

AI CEO sues McLaren over huge fine

By KELLY NIX

AN EXECUTIVE at a prominent artificial intelligence company is suing a British supercar manufacturer for hosting a weeklong event at her French-style chateau in Carmel Valley during Car Week without getting permits — which led county officials to slap her with a massive



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A swank event for supercar enthusiasts at a Carmel Valley home in August prompted a huge fine from the county, which said it needed a permit. The homeowners are blaming the car company that rented their property.

\$763,000 fine. Fidji Simo, CEO of applications at OpenAI, agreed to allow McLaren Automotive to host a lavish “promotional event” in August at a \$6 million home on Scarlett Road she owns with her husband, Remy Miralles. But on the second day of the Aug. 11-18 soiree — when it was in full swing — a county official showed up at the 9-acre property to hand deliver a citation for an astonishing \$505,359 for failing to “obtain permits” for the gathering. Simo contends that McLaren failed to inform her of the huge fine, which the county said she was on the hook for. “McLaren intentionally concealed the fact it had received the Aug. 12 citation from Monterey County,” according to a lawsuit Simo and her husband filed in Monterey County Superior Court Monday.

‘Deceptive’

While Monterey County allows short-term rentals in its unincorporated areas, including Carmel Valley, homeowners must obtain permits from its housing and community development division. While the suit doesn’t say whether that was the reason for the citation, the county assesses those who fail to obtain STR permits a fine that’s 125 percent of the rental fee. Monterey County also requires homeowners to obtain permits for special events. The lawsuit accuses McLaren of not disclosing

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Council seeks to curb automotive rowdiness

By MARY SCHLEY

IS CAR Week a boon or a bust for Carmel? The city council on Monday added another item to its lengthy to-do list when councilmembers expressed what Mayor Dale Byrne described as “a fair amount of support for fundamentally rethinking what Car Week is.” That direction followed Police Chief Todd Trayer’s after-action report on the August events, when he recapped the four larger shows held downtown and a couple of smaller ones, and shared statistics for traffic stops, citations, arrests, tows, parking tickets — and overtime, which cost \$36,000. He also described the results of the city’s annual post-automotive-week survey, in which 422 people participated. This year’s questionnaire offered not just “Loved it,” (94 people), “Did not like it at all,” (149) and “It was OK,” (28), but a “conflicted” option, which got the highest number, at 151. Nearly half the respondents said they live in Carmel.

Mayor says he doesn’t go outside at night because ‘it’s scary.’

Calls for help

In addition to the shenanigans that regularly occur after the scheduled events end — such as drivers racing up and down some streets late into the night and social-media followers flocking to town to ogle high-end supercars — Trayer observed that Tuesday’s Concours for a Cause event took far longer to break down than organizers had promised, which drew complaints from business owners. “It didn’t end up being done until almost 10:30 p.m.,” he said. “I heard immediately from the business community — they wanted to know why this was happening.” Trayer said that even though the problem wasn’t the city’s fault, it could do a better job ensuring that it “doesn’t happen again.” He also said the practice of letting people rent parking spaces so they can have exotic cars in front of their shops created problems, because when gawkers crowded the sidewalks and streets, the business owners asked the police to help disperse them. “That was a drain on resources,” Trayer said, adding that businesses should be made “responsible for traffic control and security as needed.” He further suggested implementing different traffic flow

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WATER ALLOCATIONS LIMITED FOR ACCESSORY UNITS

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL City Council at a special meeting Monday voted to allocate all 14 acre-feet of water coming from the expansion of the regional wastewater recycling plant — but people who want to use it for new granny units that add too much square footage would be out of luck. State law compels local governments to approve accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units if they meet some basic standards, and dozens of property owners have jumped at the chance to build them, often bringing the total square footage on their lots well in excess of what the local zoning code allows. Councilman Jeff

Baron suggested at the Nov. 3 meeting that the city curb that by denying additional water for any such project that would increase the total floor area on a property beyond what the municipal code allows, such as the 1,800-square-foot maximum on a standard 4,000-square-foot lot. “This community has been around for 100 years, and one of the principles of this community is small homes, and this is a thing that we buy into when we buy homes here,” Baron said. He suggested those who want more living space, which could include couples with children and people who want their elderly parents to live with them, look elsewhere. “Maybe this isn’t the right place for you,” he said.

Plans scuttled

That rule throws a spanner in the works for David Amooi, who wants to convert a detached two-car garage behind his home on Guadalupe Street into an ADU so his elderly mother can move in — and so Amooi’s daughter

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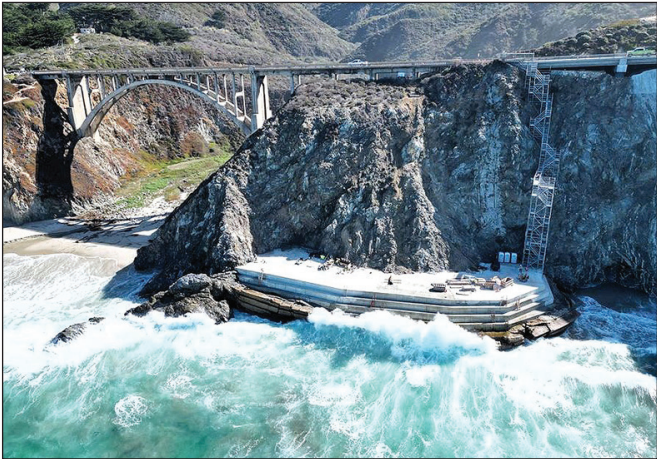
Rocky Creek seawall beefed up to protect highway

By CHRIS COUNTS

A DRAMATIC photo sent out this week by Caltrans shows a massive wave crashing up against a seawall located below the site of the project to repair Highway 1 at Rocky Creek in Big Sur — where a large chunk of pavement slipped out in March 2024, along with about 30 feet of an old rock wall. While the \$25 million project to build a viaduct to support the highway has been well documented — it was completed in late June and travel in both lanes was restored — the transformation of the seawall below the project site hasn’t received nearly as much attention. Stacked like pancakes Caltrans also shared a second photo of the embankment taken in May that shows how extensively the site has been developed in the past six months, with what appear to be four concrete slabs stacked on top of one another like pancakes. Heavy equipment and workers in both photos show the scale of the operation. The site is accessed by scaffolding that snakes several hundred feet up the cliff to the highway. An old seawall existed at the site. But according to Jim Shivers of Caltrans, it was expanded and improved to help absorb the constant pounding of the coastline by waves.

Shivers compared the expanded barrier to a “concrete wedding cake with multiple layers.” “The reconstruction of the seawall was absolutely necessary,” he told The Pine Cone. “The wave action is pretty heavy. It will help protect the integrity of the slope above.” A Caltrans report, meanwhile, noted that “repairs to the

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An enormous layered structure under construction just south of Rocky Creek will help protect Highway 1 in Big Sur, according to Caltrans.

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

a map drawn by Democratic insiders. Gov. Gavin Newsom spearheaded the gerrymandering effort as a must-pass initiative to counter mid-decade redistricting in Republican-controlled states. “We stood tall and we stood firm in response to Donald Trump’s recklessness. Tonight, after poking the bear, this bear roared, with unprecedented turnout in a special election with an extraordinary result,” said Newsom on election night. Had his gerrymandering campaign gone the other way, Newsom would have been humiliated, but his victory propels him one step closer toward his campaign for

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Finding family

Golden retrievers are outgoing, sensitive family dogs that are eager to please and need to be near their humans to be happy — especially when they're young, yet they carry these traits throughout their lives.

Born in October, Henry was supposed to be a Christmas gift from grandparents, but when the child's parents declined the gift, the puppy was relegated to the grandparents' backyard.

Meanwhile, Henry's future family, having lost their golden, Jenny, to lymphoma, had vowed in their grief never to get another dog. Nonetheless, her person found herself perusing the newspaper, casually looking for a dog that might fill the void in her household and her heart. When she saw an ad for Henry, she responded, to no avail.

"When the ad ran again, my friend and I went to meet Henry, then 21 months, and found him lying in the yard," she said. "My friend said, 'If I were you, I'd get him.' So, I did."

Henry, who turned 11 in October, goes everywhere with his person, sitting in the middle seats — the way back is for luggage, she says — either feeling the air on his face through a slightly open window or tucking his muzzle between the headrest and his person's neck.

"He always tries to get as close to me as he can,"

she said.

Henry recently enjoyed his second trip to Carmel, where he stayed at Cypress Inn, known for its "pets preferred" approach to service. He seemed to love running around on the beach yet always kept close to his person.

"Everywhere we go, people love Henry," his person said. "Along 17 Mile Drive, at every lookout we stopped, people came up to him, and he would lean his head against their side and wait to be petted. He's such a sweetheart. It's his way of giving a hug."

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Panetta authors bill to end shutdowns

By KELLY NIX

A BIPARTISAN proposal in Congress to prevent future government shutdowns would force lawmakers to stay in Washington, D.C., until they reach an agreement on a budget, according to Democratic Rep. Jimmy Panetta, an author of the bill. It’s a proposal that many Americans, regardless of political party, might just get behind.

Panetta, a member of the House Ways and Means and Budget committees, and GOP Texas Congressman Jodey Arrington introduced the aptly named Prevent Government Shutdowns Act of 2025. The bill comes amid the fifth week of a government shutdown that has left many federal employees without pay-checks and tens of thousands of Monterey County residents uncertain about continuing to get free food.

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If approved, Panetta said the legislation would require all members of Congress — who have failed to agree on a bill to keep the government open — to stay in Washington, D.C., until work on the spending bills is completed. The goal is to prevent lawmakers from walking away from the negotiating table.

“It’s a commonsensical and straightforward piece of bipartisan legislation that, unfortunately, is needed at times like this to ensure that Congress does its job,” Panetta said in a release to The Pine Cone.

Upon a pause in government funding, the legislation would implement an automatic continuing resolution — which would allow the government to keep operating — on rolling 14-day periods,

based on the most current spending levels enacted in the prior fiscal year. That provision, Panetta said, would continue critical services and operations.

It would also prohibit taxpayer-funded travel allowances — except one flight to return to Washington, D.C. — for members of the House and Senate, their personal staff and staff in the president’s Office of Management and Budget.

‘Remove threat’

If passed, it would remove the threat of government-wide shutdowns, guarantee continued critical federal services for Americans, and prevent federal employees from being furloughed or required to work without pay, Panetta said.

“In addition, under the bill, no other votes would be in order in the House and Senate unless they pertain to passage of the appropriations bills, lifting the debt limit, or mandatory quorum calls in the Senate,” the lawmakers said about the proposal.

After 30 days under the automatic continuing resolution, certain expiring bills and other actions would be eligible for consideration on the Senate floor, including a nomination for a Supreme Court or a cabinet secretary.

The bill allows the restrictions to be waived by a two-thirds vote in either chamber, but for no longer than seven days. Additionally, the bill provides for expedited consideration of bipartisan funding bills if appropriations have not been enacted within 30 days after the start of the fiscal year, which Panetta said would “further incentivize Congress to process bipartisan spending bills and fund the government on time.”



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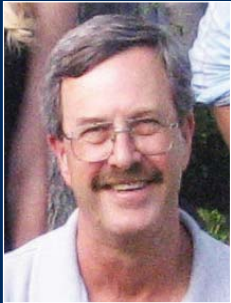
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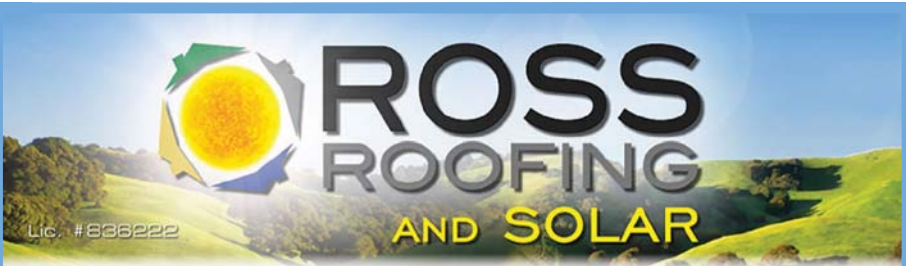
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Verbal exchange, pushing and a fight

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Carmel area: Thefts from vehicles committed on Carmel Valley Road, and credit cards were used fraudulently.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A subject at Sixth and San Carlos reported a lost pouch containing money. The pouch was equipped with an AirTag, and they were attempting to track its location within the area. However, it was subsequently discovered that the item may have been in their vehicle the entire time, as there were no real-time updates confirming its external movement.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Case involving a

subject who made inappropriate comments. As a result, a flyer was created by CPD and distributed to relevant agencies.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Injured cat at Eighth and Mountain View transported for vet care.

Pacific Grove: Verbal dispute on Glen Lake Drive.

Pacific Grove: Attempted fraud on Pine.

Pacific Grove: Report of a domestic dispute on Congress Avenue. A 58-year-old male was arrested for false imprisonment and inflicting corporal punishment on a spouse or cohabitant.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Sunset marked for 72-hour parking.

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services report of possible psychological and mental abuse on Kincannon Road.

Carmel Valley: Child Protective Services referral of possible physical abuse at a residence on East Garzas.

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The gavel falls

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

Sept. 24 — The Hon. Andrew G. Liu sentenced Ira Ulysses Bastian to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the November 11, 1991, murders of George Smith and Eva Thompson at the Smith's Restaurant in Prunedale. In August, a jury convicted Bastian, 86, of two counts of first-degree murder and found true special-circumstance allegations that Bastian murdered the victims during the commission of a burglary and that he committed multiple murders in the first degree. They further found true allegations that he personally used a knife to kill both victims.

In 1991, George Smith, then age 67, and his wife Anna Smith, owned and lived at Smith's Restaurant, which was located on El Camino Real North in Prunedale. Eva

Thompson, then age 79, was Anna Smith's mother and also lived with the couple.

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

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Judge delays stabbing trial until spring

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE JURY trial in a fatal stabbing that occurred in a Carmel-area neighborhood in July has been put off until March. Accused murderer Donel Geisen was set to be tried this week, but Monterey County Chief Deputy Public Defender Jigar Patel asked Superior Court Judge Pam Butler Oct. 29 to give him more time to prepare.

Geisen, 80, was arrested for allegedly stabbing his wife, Barbara, age 78, to death in the bedroom of their home near Highway 1 and Carpenter Street after he dialed 911 in the early morning hours of July 24 to report he'd killed her. He has been held in Monterey County Jail on more than \$1 million bail ever since.

In a preliminary hearing in August, investigators said Geisen told them he'd hit his wife in the head with

a small dumbbell as she was sleeping, and then stabbed her before stabbing himself in a plan he devised to leave their son, Loch, money. The autopsy revealed 13 puncture wounds, an injury on the right side of her head and a broken hand. The coroner concluded she died from multiple stab wounds.

‘Reasonable resolution’

While a suspect has a right to a speedy trial, he can also waive that right — but Geisen had not, Patel said in his motion.

“Mr. Geisen’s intent was to swiftly handle this case, with the hope of a reasonable resolution,” he wrote. “Over the last two weeks — including today — I have been

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EX-TEACHER CHARGED WITH SALINAS MURDER

By KELLY NIX

PROSECUTORS HAVE charged a former teacher’s aide for stabbing to death a 54-year-old man who once worked at a Soledad prison as its lead groundskeeper.

On Oct. 23, the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office filed the charge against Benjamin Bahena, 37, who is alleged to have killed Misael Avilez, 54. Bahena worked as a teacher’s aide for the Pacific Grove Unified School District until September 2024.

“A felony was committed by Benjamin Bahena, in that Bahena did unlawfully, and with malice aforethought, murder Avilez,” according to the three-page criminal complaint filed by deputy district attorney Brian T. Jones. Bahena has pleaded not guilty to the crime.

Bahena, whose last known address was in King City, according to online records, is also charged with an enhancement of using a deadly and dangerous weapon during the crime.

He was booked in Monterey County Jail, where he remains, on a \$1 million bond. Police say he fatally stabbed Avilez on the 100 block of Market Way in Salinas.

‘Man of faith’

Meanwhile, more information about Avilez has emerged. He had three children and was a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, according to an obituary.

“Misael’s life reflected his faith, love and devotion to God and family,” his family said. “He was a kind, humble man of unwavering faith who loved nature and had a true green thumb.”

Dedicated to horticulture, he worked at Soledad State Correctional Facility, where he served as lead groundskeeper for more than seven years. He later took a job at the U.S. Post Office and “spent a few years traveling with a local carnival.”

“He will be remembered for his generosity, his love of gardening and his steadfast faith,” his family said. “The seeds of kindness and love he planted will continue to grow in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him.”

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Hooligans trash floundering NOAA building in P.G.

By KELLY NIX

A FORMER U.S. government building in Pacific Grove that was sold in 2022 but has remained vacant was vandalized several times last month, though the out-of-town owners don't seem too concerned.

On Oct. 29, the old National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration building at 1352 Lighthouse Ave. was targeted by vandals, who smashed a large glass window at the entrance of the building, leaving some Venetian blinds askew. A small fire extinguisher was left behind.

'Predictable outcome'

That same day, two windows on the rooftop level of the building were smashed. A photograph provided to The Pine Cone shows another fire extinguisher dangling on one of the window frames. Around Oct. 13, someone opened a back door and broke a window next to it, while lights in the structure were turned on about four days prior.

The 11,000-square-foot building, erected in 1952 as part of a post-World War II U.S. Navy training facility, was declared surplus property by the federal government and sold for \$4.8 million to Tianzhi Chu and Yuncheng Huang. Huang has said she wants to live there, though the California Coastal Commission contends the building can only be used for non-residential purposes.

Neighbors of the former NOAA building aren't surprised by the vandalism.

"This is a predictable outcome for the building,

given its location and lack of caretaking," Carl Magnuson, who lives across the street, told The Pine Cone this week. "Unless something is done about the absentee owners' disregard for the building and failure to maintain the property, it will continue to attract illegal and dangerous activity."

No investigation

It doesn't appear from the outside that anything has been done to the building — which sits on about 4.3 acres and features a 400-foot-long mural by artist Ray Troll — since it was purchased three years ago. A Covid-era "face covering required" sign is still taped to the inside of the front door.

In any event, the owners are apparently not interested in finding the hooligans responsible for the damage.

"We are aware of the activities occurring at the NOAA building," Pacific Grove Police Cmdr. Brian Anderson told The Pine Cone Tuesday. "However, the

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This former federal building on Lighthouse Avenue in P.G. has been repeatedly vandalized in the past month.

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County resident jailed for welfare fraud

By KELLY NIX

A WOMAN who received more than \$13,000 in taxpayer-funded food stamps and cash by falsely claiming the benefits were for her daughter has been sentenced to 180 days in Monterey County Jail and probation, according to prosecutors.

On Oct. 30, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Mark Hood sentenced Ilda Sanchez, 53, of Greenfield, to jail on one count of felony commercial burglary related to welfare fraud.

Sanchez, who is apparently in the country illegally, is being held in county jail.

“From September 2021 through May 2023, Ilda Sanchez obtained a total of \$13,092 for CalFresh benefits and CalWORKS from the Department of Social Services, falsely claiming that she had physical custody and care of her minor daughter in the same residence,” the Monterey County District Attorney’s office said this week. CalFresh is the California version of food stamps, and CalWORKS is a state welfare program.

While Sanchez collected the benefits, her daughter lived with a relative in Sonoma County and attended high school. The Greenfield woman would not have been entitled to the money had she truthfully reported where her daughter lived.

Too lenient?

The May 2024 criminal complaint against Sanchez, as well as other records related to her case, offer more detail than the press release from the DA’s office.

“Sanchez did willfully, unlawfully,

and knowingly with the intent to deceive by means of false statements, representations, impersonation, failure to disclose a material fact, and other fraudulent device, obtain and retain aid for herself,” exceeding \$950, the complaint says.

Sanchez could have received a much stiffer sentence if she’d been convicted on the charges prosecutors originally sought against her. She was slapped with seven felonies, including five counts of “perjury by false affirmation for aid” and fraud to obtain aid.

The DA’s office agreed to drop the six felonies in exchange for her admission to the burglary charge.

No drugs

During the hearing in Salinas, Hood ordered her to repay \$9,733 to the Monterey County Department of Social Services, where she applied for the benefits, and hundreds of dollars in fines. She’ll also be supervised by Monterey County Adult Probation for the next two years.

Sanchez, who had help from an interpreter during the hearing, was told that if she’s deported from the United States, she must “immediately report” it to her probation officer. If she reenters the United States “either legally or illegally,” she must “report to probation within 12 hours.”

Assistant District Attorney Marisol Mendez told The Pine Cone that her office this year has prosecuted five people for welfare fraud. However, dozens more county fraud cases are handled through a program that allows offenders to repay the amount they stole in exchange for no criminal charges, she said.

Woman who admitted to fraud dodged harsher sentence

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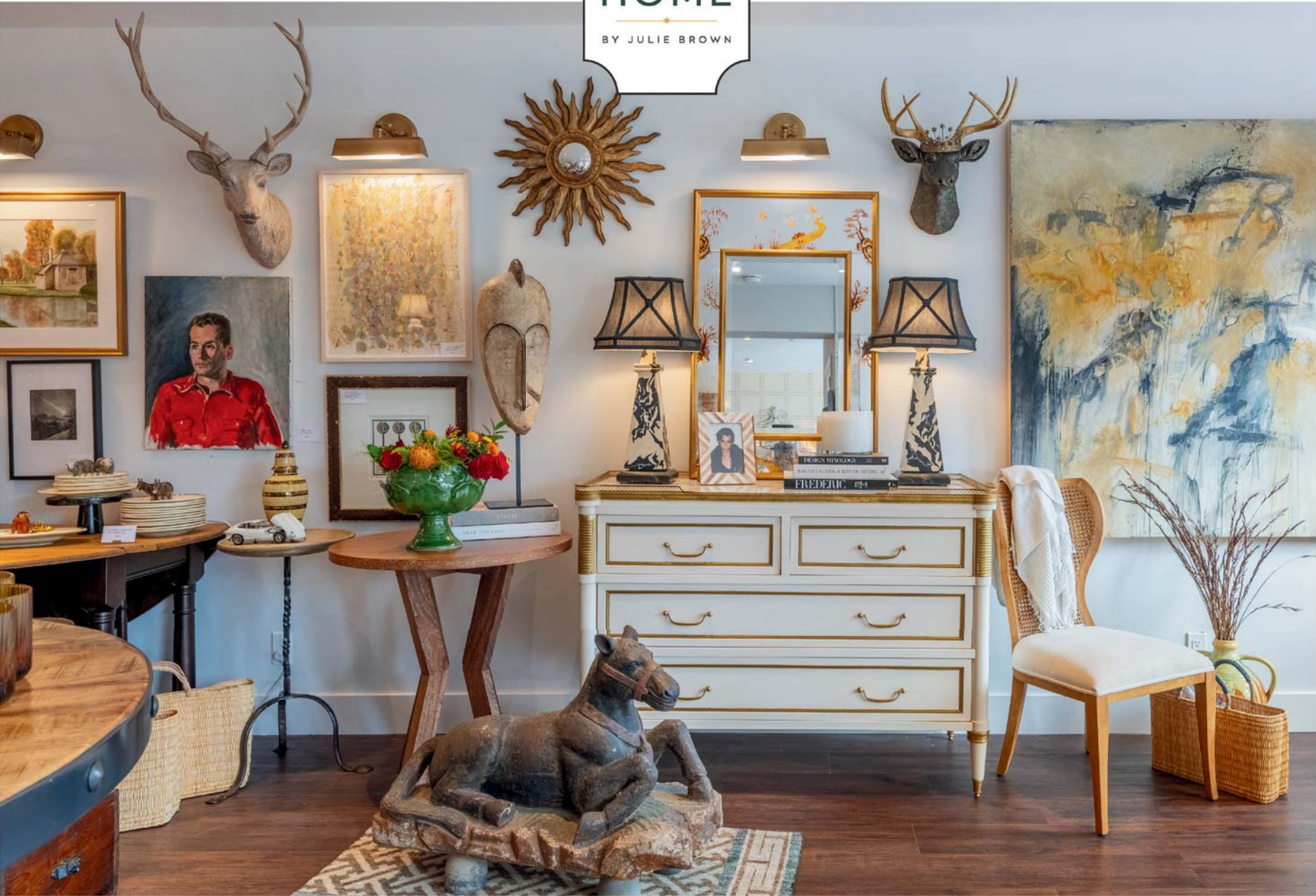
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Eagle struck by car couldn't be saved

By CHRIS COUNTS

WILDLIFE RESCUE stories tug at our heartstrings, but success is never certain — as was the case of a golden eagle which was hit by a vehicle along Jolon Road near King City Oct. 28.

The majestic bird was euthanized last week due to the severity of its injuries, SPCA Monterey County spokesperson Beth Brookhauser told The Pine Cone this week.

The eagle was found by the King City California Highway Patrol. “A CHP officer came across a solo vehicle crash on Jolon Road involving an eagle,” the agency reported.

Too late in the day

Unfortunately, it was too late in the day for Brown to reach wildlife experts. “After contacting CHP dispatch and attempting to contact multiple wildlife resources after business hours, the officer realized the eagle was going to have to wait until morning to get the help it needed,” the report noted.

“The officer was able to catch the eagle and place it in an animal

crate overnight,” the report added. “He then transported it to the SPCA Monterey County the next morning.”

Unfortunately, the eagle’s injuries were simply too extensive for it to survive — it had suffered a broken radius and broken ulna, two key bones in a bird’s wings.

“It was a very serious injury,”

See **EAGLE** page 28A



PHOTO/CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

A King City police officer went to great lengths to get the injured eagle medical care.

SHERIFF’S NEW ‘AMBASSADOR’ IS A HORSE

By CHRIS COUNTS

A MINIATURE horse that was once headed to a slaughterhouse south of the border was honored Wednesday as a “symbol of compassion and second chances” by the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office — and sworn in as an honorary community ambassador.

Now known as Cookie, the 15-year-old horse was rescued in April 2024 by Ruby’s Purpose Rescue in Paso Robles. The group found her at what it called a “kill pen” in Texas — from there she was to be sent to Mexico for slaughter.

Cookie was in poor shape when rescuers found her. “Malnourished, severely underweight, and suffering from multiple health issues, Cookie needed extensive care and compassion to survive,” the sheriff’s office reported.

Cookie’s new friend

Ruby’s Purpose Rescue sent out word on social media about the horse’s rescue, and Monterey County Sheriff’s deputy Rebecca Gordano read about Cookie’s ordeal. Gordano had recently lost her horse and was seeking a companion for her blind donkey, Violet, who she had previously



PHOTO/MONTEREY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

A miniature horse was honored by the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office this week as “a symbol of compassion and second chances.”

adopted from Ruby’s Purpose Rescue. “Shortly afterward, Cookie was welcomed

See **HORSE** page 24A



CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

Notice: Conglomerate Paving Project Begins

Please be advised that paving work is scheduled to begin the week of **November 12, 2025**, with construction hours from **8:00 AM to 5:00 PM on weekdays**.

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea has contracted **Coastal Paving and Excavating, Inc.** to perform the construction of the Conglomerate Paving Project.

Project Scope Includes:

- ❖ Asphalt overlay
- ❖ Spot pavement repairs and micro-surfacing
- ❖ Pavement rehabilitation and reconstruction
- ❖ Sidewalk, AC berms, and ADA ramps improvement

Project Timeline:

- ❖ **Start Date:** Wednesday, November 12, 2025
- ❖ **Tentative Completion Date:** Early April 2026 (Weather Permitting)

Initial Work Areas:

The initial phase of construction will concentrate on **Ocean Avenue (Carpenter St. to Hwy. 1)** and select residential streets, focusing on spot repairs and asphalt concrete (AC) street overlay work on **10th Street (from Mission Street to Junipero Avenue)** and **6th Street (from Guadalupe Street to Carpenter Street)**.

An **updated schedule** and **map of work areas** will be posted as the project progresses.

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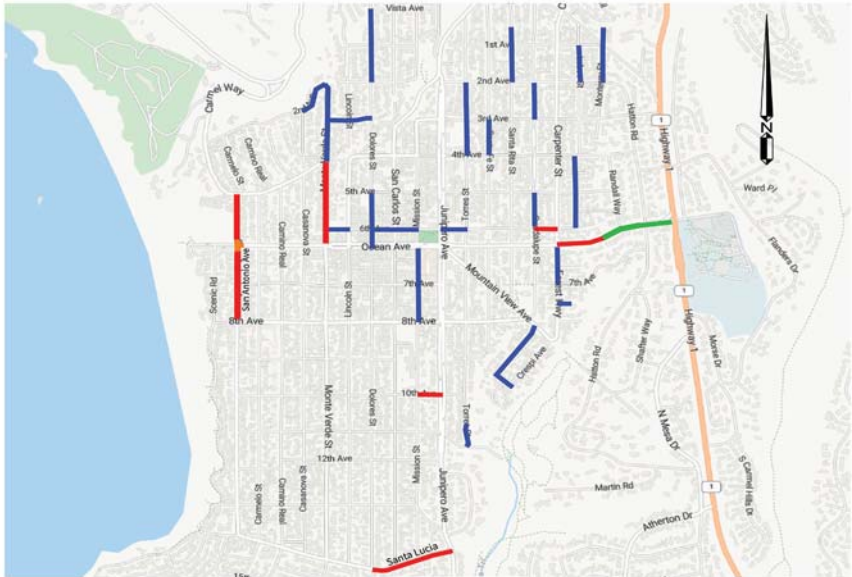
- Heavy equipment will be in use — **please avoid the area if possible.**
- **Temporary lane closures and detours** will be in place to assist with traffic circulation.
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Roundabout work to cause more delays

By CHRIS COUNTS

MOTORISTS WILL need to prepare for delays lasting as long as 30 minutes Nov. 18-19 due to construction of the roundabout at Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade. The delays are needed so work crews can move concrete barriers that channel traffic.

The work will occur between 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days, dependent on the weather.

Monterey County 5th District Supervisor Kate Daniels sent out word of “significant” traffic delays. County officials urged locals to “please plan accordingly.” Flaggers will be on site to direct traffic — and let emergency personnel through if necessary.

“If there are appointments you could do remotely or on another day, it may be advisable to do so,” the county said. “Emergency responders will be afforded priority through the work zone.”

Done by March

Work on the \$3.8 million project started June 23. It will be paid for with traffic mitigation fees and a grant from Monterey Bay Air Resources District, along with Measure X funds. The contractor is Teichert Construction of Pleasanton. The project is expected to

be completed by March 2026.

The roundabout has been talked about since 2022, when then-Supervisor Mary Adams announced her support for it. Adams said it would best address concerns over safety and efficiency at the intersection. Besides support from many residents, a “corridor study” identified the roundabout as the “best option” for the intersection, according to the county.

While some contend the roundabout isn’t needed, others point to accidents that happened there in 2004, when a cement truck lost its brakes and crashed, and in 2017, when a three-axle truck hauling a load of sod and a forklift lost control and did the same.



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‘BUT I WAS USING BLUETOOTH!’

By LILY PATTERSON

A BLACK BMW smashed through the front display window of the Holman Building in Pacific Grove at lunchtime Wednesday. The driver was “treated at the scene for a complaint of pain and released,” according to Pacific Grove Police Cmdr. Brian Anderson. No one else was injured and the kitsch in the shop, including an approximately 6-foot giraffe wearing a racing saddle, appeared in stable condition.

Under investigation

Only the front end of the car made it into the store, shattering its windshield and taking the largest pane of the display window clean out. The blunder drew four squad cars, a firetruck and an ambulance to the scene on Lighthouse Avenue, as bystanders looked on and snapped photos from behind police tape.

Based on the angle of the crash, it appeared the

driver had accelerated from a parking spot in front of the building. Two officers were overheard saying the driver had been “talking on her cell phone, but said she was using Bluetooth.” The accident, the latest in a long string of cars crashing through street-level windows at various buildings around the Monterey Peninsula, is still

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PHOTO/LILY PATTERSON

An unidentified driver walked away, apparently unscathed, after driving through the Holman Building in P.G. on Wednesday.



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COUNCIL SHIPS NEW HOUSING PLAN TO STATE

■ Relies on buy-in from hoteliers, churches, businesses

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER SPENDING more than a year developing programs that might add valuable housing in Carmel by converting hotel rooms and commercial spaces into living quarters and encouraging churches to build apartments, the Carmel City Council on Tuesday agreed to send its revised housing plan to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for review.

If the agency likes it, the document would be brought back for official approval by the planning commission and city council and then sent to the state to replace the housing element that was certified in April 2024.

That document — which California law required to identify sites for 349 potential new residences, including 149 affordable units — relied on the possibility of building on parking lots at Sunset Center and Vista Lobos. But after some residents vehemently objected to the idea of using city land for housing, a group of community members, public officials and city staff got together and hired a consultant to help them come up with alternatives.

‘Wishful thinking’

The result, some 17 months later, is a plan that hopes to meet the state’s demands via the construction of accessory dwelling units, creating a commercially viable program for converting underperforming hotel rooms into affordable apartments, working with churches to build housing on their land, developing live/work spaces in lower-rent and underutilized commercial spaces, and providing incentives to developers to build mixed-income complexes.

Principal planner Marnie Waffle said the new plan identifies the means of adding 439 units, which is 26 percent more than what the state is requiring, and that 75 percent of them would fall into the “affordable” categories.

She also said that during its reviews and conversations with the city along the way, the state has been generally supportive of the alternative programs and that contrary to a threatening letter sent by the California Housing Defense Fund, the revised plan will not run afoul of the law.

The planning commission held a special meeting Oct. 20 to review the amendment and found it acceptable, she noted, though commissioners asked the council to look into ways to address the parking demand that will

accompany such residential development.

They also suggested updating the discussion of water to reflect the new allocation of 14 acre-feet and resulting lack of scarcity (see story on the front page), and worried that requiring deed restrictions for affordable units in the live/work program might discourage building owners from turning commercial spaces into residential uses.

In addition, commissioners said they back the removal of the city-owned sites in the new plan but said they should nonetheless be evaluated to determine whether continuing to use them for parking is their “highest and best use.”

Developer Fred Kern cautioned against ditching the old plan and said the city should at least go ahead and request proposals from builders who might have some creative and beneficial ideas for building housing at those locations.

Former city councilwoman Karen Ferlito, who worked

on the original plan, urged the council to reject the proposed amendment.

“This isn’t about whether we like development on these sites, this is about whether Carmel will meet its legal obligations with a realistic plan or gamble on wishful thinking,” she said.

‘Better controlled’

Ferlito also noted that the outcome of projects on public property could be better controlled than with privately built developments.

But former councilwoman Victoria Beach, who was part of the group that developed the plan, said the state housing office has described it as “more realistic” and “more sensitive,” and has even urged other jurisdictions to look at what Carmel is doing.

“It’s not wishful thinking, it’s quite the contrary,” she said.

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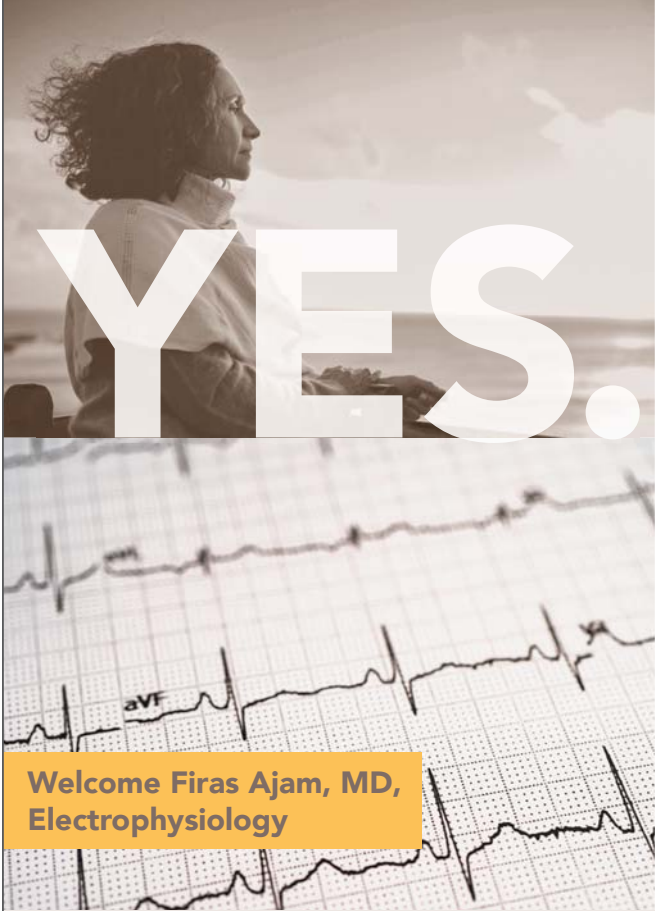
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Ceremony, jamboree honor vets Nov. 11

By CHRIS COUNTS
and KELLY NIX

A CEREMONY to honor military service veterans will be held Tuesday at the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery on the former Fort Ord.

The public is invited to attend the Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m. at 2900 Parker Flats Road, which is being hosted by the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

The program will begin with a welcome by Fernando Pimentel, director of the cemetery, followed by an opening by Michael Ward, commander of American Legion Post 591. Seaside High School Junior ROTC Color Guard will post the Colors. American Legion 28th District

Chaplin Mary Estrada will deliver an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Diana Alvares-Ward, president of American Legion Post 591.

A special POW-MIA remembrance ceremony will be presented by Paul Guzman, American Legion 28th District commander, and the Hartnell Veterans Resource Center conduct a Battlefield Cross presentation. A rifle salute will be performed by the Monterey High School Navy Junior ROTC.

Guest speaker for the ceremony is Michael F. Bona, a local U.S. Army veteran and recipient of the Army Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with four bronze stars, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon. Since Bona's honorable discharge from military service, he's lived in the Monterey Peninsula. He

volunteers with several veteran organizations including with the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, which provides escorts for fallen comrades during memorial services.

Following the ceremony, American Legion Post 591, at 1000 Playa Ave. in Seaside, will provide lunch at no charge to veterans. The public is invited.

■ Helping those in need

Another event to honor those who served will take place Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the Veterans Transition Center in Marina hosts a Veterans Jamboree. "This special event provides an opportunity for our veteran community to connect, access important resources and participate in fun activities," the city of Marina announced.

Located at 220 12th Street, the

center provides meals, clothing and housing, along with medical and psychological care, to veterans who are homeless or have been incarcerated.

"Supporting our veteran community is essential in our mission to uphold a high quality of life for all Marina residents through recreation and cultural opportunities, a safe environment and economic viability," Marina Mayor Bruce Delgado said. "By sponsoring this event and supporting the center's important work, we hope to connect veterans and their families in Marina with opportunities to enrich their lives while enjoying a day filled with entertainment and community."

Marina's community development director Guido Persicone also praised the center for its efforts.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to

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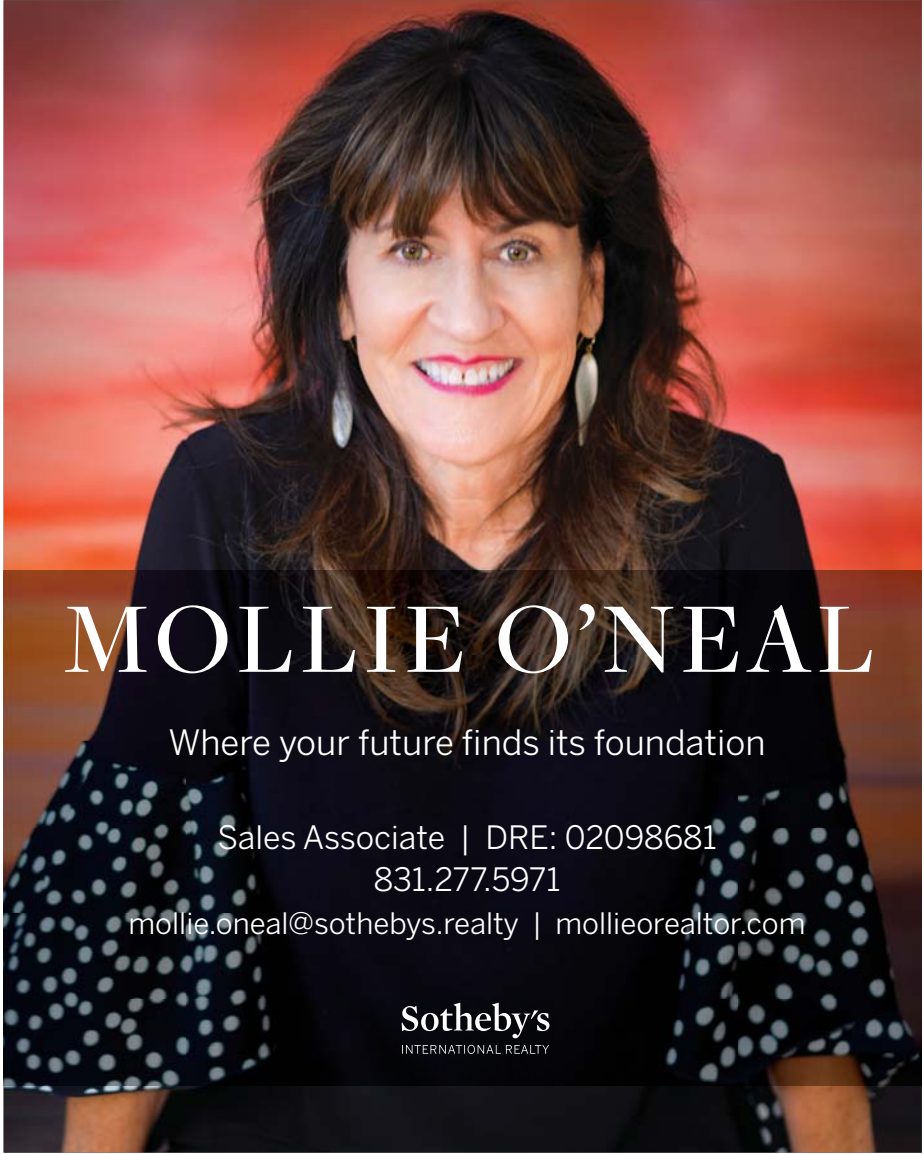
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Sheriff’s office closing public lobbies in Monterey, King City

By MARY SCHLEY

MONTEREY COUNTY residents who need in-person help from the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office will soon only be able to get it in Salinas. The agency announced this week that due to budget cuts and reductions in personnel, the lobbies of its substations in Monterey and King City will close Nov. 17.

“The decision was made due to staffing needs that require personnel to be reassigned to the sheriff’s main office in Salinas to maintain essential public safety services,” Cmdr. Andy Rosas said in a statement Monday.

According to Rosas, the sheriff’s office had to cut \$5.8 million in spending “to do our part in helping the county to balance its annual budget.”

“As a result, the sheriff’s office was required to reevaluate its current allotted budget and make the difficult decision to consolidate operations by moving administrative staff from the Monterey and King City offices to the main Salinas office,” he said. As a result, in-person business will only be handled at the headquarters on Natividad Road — a roughly 40-minute drive from Carmel and a bit longer from King City.

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People go to the sheriff’s office for any number of reasons, including inquiring about possible crimes or airing concerns, seeking information on civil matters like evictions, requesting records, undergoing background checks for jobs or volunteer

positions, following up on citations, and taking care of other law-enforcement-related business.

According to the 2025-2026 Monterey County budget, the sheriff’s office requested \$199,440,792 for the year but was allocated \$171,819,244, with a call to eliminate 28 jobs, bringing the total number to 453. At the time the plan was presented to the board of supervisors, it was noted the department was on track to spend \$151.7 million in 2024-2025 — \$7.4 million over budget for that year — mostly due to unbudgeted wage increases.

Patrols intact

While the lobbies will no longer be open to the public, deputies will continue working out of the Monterey and King City locations “to ensure timely responses to calls for service and ongoing community engagement,” according to the sheriff’s office, with no changes planned for patrol coverage.

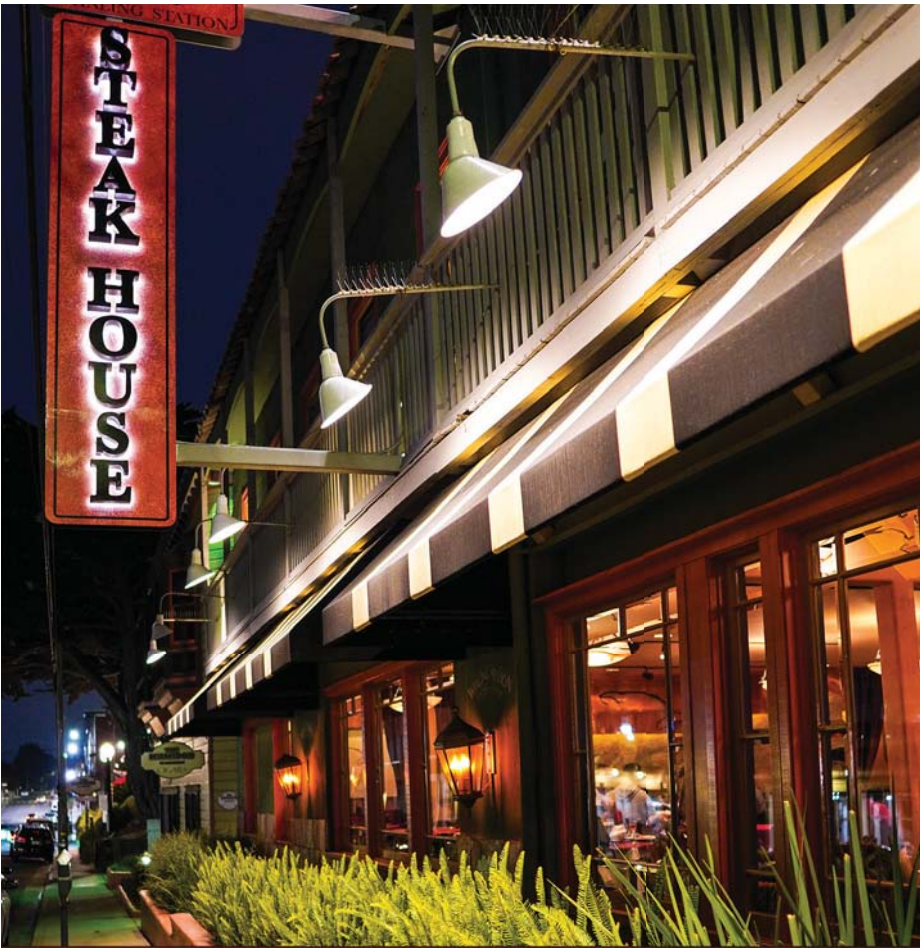
After the agency posted its press release on social media, commenters were not charitable, with some calling for Sheriff Tina Nieto — who was paid \$427,903 in 2024, according to an online database, including \$285,582 in base pay and \$71,995 in retirement contributions — and other executive staff to take pay cuts instead of closing the lobbies.

“It costs virtually nothing to keep the lobbies open with a desk officer to handle clerical duties,” said former Monterey

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Sheriff Tina Nieto



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Taking the offensive to stop wildfires, state parks burns 61 acres

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN THE latest effort to reduce the threat of wildfires in Big Sur, California State Parks — which has ramped up its work to reduce fire prone vegetation throughout the state — conducted a controlled burn of 61 acres at Andrew Molera State Park Oct. 23.

Cal Fire’s San Benito unit announced on social media that the effort was successful and is “helping to reduce non-native brush species and promote the regrowth of native grasslands in the area.”

The agency, along with volunteers from Big Sur Fire, assisted state parks with the burn.

Not only do controlled or prescribed burns reduce the risk of a wildfire, they also benefit native plants. At Molera, the native coastal prairie has been on the retreat — in

part due to the arrival of invasive vegetation.

“We have ecological reasons for burning as well,” state parks environmental scientist Amy Palkovic told The Pine Cone. “We’re trying to maintain the native grasslands in the park.”

The nonnative plants that are targeted include Italian thistle, genista, poison hemlock and wild radish. They also work to keep coyote brush, a native plant, from encroaching on the grasslands.

While it makes sense to use fire to reduce the threat, it must be done with great caution, and weather conditions must be just right, Palkovic said.

“We need the vegetation to be dry, but not too dry that a fire can get out of control,” she explained. “It must be a day when smoke will go up and away. The relative humidity is a huge factor. We also need to get the approval of

the Monterey Bay Air Resources District. We’re always looking for the right conditions, and we found them last week — it was perfect.”

LIBRARY HOSTS WORKSHOP

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL Public Library Foundation and the City of Carmel are hosting their third community workshop on the Harrison Memorial Library Centennial Restoration Project Nov. 10 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center. The session is intended to update the public, gather more feedback and take questions on the planned interior remodel and seismic retrofit. The work has been estimated at \$15 million to \$20 million, and supporters hope it will be completed in time for the library’s centennial in 2028.

While the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea owns the nearly century-old building at Lincoln and Ocean and funds its staffing and maintenance, an independent board of trustees appointed by the city council oversees the library’s operations, and the nonprofit library foundation raises money for its materials, programs and services.

‘Keeping with pledge’

In July, the Carmel City Council approved a contract with Moore Ruble Yudell Architects, a Santa Monica-based firm “nationally recognized for its expertise in historic preservation,” and the foundation has pledged to raise the necessary funds for the project via private donations.

The contract’s scope of services includes validation of the concept and program, schematic design, design development, construction documents and permit support, assistance with bids, construction observation, and post-occupancy review.

The workshop is in keeping with the foundation’s pledge to make the planning and renovation “a collaborative process” and to keep the community “involved every step of the way.” The foundation thanked prior participants for making the workshops “engaging and constructive” and invited those interested to attend the Nov. 10 session for “updates and to continue the open dialog.”

To register, go to carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. Carpenter Hall is located at Mission and Ninth.

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HUGE FINE

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the citation because it “knew that Simo and Miralles would have immediately put a stop to the remaining six days of the event.”

The suit alleges that representatives of company BMF Media, that acted on McLaren’s behalf, told Simo “BMF had resolved the issue and that the event was proceeding as planned.”

The homeowners accuse McLaren and BMF Media of informing their property manager “that they had obtained all required permits,” but that the information was untrue.

“McLaren Automotive and BMF Media disclosed some facts regarding the county’s visit to the property but not others, making the disclosure deceptive,” according to the suit, which accuses the two companies of fraud by

concealment and false promises, trespass, breach of contract and other causes of action.

The Pine Cone asked Fifth District county supervisor Kate Daniels if she thought the fine was excessive.

“If you are charging \$500,000 for your short-term rental, the fine for not having a permit will be extraordinarily high,” Daniels said, using an example. “Hopefully that percentage disincentivizes someone from operating a short-term rental” without permits.

Fancy

One month after the event and the citation, county officials upped the fine to a whopping \$762,875, which Simo said they paid so they could contest the penalty. It’s not clear why the citation amount increased so much, and county officials didn’t provide answers by presstime.

While it would usually be up to property owners to secure permits for vacation rentals and special events, Simo contends that BMF and McLaren promised in a

written contract for the party that they would handle the permits and be responsible for any fines, penalties and damages.

The dispute with McLaren and BMF Media has not only been expensive it’s been stressful, the suit suggests.

Simo and Miralles have “suffered damages arising from the annoyance, distress and mental anguish caused by BMF Media and McLaren’s violation of the limits of plaintiffs’ conditional consent to use the property,” the lawsuit says.

Photos of the party at the mclarenlife.com depict a posh, well-organized event at the Scarlett Road home that included vehicles on display, McLaren signage attached to the home and pool, portable bars serving alcohol, a Formula 1 historical display, and custom-made macaroon cookies neatly printed with the company’s brand.

One attendee said that McLaren did not disclose the location on the invitations.

“We parked at a church and were shuttled in,” the man said on the website, adding that it was an “unbelievable property” and he had “quite the time.”



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Rags-to-riches musical, ‘Gypsy, opens Thursday, plays through Dec. 21

By CHRIS COUNTS

A MUSICAL about a domineering show-business mom and her two daughters, PacRep’s “Gypsy” opens Thursday at 7:30 p.m. with a discounted preview in the Founders Theatre at Golden Bough Playhouse.

Loosely based on the 1957 memoir of striptease artist Gypsy Rose Lee, “Gypsy” was made into a musical in 1959, with music by Jule Styne and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. The rags-to-riches story follows the efforts of Mama Rose to ruthlessly push her daughters to become stage performers.

The original version of the musical starred Ethel Mer- man and won eight Tony Awards.

The musical offers audiences a chance to “step into the glamorous and gritty world of showbiz, where dreams are chased and sacrificed on the altar of stardom,” according to PacRep.

Tough role to play

Playing the role of Mama Rose is Malinda DeRouen. PacRep described the role as “one of the greatest and most challenging” in musical theater history. The theater com- pany called DeRouen — who has portrayed Billie Holiday and Mary Poppins on Monterey Peninsula stages — “a local legend.”

The cast also includes Jared Hussey, Jennifer New- man, Lyla Englehorn, Niki Moon and Teagan Cox. Nina

Capriola is directing the musical, with Joe Niesen as cho- reographer and Desma Johnson as music director.

A second discounted preview will be offered Nov. 14, and the musical officially opens Nov. 15. It continues Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec.

21. All shows start at 7:30 p.m. except Sunday matinees. Tickets start at \$8 for the previews and \$16 for the other shows.

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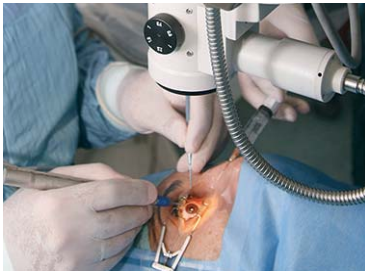
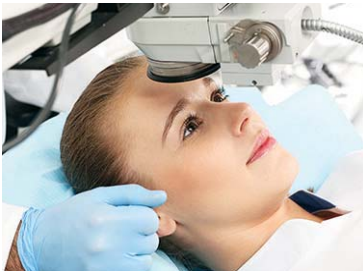
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PROP 50

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presidency.

Assemblymember Dawn Addis also celebrated the win on election night.

“The passage of Proposition 50 is a powerful message sent by the California voters — we stand up for every American who wants a fair shot at a strong democracy,” said the Morro Bay democrat. “Tonight we are reaffirming our commitment to create a transparent, accountable federal government that works.”

The move will all but eliminate representation for California Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives. Currently, 43 out of California’s 52 house seats are held by Democrats, and only nine seats or 17 percent are held by

Republicans. It’s a massive under presentation of conservatives in the state, considering 38 percent of Californians voted for Trump in 2024. If all goes as planned under Prop 50 Democrats will win another five seats in 2026, winnowing down Republican representation to just seven percent.

The lead-up

Despite what was at stake for them, Republicans failed to turn up at the polls this week and Trump could be to blame, at least in part, for their absence.

“I think when we look back at it, it will be a mistake that Trump did not campaign for No on Prop 50, that Trump didn’t hold rallies in California the way he did in 2024 that got a huge number of Republican voters to show up for him,” said conservative radio host Sam Mirejovsky on Wednesday.

The No on 50 Campaign also fell apart at the end, outspent and out-messaged. The biggest funder, Charles

Munger Jr., an ardent supporter of independent redistricting, stopped giving in the weeks leading up to the election. Meanwhile, Newsom’s side raised so much money he told supporters to stop donating.

Prop 50 was sold as a way to win back the U.S. House of Representatives in the 2026 midterm elections, but it is in no way a guarantee. Three of the newly drawn districts are more advantageous than the other two, and candidates will still need to win their way to Washington.

As for the gerrymandering math, Republicans are still in the lead even with Prop 50’s passage. Texas’ newly drawn map aims to turn five seats from blue to red and fellow Republican controlled states, Missouri, Ohio and North Carolina, have also passed maps designed to flip another four seats in favor of the GOP.

Last week Indiana Gov. Mike Braun called a special legislative session to draw a map to turn another seat red there.

Meanwhile, few other blue states have even considered launching redistricting efforts. Virginia Democrats approved a temporary redistricting proposal, similar to Prop 50, but it can’t go before voters until next year.

Still, if Prop 50 is an indicator, things are not looking good for Republicans come 2026. The sitting president’s party usually loses house seats in the midterms and Tuesday’s results show Democrats are chomping at the bit to get back at Trump.

Republicans sue over ‘racial gerrymandering’

Following Tuesday’s crushing defeat, California Republicans filed yet another lawsuit to stop redistricting. The federal suit claims the map approved by Prop 50 is unconstitutional because it is designed to favor Hispanic voters, violating the 14th amendment’s equal protection clause.

Assemblymember David Tangipa is one of 19 plaintiffs hoping to secure a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction to prevent Prop 50 from going into effect.

“This whole process was a sham and with this lawsuit we will expose it and we will hold those accountable,” said Tangipa, a Fresno Republican.

Coincidentally, the Supreme Court is already in the midst of weighing a case involving the Voting Rights Act, and it too could have legal implications for Prop 50.

For years the Voting Rights Act has been interpreted to require creation of congressional districts for minorities, but a recent case out of Louisiana has the High Court’s

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All proposals must be submitted only on forms furnished by the City. A Proposal Packet may be obtained from Tom Ford, Acting Project Manager, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Public Works Department, 831-427-7673, tford@ci.carmel.ca.us. Alternatively, the RFP packet can be obtained at: ci.carmel.ca.us/requests-bids-and-rfps

The City will conduct a MANDATORY pre-proposal meeting and tour of the included City buildings and facilities on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 @ 9:30 AM. The meeting starting point location will be at the Vista Lobos Building immediately next to the Vista Lobos Parking Lot, located on Third Avenue between Torres & Junipero Streets. This pre-proposal meeting and tour will be the only opportunity for Proposers to review the job sites when City staff is present. Therefore, any potential Proposers who are unable to, or fail to attend the meeting and tour for any reason whatsoever, will not be eligible for award of the contract.

The City reserves the right to waive any minor irregularity, to negotiate for the modification of any proposal with mutual consent of the Proposer, to re-advertise for proposals if desired, and to accept the proposal, which in the judgment of the City, even though it does not offer the lowest cost, is nevertheless deemed the best value for the public and City. Any proposal which is incomplete, conditional, or obscure, or which contains irregularities of any kind, may be cause for rejection. This solicitation of proposals does not commit the City to enter into a Contractor or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of responses to the request. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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The anticipated contract commencement date is July 1, 2026.

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DISTRICTS

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conservative majority indicating it may consider that use of law to be discriminatory against white voters.

Trump’s Department of Justice has yet to take legal action, but it could contend California’s new map is discriminatory and should be suspended until the Supreme Court makes a ruling. If the new map gets locked up in legal limbo, the old map could be used in the 2026 midterms.

Dems announce campaigns

So far, the President’s comments on 50 have been limited to hinting that California’s election processes, not the initiative, will be under review.

“All Mail-In Ballots, where the Republicans in that State are Shut Out, is under very serious legal and criminal review. STAY TUNED!” wrote Trump in a social media post.

The five incumbent Republicans targeted by the gerrymander are now choosing between running in districts drawn for Democrats or challenging fellow GOP candidates in what few conservative states remain. Meanwhile Democrats are already pouncing on new opportunities.

Three minutes after the Prop 50 results came in, Democratic Rep. Ami Bera announced he’ll be running for California’s redrawn 3rd Congressional District. Bera currently represents District 6 and Republican Kevin Kiley represents District 3. However, Kiley has little chance of winning reelection in 2026 under the new map, which gives Democrats an eight-percentage-point advantage over Republicans.

Outgoing State Senate Pro Tem Mike McGuire, a Healdsburg Democrat, has yet to announce he’s running for Congress, but the Prop 50 map was tailor-made for him. McGuire’s newly drawn District 1 stretches from heavily Republican northeastern California down to Santa Rosa, giving it enough Democrats to stomp out conservative voices, and encompasses the state senator’s hometown of Healdsburg.

Among the slew of Democratic candidates who’ve

already announced plans to challenge newly vulnerable Republicans, one stands out as a redistricting opponent. Assemblymember Jasmeet Bains was the sole Democratic legislator to vote against the plan to put redistricting on the ballot.

Population shifts

Since then, Bains has been mum on Prop 50, but the Central Valley doctor stands to gain an edge in her 22nd Congressional District race against Valadao, thanks to its passage.

Voters were promised the new map would expire after six years to coincide with the regular 10-year redistricting cycle. But it’s hard to believe they won’t be asked to authorize another gerrymander in 2031.

California’s population decline and Texas’ population boom this decade are forecasted to subtract four congressional seats from the Golden State and add four to the Lone Star State following the 2030 census. Seems like any Democratic reps who gain their seats under Prop 50 would be highly reluctant to give up them up after just a few short years.



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CAR WEEK

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JAMES VORHES

James Vorhes, of Carmel, California, died in Carmel on October 14. He lived on the Monterey Peninsula for many years and always said that he “loved every day of it.” He was born in Pontiac, Michigan, the son of James and Aleatha Vorhes, in September 1923.

Jim was a naval aviator during WWII when he flew Wildcats and Corsairs. He graduated from Michigan Technological University in 1947 with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering. The university later awarded Jim several honors including the Silver Medal and the Distinguished Alumnus Award. The university also awarded him an honorary doctorate in engineering. He was a founding inductee in the University’s Academy of Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Mechanics and was a graduate of the Harvard Business School’s Advanced Management Program.

Jim enjoyed a 40-year career with General Motors Corporation. He started out as a service clerk and ended up as a vice president. He held many positions in the Pontiac Motor Division and became the division’s general sales and service manager, the only native of Pontiac, Michigan to ever hold that title. He then became a vice president of the General Motors Corporation where, among other innovations, he oversaw the introduction of the Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) that is so prevalent today. Jim retired in 1986 as vice president responsible for sales and service staffs.

He was predeceased by his wife, Frances. They were married for 61 years during which Jim’s career found them living in 15 different locations, the last being Carmel Valley.

Jim was involved in a number of Monterey Peninsula activities. He served on the boards of the Cypress Point Club, the Old Capital Club, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, the Monterey Institute of International Studies, Big Sur Land Trust, All Saints’ Day School and the residents’ council of the Carmel Valley Manor. He was a member of the Quiet Birdmen and The Group.

He was an enthusiastic golfer. He always felt that the closest thing to heaven on earth was a round of golf at his favorite golf course.

Jim is survived by his daughter, Vicki Vorhes of San Jose; his granddaughter, Cristin Pearson of Snoqualmie, WA; his grandson, Scott Gray of Carmel Valley and his great-grandsons, Cameron, Hunter and Boden Pearson of Snoqualmie, WA and Soren Gray of Carmel Valley. Jim was very proud of his family.

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better tools to enforce sound limits, and working with hotels and the chamber on overall planning, parking and shuttling.

In advance of next year’s Car Week, Trayer wants to hold a “community listening session” to get feedback on those issues, as well as on delivery routes and times, having a police representative involved the planning process, and ramping up staffing.

Unified command

To try to curb the sideshows and other unsanctioned late-night activities — much of which are driven by social-media influencers — local law enforcement agencies will set up a central incident command center, much like they do during major emergencies and disasters, according to Trayer.

“Everyone has to work with each other,” said assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson, who has been involved in the discussions.

“Let’s see if we can overcome this challenge by using social media rather than having it work against us,” he added.

Swanson said the problems about which most people complain began when the a show called Exotics on Cannery Row was launched a decade ago.

“There was a seismic shift in what Car Week was,” he said because it drew larger and rowdier crowds. “That was when everyone kind of went, ‘Woah, that was a new Car Week.’”

While a couple of members of the public said they enjoy the Peninsula’s automotive week, including the events held downtown, Carmel Residents Association board member Nancy Twomey asked Trayer to pay special



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Sometimes bad behavior leads to brutal consequences, like when the driver of this McLaren crashed into a Pebble Beach bus in 2023.

attention to San Carlos between Ninth and 13th avenues next year.

“It’s a racetrack the whole week, the whole day long and the whole night long,” she said.

Carmel Woods resident Cindy Lloyd said the week interferes too much with the daily lives of residents and that the “elegance” disappeared when the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance stopped bringing its tour through Carmel. She argued for limiting automotive events

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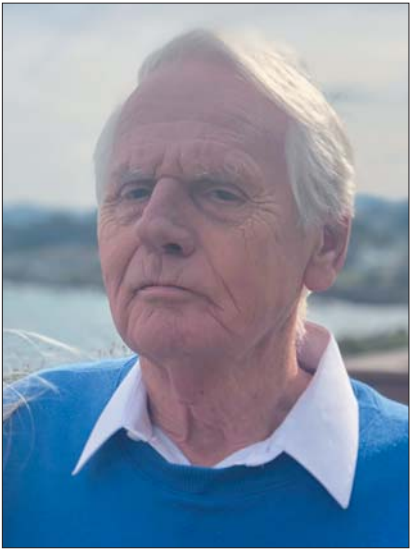
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Reinhard Beer

1935 - 2025

Reinhard Beer, 89, of Glendale and Pacific Grove, CA, died at his home in Pacific Grove of natural causes on June 20th, 2025. He was born in Berlin, Germany in 1935 to Harry Joseph Beer and Elizabet Maria (neé Meister) Beer. His mother was German, and his father was mixed European, with some Jewish descent so his family fled to England when he was two years old.



Reinhard grew up in Kingston-Upon-Hole and his father was a shipbuilder during WWII. When he was 15 years old his family bought a cottage in a tiny village called Hotham where he had to bike 14 miles each way to his high school. After graduation he received a full scholarship to Manchester University where he studied physics and stayed on for a PhD in physics. It was there that he met Margaret and it was love at first sight. Two years after graduating with his doctorate, he and Margaret Ann Taylor were married and remained so until his death.

He had a post-doc at the University at Manchester until he took a job in 1963 at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California where he stayed until his retirement in 2009. During his career as an Atmospheric Scientist, Reinhard made numerous discoveries including that of carbon monoxide on Jupiter, global maps of atmospheric ozone and other pollutants, and received several awards such as the NASA Group Achievement Award for Spacelab 3 AT-MOS experiment (1986) and the NASA Achievement Medal (2008). Reinhard is survived by his wife and the love of his life, Margaret Beer and Kenneth Beer, his younger brother and his family. He is preceded in death by his elder brother, Peter Beer.

All are invited to attend a celebration of Richard's long and productive life on Friday, November 21, at 2:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church, 915 Sunset Drive, in Pacific Grove. The family suggests any memorial donations be made to PG P.R.I.D.E (P.O. Box 419, Pacific Grove, CA 93950) or Stillwell Fun in the Park (c/o Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 167, Pacific Grove, CA 93950).

SEAWALL

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concrete seawall at the base of the cliff” will “prevent additional cliff retreat” and “provide stability.”

Work on the seawall is expected to be completed this week, wrapping up the final stage of the viaduct project.

The photos Caltrans sent out were attached to a press release announcing an overnight closure of the highway at Rocky Creek from Sunday at 10 p.m. to Monday at 6 p.m.

“During the closure, construction crews will finalize project demobilization and complete finishing work at the site,” the agency reported. “Heavy equipment will be staged across both lanes, and no through traffic will be permitted during work hours. Travelers are advised to plan ahead and avoid the area during this temporary closure.”

While Highway 1 is now open at Rocky Creek — and people driving south from the Monterey Peninsula can visit most of Big Sur’s inns, galleries and parks — it’s still closed 4.5 miles south of Esalen Institute, where the

Regent’s Slide has blocked Highway 1 since Feb. 9, 2024. Meanwhile, it’s been nearly three years since motorists could drive the entire length of the scenic route between Carmel and Cambria.



PHOTO/CALTRANS

Expanding and fortifying the seawall just south of Rocky Creek will help protect Highway 1, according to Caltrans.

NOAA

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property owner has declined to file any criminal reports or complaints, so we do not have a criminal investigation to pursue at this time.”

Anderson declined to say whether police would increase officer patrols in the area.

‘Demolition through neglect’

A group called COAST sought to use the building for a science and environmental center before it was sold, then, with the help of Rep. Jimmy and former Rep. Sam Farr, unsuccessfully tried to nullify the sale.

Residents who live nearby said they don’t want the property to be a vandals’ playground. They also don’t want to see “demolition by neglect.”

“We will be submitting a formal letter to the City of Pacific Grove this week requesting that the city and the owner of the building address the recurring illegal activity and public safety issues the building presents to the community,” Magnuson said of himself and other neighbors.

On Monday, a father and son handyman service from San Jose were patching up the broken window frames with plywood, said resident and COAST steering committee chair Chuck Greene, who took photos of the work.

“I had an amiable chat with the son, who said that he was a little bit scared to go inside at first, not knowing who or what might be inside,” Greene said. “I told him that he should call the police to escort him inside next time. I think he appreciated my concern.”

The concrete three-story structure is said to be able to survive a direct bomb blast. The exterior walls are nearly 18 inches thick, reinforced with large gravel and iron rebar, according to local historians.

Several years ago, the owners commissioned a study that concluded the property was ineligible to be designated historic, a finding that drew criticism from members of COAST.

HORSE

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into the Gordano family’s small farm in Monterey County, joining more than 30 rescued animals, including pigs, sheep, dogs, cats, turkeys and chickens,” the sheriff’s office said.

Despite her many maladies, Cookie was resilient and underwent what the sheriff’s office described as an “extraordinary transformation.”

“Once timid and withdrawn, she is now social, curious, and enjoys interacting with people — especially children,” the report said. “Her gentle nature has made her a symbol of compassion and second chances.”

A calming presence

As an honorary Community Ambassador, Cookie will accompany deputies to community events, providing a friendly and calming presence, especially around children.

“For some people, especially those who may feel intimidated or unsure about approaching a law enforcement professional, Cookie will provide a gentle and welcoming way to start that connection,” Sheriff Tina Nieto said. “By having her join our deputies at community events, we hope to build trust, spark conversations and strengthen the relationships that keep our neighborhoods safe and united.”

Cookie made her debut as community ambassador Nov. 6 at Salinas Farm Day.

DELAYED

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receiving copious amounts of digital discovery that I still need time to review in order to be prepared for trial.”

Patel, who is defending Geisen at taxpayers’ expense, said he also wants to have Geisen — who has no criminal record or history of violence — “seen by a psychologist/psychiatrist to determine his mental state at the time of the alleged incident,” since the trial could hinge on the issues of premeditation and deliberation.

December hearing

Shortly after he was charged with second-degree premeditated murder with an enhancement for using a knife, Geisen was subjected to a mental-health evaluation to determine whether he is competent to stand trial. Butler subsequently deemed him mentally fit.

Patel advised the judge he told Geisen he was concerned about going to trial too soon and said his client understood.

“If trial were to go forward Nov. 3, I would render Mr. Geisen ineffective assistance of counsel due to how quickly this case has proceeded and not having time to adequately prepare,” Patel said in the motion.

In court last week, the judge granted the request and scheduled a pretrial conference for December, with the jury trial set for March 2, 2026.

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HOUSING

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Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov agreed with supporters and said the process of drafting the revision has not in any way jeopardized the city’s status as having a certified housing element.

“They see this as a creative approach, and they’re encouraging us. They would have shut this down if this was something they were not approving of,” she said. “We are not in danger of being decertified and we are not in danger of builder’s remedy.”

She also decried the “aggressiveness” of developers and said talk of requesting proposals and building on city-owned sites is nothing more than a distraction.

Councilman Bob Delves, who was on the planning commission when it approved the original plan but did not vote for it, commented, “I didn’t like it 19 months ago, and I don’t like it now. In fact, I like it less.”

He doubts the city would have the wherewithal to oversee the construction of affordable housing on public property and said he much prefers the revised approach.

As someone who has been lamenting the ongoing decline in Carmel’s full-time



PHOTO/PINE CONE FILE

Under the latest city housing plan, churches, including the Church of the Wayfarer, will be encouraged to build affordable housing.

population — especially the decrease in couples with children — councilman Hans Buder said that “existential problem” won’t be remedied by building “large San Jose-style complexes.”

“I think that’s a false choice, and I think it’s a failure of imagination,” said Buder, who is also part of the group that developed the alternatives.

Councilman Jeff Baron, however, said he is skeptical the plan will succeed. Long critical of accessory dwelling units, Baron noted most of those are being built simply to give residents more square footage.

“I don’t think they provide housing at all,” he said, and therefore shouldn’t be counted on as part of the solution.

Further, the proposed amendment fails to provide residences that could accommodate families, according to Baron, and he suggested doing more work on the document. He also said he is open to some level of development on the city sites.

‘Incredible amount of work’

Regardless, Baron said, if the state signs off on the plan, he’ll probably vote in its favor.

Mayor Dale Byrne opposed spending more time on it. “We need to approve this — to send it in and hope for the best,” he said. “It was an incredible amount of work. The consultant they hired was incredible. I don’t know what we can do if we don’t vote to send this to HCD.”

No formal action was required of the council, city administrator Chip Rerig said, and with four members in favor of submitting it to the state and one opposed, staff will do as the majority favors.

“This is just one step in the process,” he said. “When we get comments from HCD, it will begin again with the formal process for adoption.”

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Editorial

The economy must be good

TO HEAR the people at Monday’s Carmel City Council meeting tell it, Car Week has become an overcrowded, dangerous disaster — causing residents to leave town, schools to close, people to miss work and patients to miss appointments, packing Ocean Avenue with unruly, out-of-town visitors, and turning the city into a “racetrack the whole week, the whole day long and the whole night long.”

As reported by Mary Schley on this week’s front page, Mayor Dale Byrne went so far at the council meeting as to say he doesn’t go out at night during Car Week because “it’s scary,” and city administrator Chip Rerig added that he “used to love Car Week, but now it just gives me an incredible amount of anxiety.”

The subject is an old one for Carmel. Spurred by the burgeoning, world-wide fame of the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance, every year since 2000 has brought major complaints about the impact of Car Week on the town, along with calls for it to be seriously curtailed.

We’ve run dozens of stories about the problems of Car Week in our news pages, and quite a few editorials, too.

One that appeared in August 2011, headlined “Are car shows revolting?” we noted that readers of the Monterey Herald had taken to the pages of that newspaper to say they not only hated the traffic congestion during Car Week, they hated the inequality all those fancy cars represented.

“I am sure I am not the only one who experienced a sense of revulsion during Concours Week,” wrote one Carmel resident about her reaction to the display of haves and have-nots. “Our country needs to take a long, hard look at what our values are.”

“Car Week makes a good case for increasing taxes on the ultra-rich,” fumed another Carmel resident, about what he deemed was “frivolous” spending by classic car collectors.

And a man from Carmel Valley said the fact that expensive car shows can take place in the midst of joblessness and child poverty shows either a “lack of concern” or “sheer mindlessness.”

Four years later, we reported that the city council had voted to cap Car Week events in town at two, amid complaints about overcrowding, noise, trash piling up everywhere, and even people falling off the Ocean Avenue median.

By 2019, things had gotten much worse, with unruly crowds taking over downtown.

“Chaos reigned for several hours on the normally placid streets of Carmel Friday night when a horde of exotic cars, reckless drivers and the people who love to watch them descended on the town, leading police to call in reinforcements, barricade streets and issue numerous citations,” we reported on Aug. 23, 2019.

“The situation is really bad, we can’t control it, we have about 1,000 people in the street,” one police officer reported during the madness.

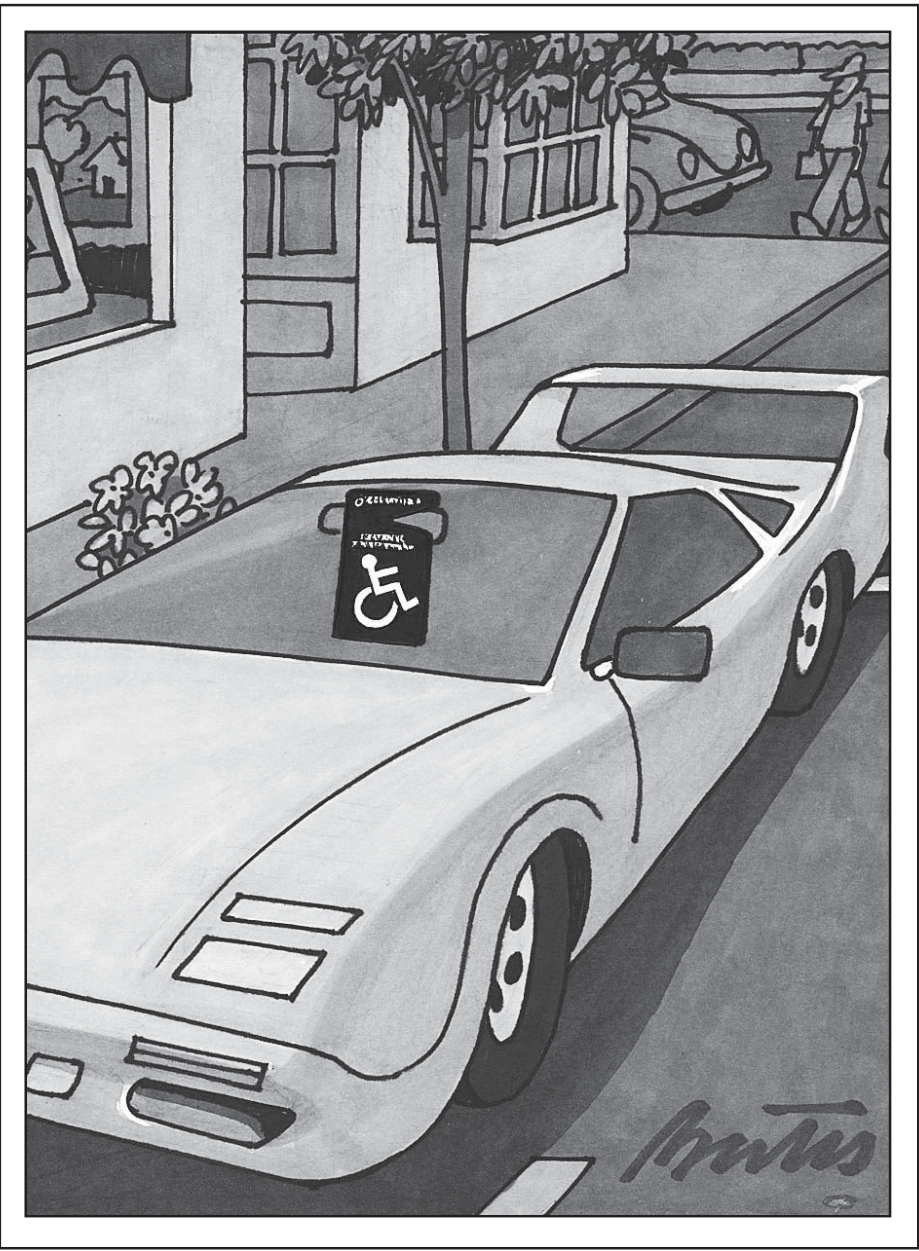
But there is another side to the Car Week story. For one thing, it’s a gold mine for local charities, and the entire local economy, as well — including the city budget.

In fact, if the socialists among us wanted to contrive a method to lure rich people to Monterey County for the purpose of inducing them to spend a lot of their money so it could be used to provide local employment and support worthy causes, very few methods could be better than staging a series of world-renowned car shows. A quick perusal of the hometowns of the owners of cars entered in the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance each year demonstrates the brilliance of the strategy.

One day we’ll presumably all live in a sort of placid, egalitarian paradise, where everyone drives the same sensible brand of car and has the same life-style. In the meantime, it’s important to recognize that the only economic systems yet invented that made everyone equal did it by making everyone poor, and that the best method for providing mass prosperity is free-market capitalism fueled by individual effort, initiative and investment.

Sure, Car Week causes problems. But it also provides great benefits.

BEST of BATES



Letters to the Editor

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Sewage spill Dear Editor,

The Carmel Area Wastewater District Board of Directors would like to extend its gratitude to The Pine Cone for its coverage of the series of events on Oct. 22 that involved our sewer main located adjacent to Scenic Point We would like to thank our staff for their exceptional effort in responding to the emergency and implementing repair and removal protocol within ten minutes. We would also like to recognize the Pebble Beach Community Services District and the Marina Coast Water District for their assistance in providing additional equipment and hardware to expedite the process. We value the relationship we have developed with our neighboring public entities and the local media outlets, and this unintended occurrence highlights the need for clear, fact-based communication in a timely manner. Regardless of the current plan in place, we need to do better.

In an effort to improve this aspect of our agency, we are reviewing the requirements of our operational plans and have already had a positive and productive meeting with the City of Carmel and the County of Monterey Health Department to better understand their organizational operations, so that we can ensure the potential for a breakdown in communications is avoided in the future.

We would like to point out, however, that the spill was not the result of a failure to any of CAWD’s infrastructure. It occurred due to damage our force main sustained when a communications utility was installing their hardware. We have contacted the company and will be working with them to review digging procedure in proximity to our pipes.

We appreciate the public’s understanding and patience and your support of our agency’s long-standing commitment to delivering outstanding sanitation services and protecting our precious environment.

Ken White, president,
CAWD Board of Directors

Council priorities Dear Editor,

The board of directors of the Carmel Residents Association requests the reinstatement of the city’s strategic priorities half-yearly reviews. Our concern is that the council is off track with unprioritized topics.

In prior years, prioritization cycles included two reviews. The first cycle fed

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Annie Morhauser made it in a mystical, ‘maddening’ medium

FEW ARTISTS live to see their work knocked off. For the ones who do, they should hope to be as practical as Watsonville-based Annie Morhauser. She visited a lawyer about patenting her signature designs, but realized she was better off ignoring the imitators, and instead perfected her process.

“His idea of intellectual property was

in the Yellowpages, in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens...” Morhauser laughed. It wasn’t cosmopolitan, but she was proud of her first rented studio in the Old Sash Mill in downtown Santa Cruz, where she hosted very popular “factory sales.” Schlepping ever-so-carefully to trade shows around the country, her glassware was gaining recognition.

As Annieglass, her studio moniker, Morhauser has made a name for herself as a decorative artist, whose original work is on permanent display at the Smithsonian Museum and

laid on white tablecloths at Ritz-Carltons, Four Seasons, and the homes of Barbra Streisand and Oprah Winfrey. Her largest client base — Southern women, experts in beautiful things, who gild their homes with Morhauser’s objets — can spot a knockoff

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Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

the Nike swoosh, and I realized it wasn’t going to happen for me. Now there are things like design patents to protect the process of making things, which I do have,” the glass artist said. Undulating plates and bowls made by “slumping”— a technique that involves draping sheet glass over an extremely hot ceramic mold — were Morhauser’s earliest commercial successes, imitated almost immediately. Copies of her “Roman Antique” dishware, which are painted with a wide rim of real gold, were so blatant, she sought a lawyer about it in early 1989. Her work was just that hot.

Becoming Annieglass

Having scraped pennies to pay her way to a trade show in West Springfield, Mass., Morhauser was discovered in 1981 by the eagle-eyed curators of a chic New York home goods store called Zona. By 1989, her sculptures and tableware were stocked at department stores like Barney’s New York, Bergdorf Goodman, and Gump’s San Francisco.

“The buyer for Gumps said she thought we were a New York studio. She told us, ‘I kept looking for you



PHOTO/COURTESY ANNIE MORHAUSER

Artist Annie Morhauser offers free studio tours, glass art workshops, and a wine bar at her showroom in Watsonville, 310 Harvest Dr.

From the mayor’s desk — Changing leaders, keeping our soul

By DALE BYRNE

TYPICALLY, CITY leadership transitions happen one at a time. A police chief retires. A department head moves on. A new city manager is hired. It’s natural, and often healthy. But in Carmel-by-the-Sea, 2025 will be a year of unique opportunity.

Over the course of a year, our public works director, police chief, library and community activities director, fire chief, planning director and city administrator will have or retired or moved into a new role. In the last two years, we also welcomed a new assistant city administrator.

In May 2026, we may appoint nine new community volunteers to boards and commissions. That is seven key leadership roles changing in a village of only 3,000 people. That sounds like a lot — but change does

not necessarily mean instability. It can also mean renewal. The strength of a city is measured by how it carries on when people move forward in their lives and how it welcomes new leaders who bring energy, experience, and ideas.

■ What holds us together

Carmel is not held together by one person. Our council-manager form of government distributes responsibility among elected officials, professional staff, boards, commissions and community volunteers. It does not always seem fast or tidy, but it works, and it endures.

That endurance comes from something more than job titles. It lives in a shared

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FINDING PEACE AND GRACE IN A CENTURIES-OLD WAY TO CREATE

DARKNESS COMES into every life and can be difficult, depressing, frightening, even painful, acknowledged Sahar Jabr, who has seen her share. But the Pacific Grove artist embraces the dark today as a pathway to the light.

Like the sunrise, light always comes, said Jabr, whose expressive, wet-felt wall art will be part of an exhibition that opens

of almost 40 years in dentistry. She attended university in Damascus with strong interests in science, math and literature, but decided after a year to change her focus. “I got married, then traveled to Algeria, where I had to spend a couple of years learning to speak French before I could study dentistry there,” said Jabr, whose native language is Arabic.

She earned her degree in dentistry in 1983 in Oran, Algeria, where she also gave birth to Ali, her firstborn son, got divorced and began to feel emotional pain.

“I had left my country very young, I had become a mother. I got divorced, and I was so far away from my family,” she remembered. “I wanted to go home.”

She left Algeria shortly after graduating, returning to Syria, where she practiced dentistry from 1983 to 1990 and met Saud, a pharmacist, who became her second husband and the father of her two younger sons.

Finding her way in the U.S.

In 1991, the couple and their children moved to the United States, where Sahar’s sister resided, to escape Syria’s volatile political environment.

“In the U.S., I had to learn English before I could study for my dentistry license here. I also waited 10 years for my green card,” said Jabr, who, after obtaining a work permit, became licensed as a dental assistant, accepting temp jobs from San Francisco to San Jose.

“That turned into the best thing I

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Nov. 7 at Pacific Grove Art Center, with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m.

The show, which runs through Dec. 11 at 568 Lighthouse Ave., also features paintings by Reiko Michisaki and Sofanya, and the fine-art photography of Brett Thomas and Cara Weston.

“From darkness, you get light. From dark, you get beauty. You have to have the darkness to get to the light and the beauty,” believes Jabr, whose portion of the exhibit will be themed “Between Memory and Light.”

A native of Damascus, Syria, Jabr has journeyed through physical and emotional pain, depression, divorce and single-motherhood, displacement and separation anxiety, plus towering career challenges — all of which she conquered with a symbiosis of nature, meditation and art.

Before dawn

At 70, she feels only joy as the mother of three accomplished adult sons — Ali Kaaf, an artist in Germany, Faisal Attrache, a film producer in the United Kingdom and Ghaleb Attrache, a Ph.D. student at UC Berkeley — and as a four-time grandmother.

She awakens before dawn each day, eager to get to her second-floor studio at Pacific Grove Art Center. She arrives with coffee in hand, and frequently stays late, creating her felt pieces using processes that are thousands of years old.

Wet felting is a technique that uses friction, rolling, agitation and hot water to interlock wool fibers, the felt, with a dense, non-woven fabric, such as silk.

No stitches are involved in the ancient bonding process, created between 6500 B.C. and 3000 B.C. by nomadic tribes in Turkey and Siberia.

Now, she can’t stop creating — sometimes eight hours at a stretch, dawn to dusk.

‘When are you coming home?’

“Some nights, my husband, Saud Attrache, who manages five local restaurants, will call me at 6:30 and say, ‘When are you coming come?’” said Jabr. “Other times I’ll hear them turn off the lights and lock the front door downstairs, and I’ll realize it’s probably time to leave. Otherwise, nothing stops me.”

Jabr has never lacked ambition, but only came to art after retiring from a career



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Peninsula artist Sahar Jabr, a native of Syria, uses the ancient art of wet felting to create wearable art and the colorful wall pieces she’ll show at a Pacific Grove Art Center exhibition that opens tonight with a reception from 6-8 p.m.

could’ve done,” she said. “Every dentist has his own way, his own style and techniques. I watched all of them very carefully and learned a lot.”

Seven years later, after acquiring her license, she opened her clinic in Millbrae, a practice she adored.

“My reward, and my joy as a dentist, was helping people heal, treating their pain and creating a nice smile,” she said. “But I also decided that when my sons were on their own, I wanted to move back to my home country.”

In March 2012, she sold her clinic. On the same day that she handed her key to

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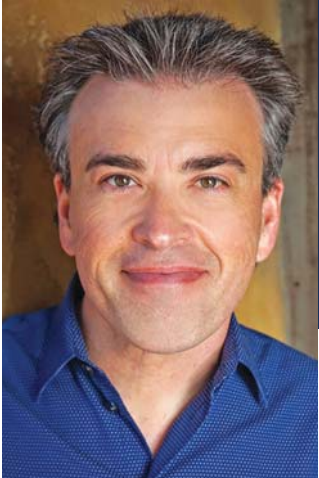
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the new dentist, she returned to her house in Belmont and learned from her husband that a civil war had erupted in Syria. Her initial optimism that the fighting would be a short-term problem gradually faded — the war lasted almost 14 years — and Jabr’s mood began to suffer.

“I wasn’t working, my husband wasn’t working, we couldn’t sell our house, we were spending our money ...” she said. “I started to develop depression. I felt sick. I was in pain — doctors told me it was fibromyalgia.”

Faisal, the filmmaker, encouraged his parents to join him in Los Angeles, where, for the next year, he would be finishing his master’s degree at USC.

“We moved down there, then Faisal finished school and went to Jordan to make a movie. We spent four-plus years in Burbank,” remembered Jabr, whose emotions continued to sag.

In 2014, Faisal bought his mother a small camera — a gift that changed everything.

“I started getting up at 3 in the morning, waiting for the sunrise, which became my meditation,” she said.

As she sat on her balcony, staring up at a palm tree, photographing the morphing colors in the changing light, her depression incrementally lifted, and her physical pain began to diminish.

“From the darkness, I got the light,” she said.

Her artistic awakening took another turn after she and her husband visited Turkey, where a shopkeeper showed her a merino wool and silk scarf that had been made through the wet-felting technique. “Look,” he said, “there are no stitches!”

Since moving to the Monterey Peninsula in 2019, Jabr has dedicated herself almost exclusively to that medium, learning the craft through online tutorials.

She initially created colorful wearable art (scarves, shawls, collars, brooches, and arm adornments), then ventured into her current passion — the wall décor that is being showcased at the exhibit.

She teaches felting

Jabr also hosts frequent workshops at her studio and various locations, teaching felting arts to others.

“Teaching makes me feel joyful. My goal is to share felting with the whole world,” she said.

Visit saharjabr.com to view examples of her wall art, wearable art and photography.

Additional images can be found at [instagram.com/minshanshou](https://www.instagram.com/minshanshou).

Email her at sjabr5577@gmail.com to inquire about upcoming felting workshops or for additional information about her art.

See the Pacific Grove Art Center’s exhibition Wednesdays through Saturdays, noon to 5 p.m., or Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

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EAGLE

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Brookhauser said. “Quite a few raptors we have been able to release back in the wild, but in this case, the injuries were too severe.”

While eagles face many threats — including habitat destruction, lead poisoning, wind turbines and pesticides — one of the greatest risks they face are collisions with cars, in large part because they commonly feed on roadkill.

Wildlife experts say eagles can’t dart away from vehicles as quickly as smaller birds, and they urge motorists to look out for them.

CLOSING

From page 15A

County Sheriff Scott Miller, who described the move as “simply an ‘up yours’” to the board of supervisors.

“The sheriff’s office remains committed to maintaining strong community partnerships and ensuring public safety throughout the county,” the agency said. “Residents are encouraged to visit the main sheriff’s office in Salinas for any in-person inquiries or administrative services previously handled at the Monterey or King City substations.”

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When It's Time to Talk About Care — and Holiday Tidbits

We were planning to continue our discussion about what to do when someone can no longer live independently—a topic that deserves more attention than the busy holiday season allows. We'll return to it in the new year with helpful guidance and resources.

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WATER

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might one day help take care of him and his wife, Melissa, if they need it.

“If you move forward to restrict water credits, it’s going to restrict my ability to convert to an ADU,” he said. Amooi said he often spends hours driving his mother to the hospital, but if she lived onsite, those trips would take far less time and she would be able to spend her final years in a beautiful place that she loves.

While Amooi made his plea in response to the city council’s move last month to not allocate any water for ADUs, regardless of size, the preliminary plans he shared with the council Monday indicate his project would result in square footage beyond the amount allowed by the code.

“This is a case where we would turn him down based on your proposal,” Mayor Dale Byrne told Baron, even though Amooi’s proposal “doesn’t seem like an unreasonable thing to do.”

The restriction would not apply to owners who don’t need to ask the city for water to build their ADUs.

Using water to fine-tune uses in the commercial core

share of water to 16.661 acre-feet, or 5.4 million gallons, per year.

In October, the council expressed concern allocating water to the commercial category would result in a run on new restaurants, and Waffle said that particular use could be excluded from the commercial category. She also confirmed the city receives a lot of interest from people seeking to open new eateries.

Free markets

While the council, during its fairly lengthy and convoluted discussion Monday, considered that prohibition, it ultimately did not go that route.

“I don’t feel comfortable trying to use water as the means to achieve a certain programming of uses in the commercial core — the free market will figure that out,” councilman Bob Delves said. “It’s a private-sector decision, unless there’s a real compelling health and safety reason to say, ‘No,’ to something.”

Byrne favored adopting the allocations recommended by the planning commission and then asking that body to delve further into the specifics of how those allocations can be used — including ADUs.

“I think we should just approve what the planning commission did, because they gave it a lot of thought,” he said. “But we could give direction to go back and think about some of this stuff in more detail.”

In the end, the council voted to allocate 3 acre-feet for low- and very-low-income housing, 6 acre-feet for all types of residential uses, including ADUs, but with the proviso that, “No water shall be allocated to a project that would both increase the floor area on a parcel and result in a floor area for the parcel greater than that specified” in the Carmel Municipal Code. The remaining 2 acre-feet will go for commercial uses, with no additional restrictions, and 3 acre-feet for municipal projects.

independently owned and operated department store between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Businessman Nader Agha ran the ground floor as an antique mall until developers David Gash and Ron Hahn bought the five-story building in 2015, and the upper floors were converted to 25 luxury apartments. Represented by realtor Pete Ruiz, a two-bed, two-bath unit closed escrow earlier this year at \$1,965,000.

POLICE LOG

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Pebble Beach: Landlord-tenant confrontation on Costado Road.

Carmel Valley: Valley Greens Drive resident reported the theft of items from an unlocked vehicle.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fight at Mission and Seventh reported at 0816 hours. A male was approached by another male, and a verbal exchange ensued. One of the males then pushed and struck the other. In self-defense, the aggressor was punched.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A victim at Ocean and Mission initially believed her purse had been stolen. However, it was later recovered with all of its contents intact.

Pacific Grove: Property found near the 500 block of Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Property lost from the 800 block of Sinex Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Disturbance in the 300 block of Ocean View Boulevard. Trespassing reported.

Carmel Valley: A laptop was reported stolen from a location on Scarlett Road.

Carmel Valley: Online report regarding stolen jewelry from a home on Prado del Sol.

Carmel area: Adult Protective Services report alleging financial self-neglect on Camino del Monte.

Carmel area: Child Protective Services report of possible physical abuse at a Highway 1 residence.

Pebble Beach: Adult Protective Services referral alleging physical, financial and psychological abuse of an Arrowhead Road resident.

Pebble Beach: Adult Protective Services report of possible financial abuse involving a subject on Palmero Way.

Pebble Beach: Taken cell phone on 17 Mile Drive.

Big Sur: Lost property on Highway 1.

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under investigation, Anderson told The Pine Cone.

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LIVES

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a country mile away. Outside of her 16,000-square-foot fabrication and distribution center and showroom in Watsonville, her only standalone Annieglass location is in Atlanta.

‘If you love it, you’ll make it work’
“Decorating, entertaining, it’s a huge deal in the South. They know the difference between porcelain and china, crystal and glass. They spend more on their homes than they do on themselves,” said Morhauser.

In them, her practice finds resonance. A throwback television spot from 1998 sees Morhauser explaining to a morning news anchor, “I believe that the dining experience should be a feast for the eye as well as for the stomach. I want things to be delightful.” The clip is featured in a mini-documentary about her career, titled “Resilience.”

The 68-year-old artist has spoken about the “maddening” appeal of glass, how her aim is to “change the way light passes through it.” She has described it as “a dance.”

There was a full moon on May 1, 1975, as Morhauser remembers it, and she was with college friends on the



PHOTO/COURTESY ANNIE MORHAUSER

The Smithsonian Museum of American Art in Washington D.C. inducted these Annieglass pieces, Coquina and Tiburon, into its permanent collection in 2006.

beach near Waddell Creek in Santa Cruz County. Various demonstrations were taking place, a Japanese pottery method called raku and other ceramics hardening over open flames. Someone was blowing glass over the bonfire, emptying his lungs into a metal pipe, and Morhauser was mesmerized.

“It seemed like a dance. I remember thinking ‘If I don’t do this, I’ll die,’” she said.

Morhauser was acclimating to life in California. She had moved to the San Francisco Bay area at 17, a year

after her father died, and was living with her sister-in-law and one of her three older brothers, a doctor in the U.S. Navy stationed in Alameda. California state colleges were more affordable than her options in New Jersey, so her mother, a “very talented, scrappy” working-class Italian immigrant, sent her on her way.

Morhauser was attending the College of San Mateo, where she dabbled in dance and art. “Process” was a strength she had discovered there. She thrived in etching and printmaking classes, which demanded extensive preparation and precision. In order to transfer to California College of the Arts in 1977, a private school in Oakland where she had applied to the glass program, she went on food stamps. Her mother had told her, “If you really love it, you’ll make it work.”

1989 earthquake

Glass is a mystical and often spiteful medium. After Morhauser graduated in 1979, the work nearly ruined her — several times. She only recently discovered a “really old” compression fracture in her spine. “All that bending over dumpsters, reaching into these things and dragging out heavy slabs,” she explained, which is how she procured raw materials in her first year of business. Her first proper materials order cost \$800 and weighed 1 ton. Upon delivery, the package crashed through the wooden loading dock outside her rented studio. Inside, it was leaned against a wall and caved in the sheet-rock. Then her check bounced. (Her supplier still teases her about that.)

In the fall of 1989, Morhauser lost her mother, and then her entire studio in the Loma Prieta earthquake. Her son, Taylor, described one of his earliest memories as coming to the shop and seeing what looked like “a two-story pile of glass.” Morhauser was months away from giving birth to her daughter, Ava, and wondered, would it be so bad to move back to Jersey?

A permanent home

Money brought different problems. When she and her husband split up and had to divide their assets, securing a million-dollar loan was suddenly the easy part, well into her commercial success. The hard part was getting two little kids in the car so she could get to the bank on time for her meeting, and buying Michael out of Annieglass. The father of her two children, the quintessential salesman, he had traveled with her to trade shows and pitched all those fabulous

New York accounts, helping make the Annieglass name so much more than the inscription on her plates. In 2006, two of her pieces were inducted into the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington D.C.

But the same work also gave her a process for starting over again. Morhauser’s resilience has attracted other “miracle” people, including her children, to help her.

Taylor, her son, is now a professional muralist who has worked on many community art projects.

“He’s left his mark on Santa Cruz, that’s for sure,”

said Morhauser. He and Ava were instrumental in helping their mother open her Watsonville facility in 1996, which employs around 30 artisans to produce 300-400 pieces of glassware per day, using 115,000 kilowatts of solar power. Studio tours are open, and finished products are sold in the attached showroom.

Morhauser counts on a few things. For one, her copilot of 34 years, Sherlyn Torres, who manages customer service and distribution, and her purchasing manager, Ignacio Moran. Those gilded plates aren’t cheap — the price of gold is “higher than it’s ever been, \$4,000 per ounce” — but Ava will keep them moving.

“She’s our national sales manager, a great people-person, and we’re two years into a five-year plan for her to take over the business,” Morhauser said.

Hiring her daughter and other young creative types is how Morhauser sees Annieglass continuing to innovate, inspiring knockoffs for years to come.

“She’s also pushing for designs she’s absolutely right about. I’ll be way too picky and art-school-y, but she knows what’s popular.

Having younger people work here is so illuminating.” she said.

Morhauser will speak at the Carmel Woman’s Club on November 17, 2-4 p.m. Open to the public, tickets are \$10.

MAYOR

From page 27A

civic culture and a belief that beauty, character and kindness matter. You see it in crews clearing storm drains before sunrise, librarians greeting patrons by name, commissioners studying 300-page packets on a Tuesday night, and volunteers rehearsing in the cold at the Forest Theater because tradition matters.

You also see it in the organizations across town: the library foundation, arts and music groups, the heritage society, garden clubs, parade organizers, service clubs, school supporters, church circles, neighborhood associations, and residents who step up when needed. These are not competing kingdoms. They are strong threads in our civic fabric.

■ Why this moment matters

With many leadership changes at once, some may wonder if we could lose our way. I see it differently. This is a moment to ask who we are, welcome fresh perspectives, and choose — intentionally — who we want to be next.

Because while names change, our challenges do not pause. Wildfire risk. Aging infrastructure. Water scarcity. Local workforce housing. State mandates. Visitor impacts. Technology reshaping how government works. These cannot be solved by one office or one administrator. They require all of us — staff, council, commissions, volunteers, and residents — pulling together.

■ A strong soul endures

The soul of Carmel is not stuck in 1916, and it is not fragile. It adapts when needed but never forgets why this village exists. If we protect that soul by showing up, listening, discussing things respectfully, mentoring new leaders, serving on commissions, volunteering and offering solutions instead of blame, we will not simply get through these transitions — we will grow because of them.

Outgoing leaders leave wisdom, policies and well-trained teams, but with new leaders, some change is inevitable. It is up to the rest of us — the people who sweep sidewalks, plant flowers, walk the beach with our dogs, raise families, run shops and restaurants, and welcome visitors — to carry the heart of this village forward.

Always remember, our essence isn’t changing. We remain what we have always been: a small village that works hard to stay itself — beautiful, thoughtful, welcoming, and ready for the future together.

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LETTERS

From page 26A

the budgeting efforts in January/February. The second cycle in August/September provided for needed adjustments based on project completion and added realignment.

Change happens, of course, and change makes revisiting the priorities half-yearly essential.

We see a plethora of items coming our way at the cith council (including recycled projects and brandnew ones) that were not prioritized. Our community can and does provide valuable input, but can only absorb so much. Properly vetted priorities will produce better outcomes and set better expectations and focus for staff and residents alike.

Routine strategic prioritization really must be a priority and not an optional, or “nice to have,” process. Please reinstate the half-yearly prioritization sessions.

Nancy Twoney, Carmel Residents Association Board of Directors

Car Week woes

Dear Editor,

I appreciated the city council’s discussion of Car Week last Monday and the suggestion that we need a fundamental re-thinking of the event. Residents should not have to rearrange their doctors’ appointments or other errands to avoid the horrendous traffic congestion in town and on the highway. They should not have to listen to revving engines long into the night (or even during the day). They should be able to walk into town without worrying about masses of people who are here to have some sort of “bro” party.

The city council exists to help keep Carmel the wonderful home that it has been for residents for over a hundred years. I know that Carmel’s “life blood” is income from visitors, but the current version of Car Week, for all the money it brings in, does a disservice to the residents and, ironically, probably causes a number of people to stay away from the commercial area for the whole week.

Don’t get me wrong. I was once the proud owner of a sweet 1968 Firebird 350. Loved that car. But enough is enough. When the proposed solution from some people is to “stay away” from home for a week, something is wrong.

Bud Smith, Carmel

Employee parking

Dear Editor,

I walk around town a fair bit. It’s so dismaying to see employees of various establishments sitting in their cars, with their engines idling as they check their phones or do whatever. I’ve sometimes stopped and said, “Did you know your

engine is running?” The response is generally, “Yes, I know, but I’m taking a break from work.” I don’t wish to be confrontational, so I leave it at that. Perhaps employers could gently remind them that it is pollutive and noisy and unnecessary. But this is part of the bigger problem: so many employees taking up valuable parking space. Perhaps there could be some form of incentive program for employees to park and take the bus or shuttle? I have heard this proposed and it would make sense — visitors are rightfully frustrated by not finding parking spaces. No parking equals no shopping/dining/wine tasting, etc. Come on Carmel, we can do better!

Barry Edwards, Carmel

Unique awards

Dear Editor,

The Golden Pine Cone Awards remind us how distinct Carmel is. Only here would we give out a trophy for Best Dog-Friendly Patio, recognizing the four-legged locals who truly run this town. And with so many beloved traditions and quirks yet to be honored, I would like to propose a few new categories for future years.

Most Forgiving Parking Lady surely deserves recognition for the small mercies that keep our days moving. Funniest Police Log Entry is anyone’s guess when every week brings another memorable headline. And Best Single Item at Any Restaurant would settle, once and for all, what I will be having for dinner that evening.

We may smile at these categories, but they speak to something real: a community that prizes excellence, honors its traditions, and never forgets to laugh along the way.

Albert Innocenti, Carmel

Welcoming gathering

Dear Editor,

My mother and grandmother called me recently, both close to tears. The constant stream of troubling headlines had left them wondering what the world is coming to. I’ve often felt the same — unsure how one person, or even a small community like ours, can make a difference.

What I’ve come to believe is that art helps us remember what connects us. Through shared experiences, it crosses boundaries of culture, community, and even politics. Not in a loud or dramatic way, but in the quiet way beauty reminds us that humanity still exists. The jeweled dog sculptures I create began simply as small acts of joy and service, but now I see they can lift spirits, start conversations, and bring people together.

My friend, Tamara Hovhannisyan of the Gallery Milmar on San Carlos Street, has a remarkable gift for using art to draw people and cultures closer. Watching her work has reminded me that true creativity isn’t only about beauty — it’s about kindness, compassion, and the courage to care.

Lately, as the world feels heavier and more divided, we talked about how easy it is to lose faith in one another. Out of that came a simple idea: What if we just opened the doors, shared some art, music, and food, and created space for anyone who needed calm or connection? And what if we invited an artist whose work speaks deeply to the heart — to remind us of what we all share?

So next Thursday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m., we’ll do just that — a small, welcoming gathering for all. There will be live music, wine, food, and above all, a spirit of warmth and friendship. Just people coming together in hope, surrounded by art that reminds us we still belong to one another.

David O’Neil, Carmel

Dodger fan

Dear Editor,

On behalf of all 12 members of the Secret Society of Dodgers Fans Living In Hostile Giants Country, may I say, “Go Blue!”

And a big “arigato” to Ohtani-san, Sasaki-san, Yamamoto-san, et al.

Flo Snyder Speck, Carmel

Shared celebrations

Dear Editor,

The holiday season arrived this past week and I urge our communities to reflect on a central role decorations and visibility have infostering genuine connections. Halloween, for example, isn’t merely about children in costume collecting candy — just look at how many parents now dress up themselves. Rather, it’s about how communities, whether entire neighborhoods, cities, or simply individual neighbors, create shared experiences that build lasting bonds.

City-sponsored and organization-backed events are wonderful, but they

mostly fall short at encouraging engagement within our own streets. They don’t promote the simplicity of stepping into our immediate surroundings and meeting our neighbors living just two blocks away. As one of those “destination houses for decorations” over the last 20 years across new developments, military housing, and now an older section of Marina, I’ve encountered countless families eager to decorate their homes and yards. They yearn to interact, to turn their porches into welcoming hubs of conversation and laughter. Yet, time and again, they reach out to me disappointed, citing low participation or waning enthusiasm, leading them to stop altogether. It is sad.

Centralized celebration has shifted the definition of community, removing the opportunity for children to connect with neighbors in meaningful ways. If our cities won’t do this, then we must. We need to offer a real service, one that strengthens social fabric and combats isolation in our fast-paced world. I heard that dozens of times this past week.

Halloween, at its core, maximizes that brief 2.5-hour span to deliver fun for kids, but it’s equally about parents. For the past two years, our most popular treat is the simple pixie stick: sugar in a straw. Watching parents explain what they are, often sparks delighted interactions. It’s these small moments that should remind us: holidays are portals to community visibility, where decorations illuminate not just homes, but relationships.

We need more block parties, decoration contests, or just neighborhood maps, not through limited access social media groups’ but by our city recreation departments. Prioritize local engagement over centralized hype as a time for unity for families on the Monterey Peninsula and beyond.

Glenn Woodson, Marina





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Water polo playoffs test squads hardened by tough regular seasons

FOR THE best teams, win-loss records during the regular season bend the truth, which is that everything that happens before the postseason is about ascending a learning curve.

The most ambitious teams fill their non-league schedules with varying levels of brutality — opponents capable of dealing doses of humility. Every victory over that kind of foe is like a notch in a gunfighter’s Colt .45. Every challenge — especially a defeat — raises two important questions: How good are we? How much better do we need to become before playoff time?

Best competitors

Four local water polo teams enter first-round games in the Central Coast Section playoffs on Saturday against the best competition between South San Francisco and South Monterey County. All four local teams are thoroughly battle-scarred, which, when the going gets tough, can be a dangerous weapon in their arsenal.

All four teams were placed in the CCS Division 2 bracket.

Stevenson’s girls (16-9), Pacific Coast Athletic League champions for the sixth-straight season, were awarded the No. 2 seed, earning a 1 p.m. tournament opener at Aptos

No. 2 Pioneer (19-7), and No. 3 Leland (17-9).

“Everything leading up to today is what we basically consider the preseason,” said Stevenson girls coach Jon Burke, whose overall record includes a perfect 6-0 PCAL season — the fifth year in a row they’ve been undefeated in the league. Stevenson also beat Santa Catalina in the finals of the league tournament for the third-straight year.

The Pirates accomplished those things despite graduating five starters from a 2024 team that lost the NorCal Division 2 championship game 12-10.

But this year’s non-league portion is pockmarked with October losses to St. Mary’s (Stockton), Floyd B. Buchanan (Clovis), St. Francis (Mountain View), Menlo, Soquel, Aptos, and Santa Cruz — all high-level California programs.

“We don’t frame success around beating Soquel,” which is ranked No. 7 in the state, he said. “We frame it around how well we ran our plays, how many goals did their best player score ... those kinds of things.”

Young starters

Despite a lineup with five new starters, the Pirates have three of the PCAL’s top five scorers — Charlotte Morrow (96 goals), Jacqui Powers (90), and Kate Solomon (56).

Their six starters have combined for 116 assists, led by Solomon and Colleen Duarte (25 each), Powers (22), and Emily Lee (19).

Powers leads in steals (40), followed by Morrow (33), Duarte (32), freshman Anna Bates (26) and Solomon (25).

Goaltenders Adi Smith, a sophomore, and junior Makayla Schnitzer, have split time, combining for 170 saves.

Carmel and Stevenson boys waged a seesaw war for PCAL dominance, splitting four battles. But the Padres won the two that mattered most — the league showdown, and the finals of the PCAL tournament — both thrillers.

Carmel prevailed 10-9 in their only regular-season



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Senior Jack Balas led Carmel to the PCAL regular-season and tournament championships while leading the league in scoring.

league meeting Sept. 24 — the difference-maker in the final league standings, in which the Padres were 7-0, and Stevenson finished 6-1.

They met again last Saturday in the championship game of the PCAL tournament, a 14-13 Carmel victory in double-overtime, making it the second consecutive year the Padres defeated Stevenson in the finals of the league tourney.

PCAL scoring champion Jack Balas — 112 goals, including 35 in the postseason tournament and 51 in his last seven games — was pivotal in both of those victories.

“Jack scored nine goals in the championship game and had every decisive goal, including both of our goals in the two over time periods,” said Carmel coach Jerry Smith, whose team’s .500 record is another example of rugged scheduling.

Other big-time contributions to Carmel’s title run came

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

High against No. 7 Saratoga (17-9).

Santa Catalina (14-12), the No. 8 seed, drew top-seeded Santa Cruz (11-11) in the 10 a.m. game at the same location.

On the boys’ side, No. 4 Stevenson and No. 5 Carmel, both 13-13, will tangle for the fifth time this year in the 11:30 a.m. game at Aptos. They are 2-2 against each other this season.

Seeded higher in that bracket are No. 1 Harker (17-8),



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from senior Landon Onitsuka, whose 80 assists led the PCAL, and Marc Kalman Zulik, the team's second-best scorer with 82 goals, fourth in the league.

From opening day through Sept. 27, the Padres came up short in non-league tests against Junipero Serra, Valley Christian, Pioneer, Las Lomas, Piedmont, Soquel, and Leland — all tradition-rich water polo schools.

Then, things got even tougher.

"Right around the Monterey Bay Invitational (Oct. 10-11), we went through a tough stretch with injuries and illness," said Smith, whose team opened the month with a 15-8 loss to Northgate, then went 0-4 in that invitational, losing to Mitty, Santa Cruz, and Leland by a combined total of five goals, then fell 14-5 to Stevenson in the fifth-place game.

Injuries

During that stretch, Carmel had limited access to third-leading scorer Sam Balas, 54 goals, 33 assists, due to back spasms, and played without center defender Hamish Forsythe, who missed three weeks with pneumonia.

A solid sub, Anthony Sandoval, broke his hand and was lost for the season.

"The curse was that we lost a few in a row," the coach said. "The blessing was that players at the end of our bench got valuable playing time, and showed they were capable of a different level of grit."

Carmel won six of its final seven games, including an 11-10 conquest of Archbishop Mitty — significant momentum going into their fourth-straight CCS appearance.

Stevenson's 13-13 overall record is yet-another reflection of tough scheduling.

In September, the Pirates lost to Leland, Mitty, Harbor, C.K. McClatchy (Sacramento), St. John Bosco (Bellflower) and Los Gatos.

They opened October with consecutive

losses to Northgate, Leland, Soquel, and Mitty, broke the skid with the victory over Carmel at the Monterey Bay tournament, then got spanked by Junipero Serra.

In their final regular-season game, they fell 19-7 to Valley Christian.

Stevenson standouts include senior Laird Welch, the PCAL's co-Offensive



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Jacqui Powers helped spark Stevenson to its sixth-straight league crown as the Pirates' second-leading scorer, and the leader in steals.

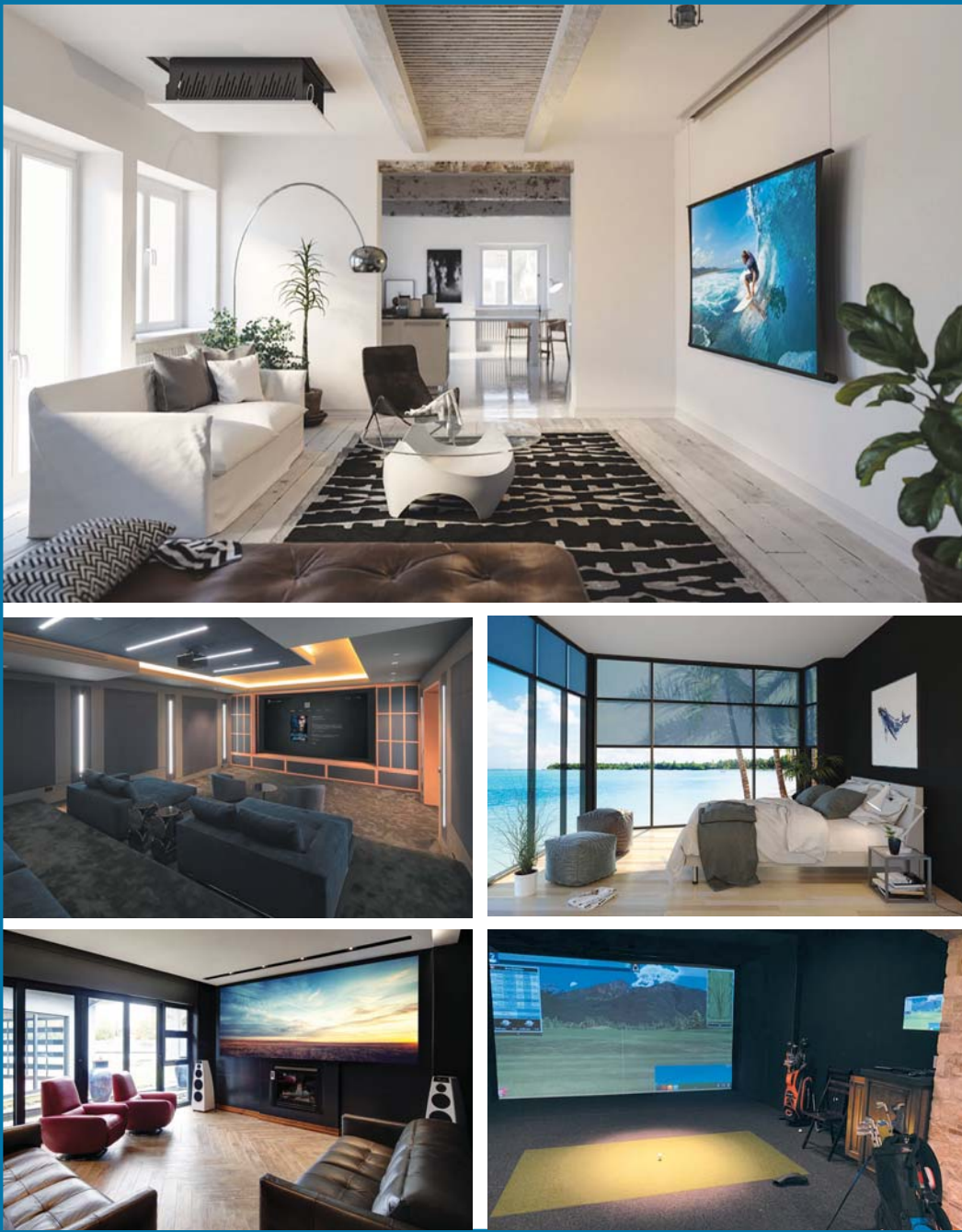
Player of the Year two years in a row, freshman wunderkind Brooks Honegger, whose 94 goals rank second in the PCAL, and playmaker Alan Qian, whose 60 assists rank second in the league.

Junior goalie Ze' Franz, a first-year starter, led the PCAL with 193 saves.

Santa Catalina qualified for CCS for the third-straight year with a 14-12 overall record that included early-season losses to Presentation, Monterey (twice), Valley Christian, Pioneer, Santa Cruz, and Los Gatos — all formidable foes.

But the Cougars' October stretch run produced eight victories in their last 12 games, including an avenging win over

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Monterey in the PCAL tournament, and non-league triumphs over Alhambra, Bishop O’Dowd, Berkeley, Homestead, Wilcox, Saratoga, and Abraham Lincoln.

Catalina’s senior standout, Quinn Connolly, ran away with the PCAL scoring championship with 145 goals (49 more than her nearest rival), and she also ranked among the league leaders in steals (55) and assists (32).

Her sister, Taylor, a sophomore, scored 50 times (second on the team), stole the ball 53 times (fourth in the



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Stevenson freshman achieved stardom this year as the PCAL’s third-leading scorer.

league), and also was among the PCAL’s best in assists.

In fact, Catalina had a monopoly in the assist category, as Georgia Morrison ranked first (57), Eva Bradley was second (45), and Taylor Connolly was third (43).

Semifinals will be played Wednesday. Both championship games will be played next Saturday, Nov. 15, at Sacred Heart Prep in San Jose.

CCS flag football: Carmel (12-5), seeded No. 2 among eight schools in Division 3, clobbered No. 7 Soquel (7-4) by a 47-7 margin in Monday’s first round.

Ava Staehle sparked the Padres, returning two interceptions for touchdowns, and scored another TD on a pass from Kealani Sagin, who passed for 151 yards, including scoring strikes to Josie Hanson and Anna Rasmussen. Running back Delilah Herro ran for two more TDs.

Semifinals showdown

The victory earned Carmel a Wednesday-afternoon semifinals showdown with No. 3 Priory (9-4) at Carmel High. Results from that game were not available at press time.

The championship game will be played Saturday (time TBA) at Santa Clara High. Presentation (19-5) is the No. 1 seed.

CCS girls volleyball: No. 7 Carmel (12-10) defeated No. 10 Stevenson (12-9) 25-15, 25-16-25-17 on Saturday to advance to Tuesday’s Division 4 quarterfinals, where they were eliminated by Harbor, the tournament’s No. 2 seed.

Semifinals were played Thursday, and the championship game is scheduled at 7 p.m. Saturday.

CCS field hockey: No. 2 Stevenson played No. 7 Presentation in the opening round of the D-2 tournament, while No. 6 Carmel drew No. 3 Willow Glen in its quarterfinal game. Results were unavailable at press time. Semifinals are scheduled Saturday, and the finals are Wednesday.

Visit cifccs.org for bracket updates in all CCS sports.

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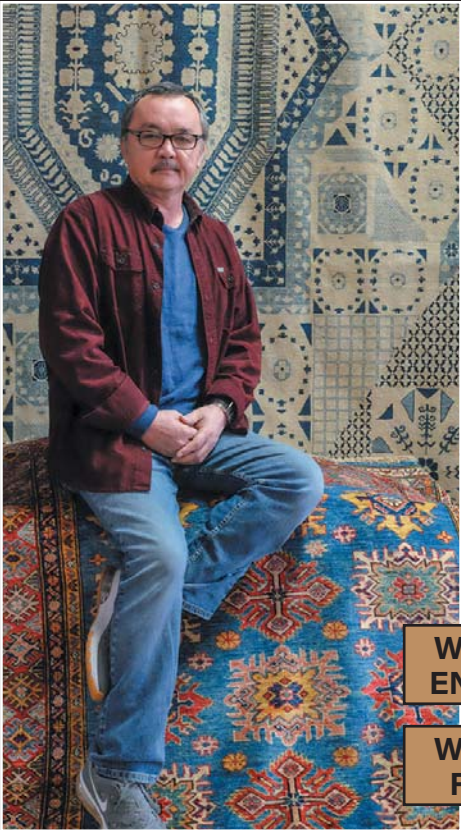
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GAVEL

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Bastian, then age 52, was a former employee of the Smith’s Restaurant, but he claimed to have not been at the business for more than a year prior to the murders. A pair of shoes provided to investigators by his then-girlfriend was determined to have left shoe impressions in the backyard of the restaurant, near the door where the killer made entry. He was considered a suspect in the initial investigation, though no charges were filed at that time. The Monterey County Sheriff’s Office diligently pursued the case for decades and continued to submit and re-submit items of evidence in the case for newer and more sophisticated DNA testing.

In 2024 and 2025, additional DNA testing provided very strong support that Bastian was a contributor to DNA mixtures on the inside of the shoes provided to investigators by his girlfriend, the handle of the knife, and the nightshirt worn by Eva Thompson that was collected at her autopsy.

Bastian was formally sentenced to a life term without the possibility of parole for each murder, which will run consecutively, plus one additional year for the personal use of a deadly weapon.

In July 2020, District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni created the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office Cold Case Task Force, which represents the largest and most comprehensive countywide effort to investigate, solve and prosecute cold-case homicides in Monterey County. Since the creation of the cold case task force, six defendants have been convicted of seven cold-case murders at jury trial, two defendants have pleaded guilty to cold-case murders, four additional defendants are awaiting trial for murder, and one suspect is pending trial for a cold-case sexual assault. Three other homicides were closed due to the death or mental incompetency of the identified suspect. Ten previously unidentified decedents have also been identified through DNA testing.

In January 2022, the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office Cold Case Task Force received a \$535,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The grant, titled “FY 2021 Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA,” provides funding to support forensic testing and investigative activities in the prosecution of cold cases where DNA from a suspect has been identified. Funding from the U.S. Department of Justice grant enabled the Cold Case Task Force to seek justice in this case.

Sept. 24 — SoCali Manufacturing Inc., maker of CANN, a cannabis beverage company, will pay \$115,000 to settle a consumer protection case. The settlement was negotiated by the district attorneys of Alameda, Orange, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Solano and Sonoma counties, which participate in a task force that aims to protect consumers by holding businesses accountable for false and misleading advertising related to food, drugs and medical devices.

The civil complaint, filed in Monterey County Superior Court, alleged that SoCali Manufacturing, maker of CANN, a cannabis infused beverage, falsely advertised the amount of THC or CBD claimed on the label. CANN products typically advertise that they contain 2 mg of THC and 4 mg of CBD. But testing of these beverages purchased at dispensaries from across California revealed that they routinely contained less or more of these ingredients by margins greater than 10 percent, and many sampled products had no detectable THC or CBD.

On Sept. 15, 2025, a judge ordered SoCali to pay \$90,000 in civil penalties and \$25,000 in investigative costs. In addition, SoCali was ordered to conduct various quality control measures to ensure that labels accurately reflect the actual CBD and THC content, including working with SoCali’s manufacturing partners to test the products. SoCali is also required to comply with injunctive terms that prohibit it from making untruthful, deceptive, or misleading marketing claims in the future.

The investigation began in 2022 when investigator Leo Gomez from the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office conducted testing of CANN after it discovered a dispensary illegally offering free samples of it. Additional purchases and testing showed continued mislabeling. SoCali cooperated with the investigation.



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COMING UP over a busy four-day span at Golden State Theatre in Monterey are shows by **Y&T**, **Kenny G** and **Cheap Trick**.

Pioneers of heavy metal, Y&T takes the stage Saturday at 7 p.m. Led by founding singer, songwriter and lead guitarist **Dave Meniketti**, the Oakland-based rockers are best known for their 1995 hit song, "Summer Girls." Along the way, they've inspired a generation of would-be headbangers, including drummer Lars Ulrich of Metallica.

A Grammy Award-winning saxophonist, Kenny G per-

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forms Monday at 7 p.m. One of the top-selling smooth jazz artists of all-time, the instrumentalist has released 19 albums since his debut in 1982, including his most recent LP, "Innocence," which came out two years ago.

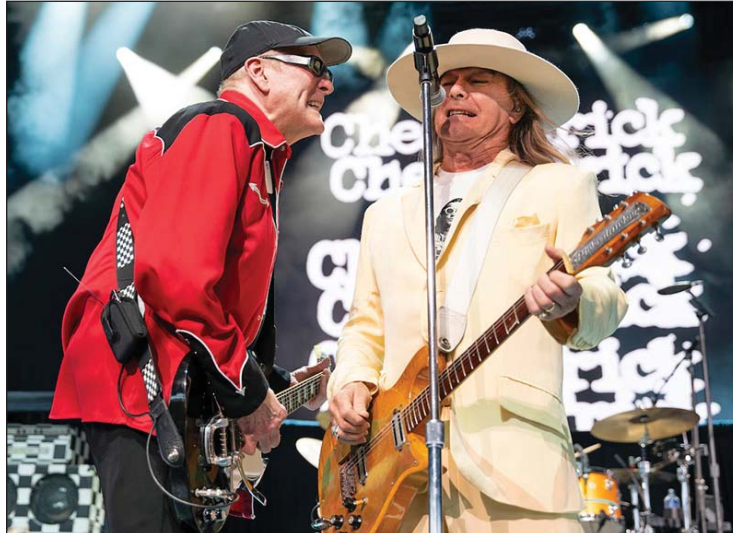
Staples on album rock radio in the late 1970s. — and best known for power pop hits like "Surrender" and "I Want You to Want Me" — Cheap Trick plays Tuesday at 7 p.m. The band still features all three of its original members, **Robin Zander**, **Rick Nielsen** and **Tom Petersson**.

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

■ 'Energy, elegance and joy'

Classical music gets top billing this week at Sunset Center, with **The Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra** performing Friday at 7 p.m., and a duo, cellist **Mark Kosower** and pianist **Tatania Lokhina**, playing Sunday at 3 p.m.

The orchestra presents "a spirited program" capturing "the energy, elegance, and joy of baroque music." The pro-



Best known for their string of power-pop hits in the late 1970s, Cheap Trick (above) rocks Golden State Theatre in Monterey Tuesday. Grammy Award-winning saxophonist Kenny G (right) performs in the same theater Monday.



gram includes music by Bach, Handel, Vivaldi and others.

"Many of the musicians in this performance are also a part of the Carmel Bach Festival orchestra, so we are excited to welcome them back," announced the festival, which is presenting the concert.

Tickets start at \$46. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Visit bachfestival.org.

The principal cellist of the Cleveland Orchestra, Kosower has won top prizes in international cello competitions, and teaches master classes each summer at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley. The duo will play music by Chopin, Bartók, Schumann and others. The concert is presented by Carmel Music Society.

Tickets start at \$45. Visit carmelmusic.org.

■ A chance to shine

Giving local composers an opportunity to hear their creations come to life, Hidden Valley Music Seminars presents the latest Monterey County Composers' Forum Sunday at 3 p.m.

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Brunch is \$165 per person, and children 12 and younger eat for \$45. Prices do not include tax and gratuity. Reservations can be made at exploretock.com, and Christmas Eve, Christmas Day brunch and dinner reservations are also available. Bernardus Lodge is at 415 W. Carmel Valley Road. Traffic shouldn't be bad, but allow a few extra minutes for the temporary traffic light at the intersection of Laureles Grade and Carmel Valley Road.

Shearwater warmers

The restaurant in the Carmel Mission Inn is serving Thanksgiving dinner from 3 to 8 p.m., featuring turkey, mashed taters, stuffing, gravy and green beans, along with butternut squash ravioli with earthy wild mushrooms, wilted arugula and celery root. The regular menu will also be available during those hours, along with two seasonal cocktails. Sweater Weather is made with Scotch, sherry, chocolate bitters and walnuts, while Seasons in Normandy

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Soup to Nuts

fessionals. A three-course prix fixe dinner is \$99.50 for adults and \$49.95 for those 12 and younger. Autumn squash bisque, mushroom and onion tart with goat cheese, an autumn salad with apples, blue cheese and other harvest-season ingredients, or creamy lemon and artichoke risotto with an optional addition of Dungeness crab (\$18) are the first-course options. Turkey with traditional sides leads the list of entrée choices, along with Chilean sea bass,

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is named for the region of France that produces calvados, the celebrated apple brandy, which is mixed with dry vermouth and apple cider. Sounds like the kind of thing it’s easy to overdo

What’s Spanish for ‘turkey’?
It’s el pavo, which might come in handy if you decide to spend part of your day at Estéban in Casa Munras Garden Hotel (700 Munras Ave., Monterey), where chef Steven Patlan will be serving a three-course menu from 2 to 8 p.m. Prices range from \$79 to \$84, depending on your selection of entrée. Starters of house focaccia and a choice of a fall harvest salad — think Brussels sprouts, kale and quinoa — or roasted butternut squash soup with spiced brown butter pecans will kick things off. Entrées can be from land — Diestel turkey with all the fixings or a wagyu bavette steak, mashed potatoes and broccolini — or, from the sea, salmon farmed by the small Loch Duart company of Scotland.
Vegetarians can get a portobello mushroom and lemon herb risotto, and everyone finishes up with pumpkin or pecan pie and spiced whipped cream. A special Thanksgiving menu of other a la carte choices will also be available. Call (831) 375-0176 to reserve, or go to estebanrestaurant.com.

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tables of Solstice in Big Sur Nov. 16, when chef Tim Eelman and guest chef Zach Ladwig of The Ranch at Rock Creek in Montana are set to sling down-by-the-bay classics for a cause that hits close to home. The evening will open with craft cocktails, local sparkling wine and an “indulgent” seafood tower.

It’s a special menu for a special night, the final Get Hooked supper of the year for the Monterey Bay Fisheries Trust, with a portion of ticket sales supporting its community seafood program that purchases “healthy, sustainably harvested seafood” to donate to local fishing, farming and restau-

rant industry families and to programs that support seniors.

Dinner runs from 5 to 9 p.m. Solstice is located in The Village complex at 46840 Highway 1. Tickets are \$148, with a Big Sur River Inn discount available, and are available at montereybayfisheriestrust.org.

■ Feed the Soul

The holidays are an especially important time to take care of those in need, and in light of recent national events, the work of the Food Bank for Monterey County is more important than ever. A fun and delicious way to support the nonprofit’s efforts while getting into the spirit of the season is the annual Feed the Soul event, which is set for Dec. 12 at The Pocket restaurant in Carmel. Last year’s second annual effort

raised an impressive \$130,000 for the agency.

Mike Fischetti, executive chef at The Pocket, describes it as “a vital fundraiser” that’s also “a celebration of compassion, generosity and community spirit.”

Each year, Feed the Soul is refined to offer an even more extraordinary experience, and Fischetti is planning chef-curated food stations, along with wine and libations from local vendors, and entertainment and an auction.

“Come eat, sip, dance and bid the night away while helping us feed both the body and soul of our community,” organizers say. Feed the Soul will take place from 5 to 10:30 p.m. The Pocket is located on the east side of Lincoln south of Fifth.

For more information, including how to donate auction items or participate as a vendor, call (831) 626-8000. Tickets are \$150 per person and are available through eventbrite.com, but further details are available at thepocketcarmel.com/fts. All proceeds will benefit the food bank.



With chef Tim Eelman at the hearth, Solstice restaurant in The Village in Big Sur will host a fundraising dinner, Get Hooked, to support the fisheries trust.



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■ Bartending champ crowned

The Links Club’s ongoing Battle of the Bartenders competition saw Andrew Weld of the Salty Seal beat Brandy Harrison from Hotel 1110 last month to secure a spot in the upcoming Ultimate Battle of the Bartenders in December. Los Angeles-born Weld moved to Monterey in 2018 to pursue a degree in molecular biology at California State University Monterey Bay and has worked at the Cannery Row restaurant and bar for four years. He’s bartended for two but has already developed a passion for the craft.

As a newcomer, Weld has faced tough

competitors, including Cella’s Joshua Perry — who received a Golden Pine Cone for Best Bartender last week — and defending champion Radiance Weaver from Lala Grill. Meanwhile, regional rounds are underway, and the Nov. 24 battle between Carmel-by-the-Sea champ Felicia Gonzalez-Acosta from Aubergine and Carmel & Beyond winner Renee Balducci from Honey & Rose mobile bartending promises to be extra compelling.

Tickets are \$35 apiece and include cocktail tastes, bites, and the chance to vote for the best. Find more information at linksclubgolf.com.

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



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The science of folk dancing

A duo, fiddler **Hayden Stern** and guitarist **Patrick Gunning**, present a show Friday, 7 p.m., at Chautauqua Hall in Pacific Grove that somehow manages to bring together Scottish folk music and science. The pair describe their performance as “a unique blending of music, Scottish folk dance, and science education.”

“Learn about everything from star formation to L.E.D.’s — through the power of folk dance,” they said.

The show is free. Chautauqua Hall is located at 16th Street and Central Avenue.

Live music Nov. 7-13

Big Sur

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

Fernwood Resort — **Pfeiffer Beach Hotel** (rock, Friday at 10 p.m.), **Wayward Jerry** (country and bluegrass, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Carmel

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

Carmel Mission Inn — **Scarlet** (pop and rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.), **The Leon Joyce Trio** (jazz, Sunday

at 11 a.m.), singer and guitarist **George Woods** (Tuesday at 5 p.m.), **Meez** (rock, Thursday at 5 p.m.). In the Shearwater Tavern, 3665 Rio Road.

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

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

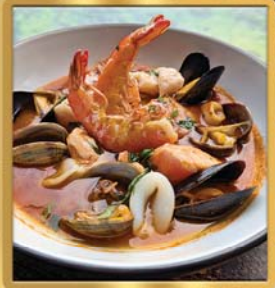
Links Club — **Meez** (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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Fiddler Hayden Stern (above) joins guitarist Patrick Gunning Friday at Chautauqua Hall in Pacific Grove.

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

■ **Carmel Valley**

Bernardus Lodge — pianist **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.

Blue Fox Cellars — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Sunday at 2 p.m.). 25 Pilot Road.

Edgar’s Restaurant — singer and guitarist **Alison Sharino** (Friday at 5:30 p.m.). At Quail Lodge, 8205 Valley Greens Drive.

■ **Monterey**

Bon Ton LeRoy’s Smokehouse — singer and guitarist **Alligator** (Cajun and zydeco, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **Open Mic** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave.

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

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

InterContinental Hotel — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Spanish, classical and jazz, Sunday at 9 a.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Melville Tavern — singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Tuesday at 6 p.m.). 484 Washington St.

Midici Pizza — singer **Janice Perl** and keyboardist **Evan Wiederanders** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer

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Miranda Perl and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Monday at 6 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Tuesday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Wednesday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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.

Salty Seal Pub — **The Coastal Commission** (reggae, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **The Edge Band** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

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

Sly McFly's — **The Money Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Pacific Grove

Asilomar Conference Center — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom**

(rock and blues, Saturday at 4 p.m.). 800 Asilomar Ave.

Bookmark Music — **The Mystic Souls** (soul and funk, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.). 307 Forest Ave.

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

Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin**

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 Registrant commenced to transact business
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 S/ Jade Michelle Minelli
 This statement was filed with the County
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S/Autumn Wohler
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ness as:
**Nuevo Amanecer, 15 Salinas Road,
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 Nuevo Amanecer, LLC, 22645 Grand
 Street, Hayward, CA 94541
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S/ Linda Mandolini, President of Nuevo Amanecer, LLC (General Partner of Salinas Road Associates, A California Limited Partnership)
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Case No. 25CV003586

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, ADIMANDO PENALOZA, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name:
ADIMANDO PENALOZA
ADIMANDO RAFAEL PENALOZA (AKA)

Proposed name:
RAFAEL PENALOZA

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:
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TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DEPT: 14

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set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.
(s) Thomas W. Wills
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Oct. 14, 2025
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ORIGINAL FILING.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NATURA POLISH, 21 W. Laurel Dr., Suite #57, Salinas, CA 93906.**
County of Principal Place of Business: **MONTEREY**
Registered Owner(s): **CYNTHIA JIMENEZ DOMINGUEZ, 21 W. Laurel Dr., Suite #57, Salinas, CA 93906.**
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 6, 2025.
S/Cynthia Jimenez Dominguez
Date signed: Oct. 6, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 6, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 2025 (PC 1049)

ORIGINAL FILING.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CLARITY NURSING CARE CO-ORDINATORS, P.C., 973 Margaret St., Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: **MONTEREY**

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the
Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
CLARITY NURSING CARE COORDI
NATORS, P.O. Box 3162, Monterey, CA
93942.
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 N/A.
S/Benito Espinoza, President
Date: Oct. 20, 2025
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 20
2025.
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2025. (PC 1050)

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)

ORIGINAL FILING.

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

1. UNIFORM333
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.**
Publication Dates: **Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14,
2025.** (PC 1052)

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.
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ORIGINAL FILING.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SAGE CLEANINGS, 928 Sage St., 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
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 9, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 2025. (PC 1055)

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: **MONT-
TEREY**
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
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 17, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 2025 [PC 1056]

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.

This business is conducted by an individual.
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
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 16,
2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14,
2025 [PC 1057]

legals@carmelpinecone.com

Loan No.: 18-2349 Rayley **TS no. 2025-12001 APN: 241-321-002-000**
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST
 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 8/10/2015, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on 11/25/2025, at 10:00 AM of said day, At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, Beneficial TD Services, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Richard R. Rayley, AKA Richard Rayley recorded on 8/20/2015 in Book n/a of Official Records of MONTEREY County, at page n/a, Recorder's Instrument No. 2015046602, by reason of a breach or default in payment or performance of the obligations secured thereby, including that breach or default, Notice of which was recorded 7/23/2025 as Recorder's Instrument No. 2025023990, in Book n/a, at page n/a, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, lawful money of the United States, evidenced by a Cashier's Check drawn on a state or national bank, or the equivalent thereof drawn on any other financial institution specified in section 5102 of the California Financial Code, authorized to do business in the State of California, ALL PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF SALE, all right, title and interest held by it as Trustee, in that real property situated in said County and State, described as follows: ** See Exhibit A Legal Description attached ** EXHIBIT "A" Legal Description For APN/Parcel ID(s): 241-321-002-000 THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA IN COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL I: Being in Carmel Highlands property, Rancho San Jose Y Sur Chiquito and being also a portion of the tract of land described in the deed from Carmel Development Co., a corporation, to Lawrence N. Cunningham, et ux., dated August 1, 1946 and recorded August 6, 1946, in Book 923, at Page 67, Monterey County Records, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the tract of land described in the deed from Lawrence N. Cunningham, et ux., to Eugene Duke Meter, et ux, dated January 5, 1959 and recorded February 13, 1959 in Book 1932, at Page 444, Monterey County Records, from which that certain station on the Coast (O Line) Survey designated "0-41-Stk." bears N. 9° 06' E., 194.40 feet and N. 71° 19' W., 139.40 feet, said survey line and station being shown on that certain Map entitled, "Map No. 2 of a Part of Carmel Highlands Property", filed March 18, 1920 in Book 1 of Surveys, at Page 101, Official Records of Monterey County; running thence from said point of beginning and following the exterior boundary lines of the tract of land described in said deed from Carmel Development Company to Cunningham, et ux., (1) S. 9° 06' W., 37.62 feet to a 2" x 2" stake; thence (2) S. 20° 00' W., 97.00 feet to a 2" x 2" stake; thence (3) S. 4° 06' W., 168.00 feet to a 2" x 2" stake at the Southeast corner of that tract of land described in said deed from Carmel Development Company to Cunningham, et ux; thence along the Southwestern line of said last mentioned tract of land, (4) N. 70° 59' W., 56.00 feet; thence continuing along said last mentioned line, (5) N. 75° 25' W., 65 feet, more or less, to the shoreline of the Pacific Ocean; thence (6) Following the shoreline of the Pacific Ocean and the boundary line of the tract of land described in deed from Carmel Development Company, a corporation, to Lawrence N. Cunningham, et ux., dated August 1, 1946 and recorded August 6, 1946 in Book 923, at Page 67, Monterey County Records, in a generally Northerly and Easterly direction to the point of intersection of said shoreline with the Southwestern terminus of course No. 2 (S. 86° 45' W., 199 feet) in the description contained in the aforementioned deed from Lawrence N. Cunningham, et ux., to Eugene Duke Meter, et ux.; thence along the Southwestern line of said last mentioned tract of land, (7) N. 86° 45' E., 199 feet more or less to the point of beginning. The above described real property is also shown on a "Record of Survey" filed January 3, 1956 in Volume X-1 of Surveys, at Page 32, Official Records of Monterey County, California. PARCEL II: A non-exclusive right of way for roadway and access purposes over a strip of land 25 feet wide lying 12.50 feet on either side of the following described centerline: Beginning at a point on the T-Survey line from which "Pipe T-21" bears S. 17° 44' W., 2.00 feet, said survey line and said pipe being shown on said map; thence (1) N. 81° 53' W., 443.30 feet; thence (2) N. 70° 59' W., 160.60 feet. The street address or other common designation of the real property hereinabove described is purported to be: 170 Spindrift Road, Carmel, CA 93923. The undersigned disclaims all liability for any incorrectness in said street address or other common designation. Said sale will be made without warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession, or other encumbrances, to satisfy the unpaid obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest and other sums as provided therein; plus advances, if any, thereunder and interest thereon; and plus fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of said obligations at the time of initial publication of this Notice is \$2,063,798.03. In the event that the deed of trust described in this Notice of Trustee's Sale is secured by real property containing from one to four single-family residences, the following notices are provided pursuant to the provisions of Civil Code section 2924f: 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's 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 916-939-0772 or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2025-12001. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not be immediately reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2025-12001 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit or declaration described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: October 27, 2025 Beneficial TD Services, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company By: Ashwood TD Services LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, its Agent Christopher Loria, Trustee's Sale Officer 231 E. Alessandro Blvd., Ste. 6A-693, Riverside, CA 92508 Tel.: (951) 215-0069 Fax: (805) 323-9054 Trustee's Sale Information: (916) 939-0772 or www.nationwideposting.com NPP0480521 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 10/31/2025, 11/07/2025, 11/14/2025

Publication dates: Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 2025 (PC1066)

L.T.S. No. 136361-CA APN 189-341-009-000 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 3/9/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 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. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2 ESQUILINE ROAD, CARMEL VALLEY, CA 93924 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any in-correctness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$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. 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 136361-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 136361-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. **FOR SALES INFORMATION:** (855) 313-3319 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108

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MORE MUSIC

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Smith (Saturday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea’s Fault Duo** (“folky stuff mixed with surprises,” Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Holysea** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

The Monarch Pub — The Katherine Lavin Band (pop and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.). 617 Lighthouse Ave.

Phill’s Barber Shop — PG-13 (blues and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.). 610 Lighthouse Ave.

Pop & Hiss — Kolumbo (funk and psychedelic, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 215 Forest Ave.

Wild Fish — The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet (Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse 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.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist **Taylor Rae** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Saturday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Fred McCarty** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge. 1700 17 Mile Drive.

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



Featuring members of the Carmel Bach Festival orchestra, and playing music by Bach, Handel and Vivaldi, the Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra performs Friday, 7 p.m., at Sunset Center.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251923
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. CONSTRUCTION TESTING AND INSPECTION SERVICES
2. CTI
561 Brunken Avenue, Suite A, Salinas, CA 93901.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
LAWRENCE EUGENE GRICE, 561 Brunk- en Avenue, Suite A, Salinas, CA 93901.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 21, 2025.
S/Lawrence E. Grice
Date signed: _____, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 21, 2025.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251874
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Steven Alexander, 2108 N St Ste N, Sacramento, CA 95816, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Hai Creek Games Company LLC, 2108 N ST STE N, Sacramento, CA 95816, CALI- FORNIA
This business is conducted by a limited li- ability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on not applicable
S/ Steven Hudkins, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/14/2025 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21/25
CNS-3973652#
CARMEL PINE CONE
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251919
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ECLIPSE CREATIONS, 202 Spencer St., Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
CARRIE BRENDEL, 202 Spencer St., Apt. 2, 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. 24, 2025.
S/Carrie Brendel
Date signed: Oct. 21, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 21, 2025.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251940
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ALL OUTDOORS HAULING, CLEANING & LABOR, 1072 Waring Street, Seaside, CA 93955.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
DENNIS BELTRAN
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 15, 2025.
S/Dennis Beltran
Date signed: Oct. 23, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 23, 2025.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251836
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FANCY PANSY FLORIST, 238 Alder Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ANNIK KRAFT, 3785 Via Nona Marie, Ste 108, PBM 1043, Carmel, California 93923.
MICHAEL THOMAS KRAFT, 3785 Via Nona Marie, Ste 108, PBM 1043, Carmel, California 93923..
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 12, 2019.
S/Annik Kraft
Date signed: Oct. 8, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 8, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 2025 (PC 1062)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251920
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PHILLIPS MARTIN & ASSOCI-ATES, 874 Spencer St., Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
SARAH ANNE CATHERINE PHILLIPS MARTIN.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 17, 2025.
S/Sarah A. Martin
Date signed: Oct. 17, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 21, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 2025 (PC 1064)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251936
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MONTEREY LIQUIDATIONS, 499 Alvarado Street, Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
GLOBAL LIQUIDATIONS, INC., 329 Mon-terey Street, Salinas, CA 93901.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Amadou Diallo, President
Date: Oct. 22, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 22, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 2025. (PC 1065)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251926
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **REFLECTION BEAUTY LOUNGE, 187 El Dorado St., Unit C, Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ELYSIA JASMIN MARTINEZ, 187 El Dora- do St., Unit C, 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 Nov. 1, 2024.
S/Elysia Martinez
Date signed: Oct. 21, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 21, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 2025 (PC 1068)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251925
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KAILLOU THE BARBER,187 El Dorado St., Suite C, Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
KAILLOUTHEBARBER LLC, 187 El Dorado St., Suite C, Monterey, CA 93940.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited li- ability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 8, 2025.
S/Ivan Garcia, Manager
Date signed: Oct. 21, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 21, 2025.
Publication Dates: Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 2025 (PC 1069)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251817
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Vista Point Apartments, 650 Jewell Ave- nue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950**
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
Vista Point, LLC, 22645 Grand Street, Hay- ward, CA 94541
This business is conducted by a Limited Part- nership
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/ Linda Mandolini, President of Vista Point, LLC (General Partner of Jewell Avenue Asso- ciates, a California Limited Partnership
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/03/2025. 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28/25
CNS-3981673#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025. (PC 1101)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251982
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CPAR WEBSITES, 9717 Trefoil Place, Salinas, CA 93907.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
CARL A. PARKER, 9717 Trefoil Place, Sali- nas, CA 93907.
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/Carl Parker
Date signed: Oct. 29, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 29, 2025.
Publication Dates: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025 (PC 1103)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251818
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Camphora Apartments, 32101 McCoy Road, Soledad, CA 93960**
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
Camphora, LLC, 22645 Grand Street, Hay- ward, CA 94541
This business is conducted by a Limited Part- nership
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/ Linda Mandolini, President of Campho- ra, LLC (General Partner of Camphora Asso- ciates, LP)
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/03/2025. 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28/25
CNS-3981499#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025. (PC 1106)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251876
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RELIABLE HOUSE CLEANINGS, 665 Amador Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
TANIA FUENTES, 665 Amador Ave., Sea- side, CA 93955.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 27, 2025.
S/Tania Fuentes
Date signed: Oct. 14, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 14, 2025.
Publication Dates: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025 (PC 1108)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20251987
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MONTEREY CUSTOM WEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC, 499 Alvarado Street, Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
WALKER DEERING LLC, 1062 Cass St., Ste. 200, Monterey, CA 93940.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited li- ability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 26, 2020.
S/Marian Deering, Manager
Date: Oct. 22, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 30, 2025.
Publication Dates: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025. (PC 1109)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20252010
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PIECES OF HEAVEN, 3686 The Barnyard #F11, Carmel, CA 93923.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
BDS HOSPITALITY LLC, 3686 The Barnyard #F11, Carmel, CA 93923.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited li- ability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 4, 2020.
S/Bhupender Singh, Manager
Date: Nov. 4, 2025
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 4, 2025.
Publication Dates: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025. (PC 1110)



WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PERIMETER EUCALYPTUS TREE MAINTENANCE PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the District Board, Carmel Area Wastewater District, at the District office, 3945 Rio Road, Carmel, CA. 93923, until

3:00 P.M., Friday, November 14, 2025

at which time they will be publicly opened and read for performing the work as follows:

The results of the bidding will be reported to the District Board within thirty (30) days of the date of the bid opening at which time if bids are found to be acceptable by the District Board, written notice of award will be given to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder. However, said District Board reserves its right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities of any bids or to re-advertise for all or any part of the work contemplated.

No bidder shall withdraw his bid for a period of thirty (30) calendar days after the date set by the Board for the opening thereof.

Specifications and proposal forms may be secured at no charge by emailing the District’s Principal Engineer at bandy@cawd.org and requesting the documents.

Publication dates: Nov. 7 & 14, 2025 (PC1102)



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Historic Resources Board of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 4:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Board will visit some or all the project sites in person as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend both the Tour and the Hearing.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE AND IN PERSON AT CITY HALL. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom; however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom. The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible.

To attend in person, visit the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. **To view or listen to the meeting remotely,** you may access the YouTube Live Stream at: <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofCarmelbytheSea/streams>, or use the following link to view or listen to the meeting via Zoom teleconference: <https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/88188362744?pwd=9H2Dl5GuaQ2eCddEodDJusxbLVYlhXl.> **To listen to the meeting via telephone, dial +1 669-444-9171.** Webinar ID: **881 8836 2744.** Passcode: 001916.

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

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

HE 25065 (Pine Terrace HOA)
Pine Terrace Home Owners Association
Southwest corner of Mission and 3rd Avenues
Block 35, Lot 8 & 9
APN: 010-391-020-000
Consideration of the removal of the historic “Pine Terrace Apartments” from the Carmel Inventory of Historic Resources located at the southwest corner of Mission and 3rd Avenues in the Residential and Limited Commercial (RC) District. APN: 010-391-020-000

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

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

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

Publication dates: Nov. 7, 2025 (PC1107)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE ZANITA M. McGUINNESS CASE NO. 25PR000444

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ZANITA M. McGUINNESS.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SHANNON K. McGUINNESS in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that SHANNON K. McGUINNESS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

Date: Nov. 5, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your ob-

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

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner:
Ivette M. Santaella Esq.
111 Deerwood Road, Suite 200, San Ramon, CA 94583
(925) 831-4840

This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on _____, 2025.

Publication dates: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 2025. (PC1105)

New show at downtown gallery pushes artists to ‘step outside the box’

IN A show opening Saturday at the Carmel Art Association, a dozen artists — including Peggy Jelmini, Sarah Healey, Susan Giacometti, Yves Goyatton and Laurent Davidson — challenged themselves by creating art outside their comfort zones.

Eighteen months ago, longtime member Melissa Lofton encouraged a group of Carmel Art Association painters and sculptors to participate in an unusual exhibition that

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

asked, “What will I create if I’m allowed to follow unexpected, long forgotten, or entirely new ideas using any medium I choose?” the gallery’s Lili Mendez said. “The resulting exhibition is a collection of the artists’ responses, showing their eagerness to step out of the box.”

Also opening at the Carmel Art Association is “Artistic Journeys,” which pairs the work of two local painters, Gerard Martin and Tim Sloan.

Gerard Martin’s paintings capture “his experiences and encounters in the cold waters of Monterey Bay.”



Painter Tim Sloan’s “Watchful Mother” captures one of nature’s most fearsome creatures and her young.

“How lucky we are to have this playground, classroom and food provider right in our midst,” Martin said.

Tim Sloan’s latest pieces celebrate the rugged beauty of the Grand Tetons. The artist never tires of the views. “His paintings convey the shifting light, melting snowpack, and quiet drama of mountain life, where wildlife appears occasionally and when it does, it’s magical,” Mendez added.

The gallery hosts a reception Saturday at 4 p.m., with wine, light bites and live jazz. It’s located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. The shows continue through the end of the month.

■ Welcoming ‘Winter Light’

Fourteen artists are featured in the show, “Winter Light,” which opens Thursday at Carmel Modern with a reception at 5 p.m.

The artists include Johnny Apodaca, Heidi Hybl, Lucas Blok, Melissa Lofton and Chris Winfield.

“The theme provides a jumping off point for artistic exploration, involving color, abstraction and graphic expression, broadly exploring what winter light means for them,” gallery owner and painter John Cromwell said. “All are recent works expressly made for the show, either in oil, acrylic, encaustic or mixed media. It is a vibrant and exciting collection, and I am very much looking forward to seeing the paintings hanging in the gallery shortly. “

The show will be on display through Jan. 6. The gallery is located on Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln.

■ New shows at P.G. art center

Five shows open Friday at the Pacific Grove Art Center, including one that features new and old work by Big Sur painter Sofanya White.

As an artist, White isn’t seeking perfection. “In the mid 1980s, I discovered the ‘mistakes in my paintings made them more interesting,” explained White, whose Big Sur home hosts a gallery, along with an array of gatherings, workshops, and retreats. “I began to create art with this in mind.”



Painter Gerard Martin’s “Three Shields” is included in a show that’s on display this month at Carmel Art Association.

Titled “Exploring Imagery, Inspiration and Insight,” the display features what White calls “stream of consciousness.” The work spans more than four decades.

Also new at the art center are exhibits by Studio Art Quilt Associates (“Art Movements in Fiber”), Cara Weston and Brett M. Thomas (“A Shared Vision”), textile artist Sahar Jabr and painter Reiko Michisaki (“Between Memory and Light”) and Monterey High School photography students (“Photo Poetry”).

Coinciding with Pacific Grove First Fridays celebration, the gallery will host a reception Nov. 7 at 7 p.m., with singer and keyboardist Glenn Leon-Guerrero playing old-school r&b.

The shows will be on display through Dec. 11. The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave.

■ Art walk set for Saturday

Just in time for the crisp and cool weather of fall, the latest Carmel Art Walk is set for this Saturday from 4-7 p.m.

The monthly stroll showcases more than a dozen downtown galleries owned by local artists, including a new one, Carmel Vibes Gallery. Located on Lincoln between 5th and 6th in Su Vecino Court, the gallery is owned by photographer Nicholas Trofimuk.

Acclaimed for his stunning black and white images of the Southwestern United States, Trofimuk moved here last year from his longtime home of New Mexico.

“He is known for capturing beauty,” gallery owner and painter Joaquin Turner told The Pine Cone. “As long as a subject conveys beauty, he will use his talents to capture it, to create something where the viewer feels as though they have been transported physically, emotionally or spiritually.”

The event is free — look for green lanterns hanging in the windows of participating galleries.

CALENDAR

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

Sundays – Live music 5 to 7 p.m. at Woody's at Del Mesa. Musical guests **Brice and Nina** deliver an eclectic mix of jazz, rock and reggae, 500 Del Mesa Carmel. (831) 624-1854

Nov. 7 & 8 – Carmel Orchid Society's Fall Market: Exotic orchids, succulents and Ikebana supplies on display and for sale. Orchid repotting and Ikebana floral arrangement demonstrations as well as orchid care talks. Free. Easy parking. Handicapped accessible. Held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel. Details: (831) 626-1120

Nov. 8 – Come to the Annual Holiday Bazaar for a variety of gift ideas, hand-made merchandise, delicious baked goods. Lots of crystal and china. And our special raffle gift baskets. Something for every discerning shopper. All profits go to local charities. Don't miss the Bazaar at Church of the Oaks, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 841 Rosita Road, Del Rey Oaks.

Nov. 8 – The 15th Annual Asilomar Neighborhood 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

Nov. 8 - Craft Fair featuring 19 vendors, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Nov 9 if rain) at 1150 Pico Ave., Pacific Grove, will be selling their handmade crafts. A cookie and hot cider bake sale will benefit Hitchcock Animal Road Services of Monterey County and Salinas.

Nov. 8 & 9 – It's Baum & Blume's "Lighting of the Tannenbaum" & Holiday Open House! 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Enjoy live music, tasty appetizers, door prizes, demos and wine tastings while shopping for fabulous holiday gifts. Shop small ... it enriches you and your community! Baum & Blume and The Carriage House, 4 El Caminito, Carmel Valley. (831) 659-0400.

Nov. 9 – The Monterey County Composers' Forum presents "A Thing of Beauty" at 3 p.m. Guest artists, Amy Zanrosso (piano), Igor Poklad (clarinet) and Amalia Diaz

(violin) will perform music by Ettinger, Gatica, Kaiser, Macy, Michael, Moncrief, Ovens, Roseman and Victorine. Hidden Valley Music, 104 West Carmel Valley Road. Admission \$20. Info: macy@macalester.edu

Nov. 14 – Breabach in Concert – Scotland's award-winning folk band brings high-energy Celtic music to Pacific Grove! Enjoy bagpipes, dance and vibrant tunes blending Highland roots with modern flair. 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's by-the-Sea, 146 12th St., Pacific Grove. Tickets: www.celticsociety.org

Nov. 16 – Music at St. Dunstan's, presents "Baroque to Modern" with Emi Saeki, organ and piano. Tickets at the door: \$30, \$25 seniors/military, students and under 18 free. 28005 Robinson Canyon Rd, Carmel Valley.

Nov. 16 – 17th Annual Celebration of Gratitude–Interfaith Outreach of Carmel & Joining Hands Benefit Shop invite you to a Celebration of Gratitude featuring the Carmel Mission Basilica Schola Cantorum and The Monterey Peninsula Gospel Community Choir. 3:00 p.m. at Carmel Mission Basilica, 3080 Rio Road, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Reception to follow. Everyone is Welcome! InterfaithOutreachCarmel@gmail.com

November 17, 2025 – "The Beauty of Glass" Annie Morhauser, artist and owner of Annieglass, will share her 30 year love of glass blowing and the development of her own version of the ancient glass forming process, called slumping. 2 p.m. Carmel Woman's Club, San Carlos & 9th. Open to the public, \$10 guests/members free.

Nov. 18 – Join local photographer Douglas Steakley for a Pacific Grove slideshow at the Pacific Grove Library, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Known for stunning images in National Geographic and Outside Magazine, Steakley shares scenes from his books "Pacific Light" and "Big Sur Revealed." Part of the Fall Exhibition, "PG at 150." www.pacificgrovelibrary.org

Nov. 20 – Celtic Music Series with Scotland's award-winning Breabach, featuring two bagpipes, a dancer, and the full folk experience. Show at 7:00 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's By-the-Sea, 146 12th Street, Pacific Grove. Tickets: www.celticsociety.org

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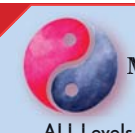
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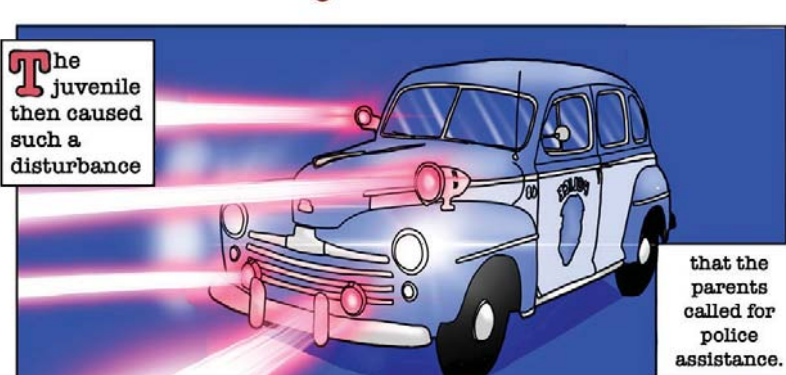
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