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FILMMAKER TESTIFIES IN D.C. ON FAKE ORPHANAGES

By CHRIS COUNTS

A CARMEL Valley resident who made a documentary about orphanages used to traffic children testified Sept. 18 at the Anti-Trafficking Global Policy Summit at the U.S. Capitol.

The vast majority of children in these institutions are not actually orphans, and many face sexual exploitation,



PHOTO/COURTESY BARAK LAUB

Barak Laub of Carmel Valley (right) meets with Arnold Viersen of the Canadian Parliament and Emilio Puccio of the European Parliament Intergroup on Children's Rights in Washington D.C. last month.

forced labor and other perils, says Barak Laub, whose father, entrepreneur Paul Laub, once ran for Carmel mayor.

Laub spoke before members of Congress and elected officials from Canada, the United Kingdom, the European Union, Australia, Ghana and Mexico.

“I addressed leaders from all over the world,” he said. “I talked with staff from both parties’ representatives on the House Foreign Affairs Committee. I met with congressmen and staffers from both sides.”

Laub’s film, “Volunteers Needed,” tells how unsuspecting people send thousands of dollars overseas to groups that claim to operate orphanages but are actually exploiting children.

“It’s a multibillion-dollar industry,” he told The Pine Cone.

80 percent have homes

While he was in Washington D.C., Laub met Chris Smith, a congressman from New Jersey who introduced the Orphanage Trafficking Prevention and Protection Act in the House of Representatives in July.

A former Democrat who is now a Republican, Smith has long advocated for promoting human rights abroad. Laub helped educate him on the topic of orphan trafficking and encouraged him to introduce the bill.

According to the text in Smith’s bill, “orphaned

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License plate cameras should be nixed, group says

■ Worries they’ll be used by ICE

By KELLY NIX

A PROGRESSIVE political group in Pacific Grove is pressing the city to deactivate a dozen license-plate-reading cameras for fear authorities will use them to apprehend illegal immigrants.

On Oct. 17, P.G. Progressives directed its members to copy and paste a form letter to the city urging it to “temporarily disarm” the city’s camera system, which automatically snaps photos of license plates. Pacific Grove installed a dozen cameras after the P.G. City Council in March 2023 OK’d a two-year, \$65,000 contract with Flock Safety for the license-plate readers.

“External reporting shows immigration agencies have

obtained automatic license plate reading camera data via partner-agency queries in other cities, contradicting what communities were told about limits on use,” the left-wing PG Progressives said in a letter to city manager Matt Mogensen and the city council.

Cites ‘loopholes’

It wants Pacific Grove to “explicitly prohibit any access or sharing with ICE and border protection or other immigration agencies — directly or indirectly — without written city authorization,” and to confirm whether immigration authorities have accessed the camera data.

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County land open to Pastor for Rocky Point work

By MARY SCHLEY

THE MONTEREY County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday agreed to give Rocky Point owner Patrice Pastor and his team at Esperanza Carmel access to county land surrounding the Big Sur property for the next five years so they can do extensive restoration work at the iconic restaurant site.

In June 2024, the California Coastal Commission unanimously approved what it called “a visionary plan” to undo extensive illegal work by prior owners, improve public access on the scenic and historic property, and ensure it remains open and accessible. When the plan was developed, it was expected to cost in excess of \$4 million.

Much damage

At that meeting, a coastal planner discussed the history of Rocky Point and the Coastal Act violations committed by Peter and Grace Wang a few years after they purchased it in 2012 for \$4,550,000. Monterey County owns much of the surrounding land, including the driveway from Highway 1 to a parking area near the restaurant.

Regardless, the Wangs installed a locking gate and a sign at the top of the driveway, posted “private property” and “no trespassing” signs, put in security cameras and posted a guard. They only opened the gate when the restaurant was operating and said only patrons could park there, ending the

Water board asks state to lift ban on new meters

By KELLY NIX

COULD THE Monterey Peninsula’s seemingly endless prohibition on water meters for new development come to an end? It’s certainly possible and could even happen within months.

On Monday, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District board of directors voted to ask the State Water Resources Control Board to lift the 2009 cease-and-desist order it imposed on the Peninsula that bars new water meters and therefore new construction — an order that has existed in other forms since 1995.

If the state water board agrees, it would be a monumental relief for residents, some of whom could finally develop vacant lots they’ve owned for decades. It could also allow for affordable housing, business expansions and more jobs.

“This is a window of opportunity for the community to ease water restrictions in favor of housing and jobs,” water district general manager Dave Stoldt said.

The Pine Cone asked Stoldt when the board might make its decision.

“We have been told spring, possibly early summer,” Stoldt said.

‘You never know’

What are the chances the board will lift the order?

“All the numbers point to ‘confident,’ but you never know,” Stoldt said, adding that his staff has met with state regulators several times this year, and that they’re expecting the submission from the water district’s attorney.

If approved, the district would continue quarterly and annual reporting to the state water board, though some previous requirements could be clarified or deleted. It

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Laird’s bill unlikely to bring affordable homes to Peninsula

STATE SEN. John Laird had a big goal this legislative session — to prove California can protect the environment and still build desperately needed housing. The result is Senate Bill 484, which Gov. Gavin Newsom signed into law earlier this month. The legislation will exempt certain infill projects from from the California Coastal

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

Commission’s permit process, an onerous step that’s held up countless building projects.

Sacramento passed so many housing bills over the last couple of years it’s easy to lose track of what’s involved — from exempting projects from the California Environmental Quality Act, to building more apartments near transit

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Rocky Point Restaurant’s prior owners did a lot of illegal building and other damage to the scenic property, which is now owned by Patrice Pastor.

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Heart of the home

Historically, Tibetan spaniels sat on the laps of Buddhist monks or atop the walls of their monasteries, guarding. The monks saw them not merely as treasured companions, but as highly evolved souls who could bring fortune and good luck. The spaniels also helped keep the beds warm during snowy winters.

Kaiya, who will be 3 years old in December, lives not in Tibet, but in Sand City. Yet her ancestral roots emerge when she scales the fence in her yard, executes vertical leaps onto the kitchen counter or her person's desk, or tucks under the covers at night, her thick double coat keeping her warm against her person.

"Kaiya is smart, curious and intuitive," her person said. "She can read facial expressions and respond to the emotion. If I cry, she cocks her head from side to side, trying to understand the emotions behind my energy and expressions."

Some seven months after her person lost Lily, a Tibetan spaniel she'd had in her heart and home for more than 18 years, she was healing but found the process arduous and slow. Although unsure whether bringing home another Tibetan spaniel would help or hurt, she looked into a Missouri breeder and, within four days, brought home Kaiya.

Depending on its origin, "Kaiya" means ocean, wis-

By Lisa Crawford Watson



dom, forgiveness or compassion. All good.

"At first, having Kaiya triggered my sadness in losing Lily," her person said. "Slowly, I grew to love Kaiya, who has the cutest little face. She comes to my office every day, just to greet her fan club and perch atop the couch to look out the window, on guard."

Kaiya has been to the beach. Although she seems to like the sand, she's still finding her footing in the coastal part of the canine community.

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When the neighbor’s wind chimes are annoying, who do you call?

By MARY SCHLEY

IN A city practically famous for its profuse and far-reaching rules — wearing high heels requires a permit, businesses can’t have neon signs, residents aren’t allowed to have large sculptures in their front yards without government approval, garage sales are capped at one a year — it should come as no surprise that the people in charge of enforcing its codes are busy.

And considering Carmel is more than a little quirky, some of the “violations” they handle wouldn’t be out of place in a late-night TV bit.

Among the greatest hits, for example, was the lemonade stand shut down in 2019 because its operators — two 7-year-olds and two 10-year-olds — were conducting business without a permit.

The issues the town’s code enforcers deal with are reported to the Carmel City Council and the planning commission monthly. One recent example: A violation was noted for “planter boxes installed on front windows without a planning permit” at the historic L’Auberge Carmel on Monte Verde Street in July. The planning director issued a permit for the offending flower boxes the same day the wrongdoing was investigated.

What the job is

While people might be surprised to learn such a small thing would need a permit, almost all exterior changes in Carmel-by-the-Sea require some sort of government sign-off — even if that sign-off is to say whatever work being done is exempt from the process. A city document states permits are “almost always” needed.

“A planning permit is typically required whenever exterior changes, modifications



PHOTO/MARY SCHLEY

This ice cream cone does not have a permit, according to the city’s code compliance department.

or additions are proposed to an existing structure, or the development of a new structure or use is proposed,” it says. “This includes work ranging from major construction to minor cosmetic work such as paint. The best advice is to call the planning department prior to starting any exterior work to find out if a permit is needed.”

The department also reviews and issues zoning-related issues like lot-line adjustments, modifications to site coverage, and use changes for new and existing businesses.

The planning and building department’s code compliance division — named so to make it sound a bit softer than “code enforcement” — was established to “educate the public on city rules and regulations, assist in maintaining and protecting

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Dog-about-town is serial offender

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Pacific Grove: A wallet found at Congress and Lighthouse was turned in to the police department and is being held for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to a verbal argument on Grove Acre Avenue. Informational report only.

Pacific Grove: At about 0040 hours, officers responded to the 200 block of 14th Street on a report of a deceased person found. Coroner transportation responded.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Pacific Grove: Report of a dog bite re-

sulting in injury. The dog is in a mandatory 10-day quarantine.

Carmel Valley: Deputies were involved in a physical altercation at a Schulte Road residence during a domestic violence incident. A 36-year-old male was arrested.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to Hacienda Carmel for a call regarding identity theft involving an 82-year-old female victim.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a reported vehicle burglary on Highway 1.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Mission and Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult male transient reported a medical emergency related to a heart condition. Subject left three bags of belongings in front of the station. The subject was transferred to a long-term mental health facility. Property booked into safekeeping in the backlot.

See **POLICE LOG** page 10RE in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Sept. 18 — A jury found David Fernando Hernandez, 34, of Soledad, guilty of felony resisting an officer with force or violence, misdemeanor driving under the influence of a drug, misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, and misdemeanor battery against a peace officer. Hernandez admitted that he has suffered a prior strike conviction within the meaning of California's three strikes law.

On March 22, at approximately 6:45 p.m., Hernandez was parked on a Highway 101 offramp near Camphora and Gloria Road in Soledad. Hernandez was parked the wrong way, facing oncoming traffic. CHP officer Jonathan Delgadillo conducted a traffic stop on Hernandez and noticed that Hernandez was sweating profusely and not making much

sense when he spoke. Delgadillo suspected that Hernandez was under the influence of a stimulant and conducted a driving under the influence investigation. Hernandez did not perform the field sobriety tests as explained or demonstrated. Delgadillo formed the opinion that Hernandez was under the influence of a controlled substance and placed him under arrest. Delgadillo also searched Hernandez and his vehicle after arresting him. Delgadillo found nearly 1 gram of methamphetamine in Hernandez's front right pocket and a methamphetamine pipe in Hernandez's vehicle.

Delgadillo transported Hernandez to Natividad Medical Center to obtain a blood draw. On the way to Natividad Medical Cen-

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JURY CONVICTS CARMEL VALLEY WOMAN IN DEADLY HIT-AND-RUN

By MARY SCHLEY

JENNY LESCH, the 47-year-old former Cachagua resident who was arrested by the California Highway Patrol two years ago for the hit-and-run death of a 62-year-old man on Highway 1, was convicted by a jury Monday following a two-week trial. The road-rage incident wasn't her first, according to Monterey County deputy district attorney Christopher Puck. She will be sentenced next month.

On the afternoon of May 31, 2023, Lesch was tailgating James Pack, who was driving to his home on Carpenter Street in his 1988 VW van as he drove onto southbound Highway 1 from Fremont Street in Monterey.

As he prepared to merge on to the highway, the district attorney said, Lesch swerved next to him to block him from entering the freeway.

"Around this time, Lesch and Mr. Pack flipped each other off," and he merged behind her. But then she started repeatedly and aggressively hitting her brakes just to be in his way — causing Pack to lose control of his vehicle.

"As the van began to swerve, Lesch quickly moved into another lane, nearly hitting a second vehicle, a silver Honda," the D.A. said, which then also swerved out

of control to avoid her.

That driver, later identified as Nicholas Krenke, 34, collided with Pack's van on the shoulder just south of the Aguajito Road offramp, and the impact caused the van to roll multiple times. Pack was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected, and he died at the hospital later that day.

Rather than stopping and trying to help, Lesch and Krenke fled. The highway was shut down for nearly five hours as the CHP collected evidence and investigated, and some of what they found led them to Lesch.

"When CHP officers contacted Lesch at her home that night, she denied any involvement in the accident," the prosecutor said, and she "repeatedly lied to police by claiming that she wasn't able to call 911 because her phone wasn't working."

Forensic evidence

But evidence later proved otherwise, showing her phone was on and receiving a signal at the time the crash. "Additionally,

forensic evidence from the scene of the collision and dash camera footage capturing part of the road-rage incident contradicted what Lesch told police happened," he said.

A Monterey County judge signed arrest warrants for Krenke and Lesch July 17, 2023, and Krenke was booked into county jail the next day for felony hit-and-run causing injury or death. Lesch turned herself in to Monterey P.D. a week later and was booked on multiple felonies.

Krenke, a Monterey resident who

already had an extensive criminal record that includes theft, trespassing, possession of a deadly weapon, possession of narcotics and paraphernalia, possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, obstruction, shoplifting, second-degree burglary, and car theft, pleaded guilty on Aug. 22, 2024, and was sentenced by Superior Court Judge Jennifer O'Keefe to two years' probation.

Facing nine years

The D.A. also noted the fatal crash wasn't the first time Lesch lashed out at another driver. In 2021, she was prosecuted for vandalizing a Tesla in Newport Beach after she felt the driver cut her off and nearly hit her as she was walking through a parking lot to her car.

She yelled at the driver, and after the woman left her car and went into a store, "Lesch was caught on video keying the Tesla." But when police confronted her a few days later, she repeatedly lied about the vandalism and said she only spit on the car. When she learned authorities had surveillance footage, though, she admitted to keying it.

Lesch has not been involved in any other criminal cases in Monterey County, however.

See **HIT-AND-RUN** page 30A



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Taylor Swift’s T-shirt lands big \$\$\$

By KELLY NIX

A 30-YEAR-OLD faded T-shirt worn by the world’s biggest pop star turned into a \$2 million fundraiser for the Monterey Bay Aquarium earlier this month.

In Taylor Swift’s “The Party of a Show-girl,” a movie released to promote her new album, the 35-year-old performer wears a 1993 white Monterey Bay Aquarium sea otter T-shirt, leaving Swift’s fans clamoring to have one of their own.

Sensing a fundraising opportunity, the Monterey Bay Aquarium tracked down the original artwork and brought back the shirts for a limited run.

“Inspired fans joined the fun by donating to a special, limited-time campaign that featured a reissue of the T-shirts as a thank you gift to donors who gave at least \$65.13,” the aquarium explained.

The business strategy was — not surprisingly — exceedingly lucrative. It raised about \$2.3 million in less than two days.

“The funds will support the Monterey Bay Aquarium’s Sea Otter Program and other vital ocean conservation efforts,” the aquarium said. “The Taylor effect was

in full force, putting the spotlight on this adorable keystone species and the Aquarium’s mission to inspire conservation of the ocean.”

‘PVC-free’

While the fundraising campaign has ended, and the shirts are no longer being sold on the aquarium’s website, it is hard to believe it won’t bring them back at some point, considering their popularity.

The original T-shirt was produced by a company that was acquired by the Maine-based Liberty Graphics, which printed the new otter shirts. Aquarium and Swift fans will probably be glad to know that the tees are printed with “PVC-free, water-based ink that’s better for the planet and our ocean and 100 percent cotton material that doesn’t shed microplastics in the wash.”

It’s not clear where Swift obtained the vintage shirt, which the aquarium sold when the songwriter was 4 years old, but her fiancé, Travis Kelce, has spoken of his love for sea otters. The couple visited the Monterey Peninsula in April 2024, but there is no confirmation that they went to the aquarium.

Museum completes major makeover

By CHRIS COUNTS

WITH THE completion of a \$1 million makeover, the second floor of the historic Cooper Adobe House Museum is finally open to the public — along with its second-floor balcony, which had long been considered unsafe because of damage to its wood decking, railings and windows.

The project took five months to complete. Taxpayers paid for a portion of the work, which was funded by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service.

“We are thrilled to welcome the community back to Cooper-Molera Adobe Museum,” executive director Karyn Lee-Garcia said. “This restoration ensures that our historic site remains a living testament to Monterey’s history and a vibrant space for education, cultural engagement, and public enjoyment.”

The work included repairing the exterior of buildings, restoring and replacing decking, windows, shutters, doors and decorative trim, and addressing drainage issues.

The project also upgraded visitor

amenities by creating a check-in area and new gift shop.

If all goes according to plan, Christmas lights will adorn the balcony this holiday season as the museum participates in the annual Christmas in the Adobes celebration.

Built in 1827

Located at 506 Munras Ave. and named after sea captain and merchant John B.R. Cooper, the site features a complex of buildings that include the Cooper Adobe House Museum, which was built in 1827, and the Diaz Adobe, which was constructed in 1829.

The two buildings were the focus of the renovation. The 2.5-acre site is surrounded by an adobe wall and includes a corner store, an adobe warehouse, a barn and gardens.

The contractors for the work were Hare Construction and Paul Power Construction.

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Homeless housing savior charged

■ Pursued project in P.G.

By KELLY NIX

A BEVERLY Hills developer who received millions of dollars from the state to build housing for the homeless — including in South Monterey County — has been arrested and charged with mail fraud related to the scheme. He faces up to two decades in prison if convicted.

On Oct. 16, FBI and IRS agents arrested 31-year-old Cody Holmes, former chief financial officer of Shangri-La Industries, on a federal complaint alleging he provided fake bank records to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, which paid him nearly \$25 million in taxpayer funds for a state homelessness project dubbed Project Homekey.

The state gave Shangri-La the money on the condition it be used to purchase, build and operate housing in Thousand Oaks.

Bogus statements

But the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Central District, contends Holmes submitted fake bank records to the state housing agency demonstrating that Shangri-La and its affiliates had \$160 million in the bank and therefore the financial capacity “to fulfill the homeless housing projects for which it had coapplied for grants” from the agency.

“In fact, the bank accounts Shangri-La and Holmes said contained these funds did not exist,” the attorney’s office said.

Holmes and Shangri-La also submitted balance sheets that falsely claimed Shangri-La-affiliated entities held millions of

dollars in cash, prosecutors contend.

“Holmes and Shangri-La submitted these fake bank statements and false balance sheets with the intent that the state would rely on them and release grant money to Shangri-La.”

Luxury stores

Shangri-La received millions of taxpayer dollars to buy, build and operate housing for the homeless in King City, Redlands and other cities.

“Some of the Homekey money paid to Shangri-La for homeless housing was used to pay credit card bills for American Express accounts associated with Holmes,” prosecutors say. “In November and December of 2022, more than \$2.2 million was transferred from a Shangri-La account to a Holmes-controlled account.”

And from November 2022 to May 2023, the office said that more than \$2 million was paid towards American Express cards to pay off purchases at “well-known luxury retailers.”

Acting U.S. Attorney Bill Essayli said that Holmes case and another one his office is pursuing “are only the tip of the iceberg and we intend to aggressively pursue all leads and hold anyone who broke any federal laws criminally liable.”

Holmes had conversations with at least one Pacific Grove official in 2022 about using an operating hotel in the city to house extremely low-income individuals. But the idea was quashed after the hotel owner, who was not consulted on the proposal, said her family had no intention of selling the business. Neighbors also expressed concern about the idea.

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What's new for 2026? A 5K and a mini-golf tournament in the park

By MARY SCHLEY

THE FOUNDER of a local nonprofit wants to organize a 5K run through town early next year, and the Carmel Chamber of Commerce is planning to turn Devondorf Park into a pet-themed mini golf course during AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am week. The Carmel Activities Commission last week offered its blessings for both.

Carmel Valley resident Kelsey Pearson is planning to host a Jan. 10, 2026, 5K similar to the Run in the Name of Love, which was held from 2010 to 2019, and while the organization she started, Girls on the Run, might sound like it's about exercise, that's not all it's about.

Life skills

She told the commission Oct. 14 that she was inspired to start Girls on the Run Central Coast after she realized young girls often feel they have no place in school sports and therefore miss out on the physical and psychological benefits.

Girls on the Run trains coaches who work with schools and after-school programs based on a specific curriculum that's used nationwide, Pearson said.

“At Girls on the Run Central Coast, teaching essential life skills is the cornerstone of our research-based programs,” its mission statement says. “Trained volunteer coaches facilitate lessons that blend physical activity with life-skill development, including managing emotions, fostering friendships and expressing empathy.”

To further those efforts and raise funds, Pearson and race director Alberto Ramirez are proposing a 5K walk/run that would follow the same route as the Run in the Name of Love. It would start in front of

Sunset Center and follow a course around Carmel Point and along Scenic Road, with the finish line in the Del Mar lot at the foot of Ocean Avenue.

The event would require closing several streets, reserving parking spaces — including the north lot at Sunset Center — and setting up portable toilets, tents and other infrastructure, starting at 5 a.m. and going through noon.

Pearson said around 850 people are expected to participate at a cost of \$45 per person, and participants can bring their dogs.

Runners and walkers can opt to officially register their dogs for an additional \$15 each and will receive event bandannas in return.

Leslie Fenton, who handles community activities for the city, asked commissioners to recommend the city council approve the proposal — and that's what they did, unanimously. Fenton said she's hoping to get the item on the council's November agenda.

Putts for Paws

Councilmembers won't have to vote on the chamber's proposed Putts for Paws Mini Golf Tournament in Devendorf Park, since it's not as involved as the 5K, Fenton told commissioners.

Mark Oman, a chamber volunteer who has helped at the visitor center for eight years and who had a career in golf writing, with several humor books published, also writes a dog-related column for Carmel Magazine.

With the main goal of spicing up AT&T Week, which has changed considerably since the event lost its celebrity component in favor of a more competitive professional



The Run in the Name of Love was held in Carmel from 2010 to 2019. A new 5K run/walk could fill the void next year.

PHOTO/RUN IN
THE NAME OF LOVE

format with higher earnings, Oman came up with Putts for Paws, proposed for Feb. 10.

"I don't have to tell you that AT&T Week used to be something special," he said, but with actors and other celebrities no longer part of the mix, "that's all gone."

The plan calls for setting up nine mini golf holes around the park, having businesses sponsor them, and inviting teams to compete as the public looks on. Each hole would have a cat or a dog theme — but no live animals, since pets are banned in Devendorf Park — and would entail putting a tennis ball with an appropriately themed “club.”

Caddies will shepherd their players through the course, just like in a regular tournament, and Oman said he expects 50 teams to compete. Awards will be given at the end.

The chamber will also bring in food trucks and sell mocktails in the closed block of Mission between Ocean and Sixth.

"It's going to be fun, and it's going to be entertaining, and the people on our team know a lot of people in the golf world and

major media as well as local media that will be here for the AT&T," he said. "If we can get them involved on a Tuesday, hopefully we can build on this and turn it into something that will get people to come into town."

No dogs allowed

Commissioners asked a few logistical questions but generally supported the concept.

"It's a brilliant idea," said commissioner Judy Refuerzo. "We need fun. Since the celebrities left, nobody's excited about it, and I think this will bring some excitement."

But she worried that on hearing “Putts for Paws,” people would erroneously think they can bring their dogs to Devendorf — the only public space in the city in which they are prohibited — as are “ball sports,” incidentally.

Oman promised the no-live-pets message would be made loud and clear, and the commission unanimously voted to approve the event. Commissioner Kati Enea, the chamber's CEO, was absent.

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Sewer district bills for guesthouses, ADUs — whether anyone lives in them or not

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN LOCAL homeowners received their property tax bills a few weeks ago, some were shocked to see they were charged twice for their sewer service: once for their primary residences and again for their guesthouses, granny flats or other “dwelling units” — regardless of whether they’re occupied.

The Carmel Area Wastewater District collects and treats wastewater in a 5.5-square-mile area that includes the City of Carmel and the surrounding area and parts of Pebble Beach, Carmel Valley and Carmel Highlands, and when its board of directors approved the district’s 2025-2026 rates in June, it decided to levy the \$952.82 residential rate not just on primary residences, but on all buildings that could be considered dwellings. The district then notified the Monterey County Auditor-Controller of the additional charge.

The fee is not imposed on attached ADUs or guest quarters, or areas of the main home that are rented out, such as a basement apartment.

“So if you have a home and a standalone ADU, they are both charged as single-family residences,” CAWD general manager Barbara Buikema said. “Unfortunately, we don’t have any way to track occupancy of these units.”

The district also charges a wide range of commercial properties and other users for sewer collection and treatment, and expects to collect \$10,053,481 in fees during the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Fairness questioned

Carmel resident Carolyn Bardsley, who lives on Ridge-wood, was surprised to see the additional charge for her guesthouse.

“I don’t rent out my guesthouse, it is for guests,” she said, so why should she have to pay double? “It just happens that my guesthouse is not attached to my main house.”

Considering the only wastewater originating from the other building is generated by an “occasional visitor,” the new fee seems unfair, Bardsley said. “Most people in

Carmel have occasional visitors in their main house guest facilities without having to pay an extra \$952 per year.”

Buikema said the decision to add the charge was made when the board was considering its rates for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, and while Bardsley was under the impres-sion the double-billing was solely imposed on properties

with structures classified as accessory dwelling units and that she might have been charged in error, Buikema said it’s been applied to all buildings that could be considered livable space.

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Ex-P.G. school aide murdered man, police say

By KELLY NIX

A FORMER Pacific Grove teacher’s aide was arrested for stabbing to death a 54-year-old man in a seedy part of Salinas this week, according to authorities.

On Monday, the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office arrested Benjamin Bahena, 37, for the fatal stabbing of

a man on the 100 block of Market Way near Chinatown. Bahena was booked into Monterey County Jail on a \$1 million bond.

Bahena worked for Pacific Grove Unified School District as a teacher’s aide, which the district calls a paraeducator, until September 2024.

“Benjamin Bahena was a PGUSD employee,”

superintendent Linda Adamson confirmed to The Pine Cone Thursday morning. “He worked as a paraeducator but has not been employed with the district since September 2024. Due to state laws regarding employee confidentiality and due process, we are unable to provide further details.”

A school district report indicates that in 2021 Bahena worked part-time for the “summer adult transition program.” He was paid more than \$50,000 in salary and benefits that year, an online database shows.

The sheriff’s office said Bahena fled after the stabbing.



Benjamin Bahena

Captured

When Salinas police got to the scene, they found the unidentified victim with multiple wounds. Officers gave the man emergency medical care before EMTs arrived and took him to the hospital, where he died.

Witnesses gave officers a description of the suspect. About 20 minutes later, police found Bahena a few blocks from the crime scene and he was taken into custody, the sheriff’s office said.

While Bahena is behind bars and there are no other suspects, the sheriff’s office is asking those with information to call Salinas Police detective Pete Gomez at (831) 758-7162. The anonymous tip line is (831) 775-4222.



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Rare bee, majestic bird face impacts from \$37 million project

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO CREATE something, you must often tear something else apart. That’s precisely what’s happening along a 1-mile stretch of the Carmel River, where a \$37 million taxpayer-funded habitat restoration project aims to create better conditions for native plants and animals — but not before heavy equipment is used to move a mountain of dirt and debris.

The Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Project’s benefit to flora and fauna is one of its chief selling points. But before any work could proceed, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District was required to describe how construction could potentially harm species that the habitat restoration project is seeking to protect, including the Crotch’s bumblebee and the white-tailed kite.

Noted for its square-shaped face and named after entomologist George Robert Crotch, Crotch’s bumblebee has suffered a population crash and is now recognized as an endangered species globally. According

to Los Padres Forest Watch, the insect has “experienced a relative abundance decline of almost 98 percent over the last decade,” at least in part due to “significant declines in habitat quality.”

Short-term losses

The majestic white-tailed kite — which can be seen flying low across local grasslands hunting for rodents — is not considered endangered but is protected in California.

Correspondence between the park district and California Fish and Wildlife acknowledges that the work could take a toll on the bumblebee and the kite.

“The project is estimated to take up to 15 Crotch’s bumblebee individuals in the form of capture, up to 15 Crotch’s bumblebee individuals in the form of incidental take, up to one Crotch’s bumblebee nest in the form of incidental take, and up to one white-tailed kite nest in the form of nest abandonment, potentially resulting in the

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Workers using heavy equipment on a habitat restoration project along Carmel River need to pay close attention to the wildlife.

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incidental take of eggs and/or chicks,” fish and wildlife official Julie A. Vance wrote in a June 3 letter to the park district.

The park district’s planning and conservation program manager, Jake Smith, told The Pine Cone that the bee and kite are just two of at least 10 protected or endangered

species that the project is potentially impacting — and as a result, must be accounted for during the restoration work.

Smith conceded that some rare species might be harmed during the upheaval.

“We’re trying to do our best to minimize things, but you are going to have disturbances,” he said. “The long-term benefits of the project far outweigh the short-term impacts.”

Smith also observed that regulations require workers

to “take an abundance” of caution and a “ton of precautionary measures” to reduce harm to the species that will be affected.

The park district is required to let wildlife officials know what negative impacts are anticipated during construction — which it did. “We’re confident that should there be an impact during construction, we’re not violating any state or federal laws protecting wildlife,” he said.

Work has been focused on the west side of river, where 70,000 native plants have been installed.

“We’re winding down the first phase of major construction,” Smith reported. “It’s ending early next month. It should be quiet from public’s perspective by mid-month.”

Next year, the work shifts to the east side of the river. Meanwhile, Smith is looking forward to seeing what the west side of the river looks like in the spring.

“It’s really encouraging to see the health and recovery of plants,” he added. “While it looks pretty bare right now, we’re anticipating a quick recovery.”

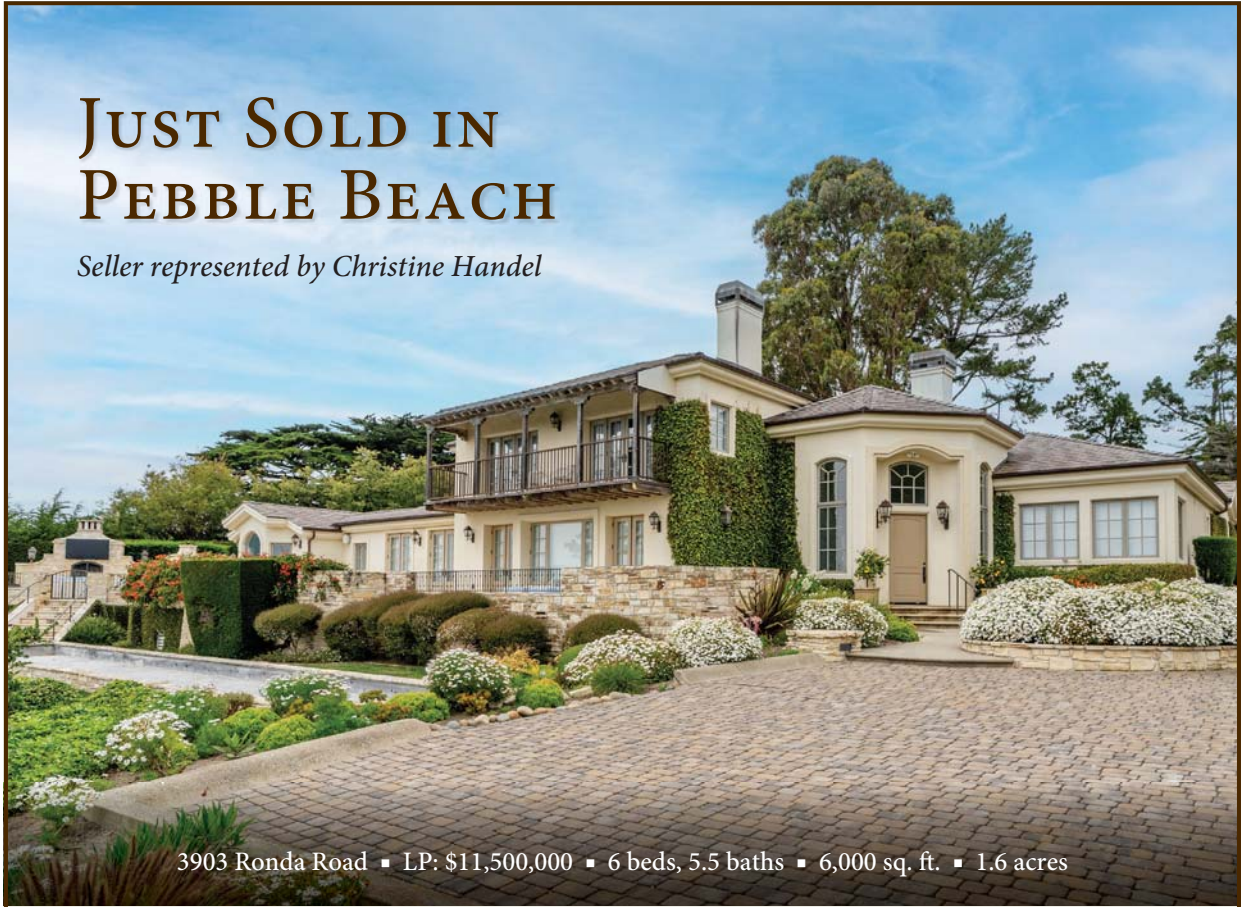
Intended to “transform 40 acres of a former golf course into thriving riparian habitat,” the project will excavate 650,000 cubic yards of sediment, making it easier for the river to inundate the floodplain during the wet season.

To help restore “natural geomorphic processes” to the river, about 3,200 linear feet of riprap will be removed from its banks. About 175,000 native plants will be planted along both banks, including “culturally significant species identified through tribal consultation with the Rumsen-Ohlone tribe.” Also, a temporary irrigation system will be installed.

The work involves removing three bridges across the river that were once used by golf carts — and building a new bridge “to provide emergency vehicle access” in case it’s needed at Palo Corona Regional Park.

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Steelhead also benefit

Besides benefitting the Crotch’s bumblebee and the white-tailed kite, conditions should improve for steelhead, the California red-legged frog, migratory birds and other wildlife, according to advocates. It will also help lower the flood risk for nearby neighborhoods and provide hikers with new trails.

“Construction is phased over three seasons to minimize impacts on wildlife and park visitors, with most major earthwork occurring during dry summer months to protect water quality and aquatic species,” according to the park district.

The land was once part of Rancho Cañada Golf Course. It was acquired by the Monterey Peninsula Park Management District in 2018.



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would also create a water supply and demand monitoring regime with certain triggers that could allow the state to consider a “reinstatement of the restrictions.”

The district’s letter to Eric Oppenheimer, executive director of the state water board, asks that the agency make the changes no later than Jan. 31, 2026.

The water board’s move to lift the permit moratorium comes with the expansion of the Pure Water Monterey project, a wastewater recycling scheme that can provide up to 7.6 million gallons per day of potable water through advanced purification of wastewater. It will provide 60 percent of the Peninsula’s supply.

Also working in the Peninsula’s favor is the fact that utility California American Water’s pumping from the Carmel River has stayed within legal limits for four years, something the water district noted to the state water board.

“There is no imminent threat of Cal Am exceeding its legal water rights on the river,” the district said.

In response to concerns from environmentalists, in 1995 the state water board issued Order 95-10, which declared that Cal Am was unlawfully diverting about 10,730 acre-feet of water per year from the river and harming the steel-head trout and red-legged frog that inhabit it. The state ordered the utility to stop the diversions — which meant strict conservation rules and no water meters or other permits for Cal Am’s Monterey Peninsula customers.

However, Cal Am was forced to exceed its legally allowable pumping limits to meet demands since there was no other water supply. Demand has plummeted since the 2009 cease-and-desist order was issued.

Flood not expected

Carmel city administrator Chip Rerig said that many residents might be unfamiliar with the 1995 order because it was enacted three decades ago. And while the city doesn’t have many vacant lots eligible to take advantage of new water connections, the city does need more water.

“We do have interest in additional water resources,” including for “accessory dwelling units, second-story mixed use housing in the commercial district and perhaps additional bathrooms in single-family dwellings,” Rerig told the Pine Cone. “Of course, we do need water for affordable housing to fulfill state mandates, which obligate Carmel to provide an additional 349 housing units.”

If the state board lifts the order, Rerig does not envision a flood of requests for additional water.

“We’re poised to allocate the 17 acre-feet or so that we have and will ask the district for additional water when needed,” he explained.

The Carmel City Council has not taken a position on the water district’s request that the order be lifted.

The expansion of Pure Water Monterey combined with the initial version of the project will offset unlawful diversions by a total of 5,750 AFY, the district said.

“Lifting the state’s order will allow the community to use this water to build new housing and create jobs,” water district board chair George Riley said. “This would be a big win for the Peninsula.”

‘Non-resilient supplies’

After the 2009 order was imposed, the Peninsula reduced consumption of water by more than 4,300 acre-feet, the district told the state water board in its application.

“This success has been due to aggressive conservation practices through district ordinances and incentives,” the

district said.

While there’s a buzz around the prospect of an unbundled water supply, Cal Am President Kevin Tilden cautioned the district this week in a letter to Stoldt.

“The reality is that supplies from the aquifer storage and recovery program, while vital, are susceptible to drought, as are future supplies from the expansion of Pure Water Monterey,” Tilden said, referring to the expectation that there will be enough rainwater and wastewater supplies for the Pure Water Monterey facility.

While having the order lifted “is appealing, we must be careful not to return to the past of water scarcity,” he said. “Making long-term decisions based on short-term, non-resilient supplies would hurt current customers, new connections and our community.”

“It would be irresponsible to plan only for best-case scenarios,” Tilden went on to say.

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ORPHANS

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and abandoned children living in public or private residential facilities are among the populations most vulnerable to trafficking worldwide.”

“Traffickers often target these children under the guise of education, caregiving or adoption,” the bill says.

It also notes that “an estimated 5,400,000 children live in institutional care globally, many of whom are not true orphans but are separated from their families due to poverty, disability or family breakdown.”

Laub said 80 percent of “orphans” are not actually orphans and could return to their families.

In all, Laub said he “received a really positive reception” for his testimony. But he added there’s still much

work to do to get the word out. “My film is still the first and only one talking about this issue,” he added.

Laub, who attended Tularcitos School as a youngster and finished high school outside the area, graduated from Columbia University in 2014 with a B.A. in psychology.

Long interested in making documentary films, Laub started posting travel videos he produced on YouTube. After high school, he volunteered for a public access station, which gave him the hands-on experience he needed to get started as a filmmaker.

Modern slavery

He came upon the topic of his first documentary by accident when he began searching ways to volunteer abroad without spending money and heard from a woman who had volunteered for an orphanage that turned out to be a trafficking operation.

As he investigated further, he learned about the harsh

realities that many children experience in orphanages.

According to Walk Free, an international human rights group “focused on eradicating modern slavery,” traffickers and organized criminal groups “target institutions where they can exploit weak or absent child protection mechanisms.”

“Demand for adoption among childless families — often from high-income countries — also drives trafficking and kidnapping of children into and out of orphanages,” Walk Free reports. “Evidence shows children in orphanages are groomed, coerced and deceived into leaving facilities and are trafficked into sexual exploitation, forced labor, forced criminality and other forms of modern slavery. In some cases, orphanages have been complicit or directly involved in the trafficking and exploitation of children within their care.”

Be cautious

Not all orphanages are involved in trafficking, obviously, but Laub did say many are vulnerable, and he urged well-meaning Westerners to be cautious when volunteering for them or sending them money. He suggested there are many red flags to watch for.

“Are they working to integrate children with their families?” he urged volunteers to ask. “Do they have a written child protection policy? Is there a public audit of their finances?”

Laub also suggested that volunteers working with children need training, including the skills needed to recognize abuse. “I think volunteering is good, but not when untrained people are given unfettered access to vulnerable children.”

While some argue that orphanages provide education and medical care for children in poor countries, Laub said he believes that volunteer and charitable efforts would be better off if they focused on reintegrating families.

When Laub began producing “Volunteers Needed,” he enlisted an old friend from Tularcitos School, Raymond Steege, as cameraman. He said the film was done on a very tight budget.

“We’ve been best friends since kindergarten,” he said of Steege. “We funded the film ourselves. We started with a Costco camera.”

Laub decided to film the documentary in Nepal, in part because he had lived in India and Nepal for a year before he started college. The first version of the film came out in 2019. Four years later it was rereleased after another friend, professional editor David Polsdorfer, re-edited it.

Making it pay

Despite the financial challenges Laub faces as a filmmaker, he’s happy to be doing it.

“I haven’t figured out how to make it pay,” he conceded. “But I’m doing something that is benefiting children and making the world a better place.”

Besides working toward federal legislation, Laub is also trying to urge state and local officials to join the effort. Two years ago, he convinced the Carmel City Council to take a stand against those who profit off the orphan volunteer industry, which it did by issuing a proclamation — the first by a city, he said.

Laub is also seeking audiences for his film, particularly throughout California — in part because he also wants to see the state take a stand against the criminal industry. The next screening is Oct. 28 at the Resource Center for Non-violence in Santa Cruz (6:30 p.m., 612 Ocean St.). Proceeds support efforts to stop child trafficking in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.

After the screening, Laub will join Assemblymember Gail Pellerin for a panel talk.

For more details, visit volunteersneededthefilm.com.



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RULES

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community character, promote a clean, healthy and safe environment, and protect property values,” according to the city.

Code compliance coordinators Bo Grunde and Leah Young staff it, and they investigated 35 potential violations in August and 21 in September, according to their reports. Grunde roughly estimates that, in general, half the department’s work is generated by complaints from residents and others, while the other half is discovered in the field.

Many of the last two months’ calls were common: illegal signage, signs and cones in the public right of way, unshielded and incorrectly placed portable toilets, illegal lighting, large potted plants preventing people from parking, construction of fences and trash enclosures without permits, unlawful water discharges into storm drains and the like.

And, of course, illegal short-term rentals — 14 of which have been investigated since the start of the year.

Wind chimes

A handful were less typical, though none involved kids selling lemonade.

On Sept. 17, for instance, a Dolores Street resident filed a complaint with the city regarding a neighbor’s excessive noise. The person “reported wind chimes that were disturbing them whenever it was windy,” Grunde told The Pine Cone.

“We identified the wind chimes in question, listened to them in the wind and determined that the chimes did not meet the criteria for unlawful noise,” he continued.

“The chimes themselves were the common kind.”

On Sept. 22, as well as a month earlier on Aug. 14, code enforcement contacted

the owners of a Dolores Street coffee shop, Haifa, in a courtyard on the east side of the street between Fifth and Sixth, because they were open and selling products, even though they didn’t have a use permit or and a business license.

The shop was still doing business this week, despite its lack of permits — which will have to be approved by the planning commission at a public hearing.

“The use permit will be a planning commission item, and we just received the application on Oct. 16,” Grunde said.

Also on Aug. 14, Mad Dogs & Englishmen’s coffee shop at Ocean and Mission was warned for operating without a business license and failing to provide a restroom for customers, according to Grunde.

“We are currently seeking a resolution to any violations,” he said.

On Aug. 28, code compliance discovered an “unpermitted plastic ice cream cone mounted to the building” where a gelato shop recently opened in the courtyard on the east side of San Carlos between Ocean and Seventh, and on Sept. 15, someone reported a tent in the front driveway of a house on Crespi near Mountain View.

The ice cream cone is still there.

“The case is open and we are seeking a resolution,” Grunde said Wednesday.

The tent is not. It has gone the way of the steel Tyrannosaurus rex sculpture on Perry Newberry Way that disappeared in 2013 because its owner lacked a permit.

Not difficult

In a town that might, perhaps, contain more than its share of busybodies, filing a complaint is easy, as well as anonymous, and can be done by calling (831) 620-2010, filling out a form at city hall or emailing code.compliance@ci.carmel.ca.us.

And you don’t have to worry about your complaint generating complaints.

“Code violation case files fall within the

definition of a public record and are subject to public disclosure,” the city says. “However, the identities of complainants will be held as confidential unless ordered to be released by a judge of a court of record.”

When a potential violation is identified, the city schedules a site inspection to verify whether there is, in fact, a problem, Grunde or Young attempts to contact the involved property owner/tenant/business

owner to discuss it, and then one of them sends a letter detailing the violation with a timeline for correction.

Owners or operators who don’t respond can be cited, and scofflaw businesses might be scheduled for a hearing in front of the planning commission for revocation of their use permits or business licenses.

If all else fails, the city attorney can get involved.



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State tax \$\$\$ for local alcohol busts

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THE CALIFORNIA Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control gave a \$75,000 taxpayer-funded grant to the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office to fight “alcohol-related harm,” primarily focusing on “youth safety and giving law enforcement the tools needed to confront and reduce criminal activity in known problem locations across Monterey County.”

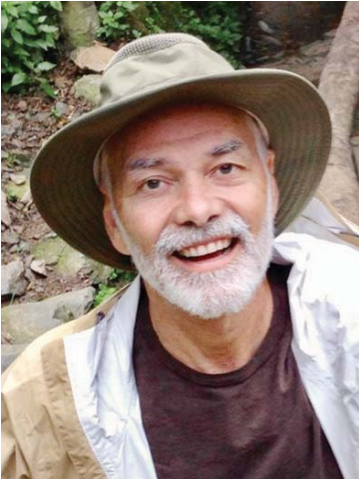
The grant is one of nearly 50 the state awarded to law enforcement agencies

through ABC’s Alcohol Policing Partnership program and includes collaborating with ABC agents to enforce booze-related laws and “improve the quality of life in neighborhoods.” The ABC created the APP in 1995 and reports that communities that have received the grants “have seen a real difference.” According to the sheriff’s office, the funds will be used to crack down on selling alcohol to underage buyers and obviously intoxicated patrons, illegal solicitations of alcohol, and other crimes like the sale and possession of illegal drugs.

TED WALTER

Ted Walter, born Jan. 3, 1959, in Salinas to Ted and Ann Walter died Friday, Sept. 26, surrounded by his loving family after a day filled with stories, laughter and tears.

Ted was a curious child with a voracious appetite for books and food. He lived in a tight family circle that included his sisters Cindy Ann and Laurel and he spent many hours with his grandmother and great-grandmother cooking in the kitchen. By the age of 12 he was spending his afternoons after school experimenting with foods and providing dinners for his family. Once he was old enough to work he began working in restaurant kitchens around the Monterey Peninsula.



Ted graduated from Salinas High School and then attended UC Santa Barbara. During his college years he continued to cook in restaurants in the Santa Barbara area where his creative skills began to shine. He graduated with a bachelor’s in English literature and his goal was to write a book. Instead he found that his passion was with food. Ted worked in restaurants across the nation, including a long period in Tahoe where he became the first non-French chef at a restaurant with a national reputation named Le Petite Pier. From there he went to New York City to open a restaurant for a small group and returned later to Tahoe to open another restaurant,

Wildberries, for his previous employer. He then returned to Salinas to open Teddy’s on Main.

It was here that he met his wife, Cindy. They married in 1988 and the two, as he told it forever after, had fun from day one. After closing his restaurant in Salinas Ted and Cindy moved with their two children, Megan and Kevin, to Tahoe. Here, Ted taught his children the love of skiing, skipping rocks, riding bikes, rafting the Truckee River, swimming and the overall appreciation of the outdoors. The family then moved to Bear Valley where he worked as the chef at Bear Valley Lodge and their leisure time was spent skiing both cross country and downhill, snowmobiling, more hiking, more rafting and swimming in the Stanislaus River.

Eventually their adventures led back to the Monterey Peninsula where they settled in Carmel Valley. Ted loved living along the Carmel River and spent many of his days walking down the river, a stick in one hand and a child’s hand in the other, followed by a dog. His greatest joy was the time he spent with his two children, whether it was camping, playing games or helping with homework. He hiked every trail in Garland Ranch Regional Park and spent many days in Garzas Canyon which was his favorite spot in the park.

Ted founded Passionfish restaurant in 1997, combining his passion for the environment with his passion for cooking. This established the restaurant as a leader in the movement of sustainable ingredients and seafood. Every plate told a story and emboldened his guests to think about sustainability when they shopped. He was a familiar sight locally picking up cases of fruit and vegetables at every farmers’ market and no one was more excited about the change of seasons and the seasonal foods available from his favorite small farmers. He met many of his closest friends through Passionfish and he loved talking with all his guests.

During this time he and Cindy not only hiked locally but also internationally, his favorite spots being Switzerland, Italy and Bavaria. Together they rode their horses through amazing landscapes including the Tahoe Rim Trail and Point Reyes Seashore. He rafted many rivers from Idaho to California with Cindy, Megan and Kevin and spent uncountable hours tending his garden.

Ted had a way of impacting everyone who spent time with him. From turning his passion into his life’s work, finding joy in nature, savoring good food and wine, building community, gathering often, laughing loud and throwing unforgettable parties. In recent months he could still be found riding a horse in Garland Park and sitting outside, quietly listening to the birds and taking in the scents of his roses, wisteria and jasmine. His presence is missed immensely by his family and by all that knew him, a sweet, brave and funny soul, but his spirit, values and ethics will ripple out like a pebble dropped in water for many years, not soon to be forgotten.

Ted is survived by his wife, Cindy; daughter, Megan; son-in-law, Ryan; son, Kevin and four beautiful grandchildren, Hayley, Lilly, Rhys and Jax. These were the loves of his life. He is also survived by his constant companion, his German shepherd Ulysses and his treasured, chosen tribe of close friends that he loved to spend time with. He will be missed, but honored by them all.

The family suggests donations to UCSF’s Lung Transplant Fund at <https://giving.ucsf.edu/fund/lung-transplant-fund>

Panetta addresses crowd at ‘No Kings’ protest



Speaking to a crowd of thousands during a “No Kings” protest at Window on the Bay Park in Monterey Saturday, U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta said, “This is what our democracy looks like. Looking at all of you, I understand why Donald Trump didn’t want today. Republicans say this will be a day of hate, but I say bullshit. What I see are patriots who love this country.” The Democrat also urged the crowd to support Prop 50, which would allow partisan redistricting in California, in response to a similar effort by Republicans in Texas.

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other illegal work.

“This unpermitted development was constructed in spite of the fact that the habitat and coastal views on the county property are legally protected by a deed restriction,” the law and a county resolution, the coastal staff’s report said.

The violations were discovered in 2018 after someone complained to the state agency, and enforcement staff tried to work with the Wangs, but those efforts ended when the owners shut the restaurant down during Covid and permanently locked the gate. Because Coastal Act violations run with the land and are the responsibility of the owner, the coastal commission’s chief of enforcement officially recorded them with Monterey County in June 2021.

Committed to fix

Pastor bought the 2.5-acre property, which includes the restaurant and three attached apartments, for \$8 million from the Wangs’ heir in November 2021. He was aware of the problems and worked for several years with the state agency to develop the plan to remedy them.

The 40-page agreement approved by the commission calls for removing the eucalyptus and other invasive species, restoring the entire bluff, taking out signs and lighting along the shoreline, recording public-access easements over 80 percent of the property, establishing a conservation easement, providing two dozen public parking spaces and eight vehicle charging stations, building four permanent restrooms, creating a viewing area with five benches and

10 tables, consolidating and improving a trail system on the property, and adding trash receptacles and water-bottle filling stations.

No one opposed the proposal, which received support from Surfrider California, and coastal staff acknowledged it contains more improvements and remediation than the state agency could have required. The commission chair thanked Pastor “for this visionary plan to provide the public access to an area that they deserve and have a right to have access to but have been prohibited.”

But the county and the state still have to issue permits for the restoration and improvements, and a year-and-a-half later, the project is slowly proceeding, marked by the



IMAGE/MONTEREY COUNTY

This red outline shows the county-owned area at Rocky Point that Esperanza Carmel can access during restoration efforts.

DAVID NORMAN FORTUNE, SR.

On Saturday, Aug. 16, 2025, Monterey Police Department (MPD) Captain David Fortune, Retired, changed his address at the moment Jesus came, took his hand, and the last breath on earth was the first breath in heaven, his new home, at the age of 76.

In 1972, Dave and his young family left their hometown of Fresno to begin a dream career with the Monterey Police Department, where he served his beloved City of Monterey for 31 years until retirement.

Throughout his career with Monterey, Dave held a variety of assignments, including jailer, traffic officer and detective. Later he led the Detective Bureau as both sergeant and lieutenant, ultimately rising through the ranks to serve as captain. Dave’s commitment to professional development was evident in his graduation from the California P.O.S.T. Command College (Class 12), and the FBI National Academy (Class 193), as well as completion of many extended training classes over the years to enhance his professional service to the community.

Beyond his career in law enforcement, Dave was a devoted family man and pillar of the community he loved. Among many things, he coached Little League baseball, played on the MPD’s softball team, accepted appointments at both Monterey Peninsula Water Management District for a water use/abuse hearing board and the Monterey Airport District to fulfill the remainder of a member’s term, and served twice as an elder at Cypress Community Church (under both Pastor Wayne Adams and Pastor Ben Sobels). Dave’s warmth, leadership, faith, friendship, loyalty, sense of humor and generosity left a lasting impression on all who ever knew him. He never met a stranger!



Dave began his journey at age 29 to face one of life’s greatest challenges when he was first diagnosed with cancer of the vocal chords. True to his resilient spirit, he overcame, but by 34, lost his voicebox to that dreaded disease and learned to speak again using a Blom-Singer device that was only invented five years before he needed it ... and yet again, overcame and continued to be promoted in his career. Under the Reagan presidency, an American hostage who had developed throat cancer was returned to America from a foreign government as he struggled to communicate. Dr. Nancy Sniderman of “Good Morning America” interviewed the released hostage and in an effort to understand the speaking difficulty of this man, questioned and invited her friend, co-inventor of the new Blom-Singer device, Dr. Mark Singer, and his most successful patient, Dave, to be interviewed at the New York TV studio. As a result of that interview, Dave was contacted by and encouraged more than half a dozen people from across America who were facing the same sentence of losing their vocal chords. Dave’s personal experience with this disease and the importance of a positive attitude inspired him to volunteer with the American Cancer Society on the local and state board of directors and also, it was his great pleasure to serve a term as president, where he continued a meaningful impact as great strides were being made against this disease.

Dave is survived by his junior high school sweetheart and wife of 56 years, Debbie (McCoy); son, David Fortune, Jr. (Kaja); daughter, Kristen Uikelotu; grandsons, Evan (Belle Martin) and Kash Uikelotu. Also, Dave was in anticipation of becoming a great-grandfather the end of November to a little baby boy, Makaeo David Uikelotu.

None of us knows the exact hour designated for leaving here and heading into eternity, but as the time was drawing near, Dave said to family at his bedside, “Happy Trails,” a closing song any 76-year-old remembers from growing up in the ’50s.

His Celebration of Life will begin at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7, 2025, at Cypress Community Church, 681 Monterey-Salinas Highway, Salinas, CA 93906.

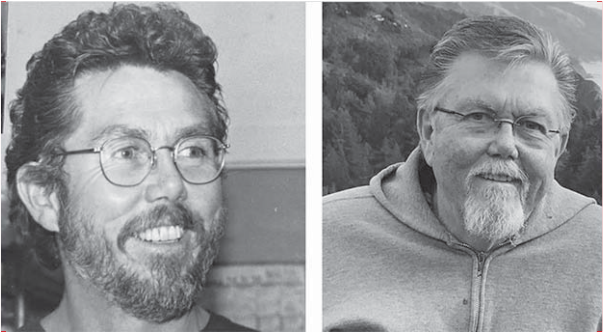
board of supervisors’ Oct. 21 decision.

Without discussion, supervisors approved the access and indemnification agreement with Esperanza Carmel to “allow the user the right of entry on to the property and allow the user to complete required restoration and remediation activities.” The OK also means county staff, not the board, can approve similar agreements for others involved in the project.

The agreement is the first step and “does not approve any construction, restoration or other activities.”

“The user is required to provide proof of approved permits from the applicable permitting agency(s) and applicable certificate of insurance prior to accessing the property,” according to county staff.

Esperanza paid the county a \$1,072 fee for the agreement. The company did not respond to an inquiry from The Pine Cone regarding the status of its permit applications.



MICHAEL KENT SHEFFER

Dec. 15, 1946 - Aug. 30, 2025
Pacific Grove

Michael Kent Sheffer, 78, died on Aug. 30 from multiple health issues. When Mike saw the beauty of Pacific Grove for the first time, he knew this was where he wanted to spend the rest of his life. And so he did, for 55 years. He met his wife Karen there, and they lived most of that time on Benito Avenue, the last of the old hippies who inhabited The Hill.

Mike was a kind, generous and gentle man who loved his wife, a few close friends, his sister Bonnie and all animals. Settled in his recliner, he enjoyed watching programs about history, science and extraterrestrials. “The Big Bang Theory” was a big favorite. Mike was also a voracious reader.

Living at their house on The Hill was reminiscent of a 1950s neighborhood. Neighbors would drop in unannounced and were always welcome. Mike wouldn’t bother getting out of his recliner. With his back to the door, he’d yell, “Come on in!” without worrying about who might be waiting on the other side.

Even cats were drawn to the Sheffers. Some came to visit, others came to stay, and all were welcome ... Snively, the Orange Guys and many more. Mike’s favorite furry friend, Cosmo, a little rescued Yorkie, accompanied Mike wherever he went. Cosmo’s passing left a hole in Mike’s heart, and we hope they are now reunited.

Back in the day, Karen and Mike enjoyed riding bikes to Los Laureles Lodge to catch some of the Valley sun. They also enjoyed camping and exploring Northern California and Oregon.

Mike loved all kinds of music and trying new recipes from Bon Appetit. Many evenings he’d prepare dinner, a glass of wine in hand, while listening to music from the 1930s to the 1970s, with a cozy fire burning in the fireplace.

One of Mike’s happiest times was teaching aerobics at Spa Jazz and Garden Racquetball Club in Monterey. The refrigerator was decorated with photos from his kick-butt class. One day devoted groupies showed up wearing T-shirts that read “I Survived Mikey’s Class,” “Body by Mike,” “Mike’s #1,” and “I Sweat with Mike.”

Mike retired as food service manager from the Pacific Grove School District where the students knew him as the Food Dude. Prior to that, he was employed as a chef at Le Bistro in Carmel where he enjoyed cooking and extending his family of friends. Julia Child’s visit to Le Bistro was a high point. Mike proudly displayed a framed napkin with Julia’s familiar “Bon appetit” autograph along with her lipstick print.

Like all of us, Mike’s life was imperfect but meaningful. He was loved by those close to him, and he left this world on his own terms.

He’s survived by Karen, his wife of 50 years; and sisters, Bonnie Bora and Rochelle Caldwell. At his request, there will be no service.

Donations to Animal Friends Rescue Project (AFRP) or Peace of Mind Dog Rescue in Pacific Grove are appreciated.

Laird

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— but Laird’s bill is the only one designed to incentivize developers to build more affordable housing in California’s wealthy coastal enclaves.

Unfortunately, for those hoping to see more homes on the Monterey Peninsula, the bill is unlikely to deliver results in the short term. Not through any fault of the legislation, but because of our persistent, pesky little problem — water.

Keeper of the housing keys

Laird calls himself an ‘inveterate vetter’ when it comes to the legislative process, and he says he met repeatedly with California Coastal Commission staff to find a way to

speed up the building process in the coastal zone.

Since its inception in 1976, the 15-person commission has acted as the gatekeeper to housing along the 840 miles of coastline in its jurisdiction, slowing and in many cases preventing homes and apartments from being built, or even conceptualized.

Laird’s bill doesn’t circumvent the coastal commission but incentivizes builders through a program that exempts designated areas from needing a coastal development permit for 100 percent affordable housing projects. The commission will still get to select where those areas are, but they’ll be on a deadline to do it.

It requires the commission to pick three local jurisdictions by July 1, 2027, and allows them to be excluded from the coastal permitting requirement for 10 years. It also requires the agency to post maps on its website showing the selected infill areas by the same date.

According to the bill, only cities without a certified

local coastal program — a bureaucratic step ensuring that local laws conform to Coastal Act requirements — are eligible. The sole city on the Peninsula without a local coastal program is Monterey, making it the only one that qualified for the affordable housing permit exemption, but Laird has a feeling it won’t be one of the chosen localities.

“I think when they choose the ones that will be eligible for this, I’m not sure Monterey will be in it, because there are related water issues, and you want to go where they are ready to go, where they could do affordable housing now,” said Laird.

Permit moratorium

Most of the Peninsula has been under a moratorium on new water meters since at least 1995, which has handicapped development on the Peninsula for 30 years-plus, but this week, with a new water project finally coming on line (see story, page 1A), the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board voted unanimously to ask the State Water Resources Control Board the lift the water meter moratorium. However, the earliest the Peninsula is likely to receive a ruling is this spring, and Laird thinks that may be too late for the pilot housing program.

Instead, the senator predicted the three locations will likely be somewhere in Southern California, where there are more eligible localities and no restrictions on water. If Monterey does miss its shot this time around, it’s unknown whether the opportunity will present itself again.

“It depends on how the other three go, it depends on if there is an opening, it depends if it goes so well in the short term that I try to do additional legislation that expands the number or the places or makes it statewide, so there would be a chance for it to come up again. It is just a question of which way,” said Laird.



John Laird

Plethora of housing bills

Sacramento designated 2025 the “year of affordability” in California, and legislators authored 45 bills related to housing and homelessness that made it to the Governor’s desk. For the most part, the laws are written to cut through red tape, marking a monumental shift in California politics. Local land-use and zoning laws have contributed to the state’s severe housing shortage for decades, and the coastal commission’s painful permitting process has also played a key role in the affordability crisis, helping make neighborhoods along the coast some of the most expensive in the state to live. However, most of the pro-housing bills in past years have exempted the coastal zone from changes due to concerns over the environment.

In 2024 housing advocates attempted to crack the California coast with a swath of legislation aimed at making it easier to build accessory dwelling units and apartments. Almost all of them died before reaching the governor’s desk.

Fast-forward to this year, and of the 45 newly passed housing bills, there is only one other that deals directly with housing in the coastal commission’s jurisdiction. Long Beach Democrat Josh Lowenthal’s AB 462 requires coastal development permits for accessory dwelling units be approved or denied within 60 days, and if the commission fails to respond in time, the ADU is automatically approved.

The intent of the coastal commission has always been to protect the environment. Laird says California can do that and also build some apartments — they just won’t be on the Monterey Peninsula this time around.

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Pearla Francis Tarsitano

Pearla Francis Tarsitano (née Hern), age 87, passed away peacefully on Oct. 4, 2025, in Carmel, California. She was born on Dec. 28, 1937, in Exeter, Ontario, Canada. Pearla was the daughter of Ward and Mary Hern. She grew up alongside her siblings, Marilyn Dixon, Phyllis Chute, Elaine Skinner and Edward Hern. Her early years in Canada laid the foundation for a life marked by resilience, grace and an adventurous spirit.



Pearla began her professional journey working at the Bank of Montreal in Canada, later moving to Calgary. From there she became a stewardess with North Central Airlines. It was during this time she met her husband, Dr. Gerald Tarsitano, at a party in Chicago, IL. They were married on Aug. 5, 1961, sharing a long and loving marriage of 64 years. In 1962, they moved, via the U.S. Army, to Fort Ord, CA for two years where they had their first child, Pamela. They then headed back to Chicago to grow their family, where they welcomed their sons, Gerald II and Perry. Pearla’s family was the heart of her world, and she took great pride in watching it grow across generations.

As Pearla’s children became older she ventured into real estate, earning the accolade of highest selling Realtor in the area. She brought warmth and dedication to helping others find their homes. Eventually Pearla and Gerry took their family and moved west again, settling in Carmel. Pearla became a local business owner, buying and running Carmel Tennis in the Barnyard, a beloved establishment that combined her entrepreneurial

drive with her passion for tennis. As their children grew up and left them to be empty nesters, Pearla and Gerald split their time between Carmel and La Quinta. During their time in La Quinta, they met wonderful friends and shared many memorable rounds of golf. Inspired by her love for the game, Pearla started a tournament at their club, aptly named The Pearla Cup.

Pearla’s life was enriched by many interests. She found joy on the tennis court as well as on the golf course and loved spending time playing cards and mahjong with friends. These pastimes were more than hobbies — they were opportunities to connect with others and share laughter.

Pearla had many health challenges later in life, but they never dampened her spirit for life.

In addition to her busy and vibrant life with friends, Pearla was a loving grandmother to Alyssa Murray (Shane), Tarah Sferidis (Chris), Colby Tarsitano, Miles Tarsitano, Makenna Tarsitano and Gianna Tarsitano. Her joy multiplied with the arrival of her great-grandchildren, Nickolas Sferidis, Emory Sferidis and Hailey Murray.

Pearla was preceded in death by her parents; her sister and brother-in-law, Ken and Phyllis Chute; brothers-in-law, Bill Dixon and Bev Skinner; her brother, Edward Hern; and her daughter-in-law, Stacie Tarsitano.

She is survived by her husband, children, son-in-law, Gary Mccarley, and daughter-in-law, Lisa Tarsitano, grandchildren, and many, many friends.

Her legacy lives on through the family she cherished and the community she touched. May her memory bring comfort to those who knew and loved her.

The family would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to Dr. Nancy Rubin, Pearla’s incredible caregiver, Greta Garcia, and the wonderful staff of Hospice.

A Mass and celebration of life will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25 at The Carmel Mission Basilica. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to support breast cancer research and awareness.



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Too young to vote? Work the polls

By CHRIS COUNTS

A 16-YEAR-OLD high school student can't vote. But students with decent grades can be poll workers, which not only gives them a front-row seat to democracy in action, it pays them a \$135 stipend.

Besides actively seeking poll workers of all ages for the Nov. 4 statewide special election — where voters will weigh in on a plan by Democrats to realign voting districts to their advantage — the Monterey County Elections Department is making a push to recruit high school students to serve as poll workers.

“We believe that early positive engagement with our youth leads to a lifetime of voting,” Monterey County Registrar of Voters Gina Martinez said. “We work to empower our current and our future voters to be politically engaged.”

About 650 volunteers have signed up to work the polls, including nearly 90 high school students, Martinez reported. “These

young men and women are seeking to learn more about voting while serving their communities,” she said.

Must have a 2.5 GPA

To be a poll worker, a student must attend high school, be 16 years old by Election Day, have at least a 2.5 GPA, be a citizen or have a lawful permanent status, and receive permission from family and school. According to the state's election office, high school students are allowed to have one excused absence per year to attend a civic or political event — including serving as a poll worker.

Students also have the option of forgoing the \$135 stipend to receive class credit or community hours. All poll workers must receive two hours of training. Students will learn how to open a polling place, process voters and close the polls.

For more information and to apply, visit countyofmonterey.gov/government/departments-a-h/elections.

BILLS

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The district identified the affected property owners by requesting information from the City of Carmel and Monterey County, according to Buikema.

“We asked them for a listing of all parcels with more than one dwelling unit,” she said, and from that information, the district imposed the additional charges on 280 properties, including Bardsley's.

While the board meetings are public and the decision was made in open session, some homeowners were blindsided, since the district did not notify them of the change in advance. Buikema said CAWD was not obligated to tell them, but that doesn't mean it shouldn't have.

Nonetheless, “just a handful — five or

six,” have called to inquire or complain, and she said the CAWD board will discuss the issue at its next meeting Oct. 30.

“And then the board would decide what the next step would be,” she said.

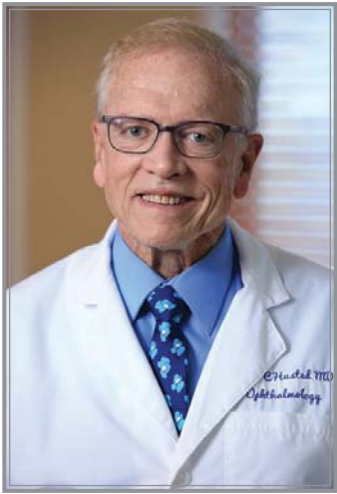
Buikema urged people who have opinions on the matter to participate.

“Please, comment — that's what the board listens to,” she said.

Bardsley said the district should find another way to collect more money if it needs it. “Those who generate more wastewater can pay, but those who do not generate more wastewater should not have to pay,” she argued. “This extra charge needs to be taken off our property taxes until a fair solution can be determined.”

The board meeting is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. and will be held in the CAWD offices at 3945 Rio Road.

For more information and details on attending, visit cawd.org.



ROGER CLARK HUSTED
May 5, 1944 – July 24, 2025

Roger Clark Husted passed away on July 24th surrounded by his family at the Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula following a brief illness. He was born to Robert Charles Husted and Barbara Bush Husted in Branford, CT on May 5th, 1944. He went on to attend UC Santa Barbara for two years, then later transferred to Brigham Young University to graduate in 1966. He matriculated at George Washington University School of Medicine the following year and graduated in 1970. Internship and residency at Letterman Army Hospital at the Presidio of San Francisco followed.

Roger began his journey with the U.S. Army as chief of ophthalmology at Silas B. Hayes Army Hospital at Fort Ord in Monterey. His career there spanned more than 20 years, including a year posted overseas in Seoul, South Korea. He was honorably discharged from the Army with the rank of colonel in 1990. He remained in the Monterey Bay area in private practice, where he was able to practice what he loved up until his unexpected death. He was known affectionately as “Rog” and “Doc” with his patients and was appreciated for his relaxed and humorous bedside manners.

Roger lived an active life both locally and around the country, having enjoyed exploring the Ventana Wilderness, fly fishing in Colorado and mountain biking in Utah in the company of his family. He loved to sail and windsurf for many years in Northern California's bays and lakes. Learning to fly while still a medical student, he continued as a private pilot for nearly his entire life. He flew his family around the western United States, exploring the remote corners of the outdoors. At home, Roger enjoyed experimenting with new cuisines and cooking for his family.

He is survived by his sons, Roger Husted, Jr., Kenshi Husted and Kento Husted; brother, Chuck Husted; sister, Valerie Park; grandchildren, Ethan Husted and Tessa Husted; and his two cats, Kesha and Julius III.



**MARIE ELIZABETH
‘BETTY’ FLAUSE**
Monterey, CA
March 23rd, 1927 – Oct. 9th, 2025

Marie Elizabeth Flause, lovingly known as “Betty,” passed away peacefully in her sleep on Oct. 9, 2025, at her home in Monterey, California, at the age of 98. Born on March 23, 1927, in Monterey to John and Elizabeth Scheurer, Betty was a devoted wife to her late husband, Robert G. Flause, and a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Betty is survived by her sons, Stephen and Jeffrey Flause; her grandchildren, Micah and Zachary; and her great-grandchildren, Marlow and Magnus. Her strength, kindness, and warmth left an indelible mark on everyone she met.

A proud graduate of Stanford University's distinguished nursing program, Betty earned a bachelor's degree and dedicated more than 20 years to her career as a registered nurse. She also served as the director of the Visiting Nurses Association and volunteered at the Community Hospital of Monterey for 19 years, continuing her service well into her 90s. Her unwavering commitment to caring for others defined her life's work.

Betty found joy in tending her garden, observing nature, and sharing her love for cooking and baking with family and friends. Her compassionate spirit and generous heart will forever be remembered in her cherished Monterey community and beyond. A private family gathering will be held to honor Betty's life.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula in her memory.

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The progressives point to a news report indicating that Flock allowed U.S. Customs and Border Protection to access an Illinois city’s license plate cameras and that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement searched Denver’s Flock data more than 1,400 times during the Biden administration.

The group notes that when the city OK’d its contract with Flock, company representatives and P.G. Police assured residents that the cameras would only capture license plates, not faces or other identifying information. It wants P.G. to close what it dubs are “immigration-access loopholes” in the Flock system and “amend agreements to explicitly prohibit” sharing camera data with federal immigration authorities.

However, there’s no evidence that the data gleaned by the camera system is being used improperly, per P.G.’s agreement with Flock.

Pacific Grove Police Cmdr. Brian Anderson said immigration agencies have not accessed the city’s camera system data nor requested to do so.

“Currently, Flock deletes all data collected by the cameras after 30 days,” Anderson said. “The police department audits the system every 30 days to ensure compliance with PGPD policy.”

PG Progressives did not specify how long it wants the cameras to be turned off. However, it’s unlikely that President Donald Trump, who is carrying out his campaign goal of finding and deporting people who entered the country illegally or overstayed their visas, is going to stop his deportation efforts anytime soon.

Rapist caught

Anderson, who said the city has received a handful of concerns about the cameras, noted there would be a very brief update about them at the next council meeting.

They capture “readable images” of vehicles and license plates, which police say allow officers to crosscheck plate numbers against those of stolen cars and of vehicles belonging to people wanted for crimes.

They were used in January to help link Marina resident Icaro Fernandes Araujo, who prosecutors contend struck a 14-year-old boy with his car in Pacific Grove and failed to stop or help the child. The boy received minor injuries.

The same types of cameras were also used to help Carmel Police track down and arrest Isaac Jesus Garcia,

who in 2020 pistol-whipped a 61-year-old woman before raping her in the driveway of her home on 13th Avenue. Garcia was convicted and sentenced to 25 years to life in state prison.



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A group in P.G. is worried that these cameras, which photograph license plates, will be used for immigration enforcement.

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On the trail and in life, try to find joy in ‘doing the hard things’

EXPERIENCED DISTANCE runners joyfully crow about the endorphins and runners’ high they experience as the miles grow longer and the hills get steeper. The “pain cave,” on the other hand, is a dirty little secret they might diplomatically downplay in the company of fledglings.

Burning lungs, aching thighs and stabbing side-aches frequently lie in ambush in the pain cave, a dark, lonely,

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

uncomfortable place where personal bests can perish. The good news is there are eight days remaining before the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s cross country championship meet, scheduled for Nov. 1 at Toro Park. And the bad news? Well, there are just eight days left.

Finding comfort

“We spend a lot of time talking about how to get comfortable going into the pain cave,” said Stevenson coach Eli Colby, whose running tips also sound like life advice. “If you want to become good at something, you can’t hold your nose and do it. You need to find a way to feel joyful about doing the hard things. That’s when the process becomes gratifying, and then it becomes self-sustaining.”



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Sophomore Jasmin Jin (red jersey), the fastest of Carmel’s girls, has logged two fifth-place finishes in Mission Division races this season.

The rosters at Carmel, Stevenson and Santa Catalina are loaded with novices at the punishing sport. For most, the joy and satisfaction come not from fanfare, but from quietly accomplishing personal goals, lowering previous best times, finishing higher than ever before in a crowded field.

“A lot of our girls are first-time runners, and, to them, 3 miles seems like a really long race,” said Catalina coach Mckenna Edwards, who played lacrosse in college. “It’s all about helping them understand that we’re going to work up to that mileage, get used to running for 20, 25 minutes straight. Sometimes, we’ll do an hour-long run, and a lot of them will be very surprised at how far they ran.”

Among the PCAL’s best runners this year is Carmel High junior Jasper Bolante, who accomplished his season-best time on Sept. 6, covering 3 miles in 15 minutes, 29 seconds on a fast, flat course at North County High’s Jackie Henderson Memorial.

The PCAL’s two fastest times have been recorded by seniors Fernando Herrera of Alisal — 14:45.9 at the Woodbridge Classic on Sept. 20 — and Tomas Rey-Avila of Salinas, who clocked 15:03.5 at the Monterey High School Invitational on Aug. 30.

But Bolante is unbeaten against both those runners in head-to-head races. On Sept. 17 at Pinto Lake in Watsonville, he finished first overall in 15:30 — six seconds ahead of Herrera, 26 seconds in front of Avila.

Bolante’s first-place time of 15:36 at Toro Park bested Avila by three seconds at the Monterey Bay Invitational on Sept. 27. Herrera was absent.

On Oct. 1, all three convened again at Toro Park, where Bolante broke the tape in 15:38, which was two seconds faster than Herrera and 10 ahead of Avila.

At the PCAL Championships, Bolante will compete in the Mission Division, and his two rivals will run in the Gabilan Division.



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Carmel junior Jasper Bolante (left) celebrates a two-second victory over PCAL rival Antonio Herrera, a senior from Alisal, at Toro Park on Oct. 1.

“Jasper is incredibly focused and very dedicated,” said Carmel coach Matt King. “He has also developed into a really good team leader, which is necessary because I’m running three juniors, two sophomores, and two freshmen on my varsity team this year.

“In the past, he was constantly thinking about time. Now, his focus is on winning,” the coach said.

Bolante will be a heavy favorite to win the Mission Division crown at the PCAL Championships.

Breaking barriers

The Padres’ No. 2 runner this season has been freshman Charles Guzzi, who has three cross country seasons under his belt at Carmel Middle School.

Guzzi’s season-best time, 16:47, was accomplished at the North County meet, and his fastest clocking at Toro Park, site of the PCAL Championships, was 17:07 on Oct. 1, when he finished sixth out of 45 Mission Division runners.

Teammates who have cracked the 17-minute barrier at Toro Park are junior Matthew David (17:56) and freshman

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SPORTS

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Miles Blum (17:49.)

Jin paces Carmel girls
Carmel’s fastest girl, sophomore Jasmin Jin, ran 19:43 and finished 37th in a field of 149 at the North County meet and was clocked in 20:25 at Toro Park on Oct. 1. Jin has finished as high as fifth place in two Mission Division meets this year. Senior Lauren Galicia finished 10th out of 48 Mission Division runners at Toro Park on Oct. 1 with a time of 21:49. Stevenson’s best runner, sophomore Nate Gregory, established his personal record on Oct. 15 at a Mission Division meet at North County High, crossing the finish line in 16:23 for sixth place out of 45 runners. His best time at Toro Park, 17:32, was recorded two days later. “Nate has grown up a ton over the past

year,” Colby said. “He’s a lot stronger, physically, and recently got his black belt in karate. “As a runner, he has this springy, weightless stride, like he doesn’t believe in gravity, and he just loves to run,” the coach said. Senior captain Logan Law finished Monday’s meet at North County in 18:03, with junior teammate, Keane Irvine, a second behind. The girls team is paced by two sophomores: Landyn Martis logged her season-best time — 20:07 — Monday on North County’s quick course, where Juliana Cullers ran 20:56, her personal record. A freshman, Angela Wang, achieved a 22:45 time at Toro Park on Oct. 1

Freshmen lead Catalina
Santa Catalina’s top two runners are freshmen Laura Davis-Santos and Sydney Carr, both of whom ran their best times on Sept. 18 at Pinto Lake Park in Watsonville, where Santos finished in 23:32, and Carr was timed at 24:35.8.



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The future of girls cross country at Stevenson is represented by Landyn Martis (left) and Juliana Cullers (right), both sophomores.



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Sophomore Nate Gregory (left), Stevenson’s fastest, also has a black belt in karate. At right is Pirates captain and senior Logan Law.

Tuesday’s Pacific Coast Athletic League Girls Golf Championships, shooting 1-under-par as a team at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch to win the tournament by 79 strokes over second-place Carmel. Four of Stevenson’s top five golfers

The Central Coast Championship tournament will be played on the same golf course on Nov. 4. Dennis Taylor is a professional freelance writer in Monterey County. Contact him at scribelaureate@gmail.com.



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Editorial

Water, water everywhere — and plenty to drink

LAST WEEK, officials triumphantly announced the completion of Pure Water Monterey’s Phase 2 and said the Peninsula’s water reclamation project, which purifies stormwater, agricultural runoff, and wastewater from homes and businesses, is now capable of meeting 60 percent of the Monterey Peninsula’s potable water needs.

The water district reports that the Peninsula’s current drinking water demand is 9,245 acre-feet per year, with Pure Water Monterey able to supply 5,750 acre-feet. In the 1980s, the region consumed 18,000 acre-feet annually, nearly all sourced from natural supplies, primarily the Carmel River.

Heavy reliance on the river led environmentalists and no-growth advocates, supported by state interests, to push for significant reductions in river pumping, resulting in a 30-year development moratorium in Carmel, Carmel Highlands, most of Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove, Monterey, and parts of Seaside.

Meanwhile, strict conservation efforts by residents have significantly reduced water demand, and with barriers to new water sources resolved and state leadership more supportive of development, the Peninsula is finally poised to access new water supplies, marking a significant milestone and providing far-reaching benefits for the people who live here. This week, as we report on our front page, the water district has even taken the step of formally asking state water officials to lift the moratorium on new water meters.

The end of our absurdly long water nightmare is not only a time to say, “Hallelujah,” and express thanks to the people who made the new water project happen, it’s a time to reflect on the importance of public resources and for the government to renew its determination to make sure they are available in sufficient quantities for people to thrive. Cutting off something as basic as an adequate supply of potable water comes at a terrible cost — such as the dire housing shortage we all face. In other parts of the state, water shortages have let thousands of homes burn.

This also underscores a basic truth about water, which has existed in huge quantities on the earth for millions of years without being depleted in the slightest. When you “use” water, all you do is borrow it for a short time before returning it to the hydrologic cycle — where it came from. Making sure water is readily at hand in a purified form for whatever purpose someone may have in mind is a political and technical problem — not a natural one.

You may have recently seen media reports about the “huge” amounts of water used by AI data centers, and even fallen into the trap of thinking the growth of these data centers is a threat to the state’s water supply. But this is ridiculous.

Data centers use water for cooling, with a small amount of it evaporating into the atmosphere, where it will eventually fall as rain. But the rest of water used to support AI is barely contaminated as it moves through the data centers and can easily be reused by the same plant or returned to the local public supply after only a minor amount of purification.

If the Peninsula can finally solve its water shortage after 30 years, there can also be enough water for AI and everything else in California, if the people and the politicians will only make sure it’s there.

BEST of BATES



Letters to the Editor

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Water decisions

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your recent coverage of the Carmel’s consideration of future water allocations. The Monterey County Water Resources Agency is a proud partner in Pure Water Monterey and source of virtually all the water available for treatment and delivery through it to the Peninsula. As a community, it is vitally important we maximize the beneficial use of our limited water supplies.

Pure Water is not the county’s first water recycling project, that is the Monterey County Water Recycling Projects, conceived in the 1970s and constructed in the 1990s, to reduce the use of groundwater in the seawater intruded area generally around the community of Castroville. The projects are a great success, reducing groundwater use by approximately 400,000 acre-feet thus slowing the eastward movement of seawater.

In 2015, recognizing more could be done, the agency entered into an agreement with Monterey One Water to offer periodically surplus supplies, water coming from both the Peninsula and Salinas Valley, for future recycling. This agreement provided the foundation upon which to realize Pure Water Monterey. However, the availability of these supplies is predicated on the understanding that they may be repurposed for future groundwater management needs.

In 2014, California enacted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, which requires groundwater throughout the state be sustainability managed by no later than 2042. Responsible for groundwater in the seawater intruded area is the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, which is currently evaluating potential future projects to address seawater intrusion that may require repurposing of some source supplies now available to Pure Water. These evaluations are to be completed by early 2027.

The agency recognizes the need for more housing and is supporting production of Peninsula supply through our participation in Pure Water. However, we also see state-mandated planning underway to protect at-risk groundwater. Recognizing near-term demand is not likely to rise rapidly and, in some cases, could be met with previous allocations, we are not suggesting stop, but rather, proceed with caution. Given all the uncertainty, prudence with irreversible decisions seems appropriate.

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The silk for her wedding gown was obviously a gift from on high

LISELOTTE ADELGUNDE Elizabette Weisser Macziola, who became a centenarian on Aug. 8, lives in Marina in the house she’s inhabited since she and her husband, Reinhold, moved there from Germany in 1956. Five years later, the couple traveled to San Francisco, where they became American citizens.

Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

And to family and friends, she answers to “Lisa.”

Macziola’s sister-in-law, Eleonora, became a war bride after meeting Ivan, a translator for the U.S. Army Air Corps, when he was stationed in Germany. The two were married and moved to the United States in 1950. They eventually settled in Marina where, for two years, Eleonora had implored her brother and his wife, Lisa, to move into the house next door.

“Life in this new country following World War II was a big change,” Macziola said. “We came from the midst of postwar trauma to this beautiful free country. Everyone was so controlled in Germany, but in America, we found opportunities for a good life.”

Took the cake

Macziola remembers, during Hitler’s reign, that women were not allowed to wear red nail polish. Yet she and her sister, then 16 and 18, polished their thumbnails red to show people, while riding the streetcar, they were “thumbing their nose” at Hitler. Fortunately, their stunt generated very little attention.

“There was also very little food available then,” said

her niece, Debra Stone. “So Lisa entered a fashion contest, where the prize was a cake.” Macziola took a red Nazi flag with a black swastika against a white circle and made it into a skirt, replacing the swastika with a black flower — and won the coveted dessert.

“We were growing up in Nuremberg, when soldiers filled the streets and, in 1945, the Nuremberg Trials began. Our parents took us out to the countryside to stay out of all that,” Macziola said.

In 1946, she married Reinhold Macziola in the Bavarian city of Augsburg. Absent the resources to purchase a wedding dress, she hand-painted a white parachute — creating colorful flowers and vines in an intricate Bavarian style — and sewed it into a wedding skirt.

When the newlyweds moved to Marina, Lisa Macziola spoke “classroom English”

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At 100 years old, Lisa Macziola vividly recalls World War II Germany, where she grew up.

From the mayor’s desk — Lessons from Cal Cities conference

By DALE BYRNE

RECENTLY, 2,300 city leaders from across California met in Long Beach for the League of California Cities annual conference. Assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson, HR director Marisa Bermudez and I split up to cover as many of the 100 sessions as we could. Topics ranged across HR, planning and development, wildfire readiness, IT, legal, and other issues. In addition, during coffee breaks and evening events, I compared notes with colleagues from cities like Livermore, Pleasanton, Arroyo Grande, Benicia and Hillsborough — trading insights on library remodels, public meeting practices, and even pickleball while sharing our own beautification successes.

■ Big ideas from big cities

Long Beach’s mayor described how being a 2028 Olympics venue has

sharpened the city’s sense of purpose after years of downtown rejuvenation. The conference center and revitalized waterfront are already impressive. Moreno Valley’s city manager and economic development team showed how early planning and “reach for the stars” negotiations can secure new parks and major civic infrastructure within large private projects. Although Carmel operates on a different scale, with our police station rebuild coming up, it’s inspiring to see how a clear vision could create huge community value even in our small village.

Other cities also showed us creative ways to partner with churches, schools and nonprofits to improve community facilities without relying solely on public funds. These efforts work best when everyone shares the vision and the responsibility. It was encouraging to see others validating

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Making an Exquisite Corpse isn’t just for Halloween

THE WEEK before the Day of the Dead feels like a hauntingly appropriate time to share the tale of a creepy-sounding game conceived in 1925 by Surrealists — and the inspiration for the art created 100 years later by Carmel Valley artist Ken Hale.

The Exquisite Corpse was the brainchild of French writer Andre Breton, credited as the founder of Surrealism, whose circle of playmates included fellow poet Jacques Prévert and painters Yves Tanguy and Marcel Duchamp.

The friends would convene — presum-

mm ink pen.

Hale covers each section as he finishes, hiding it from view before moving on to the next.

“I’m just meandering around, making tiny marks and dots and drawing very thin lines,” he said. “When I’m finished, I’ll uncover the work, then start manipulating and reinforcing the drawing until I get what I want.”

The process forces a deeply focused live-in-the-moment creative zone that artists savor and builds excitement over the mystery of whatever happens next.

“I love the surprise. I don’t know where I’m going, can’t see what I did previously. I’m constantly correcting, manipulating, readjusting,” Hale said. “It’s like holding onto the side

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

ably with a jug of Bourdeaux — to collaborate on a sketch of a human body.

Each person would draw one part of the “corpse,” fold the paper to hide his drawing, then hand it to the next person, who would add another body part, hide it, and pass it along.

When all were finished, they unfolded the paper to unveil their exquisite corpse.

Cherry Center exhibition

“They were trying to get into the subconscious, you know? Nobody knows where this is going,” said Hale, who used a similar concept to create the work he’s exhibiting through Nov. 22 at Carmel’s Carl Cherry Center.

The show, “Paper Works,” also includes the artwork of Andrea Borsuk, Lisa Esherrick, Tracey Adams, Lisa Hochstein, Don Hughes, Kirstine Reiner Hansen, Jennifer Brook-Kothlow, Chris Leib, Rick Soto, Jan Wurm, and Holly and Ashlee Temple.

Hale, 76, is a former University of Texas art instructor who works in drawing, painting, lithography and printmaking.

His current passion is dividing a sheet of paper into sections (usually four), laying that sheet over a barely visible source image, then reproducing the source — one section at a time — initially with a pencil, then using an archival-quality Micron .001



Carmel Valley’s Ken Hale creates his art using a technique he based on a 100-year-old game known as The Exquisite Corpse. His work is part of a multi-artist show through Nov. 22 at Carmel’s Carl Cherry Center.

50 cents for an apple & The Dead

“For 50 cents, you got a poster, an apple, and they left you alone to watch the Grateful Dead, Big Brother and the Holding Company, Jefferson Airplane, It’s a Beautiful Day ... it was amazing.”

Then — “usually high,” he said — they’d hitchhike home, where his parents were sound asleep.

In 1966, the 18-year-old Hale was an architectural engineering student at Foothill Junior College, hating most of his classes but interested in the anti-war protests outside.

“We showed up for class at the print shop one day and discovered that our teacher had taken the handles off all the presses so we couldn’t work,” he remembered. “He left us a note that said, ‘Go to the demonstration!’”

And Hale, “a long-haired pseudo-hippie,” happily complied. “My dad looked at me one day

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LIVES

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but found herself adapting very quickly to a more conversational version.

“When I was at home with my husband, we spoke German, our primary language,” she said. “But once I found work, I had to speak proper English. Still, I never could get rid of the German accent. I never have.”

While her husband got a job as a sheet-metal worker in heating, ventilation and air conditioning, Macziola found employment in medical billing at Community Hospital, a job she held for nearly 30 years. When she started, she didn't know how to drive, so her husband brought her to work every morning and picked her up at the end of the day. By 40, she was behind the wheel.

“My aunt and uncle led a full life but never had any children,” said their niece, Vern Stone Williams, who lives in Hawaii. “I think that’s partly why I was always so attached to them. I grew up right next door, so they were like a second set of parents. I was at their house almost as much as I was home, partly because they had a color television, where I would watch ‘The Wonderful World of Disney.’” Macziola has lived alone since 2010, when her husband died with his wife of 63 years by his side. He was 89.

Hold the butter

“These days, my aunt lives a very scheduled, disciplined life,” Williams said. “She gets up at the same time every day. Her breakfast is coffee plus a slice of seed bread with jam but no butter. She sets the table with a cloth, a candle and a lazy Susan with a selection of jams and honey, plus creamer. Then she puts on a scarf and a necklace and goes out front to get the newspaper. She loves to sit outside and read.”

Later, Macziola answers letters in her home office before serving herself a substantial lunch, typically beef stew, said her niece, or salmon with veggies and a salad.

Or she goes out to lunch with friends or family and then enjoys an afternoon nap. Afterward, she works a German crossword puzzle in the sun, followed by a coffee klatch with friends.

“A little later, she pairs the evening news with a half glass of red wine — typically ‘Two Buck Chuck’ from Trader Joe’s — before retiring to her bedroom to watch German movies or nature programs with David Attenborough. I actually think the two of them would make a very cute couple. He’s a year younger, but I think I she could keep up with him,” said Williams.

Perhaps. The question is, “Could he?”
“The secret is to keep busy and to keep yourself happy,” said Macziola. “I have good company among family and friends. When people ask how I stay so youthful and vibrant, I say, ‘Always look for the bright side of things. Never focus on the negative.’ This’ll keep you young.”

GAVEL

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ter, Hernandez said that he is a Norteño gang member and threatened to “green light” the officer. When they arrived at the hospital, Hernandez refused to get out of the patrol vehicle or cooperate during the blood draw. Three California Highway Patrol officers had to hold Hernandez down onto a chair to allow a nurse to draw his blood. Hernandez continued to use force and violence to resist. He also spat on the officer. In June 2025, testing from the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Forensic Services, confirmed that Hernandez had methamphetamine in his bloodstream at the time that he drove his vehicle.

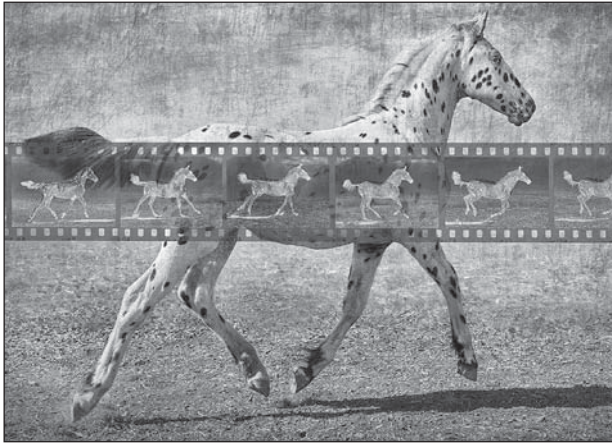
Hernandez will be sentenced by Judge Jennifer O’Keefe on Oct. 28. Because of his prior strike conviction for felony assault with a deadly weapon in 2023, for which he served four years in prison, Hernandez faces a maximum sentence of six years in prison in this case.

Fifth annual Monterey Ocean Arts Festival finds new home at YMCA

BRINGING TOGETHER the work of more than 200 artists under the age of 25 — and using creativity to increase awareness about the ocean — the 5th annual Monterey Ocean Arts Festival is set for Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the YMCA of the Monterey Peninsula.

The family-friendly gathering “celebrates the power of creativity to deepen understanding of the ocean and inspire the next generation of ocean stewards.”

The artists attend Carmel High School, Seaside High School, Monterey Peninsula



Photographer Mary Aiu's "Montelena at a Trot; Homage to Muybridge" is included in a show that's on display for one more weekend at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

Titled, "The 100th Anniversary of The Reductionists," the show includes work by more than a dozen local artists, including Sally Russell, Polly Osborne and Molly

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Weintraub. It's part art exhibit and part theatrical show.

“It’s an immersive art experience,” said ceramic artist Mark Tanous, who teaches art at the college. “It’s about a para-fictional art movement with humor, creativity and intelligence woven through it.”

The show will be on display through Dec. 7. The college is located at 980 Fremont St.

‘The Art of Rehabilitation’

Showing that creativity can flourish under the most challenging circumstances, there's an exhibit of inmate art at the Monterey County administration building in Salinas.

Titled "The Art of Rehabilitation," the show features video, audio and

still works created by inmates at Salinas Valley State Prison. All participate in an art program that complements other programs that aim to prepare inmates for release and reduce rates of recidivism.

The county building is located at 168 W. Alisal St.

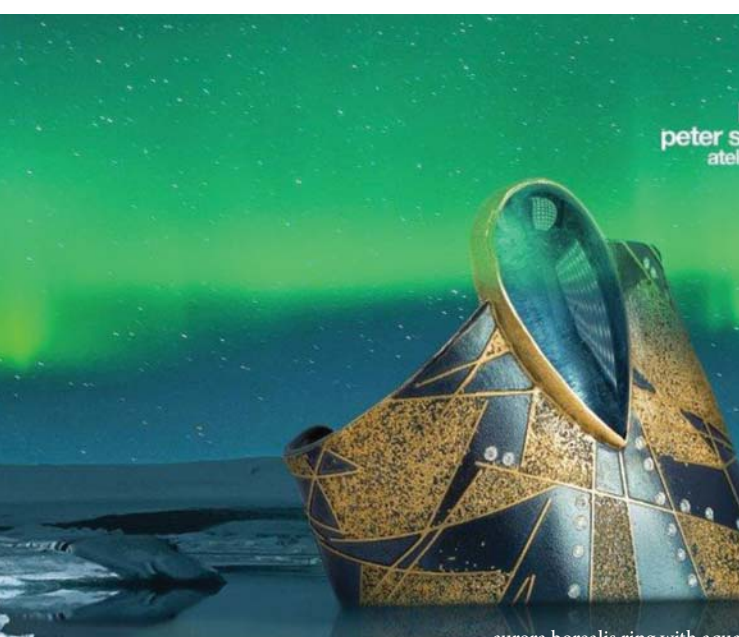
■ Adobe welcomes art market

At one of the Monterey Peninsula's most important historical sites, a handful of local artisans will be displaying their creations Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the garden outside Cooper-Molera Adobe, 506 Munras Ave. The Monterey Bohemian Artisan Marketplace will offer "a family-friendly celebration of local artisans, cuisine, live music from singer and guitarist Naima Nascimento and friends, and museum tours," organizers said.

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■ Inventing an art movement

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ARTIST

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and said, ‘You know what? You look like somebody I wouldn’t want you to hang around.’”

With the Vietnam War raging, Hale received orders to report to his draft board — an experience reminiscent of Arlo Guthrie’s “Alice’s Restaurant” protest ballad.

“After the physical and the hearing test and all that stuff, they put us in a room and handed us a piece of paper,” he recalled. “It asked, ‘Have you ever been a member, or attended events or meetings, of any of these groups: Students for a Democratic Society, the Weather Underground Organization, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee ...’”

Hale gleefully checked every box. They interrogated and challenged him, and threatened to keep him till 2 a.m., then eject him onto the dangerous streets of Oakland. When none of that worked, they took his mugshot and fingerprints and brusquely escorted him from the building.

“They also ran an FBI check on me,” he said. “It took two years to figure out I was a nobody.”

A sympathetic faculty member at Foot-hill College gifted Hale a passing grade in a class that threatened his graduation and student draft-deferment — in exchange for a promise to change his major from archi-tectural engineering to anything else.

Hale couldn’t have been happier about that. He collected his associate’s degree, moved on to Long Beach State and signed up for printmaking — not knowing what it was — a decision that dramatically altered his future.

“Printmaking is very recipe-oriented, technical and structured. I loved it,” said

Hale, who, as a bonus, met his future wife, Mona, in Long Beach in 1968.

He earned a master’s degree in 1973 from the University of Illinois, then was hired to teach lithography and build a printmaking studio at the University of Texas at Austin.

Mona, a Southern California native, moved to Texas reluctantly and didn’t want to stay. “I promised her, ‘Three years, max, then we’re out,’” he said. “Forty years later, I retired there.”

Scent of pine

Hale loved his job in UT’s Research One Institution, teaching two days a week. The rest was studio time, an artist’s dream.

“Everything I wanted to do, everything I pushed for, somebody in the administra-tion found a way to get it done,” he said. “Having that kind of support for 40 years was pretty amazing.”

Mona taught special education until they started a family.

Daughter Shauna, now 43, worked as company manager for the Houston Ballet before becoming pregnant with the first of her two children.

Kent, 33, a writer, is working on a Ph.D.

When Hale retired in 2013, Mona was reluctant to leave Austin and her grandchil-dren, but relented two years later. They’re happy they put Texas in the rearview mir-ror and settled in paradise.

“Landing here, for me, was heaven,” he said. “The first time I hiked, I caught the scent of pine and eucalyptus, and felt ecstatic — so lucky to be here.”

Visit kenhaleart.com to see examples of art he has created since 2014, and see his art on exhibit at the Carl Cherry Center at Fourth Avenue and Guadalupe Street.

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MAYOR

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the approach we are taking with our Har-ison Library Centennial project.

■ Wildfire readiness: Always learning

Leaders from Malibu shared highly emotional experiences from last Decem-ber’s devastating fires. Even with strong plans, real emergencies like the Franklin Fire can blur roles, strain resources and heighten stress. Their message was sim-ple: Practice matters. Drills, checklists and clearly defined roles save lives and reduce stress when things get tough. Carmel has made wildfire readiness a priority, and the Southern Californians’ experience rein-forced the importance of ongoing prepara-tion for staff, council and commissioners.

■ From parking to basics

Seal Beach presented its parking chal-lenges with helpful, plainspoken insights from its commonsense parking consultant and a parking officer. The city has paid parking in beachfront lots, yet its crowded downtown has none, creating confusion. We’ll be following up. Other sessions offered ideas for running smoother public meetings. Seeing how mayors, city man-agers and attorneys handle pacing, timing and public input gave us practical ways to keep improving how we work together in Carmel.

During the conference, we also met with the vendor behind Carmel’s new sidewalk survey and learned how a quick, stream-lined approval process could execute a

contract to repair about half of our issues in fewer than 45 days. We also spoke with companies offering integrated systems that connect finance, HR, permitting, and pub-lic works — freeing staff to focus more on service and less on paperwork.

All in, my trip cost about \$2,200 — money well spent. I returned with fresh ideas, new contacts and a clearer picture of where we stand among our peers, along with stronger ties to nearby city leaders. I’m grateful to Cal Cities for putting on a top-notch conference and to our coun-cil, staff, commissioners and residents who will turn those good ideas into real improvements.

A quick note: You can listen to the podcast version of this column at cli.re/conference. I think you’ll find these brief overviews with AI hosts add useful context and commentary. You can also find past columns at daleforcarmelmayor.com/blog.

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HIT-AND-RUN

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On Oct. 20, the jury found her guilty of guilty of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence, felony hit-and-run with injury or death, and assault with a deadly weapon. O’Keefe is set to sentence Lesch Nov. 18, and she faces up to nine years in prison.

Pack was survived by his partner/wife of 25 years, as well as multiple adult chil-dren and a brother, and his family and friends have attended some of the hearings by Zoom and in the courtroom.

Sewage spill closes Carmel Beach

THE MONTEREY County Health Department shut down all of Carmel Beach Thursday after the Carmel Area Wastewater District advised it of a sewage spill sometime Wednesday night, assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson said Thursday afternoon, shortly after the city was notified of the closure.

“Testing will be conducted again tomor-row by the county, and we expect to have

results in the afternoon which will deter-mine if the county reopens the beach,” he said.

Swanson did not know the origin or scope of the spill, but said he learned of it after the sewer district notified the county and test results that came back Thursday indicated the level of contamination was unsafe. He also asked everyone to stay away from the beach until the coast is clear.

LETTERS

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‘No desal water in 2050’

Dear Editor,
While accepting the CPUC’s decision that the Peninsula will need 2,618 acre-feet more water per year by 2050, Cal Am has failed:

1. To acknowledge coastal commission findings that its slant wells, which supply the source water for its desalination facility, only have a lifespan of 25 years, at most.
2. To acknowledge that sea level rise will bury these slant wells due to anticipated climate-change beach erosion.
3. To disclose that it has no relocation site for its slant wells.
4. To admit that it has no water rights to its declared source, the critically overdrafted Salinas Valley Ground-water Basin.
5. To reveal that its planned massive over pumping will decimate these endangered aquifers.

Cal Am’s 25-year demand estimate meant to justify desal is moot, because by 2050, this desal plant will have no source water supply available. Meantime, Cal Am ratepayers will be heavily burdened with an unnecessary and useless desalination facility’s exorbitant costs, while Marina will endure intolerable environmental injustice.

If the CPUC denies a Phase 3 hearing on Cal Am’s desal, how and when do they plan to look at the coastal commission findings and consider the smaller 4.8 mgd desal plant Cal Am proposes to build?

Margaret-Anne Coppernoll,
Marina

‘Smart path forward’

Dear Editor,
Pickleball saves lives. That fact is played out daily across this country as multiple generations of people of every race, gender and ability go outdoors and play pickleball. They absorb vitamin D in the sunshine, lower their resting heart rates with aerobic fitness and most importantly, interact with other members of their community in a dynamic, social environment. There is no better use of municipal taxpayer dollars outside of running water, stable electricity and our police and fire departments. Shame on the Carmel City Council for caving to a vocal minority when there are abundant solutions, from equipment to noise-canceling barriers to limited-hour play. A great example was recently accomplished between community members in Pacific Grove which is now the de facto model for other communities. Their pickleball courts were repaved, reduced in scope, sound barriers installed, and hours limited. A perfect solution? No, but it helped accomplish what a true community should strive for — a smart, fair path forward. Mr. Byrne, open that gate. Ms. Dramov, tear down those signs!

Tom Rapko, *Pebble Beach*

‘Bad governance’

Dear Editor,
The editorial in the Oct. 16 Pine Cone is a reminder that change is inevitable. In the private sector, necessary

change causes new products or services to replace older ones. Examples would include mobile phones enhancing landline communications and internet retailing proving an alternative to shopping at a store. As a result, our lives today are better than in 1960 — the year author John Steinbeck thought Carmel’s best days were in the past.

Managing the affairs of Carmel provides a different context, but good governance is essential if a community is to evolve and change appropriately in the future. Unfortunately, for the last seven years, city government has embarked on a mission using a double standard where approving building permits is concerned. The city council has, on multiple occasions, overridden its own planning commission’s recommendations. Most recently, the council has been involved with the recusal of the mayor and council member Bob Delves, preventing them from voting on long-pending real estate projects.

The Pit is a reminder of what bad governance looks like. It also implies that the city council is blind to the fact that it is dividing the Carmel community, surely one of the worst outcomes possible for any city’s governance. It is time for tasteful and attractive buildings to begin rising from the depths of The Pit. No responsible city government can allow a seven-year scar to continue to exist in our community.

John Goode,
Carmel

Fair elections

Dear Editor,
I had to choke on my coffee Friday morning after reading Bob Belvin’s letter regarding the Democrats’ efforts to secure free and fair elections. While some of his facts may be correct, he leaves out the facts that even the argument. Since leaving office in 2016, Eric Holder and the Democrats’ attorney, Marc Elias, have dedicated their time to changing the voting laws of as many states as possible. We now have mail-in voting for everybody, vote harvesting by paid workers, extended voting days and extended vote counting for weeks, in some cases. None of these things make up a “fair and free” election. California has 52 members of the House of Representatives. Forty are Democrats (77%), and only 12 are Republicans (23%). Yet, 40 percent of the voters in our state are Republicans. And now, Gov. Gavin Newsom is spending over \$230 million to hold a special election to make this total even worse. We have in our state constitution a citizens’ commission to draw congressional districts. Political parties are not a part of it. Let us keep it that way. Vote NO on Proposition 50.

Roger Bolgard, *Carmel*

‘Extreme gerrymandering’

Dear Editor,
As a resident of the Monterey Peninsula, I care deeply about fair voter representation, not just here in Carmel, but across the nation. That’s why I support Proposition 50, a measure that gives Californians the power to respond when Republican-controlled states undermine democracy through extreme gerrymandering.

Prop 50 is a temporary safeguard which allows California to redraw its congressional districts as a direct response

to what has happened in Texas and may happen in dozens of other states — Republican and Democratic alike. It will remain in effect until 2030, when California’s independent commission draws new maps following the census.

This vote is about protecting our voice in Washington. We are witnessing an assault on our democracy and the dismantling of so many systems and procedures by the Trump administration. Their policies are deeply unpopular with a majority of the country and so they are relying upon drastic gerrymandering to stay in power. Further, the Republican-controlled Congress is abdicating its responsibility to provide the checks and balances put in place by our Founding Fathers. We cannot begin to repair the damage without a voice in Congress.

I hope that one day gerrymandering is abolished nationwide. Until that day, we need a strong voice. Please vote yes on Prop 50.

Sally Jewett-Brocato,
Carmel

The quiet part

Dear Editor,
If Democrats can get California voters to approve Prop 50, they will no doubt set about installing a resistance-proof Legislature which will send every taxpayer protection into oblivion. The campaign may sound like a way to fight Trump nationally, but it’s really about overturning Prop 13 property tax limits and increasing income taxes to pay for bloated state boondoggles and union demands. Education reforms, transportation improvements, jobs-oriented business climate changes and more, will all be out the window. It’s said to be temporary, but once the progressives get a near-unanimous stranglehold on state governance, the sunset date can easily be steamrolled. Prop 50 is a path to domineering one-party control and economic decline, being emotionally peddled as a middle finger to Trump. The truth is, passage of Prop 50 will have little effect nationally but devastating effects locally.

Rick Verbanec,
Pebble Beach

Panetta and Gaza

Dear Editor,
Congressman Jimmy Panetta recognizes the truth of the war in Gaza, the evil of Hamas and the need to support its destruction for the sake of our own security. Hamas is now killing its own civilians in public executions. Their crime was calling for an end to the war, opposing Hamas rule. It’s receiving little media attention and few, if any, letters to the editor about these crimes. It would take a psychiatrist to understand the psychosis of letter writers and editors who continue to publish accusations of genocide against Israel. It has been definitively proved false by observers and governments. Is the charge an attempt to hide the fact that Hamas started the war in Gaza with genocidal atrocities? Is it ignorance of the meaning of the word “genocide,” or simply bigotry against Israel? Hamas’ barbaric attack brought tragic consequences to Gaza residents, but there’s no recognition of Hamas’ responsibility to their own people.

David Goldenson, *Carmel*

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Amid the comforts of home, pediatric specialists work to heal the whole family

By LILY PATTERSON

“THERE’S NO expiration on our services, because there’s no time frame on grief,” said Stephanie Gonzalez, whose team works intimately with counselors at Coastal Kids Home Care in Monterey County.

While dealing with the death of loved ones happens to everybody, having a young child with a severe illness is a singular grief most of us would prefer not to think about. Gonzalez, a social worker, sees families through the unthinkable as director of palliative care and enhanced care management. Palliative care refers to improving the quality of life for someone facing a serious or terminal diagnosis, and enhanced care management is Medi-Cal’s term for addressing related issues like access to social services, housing, and the family’s overall well-being.



Stephanie Gonzalez

Joy and complexity

Some families have no choice but to imagine — and prepare for — the death of a child.

Siblings may witness a short and painful life, and its end. These youngsters must go on attending school, while their parents go to work and pay the bills, even as they all depend on each another for support while they grieve.

Bereavement services are exceptionally helpful in these situations, and Coastal Kids’ counselors are part of each patient’s assigned team, along with a pediatric nurse and other professionals. Because treatment takes place at home, many of the service providers are bilingual and live in the same communities as their Coastal Kids families.

A life of care

The nonprofit offers a 24/7 on-call line and round-the-clock nursing for kids with severely debilitating conditions, helping them maintain lives that are as normal and independent as possible. Some can continue school, if only remotely. Art therapists break up the monotony and isolation of medicalized life, involving siblings and parents in exercises that help process complex emotions. Social workers like Gonzalez offer counseling and connect families with social and financial services throughout their child’s treatment.

Take the McCrones, of Salinas, whose son, Alex, died of cancer shortly after his 12th birthday. Two years later, his parents



At-home nursing helps kids with rare conditions like muscular dystrophy to thrive as best they can.

and brothers could continue meeting with a grief counselor, at little cost to them. It’s one of many such stories about the only nonprofit in California that offers in-home pediatric health services.

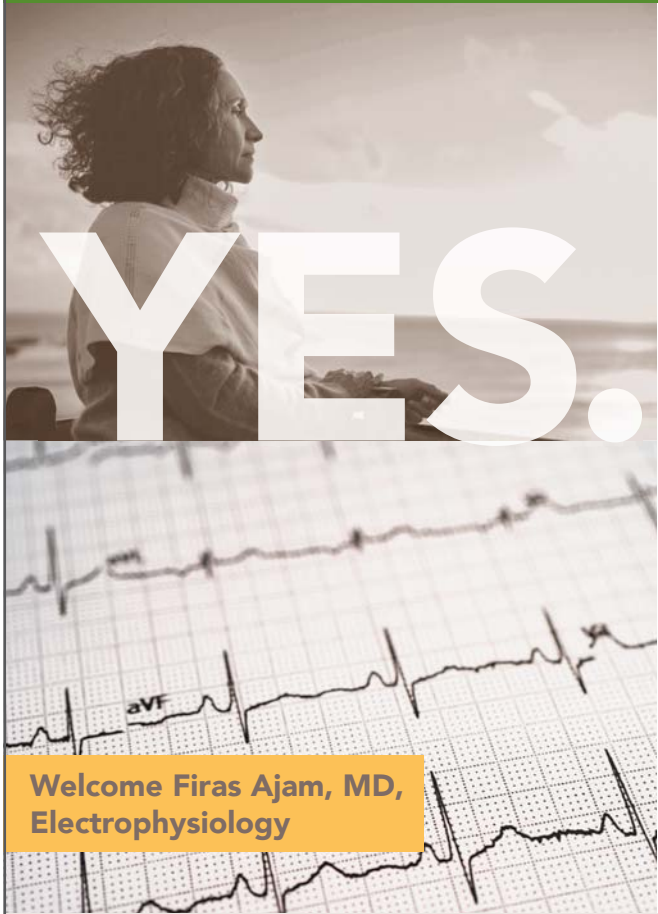
In 20 years, the group has helped more than 12,000 kids with serious medical conditions across Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Santa Clara counties. Most live at or near the poverty line and get treatment through Medi-Cal, with many also receiving financial assistance from the nonprofit.

Gonzalez manages her own caseload on top of the palliative care program. In 2025, her team has supported 11 families as they said goodbye. The help they receive is compassionate and practical.

“We look at how grief is affecting school work, their personal life and relationships, and then over 12 to 18 weeks, we try to equip kids with new skills to overcome those difficulties,” said Enrique

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Finding the heart of caring

By ELAINE HESSER

AS SHE arrives at Carmel Hills Care Center, Carole Dorsey, director of nursing, is less than 2 miles from where her life began when Dr. Robert Bowersox delivered her at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

As Dorsey was growing up in Pacific Grove, Bowersox joined nine other local physicians to build what Carmel Hills’ official history calls “a luxurious and state-of-the-art skilled nursing facility.”

Dorsey’s mother later became a resident at Carmel Hills, so when the registered nurse insists that staff treat clients with dignity, she speaks from the heart.

“People have names,” Dorsey said, so you won’t hear, “302 needs water.”

After all, “Nobody’s here because they chose to be,” she said. Carmel Hills is a skilled nursing facility, meaning it has 24/7 nursing staff.

There are some short-term clients who have left the hospital after an injury or illness, but aren’t ready to go home. While they finish rehabilitation, according to Dorsey and Carmel Hills administrator Jarrod Christensen, they usually have visitors and support from loved ones.

Familiar is good

Some long-term residents don’t enjoy the same social interaction, however and the move is rarely without grief.

Still, it’s not gloomy. The day Healthy Lifestyles visited, almost nobody seemed to be in their rooms, and the halls fairly buzzed with activity.

In 2005, after 30 years of management by large corporations, Bowersox’s sons,



Carol Dorsey and Jarrod Christensen

Robert Jr. and Kim, took over what was then Beverly Manor and changed the name to Carmel Hills, adding their family’s touch and “emphasizing superior care.”

The facility has 99 beds, and long-term residents’ rooms are adorned with personal pictures and mementos.

Loved ones can help the transition. After consulting her family, of a woman who kept refusing breakfast, the staff learned that she preferred to sleep in and have a cup of coffee around 9 or 10 a.m.

While maintaining personal routines is important, Dorsey explained that departures — even seemingly minor ones — from the state’s norms of care regarding schedules and such, must be document-

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Morales, one of three senior counselors.

In 2023, Morales and his team began offering general counseling for children ages 5 to 21, in response to trouble many had readjusting to “normal” life after the Covid pandemic. Typically, counseling will span three to four months, Morales said, but it depends, especially in the aftermath of a death in the family.

Gonzalez admitted the difficulty inherent in reaching out.

“Social and cultural norms, especially within the Latino community, can interfere with the willingness to accept help,” she said, explaining that most of Coastal Kids’ Monterey families are Spanish-speaking and live in South County.

Said Morales, “90 percent of my contact is with Mom. Within our Latino population, there’s this idea of machismo, and fathers can be hesitant. Negative stigma comes with getting mental health care — that you need to have an extreme problem to see a therapist.”

This year, two of the 11 families who lost children accepted the offer of a bereavement counselor. The other nine asked Coastal Kids to keep following up.

“My focus is outreach,” said behavioral services manager Jeanette Lemus.

“Growing up with Spanish-speaking parents who didn’t necessarily understand the benefits of mental health care, I want to bring education and awareness and build trust,” said Lemus, who — with Morales — offers free community workshops and other events to raise awareness of Coastal Kids’ services.

Changing priorities

News about immigration policy and concerns about changes to programs like Medi-Cal pile on to existing difficulties, Lemus said, and parents respond to uncertainty by putting immediate household needs, like putting food on the table, above

more abstract ones like emotional well being.

Working with those parents is the Papillon Center for Loss and Transition, which became part of Coastal Kids in 2020. That center offers online bereavement support and resources especially for adults — whether they’ve lost a grandchild or a spouse — and its scope has expanded under Lemus’ collaboration with Papillon’s founders, Joy Smith and Helen Grady.

Free bilingual resources are available at papilloncenter.org, including workshops and a checklist titled “Handling Affairs After the Death of a Loved One.” And it is essential reading — where to send death certificates, steps to close credit cards and social media accounts, and more.

From the Zoom-based support groups came a small band of people who were so grateful for the help that they offered to stick around and reach out to others.

“The idea is to walk alongside someone,” Lemus said of the center’s grief companion program, which pairs the newly bereaved with clinician-trained survivors.

Papillon, by the way, is French for butterfly — a symbol of “the transformation that can take place in the grieving process,” the center says.

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Jeanette Lemus



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HEALTHYLIFESTYLES

It’s all tricks and treats until somebody gets sick

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

FIDO WAS living his best life. He slept at the foot of his couple’s bed. He awoke when they did, and he knew the drill. One shuffled down the hall to make coffee, while the other fetched his fancy kibble.

One left and the other worked in his home office. After what seemed like an eternity, he’d find Fido’s leash, and the moment the pup had been waiting for had arrived: a nice walk, followed by dinner.

One fall day, the pup’s people decorated a table with shiny glass pumpkins he couldn’t reach, but they were kind of boring anyway. Outside, they stacked a display of real pumpkins, which he was allowed to sniff but not lick — and certainly not bite into. He didn’t know it, but raw pumpkin fiber can make a dog sick, and sometimes the decorations start to grow mold that could also be bad for him.

Worst of all, though, they filled a bowl with stuff in plastic wrappers, whose aromas made him dizzy with desire.

One morning, his people draped a fake spiderweb across the hedge in the front yard. Fido overheard passersby remark that real birds, bats, butterflies and, sometimes, small animals can get trapped in them and get hurt or even die trying to get loose. (The webs are also flammable.)

Beth Brookhauser, vice president of marketing and communications at SPCA Monterey County and a certified animal welfare administrator, recalled the story of a majestic buck who walked through a display of artificial spiderwebs at Halloween. They stuck to his antlers until he shed them later in the season.

“Another real concern at this holiday is candlelit Jack-o-Lanterns which, if a pet knocks them over, can burn the animal or start a fire,” she said.

One morning, Fido’s folks dressed him

in something itchy that confined his legs, and covered his head with some sort of hood that made it hard to see.

They took him for a stroll with dozens of other dogs in costumes. Some seemed to enjoy the attention and looked happy in little tutus or colorful bandanas, but the loud music and honking horns hurt Fido’s ears. Besides, he was too hot. After tripping too many times on his costume, Fido decided he’d lie down until someone picked him up.

Hold the chocolate

Said Heart Dominguez, a veterinarian with Animal Hospital at Mid Valley, “I would advise caution with any costume that is constricting around the neck or overly warm.”

Fortunately, Fido’s people got him out of the costume and took him home.

That afternoon, when no one was looking, the dog climbed up on a chair and nosed the big bowl of candy until it fell off the table. He gobbled up as much as he could, paper and all.

Suddenly, he didn’t feel well. His tummy ached and his head hurt. He started to shake, and then threw up. The last thing he remembered later was his people rushing him into the car.

“Halloween can be a particularly scary time for our dogs and cats,” said veterinarian Shannon Hudzik at Carmel Holistic Veterinary Clinic in Carmel, who convened her staff to discuss holiday triggers.

“Chocolate is dangerous for dogs and cats, particularly dark chocolate, which has a higher concentration of caffeine and theobromine, which are toxic.”

The same goes for raisins and candy with high-sugar content, said the veterinary staff, who also warned against sug-



The family dog can enjoy Halloween, too, if you follow a few guidelines to keep things fun and safe.

ar-free candy and gum made with xylitol, which is extremely toxic to dogs. Lollipops, Lifesavers, candy corn, and candy wrappers present a choking hazard.

For any local pet-poisoning emergency, the staff at BluePearl Pet Hospital recommends first contacting the national ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435, the Pet Poison Helpline at (855) 764-7661, or 211 Monterey County for poison control information. The emergency room at BluePearl, located at 2200 Garden Road, Suite 101, is open 24/7.

Added Dominguez, “Equally important is keeping dogs and cats inside as we continuously open the front door to trick-or-treaters, to ensure that our animals don’t jump on costumed children, whose appearance and enthusiasm might frighten them, and to make sure they don’t escape and run out into darkened streets, unusually busy on this spooky night. Sedatives may be helpful for more fearful and anxious pets.”

Fido, meanwhile, came home safe and sound, and life returned to normal — with plenty of cuddles and walks.

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ed so it’s clear that they’re the resident’s choice, not neglect.

Honoring employees

Demand for care-giving professionals far outstrips supply. It says something, then, that some of Carmel Hills’ employees commute from Hollister and Aptos. And they stay.

Christensen joined the team as a CNA in 2008. He was promoted to director of admissions and in 2016 became the administrator. Dorsey started her nursing career there in 2009 and worked her way up to director of nursing in 2012. Her granddaughter works at Carmel Hills, too.

Providing emotional support and making sure employees’ efforts are recognized is critical, said Dorsey and Christensen, and it takes many forms, including observances like Nurses’ Week and CNA Week.

Happy staff make for happy residents. Take retired Army Master Sgt. Otis Brown, who said the people were the reason he chose Carmel Hills.

“They are here when I need them and they make me feel good,” he said.

In addition to healthcare staff, there’s a housekeeping team and everyone in the kitchen.

The culinary department makes some 350 meals a day, while insuring proper nutrition and dealing with special diets, allergies, sensitivities and individual tastes. Ice cream socials and barbecues are part of the plan, too.

Everyone also works together to provide social and creative outlets. There are trips to concerts, cultural events — Festa Italia at Fisherman’s Wharf in Monterey, a Juneteenth celebration, and the Fourth of July at Colton Hall.

Brown said those outings are among the things he enjoys most. Although he spent much of his youth in Seaside and was stationed on Fort Ord, he said, “You guys

have taken me places around Monterey and to events I didn’t know existed! They make such a huge difference in my life. I didn’t know much about Pacific Grove until I became a resident here.”

In addition, residents take part in movie nights, “paint nights” where they can give art a try, and myriad other activities offered from 9 a.m. until after dinner, seven days a week. There are two weekly church services and some residents’ families take them to their houses of worship.

Saying goodbye

Christensen said they lose about one resident a month to death. He recalled arriving one morning as a body bag strapped to a gurney was taken from the building. Christensen didn’t like the look of it and contemplated other approaches. One suggestion — to use the back door — was nixed immediately.

“They came in through our front door, and they’re leaving by the front door,” said Dorsey firmly.

“You can’t hide from death,” Christensen said. “I thought, ‘we should do this together.’”

Now, when someone dies, they put them on a gurney — no body bag — and announce a “resident departure” so that anyone who wants to, can come to the lobby. They form a circle around the deceased, and anyone who wants to share a memory can do so.

“We’re giving them a chance to say goodbye,” Dorsey explained. Sometimes as many as 60 staff and residents will gather. Nobody has to grieve alone.

And for all the grieving that takes place at Carmel Hills — loss of independence, loss of home, loss of spouse — there’s joy, too. Birthdays and other milestones are celebrated, and there’s even been a wedding.

As the cliché goes, “home is where the heart is,” and the people at Carmel Hills pour their efforts into creating a strong sense of compassion and community.

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THE KITCHEN

ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH

Courtesy Fuad Al Qudsi, owner, FuadFit

REGISTERED DIETITIAN, nutritionist and certified trainer Fuad Al Qudsi shared his fall delicious butternut squash recipe. “This dish pairs beautifully with roasted meats or can be served as a vegetarian main course,” he said.

Heck, it’s fancy enough to serve on Thanksgiving, but don’t wait for that.

Cutting up a butternut squash can be daunting. More than one cook has gotten a knife stuck inside a medium-to-large specimen, and once the skin’s removed, they’re slippery as all get-out. There are online videos to help you get through, but here are some tips:

Cut it in half and take out the seeds (many ice cream scoops work well for that), then remove the skin. That way, you’ll have nice flat surfaces to keep everything stable — even if it is hard to hold onto.

If your knife gets stuck, try gently wiggling and rocking it up and down to see if you can get it loose. Failing that, use a second knife to cut away some of the flesh around the first blade to make it easier to remove.

Or, if your days of manhandling large gourds are past, you can find packaged pre-cubed fresh squash in the produce section of many grocery stores. But don’t use frozen for this recipe, as it can be a little mushier than the fresh variety.

Yes, there’s maple syrup. Fuad specified pure maple syrup — which is pricey — but you can be sure there’s no added high-fructose corn syrup, and it just tastes better. One-quarter cup has about 200 calories,

divided among four or five servings.

Finally, this is a great time of year to go by your favorite nursery and see if they have potted herbs for sale. Get some sage and thyme for this recipe, and pick up a rosemary plant. Keep them on the windowsill and follow the care directions. Use the sage in potatoes, thyme with eggs, fish and soups — and add all three to poultry. By the end of November, you’ll be glad you saved yourself the time and trouble, not to mention the expense, of buying fresh herbs at the grocery store.

INGREDIENTS
(Serves 4-5 as a side dish)

- 1 medium butternut squash, peeled and cubed
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Fresh thyme or sage for garnish (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the cubed butternut squash with olive oil, maple syrup, cinnamon, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Toss until the squash is well coated.

Spread the seasoned squash in a single layer on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Roast for 25 to 30 minutes, or until the squash is tender and caramelized,



flipping halfway through.

Remove from the oven and let cool slightly. Garnish with fresh thyme or sage if desired, and serve warm as a side dish or atop a bed of greens for a hearty salad. This dish pairs beautifully with roasted meats or as a vegetarian main course.

For extra crunch, toast some pecans or walnuts at 325 degrees for eight to 10 minutes, shaking or stirring about halfway through, then add them during the last 10 minutes of roasting the squash.

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Chef Bio

FUAD AL Qudsi is a registered dietitian and nutritionist and a certified fitness trainer, but above all, he is a food enthusiast at heart. Growing up in Saudi Arabia in a family that loved to cook influenced his connection with what people eat from a young age.

Even though he was interested in food and nutrition, his professional path took a different turn when he obtained a degree in geology and worked as an environmental engineer. Twenty years ago, when he moved to San Francisco, he decided to become a certified personal trainer. His interest in healthy, tasty food grew, prompting him to pursue and acquire a degree in nutrition and dietetics, and he relocated here from the San Francisco area in summer 2020. He’s the founder of FuadFit, a private practice for nutrition counseling.

Al Qudsi says he specializes in weight management for adults and older adults, as well as “sports nutrition, and all the nutrition-related diseases associated with undesirable body weight. This includes pre-diabetes, diabetes, elevated blood cholesterol, high blood pressure and coronary heart disease.” Learn more at fuadfit.com.

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Righteous Brothers play Golden State Theatre, classical duo visits Sunset Center

TAKING THE audience on a “captivating journey through passion, imagination and boundless artistry,” violinist **Stefan Milenkovich** and pianist **Marta Aznavoorian** perform Sunday, 3 p.m., at Sunset Center.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

The concert is the second of the season presented by Carmel Music Society, which is celebrating its 99th year.

The duo will open the concert with Beethoven’s *Sonata No. 8 in G major*, which Carmel Music Society described as “a buoyant and spirited work from the composer’s ‘heroic’ period, brimming with lyricism and charm.”

The program also includes Schumann’s *Sonata for Violin and Piano No. 1 in A minor*, Witold Lutoslawski’s *Subito for Violin and Piano*, Pablo de Sarasate’s *Introduction and Tarantella Op. 43* and Antonio Bazzini’s *La ronde des Lutins Op. 25*. “Together, these works form a captivating journey through passion, imagination, and the boundless artistry of the violin,” the group added.

Tickets start at \$45. Sunset is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-9938 or visit carmelmusic.org.

■ That lovin’ feelin’ is back

Six decades after “You’ve Lost That Lovin’ Feelin’” topped the pop charts in 1965, **The Righteous Brothers** take the stage Thursday, 7 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

While singer Bobby Hatfield passed away in 2003, his longtime musical partner, singer **Bill Medley** is still going strong. At Golden State, he’ll be joined by **Bucky Heard** — the pair teamed up in 2016 to revive the duo, and they’ve been touring ever since.

Tickets start at \$81. Golden State Theatre is located at 417 Alvarado Ave. Call (841) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

Also at Golden State this week is **Five for Fighting**, which plays Saturday at 7 p.m. The musical project led by singer and pianist **Vladimir Ondrasik** was nominated

for a Grammy Award for the single, “Superman (It’s Not Easy),” in 2002. Tickets start at \$43.

■ Party for a good cause

A fundraiser for the Carmel Valley Improvement Committee, the 12th annual Party in the Village is set for Saturday, 5:30 p.m., at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley.

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Violinist Stefan Milenkovich (left) and pianist Marta Aznavoorian (above) play music by Beethoven, Schumann and others Sunday, 3 p.m., at Sunset Center.



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A chili afternoon, spooky evenings and a new chef at Bernardus

AS WE head into the last week of October, Gus Trejo, the new executive chef at Bernardus Lodge, holds forth on his passion for local food. Coordinating meals around what's available requires a lot of moving parts, but he believes it's a worthwhile endeavor.

Carmel Valley's chili cook-off has returned, and it's not too late to enter with your secret family recipe. You don't have to be a professional chef, but you'll need to whip up enough for a crowd and serve up samples with a smile.

Halloween fun includes a whole week-end of food trucks and music, a rooftop party downtown, and a costume contest on Old Fisherman's Wharf — a spot that embraces the Instagram vibe around every holiday by setting up the perfect photo op.

■ Working with nature

A few months ago, Gus Trejo took over as executive chef at Bernardus Lodge, home of Lucia Restaurant & Bar. Long known for its beautiful location at 415

Soup to Nuts

W. Carmel Valley Road at the foot of the Laureles Grade, not to mention its charming organic chef's garden, Bernardus brought Trejo into its kitchen with great anticipation.

Said Hartmut Ott, the lodge's general manager, "We look forward to the excep-

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Gus Trejo is the new executive chef at Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley. He learned about farming on his uncle's ranch in Portugal and never left the idea of fresh food, skillfully prepared, behind.

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tional dishes and experiences he will craft that showcase the best of our region’s flavors, community, and creativity.” Trejo’s local work experience includes Carmel Valley Ranch, Casa Munras, and Santa Cruz’s Dream Inn. He’s also worked in Hawaii, San Diego and Spain.

Trejo is a San Diego native with Mexican and Portuguese heritage. He has traveled extensively in Spain and Portugal, where he spent a great deal of time on his uncle’s ranch. They farmed all sorts of things, including potatoes. “A lot of potatoes,” he said with a chuckle.

The climate here is very similar and with so many local farms, Trejo explained, he tries to use only what’s grown nearby. Although the expression “farm to table” has become so ubiquitous as to be nearly meaningless, the chef is a true believer.

He believes that if he has to go too far afield to get ingredients for a dish, “maybe don’t have it on the menu.” A local zip code isn’t enough, though — he visits the farms and ranches that supply him with fruit, vegetables, meat, poultry and eggs, some-

times contracting for an entire season’s crop. Fishermen and foragers are people he knows personally. And of course, he’s picky about potatoes.

“They’re dry-farmed from Pescadero,” he said. Other local finds include heirloom corn, 18 varieties of apples, some 300 to 400 years old, and sourdough from 40-year-old starter.

Save the ink

His menus must be fairly flexible so he can adapt to what’s available. To do weddings, he said he’ll supply the couple months beforehand with a list of typical dishes that would be in season, but arrange a tasting of prospective items much closer to the big day.

Lucia’s chef’s table — the cozy corner kitchen booth whose walls are covered in former guests’ autographs, including those of Julia Child, Tim McGraw and Leonardo DiCaprio — will get some necessary sprucing up, and Trejo said he’s trying to figure out the best way to protect all that ink from the long-term effects of heat, steam and grease. He’s also planning

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The Carmel Valley chili cookoff has returned after a long absence, so professional and home chefs alike can dust off those recipes, recruit their friends and strut their spicy stuff next month.

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to make good use of the lodge’s Harvest Room, a freestanding meeting facility that can comfortably seat at least 15-20 guests and has an open kitchen.

Trejo’s ethos involves educating his guests and telling them about everything on the plates he serves. “Food should evoke or create memories that tell a story,” he said.

Calamari doc

And speaking of stories, the documentary, “Gus Doesn’t Serve Calamari,” debuts Nov. 9 at the Coronado Island Film Festival. Directed by Isaac Svensson, the movie explains why Trejo doesn’t sell the popular fried appetizer. “The hope is that next time we’re in a restaurant, we take a moment to appreciate the local providers who contributed to our meal,” reads a promotional blurb.

Or you can just brave that temporary traffic light at Laureles Grade and Carmel Valley Road and discover Trejo’s food in person.

Great Bowls of Fire

The Carmel Chamber of Commerce is resurrecting the Great Bowls of Fire Chili Cook-Off formerly organized by the now defunct Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce. The contest was last held before the Covid pandemic shut everything down.

While the previous event was held at Carmel Valley Ranch on a midweek date in September, the Carmel Chamber’s cook-off will take place Sunday, Nov. 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Folktale Winery at 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

But the competition is unchanged, with pro and amateur categories and a margarita contest sponsored by the Crossroads shopping center. Live music will complement the tasting and scrutinizing by judges and attendees alike.

For amateurs, the entry fee might be

a little steep, at \$100 for chamber members and \$150 for nonmembers, and competitors must pay for their ingredients, as well. But entrants will be provided 6-foot tables with black linen and signage and everything needed for providing tastes (small cups, napkins, spoons and paper goods), and two general admission tickets.

“Every competitor will serve up samples to hungry guests and a panel of judges,” chamber officials said, while challenging them to “bring their best flavor, secret ingredients or spicy twist — and wow the crowd.”

The chamber is also looking for some volunteers to assist with everything, from greeting guests and helping with check-in, to supporting chili stations, collecting ballots “and keeping the vibes high around the music and margarita areas.”

Tickets for non-competitors are \$50 for members and \$65 for everyone else.

Find all the details, including how to register and how to volunteer, at carmel-chamber.com.



Great Bowls of Fire — the annual chili cookoff in Carmel Valley — has been resurrected and will be held at Folktale winery next month. Who will emerge victorious? Buy a ticket to taste and kibbitz.

Kids can do some trick-or-treating on Friday, when some local nonprofits will also participate.

Friday and Sunday night will feature a DJ, while Saturday evening will have live music by the Harper Canyon Band from Salinas. Everyone’s encouraged to drop by, purchase dinner or snacks, grab a seat outside and enjoy a fun evening out.

Waterfront fun

Monterey’s Old Fisherman’s Wharf is holding a costume contest and Trick-or-Treat by the Bay on Oct. 31 from 4 to 7 p.m. The contest starts at 5 p.m., and cash prizes of as much as \$100 will be presented to winners in each age group — 8 and younger, 9 to 21, and 22 and older, plus a category for group costumes with three or more people. The top prize for group

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costume nets the winning team \$150, and second- and third-place winners in each category also receive cash awards.

Not feeling the dress-up vibe? There will also be drawings for \$20 “Wharf Dollar” coupons.

Candy World will have a costumed witch for photo ops, and more costumed Halloween characters will roam the wharf for memorable pictures.



Fisherman’s Wharf will be the scene of a Halloween costume contest Oct. 31, with cash prizes awarded to winners in various categories. There will also be trick-or-treating at selected merchants, and live music. Visitors will be able to snag photos of themselves or their adorable little monsters and mermaids with other costumed characters, who will be roaming the wharf.

Kids can trick or treat at participating merchants while a DJ spins tunes, and radio personality David Marzetti will emcee from the contest area in front of Rockfish Harbor Grill.

And of course, the restaurants would love to see you for dinner.

Night under the stars

Vesuvio Rooftop on Sixth Avenue is having a costume-and-cocktails bash from 6 to 10 p.m. on Halloween for those 21 and older.

Tickets are \$40 per person in advance or \$50 at the door and include one drink

ticket, which may be used for a “spooky drink special,” “creepy-cool bites and sinister treats” will be available, and the evening will be rounded out by a costume con-

test and dancing to a DJ. Purchase tickets at exploretock.com.

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

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The music lineup includes **The Al James Band**, **Greasy Peaceful** and singer and guitarist **Rose Merrill**.

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There's no cover. Embassy Suites is located at 1441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd.

■ Big Sur

Fernwood Resort — The Bubba Pickens Band (bluegrass, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

■ Carmel

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

See **LIVE** page 46A

Festival awards films, will be back in '26

By CHRIS COUNTS

The festival concluded Sunday evening with an awards ceremony. More than two dozen prizes were handed out, along with a few honorable mentions.

Three standing ovations

“It had three standing ovations” when it screened Oct. 3, Andersen said. “I can’t believe what Pravylo filmed during a war. It is a miraculous film and a very well-deserved winner. We flew the director in from Ukraine — it was quite a feat.”

The second film Andersen cited, “Trash Baby,” by director Jacy Mairs, won Best Narrative Feature Film. The coming-of-age story, set in a trailer park, showcases Esther Harrison, who was named Best Actress.

“Her performance was unbelievable,” she said. “This young woman has a huge career ahead of her.”

Decker honored

Lifetime Achievement Awards were given to actors Keith Decker and Eric Roberts and media personality Joyce Anderson. Decker is a familiar face on local stages, while Roberts is an Academy Award-nominated actor with one of the longest resumes in Hollywood. "The man has 891 acting credits," Andersen said.

Others honored included filmmakers Adam Angel (Best Student Film - High School, for “Ecdysis”), Alex Aljouni (Best Student Film - College for “Bukra”), Dana Frankoff and James Moore (Best Film on the Monterey Peninsula for “The Fight for Monterey Bay: Sanctuary for Our Future”) and Yamal Duryea (Best Historical Legacy Film for “Jack O’Neill’s Legacy”). In all, more than two dozen films were recognized.

Andersen, who confirmed the film festival will be back next year, thanked the event's donors and volunteers for making it possible. "We felt an enormous amount of community support," she added.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Monday, November 3, 2025 at 3:00 PM**, the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing via teleconference and in person at the City Hall Council Chambers located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Water Management Program, Allocation of Water Resources
Citywide

The City Council will consider adopting a Water Allocation Resolution in accordance with the City’s Water Management Program, Carmel Municipal Code Chapter 17.50. This action is an implementation measure of Program 1.2.A (Water Distribution Prioritization for Affordable Housing-AFFH) in the adopted General Plan Housing Element (2023-2031).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person (“hybrid”) in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom, however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom. The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible. To participate via teleconference, click the following link to attend via Zoom (or copy and paste the link into your browser):

<https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/81991221369>
Webinar ID: 819 9122 1369
Passcode: 055985
Dial in: (253) 215-8782

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City’s website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us>. The Council meeting will be televised live on the City’s website and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding City Council meetings, please contact the City Clerk’s office at (831) 620-2016.

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

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

Nova Romero, MMC
City Clerk

Dated: 10/21/2025

Publish Date: 10/24/2025

Publication dates:
Oct. 24, 2025
(PC1054)

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251703
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Enzo’s Motors, 10021 Reese Cir, Salinas, CA 93907, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
SILICON VALLEY AUTOMOTIVE LLC, 7784 OAK SPRINGS CIRCLE, GILROY, CA 95020; CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 02/21/2025
S/ Enzo Santini, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 09/17/2025 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24/25
CNS-3972484#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025. (PC 1005)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251680
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. Crown Global Properties, 2. Carmel Crown Properties, 117 Ninth Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93955
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
Constance Anne Dudley Hudson Laub, 117 9th St, Pacific Grove, CA 93955
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2025 09 12.
S/ Constance Anne Dudley Hudson, Laub,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 09/12/2025. 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24/25
CNS-3972737#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025. (PC 1006)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251778
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LOCKSMITH MONTEREY, 111 Shubrick Rd., Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):

HALIS RAHAMIM, 111 Shubrick Rd., Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 26, 2025.
S/Rahamim Halis
Date signed: Sept. 26, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 26, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025 (PC 1007)

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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251791
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EVERYTHING CEDAR BY VICTOR MAGALLON, 8710 Prundale North Road #64, Salinas, CA 93907.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
VICTOR MANUEL MAGALLON, 8710 Prundale North Road #64, Salinas, CA 93907.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 26, 2025.

S/Victor Magallon
Date signed: Sept.: 29, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 29, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025 (PC 1011)

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

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

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



City of Pacific Grove

Annual Notice of Vacancies BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

The City of Pacific Grove is seeking applications for the following Boards, Commissions and Committees for vacancies that currently exist and/or will expire January/February 2026. Appointees must be registered Pacific Grove residents on some of the Boards, Commission and Committees. For a complete description of the purposes and meeting schedule of each of the available Boards, Commissions, and Committees, please visit the City’s website at <https://www.cityofpacificgrove.org/about-city/boards-commissions>

- Architectural Review Board (2)
- Beautification and Natural Resources Commission (2)
- Historic Resources Committee (4)
- Museum Board (2)
- Planning Commission (2)
- Task Force on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (3)
- Traffic Safety Commission (2)

Applications for these vacancies will be accepted through **December 22, 2025**. Interested persons may pick up an application at the City Clerk’s Office, 300 Forest Avenue or a copy may be downloaded from the City’s website.

Further information may also be obtained by contacting the City Clerk at (831) 648-3181 or by emailing cityclerk@cityofpacificgrove.org

Publication date: Oct. 24, 2025 (PC1045)



County of Monterey

Fish & Game Propagation Grant Program

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County of Monterey

Fish & Game Propagation Grant Program

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The County of Monterey is soliciting grant applications for eligible projects for Fiscal Year 2025-26 Fish and Game Propagation Grant Program. The deadline for submitting applications is November 7, 2026, 5 p.m.

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.



Publication dates: Sept. 19 - Oct. 31, 2025 (PC950)

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

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 25CV003928
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, ISABELLA NORMA DESSO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: ISABELLA NORMA DESSO
Proposed name: ISABELLA MELGAR
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Nov. 4, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DEPT: 14
The address of the court is 1200 Aguaji-to Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this County: The Carmel Pine Cone.
(s) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Aug. 4, 2025
Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025. (PC 1019)

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251761
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FRESHCO PRODUCE, 495 E. Market St., Salinas, CA 93905.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
YAHYA YAFEAI, 495 E. Market St., Salinas, CA 93905.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Yahya Yafeai
Date signed: Sept. 23, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 23, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025 (PC 1021)

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251717
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA, 40 West Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
CARMEL SURF SHOP LLC, P.O. Box 2046, Carmel, CA 93921.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Ashley Downing, Managing Member
Date signed: Sept. 19, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 19, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025 (PC 1023)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251592
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WILD BRANCH BAKING CO., 712 Carmelita Dr., Salinas, CA 93901.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
WILD BRANCH BAKING LLC, 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 1, 2025.
S/Sarah Rodriguez, Managing Member
Date signed: Sept. 2, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 2, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025 (PC 1024)

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251699
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
**1. CS JUNK N HAUL
2. CS LANDSCAPING
1543 Wanda Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
MARLON CABRERA-OLVERA.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Marlon Cabrera-Olvera
Date signed: Sept. 16, 2025
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 20252059

Filing type: ABANDONMENT:
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: June 11, 2025
File No.: 20251086
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PREVENTION & WELLNESS NURSING, 973 Margaret St., Monterey, CA 93940.**
Registered Owner(s): BENITO ESPINOZA, P.O. Box 3162, Monterey, CA 93942.
County of Principal Place of Business: Monterey
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by an individual. S/Benito Espinoza
Date: Oct. 20, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 20, 2025.
Publication dates: Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 2025. (PC1051)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251912

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. UNIFORM33
2. MASS APPEAL
3. SALINAS APPLIANCE SOURCE
2 Cedros Ave., Salinas, CA 93901.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: CALSOURCE LLC, 2 Cedros Ave., Salinas, CA 93901.
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 Oct. 1, 2025.
S/Juan Guerrero,CEO
Date: Oct. 20, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 20, 2025.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251887

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ELEMENT HOMES, 5671 Santa Teresa Boulevard, Suite 200, San Jose, CA 95123.**
County of Principal Place of Business: SANTA CLARA
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: ELEMENT HMS, LLC.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: California
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 14, 2025.
S/Paul Sanders, CFO
Date: Oct. 14, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 15, 2025.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251848

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SAGE CLEANINGS, 928 Sage Ct., Salinas, CA 93905.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SAGE CLEANINGS LLC, 928 Sage St., Salinas, CA 93905.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 9, 2025.
S/Olga P. Fernandez, CEO
Date: Oct. 9, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251901

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CAMERON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 151 Surf Way #38, Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): GEORGE CAMERON WILLIAMS, P.O Box 305, 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 Feb. 1, 1996.
S/George C. Williams
Date signed: Oct. 17, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20251693

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. DRIP COFFEE
2. JUST BOBA
529 Crescent Way, Salinas, CA 93906.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): JUDITH MENDONZA, 529 Crescent Way, Salinas, CA 93906.
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Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 15, 2025.
S/Judith Mendoza
Date signed: Sept. 16, 2025
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Gennady Loktionov (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St.

■ Carmel Valley

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

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

Edgar’s Restaurant — **Evergreen** (pop, Friday at 5 p.m.). At Quail Lodge, 8205 Valley Greens Drive.

Folktale Winery — singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Friday at 5 p.m.), **Two Rivers** (pop and rock, Saturday at 5 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m.), singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Monday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (jazz, Wednesday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kris Angelis** (Thursday at 2 p.m.), guitarist **Daniel Cortes** (folk and Mexican, Thursday at 5 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Scratch Wines tasing room — singer **Akina Miyata**, guitarist **Sam Nilsson** and bassist **Tom Langan** (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.). 1 E. Carmel Valley Road.

Trailside Cafe — **The Better Together Duo** (Americana, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

■ Monterey

Albatross Ridge Winery & Kitchen — singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

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

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

The Righteous Brothers take the stage Thursday at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

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

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CALENDAR

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

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

Oct. 25 – Party in the Village! at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, benefit for Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC). Tickets \$65 including dinner, Kiwanis no-host bar, music by Rose Merrill, Greasy Peaceful 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

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. 29 – Peace Begins at Home Summit – Watch Party. Join us for opening events, presenters and discussion of an online global summit based on the work of local renowned author, social systems scientist and cultural historian Dr. Riane Eisler, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Awakening, 322 Central Ave., across from PG Library. For more info contact JoAnna Daum, Joannadaum1212@gmail.com, (831) 601-0606.

Oct. 31 – American Legion Post 512 Carmel-by-the-Sea presents a Halloween Bash, 7 to 10 p.m. at the post on Dolores Street, two south of Eighth, Carmel. Live music with Slim Checkers, costume contest, fun and food. Open to all. \$10 donation at the door. Details: www.alpost512carmel.org

Nov. 3 – “Health and Wellness in Monterey County” – Tiffany Di Tullio, VP of Partner & Community Relations at Salinas Valley Health and Executive Director of Blue Zones Project Monterey County will speak about health and community engagement in Monterey County. 2 p.m. at Carmel Woman's Club, San Carlos and Ninth. Open to the public, \$10 guests/ members free.

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

Jack’s Monterey — guitarist **Richard DeVinck** (classical, Friday at 6 p.m.). At Portola Hotel, 2 Portola Plaza.

Melville Tavern — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 484 Washington St.

Midici Pizza — Janice’s Jazz Jam with singer **Janice Perl**, keyboardist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Joe Dolister** drummer **Andy Weis** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), saxophonist **Ben Herod** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467

Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel — pianist **Mike Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

Peter B’s — **The Money Band Duo** (pop and rock, Thursday at 7 p.m.). At Portola Hotel, 2 Portola Plaza.

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

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

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

Sly McFly’s — **The Hackjammers** (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Phil ’n’ The Blanks** (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

■ **Pacific Grove**

Lucy’s on Lighthouse — **Evergreen** (soft rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **Scarlet** (pop and rock, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

Julia’s Vegetarian Restaurant — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

Pacific Grove Art Center — guitarist **Anthony Demers** (classical, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). Tickets are \$30. The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave.

Pop & Hiss — **The Chuck Brewer**

Band (rock and blues, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 215 Forest Ave.

■ **Pebble Beach**

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

■ **Seaside**

The Bay View Grille at Bayonet Blackhorse — singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Friday at 5:30 p.m.). 1 McClure Way.

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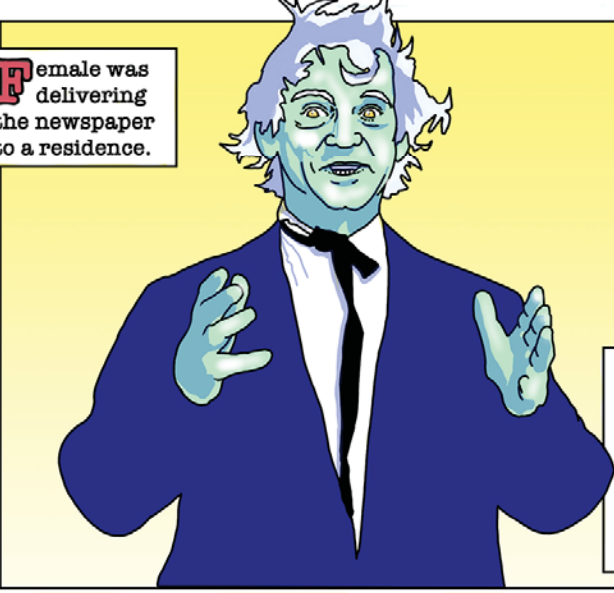


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The Carmel Pine Cone

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The Carmel Pine Cone

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10 Encina Drive, Carmel Valley
4 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms
5,429 total SqFt | 3.33 acre lot

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Carmel

Ocean Avenue, 2 NE of Santa Rita Street — \$1,600,000
Stephen and Pamela Meyer to William and Jennifer Guyer
APN: 010-034-008

Santa Rita Street, 4 SW of Second Avenue — \$2,512,500
Zurich Properties LP to Barry and Lori Nudelman
APN: 010-028-024

Carpenter Street, 4 NW of Mountain View — \$2,600,000
Scott Talbot to Jack and Jan Rothacker
APN: 010-042-026

Carmel Highlands

95 Corona Way — \$1,700,000
Naomi Marcus to Torsten and Diane Kaack
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16 Vasquez Trail, Carmel Valley — \$6,450,000

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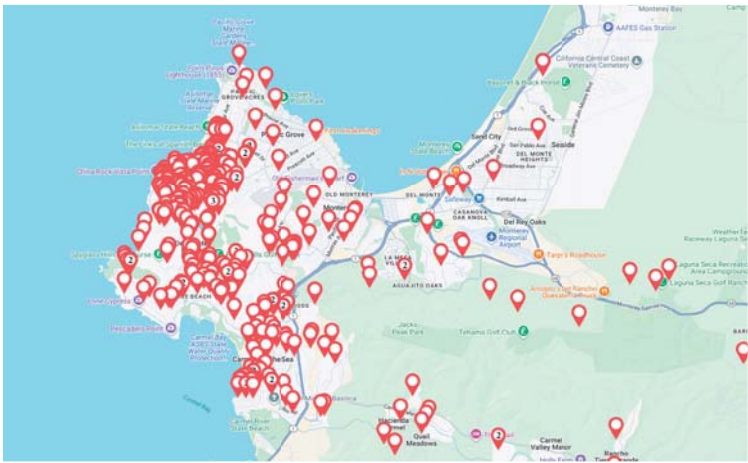
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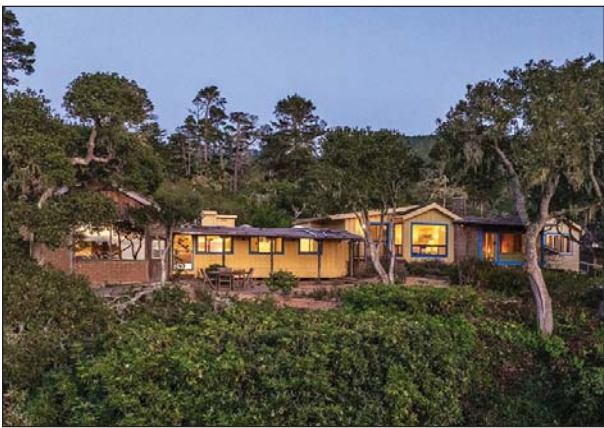
Carmel Valley

9500 Center Street unit 51 — \$719,000
Kenneth Wilson and Angela Spieles to Karolyn Stone
APN: 169-237-051

75 Del Mesa Carmel — \$948,000
Mary Bohnen to Kiberly Pidgeon
APN: 015-446-011

9 De Amaral Road — \$993,000
Lois Lagier and Josephine Bunn to Brendan Walter
APN: 187-181-027

20215 Cachagua Road — \$1,100,000
Lindsey and Melinda Friday to Paul Malone and Brandi Gianni
APN: 418-231-011



95 Corona Way, Carmel Highlands — \$1,700,000

27983 Berwick Drive — \$1,725,000
Devon and Keri Thompson to Asa and Jillian Engstrom
APN: 169-232-001

175 Chaparral Road — \$2,060,000
Derrick and Alisa Barnes to Shama Jesudason and Thomas Paul
APN: 187-611-028

25550 Rio Vista Drive — \$3,500,000
Kimberly Pidgeon to John and Carey Nassar
APN: 015-052-004

16 Vasquez Trail — \$6,450,000
Andrew and Beverly Brown to Preserve Time LLC
APN: 239-071-003

Highway 68

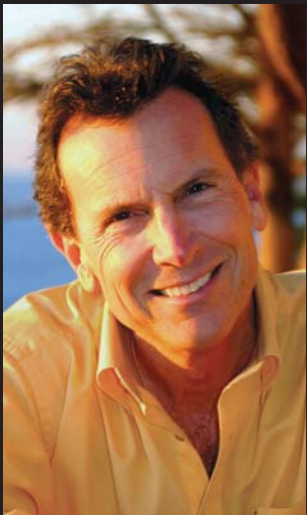
22287 Capote Drive — \$1,034,000
Estate of Dana Musante to Gary Anderson and Bailey Forzani
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Weighed down by newspapers and pedaling through life’s lessons

IF YOU were a paperboy when you were a kid, you are in pretty good company. Warren Buffett, Joe DiMaggio, Mark Twain, Thomas Edison, Dwight Eisenhower and myself all hawked newspapers as kids.

OK, I’m usually not listed with that august group, but I’ve included myself because being a paperboy set me apart from most of my classmates, who received allowances. There was no such thing in our family. The paper route was financial independence through a steady supply of spending money that made it possible for me to buy my first new bike, a Columbia RoadMaster, for \$45. That’s about \$600 in today’s money.

Just as I received hand-me-down clothes from my two older brothers, I received a hand-me-down paper route

45-minute run.

I didn’t like collecting money for the papers. Collections could never be accomplished in one day. I started at dinnertime on Friday, when I knew I could catch most people at home. Still, there were always a few who were out, so I had to go back on Saturday because I paid for

the papers every Monday. I had a collection card for each customer that I kept on a large metal ring. The cards had dates printed along their edge. I would punch out the date a customer paid. Each customer had a duplicate card, so

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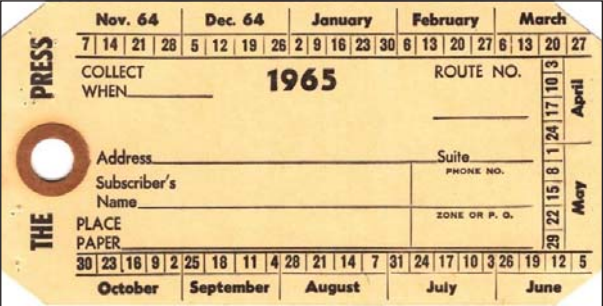
Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

from them. I relinquished it to a non-Gervase when I became a high school student and a stock boy at the A&P. By then, the paper route had been in the family for almost seven years. I liked the work simply because so many customers looked forward to getting their newspaper.

It wasn’t easy to get paid

Six days a week, a couple of bundles of the Buffalo Evening News were tossed at me at my drop-off point, which was directly in front of my school. They were usually there between 4:15 and 4:30 p.m. unless my driver had stopped for a drink, which meant I had to finish my deliveries in 20 minutes, instead of my usual leisurely



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18 Deer Stalker Path, Monterey
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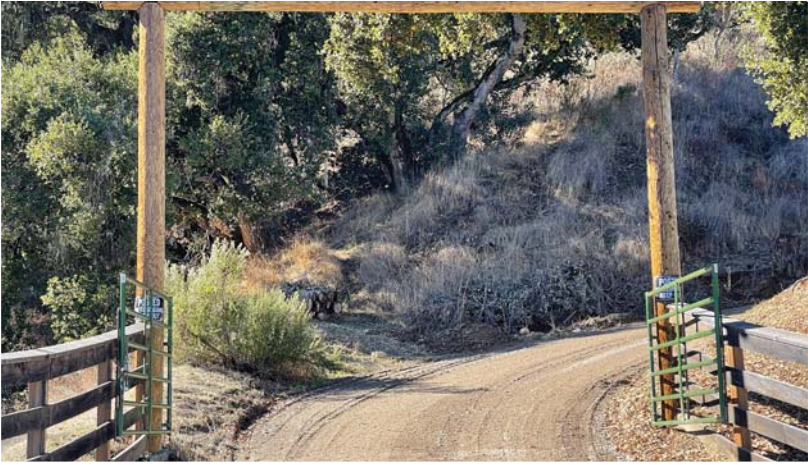
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311 Walnut Street, Pacific Grove

3 BD | 2 BA | 1,481± SQ. FT. | 4,744± SQ. FT. LOT
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14 Via Contenta, Carmel Valley

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4 BD | 3 BA | 3,158± SQ. FT. | 1.83± ACRES LOT
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274 Corral De Tierra Road, Corral De Tierra

3 BD | 3.5 BA | 2,860± SQ. FT. | 6.78± ACRES
\$1,750,000
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\$1,155,000
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254 Del Mesa Carmel, Carmel

2 BD | 2 BA | 1,704± SQ. FT.
\$990,000
254DelMesaCarmel.com
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306 9th Street, Pacific Grove

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OPEN SAT 11-1



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51 El Potrero, Carmel Valley
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\$775,000
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GERVASE

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I punched theirs, too. I had five different paper punches that made holes in different shapes, including a heart, diamond, club, spade and circle. Why? You won’t believe

this, but I had customers who would use their own punch to try to show they had already paid. With my five different punches, they never knew which one I was going to use.

Newspapers were sold for a nickel, which meant I had to collect 30 cents a week. Customers rarely tipped, yet many were generous at Christmas. The News

printed beautiful annual calendars which we handed out at the holidays. I would receive about \$40 total from those who tipped me for the calendars — and one nice lady usually gave me \$5. Of course, I carried in wood for her fireplace in the winter, but 5 bucks all at once was like winning the lotto.

When my driver was in his cups, he was not only late but gave me more papers than I needed — often a dozen or more extra. This proved to be unexpected largesse. I took the extra papers to a restaurant-bar called the Elmwood Grill, where the owners let me hawk them to the early-bird dinner crowd.

Fancy duds

My favorite uncle Jim, who dressed like a combination of Sky Masterson and Nathan Detroit — suit, dress shirt, sometimes spats, and always a wide-brimmed fedora — could often be found in the bar. I’m not sure what he did for a living, but whatever it was, he did it on the shady side of the street. His fancy duds were an attempt to be classy.

As soon as he saw me, he would say, “Hey, everyone, this is my nephew. Buy a

paper from the kid.” If anyone gave me a nickel, he’d say, “Whaddaya a cheapskate? Give the kid a quarter.”

Then he sat me next to him on a barstool and ordered me a Coca-Cola. “How ya doin’?” he asked, and pinched my cheek like he was coiling spaghetti on a fork. When I asked for a second Coke, he’d say, “Get outta here, ya little hustler. Get home to dinner, or I’ll kick your boney behind,” which set everyone laughing, including me.

Those were the days when a kid could learn about money, responsibility and human nature all before dinner. The paper route taught me that honest work pays off, that some people will always try to beat the system, and that the best tips in life don’t always come in the form of cash. I may have started with hand-me-down clothes and a hand-me-down route, but the lessons I earned were mine alone.

Years later, I still smile when I think about Uncle Jim and the banter we shared. He never talked down to me. He treated me like I was somebody, not just some kid with newspapers.

Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo.com.

POLICE LOG

From page 4A

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Pacific Grove: A 62-year-old male was arrested on Lighthouse Avenue for taking items from an unlocked vehicle without the owner’s consent. Subject was also in possession of drug paraphernalia. He was charged with possession of unlawful paraphernalia, probation violation and grand theft.

Pacific Grove: Dog at large on Carmel Avenue was brought to the police department. The dog was scanned for a microchip, and the owner was located. The dog was released with a verbal warning.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 60-year-old male was arrested at Camino Real and Seventh at 0105 hours for DUI.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog vs. dog incident on Carmel Way.

Pacific Grove: Report of a runaway juvenile from 14th Street. The juvenile was located and released to a guardian.

Pacific Grove: Child Protective Services report regarding a juvenile on Sunset Drive was reviewed.

Pacific Grove: Report of vandalism to a vehicle parked on the public roadway on Del

Monte Boulevard. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Frequent dog at large was found at Lighthouse and Fifth and brought into the police department. The dog and owner are known to the department. The dog was released back to the owner with a citation delivered to the owner.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a request for a welfare check on Martin Way, where a subject was found deceased.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person found a loose dog at San Antonio and Fourth and shortly after returned it to its owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult Protective Services report at Forest and Ocean. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found bracelet at Monte Verde and Ocean.

Pacific Grove: A Child Protective Services report regarding an Arkwright Court resident was reviewed.

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

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Sinex was towed for expired registration over six months.

Pacific Grove: Report of vandalism to a vehicle parked in a private driveway on Jewell Avenue. No suspect information.

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Highway 68 (con't.)

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Magnano Nierva to David and Lauren Erikson
APN: 161-491-005

713 Salinas-Monterey Highway — \$1,250,000
Elizabeth Patania and Conrad Trust to Michael Donovan
APN: 161-251-019

106 Las Brisas Drive — \$2,250,000
Leonard and Phyllis Hughes to Jennifer Kelley
APN: 173-077-041

Marina

3145 Marina Drive — \$950,000
Veronika Frenkel and Josheil Kumar to Myra Pangilinan
APN: 033-141-040

337 Quebrada del Mar Road — \$970,000
Jian Loar and Wanli Cheng to Marietta Barnes
APN: 032-541-007

Ninth Street — \$1,156,500
Shea Homes LP to Michael, Deeana and Melissa Healy
APN: 031-283-033

110 8th Street — \$1,159,500
Shea Homes LP to Joel Zuhars and Wendy Zhou
APN: 031-284-018

2745 Ocean Bluff Avenue — \$1,175,500
Shea Homes LP to Christopher Johnson and
Landsida Brockmire
APN: 031-298-008

2405 Sea Shell Avenue — \$1,759,500
Shea Homes LP to Steven and Jacqueline Mai
APN: 031-284-003

2409 Sea Shell Avenue — \$1,835,000
Shea Homes LP to William and Annee Martin
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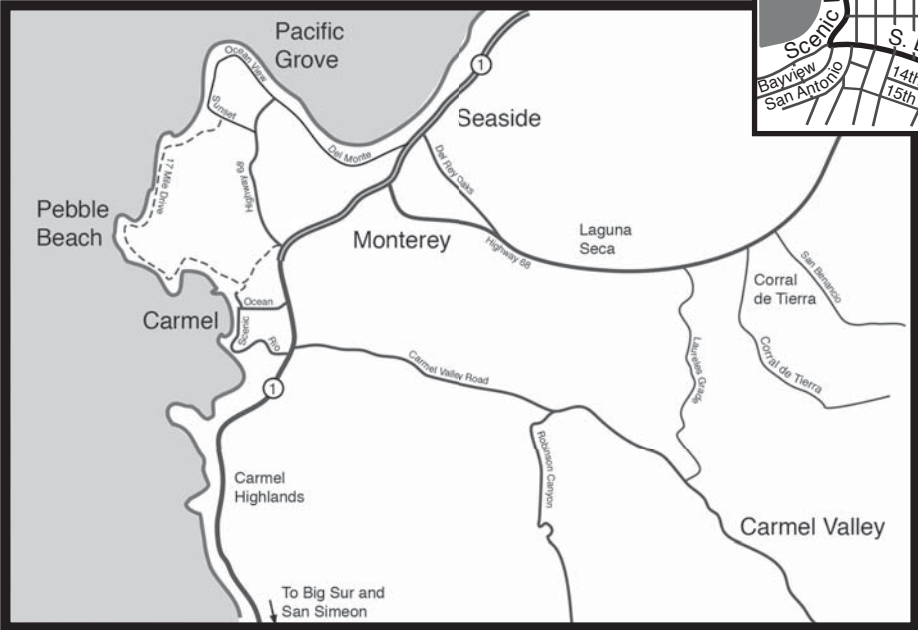
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Sa Su 1-4Marina521-3131

\$1,269,9003bd 2.5ba2962 Bluffs DriveMonterey Coast Realty

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Sa 12-2 Su 11-3Monterey220-9817 / 717-7815

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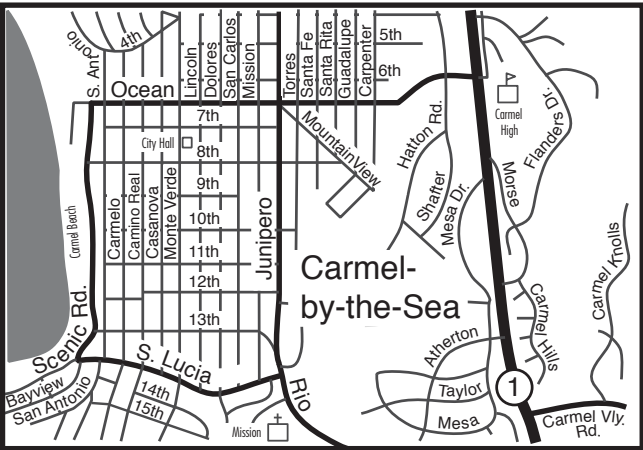
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Sa Su 12-1:30Pacific Grove238-8116

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From page 10RE

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of lost property at an Oliver Road residence.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report.
Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Patterson Lane was marked for 72-hour parking.
Pacific Grove: A 29-year-old male was arrested on Pacific Grove Lane for spousal battery.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Barking dog complaint at San Antonio and Fourth. Violation observed. Owner was contacted and warned.
Pacific Grove: No calls to report.
Carmel area: Battery reported on Ocean View Avenue involving a 16-year-old male and a 39-year-old female victim.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report.
Pacific Grove: No calls to report.
Seaside: Seaside P.D. collaborated with the California Highway Patrol drug K9 team

to address a significant drug trafficking operation affecting the Peninsula. A 69-year-old male was apprehended by CHP, with Seaside P.D. providing support during the stop. Upon investigation, CHP and Seaside P.D. discovered the male was in possession of more than 124 grams of crack cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report.
Pacific Grove: Vehicle at Laurel Avenue and Wood Street marked for 72-hour parking.
Pacific Grove: Report of vandalism to a vehicle at Fountain and Junipero and a sub-

ject challenging another subject to a fight in public.
Pacific Grove: At about 0016 hours, an officer was dispatched to an abandoned vehicle complaint in the area of Congress Avenue at Forest Lodge Road. The vehicle was marked as abandoned and cited for a muni code violation. Information only.
Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of suspicious circumstances on Cachagua Road. Investigation continues.
Pacific Grove: Mental health hold of a Grove Acre resident.
Carmel area: Deputies responded to a medical call at the Crossroads Boulevard. A 52-year-old female was arrested.



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Status	Address	List Price	Sale Price	DOM
Price Decreased	Mission 5 NW of Santa Lucia	\$4,495,000	---	41
Pending	SE Corner Santa Rita & 6th	\$2,499,000	---	57
Sold	Ocean Ave 1 NE of Santa Rita	\$1,799,000	\$1,600,000	108
Sold	Forest 2 NW of 8th	\$3,300,000	\$2,600,000	35
Sold	NW Corner of Carmel0 & 12th	\$5,750,000	\$5,600,000	17
Sold	SE Corner of Santa Rita and 6th	\$2,499,000	\$2,450,000	57
Sold	Santa Rita 4 SW of 2nd	\$2,775,000	\$2,512,500	43

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On 12/2/2025 at 10:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 3/20/2007 as Instrument No. 2007022517 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Monterey County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: OSCAR CUEN GRUJALVA, JR., AN UNMARRIED MAN 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. 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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: \$586,534.76 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. 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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. 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