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Two die in separate Car Week crashes

■ Cops stepped up enforcement

By MARY SCHLEY

A 47-YEAR-OLD Big Sur resident and a 19-year-old man from Livermore died in separate accidents over the weekend, according to local authorities. Brian Bond, known to friends as Brewski, was struck by a car while walking across Highway 1 near Palo Colorado Road Saturday night, and Jerrod Chapman-Marshall was a passenger in a car that hit a tree in a forested area of Monterey late Sunday afternoon.

The accidents occurred as law enforcement agencies throughout the Monterey Peninsula worked together to avoid the chaos and sideshows that have taken place in recent years and to crack down on loud exhausts, reckless driving and other misbehavior.

At 8:23 p.m. Aug. 15, a 20-year-old man from Fresno was driving northbound on Highway 1 in a Dodge coupe when he came upon Bond, who was crossing the highway toward the coast near Palo Colorado Road, according to California Highway Patrol officer Ryan Moore.

The Dodge struck Bond, causing major injuries. Several cars pulled over, according to CHP radio traffic, and a bystander started rendering CPR. Resuscitation efforts

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A 1935 Duesenberg SSJ originally owned by Clark Gable took Best of Show at the 75th Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance Sunday, bringing this year's Car Week — along with its challenges and controversies — to an end.

NEWSOM TACKLES NO-WIN SITUATION

WITH JUST over a week left in the legislative session and only a few months before his governorship ends, Gavin Newsom has picked an unpopular path: a power company bailout.

The governor has yet to make his proposed legislation public, but it's clear from the campaign he launched earlier this month that he's urging lawmakers to pass a bill limiting how much utility companies pay when their equipment causes fires and destruction. Among other things, his plan would end insurance companies' ability to recover victim payouts from utilities and would restrict the financial compensation for the pain and suffering of victims.

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

Newsom is taking on this behemoth as the state's wild-fire liability fund is expected to run out of money, but the political timing could not be worse.

Utility caused fire

Practically in the same breath that Newsom announced his plan to limit utilities' liability, Southern California Edison — one of the state's three largest power providers — was found responsible for the Eaton Fire. The 2025 calamity left 19 people dead and destroyed 9,000

See POWER page 18A

Forestry board OKs first-in-nation fire rules

By MARY SCHLEY

A STATE board on Wednesday approved rules that will require hundreds of Carmel homeowners, along with millions of people throughout the state, to make significant changes to their properties to help protect them from wildfire. The regulations greatly restrict what plants, materials and structures can be within the area known as Zone Zero — a 5-foot zone around homes and attached decks.

The rules, which were initially called for in a 2020



In a city where trees growing through rooms and leaning over decks are considered desirable architectural features, the state's new Zone Zero rules will require major changes.

Assembly bill that required their implementation by Jan. 1, 2023, ended up taking years to develop, with efforts by a subcommittee of the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection especially ramping up over the past 15 months. Their standards are the first of their kind in the nation, according to the state.

Zone Zero applies to homes in very high fire hazard severity zones in "local responsibility areas" where cities and counties are financially responsible for fire protection

and in the "state responsibility area," where Cal Fire bears financial liability for preventing and suppressing wildfires.

Keeping your trees

According to the Cal Fire map adopted by the Carmel City Council in June 2025, the city contains 278 acres of very high fire hazard severity zone, while state-covered areas like most of Pebble Beach and Jacks Peak contain far more. (Property owners can enter their addresses at osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/



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community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/fire-hazard-severity-zones to see if they're affected.)

While early drafts took a heavy-handed approach, barring virtually anything combustible within the zone, the final version that was unanimously adopted by the state forestry board Aug. 19 at the end of an hours-long meeting is more measured. The subcommittee refined them based

See ZERO page 25A

Council argues for passage of hotel tax increase

By MARY SCHLEY

THE PROPOSED increase in hotel taxes that Carmel voters will be asked to decide Nov. 3 has a name — Measure M — and on Friday, the city council unanimously voted to approve a rebuttal ballot argument in its favor. The verbiage comes in response to a statement filed Aug. 7 by people opposed to the tax increase.

Busy ballot

Along with picking a new mayor and two city council members and deciding whether to increase the city's sales tax rate for the third time in 14 years, voters will decide on a 2 percentage-point tax increase on hotel guests, who pay a 10% tax on their rooms that goes directly to the city's general fund. They also pay a 2% levy imposed by hotel

operators to fund tourism promotion.

The November ballot poses the question: "To upgrade streets/sidewalks, address beach erosion, enhance wildfire preparedness, maintain city trees and fund other general government purposes in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, shall the measure establishing a new 2% transient occupancy tax, paid by lodging guests, in addition to the existing 10% transient occupancy tax, increasing the total tax rate to 12%, with the new 2% tax generating

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Rerig takes P.G. post

By KELLY NIX and MARY SCHLEY

FORMER CARMEL city administrator Chip Rerig — who returned three weeks ago from living in Italy with his family — will serve temporarily as city manager of Pacific Grove until someone is hired for the permanent position, the city council decided Wednesday night.

The council voted unanimously to approve a contract appointing Rerig as interim city manager. He will fill the vacancy left by Matt Mogensen, whose last day as Pacific Grove city manager is Friday, Aug. 21.

A resident of Pacific Grove, Rerig will be paid \$128.11 per hour, based on an annual salary of \$266,468.80. He will receive no benefits.

Rerig, who attended the meeting, thanked the council and said he looks forward to working with council members and city staff.

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More than just a second-hand love



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After a repair shop in Monterey suddenly closed, customers who left their clocks there want to know what happened to them. See page 9A.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Bird dog

They firmly believe that when it's time to adopt another dog, the one most in need of rescue is the one meant to join their family. That's what they thought when they met a pair of 1-year-old rough-coat border terrier mixes in need of homes. At first, they even considered adopting both.

Told that one of the puppies was already on hold, they took home the little one with beseeching brown eyes and velvety ears. But brothers Chip and Schmidty still meet regularly at Carmel Beach and are two of the fastest runners on that stretch of white sand. "Chip pauses only to greet other dogs before continuing their race," his person said.

While Schmidty lives in Corral de Tierra, Chip lives in a wooded area at the top of Skyline Forest. At first, he was timid about eating. "We think food was used to discipline him," his person said. "He was so hesitant to approach his bowl, but he's gotten over that." Now, he's blossomed.

He accompanies his family on visits to friends in the hospital, jumping onto beds to snuggle and offer comfort. "He's on the waiting list to become certified as a therapy dog. It just comes so naturally to him. A woman once pulled up in her wheelchair and said, 'I really miss my dog.' Chip jumped right into her lap and tucked in.

He's the most comforting presence."

He rarely barks, but one day, after a couple of months, he let out a howl when Jim came home. "He reserves his howl for people he really loves," she said.

Chip can be a little shy, but he overcomes it to be kind to people and dogs alike. "Nothing bothers him," his person said. "If you approach, you feel compelled to bend down and pet him, especially his velvety ears. He has so many fans in town."

The backyard is a haven for birds, and Chip is part of the peaceful ecosystem. "We've used the Merlin app and identified 45 different species so far," she said.

Against all odds, Chip — the unlikely border terrier — has found his place among the birds and people of Skyline Forest, and in the hearts of everyone he meets.



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State agency offers full backing for Sand City oceanfront hotel

By KELLY NIX

A PROPOSAL to build an oceanfront condominium-hotel resort complex on a Sand City beach degraded by decades of sand mining received unanimous support from the California Coastal Commission at a meeting in Santa Cruz last week.

On Aug. 12, coastal commissioners fully supported The Collections Resort, which will be located on a 25-acre parcel across Highway 1 from Costco and will include a restaurant, spa, condo-hotel rooms, a campground with 25 tent cabins, onsite parking and other amenities. Nobody spoke in opposition to the development.

As a condition of approval, developer Sand City Collections LLC is required to clean up beach and sand dune habitat, including removing tons of concrete rubble, a lengthy berm and other debris left over from decades of industrial sand mining operations. The resort would be situated on less than 2.5 acres of land. Roughly 22 acres of the property would be restored and permanently protected as dune habitat outside the development area.

‘Spread tourism’

Coastal Commissioner and District 3 Monterey County Supervisor Chris Lopez said the development would be “an opportunity to spread the impact of tourism along this entire bay.”

“As somebody who fishes that bay regularly and looks at the concrete rubble, I see this as a win for all the residents of Monterey County and the visitors from around the world who come to enjoy Monterey Bay,” Lopez said.

Coastal Commission Vice Chair Caryl Hart also praised the resort and associated public improvements, calling it a “great project.”

“It’s really an incredible moment to see this project come before us with this kind of support,” Hart said. “And I’m certainly among the supporters of it.”

‘Significant improvement’

Commission Chair Meagan Harmon called it a “significant benefit to the public.”

“As the city said, it’s a generational opportunity, and I totally agree,” Harmon said, adding that the development is a “project that solves multiple issues at once.”

Surfrider spokeswoman Jennifer Savage said that while the nonprofit coastal advocacy organization “does not support building a resort on the beach in coastal dunes,” it applauds the conditions the developer must adhere to, including protecting 25 acres of nearby land for the public and requiring the removal of about a half-mile of concrete rubble and broken pavement from the beach.

“That debris has made it difficult for people to walk and enjoy the shoreline for decades,” Savage said. “Removal will be a significant access improvement.”

The dune areas west of Highway 1 in Sand City are not considered “environmentally sensitive habitat areas” because of a history of industrial commercial operations, including those of the Monterey Sand Company, and can be developed.

In her support of the resort and beach cleanup and restoration, Sand City Mayor

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Police & Sheriff’s Log

Pardon me, have you seen a hat?

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.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to a possible violation of a court order on Grove Acre Avenue. It was determined that no crime had occurred.

Pacific Grove: Two juveniles were robbed and battered on Ocean View Boulevard. The robber was not located.

The Monterey County Sheriff’s Office reported no calls on the Monterey Peninsula.

contacted a male subject near the 300 block of 12th Street who had a confirmed misdemeanor warrant and was on probation with search terms. A search of the residence located multiple controlled substances, drug paraphernalia and metal knuckles in violation of his probation terms. The man, who had two prior Health and Safety Code convictions, was booked into Monterey County Jail on the confirmed warrant and fresh charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of metal knuckles and probation violation.

Pebble Beach: Lost property reported on 17 Mile Drive.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person fell on city property at San Carlos and Ocean.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Pacific Grove: At 2140 hours, officers

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The gavel falls

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

August 7 — Judge Mark E. Hood sentenced Jaeson Sharp, 20, of Salinas, to four years in state prison for robbery, criminal threats, and brandishing a replica firearm. Sharp had previously been convicted of a strike under California’s three strikes law. This new robbery charge constitutes his second strike.

On Jan. 17, Sharp entered a produce store and stole a basket of groceries. Employees recognized him from prior thefts at the store and followed him to recover their products. Sharp went into his nearby tent and retrieved a realistic replica Glock firearm. He pointed the replica at the four employees and repeatedly said he would kill them if they did not back away. The employees retreated. Sharp briefly followed them while still pointing the replica firearm. Police officers later searched Sharp’s tent and found a replica Glock 17 BB gun.

August 12 — Curtis Hemphill, 57, was convicted by a jury of assault with a deadly weapon by a state prisoner serving a life sentence. Judge Stephanie E. Hulsey presided over the trial.

On July 4, 2023, during afternoon recall from the recreational yard at Salinas Valley State Prison in Soledad, Hemphill stabbed an on-duty correctional officer with a 6-inch, dagger-style, inmate-manufactured weapon. Without warning, Hemphill lunged at the officer and struck him in the chest, near the right armpit. The officer suffered severe redness and bruising, but fortunately, he was wearing a California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation-issued protective vest.

The jury also found that Hemphill has

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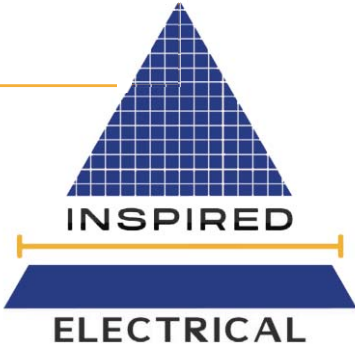
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Sleepless nights for man held at gunpoint in response to bomb scare

By MARY SCHLEY

A LOCAL realtor said he had the traumatizing experience of finding himself in the crosshairs of a Carmel police officer's semi-automatic rifle Thursday, Aug. 6, while sitting in his parked car on San Carlos Street across from Chase Bank.

Patrick O'Donnell had just put his briefcase in the back, stepped into the driver's seat and pushed the "start" button on his car when he looked up and saw "a Carmel Police Department pickup truck parked diagonally across San Carlos," he said. The officer proceeded to reach into the truck, pull out his AR-15 rifle and take a step sideways.

The officer "leveled the rifle across the bed of the truck pointed right at my head and yelled at me, 'Get out of the car, hands up!'" O'Donnell said. "I got out of the car with my damn hands up."

'What did I do?'

He said the cop then motioned with the rifle toward the corner, "apparently indicating where he wanted me to go," and O'Donnell said he complied, while "exclaiming loud enough to ensure he heard me, 'What's going on? What did I do?'"

According to his account, he made his way to the corner while imagining being shot in the head, only to have the officer get back into his police department truck without a word and drive away.

"I haven't slept through the night since," O'Donnell said Aug. 12.

Police Chief Todd Trayer told The Pine Cone his officers had been responding to "a bomb threat/swatting call" that occurred

in the area of Chase Bank at San Carlos and Sixth. A swatting call is when someone makes a false report that initiates a fully armed SWAT response.

"An unknown caller reported to the police department that he was going to set off an explosive. The caller gave vague descriptions, eventually stating locations like outside of banks (Chase Bank), restaurants, etc.," Trayer said. "Officers immediately responded and began searching for anyone in a vehicle, which was how the subject described himself."

One of the officers "did deploy his AR-15 and had it at the ready" while contacting O'Donnell, Trayer said, but upon reviewing the incident, he disagrees with O'Donnell's account.

No questions heard

"He did not tell anyone to put their hands up, nor did he point his weapon at anyone after readying it for the nature of the call," Trayer said. "He instructed that person to exit their vehicle, and I did not hear any protest or questioning while this occurred."

Trayer allowed that the incident was "chaotic" and noted that police were searching and asking people to move quickly as they shifted from one location to another in their attempts to chase down the caller, who kept changing what he was telling the dispatcher he was "seeing."

"This led to the likely rapid exit the officer made to go to the next location," Trayer said. "Eventually, they determined it was a swatting call," similar to a recent bomb scare at Salinas High School.

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By KELLY NIX

THE AVERAGE household in Marina should expect to pay about \$250 per year if voters pass a measure to impose a 7% charge on utilities such as water, gas, electricity, and telecommunications and video services, including streaming and cable, the city said this week.

The county registrar of voters has designated the utility user tax measure — which will appear on the Nov. 3 ballot — as Measure Q. The Marina City Council voted in July to put the measure on the ballot.

“If approved by voters, the proposed measure would provide a local funding source to support essential city services, including public safety and emergency response, while possibly helping to address the nearly \$58 million funding gap for three priority projects: a new police station, fire station, and city hall and council chambers,” the city said.

The proposal, which requires a simple majority to pass, would generate \$3.8 million annually for the city’s general fund. The tax would apply to residential and commercial customers and would add 7%

to bills for utility services — including streaming services.

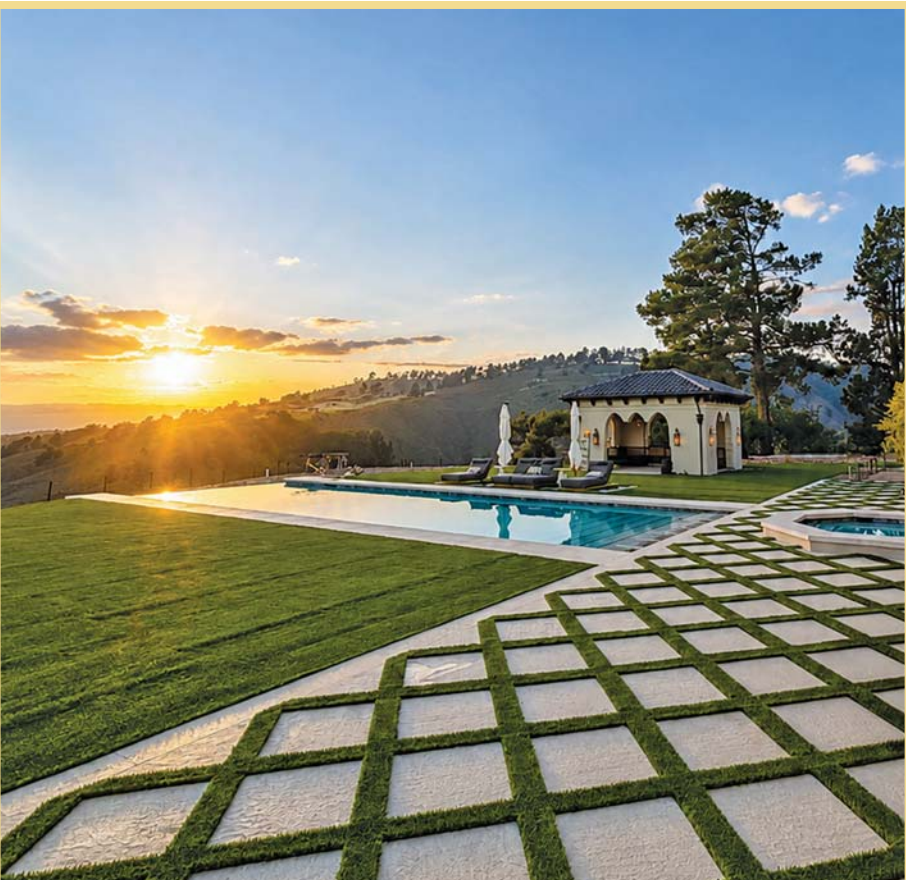
The city said its public safety building at 211 Hillcrest Ave., which houses its police and fire departments, does not meet California seismic safety standards, and tax revenue would help fix it. Additionally, fire department response times to certain areas of the city average nearly 10 minutes, which is above the national standard, the city says.

City seeks feedback

The tax revenue would also be spent on “protecting the water supply,” repairing streets and potholes, and providing general city services, according to Measure Q. The 7% tax would generate about \$3.8 million annually “until ended by voters.” The city council would also have the option of reducing or suspending it.

“We encourage residents to review the FAQs on the city’s website, and as we continue to hear questions and feedback from the community, we are committed to updating those FAQs to provide accurate

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EXASPERATED PATRONS SAY TIME’S UP

By KELLY NIX

FRUSTRATED CUSTOMERS of a longtime clock repair shop in Monterey are scratching their heads after they say the store owner suddenly shuttered the business without returning their timepieces.

About Time Clock Shop at 1058 Cass St. has been around since 1999, offering repair service for watches and clocks. In an old Yelp bio, shop owner Vlod Pabian said he’s still “inspired and propelled” by an “infectious passion for clocks.”

But when About Time customer Dave Blaskovich kept getting the runaround about when his family’s 1900 Seth Thomas mantle clock would be fixed, he decided to pay the shop a visit.

“After I returned from travel in late July, I called About Time and there was no answer,” Blaskovich explained to The Pine Cone, adding that he dropped off the clock to Pabian in January. “I drove to the shop, and it was vacant. All the clocks waiting to be repaired, including mine, were gone!”

Not heard back

The Pine Cone visited the shop Monday and it appeared vacant. A sign taped to the window stated, “Thank you for your patronage over the years! Unfortunately, I have had to close the shop due to health reasons.” The note provided an email address and phone number for Pabian.

Blaskovich said he’s repeatedly reached out to the business owner but has not heard a peep.

“I have emailed and called to leave messages several times and there has been no response,” he explained.

Blaskovich isn’t the only one wondering if he’ll ever get his clock back. Since May, there have been several Yelp reviews from customers who claimed to have hired Pabian to fix their timepieces, only to find out later that the shop had permanently closed its doors.

“All the clocks that were being worked on are gone,” a client from Pacific Grove wrote on May 18. Pabian “promised me he would fix my clock six weeks ago, but he never did. Now he’s MIA. He does not answer his phone, and he does not return messages.”

Heirloom

Another P.G. resident, Christine, wrote on June 29 that the shop had her clock for three months.

“Now he has closed his shop, and those who had clocks with him for repairs want to know where he is located,” Christine wrote. They are “worried about their antique clocks! He should have notified all his customers about the move.”

The Pine Cone called and emailed Pabian this week with questions about the business, but he did not respond

Blaskovich said the Seth Thomas mantle clock has been in his family since World War II and that it was a gift from his father to his mother, who collected antiques. He said Pabian estimated it would cost \$360 to repair.

“I contacted the Monterey Police Department to report this as theft, but they would not pursue the case, saying it was a civil matter, not a criminal matter,” Blaskovich said.

Owner says health issues forced him to close shop

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New, extra stop signs at Ryan Ranch

By LILY PATTERSON

THE BACK route into Ryan Ranch off of York Road doesn’t technically need multiple stop signs, but the Monterey City Council decided to put some there anyway, approving the project at its Tuesday meeting.

The signs were a specific request from Montage Health, which hired a consultant to perform a traffic analysis for Upper and Lower Ragsdale drives and Wilson Road, the southbound route into the office park where it operates a 45-acre-and-growing medical campus.

The 25 mph intersection already has a stop sign at Wilson, and daily traffic on Ragsdale falls short of the 300-car criteria to merit red signs all ways, as defined by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation.

There’s only been one car-on-car collision at the intersection in the last five years, according to the consultant’s report.

A pedestrian crossing will also be added on the south leg of the intersection, a proposal accompanied by a letter of support from Monterey-Salinas Transit, which operates a bus stop nearby.

Yield to pedestrians

According to Montage’s consultant, pedestrian traffic averages 68 persons per day at the intersection. Though drivers are required by law to yield at marked pedestrian crossings, regardless of signage, the addition of an all-way stop is “an engineering measure to address pedestrian safety concerns at this location,” said the resolution adopted by the city council.

No cost analysis for taxpayers was attached to the resolution, which also includes new yield lanes between Upper and Lower Ragsdale, the installation of a new stop at Pinehill Way off Skyline Drive in Monterey, and asphalt repair at those sites.

PGPD investigating sex assault claim

By KELLY NIX

ALLEGATIONS THAT a male employee locked a woman inside a Pacific Grove business and groped her are being investigated by that city’s police department.

On Aug. 9, at about 11 a.m., an unidentified male worker at a business in the Country Club Gate shopping center prevented a female customer from leaving and touched and groped her several times, according to information provided to The Pine Cone by Pacific Grove Police Department Cmdr. Brian Anderson.

‘Locked her inside’

“The woman stated that while she was conducting a transaction inside the business, a male employee made repeated

unwanted physical and sexual contact with her,” P.G. Police told The Pine Cone this week. At one point, the employee allegedly locked the front door of the business while the victim was inside.

Police said they have not arrested the male worker but are looking into allegations of sexual battery by restraint and false imprisonment, which is detaining someone without their consent.

Pacific Grove police “initiated an investigation, and officers have conducted follow-up interviews and are continuing to collect and evaluate evidence related to the allegations,” PGPD said.

“Because this remains an active investigation, we are not releasing additional information at this time,” Anderson said.

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Big fire clearance work at P.G. park

By LILY PATTERSON

THE PLAYGROUND, ball field and picnic areas are in good shape, but the forest in Pacific Grove’s largest municipal park is bone dry, littered with dead trees, overgrown with weeds and poison oak, and poses a major fire risk to nearby homes.

Earlier this month, city council members approved a years-delayed plan to rehabilitate George Washington Park. Tree crews will arrive Sept. 1 to begin clearing dead vegetation, invasive grasses and vines, and other potential tinder. The multiphase effort will also restore overgrown walking trails and shore up habitat for local and native species, including a wild grove of Monterey pines.

The 20-acre green space bordering 17 Mile Drive between Lighthouse and Sinex avenues sits between the downtown and Asilomar neighborhoods and is designated in the general plan as a recreation center and a protected natural resource. A master plan for George Washington Park was adopted by the city council in October 1999.

‘Neglected quite a bit’

“That plan is now over 25 years old. It doesn’t reflect current ecological conditions, regulatory requirements or best management practices. And recently, conflicting stakeholder input has stalled maintenance — there are parts of the park that have been neglected quite a bit,” said George Fuerst, the city’s environmental program manager, who presented the strategy to council members last week.

A first attempt to update the 1999 document was undertaken by a consultant in 2022 but was rejected by city officials and members of the public, who wanted an

updated biological survey of the park. The new plan doesn’t overwrite the 1999 version, but it does rely on the recent survey to overhaul the way its forest will be managed. It was co-written by Fuerst and urban forester John Kenney with input from Pacific Grove’s beautification and



PHOTO/LILY PATTERSON

A family enjoying the playground at George Washington Park, where fire prevention work will soon get underway.

natural resources committee. According to Fuerst, what has drawn the most public input is reducing wildfire risk and establishing a 100-foot defensible space perimeter adjacent to homes. As a result, the updated plan presents “a clear, zone-based action framework” to address “elevated” fuel loads, and “significant” encroachment of invasive species. “While the park is not in Cal Fire’s fire hazard severity zone, it has been flagged as a significant fire risk in the 2023 Community Wildfire Protection Plan,” Fuerst said. Since routine forest management and fire prevention measures are exempt from time-consuming California Environmental Quality Act reviews, the final hurdle was cleared when the council gave its

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Training AI to give financial advice can be a great way to make \$\$\$

By LILY PATTERSON

HE ADMITS he wasn't the first to think of it, but 17-year-old Matthew An pulled off his \$10,000 idea enough to buy him a 2017 Mercedes-Benz SL 500 in pristine (pre-owned) condition. He and his business partner are still working out the kinks in their enterprise — a technology service that trains artificial intelligence to better understand the stock market — and in the meantime, he's enjoying the ride to Cars and Coffee at Del Monte Mall, a monthly gathering of classics, exotics and supercars started by two similarly baby-faced enthusiasts.

The espresso hour also attracts elder statesmen of the Peninsula auto world, and one can only imagine their faces as they learn how the Carmel High School senior fell in love with cars.

"I've been interested in them since I was young. I watched a lot of 'Knight Rider,' 'Dukes of Hazzard' — my dad wanted to show me the classics from the '70s and '80s," An said.

Almost as cool as the Knight 2000, a zippy Mercedes was a thrilling upgrade from his hand-me-down 2013 Nissan. And for such a little car, it carries a good deal of meaning, since An bought it with his first real paycheck.

Investment advice

Sometime last year, he discovered that people were consulting ChatGPT, Grok and other artificial intelligence bots for stock market advice. Since the bots digest information from the internet at large — not the most reliable data set — he had the idea to compile a large file of verified stock histories that people could share with their bot

of choice, which in turn would provide more accurate predictions.

He soon learned he wasn't the first to have the idea, but other services were charging subscription fees ranging from \$20 to \$200 per month for the information. An decided he would charge \$15. He then pulled 10 years'



PHOTO/MATTHEW AN

Carmel High senior Matthew An found an easy way to help people make smarter investments — and bought his first car to celebrate.

worth of data — 100 histories total to reflect “the stocks that people trade most, like Apple and Nvidia” — which he downloaded at no cost, since the information is available on public websites.

Next, he went to Reddit and other online message boards, specifically forums frequented by novice traders, and began advertising his service as QuantLab.

For a time, An's customer base was increasing “exponentially.” Then he noticed a flaw in his logic: The subscription model didn't make sense, since he wasn't adding new data on a regular basis. Once customers got their hands on the file, they canceled their subscriptions.

“The main problem was that customer retention wasn't very good — the mean was about two months,” he said.

Still, the initial surge was enough to splash out on an authorized used vehicle from Mercedes-Benz of Monterey. More importantly, his mistakes inspired him to relaunch quantlabdata.com last month, this time with a capable partner.

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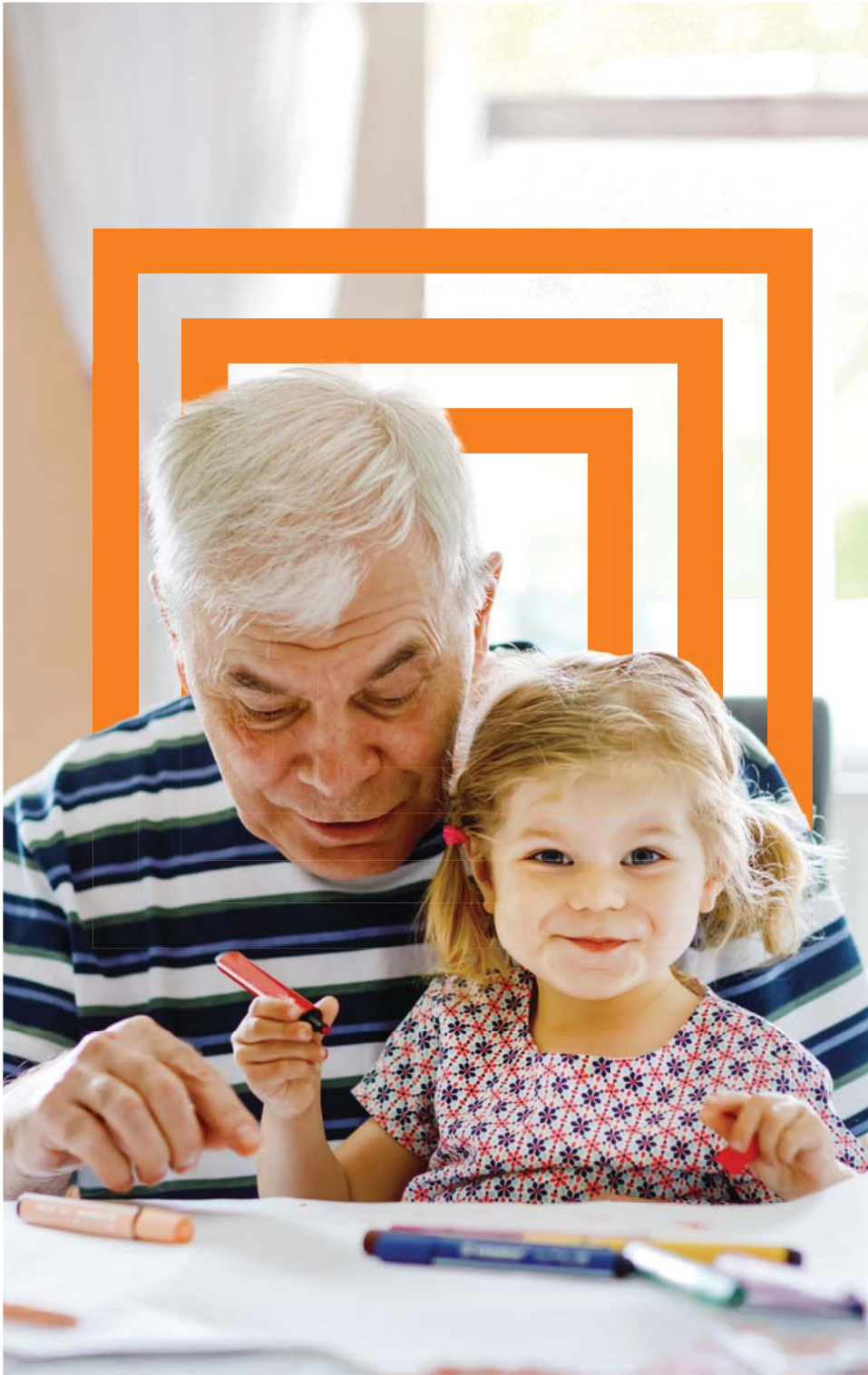


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Boland clarifies his voter status

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

DAVID BOLAND, who entered the mayoral race on the last day of the filing period last week, registered to vote in Carmel-by-the-Sea in September 2024, according to a Monterey County Elections affidavit he provided to The Pine Cone, and he said he participated in that year’s general election.

Confusion over his voter status apparently stemmed from a change in address with the California Department of Motor

Vehicles.

“In March, I discovered the DMV had an incorrect address for me,” Boland explained. “When I updated it, I was prompted to review my voter registration and may have updated that information at the same time. I suspect that may explain the discrepancy in the information you received” from city clerk Nova Romero.

Boland has also updated his website, davidforcarmelmayor.com, with a working email address, davidforcarmelmayor@gmail.com.

PARK

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unanimous approval on Aug. 5. The northwest zone of the park close to Lighthouse Avenue is the area of highest fire risk and requires the most urgent attention, Fuerst said. Work will commence Sept. 1 to remove the dense accumulation of surface and “ladder” fuels — including dead standing trees, downed logs and branches, and invasive groundcover species.

The specific timeline is partly due to the monarch butterfly overwintering and nesting bird seasons, but limitations are also a matter of his department’s allowance, Fuerst said.

“We have quite a bit of catching up to do, and we’re not going to be able to do it all in one year based on our current budget,” he said.

Other priorities include replanting native and/or endangered flora and fauna, restoring safe public access to park trails and facilities, and establishing a repeatable annual maintenance program.

Council members voted overwhelmingly in favor, but several wanted to know how the team plans to tackle poison oak — a controversial native species.

“It inhibits people’s use of the park. I

hear from a lot of people, ‘I don’t go there, there’s too much poison oak,’ or ‘I went there, my dog picked it up, now I have it,’” Councilmember Cynthia Garfield said.

“To keep it away from the established paths will be the goal moving forward. It’s part of the ecosystem, but we don’t want it threatening people staying on the path,” Fuerst replied.

He added that overgrowth often happens amid forest debris, so the tree-clearing work should serve as a remedy.

The city’s tree service contractor, Tope’s, will assist Pacific Grove Public Works in the overhaul, with help from the Cal Fire Gabilan Crew, the youth workforce Green Cadre, and community volunteers. There will be no live tree removal except in emergency or hazard cases, no herbicide use except under strict guidelines, and no heavy machinery used, only hand crews and walk-behind equipment, according to Fuerst.

In response to the plan, the city received numerous enthusiastic letters from nearby residents. Pacific Grove locals Doug and Ann Downs, who said they have lived on Alder Street near the park since 1979, praised Fuerst and Kenney — who recently completed his first year as urban forester — for creating “the best plan we have ever read,” commending their effort to balance human needs with the health of the forest.

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BIG SUR INCHES TOWARD HIGHWAY 1 REOPENING

By MARY SCHLEY

EVACUATION ORDERS and the closure of Highway 1 in Big Sur remained in effect Thursday, even as crews continued to chip away at the northern edge of the Timber Fire in order to open more of the coastline and restore

access to businesses farther south. Cal Fire reported the blaze that started in the late evening Aug. 8 had grown to 5,772 acres by the afternoon of Aug. 20, with containment sitting at 27%.

Battalion Chief Josh Silveira told media during a weekly Monterey County call Wednesday that containment

is slowly growing, with most of the attention paid to the perimeter close to structures. “We have zero destruction to homes in the Big Sur community,” he said. “The firefighters worked really hard to secure that edge. That’s something we’re really, really proud of.”

He also acknowledged the financial impacts of having the highway closed to through traffic once again, though the closure area is shrinking as more evacuation orders north of the fire are reduced to warnings. “We appreciate everyone’s support and patience,” Silveira said.

Firefighting efforts involve resources from around the state and the U.S. Forest Service, with air tankers flying fire-suppression missions as conditions allow, according to Cal Fire. Much of the fire is burning in areas that are inaccessible and uninhabited.

More than 1,600 people, not including support staff like caterers and other civilian service providers, are working on the Timber Fire. Among the resources are 122 engines, 30 water tenders, 12 helicopters, 13 dozers and 34 hand crews. “The numbers we post don’t include the other personnel who aren’t true first responders but come to us as contractors and supply a tremendous amount of logistical support in times like this,” Silveira said.

And the crews greatly appreciate people’s kind gestures, including the handmade signs posted along the highway. “Those signs of support go a long way for morale,” he said. “I know it puts a smile on my face knowing we’ve made somebody’s day a little bit better in times of need.”

No injuries to civilians or firefighters have been reported, and the cause remains under investigation.

UTILITIES

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information and address the topics that matter most to our residents,” the city said.

Mayor Bruce Delgado and councilwoman Kathy Biala are among those who signed the letter arguing for Measure Q. Former Mayor Jim Perrine, former Councilwoman Nancy Amadeo, and retired Police Cmdr. Bob Nolan are among those who signed the letter arguing against the measure.

While the 7% tax increase would cost the average household about \$250 per year, low-income households and qualified seniors would be eligible to pay about half of that, the city said.

Money generated from the tax would be subject to “independent financial audits and public spending reports,” according to the city.

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Longtime SPCA volunteer lauded

By KELLY NIX

A CARMEL woman who has spent more than four decades caring for and advocating for animals has retired.

Sherrie McCullough began volunteering with SPCA Monterey County in 1983, a journey that led her to serve three separate terms on the animal welfare organization’s board of directors, including two stints as chair, and to spearhead major fundraising efforts to modernize its shelter facilities at its headquarters off Highway 68.

The nonprofit highlighted McCullough’s “extraordinary leadership, compassionate advocacy, and hands-on rescue for animals,” and said her “sharp business acumen and deep love for animals helped shape the independent, donor-supported shelter into the community pillar it is today.”

Life’s passion

McCullough said her passion has always been animals and that it was a great privilege to work with an amazing senior staff and board.

“We have great board members, and everyone worked together as a team,” McCullough told The Pine Cone.

McCullough added that she is especially proud of leading campaigns to raise funds for the renovation of the SPCA’s dog and cat shelter, its wildlife rescue and rehabilitation center, and its spay and neuter clinic.

SPCA Monterey County CEO Scott Delucchi said McCullough is among the reasons he left the San Francisco Bay area in 2016 to head the organization.

“I think we made a really good twin-engine model leading the SPCA, and I lost count of the times we traded weeknight email messages after midnight,” Delucchi said. “She’s been my fellow night owl.”

Legacy

A longtime Carmel resident, McCullough has rescued pets for years and is caring for three SPCA-adopted dogs — Truffle, Daisy and Shylo — and three cats.

While she owned and operated KBACH, the former classical radio station in Monterey, McCullough cared for a colony of feral cats on the property, including having them spayed and neutered. She eventually adopted two of the felines when the station was sold.

“From expanding veterinary and rehabilitation services to ensuring the SPCA remains a safe haven for all animals — including pets, wildlife, horses and barn animals — McCullough leaves a lasting legacy of protection and hope,” the SPCA said.

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CAR WEEK

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continued as Bond was taken by ambulance to a hospital, but he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead, according to Moore.

The officer said it did not appear that alcohol or drugs were factors in the crash and asked anyone with information to call the CHP at (831) 770-8000. He would not release the name of the driver, saying the accident is under investigation.

DUI suspected

Bond's sudden death shook the close-knit Big Sur community, which expressed an outpouring of grief and memories on social media, sharing stories of his humor, compassion and adventures. Close friends, including Ivy

LaVelle, stepped up to help his family with arrangements, take care of the feral cat on his property and handle other personal matters.

Shortly before 5:15 p.m. the following day, Monterey police officers responded to reports that a car crashed on Barnet Segal Lane in the hilly, forested area near Del Monte Center, according to Monterey Police Lt. Ethan Andrews.

Officers and medical personnel arrived to find a silver convertible 2009 BMW that had struck a tree. Sebastian Feliciano, a 20-year-old Dublin resident, was behind the wheel and had three passengers in the car.

Monterey Fire declared the accident a “mass-casualty incident,” as it involved four seriously injured people and required three ambulances.

“All four occupants suffered injuries and were transported to Natividad Medical Center,” Andrews said.

While Feliciano and two of his passengers were subsequently treated for injuries that were not considered

life-threatening, Chapman-Marshall — who had been receiving CPR at the scene — died at the hospital.

Andrews said Feliciano “demonstrated signs of impairment, and a preliminary alcohol screening test determined his blood alcohol content was over .13%.” While the cause of the crash remains under investigation, Monterey P.D. plans to pursue charges of gross vehicular manslaughter against Feliciano once the case is closed.

“Investigators believe the vehicle traveled from the Carmel area to Monterey and was involved in reckless driving incidents prior to the collision,” he added, while encouraging witnesses to call him at (831) 646-3822 or leave anonymous tips at (831) 646-3840.

Andrews said this week that Feliciano remained hospitalized and there wasn't much to further report.

Meanwhile, Kate Pruette, whose best friend is Chapman-Marshall's mother, Bonnie, set up a campaign to help her and her family.

“During this devastating time, this fundraiser is meant to help give Bonnie and her family the space to grieve without the added burden of financial stress,” Pruette wrote. “Donations will go directly toward funeral and memorial expenses, meals, time away from work, and other costs that may arise in the difficult weeks ahead.”

Lots of tickets

Ramped-up enforcement efforts, different strategies for dealing with traffic and parking, and other measures made for a less chaotic Car Week than in recent years.

Carmel Police Chief Todd Trayer reported traffic stops, tickets and other stats were way up over last year, due to having more officers out in the field and knowing where to focus their attention. They pulled over 235 drivers, wrote 139 tickets for moving violations, issued 506 parking cites, arrested nine people and towed 22 cars.

They also dinged 22 people for having overly loud or modified exhaust — which means the car owners now have to deal with the “state referee” from the California Bureau of Automotive Repair to get their vehicles registered.

Trayer reported the new traffic patterns set up to keep drivers moving through town without giving them time to rev their engines and do burnouts worked fairly well, as did the temporary speed bumps placed on major streets. Many residents were grateful for those efforts and told him and his officers so.

"I didn't know how it was going to go, but I think they appreciated that it was quieter," he said, though not due to smaller crowds. In fact, the town was "heavily saturated," especially at night.

“They were different this year in that they were a lot more respectful,” Trayer said of the crowds and drivers. “I

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remember how many cars were revving down Ocean last year and remember thinking, ‘They haven’t been told.’”

To make sure they knew this time, the city installed signs warning that the laws, including noise limits, would be enforced.

Nonetheless, some couldn’t resist taunting the cops. “One guy would drive by us at San Carlos and Ocean and totally floor it,” he said. Other drivers and people in the crowds called the Camaro driver out, though — and the 43-year-old Daly City resident ended up getting busted for reckless driving with two kids in the car.

Unlike last year, no one vandalized any six-digit exotic cars, no fights broke out, and no one got hurt.

In Pacific Grove, Cmdr. Brian Anderson reported officers conducted 22 traffic stops, issued 13 citations, wrote 144 parking tickets, towed two cars and arrested seven people — three for failure to appear in court, two for public intoxication, one for drug charges and one for moving violations.

And Andrews said officers performed 257 traffic stops, wrote 158 citations, made five arrests and towed two vehicles.

In Seaside, which saw dangerous sideshows develop in the lots at In-N-Out and Home Depot last year, Police Chief Nick Borges worked with property owners and others to restrict parking in ways to prevent that from recurring. Officers also diligently cited egregious offenders.

To tap into influencers’ reach and build bridges, Borges reached out to some car groups with major social media presence, including Daily Driven Exotics. (To see how that worked out, find the videos on YouTube.)

Complaints

While law enforcement officials celebrated some successes, Monterey County 5th District Supervisor Kate Daniels had little good to say about the week.

“I heard from community members throughout the Highway 68 corridor, Monterey, Carmel, Big Sur, Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove and Carmel Valley who experienced impacts ranging from traffic gridlock and noise, to loud house parties and unsafe driving on our roads and highways,” she said in an email to constituents.

Daniels identified the major issues as “severe traffic congestion and dangerous driving,” “short-term rental activity exacerbating neighborhood impacts,” “parking restrictions and heightened business level security

measures,” and the two fatalities.

“Car Week now bears two heartbreaking losses — one a beloved Big Sur community member, and one a young visitor attending Car Week events,” she wrote. “These issues are serious and cannot be dismissed.”

She set up a survey to poll residents about their experiences.

“If you experienced traffic delays, unsafe driving, noise

disturbances, property impacts, enforcement gaps or any other challenges, please share your feedback,” she said. “Your lived experiences will directly support a comprehensive after-action report and policy recommendations for future Car Weeks.”

The survey invites people to comment on numerous negative impacts but leaves little space for positive feedback.



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REFORM

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Network, says the reform would severely limit the compensation victims are entitled to, calling the plan “another wealth transfer from Californians to Wall Street.”

The network says the proposal would cap compensation for death, trauma, pain and irreplaceable loss. The group also predicts that limiting attorney fees will make it harder to get representation and that eliminating insurers’ rights to recoup costs will shift the financial burden onto policyholders.

In an interview on “California Politics 360,” a representative for the American Property Casualty Insurance Association warned of skyrocketing policy prices if the reform is passed.

“It’s simple math at this point,” said Denni Ritter, vice president of state government relations. “If you shift billions of dollars being borne by utility shareholders and shift that onto insurers and policyholders, you’re looking at a 20% rate impact across the state, and our estimates are that it would be far worse for people in high wildfire risk areas.”

Ritter may be posturing, but even a smaller impact to insurance costs would negate part of the problem with the “status quo” Newsom is trying to address: affordability.

Recent fires and subsequent payments to the wildfire liability fund have only added to California’s stratospheric utility

prices. Since the 1980s, the Golden State has paid on average 10% more per kilowatt-hour of electricity than the rest of the nation, but since 2015, rising rates have outpaced inflation. Californians are paying 33 cents per kilowatt-hour, nearly double the national average of 18 cents.

Cost shifting

Of course, wildfires aren’t the only reason rates are rising. Subsidies for customers with solar power represented an \$8.5 billion cost shift onto non-solar customers in 2024 alone. Under a now-reformed California law, 1.6 million rooftop solar customers received bill credits at or near the full retail price for every kilowatt-hour they exported — 30 to 40 cents per kilowatt-hour — while it only costs utilities 5 to 6 cents to buy that power elsewhere. The result? Households without solar are paying 27% more on their bills to subsidize their solar neighbors, who are often more well-to-do.

Rising electricity rates in the state have even been making headlines on the gubernatorial campaign trail, though without any real solutions.

In a Politico forum this month, Democratic front-runner Xavier Becerra floated his “power hour” plan, offering Californians two free hours of electricity each afternoon between 1 and 3 p.m., when solar panels generate more power than we can use.

“Charge your devices, wash your clothes, wash your dishes,” he told the crowd. “I won’t charge you a dime.”

Governor or not, Becerra won’t be the

one generating the electricity or sending the bill, but he’d like voters to think he is.

The former Health and Human Services secretary also promised to freeze utility rates during one of the primary debates, telling the audience, “It is time that Californians had an understanding of why they are paying so much.”

The vilification of the power companies plays well with a public that already dislikes them. A March survey from David Binder Research found 80% of voters think the government should do more to limit rate increases, which, in a way, Newsom is trying to do — albeit in a deeply

unpopular fashion. It’s truly a damned-if-you-do, damned-if-you-don’t situation. Failure to address the depletion of the wildfire relief fund will only result in longer waits and lower payments to victims. Meanwhile, utility bankruptcies make it impossible for companies to borrow money or attract the investment needed to maintain critical infrastructure, leading to even higher rates for customers. All this can be true while also recognizing that limiting power companies’ liability runs contrary to the convention that those who cause injury should compensate their victims.

HOTEL

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Mary Ann Carbone told commissioners, “For decades, Sand City has worked to transform the industrial coastline into a space that welcomes the public.”

Sand City Collections LLC is affiliated with developer John King, whose King Ventures LLC in 2013 tried to get approval for a 340-room resort on the same property.

Staff with the Coastal Commission recommended denying the project in 2015, and the current development plan follows years of stalled proposals, denials, lawsuits and appeals.

Harmon said that during an Aug. 6 conversation she had with King, he “expressed excitement, support and remarked how long a process this has been.”

The Sand City desalination plant, which produces about 300 acre-feet of potable water every year, will provide water to the resort.

FRANK G. SILVESTRI

Sept. 21, 1931 ♦ Aug. 9, 2026

Frank G. Silvestri was born and raised in San Francisco. After graduating from high school, he moved to the Monterey Peninsula.

In 1952, he was drafted and served his country in Korea.

In September 1955, he married the love of his life, Arlene Ann Constanti. They were married for almost 64 years.

Frank and Arlene enjoyed life together immensely. Early in their marriage, they owned a breakfast place on the wharf. Over the years, they traveled to Lake Tahoe and Hawaii and took a memorable trip to New Zealand after they retired. They also enjoyed hosting parties and events at their home, especially their annual Christmas Eve dinner party.

Arlene passed away in 2019 after a long illness. During the last five years of her life, Frank was devoted to her and made sure she was comfortable until the end.

Together, they had three children, Julie, Bret and Scott. As a parent, Frank was always present and showed his support through love while teaching his children about the real world in a safe environment. He prepared them to become the successful, well-rounded individuals they are today. Later in life, Frank would have the same impact on his six grandchildren.

Frank worked for Granite Construction for 38 years. After leaving Granite, he never liked the idea of “retiring,” so he worked as a golf marshal at Del Monte Golf Course. At the same time, at age 68, he lent his expertise in the construction industry to his son’s company, Silvestri Construction.

Frank was active in the community as well. He volunteered for the Crosby, now the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, and the Concours d’Elegance. He was also a member of the PISANO Club and the Elks Lodge.

Frank was a man’s man through and through. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing and camping. He also loved his horses, especially Nos. 4, 5 and 6.

Frank made a lasting impact not only on his family but also on the people he worked with and those he met on the street or during his travels. He had an especially meaningful impact on his children’s friends, some of whom grew to think of Frank as a second father. His wisdom, albeit direct and often funny, will be missed.

Frank was a straight shooter and didn’t pretend to be anyone or anything else. What you saw was what you got. If you knew Frank, that was special enough.

Frank passed away peacefully after a very brief illness. He was preceded in death by his mother, Hannah; his father, Frank; his three brothers, Atillio, Stan and Donald; and his beloved wife, Arlene.

He is survived by his three children, Julie, Bret (Tina) and Scott (Toby) Silvestri; six grandchildren; countless nieces, nephews and cousins; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law; and many friends.

You know you’ve done life right when, at almost 95, everyone wanted more time with you. We should all be so lucky.

A celebration of life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 27 at St. Angela Merici, 362 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove.

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Construction resumes on Carmel Valley Road

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER PAUSING for Car Week, resurfacing work on Carmel Valley Road between Carmel Rancho Boulevard and Rancho San Carlos is back on, with overnight and daytime construction set to continue through the first week of September, according to Monterey County’s public works department.

The project consists of repaving some sections, pavement repairs in others, new curbs, survey monuments, restriping and vegetation removal, according to the county. When it was put out to bid, the county engineer estimated the cost at just over \$4.9 million. Bids were opened in mid-May, and a half-dozen firms submitted proposals, with the lowest, Precision Grade Inc., coming in at \$4,437,052.

Night work will take place between 7:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. through Aug. 21, Aug. 24-28 and Aug. 31-Sept. 4, while daytime work is set to continue through Aug. 21 and take place Sept. 1-5 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Motorists should expect to encounter temporary lane closures that will add to drive times and should take alternate routes when possible, according to the county. Those who live nearby will likely hear increased noise and equipment use, especially at night. “In the event of an emergency, emergency responders will be afforded priority through the work zone, regardless of day work or night work,” the county said, and the public works department “will make every effort to minimize traffic disturbances and expeditiously move through the construction activities.” The project is supposed to be completed by Oct. 31.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY RHOADES APRIL 30, 1939 – JULY 15, 2026

Mary Rhoades, 87, passed away July 15 at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula following a year of ongoing health issues. She was a caring, religious and charitable woman with a wonderfully dry sense of humor.

She was born April 30, 1939, in Pacific Grove to Walter and Ruby Matteson. Mary attended Pacific Grove schools and graduated from Pacific Grove High School in 1957. She also attended Monterey Peninsula College, Hartnell College, UC Santa Cruz and Florida Software School in Orlando, Florida.



Mary worked in banking throughout her life, beginning as a teller through an internship and advancing to positions of increasing responsibility, including assistant vice president of operations, branch utility, vice president and internal auditor, and vice president and controller.

In addition to her career, Mary served as president of the Pacific Grove Business and Professional Women’s Club and as president of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, Junipero Parlor. She was also a member of the Seaside American Legion and served as deputy grand regent of the California/Nevada Women of the Moose. She and her husband, Bob, served as presidents of Monterey Moose Lodge 876 at the same time.

Mary is survived by her sons, Kevin, Scott (Valerie), Rob (Tracy); and her stepsons, Vincent (Suzanne) and Jim (Janet) Sproles; and her grandchildren, Taylor, Brennen and Logan.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; son, Tracy; parents, Walt and Ruby; and siblings, John, Sonny, Walt, Francis and Vivian. She can now be with them in peace.

Mary loved cooking, sewing, playing bingo, reading, doing crossword puzzles and camping with her family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Monterey Chapter of the Women of the Moose or to a charity of the donor’s choice. The family extends special thanks to her amazing team of caregivers: Ashlen, Maribel, Nadia, Gladis and Michele, as well as her sister-in-law, Darlene, and nephew, Walt.

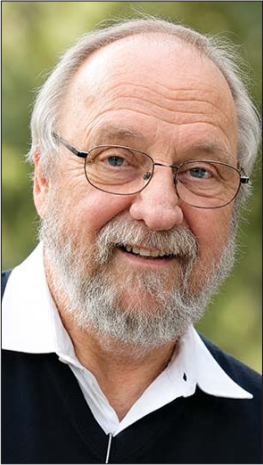
Her family and friends will carry forward her memory through the lessons she taught, the love she gave and the example she set. A service to honor and celebrate her life will be held later this year with family and friends.

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“In hindsight, we try to go back and find people involved when this happens to explain our actions,” Trayer continued. “This was a scary incident for our community, and certainly not our intent to leave without an explanation.” The chief said he addressed the issue with the department, “but again, this was a volatile situation, and the officer was trying to keep our community safe.” He also understands that someone who unexpectedly encounters an officer armed with a semi-automatic rifle might very well be alarmed. “I also believe that even if my officer’s gun isn’t actually pointed at someone, it feels like it is under those circumstances,” Trayer said. The incident appeared in the increasingly sparse weekly Carmel P.D. patrol log as a “suspicious circumstance” at San Carlos and Fifth just before 6 p.m. Aug. 6.

EDWARD RICHARD RAUBER

Edward Richard Rauber, 78, of Seaside, passed away July 27, 2026, after a brief illness, surrounded by his wife and three sons. Born July 12, 1948, in Pittsburgh to Florian and Flora Rauber, Edward was raised to value faith, family and hard work.



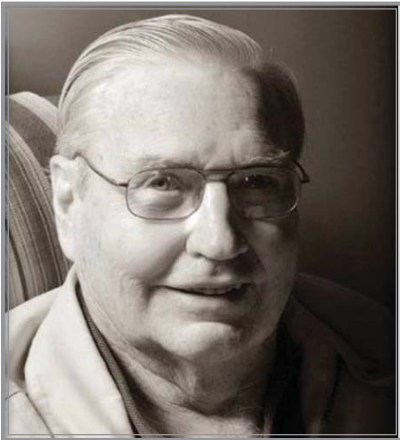
He served two years in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany, where he met his wife, Gloria. The two were married in Germany and moved to Pittsburgh after he completed his Army service. After the birth of their first son, they moved to the Monterey Peninsula, where they lived for nearly 50 years and had two more sons.

Many will remember Edward for his active involvement in his church’s music ministry, where he sang and played guitar each Sunday. He also played at church retreats and with various musicians and groups throughout the years. He instilled in his sons his passion for music, teaching them songs by the Beatles and Neil Young. He took pride in supporting his sons’ musical ambitions as well as their participation in sports. Edward loved to cook and was always ready to host a feast for family and friends. He briefly operated a restaurant in Carmel called The Gathering Place. He also enjoyed tending his garden and woodworking and was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan. Edward was a scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 35 and held several positions in social services and group home services before working as an accountant for Sterling Pacific for the better part of 20 years. He dedicated his life to serving others and set an example of unconditional love, faith, hope, generosity, determination and loyalty. He never forgot his Pittsburgh roots and continued to celebrate them throughout his life. Preceded in death by his eldest sibling, Roberta Espy, Edward is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Gloria; his brothers, John and James; his sons, Chris, Aaron and Josh; his grandchildren, Ryan and Lauren; his Labrador, Trixi; and many nieces and nephews.

A service will be held at 10 a.m. Sept. 5 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Seaside.

CAPT. EUGENE ERNER, U.S. NAVY, RETIRED

Captain Eugene Joseph Erner, U.S. Navy (Retired), passed away peacefully on July 6, 2026, in Monterey, California, at the age of 94.



Gene was born on June 28, 1932, in East Dubuque, Illinois, to Joseph Erner and Lorraine Wessels. He attended local schools until moving to Los Angeles as a teenager. After graduating from Loyola High School, Gene joined the U.S. Navy and went on to enjoy a long and distinguished career. In 1952, Gene married Geraldine Ruth Dalbeck, and together they raised four wonderful daughters. Gerrie accompanied Gene on his many assignments and relocations, including tours in Memphis, Tennessee; Sasebo, Japan; Newport, Rhode Island; Kansas City, Kansas; and, of course, Monterey, California, where he attended the Naval Postgraduate School and received his bachelor’s degree. He went on to attend Air War College in Alabama and earned his master’s degree in foreign affairs from Auburn University.

Spanning 31 years, Gene’s naval career included a tour in Korea and two tours in Vietnam. He also served at the Pentagon and as chief of staff, Middle East Force. He served aboard several destroyers, culminating his career as captain of the USS Floyd B. Parks, homeported in San Diego, California. Gene was the proud recipient of numerous decorations and awards, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with “V,” Air Medal, two Navy Commendation Medals, Combat Action Ribbon, two Navy Unit Commendations and two Meritorious Unit Commendations. Sailors who served under his command remember the captain for his firm and demanding, yet fair and forgiving, leadership, especially when under fire. Upon retirement, Gene returned to the Monterey Peninsula and resided with his wife in Carmel Valley. He pursued a career in real estate with Porter-Marquardt Realty and was an avid golfer. Gene served for several years on the Carmel Fire District Board and was most proud of securing expanded ambulance service for Carmel Valley residents. He was a loyal member of the Carmel Valley Kiwanis, devoting countless hours to the Carmel Valley Fiesta and many other local events. He was admired for his kindness and tireless commitment to good works. He is remembered for his gentlemanly manner, always acting with decorum and never missing an opportunity to share a good joke. Gene was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Gerrie. He is survived by his daughters, Pamela Darling (John), Michele Sheehan (Bob), Carolyn Braun (Peter) and Mary Tsogo (Sylvain); seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; his sister, Merla Wilson; and his loving companion, Sidney Sue Slade of Carmel.

Gene was interred at San Carlos Cemetery in Monterey. Family and friends are invited to a celebration of life at 2 p.m. Aug. 29 at Los Laureles Lodge in Carmel Valley. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity.



LORIS LANGDON
98 years old
July 12, 1928 ♦ July 29, 2026

Loris had a wonderful 98th birthday celebration at Lovers Point Park with family. She passed peacefully about two weeks later with her family by her side. She will now join her husband, David, in one last memorial cruise together off Lovers Point. Loris requested no services, just family gathering for a memorial tribute at sea. Loris is survived by her daughters, Robin, Deb, Claire and Barbara and their families.



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Eileen Love Coopersmith

Eileen Love Coopersmith, born Nov. 28, 1946, in Monterey, passed away peacefully on Aug. 1, 2026, in Brentwood. She was 79.

Eileen was a longtime and well-known member of the Monterey Peninsula community, where she was recognized for her work in home remodeling and restaurant equipment through Mil Direct. She proudly called Monterey home for more than 50 years and built a life rich in family, friendship and community.

Eileen had a deep love of cooking and baking, especially when preparing meals and treats for those she loved. Sharing food was one of the ways she expressed her affection, and her kitchen was often a gathering place where lasting memories were made.

She is survived by her two daughters, Michelle Benson (Mike) and Kimberly Pisto; her grandsons, John Hutchinson, Matthew Benson and Ashton Rodriguez; and several great-grandchildren.

Eileen was preceded in death by her grandson, Cortland Rodriguez, who passed away in late 2025, and her sister, Patricia Love, who passed away in 2020.

She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her family, friends and the many people whose lives she touched.

Eileen’s family extends its heartfelt thanks to the staff of Delta Shores Assisted Living for the compassionate care they provided and for making her final days comfortable and filled with love.

BARBARA MAY JOHNSON

Oct. 5, 1928 – Feb. 16, 2026

Barbara May Johnson, a longtime resident of Carmel, California, passed away peacefully on Feb. 16, 2026, at her home at Hacienda Carmel, with her children by her side. She was 97 years old.

Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, Barbara was the daughter of Thomas E. May and his wife, Verna May. At the time of her birth, her father, then an Army captain, was stationed at the Kamehameha Schools in Hawaii.

Barbara took great pride in being an “Army brat,” growing up on the move and attending more schools than she could count. In 1943, her family settled in Carmel, where she finally found a place to call home. She attended Carmel High School, graduating with the Class of 1946, and was believed to be the last surviving member of her graduating class.

Following high school, Barbara attended Oregon State University. There, she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority and maintained lifelong friendships formed during her college years.

During her marriage to Charles Greene Johnson, Barbara’s adventurous spirit continued as her growing family lived in Alaska, Massachusetts, Kentucky and Guatemala. In 1960, she returned to Carmel with four children in tow, bringing her journey full circle to the place she had always considered home.

Back in Carmel, Barbara became a valued member of the accounting office at CVGCC (now The Quail) and was an active community volunteer and organizer, generously giving her time and energy to the community she loved. She later became a familiar and much-loved presence at Hacienda Carmel, where she lived for 38 years and was, at the time of her passing, the community’s longest-tenured resident.

Those who knew Barbara will remember her as an intelligent and witty woman with a wonderful sense of humor. Her quick mind, personality, and ability to find humor in life remained defining characteristics throughout her years.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Colonel and Mrs. Thomas E. May; her brother, Thomas E. May Jr.; and her daughter, Kathryn A. Johnson.

She is survived by her children, Cynthia Schack, Grant Johnson and Lisa Johnson; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

At Barbara’s request, there will be no public service. Instead, she wished that those who knew and loved her honor her memory by doing a kind deed for someone else.



ROBERT ‘JERRY’ GERALD LUSTER

Jan. 31, 1932 – June 25, 2026

Robert Gerald Luster, known to all as “Jerry,” passed away peacefully on June 25, 2026, in Florida at the age of 94.

Jerry was born Jan. 31, 1932, in Duluth, Minnesota, to Carl and Frances Luster. Around age 7, his family moved to Seattle, where he grew up. Jerry served in the Navy during the Korean War before attending the University of Washington, where he met Ann Keller, who would become his wife of 37 years. Together, they embraced adventure and ambition and raised four children.

Jerry spent much of his career as an insurance broker before later opening his own real estate office in Carmel, California, where he brought the same sharp mind and steady determination that defined everything he pursued.

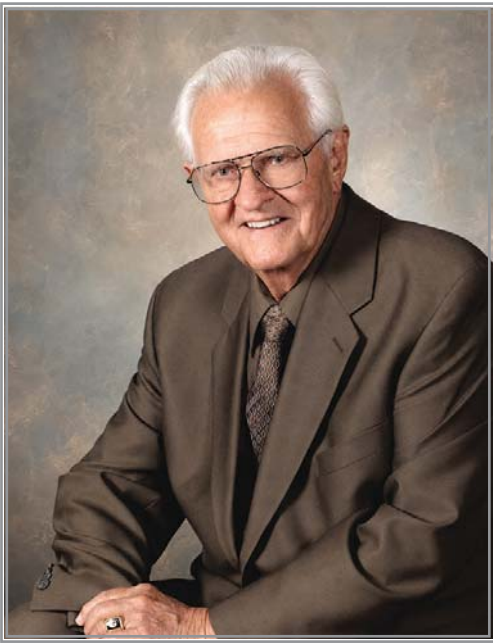
An avid and accomplished athlete, Jerry was a lifelong skier and a longtime member of the ski patrol in his younger years. He carried that same competitive spirit onto the tennis court, playing in local and regional tournaments well into his 80s. Those who knew him on the slopes or the court won’t soon forget the sight of Jerry with his pipe in hand – a signature touch whether he was carving down a mountain or serving for match point. Off the court, he also enjoyed the quiet strategy of a good chess game.

Jerry was a proud member and sponsor in the Alcoholics Anonymous community and had been sober for more than 35 years.

Jerry is survived by his children, Deborah; Robert “J.R.” and his wife, Mary; Krissy and her husband, Walt; and Carrie and her husband, David; his grandchildren, Robbie, Jordan and her husband, Kevin, Trey and his wife, Mara, and Sean and his wife, Skylar; and his great-grandchildren, Gigi, Charlotte, Elinor and Nolan. He is also survived by his partner of the past 20 years, Pat Ross, and her daughters, Ronda and Raelynn, who made his later years very special.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Frances; his wife, Ann; his brothers, Richard and Carl; and his grandson, Daniel.

Jerry will be remembered as a loving father, a sharp competitor and a man who lived fully – always ready for the next match and the next good story.



Editorial

Billionaires in the hood

ACCORDING TO frequent presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, there shouldn't be any very wealthy people.

“When you have 500,000 Americans sleeping on the street, 87 million people uninsured or underinsured, and millions struggling with student debt, I don't think it's a radical idea to say that billionaires should not exist,” Sanders says.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who seems determined to run for president in 2028, has made a similar point. She's written that “no person should have a billion dollars” and argues that a system allowing such wealth to accumulate in the hands of a small group while others are in poverty is simply wrong.

Sanders and Ocasio-Cortez have a big task ahead if they hope to eliminate (or confiscate) big fortunes. According to Forbes, there are about 3,200 billionaires in the world, including roughly 1,000 in the United States and 250 in California.

We're not here to debate whether billionaires should be taxed out of existence. But as long as they exist, it's worth noting that having billionaires spend time in your community can be a very good thing — something we saw again during Car Week, which drew an estimated 100,000 visitors, many of them high-net-worth collectors, entrepreneurs and enthusiasts from around the world.

Whether there were 10 billionaires here last week or 100, the wealth of some attendees is undeniable — and so is their impact. The influx generates more than \$130 million in visitor spending, according to the Monterey County tourism agency. Local hotels take in about \$50 million during the week, accounting for more than 5 percent of the region's annual room nights in just a few days. Restaurants, shops and service businesses see sharp increases in sales. The events also raise millions for area charities, while local cities and the county collect a significant share of revenue through taxes. Without a doubt, Car Week — and especially its signature event, the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance — serves as a concentrated economic boost for our tourism-dependent area, injecting outside dollars, supporting hospitality jobs and raising the region's global profile as a destination for affluent travelers.

While temporary visitors are great, it's even better to have a bunch of billionaires living in your state. California's progressive tax system relies heavily on high earners. Those 250 or so billionaires pay an estimated \$3.2 billion a year in state income taxes. Beyond taxes, their presence drives investment, entrepreneurship and job creation — especially in places like Silicon Valley, where founders and investors have built companies that employ tens of thousands, attract talent and generate secondary economic activity. Wealthy residents also spend heavily on local housing, services, dining and culture, and they often make substantial philanthropic contributions to universities, hospitals and nonprofits. Their capital and networks help sustain innovations that benefit the broader economy.

States that keep these residents get the recurring tax base and the multiplier effects of their spending and investment, while those that lose them miss out on those ongoing contributions.

On the November ballot in California, voters have a chance to impose an unprecedented tax on the global net worth of the state's billionaires — the ones who are still here, anyway. Proposition 40 would levy a one-time 5 percent tax on anyone with a net worth exceeding \$1 billion. Most of the revenue is earmarked for health care, with smaller shares for education and food assistance.

But as the California Tax Foundation explained in a recent white paper by Jared Walczak, the measure would reduce ongoing state tax revenues by an estimated \$3.5 billion to \$4.5 billion per year, due to reduced individual income tax receipts, lost sales tax and the ripple effects from billionaire departures. These recurring losses don't depend on whether departing residents avoid the one-time tax — just on whether they leave. The paper emphasizes that a temporary revenue surge from a wealth tax could easily be outweighed by the permanent erosion of the tax base that supports public services year after year.

Sanders and AOC may eventually get their way. But in the meantime, if billionaires are going to exist, we'd like to keep them nearby.

BEST of BATES



“I’m sorry. I can’t approve a handicapped sticker for dandruff.”

Letters to the Editor

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Evacuation obstacles

Dear Editor,

I agree with the point you made in your Aug. 7 editorial about evacuating a congested area without enough roadways. It's only going to get worse as more housing is built without an increase in roadways. The state's new housing mandate to build closer together, with off-street parking reduced to one vehicle, means more cars will be parked along roadways. Not to mention what will happen when the next pandemic occurs.

Walking sounds like a solution, but it's not practical with thousands of people needing to evacuate. For those who can't walk anymore, like me, it could be a death sentence.

With present planning, I see no solution to the issue.

Howard P. Strohn,
San Ardo

CEQA isn't all bad

Dear Editor,

The Pine Cone's recent front-page column regarding the upcoming ballot proposition to amend the California Environmental Quality Act leaned more toward opinion than objective news reporting. Deficiencies in the story may confuse readers of The Pine Cone.

During my 40-year professional career in local and federal government, I worked for or led agencies that applied CEQA regularly. At its core, CEQA achieves its original and principal goal — to provide information to the public and decision-makers about a potential development project's impacts and ways to avoid or mitigate those impacts.

CEQA itself never makes decisions. It does not create new webs of regulations or add costs to a project. It informs government agencies, which then exercise their authority to approve, modify or deny a project. If someone has a beef with how CEQA is used, that complaint needs to largely focus on the leadership, or lack thereof, at the agency level.

Yes, absolutely, CEQA needs reform. Some of the ballot measure's changes would be good (accelerated timelines for housing projects), while others are just dumb or greedy (really, AI data centers should be fast-tracked?). Several changes within the ballot measure could be implemented today. For instance, a visionary city or county could adopt streamlined timelines in its own regulations implementing environmental review.

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Teaching from experience, learning from the machines

IN 2008, Jill Hosmer-Jolley phoned the admissions office at Cal State University Monterey Bay to ask how quickly she could finish a teaching degree. Though she already had an MBA, she needed the credential to work at Carmel River School, where all three of her children had attended and she had loved volunteering in the classroom.

The university offered her a faculty job instead.

It's surprising, Jolley said, that even well-informed citizens of Carmel — who hear "Cal" and automatically think "Berkeley" — might underrate their local state university. True, UCs are known for their emphasis on cutting-edge research, while CSUs tend to cater to pre-professional training, but Jolley, 65, is among the university's most progressive advocates.

"There's more than one front door," she likes to say, including special institutes for entrepreneurs, computing talent, and reading specialists, as well as the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute for adults 50 and older, who want to deepen their inter-



Jill Hosmer-Jolley

management ethics, organizational behavior and, lately, the applications of artificial intelligence for people with no technical background — topics informed by decades of professional experience, and a curiosity that runs well over office hours. One of four faculty members to receive AI grants from the CSUMB chancellor's office last year, she used the funds to develop general education courses to promote AI literacy, one for each year of the four-year track.

"So many faculty around the country are anti-AI. But what I'm hearing from students who go in for job interviews is that every employer wants to know about their AI experience," she said.

Making a difference

Jolley noted the majority of CSUMB students are the first in their family to attend college, and many are working adults and parents.

"I can't imagine my life if I weren't making a difference for people trying to finish their education," she said, knowing what a struggle it can be.

In 1978, Jolley moved with her parents from Ann Arbor to the San Francisco Bay area when her stepfather — an eminent professor at the University of Michigan — began lecturing at Stanford University. His passion for studying moral and ethical quandaries of business would influence her enormously,

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Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

ests through the rigor of college-level classes. And the Service Learning Institute, where Jolley teaches a course, works with more than 400 local nonprofit partner organizations.

Entering her 19th year as a lecturer in the business college, Jolley teaches

From the mayor's desk —

When success changes the village

By DALE BYRNE

WHEN I was growing up in Southern California, we got our first driver training in the massive parking lot at brand-new Disneyland. That lot — now filled with parking structures — along with every sidewalk, restroom, restaurant and well-trained employee, was designed to welcome tens of thousands of visitors every day. It was engineered for extraordinary volume.

Carmel was designed as something entirely different: a village. A place where neighbors walk to the post office, chat on the sidewalk and know shopkeepers by name.

Both places are successful because they

were designed for their purposes. Our challenge is that Carmel's circumstances have changed.

■ Success followed preservation

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Transforming chaos into beauty

BEKAH BULL somehow sparkles as she shares a horrifying tale of unspeakable physical pain, an ordeal she interprets, by choice, through paintings imbued with optimism, fluorescent color and light — even as her body presents every opportunity to dwell in darkness.

Bull was 26 years old in 2012 when she severely damaged her spine during a gym workout, an injury that resulted in tempo-

2026.

While those physical issues are largely beyond her control, the artist uses her mind as a self-help tool.

"It affects my work a lot in the sense that I try to take that pain and the struggles and the chaos of life and turn them into something light-filled and beautiful through my art," said Bull, whose stunning mixed-media abstract pieces are on exhibit at Meuse Gallery (Ocean Avenue and Monte Verde Street in Carmel) and can also be seen at her own space, High Flow Gallery on Dolores Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues (next to Toro Sushi), where business hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and a grand opening will be scheduled soon.

Health issues aside, Bull is living her dream life in Carmel, where, since 2019, she has resided in a second-floor apartment on Ocean Avenue with fellow abstract artist Jason Kurz — who goes by "Kurz" — her partner in business and life.

A historic dwelling

That apartment is a big part of the magic for Bull and Kurz. Eight decades ago, Salvador Dalí purportedly rented it. The well-known Spanish surrealist was also a 1940s-era Monterey Peninsula artist and an early member of the Carmel Art Association.

The current occupants paint outdoors on two decks adjoining the apartment, one with a view of Monterey Bay.

"I feel very inspired by Dalí's energy when I'm painting here," said Bull. She celebrated her 40th birthday in February with a Dalí-themed party, for which all guests dressed in surrealist costumes.

Bekah Bull might have been destined to become an artist.

Her father, British-born painter Simon Bull — owner of Meuse Galleries in Carmel, St. Helena and Aspen, Colorado — is internationally acclaimed, with a career spanning more than four decades.

He was introduced to Carmel-by-the-Sea by Thomas Kinkade, opened a gallery in the Barnyard shopping center in 2000 and moved into a home near Scenic Drive in 2003.

In 2000, he won the British Fine Art Trade Guild's Artist Print Award as the top-selling original print artist in Great Britain. In 2002, Bull was selected along with Kinkade and Howard Behrens, to create artwork commemorating

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

rary paralysis and reliance from 2012 to 2019 upon, at various times, a wheelchair, walker, cane and stabilizing foot brace.

She subsequently developed a related problem — complex regional pain syndrome, or CRPS — a malady ranked No. 1 on the McGill Pain Scale, which is widely used in clinical and research settings.

'Most painful condition'

That affliction — "the most painful condition known to humankind," according to McGill University researchers — still affects her, she said.

And CRPS is merely one side effect stemming from the original injury.

Over the years, Bull has been treated for cystic lesions, cellulitis and osteomyelitis. She has endured two spinal surgeries and one on her ankle. Her colon and bladder are permanently paralyzed.

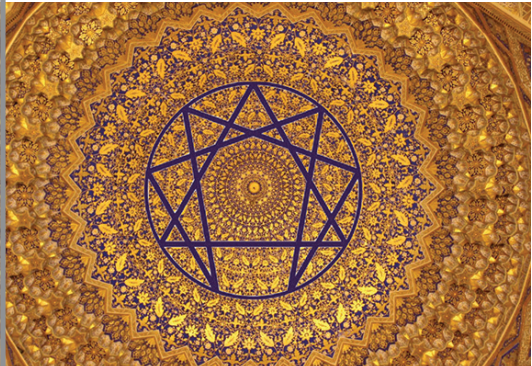
"I had to get a colostomy last year because of my nerve damage," she said. And her immune system has been compromised: She is battling her 18th infection of



PHOTO/COURTESY BEKAH BULL

Carmel artist Bekah Bull resides with fellow artist Kurz in an Ocean Avenue apartment once occupied by Salvador Dalí. She dyed her hair blue in February for her surrealistic, Dalí-themed birthday party.

Do you often wonder about who you really are and what your purpose is? The enneagram is an ancient nine-pointed symbol that can help us learn more about our true nature and what gets in the way of being our authentic self.



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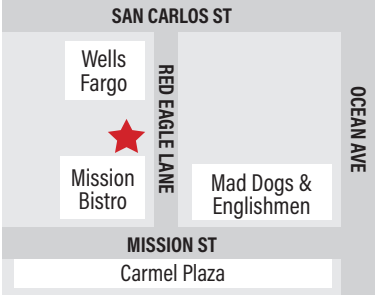
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Carmel Beach — our “water park” — every year. During major events, tens of thousands more fill our streets and drive their cars “inside the park.” They come because this little village is worth experiencing.

That’s wonderful. But it’s a reality we didn’t appropriately plan for.

Our streets, parking, infrastructure, public works team and municipal finances were created for a village, not an international destination.

For years, we managed through ingenuity, patience and the willingness of residents and businesses to make things work. But pressures continue to grow. Visitor demand, state housing mandates, aging

infrastructure, wildfire resilience and rising public-service costs are no longer temporary.

That leads to an uncomfortable question: How should a village support itself after becoming a destination?

■ More than taxes ... partnerships

Many people understandably focus on taxes or bonds. Those are important tools, and as a resident, I support asking voters this November to consider a small sales tax measure and a transient occupancy tax increase. But even if both pass, they address only part of the challenge. They will fund infrastructure projects. They will not solve the mismatch between what Carmel costs to operate and the revenue available to support tourism’s pressures.

We also need to think differently about

partnership. Our hotels, restaurants, galleries and shops are vital to the community, but partnership should extend beyond city hall and local businesses. We should work with property owners, investors, businesses and other private partners who can bring resources and creative solutions to challenges created by our success. The goal should be teamwork benefiting residents, businesses and visitors alike.

This is not about maximizing tourism. It is about responsibly managing the reality we face.

■ Protecting what we have

Because parking has not kept pace with visitor demand, activity spills into residential neighborhoods. Postponing infrastructure investments magnifies costs. If we pretend today’s pressures are temporary, tomorrow’s choices become harder.

Previous generations faced similar moments. They built water systems, modernized sewers, paved Ocean Avenue, undergrounded utilities, improved fire

protection and made difficult decisions. None changed Carmel’s character. They protected it.

Now it is our turn. The question is not whether Carmel should remain a village. That answer is easy. The real question is: How do we ensure a village loved by the world remains wonderful for those who call it home and those who visit?

I have surfaced temporary parking solutions and larger public-private partnerships involving structured parking, civic facilities, hotels and housing. My strategic planning talk asked only that we give ourselves permission to explore options that can move the needle.

See Monterey’s tourism study gives us an opportunity to listen, learn and have an honest conversation about how Carmel can manage success without sacrificing what made it special. Let’s make sure real solutions emerge from it.

To hear a podcast generated from this column, go to cli.re/destination.

Dale Byrne is mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea. His email is dbyrne@cbs.us.



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Regarding state-level leadership, the California Legislature often makes tweaks to CEQA, like recently exempting infill housing from CEQA review. Good, but on a much larger and more meaningful scale, why isn’t the Legislature working with the governor’s team on an overhaul of CEQA?

Leadership can come from project

applicants, too — countless developers have benefited from working with agency staff and the public by having a well-thought-out project design and by being honest with themselves that some projects cause significant impacts that need mitigation.

In the end, leaving it to interest groups — on either side of the “CEQA issue” — to draft a flawed ballot measure, and then asking voters to sort it out, is bad governing, and poor leadership.

Bill Douros, Carmel

Where are the fire roads?

Dear Editor,

Fire roads are essential to fighting back-country wildfires safely and effectively. The Timber Fire now burning in Big Sur is a case in point. In the Los Padres National Forest, usable fire roads are nearly nonexistent. They were always sparse given the terrain but have seriously degraded in recent decades because of wilderness designation, NEPA, coastal-zone rules, and related environmental restrictions.

The Wilderness Act is explicit: no

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sons 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.
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Date filed: July 24, 2026
(s) Ian A. Rivamonte
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Publication Dates: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2026. (PC 840).

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ZERO

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meeting is more measured. The subcommittee refined them based on extensive public feedback, research and study, consultation, numerous meetings and site visits, and other efforts.

“The most controversial was the issue of what vegetation should be allowed in Zone Zero,” board chair Terry O’Brien, who served on the subcommittee alongside board members J. Lopez and Elicia Goldsworthy, said at the hearing. “We are asking people who live in very high fire hazard severity zones to make changes in how they landscape their properties.

“Much of the opposition has been focused on trees, and most communities believe this will mean substantial loss of their urban forests,” he continued. “We don’t believe this is true.”

The basics

The rules divide the 5-foot Zone Zero into two sections. The immediate non-combustible “safety zone” directly next to a structure extends a minimum of 1 foot or to the edge of its eaves, whichever is greater. Beyond that, a “low-combustibility zone” runs to the 5-foot perimeter. The intention is to protect the most vulnerable parts of a structure, such as the base of walls — where wind-blown embers tend to accumulate and spark additional fires — windows, decks and eaves, “while still allowing for flexibility based on the attributes of the home or structure.”

No bark mulch, dead leaves, wood chips or firewood are allowed anywhere in Zone Zero, including on roofs and in gutters, and property owners are responsible for keeping the area clear of dead and dying plants.

Within the safety zone, vegetation is banned. It’s also forbidden within 2 feet of windows, doors and vents or within 5 feet of attached decks and similar features.

But beyond those buffers, “well-maintained herbaceous plants and flowers” are OK, as long as they’re small and not woody. Ground covers, lawns and potted plants in easily moved, non-combustible containers are also acceptable.

As for trees, state law already requires branches to be at least 10 feet from chimneys, but the new rules require they be trimmed 5 feet above roofs and pruned so they are not under eaves. And, of course, dead wood and lower branches — defined as being in the bottom 6 feet of large trees

and in the lower third for smaller ones — that could carry fire upward must be cut. In Carmel, removal of any branch that’s 4 inches in diameter or larger requires a \$250 application for a city permit.

Carmel is also full of wood fences and gates, many of them built right up to the homes they enclose, and those will eventually have to go, too. Attached segments must be replaced with 5-foot non-combustible sections, and no new combustible fences or gates can be built within Zone Zero. Further, any sheds and outbuildings within the zone must have non-burnable roofs and walls.

Once they take effect, the rules will apply to new construction immediately, while property owners will be able to phase in the changes. Within the first three years, they must get rid of the easily moved combustible items like firewood, dead leaves and branches and mulch, clean their gutters, remove dead and dying plants, trim trees accordingly, and make sure their vegetation is of the allowed varieties.

Within five years, cities and counties must assign a timeline “for the creation of an under-eave safety zone, replacing combustible gates, and making any necessary adjustments to sheds and fencing.”

Local control-ish

Acknowledging that one size doesn’t necessarily fit all, the policy allows local communities to adopt alternative approaches, as long as they accomplish the same purpose or are more restrictive. A Carmel City Council subcommittee has been working on developing local rules for months, and at the council’s Aug. 4 meeting, members unanimously voted to draft an urgency ordinance allowing gravel within Zone Zero and ordering the removal of log piles and other flammable items next to homes, and mandating the use of ember-resistant eaves and fire-resistant windows in new construction.

“These local alternatives are to be coordinated or drafted with their local fire agency and require approval by the local jurisdiction, such as a city council or county board,” the state rules say.

The forestry board’s hearing generated a lot of public comment, with many speakers calling for adoption of the regulations before further destruction and devastation occur, and others questioning the science and their potential efficacy, and bemoaning the anticipated costs of making so many changes.

“We have received thousands of written comments and listened to oral comments

at all of our public meetings,” O’Brien said. “The goal was to create regulations that make us safer from wildfire. I believe the proposed regulations do that, but there is no perfect way to protect communities from wildfire.”

A combination of home-hardening and reduction in vegetation can reduce fire vulnerability by up to 50%, according to O’Brien.

“These regulations move us in a positive direction,” he said.

As a professional forester and botanist, committee member Elicia Goldsworthy acknowledged the “tension” created by the state telling property owners what to do with their plants.

“We have seen homes literally designed around venerable trees,” she said — not unlike the newly constructed Carmel Point home that encircles a large Monterey cypress.

“I can’t reiterate how much the board takes into consideration the importance of nature in your homes,” Goldsworthy said.

She pointed out the shift from the draconian ban on vegetation within 5 feet of structures that was proposed in the March draft, to the more permissive approach discussed Wednesday.

“We have come a long way from where



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Eucalyptus trees present major fire hazards, a factor which went into the decision to remove dozens of them in Carmel in 2019.

we started,” she said.

She urged people to retain their mature trees, as long as they are pruned to comply with the rules. “Keep them in your yard where they belong,” she said.

Committee member J. Lopez encouraged people to assess their homes and properties for wildfire vulnerability and added that state taxpayer funds will be available to help those in need to comply.

The board unanimously voted to adopt the “finding of emergency and final rule text for submission to the Office of Administrative Law,” which will review them and open a five-day public review period. After that, they’ll be made official by the Secretary of State.

Groundcover and little leafy green plants are mostly OK



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LIVES

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though Jolley couldn’t have known that as a single mother in her early 20s. Even the hours necessary for night school eluded her between raising her newborn son, Justin, and working full-time as a bank teller.

Five years later, still without a degree, Jolley was hired as a typist by a local branch of Merrill Lynch. To her surprise, she was promoted seemingly overnight to manage the investment firm’s operations for the Napa office, stepping in when the supervisor went on maternity leave.

And 1983 was significant for another reason. Jolley’s mother and her new husband, the architect Russell Gifford, had relocated from San Francisco to a cottage at Ninth and Torres. (She still drives the streets looking at houses she watched him design and remodel.)

Carmel-by-the-Sea became “home base,” as Jolley raised her son while rising through the ranks of the boys’ club.

“The industry was so male-dominated, I have to say it really helped that I’m 6-foot-1,” she laughed.

Carmel roots

She was also blessed with a formidable mentor. Her mother, Jane — then a stockbroker at Charles Schwab — talked Jolley through her first day of trading with the firm in 1985. And Jolley couldn’t have kept up without her help, starting when Schwab sent her to management training school at various locations around the country. Her son moved in with his grandparents and attended Miss Kodani’s class at Carmel River School for several months, while Jolley flew back every weekend to visit. The two were soon off to Detroit, then Boston, where Jolley was appointed Schwab’s regional director for New England and the mid-Atlantic in 1993.

“My big fork in the road,” she said, came a few years later. Justin had grown and was off to college, she was single, and perhaps it was time to earn that elusive

degree. On the strength of her executive record — and encouragement from her stepfather, the professor — she enrolled in an MBA program at Simmons College. She also fell in love and gave birth to her daughter, Jennifer, three weeks after graduating. Two years later, she delivered her youngest son, Zachary.

Rather than remain in Boston, where her relationship had ended, the trio packed up and moved to Carmel in 2003. The kids enrolled at Carmel River School and Jolley established herself as a business consultant.

Teaching at CSUMB

When Jolley’s two youngest kids, Jennifer and Zachary, each had fourth-grade teacher Mark Colburn, she was struck by how he helped each child discover their unique strengths. Meanwhile, once she began lecturing at CSUMB in 2008, Jolley’s own course load included advising more than 600 undergraduate business students, as well as re-launching the now-successful CSUMB summer course offerings. And Jennifer and Zachary flew to their dad’s house in Massachusetts during every school break.

It was a hectic time, and Jolley stressed how thankful she is for the support from so many great people in the Carmel school system. They include River School’s counselor, Jan Day and later Carmel High School teachers Jason Maas-Baldwin, Mark Stefford and Mike Deckleman. Community “dads” Larry Hayes, Russ Fletcher, Don Cheney and Ken Ferguson helped Zach earn his Eagle Scout rank, while Jolley led her daughter’s Girl Scout troop.

Zach is now an “amazing, successful” employee in Silicon Valley, married and working on his MBA at Santa Clara University, Jolley said.

“I want to stress that the men of Carmel helped me raise my son when, as a single mom getting a Ph.D. and working multiple jobs, I just couldn’t do it alone,” she said.

Ten years after the unexpected offer from CSUMB, Jolley was settled into her teaching rhythm and searching for a new challenge. She decided to pursue a Ph.D.,

but didn’t want to commit to a topic that she would grow bored of.

“It’s a seven-year process to produce a dissertation, so I had to find something I cared deeply about, and would want to immerse myself in, even when I wasn’t writing,” Jolley explained.

In 2018, she earned her doctorate from National University with a dissertation that analyzed neurodiverse adults who were succeeding at work, studying what conditions and tools helped them to thrive. She has spoken internationally on the subject and insists it runs both ways, “helping neurodiverse people read the neurotypical world and helping everyone else see what they gain by including them,” she said.

Immersed in campus life — especially now that she lives there — Jolley serves as vice chair of the academic senate and leads CSUMB’s committee for equity and inclusion. And since earning the grant from the chancellor’s office to get students up

RERIG

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“I’ll try to provide value and contribute to the community, I’m really excited,” he said, adding that taking on the temporary gig is “not something I would do for any other community.”

Shorter stay than expected

After nearly a decade in Carmel as city administrator, Rerig retired in late 2025 to spend more time with his family in Bologna, Italy, where his daughter, Rocket, was attending school.

“I was supposed to be gone for three years,” he told The Pine Cone. But his daughter, who has dyslexia, ended up having a difficult time at the small international school, where she was the only American in her class. A third of the kids, he said, were Bolognese who’d known each other since they were very young.

“At first, she was the golden child,” for her uniqueness, but “it got cliquish, and she was on the out, and it was really stressful,” he said. Her grades were fine, but come late spring, she asked to return home.

“So it was a great year abroad for her, with a lot of memories and great experience,” Rerig said, adding that he loved living in Italy and had looked forward to living there until Rocket was done with school. “I wish we could have stayed longer.”

At the same time, he’s grateful to be back and to have the opportunity to help lead Pacific Grove, though he isn’t willing to come out retirement to do it long term.

“I can walk there in 10 minutes,” he

to speed with artificial intelligence, she’s doubled down on her extracurriculars, having just returned from the nation’s largest AI conference. Held in Las Vegas in early August, Jolley co-chaired a “mini-summit” aimed at getting researchers and tech executives in the same room.

Piqued her interest

“Giving academics access to 10,000 industry people who can provide funding and research opportunities was a huge part of it,” she explained.

When the debut of ChatGPT piqued her interest in AI, Jolley found only six students willing to stay after class to play with the technology.

Lately, the topic fills lecture halls.

“Companies used to go to universities to get consultants,” she reflected. “I’d like to get back to that. The future expansion of this avenue will open incredible internship and job opportunities for students.”

said. “I loved Carmel — I worked there for a long time — but there’s something really special about working for the city or village you live in.”

Mogensen, who started working for Pacific Grove in May 2024, announced in July that he would be returning to Marina to be that city’s administrator. He succeeded Pacific Grove interim city manager Robert Perrault, who was hired to fill the spot left by former city manager Ben Harvey when he resigned in July 2023 amid a “separation agreement” with the city.

City attorney Alex Lorca said in a council report an executive recruitment agreement was signed July 15 to fill the vacancy. If it’s successful, Mogensen’s replacement could be hired before the end of the year.

QUANTLAB

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Eric is a fellow Carmel High senior and co-president of the school’s AI Club, whose contribution was to compile 3,200 unique stock histories — using AI, of course — which can’t simply be downloaded from Yahoo Finance.

“It’s all public info, but not so easy to access,” An explained.

QuantLab now offers the whole package for a one-time fee of \$49.99. The two are excited to build on their idea — and perhaps a sweet new ride is in the cards for Eric, too.

“In the future, we’ll probably consider adding a cryptocurrency element. We’re going to see how well it does, but right now we’re focused on customer acquisition,” An said.

Panetta gets more cash for airport

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

REP. JIMMY Panetta secured more funds for the Monterey Regional Airport’s new terminal, which will have five gates when it’s completed next year.

Panetta’s office this week announced that he’d secured \$2.3 million, which will be used to cover the cost of inspection

during construction of the 62,754-square-foot public space terminal with five gates and passenger boarding bridges. The funding supports the project’s Phase 7.

“This federal investment will help Monterey Regional Airport move forward with a modern terminal that bolsters safety, efficiency, accessibility, and the passenger experience,” Panetta said.

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TOT

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approximately \$1,900,000 annually, and the total 12% tax generating \$11,700,000 annually be adopted?”

Councilmembers in July drafted their argument in favor of Measure M, couching it as “asking visitors staying in hotels and other overnight accommodations to contribute a little more to help improve our village.” They point out the tax is entirely paid by guests, not locals, and that the rate has been 10% for 28 years.

They also argue it’s “well below neighboring cities and other comparable destination communities, which have TOT rates ranging from 12% to 15%.” Locally, their list includes Marina at 14% and Pacific Grove and Monterey at 12%.

“Visitors support local businesses, and related taxes help fund our city government, but tourism creates impacts for our residents,” they say. “Our city’s infrastructure is also heavily impacted. It is old, deteriorating, under constant stress, and in need of immediate repair,” with deferred maintenance estimated at more than \$100 million.

Councilmembers say they already cut spending on items like legal fees, contracts and staffing to reallocate “millions of dollars toward rehabilitating our aging infrastructure,” but that those reductions weren’t enough.

“We simply need more revenue to address these critical infrastructure needs and other city needs,” they conclude. “Asking overnight lodging guests to contribute a little more will help.”

Against

In their opposition, Carmel Residents Association President Graeme Robertson, hotel operator and former councilwoman Carrie Theis and business owner Ashley Wolff point out that Carmel visitors pay more in taxes than those in neighboring cities because rooms are more expensive.

“Hotel tax payments have increased by more than 5 times, from under \$2 million initially to over \$10 million this year, and remain at record levels, increasing almost 30% over the past three years,” they write. “Our guests already pay the highest taxes per night of any city in the county.”

Combined with the 2% charge that funds tourism marketing, they argue, a 2 percentage-point increase would put guests’ levies at 14%, higher than every other Monterey Peninsula city and in unincorporated Monterey County, which charges a 10.5% TOT.

“Arguing that a tax rate should increase simply because of the ‘passage of time’ is absurd,” they say, and, carrying out that logic to its extreme, “tax rates would eventually get to 100%.”

“Does any California taxpayer really want to go down that road?” the opponents ask.

Day-trippers

They also posit that overnight guests are the city’s most valuable visitors, because they spend more money while having less of an impact on traffic and parking. Charging them higher taxes will encourage them to stay in other cities with cheaper rooms and turn them into day-trippers.

“A 20% hotel tax increase will worsen, not reduce, our day-visitor problems by forcing more overnight guests to nearby cities with significantly lower room rates and taxes, where they will just drive to Carmel as additional day visitors,” they write.

Other arguments against Measure M include the observation that hotel renovations have fueled TOT revenues and that increasing the rates will discourage further improvements. And since it feeds the general fund, it has “no fiscal constraints.”

“The city can spend additional hotel taxes on anything,” they conclude. “Fellow Carmelites, when is enough, enough? Please don’t kill Carmel’s golden goose, the lifeblood of Carmel’s economy and revenues.”

In its rebuttal approved Friday, the council counters by stating the tax rates

for Pacific Grove and Monterey were increased to 12% several years ago, and that Carmel “has the lowest TOT rate of any city in Monterey County outside of the Salinas Valley,” though Del Rey Oaks also charges 10%.

“The opposition’s statement is misleading because it combines Carmel’s 10% TOT with a separate 2% fee that the hotel owners voted to impose on their guests to fund their Visit Carmel marketing efforts,” they write. “To be clear, that 2% fee is not city tax revenue.”

‘Misleading’

The rest of the rebuttal generally restates what the council says in its argument in favor of the tax, again mentioning the estimated \$100 million in deferred maintenance, reductions in operating costs to redirect “millions toward infrastructure” — though the 2026-2027 budget, along with prior spending plans, relies on spending past savings to balance — that the measure is simply asking “overnight visitors to contribute a little more toward the community they enjoy,” and that the increase is expected to raise an additional

\$1.9 million annually.

“Let’s be clear about the numbers: Measure M raises Carmel’s TOT by two percentage points — from 10% to 12%,” they say. “That’s just \$5 on a \$250 hotel room. As your elected city council, we believe voters deserve the facts.”

The only member of the public to comment on the ballot verbiage, forest and beach commissioner Kelly Brezoczky, supports the tax increase.

“I think it’s important to correct some of the facts that seem to be misleading” in the opposition’s argument, she said.

Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov agreed. “It’s important to make that distinction and clarification so that the public understands that 2% Carmel Hospitality Improvement District assessment is not money that goes to the city,” she said.

Councilman Bob Delves, who helped write the ballot language with councilman Hans Buder, and Mayor Dale Byrne reiterated the city’s justifications for seeking the tax increase — namely, they wouldn’t be asking for it if they didn’t need it — and the council unanimously voted to OK the rebuttal.

PUBLIC NOTICES



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

The candidate names are listed in the order that they will appear on the ballot.

For Mayor - VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE

David Boland
Hans Buder

For Member of the City Council - VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN TWO

Alissandra Dramov
Bobby Richards
Stefan Karapekov

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on election day. For more information, see the General Municipal Election Page on the City’s website: <https://ci.carmel.ca.us/elections>

Nova Romero, MMC
City Clerk/Elections Official
Carmel-by-the-Sea

Dated: August 13, 2026
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Publication dates: August 21, 2026 (PC844)



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, September 1, 2026, on or after 4:30 p.m.**, the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing via teleconference and in person at the City Hall Council Chambers located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Fee Schedule Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Fee Schedule

Citywide
Resolution 2026-066 Adopting a Fee Schedule Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Fee Schedule, including updating fees citywide, including Community Planning and Building, Public Safety, and Public Works

Urgency Ordinance Creating new citywide home hardening standards to reduce the risk of wildfire spreading

Citywide
Consider Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance Creating new citywide home hardening standards to reduce the risk of wildfire spreading

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

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

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

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

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The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

CHS squad ready to tackle tough competition in big school division

THE CARMEL Padres pulled off an impressive feat last fall. A year after graduating 17 talented seniors, including five

Despite being bumped up to the big-school Gabilan Division — home to the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s largest and best football programs — the Padres achieved a winning season (6-5 overall) and qualified for the Central Coast Section Division 3 playoffs, where they lost 49-48 to Sacred Heart Prep

in the quarterfinals. This year, with 23 varsity-tested players on the roster, the Padres loom as playoff contenders as they prepare to navigate another brutally tough Gabilan gauntlet.

But first things first. Carmel participates Friday in a three-school jamboree at North Monterey County High, where the Padres will scrimmage against St. Francis SCP and the host Condors, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Season opener

Next week, things get real. “Our high beams, right now, are fixed on P.G. We’ve got to be ready for that one,” said Carmel coach Golden Anderson. The season opener is serious business for the Padres. Next Friday’s 7 p.m. homefield showdown will be a non-conference collision with traditional rival Pacific Grove for the coveted trophy known as The Shoe.

There’s much to be sorted before kickoff, beginning with a competition for the vacant starting

quarterback job among last year’s varsity backup, senior Luke Stiver (143 yards passing), junior Ben Voigtschild (the 2025 JV starter), and sophomore Sam Sibley, who saw varsity action at wide receiver and got experience as a kicker (8-for-8 in extra points, six in the CCS playoff game).

“As coaches, we’re figuring out who can effectively run the offense, make good decisions, and elevate the guys around them,” Anderson said.

Depth at receiver

Wide receiver is deep with capable players in a pass-oriented offense, starting with junior Dean Briant, a third-year varsity player who earned second-team All-Gabilan recognition last fall after gaining 600 yards on 40 catches and scoring six touchdowns.

Other notables include junior Jackson Kott (14 catches, 147 yards) and senior Skyler Brown (12 catches, 202 yards, three TDs), who was a first-team selection at defensive back. Senior Carter Lloyd (nine catches, 136 yards, three TDs) is a third-year varsity player and a returning starter at tight end.

Also in the mix for playing time are senior Lucas Rocha, who was on the 2024 state championship team, then sat out last season to focus on baseball, sophomore Peter Spencer, who started at safety during the second half of the ’25 season, plus any of the quarterback candidates.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Dean Briant earned second-team All-Gabilan recognition last season as a receiver, catching 40 passes for 600 yards as a sophomore. He’s also a standout defender and kicker.

Max Goldsmith, a sophomore, figures to be the featured running back after rushing 51 times for 293 yards, second best on the team, and scoring four TDs as a varsity freshman.

Other candidates for carries are hard-nosed senior Skyler Madsen (18 carries, 90 yards, one TD), a two-time CCS qualifier

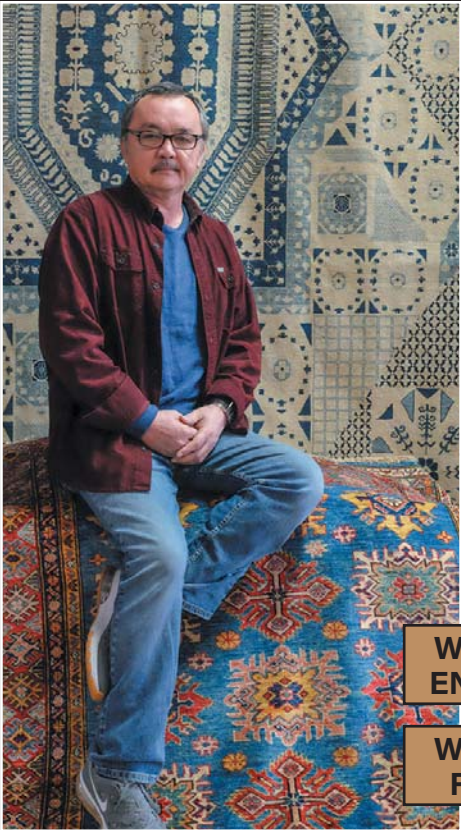
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Junior David Spencer, a starter since his freshman year, is a 6-2, 255-pound, second-team All-Gabilan defensive end for the Padres. He’ll also likely see action on a formidable offensive line.





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SPORTS

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in wrestling, and transfer student Sky Becker, a senior who played defensive back at Salinas High last fall.

Carmel figures to be big, strong and experienced in the trenches, with multiple linemen expected to see action on both offense and defense.

Senior Carl Weigel (6-foot-4, 270 pounds) started at center as a sophomore and returns this year as a starting guard. He'll play on scholarship next season at Fresno State, where his brother Oscar (CHS '24) is on the depth chart at center.

The other guard position will be occupied for the third year in a row by Simon Papazian (6-0, 230), another senior.



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Other returning starters include right tackle Don Desai (6-4, 230), an athletic senior with strong leadership skills, and center Jack Benson (6-2, 235), a junior.

Spencer a big talent

Another notable is junior David Spencer (6-2, 255), who earned second-team All-Gabilan notice as a defensive end.

Spencer leads a formidable defensive line that will include some of the same players from the offensive trenches, along with heavyweight wrestler Alexander Noto-Hagen (6-2, 275) and Brayden Rhodes (6-2, 260), seniors who saw significant action a year ago, junior Lucas Grundy (6-3, 200), a two-way starter on JVs, and junior Chase Borek (6-1, 190), who is expected to play both defensive end and linebacker.

“We’ve got some big bodies this year, and they’re the kind of players who can rotate between offense and defense and keep players fresh,” Anderson said.

Returning starters at linebacker include Madsen, the running back, and Dominik Ranansky, plus versatile senior Justin Radowicz and Lloyd, the tight end, both third-year varsity players.

A deep and experienced secondary will include Brown (first-team All-Gabilan), Briant, the second-team all-division receiver, seniors Ethan Haas at cornerback and Kanan Seeklander at safety (both third-year players), junior Teddy Reiser, a returning starter at cornerback, and Peter Spencer, who started the last four games of the '25 season at free safety.

The defensive backfield gets deeper yet with Rocha, who saw playing time two years ago, Becker, the new-comer from Salinas, junior Chase Jone, a safety and line-backer, junior Drew Arnold and senior Britesen Comello, a cornerback.

Three capable kickers

The roster of kickers is unusually capable, featuring Briant, last year’s mainstay, Sibley, his late-season replacement, and Arnold.

“I see confidence, but not overconfidence, in our team,” Anderson said. “We understand the strength of our division — teams don’t go undefeated in the Gabilan. At some point you’re going to run into somebody who might be a little bit bigger and stronger. We got a good dose of that last year.

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Carter Lloyd, a senior, is a returning starter at tight end and line-backer in his third varsity season with the Padres.

“But if we play good situational football, we can find ways to pluck some victories,” he said. “We don’t go into this thinking we’re the best, but we certainly don’t think we’re the worst, either. We believe we can compete.”

Carmel has non-division road games at Woodside on Sept. 5 and Rancho San Juan on Sept. 11 before opening Gabilan play at home at 7 p.m. on Sept. 18 against North Salinas.

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GAVEL

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prior convictions for attempted murder, kidnapping, may-hem, and assault with a firearm in Riverside County in 1998, and voluntary manslaughter in Monterey County in 2012 — offenses that qualify as strikes under California’s three strikes law.

Hemphill faces 27 years to life, plus an additional 10 years in prison, to be served consecutive to his current 60-years-to-life sentence.

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■ Moody in Monterey

A melancholy folk-rock act from San Francisco, **Sun Kil Moon** plays Saturday, 8 p.m., at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Led by singer **Mark Kozelek**, Sun Kil Moon follows in the footsteps of another moody acoustic group that Kozelek founded, Red House Painters. Sun Kil Moon has recorded 15 albums since its debut in 2003, including its most recent, “Murals,” which came out in April.

Tickets start at \$43. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.



Sponsored by the Carmel Guitar Society, Jennifer Kim performs Saturday at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

■ Stunning virtuosity

In the latest of a series of concerts Carmel Guitar Society is presenting at Pacific Grove Art Center, guitarist **Jennifer Kim** performs Saturday at 6 p.m.

Kim is known for her “stunning virtuosity, refined technique, and deeply sensitive musicality.” “Praised by legendary guitarist Pepe Romero as a ‘wonderful musician,’ Jennifer has established herself as one of the most compelling artists of her generation in the classical guitar world,” the group said.

Tickets are \$40. The center is at 568 Lighthouse Ave. carmelguitarsociety.org.

■ Hot jazz and a cool dip

Live jazz and swing are coming to the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center

pool Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

“Please join us for our third dinner of the summer,” the youth center announced to the public. “Enjoy a relaxing evening by the pool with delicious food by the Bridge Ministries, live music by guitarist **Bruce Forman** and singer **Pam Forman**, and swimming.”

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On a High Note

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acts performing on three stages. The family-friendly event, which starts at 11 a.m. each day, is free.

“The countdown is on for another vibrant weekend of art, music and community,” organizers said.

Saturday’s lineup features **The Money**



The Silver Lining Serenaders play jazz and swing Saturday at Fernwood Resort in Big Sur.

■ Bebop pianist remembered

The Rick Forschino Trio celebrates the legacy of one of the greatest of all bebop pianists, the late Cedar Walton, Sunday, 2 p.m., at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts.

“Walton enjoyed a distinguished career that placed him among jazz royalty,” the center said. “Rick became a Cedar Walton fan after seeing him perform live in the 1980s and was captivated by his compositions which bridged modern and classic jazz. This performance will showcase Walton’s modern harmonies, distinctive compositional ideas and the unique style that secured his place as a jazz legend.”

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Yappy Hour returns, Vin grows, and two new P.G. spots open

IF YOU, like many folks, made a list of things to accomplish before Labor Day — walk barefoot on the beach, eat ice cream at a sidewalk table — you better check the calendar. August is almost gone.

The good news is that Carmel’s summer has barely begun, with the promise of warmer autumn days to come. In the meantime, the Cypress Inn is renewing its popular Yappy Hour with a fundraiser, and Vin by the Sea received permission to expand into a nearby empty space.

The Block Wine Bar in P.G. had a soft opening last weekend and seems to have hit all the right notes with customers, while Pavel’s beloved backerei has nearly completed its metamorphosis into Maison Iris — and long lines are already forming. Read on to learn more.



Maison Iris, in the former location of Pavel’s Backerei in Pacific Grove, is enjoying a well-supported soft opening featuring sweet treats as well as sandwiches like Le Parisien. Lines rivaling those of Pavel’s are already forming.

■ All about the pups

The famously dog-friendly Cypress Inn in downtown Carmel is bringing back its Yappy Hour in Terry’s Lounge with a kickoff honoring founder Doris Day’s unwavering devotion to animal welfare. Beginning with previews Aug. 23-25, the afternoon promotion will officially start on National Dog Day, Aug. 26, and will be reliably offered from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday thereafter.

“More than a happy hour, Yappy Hour is a celebration of everything the Cypress Inn stands for — warm hospitality, coastal California fare, and an unconditional love of animals,” say the folks at the inn who are devoted to carrying on the legacy of Day, who died in May 2019, and her partner in the hotel, the inimitable Denny LeVett, who passed away in October 2025.

Leashed, well-mannered dogs and the people who love and dote upon them are encouraged to gather in the heated outdoor patio and in the lounge by the “short bar,” where canines and people alike can enjoy menus tailored to their discerning tastes.

Salty dogs

The main kickoff event, Paws & Pour at the Inn, will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Aug. 26, with special libations featuring sponsor Tito’s Vodka, dog- and human-friendly giveaways, and a monetary donation from Love, Tito’s to the Doris Day Animal Foundation. Signature cocktails will include the Muttini (Tito’s, Bernardus sauvignon blanc, St. Germain

elderflower liqueur and a lemon twist), the Barkarita (Tito’s, Domaine de Canton ginger liqueur, fresh lime, agave and a salted rim) and the classic Salty Dog, with Tito’s, fresh grapefruit, Campari and a salted rim.

Soup to Nuts

Taking part in the celebration will be nonprofits Peace of Mind Dog Rescue and Animal Friends Rescue Project. They’ll be joined by the Carmel Dog Shop, which has a storefront near the hotel and offers all sorts of pet-centric merchandise and treats.

Previews of Yappy Hour will be offered Aug. 23-25 from 4 to 6 p.m., with the menu offering draft beers for \$7, house wine for \$12 per glass, prosecco for \$11, \$10 well drinks, fried calamari for \$14, smoked chicken wings for the same price, a pair of fish tacos for \$12, the classic Cypress Inn burger for \$24, a basket of plain fries for \$7, sweet or garlic fries for \$9, and various canine delights.

Terry’s Restaurant + Lounge is located inside the Cypress Inn at the corner of Lincoln and Seventh. For more information, visit cypress-inn.com.

■ Vin gets OK to expand

The Carmel Planning Commission last month approved Vin by the Sea’s proposed expansion into a separate storefront in the same courtyard. The restaurant,



There’s a new wine bar in Pacific Grove — the first of its kind, actually — and people are coming in to enjoy selections by owner and sommelier Coby Shammass (behind bar).

which opened nearly a year ago in a former art gallery space in Su Vecino Court on Dolores Street, will take over a long-vacant antiques shop across the courtyard. Its hours and menu will be the same as in the main space, where all the food will be prepared.

Lance and Roslyn Armstrong proposed taking over the vacant shop to allow for eight additional seats, along with one more in the main dining area, bringing their total — between the two spaces — to 35 inside and 17 outside. They were approved to have retail in their restaurant, but they

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The Armstrongs applied for 0.089 acre-feet of water from the city's commercial allocation to accommodate the additional seats, a couple of which would be at the new bar.

City rules and regulations being what they are, much of the discussion at the July 8 meeting focused on a code section stating that a maximum of 20% of a restaurant's seats can be at a bar or in a separate bar room. But not at two bars, so planner Katherine Wallace suggested removing the bar from the plans for the expansion.

Slow sprinklers

Lance Armstrong objected, arguing that patrons enjoy sampling wines and dining at the bar while chatting with the sommelier. He also said the counter is needed to shield the glass washer and other equipment.

"We'd like to be able to move seats between the spaces," he said.

He further argued for eliminating a condition of approval calling for fire sprinklers in the new area, saying it should be part of the building permit, not the planning permit. Regardless of where it's stated, commissioners said, the rule exists, and Wallace explained the department began adding it to planning permits because some applicants were blindsided by the requirement.

"My concern is the time it takes to get

sprinklers in," Armstrong argued.

Their plans to open Vin were sidelined for nine months, he said, due to the sprinkler requirement in the former gallery space. "We lost \$600,000-\$700,000 in revenue and paid \$70,000 in rent" while being unable to open their doors.

Commissioners were unswayed by his complaints and approved the application, with the provision he provide an updated floor plan.

■ New block in town

The Block Wine Bar has been open a little over a week and already seems to be becoming part of the fabric of Pacific Grove. Coby Shammass opened the city's first standalone wine bar last week — "softly and quietly," he said — and sure enough, a crowd showed up.

Curious locals and Car Week visitors popped in and were delighted to find Shammass pouring wine. "It was packed Friday night," he said, and the place was buzzing with conversation and laughter.

The Block pours selections curated by Shammass, a Level 1 sommelier, and caters only to those who are at least 21 years old. You can find a rotating selection of local bottles — take the Caraccioli brut rosé — as well as wines from greater California, like a Russian River pinot noir, along with New Zealand, French and Italian selections. The Block also serves beer and non-alcoholic drinks.

"We want to have something for everyone," he said. Shammass worked in food and beverage locally for the past decade but, with encouragement from his wife, Lexie Shammass — also a P.G. native — he pulled the trigger on pursuing his dream

of owning a business. Lexie is the creative force behind the beautiful décor.

"Growing up, both of my parents were business owners, so I like to think it's in my blood," Shammass said. In fact, he is a third-generation entrepreneur. His grandfather, Jake Shammass, opened P.G. Liquor in 1972, and his dad, Joe Shammass, has owned P.G. Travel since 1979.

The Block Wine Bar plans to introduce small bites, including "a cheese plate, charcuterie plate, Mediterranean plate, à la carte items, a side of olives, pickles, etc.," Shammass said. He also hopes to host live music and plans on taking part in community events like First Fridays and "Roper's Romp," a Hops and Fog-sponsored pub crawl in town with a "Three's Company" theme. (Hops and Fog Brewery is on Lighthouse Avenue near Lighthouse

Cinema.)

The business' name has a dual meaning. It's a nod to grape growing, since vineyards are divided into "blocks" for separate care and harvesting, and to a neighborhood block, conjuring images of warmth and a nice place to meet friends.

It's open noon to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and noon to 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at 665 Lighthouse Ave. Follow along on Instagram and Facebook at The Block Wine Bar.

■ Maison Iris moves into Pavel's

Just up the street on Forest Avenue in P.G., the owners of Maison Iris, formerly

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The Cypress Inn has brought back its beloved Yappy Hour, where four- and two-legged elites meet and mingle. It all kicks off with a special preview and a fundraiser for some of Doris Day's favorite people: Dogs.

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■ Free Dead tribute

California’s First Theatre celebrates the legacy of one of California’s greatest rock bands when writer and historian **John Brackett** presents a free talk and multimedia show about the Grateful Dead Wednesday at 6 p.m. Brackett is the author of a new book, “Touch of Grey, Or How the Grateful Dead Became Pop Stars.”

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■ Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Saturday at noon), **Along Came Betty** (jazz, Sunday at noon), singer and guitarist **Victor Veysey** (Thursday at 6

p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.
Fernwood Resort — The Silver Lining Serenaders (New Orleans jazz and swing, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

■ Carmel

Carmel Mission Inn — Nice Device (Grateful Dead tribute, Saturday at 6 p.m.), **Open Mic Night** (Wednesday at 5 p.m.). 3665 Rio Road.
Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, R&B and dance, Saturday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.
La Playa Hotel — The David Morwood Trio (jazz, Sunday and Tuesday at 5 p.m.) in **Bud’s Bar**, Camino Real and Eighth Avenue.
Cypress Inn — singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, R&B and dance, 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 — Side Hustle (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). In **Carmel Plaza**, Mission and Ocean.
Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St.
Taste Morgan — singer and guitarist **Jim Fucillo** (Saturday at 3 p.m.). 204 Crossroads Blvd.

■ Carmel Valley

Baja Cantina — The Money Band (pop and rock, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 7166 Carmel Valley Road.
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Folk-rock singer and guitarist Sun Kil Moon plays Saturday at the Golden State Theater in Monterey.

Saturday at noon), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.
Folktale Winery — singer and guitarist **Bobcat Rob** (Friday at 4 p.m.), **Two Rivers** (pop and rock, Saturday at 4 p.m.), **Monterey Jazz Regional All-Star Combos** (Sunday at 4 p.m.), **Deep Cuts** (folk and rock, Monday at 4 p.m.), singer and keyboardist **Taylor Safina** and guitarist **Jesse DeCarlo** (Tuesday at 4 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.
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Albatross Ridge Winery — The Landing Trio (Americana, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.
Dust Bowl Brewing Company — singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Thursday at 4 p.m.). 290 Figueroa St.
Hyatt Regency Monterey — singer and guitarist **Sabelle** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Reija Massey** (Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

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BAKERY

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Pavel’s Backerei, had a soft opening on Saturday. It was a familiar scene, with the queue backed up all the way to Ace Hardware as husband-and-wife owners Reda Hamade and Iris Aeschlimann welcomed the community. They have kept some old favorites while introducing new treats, like a decadent brownie served in a steam bun box, or a croissant that’s cube-shaped, a new approach to the classic French pastry.

There were also sandwiches, notably Le Parisien, made with a fresh baguette, ham, cheese and pickles and said to be a staple of the French capital.

Maison Iris will accept credit and debit cards — the establishment was formerly cash only. The owners are still sorting out their hours, but in the meantime, you can follow them on Facebook at Pavel’s Backerei.

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



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Aug. 27 – Worship Concert with Brian Kim and Eun Ha Chung, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Free concert at Carmel Presbyterian Church, SE corner, Ocean and Junipero, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Aug. 29 – Annual open house presented by the Carmel Foundation 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., SE corner of Eighth and Lincoln, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Explore the campus, new Wellness Center, try out programs and classes, and stay for free tacos and treats. Line dancing is set for 1 to 2 p.m. Event is open to all. To learn more, visit carmelfoundation.org or call (831) 624-1588.

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

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

Puma Road at Portola Place — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Maya Rayburn** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl Astrup** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Sardine Factory — singer and guitarist **David Conley** (Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.). 701 Wave St.

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■ Pacific Grove

Il Vecchio Restaurant — **Cena Jazz Trio** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 110 Central Ave.
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Singer and guitarist Jim Fucillo performs Saturday at Taste Morgan in the Crossroads.



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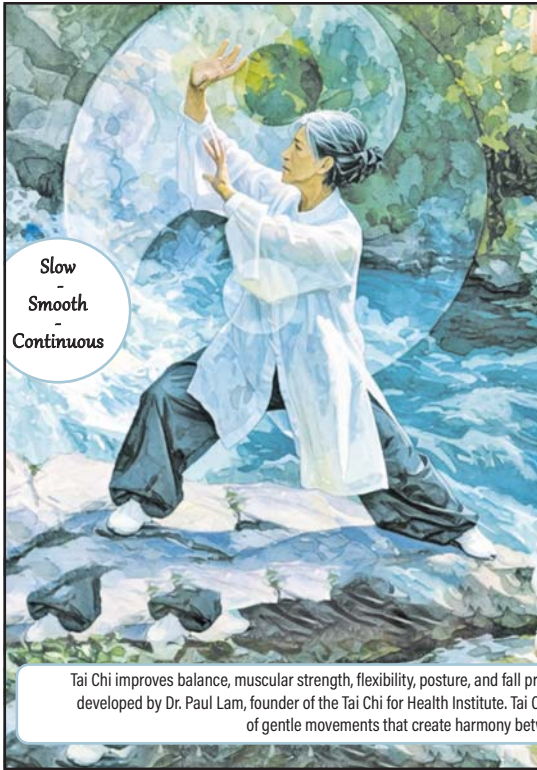
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PERFORM

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Lucy’s on Lighthouse — **The Next Blues Band** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), **Meez** (rock, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

PG Meetinghouse — guitarist **Bruce Forman** and saxophonist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Saturday at 11 a.m.), **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **The Rod Squad** (rock, Sunday at 11 a.m.), **Open Mic** (Monday at 6 p.m., sign-ups start at 5:30 p.m.), **Tribe in the Sky** (“sign up to play or simply enjoy amazing musicians jamming,” Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Pop & Hiss — **J.A.M. & the Buttered Biscuits** (“bluesy funk-rock,” Saturday 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 multi-instrumentalist **Alison Sharino** (Friday at 5 p.m.), guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Saturday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Cortes** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

To update these listings, email chris@carmelpinecone.com



J.A.M. & the Buttered Biscuits will perform Saturday at Pop & Hiss in Pacific Grove.

Stanton Center welcomes trio of short comedies

By CHRIS COUNTS

SERVING UP three short plays that offer “an hour of nonstop laughs,” Soapbox Stageworks presents its Summer Comedy Series on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at Stanton Center Theater in Monterey.

“Summer may be winding down, but we’re not letting it go without one more big laugh,” said Karen Devaney, founder and artistic director of the theater company, which was established in Philadelphia 15 years ago and is now the resident company at Stanton Center. “This year, we’re presenting three wildly different original comedies in one unforgettable evening.”

The first play, “Other Worlds,” was written by Devaney and Tristan Newcomb, who also star in the cast. “Two very different podcasters, a few persistent ghosts and plenty of skepticism collide in this otherworldly comedy,” Devaney said.

The dangers of dating

The second offering, “First Date 2099,” explores the difficult topic of dating as it becomes more litigious in the future. It was written by Mike Byham and stars Chris Rink and Athena Rink.

“Dating in the future comes with rules, contracts and some very fine print,” Devaney said. “Will true love survive the clauses?”

The final play, “Make American Names Great Again,” pokes fun at a federal program “where everything is up for review — including the most personal choices.” It was written by Tonilyn Jackson and stars Allison Lopes and Sonya Rishika Wanderman.

Devaney urged locals and visitors to “grab your tickets, bring a friend and help us fill the theater.” “Laugh more, worry less and support local theater,” she added.

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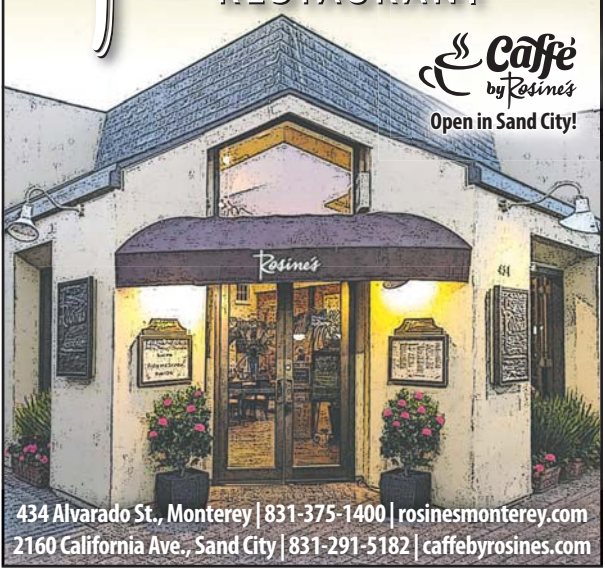
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ARTIST

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the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

In 2003, he became the first British artist to win the U.S. National Association of Limited Edition Dealers Award for his print, “The Journey Never Ends,” and he won again in 2004 for “Bird of Paradise.” That same year, he was honored with the association’s Medal of Honor for artistic services to the limited-edition industry.

Meeting Muhammad Ali

In 2007, he was one of several artists commissioned to create a series of paintings celebrating the life of heavy-weight boxing legend Muhammad Ali.

“We were invited to visit Ali at his house in Scottsdale,” remembered Bekah, 21 at the time. “He already had Parkinson’s and couldn’t really speak to me, but I’ll never forget when he shook my hand.

“He stared right into my eyes, like he was examining the depths of my soul,” she said. “I still get goose pimples, because I understood that that was his way of saying, ‘I can’t say anything to you ... but I see you.’”

In England, the Bulls raised daughters Bekah and Kathryn (“Kat”) in a farmhouse built in 1770 with several barns, all of which Simon converted into art studios.

“I’d come home from school every day and paint. It was a very cool experience,” Bekah remembered. “I was probably around 8 when somebody bought one of my paintings, and one of my dad’s clients became my first collector when I was a teenager. She’d buy my works on a regular basis.”

In July 2003, at 17, Bekah moved to Carmel Valley, managed her father’s gallery in the Barnyard for a year, then enrolled at the Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, where she studied for a year and a half with plans to become a fashion photographer.

She ultimately decided photography wasn’t her thing, but in 2005, at 19, she landed a job in the fashion industry and moved to downtown Los Angeles, where she met Kurz. They bonded over art and the writings of Charles Bukowski, whose poetry and philosophies still influence her.

“We were just really good friends for about 10 years, then ended up getting together in 2016. We’ve been together ever since,” she said.

Shanghai, India, Nepal

In 2010, during an economic downturn, Bull was laid off from her wholesale fashion job, and during the next five years she split time between Carmel and Shanghai, where she visited relatives, taught English and explored the city on her bicycle.

“I did a lot of traveling in Asia and Southeast Asia, loved the people, the food, the fashion ... everything about it,” she said. “I saw buildings that were thousands of years old standing next to some of the tallest buildings in the world, which was pretty amazing.”

Despite the devastating spinal injury in 2012, she

seized an opportunity to travel solo through India by train, “a life-changing experience,” she said, during which she spent time in Nepal and took a scenic plane ride over Mount Everest.

After moving with Kurz to Aspen, St. Helena and, in 2019, to Carmel, Bull discovered that painting could be therapeutic and healing.

“My art is alchemy. I transform life’s grit into vibrant beauty, wiring the darkness into electric light,” she wrote in an artist’s statement.

In Carmel, art became a full-time passion for Bull, who draws inspiration from a line of Bukowski poetry: “Unless it comes out of your soul like a rocket, unless the

sun inside you is burning your gut, don’t do it.”

She feels the sun burning and rides the rocket every day.

“I can’t stop painting now,” Bull said. “I live, breathe, sleep, do everything for art.”

Visit Meuse Gallery on Ocean Avenue (10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday) to see art by Bekah and Simon Bull, Kurz, Erin Lee Gafill, Amy Donaldson and Banksy. View images of their paintings at meusegallery.com.

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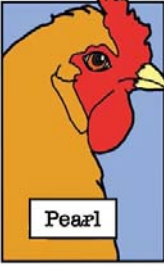
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MORE LETTERS

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permanent roads and severe limits on mechanized equipment inside designated wilderness. Once the Ventana Wilderness was locked in (1969 and later expansions), the option of building or systematically expanding a functional fire-road network was largely removed. NEPA and coastal-zone processes then made even the maintenance of the few remaining roads and fuelbreaks slower, more expensive, and more constrained.

The result on the ground is clear. Crews operate in some of the steepest country on the California coast, often on foot, with aircraft as the primary heavy support, while fire burns through terrain with almost no usable road access. This is a real operational and safety cost. It appears repeatedly on Big Sur fires: limited ground access, heavy reliance on hand crews and air resources, and slower containment in the interior. The people who bear that risk are the hotshots and engine crews working those slopes.

The competing claim is that roadless character and “untrammled” landscape values are worth the cost. The policy framework prioritizes those values by design. However, what is not in dispute is the physical reality for the crews on the line: fewer roads, harder access, higher difficulty, and higher residual risk than would exist under a regime that treated firefighting access as a higher priority.

The terrain was always brutal. Policy choices made the access problem structurally worse. We must now hope and pray that no Cal Fire or hotshot crews are injured or worse, that no structures are lost, and that the Timber Fire yields despite our intentionally constrained firefighting capacity.

David Hurwitz,
Carmel Valley

Restroom crisis
Dear Editor,

There is what appears to be a continued blind eye and denial regarding Pacific Grove’s lack of public restroom facilities.

At some point, the city council, administration and chamber of commerce need to acknowledge the reality: P.G. does not have adequate public restrooms for the number of people who visit our city — particularly at our premier destination, Lovers Point.

August 9 was not a holiday, a special event, or a three-day weekend, yet the line for the restroom extended past the café.

This isn’t a matter of convenience anymore. When that many people are relying on one inadequate restroom facility, it becomes a public health and sanitation issue. Continuing to say that the city “can’t afford” additional restroom facilities is no longer an adequate response. The city needs to find a way to address this basic public need.

Perhaps it is time to think differently.

Instead of continuing to spend significant amounts of money on consultants, why not consider investing in an experienced grant writer whose specific responsibility would be to identify and pursue state, federal, tourism, coastal, and other funding

opportunities for public facilities? Carmel has successfully obtained funding for public improvements through grants and other outside resources.

We also have talented local architects who understand Pacific Grove and its unique character. Why not challenge them to collaborate on attractive, functional restroom facilities that complement rather than detract from our natural environment?

We need the vision and the willingness to pursue the funding.

Consider the heavily used coastal trail. Between the Coast Guard Pier and Lovers Point, restroom access is inadequate. Then there is another significant gap before reaching the facilities at Crespi Pond. This trail is heavily used by walkers, runners, bicyclists, families, seniors, and visitors.

We cannot continue to promote P.G. as a premier coastal destination while failing to provide one of the most basic public needs.

This is not an extravagant request. It is basic infrastructure — and given the volume of people using our coastline, it is an increasingly urgent one, and there is simply no excuse for continuing to ignore it.

Christie Italiano-Thomas,
Pacific Grove

Hiring the disabled
Dear Editor,

In California, a male student who identifies as female can instantly join a girls’ sports team based on self-attestation, backed by aggressive state mandates. Yet, if a disabled Californian applies for a state government job, they face a wall of bureaucratic red tape just to receive a basic accommodation, such as a remote civil service exam.

The contrast in priorities is staggering. California’s civil service hiring process forces disabled applicants through exhaustive medical vetting. To receive a simple accommodation like an online test, applicants must provide extensive, current documentation from medical professionals detailing their physical or mental limitations. If the paperwork is deemed insufficient, the state can deny the request outright, leaving the applicant with no time to appeal.

Meanwhile, California lawmakers fiercely defend policies that bypass objective verification for gender selection in state-funded programs. The state actively sues local agencies to ensure that identity choices require zero institutional friction.

When it comes to progressive social causes, California demands immediate compliance. But when it comes to the Americans with Disabilities Act and helping a disabled person secure a job, the state treats access like a legal luxury. It is time to expose this hypocrisy and demand that Sacramento prioritize real physical accessibility over progressive virtue signaling. People with ADA protections can’t even get a remote interview exam easily. One has to jump through hurdles and hoops, and if the language is not exact, the state will just deny remote interview accommodations.

Yet trans athletes can try out and make the team with no extra hurdles or paperwork.

This has been my recent experience with the California state careers job application and interview process.

Alexis Brausch,
Oakland

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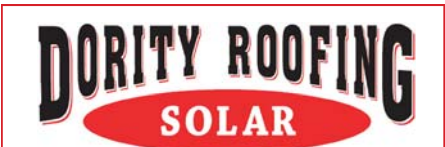
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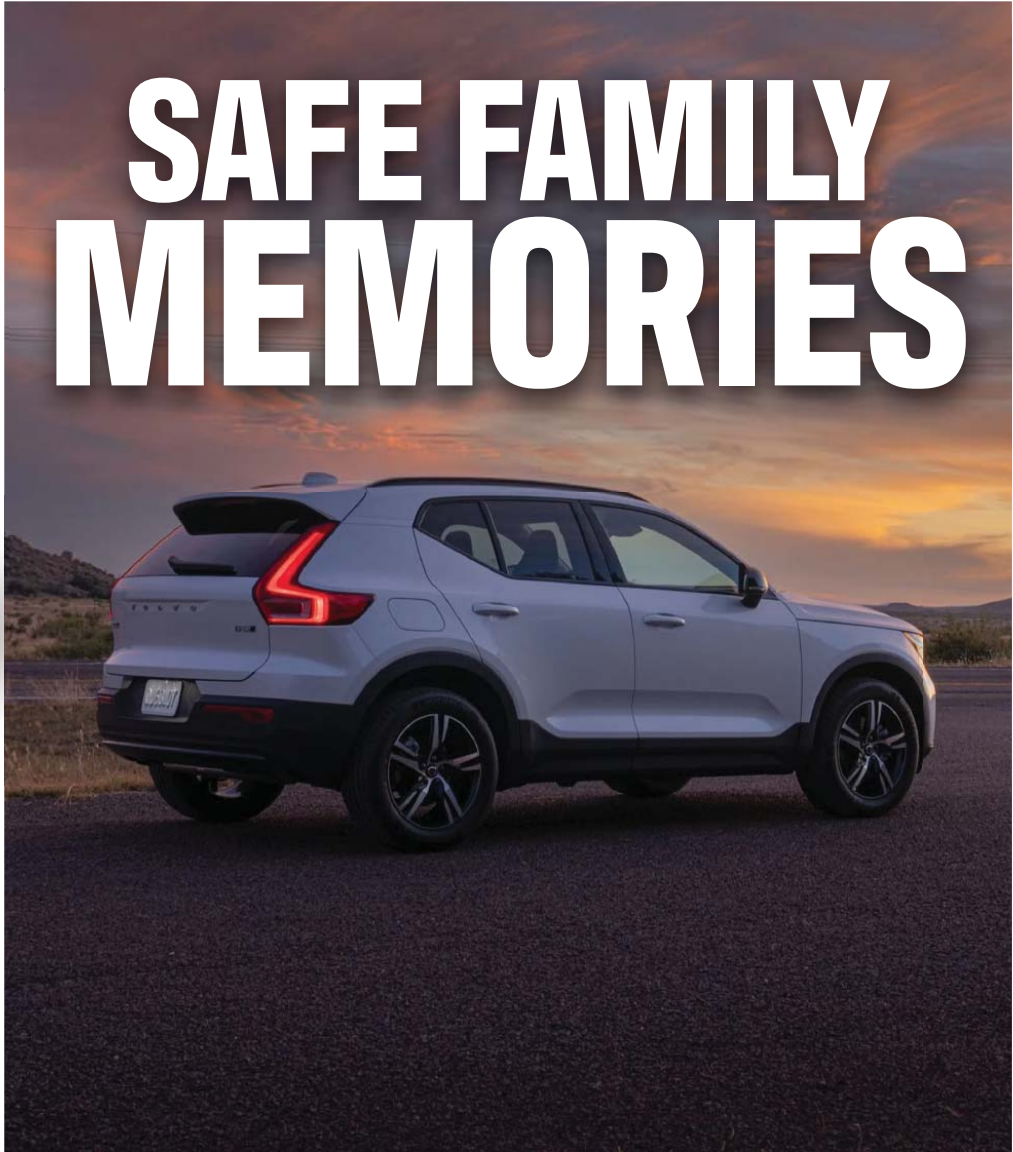
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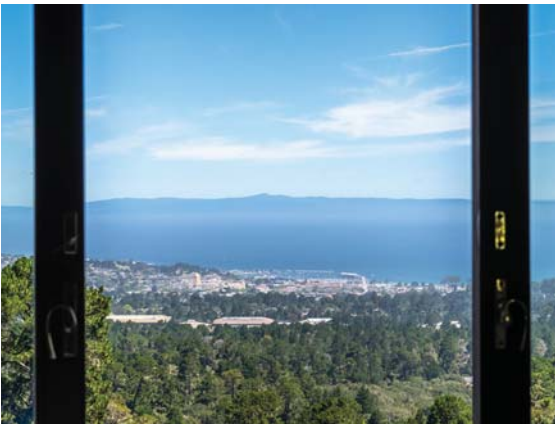
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I've gotten into the ink, and next I might try to get into the paint

THE WNBA has been in the news lately because former NBA player Enes Kanter Freedom has declared his intention to enter the WNBA draft, claiming he meets the eligibility requirements by identifying as a woman. He is 6-foot-10 and weighs 250 pounds. The league is reviewing its transgender participation policies in response. I'm not going to wade into that debate — cable news already has plenty of opinions on it, and mine wouldn't add much.

But watching the clips made me notice how many WNBA players are covered in tattoos. Some have so many on their arms it looks like they're wearing long sleeves. Several are inked to the neck in symbols I couldn't begin to identify. College players, too — it's everywhere. It occurred to me that if eligibility simply means identifying as a woman, I might have an even stronger case. I'm a foot shorter than Enes, true. But I have a tattoo. And if body art is the real requisite for playing basketball with the ladies, I may be more qualified than either of us realizes.

I suspect many of you are surprised that a mild-mannered

correspondent for a large metropolitan weekly — a man who thrives on propriety, gentility and decorum, and is deeply immersed in the social graces — has a tattoo.

Bucket list

My tattoo became part of me about 20 years ago, when I started working through my bucket list. I was reluctant to take the plunge into body art, even though it was one of the to-do's. There's no denying tattoos carry a certain social stigma. They proliferated through the last part of the 20th century, but not so much among people my age.

Fate etched its way into my skin when I was assigned to write an article about tattoos. How could I write about the subject objectively without experiencing the sensation myself?

Every preconceived idea I had about tattoo parlors was blown away the moment I walked into the Gold Coast Tattoo shop in Marina (now on Lighthouse in Monterey). The place was so clean I half expected someone to offer me a

decaf mocha. There wasn't a Harley or a Hell's Angel in sight.

Instead of Popeye the Sailor, I ran into Mary Poppins. Well — Jenny, the tattoo artist, wasn't quite Mary Poppins, but she also wasn't who I expected to find wielding sharp needles. She was bright and chatty, a petite, gamine-faced 24-year-old pretty enough to be the subject of someone else's painting. She loved the optical illusions of M.C. Escher. Her formal training had taken place right there at Gold Coast.

I asked her how one goes from drawing on paper to drawing on skin.

“You practice on a grapefruit first,” Jenny said. “It helps you develop the different techniques you need for

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

different kinds of skin.”

I admitted I was a little worried about the health side of things. Jenny assured me tattooing is regulated by the state Department of Health, and artists have to renew their licenses every year.

"We use new, sterile packaged needles for every client," she said.

Does it hurt?

Jenny said it's like a constant cat scratch — it hurts while the needle's moving, and stops the second she lifts it off your skin. Some spots are more sensitive than others. A first-timer shouldn't get tattooed on the hand or the top of the foot. Biceps are a good place to start, which is why you see so many there.

Anything for a story

Tribal designs were the “in” thing at the moment, she told me, but butterflies, roses and hearts never go out of style.

“Then that’s what I want,” I said.

Jenny's bright brown eyes opened in astonishment. "You want a tattoo? Now? We don't get many people your age coming in for one."

I told her I could hardly write about tattoos without

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POLICE LOG

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost hat reported at Dolores and Ocean.

Pacific Grove: A report of domestic violence on Marino Pines Road was determined to be verbal only. The parties were separated.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle marked for 72-hour parking on 15th Street.

Pacific Grove: Municipal code violation for feeding wildlife at Mermaid Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard resulted in a citation.

Pacific Grove: A report of a battery was taken in the 200 block of 10th Street. The perpetrator left the scene before officers arrived. The investigation is ongoing.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found phone at Del Mar and Scenic.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious circumstances reported involving missing items from a hotel room at Ocean Avenue and Junipero Street. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Officers took a front-lobby report of possible indecent exposure on Congress Avenue. The reporting party did not have any identifying information about the perpetrator.

Pacific Grove: Municipal code violation for feeding wildlife on Ocean View Boulevard resulted in a citation.

Carmel Valley: Persons report on East Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel area: Misconduct report at the Crossroads.

Carmel area: Lost property reported on Rio Road.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

Pacific Grove: A suspect was cited and released after violating a restraining order in the 400 block of Eighth Street by yelling at the victims as they attempted to enter their residence.

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GERVASE

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experiencing the process firsthand. I picked a design, and we got down to it. I'd been so busy thinking I had to experience the process that I hadn't thought much about the needle part until it was 3 inches from my skin — the tattoo equivalent of agreeing to karaoke and then remembering, too late, that you actually have to sing.

Jenny had a soft touch. She was the Tin-toretto of tattoos, an artist working in needles instead of brushes. The cat scratching turned out to be far more tolerable than a dental drill.

It was over in 30 minutes. I left the shop feeling groovy and more than a little roguish. My reflection in the storefront window showed a swaggering buccaneer. Was that a parrot on my shoulder? I half expected to hear a brigantine's cannon fire.

What's that? You want to know where my little heart and rose masterpiece is located?

Arrrgh. That'll cost you, me hearties. Let me put it this way: It's somewhere between Chicago and Nashville. Do you know where Ashtabula is?

So there's my case for the WNBA. No jump shot, no vertical leap, just ink. The league says it's still reviewing eligibility. I just might have a shot at it.

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Dean Provence 831.277.8622
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OPEN SAT & SUN 1-3



OPEN SAT 12-2 & SUN 11-1

17755 Riverbend Road, Las Palmas

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\$915,000

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License# 01710953

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OPEN SAT 12-2



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Teresa Giammanco 831.915.0265
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License# 00996292



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24400 S. San Luis Avenue, Carmel
4 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,533± SQ. FT. | 9,300± SQ. FT. LOT
\$3,850,000
24400sanluisavenue.com
Jeannie Fromm 831.277.3371
License# 01348162



OPEN SUN 1-3



OPEN SAT & SUN 1-3
3017 Forest Way, Pebble Beach
3 BD | 2 BA | 2,008± SQ. FT. | 0.29± ACRE LOT
\$1,995,000
3017forestway.com
Ryan Melcher 831.521.5024
License# 01897036



OPEN SAT 11-3 & SUN 12:30-3
537 Larkin Street, Monterey
2 BD | 2 BA | 1,125± SQ. FT. | 3,330± SQ. FT. LOT
\$1,242,700
537larkinst.com
J.R. Rouse Properties Group 831.218.5738
License# 01968946



OPEN SAT & SUN 1-3



OPEN SA 11:30-1:30 & SU 11-1
306 9th Street, Pacific Grove
2 BD | 1 BA | 780± SQ. FT. | 3,637± SQ. FT. LOT
\$1,029,000
306-9thstreet.com
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OPEN SAT 11-1
336 High Street, Monterey
3 BD | 2 BA | 1,526± SQ. FT. | 4,800± SQ. FT. LOT
\$970,000
336highstreet.com
Steve Hunt 831.601.2200
License# 01953808



820 Casanova Avenue, Monterey
1 BD | 1 BA | 598± SQ. FT.
\$475,000
820casanovaavenue108.com
Dean Provence 831.277.8622
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23.52± ACRES LOT
\$449,000
5vasqueztrail.com
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CARMEL

\$695,000	2bd 2ba	Su 12-2
45 Hacienda Carmel	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	277-6020	
\$899,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
20 Del Mesa Carmel	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	293-3391	
\$925,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
234501 Via Mar Monte, Unit 77	Carmel	
Compass	262-7768	
\$1,050,000	2bd 2ba	Su 12-2
183 Del Mesa Carmel	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	293-3391	
\$1,797,000	3bd 3ba	Sa Su 1-3
25349 Flanders Drive	Carmel	
Compass	345-2249	
\$1,995,000	2bd 3ba	Sa 1-3
24875 N. Carmel Hills Drive	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	318-3808	
\$1,999,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa Su 1-3
28088 Barn Ct	Carmel	
Carmel Realty	884-3868	
\$2,195,000	3bd 3.5ba	Su 1-3
28061 Heron Ct	Carmel	
Carmel Realty	915-7415	
\$2,490,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1-3
24623 Upper Trail	Carmel	
Monterey Coast Realty	521-7099	
\$2,500,000	5bd 3.5ba	Sa 2-4
25000 Pine Hills Dr	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Realty	717-7815	
\$2,695,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
Lobos 3 NW of 4th	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	224-6891	
\$2,800,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 12-2
Lobos SE Corner Valley Way	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	595-0797	
\$2,895,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 11-2
24785 Santa Rita Street	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	238-8116	
\$3,475,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 12-3:30
Santa Rita 4 SW of Ocean	Carmel	
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams	620-2243	
\$3,479,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 1-3
Crespi 2 NW Flanders	Carmel	
Compass	915-6187	
\$3,850,000	4bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
24400 S. San Luis Ave.	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	277-3371	
\$4,350,000	4bd 3ba	Su 2-4
26047 Atherton Dr	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Realty	917-7029	
\$4,500,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 11-2 Su 12-3
95 Yankee Point Dr	Carmel	
Compass	238-1380	
\$4,700,000	4bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
23 Mentone Road	Carmel	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	404-401-8647	
\$5,495,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 11-3 Su 1-4
231 Spindrift Road	Carmel	
Monterey Coast Realty	460-8864	
\$7,450,000	3bd 3ba	Sa Su 1-3
2385 Bay View Ave	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Realty	747-5688	
\$7,950,000	4bd 4ba	Sa 1-3
13th, 2 NE San Antonio	Carmel	
David Lyng Real Estate	277-1834	
\$9,850,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 3:30-6 Su 1-4
26378 Isabella Ave	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Realty	206-0129	

CARMEL VALLEY

\$849,000	2bd 1ba	Su 1-3
65 Hitchcock Canyon	Carmel Valley	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	262-2301	
\$1,298,000	4bd 3ba	Su 1-4
18 Middle Canyon Way B	Carmel Valley	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	277-9022	
\$1,380,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
471 Country Club Dr	Carmel Valley	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	214-2250	

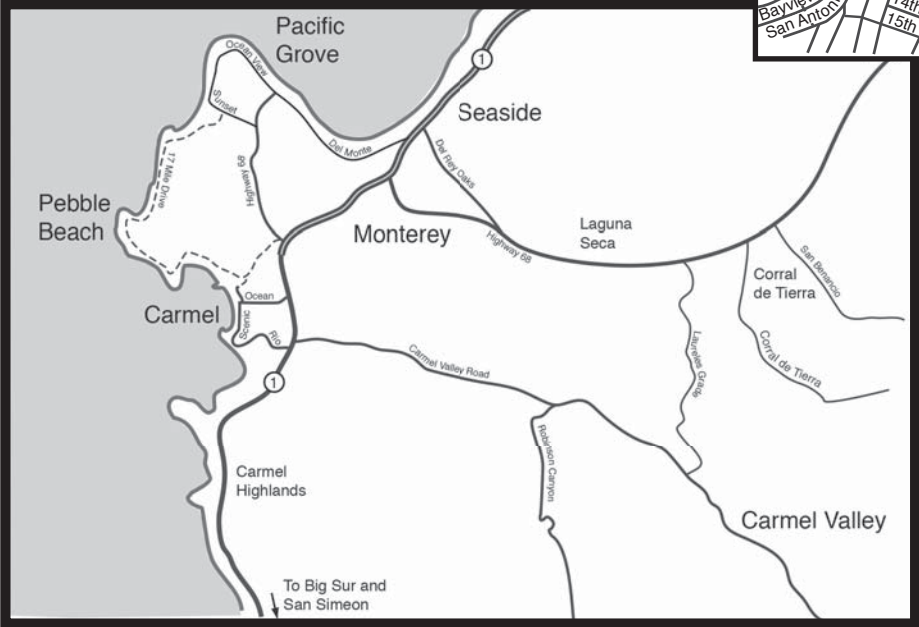


\$1,650,000	4bd 3ba	Sa Su 1-3
37 Poppy Road	Carmel Valley	
Carmel Realty	402-2076	
\$1,679,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 12-2
39 Lilac Lane	Carmel Valley	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	917-3450	
\$1,749,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
4 Paso Del Rio	Carmel Valley	
Monterey Coast Realty	717-7959	
\$1,895,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 2-4
760 Country Club Dr	Carmel Valley	
Compass	915-6394	
\$2,195,000	4bd 3ba	Su 12-2
297 El Caminito Road	Carmel Valley	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	297-9805	

This Weekend's

OPEN HOUSES

August 21 - 23



\$2,650,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 11-1
12724 Sundance Lane	Carmel Valley	
Monterey Coast Realty	650-759-4193	
\$2,695,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 1-3
36 Miramonte Road	Carmel Valley	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	917-9886	
\$4,700,000	5bd 5ba	Sa 1:30-3:30 Su 10:30-12:30
7 San Clemente	Carmel Valley	
Compass	236-5290	

CORRAL DE TIERRA

\$2,495,000	4bd 3ba	Su 1-3
28951 Falcon Ridge	Corral De Tierra	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	601-6453	

DEL REY OAKS

\$548,000	1bd 1ba	Fr 4:30-6:30
121 Quail Run Court	Del Rey Oaks	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	917-1631	
\$899,000	3bd 1ba	Sa 1-3
70 Work Ave	Del Rey Oaks	
Compass	915-9710	



\$1,150,000	2bd 2ba	Su 12-2
1000 Portola Drive	Del Rey Oaks	
Compass	312-6005	
\$1,250,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3:30
29 Los Encinos Dr	Del Rey Oaks	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	214-2545	

HOLLISTER

\$710,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 12-2
1370 Matador Drive	Hollister	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	915-7814	

MARINA

\$560,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3 Su 11-1
3095 Marina Drive, #40	Marina	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	915-1004 / 915-0265	

\$3,129,000	3bd 4ba	Sa Su 1-3
111 12th St	Pacific Grove	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	620-2936 / 238-8029	
\$5,699,000	4bd 3.5ba	Su 12-2
1273 Surf Avenue	Pacific Grove	
Carmel Realty	596-2570	
\$7,200,000	4bd 4.5ba	Sa 1-3
1051 Ocean View Blvd	Pacific Grove	
Coldwell Banker Realty	220-9817	

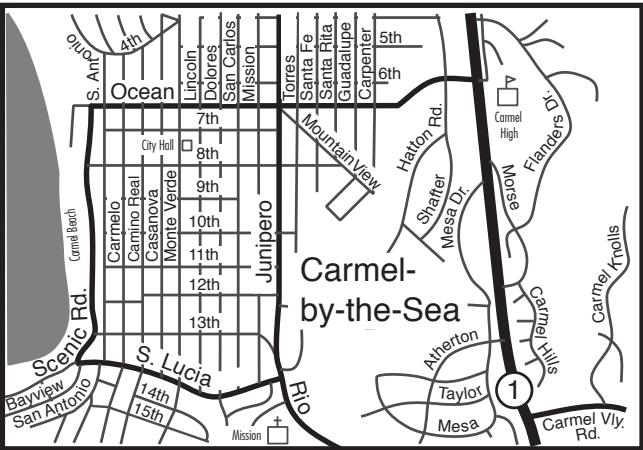
MONTEREY

\$549,000	1bd 1ba	Sa 12-2
300 Glenwood Circle, #258	Monterey	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	238-8029	
\$970,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 11-1
336 High Street	Monterey	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	601-2200	
\$1,225,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 12-3 Su 12-2
1180 Salinas Highway	Monterey	
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams	620-2243	
\$1,242,700	2bd 2ba	Sa 11-3 Su 12:30-3
537 Larkin Street	Monterey	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	915-6391 / 318-3808	
\$1,499,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 1:30-3:30
25 Cielo Vista Dr	Monterey	
Compass	915-9710	
\$1,950,000	3bd 3.5ba	Fr 4-6 Sa 1-4
2110 Messina Place	Monterey	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	444-1718	
\$2,377,000	5bd 2.5ba	Fr Sa Su 1-4
202 Watson Street	Monterey	
Compass	601-0351	
\$3,895,000	4bd 3.5+ba	Sa 11-2 Su 1-4
500 Belavida Road	Monterey	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	277-9250 / 238-4462	

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PACIFIC GROVE

\$849,000	1bd 1ba	Sa 1:30-3:30
418 Fountain Avenue	Pacific Grove	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	869-6117	
\$1,029,000	2bd 1ba	Sa 11:30-1:30 Su 11-1
306 9th Street	Pacific Grove	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	238-8688 / 415-810-8810	
\$1,188,000	2bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
226 Walnut Street	Pacific Grove	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	402-2017	
\$1,375,000	2bd 1ba	Sa Su 1-4
315 Cypress Avenue	Pacific Grove	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	402-4394 / 510-589-6892	
\$1,400,000	2bd 1ba	Sa 11-1
215 Lobos Ave	Pacific Grove	
Coldwell Banker Realty	717-7815	
\$1,450,000	4bd 2ba	Sa Su 12-2
514 7th Street	Pacific Grove	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	917-1631 / 521-4118	
\$1,495,000	2bd 2ba	Fr 2:30-4:30 Sa 11-1
801 Junipero Avenue	Pacific Grove	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	869-6117	
\$1,595,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-4
709 Lobos Ave	Pacific Grove	
Coldwell Banker Realty	884-3919	
\$1,950,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa Su 10-12
917 Fountain Avenue	Pacific Grove	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	318-3808	
\$2,195,000	5bd 4ba	Sa 3-5 Su 11-1
114 Carmel Avenue	Pacific Grove	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	917-1631 / 521-0680	
\$2,250,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 12-3 Su 12:30-3
441 Pine Avenue	Pacific Grove	
Carmel Realty	241-1434	
\$2,295,000	4bd 4ba	Sa 12-2 Su 1-3
135 5th Street	Pacific Grove	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	915-2800	



PEBBLE BEACH

\$849,000	2bd 2ba	Su 1-3
17 Shepherd's Knoll	Pebble Beach	
Carmel Realty	320-6801	
\$899,000	2bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
80 Ocean Pines Lane	Pebble Beach	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	277-8622	
\$900,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 12-2
21 Shepherds Knoll	Pebble Beach	
Compass	236-5290	
\$975,000	2bd 2ba	Su 10-12
75 Ocean Pines Lane	Pebble Beach	
Monterey Coast Realty	317-6336	
\$1,099,000	2bd 2ba	Fr 12-2
4 Ocean Pines Lane	Pebble Beach	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	869-6117	
\$1,995,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
3017 Forest Way	Pebble Beach	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	760-5126	
\$2,398,000	4bd 2ba	Sa 1-4 Su 1-3
3113 Sloat Road	Pebble Beach	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	510-589-6892 / 200-5007	
\$3,098,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 3-4:30
2905 Bird Rock Rd	Pebble Beach	
Compass	238-1380	
\$3,100,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
981 Pioneer Road	Pebble Beach	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	293-4935	
\$3,999,999	3bd 3ba	Sa 12-2
2976 Bird Rock Road	Pebble Beach	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	236-4663	
\$8,920,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa Su 11-3
3978 Ronda Road	Pebble Beach	
Compass	236-5290	
\$8,995,000	5bd 5.5ba	Sa 2-4 Su 1-3
3159 Stevenson	Pebble Beach	
Carmel Realty	521-4855	
\$9,995,000	5bd 6.5ba	Sa Su 1-3
21 Poppy Ln	Pebble Beach	
Coldwell Banker Realty	356-8123	



\$10,000,000	4bd 5+ba	Sa 1-4
1237 Sombria Lane	Pebble Beach	
Carmel Realty	297-3890	
\$11,995,000	4bd 4ba	Sa Su 1-3
1031 The Old Drive	Pebble Beach	
Carmel Realty	277-5544	

SALINAS

\$699,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 12:30-3
9723 Bluestem Path	Salinas	
David Lyng Real Estate	277-1834	
\$829,000	4bd 2ba	Fr 4-6 Sa 9-11
69 Geil St	Salinas	
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams	867-1188	
\$875,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3 Su 1:30-3
25658 Wisteria Ct	Salinas	
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams	224-6759	
\$915,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 12-2 Su 11-1
17755 Riverbend Rd	Salinas	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	915-8989	
\$1,299,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 12-3
14390 Mountain Quail Road	Salinas	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	236-7251	
\$1,495,000	4bd 3ba	Su 1-4
20382 Franciscan Way	Salinas	
Sotheby's Int'l RE	915-2109	

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From page 7RE

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found Apple watch at Del Mar and Ocean.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Family reported a subject missing at Junipero and Fourth. The subject was later contacted and found to be safe.

Pacific Grove: Two municipal code violations for feeding wildlife on Ocean View Boulevard resulted in citations.

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to the 800 block of Sinex Avenue for a disturbance and possible theft. The reporting party declined to press charges and requested the incident be documented. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle marked for 72-hour parking on 18th Street.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle repossession on Forest Avenue. Information only.

OPEN HOUSES

From previous page

SEASIDE		
\$800,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 2-4 Su 1-3
1713 Saint Helena St		Seaside
Coldwell Banker Realty		917-7029 / 596-6118
\$1,329,000	3bd 2.5ba	Fr 3-6 Sa 10-5 Su 11-3
4305 Peninsula Point Dr		Seaside
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		277-8712
\$1,399,995	5bd 3.5ba	Su 1-3
4890 Peninsula Point Drive		Seaside
Sotheby's Int'l RE		318-3808

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Carmel Valley: Information report taken on Tassajara Road.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of a 23-year-old male brandishing a machete on Laureles Grade. He also allegedly made criminal threats, and a 10-year-old female child was present. The incident also involved a 28-year-old male victim.

TUESDAY, AUG. 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult Protective Services referral on Torres Street.

Big Sur: Deputies responded to a report of vandalism on Partington Ridge Road involving an 88-year-old male victim.

Carmel Valley: Suspicious circumstances on Scarlett Road.

Pacific Grove: Subject was placed on a mental health evaluation hold on Alder Street.

Pacific Grove: Subject admonished for trespassing on private property on Sunset Drive.

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office had no incidents to report on the Monterey Peninsula.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject on Fourth Avenue was placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed for expired registration over six months at Monte Verde Street and Ocean Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property at Lincoln Street and Fifth Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle marked for 72-

hour parking on Monarch Lane and Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Ammunition turned in for destruction on Lawton Avenue. Information only.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 1039 hours, officers were dispatched near the 1300 block of Ocean View Blvd for a reported brandishing of a knife and criminal threats.

The victim suffered no injuries, and the suspect fled the scene. The 48-year-old male suspect was later located near the 500 block of Lighthouse Avenue. The suspect was arrested, transported, and booked into the Monterey County Jail.

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Real Estate Activity This Week:

Status	Address	List Price	Sale Price	DOM
List Price Decreased	San Carlos 3 SW of 13th	\$2,400,000	---	68
Contingent	Monte Verde 2 NW of 4th	\$3,195,000	---	99
Sold	Camino Real 4 SW of 2nd	\$3,995,000	\$3,657,856	83
Listing Expired	Crespi 2 NE of Flanders	\$4,195,000	---	248

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File No. 20261421

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
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Registered Owner(s):
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 07/10/2026 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21/26
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File No. 20261453

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7180 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 92923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
HACIENDA CV LLC, 7180 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 16, 2026.
S/Nile Jonathan Estep-Salitrero, President
Date signed: July 16, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 16, 2026.
Publication Dates: July 24, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 2026 (PC 743)

SUMMONS – NOTICE TO Defendant
CASE NUMBER: 26CV001622

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: ADAM ZERMENO
You are being sued.
PETITIONER’S NAME IS: APEX ADJUSTING GROUP, LLC

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court’s lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **¡AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY MONTEREY
1200 Aguajito Road
Monterey, CA 93940

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner’s attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:
JAMES C. HANN, ESQ. #215778 HANN LAW FIRM
84 W. Santa Clara St., Ste. 570, (408) 755-9793
San Jose, CA 95113
Date: March 26, 2026
(s) Christopher Hirt, Deputy

This summons was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 26, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 2026. (PC 831)

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Mikulas Electric.
S/ Jaroslav Mikulas,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 07/20/2026. 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21/26
CNS-4064182#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 2026. (PC 745)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261458

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Zero Mind Signals, 375 Regency Cir, Apt 302, Salinas, CA 93906, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Sylvester Cartagena Ygay, V. 375 Regency Cir, Apt 302, Salinas, CA 93906
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable
S/ Sylvester Cartagena Ygay, V
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 07/16/2026 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21/26
CNS-4064575#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 2026. (PC 746)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261276

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. DIRECT FRONT TRAINING GROUP
2. FAITH BRIDGE SOLUTIONS
17510 Ramadero Way, Aromas, CA 95004.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
HENRY EMILIO CORZANTES-ORTIZ, 17510 Ramadero Way, Aromas, CA 95004.
DAISY VERENICE CORZANTES-ORTIZ, 17510 Ramadero Way, Aromas, CA 95004.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 16, 2026.
S/Daisy Verenice Corzantes-Ortiz
Date signed: June 16, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 16, 2026.
Publication Dates: July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 2026 (PC 747)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 26CV004057
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, ANITA CANDICE GARCIA, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name: ANITA CANDICE GARCIA
Proposed name: ANITA CANDICE GARCIA HERRERA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Sept. 8, 2026
TIME: 10:01 a.m.
DEPT: 15
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
Date filed: July 14, 2026
(s) Ian A. Rivamonte
Judge of the Superior Court
Publication Dates: July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 2026. (PC 751)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE WILLIAM BAERG
CASE NO. 26PR000386

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of WILLIAM BAERG.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KARL SCHISLER in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KARL SCHISLER 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: 09/16/26 at 9:00AM in Dept. 13 located at 1200 AGUAJITO RD., MONTEREY, CA 93940

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

Attorney for Petitioner
CHRISTINA L. CARTER - SBN 277013
ELLE MUSSELMAN - SBN 331088
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25152 SPRINGFIELD COURT, STE. 345
VALENCIA CA 91355
Telephone (661) 259-9000
8/21, 8/28, 9/4/26
CNS-4071148#
CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication dates: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 2026 (PC839)

DATE: Sept. 29, 2026
TIME: 10:01 a.m.
DEPT: 15
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
Date filed: July 24, 2026
(s) Ian A. Rivamonte
Judge of the Superior Court
Publication Dates: July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 2026. (PC 748)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261506

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
TINO'S HAULING, 740 Redwood Ave., Sand City, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
KEVIN DANIEL HERNADEZ, 15190 Amara Rd, Castroville, CA 95012.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 24, 2026.
S/Kevin Hernandez
Date signed: July 24, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 24, 2026.
Publication Dates: July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 2026 (PC 749)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 26CV003828
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, JENNIFER YVETTE BLEIER, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name: JENNIFER YVETTE BLEIER
Proposed name: HANNAH YVETTE BLEIER
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Sept. 8, 2026
TIME: 10:01 a.m.
DEPT: 15
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
Date filed: July 14, 2026
(s) Ian A. Rivamonte
Judge of the Superior Court
Publication Dates: July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 2026. (PC 751)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261510

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE MANIFESTED CLOSET, 17821 Pesante Road, Salinas, CA 93907.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
VANESA DEE CANO, 17821 Pesante Road, Salinas, CA 93907.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 26, 2026.
S/Vanesa Cano
Date signed: July 27, 2026
This statement was filed with the County

Clerk of Monterey County on July 27, 2026.
Publication Dates: July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 2026 (PC 752)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261513

Filing type: ABANDONMENT:
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: Sept. 10, 2024
File No.: 20241706
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
EDUARDO INFANTE HANDYMAN, 3148 Lynscott Dr., Marina, CA 93933.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
EDUARDO SANCHEZ INFANTE, 200 Walker Valley Road, Castroville, CA 95012.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Eduardo Infante
Date signed: July 28, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 28, 2026.
Publication Dates: July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 2026 (PC 753)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261514

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SKILLED AND SAVVY HANDYMAN SERVICES, 200 Walker Valley Road, Castroville, CA 95012.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
EI HANDYMAN SERVICES LLC, 200 Walker Valley Road, Castroville, CA 95012.
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 June 29, 2026.
S/Eduardo Infante, Managing Member
Date: July 28, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 28, 2026.
Publication Dates: July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 2026 (PC 754)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261502

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ELIZABETH'S HOUSE CLEANING, 509 Green St., Apt. B, Salinas, CA 93905.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
MAGDALENA ELIZABETH GERONIMO MATEO.
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/Magdalena Elizabeth Geronimo Mateo
Date signed: July 24, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July. 24, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 801)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261522

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
DON OLE, 219 3rd St., Greenfield, CA 93927.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
OLEGARIO LOPEZ MERINO, P.O. Box 2329, Greenfield, California 93927.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 29, 2026.
S/Olegario Lopez Merino
Date signed: July 29, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 29, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 802)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261524

Filing type: ABANDONMENT:
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: Aug. 22, 2025
File No.: 20251542
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PRONTO INCOME TAX SERVICES, 600 E. Market St., Ste. #100, Salinas, CA 93905.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ROSaura MEDINA FRIAS.
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/Rosaura Medina Frias
Date signed: June 30, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 29, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 803)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261523

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PRONTO INCOME TAX SERVICES, 600 E. Market St., Ste. #100, Salinas, CA 93905.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
FERNANDO ANTONIO SAMAYOA MEDINA.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 29, 2026.
S/Fernando Antonio Samayoa Medina
Date signed: July 29, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 29, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 804)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261530

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
TD ELECTRIC, 23026 Espada Dr., Salinas, CA 93908.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ANTONIO KASANO DIGIROLAMO, 23026 Espada Dr., Salinas, CA 93908.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Antonio K. Digiralamo
Date signed: July 30, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 30, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 805)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261533

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ANTHONY LUNAR HAIR CHART, 24520 Outlook Dr., #17, Carmel, CA. 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ANTHONY RAYMOND MORROCCO, P.O. Box 221367, Carmel, CA 93922.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7/15/2026.
S/Anthony R. Morrocco
Date signed: July 30, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 30, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 807)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261531

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
VALLEY AG MANAGEMENT, 635 S. Sanborn PL Suite #2, Salinas, CA 93902.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
CHRIS B. BURNETT, P.O. Box 443, Salinas, CA 93902.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on NA.
S/Chris Burnett
Date signed: July 30, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 30, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 808)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261496

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
TRESANA, 1491 CYPRESS DR UNIT 827, PEBBLE BEACH, CA 93953, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
COFFEE SHOP LABS LLC, 3102 BIRD ROCK RD., PEBBLE BEACH, CA
This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
S/ TREVOR HAWKINS, MANAGING MEMBER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 07/23/2026 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28/26
CNS-4066713#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 809)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261521

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SHARK CRETE CONSTRUCTION, 1014 El Camino Real N, Salinas, CA 93907.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
JOVANNY LUIS MAGANA
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/18/2026.
S/Joovanny Luis Magana
Date signed: July 30, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 29, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 810)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261538

Filing type: NEW FILING with changes from previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
FOXY COUTURE CARMEL FOX COUTURE
San Carlos St 2 SW 5th Avenue, Carmel, CA 93921.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as show in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
FOXY COUTURE CARMEL LLC, 25496 Carmel Knolls Drive, Carmel, CA 93923.
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/7/2026.
S/Elsa Susan Galvin, CEO
Date signed: July 31, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 29, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 811)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261491 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE YOLK MARKETPLACE, 1757 Soto Street, Seaside, CA 93955. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): JENNIFER PAIGE, 1757 Soto Street, Seaside, CA 93955. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7/01/2026. S/Jennifer Paige Date signed: July 23, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 23, 2026. Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 812)	MONTEREY Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg. J&M Ramirez Enterprises LLC, Fairfax Drive, Salinas, CA 93901. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/3/2026. S/Miguel Angel Rameriz, Vice President Date signed: July 23, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 3, 2026. Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 814) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261499 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ARTISANCAP, 13766 Center Street Suite 210, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg. NWF Advisory Group LLC, 11835 W. Olympic Blvd. #1155E, Los Angeles CA 90064. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. S/Heather Scully, Vice President Date signed: July 23, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 15, 2026. Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 815) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261549 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RAISING IRON COMPANY, 1221 Elm, Ave., Seaside, CA 93955. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): PAUL OELFKE, 1093 Broadway Ave. #567, Seaside, CA 93955. 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/Paul Oelfke Date signed: August 4, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 4, 2026. Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 816) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261544 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HOLDFAST MAGAZINE, 976 Lighthouse Ave. #E, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): Dayna Brown, 976 Lighthouse Ave. #E, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 31, 2026. S/Dayna Brown Date signed: July 31, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 4, 2026. Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 819) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261555 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JL GUERRERO TRUCKING, 1045 Sieber Ave., Salinas, CA 93905. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): Jorge Luis Guerrero 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/Jorge L. Guerrero Date signed: August 4, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 4, 2026. Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 820)
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T.S. No.: 2603040197 Notice of Trustee’s Sale Loan No.: 22434536 Order No. 2781333CAD APN: 012-453-066-000 Property Address: 1031 Highlander Dr. Seaside, CA 93955 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 4/12/2007. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, cashier’s check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier’s check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. No cashier’s checks older than 60 days from the day of sale will be accepted. Trustor: Gary E. Moreali, An Unmarried Man Duly Appointed Trustee: Total Lender Solutions, Inc. Recorded 5/2/2007 as Instrument No. 2007035673 in book N/A, page N/A of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, Date of Sale: 9/15/2026 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: main entrance County Administration Building, 168 West Alisal Street, Salinas, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$75,057.06 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1031 Highlander Dr. Seaside, CA 93955 Legal Description: Please See Attached Exhibit “A” The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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 (877) 440-4460 or visit this Internet website www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2603040197. 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: 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 (877) 440-4460, or visit this internet website www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2603040197 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. When submitting funds for a bid subject to Section 2924m, please make the funds payable to “Total Lender Solutions, Inc. Holding Account”. 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. Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee’s sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee’s deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at https://www.federal-register.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_5 Date: 8/13/2026 Total Lender Solutions, Inc. 10505 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 125 San Diego, CA 92121 Phone: 866-535-3736 Sale Line: (877) 440-4460 By: Diana Rivera, Authorized Signatory Exhibit “A” Legal Description All That Certain Property Situated In The County Of Monterey, And State Of California, Being Described As Follows: Parcel I: Lot 97 As Shown Upon That Certain Map Entitled, “Tract No. 1046, Seaside Heights”, Which Map Was Filed For Record In The Office Of The Recorder Of The County Of Monterey, State Of California In Volume 16 Of “Cities And Towns”, At Page 9. Parcel II: A Non-Exclusive Easement For The Use And Enjoyment Over And Across Common Area Parcel A And Ingress, Egress, Road And Utility Purposes Over And Across All Those Private Streets As Shown Upon That Certain Map Entitled, “Tract 1046, Seaside Highlands”, Which Map Was Filed For Record In The Office Of The County Recorder Of The County Of Monterey, State Of California On December 5, 1986 In Volume 16 Of “Cities And Towns”, At Page 9. Parcel III: An Easement For Party Wall Purposes And For Roof Overhang And Maintenance As Provided For In Article 11, Section 3 Of The Declaration Of Restrictions Recorded December 5, 1986 In Reel 2033 Of Official Records Of Monterey County At Page 660. Publication dates: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 2026 (PC841)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261544 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CARMEL STAGING, 3771 Rio Road #109, Carmel, CA 93923. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): JUDY TOLLNER, P.O. Box 5477, 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 N/A. S/Judy Tollner Date signed: July 31, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 4, 2026. Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 821) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261558 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CARDINALI ELECTRIC, 652 San Mateo Place, Salinas, CA 93901 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): John Diego Cardinalli This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 4, 2026. S/John Diego Cardinalli Date signed: August 4, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 4, 2026. Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 822) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261561 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MBS BUSINESS SYSTEMS MONTEREY BAY SYSTEMS 325 Victor St., Suite A, Salinas CA, 93907. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg. Monterey Bay Office Products Inc., CA This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/2/2010. S/Armando Gonzalez, President Date signed: August 5, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 5, 2026. Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 823)	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261563 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 111 HOME REPAIR, 905 Kimball Ave., Spc. #17, Seaside, CA 93955. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): Ramon Meza This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7/01/2026. S/Ramon Meza Date signed: August 5, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 5, 2026. Publication Dates: Aug. 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 2026 (PC 825) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261541 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HOWDY HONEY, 7156 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg. The Abalone League LLC, 11 Via Contenta No. 64, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. S/Sarah Hendrix, Manager Date signed: July 31, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 31, 2026. Publication Dates: Aug. 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 2026 (PC 827) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261567 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SPOTLESS BAY CLEANING SERVICES, LLL, 1115 5th St. #3, Monterey, CA 93940. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg. Spotless Bay Cleaning Services, LLC, 1115 5th St., #3, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 13, 2026. S/Ghimela Daniels, Manager Date signed: August 6, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 6, 2026. Publication Dates: Aug. 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 2026 (PC 828)	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261202 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MIND AND MOVEMENT PHYSICAL THERAPY, 22637 Equipoise Rd., Monterey, CA. 28037. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): Preston Jung Kunwar, 22637 Equipoise Rd., Monterey, CA 28037. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 8, 2026. S/Preston J. Kunwar Date signed: June 8, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 8, 2026. Publication Dates: Aug. 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 2026 (PC 829) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261487 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Tom Compagno Construction Inc, 19225 Reavis Way, Salinas, CA 93907 County of MONTEREY Registrant(s): Tom Compagno Construction Inc, 19225 Reavis Way, Salinas, CA 93907 This business is conducted by a Corporation Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Tom Compagno Construction Inc S/ Gaetano Tom Compagno, CEO, CFO,Secretary This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 07/22/2026. 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11/26 CNS-4069293# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2026 (PC 832) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261560 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Minds and Milestones, 158 Echo Valley Rd, Salinas, CA 93907 County of MONTEREY Registrant(s): Chelsea Joy de Goede, 158 Echo Valley Rd, Salinas, CA 93907 This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. S/ Chelsea de Goede, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/05/2026. 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11/26 CNS-4069985# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2026 (PC 833) legals@carmelpinecone.com
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Monday, August 31, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.,** the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing via teleconference and in person at the City Hall Council Chambers located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS:

APP 26270 (McWhorter)
Krista M. Ostoich, Esq. for
for Bruce and Linda Taylor, Appellants
Carmelo Street 2 northeast of Ocean Avenue
Block: GG, Lot: 4 & 6
APN: 010-252-013-000

Consideration of an Appeal, APP 26270 (McWhorter), by Bruce and Linda Taylor, of the Planning Commission’s approval of a Final Design Study, DS 25019 (McWhorter), and Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of an existing single-family residence and the construction of a 1,555-square-foot two-story residence, inclusive of an attached garage, located at Carmelo Street 2 northeast of Ocean Ave in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-252-013-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) and Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case

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

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

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

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

Nova Romero, MMC
City Clerk

Rated: 08/18/2026

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Highway 68

21 Paseo Hermoso — \$901,500
Paul Powers to Susan Powers
APN: 161-091-006

1443 Manor Road — \$1,900,000
Kevin Edwards to Christopher and Denise Dinner
APN: 101-111-008

Marina

599 Santa Ynez Way unit C — \$380,000
The Sea Haven LLC to Yelena Muratova
APN: 031-295-017

599 Santa Ynez Way unit D — \$380,000
The Sea Haven LLC to Ji Soo Lee and Min Kyu Kim
APN: 031-295-018

3070 Sunset Avenue unit 7 — \$567,000
Fernando Raymond to Azucena German
APN: 032-471-007

476 Larson Court — \$820,000
Ryan Baird to Millicent Aryani
APN: 032-361-039

2324 Bayside Avenue — \$1,159,500
Shea Homes LP to Mark Zaky and Ramsis and Awatef Shenouda
APN: 031-223-059

253 Santa Lucia Lane — \$1,390,500
Marina Station Phases 1 and 2 LLC to Lori Geraci
APN: 032-561-083



21 Paseo Hermoso, Highway 68 — \$901,500

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Monterey

451 Dela Vina unit 108 — \$565,000
Linda Gorton to Peggy Pottier
APN: 013-331-024

1201 David Avenue — \$840,000
Joan Franz to Lori Lietzke and David Goupil
APN: 001-136-001

1294 David Avenue — \$889,000
Christopher McClure to Yuezhen Fan
APN: 001-137-011

677 Taylor Street — \$968,000
Green Vision Assets to Adam and Sydney Lundy
APN: 001-202-030

947 Franklin Street — \$1,200,000
William Bevier to Matthew and Lisa Van Dyke
APN: 001-342-005

Pacific Grove

516 8th Street — \$911,000



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Elizabeth Labor Trust to Mitchel and Jeffyne Telson
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Cara Wilmoth to Christopher, William and Cynthia Gates
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1852 Laguna Street — \$693,000
Salvador Pizzo and Maria Chen to Nazario Montoya and Quinonez Echeverria
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