

Dispute over excavation at The Pit settled

■ Construction reaches street level

By MARY SCHLEY

A BATTLE over insurance money and who’s responsible for damage to the buildings that border the property at Dolores and Fifth now formerly known as The Pit has come to an end, just as construction on the mixed-use



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Mixed-use Ulrika Plaza is starting to take shape as The Pit is no longer a pit. Neighbors to the west and south reached a settlement regarding damage to their buildings.

complex, called Ulrika Plaza, reached street level. The 16,000-square-foot property bordered by The Carmel Foundation’s Haseltine Court apartments to the west and the Carmel Art Association’s gallery to the south earned “The Pit” nickname after Leidig Draper Properties excavated the site to make way for the garage for its large project but stopped work in March 2019 after running out of money. Later that year, foundation and art association representatives said the digging and compaction had damaged their buildings, including making one of the Haseltine apartments unsafe to inhabit and dropping parts of the property as much as 6 inches. The gallery reported cracks in the walls and ceilings, and floors settling. The developers ended up selling to Patrice Pastor in 2020 for \$9 million when then-Mayor Dave Potter convinced him to buy the blighted property, and, following numerous hearings and redesigns, his local firm, Esperanza Carmel, received approval from the planning commission for the mixed-use Ulrika Plaza project in August 2023.

Raised funds

The foundation and the art association sought reimbursement from Leidig Draper’s insurance company, along with help from Esperanza, for the damage to

See **THE PIT** page 29A

New fireproofing rules for all Carmel homes

By MARY SCHLEY

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, property owners can place gravel or other permeable fire-resistant materials around their homes without penalty, following a unanimous vote by the Carmel City Council on Tuesday. The emergency ordinance amending the city’s municipal code also requires woodpiles to be located away from structures and mandates the use of fire-resistant vents and windows. The “urgency ordinance establishing interim home-hardening regulations citywide” aims to “improve wildfire resilience throughout Carmel-by-the-Sea while more permanent regulations are developed,” according to acting city administrator Brandon Swanson. Gravel, decomposed granite and other non-plant materials have long counted against site coverage on a property, which discouraged people from using them. “Gravel counts as site coverage just like concrete,” Swanson said. “To put it around your house, you get dinged.” Instead, homeowners commonly use “natural” materials like mulch and wood chips.

Putting state’s ‘Zone Zero’ policies into effect

Woodpiles

But with new state rules severely restricting the presence of anything flammable near structures in what the state calls “very high fire hazard” zones, the council decided to remove the “regulatory barrier to creating a noncombustible area immediately adjacent to homes.” The ordinance adopted Sept. 1 also extends rules already in place for properties in high-hazard zones and

See **FIREPROOF** page 17A

Legislature ends session with slew of bills

■ Setback for Newsom on utility liability

CALIFORNIA LAWMAKERS have left a pile of bills on the desk of Gov. Gavin Newsom, who will have to decide what to sign with his 2028 presidential campaign in mind. The legislative session officially ended Tuesday morning with lawmakers sending the governor a wide range of new laws, spanning from restricting the job prospects of

to pay when their equipment ignites catastrophic wildfires. Newsom wanted a law that would eliminate the ability of insurance companies to recover victims’ payouts from utilities while also restricting financial compensation for the pain and suffering of victims. The proposal was wildly unpopular, and even a last-minute deal that nixed most of Newsom’s plan fell apart Tuesday morning, highlighting

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AS BIG SUR FIRES SPREAD, ONE GROWS FASTER

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE TWO largest wildfires in California are raging in Monterey County for the third time in the past two decades. But it’s the second one, the Plaskett Fire, that’s spreading more quickly. “The Plaskett Fire remains far more volatile and is continuing to grow,” Cal Fire reported Thursday morning. “Steep, rugged terrain, heavy vegetation and limited access are complicating suppression efforts. Crews are focused on strengthening existing control features and limiting further spread, with structure defense and protection

of critical infrastructure remaining top priorities.” For the fires to meet, one would have to cross Nacimient-to-Fergusson Road, which is no certainty given the vast array of firefighting resources deployed. The two blazes are about 16 miles apart.

Massive areas burned

The Plaskett Fire, which broke out Aug. 26, has burned 29,123 acres — surpassing the size of the Timber Fire, which started Aug. 8 and has burned 25,226 acres. The

See **FIRES** page 31A

Well drilling underway at former C.V. airport

By CHRIS COUNTS

DEVELOPER PATRICK Orosco is drilling four wells at the former Carmel Valley Airfield, where he previously announced plans to build 90 homes, Monterey County officials confirmed this week. But they also said the builder’s development application has lapsed. County building official Craig Spencer told The Pine Cone that Orosco did not file an application “within 180 days of the preliminary application.”

Multiple permits

“There is no vested application for a subdivision pending on the site at this time,” he said. But Spencer provided details about a well-drilling rig at the airfield, which he reported is working on the second of

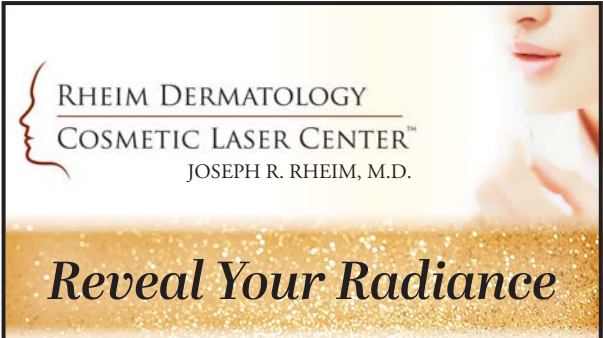
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PHOTOS/(ABOVE) KYLE EVANS, (RIGHT) FIRST RESPONDER THERAPY DOGS

The Timber Fire (above) ignites the ridgeline of one of Big Sur’s steep and densely forested coastal canyons as it becomes the largest in the state. A Marin County-based group is helping to de-stress firefighters by introducing them to therapy dogs (right).





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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Second generation

Last week, we met Cavalier King Charles spaniels Minka and Gus from Pebble Beach. Since then, we’ve learned they were cavalier enough to have puppies. Twice. Bellini, now 6, and Martini, 2, are sisters from different litters.

Both pups belong to the sister of Minka and Gus’ owner, who has raised them alongside their parents in Pebble Beach but is preparing to move her little brood to San Francisco.

“Gus was supposed to be fixed, but clearly it didn’t happen in time, and Minka got pregnant,” their owner said. “At least our mom knew how to handle newborn puppies, since her dog had puppies when Mom was a child.”

The first litter produced three pups. So many people had spoken for them and were filled with anticipation and excitement, but Minka “overpromised and under-delivered,” her owner said.

Those puppies were so adorable that the folks still hoping for one urged the family to allow a second litter. This time, Minka overdelivered with a brood of seven Cavaliers.



“My sister has Bellini, from the first litter, who is not as cuddly as Martini, from the second litter. She is so much like her father, Gus,” her owner said. “They both love to chase and hog the ball.”

Yet, when at the beach, Martini waits only so long before she steals the ball and then lies down on it to claim ownership, her owner said.

Like Minka, Martini loves attention from any person and every dog. “A social butterfly,” her owner said. “She loves to make friends, flitting from one to another.”

Unlike their parents, who share a crate at night – and we know how that worked out – Martini and Bellini prefer separate crates. Unwilling to share their space, each claims her own, never having to be told whose is whose.

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INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW.

By MARY SCHLEY

ON THE heels of a very busy Car Week and a spring season that saw huge traveler numbers with the reopening of Highway 1, the Carmel Residents Association, the city’s destination marketing group, and the chamber of commerce are working with a regional agency to develop a plan to better manage tourism.

With consultant Cathy Ritter of Better Destinations, which seeks to create “flourishing tourism economies while addressing complex challenges,” they hosted a town hall meeting last month to solicit feedback from community members and this week launched an online survey.

“You are among the special places in this country, in this world, that are dealing with issues around visitor management,” Ritter told the group in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center Aug. 20. “You’re where people want to go, they know about you — you’re famous — and they want to experience what you have on their vacations.”

Get what you want

But that popularity creates traffic and parking problems and consumes resources, she said, so the goal is to figure out how to manage visitation and reduce its impacts.

“How can Carmel get what it wants out of an economy that is the backbone of its finances?” she asked. And how can it enhance the visitor and resident experience?

Ritter said she plans to “deliver practical data-driven recommendations that are informed by stakeholder input and research” by November.

Carmel, like other Monterey Peninsula

cities, wants the visitors it has to stay longer, rather than to attract more of them, according to Ritter. She observed that “most of the places that have the challenges you’re experiencing” have similarly small populations.

Ritter, along with representatives of Visit Carmel, the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, the Carmel Residents Association and See Monterey, the county’s regional tourism agency, invited participants to share their thoughts at the session, and they launched an online survey Tuesday that “is part of a community-led effort to identify opportunities for managing Carmel tourism while safeguarding our

community’s unique character, economic vitality, resident quality of life and visitor experience.”

‘Three best reasons’

The questionnaire begins with basic demographic questions, including age, city of residence and workplace location, and then asks respondents to rate the quality of life here in comparison with other California locations and beyond.

It asks for “the three best reasons” to live in Carmel, along with the three most important ways that life here could be improved, and goes on to inquire about the frequency of visits downtown and to the beach, reasons for going, modes of transportation, and jobs.

On tourism impacts, it asks about the ease of parking in town during certain times of the day, week and year, and seeks opinions on possible solutions, such as shuttles, stiffer fines, paid parking and new

Opinions sought on what kinds of visitors are best for Carmel

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Rubber met road, noise was made

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the police departments of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Pacific Grove, Monterey, Seaside and Marina. This week's log was compiled by Mary Schley.

THURSDAY, AUG. 13

Pacific Grove: At approximately 2221 hours, a traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle that ran the stop sign at Congress Avenue and Lighthouse Avenue. The 21-year-old male driver was found to not have a valid license, the vehicle was towed, and the driver was cited and released.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 2323 hours, a traffic stop was conducted for vehicle violations in the 300 block of David Avenue. The 48-year-old female driver, who was out on her own recognizance and had search terms, was found in possession of suspected crystal methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia, which was in violation of her release

terms. The suspect was cited and released at the scene.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a report of stolen property on Cypress Drive involving a 70-year-old male victim.

Carmel Valley: Deputies documented a fraud on Oak Meadow Lane involving an unknown perpetrator and an 80-year-old female victim.

Big Sur: Report taken on Highway 1 for forced oral copulation.

Pebble Beach: Suspicious circumstances reported on Cypress Drive.

FRIDAY, AUG. 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found necklace at Junipero Street and Fourth Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost scarf at Junipero Street and Fourth Avenue.

See **POLICE LOG** page 9RE in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Aug. 13 — Nicolas Mejia Ruvalcaba and Ana Ortiz Ruvalcaba, both 73, have entered no contest pleas to charges arising from the unlawful and dangerous housing they provided on their 23-acre property in Royal Oaks.

Nicolas Ruvalcaba pleaded no contest to two felony counts of tax evasion with the aggravated white collar crime enhancement, as well as misdemeanor charges of providing unpermitted housing and failure to maintain workers' compensation insurance. Ana Ruvalcaba pleaded no contest to misdemeanor tax evasion, providing unpermitted housing, and failure to maintain workers' compensation insurance. The Hon. Mark Hood is scheduled to sentence the Ruvalcabas on Sept. 29.

The Ruvalcabas concurrently entered into a settlement resolving the People's civil unfair competition lawsuit against them. The

civil enforcement action addressed numerous violations, including maintaining dangerous structures unfit for human occupancy, failing to install smoke detectors in occupied structures, operating a public water system without a permit, and performing unlawful grading of slopes, among other violations of law.

Under the stipulated plea agreement in the criminal case and stipulated final judgment in the civil enforcement action, the Ruvalcabas will pay a total of \$800,000, which includes \$450,000 in victim restitution; \$134,560 in unpaid taxes to the California Franchise Tax Board; \$67,174 in fines and costs to Monterey County Housing and Community Development; \$10,588 in costs to the Monterey County Environmental Health Bureau;

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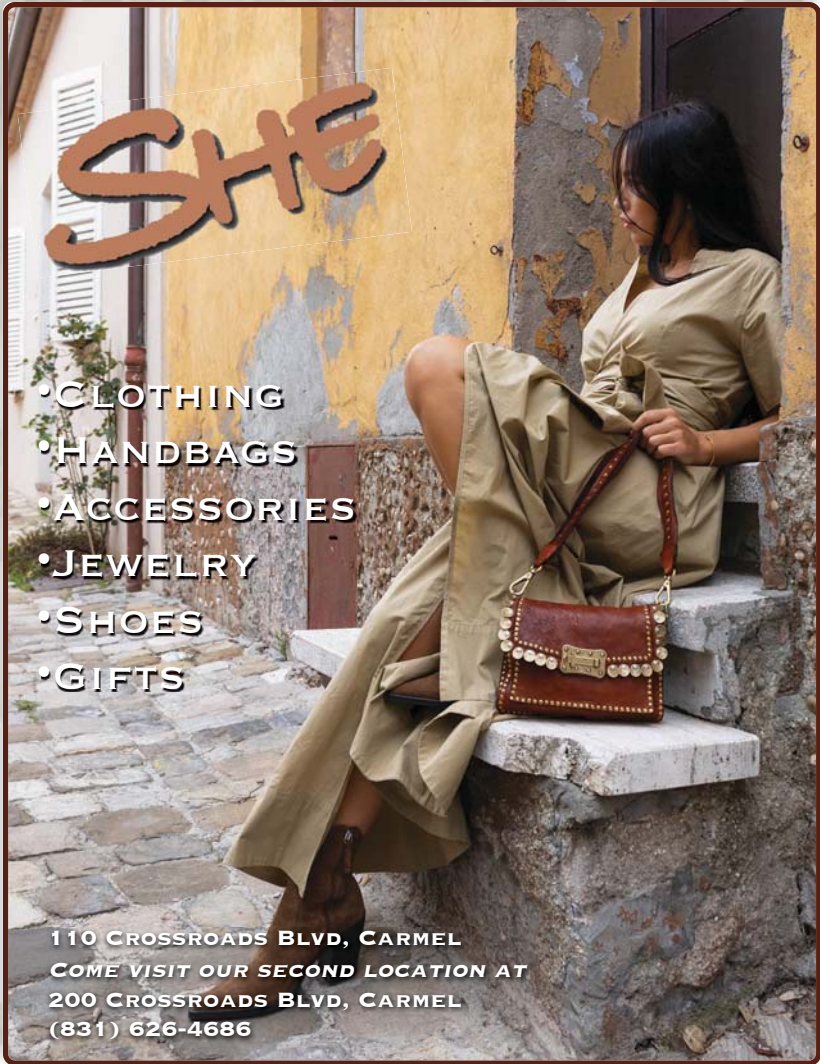
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Suit over cyclist's death settled

By MARY SCHLEY

THE WRONGFUL-DEATH lawsuit filed against the woman accused of hitting and killing a Monterey man while he was bicycling on 17 Mile Drive in Pebble Beach last December has settled, according to documents filed in Monterey County Superior Court last month. The misdemeanor criminal case against Dana Lauchlan, 62 at the time, is proceeding.

In the civil complaint filed by attorney Larry Biegel on behalf of Naomi Pollack and her daughters, Lauchlan is described as driving a 2011 Toyota Venza southbound on 17 Mile Drive while avid cyclist and Cal State University Monterey Bay professor Seth Pollack was riding northbound on 17 Mile Drive.

“He was an experienced cyclist and had traveled this route on many occasions,” the complaint said. Lauchlan turned left and “entered decedent’s path in such a sudden manner that she collided head-on with the decedent’s bicycle with the bumper of her vehicle.”

Pollack was “violently ejected from his bicycle and sustained catastrophic blunt force trauma” after his “body first struck the front windshield of the Toyota, shattering it, and was then propelled upward into the air, subsequently crashing through the glass moonroof of the Toyota before coming to rest in the back seat.”

Medics pronounced Pollack dead at 9:33 a.m.

On behalf of herself and their two daughters, she sued for negligence and “loss of financial support, loss of companionship, care, comfort and society, and other economic and non-economic losses,” and said Lauchlan had a duty “to operate her motor vehicle with reasonable care and to keep a proper lookout for other roadway users, including bicyclists.”

Payment pending

In June, the parties told the court they were working on a settlement, and at a July 21 case management conference, Biegel reported the suit had been served and

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Tangle over boat rental business

By KELLY NIX

THE OWNERS of a Monterey paddleboat rental business that has long operated on Lake El Estero have temporarily shut down and laid off employees because an overgrowth of weeds in the lake has prevented the boats from operating.

Tourists and locals hoping to take a self-guided tour of the lake on one of the famous swan boats offered by El Estero Boating are out of luck. A sign near its dock on Del Monte Avenue says it's closed, and the boats — during what should be a busy time of year — are covered with blue tarps. The owners blame the closure on the City of Monterey for not cutting overgrown weeds in the roughly 20-acre lake, which make it difficult, if not impossible, for the paddleboats to function.

“It’s Monterey’s job to maintain Lake El Estero, and it has not done so for two years,” a sign at El Estero Boating at 798 Del Monte Blvd. says. “This forced our business to close, a loss of revenue for our business and the city, and we had to lay off

four valued employees.” The sign goes on to say El Estero Boating, founded in 1966, rejects the city’s contention that state permits are needed to cut the weeds. The owners also say city officials rejected their offer to purchase a machine so they could cut the vegetation themselves.

“We don’t anticipate reopening until rain tamps the weeds down this winter,” the business says. “Those are our slowest revenue months.”

Meanwhile, the boat rental company says that “birds and fish are dead and dying,” and the “ecological balance and look of the lake is a mess.”

Lots of red tape

Monterey Parks and Recreation director Nicole Banks said the city “recognizes the significant operational impact” that the weed — which she said is called widgeon grass — “is having on El Estero Boating.”

“At the same time, the city must follow the applicable environmental review and state regulatory processes before undertaking the work” to cut the grass, she told The Pine Cone Wednesday.

The city last year began the process of getting a permit from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to cut back the grass, and the application is under review, Banks said.

“The city previously estimated that the overall permitting process could take approximately one year,” Banks said. Monterey “is working to advance the process as quickly as possible while ensuring



PHOTO/KELLY NIX

El Estero Lake is overrun with a grass that needs trimming. The vegetation has forced a paddleboat rental business to temporarily close.

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NEWSOM NAMES NEW COUNTY JUDGE

By KELLY NIX

GOV. GAVIN Newsom has selected an attorney from one of Monterey County’s most prominent law firms to serve as a Superior Court judge.

On Aug. 24, Newsom announced he had appointed Lindsey Berg-James, an attorney with Noland, Hamerly, Etienne & Hoss, to the bench. A Salinas native who has practiced law since 2012, she will fill the seat vacated by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Timothy Roberts, who retired.

“I am deeply honored by Governor Newsom’s appointment to the Monterey County Superior Court, and I look forward to serving the community I grew up in and have spent my career practicing law in,” Berg-James said in a statement provided by the court.

She has been a shareholder at the Salinas-based law firm since 2021 and an associate there since 2016. From 2013 to 2015, Berg-James worked at Schiff Hardin in

San Francisco.

Monterey County Presiding Judge Rafael Vazquez said Berg-James “brings to the bench a remarkable combination of legal ability and practical courtroom experience. She has distinguished herself as a highly respected civil litigator, handling complex matters from the earliest stages of litigation through trial, while earning the respect of judges, colleagues, opposing counsel, clients, and court staff.”

‘Positive contribution’

Vazquez added that the county judiciary looks forward to “working with her and witnessing the positive contribution she will make as she begins this important new chapter of service to our community.”

In 2007, Berg-James received her bachelor’s degree in history from UC Berkeley, and in 2012 received her J.D. from University of California Law San Francisco.

Court officials said her swearing-in date will be announced soon.

Berg-James is a Democrat.

DA: Midwesterner disfigured P.G. man

By KELLY NIX

DISTURBING DETAILS have emerged in the case of an Illinois man accused of violently attacking a Pacific Grove resident he was visiting in May, according to court documents.

On May 21, at about 9 p.m., Pacific Grove police were called to an apartment on Moreland Avenue for a report of an argument between two men. When officers arrived, they looked through an apartment window and saw Kevin Birdo, 50, of Centralia, Ill., cutting his own arm with a steak knife. Officers confronted Birdo, who eventually dropped the knife and walked outside, where they handcuffed him.

Inside, officers found Hubert Lee Garrett III, 50, unconscious in a bedroom with

suspected knife wounds to his face. Police say Birdo attacked him.

‘Disfigured’

Birdo was charged with attempted murder, mayhem, assault with a deadly weapon, and assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury — all felonies — and is being held in Monterey County Jail. On Aug. 7, county prosecutors refiled the case, which revealed the viciousness of the alleged attack.

“Birdo did unlawfully and maliciously deprive Hubert Lee Garrett III of a member of the body and did disable, disfigure, and render it useless,” according to the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office filing

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Panetta rejects Republican plan to limit Supreme Court

By KELLY NIX

U.S. REP. Jimmy Panetta this week joined all but one of his Democratic colleagues in voting against a GOP-led effort to prevent Congress from expanding the U.S. Supreme Court.

On Wednesday, the House voted 212-206 to reject a proposed constitutional amendment that would set the high court at nine justices. Panetta, who represents coastal and northern parts of Monterey County, said his no vote was intended to preserve the legislative branch’s “constitutional authority and institutional role.”

Evolve

“Our Founding Fathers created the Supreme Court under the Constitution, but never required a certain number of justices,” Panetta told The Pine Cone on Thursday morning. “That means Congress gets to determine the court’s size as the country and federal judiciary evolve.”

Panetta would not say whether he supports expanding the Supreme Court, an idea that has gained traction among Democrats frustrated by the court’s 7-2 conservative majority. Adding justices could change the court’s ideological balance.

The Supreme Court has had nine justices since 1869, but Panetta pointed to the

country’s population growth, the expansion of the federal judiciary, and the fact that the number of justices once corresponded to the number of federal judicial circuits. There are now 13 circuits.

‘Serious discussion’

“Those facts alone absolutely don’t dictate whether the court should automatically be expanded, but they do demonstrate that there are some nonideological reasons for a serious discussion,” Panetta said. “We should not amend the Constitution to end that discussion and stop Congress from its responsibility to take into account the needs of our nation.”

All but one Democrat, Rep. Don Davis of North Carolina, voted against the proposed constitutional amendment.

On Tuesday, Panetta also voted against a Republican-led resolution condemning socialism “in all its forms, including the Democratic Socialists of America,” and opposing the implementation of socialist policies in the United States.

The resolution — intended to put Democrats on record ahead of the November midterm elections — said “socialism has repeatedly led to famine and mass murders, and the killing of over 100 million people worldwide.” Eight Democrats joined all Republicans in supporting it.



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Lessons from African wildlife

■ SPCA specialist’s trip to South Africa

By LILY PATTERSON

WILDLIFE REHABILITATION expert Rosanna Isely can now add monkey-catching to her résumé. Fortunately for SPCA Monterey County, she’s not planning on quitting her job anytime soon, though three weeks in South Africa was not nearly enough.

It was one part vacation, one part field trip for the SPCA’s vice president of operations. Isely arrived at Durban’s Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation in late July and immediately got to work: bottle-feeding baby antelope and responding to reports of a baboon gone rogue on a shopping mall roof.

Loath as she was to leave the primates, Isely was eager to debrief with her crew at the SPCA. They may never have to examine a moody adolescent crocodile, but the work is much the same, and she picked up more than a few tips to improve what they do.

“Our philosophies are identical, even if the species are different. Rehabbers are essentially doing the same thing around the world, striving to get animals back into the wild,” she said.

Isely has been with the agency for 20 years, aside from 2011 to 2015, when

she joined a Hawaiian conservation team working with the island’s nearly extinct crow species.

Though she started as a humane officer with the SPCA, Isely became supervisor of the wildlife center in 2008. There, she found her vocation — and her preferred style of vacation.

A visit to the massive, ecologically diverse continent was her holy grail.

“If I went to Africa, I wanted to get my hands dirty. In 2018, I was supposed to work with a rhino conservation program, but the opportunity fell through, and since then I’ve been looking for ways to get out there,” said Isely.

Conservation, antipoaching

After two weeks at the Durban center, she finally earned her rhinoceros moment with a visit to Wild Connections. A conservation enterprise that focuses on the horned ungulate and other at-risk species, the group funds its work by welcoming visitors and students for educational experiences. Isely volunteered with that crew for the third week of her trip, helping monitor animals within an inland wildlife reserve, assisting with emergency responses, and learning about antipoaching tactics.

“The conservation work they do there is so specific. It’s a unique set of challenges, especially with the poaching that’s ramped up in the last couple of decades,” said Isely, whose first years with the SPCA



That’s not a deer, but an antelope that SPCA Monterey County’s Rosanna Isely encountered on a recent trip to South Africa. The wildlife rehabilitator has been in the field for over 20 years, nursing sick, injured, and neglected creatures back to health.

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were spent investigating animal cruelty and neglect throughout the county.

“This whole trip really filled my cup, but the best part was connecting with other rehabbers and talking about diets, care plans, husbandry practices — it was such a cool learning experience. We all exchanged contact information before I left,” she said.

“Cool” being relative, only Isely could sound so enthused as she described how the South African team uses the same type of cat food her team does, as a dietary supplement for certain insect-eating birds.

What you can’t buy at Petco, however, is a baboon.

Wrangling primates

The mall monkey was “so dexterous, just coming up and down the walls, and we didn’t even get him. The next day, he got himself wedged in a corner, and it took

a giant monkey trap to catch him,” she laughed.

“The initial response was just myself and a field nurse. A nearby wildlife team was called in for backup, and there were a bunch of people standing around taking pictures, because baboons aren’t native to that area,” Isely added. Though smuggling seems likely, she said, they don’t know how or why the primate ended up in Durban.

Eager to make another trip “as soon as possible,” the Marina resident said she feels fortunate that her lifelong search for wild encounters has led her to serve the largest animal welfare organization in Monterey County.

“I am one of those lucky people. Since I could think to even mention a career, my mom always said I wanted to work with animals,” she said.



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Sea lions sickened by toxic algae

By CHRIS COUNTS

A SURGE in toxic algae along the California coast has left local beaches dotted with sick sea lions and seals, the Marine Mammal Center reported Aug. 28.

The marine mammals feed on fish and shellfish that have high concentrations of domoic acid, which accumulates when the animals consume toxic algae. As a result, they experience lethargy, disorientation, unpredictable behavior, twitching, tremors, seizures and, in some cases, heart and brain damage.

“We have seen flare-ups of animals stranding with signs of domoic acid poisoning,” said the center, which is in Sausalito. “These are primarily California sea lions, but also fur seals, and have recently been heavily concentrated on the Monterey Peninsula.”

40 rescued recently

Spokesman Giancarlo Rulli told The Pine Cone that the center’s staff have rescued about 40 sea lions in Monterey County and southern Santa Cruz County since Aug. 24.

“For context, the center’s average annual number of sea lions rescued for domoic acid poisoning across our approximately 600-mile California response range is roughly 75 to 90 animals,” Rulli said. “We have already surpassed that average as we enter September.”

Rulli said the outbreak has put a strain on the center’s staff and resources.

“Our hotline is receiving anywhere from 300 to more than 600 calls per day,” he noted. “Responding to a single neurologic sea lion can require a team of four to six trained responders, along

with a 50- to 100-pound carrier crate, and often a mile or more walk on the beach.”

Once rescuers reach a sea lion, they face an array of challenges.

“These animals can be physically difficult and unpredictable to handle because of the neurological effects of the toxin,” Rulli continued. “As a result, our teams are experiencing delayed response times in some areas and may need to prioritize individual animals based on factors such as location, beach access, and the density of beachgoers and dogs.”

First local case

Marine biologists diagnosed the first local case in marine mammals in 1998. In recent years, “this brutal disease has become much more unpredictable and intense,” the center observed.

“The neurotoxin accumulates in small fish that are eaten by marine mammals including sea lions,” the center explained. “If left untreated, domoic acid can cause marine mammals to have seizures and heart failure.”

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Two sea lions (above), along with many others suffering domoic acid poisoning, are being treated by the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito.

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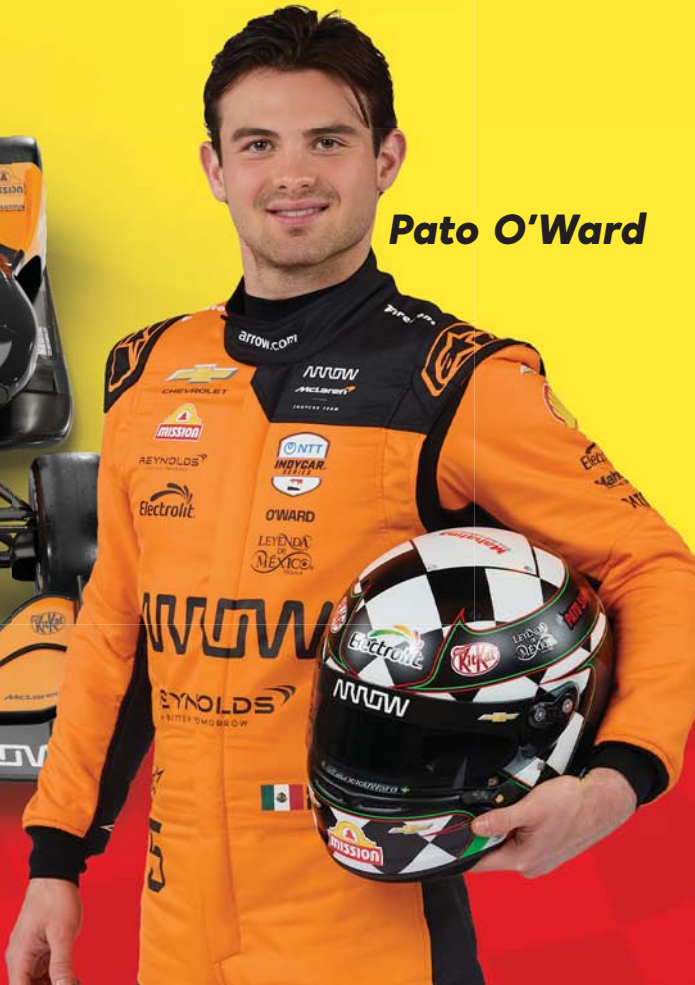
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Man’s threats lead to shutdown of CVR

■ Some say he’s a vet with PTSD

By MARY SCHLEY

CHARGES ARE yet to be filed against the 45-year-old Carmel-area resident whose alleged threats against construction workers shut down Carmel Valley Road for several hours last week as officers searched for him.

Shortly before 8 p.m. Aug. 20, the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office received a complaint regarding night work being done by construction crews on the valley road near Carmel Middle School. “During multiple telephone calls with public safety personnel, the caller became increasingly agitated and eventually made statements threatening to shoot and kill people,” Cmdr. Andy Rosas said.

Evacuations

The caller, identified as James Bodine, “also claimed to have access to numerous firearms, including a high-powered rifle,” he added. Because of the threats of violence,

the sheriff’s office sought assistance from the California Highway Patrol, Carmel Police Department, and fire and emergency medical personnel.

Bodine lives on Rotunda Drive — a street that overlooks the area where the repaving was taking place. Not knowing where he might be, authorities shut down the road and cleared the area while deputies and Seaside fire-fighters used drones to search for him.

A drone operator reported spotting Bodine “hunkered down in some kind of bush” but said nothing was visible in his hands and that he was waving at the drone.

“It doesn’t look like he has a firearm anywhere near him,” he said.

One officer decided to take two others with him to approach and talk to the man, while they had rifle coverage from across the street, according to radio traffic. Bodine was also repeatedly on and off the phone with the CHP dispatcher.

Eventually, sheriff’s deputies tracked Bodine to his home, where he was arrested and taken to Community

Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula for evaluation.

“As part of the investigation, deputies located and seized a .22-caliber rifle from Bodine’s residence,” Rosas said, while radio traffic indicated he had a .45-caliber semiautomatic pistol registered to him.

Criminal threats

After being medically cleared, Bodine was booked into Monterey County Jail for making criminal threats and resisting, delaying or obstructing a peace officer, with bail set at \$150,000. He has since been released.

The sheriff’s office did not offer any explanation for Bodine’s behavior, nor did it comment on his background. However, some who responded to an online post about his arrest criticized the agency for failing to identify him as a military veteran who suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder.

“Unfortunate that you forgot to add in his identification that he is a veteran with PTSD,” said Rayshell Bradley. “He’s not just some crazy dude with no reasoning.”

Ava Scofield speculated the episode was in response to more than 16 hours of “loud resurfacing construction work, day and night, for four days straight.”

The Monterey County District Attorney’s Office has not filed any new charges, but a 2025 case against Bodine is proceeding, with a hearing set for this week. He is accused of misdemeanor vandalism, false registration/license plate on a 2009 Cadillac, and hit-and-run stemming from an incident last year.

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■ Corkscrew to get new name

By MARY SCHLEY

INDYCAR — THE country’s top motorsports championship, billed as “the fastest racing on earth” — returns to Laguna Seca Raceway Sept. 4-6, where the series will wrap up its season. The competition follows last week’s history-making battle at the 123-year-old Milwaukee Mile, where driver Pato O’Ward won two 250-lap races and where driver Alex Palou clinched his fifth national championship title.

The weekend will also be momentous with the official dedication of the world-famous Corkscrew corner to the late Alex Zanardi, whose pass there to snatch the win from Bryan Herta during the last lap of the last race of the season in September 1996 made history. Thirty years later, “The Pass” remains one of the most recognized moments in American open-wheel racing.

“The image of Zanardi attacking the Corkscrew with characteristic determination and fearlessness has become inseparable from the legacy of the circuit itself,” track officials said. But his reach extends far beyond racing. After losing his legs in a violent crash at a racetrack in Germany in 2001, Zanardi made a heroic return to the sport and went on to become a champion handcyclist and multi-time Paralympic gold medalist. He died May 1.

Important names

It’s also fitting that the Turn 7 stretch leading to the Corkscrew is named the Rahal Straight, in honor of Bobby Rahal, one of the winningest drivers at Laguna and an IndyCar team owner whose son, Graham, also races and is set to be on the track. The other named corners are the Andretti Hairpin (Turn 2, named for Mario Andretti, one

of the most famous men in motorsports) and Rainey Curve (Turn 9, in recognition of three-time world champion motorcycle racer, racing series owner and Carmel Valley resident Wayne Rainey).

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Seca, and although the championship is decided, the competition will be as stiff as ever. Many IndyCar drivers — who are from all over the world — claim this track is their favorite.

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Law expands farmers market access for small wineries

By KELLY NIX

SMALL MONTEREY County wineries will be able to offer tastings at farmers markets next year regardless of where they get their grapes, under a new law by state

Sen. John Laird that received bipartisan support in the Legislature.

Current law requires wine sold at farmers markets to be made from grapes grown exclusively by the winery, excluding many small and boutique wineries that buy

grapes from growers. Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 917 on Aug. 27, removing that requirement and allowing wineries that source grapes from elsewhere to offer their products at certified farmers markets.

Laird, who represents most of Monterey County, said California wineries are “hurting” and that the law delivers “real relief.” The bill had no major opposition and passed the Assembly 74-0.

Cutting red tape

“By cutting red tape and opening new markets, we’re giving small producers more opportunities to get their products directly to consumers,” Laird said last week. He said he was grateful Newsom signed the measure into law, adding that it would give winemakers another tool to “compete and succeed.”

The legislation was sponsored by the Family Wine-makers of California and the California Association of Winegrape Growers, which said the law will encourage consumers to support locally made wine and strengthen small businesses.

“By opening up market access to small and midsized family producers, this bill provides a vital economic life-line, allowing wineries to connect directly with their communities, tell their stories and grow their businesses,” said GinaLisa Tamayo, board president of Family Winemakers of California.

Wineries that want to sell at farmers markets still must get a permit from the state Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. They also must bottle their own wine.

The law takes effect Jan. 1, 2027.

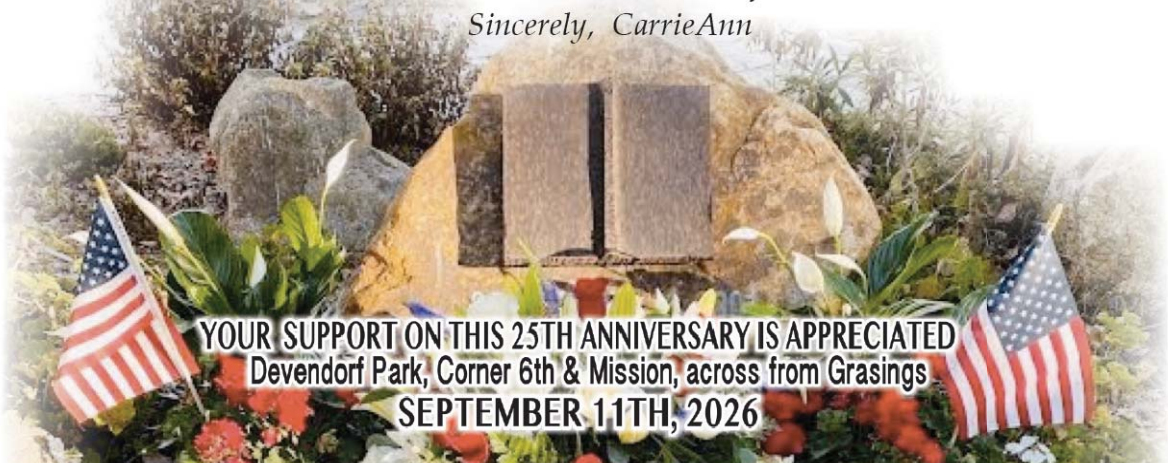
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Other programs will explore emotional well-being, coping with uncertainty and change, and relationships and intimacy after 60. We'll also address something many of us face: how to support someone we love who may be experiencing cognitive changes, making concerning decisions, or resisting help. When should we step in? What can we say? And where can we turn for help?

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Stevenson students get new facility to build go-karts and satellites

By KELLY NIX

IN WHAT officials say marks a new era at Stevenson, the private school in Pebble Beach last week unveiled its new \$45 million science and math centers.

On Aug. 28, Stevenson School opened the Day Science and Engineering Center and the John Senuta Math Center, the largest capital projects in the school’s history. The two-story complex replaces the nearly 60-year-old Lindsley Science Building and offers about four times the space. Funds for the centers were raised through donations.

The complex “brings mathematics, science and engineering together under one roof for the first time,” Stevenson said. “Robotics and engineering students who previously worked across three separate locations now have a shared, purpose-built hub where projects can remain assembled and evolve over weeks or months.”

Fabrication workshop

The complex includes six math classrooms, six science labs with dedicated prep rooms, two computer physics classrooms, and an applied science makers’ lab. A teaching kitchen connects culinary and food science programming with an outdoor garden and hydroponics system, while a rooftop platform provides a permanent site for astronomy observation, Stevenson said.

“Students can now take digital fabrication, where they move from CAD modeling to finished parts on 3D printers, laser cutters and computer-assisted shaping

machines,” Stevenson spokeswoman Katie Ray told The Pine Cone this week. Students also can take “field astronomy, which includes telescope work and a two-night observing trip off campus, and an engineering capstone, where seniors solve problems sourced from industry alongside professional engineers.”



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Students at Stevenson School sit near the new science and engineering and math buildings at the Pebble Beach campus.

Student projects built in the state-of-the-art fabrication workshop — which is also equipped with a soldering station, wood shop, and a metal shop with welding capabilities — include gas- and electric-powered go-karts, miniature satellite projects, robotics, electric guitars, drones, and a range of engineering and architecture projects, Ray said.

The program supports a four-year engineering curriculum for grades 9 through 12.

There are 13 collaborative spaces and three art installations created by Stevenson alumni that are integrated into the

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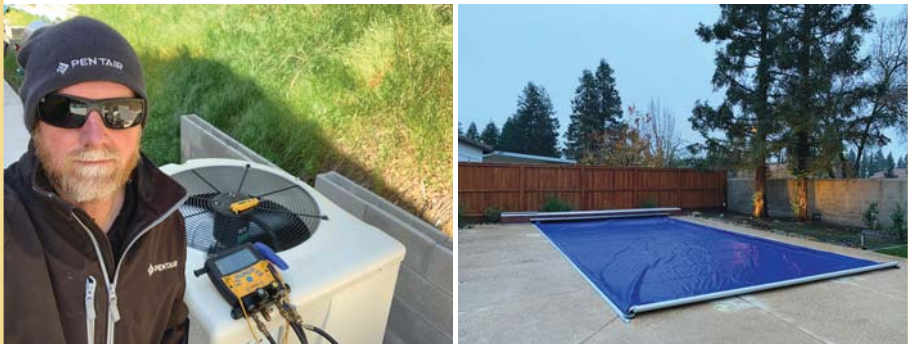
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WELLS

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four intended wells. He said Orosco received a permit for the drilling from Monterey County Environmental Health. Because Orosco hasn't made any recent public comments about his project, locals have speculated on social media, with the Carmel Valley Association following the issue closely.

"Carmel Valley Village residents have recently been startled to see and hear new well-drilling activity on the Carmel Valley Airfield," the group said on Facebook this week. "Does this mean that Patrick Orosco and Ken Griggs' proposed 90-unit development is now officially underway? No, not yet. But it does mean that they haven't given up."

New application coming?

The Carmel Valley Association suggested that the builder and property owner "will resubmit a new application to replace their initial Builder's Remedy proposal, which they quietly allowed to lapse in late July."

"If resubmitted before the county's long-overdue housing element is approved by the state and the Builder's Remedy is lifted in late 2026 or early 2027, the project would still be evaluated under the Builder's Remedy's

very streamlined review process that largely bypasses the prevailing land use rules embodied in our Carmel Valley Master Plan," according to the group.

It warned that once the "Builder's Remedy status is locked in, the project's valuable development rights could be sold to someone who might not feel constrained by informal promises about important design features and amenities."

While many locals have criticized Orosco for proposing the housing, some have pointed out that another developer could build an even larger project at the same site.

20 units affordable

According to Orosco's plan, the 90 homes will be single-family houses with three bedrooms and two baths. No apartments are planned. Of the homes, 70 will be market-rate, while 20 will be "affordable." The latter will be in 10 duplexes. The lots will measure between 10,000 and 12,000 square feet.

The site encompasses 17.44 acres, and the project includes "an additional 6.36 acres of street improvements and 5.5 acres of improved open space."

Orosco was contacted for this story but didn't respond.

The airport was built by Byington Ford, who

envisioned a neighborhood where residents flew small planes to work. But the airfield opened on Dec. 7, 1941, and his dream never panned out, so he sold the airfield to the Del Fino family in 1952, which closed it in 2002. The Del Finos sold the property to Griggs in 2020.



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A well-drilling operation underway at the Carmel Valley Airfield, where developer Patrick Orosco has proposed building 90 homes.

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LAWS

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the limitations of the lame-duck governor to get what he wants out of Sacramento. Democrats at the state Capitol insinuated that the governor’s implicit threat

to veto their legislation didn’t hold much sway this year, with some openly proposing veto overrides. “I would hope our leadership would look at that, because Newsom’s not going to be here next year,” state Sen. Caroline Menjivar told Politico. Newsom, on the other hand, blamed a broad coalition of insurers, consumer

advocates, local governments, and trial attorneys — that poured millions into lobbying in the final weeks — for the failure. In the end, the watered-down deal represented in Senate Bill 492 died in the Assembly Tuesday morning, with Speaker Robert Rivas calling it a series of “half measures.” In his final floor speech of the session, Rivas said lawmakers are “going to go back to work this fall,” implying there’s a possibility the governor will call a special session. Newsom told reporters the prospect was not off the table this week but acknowledged it would be an inconvenience to lawmakers ready to head home.

Thwarting Trump

While leaving out power company legislation, lawmakers passed several bills to thwart the Trump administration, and adding Newsom’s signature would only help cement his preferred title of resister-in-chief.

On Monday, the Legislature passed a first-in-the-nation bill to ban former federal immigration officers from state and local positions.

Inspired by the ICE Out agenda, the bill would require all state and local law enforcement agencies to adopt a special screening process to weed out any applicants who previously worked in immigration enforcement, either as an officer or contractor.

Lawmakers also passed a prohibition on the use of “shock gloves” that would apply to federal immigration officers as well as all state and local law enforcement agencies. However, the bill from San Diego Democrat LaShae Sharp-Collins is clearly aimed at ICE, which recently executed a \$16.7 million contract to buy 6,000 pairs.

The gloves deliver an electric shock and are designed to subdue combative people. Police argue they prevent the need to reach for a firearm, a baton, or projectiles, but proponents of the measure have concerns about the potential for misuse. Newsom probably doesn’t want to run for president on a defund-the-police agenda, but declawing ICE may be just the ticket.

Social media and your kids

Assemblymember Josh Lowenthal was paying attention when Newsom brought up Australia’s ban on social media for kids under 16 in his final State-of-the-State address.

“The question is, what more should we do?” the governor asked lawmakers back in January.

The Long Beach Democrat responded

with a plan to limit social media for kids under 16, which passed Monday as a ban on “addictive feeds.” The bill calls for eliminating “infinite scroll” on Meta platforms and autoplaying videos on YouTube and TikTok, features designed to maximize screen time.

Lowenthal’s legislation has gotten the most attention, but lawmakers sent several other child safety bills to the governor, including one requiring guardrails for AI chatbots that engage with kids.

If signed, the law would require companies to build restrictions on the bots to prevent them from giving kids details on self-harm, sexual abuse, eating disorders, and prohibit them from encouraging suicide. AI companies would also need to create screen time controls, allowing kids no more than two total hours a day with machine-intelligent bots.

OpenAI endorsed the bill at the last minute, which in addition to restricting what AI can “remember” from conversations with kids, would add protections for companies by limiting how families can sue them. OpenAI and other developers are facing a plethora of lawsuits from parents of children who committed suicide after talking to chatbots.

Revisiting the past

California is finally doing some damage control on AB 218, a bill Newsom signed during his first year as governor that effectively waived the statute of limitations for sex abuse lawsuits. The bill has ended up costing taxpayers billions of dollars as counties and school districts have been flooded with lawsuits from survivors and fraudsters seeking financial compensation.

In Los Angeles alone, the county has settled with 11,000 people and will pay out nearly \$5 billion in related claims. Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan Hochman says a majority of the cases could be fraudulent. In other counties, school districts have been left insolvent, forced to compensate for past employee misconduct by taking away dollars from today’s students.

Before ending the session, lawmakers passed a modest reform to AB 218, raising the standard of evidence required to prove a claim and limiting what public entities may have to pay in damages. It was a hard-fought compromise in a world where no one wants to deny survivors their right to compensation. Still, Newsom’s signature would acknowledge the state may have gone a step too far during the height of the #MeToo movement.

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Condor returns after more than two decades

By CHRIS COUNTS

ONE OF the first condors released in Big Sur in December 1997 as part of an effort to reestablish the giant birds in the wild was captured on the Ventana Wildlife Society’s Condor Cam in San Simeon in mid-August, marking the first time she had been seen in this part of California in more than two decades.

The bird, known as No. 161, has been living in Southern California, and biologists say they are “thrilled, but mystified” by her Monterey County homecoming.

“We’re unsure what prompted her return to her original stomping grounds, or how long she intends to stay. This surprise visit is a reminder of how much we still have to learn about the complex behaviors, memory and lives of these majestic birds.”

Kelly Sorensen, the group’s executive director, told The Pine Cone this is the first time he’s seen a local condor return after such a lengthy absence. He’s also seen a few condors from Southern California visit here, but they

didn’t stick around long.
“The distance between the central and southern flocks is quite substantial,” Sorensen noted. “We haven’t seen a lot of mixing between the two flocks.”

Back from the brink

According to the Ventana Wildlife Society, which also successfully reintroduced bald eagles, No. 161 was eight months old when she was released and “spent her early years navigating the rugged cliffs of Big Sur, helping her species push back from the brink of extinction.”

But without any explanation, she suddenly flew off and joined another condor flock in Southern California in 2004. She hadn’t been seen this far north until just two weeks ago.

During her two decades in Southern California, No. 161 “became a prolific mother, successfully nesting and producing 10 offspring.”

Condors can live as long as 70 years. No. 161 is now 29.



MICHAEL ‘MIKE’ MOSOLF

1938-2026

Michael “Mike” Mosolf, 88, passed away Sunday, Aug. 16, 2026, at Barrett Memorial Hospital in Dillon, Montana. He was born May 14, 1938, in Tacoma, Washington, to George and Bess Mosolf.

Mike was the eldest of five children: Pat Stevens, Susie Sory, Tim Mosolf and Terry Mosolf. Pat and Tim preceded him in death.

From an early age, Mike excelled in athletics and was a natural competitor. After serving in the U.S. Army, he earned a football scholarship to the University of Idaho and later played professional football in Canada and Connecticut. When his playing days ended, he earned his teaching credential and began a new chapter as a teacher and coach. His career took him to Puerto Rico, as well as Chowchilla, Fresno and Corcoran, California, and later to Twin Bridges and Heart Butte, Montana.

“I’ve had a great life,” he’d say. He found joy in pursuing his passions and inspired people of all ages through his teaching, coaching and way of life. He treasured the friendships he made along the way.

A devoted outdoorsman, Mike often said, “I’d rather be outside than inside.” He was an activist, athlete, environmentalist and conservationist. He loved handball, hiking, backpacking, hunting, walking his dog and, above all, fly-fishing.

Mike met Diane Fratis while they were both teaching in Fresno, California. They married in 1968 and moved to Corcoran, where they continued teaching and Mike coached. Their partnership lasted 57 years.

In July 1976, Mike and Diane left their jobs in Corcoran and moved to Dillon, Montana. There, they purchased five old log cabins — complete with a backyard of outhouses — and the house next door. They spent years remodeling the properties, eventually creating successful rentals that brought them new friends and a good life.

Fly-fishing was what first drew Mike to Dillon, and outfitting soon became his next calling. His interest in politics awakened his artistic side, leading him to create large political posters for public display that sparked conversation throughout the community. He was also a clever cartoonist, and writing letters to the editor became another passion.

At Christmastime, family and friends looked forward to Mike’s Hook and Bullet News. His cards were original and distinctly his own. They became something of a tradition, eagerly anticipated by recipients, who often saved and collected them as treasured works of art.

Mike is survived by his wife, Diane; his beloved dog, Ceecee; his sister, Susie Sory; his brother, Terry Mosolf; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to thank Mike’s caregivers at Beehive Homes and Barrett Memorial Hospital for their kindness and compassionate care.

Cremation has taken place. A private ceremony will be held at a later date.

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LEON MONROE HARTVICKSON

Nov. 7, 1946 – Aug. 15, 2026

Leon Hartvickson passed away peacefully on Aug. 15, 2026, at the age of 79, with family by his side.

Leon was born and raised in Turlock, California, as the fourth of seven children. Blessed with a sharp mind and tremendous work ethic, Leon was Turlock High’s senior class president and co-captain of its football, basketball and baseball teams during his senior year. He served as honorary mayor of Turlock for a day in 1964.



After high school, Leon attended Stanford University on a football scholarship. He thrived at Stanford, majoring in architecture while playing varsity football and rugby. Leon was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, where he made many lifelong friends.

Leon held a wide variety of part-time jobs while in school, reflecting his varied skills and interests. He worked in a fish cannery in Alaska for two summers, tended bar at the Old Pro on El Camino and did architectural design work for cabins as part of a late-1960s renovation and expansion of Stanford Sierra Camp.

Leon met his wife of 57 years, Barbara Ann Neilson, in the then-new undergraduate library during his junior year. They were married at Stanford Memorial Church in 1969 and enjoyed a wonderful life together.

Leon returned to Stanford, earning a master’s degree in architecture in 1970 and an MBA from the Graduate School of Business in 1974. Leon and Barbara then moved to Portland, Oregon, where he worked in commercial and industrial real estate development with PacTrust for 35 years.

For all his accomplishments, his true passion and devotion were his family. In Portland, he and Barbara raised two children and were very involved with their children’s schools and athletics. Over the course of their marriage, he used his architectural skills to design and build three homes for the family in Oregon and a cottage in Carmel, California.

Outside of work and family time, Leon was active in the Buck/Cardinal Club, raising funds to support financial aid for Stanford athletes. He enjoyed fishing and barbecuing and cultivated beautiful landscaping around the family homes.

Upon retiring and moving from Portland to Carmel-by-the-Sea, Leon took up landscape painting. We are thankful that many of his works grace our walls as daily reminders of his skill and creativity.

In his later years, Leon loved morning walks through the streets of Carmel, pausing to share a kind word or a bit of banter with locals, vendors and visitors alike. He always wanted to give you something, be it help, a joke, a laugh or a smile.

A remarkable man who will be cherished and missed by many, Leon is survived by his wife of 57 years, Barbara; brothers, Elvern Hartvickson (Emily) and Gary Hartvickson (Donna); sisters, Lana Lopes (Allen) and Norma Cederlind (Kevin); son, Hans Hartvickson, and his wife, Jennifer; daughter, Haley Barrile, and her husband, Parker; five adoring grandchildren, Anderson and Annabelle Barrile and Annika, Karsten and Aksel Hartvickson; and many nieces, nephews and other members of his large and loving extended family.

Donations to Stanford’s Buck/Cardinal Club are requested in lieu of flowers.
Interment in Monterey, California, will be private.

Input on new city admin sought

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL City Council spent several hours Tuesday discussing the search for the next city administrator, deciding on a timeline that ideally would have the top person selected by the end of the year and choosing an annual salary range that tops out at \$330,000 — a nearly \$70,000 increase.

Brochure verbiage

Wendi Brown, whose executive search firm was chosen by the council last month, also presented a draft recruitment brochure based on feedback given by councilmembers during an Aug. 24 closed session that some residents said was a violation of the Brown Act. City attorney Brian Pierik concluded the closed session was legal and pointed out the council did not take any action on the contents of the brochure or the timeline, but he nonetheless recommended the council discuss the verbiage in an open meeting.

Creating that brochure relies in part on hearing what residents, business owners

and other stakeholders want in the next person who will serve in “a highly visible role that balances strong organizational performance with preserving Carmel’s character and exceptional quality of life.”

At a community forum Sept. 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. in council chambers at city hall on Monte Verde south of Ocean, they’ll have the opportunity to share their thoughts and insights.

“We are interested in hearing what the community is looking for,” Brown’s announcement says. “Share your ideas and help shape the next city administrator.”

The forum will be recorded and streamed live via Zoom for remote viewing and comments, and the recruiter has also created a survey to gather more information at surveymonkey.com/r/9MHZJVK.

“Tell us the qualities, experience and priorities you would like to see in the city’s next leader,” her notice says.

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SEA LIONS

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The center plays a key role in alerting the public to toxic algal blooms, which can

also harm humans who eat shellfish.

“Because sea lions are often the first to be affected by toxic algae, the center provides data to the public health department when domoic acid poisonings are detected,” the center said. “This helps public health officials determine whether seafood warnings should be issued and allows scientists to better understand local ecosystem health.”

What to do

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GAVEL

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\$10,000 in workers’ compensation fines; and \$127,678 in civil penalties. Pursuant to the stipulation, the Ruvalcabas must pay the restitution, fines and penalties within 60 days, or the court may appoint a receiver to sell their property to satisfy any remaining amounts.

Both defendants face up to 364 days in county jail, to be determined by the court at sentencing. Pursuant to the plea agreement, the People will ask the court to sentence Nicolas Ruvalcaba to 240 days in jail and four years felony probation, and to sentence Ana Ruvalcaba to 40 days in jail and one year misdemeanor probation.

California Rural Legal Assistance Inc. filed a private civil action in June 2023 on behalf of affected tenants and provided legal representation to victims throughout the criminal proceedings. The defendants sought simultaneous resolution of the People’s criminal and civil enforcement actions and CRLA’s private civil action. The defendants agreed to pay an additional \$200,000 to resolve this private action, which

takes into account the criminal restitution that will be paid to victims through the criminal case. This settlement remains subject to court approval.

This case came to light in April 2023, when Monterey County Probation Officer Bianca Castillo went to the Ruvalcabas’ 23-acre Royal Oaks property in an attempt to locate a probationer. From the long and winding driveway, Castillo saw greenhouses surrounded by large shrubs but did not see any recognizable housing structures. After obtaining GPS coordinates from the probationer’s ankle monitor, Castillo returned to the property, entered the greenhouses, and discovered that rudimentary studio apartments had been constructed inside two of the greenhouses. Castillo found numerous people living in the greenhouse units, which appeared cramped and unsafe. She referred the matter to Monterey County Housing and Community Development and the Monterey County Environmental Health Bureau, which responded to the property.

Code compliance inspectors Elizabeth Ruiz and Lucy Bernal identified 22 unpermitted dwelling units in the greenhouse structures, all of which were occupied primarily by local agricultural workers and their families, including families with young children.

During this initial inspection, a tenant alerted the inspectors to additional dwelling units located farther up the property, in an area referred to by the tenant as “the woods.”

Inspectors subsequently discovered more than 46 additional unpermitted units built in and around a steep slope, surrounded by dense oak trees and covered with dried brush. These structures could not be seen from the road or the main driveway.

Inspections of the greenhouse and hillside units revealed numerous substandard and dangerous conditions, including significant fire hazards. The units lacked smoke detectors, emergency exits, operable windows, required ventilation and required heating equipment, in addition to other mechanical, electrical and safety violations. Inspectors counted approximately 270 people living in the greenhouse and hillside structures. HCD and EHB worked with affected tenants to relocate them to alternative housing and secured required tenant relocation payments from the Ruvalcabas totaling \$170,206.

The district attorney’s office investigation bureau conducted a further investigation in preparation for prosecution. District attorney investigator Sarah Jackson led a team to conduct a full search of the property and interview witnesses. District attorney investigator Jennifer Mendoza led the investigation into workers’ compensation violations. The following Spanish-speaking investigators interviewed tenants: Pablo Andrade, Nancy Bruno, Alicia Cox, Leo Gomez, Jose Lopez and John Magana.

Based on documentation recovered at the property, Jackson and forensic auditor Sandra Kyzivat determined that the Ruvalcabas received over \$1 million in cash rental payments from tenants between 2020 and 2022, which they failed to report on their tax returns. Kyzivat calculated that the unreported income resulted in \$134,560 in evaded tax liability.

Investigators also learned how the Ruvalcabas sought to conceal the unlawful housing from authorities and the public by prohibiting tenants from having visitors, spending time outside while on the property, and allowing their children to play outside, constantly reprimanding tenants for making noise, and intimidating tenants from disclosing the existence of the housing to county officials, law enforcement and medical personnel.

The district attorney’s victim witness assistance program provided support to victims throughout interviews and the preliminary hearing in the criminal matter. Victim advocate Mayra Sandoval assisted victims during these proceedings.

District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni said: “The conditions uncovered in this case were not simply unlawful, they put families and children at serious risk. Our office will continue to protect vulnerable county residents and hold accountable those who profit from dangerous living conditions.”

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ATTACK

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against Birdo, which contends he “did cut and disable the tongue, and put out an eye and slit the nose, ear and lip of said person.”

While the language in the criminal complaint generally follows the California Penal Code definition of mayhem, Monterey County Deputy District Attorney Donna Bakich told The Pine Cone this week that she believes “the evidence will show that the defendant permanently disfigured the victim.”

Fundraiser

Not long after the assault, Garrett posted a photograph of his face online. Uploaded to GoFundMe, it shows numerous zigzag cuts to his face, all of which appear to have stitches.

“I am currently seeking funds for medical expenses and possible reconstructive surgery,” Garrett wrote, saying he posted the photo while recovering at Natividad Medical Center in Salinas. “Anything is greatly appreciated.”

As of Thursday, he had raised \$646 toward a \$3,500 goal.

Birdo also faces several enhancements for great bodily injury and use of a deadly weapon.

Pacific Grove police cited alcohol as a contributing factor in the assault.

Birdo was set to be arraigned Aug. 28, though online court records do not indicate whether he entered a plea.

SETTLED

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settled, with Pollack awaiting payment.

On Aug. 7, the attorney filed a form requesting dismissal with prejudice, meaning Pollack cannot file another case regarding Lauchlan’s involvement in the death of her husband, and a hearing for receipt of the dismissal was set for Aug. 19.

In the criminal proceedings, Lauchlan has pleaded not guilty to one count of misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter and is out on her own recognizance while the complaint against her continues. A pretrial conference in the case has been repeatedly rescheduled.

CENTERS

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buildings.

The facilities also offer Stevenson students new learning opportunities, including a program that pairs them with regional researchers who will “work under authentic research protocols.”

Stevenson president Daniel Griffiths suggested the centers are designed to inspire students.

“These buildings are an investment in how students learn, giving them the space and tools to ask bold questions, experiment and follow their curiosity,” Griffiths said.

Stevenson restructured its science and engineering programs long before construction of the complex, which “was built to serve an innovative new curriculum rather than changing the curriculum to fit a new building,” Ray said.

The complex also introduces renewable energy to Stevenson’s Pebble Beach campus, including rooftop solar panels and battery energy storage systems.

Stevenson has 739 students from pre-K through grade 12. The Upper Division campus in Pebble Beach has an enrollment of 530 students.



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COMPASS

Exploring the world, preventing fraud are topics of foundation talks

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE NONPROFIT Carmel Foundation’s weekly Wednesday presentations continue with tales and photos from travels to Antarctica, Japan and beyond Sept. 9, and an expert’s advice on how to recognize and avoid scams

and fraud Sept. 16. The talks take place in Diment Hall at Lincoln and Eighth at 2:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

During “Around the World with Our Neighbors,” David and Sandy Day, professional photographer Ian Martin and Dan Presser of Four Winds Travel will discuss

art and travel. The Days will share stories about visiting Antarctica, while Martin will show images from a recent three-generation family journey through Japan, and Presser will offer his favorite photographs and adventures.

See the signs

The following week, Richie Sayavong, outreach analyst with the California Department of Insurance, will talk about common scams that target older adults, such as fake insurance policies, Medicare fraud, and phone and email scams. He’ll provide insight on identifying red flags before signing documents or making payments, share how to verify whether an insurance agent or broker is properly licensed, and will explain how to report suspected fraud.

The Carmel Foundation, which offers low-cost housing, lunches, medical equipment loans and other services, “helps older adults remain active, connected, independent and engaged through lifelong learning, wellness and fitness, nutritious meals, social connection and resource navigation.” Visit carmelfoundation.org for more information, or call (831) 624-1588.

Car Week ‘listening session’ set for Sept. 26

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

CARMEL POLICE Chief Todd Trayer will offer residents and others another opportunity “to share feedback about this year’s Car Week — what worked, what didn’t, and what we can do better” at a meeting in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. The session will also be posted on YouTube.

Community members who can’t attend are encouraged to email Trayer at ttrayer@ci.carmel.ca.us with their thoughts and feedback, and everyone is asked to take the city’s annual Car Week survey at ci.carmel.ca.us. The questionnaire asks about the organized downtown events — Concours for a Cause, Astons on the Avenue and Concours Carmel — traffic control, enforcement efforts, shuttles and other aspects of the week.

TOURISM

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facilities.

“Overall, how much do you agree that tourism is good for your community?” it asks, with a range of options from “strongly disagree” to “strongly agree.” It also asks, “How likely are you to recommend visiting Carmel-by-the-Sea to your friends, family, and coworkers from other places?” on a scale of zero to 10.

It seeks opinions on the importance and impacts of tourism to “you and your family,” local businesses and the community, and asks why. It also wants to know whether the city attracted too many, too few or just the right number of visitors during various times of the year.

Generalizing

Respondents are asked for their level of agreement or disagreement with a range of statements, such as that tourism “creates jobs for people in the area,” “creates positive benefits that outweigh negative impacts,” “contributes to a better quality of life for local residents,” generates tax revenues, supports businesses that “residents can also enjoy,” “creates stress on the natural environment” and crowding, “is an important reason our community is a great place to live,” promotes a positive atmosphere and vibe, “helps preserve the charm and character” of Carmel, generates too much traffic, negatively affects housing prices, boosts local philanthropy and “drives visitor spending in the community, which is important to the economy.”

It then asks for general descriptions of visitors, in terms of whether they’re “environmentally aware,” “respectful of our local way of life,” and the like, and wants to know if they “contribute significantly” to a number of negative impacts.

It wraps up with inquiries about familiarity with the destination marketing agencies and what sort of tourists they should try to attract, if any, and a general question on “any other thoughts about improving tourism in Carmel-by-the-Sea.”

The survey can be found at tinyurl.com/CBTSSurvey26. Its results will be compiled and shared at another meeting in Carpenter Hall on Oct. 8 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.



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Editorial

A raise every year

IT MAY be hard to believe, but the last time an increase in the hotel occupancy tax, also known as TOT, was on the ballot in Carmel, it generated no controversy.

A simple five-sentence story in the Nov. 1, 1984, edition of The Pine Cone reported that a measure on the Nov. 6, 1984, ballot would “raise the 8% hotel tax to 10%.”

Quaintly, The Pine Cone noted that “opponents of the measure argue that the tax may price some motels out of the market. For example, a \$50 room becomes \$55.”

Despite that solid logic, voters approved the TOT increase by the required two-thirds majority, putting the 10% TOT into effect on Jan. 1, 1985. And it’s been there ever since.

This time around, a proposed increase in the TOT from 10% to 12% is a hotly contested issue, with supporters arguing that after more than 40 years, it’s time the city got a raise. Opponents of the tax, meanwhile, argue that raising the TOT will hurt the hotel business. This time they also have four decades of data showing that even at a fixed rate of 10%, the city’s TOT revenue has skyrocketed since 1984, rising from \$1.89 million that year to \$8.92 million in 2024 — almost five times as much.

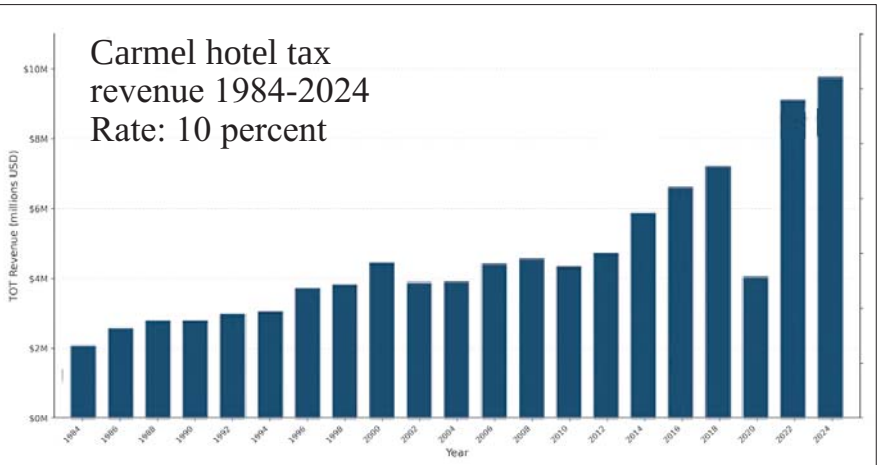
Consumer prices in 2024, meanwhile, were only about three times what they were in 1984, meaning the city received a real increase in TOT revenue of roughly 59% over the 40 years. In other words, despite all the talk about the city not getting a raise, it got a very substantial one, the Covid-impacted year of 2020 notwithstanding.

Why did this happen? Not only because the number of visitors to Carmel increased dramatically and the average number of hotel rooms occupied grew, but also because rates soared. At the same time, quite a few hotels in Carmel have undergone impressive renovations, pushing room rates even higher.

As we noted last week, Carmel’s hotel taxes aren’t the only thing producing much higher revenues for governments at all levels — even with tax rates staying the same or being lowered. Cash flowing into federal and state governments has zoomed upward since 1984 without major tax increases. So have sales taxes and almost every other levy you can name, because they’re all based on the public’s productivity, which has soared in the United States — growing more than 22% in real terms in just the last 10 years, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Even at a rate that’s fixed like the Rock of Gibraltar, if you get yourself a share of U.S. productivity, you can count on big raises every year. And that’s what the government does.

That is not to say that tax rates should never be increased. If an increase is needed for a valid public purpose, it should be implemented right away. At the same time, all proposed hikes should be viewed with suspicion, because government is not a disinterested party when it comes to revenue. Officials spend tax money for the benefit of the public, but they also spend it on themselves.

The Carmel City Council argues that it needs a TOT increase to pay for very important things like improvements to the city’s aging streets, buildings and other infrastructure. It’s up to the voters to decide if they agree. But even if they don’t, the city will surely continue to collect more hotel revenue nearly every year.



BEST of BATES



“Good idea, but I don’t think it will work.”

Letters to the Editor

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9/11 wish
Dear Editor,

I am writing with a hopeful heart and a humble request. Years ago, I had the profound honor of building the “Resolve & Remembrance” September 11 Memorial, which rests peacefully in the northwest corner of Devendorf Park.

Every year since its creation, I have stood at that sacred monument on Sept. 11 to place flowers. I wanted to ensure that visitors from all over the world would see that our community has never forgotten.

However, life has taken me away, and I now live in Boise. It breaks my heart that I cannot be there myself for this monumental 25th anniversary. But I know the deep spirit, compassion and patriotism of the citizens of Carmel and the greater Monterey area.

Therefore, I am asking the public to stand in my place. I invite everyone — church groups, the American Legion,

our police and fire departments, families and children — to help fill the memorial with love. Whether it is a beautiful bouquet delivered by Bruno’s Market (which is generously offering 20% off) or a single flower picked from your own garden, please consider placing a tribute at the memorial.

If you can, please bring your flowers starting on the evening of Sept. 10 and continuing all day on 9/11. One by one, your flowers will weave a beautiful tapestry of remembrance.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. God bless you all, and God bless the families who still carry the pain of those we lost 25 years ago.

Carrie Ann, Boise, Idaho

Public safety negligence
Dear Editor,

In 1975, I founded the Big Sur Fire Department and learned how fast and devastating wildfires can be.

Access for fire equipment and evacuation routes for residents are imperative.

The Carmel Views neighborhood has one way in and the same way out, with no emergency exit.

In 1967, Monterey County approved the subdivision without an exit.

In 2025, the Carmel Views board met with Monterey County 5th District Supervisor Kate Daniels and representatives from Cal Fire to solve the exit problem.

The board advised fixing the old fire road through Hatton Canyon to Highway 1 for \$200,000.

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Follow the Yellow Brick Road

LYLA ENGLEHORN is a singer, an actor, a mom, and the concept branch lead at the Naval Postgraduate School’s Office of Warfare Studies. Briefly, she heads an idea factory focused on equipping tomorrow’s soldiers and sailors. And she got there step by step, like Dorothy on the Yellow Brick Road, with just as much adventure and fun.

Englehorn was born in 1968 in Tacoma, Wash. She grew up on Bainbridge Island in the house her grandmother had bought as a summer home in 1947. Her grandmother’s twin brother had bought the matching house next door, so Englehorn grew up amid family.

She graduated from Bainbridge High School and attended Whitman College in Walla Walla. “I started off as a pre-med biology major but got a pat on the head and told I was too pretty for that field, so

a politics minor yet ended up graduating with a theater major and a minor in history. She had received a music scholarship but said she was kicked out of the music department for spending too much time in theater.



Lyla Englehorn

Rafting

While applying for a job with what’s now the U.S. Government Accountability Office at the career center, she saw a flyer for a job at Glacier National Park. “There were people white-water rafting on the ad. I didn’t even know what state Glacier was in, but I liked rafting, so I mailed in the postcard,” she said. She didn’t get the position at GAO, but was hired as a bartender at Glacier Park Lodge. So, she moved to Montana for the gig and picked up a job as a tour bus driver.

“I had to get my commercial driver’s license for that, and I learned to tell a lot of jokes about mountain goats when we were stuck in traffic,” she said, also recounting “playing chicken” with RVs on Glacier’s narrow mountain roads.

Still in love with theater — and wanting a change from bartending — she auditioned with the Missoula Children’s Theatre and was cast as Pinocchio for its traveling show, which toured all

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Great Lives

By **SALLY BAHO**

I had a conversation with myself about whether I wanted to deal with this gender bias throughout college, med school and possibly my whole career,” she said.

She decided to switch majors to history — focusing on Mesopotamia — with

From the mayor’s desk —

Noticing the good things

By **DALE BYRNE**

FOR THE past couple years, I’ve been following 92-year-old Carmel resident Hans Lehman’s Substack blog, “Walking My Ways.” Twice a week, Hans writes about his adventures in Carmel and beyond, finding interesting and positive things in ordinary life. Reading his posts lets us tag along with one of Carmel’s busiest people. He uses the subscription fees to maintain his historic redwood home that was originally a downtown restaurant and was moved to its current site long ago.

Hans inspired me to try something different this week. City government spends much of its time solving problems, something I happen to enjoy. But good things are happening around town every day, and sometimes it’s nice to stop and notice them.

■ The Pit is gone

If you were downtown last week, you may have seen the enormous concrete pumper at the former “Pit” near the Post Office. The good news? That was the last major concrete pour for the project’s “podium,” essentially the structural base. Framing is rising at the rear of the project. The Pit is gone, and apartments and shops will be taking its place. The project is scheduled to be completed by October 2027.

Next door, the Carmel Art Association

building has been shored up and is standing strong as the association enters its 100th year. Stop and check out the wonderful local art.

I bumped into Patrice Pastor on Dolores last week and thanked him for persevering through the Pit project’s twists and turns. A man of few words, he calmly said he loves Carmel, things sometimes take longer than expected, but improving the village makes him happy. That’s good, because he has several important projects ahead.

■ The Forge

As covered in The Pine Cone last week, controversy has emerged around another Esperanza project at the former Forge in the Forest restaurant site. Rather than revisiting the disagreement, here’s the good news: Concerned residents and the business owners are talking. The site requires more rehabilitation than expected, but the main non-historic building and cherished blacksmith equipment will hopefully be preserved as much as possible. Plans to create a high-quality, reasonably priced restaurant, the Corner Market, are underway.

■ PG&E Situation

Other good news came last week when

See **MAYOR** page 31A

Transition and transformation — and a dose of creative whimsy

AN ARTIST with an adventurous backstory, a bohemian name and a highly unusual body of work is among 100 creators participating in the 2026 Arts Council for Monterey County Open Studios Art Tour, a two-weekend event that begins Sept. 12-13 and continues Sept. 19-20 at numerous locations.

Phoenix Redstone, a Carmel-based marriage and family counselor, will exhibit a wide variety of colorful mixed-media pieces, both abstract and representational, at her Seaside home, 1729 Soto St., from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both weekends. (Visit her Instagram page at phoenixredstoneartz to view images of her art.)

At a very young age, Phoenix Redstone (her legal name, but not her birth name),

We were supposed to tell on each other ... that type of stuff.”

So Frances/Toni dropped out of high school and left her Missouri home behind.

“I just wanted to get out of there and go wherever they couldn’t find me,” said Redstone, who lived on the streets for six months and survived on earnings from part-time jobs.

Reborn as ‘Phoenix’

Newfound “ragamuffin friends” (her description) celebrated her “rebirth” with an appropriate nickname — Phoenix — a moniker that evolved into an identity. She was in her mid-20s when she legally changed her name.

Street life became military life when she met her future husband, who blindsided her by enlisting not long after they were married.

““What do you mean you signed up?”” she exclaimed.

“Yeah, they’re taking me on May 31!” her new spouse bragged.

“We almost got divorced right then. And I actually sent him a Dear John letter when he was in boot camp,” she recalled.

After learning that her husband would be stationed in California — and furnished with a house — she opted to give the “military wife life” a chance.

“We were really struggling to make ends meet as a married couple in Mis-

souri,” she said. “He said, ‘Hey, we get a house. You won’t have to work. You can go to school.’ And I finally said, ‘Yeah, OK, I’ll give it a try.’”

He was assigned to Monterey in 2001 and 2002 to study at the Defense Language Institute. Phoenix volunteered as an out-

doors guide for the DLI and discovered studio-art classes at Monterey Peninsula College, learning from popular instructor Gary Quinonez.

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Carmel’s Artists

By **DENNIS TAYLOR**

began to demonstrate that she liked to forge her own path. “All my life, I’ve been a person who had to learn the hard way — socially, physically, whatever it was — and find out for myself,” she said.

■ She was painting murals on her bedroom wall as a 7-year-old.

■ As a fourth grader, she climbed to the rooftop of her elementary school — gripping a rain gutter with her hands and using bricks and mortar as her foothold — then gleefully celebrated before the inevitable reprimand.

■ Diagnosed with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, she was an often distracted student who occasionally had to be summoned back to reality. “The teacher would say, ‘Hey, get in your seat!’” she remembered. “And I’d realize I was still standing in a corner, doing my own thing, while everybody else was sitting down, involved in another activity.”

■ At 9 or 10, she rejected her given name (withheld at her request) and began signing her schoolwork “Frances Lear,” a pen name she kept through middle school. One teacher reacted by giving her a zero on an assignment.

■ As a teen, she rebelled a few more times, trying on traditionally male names. High school classmates knew her as “Toni.”

She also felt frustrated at home, suffocated by a strict, ultra-religious upbringing. “My family doesn’t like it when I say it was a cult, but that’s what it was,” she said. “There was isolation ... we were told not to make friends with the outside world.



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Free spirit Phoenix Redstone, a Carmel-based marriage and family counselor, will show her unusual art at her Seaside home during both weekends of the Open Studios Tour, Sept. 12-13 and Sept. 19-20.

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LETTERS

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For reasons unknown, Daniels requested \$6 million, which killed the simple, viable and affordable fix.

Daniels and Monterey County are hereby noticed for negligence of public safety and the subsequent liability for loss of life and property.

Hopefully, they will take heed and fix this simple but critical problem.

Gary Koeppel, Carmel Views

TOT, taxes and reality

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the editorial, “Taxing is a moving target,” in the Aug. 28 edition of The Pine Cone. Using both federal and state economic data, it suggested that tax receipts can rise without increasing rates simply because the tax base to which they apply rises over time. It further suggests that this mechanism may apply to the proposed increase in the transient occupancy tax rate from 10% to 12% before Carmel voters. I would first like to challenge some of the conclusions about federal taxes and then question their applicability to the TOT ballot measure.

The federal data for the nearly 50-year period, 1976 to 2025, quoted in the editorial is generally accurate and resulted in an increase in the tax base and tax receipts as noted. However, it fell short in generating the potential receipts that could have gone a long way in reducing deficits. Real GDP rose about 300% during this period. This can generally be attributed to a 190% increase in the worker population compounded by a 160% increase in worker productivity. However, real wages for workers increased only about 20 to 25%, plus maybe 5 to 10% for non-wage benefits, leaving the balance of productivity gains, 125 to 135%, to corporate profits, executive compensation and asset appreciation. And this does not include large, unrealized capital gains on assets not included in GDP or the tax base.

Further, only about 60% of these receipts derive from progressive income taxes. The rest come from regressive taxes, primarily Social Security and Medicare deductions meant to pay for retirement benefits. For example, a worker earning \$176,000 in 2025 paid the same amount into SSA as a CEO earning \$10 million. This has resulted in an unequal concentration of wealth, much not currently taxable, even though wealthy folks did pay more of the income taxes even as the top tax rate declined. As a growing number of people reach retirement age, the regressive

tax collections will not be sufficient to pay for promised benefits. The editorial oddly suggests that we should now cut back on promised retirement benefits rather than find a way to tap a small part of the wealth created by worker productivity and disproportionately enjoyed by the few top owners of capital.

How does this apply to the TOT increase on the ballot? I don’t know. The related tax base is calculated by multiplying available hotel rooms by rental rates by the occupancy rate. Taking inflation out of the equation, the base can only be increased by adding hotel rooms and/or increasing occupancy rates. The same factors that increased the federal tax base are not in play here. So, the premise that TOT receipts will increase without an increase in the tax rate seems implausible.

Charles Alvarez, Pacific Grove

Mills Act contracts

Dear Editor,

The recent 4-1 decision by the Carmel City Council to not renew all Mills Act contracts left those of us with existing contracts in a precarious position. My home was one of the most recent contracts approved after the submission of an extensive and costly architectural plan. In good faith, I started with roofing, which was the most expensive part of our plan, as I wanted to show I was serious about honoring my part of the contract.

After reviewing the discussion from last year’s council meeting on a proposal to not renew, and the most recent meeting to proceed with non-renewal notices, it became apparent there was a lack of motivation to seek other remedies to solve the concerns regarding monitoring property owners’ responsibility to meet the architectural plans. Additionally, I noted a disregard for those of us with existing contracts who gave public testimony to the challenges of owning and maintaining our properties. The focus of the city council appeared to be on lack of tax revenue and their inability to monitor individual architectural plans.

Carmel has no shortage of intelligent residents with a keen interest in maintaining the historic value of our homes. An independent public commission could have been appointed to ease the municipal burden of monitoring. Additionally, while the loss of tax revenue on the existing Mills contracts was mourned, no one gave an estimate on prospective tax revenue of new homes in progress or remodeling of existing homes with a new tax base.

Finally, non-renewal of these contracts, with the intent to never approve new contracts, constitutes a move toward changing the historical integrity of Carmel, which fuels an economy vital to city coffers. On a personal level, it demonstrates a lack of public trust. Overall, the citizens

and economy of Carmel deserve a more thoughtful remedy for maintaining the Mills Act without eliminating it.

Kim Griffin,
Carmel

LIVES

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across the United States and Canada.

She spent a few years performing with the company, and while on set of “Leader of the Pack” in Ohio, she fell in love with a fellow actor who was from Monterey. They drove back across the country together in 1996 and their 15-year marriage began in 1997. She found a job at the Western Stage at Hartnell College but quit not long after to be a full-time mom.

“When I was eight months pregnant with my second child, I heard Leon Panetta speak very passionately about his call to public service. I wanted to be part of ‘Dumbledore’s Army,’” she said, referring to a group of teens trained to fight the bad guys in the “Harry Potter” series.

Diapers to data

She was so inspired that she applied to the master’s program in public policy at Cal State Monterey Bay’s Panetta Institute. “I was sure he wouldn’t accept me but I knew I’d regret it if I didn’t apply,” she said.

To her surprise, she was accepted and started grad school when her daughter was 6 months old and son was 3 1/2. “The program was designed for working professionals,” she recalled, with evening classes that allowed her to spend her days with her children.

The degree requirements included an internship, and Englehorn did one in maritime defense and security at NPS. In fact, she wrote her thesis on “maritime domain awareness and regulatory clutter,” which explored public-private information sharing and port environments.

She graduated in 2010 and was hired full time at NPS, working first as a technical reporter and then as the associate director of the Consortium for Robotics and Unmanned Systems, Education and Research. In 2020, she moved into her current job with the Naval Warfare Studies Institute.

Hamlet’s mom

She lives in Pacific Grove with her fiancé. Her children are grown — her son just graduated from UC Davis and is applying to graduate school in urban design in Japan, and her daughter recently started her sophomore year at UC Santa Cruz.

Englehorn sings in the local band Salty and performs Christmas carols during the holidays. She still likes to go on stage at least once a year and has starred in many local productions including “Hamlet,” in which she played Gertrude, the title character’s mother. She even had the pleasure of performing as Mrs. Potts alongside her daughter — cast as Chip — in “Beauty and the Beast,” put on by Pacific Repertory Theatre.

Englehorn’s yellow brick road didn’t exactly end in Oz, but she was already well equipped with brains, courage and plenty of heart. Who needs a wizard, anyway?



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THE PIT

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their buildings. Deciding they couldn't wait, however, the nonprofits undertook repairs on their own dime, with the art association embarking on a capital campaign to fund them, and The Carmel Foundation completed its shoring work and fixes to its damaged apartment and grounds last fall before Esperanza's contractor began removing the old pilings, floor and other installations last December.

Construction on Ulrika Plaza, which will contain underground parking, 14 retail units, and a dozen one- and two-bedroom apartments ranging from 622 square feet to 1,863 square feet, started earlier this year and is expected to be completed in mid-2027. During a walking tour of Esperanza Carmel's various projects last month, managing director Chris Mitchell said interest in the apartments has been strong. He also said the firm has secured an anchor commercial tenant and is "looking for independent retailers" for the other spaces.

Joint statements

This week, the nonprofits, Leidig Draper Properties and Esperanza Carmel, announced that the mediation they entered in April, with the guidance of retired Monterey County Superior Court Judge Richard Silver, concluded with a settlement.

"The process of resolution has taken significant time and required cooperation on the part of all parties," their Sept. 3 joint

statement reads. "The association and the foundation sincerely appreciate the time, effort and support of Leidig Draper and Esperanza in reaching a resolution.

"Their good-faith efforts have gone a long way to put this matter behind all parties," it continues. "With the resolution of all disputes, the association and the foundation look forward to the completion of Esperanza's project to the benefit of the city and its citizens."

The statement includes no comments from Leidig Draper or Esperanza, nor does it describe the terms of the settlement.

Esperanza Carmel and the art association issued a separate statement saying the nonprofit gallery "agreed to clarify that, if it had the information recently provided by Esperanza Carmel, it would not have made the statements in The Pine Cone suggesting that the work undertaken by Esperanza Carmel and its contractor might have caused vibrations and shaking that could result in damage to the association's building."

The "vibrations and shaking," as well as pounding and the loading of large chunks of concrete into haulers, occurred mostly during the demolition process and were heard and felt blocks away.

"With the damage claims now resolved, the Carmel Art Association is confident that it and Esperanza Carmel will have a productive working relationship," the joint statement continues, and they "have also agreed to work collaboratively to ensure that any future issues are addressed openly and directly for the mutual benefit of both parties."



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Suspect jumps into lake to escape

By KELLY NIX

A MAN who jumped into Lake El Estero in Monterey on Sunday afternoon while trying to flee police has been charged with resisting arrest, being under the influence of methamphetamine, and other crimes, court documents show.

On Aug. 30, at about 4:40 p.m., Monterey police officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near Third Street and Camino Aguajito. Witnesses said the man was climbing on top of garbage cans and appeared disoriented. A woman also reported he was following her.

After officers found Brian Cardenas, 24, he took off. Part of the chase was captured on a cell phone camera by a woman who was parked nearby. The video shows Cardenas running along an unpaved path between Lake El Estero and San Carlos Cemetery. Meanwhile, Monterey police officers in vehicles activated their sirens and sped down Camino El Estero and Pearl Street.

Cardenas took off his shirt, dropped it, and jumped into the lake. After he made a

brief attempt two swim across the murky, green-brown water, officers arrived on shore and convinced him to get out.

“Eww, he’s going to be so stinky,” one of the people in the car with the videographer says.

Cardenas got out of the water with his hands up and lay face down on the ground as Monterey police instructed. Three officers took him into custody without a struggle.

‘Threats’

On Monday, the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office filed charges against Cardenas, accusing him of resisting and obstructing Monterey Police Sgt. Jason Newby, being under the influence of methamphetamine, possession of meth, and another drug-related misdemeanor.

Prosecutors also filed a separate case against Cardenas on Monday, alleging that in late June he threatened to “commit a crime” against a person “which would result in death.”

As of Thursday, he was in custody at Monterey County Jail in Salinas.

LAKE

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that the appropriate approvals are in place before work begins. Those requirements are important for protecting sensitive aquatic environments such as Lake El Estero.”

The city’s lease agreement with El Estero Boating does not provide for routine grass-cutting in Lake El Estero.

Interfering

“Rather, it provides a process for addressing aquatic vegetation when it is confirmed to unreasonably interfere with paddle boat operations,” Banks said,

adding that Monterey is seeking permission from the state to allow management of lake vegetation to be “conducted on a recurring basis over multiple years.”

Per its lease agreement, El Estero Boating is required to notify Monterey when aquatic vegetation hinders operations, she said.

If the city, following an inspection of the paddleboats, “confirms that the vegetation is unreasonably impeding their operation, the agreement provides for a temporary reduction in the lease rate until the city removes the vegetation sufficiently to allow the paddleboats to reasonably navigate the lake,” Banks explained.

The cost of cutting the grass is estimated to be \$30,000. The city will seek bids for the work, she said.

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FIRES

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Plaskett Fire also destroyed Brendon Shave’s residence on Plaskett Ridge — remarkably, the only home lost to either wildfire.

Backfiring efforts

Firefighters are planning to use back burns to help control the Plaskett Fire. “Planned actions for the next operational period include conducting strategic firing operations to keep pace with the main fire,” Cal Fire said Thursday morning. “Crews will apply an aggressive direct attack where terrain and fire behavior allow, while continuing to build and secure both direct and indirect control lines. Fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft will be utilized when available to support ground operations. Burnout and backfiring efforts will continue as necessary to secure lines, limit fire spread and reinforce both primary and contingency control features.”

To keep the Timber Fire from spreading, firefighters are focused on strengthening and reinforcing containment lines to the north, east and southeast of the blaze, and building fire lines with hand crews and heavy equipment. “In the northwest, hand crews are prioritizing the construction of containment lines from Post Summit toward Little Sur River,” the Cal Fire report continued. “Crews will be rappelling from helicopters into inaccessible terrain to engage in a multi-day mission to build direct line north of Manuel Peak. Near Logwood Creek on the southern perimeter, crews continue to extend containment lines to check the fire’s progress.” Aiding the effort are two hotshot crews who hiked deep into the backcountry to build containment lines. To protect a cabin at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, firefighters wrapped it with a fire-retardant material. The structure was built in 1884 by homesteader John Pfeiffer, whose family later donated the land for the park. Nearly 3,000 personnel, including

crews from the U.S. Forest Service and Cal Fire, are engaged in fighting the two fires, along with scores of engines, helicopters, bulldozers and water tenders. Fort Hunter Liggett, the softball field at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, and Plaskett Creek Campground are being used as staging areas and operational hubs for firefighters and heavy equipment. **Weather cools** After a series of hot, dry days, the weather appears to be aiding firefighters, with cooler temperatures, higher relative humidity and patchy fog, which are expected to “help moderate fire behavior and support suppression operations,” according to Monterey County spokesperson Nick Pasculli. But Hurricane Marie, which has been brewing off the coast of Mexico, isn’t expected to bring any rain this weekend.

Many neighborhoods in Big Sur remain under evacuation orders or warnings, with any directive “subject to immediate change based on real-time fire behavior.” Fifty-six miles of Highway 1 had been closed to all but firefighters and locals, but most of the road reopened to visitors Thursday morning. For now, it remains closed for about 14 miles from Pacific Valley south to the Monterey County line. All Big Sur state parks remain closed, along with most shops and resorts, although some are planning to reopen soon. The Carmel Mission Inn Conference Room and the Cambria Veterans Memorial Building are being used as shelters for displaced residents. While both fires officially remain under investigation, rumors circulating throughout Big Sur suggest the cause of each has been identified.

MAYOR

From page 27A

a resident sent me a thoughtful email after PG&E cut down part of an oak tree on city property. PG&E was preparing to replace a power pole in front of her house to handle increased electrical demand. After explaining her concerns, within two days, city staff, PG&E and its contractor worked out a better solution. This Monday, crews were onsite executing the project. I involved two forest and beach commissioners who will review communication protocols for situations like this in the future. That’s how these things should work: Calmly raise a concern, listen, communicate and look for a better process.

I’m sure Peter will turn it into another quintessential Carmel treasure.

Public works leader

Our new public works director, Yanni Demitri, started this week at an important moment for Carmel. This council has made rebuilding our aging infrastructure a major priority. With new leadership, added project management capacity and upgraded equipment, we are prepared for substantial work in the coming years. Yanni brings experience managing large public projects and is also a traffic engineer. Parking, traffic and pedestrian circulation have resisted easy answers for years, and we’re looking forward to a fresh set of experienced eyes to help us tackle them. There will always be problems to solve in Carmel. But “Walking My Ways” has reminded me that, every once in a while, it’s worth looking around the village and noticing what’s going right. To hear a podcast generated from this column, go to cli.re/goodnews. Dale Byrne is mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea. His email is dbyrne@cbts.us.

The Mole Hole

A longtime Carmel fixture, the Mole Hole has received its permit to relocate behind the Tuck Box. Keeping distinctive local businesses in Carmel matters. Its new location will include outdoor space, giving this venerable business more flexibility.

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The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

And there’s a flag on the play, and the one after that, and so on

IN ITS third season as a sanctioned varsity sport in California, girls flag football has evolved into a wide-open, whirling dervish of a game — seven-on-seven, with imaginative play designs. Everybody on

and, in fact, illegal. Blockers set screens (getting in the way), but aren’t permitted to push, grab or barge into an opponent in any way. One player is allowed to go “in motion” — running parallel to the line of scrimmage, but never toward it — before the football is snapped. Defenders don’t tackle. They pull a flag from a ball carrier’s waistband. They’re penalized for body checking, diving into a ball carrier, blocking a runner’s path or impeding a receiver’s route, lowering a shoulder, or attempting to strip the ball from an opponent’s arms.

intercepted. Typical offensive formations are composed of a snapper (the center), a quarterback, a running back (who may instead line up as a wide receiver), and all four receivers are also permitted to line up as running backs. Such liberties turn coaches into mad scientists, quarterbacks into tricksters, and receivers into acrobats. Defenders may set up in any formation, move at will, and play one-on-one, zone or hybrid defenses. “Oh, man, I still feel like we all learn something new every week, and I’m just trying to be a student of the game,” said Phil Johnston, who began coaching the sport at Carmel High four years ago, when it was still just an intramural competition. “I’m trying to be adaptable and creative, trying to find that balance between being too strict and making sure we’re having fun.”



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Delilah Herro earned All-Gabilan recognition as a running back/reciever as a junior, and is expected to be a primary target in Carmel’s passing game this season. She also stands out on defense.

season, and she’s already getting looked at by a few of the smaller NCAA Division I universities, as well as some Division II schools,” Johnston said. Herro’s more intense focus on pass-catching was likely necessitated by the absence of fellow senior Anna Rasmussen, who led the Padres in receptions three

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

the field is an eligible receiver, and rigid rules prohibit intentional physical contact of any kind. Mouthguards are mandatory, but helmets and shoulder pads are unnecessary —



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Strong-armed junior Kaelani Sagin, a second-team All-Gabilan selection, returns as the Padres’ starting quarterback this season.

Anticipation and discipline All of which gives defensive players a lot to consider on the fly. That’s why defensive coordinators may use almost any formation and emphasize angles, positioning, anticipation and discipline. A designated pass rusher must start 7 yards behind the line of scrimmage (“the rush line”), be clearly identified, and stay at least 1 yard behind the line until the ball is snapped. A rusher cannot leap into the quarterback’s space or make contact with the passer. No blocking is allowed if a pass is

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SPORTS

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years in a row (earning all-division honors in 2025).
“Anna is a multitalented kid — very involved in theater, drama and video production — and wanted to put more time into those things this year, as a senior. She’s a bright light, and she’s trying to figure out who she is,” the coach said.
Two returning Padres earned second-team All-Gabilan recognition last year as sophomores.

Big arm at quarterback
Kaelani Sagin will be a second-year starter as the team’s rocket-armed quarterback, where a full season of experience figures to be a boon.
“Kaelani can throw the football really far, and our focus this year will be to teach her more about playing the quarterback position and get her where she needs to be,” said Johnston, who was a record-setting QB at Carmel High (5,400 yards passing in his final two seasons), then played linebacker in 2007 and 2008 at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Bella Rodriguez, also a junior, is an exceptionally versatile athlete who can play multiple offensive positions but earned her second-team All-Gabilan recognition as a defensive back.
“She’s basically a utility player — dependable and extremely coachable — who can do anything I need her to do,” Johnston said of Rodriguez, a cornerback and linebacker on defense. “It’s really exciting to know she’s going to be with us for the next two seasons.”
Big things also are anticipated from sophomore Annabella Schroeder, a first-team All-Mission Division third baseman last season as a freshman softball player.
“She’s a big, strong, travel softball player — super aggressive — with a ton of potential,” the coach said. “She’ll be playing on both sides of the line of

scrimmage for us this season.”
Schroeder is expected to be a threat at wide receiver for the Padres and figures to start at linebacker.

An ace flag-puller
Returning letter-winner Pearl Burtttschell, the starting center, is likely to become a more frequent target as a receiver this year, Johnston said. She also ranked among Carmel’s best flag-pullers in her sophomore season.
Another player with big potential, the coach said, is Ella Marie, a sophomore recovering from a shoulder dislocation. Marie, a standout on the JV team as a freshman, is expected to see action as a receiver/running back on offense and a linebacker on defense.
Other key players on the defensive side include Herro, who plays linebacker and safety, and sophomore free safety Stella Becker.

Monterey High product Nick Cunning-

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Bella Rodriguez was a second-team all-division defensive back as a sophomore in 2025 and excels at multiple other positions, including receiver.



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MORE SPORTS

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ham, a three-time U.S. Olympic bobsledder, returns as the varsity assistant coach. Johnston’s dad, Craig Johnston, is serving as head coach of the junior varsity squad for the second year in a row. He previously spent 17 seasons as Carmel High’s varsity football head coach.

The Padres opened their 2026 season Tuesday with a 15-13 homefield loss to Alisal. They travel Monday to Hollister for a 5:45 p.m. game, then return home Wednesday to play North Monterey County, a 5:15 p.m. kickoff at Carmel High.

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Phil Johnston, a record-setting passer at Carmel High, guided the Padres to a second-place finish in the Gabilan Division last fall, and the school's first CCS playoff berth.



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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

PacRep Theatre's "Walk Like a Man" plays Tuesday and Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., at the Golden Bough Playhouse. Besides the timeless title track, the tribute show features an array of hit songs, including "Sherry," "Big Girls



Pac Rep Theatre's "Walk Like A Man" pays tribute to the musical legacy of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons.

Don't Cry" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You." "With soaring falsettos, tight harmonies, sharp choreography and one unforgettable hit after another, the production celebrates one of the most enduring catalogs in American popular music," PacRep said. Portraying Valli is **Val Martinez**, who once toured alongside the legendary singer. Martinez will be joined by "an exceptional group of performers," according to PacRep. "Whether reliving treasured memories or discovering these classics for the first time, audiences can expect an irresistible evening of music, nostalgia and entertainment," the theater company added. Tickets start at \$35. The Golden Bough is located at Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth. Call (831) 622-0100 or visit PacRep.org.

■ A spicy mix

The rich musical traditions of Spain and Scotland come together when singers and fiddlers **Maria San Miguel** and **Galen Fraser** perform Sunday, 3 p.m., at St. Mary's-by-the Sea in Pacific Grove. Fraser is the son of legendary fiddler Alasdair Fraser, and San Miguel is his wife. The pair played here a year ago. "You may remember them from last fall when they set our stage on fire," said **Jackie Pierce** of St. Mary's, who described the duo's sound as a "spicy mix of Spanish with a dash of Scottish flavor." The church is located at 146 12th St. Tickets are \$31 for adults and \$12 for kids 12 and under. Visit celticsociety.org for more details.

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Quartet plays jazz Friday at 5:30 p.m. Last week's music calendar inadvertently listed the quartet as last week's performer, which was the Bubba Pickens Band. The series showcases local musicians, "a curated lineup of intimate, solo and small-ensemble performances in a casual, open-air setting on our upper terrace." According to Sunset Center, "Rick unites the peninsula's premier jazz artists — **Bill Delap** on bass, **Mike Shannon** on drums and **Ben Herod** on saxophone — to

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New restaurant adds lounge, two others toast 5 years in business

LABOR DAY is upon us, but while most folks are kicking back (or bracing for) a three-day weekend on the Peninsula, firefighters in Big Sur won't be taking a break. Alvarado Street Brewery is accepting donations at all its locations, including Carmel Plaza, and posted a list of 18 suggested items on Instagram — things like bottled water, protein bars, car chargers for phones, and laundry soap.

As we learn about more opportunities to share with those in need, we'll pass that info along.

Meanwhile, here are some bite-sized reports about restaurateur Bashar Alsneeh's new spot in Carmel, as well as Hay's Place at Pebble Beach — which somehow is turning 5 already — and a thought about where to have a nice lunch in P.G.

Char gets OK to expand

Bashar Alsneeh's new Dolores Street steakhouse, Char, which replaced Cantinetta Luca, can add a lounge in the former Salumeria Luca space next door, the Carmel Planning Commission decided Aug. 19. But nothing in it can be called a "bar," and no one can sit at anything that looks like a bar in that space.

That's because Char already has a fully

a lounge where guests can enjoy cocktails and small bites. Expensive whiskies and other liquors will be displayed in the room, but drink orders will be taken by the floor staff. Char offers an expansive menu of hors d'oeuvres, pizzas, pastas, steaks and sides, and the expansion will bump the number of seats from 86 to 99.

"I'm doing something that I feel is needed in Carmel — a high-end lounge area where people can come hang out and have drinks," he said, adding that his other new enterprise, Bash-Bar, which will be located in the former Sade's space on Lincoln south of Ocean, is "very close to opening."

"It's going to be something Carmel will be proud of," he said.

What is it?

At Char, planning commissioners worried the lounge area would become a second bar and spent some time discussing what a bar actually is. Is it a piece of furniture? Or is it, as far as the code goes, a place where bartenders make drinks and people sit and enjoy them?

Alsneeh insisted he is not adding a second bar. Saying he "needs the display" of expensive bourbons, tequilas and the like, he said, and needs a countertop to accommodate "a dishwasher and all that stuff," but it won't be a bar.

Commissioner Mel Ahlborn worried that even without seats, the countertop



Hay's Place at Pebble Beach is celebrating its fifth anniversary next week. Chef de cuisine Angela Herrera (right) heads up the culinary team at the high-end Cal-Mex establishment, which will hold a party with live music and a "walk-around culinary experience." Guests can wander the grounds and nosh as they enjoy the views.



would function as a bar if staff members are making drinks there.

"If somebody can walk into this space and order some tapas and order a drink and do this without the servers having to go into the other room, then indeed it's operating independently as a bar," she said.

"I disagree. If you can't walk up and order a drink, it's not a bar," chair Michael LePage countered. "They're going to give you a menu, you're going to order, they're going to make it and bring it back to you."

Ultimately, commissioners were comfortable with calling the thing that looks like a bar a "service counter" and telling Alsneeh to relocate the four seats shown at the counter in the layout, and they unanimously approved the application.

Because it constitutes an expansion, the planning department also said he'll have to pay \$108,160 in in-lieu parking fees, since

the restaurant does not provide parking. At the meeting, however, acting city administrator Brandon Swanson said he was unsure that figure was accurate and said it will be verified after the meeting.

Hay's Place turns 5

Pebble Beach Resorts' youngest restaurant, Hay's Place — situated next to the nine-hole The Hay pitch and putt course — celebrates its fifth anniversary next month, and the company is celebrating. Maintaining its identity as a high-end Cal-Mex restaurant with unbeatable views and a lively atmosphere, Hay's Place continues to carve out its unique spot in the Pebble Beach landscape, and the culinary team headed by chef de cuisine Angela Herrera

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consistently keeps things fresh and changing — even if that means your favorite dish disappears from the menu from time to time.

The Oct. 17 anniversary celebration is a pricey ticket at \$225, but promises to impress, with guests invited to wander through the restaurant, the practice green and the first tee “during an exclusive ticketed walk-around culinary experience” complemented by live music from the Chicano All-Stars.

Herrera’s heritage and personal history play out at Hay’s. Born in coastal Nayarit, Mexico, she is inspired in the kitchen by family recipes and the vibrant culinary culture of her upbringing.

For the party in particular, she’ll apply that “unique perspective to a menu that celebrates the richness of Mexican culinary traditions through thoughtfully crafted

small plates and interactive chef-attended stations,” according to the company. “Her cooking reflects both the flavors of her homeland and the fresh, vibrant ingredients of California’s Central Coast, creating a dining experience that is both personal and memorable.”

Accompanying her creations will be hand-crafted cocktails, specialty tequila tastings featuring premium neat pours, and Hay’s Place’s house-made sangria.

And while much of the resort is kid-friendly, this party is for the grown-ups.

“This 21-and-over anniversary celebration is a toast to five remarkable years of Hay’s Place — a tradition built on great food, warm hospitality and memorable moments shared among friends and family,” the company said. Tickets include tax and service charge, and they can be ordered through pebblebeach.com/dining/hays-place.

The lunch puzzle

For working stiffs, there are four types of lunch places. One has a drive-thru or plastic seating that says, “We have tables, but we’re really a takeout joint.” Then there’s the reliable sit-down place that can get you out in less than 40 minutes for about \$20 to \$25. The other two overlap — those you



Rudolfo’s in downtown Pacific Grove offers a range of lunch options, from sour-dough pizzas to truffle-infused pasta dishes. It’s a casual, pleasant setting with outdoor tables available, and the food is creative and well executed.

CALENDAR

Sept. 6 – St. Mary’s Celtic Concerts welcomes back San Miguel Fraser! Galen Fraser and Maria San Miguel bring an exhilarating fusion of Celtic and Spanish traditions, featuring fiery fiddling, vocals and infectious energy. Celebrate Labor Day weekend with this unforgettable performance. Doors open at 2:30 p.m., with Bistro service available. Tickets on sale now!

Sept. 9 – Got home equity? Curious about HELOCs and reverse mortgages? A free seminar for homeowners age 55+ is set for 10:30 a.m. at the Carmel Foundation, Eighth and Lincoln, Carmel. High Tech Lending presents this to Carmel Foundtion members. Non-members can attend as guests but must register at (831) 624-1588.

Sept. 10-Jan. 28 – Women in the Word is conducting a **Christian Bible study on Revelation**, 9:15 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. Women of ALL ages and denominations, from any town or church, with any level of biblical knowledge are invited! Contact Sarah Myers at sarahwmyers@gmail.com or (831) 238-7559. Childcare provided with advance notice.

Sept. 11-13 – Experience the excitement of the 93rd Annual Festa Italia at Custom House Plaza in Monterey. This free, family-friendly celebration welcomes visitors of all ages for three unforgettable days of authentic Italian food, live music, dancing, a bocce tournament, a calamari cooking demonstration, artisan vendors, Italian-themed merchandise, and plenty of fun, friendship, and festive Italian spirit! www.festaitaliamonterey.org

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Sept. 19 – The Monterey Elks Lodge, 150 Mar Vista Drive, **is seeking sellers to sell their gently used items** during our Open to the Public Rummage Sale between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Rental space (9’x12’) is \$35. Set up from 7 – 8:30 a.m. – bring your own table and chairs. Complete the online sellers form using the QR code and email to secretary1285@gmail.com OR call (831) 373-1285.



Sept. 24 – The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) will present a luncheon lecture at the Monterey Marriott, 350 Calle Principal, Monterey. **Peter Bergen, CNN National Security analyst and professor, Arizona State University**, will present “**All The Presidents’ Wars: Twenty-Five years of America’s War on Terror.**” Visit <http://www.wacmb.org> for event registration and information.

Oct. 11 – Don’t miss the free fun 181st Wharf Birthday Party at Old Fisherman’s Wharf from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy a great performance by The Money Band, free birthday cake, face painting, Wharf Walks, meet Monterey Fire and Police representatives, tour and view the historic General Pershing boat, take photos with costumed strolling sea creatures, and much more! www.montereywharf.com

Sundays – Jazz brunch with the Andrea Carter Trio, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Terry’s Restaurant + Lounge, inside Cypress Inn, Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel-by-the-Sea. For more information, please contact Cypress Inn, (831) 624-3871.

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sandwich (\$21) with vodka sauce, basil and fresh, stretchy mozzarella on a brioche roll.

The sizeable sandwich comes with French fries. A pleasantly spicy sauce arrived on the side, and the unwieldy-looking sandwich was surprisingly easy to pick up and eat, thanks to the fork-tender chicken.

The XO and Works burgers (\$27), also served with fries, are made from wagyu



Char steakhouse, the latest addition to restaurateur Bashar Alsneeh's foodie fiefdom, was the subject of an extended planning commission discussion about the definition of a bar. Alsneeh's other new spot, BashBar, (formerly Sade's) should open soon.

beef and come with cheddar cheese. The XO adds bacon, salsa and jalapeño, while the Works is topped with caramelized onions, aioli, an onion ring and pickles.

An assortment of freshly made sourdough pizzas (\$17 to \$23) looked and smelled delicious as they were ferried to other diners. Seven house combos include the Bee's Knees with tomato sauce, spicy salami, rosemary and spicy honey, and the Fig Pie with fig jam, basil, ricotta and optional prosciutto, as well as a build-your-own option.

Handmade pasta options (\$24 to \$35) sounded tasty, too. The carbonara with truffle butter, chili, garlic, pancetta and egg yolk was tempting but seemed potentially nap-inducing. There's a choice of traditional Caesar salad zhuzhed up with

fried capers, or a pear-arugula salad with candied walnuts and gorgonzola. Both are listed with small and large sizes priced at \$9 and \$18.

Assorted soft drinks, cocktails, mocktails, beers, and wines by the glass or bottle is available. The waitstaff accommodated a pesky dairy sensitivity (it is, after all, an Italian restaurant where cheese is part of the menu's DNA), going so far as to double-check ingredients in each item before bringing it out.

All in all, it was a satisfying lunch that successfully combined home-style cooking with Monterey Peninsula sophistication — great for a guest but casual enough to chill with your colleagues.

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

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■ Carmel

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

■ Carmel Valley

Baja Cantina — **The Lost & Found Band** (pop and rock, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 7166 Carmel Valley Road.
Bernardus Lodge — **Andrea’s Fault** (jazz and pop, Saturday at noon), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.
Edgar’s — singer and guitarist **Jewel**



Moondance pays tribute to late singer Rich Haggett Sunday, 2 p.m, at Lucy’s on Lighthouse.

Arianna (Friday at 5:30 p.m.). At **Quail Lodge**, 8205 Valley Greens Drive.
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InterContinental Hotel — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Spanish, Sunday at 9 a.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Midici Pizza — The Brian Stock Quartet with keyboardist **Bill Spencer**, bassist **Zach Westfall** and drummer **Pat Tregenza** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and keyboardist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

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■ Pacific Grove

Asilomar Conference Center — Los Survivors (blues, soul and jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.). 800 Asilomar Ave.

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

Julia’s Vegetarian Restaurant — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea’s Fault Duo** (jazz and pop, Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Holymsea** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

Lucy’s on Lighthouse — Scarlet (pop and rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **Moondance** pays tribute to its longtime leader, singer and guitarist **Rich Haggett**, who recently passed away (pop and rock, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

PG’s Meetinghouse — Myami Phivoh (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Ayana Bradley** (jazz, Saturday at 11 a.m.), **The Rod Squad** (classic rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Kevin McCullough** (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 jam,” Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Pop & Hiss — Paige & the Overtones (“heartfelt honky-tonk,” Thursday at 7 p.m.). 215 Forest Ave.

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

■ Pebble Beach

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

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist **Frank Weckerle** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Reija Massey** (Saturday at 5 p.m.), guitarist **Adam** (jazz, Thursday at 5 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

■ Sand City

Art Park — The New Wave Band plays at Night Market 831 (rock, Friday at 5 p.m.). 525 Ortiz Ave.

■ Seaside

Embassy Suites — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and



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P.G. art center shares new shows, Carmel Modern welcomes ‘Water Music’

A PAIR of painters, Tracey Adams and John Cromwell, debut their latest work Friday at Carmel Modern gallery, which will be the site of a free public reception a week later on Sept. 12 from 4-7 p.m.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Titled “Water Music,” the display creates “a dialog built around rhythm, flow and improvisation.” “Taking its title from the fluid, cadenced quality shared by both artists’ work, the exhibition explores how paint, encaustic and mixed media can carry the structure and movement of a musical score

— layered, gestural and never quite still,” according to the gallery, which is on Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln. Adams finds creative inspiration for art in subjects as varied as science, math and music. “My interest in music is especially present in terms of the visual intervals and patterns that appear in my work,” she explained. “Physical engagement and a sense of performance are always part of my studio practice.” Cromwell — who owns Carmel Modern — explores “shapes, colors and relationships between objects and layers.” The exhibit continues through Oct. 14. Visit carmelmodern.art for more information.



Painter David Hohmann’s creativity is shaped by the colorful psychedelic art that adorned many posters and album covers in the late 1960s. He has a new show at Pacific Grove Art Center.

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Borrowing a phrase from a fan of his art, Hohmann describes his work as “Mexican art meets the ‘Yellow Submarine.’” His influences include the cartoonist Robert Crumb, poster artist Rick Griffin and painter Peter Max, whose brightly colored work made him world-famous.

Also new at the art center are solo shows by photographer Meredith Mullins (“A Wabi Sabi Journey”) and basket artist Larise (“Baskets by Larise”), and group shows by artists Lori Z. Bala, Carly Ganley, Shagufta Khan and Nate Stapleton (“Blooming Together”) and students confronting mental health challenges (“You Art Not Alone”).

The art center — which hosts a free public reception Friday at 7 p.m. — is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave. Visit pgart-center.org for more information.

■ **Let the tours begin**

Also Sept. 4, it’s First Fridays in downtown Pacific Grove, with many shops and galleries staying open after dark, and live music playing at many sites.

A week before the annual Monterey County Open Studios Art Tour gets underway, more than two dozen artists participating in the 19th annual Seaside Studio Tour will showcase their creations at 10 sites throughout the city Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. The year’s gathering is organized by the Seaside Artist Association. The event is free.

Participating artists include Jim Lambert, Stefanna Murphy-Robins, Joan Costello, Jess Soriano, Becky Olvera Schultz and many others. Their works including paintings, photography, mosaics, textiles, quilting, sculpture, scientific illustrations, ceramics, glass and jewelry. Many of the artists will have their art displayed inside the Oldemeyer Center at 986 Hilby Ave. Visit [Facebook.com/SeasideArtistsAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SeasideArtistsAssociation) for more details.

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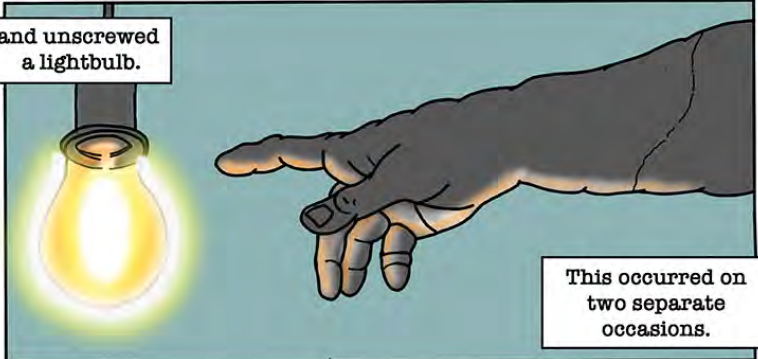
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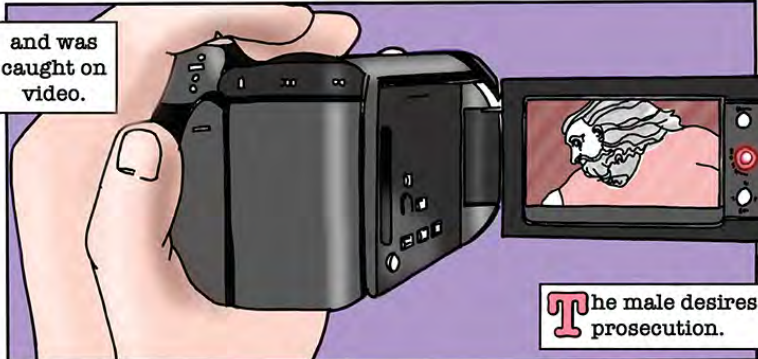


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ARTIST

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“Best teacher ever,” she declared.

“If we ever get the chance to come back here, I’m never leaving,” Redstone told herself when they received orders to move on.

Subsequent assignments over the next 22 years relocated the couple to Texas — where, in 2003, she gave birth to their son, Ukiah Crow Redstone — Hawaii, where she led tours as a nature guide and kayak instructor, and Japan, where she taught snowboarding and launched a brief career as a professional photographer.

In 2009, they returned to the Monterey Peninsula.

In 2018, with her own marriage struggling (she separated in 2019 and divorced in 2022), Redstone was licensed as a marriage and family therapist and a professional clinical counselor after graduating from San Francisco’s Saybrook University. She focuses on ecotherapy, community building and mental health support.

She originally practiced in Santa Cruz and now has an office in Carmel, counseling clients three days a week — sometimes outdoors, surrounded by nature (ecotherapy).

“I love helping people go through transition and transformation,” Redstone said.

She devotes much of the rest of her time to creating art, progressing toward making that a full-time occupation.

“I’ve absolutely fallen in love with the Monterey Peninsula — the ocean, the beauty, the artist community and its history — this is where I’m supposed to be,”

said Redstone, whose playful spirit enticed her to skate from 2011 to 2014 with Monterey’s female roller derby team, the Can-nery Rollers, under yet another alias: “I was Virago Va Boom,” she said.

“Phoenix and my sister were roller derby rookies together. My sister introduced us,” said her partner and housemate, Ben Draeger, who plans to revisit his own passion for ceramics when he retires.

An imaginative portfolio

Her art portfolio is as eclectic as her journey, bursting with vibrant color, spontaneity and creative thinking.

“I’ve primarily been a muralist for most of my life,” said Redstone, who employs acrylics, watercolors, pencil and colorful marking pens in a style that often is illustrative, like comic-book art. “I tend to keep things simple, but I like to paint huge. I’m always thinking bigger — thinking about how the piece might translate to a mural, on a much larger scale. I love to paint really large walls.”

A hallway inside her Seaside home is decorated with her mural of koi fish.

“What do you think of that?” she asked her artistic son.

“It’s good, if you’re going to put it in the pediatrics area at a dentist’s office,” Ukiah kidded her.

Two recent works are large comic book-style renderings of Japanese shisa dogs (noted for their lion-like appearance), known as “The Guardian Dogs of Okinawa.”

One is ferocious, teeth bared, tongue jutting from an open mouth. “The mouth, open wide, means he wards away bad or evil energy,” she said.

Her second shisa is nonthreatening:

“Closed eyes, closed mouth, to invite the good,” she said.

Her Instagram page — phoenixredstoneartz — glows with similar-style paintings of crows (“My spirit animal,” she said), frogs, seahorses, elephants and a happy octopus playing a ukulele with two tentacles, a tambourine with another, and tipping a straw hat with yet another.

Her first painting in an evolving series, “Cozy Corners,” features a black cat in a colorful breakfast nook, comfortably perched on a window ledge, gazing at a

tree swing in a serene flower garden.

Redstone is one of six Seaside artists participating in the Open Studios Art Tour. Paul Richmond, Karen St. James, Celest Fithens, Christina Beilby and Jill Casty also are registered. Dozens of artists throughout the county also will be showing.

Visit arts4mc.org for additional information.

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

PacRep’s fresh take on ‘Medea’

By CHRIS COUNTS

BETRAYAL LEADS to revenge in PacRep’s retelling of Euripides’ “Medea,” which opens Sept. 12 at the Golden Bough Playhouse, 2,500 years after the tragic play made its debut in Athens. The theater hosts discounted preview performances Sept. 10-11.

PacRep describes the play as a “gripping, raw and astonishingly intense masterpiece.” It tells the story of “a brilliant and fiercely independent woman whose world is shattered when her husband, Jason, abandons her in pursuit of political power and a new bride.” It’s considered a classic case of “hell hath no fury like a woman scorned.”

“Euripides’ iconic tragedy crackles with emotional power in an intimate staging that brings audiences face-to-face with one of theater’s most unforgettable characters,” PacRep said. “Fiercely human and haunting, ‘Medea’ remains one of the most pow-

erful tragedies ever written.”

The upcoming performance is based on a 2014 adaptation by Ben Power that adds contemporary themes and updates the language. “This gripping new version breathes fresh life into the ancient Greek masterpiece,” PacRep said.

Directed by Kenneth Kelleher, the play stars Jennifer Le Blanc, a classical stage actress who has worked with Kelleher many times. The cast also includes Julie Hughett and guest artist Michael Storm.

“Medea” continues Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m., through Sept. 20. Tickets are \$43 for general admission, \$33 for seniors, \$23 for teachers and active military, and \$16 for students. Tickets for Sept. 10-11 are \$23 for general admission, \$18 for seniors, \$13 for teachers and active military, and \$11 for students. Also, two adult tickets are offered for the price of one on Thursdays.

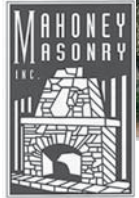
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Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.
Spotless Bay Cleaning Services, LLC, 1115 5th St., #3, Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under 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.

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.

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

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)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261553
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JKENWORTHY CHIROPORACTIC, 3785 Via Nona Marie Suite 314B, Carmel, CA 9323.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): Jeanette Elizabeth Kenworthy, 273 W. Carmel Valley Rd., Unit A, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
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/Jeanette Elizaeth Kenworthy
Date signed: August 4, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 4, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 2026 (PC 834)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261601
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CRUST FRESH SOURDOUGH DELI, CRUST DELI, 2754 Sand Dune Avenue, Ste 20, Marina, CA 93933.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.
CP Marina Restaurant Group, 760 E. Tasman Dr., Milpitas, CA 95035.
This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 13, 2026.
S/Timothy Leung, President
Date signed: August 13, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 13, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2026 (PC 835)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 26CV004482
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, JEANETTE MONCADA ERIKSSON, aka JEANETTE KRISTIN GUTIERREZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name: JEANETTE MONCADA ERIKSSON, aka JEANETTE KRISTIN GUTIERREZ
Proposed name: JEANETTE MONCADA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Oct. 13, 2026
TIME: 10:02 a.m.
DEPT: 14
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
Date filed: Aug. 14, 2026
(s) Ian A. Rivamonte
Judge of the Superior Court
Publication Dates: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2026. (PC 836)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 20261603
Filing type: ABANDONMENT
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: Jan. 3, 2025
File No.: 20250010
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

ness as: **THE PLANTIST, 627 Ambrose Drive, Salinas, California 93901.**
Registered Owner(s): JEANETTE MONCADA ERIKSSON, 627 Ambrose Drive, Salinas, California 93901.
This business is conducted by an individual. S/Jeanette Moncada Eriksson
Aug. 13, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 13, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2026. (PC837).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261594
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MUSES AND RUSES, 3017 Eddy Street, Marina, CA 93933.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): MARIAH TRINITY.
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/Mariah Trinity
Date signed: Aug. 11, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 11, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2026 (PC 838)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 26CV003172
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, MARIA ESTRELLA ZARATE-PACHECO, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name: MARIA ESTRELLA ZARATE-PACHECO
Proposed name: ESTRELLA ZARATE-PACHECO
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. 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: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2026. (PC840).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261540
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JIMENECO, 61 White St., Watsonville, CA 95076.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): ALFREDO A. JIMENEZ.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 30, 2026.
S/Alfredo A. Jimenez
Date signed: July 31, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 31, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2026 (PC 845)

CARMEL HIGHLANDS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 12:30 p.m. The Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District, Board of Directors will meet at the district’s fire station located at 73 Fern Canyon Road, Carmel to consider adoption of the final budget for fiscal year 2026-27 that ends on June 30, 2027.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the preliminary budget was adopted May 20, 2026 and is available for inspection at the District’s fire station located at 73 Fern Canyon Road, Carmel between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any District resident may appear and be heard regarding the increase, decrease, or omission of any item on the budget or for the inclusion of any additional items.

Dated : August 17, 2026
Leslie Baek,
Secretary of the Board

Publication dates:
Sept. 4 & 11, 2026 (PC902)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST T.S. No.: 26-0142
Loan No.: PETIT Other: 2820871 CAD APN: 007-311-006-000
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/25/2025. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that Law Offices of Richard G. Witkin APC, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee, or as agent for the trustee, pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by DEBORAH JEANNE PETIT, TRUSTEE, OR HER SUCCESSOR IN TRUST, OF THE SURVIVORS TRUST ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PETIT FAMILY TRUST DATED JANUARY 22, 1991, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED DECEMBER 20, 2023, was the original trustor, DEBORAH JEANNE PETIT, TRUSTEE, OR HER SUCCESSOR IN TRUST, OF THE FAMILY TRUST ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PETIT FAMILY TRUST DATED JANUARY 22, 1991 AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, as Guarantor recorded 05/01/2025 as Instrument No. 2025014004 in Book N.A., Page N.A. of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of MONTEREY County, State of California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 05/18/2026, as Instrument No. 2026016653 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 09/22/2026 at 10:00 AM At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901 AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust, The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1022 Ocean Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$646,211.86* *The actual opening bid may be more or less than this amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee’s Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust including advances authorized thereunder and also including, without way of limitation, the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust together with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus the fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. THIS PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD IN AN “AS-IS” CONDITION. 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 (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Website WWW.NATIONWIDEPPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 26-0142. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an “eligible tenant buyer,” you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an “eligible bidder,” you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website WWW.NATIONWIDEPPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case, 26-0142 to find the date on which the trustee’s sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee’s sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee’s sale. If you think you may qualify as an “eligible tenant buyer” or “eligible bidder,” you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION AND STATUS 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, GO TO: WWW.NATIONWIDEPPOSTING.COM OR CALL (916) 939-0772. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, DISCLOSURES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE: (1) At the time of sale, the opening bid by the beneficiary may not represent a full credit bid. The beneficiary reserves the right, during the auction, to increase its credit bid incrementally up to a full credit bid. The beneficiary may also bid over and above its credit bid with cash, cashier’s checks or cash equivalents. (2) The Trustee’s Deed Upon Sale (TDUS) will not be issued to the successful bidder until the bidder’s payment has been deposited in the trustee’s bank and cleared (all holds released). The bidder may have to take additional actions as required by trustee’s bank in order to facilitate the deposit and clearance of bidder’s funds. (3) If, prior to the issuance of the TDUS, the trustee shall become aware of any deficiency in the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any deficiency in the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure process, then, after consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may rescind the TDUS pursuant to Civil Code Section 1058.5(b) and return the bidder’s funds, without interest. (4) When conducted, the foreclosure sale is not final until the auctioneer states “sold”. Any time prior thereto, the sale may be canceled or postponed at the discretion of the trustee or the beneficiary. A bid by the beneficiary may not result in a sale of the property. All bids placed by the auctioneer are on behalf of the seller/beneficiary. (5) NEW – SEVERAL CITIES IN CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES (GOOGLE “MEASURE ULA”), HAVE IMPOSED VERY LARGE, NEW TRANSFER TAXES ON SALES OF CERTAIN HIGH VALUE PROPERTIES. THESE TAXES CAN AMOUNT TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OR EVEN MORE. AS A CONDITION OF THIS SALE, THESE TAXES WILL NOT BE PAID BY THE FORECLOSING LENDER NOR BY THE FORECLOSURE TRUSTEE. THESE TAXES, IF AND WHEN CHARGED, ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUCCESSFUL PURCHASER AT THE FORECLOSURE SALE. This communication may be considered as being from a debt collector. To the extent that your original obligation was discharged or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy under Title 11 of The United States Code, this notice is for compliance and/or informational purposes only and does not constitute an attempt to collect a debt or to impose personal liability for such obligation. However, a secured party may retain rights under its security instrument, including the right to foreclose its lien. Date: 08/18/2026 Law Offices of Richard G. Witkin APC 5805 Sepulveda Boulevard, Suite 670 Sherman Oaks, California 91411 Phone: (818) 845-4000 By: April Witkin Trustee Officer NPP0493447 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 08/28/2026, 09/04/2026, 09/11/2026

Publication dates: Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2026 (PC854)

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261571
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MONTEREY PAINT TONES, 1356 Elm Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): PEDRO PEREZ RODRIGUEZ, 1356 Elm Ave., 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 Oct. 10, 2019.
S/Pedro Perez Rodriguez
Date signed: Aug. 7, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 7, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 2026 (PC 849)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261665
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MEMORIES IN A SNAP PHOTO BOOTH, 456 Seminole Way, Salinas, CA 93906.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): JESSICA ANN MACIAS, 456 Seminole Way, Salinas, CA 93906.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Jessica Macias
Date signed: Aug. 21, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 21, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 2026 (PC 850)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261655
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE GRILL ON OCEAN AVE, 3 SW Corner of Ocean Avenue, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: CARMEL FUTURE INC., 832 West Franklin St., Apt. C, Monterey, CA 93940.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Hussein Karaki, President
Date: Aug. 20, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 20, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 2026 (PC 851)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261669
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MAZY AMY CURIO COLLECTIONS, 3127 Crescent Avenue #D3, Marina, CA 93933.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: MAZY AMY COLLECTIONS LLC, 3127 Crescent Avenue #D3, Marina, CA 93933.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Amy Copeland Johnson, Member
Date: Aug. 21, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 21, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 2026 (PC 853)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261693
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
GOODIES DELICATESSEN, 510 Lighthouse Ave., Suite #2, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: 5 & 2 DINING, 510 Lighthouse Ave., Suite #2, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 26, 2026.
S/George Sarkis, President
Date: Aug. 26, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 26, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 2026 (PC 858)

1. DIGITAL MERCHANT SOLUTIONS 2. DMS 26 Wyndemere Way Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): FRANCISCO J. PACHECO.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 1, 2026.
S/Frank Pacheco
Date signed: Aug. 26, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 26, 2026.
Publication Dates: Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026 (PC 905)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261707
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. KIMERA'S CREATIONS 2. SISTER SUSHI 11 Alvin Circle, Salinas, CA 93906.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): KIMERA WALKER CAGUIMBAL, 11 Alvin Circle, Salinas, CA 93906.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Kimera Walker Caguimbal
Date signed: Aug. 28, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 28, 2026.
Publication Dates: Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026 (PC 907)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261692
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
KD CONCIERGE, 125 10th Street, Marina, CA 93933.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): KATHLEEN RITA DITULLIO.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 26, 2026.
S/Kathleen Dittulio
Date signed: Aug. 26, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 26, 2026.
Publication Dates: Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026 (PC 908)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261733
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
DR. LAURIE BLOOM SWEENEY, EDU. CONSULTANT AND LEADERSHIP COACH, 170 Barrett Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076.
County of Principal Place of Business: SANTA CRUZ
Registered Owner(s): LAURIE BLOOM SWEENEY.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 1, 2026.
S/Dr. Laurie Bloom Sweeney
Date signed: Sept. 1, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 1, 2026.
Publication Dates: Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026 (PC 909)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261722
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SALT & CYPRESS STAGING, 25193 Hatton 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.: BIG COUNTRY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC, P.O. Box 3945, Carmel by the Sea, CA 93921.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: NV
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/Dany Langham, Managing Member
Date: Aug. 31, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 31, 2026.
Publication Dates: Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026 (PC 910)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261579
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. INKED OCTOPUS BOOKS 2. INKED OCTOPUS BOOKS AND DOODLES 3. OCTOPUS DOODLE CRAFTS 4. INKED OCTOPUS BOOKSTORE 5. INKED OCTOPUS BOOKSTORE AND DOODLES 6. INKED OCTOPUS BOOKSTORE AND COFFEEHOUSE 7. THE INKED OCTOPUS BOOKSTORE 8. THE INKED OCTOPUS BOOKSTORE AND COFFEEHOUSE 1141 Wanda Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): KAREN MCDONALD, 1141 Wanda Ave., 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/Karen McDonald
Date signed: Aug. 10, 2026
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Publication Dates: Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026 (PC 911)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Pursuant to the lien laws of the State of California, the contents of the following storage units will be sold to satisfy the owner's lien for unpaid rent and other charges.
The sale will include personal property stored in the units listed below. The contents are generally described as household goods, furniture, boxes, and other miscellaneous items unless otherwise noted.
The sale will be conducted online at www.StorageTreasures.com
Auction Date: Wednesday September 16, 2026 at 12:00 pm
Facility Name: SP032 - Storage PRO of Carmel, LLC
Facility Address: 9640 Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA, 93923
Facility Phone: (831) 250-6062
Units to be Sold : 7106 - Mary Hall
7126 - Theresa Buccola
All sales are subject to cancellation. Payment of the balance due prior to the sale will stop the sale of the property. The property may be withdrawn at any time before the sale.
Publish: September 04, 2026
The Carmel Pine Cone
Publication date: Sept. 4, 2026 (PC903)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261630
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PILLAR TO POST HOME INSPECTORS, 359 Casanova Ave., Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: PAC INSPECTIONS INC, 1093 Broadway Ave. #182, Seaside, CA 93955.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Paige Bohrer, President
Date: Aug. 18, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 18, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 2026 (PC 852)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261632
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
DAWN AND EVE SKINCARE, 26344 Carmel Rancho Lane, Ste 1U, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): JENNIFER DAWN MARLER, 3530 Oak Pl, Carmel, CA 93923.
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/Jennifer Marler
Date signed: Aug. 14, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 18, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 2026 (PC 855)

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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 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)

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.
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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)



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Real Estate



■ This week's cover property, located in Carmel Highlands,
is presented by Jonathan Spencer of Compass.
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1227 Camino Real — \$6,100,000
Carmel Sketch Box LLC to Andrew and Samantha Frank
APN: 010-285-004

Carmel Highlands

140 San Remo Road — \$3,200,000
Mark and Patricia Thompson to Edward and Darcy Van Siclen
APN: 243-194-016



8 Cramden Drive, Monterey — \$2,050,000

Carmel Valley

21A El Cuenca — \$485,000
Patricia Gibeau to Quinton Hoover and Lizbeth Letona
APN: 189-433-009

25195 Stewart Place — \$2,350,000
Ellie and Carolyn Stutzman to Christopher and Erinn Andrews
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Michael and Joanna Handleman to Ann Bauer



515 Fountain Avenue, Pacific Grove — \$1,560,000
APN: 161-371-001

23086 Espada Drive — \$1,650,000
Leonard and Adrian Batti to Daniel and John Witting
APN: 161-522-024

Marina

391 Ocean View Court — \$865,000
Joseph and Sophia Kim to Hien Nguyen
APN: 032-151-071

2785 Telegraph Blvd. — \$890,000
Elizabeth Brennan to Mark Williamson and Kyungbin Baik
APN: 031-259-044

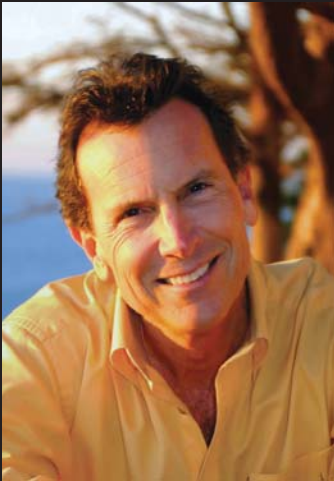
3135 Messenger Drive — \$940,000
Hugo Garcia and Lizette Paredes to George Brooks
APN: 033-221-015

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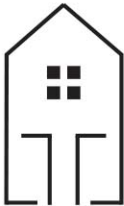
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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

FRIDAY, AUG. 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An area check was conducted for multiple reports of vehicles revving. A traffic enforcement stop was conducted on a modified 2017 Infiniti Q50 at Monte Verde Street and Seventh Avenue for expired registration and modified exhaust. A 21-year-old Oxnard man was found to be driving while his privilege was suspended. He was issued a criminal citation, and his vehicle was impounded.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult Protective Services report at Mission Street and 11th Avenue. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed for a suspended license at San Carlos Street and Ocean Avenue. Driver cited and released.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on private property at Junipero Street and Camino del Monte.

Pacific Grove: Child Protective Services report regarding alleged physical abuse.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle marked for 72-hour parking at Sinex Avenue and 17 Mile Drive.

Pacific Grove: A 39-year-old male was issued a citation for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant on Pine Avenue and released at the scene.

Pacific Grove: Child Protectives Services report regarding possible neglect.

Carmel area: Coroner report on Via Malpaso.

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found ring at Monte Verde Street and Eighth Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 2001 Chevrolet Camaro was observed doing burnouts at Ocean Avenue and Dolores Street. A 43-year-old Daly City man was issued a criminal citation for reckless driving with two children in the vehicle.

Pacific Grove: Road rage incident on Forest Avenue. Information only.

Carmel area: Civil matter reported on Spindrift Road.

Pebble Beach: Report on El Bosque Drive involving a mental health hold for a juvenile.

SUNDAY, AUG. 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A traffic stop was conducted on a 2013 BMW at Junipero Street and Ocean Avenue for peeling out and speeding, causing the vehicle to fishtail. A 30-year-old Sunnyvale man was arrested for reckless driving and cited and released. His vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Stolen license plate reported at Santa Rita Street and First Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 21-year-old Hollister man was arrested at Ocean Avenue and Randall Way on an outstanding felony arrest warrant and transferred to Monterey County Jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 2024 BMW M3 with a loud exhaust was stopped at Junipero Street and Ocean Avenue for excessively revving. The vehicle was sent to the state referee. As the vehicle drove away, it peeled out several times and was driving approximately 60 mph in the downtown area. The

case against a 25-year-old North Hills man was forwarded to the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a painting on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Found property was turned in to the police department on Pine Avenue and is being held for safekeeping.

Pebble Beach: Report of grand theft involving a 26-year-old male victim on 17 Mile Drive.

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What I took from doing both kinds of work is that labor

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So this Labor Day, I'll think about the scars — the ones you can see and the ones that just live in memory. The steel and the spreadsheets. The teacher, the nurse, the people putting cars together and the person somewhere above them deciding whether the cars get built. All of it is labor, in its way. And I'll think about something I learned from those early jobs. An idea needs somebody's hands to become anything at all — but somebody's nerve has to put the idea on the table first.

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SHERIFF

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MONDAY, AUG. 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident at Dolores Street and Eighth Avenue.

Carmel area: Suspicious circumstances on Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel Valley: Suspicious person on East Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from a bus zone at Junipero Street and Ocean Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle parked causing a hazard at San Carlos Street and Eighth Avenue was towed.

Pacific Grove: Adult Protective Services welfare check conducted on Pine Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on private property at San Carlos Street and Sixth Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed for expired registration on Syida Drive.

Monterey: Subjects on Calle Principal and on Webster Street were placed on 72-hour mental health evaluation holds.

Pacific Grove: Medical call regarding a child on Seaview Avenue. Information report taken.

Pacific Grove: Report of stolen personal property at Country Club Gate Center.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A traffic stop was conducted on a modified 2008 BMW M3 at Junipero Street and Sixth Avenue for a cracked windshield, loud muffler and fictitious registration. The vehicle was on non-operation status. A 32-year-old Tracy man was

released from the scene with a criminal citation for false registration, and his vehicle was stored.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious circumstances reported at Torres Street and Sixth Avenue. The reporting party observed on video an unknown male walking around the property, including the backyard.

Pacific Grove: Report of possible vandalism to a vehicle on Asilomar Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Seaview Avenue was towed for registration expired more than six months.

Pacific Grove: Municipal code violations on Ocean View Boulevard resulting in two citations for feeding wildlife.

Pacific Grove: Dog at large turned in to the police department and returned to the owner on Walnut Street.

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to the 200 block of Alder Street for a welfare check. A female subject was placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold and transported to CHOMP.

Pacific Grove: Found property was turned in to the police department and is being held for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Welfare check on Forest Avenue. Information only.

Monterey: Battery reported on Dela Vina Avenue.

Monterey: A 39-year-old man was arrested on Cannery Row for grand theft. He was also found to have felony and misdemeanor warrants and a post-release-community-supervision violation.

Monterey: A 26-year-old man was arrest-

ed on Lighthouse Avenue for shoplifting. He was also arrested for resisting a peace officer, a probation violation and an out-of-jurisdiction felony warrant.

Monterey: Vandalism reported at Del Monte Avenue and Camino El Estero.

Monterey: A 60-year-old man was arrested at Pearl and Tyler streets for disorderly conduct. He was also arrested for battery on a peace officer, resisting an officer and a probation violation.

Monterey: A 39-year-old man was arrested at Van Buren Street and West Franklin Street for kidnapping and battery on a spouse or dating partner.

Monterey: Grand theft reported on Sloat.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of jacket at Lincoln Street and Seventh Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Animal bite report on Junipero Avenue received from the Monterey

County Health Department.

Pacific Grove: On May 21 at approximately 1630 hours, a criminal threats incident occurred. Officers were made aware of the incident on Aug. 19, and the reporting parties wanted the incident documented.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 1000 hours, a trespass incident near the 1600 block of Sunset Drive was reported. Upon further investigation, it was undetermined if the incident actually occurred.

Pacific Grove: On Aug. 19 at 0900 hours, a theft near the 1200 block of Montecito Avenue was determined to be unfounded after further investigation.

Pacific Grove: Two vehicles were marked for 72-hour parking on Moreland Avenue at Piedmont Avenue and on Piedmont Avenue at Ransford Avenue.

Monterey: Report of obtaining money by false pretenses at Sloat Avenue and Ninth Street.

Monterey: Suspicious circumstances on Calle Principal.



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668 Alice Street — \$1,325,000

Monette Thiele to Mario and Cristina Garcia
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Carolyn Perez to Victoria Phillips
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Lauren Olinga to Matthew Goeckner and Tina Wald
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Pacific Grove

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APN: 006-484-004



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Like home away from home, but fancier

By ELAINE HESSER

AT A lot of “contemporary” hotels, the rooms feel like office cubicles with walk-in showers, and there’s little in them to help a guest distinguish one city from another. If you travel a lot, especially for business, all those efficiently soulless places become a blur. Soon, “going away” sounds like more work than it’s worth. Is that just the way of the world?

Not if a group of women managers at Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley have their way. They even want conference attendees — absorbed in the business of brainstorming and breakout sessions — to take a walk and (literally) smell the flowers that dot the beautifully landscaped 25-acre property.

Good spirits

The ghost of founder Bernardus “Ben” Pon may not haunt the place, but the managers there do their best to keep his spirit alive.

Pon built the “rustic luxury” lodge at the intersection of Laureles Grade and Carmel Valley Road 27 years ago, after a lifetime spent doing things like racing in LeMans, shooting skeet for the Netherlands in the 1972 Munich Olympics and happily participating in various other enterprises that led people to describe him as a “bon vivant.”

“I knew Mr. Pon. I feel his presence here and still feel like his footsteps are right in front of me,” Stefani Chaney said. She became the director of spa & wellness at Bernardus after nearly 18 years with Scheid Family Wines. It was “full-circle” for her, she said, taking her back to her local roots at Carmel Valley Lodge.

Her wellness walks bring guests by Ingrid’s Vineyard — the plot of vines named for Pon’s wife at the entrance

HOSPITALITY *con’t. page 9W*



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Caroline Malandri-Emmons, Briana Wendt, Stefani Chaney, Greer Barnes and Pilar Florez are part of the team at Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley. They enjoy working together to help guests experience the beauty and serenity they’ve come to love at the welcoming country inn.

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By SALLY BAHO

JENNY GRAY, Ph.D., is one part scientist, one part ethicist, one part lover of wildlife, and a whole lot of experience and passion that happen to be the perfect recipe for the CEO of the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Gray is an expert in the zoo and aquarium industry known for her work in animal ethics, welfare, and conservation. She got this position like she got most places in her life: by being curious, ambitious, and by saying yes.

Gray was born to South African parents in Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) — a small, landlocked country east of South Africa — where her civil-engineer father was working on the railway line. She grew up in Johannesburg.

“It sounds exotic to people, but it was very much an ordinary suburban lifestyle, riding your bike to the local school, playing with your friends after school, playing sports,” Gray said.

But there was something enchanting about growing up in South Africa and being surrounded by magnificent wildlife — going to the national game reserve and seeing lions, elephants and creatures like that — she explained. “I had an auntie who would take me walking in the mountains, and we would go bird watching,” Gray said.

Her aunt even signed her up to be a member of the World Wildlife Fund when she was little, and perhaps a seed was planted for what she would later accomplish in her career and life.

A ‘messy’ resume

She followed in her father’s footsteps and pursued a degree in civil engineering at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. “I have a very messy CV,” Gray said. She has worked in a variety of fields, first in buses as a transportation engineer. “Then I went on to banking ... which I didn’t love. I spent some time working for an airline, then zoos,” she said.

Along the way, she had the good fortune — or wisdom — to attend some of the best universities around, pursuing a master’s at UC Berkeley in transportation and highway engineering. Her second master’s, in business



AQUARIUM *con’t. page 11W*

Jenny Gray has been CEO of the Monterey Bay Aquarium since May. She brings a wealth of experience to the position.

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Monterey County has a lot of room for creativity

By LISA LAPIN

NAME AN art form and it’s almost certainly part of Jacquie Atchison’s repertoire. Classical music? Check. Hip-hop dance? Check. Landscape painting? Poetry? Theater? Filmmaking? Check.

As the leader of the Monterey County Arts Council, Atchison spends her days bringing every imaginable form of art to people of all ages and abilities — in schools, in towns large and small, and in cafes, bookstores, street corners and even government offices.

In existence for more than 44 years, the nonprofit Arts Council exists to support communities through culture, specifically performing and visual arts of all sorts. It awards grants to more than 40 local nonprofit arts organizations and nearly two dozen individual artists annually, provides extensive programming for schools, promotes local arts venues and advocates for the arts as the underpinning of healthy communities.

“The Arts Council is critical because the arts are not a luxury — they are essential to a thriving community. They enrich education, improve mental health, strengthen our local economy, attract visitors, revitalize neighborhoods, and connect people across cultures and generations,” said Atchison, who has served as the organization’s executive director since 2019.

Expanding focus

When she joined the nonprofit more than 11 years ago as a part-time business manager, its primary focus was supporting creativity through grants and community partnerships, along with providing high-quality visual and performing arts programs in local schools. While those

‘The arts are not a luxury — they are essential to a thriving community.’

remain at the heart of the council’s mission, “We’ve grown into an organization that uses the arts as a powerful tool to strengthen our entire community,” Atchison said.

The wide variety of activities means no two days are alike for her. “When people ask me what I like most about my job, it’s the variety. It makes it more exciting,” she said.

One day she might meet with colleagues at the arts councils in San Benito and Santa Cruz counties because they are working together to create more art-teacher training opportunities south of San Jose to counteract a critical shortage in California, and establish a local pipeline.

Another day she is recognizing “Champions of the Arts,” donors and other community members who are longstanding



Jacquie Atchison is executive director of the Monterey County Arts Council.

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The formula for success is pretty simple, but the execution’s a little tougher

by ELAINE HESSER

TO AN outsider, one of the most surprising things about the local real estate market may be that it’s nearly as collegial as it is competitive. The top producers are just so darned nice when they talk about each other.

Said Sotheby’s agent Vilia Kakis Gilles, who’s had her license since 1983, “My best advice for this job is to treat everyone with respect, particularly your colleagues. Young agents don’t understand — your colleagues are your lifeline and your relationships matter.” It was one of many things some veteran realtors agreed on in recent interviews with The Pine Cone.

In addition to Gilles, Mary Bell of Carmel Realty, who’s been in the business here since 1978, and Judie Profeta of Compass, who has 49 years on the job, shared some of their experiences.

It’s obvious from their numerous accolades and stratospheric sales records that they take their work seriously. Themselves? Not so much.

Bell’s career began with working in her parents’ grocery store, “as soon as I was old enough to reach the cash register,” she said.

A long road

The first woman from the small rural town of Three Rivers, Wis., to go to college, she headed off to the University of Wisconsin even as her grandmother worried it would “make her a communist.” Bell completed a bachelor’s degree in social work and political science, then went to work.

Her path led to Chicago, but she said she wasn’t keen on city life. She found a studio apartment “with a lovely entrance” for \$90 a month. There were often well-dressed men around, so Bell remembered thinking it must have been a nice place. When the police showed up one night, though, she realized she’d rented an apartment “in a house of ill repute.”

She credited a supervisor with urging and helping her to start graduate school, where she earned a master’s in education. Not long after, she vacationed in Carmel and fell in love with it. Life and family kept her from moving permanently at the time, but when she did, she worked in



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Gallery owners keep town’s creative spark alive

By CHRIS COUNTS

A CENTURY after Carmel became a refuge for pioneering women painters like Mary DeNeale Morgan, Jane Gallatin Powers and E. Charlton Fortune, a handful of women artists today own and operate galleries downtown — keeping that creative spark alive in the 21st century.

One of at least nine women who are both working artists and downtown gallery owners, Jennifer Perlmutter just celebrated the sixth anniversary of her gallery on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

Naturally curious

An abstract painter, Perlmutter was drawn to theater before art captured her attention. While working for a production company as a young woman building sets and props, she discovered she had a passion for creative work. “I loved working with my hands,” she told The Pine Cone.

After graduating from Emerson College in Boston with a communications degree, Perlmutter went on to work in film and television, painting sets and doing other creative work. She also tried her hand at administrative work, but she didn’t like it.

“I preferred the artistic life,” she said. “I decided then and there I would hone my skills in painting.”

After a stint doing finishes for high-end furniture, Perlmutter opened a multifaceted art center in an old bank in Lafayette (near Berkeley) in 2014. While the project took off, it was destined to become a nonprofit, and Perlmutter didn’t want any part of running such an endeavor. It eventually closed in 2022.

In August 2020 — during a time when Covid put many brick-and-mortar businesses in peril — Perlmutter decided to open a pop-up gallery in an empty space in Carmel. Six years later, her spot on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth is thriving.

Perlmutter said her art is constantly evolving, which she attributes to her natural curiosity, along with her aversion to replicating something that already exists.

“I’m painting something that can’t be put into words,” she explained. “Making a conscious effort to create really takes you out of the authentic moment of expression. I don’t go to my studio with anything in mind other than



PHOTO/ RANDY TUNNELL

Painter and gallery owner Jennifer Perlmutter relies on her curiosity to guide her abstract art, which is constantly evolving.

myself, my process and what’s around me — I want to see what happens.”

Small gallery, surreal surprises

A mixed-media artist with a fascination for architecture, Robin Winfield is celebrating her 17th year in one

of the town’s smallest and most elusive galleries. To find it, visitors start on Ocean Avenue between San Carlos and Dolores, duck into an alley next to Club Carmel, and look for the 200-square-foot space tucked just past Carmel

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to the lodge. It has produced some prized chardonnays and pinot noirs for Pon’s namesake Bernardus Winery, and even though the two businesses have become separate entities with different owners, Ingrid’s supplies grapes for the vintner. It’s all part of a hotel that prides itself on casual rural luxury.

“The Bernardus experience is something I can’t put my finger on,” said Pilar Florez, director of sales and marketing. “This place has a heartbeat.” With 73 rooms, it’s more intimate than many larger hotels, and its size creates interesting possibilities for some folks.

“We’re getting more requests to buy out the whole place,” for events Florez said.

Caroline Malandri-Emmons is the lodge’s catering sales manager and sees a lot of weddings and corporate gatherings. The former, she said, can be particularly stressful, so she’s thankful to be part of a team that shows up when it counts.

“The stakes are high. It’s always great to have support,” she said. In hospitality, where the day doesn’t end at 5 p.m. and a good night’s sleep is part of the package, that kind of collaboration makes a guest’s experience seamless.

“It’s the ultimate relay and the guests are the batons. No one department can do everything. If things are out of balance, the guest will feel it,” said Florez.

Taking requests

Ava Powell is the sous chef who works with executive chef Gus Trejo to make sure everyone’s dining experiences are exceptional. She spends part of her time coordinating with Emmons so wedding parties and corporate muckety-mucks get memorable menus that work, even if they need something vegan and gluten-free.

While she had formal culinary training at Washington State University, Powell places a lot of value on an apprenticeship

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Is there magic in the firelight and mountains? Bernardus employees think so.



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she completed through the American Culinary Foundation. “It let me put into practice what I’d learned,” she said.

Not everyone plans to get into the

business of housing, feeding and serving others. Florez, who has a degree in economics, joked, “Hospitality is something you do until you find a ‘real job,’ right?”

The other women nodded and laughed — including Powell, who initially wanted

to major in engineering.

Despite a proliferation of hospitality and culinary education programs in the early 20-teens, plenty of people in the business took jobs at a restaurant or hotel as young adults and got hooked on the fun of making guests happy.

“It’s all about the transferable skills, right? We can rule the world. We’re taking care of guests and each other and we have each other’s backs,” Chaney said, and everyone smiled agreeably.

She added, “My career certainly hasn’t followed a straight line — from restaurant to resorts, events, wine and now spa and wellness — but every chapter taught me something I use today.”

They seem to genuinely like their jobs and each other, and all mentioned that they like getting outside during the day and enjoying the grounds.

Group sales manager Briana Wendt said, “When people hear I work at Bernardus, they say, ‘Oh my gosh, you’re so lucky!’ I’m proud to work here.”

Greer Barnes, director of finance, said that feeling comes from the top. She’s been in the industry for more than 30 years, starting as a front office manager at the Seacrest Inn in Aptos.

Feeling proud

Speaking about Ensemble, the company that acquired the lodge from Pon in late 2013/early 2014, Barnes said “Ownership comes to visit quarterly, and every time they’re here, they make us feel so proud.”

Powell — a 30-something whose coworkers described her as “an old soul” — said she also embraces the sense of belonging.



Sous chef Ava Powell and Chef Gus in the kitchen at Bernardus.

“There’s a small-town feeling here in Carmel Valley, a real sense of community and neighborly love.”

Of course, it’s not all roses and Champagne, but Florez said a snag or complaint is one of “many opportunities and touchpoints” employees have to look after their guests.

Powell added that it helps to understand that people don’t usually want an apology, they want something to be done. They also like to see a little passion for providing good service.

“If I get more upset than they are, they think, ‘I don’t need to be upset — the staff is,’” she said.

Even during Covid, said Barnes,

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administration, is from the University of Durban Westville in South Africa. “An MBA is a fundamental qualification for someone who wants to be in leadership,” she said. But she wasn’t done studying, and she earned her third master’s degree in applied ethics because it looked interesting to her. She was just starting at the Johannesburg Zoo.

“It felt like a good match — if I was going to go and work with animals, I should learn more about what our obligations and duties to other creatures are,” she said. Not long after, Gray moved to Melbourne, Australia, to take a job as CEO of Zoos Victoria, and extended her studies into a Ph.D. at the University of Melbourne.

“The topic of my dissertation was a moral defense of modern zoos,” she said. “I was able to show, I think, that a modern zoo that commits itself to conservation, animal welfare and human engagement

does have a moral basis for existence,” she said.

Some people might argue that there should be no aquariums and zoos, but then you might have to accept that some of these creatures won’t be here in the future, Gray said. She also added that it is humans who have made the environment — the wild — inhospitable for these species to begin with.

Conservation

She was at Zoos Victoria for 17 years when the opportunity to come to Monterey presented itself. “I’d watched the Aquarium for years and had run into Julie (Packard) at conferences occasionally. She reached out to me. I wasn’t looking to move but you don’t say no to Julie,” she said.

Gray is particularly proud of the conservation work that the Monterey Bay

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Monterey Bay Aquarium’s many activities include “Days of Discovery.”



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How do you keep tourists from loving a place to death?

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

GROWING UP in Toledo, Ohio, a family vacation for Paige Viren meant the kids piled into the back of a Gran Torino to visit grandparents in her native Moline, Ill., where they tucked into the pullout sofa to sleep. So the idea of biking through the south of France, hiking in Chile or going on safari in Africa had not occurred to her.

Yet today Viren, a retired travel agent who holds a Ph.D. in park, recreation and tourism resources from Michigan State University, has traveled all over the world. She is executive director of the sustainable hospitality and tourism management program in the College of Business at Cal State Monterey Bay.

For Viren, setting out to see the world grew into a desire to sustain it by inspiring and teaching the next generation how to do the same.

Here’s how it happened. Long before she understood her ultimate quest, Viren became a travel agent in north-west Ohio, where a trainer introduced the staff to adventure travel.

Viren, who had not yet finished college, had always been curious about different countries, cultures, music, rituals and ways of living. After her trainer said, “You have to do adventure if you want to sell adventure,” she booked her first “fam,” or familiarization trip — a TWA Getaway to Spain. Tucked into a 48-passenger bus, she toured a church a day. It wasn’t luxurious, but she was hooked.

“From there, I booked smaller, more intimate adventure trips, like to the San Juan Islands, where I did a ‘hike by kayak,’ which blew my mind,” she said. “The world was opening up to me.”

Booking travel for her clients while scheduling her own fam trips was not a bad gig.

A hard left turn

“Then, in 1995, my brother, 32, got pancreatic cancer and was gone,” she said. “When you have those things happen, you take stock of what you’re doing and what’s important. I knew I needed to go back to school. Although I was in the midst of having three kids and working, I knew I needed to complete my education.”



Paige Viren, Ph.D. (far left) heads up the sustainable hospitality and tourism management program at CSUMB.

Viren had already earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in recreation and tourism studies from Bowling Green State University when she received a fellowship to continue her postgraduate work.

“I received a full-ride scholarship and a stipend, but it

meant I had to quit a job that I loved,” she said. “Yet when I heard, ‘No one can take your education away from you,’ I accepted the fellowship and then went on to pursue my

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On returning to California, they lived in Morgan Hill. Profeta said her love of design and architecture led her to real estate. By then, she and Bob were raising three kids. When she sold her first home, she recalled, she gave \$200

to each child. The eldest, Greg, bought a bicycle, Rob purchased a lionhead fish that died two days later, and Aimee put hers into a savings account.

Profeta explained, “They were so patient tagging along with me, checking out houses and always stopping into the office for ‘a few minutes’ that sometimes became hours. I

felt they deserved a special reward.”

She said her family has always been involved in her work. Bob joined her in the business and they worked together for 40 years until his death in 2022.

Gilles grew up in Monterey County, where her father worked in agriculture, and she graduated from King City High School. The family had a vacation home in Pacific Grove, and, she said, “I had a great childhood.” She earned her bachelor’s in journalism from Stanford in 1977 and took a job at The Sacramento Bee.

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people worked together while the resort was closed. “Someone was always here during the shutdown,” she recalled, noting that among the many other things required to protect the mostly unoccupied lodge from falling into disrepair, all of the toilets had to be flushed regularly to keep hard-water rings from forming.

Several of the women said the hospital-ity business comprises a tight community where “you never really say goodbye” to a fellow employee because you may work with them again. That extends to old col- leagues checking on each other and offer- ing help when fires and floods rage nearby, noted Emmons.

Romance, nostalgia

Mostly, though, everyone seems to be happy, including the 1,077 guests out of 1,154 on Trip Advisor who left four- and five-star reviews. Is there a “secret sauce?”



The spa at Bernardus is managed by Stefani Chaney, whose experience includes 18 years with Scheid Family Wines.

Florez said, “There’s almost a romance and nostalgia about the place. The grounds are timeless.” Chaney added, “Our hall- ways are gardens with bunnies and quail. You can hear hawks hunting.”

When asked about her definitive “Ber- nardus moment,” Powell related she’d been thinking long-term and becoming more intentional about her legacy. She said she particularly enjoyed mentoring a 16-year-old culinary student from Rancho Cielo, the vocational and alternative high school in Salinas, this year.

“Gus joked, ‘You’re raising him like he’s your son.’ But he became so strong in so many ways. He told me I changed his life, and he wishes he could be just like me.”

She paused and looked at her col- leagues. “You can do anything with some- one with a positive attitude like that.” More nodding, all around.

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Janine Chicourrat, a paragon of Peninsula hospitality

By LILY PATTERSON

THE HOTEL business could have sent Watsonville native Janine Chicourrat anywhere in the world, but it landed her exactly where she dreamed of: Managing The Lodge at Pebble Beach, where her parents were married during World War II. Later, she trained her vision on transforming Portola Hotel & Spa, and downtown Monterey by extension, into a globally regarded conference destination.

Chicourrat — widely regarded as a luminary of Peninsula hospitality — takes the long view of her own properties and has captained the local industry through more than one grave spell. After all, her career encompasses the aftermath of 9/11, and the 2008 recession.

She is a major presence on the boards of See Monterey and the Monterey County Hospitality Association, and she serves on the Economic Development Committee for the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. Her professional recognitions are predictably numerous, but here’s a sampling: Only two years after she took over, The Lodge was named Top Resort in Mainland U.S. in Conde Nast Traveler’s 2003 Readers’ Choice Awards. And in 2022, Chicourrat was named a Woman of Influence by the Silicon Valley Business Journal because Portola has received top honors for environmental sustainability under her 18-year direction. The hotel is a LEED Gold-certified property, an internationally recognized rating from the U.S. Green Building Council.

She grew up in Watsonville and earned her undergraduate degree in hotel management from San Diego State University and City College of San Francisco. During summer breaks, Chicourrat returned for

a job handling reservations at The Lodge at Pebble Beach, where physical “grease charts” were used to manage tee times and reservations in the mid-1980s.

While computers revolutionized practically every aspect of travel and leisure, Chicourrat said, “people tend to get sucked in and hide behind them.” She urges every employee to engage with guests the old-fashioned way: face to face.

“My cousin’s husband, who travels a ton for business, stayed at Portola recently and told me, ‘I’ve never met a more friendly housekeeping staff,’” she shared.

Baptism by fire

At 26, Chicourrat landed her first general manager job while working for the San Francisco-based Kimpton, the nation’s first boutique hotel company. At the 91-room property, she got “a baptism by fire” and the ideal preparation for more unusual work: managing the Northstar-at-Tahoe ski resort. She remembers helping put chains on housekeeping vans in the snow, and years spent hiking around the vast and varied property taught her something quintessential about the business of management.

“The job is all about communication — walking around, talking to people, and giving employees the tools to do their jobs, whether that’s actual inventory or a better way to organize their schedule,” she explained.

Her time there in the 1990s, she remembers, coincided with the “Keep Tahoe Blue” environmental movement. Sustainability became a personal value, but when Pebble Beach Company brought her on



Carmel resident Janine Chicourrat is hospitality’s leading lady, as the general manager Portola Hotel & Spa and the board chair of See Monterey.

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supporters. Then she might be in King City helping support a gallery and theater. She rarely spends a full day in the Arts Council offices near Laguna Seca, headquarters for the organization and its nine full-time staff members.

One of the most important messages Atchison conveys is that the arts require broad community support — and that while the council bears the name of Monterey County, its service area, it gets very little funding from the county or from the state.

Countywide work

Over the decade Atchison has been part of the organization, the budget has grown from \$740,000 to \$2.3 million annually. But some major funding sources, including Silicon Valley-based foundations, have stopped awarding

grants. So the Arts Council is becoming increasingly reliant on local sponsors and individual donors.

“We are a small county. We are not like Silicon Valley, where there are foundations with billions and billions of dollars,” Atchison said. “We are trying to get the community to understand we are not a government entity. We get a small bit from the state, and we partner with the California Arts Council. But we really depend on our community to support us.”

Education is a core activity. The Monterey County Arts Council has 30 part-time teachers who go into schools and teach everything from visual arts to drama and music, serving 64,000 children each year. Another 15,000 people can access a wide array of related programs.

“Through our Arts4Healing program, we’re reaching

more veterans, seniors, individuals in recovery, survivors of trauma and others,” Atchison said.

At ArtWorks@Salinas, the council is supporting artists as entrepreneurs, helping them build sustainable careers while contributing to the local economy.

The council has also been creating events such as the Open Studios Art Tour and First Friday Salinas, bringing people together and supporting local businesses. In partnership with Sol Treasures in South County, the group will launch the Pinnacles Film Festival on Oct. 10 at King City Cinemas.

During Car Week, the Arts Council promoted specialized “road trip” experiences in every region of the county.

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board around 1998, “saving the ocean” seemed a bit quixotic.

Back then, “the idea of not washing sheets and towels on a nightly basis got the answer, ‘At Pebble Beach? Are you crazy?’” she laughed.

Inches from her dream role at The Lodge, she’d been hired to manage the newly opened Casa Palmero and was soon asked to turn around the adjacent underperforming Spa at Pebble Beach shortly after it opened in 2000, the year of the U.S. Open. Yet, she said, when called into her manager’s office on Sept. 12, 2001, she believed it was all over — and for some, it was.

The tourist industry struggled after the terrorist attacks, and Chicourrat’s first task as interim manager of The Lodge was to lay off 82 employees. She will never forget

the leadership of her boss and mentor, John Chadwell, who shepherded the 36-year-old Chicourrat through that trial and helped her regain footing for a surprising comeback.

“Our corporate bookings bounced back so quickly. Everyone was flying less, so I think when those groups did decide to travel, they chose very special places,” she mused.

Help from Dave

Another man in Chicourrat’s life made an indelible impact on her career: three-time Carmel Mayor Dave Potter, her husband of 18 years.

Oddly, the two locals met in Croatia in 2006, on a trip with the United States Agency for International Development, better known as USAID. That was the year Chicourrat departed Pebble Beach. She

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Chicourrat and Dave Potter — who served five terms as county supervisor and three as mayor of Carmel — are partners in life, love, and local politics.

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Dr. Jennell Bockenstedt was raised in Strawberry Point, Iowa before she attended the University of Northern Iowa. At the university she studied Biomedical and worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant. After graduation she attended the Southern California College of Optometry in Fullerton where she received her Doctorate of Optometry degree. She then relocated to the Monterey Peninsula, which she now calls home.

Over the past 21 years, Dr. Bockenstedt spends her workweek between their two clinics located in Monterey and Marina. She practices primary care optometry with emphasis in pediatrics, ocular disease and specialty contact lenses.

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She loved the work but missed the Peninsula. At the time, Gilles remembered, the Monterey Herald was paying about \$800 a month.

“I thought, ‘That’s not going to cut it,’” she said. Freelance writing wouldn’t make ends meet, either. Eventually she turned to real estate.

But, she said, “My training as a journalist, my love of people and learning their stories and hearing what’s important to them,” have benefited her greatly on the job.

All three women spoke about what it takes to succeed in the land of million-dollar “starter homes.” Integrity and respect for others were central themes.

Profeta emphasized the importance of family support.

Know your ‘why’

“Honor your partner, give them kudos,” for putting up with long, strange hours, especially at the beginning. “I could not have done this without my husband,” she said.

Gilles talked about never taking others’ belief in her for granted. She said she’s “eternally grateful” to people who entrusted their listings to “a 20-something.”

Self-management skills are critical, said Bell. “Nobody’s going to make you get up in the morning.” And it’s a complicated field. “When I first started, it was a one-page contract,” she said, but now it’s 18 pages and counting — as any homeowner who’s gotten bleary-eyed while going through it can testify.

“Most of the people in this business are pretty smart,” Bell said. And Profeta is a big fan of lifelong learning, sprinkling conversations with thoughts she’s gleaned from training and conferences.



Vilia Kakis Gilles of Sotheby’s values her clients’ trust.

Their job also offers simpler pleasures.

“I love to see how and where people live,” said Gilles. “I get to go inside homes I’ve driven past my whole life.” And all of them said they enjoy helping others and orienting newcomers to the area and all it has to offer, as well as some quirks of living here.

Bell advises her clients that when friends and relatives announce they’re coming to visit, they should respond, “And where are you staying?” Otherwise, a new Carmelite may suddenly find themselves hosting a parade of guests.

Also, as Gilles said, “You have to realize real estate is a long game. You have to plan and budget your money. You may have a big sale, and then nothing for three years.”

Bell agreed and recommended working first in a related business, perhaps a leasing firm, to get a grasp of the industry. Not only is there much to learn, but there are practical considerations.

“People selling in this area have substantial incomes,” she said. “A hand-me-down car isn’t going to help your credibility.”

Although all three downplayed their charitable contributions and activities, they support myriad causes. Profeta gravitates toward nonprofits that work with children and the elderly, as well as the arts, naming the Kinship Center, Sunset Center and PacRep among the places she helps support. Gilles’ list includes wildlife in Big Sur, the Big Sur Fund in Memory of Weston Call, and Girls Inc. She said she backs “anything we can do as a community to elevate the status of young women.”

Bell’s charitable interests include Montage Health Foundation, the Carmel Foundation, Santa Catalina School, the Carmel Youth Center and the Salvation Army.

The same instinct that makes them generous with one another shows up in how they spend their “free” time and resources. In a small market, the relationships are the work — and the work, it turns out, is building communities, one house at a time.



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Ph.D.”
Being turned down on her first Ph.D. application lit a fire under a woman who thrives on proving naysayers wrong. When she learned she could earn a doctorate in park, recreation and tourism resources — in the natural environment where adventure takes place — she knew she’d found her home at Michigan State.

Patagonian lattes

After faculty and leadership posts at San Francisco State University and East Carolina University, she started at Cal State Monterey Bay in fall 2021.
“This program is designed to empower students not only to succeed in the workplace, but to lead the transformation of tourism, by preparing them as stewards of destinations, advocates for social equity and innovators of sustainable regenerative models of business,” she said.

Viren has worked closely with the Adventure Travel Trade Association, a network of professionals dedicated to responsible tourism. She once found it hard to define “adventure travel” as anything more than risk-taking. Now the idea takes in activity, environment and culture — and, she adds, sustainability.
“This means we go beyond the picture of guys doing risky stuff outdoors to include sharing a latte with a gaucho in Patagonia,” she said. “Sustainable tourism honors the culture of a place as well as the economy, the environment and activities in the destinations we visit. We do this by supporting local businesses and being exposed to local music, food and art to get a sense of the place, which is so important to the experience.”
A prime chance for her students to get up close and personal with the field, she said, is learning from a diverse faculty — and from the diversity of the surrounding community.

“We are in a hotbed for adventure tourism and travel,” she said. “I call this place the perfect living lab in which to study hospitality. Here, the destination is the product. And we have to protect the product by talking about and understanding diversity and sustainability. This means considering challenges of overtourism and making sure we do tourism right.”
Viren once attended an ecotourism conference in Wisconsin and met a woman from Africa who told her, “A nice place to live is a nice place to visit. It works both ways. We must be good stewards and good hosts.”
“Exactly,” Viren said.
As a trainer for the Global Sustainable Tourism Council — an independent, U.S.-registered nonprofit that sets the main global standards for sustainable travel and tourism — she teaches students how to run a business responsibly. That means paying attention to the environment, the economy and the culture of a place.



Paige Viren of CSUMB



The sustainable hospitality program at CSUMB has a seemingly endless supply of field trip locales nearby.

“When I came to campus, the university offered sustainable hospitality management in the college of business because they are trying to provide an education to those who will be managers in the tourism ecosystem,” she said. “But this underscores the importance of including ‘tourism’ in the name. This is not a traditional hospitality program.”
The curriculum is meant to show students what sustainable business models look like, so they can help organizations do tourism better and deal with the problems it creates.
“Every tourism class includes a sustainability element,” she said, “as we look at how to build tourism while motivating people to be more conscientious visitors to a place — like this one.”

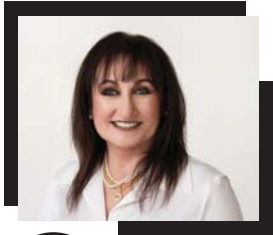
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Olga and Sygale, humble as they are, are very well respected, at the top of their industry and are very involved in many facets of the community. And yet, they somehow made us feel like they always had time for us and made us a priority. Olga always found the time to check in with us to see how our week was going, to support us in a myriad of ways. We are so very grateful to have met and worked with Olga Menendez. - Charles & Carolyn

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The marketing campaign listed every gallery, art museum, performing arts organization and theater venue from Big Sur to Marina and from Salinas to King City.

The nonprofit also makes an effort to draw attention to individual artists. Its annual Open Studios tour each fall sends visitors directly to working galleries and studios.

Another program hangs local artists' creations in government offices and turns those spaces into galleries. On the Arts Council website, visitors can see and purchase works hanging in the Monterey County Government Center, the Monterey County Health Department, state Sen. John Laird's and Assemblymember Dawn Addis' downtown Monterey offices, and Rep. Zoe Lofgren's Salinas office.

Start early

The group has also funded murals countywide, partnering with organizations, businesses and government agencies on large-scale public art. A Monterey County Art Tours mobile app will compile a list of murals so people can see them all.

While the current programming is lively and lets Atchison and her team find new ways to share art, she spends much of her time looking ahead. The shortage of arts educators is top of mind.

"California is short more than 5,000 art and music teachers right now," she said, worried about what that means for future generations and their exposure to art.

"We have to start in high school, to change the branding of being a teacher, because to many it's not a real attractive career," Atchison said. "But someone in high school who loves the arts and might not think they can have a career in it can go to college and be virtually guaranteed a job to teach."

The arts councils in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties are working

with the dean of education at Cal State Monterey Bay, as well as Hartnell and Cabrillo colleges, using money from the California Jobs First Uplift program to create pathways to those teaching credentials.

Atchison's dedication extends to her time off. She likes to read — "several books a week" — and spends spare hours at concerts, plays and galleries, logging many miles in the process.

"Monterey County is unique because it brings together so many different worlds in one place. Within an hour's drive, you can go from the iconic galleries of Carmel-by-the-Sea and the dramatic coastline of Big Sur to the rich agricultural communities of the Salinas Valley and the vibrant multicultural neighborhoods of South County. Few places have that combination of natural beauty, cultural diversity, artistic heritage, agriculture, tourism and innovation. It is also a very large county geographically — over 3,700 square miles," she said.

"This diversity makes our work incredibly rewarding," Atchison said. "We don't have a single arts community — we have many, each with its own stories, traditions and creative voices. Our role is to connect those communities and ensure that every resident, whether they live on the Peninsula or in a rural farming town, has access to meaningful arts experiences."



Artist Natalia Corraza is a bit dwarfed by the mural she created for United Way Monterey County.



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was searching for new horizons — and old ones, since she’s of Croatian descent — while Potter represented the Monterey County Board of Supervisors on a diplomatic visit to its “twin” city, Dubrovnik.

“The best thing that ever happened to my career was marrying an elected official,” she said. “When I went to hotel school, public and private partnership was never discussed. The tourism industry has so many opportunities to give back to the community,” she explained.

Their wedding may have inspired her to get back to work — “I bounced a check on our honeymoon!” she laughed — but it was Potter’s expertise and local insights that helped her play an instrumental role in the reshaping of downtown Monterey into a internationally regarded business destination.

Partnerships

Amid a global financial crisis, Chicourrat had serious doubts about taking over management of the somewhat run-down Portola Hotel & Spa in 2008. But with the support of its owners, Chicourrat championed an environmentally conscious overhaul, which wrapped up in 2017 to immediate recognition by the U.S. Green Building Council — though what she believed would be a \$30,000 remodel chalked up to nearly \$360,000 to retrofit lighting, heating, cooling, and refrigeration systems. Fortunately, she said, maintaining the hotel’s low-carbon “footprint” is far less involved, from door hangers that encourage guests to reuse linens, to partnering with the Aquarium’s Seafood Watch program and sourcing produce within 100 miles of the hotel.

Meanwhile, the adjacent Monterey Conference Center had also seen much better days, and that’s where Potter’s political savvy came in. Chicourrat also gives a lot of credit to the late Bob Cowdrey, who



As general manager, Chicourrat deserves the lion’s share of credit for transforming the Portola Hotel & Spa into a globally sought conference destination, and maintaining the property’s longstanding — and lucrative — Car Week partnership with RM Sotheby’s.



had opened the Portola — then the Double-tree Inn — in 1975.

Despite their best efforts at educating the public, and “hundreds” of appearances at council meetings, Chicourrat and other supporters of the renovation didn’t get the backing of the city, which owned the building.

Instead, they proposed a special tax, the Conference Center Facilities District, to fund the transformation. Chicourrat still marvels at how they convinced hotel owners to tax themselves and their guests to back the \$60 million project, which completed construction in 2017.

The Covid pandemic was a grim reminder of the vitality of tourism to the health of the Peninsula. In 2020, the Monterey County Hospitality Association

looked to Chicourrat, its then-board chair, for guidance. She partnered with the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the Community Foundation for Monterey County and dozens more nonprofits and businesses to create a “Covid collaborative.”

Its first initiative was to ensure agricultural employees — essential to the county’s largest industry — got priority vaccine access. It was the first of numerous efforts by Chicourrat and collaborators to help the local economy bounce back.

Indeed, 2026 is set to “blow away” Portola’s record sales from 2019. The 379-room resort has 300 employees and went seven weeks this summer without a single position open. Chicourrat says the best hires come from within — managers should make people aware of opportunities

for advancement, “since a lot of people don’t have the confidence to ask” — and the same goes for fresh marketing ideas. When she’s not dashing off to chair meetings of the local tourism group, See Monterey, Chicourrat confers with her department heads to get their input.

The latest topic of conversation is, of course, AI. Her construction engineer adopted it to scan contracts, her chief of staff uses it for meeting minutes, and her marketers are keeping her abreast of TikTok Go, an AI-powered feature for booking travel. The speed of change is shocking — but, ironically, she’s noticed her staff is spending less time behind their screens.

“It’s so new, but I’m optimistic that it will help us spend more time face-to-face with guests,” she said.

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GALLERIES *con't. from page 8W*

Coffee House.

Like many artists, Winfield began as a painter before shifting gears. “I always wanted to paint, but when I put a canvas in front of me, I didn’t know where to start,” she recalled.

She had a breakthrough when she began combining painting and photography. Mounting laminated photographic prints on plywood, Winfield treats the surface with a spackle-like material.

“Usually, I do not paint on the photograph, although there are exceptions,” she explained. “Next, I paint out from the photograph. By extending the colors and the textures, I can create a world from my own imagination, with the results bordering on the surreal.”

To help others find her, Winfield participates in the Carmel Art Walk, which showcases artist-owned galleries, and Photo Walk Carmel, which does the same for those that specialize in fine art photography. Her shop is also a stop on two popular Carmel walking tours, with visitors from near and far constantly discovering it. “If their group isn’t too big, they jam everybody in here,” she said.

While Winfield concedes she isn’t very good at selling her art, she attributes her success as an artist to “hard

work, determination, not taking ‘no’ for an answer, and keeping at it.”

Otter art

A nurse for nearly 30 years, Edi Matsumoto hadn’t planned to become a painter, but when she shared an old sketch with her husband — and tossed it in the trash moments later — he said, “This is amazing art. You’re going to art school.”

Burned out on working in the medical industry, Matsumoto started transitioning from nurse to artist five years ago. In 2024, she learned that a gallery space on Mission between Fifth and Sixth was available.

“I thought about it and said to myself, ‘I’m not getting any younger,’” she recalled. “I decided to do it.”

After opening the gallery, Matsumoto was searching for a muse when someone mentioned sea otters. “A very wise artist friend told me that if I want to sell paintings, I

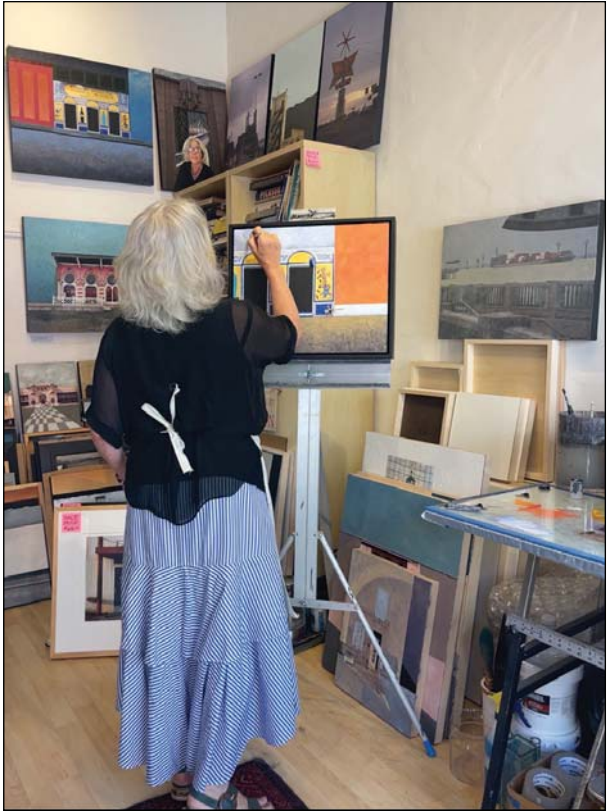
need to paint landscapes, seascapes or sea otters,” she said.

Searching for a fresh way to portray the familiar pinnipeds, Matsumoto began painting them doing human things. Before long, she was recreating famous paintings, like the “Last Supper,” “Starry Night” and “The Girl with the Pearl Earring” — with otters as their main subjects or making cameos. Her paintings also include an otter with Frida Kahlo’s eyebrows, one with Marilyn Monroe’s hair and another dressed up like Clint Eastwood in a spaghetti western.

The paintings turned out to be a hit with visitors. “My gallery was an immediate success,” she said.

While Matsumoto is officially an artist, she’s offering people something that can make them feel better — just like she did as a nurse.

“Otters are therapeutic,” she explained. “They make you feel lighter and happier — they keep people company and make them feel less lonely.”



Painters Edi Matsumoto (top) and Robin Winfield (above) display their art in downtown galleries they own and operate.



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Aquarium does for individual creatures and the world. Not to mention the education and community engagement programs it hosts.

“The extent the veterinary team goes to, to make sure that animals most people see as food actually get exceptional levels of vet care — they told me about how they helped a crab that had broken its claw. They splinted it, and when it shed its outer layer, it grew out another one,” she said in awe.

Rough water

On her walk to work every morning along the rec trail, Gray sees sea otters in the wild — perhaps some of the very ones the Aquarium cared for. The goal of otter rehabilitation is to release only very healthy and strong pinnipeds. To that end, they’re not shielded from the reality of ocean life. Aquarium staff teach them to be self-sufficient and to deal with rough water.

In her free time, Gray loves to walk — and not just on the rec trail — she and her husband love to explore the Peninsula’s hiking trails. Gray is also a long-time scuba diver but has not ventured into the Monterey Bay yet because, she said, the cold water is terrifying her at the moment.

The couple also love a good meal, and, having spent time with the Seafood Watch team, Gray has been exploring sustainable seafood to try, like rockfish or halibut.



Rescued otters are raised so they can be released back into the wild — with help from the Monterey Bay Aquarium’s resident furballs.

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