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Is A.W. Shucks A bar or a restaurant?

■ Valuable permit could be at stake

By MARY SCHLEY

A COMPLAINT that an Ocean Avenue establishment isn't operating in accordance with its use permit as one of the city's three allowed "drinking establishments" led to a protracted debate at last week's Carmel Planning Commission meeting, when the chair blamed alcohol consumption for being a factor in "any crime that's ever recorded in this country" and said having a bar permit go essentially unused is better for everyone.

The commission was asked to weigh in on the issue — namely, that A.W. Shucks in the Doud Arcade is functioning more as a restaurant even though its use permit designates it as a drinking establishment — after the city "received correspondence questioning whether or not the operation is legal and whether or not the operation of the conditions of approval in the use permit resolution," planning director Anna Ginette said at the Oct. 8 meeting. She did not identify the person who complained.

Limited service

Stripping A.W. Shucks of its bar permit could benefit someone else who wants to open a drinking establishment in the city. For instance, Sade's — a Lincoln Street bar which is losing its lease and may have to shut down since the bar permit belongs to the landlord — could potentially relocate if another permit becomes available. And, for the record, owner Parker Logan said he is not the person who complained

Muddying the issue, A.W. Shucks has been counted as one of the 15 restaurants allowed on Ocean Avenue, as well as one of the city's three bars, and the business license

Porter's tailspin spices up California race for governor

THE BATTLE to replace Gavin Newsom in the California governor's mansion was pretty boring until last week, when a video of candidate Katie Porter losing it on a CBS News reporter went viral.

The two-minute clip shows the leading Democratic candidate threatening to walk out on a taped interview after investigative journalist Julie Watts asked her this simple question: "What do you say to the 40 percent of California voters, who you'll need in order to win, who

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voted for Trump?"

To which Porter responded, "How would I need them in order to win, ma'am?" — before throwing a temper tantrum.

Porter's attitude toward Watts in the video is more than a little ironic. The former Orange County congress-woman made a name for herself in Washington as a white-board-wielding single mom who asked tough questions during hearings and drove a minivan with a license plate reading OVRSITE.

Trailing on the issues

Watts' question was not only fair, but entirely relevant. A poll of 1,000 likely California voters released this month by John Zogby Strategies showed Porter leading among Democrats with 24.8 percent of the vote, but she trailed Republican candidate, Steve Hilton, when voters were shown specific campaign messaging. The poll identified cost of living, homelessness and crime as top concerns for voters, who said they preferred Hilton to Porter by 29 to 23 percent when it comes to the issues.

It would be one thing if the CBS video was the only clip

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A.W. Shucks is a busy spot on Ocean Avenue for food and drinks, but doubts have been raised whether it has the correct permit.

issued to owner Karen Basi after she and her husband bought it in 2023 lists "full-line restaurant" as the primary use, and "drinking establishment" as the ancillary use.

The license also says the operators must comply with the use permit approved in 1993 which lists it as a drinking place that provides limited food, with hours of 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. It was issued to Murray Weaver and Paul Elliot, who were planning to buy "Maxwell McFly's, an existing bar that has been in continuous use for many years," but wanted to amend the use "to include a seafood menu to be served at an 'oyster bar.'"

Sloppy permitting?

"The permittee shall not be authorized to establish a full kitchen with stove, grill or oven," the permit states. "Food service shall be limited to a microwave oven, gas steamer, soup preparation and refrigeration facilities. No takeout food shall be allowed."

Basi's business license also states that failure to comply with the permit could result in the revocation of the license, the permit or both.

In mid- and late- 1990s, the planning department approved building permits for more kitchen equipment,

See RESTAURANT page 14A

Water allocations on hold after plea from resources boss

By MARY SCHLEY

Last Month, the Carmel Planning Commission recommended allocating 14 acre-feet of water the city is getting from the regional wastewater recycling project to various categories so people can start using it. Last week, the city council was asked to approve those allocations but didn't, making the new water untouchable for at least another month.

With the Pure Water Monterey expansion expected to

come online next week (see page 23A), the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District decided to boost the city's share of the Peninsula's water supply to 16.661 acre-feet, or 5.4 million gallons, per year, and at the planning commission's September meeting, commissioner Stephanie Locke — who has been the

Should new water go to residents and housing, or something else?

district's water demand manager for 37 years — recommended distributing it to various categories, rather than leaving the bulk of it in unallocated reserve. Water permit moratoriums of various kinds have been in effect on the Monterey Peninsula since the late 1980s.

Needs of property owners

"I want to encourage the planning commission to recommend a revised proposal that will allow our village to beautify, and meet the various needs of property owners," she said at the time, and her colleagues agreed, unanimously voting to recommend adding 3 acre-feet to the category for low-income and very-low-income housing, earmarking 6 acre-feet for a new category combining single-family and multifamily housing, allocating 2 acre-feet for commercial uses, and designating the remaining 3 acre-feet for municipal projects.

At the Oct. 7 council meeting, principal planner Marnie Waffle recommended the council follow the commission's direction, and she posed a few questions, including

See WATER page 22A

Dem rep. celebrates release of hostages in Gaza

By KELLY NIX

CARMEL VALLEY congressman Jimmy Panetta credited President Donald Trump for his role in an Israel-Hamas peace plan last week that led to the terror group releasing 20 Israelis. He also called for a lot more humanitarian aid in Gaza and efforts to rebuild the area.

On Monday, Hamas freed the remaining living hostages that the group abducted on Oct. 7, 2023, after an attack in which 1,200 Israelis were killed. As part of an

Panetta: 'I hope and pray they can begin to heal' Oct. 8 deal brokered by the Trump administration, Israel released about 2,000 Palestinian prisoners, some of whom had been convicted of murder, terrorism and other violent crimes.

Panetta, who's visited Israel seven times since being elected to Congress nine years ago, including three times after Hamas'

2023 terror attack, celebrated the release of the Israeli captives.

"I hope and pray that as the hostages reunite with their loved ones, they also can begin to heal after the unthinkable torture and misery they have endured at the cruel hands of the Hamas terrorist organization," Panetta said.

He credited Trump for helping to broker the Gaza peace plan.

'Grateful for pressure'

"I am grateful for the pressure exerted on Israel and Hamas by President Donald Trump and his administration," said the congressman, who also recognized "the hard work by the Biden administration to reach this pivotal moment."

The Pine Cone asked Panetta if he believes peace between the two enemies will hold.

"Based on my numerous visits to Israel since being in Congress, and many more times to the Middle East, I realize how complicated the issues are, not just between

See GAZA page 18A

Silencing the rackets



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The ink was barely dry on a Carmel City Council urgency ordinance banning pickleball when this sign was posted at Forest Hill Park. See page 6A.

Mattie has his bags packed, with snacks, meds, and nap schedule in tow. This 11-year-old Poodle mix is sweet, scruffy, and totally house-savvy. Hard of hearing but full of charm, he loves food, yard strolls, and cozy spots. Great with other dogs and likely fine with cats, Mattie is ready to make himself at home.

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Precious poodle

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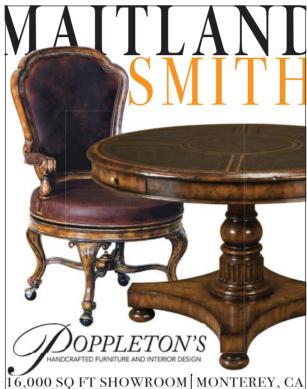
Which is why a Modesto couple, in town this fall to bring their 63-pound standard poodle to participate in Carmel's annual Poodle Day, named their "smart, compassionate" pup, "Izzy."

"It doesn't matter that we named a Poodle after a television character or changed the spelling," Izzy's person said. "We were playing off the personality traits we found in each."

Izzy, has demonstrated her similar sensibilities. One day, her person discovered that she had bloodied her nose by trying desperately to nudge a fallen baby bird out of the pond in her backyard. The bird was fished out with a net, and everyone recovered.

"Izzy loves small dogs and always gets down on her tummy to make herself smaller, to encourage a little dog to befriend her," her person said. "I think she likes small dogs because she was meant to be a mother."

Izzy's people, who have three other dogs, declined to adopt her when offered the chance, until they met her. Now 2 years old, this compassionate character



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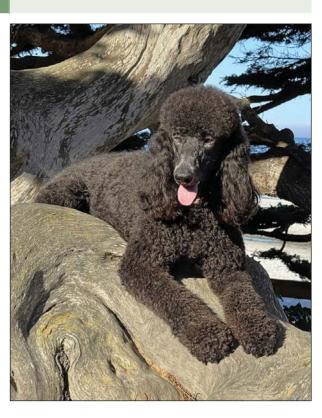
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has qualified as a canine blood donor.

"Izzy's best characteristics are that she's humble and kind," her person said. "I can see it in her eyes. I believe, if she could talk, she would have asked to become a blood donor for other dogs."

During her Carmel visit for Poodle Day, Izzy romped across the sand at Carmel Beach, playing fetch with the water. Using a ball she'd found, she tossed it into the surf and waited for the waves to bring it back. When it was time to leave, she left the ball in the sand for the next dog to discover.



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Council poised to kill Mills Act, cancel preservation contracts

By MARY SCHLEY

DECRYING THE tax breaks some property owners have received in exchange for commitments to preserve their historic buildings, the Carmel City Council decided last Monday to get rid of the city's Mills Act program and terminate the contracts approved since 2004.

No one on the council expressed concern that doing so could lead to the neglect or disrepair of any of the 280-plus buildings that have been deemed historic during the past 25 years.

The program, which was created by the state in 1972, is widely considered to be the most important economic incentive for the restoration and preservation of privately owned historic buildings. Jurisdictions decide whether to participate and can outline what the criteria are.

A Mills Act agreement details the repairs, rehabilitation and maintenance an owner will make over a 10-year period. The owner also agrees to not significantly

expand or alter the historic structure, even if doing so could be done in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Just a few

Carmel restricts the number of new contracts to 15 in a three-year period, and 19 have been approved since the city's program took effect when its Local Coastal Program adopted in 2004. Mills Act contracts were initially only available for residential properties, but in 2010, the

program was expanded to all zoning districts. The Cypress Inn, L'Auberge Carmel and the Carmel Beach Hotel are among the commercial properties that have received Mills Act contracts.

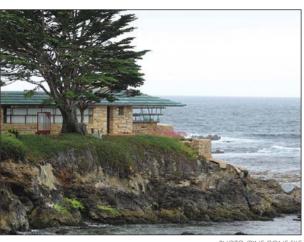
Eligibility requires five findings mostly relating to the historical significance of a building and its integrity. The fifth stipulates that the contract "will represent an equitable balance of public and private interests and will not result in a substantial adverse financial impact on the city," and in recent years, public officials have debated that final point.

Moratorium

In December 2023, the city council enacted a moratorium barring new Mills Act applications, but the ban did not pertain to those already in the pipeline, and the council OK'd four agreements in 2024.

During an update on the issue at a special meeting Oct. 6, planning director Anna

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The property taxes on the historic Frank Lloyd Wright house dropped from \$224,400 to \$26,560, according to the city.





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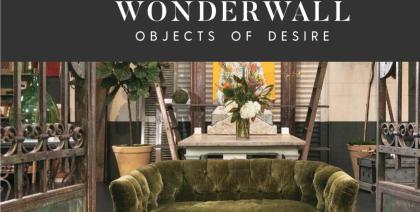
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Police & Sheriff's Log

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Sneaky pup causes commotion

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.

The Carmel Pine Cone

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Pacific Grove: Vehicle damaged while parked at a park on Ocean View Boulevard.

Carmel Valley: Juvenile issue on Carmel Valley Road.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vandalism at a business at Ocean and Lincoln at 2325 hours. No suspect info.

Pacific Grove: Officers dispatched to an altercation between roommates at a residence on Grove Acre Avenue. One roommate initially requested to file battery charges but later changed their mind.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle damaged while parked at a park on Ocean View Boulevard.
Pacific Grove: Possible suicidal subject

at Sunset and Asilomar.

Carmel area: Found property on Castro

Carmel area: Found property on Castro Lane was documented.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of a verbal domestic at a Mesa Place residence

Carmel Valley: Possible attempted suicide on Via del Zorro.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Prowling and attempted theft from a vehicle at Lincoln and Third at 0435 hours. Limited suspect information.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to attempted burglary on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

See POLICE LOG page 12RE in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Sept. 12 — Judge Mark E. Hood sentenced Salvador Zacharias, 38, a resident of Salinas, to eight years in prison for committing one count of rape of a mentally or physically disabled victim. This is the maximum sentence permitted under the law for this crime. This offense is considered a strike under California's three strikes law. Zacharias will also be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

In 2007, Jane Doe, age 14 at the time, reported that she ran into Zacharias at a park in Salinas. Doe had previously met Zacharias through mutual friends. Zacharias told Doe to trust him and get in his car.

Once in the car, Zacharias proceeded to rape Doe. She returned home after the rape, and the police were contacted, but she could not identify Zacharias as the perpetrator.

An investigation was conducted and Doe participated in sexual assault examination where DNA samples were collected. In 2007 the DNA provided no leads and the case went cold.

In 2018, Zacharias was charged and subsequently convicted of committing a sexual assault against a different victim. As a result of this conviction, his DNA was entered into the Combined DNA Index System, which is a national database that allows law enforcement agencies to enter DNA profiles from crime scenes and offenders to help identify suspects and

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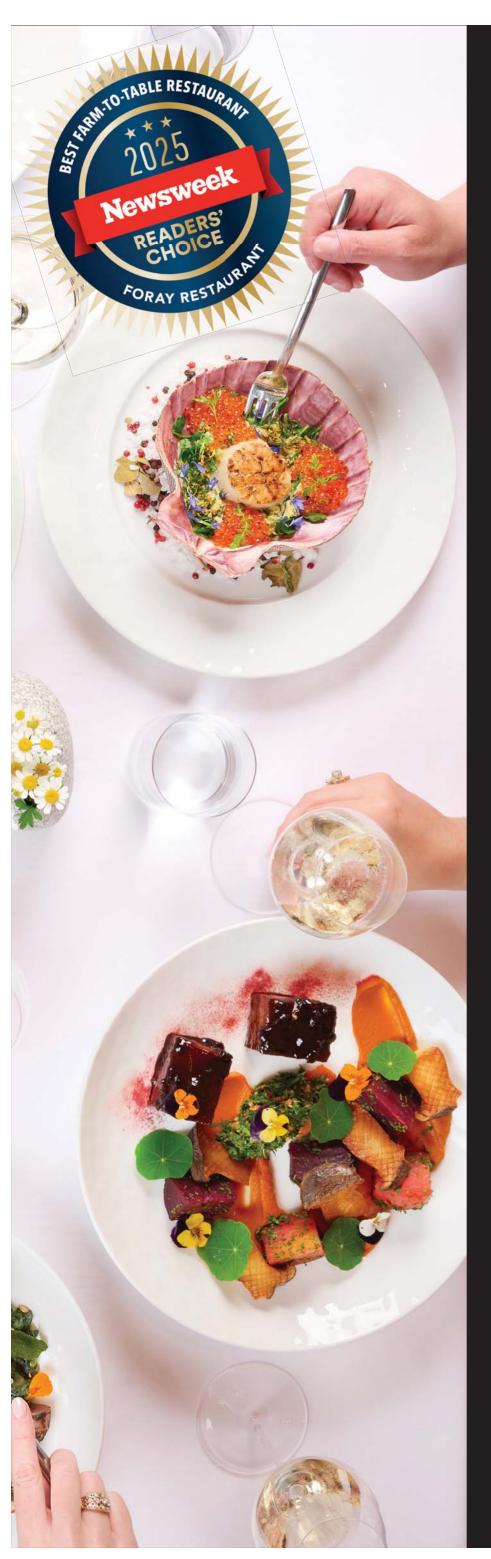
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Council imposes 'temporary' ban on pickleball

By MARY SCHLEY

IN THE ongoing conflict between pickleballers and the people who live near the Forest Hill Park courts where they play, the Carmel City Council last week decided to ban the game at the park until rules and measures can be



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imposed to reduce the noise it makes.

The city might also test a program in which it provides quiet equipment for players to use and allows only that option

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people of all ages, especially older adults, to stay active, connected and engaged," resident Michael Strong argued in a letter to the council. "The courts at Forest Hill Park provide not just recreation, but also a sense of belonging for hundreds of residents and visitors who might otherwise have fewer opportunities to participate in outdoor sports."

He said the "tiny minority" of nearby residents who are complaining about the noise of balls hitting rackets and

Not just

a sport, but

a 'sense of

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about loud voices shouldn't have bought homes near the park if they don't like the sounds of recreation and object to people parking nearby.

Rather than banning the game or imposing more restrictions, Strong suggested the city require players to use soft balls that reduce noise.

Resident Kimberly

Edwards, who lives across the street from the courts, said the council's only real option is to ban the game.

"It was discussed repeatedly that none of you would like to live near these courts, and because all of you have admitted that, your decision should be made easily," she said. "You should ban it permanently."

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She said she objects to her tax dollars being spent on continuing to study ways to make pickleball more acceptable to those who live near the courts.

Thumbs down on fencing

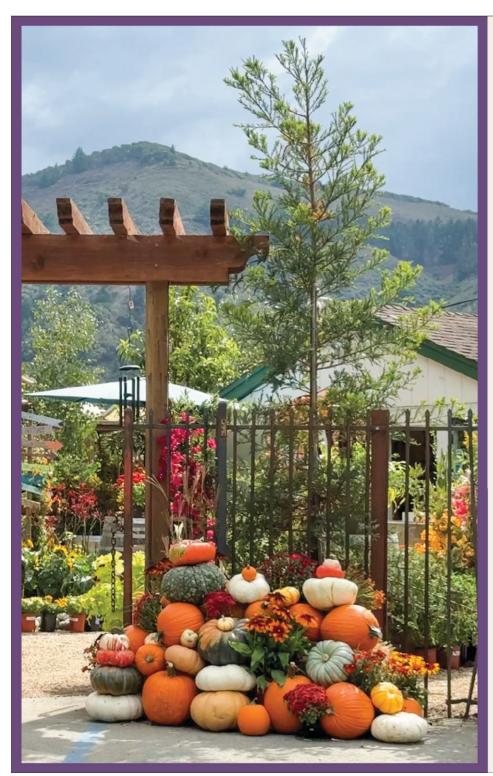
Councilmembers said they independently went to other facilities that have acoustic fencing, and they all agreed it's not effective at blocking noise.

Mayor Dale Byrne and councilwoman Alissandra Dramov have been researching options, and Byrne argued for prohibiting the game — for now — while those efforts continue. He noted there are other options for players besides Forest Hill and said the city has been talking to Carmel Unified School District about use of the courts at Carmel Middle School.

Byrne mentioned a newer product, pickleball glass, which is said to be effective but is expensive — somewhere in the range of \$200,000, he guessed — and hasn't been used anywhere in California.

"Alissandra and I are committed to doing some additional research," Byrne said. "We're really trying hard to make it work, but I cannot dedicate our police force to

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PGUSD debuts cruisin' cafes to quicken food service

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE Unified School District last week rolled out its new way of serving lunches to students, which it says is intended to drastically cut the time kids must wait in line for their noontime grub.

Students at Pacific Grove Middle School were probably surprised to see what appeared to be a food truck, complete with colorful, oceanside graphics, on their campus. The truck, formally called a "mobile serving station," is one of two electric vehicles the district purchased for \$96,000 apiece that distribute food to students to reduce the cafeteria lunch line, which can get long.

"The main function of these two units is to take the burden off of the main service line at Pacific Grove Middle School and Pacific Grove High School," superintendent Linda Adamson told The Pine Cone. She credited district director of nutrition services, Robert Silveira, and other staff in the department for getting the vehicles.

'Discouraged from eating'

The truck at P.G. Middle is already in service, while the one for P.G. High is on order. Unlike with food trucks, school lunches are not made inside the vehicles. Instead, they're loaded with food, beverages and snacks to distribute to students.

"They are equipped with hot and cold equipment," Adamson said.

Silveira explained the logistical trickery involved in serving lunch to hundreds of kids and suggested the



PHOTO/PGUSD NUTRITION SERVICES

This \$96,000 electric truck distributes lunch to P.G. students. The goal is to reduce the time kids have to wait in the cafeteria line.

mobile serving stations are helpful for several reasons.

"PGHS and P.G. Middle school serve nearly 300 lunches per day," Silveira said last week. "It is very challenging to try to get that many students through the service line in a tight 10-minute window. In our experience, some students see an extremely long line and may be discouraged from eating."

The trucks will also be moved to a side of the campus to be closer to some students who don't want to walk to the cafeteria for lunch.

In a social media post last week, nutrition services uploaded a photo of the vehicle at P.G. Middle and

See TRUCK page 18A

COUGAR KILLS DEER AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

By KELLY NIX

A DEER killed on a Pacific Grove elementary school campus last week was almost certainly the victim of a mountain lion, a state agency said this week.

On Oct. 10, Pacific Grove Unified School District sent an alert to parents that staff at Forest Grove Elementary School that morning had discovered a dead dear on campus. It was apparent that the deer was the victim of a

"This morning, school site staff discovered a deceased deer on the Forest Grove Elementary campus, behind K-Wing," PGUSD noted. "The scene indicated possible wildlife activity, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife has been notified.'

Children were not at school when the attack occurred, and Pacific Grove students are on fall break this week.

California Department of Fish & Wildlife spokeswoman Krysten Kellum told The Pine Cone Monday that, based on photographs of the deer sent by PGUSD, it appears the animal died from a cougar attack.

"We confirmed this looks like a mountain lion had killed the deer," Kellum said. "A photo of a track was also provided which looks like a mountain lion track.'

Late at night

PGUSD Superintendent Linda Adamson said that the elusive predator avoided being caught on Forest Grove's surveillance cameras.

"Staff reviewed the available camera footage, but the location of the incident was such that it wasn't captured," Adamson explained.

Kellum said cougars are generally vary wary of humans and try to avoid them.

"On occasion, a mountain lion will leave its natural habitat in search of food in places that might be near populated areas," she explained. "This attack most likely occurred late at night or in the early morning hours when

mountain lions are active. The Monterey area is surrounded by open space that is suitable habitat for mountain lions."

Across the street from the school is a heavily forested area that deer and other wildlife, including cougars and coyotes, call home. Deer are mountain lions' preferred cuisine.

concern'

Attack is 'no

immediate

cause for

PGUSD said that while there's "no immediate cause for concern, this serves as a good reminder that our area is part of a natural coastal ecosystem."

"Mountain lions, for example, are known to inhabit surrounding open spaces, but are typically nocturnal and avoid human contact," it went on to say.

The district also told people to "remain mindful, especially during early morning and evening hours," and that staff informed its custodians to "remain vigilant during non-school hours."

The district urged families to walk in groups, when possible, and to avoid wandering near wooded areas.



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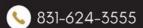
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'not an option'

By CHRIS COUNTS

MAKING IT much easier to build housing for long-term residents along the Monterey County coast, the California Coastal Commission voted unanimously Oct. 10 to approve the county's regulations for accessory dwelling units.

Previously, county rules made it difficult to build any kind of housing along the coast, and accessory dwelling units were, for all practical purposes, banned. According to coastal commission staff, the county restricted them in "various ways, including through blanket prohibitions in certain communities, through large lot requirements, and through numeric caps.

At the hearing, county planner Edgar Sanchez said accessory dwelling units "have the potential to create new housing without requiring large-scale subdivisions, high-density housing or major new infrastructure" and without harming "environmentally sensitive habitats."

Firsthand experience

Before the vote, Chris Lopez, a coastal commissioner and a Monterey County supervisor, signaled his support for allowing more accessory dwelling units.

"This issue is important and personal for me," Lopez said. "I built an ADU on my property and my in-laws moved in. Building the ADU on our property — the leveraging of multiple generations on one piece of land — gave us every opportunity we've dreamed about. I get to continue to serve on a ton of boards and my wife gets to keep doing what she loves, which is working every day in the wine industry.

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Many supporters

Lopez highlighted the urgency of providing more housing in the county by

quoting the late Butch Kronlund of Big Sur, who declared that "we're trying to do something because not doing something is not an option."

Many in Big Sur back the new rules, including Patte Kronlund, who replaced her husband as executive director of the Community Association of Big Sur after he died in February. But she

suggested that all proposed ADUs "must still align with the land use plan, avoid sensitive areas and follow slope and zoning requirements."

She also encouraged the coastal commission to consider "yurts, modular homes and tiny homes on wheels as ADU options."

Not everyone is happy with the passage of the regulations for accessory dwelling units. Christina McGinnes of Keep Big Sur Wild, who was unable to testify Friday due to a change in the time of the hearing, said she's worried that no limit was set for how many ADUs can be built. McGinnes said she supports ADUs, but only with limits. "The draft for the Big Sur Land Use Plan had a limit of 50 ADUs in Big Sur," she told The Pine Cone. That limit has been

McGinnes also decried a provision that allows the county to sidestep a citizens land use advisory committee review of ADU applications.

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Roundabout art in the works for Imjin

The Carmel Pine Cone

By CAITLIN CONRAD

THE LATEST Marina City Council meeting included a presentation on elaborate art installations for the new Imjin Parkway roundabouts.

The four multilane roundabouts were unveiled in August and are part of a \$40.5 million project to widen a key artery between the Peninsula and Salinas.

Landscape architect Bianca Koenig with BEK Collective gave the presentation last Tuesday night and went into detail on each of the four themes selected for the roundabouts: nature, recreation, cultural diversity and military history. They were chosen based on city outreach and are intended to celebrate what makes Marina

In the center island at each roundabout is a series of large concrete platforms where the art panels are planned to be installed, ranging in height from 8 to 12 feet. Each

panel will consist of a large sheet of metal with cutouts of various designs representing the themes. The panels will also be lighted so they can be seen at night.

Nature and diversity

At the meeting, Koenig described the placement of each art piece and how the themes would be depicted. At the west end of Imjin Parkway, where the roundabout is a gateway to Cal State Monterey Bay, the theme will be nature, while at the east end, military images of the former Fort Ord will be displayed.

Between the two are roundabouts at Third Avenue and Abrams Drive. The Third Avenue roundabout will highlight recreation in the city. Koenig envisions images of Marina's equestrian park, biking trails and paragliding along the dunes. Next to that roundabout is the site of a

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Metal sculptures honoring the city's past as a military base (left) and present as a coastal paradise (right) are planned to decorate new roundabouts on Imjin Parkway in Marina.



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County gets new public defender

Ray Buenaventura

By KELLY NIX

WITH NARY a mention of the veteran attorney he will replace, a top law-

yer from another county was selected this week to head the Monterey County Public Defender's Office.

On Tuesday, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors unanimously hired Ray Buenaventura, 60, who has been the public defender for Lake County and is expected to start the job here Dec. 1. Before supervisors cast their votes, District 1 Supervisor Luis Alejo said Buenaventura has "special skillset, a lot of experience and would be effective at heading the

office," which provides free legal representation to indigent criminal defendants.

A surprise

Buenaventura's appointment this week was a surprise to many, since Monterey County had not announced public defender Susan Chapman's retirement, which she

apparently informed the county of months ago, before a county-hired job recruiter began seeking applicants to fill her shoes. Chapman's name was mysteriously miss-

> ing from the public defender's office website and supervisors did not mention Chapman who took the job in 2016 before voting Tuesday to hire Buenaventura.

> Chief assistant county administrative officer Nick Chiulos, who is the public defender office's administrative department head, said that there'd been a "very extensive recruitment, evaluation and selection process," which led the county to Buenaventura.

He will be responsible for overseeing an office of 62 full-time employees and an annual budget of roughly

\$20.5 million, according to the recruitment firm. The filing deadline was July 20.

Alejo said the board found a "great choice" in the Lake County public defender, who has served there for two

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After serving many roles, Cabrera named chief of Cachagua Fire

By CHRIS COUNTS

 Γ AKING THE helm of an agency that provides the first line of wildfire defense for a remote community in Upper Carmel Valley, Yancey Cabrera has been named chief of Cachagua Fire.

Cabrera has extensive experience as an



Yancey Cabrera takes over as chief of Cachagua Fire, which keeps residents safe in Upper Carmel Valley.

instructor and as a first responder.

"Yancey has been with Cachagua Fire since 2018 and is a staple of the department, demonstrating complete dedication over his seven years," the agency said. "He has many outstanding academic accomplishments in the first-responder field, including being specialized in wilderness

first-responder emergency care, and swift-water rescue, both of which he is accomplished enough in to be an instructor in."

Cabrera has many roles with the fire brigade, including medical instructor, training officer, emergency medical technician, captain, and vice president for the agency.

"He has dedicated many hours of training in various fire-related subjects, from Sawyer classes to EMT classes, in order to bring that knowledge back to the department and become a

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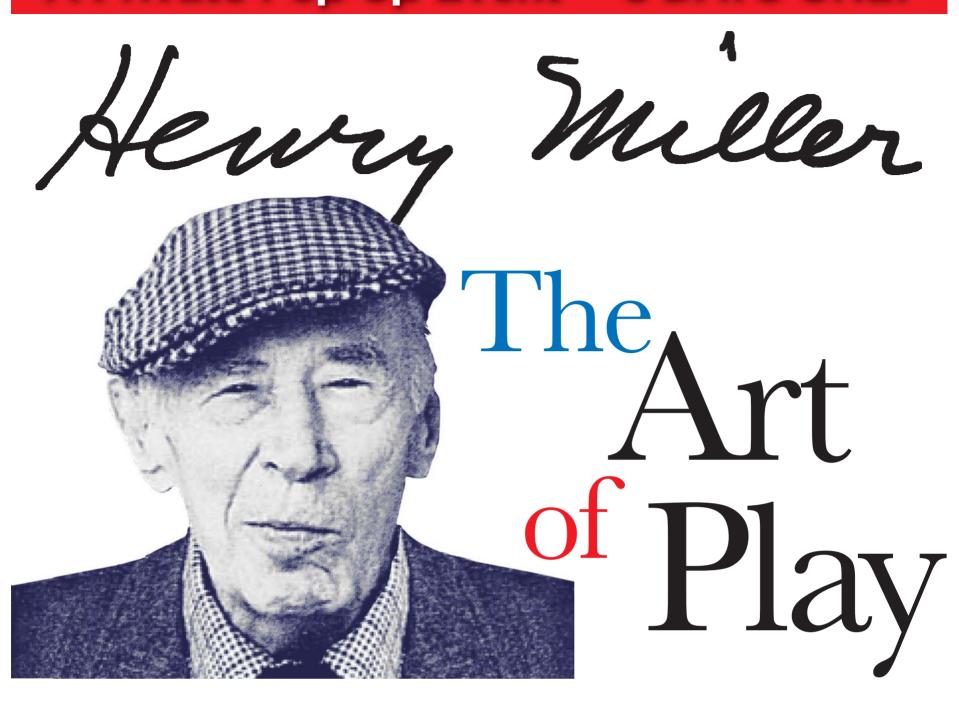
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including a soup warmer, refrigerators, sinks, a hood, a dishwasher, a fryer and a coffee maker, even though those additions conflicted with the provisions of its use permit. In April 1997, "the city originally told the applicant to submit a revision to its use permit" to classify the bar as a restaurant, but that requirement was crossed out, and the applicant was told to get an updated business license instead, according to Ginette's research. "My understanding is the applicant was told to amend the use permit, which would have been appropriate, but for some reason they were told they didn't need to," she said.

Then, in 2008, the city approved a building permit for a kitchen remodel that included a broiler, two-burner stove and griddle, oven, fryer and a stockpot burner.

In 2015, when the planning commission was asked to identify which three businesses are classified as drinking establishments, it listed A.W. Shucks, Barmel and Sade's.

To clean up the books, Ginette suggested changing its allowed use from a drinking establishment with limited food service to a full-line restaurant, but Basi and John Plastini, who has managed the Doud Arcade for 37 years, objected and asked the city to allow Shucks to continue operating as is.

Only if the owners agreed to classify it as a full-line restaurant would a bar permit be freed up, Ginette said. And if they decided to classify it solely as a drinking place, they'd have to reduce the food offerings and remove some of the equipment.

Plastini confirmed the space has held a bar license ever since the city began requiring use permits, "and the family made it clear every time we went to planning that we want to retain that."

The bar started offering food 32 years ago to "soften" the impact on Ocean Avenue and reduce some of the negative effects of serving alcohol, according to Plastini.

"It's worked very well," he said, and since Basi's 2023 business license lists both uses, he thought that was the end of the issue. "Why are we here?" he asked.

Plastini also argued that the bar permit has value though he did not explain how, if it's not being used and can't be sold — and said it would be unfair for the city to take it away. "We've been approached a number of times by the city to see if we would relinquish our drinking establishment use," he said. "The owner of Sade's approached me. They wanted to purchase A.W. Shucks and then move it someplace else," and also offered to buy the permit.

Logan flatly denied these allegations to The Pine Cone.

'Happy business owner'

Basi told commissioners she and her husband were under the impression the status quo would be maintained after they bought the business, and she worried classifying it solely as a restaurant could diminish its value.

"I don't want to be a problem at all," including by causing her landlord to lose the use, she said. "I just want to be a happy business owner."

While alcoholic beverages are often expensive relative to the prices of food, and despite A.W. Shuck's impressive liquor list, Basi estimated the ratio of food-to-alcohol sales is 4:1 or 5:1. "People aren't drinking the way they were, so it's going to affect me if I can't feed them," she said.

Commissioner Stephanie Locke said she wants more information about the history of the three designated bars before making any decisions, and commissioner Erin Allen favored accommodating Plastini and Basi.

Commissioner Mel Ahlborn expressed frustration with the conflict between the use permit and the business license as it makes enforcement impossible. She also wondered how stripping Shucks of its bar classification would negatively affect its business, since it's already operating mostly as a restaurant, just with later hours than most.

But she also acknowledged that a shift back toward making more money off alcohol than food could at some point be necessary for the restaurant's bottom line. Commissioner Stefan Karapetkov focused more on

what makes A.W. Shucks special than on the dueling uses. "It doesn't feel like a full-line restaurant, and it doesn't feel like a bar," he said, noting the bar stretching from end to end and the high-top tables add to its unique feel, as does the tiny kitchen area mere inches away from people seated at the oyster bar.

"I don't want to make any changes or do anything that will impact the look and feel of the restaurant," he said, and people who want drinks are better off going some-

The issue of is-it-a-restaurant-or-is-it-a-bar is "not that simple," Karapetkov said.

If one of the three designated bars is more like a restaurant, that's fine with chair Michael LePage.

He proposed eliminating the "drinking establishment" use in the permit but letting it remain with the land, anyway. "I know damn well why this came up," he said. "I know how and why the complaint was made. My opinion is based on the value to the owner and also that the community has expressed over and over again they do not want another drinking place in town.

"If you just serve alcohol, there are a lot of problems," he continued, including "excess smoking" and "fighting."

"Any crime that's ever recorded in this country is associated with alcohol. With any violent crime, there's always drugs involved," he said. But fortunately, drinking has declined as people "are finally getting the message like they did with smoking."

"We don't want this drinking place permit just put out there on the market," he said.

Ginette said if the use is removed from the permit, it would be considered abandoned, but she didn't describe the implications.

"I'm conflicted about this," Locke said, because since Shucks operates as a restaurant, the city has, in effect, two bars, not three.

Ultimately, the planning commission made no decisions and will take the issue up another time, presumably.







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"I look forward to working with him once this is finalized and being able to serve the people who come through our public defender's office," Alejo said.

District 4 supervisor Wendy Root Askew said the panel heard feedback from employees in the office about the qualities they wanted in their next boss.

they wanted in their next boss.
"The board deliberated," Askew said.
"We really did go through a process to get to this outcome."

Buenaventura, who has been an attorney since 1993 and was a Daly City councilman and mayor, started his job in Lake County in October 2023.

"My background includes over 30 years of experience as a criminal defense law-yer, with more than 100 jury trials, ranging from minor infractions to murder cases with special circumstances," including death penalty-eligible cases, his bio says.

While the salary for the public defender ranges from \$228,250 to \$311,742, Buenaventura, who will be an at-will employee, will receive \$273,245 annually not including benefits, his employment agreement states.

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Chapman in 2024 was paid \$349,089, including a base salary of \$299,753, an online database shows.

Name scrubbed?

Besides not publicly announcing her pending retirement, Monterey County removed Chapman's name from the staff list on the public defender's office's website, which county spokeswoman Maia Carroll suggested was unintentional.

"Not sure why the website had Sue's name removed — she is still the public defender, and we are in the process of fixing" the website, Carroll told The Pine Cone Wednesday. "While she is using up accrued vacation, Nick Chiulos is providing administrative support."

In November 2024, public defender's office employee Latasha Ellis-Bowers,

who is Black, claimed in a lawsuit against the county that Chapman had made "racebased comments" to her and afforded "non-Black individuals" what she called "special treatment," including promotional opportunities.

Ellis-Bowers said she felt "isolated and disrespected." The case has not been resolved, court records indicate.

While Chapman could not comment on the complaint at the time, she told The Pine Cone she is proud of her tenure and the public defender's office, which set the standard for defending the vulnerable.

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Pivotal

While Panetta called the release of the living hostages a "pivotal point" in the conflict, he said there also must be a focus on regional peace, a flood of humanitarian aid in Gaza and a "regional partnership for security and funding" to rebuild it.

Hamas must disarm, be degraded politically and its complex tunnel network be destroyed, which would help protect Israelis and Palestinians, he added.

"The everlasting pain of Oct. 7, the subsequent conflict and humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the continued attacks on Israel must motivate us to continue the work to eliminate Hamas and Iranian-backed militias, defend Israel, protect the innocent Palestinian people, establish a twostate solution and create an enduring peace in the region," Panetta went on to say.

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Vintage jet plunges into sea

By CHRIS COUNTS

AN UNIDENTIFIED pilot has been released from the hospital, where he's been since Wednesday after crashing a vintage fighter jet into the sea about 5 miles off the

The pilot was pulled from the water by a U.S. Navy rescue helicopter and flown to Stanford Medical Center in Palo Alto for treatment, according to a KSBW report. The plane had departed from Oxnard, while the helicopter traveled from Lemoore Naval Air Station near Fresno to reach the site of the crash. A map circulating online shows the location about 10 miles south of Point Sur.

According to a report from theaviationist.com, the vintage British Hawker Hunter was flying alongside another aircraft when it hit the ocean — but not before the pilot ejected from the plane. The incident happened around 11:30 a.m.

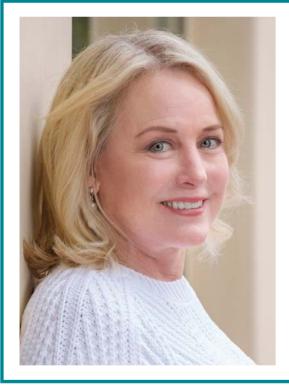
"After the first plane went down, the second plane circled the crash and made air traffic control aware of the incident by relaying messages through nearby civilian aircraft," the website said

While other media reports indicated the pilot suffered a serious spinal injury, the plane's owner, John Rupp, said he's in good condition and has been released from the hospital with "no complications." "His back was scanned, and no injuries were reported," he said.

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of Porter behaving badly, but after it was released, Politico obtained a second video from 2021 showing the former Congresswoman blasting expletives at a staffer who walked behind her while she was on video.

"Get out of my f**king shot!" Porter roared at an employee after they came into view during a pandemic-era recording for the Biden Administration. Talk about a fun boss.

On Tuesday Porter made something close to an apology when asked about the viral clips during an online forum with the California Working Families Party.

"When I see those videos, I know and I want people to know that I know that I absolutely could have done better," said Porter

Her opponents in the race were quick to pounce on the CBS video, with some even calling for her to drop out of the race altogether. Former state Controller Betty Yee called Porter a "weak, self-destructive candidate unfit to lead California" and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond said California's next governor must be "willing to answer tough questions."

The comments from Yee and Thurmond are spicier versions of the skirmishing we've been watching between the candidates for months now, while voters have been waiting to see who else might announce a run.

Hungry for more

So hungry are Californians for better candidates, the odds on the gambling platform Kalshi show U.S. Senator Alex Padilla as the person most likely to be elected governor in 2026, and he hasn't

even jumped into the race. Until her kerfuffle with CBS, Porter's chances on Kalshi were 40 percent. After the video went live, they plummeted to 18 percent and Padilla's jumped to 26 percent.

Padilla's name has been a top pick since former Vice President Kamala Harris, apparently with her eye on the 2028 presidential race, announced this summer that she would not seek the governorship. Padilla raised his profile among Democrats in June when he was restrained during a Homeland Secu-

Some observers doubt that Padilla would want to give up his Senate seat — which he might be able to hold on to for decades — to serve as governor, where he would be term-limited out after eight years. Another potential candidate is Rick Caruso. The real estate tycoon ran a good campaign for mayor of Los Angeles in 2022 after switching his party preference

rity press conference in Los Angeles.

to Karen Bass after spending \$80 million of his own money.
Following the campaign, Caruso indi-

Following the campaign, Caruso indicated he was not done with politics and last month he told Bloomberg he was "seriously" looking at running for governor or taking another stab at mayor. The businessman would be an enticing candidate for moderate voters and could potentially get the support of lobbying groups on both



Steve Hilton



Katie Porter

sides of the aisle.

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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.

SYLVIEANN VIDAL

from Republican to Democrat. He lost big

Sylvieann Vidal was born July 30, 1945 and died Aug. 8, 2025 from pancreatic cancer. She owned Sylvie's Unique Boutique in Carmel-by-the-Sea for the past 25 years.

Sylvie loved her life here in the Monterey Peninsula. She loved her community, her boutique and 25 years of sharing her style and sense of fashion with customers and friends.

Sylvie is survived by her three children, Michael, Mark and Cheryl, and her, sister Linda. We love her dearly and miss her so much. She has been laid to rest at the Cemetery El Encinal in the City of Monterey.



MICHAEL JAMES LAUCHLAN

It is with heavy hearts that we share that Michael James Lauchlan passed away on Sept. 26, 2025, at his home in Pebble Beach, California, surrounded by loved ones. He fought a courageous fight against cancer for 11 years. Born on Feb. 14, 1962, in Long Beach, California, Michael lived in



various cities in the state before ultimately settling in Pebble Beach. He married Dana Rene Lauchlan in July 1987, and they spent 38 wonderful years together.

Michael's memory is carried on by his two beloved daughters, Aleah Rene Lauchlan and Vada Jame Wick (Andrew James Wick); and his two grandsons, Drew James Wick and Cameron Ryan Wick.

Michael was employed in the insurance industry for more than 35 years before working for First Insurance Company of Hawaii for six and a half years. In 2019, he was crucial in updating their entire computer system from old to new. He worked tirelessly on every challenge that

came his way, relishing when he got the opportunity to share his brilliant mind and help fellow employees.

Michael's strong Christian faith prevailed even until the very end. A verse that he lived by was 1 Corinthians 16:13-14: "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."

A celebration of Michael's life will take place 2 to 4 p.m. Nov. 8, 2025, at The Quail Lodge, 8205 Valley Greens Drive, Carmel, CA 92923.

California, in a written statement.

"We don't need polite, go-along-to-get-along, estab-

lishment politicians that keep getting run over by the opposition. We need strong leaders like Katie Porter," said

Peter Finn and Chris Griswold, co-chairs of Teamsters

up in the governor's mansion is going to have their job cut

out for them. California has plenty of problems to take on,

from a lack of housing and water to a chronic multibillion-

dollar budget deficit. And there is the homeless crisis, too.

Be they well mannered or not, whoever ultimately ends

world is a big undertaking, one candidates have historically made early — about two years out from the general election.

Some of the first candidates to announce for governor have since dropped out of the race. Former California senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins took herself off the list this fall, telling supporters via email "there is simply no viable path forward to victory."

Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis, who threw her hat in the ring all the way back in April 2023, announced over the summer she's decided to run for state treasurer instead.

Other notable Democrats are still hanging on with Porter, Yee and Thurmond, including former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and former California Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra. Porter has been the clear Democratic frontrunner with an Emerson College Poll from September — before the temper tantrums — showing 16 percent of likely voters picking her. Becerra and Villaraigosa were her closest competitors with a paltry 5 and 4 percent, respectively.

The same Emerson College Poll had Hilton receiving 9 percent of the vote and Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, another Republican, receiving 8 percent. GOP leaders in California are hoping Porter's viral moments will give them an edge come June.

"It will certainly make people take a second look at what the Republican party has to offer," said Corrin Rankin on television news show "California Politics 360."

Few supporters

For Californians who haven't been paying the gubernatorial race much attention, Porter's demeanor could be highly off-putting, especially if it is their first impression of the politician.

Few Democrats have rallied to support Porter in her tailspin, but there have been some. Orange County Congressman Dave Min released a statement of support, alongside the leaders of several unions that have endorsed

ROBERT ALVAREZ

Sept. 5, 1937 & Aug. 8, 2025 Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather and Friend

Robert (Bob) was born on Sept. 5, 1937, in New York City. His father, Roberto Alvarez, was from Galicia in the north of Spain and his mother, Anna Gutwirth, was from Vienna, Austria. His parents met in Central Park NYC. Bob's mother died when he was only 5 years

Bob attended elementary schools in NYC, military school in Tarrytown, New York, spent time on Long Island, and finally attended Sunset Elementary school in Carmel after visiting his uncle. He returned to Textile High School in NYC before finishing his junior and senior years at Carmel High School, graduating in 1955. He played Varsity football at CHS and set several track and field records there. He remembered it as a wonderful time in his life and enjoyed his high school reunions until late in life. He had a local paper route and worked at Hilbert's creamery on Ocean Avenue. He went on to attend Monterey Peninsula College.

After moving to San Francisco, he worked at both Standard Oil and Pacific Gas & Electric.

Bob enlisted in the Army in 1961 and served at Fort Ord and then the Presidio in San Francisco. He married Barbara Coen from Santa Barbara in 1963 and later divorced: Barbara was instrumental in Bob being able to get his advanced degrees. In 1977, Bob married Leslie Adair Taylor at Pt. Lobos and settled in Menlo Park and started his family.

Bob attended CalState Hayward and obtained both his bachelor's and master's degrees there, doing ecological studies on Mount Diablo. In 1970 he received his Ph.D. in biological chemistry from U.C. Davis and went on to do post-doctorate work at the University of Oregon at Corvallis,

In 1973 Bob joined Syntex Pharmaceuticals, first as a post-doctorate fellow, then as a staff research scientist, senior staff scientist and department head. He wrote more than 60 scientific research papers in the area of cyclic-AMP and phosphodiesterase enzymes and inhibitors.

He was inducted into the New York Academy of Sciences in New York City in 1989.

Bob retired from Syntex in 1994 after its acquisition by Roche. He became a visiting scientist at Stanford University (1994-1997) in the laboratory of Marco Conti.

In 1997 Bob and his family moved to Carmel Valley where he enjoyed landscaping, travel, and running at Garland Regional Park. Despite the diagnosis of Parkinson's disease, Bob was able to complete three marathons and many other runs. His favorite trip was a journey to Spain in 1992 where the family visited San Clodio and Torbeo in Galicia, where his father was born and grew up.

Bob is survived by his wife, Leslie Adair Taylor; daughter, Laura Elizabeth Squillace (Brian); son, Bobby Alvarez (Kara) and grandchildren, Luca Birch Squillace and Ava Rose Alvarez. His sister, Margaret Alvarez Papenhoeffer preceded him in death. Bob was an extraordinary individual who overcame a great many odds. He delighted in family, friends and his research. He finished his last marathon on Aug. 8, 2025.

The family would like to thank Dr. Gregory Tapson and Dr. John Hausdorff and Hospice of the Central Coast. A Celebration of Life will be held for family and friends.

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June 4, 1944 – April 17, 2025

Gary, our beloved adventurer, dreamer, dancer, gentleman, friend and lover, passed away peacefully in the early dawn, embraced by love and light, holding hands with his partner in life, Dagma Lacey, and surrounded by family.

A man of boundless spirit and deep presence, Gary walked through life with grace — touching hearts, stirring souls, and leaving behind a legacy painted in bold strokes. He served in the Navy aboard silent submarines, danced under the lights of Broadway, raised three sons with steadfast devotion, and fathered a blended family of eight children and 10 grandchildren who loved him deeply, and knew him as "PaPa G."

Gary saw the world not as it was, but as it "could" be. He poured his creativity into murals, award-winning magazines, architecture, a Cajun restaurant, and the vibrant Pearl Street Mall. His life was a love letter to beauty, from heirloom tomatoes to joyful Tomato Festivals to spontaneous twirls on the dance floor.

Reliable to the minute and full of wonder, he gave more than time — he gave his whole heart. A true gentleman with a discerning eye, Gary made everyone feel seen. He taught us how to dream with eyes open, and to live those dreams without apology.

Gary once said, "We became the grandparents we never had." And now, he becomes the ancestor we'll always

He dreamed it all — and lived it fully. And now, Gary the Adventurer sets off on his next great journey — dancing among the stars.

The world is quieter now, but infinitely richer for having known him.

Experience Gary's legacy and his heartfelt homage to beauty at garyibsen.com

ROBERT BURNEY SINCLAIR

Sept. 25, 1948 - Sept. 25, 2025

Robert was born on Sept. 25, 1948, in Klamath Falls, Oregon. His early years were spent in Tule Lake, California. Eventually, the family moved to Seaside and then to Carmel Valley in 1958.



Meredith.

As a voungster, Robert was active in Little League, playing with the Pistons. He continued on to Babe Ruth baseball with the Carmel Merchants. In high school, he was an active participant in both football and baseball. He enjoyed his shop and automotive classes which allowed him to work on his cars.

Bob had an opportunity to train as a brick mason and made that his lifetime career. He was instrumental in the building of many homes on the peninsula. Whether constructing fireplaces, laying walkways or creating walls, he became a master craftsman.

Bob also was a good marksman. He was a long-time member of the Carmel Associated Sportsmen. He loved hunting and a good walk in the hills, traits he acquired from his Dad. Many a morning he wandered the landscape in upper Carmel Valley, checking out the deer or the wild boar.

Barbecue was Bob's thing. He never hesitated to try a new type of game or a new cooking apparatus. He was always ready to fire it up! He also grew a healthy batch of tomatoes, far more than one person could consume. Friends and neighbors were often the recipients of a large crop. One friend referred to him as "just a guy you would want to know."

Robert passed away, at age 77, on Sept. 25th, due to pancreatic cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dick and Beverly Sinclair; and by his brothers, Richard and Randall. He is survived by his sister,

Many thanks to his doctors at Pacific Cancer Care, who showed so much compassion, the wonderful staff at CHOMP and to his friends and neighbors that were by his side as he courageously battled this disease. Donations to Pancreatic Research may be made in his name, online, at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.





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WATER

whether a specific amount of water should be set aside for accessory dwelling units and whether property owners should be required to retrofit all their fixtures and appliances to the highest efficiency available before receiving more water.

During the public comment period, Ara Azhderian, general manager of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, told the council it shouldn't make any decisions until spring 2027, lest it enact "irreversible land use decisions that increase and harden water demand based upon the promise of an anticipated supply that is variable and subject to interruption and alternative use."

He warned that the Pure Water Monterey supply could be redirected to remedy seawater intrusion "and other severe impacts of the groundwater imbalance" in the Salinas Valley. "I think you should wait until groundwater sustainability plans are completed in early 2027 and then decide about allocating water," he said. "If you have some immediate needs that you can't fulfill with the existing allocation that is still on the city's books, then maybe grab a smaller piece.'

Azhderian, whose comments were at odds with repeated promises from water officials during planning and development of the new source, did not comment during prior discussions on the topic by the council or the planning commission.

Locke countered his assertions, saying the district is confident in the sources and output of the plant and encouraging the council to approve the allocations "to make properties more livable and usable after years of limited supply."

"The water resources agency issues have been raised and discussed for over a year," she said.

Slow process

Locke noted that the distribution and use of water "does not occur at breakneck speed" and observed that half of the roughly 20 acre-feet 163 property owners purchased from Clint Eastwood's Mal Paso Water allocation nearly a decade ago haven't been put to use, even though those buyers are exempt from the state's moratorium on new water meters. She confirmed the district requires applicants to upgrade their fixtures prior to receiving more water.

Resident Tasha Witt urged the council to proceed with the allocations, especially for residential projects, and two other property owners requested water credits — one for an ADU and the other to finish a remodel project that includes increasing the number of bathrooms from two-and-a-half to three.

Special meeting needed

With the meeting running near the fivehour mark, the council was less than enthusiastic about hammering out the details.

Councilman Jeff Baron kicked off the discussion, arguing for allocating no water to ADUs that would bring the total square footage of a residential property past the maximum allowed, such as 1,800 square feet on a standard 4,000-square-foot lot.

"ADUs have been a back door for people to get away with building 2,400-squarefoot houses," he said. "Water is the only thing that's stopping that."

Baron said the residential category should be split into single-family and multifamily, and he feared putting water in the commercial category could "lead to a run on restaurant seats in town.'

He also didn't see the point of allocating more for municipal projects.

Councilman Bob Delves supported the planning commission's recommendations.

"The water's there, let's let people have the water," he said, and Mayor Dale Byrne said he was also willing to "vote for it the way it is."

Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov was reluctant to proceed, given the late hour and the complexity of the topic. "I was worried that this water issue is so big that it needs a special meeting," she said.

Delves suggested a compromise: "getting some water allocated into some buckets that we won't regret, just so some people who need water right now can get it."

He proposed 3 acre-feet for low-income housing, 3 acre-feet for single-family homes, 2 acre-feet for multifamily projects, and none for granny units. The other categories could be discussed later.

Dramov said she was amenable, and councilman Hans Buder observed that 'people have been starving for water for a long time, and we should certainly help them with that."

He also liked the idea of making a separate category for accessory dwelling units.

"We're trying to incentivize ADUs that help our population-loss problem and discourage ADUs that are just a Sacramento-created end run around our square-footage limits," he said.

Although councilmembers appeared to agree with each other, city attorney Brian Pierik warned against adopting a resolution with so many changes without more public comment, and, with apologies to the planning commission, the council voted to consider the revised resolution next month.



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By KELLY NIX

AN EXPANDED version of a Monterey Peninsula water supply project is expected to go online next week, the general manager for one of its developers said.

On Oct. 9, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board OK'd a per-

mit for the expansion of Pure Water Monterey, from 5 million gallons per day to 7.6 million gallons per day. The plant employs advanced filtration, reverse osmosis and other methods to transform wastewater to drinking water.

Dave Stoldt, general of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District,

said this week that while the state doesn't require Pure Water Monterey to start delivering water until Feb. 1, 2026, it's expected to start producing potable water next week.

Test drive

"It's time to take the new car out for a drive and see what it is capable of," Stoldt said. "It is nice to have some time to break it in, especially in the coming winter months when more source water should be available."

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wastewater, stormwater, food industry processing water and other sources in the winter, when there's typically more rain, so it can be purified and used during summer months when it's drier. It also reduces reliance on the Carmel River for potable

"Sixty percent of the Monterey Penin-

sula's drinking water will now be provided by Pure Water Monterey," the water district said this week.

The project also allows Monterey One to continue to provide treated recycled water to Marina Coast Water District for non-potable uses and offers irrigation water to the Salinas Valley.

With \$42 million in federal and state taxpayer funds for the water expansion project, Monterey One Water head Paul Sciuto said the agency spent \$21 million to build it.

Stoldt has said that the water will provide enough for several decades and will allow homeowners to add sinks, toilets and showers, and for other uses. California American Water, which supports Pure Water Monterey, contends that only its proposed desalination plant will provide a long-term supply for the Monterey Peninsula.

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CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA **SUMMARY NOTICE OF ADOPTED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea adopted the following urgency ordinance at its Regular Meeting of October 7, 2025. Said ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon adoption.

URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2025-004

URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA PROHIBITING PICKLEBALL AT FOREST HILL PARK PENDING STUDY BY THE CITY OF SOUND ATTENUATION OPTIONS

approve a proposed Policy 2025-003 to regulate usage of the tennis and pickleball courts in Forest Hill Park ("Park"); and WHEREAS, on March 13, 2025, the Forest and Beach Commission recommended that the City Council

WHEREAS, a true copy of proposed Policy 2025-003 is attached hereto as Exhibit A ("Policy"); and

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2025, there was a special meeting of the City Council to discuss the proposed Policy and to provide guidance for City staff to bring an ordinance to the Council which would reference athletic usage at the Forest Hill Park courts ("Courts"); and

WHEREAS, at the meeting on September 3, 2025, the Council received a Staff Report and a presentation by City staff regarding the pickleball issues at the Park, received written and verbal public comments and deliberated on how to proceed in regard to the pickleball issues including, but not limited to, how to address the complaints by neighbors of the noise associated with pickleball upon impact by the pickleball with a pickleball

WHEREAS, the Council directed staff at the meeting on September 3, 2025 to return to the City Council with a proposed Urgency Ordinance which would prohibit playing pickleball at the Park pending study by the City of sound attenuation options including, but not limited to, sound barrier fencing and pickleball equipment (balls and paddles) which might reduce the sound level; and

WHEREAS, following the study of sound attenuation options, the City may consider potential adoption of ordinances to add to the City Municipal Code rules regarding playing of pickleball in the City; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, the City Council finds pursuant to Government Code Section 36937 (b) that this Urgency Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety to allow the City sufficient time to the complete a noise attenuation study at the Park Courts and consider potential adoption of ordinances to add to the City Municipal Code rules regarding playing of pickleball in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea incorporates the Recitals above by reference as though fully set forth here.

SECTION 2. Codification. This Urgency Ordinance shall not be codified in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Municipal Code.

SECTION 3. CEQA/Environmental Findings. This Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3 ("CEQA Guidelines") based on CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which is the common sense exemption that applies when it can been seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and/or CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, which is the Class 2 Existing Facilities Categorical Exemption that applies when the activity in question consists of the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

SECTION 4. Prohibition of Pickleball at Forest Hill Park. Playing of pickleball at Forest Hill Park is hereby prohibited unless and until the City takes action in the future to allow the playing of pickleball at Forest Hill Park.

SECTION 5. Sound Attenuation Options. The City Administrator is hereby directed to take appropriate action to study potential sound attenuation options at Forest Hill Park related to the playing of pickleball.

SECTION 6. Enforcement. Violations of this Urgency Ordinance may be enforced by the City pursuant to the provisions of City Municipal Code Section 1.16.010 Violation - Penalties which provides in subsection A that the violation of any provision or section of this code, or any code adopted herein by reference, or the failing to comply with any mandatory requirement of an ordinance of the City, shall be an infraction or misdemeanor.

SECTION 7. Authorization of City Administrator. The City Administrator and his/her designee(s) are hereby authorized to take all necessary action to implement and enforce this Urgency Ordinance

SECTION 8. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Urgency Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of Urgency Ordinance. The City Council declares that it would have passed this Urgency Ordinance and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of this Urgency Ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 9. Effective Date and Duration. This Urgency Ordinance enacted under California Government Code Section 36937 will take effect immediately upon adoption by a four fifths (4/5) vote of the City Council. This Urgency Ordinance will remain in effect unless and until rescinded by the City Council.

SECTION 10. Publication. The City Clerk is directed to certify this Urgency Ordinance and cause it to be published in the manner required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL BY-THE-SEA this 7th day of

October, 2025, by the following vote: AYES: Councilmembers Baron, Buder, Delves, Dramov, and Mayor Byrne; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None.

APPROVED:/s/Dale Byrne, Mayo

ATTEST:/s/Nova Romero, MMĆ, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

POLICY REGULATING USAGE OF THE TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS IN FOREST HILL PARK

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a balanced approach to the use of the Forest Hill Park courts for both pickleball and tennis while addressing neighboring concerns related to noise, scheduling, and enforcement. This policy ensures that both sports remain accessible to the community while minimizing impacts on surrounding residential areas

To achieve this balance, the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea shall implement the following measures at the Forest Hill Park courts:

Court Designation:

The courts shall be permanently divided into designated areas for tennis-only and pickleball-only use. The City shall install two permanent pickleball courts with fixed nets on one side of the courts, effectively removing one tennis court. The other side of the courts shall be reserved for tennis-only use, with the removal of pickleball striping, effectively eliminating two pickleball courts.

Scheduled Play Hours:

Pickleball play shall be permitted only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Tennis play shall be permitted daily from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Noise and Compliance Measures:

If necessary, automatic locks shall be installed on both court entrances to regulate access and enforce scheduled playtimes. A fence partition may be installed roughly near the midpoint of the courts, ensuring the tennis area is slightly larger to accommodate the larger court dimensions. The purpose of this partition is to provide a clear separation between the pickleball and tennis areas and to facilitate compliance with the designated play areas.

City Resources and Maintenance:

The City shall be responsible for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of pickleball nets, fencing, and any necessary locking mechanisms. The Public Works Department shall oversee the implementation of these measures and ensure ongoing compliance with the policy.

This policy is intended to promote fair access to recreational opportunities while reducing noise concerns, promoting compliance with City noise standards, and maintaining the village character of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

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/s/ Nova Romero, MMC, City Clerk Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA Dated: October 15, 2025 Publish: October 17, 2025

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policing this."

Dramov said the glass would have a modern look and is only promised to reduce sound by "up to 50 percent."

"I think the only thing we can really do is the ban," she said, and while she acknowledged the game's health and social benefits, "it's just not right in this residential setting."

Councilmen Hans Buder and Jeff Baron favored giving the quiet equipment a try.

"I played with a normal pickleball and with the Gamma Librarian ball," Buder said, and while it sounds different, spins differently and flies through the air differently, it might still be preferable to an outright prohibition.

"If only 30 percent are willing to use it, it still has value," he said.

Baron said the council owes it to the pickleball community to give people the option to use quiet equipment and should give them the benefit of the doubt that they'll comply with the rules, just as it does with people who take their dogs to the beach.

Buder made a motion to adopt the urgency ordinance — which required four affirmative votes and would take

effect immediately — banning pickleball at Forest Hill Park and to ask staff to return next month with an ordinance requiring players to use city-provided soft equipment, which would be bought with taxpayer dollars, on a trial basis.

"Playing of pickleball at Forest Hill Park is hereby prohibited unless and until the city takes action in the future to allow the playing of pickleball at Forest Hill Park," the ordinance reads. "The city administrator is hereby directed to take appropriate action to study potential sound attenuation options at Forest Hill Park related to the playing of pickleball."

The council unanimously agreed. The urgency ordinance will remain in effect until it's rescinded by the council.



Pickleball players at Forest Hill Park before the city's moratorium went into effect.



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Editorial

Steinbeck roars again

LAST WEEK'S decision by the Carmel City Council to depart from a century-old tradition and start using street numbers in town is obviously supported by most residents. We say that based on the comments we've received at The Pine Cone, the people who've spoken at public meetings, the council's unanimous vote, the applause that greeted the decision when it was finalized, and the fact that even several arch-preservationist types are in favor.

Some people, though, are really mad about the decision, and they've let us know about their strong feelings.

"You know Carmel has really fallen to its knees when they decide to mandate street addresses," said one correspondent. "Is understanding cross-streets and the direction of north, south, east and west too complicated for the smartphone generation? Or are they just too lazy to walk to the post office?"

"No self-respecting Carmelite would ever want to go back home, as it now stands," said another. "If that isn't a tragedy, I don't know what is. Everybody who ever was anybody, including generations of families, have no desire to return."

But don't those people realize how often the exact same sentiments have been expressed over the years? Whether it's been music in restaurants, sandwiches in coffee shops, trees being trimmed to protect power lines, the proliferation of souvenir shops or art galleries or winetasting rooms, the construction of 1,800-square-foot houses on 4,000-square-foot lots, or just about anything you can think of, there has always been something going on that somebody claimed would destroy the town.

Ten years ago, one former resident let us know that the city he loved had been totally ruined:

"Carmel bears no more resemblance to the town I grew up in than does Jersey City, or Detroit, or Miami," he said. "We've sacrificed the character of this community to junk shops, overpriced and shabby art galleries and a thousand other get-rich-quick schemes. I can't believe it when our entire existence has become the property of Hollywood shysters, crappy artists and thousands of tourists who neither know nor care about the history of the city."

In other words, if only we could figure out a way to go back to 1960, Carmel would be perfect again.

The problem is that no less a figure than Salinas native John Steinbeck visited Carmel in 1960 after living for a while on the East Coast, and his conclusion was that Carmel had become a terrible place compared to what it was a few decades before

"Carmel, begun by starveling writers and unwanted painters, is now a community of the well-to-do and the retired," Steinbeck wrote in his renowned travelogue, "Travels With Charley."

"If Carmel's founders should return, they could not afford to live there, but it wouldn't go that far," the Nobel-prize-winning author continued. "They would be instantly picked up as suspicious characters and deported over the city line."

According to Steinbeck, then, Carmel was perfect in the 1920s or 1930s.

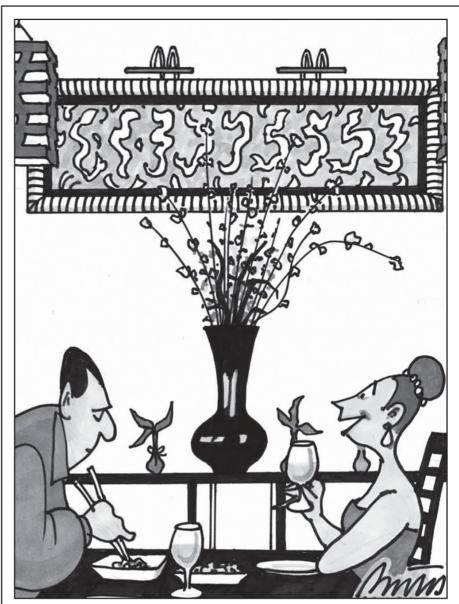
What he failed to recognize was that Carmel has changed every year from its founding in the late 19th century until whatever time you might choose to observe it. All that change came slowly, but inevitably. And even if you decided it should have been frozen at some point, how would you decide which era was best?

It's human nature to romanticize the past and to idealize earlier times as simpler, happier or morally superior, while glossing over the messier realities. We all have a cognitive bias rooted in how memory works — our brains tend to filter out the mundane or negative, leaving rose-tinted highlights.

Which is fine for dinner-table conversation, but when someone tries to bring their golden-age fantasies into the political realm, they can have real-world consequences, and we're not just talking about interfering in your neighbor's ability to get packages delivered or high-speed internet hooked up. As we heard during many of the public meetings on home addresses, the idea of "Camino Real 6 NE of 12th" just doesn't cut it when you need an ambulance.

One of Carmel's greatest attributes is its historic charm, but the city is not a museum. Just as Perry Newberry, who famously campaigned for mayor under the slogan, "Don't Pave Main Street" but didn't actually oppose a whole host of modern improvements to the town while he was in office, today's city council did the right thing by saying goodbye to the era of no street addresses. And even after every house has its number, somebody will look at Carmel and say, "It must not be changed."

BEST of BATES



"I like Carmel winters when it's warm again."

Letters to the Editor

Unsafe things Dear Editor,

It appears the house number debate has finally ended, driven by our modern obsession with safety, convenience and Amazon delivery winning out over 100-plus years of tradition. Up in smoke, just like the beach fires that were also a beloved local tradition but were banned, despite reasonable compromise.

Addresses are another win for those lovers of bans and mandates. Even city leaders who claim to be loyal to preserving the village's charm and character just gave up. Disappointing to say the least, but also an important reminder that the ban and mandate crowd will continue to erode away the things that make Carmel special if we give up and let it happen. Once all the "unsafe" things are righteously banned, we'll wonder how the charm of the town slipped from our hands.

Chris Kitterman, Carmel

Second home tax Dear Editor,

I applaud councilman Hans Buder's focus on the dwindling percentage of homes in Carmel that are occupied by permanent residents, now only some 35-40 percent of the total. A healthy community needs a majority of homeowners with a stake in the community and a reasonable

supply of affordable housing for younger families.

Why not institute a property tax surcharge on second homes that are not used as primary residences? That has been done in other communities with a similar problem. The resulting revenue could be used to subsidize rentals for public servants, teachers, police officers, firefighters, etc.

Mads Bjerre, Carmel

Phonics in the classroom Dear Editor,

It was wonderful to read your recent article in the Oct. 3 edition highlighting phonics instruction — a critical area in education. We appreciate your efforts in bringing awareness to the importance of structured literacy instruction in California schools.

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It didn't seem like a good hand at 17, but he played it well

ONE EVENING in 1970, Guy and Betty Calamia gathered their daughter and three sons in the living room and announced they were opening a gambling joint. They wanted to get it up and running that year, meaning Frank would have to leave his senior class at Cupertino High and finish up at a new school.

Frank Calamia, at 72 leaves little unsaid. remembers fuming. The timing was abysmal. But his father's plan to abandon

a respectable career in real estate to run a poker room in Marina — a small-butgrowing unincorporated town near Fort Ord — doesn't seem so ludicrous anymore.

"It was his dream," Calamia explained, with a shrug of understanding.

His father's family left Sicily for American opportunities by way of Louisiana, later California. His mother, Betty, was a farmer's daughter from Kansas City, Mo. At 16, she convinced her best friend to run off to Hollywood, where they aimed for stardom. Instead, they landed roles in reallife love stories after meeting another pair of best friends, two young Marines returning from the Korean War.

20 years of service

Riding the romantic high of his homecoming, Guy Calamia tracked down a Catholic priest to officiate his and Betty's wedding. It was something he knew his mother would have insisted upon, and he was raised to be a dutiful son.

Poker, on the other hand, was a vice he just couldn't shake.

"As a Marine, he got pretty good at reading people and pretty good at cards. He'd take on the crooks, anybody,"

Calamia recalled.

A veteran like his father, Calamia is rarely seen in public without his commemorative cap. He was first deployed to Vietnam in summer 1971 at age 19. By 1973, Calamia had reenlisted as part of the post-draft, all-volunteer U.S. Army. He

Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

served abroad until June 1991, with tours in Greece, Turkey, Italy and several other places. During those 20 years, he also earned an MBA from the prestigious Kellogg School at Northwestern University.

Wasn't a discussion

Calamia returned to Vietnam years later, attending a conference as vice president of sales for a manufacturer in San Francisco. He noticed a young woman zip by on a scooter, in a country of a million scooters. She parked. He mustered the courage to introduce himself. He and Linh have been married for 20 years and live in Salinas, though in a sense they're never apart, even at work — his iPhone background is a smiling portrait of her from the day she received her U.S. Certificate of

Today, the club his parents established is one of about 72 licensed California poker rooms. In Marina, it's the last one standing, and the only other one in Monterey County is the Bankers Casino in Salinas, across town from the Calamias' home.

A statewide moratorium on new cardrooms has been in place for about 30 years. Calamia operates his with the per-

> mit he inherited from his father and remembers in detail the first time it was brought up. It wasn't really a discussion.

> "He said 'Frankie, I need you to come back and run the Marina Club," from his sickbed at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. In 1991, after learning his father was ill, Calamia retired from service.

Sealed with a kiss

Feelings aside, he had misgivings. Fort Ord was en route to decommissioning, and with it would go the Marina Club's top customers, all the service members who craved diversion off duty.

Still, "What could I say but 'OK'? So he leans forward, grabs me by the chest, pulls me in close and gives me the two kisses. To Sicilians, that means

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The medium that launched a 1,000-year-old ship

THE ARTISTIC process, for Tracey Adams, is an organic revelation — a spontaneous series of surprises that conspire and collaborate into a finished piece. Those surprises keep her engaged and distract her from life's noise.

"I go to bed at night feeling like I can't wait to get back into my studio the next morning to see what I did the day before," said the former York School educator who specializes in encaustic paintings and collage, descendants of a medium created by the ancient Greeks in the fifth century B.C. as a way to waterproof their ships. Encaustic art, celebrated for its endurance, has been known to survive 1,000 years or

Her process requires mixing beeswax with a damar resin, a tree-sourced hardening sap that gives the combination its longevity. She adds the desired colors using wax-based pigment sticks, then dips

Japanese paper into that molten encaus-

tic, which is spread on a heated aluminum

ful sheets and affixes the fragments to a

wooden panel that has been covered with

slightly textured Japanese paper made

say, 'Hmm ... I wonder how this would

look?' and adhere it to the panel. Then I

respond to that with the next piece, and

that's how the art transforms and devel-

Galleries and shows

been represented for 34 years in Carmel

by the Winfield Gallery (Dolores between

Ocean and Seventh), and some of her most

recent work is on exhibit through Nov. 22

at the newest show, "Paper Works," at Carl

Cherry Center for the Arts (Fourth and

That exhibition features the work of

Her eclectic abstract paintings have

"I'll grab one of those torn pieces and

from mulberry fibers and other pulp.

ops," she explained.

Guadalupe).

Adams then tears up those color-

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

more than a dozen artists, including Ken Hale, Andrea Borsuk, Kirstine Reiner Hansen, Lisa Hochstein, Don Hughes, Jennifer Brook-Kothlow, Chris Leib, Jan Wurm, and Holly and Ashlee Temple.

Adams' paintings also will be part of "Winter Light," a 14-artist show that opens Nov. 13 with an artist reception at Carmel Modern (Sixth Avenue between Dolores and Lincoln).

First music, then art

Her earliest creative interest was music, remembers Adams, who, as a 3-year-old, exuberantly pounded the keys of her toy piano while her parents listened to Lawrence Welk and his orchestra on Saturday night TV.

But art also had its place. At 5, her tempura painting, "Hot Dogs and Arrows,"

won third place in a local competition. "I went to summer camp at Big Bear

> Lake, where I was introduced to the music of Joan

Baez, and Bob Dylan, Tim Buckley ... a lot of the anti-war folk singers," said Adams, who grew up in Los Angeles.

After graduating from University High in L.A., Adams studied music at UCLA, then attended New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, earning her master's degree in conducting.

As a graduate student, she worked as an assistant conductor at Northeastern University for two years and served as conductor of the Harvard-Radcliffe University Graduate Chorale.

Studio art became a priority from 1978 to 1980, as she took a series of classes at Boston's School of the Museum of Fine

Adams returned to Los Angeles to teach from 1982 to 1987 and then to the Monterey Peninsula, where she taught from 1992 to 1997 at York School.

'York has such lively kids, and I loved teaching them," she said. "I encouraged my students to use their brains to synthesize information, rather than going off to college and regurgitating whatever they

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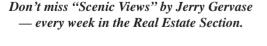


Carmel artist Tracey Adams specializes in encaustic paintings and collages that will be part of fall exhibitions at Carl Cherry Center and Carmel Modern. Adams has shown her art at Winfield Gallery for 34 years.

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casino, the boisterous cardroom his parents opened 55 years ago

A proud U.S. Army veteran, Frank Calamia, 72, runs Marina's only



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LETTERS

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We collaborated with EdVoice to support legislation like AB1454, and we remain committed to serving as a resource for educators, families and the entire community as we advance literacy for all students. Our many workshops and courses are available on our website, chartwellteachinginstitute.com.

Thank you for shining a light on this important work. Jodi Amaditz, director of the

Chartwell Teaching Institute, Seaside

Invasive grass Dear Editor,

A recent article in your paper highlighted the problem of invasive jubata grass in the Big Sur area. It is indeed an intractable problem that is exacerbated by the continuing practice of it being planted as a decorative element in local gardens and commercial landscaping. The sale of invasive plants should be banned and the public needs to be educated about this threat to our local native vegetation.

I would add that in addition to jubata grass, there are many other plants that are used in gardens that also threaten our local ecosystem. Those would include French broom (genista), sweet alyssum, ice plant, Cape ivy and others. As a volunteer with the California State Parks habitat restoration program, I urge the public to carefully consider what they use in their landscaping. Though you may think that it will stay within the confines of your garden, the wind and birds don't recognize those boundaries.

Helen Ogden, Pacific Grove

Dems on gerrymandering

The Aug. 29 issue of The Pine Cone's editorial, "Gerrymandering 101," omitted a syllabus item essential to any introductory class on the history and current practice of gerrymandering in the U.S.A.: the fact that in the past decade, it is overwhelmingly the Democratic caucus that has tried to strengthen laws and institutions that ensure free and fair elections, including permanently abolishing gerrymandering, while the Republican caucus has systematically worked to undermine those laws and institutions.

Recent examples of Democrats trying to strengthen free and fair elections while Republicans undermine them include the fact that every Democratic senator voted to end gerrymandering as part of the "For the People Act" (SB1) in 2021, but it was blocked by a Republican filibuster. In 2019, the same bill passed the House with a 40-vote margin but was blocked from being brought to a vote by Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

When gerrymandering was brought before the Supreme Court, the Republican supermajority abdicated responsibility by appealing to originalism, something they summarily do, but only when it suits their agenda. It is worth repeating Justice Elena Kagan's dissent following that disastrous ruling: "Of all times to abandon the court's duty to declare the law, this was not the one. The practices challenged in these cases imperil our system of

government. Part of the court's role in that system is to defend its foundations. None is more important than free and fair elections.'

With this backdrop, it seems fair to say that Proposition 50, which seeks to temporarily redraw California's voting districts, is not primarily an attempt at a power-grab by California Democrats. Rather, it is a reasonable, even courageous, last-ditch effort to defend the foundations of a democratic system of government against an indefinite dominance by the party of Donald Trump which has repeatedly shown itself to be fiercely opposed to free and fair elections.

> Bob Belvin, Carmel

An appeal Dear Éditor,

As with most of the residents of Carmel and many visitors, I am impressed with the dramatic improvements to our Scenic bluff walk and beach access over the past several years. Thanks to our founders, Dale Byrne and Shirley Moon, Carmel Cares has brought beauty and cleanliness back for all to enjoy.

There remains much to do. The team of Carmel Caretakers is small and working with limited resources. I joined Carmel Cares four years ago and get great pleasure working on the oceanfront and greeting the walkers and visitors who always express appreciation for what we have accomplished. One infrequent visitor the other day expressed his surprise and delight at how greatly improved the beachfront is since the last time he visited.

But more resources are desperately needed: volunteers and money. We hope to widen and refinish the pathway, install an irrigation system, replant the small curb and plaza gardens, keep the stairways in good repair, replace the dead and dying plants with fresh bushes and trees, etc. The list is long, but we cannot do it without more support from the citizens and the city. Please think about joining the team. We need more help, and it's very satisfying and a lot of fun. Our website is carmelcares.org.

> Lenore Thornton, Carmel

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solve crimes

The Salinas Police Department was subsequently notified that Salvador Zacharias matched the DNA profile found on Doe during her sexual assault examination. This provided the necessary evidence to identify who had raped her in 2007.

Zacharias was in custody, serving a prison sentence for the 2018 sexual assault, when he was charged with the 2007 assault against Doe.

This case was investigated by Salinas Police detective Edwin Cruz as well as other Salinas Police officers and district attorney investigator Rachel Maldonado.

The victim in this case was assisted by district attorney victim witness advocate Mayra Sandoval.



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future city park that is still in the works.

The artwork depicting the cultural diversity theme will be installed at the Abrams Drive roundabout. Koenig's team decided to use panels with floral imagery to illustrate diversity, with each flower symbolizing a specific culture

The list of flowers include native plants like the strawberry flower, and others from around the world like the prickly pear, bird of paradise and cherry blossoms. The idea of using flowers to represent culture faced some pushback from members of the council, all of them hearing the idea for the first time Wednesday night.

"Had I not heard your lovely presentation, I would have not known that this is cultural diversity," said councilmember Jenny McAdams.

"To me, I would think it was celebrating wildflowers, and for me it would be a real miss if we didn't get this one right, because it is so important, and our community is so prideful about our diversity," she added.

What do they mean?

Mayor Bruce Delgado went on to suggest Koenig and city staff include signage at the pedestrian level to send people to the city's website for an interpretation of each flower's meaning.

During public comment, resident Joanne Cheryl said she likes that the city is installing panels but is disappointed there is no plan to honor the legacy of African-American soldiers stationed at the former Fort Ord who helped to diversify the Peninsula for decades.

"I did hope to see some sort of diversity including African-Americans," said Cheryl.

Delgado recommended Cheryl reach out directly to staff with her ideas. Construction on the roundabouts is not expected to be

complete until June 2026. Crews need to finish striping and landscaping the areas as well as wiring streetlights and flashing pedestrian beacons.

Marina Police Chief Randy Hopkins said drivers are doing a better job navigating the roundabouts than they did in the initial days of the unveiling, when he observed autos going abnormally slowly.

"People are navigating them like they have always been there now," said Hopkins.

The chief reported there was one accident\, involving a DUI driver who sideswiped another vehicle last week going through one of the roundabouts.

Drivers should expect frequent police presence at the roundabouts over the next several months as officers plan to be on the lookout for anyone navigating them unsafely, or at high rates of speed.

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Any person, firm, entity, or corporation asserting claims with respect to the casualty involving the M/V EMERALD C must file their respective claims, under Case No. 25-cv-08179-SVK with the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, San Jose Division, 280 South 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95113 within 30 days after this notice is last published or by December 20, 2025, whichever occurs later. Any claimant must also serve a copy of the claim on upon Plaintiffs' counsel, David R. Shane, 1000 Drakes Landing Road, Suite 200 Greenbrae, CA 94904. Each claim must identify the name and address of the claimant, the facts on which the claimant relies in support of the claim, the date on which the claim accrued and the nature of the claimant's injury or damage. In addition, if the claimant contests the right of Charles McBride or Mulroy Bay, LLC, either or both of them, to exoneration from or limitation ofliability, such claimant shall either (1) include such challenge in the claim or (2) file and serve an answer to the Complaint in the above-captioned case. The Court has TEMPORARILY RESTRAINED AND ENJOINED prosecution of any other action or proceeding against Charles McBride or Mulroy Bay, LLC or their property with respect to any claim subject to limitation in this action

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TAX BREAKS

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Ginette presented a spreadsheet showing the total reduction in property taxes in 2024-2025 due to Mills Act contracts was \$76,251. Since the city's share is 6 percent, the net negative was \$4,575. The Carmel Unified School District receives 60 percent of everyone's property taxes, so the net effect to CUSD was \$45,751, according to Ginette.

Big discounts

But those figures don't account for the contracts approved last year — including for the Frank Lloyd Wright House on Scenic Road, owned by Patrice Pastor, which saw its annual property taxes drop from \$224,400 to \$26,560, Ginette said.

The three other contracts approved last year brought reductions from \$31,448 to \$4,380 for a home on Lopez and from \$15,402 to \$3,460 for a house on Third near Junipero.

While most California cities that allow Mills Act contracts don't restrict them, several jurisdictions cap eligible properties based on maximum assessed values, or stop approving them after hitting a certain level reduced tax dollars. For instance, Monterey County limits eligible properties to homes with a maximum assessed value of \$3 million and commercial properties with a max assessed value of \$5 million, while Beverly Hills caps its tax losses at \$500,000.

Former councilwoman Karen Ferlito, who has long been critical of the program, said she believes it started out well-intentioned but has been abused by wealthy property owners.

"I'm concerned when people are walking into town with suitcases full of cash and then complaining they need help fixing up a property," she said. "I think we need to put the brakes on it somehow."

Resident Kristi Reimers suggested imposing more eligibility restrictions, while Will Rei, who has been pleading with the city to consider lifting the moratorium, presented some counterpoints.

For one, maintaining a historic property can be much more expensive than taking care of a run-of-the-mill home

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on which asphalt shingles and off-the-shelf windows might be acceptable. One of Hugh Comstock's fairytale cottages, for example, would need custom roofing materials and hand-built windows, all at far greater cost.

While he initially liked the program, councilman Bob Delves said the Oct. 6 discussion changed his mind, especially since the financial losses are unpredictable and the contracts create "a huge resource suck" while benefiting a few. "I think we should shut this thing down and just not do it anymore," he said. "Declare the 19 to be canceled, and then they run for 10 years."

Councilman Hans Buder agreed. "I don't see a good rationale for a Mills Act program, especially in a place like Carmel," where property owners tend to have the resources and desire to fix up their buildings, regardless of government incentives.

Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov said she was torn, because while the Mills Act is a good program, it's "absolutely not working."

Subsidies

"Property values are so high here and keep increasing," she said. "Very wealthy people can buy the homes, and do we want to subsidize them for work they would do anyway?"

"If this was a hearing to keep or dissolve the Mills Act, I would vote with Bob and Hans and just dissolve it," councilman Jeff Baron said. "I think we should issue non-renewals on all 19 of the contracts."

Mayor Dale Byrne was in agreement, and the council directed staff to return with proposed changes to the municipal code to eliminate the Mills Act, documentation for non-renewals of all the contracts, and suggestions for other ways to incentivize the owners of historic homes to maintain and preserve them.



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huge key player in the continuation of our first responders' abilities," the agency added. "We would like you to join us in congratulating Chief Cabrera, and we applaud his outstanding leadership."

Cabrera replaces Kevin Dixon, who resigned as chief in August. The new chief will lead a brigade of about two dozen firefighting volunteers, including an assistant chief, a battalion chief, four engineers, two heavy equipment operators and 10 emergency medical technicians, along with an administrative staff.

Cachagua Fire has provided fire suppression and emergency medical services to "the rural and mountainous areas at the eastern end of Carmel Valley" since 1976. It serves the Cachagua Fire Protection District, which "comprises approximately 110 square miles of territory and serves over 1,000 residents."





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heard. I wanted them to learn to think and put ideas together."

Until 30 years ago, she was a printmaker and painter working mostly in oilbased media.

"People sometimes would look at my work and say, 'Oh, is that encaustic?' And I'd reply, 'I don't know what encaustic is," said Adams, who, in 1997, journeyed to Kingston, N.Y., to take her first workshop in the medium at R&F Handmade Paints. That decision would have a significant impact on her artistic future.

Since 2000, her portfolio has included encaustic paintings, collage and drawings - work that has earned extensive acclaim.

Adams' art has been showcased in more than 175 solo and group exhibitions in the United States and abroad, including shows at the Monterey Museum of Art, Fresno Art Museum, the Andy Warhol Museum in Slovakia, Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History, and others.

Her work is also in permanent collections at Triton Museum in Santa Clara, Crocker Museum in Sacramento, the Bakersfield Museum of Art, the Tucson Museum of Art, New Museum Los Gatos and Santa Barbara Museum of Art, and Museum of Contemporary art in Hot Springs, Ark.

Adams has been interviewed in recent years by the Huffington Post, Professional Artist Magazine, The Studio Work, and Geoform, among other publications.

In 2016, she received a Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant, awarded to visual artists based on artistic merit and financial need, to help cover studio expenses, supplies, exhibition costs or other living expenses.

Music and art in concert

Music and art work in concert today whenever she creates.

"I don't listen to music as I work ... I feel music. It's just a part of me and, therefore, a part of the art," she said. "I don't need to know why or how. It doesn't have to be quantitative."

She also is a puzzle enthusiast, solving many of the New York Times puzzles every morning before she gets out of bed.

"I do the crossword, Strands, the Spelling Bee, Wordle ... all of that," Adams said. "As a collage artist, I see my work as puzzles waiting to be configured and solved."

Adams also teaches Pilates classes private and "duets" — at Body Movement Pilates in Monterey.

"I enjoy it very much," she said. "Art can be lonely and solitary, which is fine — I love that part of it — but I also need to connect with people," she said.

For more information and to view images of her work, visit traceyadamsart. com, or on Instagram @traceyadamsart.

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Halloween fun

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

CARMEL IS ramping up for what might be its favorite time of year, considering it was incorporated on Oct. 31, 1916.

Several Halloween-themed events are planned. The fun will begin with the traditional pumpkin roll down Ocean Avenue Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by the Carmel Chamber of Commerce's Howl-o-Ween pet costume contest and parade in Carmel Plaza at 2 p.m. And the city's traditional costume parade and birthday party will round out the fun at 4:30 p.m. on the spookiest day of the year, Oct. 31. Shops will offer treats for kids, too.

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something."

Running the club was a few years off — his father passed in 2008 — but the promise was sealed.

By the looks of the peaked stucco building off Del Monte Boulevard, with a sign reading "Cal's Marina Club," little has changed since then. From the outside, it appears something like a flagged fortress.

Inside, low-ceilinged, light-festooned establishment is open 24 hours and staffed by 42 employees, offering 10 gaming tables, a bar and grill. It's alive, almost packed, on Sunday afternoons. The usual suspects include farmers, tradesmen, retirees, college students and tourists from around the world. They have their choice of limit or no-limit Texas Hold'em, three-card poker, pai gow, and a California-legal twist on blackjack.

It's illegal to bet against cardrooms in California, so there's no "house" or house advantage. Instead, Calamia earns his money from small per-hand fees for player vs. player games like Hold'em, and \$2 to \$10 for "banked" games like blackjack and baccarat. The latter is an arcane but legal workaround, he explained, that allows cardrooms to offer games traditionally played against the house.

New rules

The practice keeps poker parlors in business, and by extension, aids California cities that count on their taxes. Calamia said that casino-owning native tribes — who have the sole claim to slots and standard "house-banked" games within state lines — have spent millions lobbying to undo the loophole, so far unsuccessfully. Calamia said they're not the only ones who wouldn't mind seeing his little cardroom boarded up, and all the others with it.

Said Calamia of the city's 5 percent cardroom tax, "It's a great deal of money, but I'm glad to pay it." It's enough to cover the annual salary of a senior police officer in Marina, the result of a 2015 increase that precipitated the folding of nearby Mortimer's. At the time, Calamia thought he'd take on new employees, perhaps add a few

Instead, the sudden absence of his friendly rival was noted by a man named John Park, CEO of the upscale Parkwest Casinos chain.

Calamia said Park pushed the council to change the municipal code to open the door for a new cardroom after Mortimer's demise, promising hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue for the city, new jobs and a palatial place to play.

Understanding what it would spell for him and his employees, Calamia joined some local residents in protest. Many were concerned about corruption, that Park's proposed project would threaten Marina's family-friendly

Marina shows up

Meanwhile, Calamia appealed to friends and neighbors and presented in front of groups like Marina Rotary. He never imagined he'd be asking organizations he'd assisted over the years for their help, but was glad he did.

"People went to city council by the hundreds," he recalled, and a January 2023 decision to grant Park his cardroom was reversed a month later, in a 5-0 vote.

The groups he'd been proudly supporting surprised him when they rallied to his defense, but perhaps he should have expected it.

An abundance of plaques, trophies, photos, certificates, boxing gloves, — all from the numerous youth sports teams and booster clubs Calamia sponsors — line the casino walls, along with some from the American Legion and a junior chapter of the NAACP. Not featured are the Marina Teen Center, the Rotary, and CASA of Monterey County, among other recipients of his generosity.

He's also pretty proud of the website he designed for the old family business, casinomonterey.com. Along with answers to frequently asked gambling questions, nonprofit organizers will notice the "Monterey Community" page, where they can inquire about donations or ask to organize a casino night fundraiser, with all proceeds going their

Stop signs are coming

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE 16 stop signs approved by the Carmel City Council in August will be installed starting the week of Oct. 26, Police Chief Todd Trayer announced this week, providing "safer commuting for both vehicle and pedestrian traffic in our downtown area."

Affected intersections include San Carlos and Fifth, Dolores and Sixth, Lincoln at Fifth and Sixth, and Monte Verde at Fifth, Sixth and Seventh. After they're installed, the only intersections that will not have stop signs in all directions will be on Sixth at Mission and at San Carlos, due to the location of the fire station.

"Thank you for your attention and cooperation as we continue to enhance roadway safety in Carmel-by-the-Sea," he said.



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The Carmel Pine Cone

Tennis teams dominate Gabilan Division as regular season ends

PACIFIC COAST Athletic League tennis teams girls and boys — rarely create a ripple in the Central Coast Section postseason tournaments, where schools from the San Francisco Bay area traditionally dominate.

But Stevenson, Carmel and Santa Catalina — with a combined enrollment of roughly 1,500 — reign this year as supreme powers of the PCAL's toughest division, the

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Gabilan, as girls tennis enters the final week of its regular season. Alone at the top of the standings, with two matches left (one against second-place Carmel), are the Stevenson



Stevenson's Tereza Kostkova, a native of the Czech Republic, is an undefeated senior at No. 1 singles.

Stevenson has a 10-0 record against Gabilan Division opponents, and an 11-1 overall mark. The only blemish was a 4-3 non-PCAL loss to Palo Alto-based Castilleja School on Sept. 13 at the Santa Catalina Invitational tournament.

Since 1981, Stevenson has won 21 league championship banners in girls tennis, including 2023 (10-0 Gabilan record) and 2024 (9-1).

The league's No. 2 team, Carmel (9-1), figures to thrash Monterey in Monday's 3:30 p.m. road match. A Padres victory over Stevenson would create a firstplace tie for the championship. The Pirates win the title outright if they prevail.

Their other meeting on Sept. 25 at Stevenson was a thriller: The Pirates squeaked out a 4-3 victory when their No. 3 doubles team, Belle Wang and Philippa Jund, won an 11-9 tiebreaker over Carmel's Alisa Babenko and Sophia Wetzel.

Catalina beat Padres twice

Carmel's 13-3 overall record includes two September losses to Santa Catalina, the Gabilan's thirdplace team, at the Catalina Invitational. The Padres subsequently evened the score with back-to-back Gabilan Division victories, beating the Cougars 4-3 on Sept. 19 at Carmel, then 5-2 on Oct. 9 at Santa Catalina.

Santa Catalina can finish the season with an 8-4 Gabilan Division record — and 11-4 overall — with a home court victory over Pacific Grove on Tuesday, and another at Monterey on Thursday (both 4 p.m. matches).

Wendy Grover, celebrating her 20th year as Stevenson coach, is bracing for an emotional finish, after which she'll be saying goodbye to her singles players — all seniors plus doubles stalwarts Natalie Royal and Phiippa Jund, both from Germany, and Jackie Alexanderson, from Sweden. All are one-year visitors to the Pebble Beach boarding

"Next year is going to be a rebuilding year for us unless we get some new blood in from overseas," lamented Grover, who might be crying crocodile tears. She has 19 on a



PHOTO/KERRY BEISER

Gaby Samchenko, a sophomore, has exhibited a strong baseline game as Carmel's top singles player this season.

talent-deep varsity roster. "I never know when that's going to happen, and when a bunch of kids like those show up to play tennis at Stevenson, it's like Christmas morning for me.'

European standouts exiting

The graduates will include No. 1 singles player Tereza Kostkova, a lefty from the Czech Republic who will take a 10-0 record into Wednesday's match at Carmel, and China native Cici Li — "my silent fighter," said the coach who is 7-2 at No. 2 singles.

The Pirates' No. 3 player, Delara Gholami, has used a strong forehand and great volleying skills to build a 6-2

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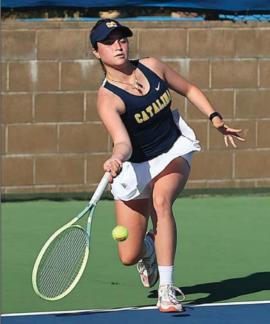
Grover will remember her No. 4 player, Jessie Chen, for rallying from a 5-2 deficit to win her first set against Catalina's Sofia Gutierrez, 7-5, dropping the second set 2-6, then battling exhaustion to win a 10-7 tiebreaker. Chen is 9-0 this year.

Six other Pirates together are unbeaten in six matches as singles players.

Euro-stacked doubles teams

Stevenson's top three doubles teams each pair an 11th grader who will likely return next year with a European who is headed back home.

At No. 1 doubles, local player Karen Baker, a junior, teamed up with Natalie Royal, a sophomore from Germany, to



Junior captain Jessica Urtusuastegui, a boarding student from Mexico, has battled the league's best players at No. 1 singles for a young, talented Santa Catalina team.

achieve a 6-0 together, and 5-0 with other doubles partners.

At No. 2, local junior Sloane Escher and partner Alexanderson, a sophomore, are 6-0 together and 6-0 when paired with different teammates.

Local junior Belle Wang went 4-1 with Germany's Philippa Jund, and 2-0 with Escher as her No. 3 doubles partner. Jund also went 1-0 in singles play.

Others on Stevenson's 19-deep roster who saw varsity action in doubles play include local sophomore Kai Close-Grover (the coach's granddaughter), juniors Adele Lee (from South Korea), Lila Doust, Caroline Taylor, Sophie Petrocelli, Teagan and Tia Nguyen, and senior Ashlyn Saxten.

The Carmel Padres remain in title contention entering the final week thanks to a talent-deep lineup topped by sophomore Gaby Samchenko, whose strong baseline strokes and net play helped her compile an 8-5 record against the PCAL's toughest

competition at No. 1 singles.

Junior Ruby Iranmanesh is a third-year varsity player whose backboard-like consistency induces mistakes from her opponents, resulting in a 12-4 record as the No. 2 player.

No. 3 on the ladder is German exchange student Hannah Heberger, 10-4 in singles play, 2-0 in doubles this season, utilizing aggressive ground strokes and fearlessness at the net.

The No. 4 player, Meya Lin, makes few errors with a solid style of play, resulting in a teambest 13-2 record.

Carmel's doubles teams have changed frequently and moved up and down the ladder because of a depth of athletic players on the varsity squad.

Bridget Trambley and Naomi Foudy are 4-1 together at No. 1 after season-long experimentation with pairings. Foudy is 10-1

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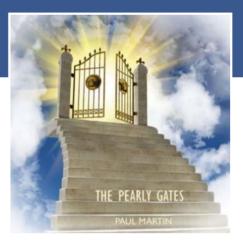
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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

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Everybody attending Saturday's concert is invited to an opening night party at 6 p.m, and Ogren and Mackey will present talks an hour before each concert. The symphony's principal bassoonist, Anne Ranzan, will play in the lobby before Sunday's performance.

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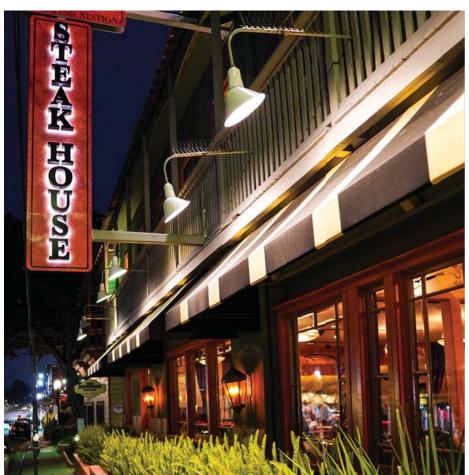
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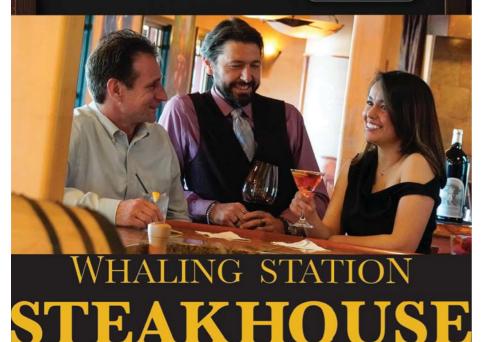
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OD & WINE

Pèppoli's achievements, pink fundraisers and spooky celebrations

T WASN'T a trick — Pèppoli at Spanish Bay has garnered some major recognition. And of course, Halloween's around the corner. (We won't tell if you repurpose your lederhosen as a costume. Everybody's busy these days.)

Carmel's distinctive events — the annual pumpkin roll, the Howl-o-ween pet costume contest and parade, the city's 109th birthday party — will surely be in The Pine Cone's pages.

If you don't want to hit the town, however, we fully support streaming "Nosferatu," "Young Frankenstein" or "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" with cheese and local wine, popcorn, and festive cupcakes.

To check out your options — and other great food and wine news — grab some coffee, pull up a chair and read on.

■ Michelin honors Pèppoli

As Pèppoli at Spanish Bay celebrates its 25th anniversary, Michelin has recognized the Tuscan-inspired restaurant.

"The recommendation from Michelin underscores a legacy 25 years in the making, one rooted in craftsmanship, tradition and a passion for bringing people together over extraordinary food and wine," the Pebble Beach Co. said.

Company CEO David Stivers described Pèppoli as a place that "has brought the warmth, flavors and spirit of Tuscany to Pebble Beach," and said the Michelin Guide's recognition honors chef de cuisine Angela Tamura and her team's "passion for creating memorable dining experiences that pair the best of Italian culinary tradition with the splendors of the Monterey Peninsula.'

Tamura has helmed the kitchen at Pèppoli for more than 14 years, having moved to the Monterey Peninsula with her husband and young child — and carrying another — from Napa.

Soup to Nuts

"I was looking for a change from where I'd been," she said. "My husband saw the opening, and I put my name in and hoped for the best.'

Obviously, she landed the job - and she continues to be happy about it.

"It's just so gorgeous here, and it has everything you could want, especially for a young family," she said.

The cuisine was also a perfect fit. "I've always loved Italian food, and I've been

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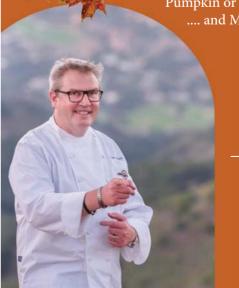
Paris Bakery in Monterey gets into the Halloween spirit with fruit pies (left), and nearby Freedom Bakery Boutique is offering samples of its pumpkin cream pie (above), which can be ordered for next-day pickup.



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in Mediterranean cuisine since I started working professionally," she said. In addition, Tamura is Italian on her mother's side and especially appreciates locally cultivated produce and other ingredients.

"The honesty of it can lend itself to so much," she said. "Everyone who makes Bolognese makes it differently, and everyone who makes tomato sauce makes it differently," even when relatively few ingredients are involved.

"You put your own stamp on it," she said. "We can play with it and make it our own."

Tamura's favorite dishes include Pèppoli's signature lasagna, which has been offered since before she arrived, but to which she's added her own touches. "We make the pasta, grind the sausage, make the bechamel — it takes four days," she

And the tomahawk steak, simple and cooked to perfection, is another.

Tamura said she's very pleased with the Michelin mention. "It's something as a cook and as a traveler I've always looked at as a benchmark of where do I want to go," she said. "I feel really happy and honored, and hopefully we can keep that up and maintain our high quality. We're all proud to have that mention, and I'm happy to represent Pebble Beach."

Pèppoli also represents a partnership with the vaunted Antinori family, whose winemaking legacy dates to 1385. The restaurant is named for Antinori's acclaimed Pèppoli Vineyard in Tuscany and "continues to honor this heritage through wine-focused dining experiences," according to the P.B. Co.

For reservations and more information, visit pebblebeach.com or call (800) 654-9300.

■ Think pink

October Cancer **Breast** Awareness Month, and Portola Hotel at Del Monte Avenue and Alvarado Street Monterey is serving a Pink Panther Lemon Drop made with Deep Eddy citrus, triple sec and lemon and juices, cranberry and a nonalcoholic Ritual Margarita, named for the Ritual brand of zeroproof tequila alternative, which is then blended with mango puree, lime

juice, sweet-and-sour and agave syrup. The hotel will donate \$1 for each cocktail sold to the Breast Cancer Assistance Group of Monterey County.

Everything's rosy

That nonprofit also benefits from Scheid Vineyards' donation of 10 percent of proceeds from tasting room and online sales of its rosé wines, including the Bubbly Rosé and GSM (grenache/syrah/mourvèdre blend) Bubbly Rosé. The fundraiser goes through Oct. 31, and to sweeten the deal, some discounts on those two sparklers are available in the tasting rooms in the Salinas Valley and at San Carlos and Seventh.

■ Paint a pumpkin

Does the mere thought of carving a pumpkin make you want look up the number for the urgent care? Help out Animal Friends Rescue Project by joining Sanctuary Vacation Rentals' team at Mission and Eighth on Saturday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.





Chef de cuisine Angela Tamura (left) of Pèppoli at Spanish Bay said she and her team are pleased with the Michelin Guide's recent recognition and recommendation of their work.

for a Pumpkin Painting Evening. A portion of each \$25 ticket goes to AFRP. In addition to all the supplies needed to squash the competition and win best pumpkin honors, you'll get a glass of wine from Twisted

Roots and "light nibbles." Additional inspiration — er, glasses of vino — will go for \$10. Choices include chardonnay,

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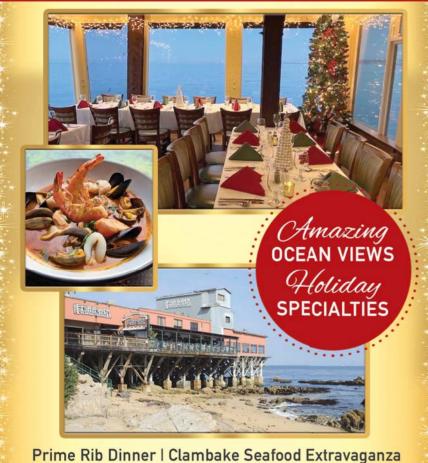
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an award-winning cab sauv, the winery's flagship petite sirah and the 1918 Old Vine zinfandel. Purchase tickets at tinyurl.com/mv428uj8.

■ Fall flavors at Terry's

With the recent refresh of the decor of its famous dog bar, Terry's Restaurant + Lounge in Carmel's historic Cypress Inn — which saw the passing of longtime proprietor Denny LeVett last week — announced a few fall specials, including some sweet treats available now, with more dishes expected to debut later this month.



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Inspired by the season's proliferation of pumpkins and other winter squash, the pastry team at Terry's crafted two special desserts: butternut pumpkin crème brûlée and pumpkin brioche bread pudding.

The custard for the crème brûlée is infused with a blend of roasted butternut squash and roasted pumpkin, and it's topped with sugar that is then caramelized under intense heat and garnished with fresh whipped cream.

The new bread pudding, made with rich and tender brioche and flavored with pumpkin, is served with vanilla bean gelato.

Each dessert is made in-house and costs \$15.

Later this month, Terry's, which serves lunch and dinner, along with an all-day bar menu, will introduce new fall menus featuring seasonal dishes like butternut squash

The Cypress Inn is located at Lincoln and Seventh. For more information and reservations, visit cypress-inn.com/ terrys.

■ Life is uncertain ...

... so eat dessert first.

It's time for spooky cookies and pumpkin-almost-anything — and local bakeries are on the case.

Café Carmel's chef/owner, Sarah Cook, is ready with hand-painted pumpkin cookies, the ever-popular Witches Fingers — green sugar cookies with roasted almond "nails" - and adorable chocolate Cake Rats with little ears made of peanuts. Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) cookies inspired by Mexican sugar skulls, and loaves of "moist, fragrant" pumpkin bread are also available. Visit cafecarmel.com for info and special offers.

Good taste

Freedom Bakery Boutique at 305 Webster St. in Monterey is reportedly offering samples of its 9- and 4-inch pumpkin cream pies with "filling blended with cream and a touch of white chocolate cream cheese.'

Open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the location doesn't stock food for sale onsite but does have free tastes of selected goodies, many of which can be ordered for next-day pickup. Visit freedombakery.com and click "Locations" to read more.

When in Paris

The people of France have embraced Halloween as an accompaniment to All Saints Day (La Toussaint), and Paris



Terry's Restaurant in the Cypress Inn announced its new fall menu and butternut squash ravioli is expected to arrive soon.

Bakery is getting in the spirit with spooky pies, cookies and breads. The treats have been available in limited supply on weekends and are available for pre-order. Visit the coffee shop at 271 Bonifacio Place in Old Monterey.

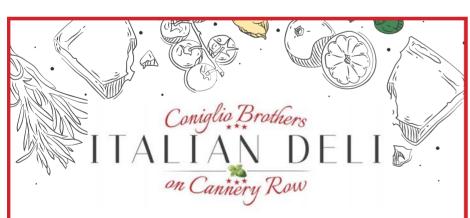
■ Parties and mysteries

There's more to Halloween than pumpkins and spice, of course. Peter B's in Portola Hotel is hosting its annual Franks n Steins event Oct. 30 through Nov. 1. With live music from the Money Band, food like Crypt Chips and Feathers of Fear chicken tenders, \$4 pints of beer, and cocktails like the Mar-GHOUL-Rita, Frankenstein Fizz and the Black Widow, it sounds like a pretty good time. On Oct. 31, any kid, adult or dog in a costume will get a \$5 food voucher and candy while supplies last.

Spirited evening

Bernardus Lodge's yearly tribute to the world beyond is called Spirits and Spells. For \$26 apiece, each guest can enjoy a beverage, draw a tarot card and get related on Halloween from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Organizer say there will also be a unique cocktail list mirroring the characteristics indicated by the cards. We're not sure what that means, but it sure sounds intriguing! Make reservations on Exploretock.com and find information on this and other events at bernarduslodge.com under the "Local Happenings" menu option.

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



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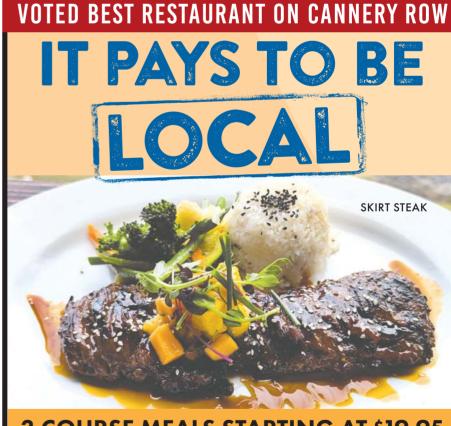




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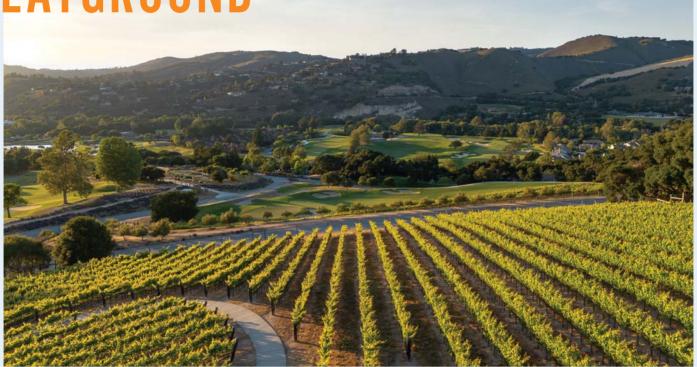
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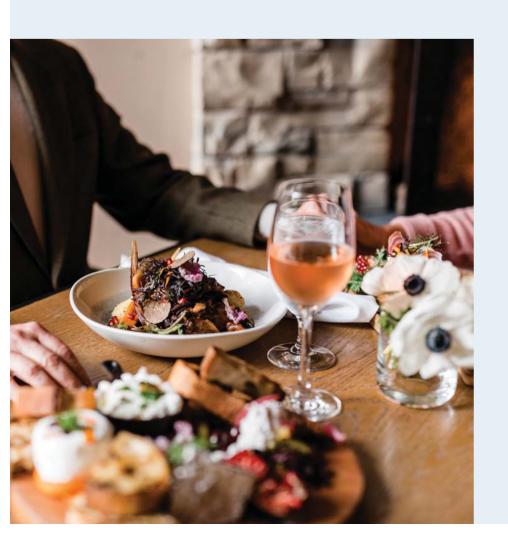
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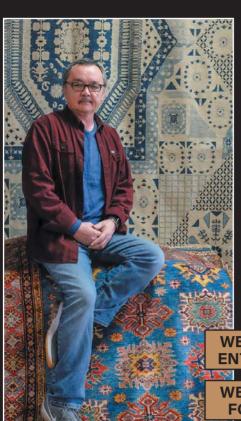
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Clown seeks more than laughs

By CHRIS COUNTS

NOT CONTENT to simply make people laugh, a fictional clown that Big Sur author Henry Miller wrote about wants people to feel everlasting joy. While such an ambition might seem impractical, the story has been made into a play, which will come alive Friday (7:30 p.m.) and Saturday (2 and 7:30 p.m.) at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts (Fourth and Guadalupe in Carmel), and Sunday (2 p.m.) at the Henry Miller Library (48603 Highway 1 in Big Sur).

Titled, "Smile: A Clown's Ascension," the play is based on a 1948 novella by Miller, "A Smile at the Foot of a Ladder."

In "Smile," the clown is world-famous, "yet fame leaves him unsatisfied," according to the novella, which was inspired by the drawings of early 20th century French artist Fernand Léger.

Dennis Leroy Kangalee, who co-wrote the one-man play, stars as Auguste the Clown. Magus Magnus is co-writer and director, while Justine Stock and Magnus Toren co-produced.

'Joy can be sacred'

Stock describes the play as "a meditation on the artist's calling."

"The adaptation isn't just about a clown—it's about a poet and what it means to live for beauty even when it costs you your identity," she said. "In today's world, it's a radical act to revisit the idea that joy itself can be sacred."

Tickets for all shows are \$40 except Sunday's performance, when they are \$70. Due to its mature subject matter, the play is not recommended for 14 and under. For more details, visit henrymiller.org.

Miller, who lived in Big Sur from 1944 to 1963, is best known for writing "Tropic of Cancer," which was banned in the United States before a Supreme Court case paved the way for its distribution here in 1964 — three decades after it was written.

CALENDAR

Oct. 17-19 – Henry Miller "The Art of Play," exclusive exhibition of Henry Miller's unique art and collectibles. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in The Kiln Room at Asilomar Conference Center. Produced by Gary Koeppel, Henry Miller's art dealer and publisher.

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.

Fridays and Saturdays – Soulful blues with Debbie Davis, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Terry's Restaurant + Lounge, inside Cypress Inn, Lincoln and Seventh, Carmelby-the-Sea. For more information, please contact Cypress Inn, (831) 624-3871.

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

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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

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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 – The Carmel Public Library Foundation presents the Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series, "The Muckraker: How the Radical Lincoln Steffens Won the Hearts (If Not the Minds) of Carmel," with journalist Joe Livernois, 7 p.m. in Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center. Register on our website: carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. Questions: (831) 624-2811

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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-cast-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

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Fernwood Resort — singer and guitarist **Steven Kai Van Betten** (Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Carmel

Barmel — singer and guitarist Ryan Sesma (Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Square on San Carlos north of Sev-

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.

Casev Frazier (Tuesday at 5 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth.

Links Club — Johnny Tsunami (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), The Katherine Lavin **Band** (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

Baja Cantina — The Money Band (pop and rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 7166 Carmel Valley Road.

Bernardus Lodge – pianist **Michael Cul**ver (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 Carmel Valley Road.

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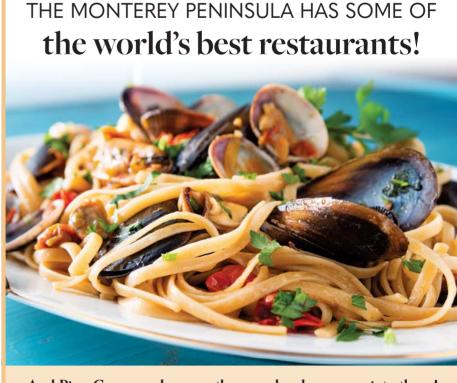


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Studio tour wraps up Sunday, biologist brings birds to life with wood

FAR FROM the bright lights of local galleries are the studios of artists who quietly explore their creativity without anybody watching. Offering a peek inside many of those spaces is the latest Monterey County Studio Tour, which wraps up Oct. 18-19 — starting at 11 a.m. each day. The event is free.

The tour offers a map that leads to the studios of 75 individual artists, including Cyndra Bradford, Susann Cate Lynn, Rob Holt, Monica Johnson, Cheryl Kampe, Nick Leonoff, Edi Matsumoto, Elizabeth Murray, Maria

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Poroy and Branham Rendlen. The mediums represented include painting, sculpture, glass art, ceramics and jewelry. Also represented are a dozen arts groups.

Be inspired

"Explore the creative heart of Monterey County," suggested the Arts Council of Monterey County, which presents the event. "Get ready to be inspired by the incredible artists living and working in our community," suggested the Arts Council, which presents the event. "This is your opportunity to visit the studios of talented artists throughout the county, witness their work in progress, and perhaps discover the perfect piece of art to add to your collection.'



Painter Elizabeth Murray is one of 75 local artists featured in the latest Monterey County Open Studio Tour, which wraps up this weekend.

For a complete roster of participating artists along with the map showing where you can find them — visit arts4mc.org.

■ Recalling the 'Easy Days'

The Center for Photographic Art hosts a reception Saturday at 4 p.m. for award winning photographer Sage Sohier, whose exhibit, "Easy Days, will be on display through Nov. 30.

"The photos were captured by Sohier mostly in the early 1980s while she was living in Boston," executive director Ann Jastrab told The Pine Cone. "In that pre-digital and less paranoid era, families — and especially children and teenagers - used to hang out in their neighborhoods. A kind of theater of the streets emerged from the boredom of hot summer days, and it was a great time to photograph people outside."

A Q&A with Sohier and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art's curator of photography, Shana Lopes, precedes the reception. The photographer will also sign copies of her latest book. "Don't miss

this rare opportunity to meet this accomplished artist, hear her talk about her decades-long career, and see her beautiful and poignant vintage silver prints in person," Jastrab

The gallery is in Sunset Center at San Carlos and Ninth. photography.org.

■ 'The Art of Play'

Although he was best known as a controversial writer who once lived in Big Sur, Henry Miller was also gifted painter. Titled "The Art of Play," an exhibit on display this weekend at Asilomar Conference Center looks back at Miller's legacy as an artist. The show, which runs through Sunday, coincides with a symposium dedicated to the author and artist who died in 1980.

The display features more than 60 framed artworks, exhibition catalogs, posters and unique collectibles from Gary Koeppel's collection.

"Henry painted with the joy and freedom of a child," said Koeppel, who represented Miller as both a publisher and art dealer. "One of his favorite expressions was, 'When I write, I work; when I paint, I play."

The display is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. The conference center is located at 800 Asi-



Photographer Sage Sohier captures a street scene on a sunny summer day in Pittsburgh in 1983.

lomar Ave. For more details, visit henrymiller21stcentury.

Measuring up

Artist and biologist Wesley Haack celebrates the birds of Monterey County with an exhibit of life-sized woodblock carvings at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.

The display lets viewers "see how they measure up to a great blue heron, a snowy plover and more," Haack said. "So often we see birds from afar — I am excited to have made these works to scale so viewers can see the true size of these majestic creatures up close.'

The museum is located at 165 Forest Ave.

■ The art of paper

The versatility and intimacy of paper as a primary medium is the theme of a show that's on display through Nov. 25 at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts.

The artists include Tracey Adams, Andrea Borsuk, Lisa Esherick, Ken Hale, Lisa Hochstein, Don Hughes, Kirstine Reiner Hansen, Jennifer Brook-Kothlow, Chris Leib, Rick Soto, The Temple Sisters and Jan Wurm. "This compelling group exhibition brings together a diverse group of local and national artists," according to the Cherry Center, which is located at Fourth and Guadalupe.

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Jack's Monterey — The International Trio (world music, Friday at 6 p.m.). At Portola Hotel, 2 Portola Plaza. Midici Pizza — multi-instrumentalist Paul Contos and pianist Martan Mann (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer Lauri Hofer-Romero and pianist Bill Spencer (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel — pianist Gary Meek (jazz,

day at 6 p.m.). 110 Central Ave.

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■ Pebble Beach

The Inn at Spanish Bay — The Andy Weis Trio (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). The Al James Duo (rock and soul, Saturday at 2 p.m.). 2700 17





Jazz singer Tiffany Austin (left) performs Saturday, 6:30 p.m., at Palenke Arts in Seaside, while singer and guitarist Trianna Feruza plays Monday, 5 p.m., at Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley

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Peter B's — singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). At Portola Hotel, 2 Portola Plaza.

Pearl Hour — **The Al James Trio** (rock and soul, Friday at 8 p.m.), 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 Kito Rayburn (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Linda Arceo (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Peter Barnes Martin (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

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The Wine Experience — mandolinist Dave Holodiloff and keyboardist Juneau Rowe celebrate the tasting room's 10th anniversary (bluegrass, Friday at 7 p.m.). 381 Cannery Row.

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Palenke Arts — singer Tiffany Austin (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). Tickets are \$30. 1713 Broadway.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 25CV003586
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Peti-

tioner, ADIMANDO PENALOZA, filed a pe-tition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A.<u>Present name</u>: ADIMANDO PENALOZA

ADIMANDO RAFAEL PENALOZA (AKA) <u>Proposed name</u>: RAFAEL PENALOZA

THE COURT ORDERS that all per-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 that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at scried and to be reducted and most 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

NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: Dec. 9, 2025 TIME: 10:00 a.m.

DEPT: 14

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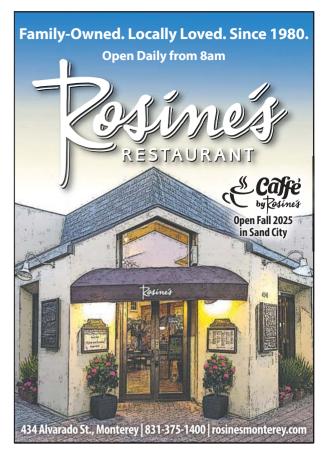
ithe address of the court is 1200 Agua-iith Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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, Carmel.

(s) Thomas W. Wills Judge of the Superior Court
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MORE SPORTS

with other partners, Trambley is 6-2.

Lauren Klingel and Havana Razi-Symes are 3-1 as the No. 2 pairing, but separately, Klingel has gone 11-0 with three other partners and Razi-Symes is 5-1 with two.

The No. 3 team, Alisa Babenko and Sophia Wetzel, are unbeaten against eight opponents. Babenko also went 2-0 this year alongside Foudy. Wetzel hasn't played with another partner.

Also of note is Grace Xu, who is 6-0 with Klingel, 2-1 with Trambley, and 1-0 with freshman Siena Ketcham this

"Depth is our biggest asset," Tracy said. "Our challenge matches have been very close, and we really are pretty solid up and down the lineup. There's no real drop-off."

Santa Catalina, 6-4 in the Gabilan, has remaining matches against Pacific Grove (6-5) on Tuesday and Monterey (1-7) on Thursday. If they win both, they'll finish

third in the seven-team division. A loss to P.G. would create a third-place tie.

The Cougars have gone 9-5 overall, sparked by a pair singles players who are unbeaten in 21 matches this

Sophomore Fiona Fang, a native of China, is 10-0 at No. 2 in her second varsity season, winning all but one set

And Catalina's No. 3 player, German exchange student Christina Vogel, is 11-0, all two-set sweeps.

Boarder from Mexico

The No. 1 player, junior Jessica Urtusuastegui, a boarding student from Mexico, has battled to a 6-5 mark against the league's toughest players. Three of her losses were to Carmel's Samchenko, another to Stevenson's undefeated Kostkova.

"We have 14 players on the roster this year, eight of them are new to tennis, and Jessica, our team captain, has helped pull them all together into a tight team," said Catalina teacher and dean of students Ned Stork, who stepped in as an interim head coach after the position became vacant in late September.

"With so many new players, a lot of different levels of experience, and a range of personalities, and also the late-season coaching change, she deserves a lot of credit."

The No. 4 spot was occupied through September by junior Magdalena Pablos, a San Diego boarder whose 4-2 record includes a victory and two losses to Carmel's Meya Lin. Pablos, a third-year varsity player, has seen more action as a doubles player, going 8-3.

Another junior, second-year letter-winner Sofia Gutierrez, also a San Diego resident, has gone 2-1 at No. 4 singles and 2-3 at No. 1 doubles with two partners. Boarder Jojo Castro, from Mexico, is 0-2 as a singles

player, 3-3 in doubles in her second varsity season. Castro is the only senior on the team. Doubles players this season also have included Zamina

Singh (6-2), Chloe Thompson (5-4), Sofia Mazon (5-2), and Barbara Costelo (5-5), Andrea Fernandez (2-2) – with two partners each — and Elena Salazar (1-1).

The CCS team tournament will be played Nov. 10, 11, 13, and 15. The individual singles and doubles competition is Nov. 17-19.

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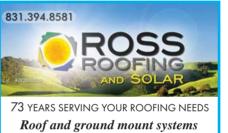




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under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 17, 2025.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-

marathon Petro, 1222 Del La

MONTEREY

Date: Sept. 2, 2025
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 9,

Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 957)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following page: (1) The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FANTASTIC JANITORIAL SERVICE, 1435 Mira Monte Ave., Seaside,

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,

Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025 (PC 958)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251648
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-

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 Val-

ley, CA 93924. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a limited lia-

bility 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,

Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 959)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025/1636 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (see) owing person(s) is (are) doing busi-

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 lia-

bility company. Registrant commenced to transact business

nder 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 busi

LEGACY CHURCH, 1035 Rogge Road,

Salinas, California 93906.
County of Principal Place of Business:

MONIEREY
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.

MONTEREY

CA 93930.

inas, 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

Under the Inclinious 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,

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 busi-3BROS, 100 Don Bates Way, King City,

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

CAL CROW, ILL., 100 Don Bales 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

under the richitous 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,

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 busi-

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. City, CA 93930. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a limited lia-

bility 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,

Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 963)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251727 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-

CANNDESCENT, 100 Don Bates Way,

King City, CA 93930.
County of Principal Place of Business: MON-

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 lia-

bility 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 busi-

BLOOM, 100 Don Bates Way, King City, County of Principal Place of Business: MON-

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.

City, CA 93930.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Leticia I. Rogers, CFO
Date: Sept. 22, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 22, 2025.

Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 965)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251729 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-COOKIES, 100 Don Bates Way, King

City, CA 93930. nty of Principal Place of Business: MON-

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. City, CA 93930. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a limited lia-

Bility 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,

Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2025. (PC 966)

LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 3:00 pm | legals@carmelpinecone.com

T.S. No. 135338-CA APN: 416-091-004-000 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 3/22/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAW-YER On 11/25/2025 at 10:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 4/3/2007 as Instrument No. 2007027164 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Monterey County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JOHN B. ROBERTS AND DANETTE M. ROBERTS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, 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 SAV INGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE MONTEREY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING LOCATED AT 168 WEST ALISAL STREET, SALINAS, CA 93901 all 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 described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11521 HIDDEN HILLS ROAD, CARMEL VALLEY, CA 93924 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 held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$954,737.81 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. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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 call (855) 313-3319 or visit this Internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 135338-CA. 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 Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 135338-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place

a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so

that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate

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professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (855) 313-3319 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108 Publication dates: Oct. 17, 24, 31, 2025 (PC1016)

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 TÉNANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELEC-TRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for OPEN MORTGAGE, LLC as Bene-ficiary, 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 being auctioned off, before you r may be responsible or paying off all li ens ser ior to the lier 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. If you are an "eligible tenant"

PUBLIC ness 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,

Publication Dates: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17,

File No. 20251650 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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 Alzahou, Presiden

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.

Fish and Game Propagation Grant Funds are intended to provide financial resources to qualified agencies, organizations, and individuals working to protect, preserve, enhance, and promote fish and wildlife resources in Monterey County, including education on habitat conservation, wildlife resources, and outdoor activities.

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.

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buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA07000660-25-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written

notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third,

you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. 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 Signators, VSALE INFORMATION CAN BE ORTAINED ONLINE AT www.gationwidenosting.com_FOR_AUTOMATED.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT rile No. 2025178 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person File No. 20251788 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,

Let 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

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Date signed: Sept. 29, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 29, Publication Dates: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025 (PC 1010) 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251791
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EVERYTHING CEDAR BY VIC-TOR MAGALLON, 8710 Prundale North Road #64 Salings CA 93907

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): VICTOR MANUEL MAGALLON, 8710 Prundale North Road #64, Salinas, CA

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

Jy victor magation
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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251798
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person 1 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, Ma-

rina, 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.

Itsied 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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025/769
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PRESIDENTIAL PROPERTY INSPECTION GROUP, 1240 Morris Ave.,
Greenfield, CA 93927.

of Principal Place of Business: County of MONTEREY

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

Issued 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. listed above on Sept. 24, 2025. Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251763 The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-

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

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.397372##

CNS-3973274# CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication Dates: 2025. (PC 1014) Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31,

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement

Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. Seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction personal property including but not limited to furniture, tools, and /or other misc. items

Auction to be held at 4:00 pm on November 5th, 2025: www.selfstorageauction.com The property is stored at: Coastal Storage 575 California Ave, Sand City, Ca. 93955

Name of Tenants
Johanthon Wilkinson
Michelle Parks

Osmin Junior Blancoromero 10/17/25 CNS-3971411#

CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 17, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251724
The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-

ness 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 Universi

village LtC (General Pariner 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: 2025. (PC 1017) Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31,

HTTPS://CARMELPINECONE.COM

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS **NAME STATEMENT**

<u>PUBLIC NOTICES</u>

File No. 20251795
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person! 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.

of Principal Place of Business County of 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,

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: Peti tioner, ISABELLA NORMA DESSO filed a petition with this court for a decree chang-ing names as follows:

A.<u>Present name</u>: 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 mis court at the nearing 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 des scribed above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection and includes into reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: Nov. 4, 2025 TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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
Ludge of the Superior Court

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

FICITIOUS BUSINES
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251811
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is form? The following person(s) is (are) doing busi-ness as: **GENERATIONS HOME CARE,**

ness 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 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 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

2025 tion Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025

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.

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

FIGURE OF SEASON 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: CARMEL SURF SHOP LLC, P.O. Box 2046,

Carmel, CA 93921. 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 Cou Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 2025. Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025 (PC 1023)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

File No. 20251592 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following page (1) **NAME STATEMENT** 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 lia-

bility company.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 1, 2025.
S/Saroh Rodriguez, Monaging Member Date signed: Sept. 2, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Co ty 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 owing person(s) is (are) doing as: LA URUAPENSE-BIRRIA & business as: LA URUAPENSE-BIRRIA & BOWLS, 730 Williams Rd. #134, Salinas, CA 93905. of Principal Place of Business:

MONTEREY Registered Owner(s):
YANETH GUADALUPE HERNANDEZ RO-

DRIGUEZ. This business is conducted by an individual.

Ihis 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. 2025

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NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251699

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business

1. CS JUNK N HAUL 2. CS LANDSCAPING 1543 Wanda Ave., Seaside, CA 93955. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

MONIEKEY
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 2025.

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement

Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. seq.) Auction to be held on November 5, 2025 at 4:00PM at www.selfstorageauction.com The property is stored at: Marina U Store Self Storage

475 Reservation Road Marina, CA 93933

Janettia Samuelle Williams 10/17/25 CNS-3975267#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251801
The following person(s) is(are) doing busi-

Seraphim's Touch, 17782 Moro Rd, Salinas, CA 93907, County of Monte

Registrant commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name listed above on Not applicable S/Jade Michelle Minelli This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 09/30/2025 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7/25 CNS-3971987# CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 17, 24, 31, Sept. 7, 2025. (PC 1029)

under the fictitious business name listed

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement

Notice is hereby given that, Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act (B&P Code 21700 et Seq..), the undersigned will sell at public auction personal property, including but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools, and /or other misc. items.

Auction to be held at 4:00 pm on November 5, 2025, at www.selfstorageauction.com www.selistorageauction.com
The property is stored at:
Leonard's Lockers Self Storage,
816 Elvee Drive, Salinas, CA 93901
Tenant Name:
Sharon Perez
Victor Jose Maldonado

Rosa Davila-Guijarro Jolene Crouse Maribel Hernandez Raul li Vela Manuel J Palomino Alfonso lii Arrellano

Antoinette Morales Sared Carrasco Maria Teresa Ortiz-Hurtado Jeff White Elena Orona Julie Blose

CNS-3975633# CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 17, 2025. (PC 1030)

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. Seq.), the under-signed will sell at public auction; personal

property including but not limited to furniture, tools, and /or other misc. items Auction to be held at 4:00 pm on Auction to be held at 4:00 pm on November 5th, 2025: www.selfstorageauction.com The property is stored at: Rossi Self Storage 10 Rossi Cr., Salinas, CA 93907 Name of Tenants

Tamara Martin Star Lorna Fernandez Lorna Fernandez Christian Ortiz Marybel Diaz Rubi Vasquez

CNS-3975630# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: Oct. 17, 2025. (PC 1031)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251812
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JIMENEZ AUTO SALES, 25 Brooklyn St., Royal Oaks, CA 95076.
County of Principal Place of Busin
MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): CYNTHIA SUAREZ JIMENEZ, 25 Brooklyn St., Royal Oaks, CA 95076.
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

S/Marion Cabrera-Olivera Date signed: Oct. 3, 2025 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 3, 2025. Publication Dates: Oct. 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 2025 (PC 1033)

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Historic Resources Board of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

will conduct a Public Hearing on <u>Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 4:00 PM</u>, or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Board will visit some or all the project sites in person as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend both the Tour and the Hearing. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE AND IN PERSON AT CITY HALL. The public is

To attend in person, visit the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocear and Seventh Avenues. To view or listen to the meeting remotely, you may access the YouTube Live Stream at: https://www.youtube.com/@CityofCarmelbytheSea/streams, or use the following link to view or listen to the meeting via Zoom teleconference: https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/i/87268387780?pwd=xDb3lAgololjM if05YWbUCslxTcaw9.1. To listen to the meeting via telephone, dial +1 669-444-9171. Webinar ID: 872 6838 7780. Passcode: 001916.

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

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

HE 25242 (French) Anthony Lombardo & Associates, Agent Torres Street 4 northwest of 8th Avenue Block 88, Lot 23, 25

APN 010-084-009-000 Consideration of the removal of the historic "Unit House" from the Carmel Inventory of Historic Resources located at Torres Street 4 northwest of 8th Avenue in the Single Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-

DS 25103 (Del Mar Carmel, LLC) Eric Miller Architects

Scenic Road 4 southeast of 8th Avenue Block A1, Lot 4 & 5

Consideration of a Determination of Consistency with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Design Study application, DS 25103 (Del Mar Carmel, LLC), for the construction of a 408-square-foot Accessory Dwelling Unit, fenestration changes on the main house and the existing detached garage, and associated site improvements on the "George Graft House" located on Scenic Road 4 southeast of 8th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District, Beach and Riparian Overlay District, and Park Overlay District. APN 010-301-025-000

DS 25240 (Ramos) Holdren-Lietzke Architecture

the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Design Study application, DS 25240 (Ramos), for after-the fact revisions to a previous approval (DS 23396) including the removal of horizontal wood siding, wood shingle siding, wood windows, and a Carmel stone chimney, replaced with new at the historic "Rockwell located on the northeast corner of San Antonio and 12th Avenues in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District and the Beach and Riparian Overlay Dis-

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

welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom; however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom. The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as

quickly as possible.

084-009-000

APN: 010-301-025-000

Northeast corner of San Antonio and 12th Avenues Block X, Lots 18 & 20 APN 010-279-008-000

trict. APN 010-279-008-000

Consideration of a Determination of Consistency with

Publication dates: Oct. 17, 2025 (PC1039)

Date signed: Sept. 16, 2025
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 16, Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025 (PC 1026)

Michael Anthony Davis
Patty Ross
Antonio Reyes

CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 17, 2025
(PC 1027)

ness as:

Registered Owner(s):
Jade Michelle Minelli
This business is conducted by an individual

T.S. No. 135338-CA APN: 416-091-004-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO

PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 3/22/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAW-

10/17/25

YER On 11/25/2025 at 10:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 4/3/2007 as Instrument No. 2007027164 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Monterey County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JOHN B. ROBERTS AND DANETTE M. ROBERTS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, 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 FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE MONTEREY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING LOCATED AT 168 WEST ALISAL STREET, SALINAS, CA 93901 all 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 described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11521 HIDDEN HILLS ROAD, CARMEL VALLEY, CA 93924 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 held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$954,737.81 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. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property located. 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 call (855) 313-3319 or visit this Internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 135338-CA. 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 Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 135338-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the

address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives

it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no

more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible

bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (855) 313-3319 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108 dates: Oct. 17, 24, 31, 2025 (PC1036)



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