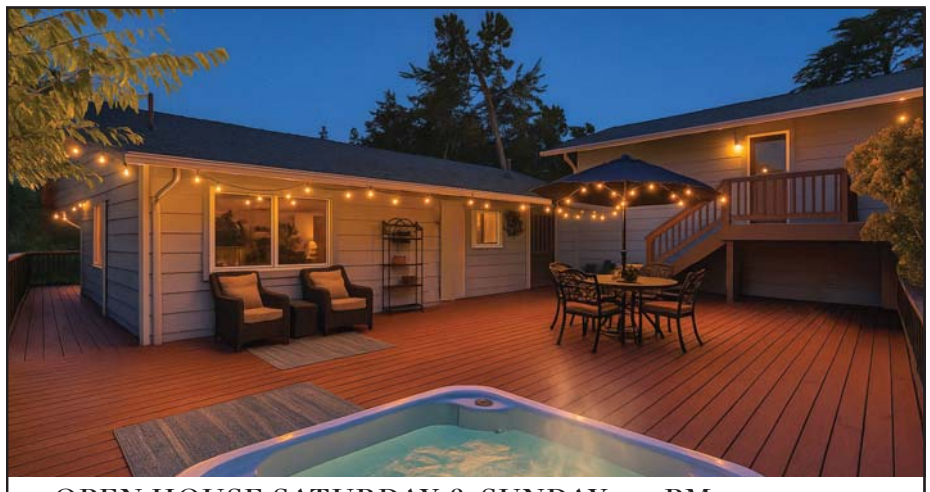
■ As a faculty member, I visited classrooms throughout our county to observe reading instruction from 1998 to 2021 for the supervision of student teachers of CSUMB. I observed phonemic awareness instruction in the classrooms and school districts I visited.

■ During the eight years of the G.W. Bush administration (2001-2009), underperforming schools in our county were required to adopt and implement phonics curriculum programs.

■ The Monterey County Office of Education provided in-service phonemic awareness instruction for our county's teachers throughout the years of the Bush administration.

These observations are my own and are not official statements of CSUMB, its administration or faculty.

Mark R. O'Shea, *Professor Emeritus of Education, CSUMB*



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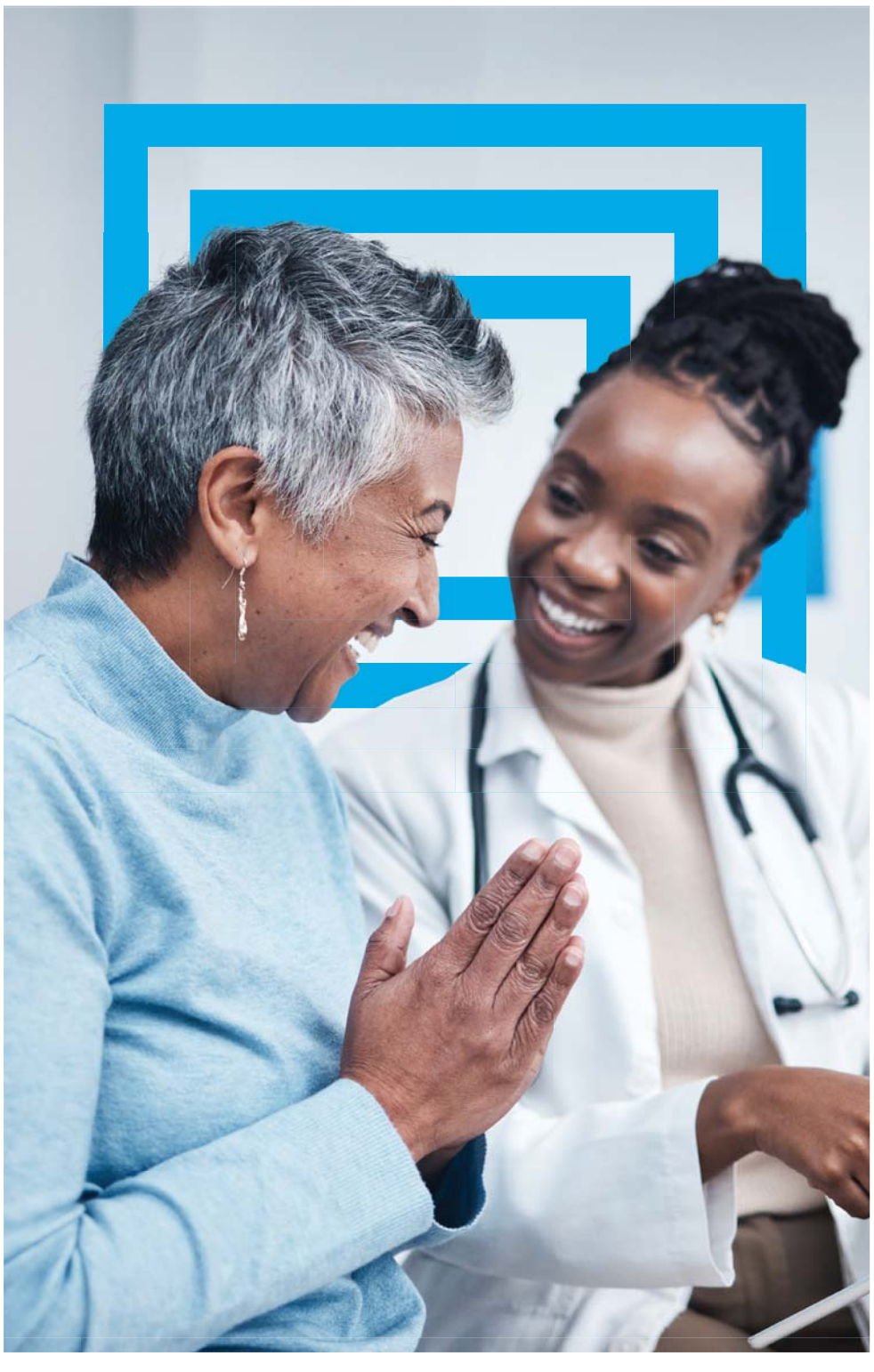

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The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

Revamped playoff scheme raises hopes for field hockey teams

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

HERE'S A brief, albeit bleak history of the Monterey Peninsula's legacy in the Central Coast Section field hockey playoffs, along with some reasons to believe much better times could be ahead:

The Peninsula school with most appearances at CCS, Stevenson, is 0-6 there since 2003, including losses in 2019, 2022, 2023 and 2024. The Pirates are almost certain to qualify again this fall.

Monterey has played in the CCS playoffs five times, in 1997, 2002, 2007, 2011 and 2021, falling in the first round each year.

The Carmel Padres made their first CCS field hockey appearance in 2022, becoming the first — and only — Peninsula team to advance when they battled Homestead to a 0-0 tie in regulation, then won an overtime shootout, 3-2. CHS figures to qualify again, for the fourth consecutive time.

Santa Catalina made CCS for the first time in 2024, losing 1-0 to Presentation.

PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

(Above) Georgia Bonifas, a first-team All-PCAL forward and middie, is a senior captain this year for first-place Stevenson. (Left) Delilah Fujita, 6, and her twin sister, Isabell, 5, are bright spots this year in Santa Catalina's winless season. The Cougars have not scored in seven games this year.

Long overdue change

But there's a glow on the horizon. For the first time in the five-decade history of the sectional field hockey playoffs, the CCS tournament will be separated into two brackets — Division 1 and Division 2 — a change designed to keep good teams at small schools from being matched up with great teams from huge schools in first- or second-round games.

"I think that gives us a lot more hope and optimism that we could win our first-round game, at least," said Carmel coach Andrea Smith. "We won't be in the same bracket with everybody else anymore."

Three schools from the Pacific Coast Athletic League will earn postseason berths, something that's only happened one previous time, last year, when Stevenson, Carmel and Catalina all went.

Stevenson (7-0 PCAL, 9-5-1 overall through Monday) and Carmel (6-1, 8-4) hold the inside track on postseason qualification, with Monterey, Hollister and Salinas in a skirmish over a possible third playoff spot.

Carmel played at Stevenson on Wednesday for the second time this year. The Pirates won the first one, 2-1 at Carmel, in early September.

Greenfield (1-4) and Santa Catalina (0-7) appear to be out of contention.

Most likely to succeed at CCS is a Stevenson team that graduated just four players from a squad that won the 2024 PCAL crown with an 11-0-1 record. The list of returning Pirates begins with center defender Lucy Aiello and forward Georgia Bonifas — both first-team All-PCAL players last year — plus second-team all-leaguers Molly McAfee, the center midfielder, and left-side defender Sydney Holland. All are seniors.

Balanced attack

"Our lineup has a very strong middle spine, and the other part of that skeleton is our right middie, Mary Zewert, another senior," said Pirates coach Rosanna McCormick.

A balanced attack centers around junior veterans

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SPORTS

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Charlotte Schipper (nine goals, a team best) and Tatum Le Towt (seven goals). Bonifas, McAfee, Zewert, Aiello, and Le Towt all have five assists, a statement about teamwork.

"The chemistry of this team is amazing — it's just a great vibe," McCormick said. "Most of this crew has been with me since I came to Stevenson four years ago."

Exceptional defense

Holland is joined on the defensive wall by battle-tested seniors Sarah Chaabane, Iris Burch, and Sarah Chaabane.

Stevenson's goalkeeper, junior Zola Ducker (48 saves, nine goals allowed), is also a decorated lacrosse goalie.

"Zola is the voice of our backfield — a loud force who helps guide the defense," the coach said. "Her lacrosse skills really transfer to this sport, making her a very confident leader for us."

Six Stevenson opponents failed to score this year, four others tallied just once. Los Gatos is the only foe that scored more than twice against the Pirates.

Holland, McAfee and Bonifas were All-Gabilan Division lacrosse players — Bonifas was the league's Defensive Player of the Year — with Ducker, LeTowt and Schipper on the second team.

Seniors Sophie Smith, Savannah De Coursey-Hughes, Katie Vandendriesche and backup goalie Gigi Thoreaux, along with junior Paige Skinner, also are formidable members of the deepest roster (26 players) McCormick has coached since coming to Stevenson from Monterey High.

Explosive scorer

Through Monday, the No. 1 scorer in high school field hockey in California was Carmel senior Ava Staehle, who had carpet-bombed her opponents with 32 goals in just 12 games. Her scoring proficiency ranks fourth in the nation — but she's No. 1 in the U.S. among players who have played fewer than 13 games.

And Staehle, by the way, is multitasking this fall as a running back, receiver and defensive standout on the Padres' flag football team, where she leads the team in interceptions and flag pulls (the game's version of tackles).

"Flag football coach Phil Johnston and I have had some fights over Ava, but her priority is field hockey. So, she misses games — but not my games," said Smith, whose star is a four-sport jock at

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Wearing red and white, Carmel senior Ava Staehle, the state's leading scorer, breaks toward the goal against Santa Catalina. Staehle, a four-sport athlete, also is playing flag football this fall.

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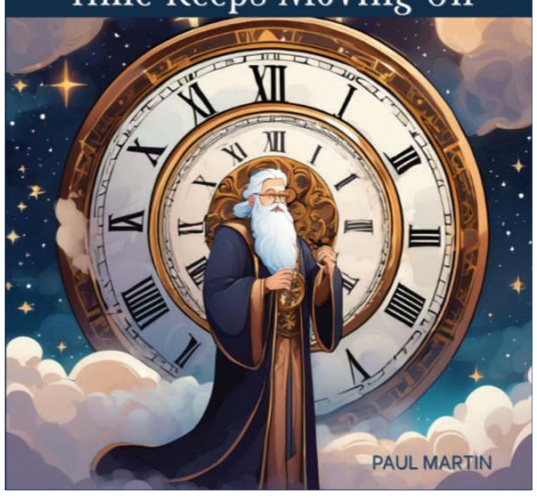
Time Keeps Moving On



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the deeper that our friendships
grow, the more we understand;
time keeps moving on and on and
on.

The greater pleasures can be found
by being one who shares,
the love and inspiration of a friend
who's always there;
as we try to make a better world,
the task is never done.
Love is the reward of friends, as
time keeps moving on.

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are only ours to borrow;
we make a better world today and
that will help tomorrow.
With beauty, love and vision that
we borrow from the gods;
we circulate, inspire, create, as time
keeps moving on.
Time keeps moving on and on and
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Carmel Music Society kicks off 99th year, welcomes pianist to Sunset

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

A SILVER medal winner at the prestigious Cliburn International Piano Competition three years ago, pianist **Anna Geniushene** kicks off Carmel Music Society's 99th season with a concert Sunday, 3 p.m., at Sunset Center.

According to the center, Geniushene brings a "powerful sound, technical precision, emotional depth and a notably carefree ease to the most difficult musical masterworks."

Her program includes Robert Schumann's *Waldszenen* (Forest Scenes), op.82, Claude Debussy's *Estampes, L. 100*, Mikhail Glinka's *Variations on a Theme of Mozart*, Fritz Kreisler's *Liebeslied und Liebesfreud* (transcribed for solo piano by Sergei Rachmaninoff) and Igor Stravinsky's *Suite from The Firebird* (arranged by Guido Agosti).

Tickets start at $45. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Go to carmelmusic.org.

The pianist also performs a free concert Saturday, 12:30 p.m., at the Sand Box, 440 Ortiz Ave. in Sand City. To RSVP, visit sandboxsandcity.com.

Also at Sunset this week is a concert by **Reelin' in the Years** (Steely Dan tribute, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.). Tickets start at $40. Visit sunsetcenter.org.

Singer and multi-instrumentalist Tony Furtado plays bluegrass Friday, 7 p.m., at the Monterey United Methodist Church. Furtado will be joined by Luke Price, a five-time Grand National Fiddle Champion.

■ Original songs, global influences

The latest in Sunset Center's Terrace Hour series of free outside concerts showcases **Naima** on Friday at 6 p.m. The singer, who has roots in Big Sur, lives in Oakland. According to the center, she writes "original songs with global influences" and possesses "a voice beyond her years."

Attendees are invited to bring food, but drinks can only be purchased onsite.

The series, which kicked off Sept. 19, celebrates regional musicians "in a relaxed, early evening setting" and promises "an unforgettable season of live music, shared stories and community connection," organizers said.

■ Starship in Monterey

It's a busy week at Golden State Theatre in Monterey with shows by singer **Wayne Newton** (Saturday at 8 p.m., tickets start at $69), country singer **Sara Evans** (Wednesday at 7 p.m., tickets start at $55), and rock band **Jefferson Starship** (Thursday at 7 p.m., tickets start at $43). The latter is led by longtime keyboardist **David Freiberg**, with **Cathy Richardson** replacing Grace Slick as a lead singer.

The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

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Led by singer Cathy Richardson, Jefferson Starship rocks Golden State Theatre in Monterey Thursday at 7 p.m.

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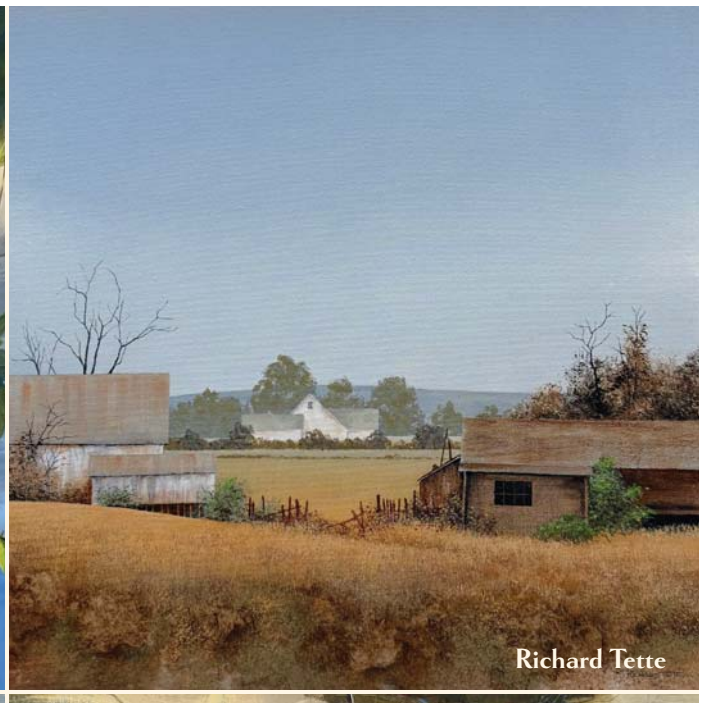

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FOOD & WINE

Oktoberfest marches on, whiskey at PB, and lots of good causes

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

ALTHOUGH THERE are neither soup nor nuts specifically mentioned in this week's column, there's certainly a full smorgasbord of fundraisers and celebrations to browse, including a couple that look downright educational. Let's dig in.

■ Not by bread alone

Ad Astra Atelier — the popular bakery's name for its shop on Carmel Valley Road — is hosting a pop-up dessert event on Oct. 15, when founder Ron Mendoza "will be returning to his pastry chef roots" for "a fun night of sweets and treats," organizers say.

In addition to the new-ish Carmel Valley location, Ad Astra has a storefront in Monterey at 479 Alvarado St., and its breads and pastries are found at other eateries and commercial outlets, from Pebble Beach and Casanova, to La Playa, Stationaery, Grove Market and dozens of others.

Mendoza's fans know he spent part of his 25-year career in hospitality as pastry sous chef at The French Laundry in Napa Valley and then ran the pastry department at Aubergine in L'Auberge Carmel. No doubt it'll be fun to see what he comes up with for this event — he's creative, artistic and makes great food.

Ninety-minute seatings begin at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and tickets are $50 per person. That includes three desserts as well as "some bites before and after." Click on the "Classes and Events" tab at adastrabread.com to purchase tickets.

Ad Astra Atelier — the bakery's outlet in Carmel Valley — is hosting a pop-up dessert event with treats from founder/chef Ron Mendoza. Meanwhile, the place keeps making great bread and goodies like these blueberry tarts.

■ Whiskey & Fire

For the second year, Pebble Beach Food and Wine's Whiskey & Fire gathering returns to Spanish Bay, where guests will enjoy "a golden-hour, open-air tasting event crafted by the teams behind Whiskies of the World and Heritage Fire."

"Set at the scenic Inn at Spanish Bay, this immersive evening brings together rare whiskey pours," and bold dishes "from top chefs around the country," organizers say. "Enjoy a walk-around experience that pairs world-class spirits, smoked and flame-kissed bites, and coastal beauty — all in one unforgettable night."

On Nov. 1, the two entities will join forces to present an evening of live cooking by more than 20 local chefs and pours from more than 50 producers.

"Enjoy chef demos, local purveyors, entertainment and exciting new activations — all in a celebration of fire, flavor and fine spirits," they say.

Partners include distilleries from all over the world, including India, England, Scotland, Ireland, Japan, India, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Whiskey & Fire is being hosted by the nonprofit Pebble Beach Foundation. Tickets are $200 per person, and attendees must be 21 or older. The event will run from 6 to 9 p.m. Go to pebblebeachfoodandwine.com/event/whiskey-and-fire.

■ Prost!

Haven't hoisted a stein to Oktoberfest yet? It's not zu spät (too late). Asilomar is planning a party Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m. Admission and parking are free, so you can spend your money on beer and German-inspired food. Tickets good for four half-liter beers and a commemorative stein are on sale for $60 in advance, and you can find a link and read more at visitasilomar.com/things-to-do/Oktoberfest. There will also be German games, and a band called Polktergeist West (excellent name, btw) will provide the tunes.

And in case you were wondering, prost is German for "cheers!"

■ BirchBark award

Carmel resident Debra Couch will receive the 2025 Animal Welfare Hero Award for her longtime support of animal welfare during the BirchBark Foundation's 2025 Fall in Love Gala on Oct. 26, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the hospitality pavilion at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca on Highway 68.

The event supports the nonprofit's mission to provide financial aid for low-income pet owners needing urgent

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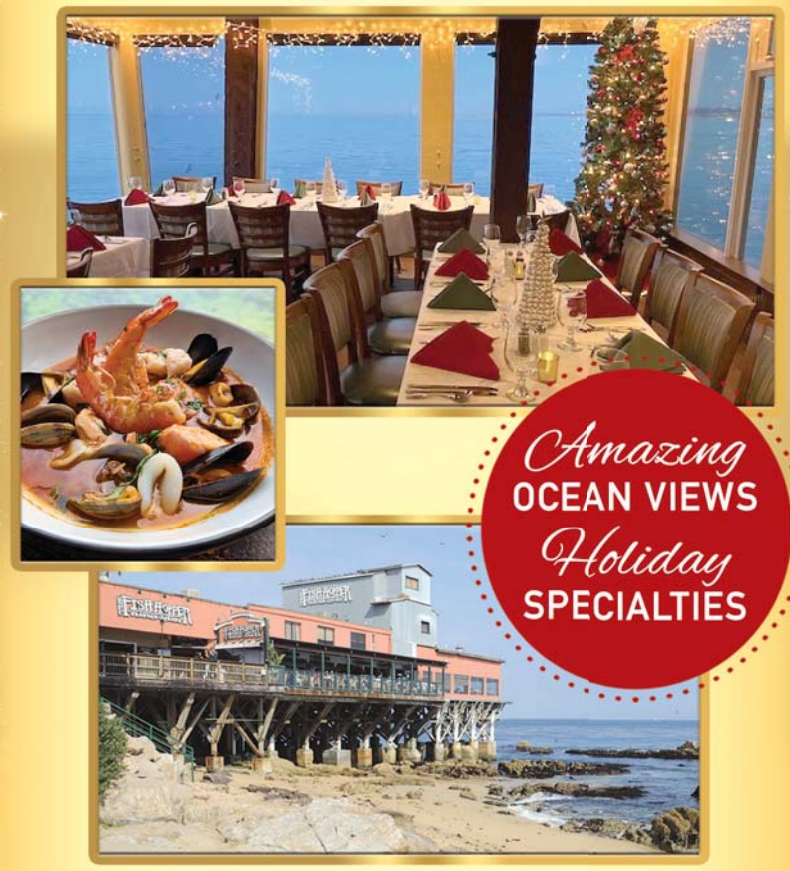

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veterinary care. The evening will feature dinner, live and silent auctions, a dessert auction, and stories about those helped by the nonprofit, which also offers educational resources, as well as loss and grief counseling for pet owners.

Live auction items include a paella party for 24, an escape to Tuscany, Italy, an ocean-view stay in Manzanillo, Mexico, a pet-friendly retreat in a house in Tahoe, and a dining package with gift certificates to Mezzaluna Pasteria, Cafe Carmel, Patria, Palucca Trattoria, Rice & Roots, Pizza Factory, and several other eateries and food purveyors.

Silent auction highlights include a two-night pet-friendly stay at Hofsas House, a wine basket from LadySomm, a family studio session with Richard Green Photography, and a custom pet portrait by Janice Serilla. There will also be a dessert auction with plenty of tasty treats.

Admission is $150 per person, which includes two drinks. To purchase tickets, visit bit.ly/FallinLove2025. If you have additional questions, email Rebecca at rebecca@birchbarkfoundation.org or call (831) 471-7255.

■ Don those dancing shoes

The Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee is at it again. Its 12th annual Party in the Village will be Oct. 25 starting at 5:30 at Hidden Valley Music Center, 104 W. Carmel Valley Road. Does food get more hometown-y than a Kiwanis Club BBQ? They're also providing a no-host bar, and Rose Merrill, Greasy Peaceful and the Al James Band will bring the tunes. Beer and wine will be raffled off, too.

Hops & Fog Brewing will be the scene of "Field Notes on Tap," a series from Everyone's Harvest. Michael Graham (top) will be the first speaker — and he knows his seaweed.

Per its website, the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee, founded in 1978, "is a nonprofit, volunteer-run organization dedicated to preserving the rural lifestyle of the Village, while making improvements for the enjoyment of both residents and visitors."

Those improvements have included tree work, maintenance and trash collection, making crosswalks safer, among many others.

Tickets to the shindig are $65 per person and can be purchased at Kasey's, Carmel Valley Business Center, Running Iron, and UPS Mid Valley, or at the group's website, cvvic.org. Online ticket sales close Friday, Oct. 24, at noon, and the organization expects them to sell out.

■ Farmers meet brewers

No, it's not a sports match-up. Farmers market organizers Everyone's Harvest will launch "Field Notes on Tap," a new speaker series they say will focus on "food, sustainability, and community health," on Oct. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m., at Hops & Fog Brewing Co. at 511 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove.

Monthly events will feature farmers, scientists, chefs and food advocates who will chat with attendees over local beer and small bites.

The first installment features Michael Graham, director of research and development at Moss Landing Marine Laboratory's Center for Aquaculture. He's also an internationally recognized expert in seaweed science and co-founder of Monterey Bay Seaweeds, which supplies kelp to chefs nationwide.

Tickets are $25 in advance or $30 at the door and include one house beer and bar

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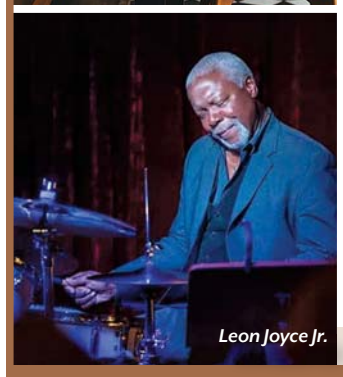
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bite. Hops & Fog's full menu will also be available. Proceeds support Everyone's Harvest programs to increase access to healthy, affordable fruits and vegetables through farmers markets and community initiatives.

"Field Notes on Tap offers a unique platform to bring people together in conversation about local food systems," said Hester Parker, executive director of Everyone's Harvest.

Tickets: everyonesharvest.org/fieldnotes-on-tap.

■ Wharf turns 180

The folks at Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey have lots going on this month. We'll get to Halloween in the coming weeks, but first, the wharf is celebrating its 180th birthday. Historic exhibits include a visit from The Western Flyer, John Steinbeck's boat from "The Sea of Cortez," and a fishing boat from the early 20th century. A "Candy Crawl" is planned to give the first 180 attendees some sweet treats, and there will be live entertainment and a birthday cake.

■ Fish Hopper goes pink

Sabu J.R. Shake's Fish Hopper restaurant at 700 Cannery Row in Monterey is donating 50 percent of the proceeds from its Pink Menu to the Breast Cancer Assistance Group of Monterey County. That includes assorted cocktails, mocktails and some rosé wine, as well as a jumbo prawn cocktail and a salmon salad. The nonprofit BCAG is an all-volunteer organization of breast cancer survivors who provide support and assistance to Monterey County residents with the disease.

Chef Pablo Mellin shows what Whiskey & Fire really look like. The culinary event of that name returns to Spanish Bay Nov. 1.

■ Coastal Roots donates

Coastal Roots Hospitality's May and June 2025 beneficiary of its Pick It Up — Pay It Forward program was Monterey Firefighters Community Foundation, which received $10,168.64 to support public safety and education.

The initiative, launched in 2020, donates 10 percent of takeout sales from Coastal Roots Hospitality's three restaurants — Montrio, Tarpy's, and Rio Grill — to a different nonprofit every two months. Since its start, it has raised more than $350,000 for Monterey County organizations.

"The Monterey Firefighters Community Foundation provides vital support for public safety, education, and community needs throughout our region," said Ken Donkersloot, who co-owns Coastal Roots Hospitality with his wife, Mona.

"We are proud to contribute to their mission and to give back to those who serve and protect us."

More information about the Monterey Firefighters Community Foundation is available at montereyfirefightersfoundation.org. Details about Coastal Roots Hospitality can be found at coastalrootshospitality.com or by calling (831) 647-1085.

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

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also gave her something concrete to hand off to contractors.

Boyle, 54, became a certified interior designer in 2013, a process that involved qualifying through education and experience and passing an exam. She opened her own business that year, when her first child was about a year old. "I wanted to give my son the same illusion I had about my parents — we 'don't work' because we're always home."

Shawn is her "biggest cheerleader," she confirmed. They met on a building project in which he worked in the environmental division and she was part of the architectural firm.

Their boys, 11 and 14, "know I'm a designer who mostly wears boots — cute boots — to work," Boyle said.

Early on, when one son had to stay home from preschool because he was under the weather, Boyle had a meeting she couldn't cancel, so she took him to the job site. She put a little blue hard hat on him, and he played — under a foreman's watchful eye — on a mound of dirt while she talked shop.

"He found a 2-foot piece of rebar," she said, and when she put him in his car seat to head home, she saw he'd fallen fast asleep, clutching the metal rod like some kids would a teddy bear.

Self-employment has made it possible for her to volunteer in her kids' classrooms and chaperone field trips. Initially, she built her business by networking with realtors and joining community organizations, but now, most of her clients come from realtor referrals and word-of-mouth from happy customers.

Their satisfaction with her work is fulfilling for Boyle. And, she said, she recently relished working with clients who "didn't care about the current trends — their entire home was about what brings them joy."

Form and function

An interior designer — a term that's only been around since the 1930s — looks at structure and functionality, "moving a wall, having a window instead of a door," and the like, explained Boyle. It's pretty personal, too, she noted.

"People have to tell me their deepest, darkest secrets," Boyle half-joked. She asks questions like, do they really use those chef-y appliances in the kitchen, or should they be stored elsewhere until they're needed?

And if you've ever been flummoxed by a corner cabinet with inaccessible space, she's a kindred spirit. "Only a toddler can get into some of them," she said.

Boyle's own Pacific Grove home, built in 1949, had a kitchen that wasn't terribly functional, with shallow countertops and a wall with "saloon doors" opening into a laundry room. Her redesign included eliminating that wall and putting a butcher block counter atop the washer and dryer, as well as increasing counter space and improving storage.

In "Sundays with Sarah," in addition to showing prospective clients how a well-designed kitchen can work for them, she wants to help people make home cooking part of their lives.

She learned from her mother, who appears in one of the episodes. Mom not only cooked meals from scratch, but canned her own foods.

"We'd do things like go pick the cucumbers and then make pickles," she reminisced. Mother and daughter watched Julia Child together, too. Her dad appeared in a special Fathers' Day episode where they made jerky.

"If you love your kitchen, delicious things will come out of it," Boyle observed. One tip is simply to "be mindful of what you use most and put in in reach of the area where you're going to use it."

Keeping them together

For example, coffee drinkers should put mugs, filters, coffee grounds and related accessories together, preferably somewhere near the coffeemaker. She also recommends putting a favorite recipe on a Post-It inside a cabinet door so you don't have to look it up every time. Boyle loves making pancakes and crepes from scratch, so those ingredients are easy to find, as is the recipe.

"I don't think my kids realize you can buy pancake mix. They're cooking now, 'doing science,'" she said proudly. "It breaks my heart when people say, 'I can't cook.' Give yourself grace."

In addition to her business, cooking show, and family obligations, Boyle volunteers on the City of Pacific Grove's architectural review board. "I love my community and its architectural charm and diversity," she said.

CALENDAR

Sundays – Live music 5 to 7 p.m. at Woody's at Del Mesa. Musical guests **Brice and Nina** perform jazz and popular classics, 500 Del Mesa Carmel. (831) 624-1854

Oct. 11 – Benefit for Monterey Bay Power Over Parkinson's, 5:30 p.m. reception, silent auction, hosted wine/beer; 7 p.m. Ronstadt Revival, live auction, sweet bites. Setting is Hidden Valley Music Seminars, Carmel Valley. $150 per person. events@poweroverparkinsons.org or (831) 920-1806.

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.

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.

Oct. 18 – Celebrate National Pumpkin Day 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Sanctuary Vacation Rentals. Bring your 4-legged friend for pumpkin painting on the patio, Mission and Eighth, Carmel. Winning entry gets a goodie basket. $25 fee per person includes pumpkin, supplies, glass of Twisted Roots wine and nibbles. Portion of sales donated to AFRP.

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

Oct. 19 – Choral Evensong at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 4p.m. The community is invited to step away from life's busyness with a contemplative, meditative service of choral music and prayer to celebrate day's end. A reception with afternoon tea, wine and cheese follows. 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel Valley. (831) 624-6646

Oct. 19 – The Pacific Brass Band performs at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, Carmel Valley, 3:30 p.m. Donations accepted. Our 30 member English style brass band is a volunteer organization under the direction of Jim O'Briant. Our repertoire consists of original works, orchestral transcriptions, marches, medleys and hymn tunes all arranged in a unique brass band style.

Oct. 20 – "The State of the City of Carmel" Mayor Dale Byrne will update the audience on the timely issues most important to Carmel. 2 p.m. at Carmel Woman's Club, San Carlos and Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Open to the public, $10 guests/members free.

Oct. 22 – The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) will present a luncheon lecture at the Monterey Marriott. Presenter is former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine (2006-2009) William Taylor, distinguished fellow at the Atlantic Council, whose topic is **"Ukraine Endgame."** Visit http://www.wacmb.org for event registration and information.

Oct. 22 – Join the MRY Metamorphosis Open House from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at **Monterey Regional Airport.** Learn about safety updates, meet experts, and tour the construction site. RSVP by Oct. 17 at montereyairport.com/event/open-house. Location: 200 Fred Kane Drive, Monterey.

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

Oct. 25 – The Whiffenpoofs Return to St. Dunstan's, 7 p.m. Yale's iconic chorale is back after selling out St. Dunstan's for the last two years. $35 adults, $25 students and children under 12, free under age 5. Tickets at the door, 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel Valley, and online at https://whiffs.ticketbud.com/the-yale-whiffenpoofs-in-carmel-ca-st-dunstan-s-episcopalchurch-89c47c1d-e0e74a8768da

Oct. 25 – Climate Action Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve, hosted by California State Parks. For more information, please contact Ashley Wemp, (831) 884-2957.

Oct. 25 – Party in the Village! at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, benefit for Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC). Tickets $65 including dinner, Kiwanis no-host bar, music by Rose Merrill, Greasy Peacful and Al James Band! Wine, beer raffles, grand prize trip to Costa Rica for 14! Tickets: cvvic.org. For details, contact: Marj Ingram Viales, (831) 234-7511

Dec. 12-13 – 41st Annual Christmas in the Adobes. Tickets go on sale Oct. 10 with early bird discounts before Nov. 1. Monterey's historic adobes glow with luminaries, festive music and refreshments. To learn more, visit MSHPA.org

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■ Remembering singer

Twenty-eight years after John Denver died in a plane accident near Point Pinos in Pacific Grove, some of his most enduring fans will celebrate his legacy Sunday afternoon by sharing stories, singing songs and taking a group photo. The gathering will take place next to` a memorial plaque in Denver's honor, just steps away from the intersection of Ocean View Boulevard and Asilomar Avenue.

■ Band rocks Wharf bash

Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf turns 180 years old on Sunday, and to celebrate the milestone, cake will be served, and **The Money Band** will play at 1 p.m. The busy group plays an eclectic mix of Top 40 hits spanning rock, pop, country and funk. The event, which starts at 10 a.m., also features history exhibits, a "candy crawl," and more.

Fiddler Alasdair Fraser plays Sunday at St. Mary's by-the-Sea in Pacific Grove.

Live music Oct. 10-16

■ Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Saturday at 12:30 p.m.), **Wayward Jerry** (country and bluegrass, Sunday at 1 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

Fernwood Resort — Bar Fight ("cosmic country," Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

■ Carmel

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

Devendorf Park — Flaco el Jandro presents a free show during the weekly farmers market ("Chicano rock for the next generation," Thursday at 4 p.m.). Ocean and Junipero.

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.

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

Links Club — Octane (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), **Patti Gilbert & Wanderlust** (pop and rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **Songwriters Showcase** (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., sign-ups start at 6:30 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

■ Carmel Valley

Bernardus Lodge — pianist **Tom Gastineau** (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). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Blue Fox Cellars — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Sunday at 2 p.m.), an Oktoberfest party will raise money for the choral group, **i Cantori di Carmel** (with traditional German music, Sunday at 4 p.m.). 25 Pilot Road.

Edgar's Restaurant — guitarist **Daniel Cortes** (folk and Mexican, Friday at 5

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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, L.L.C.
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)

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
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
Date filed: Sept. 10, 2025
(s) Hon. Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date: Sept. 10, 2025
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025. (PC 938)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251561
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PEACEFUL PLANET PROGRAMS, 24544 Camino Del Monte, Carmel, CA 93923.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
PEACEFUL PLANET PROGRAMS.
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 Jan. 1, 2009.
S/Elizabeth Hills, President
Date: July 15, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 26, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025. (PC 939)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251410
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SNAP STUDIO 360, 15015 Charter Oak Blvd., Salinas, CA 93907.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
FAVIOLA CHAVEZ
SANDY PAULINA CHAVEZ
This business is conducted by a general partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 26, 2025.
S/Faviola Chavez
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 5, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025 (PC 940)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251649
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PORCH PERFECTED, 655 Jewell Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
ENGELMAX LLC, 655 Jewell Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 9, 2025.
S/Bryan Maxson, Member
Date: Sept. 9, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 9, 2025.
Publication Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2025. (PC 941)

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)

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 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 THERESE 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 DALIDA, 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 PHOTOGRAPHY, 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 WATERPROOFING, 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)

TS No: CA07000660-25-1 APN: 007-593-006-000 TO No: 250358809-CA-VOI
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
(The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED March 4, 2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On December 2, 2025 at 10:00 AM, at the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on April 19, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021028004, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, executed by CAROL W BARTON AND BYRAM D BARTON, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for OPEN MORTGAGE, LLC as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1033 BENITO AVENUE, PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be $633,061.85 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the Internet Website address www.nationwideposting.com or call Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07000660-25-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. 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If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: September 25, 2025 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA07000660-25-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.nationwideposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0479281 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 10/03/2025, 10/10/2025, 10/17/2025
Publication dates: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025 (PC1008)

County of Monterey Fish & Game Propagation Grant Program

Apply now for this limited funding opportunity!

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://bit.ly/46hR8y7. 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)

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.
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LIVE

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p.m.). At Quail Lodge, 8205 Valley Greens Drive.

Folktale Winery — singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Friday at 5 p.m.), **Two Rivers** (pop and rock, Saturday at 5 p.m.), **The Paul Contos Trio** (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (jazz, Monday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Trianna Feruza** (Wednesday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Trailside Cafe — **Bubba Pickens** (bluegrass, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Fenton** ("acoustic alternative," Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

■ Monterey

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.

InterContinental Hotel — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Spanish, classical and jazz, Sunday at 9 a.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.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 — pianist **Bob Phillips** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Nina Hadzi-Antich** and guitarist **Brice Albert** (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.), **Steve Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Tuesday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Tamas Marius** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

Monterey United Methodist Church — **The Tony Furtado Trio** (bluegrass, Friday at 7 p.m.). A dinner precedes the show. For more details, visit otteropry.org.

Peter B's — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (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 at Portola Plaza — singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singers and guitarists **Sarah Canet** and **Casey Frazier** (Saturday at 6 p.m.),

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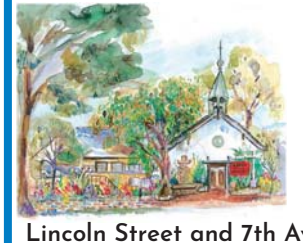

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ARTIST

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become a commercial diver instead.

Daughter Marina, 32, a retired U.S. Marine Corps infantry officer, is studying medicine at Geisinger College of Health Sciences in Scranton, Pa., with plans to become a pediatrician.

Their youngest, Suzanne, 30, earned an economics degree from Colgate University, studied design for a summer at Harvard, worked in communications for a landscape architecture firm, then became a data scientist in New York City. She's in a master's program at the University of Michigan, applying data science to environmental problems.

Tom's interest in photography was "progressively sidelined by family and work obligations," he wrote in an artist's statement.

'Humbling and inspiring'

"My wife became the family photographer when the kids were growing up," he said of Karyn, who had a career as a drug and alcohol counselor.

She volunteers at multiple places, including Montage's Ohana Center for Child and Adolescent Behavior Health.

Hierl's photography spark was reignited in 2000 when he bought a Nikon Coolpix digital camera, and it was reenergized 14 years ago in retirement, when he and Karyn moved from Bethlehem, Pa., to Carmel and into their 3,200-square-foot home overlooking part of Mission Trail Park and Hatton Fields.

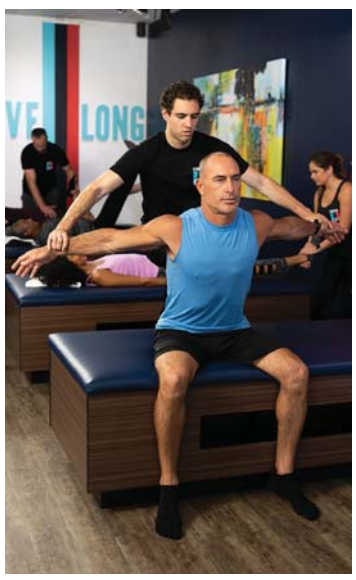
Hierl volunteers regularly with the paddock committee at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca, controlling traffic flow on and off the track, works with the preservation crew for Point Sur Lighthouse, serves as a docent and volunteer at Carmel Center for Photographic Art, and is an avid member of ImageMakers of Monterey.

"Those meetings are humbling and inspiring. Some of those people are just so talented that you just sit there and think, 'Oh, I'll never be that good,'" he said of ImageMakers gatherings.

"But the mission there is to foster the growth of other photographers, so everybody's very open to sharing, so I've really enjoyed it."

Visit Instagram @thomashierl to view his body of work, and to get in touch, email tomhierl@gmail.com.

Dennis Taylor is a professional freelance writer in Monterey County. Contact him at scribelaureate@gmail.com.



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TUNES

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Smoky Vegas (classic lounge, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

The Salty Seal Pub — Open Mic Night (Thursday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

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

Sly McFly's — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Friday at 3:30 p.m.), **Everyday People** ("classic Latin rock with an old-school twist," Friday 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 — **Octane** (rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **King Bee** (rock, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault Duo** (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 — **Open Mic** (Tuesday at 6 p.m., sign up by 5 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

St. Mary's by the Sea — fiddler **Alasdair Fraser** and cellist **Natalie Haas** (Celtic, Sunday at 3 p.m.). 146 12th St. For details, visit celticsociety.org.

■ Pebble Beach

The Inn at Spanish Bay — **The Andy Weis Trio** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.), **The Broken Shades** ("classic roots blues," Saturday at 2 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

■ Seaside

The Bay View Grille at Bayonet Blackhorse — guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Friday at 5:30 p.m.). 1 McClure Way.

Cuz' Sportsman's Club — **The Stregs** (country, Friday at 8 p.m.). 1551 Hilldale St.

To update these listings, email **chris@carmelpinecone.com**

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251599
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **OSIREKS OASIS, 152 Paloma Ave., Salinas, CA 93905.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(sV):
CRISTAL I. MARTINEZ, 152 Paloma Ave., Salinas, CA 93905.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 2, 2025.
S/Cristal I. Martinez
Date signed: Sept. 2, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 2, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025 (PC 1004)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251703
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Enzo's Motors, 10021 Reese Cir, Salinas, CA 93907, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
SILICON VALLEY AUTOMOTIVE LLC, 7784 OAK SPRINGS CIRCLE, GILROY, CA 95020; CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 02/21/2025
S/ Enzo Santini, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 09/17/2025
10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24/25
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Publication Dates: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025. (PC 1005)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251680
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. Crown Global Properties, 2. Carmel Crown Properties, 117 Ninth Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93955
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
Constance Anne Dudley Hudson Laub, 117 9th St., Pacific Grove, CA 93955
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2025 09 12.
S/ Constance Anne Dudley Hudson, Laub,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 09/12/2025.
10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24/25
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Publication Dates: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025. (PC 1006)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251778
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LOCKSMITH MONTEREY, 111 Shubrick Rd., Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
HALIS RAHAMIM, 111 Shubrick Rd., 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 Sept. 26, 2025.
S/Rahamim Halis
Date signed: Sept.. 26, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 26, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025 (PC 1007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251782
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ESTATE GARDEN CARE & MAINTENENCE, 109 W. Romie Ln., Unit 11, Salinas, CA 93901**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
JESUS ALBERTO MELCHOR PEREZ
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 26, 2025.
S/Jesus Alberto Melchor Perez
Date signed: Sept. 26, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 26, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025 (PC 1009)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251788
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MEMORY COVE PHOTO SOLUTIONS, 1017 Highlander Drive, Seaside, CA 93955.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
BRENDA ANN HAGOOD, 56B 5th Street, Lot 1, #5516, Carmel, CA 93921.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 29, 2025.
S/Brenda A. Hagood
Date signed: Sept. 29, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 29, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025 (PC 1010)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251791
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EVERYTHING CEDAR BY VICTOR MAGALLON, 8710 Prundale North Road #64, Salinas, CA 93907.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
VICTOR MANUEL MAGALLON, 8710 Prundale North Road #64, 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/Victor Magallon
Date signed: Sept.. 29, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 29, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025 (PC 1011)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251798
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SKY SPAN MARKETING, 3050 Madera Way, Marina, CA 93933.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
JORGE GARCIA, 3050 Madera Way, Marina, CA 93933.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 1, 2025.
S/Jorge Garcia
Date signed: Sept. 30, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 30, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025 (PC 1012)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251769
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PRESIDENTIAL PROPERTY INSPECTION GROUP, 1240 Morris Ave., Greenfield, CA 93927.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
JUAN JOSE MAGANA, 100 W. Alisal St., Box 144, Salinas, CA 93902.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 24, 2025.
S/Juan J. Magana
Date signed: Sept. 24, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 24, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025 (PC 1013)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251763
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
J&DCARPETCLEANING, 215 Carriage Dr., Salinas, CA 93905
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
J&DCarpetCleaning LLC, 215 Carriage Dr., Salinas, CA 93905
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/15/2025.
J&DCarpetCleaning LLC
S/ James vahos, Managing member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 09/23/2025.
10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31/25
CNS-3973274#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025. (PC 1014)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251724
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
University Village Apartments, 301 9th Street, Marina, CA 93933
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
University Village, LLC, 22645 Grand Street, Hayward, CA 94541
This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/ Linda Mandolini, President of University Village LLC (General Partner of University Village Associates, a California Limited Partnership
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 09/19/2025.
10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31/25
CNS-3973759#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025. (PC 1017)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251795
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LIVE OFF THE BENCH, Lincoln 3 SE of Ocean Ave., Carmel by the Sea, CA 93921.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
CARLENE MEGAN MALACK, P.O. Box 221821, Carmel, CA 93922.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 30, 2025.
S/Carlene Malack
Date signed: Sept. 30, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 30, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025 (PC 1018)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 25CV003928

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, ISABELLA NORMA DESSO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A.Present name:
ISABELLA NORMA DESSO
Proposed name:
ISABELLA MELGAR

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

The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone.

(s) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Aug. 4, 2025
Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025. (PC 1019)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251811
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GENERATIONS HOME CARE, 599A Country Club Heights, Carmel Valley, California 93924.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
VILMA B. VEA
GEORGE V. VEA
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 2, 2025.
S/Vilma B. Vea
Date signed: Oct. 2, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 2, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025 (PC 1020)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251761
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FRESHCO PRODUCE, 495 E. Market St., Salinas, CA 93905.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
YAHYA YAFEAI, 495 E. Market St., Salinas, CA 93905.
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/Yahya Yafeai
Date signed: Sept. 23, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 23, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025 (PC 1021)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251821
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE EXPRESSIVE APOTHECARY, 44 W. Alisal Street, Suite L, Salinas, CA 93901.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ALETIA GISELLE EGIPCIACO.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 1, 2025.
S/Aletia Giselle Egipciaco
Date signed: Oct. 3, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 3, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025 (PC 1022)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251717
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA, 40 West Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
CARMEL SURF SHOP LLC, P.O. Box 2046, Carmel, CA 93921.
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/Ashley Downing, Managing Member
Date signed: Sept. 19, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 19, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025 (PC 1023)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251592
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WILD BRANCH BAKING CO., 712 Carmelita Dr., Salinas, CA 93901.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
WILD BRANCH BAKING LLC, 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811.
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 Aug. 1, 2025.
S/Sarah Rodriguez, Managing Member
Date signed: Sept. 2, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 2, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025 (PC 1024)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251721
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LA URUAPENSE-BIRRIA & BOWLS, 730 Williams Rd. #134, Salinas, CA 93905.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
YANETH GUADALUPE HERNANDEZ RODRIGUEZ.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 19, 2025.
S/Yaneth Hernandez
Date signed: Sept. 19, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 19, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025 (PC 1025)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251699
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. CS JUNK N HAUL
2. CS LANDSCAPING
1543 Wanda Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
MARLON CABRERA-OLVERA.
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/Marlon Cabrera-Olvera
Date signed: Sept. 16, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 16, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025 (PC 1026)

PUBLIC NOTICES

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.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251727
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CANNDESCENT, 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.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251729
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
COOKIES, 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 966)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251730
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.:
KC DBW D1, 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 967)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251731
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.:
KC DBW D1, 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 968)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251732
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CANNDESCENT, 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.:
KC DBW D1, 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 969)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251733
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.:
KC DBW D1, 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 970)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251734
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
COOKIES, 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.:
KC DBW D1, 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 971)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251736
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CAL GROW, LLC, 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.:
KC DBW D1, 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 972)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251737
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CAL GROW, LLC, 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.:
KC DBW M1, 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 973)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251738
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CAL GROW, LLC, 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.:
KC DBW P1, 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 974)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251739
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
KC DBW D1, LLC, 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.:
KC DBW M1, 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 975)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251740
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
KC DBW D1, LLC, 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.:
KC DBW P1, 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 976)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251741
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
VERTIS, 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 977)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251742
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
VERTIS, 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.:
KC DBW D1, 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 978)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251743
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
VERTIS, 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.:
KC DBW M1, 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 979)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251744
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
VERTIS, 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.:
KC DBW P1, 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 980)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251755
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PURE WATER BOTTLING COMPANY, 11265 Commercial Parkway, Castroville, CA 65012.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
PENINSULA PURE WATER, INC, P.O. Box 1090, Salinas, CA 93902.
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. 23, 2025.
S/John Wheeler, President
Date: Sept. 23, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 23, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025. (PC 1001)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251772
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. FARM FRESH PRODUCE
2. BARN FRESH PRODUCE
8865 Hwy One, Moss Landing, CA 95039.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
FFPMOSSLANDING LLC, 8865 Hwy One, Moss Landing, CA 95039.
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. 25, 2025.
S/Kirsten J. Moreno, Managing Member
Date: Sept. 25, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 25, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025. (PC 1002)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251691
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LA SIRENITA TREE SERVICE, 3251 Vista El Camino Circle, Marina, CA 93933.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
FELIPE DE JESUS OLVERA.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 1, 2025.
S/Felipe de Jesus Olvera
Date signed: Sept. 12, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 16, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025 (PC 1003)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 3:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Interested members of the public are invited to attend 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/89411087903?pwd=vg5I8KMLgGbocrlTd0rabtCLmFhVty.1.
To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171.
Webinar ID: 894 1108 7903. Passcode: 001916.

All interested people are invited to attend in person or via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Planning & Building Department at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or by emailing aginette@ci.carmel.ca.us prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting to ensure they are provided to the legislative body and made part of the record. Comments received after that time and up to the end of the public hearing will be saved as part of the record but may not be provided to the legislative body prior to or during the public hearing.

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us and found by clicking on "Government" and then "Meetings." The Planning Commission meeting will be broadcast live on the City's website at https://carmelbytheseaca.portal.civicclerk.com/ 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.

6th Cycle Housing Element Amendment
Citywide
The Planning Commission will review and receive public comment on draft amendments to the City's adopted 6th cycle Housing Element and provide comments for the City Council's consideration. The draft amendments are concentrated in Chapter 2 and Appendix C of the 6th cycle Housing Element and include modifications to various programs and strategies that align with the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), including a more robust hotel-to-residential transfer of development rights program, accessory dwelling units program, religious facilities program, live/work program, and mixed-income incentive program. These strategies aim to redistribute the City's regional share of affordable housing throughout the village rather than concentrating the majority of the units on city-owned sites at Sunset Center and Vista Lobos. Following review by the Planning Commission and the City Council, the draft amendments would be submitted to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for a formal review.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Anna Ginette, Director of Community Planning & Building
Publication dates: Oct. 10, 2025 (PC1028)

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.

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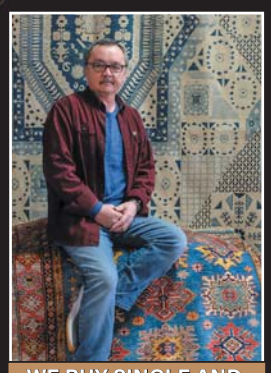

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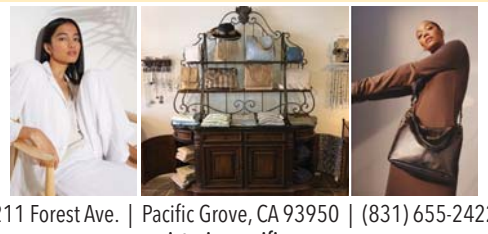

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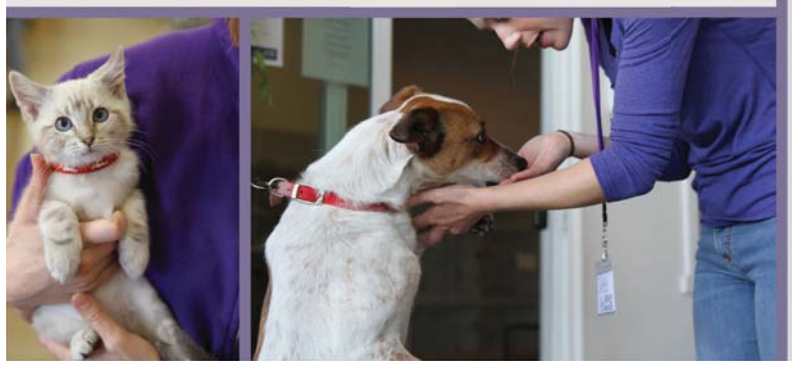

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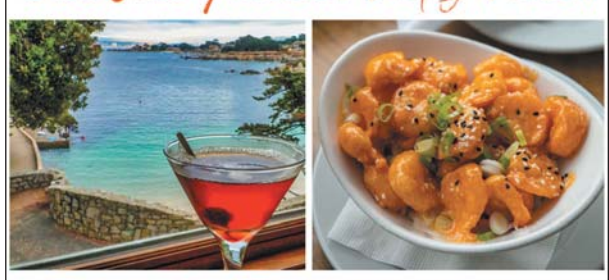

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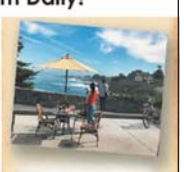

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