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New airport terminal less than a year away

By MARY SCHLEY

THE \$200 million terminal at Monterey Regional Airport should be up and running by this time next year, officials said during an Aug. 29 “dusty shoes tour” of the construction site. While it’s roughly the same size as what they’re calling the “legacy terminal,” at 62,754 square



PHOTO/MONTEREY REGIONAL AIRPORT

What Monterey Regional Airport officials have dubbed “MRY Metamorphosis” is indeed taking shape in the form of a terminal, parking lots and a roundabout.

feet, the new facility will better accommodate larger commercial jets, offer faster security screening and even have a gift shop.

It’s also on track for a high-level environmental certification and includes a 425,000-square-foot apron with space — and thick enough concrete — to park eight commercial aircraft. Set farther from the runway, the terminal will have five jet bridges to take passengers to their waiting planes rather than sending them out onto the tarmac and up moveable ramps, and will ensure aircraft at the gates are not obstructing those that are taxiing. After the terminal is done, the taxiway will be extended, which will mark the completion of the MRY Metamorphosis Safety Enhancement Program, according to airport board member Dino Pick.

Ribbon cutting

“Here we are in the home stretch,” Pick told the public officials and others gathered for the tour after being introduced by the airport’s executive director, Chris Morello. “Hopefully, we will be cutting the ribbon here in about 12 months’ time.”

Pick said the project will offer a lot of opportunity, including improved visitor experiences

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‘See you at 662 Monte Verde St.’

■ Addresses now really real

By MARY SCHLEY

IT TOOK twice as long as Carmel officials thought it would, but the city’s brand-spanking-new numbered street addresses are in place — including at city hall, where its particular three digits were installed Thursday.

“It’s not often you get to be part of such a significant change in a city’s history,” acting city administrator Brandon Swanson commented. “It’s not an overstatement to say this is a momentous occasion.”

Big undertaking

He also acknowledged the huge amount of effort that went into bringing about such a significant change.

“I’m so proud of the community that got involved in making this happen,” Swanson said, including the council and the staff, particularly acting assistant city administrator Marisa Bermudez and administrative analyst Emily Garay, “who have put in a lot of effort and been

See **NUMBERS** page 12A

PG&E holds \$2 billion over lawmakers’ heads

PACIFIC GAS & Electric has dropped an ultimatum of sorts on California lawmakers, with plans to cut \$2 billion in infrastructure spending. The announcement followed the collapse of a late-session deal to limit its liability when its equipment sparks catastrophic wildfires.

The power company plans to find the savings by delaying or deferring planned work on connections for new

PG&E CEO Patti Poppe said the projects on the chopping block are not safety-related — wildfire prevention efforts won’t be cut — but pointed out the budget trimming would affect California’s potential for growth, prosperity and an adequate supply of housing.

Worsen the problem

“Apartments, affordable homes, single-family homes, they all could be affected,” Poppe said. “There is not a bigger problem in California than housing, and this bill failure will worsen that problem.”

Poppe also told the paper funding could be restored if legislators come back to the negotiating table and vote for reforms the company finds acceptable.

It’s easy to hate PG&E — utilities have long been some of the most loathed entities in California — but the liability deal’s failure put it in a worse financial position than if it had never been brought up to begin with. The company’s shares fell 27% between August and September, and its credit rating by S&P Global dropped to BB+, which is a

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PHOTO/COURTESY BRANDON SWANSON

Acting city administrator Brandon Swanson hands longtime facilities maintenance supervisor Cleve Waters the final digit to install on city hall Thursday.

NEIGHBOR OPPOSITION KILLS ADU’S DECK

By MARY SCHLEY

THE OWNERS of a large historic home on Camino Real prevailed in their fight to get a rooftop deck removed from the proposed design for a house on the lot below theirs. At their Aug. 31 meeting, members of the Carmel City Council unanimously decided to forbid the land-scaped deck on top of an attached accessory dwelling unit that’s part of the plans

In July, the planning commission approved the design, including the deck, nearly a year-and-a-half after Scott McWhorter applied for the permits, despite ongoing protests from neighbors Bruce and Linda Taylor, who have said the deck and its use will destroy their views and quality of life.

Long road

McWhorter purchased the home at 616 Carmelo St. in May 2024 for \$3,998,000, according to Monterey County property records. He and his wife, Jessica, hired architect Eric Miller soon after. The plans call for replacing the residence on the 3,900-square-foot lot with a 1,628-square-foot,

See **DECK** page 18A

Veterans center houses dozens of sex offenders

By KELLY NIX

THE VETERANS Transition Center of California in Marina provides housing for homeless military veterans and offers counseling, food assistance, workforce



PHOTO/KELLY NIX

A nonprofit veterans agency on the former Fort Ord provides shelter in old military housing, including for about 30 military veterans convicted of serious sex crimes such as child molestation and rape.

development and other services. The taxpayer-funded nonprofit on the former Fort Ord also houses about 30 registered sex offenders — nearly all of whom were convicted of crimes against children.

For about three decades, the center has provided housing for thousands of homeless veterans seeking to get back on their feet.

‘More than shelter’

“Every veteran deserves a safe place to call home,” the nonprofit says on its website. “At Veterans Transition Center, housing is more than shelter. It’s the foundation for rebuilding stability, creating opportunity and achieving lasting independence. Our housing programs combine personalized case management with wraparound support to help veterans move forward with confidence.”

But the presence of convicted sex offenders at the veterans center has raised concerns among some Marina parents and residents. The men have committed crimes including child molestation, forcible rape, sexual abuse, coercing minors to

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Sandy Claws

Rescue remedy

Every morning, Zak waits by the window, thinking this is the day. And, twice a week, it is. His person found a woman — whose name Zak can't remember — who owns a "canine camp." When he sees her car pull up to the house, his heart quickens, his tail wags, and he knows she's come to collect him for an all-day play group at her home.

"Just like in the movies, I wave goodbye," his person said, "as he pokes his head out the car window, his tongue hanging and his little ears flapping, and I know he's off to live his best life for the day."

Little Zak is a rescue from a hoarding situation in Prunedale, where his elderly owners assured SPCA staff that he was 100% Chihuahua. By all appearances — and a DNA test — he's 50% Chihuahua, 20% Pomeranian and 30% miniature poodle. That tracks.

His person confirmed that he is 100% adorable.

"Even though we live just north of town and mere blocks from the shore," she said, "Zak is not a big fan of Carmel Beach culture. He likes to make his own acquaintances, not have them run up, assuming they're already friends."

After Zak cowered from a larger dog that got a little too nosy, his person started taking him to Stillwater Cove, where he runs along the Pebble Beach shoreline

By Lisa Crawford Watson



with her girlfriend's beagle mix, Bella, who is older and more patient with him.

While 4-month-old Zak was waiting for his rescue into a better life, his forever friend was grieving the loss of her Havanese. Feeling devastated, she decided to visit the SPCA to see if she could heal her heart by rescuing another little pup. And there sat Zak.

"Twenty-four hours later, I brought home the answer to my prayers," she said.

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■ Practically perfect in every way?

By MARY SCHLEY

CARMEL’S NEXT top leader should be fiscally literate, thick-skinned, a motivator for staff, tough enough to stand up to Sacramento but sensitive enough to understand the city’s unique character and heritage, willing to deliver hard messages to councilmembers, good at getting things done, fluent in the general plan and other governing documents, and able to seek feedback from the silent majority. Oh, and have a good sense of humor.

That was some of the input delivered at a Friday workshop hosted by recruiter Wendi Brown, who kicked off the hiring effort this week.

Meanwhile, a questionnaire is available online (surveymonkey.com/r/9M-HZJVK) until Sept. 21. The council is aiming to have the replacement for former city administrator Chip Rerig, who retired at the end of last year, selected and hired in December. In the meantime, assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson is filling the role.

Based on the feedback received so far, including at the Sept. 4 session, Brown released a draft of the recruitment brochure this week, with the city council reviewing and approving it with some minor revisions at a special meeting Wednesday.

Workshop

At Friday’s workshop, Brown and executive recruiter Terri Nisich posed three questions: What are we looking for in an ideal candidate? What challenges does the city face? And what’s important for

candidates to understand about Carmel?

Brown anticipated getting through the questions in about 25 minutes. Although it was sparsely attended, the session ended up running more than two hours as a group of mostly city hall regulars shared their views.

Resident Jim Beck was the first to chime in, saying the candidate should be “fiscally literate,” while being unwilling to sacrifice quality of services for the sake of cutting costs.

Resident and former city councilwoman Carolyn Hardy observed that Rerig was very good at building relationships and

said his replacement should have a demonstrated ability to build morale, especially among employees, since the city council last week voted not to give some of them a cost of living raise even as it wrote off \$100,000 in fees for Pacific Repertory Theatre’s Golden Bough remodel and decided the city administrator salary range

should be increased by \$70,000.

Planning commissioner Mel Ahlborn said the candidate should be adept at balancing preservation and innovation, and have “the strength of character to say, ‘No,’” when necessary.

Former planning commissioner Ian Martin said the ideal candidate will “understand viscerally what’s so wonderful about our town,” especially when it comes to fighting mandates handed down by Sacramento. He also said the city administrator “shouldn’t play favorites” — a sentiment echoed by other speakers, who mentioned it in terms of councilmembers, businesses, agencies and residents.

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Video leads to capture of prowler

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

Monterey: Suspicious circumstances on Cannery Row.
Monterey: A 49-year-old woman was arrested on Carmelito Avenue for burglary and a probation violation.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost ring at Ocean and Scenic.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Juvenile issue reported at Junipero Street and Fourth Avenue.
Monterey: A 67-year-old man was arrested on North Fremont Street for shoplifting, possession of a narcotic controlled substance,

possession of controlled substances without a prescription, possession of unlawful paraphernalia, petty theft with two or more prior convictions, committing a felony while on bail and probation violation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Civil matter involving a vehicle repossession at Junipero and Fourth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Carmel police officers assisted the Monterey County Sheriff's Office with a male making threats on Carmel Valley Road.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles marked for 72-hour parking on Ocean View Boulevard and on Hillcrest Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism on Fountain Avenue. No perpetrator information.

Monterey: Subject on Skyline Drive was placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold.

See **POLICE LOG** page 8RE in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Aug. 14 — Judge Carrie Panetta sentenced Jose Guadalupe Reyes, 64, to 225 years to life in state prison. On July 21, a jury found Reyes guilty of 14 counts of penal code section 288(b)(1), forcible lewd or lascivious acts on a child under 14, and two counts of penal code section 269(a)(1), aggravated sexual assault of a child under 14. The jury also found true the multiple-victim enhancement for each count of penal code section 288(b)(1). All the offenses are serious and violent felonies and are considered strikes under California's three strikes law. Reyes was also ordered to register as a sex offender.

Reyes molested Jane Does 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, all children under 14, from 1996 to 2012 in the city of Marina. Three of the victims were his nieces, one was his girlfriend's daughter and one was his granddaughter. Reyes touched all five victims inappropriately, both under and over their clothing, using force and duress to accomplish the acts. The victims waited until adulthood to report the assaults. According to research into sexual assault victim behavior, it is very common for victims to delay reporting sexual abuse, especially when the victim is a minor and has a close relationship with the perpetrator. Reyes was apprehended in 2025 in Texas and extradited to Monterey County to face prosecution for his crimes against Does 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

This case was investigated by former Marina Police Department detective Ivan Santana. District attorney investigator Isabelle Rhodes conducted follow-up investigation and assisted with the trial process. Does 1, 2,

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Firefighters get boost from therapy dogs

■ Highway 1 still closed south of Big Sur Valley

By CHRIS COUNTS

FACING DANGEROUS conditions as they battle two wildfires in Big Sur, firefighters can be extremely tired and stressed after long days on the front line. But thanks to a San Rafael-based group, they get a welcome surprise when they return to base camp: therapy dogs.

Founded five years ago by Heidi Karman, First Responder Therapy Dogs brings canine companions to wildland firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical personnel. The group, run almost entirely by volunteers and funded mostly by donations, currently works with 600 dogs and their handlers and has expanded operations to 47 states. The group does not charge for its services.

More than a wagging tail

Supporters say therapy dogs offer critical mental health benefits to personnel battling wildfires or engaged in other high-stress incidents. “These remarkable companions do more than offer a wagging tail,” the group said. “They provide a lifeline to our first responders. Research shows therapy dogs can significantly reduce stress and anxiety, lower blood pressure, and elevate mood. This means our heroes can better focus on serving their communities while receiving the emotional support they deserve.”

Michelle Detrick of First Responder Therapy Dogs said her group has deployed 11 dogs to five different fire camps supporting the Timber and Plaskett fires. The pets have come from as far away as Marin and Sonoma counties.

“It’s so heartwarming to see the response from the firefighters,” said Detrick, a retired firefighter-paramedic. “They are exhausted and away from their homes. This gives them a little relief — they can

feel human again, even if it’s only for a few moments.”

Besides offering firefighters a chance to bond with a therapy dog, the group gives them trading cards and stickers celebrating the dogs. Detrick said that can really cheer up a weary worker. “We all turn into kids when we pet dogs and somebody hands us trading cards and stickers,” she said.

Detrick said the canines enjoy their work.

“They absolutely love seeing the firefighters,” said the volunteer, whose own therapy animal, Scout, is a 2-year-old Great Dane-Saint Bernard mix. “When I tell my dog we’re going, she gets so excited.”

The group is always recruiting therapy dogs.

“If you have a dog that’s friendly, you can volunteer with us,” Detrick said. “If you have a loving and affectionate pet, it probably has the right disposition to be a therapy dog. But you do have to go through a certification process.”

Detrick gave a shout-out to the incident command staff working on the Timber and Plaskett fires for requesting therapy dogs for firefighters. “They can make a huge difference,” she added.

To help pay for its operations, the group produces an annual fundraising calendar featuring portraits of therapy dogs. The latest fundraiser kicked off Sept. 7.

A ring around the fire

Firefighters have made steady progress expanding containment lines around the Timber and Plaskett fires in Big Sur, and they’re looking forward to cooler weather this weekend after an unusually hot and dry midweek, when temperatures climbed into the 90s at higher elevations.

As of Thursday morning, the Plaskett Fire, which was sparked Aug. 26, has burned 29,918 acres and is 73 percent contained, while the Timber Fire, which

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REMOVAL OF DAMAGED BATTERIES IN MOSS LANDING ENTERS FINAL STAGE

By KELLY NIX

FEDERAL OFFICIALS this week announced the final phase of a massive cleanup at the Vistra Energy battery storage facility in Moss Landing, where a catastrophic fire last year heavily damaged the plant off Highway 1.

The fire broke out Jan. 16, 2025, at Vistra’s 300-mega-watt energy storage facility, which contained about 100,000 lithium-ion battery modules. About 55% were damaged or destroyed. The fire burned until Jan. 18 and flared up again about a month later.

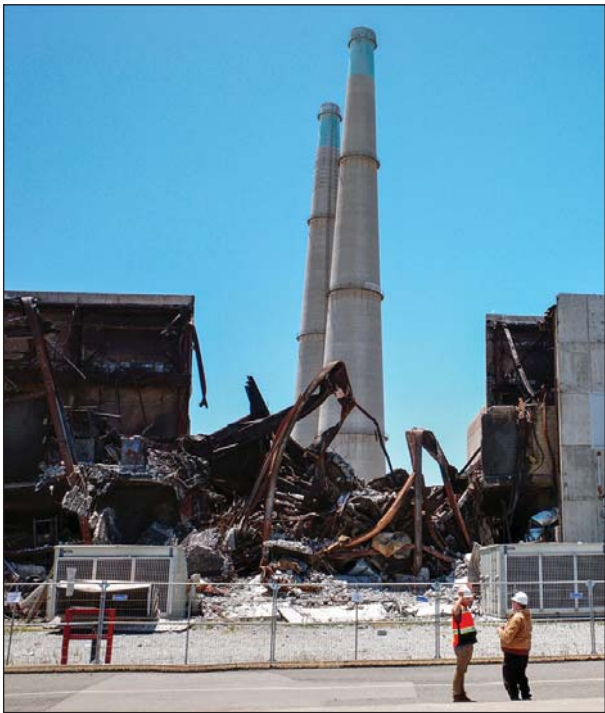
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which has

been involved in the response since the first night of the fire, said Tuesday it will oversee the removal and processing of all remaining severely damaged lithium-ion batteries and other material before everything is hauled off site for disposal. Crews will demolish the charred remains of



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PHOTO/EPA

EPA officials stand next to the mangled remains of a fire-ravaged building that housed batteries in Moss Landing.

the storage building that housed the batteries so they can reach the remaining material. Vistra Energy is performing the work, which is expected to be completed in mid-2027.

Mike Martucci, the EPA’s Pacific Southwest regional administrator, called the final phase a “huge milestone” in an “unprecedented cleanup” of lithium-ion batteries.

“Thanks to our experts’ coordination and close oversight, we’re one step closer to safely eliminating the threat of these potentially dangerous batteries,” Martucci said in the EPA statement.

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Messy sewage cleanup at county HQ

By KELLY NIX

A MAJOR sewage spill inside the Monterey County government building — where the assessor’s office, tax collector and other departments are based — has forced it to close for a second straight week so crews can continue cleaning up the mess.

Around noon on Sept. 3, a significant blockage in the employee bathrooms on the first floor caused sewage to spill into adjacent work areas. While officials initially said the center would reopen Sept. 8, they announced Wednesday it will remain closed through the end of the week.

The extended closure, the county said, is necessary to allow personnel and contractors enough time to complete the cleanup and to “ensure the safety and security of county employees and members of the public.”

County spokesman Nick Pasculli said sewage flowed into hallways, offices and a file room. The new reopening date is set for Monday, Sept. 14.

Big response

“The line did back up into several offices with water from the sewer drainage systems,” Pasculli told The Pine Cone, adding that it primarily affected the assessor’s office. “Carpet and some sheetrock have been removed.”

“At least a few dozen” people, Pasculli said, are working on the remediation effort, including a contracted disaster cleanup company, environmental and sanitation consultants, an independent lab and county personnel. Sanitation workers are providing deep cleaning of the entire first floor. The cause of the spill was described as an “extensive sewer line malfunction.” The building, at 168 W. Alisal St., was

completed in 2005. No county employees, except security personnel and those in the facilities department, are working in the center during the cleanup. “All employees able to work remotely are doing so with little disruption,” Pasculli said.



PHOTO/KELLY NIX

A security guard walks to the county government building in Salinas, where a sewage spill forced it to close.

The county offices most impacted include the assessor, recorder, treasurer-tax collector, clerk of the board of supervisors, public defender’s office and the office of Monterey County District 2 Supervisor Glenn Church.

“The county’s goal is to provide services to the public as efficiently and seamlessly as possible while remediation work

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Student threat prompts P.G. shutdown

By KELLY NIX

TWO PACIFIC Grove schools were locked down Wednesday afternoon after someone made a “possible threat” toward an administrator at the high school, officials said.

The threat was made at about 2:15 p.m., which prompted P.G. High staff to notify the Pacific Grove Police Department, which arrived on campus to investigate.

It also led the district to lock down the high school and a nearby elementary school.

“Out of an abundance of caution, both Pacific Grove High School and Forest Grove Elementary School are on secure campus safety protocol while officers conduct their assessment,” PGUSD superintendent Linda Adamson told parents in a 2:49 p.m. email message.

Adamson went on to say that “there is no imminent threat to our students or staff,” and that per the district’s safety

protocol, all schools’ exterior doors were locked, and instruction continued inside as normal. Because access to the buildings was restricted, parents were told not to pick up their children at school during that time.

At about 2:59 p.m., the superintendent informed parents that the lockdown had been lifted and that all students and staff were safe and normal school activities had resumed.

Prompt response

“Law enforcement responded promptly to the situation, conducted a thorough assessment, and has confirmed that the campus is secure and safe for normal operations,” Adamson said.

The district did not say who made the threat, what it entailed, and whether it was made in person, social media or via another method. A source told The Pine Cone that the person responsible was a male student who became upset after he received a truancy notice.

JURY FINDS MAN GUILTY OF ATTACK

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A SAN Simeon man, 69-year-old David Carl Goad, was found guilty of felony assault on a California State Parks employee after a two-day jury trial, Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni reported this week.

The trial followed an incident that happened May 17 at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park in Big Sur.

Tried to strangle

“Mr. Goad began to disassemble a toilet in the restrooms [that apparently wasn’t working],” according to the report. “A state parks maintenance employee asked Mr. Goad to stop what he was doing and

leave the restroom to allow state parks maintenance staff to fix the problem.” Mr. Goad became hostile and combative, ultimately attacking the victim from behind when he turned his back to close and lock the restroom door.”

At the trial, the state parks workers testified that Goad placed his hands around the worker’s neck “and applied pressure.” “The victim was able to break free after a brief struggle and report the incident to state park rangers,” the district attorney’s office said.

The jury found Goad guilty of felony assault “by means likely to cause great bodily injury” and misdemeanor battery.

Goad will be sentenced Oct. 2 and could face up to three years in prison.

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Three vie for mayor in booming Marina

By LILY PATTERSON

ONE IS a city councilwoman, another is a politically engaged resident who says Marina’s elected officials are out of touch, and the third challenged Democratic Rep. Jimmy Panetta for his congressional seat earlier this year on a platform of affordable housing and “infrastructure resilience.”

For the first time in 18 years, Marina will have a new mayor after Bruce Delgado, 64, announced his retirement in May. Formerly a botanist with the Federal Bureau of Land Management and a council member from 2000 to 2004 who advocated for the development of the former Fort Ord — but has waged a no-holds-barred fight against Cal Am’s proposed desal plant — Delgado took office in December 2008. At the time, the city was deficit-spending by several million dollars and he was initially aggressive about cutting costs. Delgado has since supported sales and transient occupancy tax increases, as well as the multimillion-dollar sales of former Fort Ord parcels for new housing and commercial centers like The Dunes.

1,200 new homes

As the city undergoes major population growth — by one estimate, as many as 1,200 homes and apartments have been added in the last decade, many of them purchased by wealthy newcomers — Marina’s general fund has grown from approximately \$10 million in 2008-2009 to nearly \$40 million.

“It has been a great experience rebuilding Fort Ord in Marina from abandoned barracks to medical facilities, a movie theater and restaurants,” Delgado said. “The hotel, sales tax and developer monies have enabled a revolution in central Marina of improved streets and parks, and a strengthened fire department.”

The three candidates vying for Delgado’s seat agree that Marina needs new public safety facilities, housing development,

and improvements to its downtown area. But they’re divided on how to fund those and other capital projects, with Measure Q — a 7% utility tax proposed to generate \$3.8 million in annual revenue — also set to appear on the ballot in November.

Liesbeth Visscher was elected to the Marina City Council in 2022 and appointed mayor pro tem in 2024. She supports the utility tax, saying it will bring necessary revenue to fund new city facilities and projects like landscaping along Del Monte Boulevard, “an important entrance to Marina’s downtown.”

“The council is aware that downtown needs help to compete with The Dunes shopping center and Promenade. I envision two vibrant town centers in Marina, with different characters,” she said.

Utility tax

Visscher wants to remodel Marina’s “too small” public safety building — which houses both the police and main fire station — and replace the double-wide trailers that have constituted city hall and council chambers for 50 years. With a background in architecture and building technology, she also wants to see greater investment in a long-term maintenance plan for the city.

Like Delgado, Visscher is opposed to the desal plant and claims the “environmentally irresponsible” project, which draws water from the ocean floor, will deplete Marina’s water supply. Shortly after emigrating from The Netherlands to Marina — where she and her husband invested in rental properties — Visscher joined the Citizens for Just Water nonprofit and collected signatures for sales, hotel and cannabis tax increases in 2018.

Like Measure Q, it was an initiative proposed by a small group of Marina citizens that has resulted in “better maintained streets and parks,” Visscher said.

Five-year resident **Mike Moeller** is a

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respiratory care practitioner with Santa Clara Valley Healthcare and serves on the citizens advisory committee that recommended Measure Q. But Moeller said he opposes the utility tax, insisting that “responsible planning, economic growth and smarter budgeting” can generate the necessary revenue “to build the facilities our firefighters, police officers, city employees and residents deserve.”

He is running on a platform of public safety, building more youth sports facilities, and “transparency and responsiveness.”

“I’ve participated in a lot of public meetings over the last few years and felt like many major projects never got past public input or went in a different direction,” said Moeller, who is involved with local organizations like Repair Café Marina, the Rotary Club of Marina and the All-Inclusive Playground project.

He gave the recent example of a proposed roundabout at Reservation Road and Del Monte Boulevard as “lacking in data” and a waste of “thousands in taxpayer funds,” since the city had already paid to engineer a traffic signal. Only when he and other residents appeared before the council to oppose the change did the project get pulled from the agenda for reconsideration, he said.

“I think that is probably the biggest reason I’m running — there is a serious disconnect between residents and city council. Marina needs a leader who understands that collaboration is the key,” he said.

Ana Luz Acevedo-Cabrera, 38, is the youngest candidate by far. A Castroville native and former seismic engineer, she is an adjunct professor at Hartnell College who in June made an unsuccessful bid for Rep. Jimmy Panetta’s seat. Cabrera is running on a platform of affordable housing,

improved public safety infrastructure, and small-business development.

“What triggered me to run for Marina mayor was the 7% utility tax. In my opinion, it’s really out of touch with the realities faced by our community, especially for people with a fixed income,” she said.

Cabrera was the only candidate to propose concrete alternatives to a permanent tax, including a special bond measure “that raises funds only for new police and fire department buildings.”

Partnering with Carmel

A board member with Salinas-based nonprofit developer CHISPA, Cabrera said she has offered feedback on the county and city of Monterey’s housing elements, supporting rezoning for higher density, infill housing, transit-oriented development, densifying downtown corridors and simplifying ADU processes.

“As for being the youngest candidate in the race, I bring a fresh perspective, lots of energy and a strong background in civil engineering, which is heavily missing in our existing city council,” she said.

Among other proposals to address the shortage of affordable housing in her city, Cabrera has suggested that Marina offer buildable land to Carmel-by-the-Sea and other small Peninsula cities struggling to fulfill their state-mandated quotas. It’s possible, according to California’s housing code, for two or more cities to form a sub-region and redistribute their allocations.

Both Visscher and Cabrera noted their support for the rehabilitation of Cypress Knolls — 188 city-owned acres between Imjin and Patton parkways, on the former Fort Ord — as a viable location for housing development.

Hear from all three candidates at a forum scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12, at 10:30 a.m. at Marina City Hall, 211 Hillcrest Ave.

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JOAN (TEDFORD) CARTER

Joan (Tedford) Carter, beloved wife, mother, Noni and lifelong educator, passed away in Carmel, California, at the age of 87 on Aug. 14, 2026.

Born in Santa Monica on June 1, 1939, she resided with her parents above the merry-go-round on the Santa Monica Pier. Her family ran the Tedford Boat Service, where she spent her childhood as the adorable first mate.

At 15, Joan met her future husband, Michael Carter, at Santa Monica High School. When Mike needed a math tutor, Joan didn’t waste any time volunteering for the job. They attended USC together and married on Aug. 23, 1959.

While still in school, Joan worked as a bank teller, learning much about finance — a talent she used to support her family and later passed on to her children. Joan then graduated with a degree in education and taught elementary school.

Joan and Mike moved across the country (three and a half times) as he pursued his medical career. With four children in tow, they relocated to the North Shore of Chicago, where Joan raised their family and dedicated her free time to volunteer work with the Northwestern Settlement. There, she was a leader in supporting inner-city education and led an initiative to start a charter school.

A young trailblazer, Joan devoted her life to teaching and serving others — in the classroom, in her community, through various foundations and, most importantly, in her role as Mom and Noni. She was witty, direct, supportive and inquisitive. Her infectious laughter and strong moral compass instilled confidence, respect and a thirst for knowledge in her family and loved ones. Joan’s mantra that “life isn’t fair” was often underappreciated in the moment, but was followed by the realization that she quietly tried to make it as fair as possible.

Joan was smart, funny and the life of the party, and her generosity was boundless. She was a wonderful hostess, warmly welcoming family and friends wherever she lived, including after she established roots in her beloved Carmel in 1999.

Joan was well-read and loved music, cards — bridge with her groups and hearts with her grandchildren — and travel. Together, Joan and Mike explored the world, touring many countries by bicycle and savoring fine food and wine. Joan generously shared her interests with her loved ones. She was the true matriarch of the family, showing kindness and empathy for those in need.

Joan never forgot what was important to friends and family, remembering their goals, challenges and joys with heartfelt interest. While always encouraging her loved ones, Joan balanced praise with honesty, ensuring everyone felt both her support and her expectations. Her wit was sharp, and her heart was gold. Joan will be deeply missed.

Joan is survived by her devoted husband, Dr. Michael Carter; children Cristen Forrester (Tom), Timothy (Andreana), Richard (Kathy) and Gregory; grandchildren Tom (Rosa), Ian (Cathryn), Kyle (Chelsea), Hope, Andrew (Eliza), Sarah (Nolan), Kate, Harrison (Alex), Marshall, Madeline and Cullen (Brittany); and great-grandchildren Daphne, Violet, Charlotte, Isla, Miles, Clark and Georgia.

A celebration of life will be held Oct. 13.

NUMBERS

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thoughtfully steadfast about rolling this out. Everybody who’s touched this thing should be proud.”

When it was settled in the early 1900s, Carmel was sparsely populated, and poetic (and sometimes ironic) names identified many of its cottages. The quirky tradition of solely relying on directional addresses — Camino Real 3 SE of Ocean, for example — persisted as the city and its population grew, and was eventually made law, with the Carmel Municipal Code stating properties “shall be identified by a description of parcel location relative to the nearest cross-street intersection as determined by the community planning and building department.”

And for decades, residents argued — often strenuously — over whether to hold onto that unique practice or change with the times, especially as demands for verification of physical addresses and the use of technology to do so increased. It didn’t matter that the California Fire Code

requires standardized addresses and that they be visibly displayed. Prior city councils hemmed and hawed, perhaps reluctant to make a decision that might upset half the populace, and considered putting the issue on the ballot.

History-setting vote

But by the time the council made the history-setting, unanimous vote in favor of shifting to a conventional address system last October — following six months of in-depth research by a committee of city staff, a councilman and a few residents — there was no rending of garments or gnashing of teeth, just applause and cheering.

Garay and Bermudez went to work getting addresses assigned to every building. They collaborated with the county to get the system integrated throughout its various departments, and ensured it would work for police, fire, emergency services and other public safety agencies.

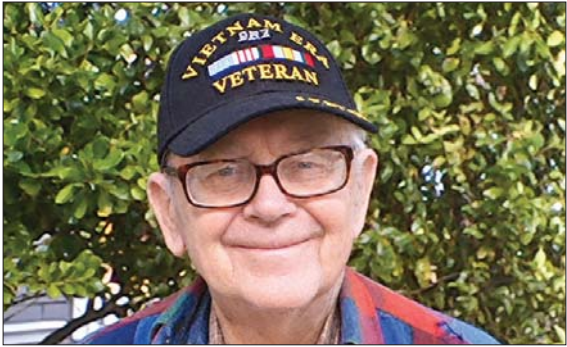
They had expected the county’s review to take two months, but it took twice as long, and those efforts finally wrapped up last week, Swanson said.

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IN MEMORY OF THEODORE LEBEDEW

Theodore “Ted” Lebedew passed away June 30, 2026, at age 83. He was a longtime resident of Seaside, California.

Ted’s military memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026, at the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery, 2900 Parker Flats Road, Seaside.



Phillip Allen Bradbury

Phil stepped into heaven on May 30. He was born in Boise, Idaho, on July 7, 1945, the son of Dr. Alfred Bradbury and Elmira Belle Heitz. He graduated from Kuna High School and the University of Washington. He spent two years in New York City working for his college fraternity, Theta Delta Chi, before joining the National Guard at the height of the Vietnam War. He served at a Nike missile defense base.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant at the Washington Military Academy and later transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve.

He married Dotti Burgh in 1970, took a leave from the National Guard and spent three months traveling through Europe with her on their honeymoon.

Phil joined Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. as an agent and became the general agent in Spokane. He was later promoted to assistant regional vice president and ultimately senior vice president for the Eastern region, overseeing operations in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and other states.

He retired at age 50 and moved to Carmel, California, where he started his own executive search firm.

The business evolved in a way that allowed him to devote more time to playing tennis, managing the couple’s vacation rental and volunteering for The Salvation Army.

Phil and Dotti lived in Carmel for 30 years. Phil belonged to the Pebble Beach Beach & Tennis Club, Stillwater Yacht Club and Church in the Forest. He served as chairman of the board of The Salvation Army and as a board member of the Friends of Sunset Center and the Carmel Film Festival. He reorganized The Salvation Army’s advisory board in Lihue, Kauai, and participated with the organization’s Eastside Corps in Bellevue, Washington, where he started the Red Kettle Kickoff holiday fundraiser.

Phil and Dotti retired in 2018, splitting their time between winters on the island of Kauai, Hawaii, and summers on Lake Sammamish in Washington.

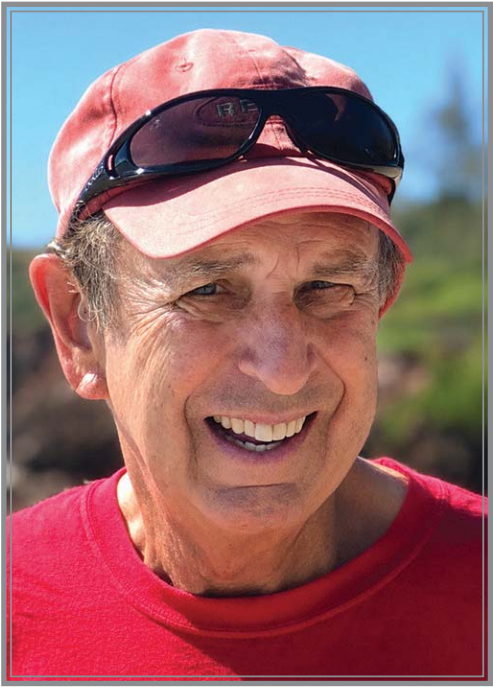
He was a quiet man who never sought accolades. His wife and daughters were his main focus. He loved to sing and recorded a CD of his favorite songs for his family. At age 8, he won a radio singing contest with his rendition of “Ragtime Cowboy Joe.” On family road trips, he entertained his daughters by whistling songs for them to identify in a game of “Name That Tune.”

Phil had a passion for politics and read the newspaper daily. He captained his tennis team at a national USTA tournament in Palm Springs, California, and used his famous drop shot to help his senior team win a championship at Indian Wells, California.

Phil is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dotti; his daughters, Ann (Michael) and Karen; and his grandchildren, Ali, Nathan, Brady and Avery.

A family memorial will be held on Carmel Beach following the Christmas holidays.

Any donations in his honor can be sent to the Salvation Army of Monterey or the Parkinson’s Foundation.



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PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

TERMINIX PEST control will pay a \$3.15 million settlement to resolve a consumer-action suit brought by Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni and 28 other DAs alleging it violated “laws regulating the disposal of pesticides, hazardous waste and customer records containing personally identifiable information.”

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Pacioni’s office reported that when they were notified of the illegal activities, Terminix representatives were “cooperative and responsive.”

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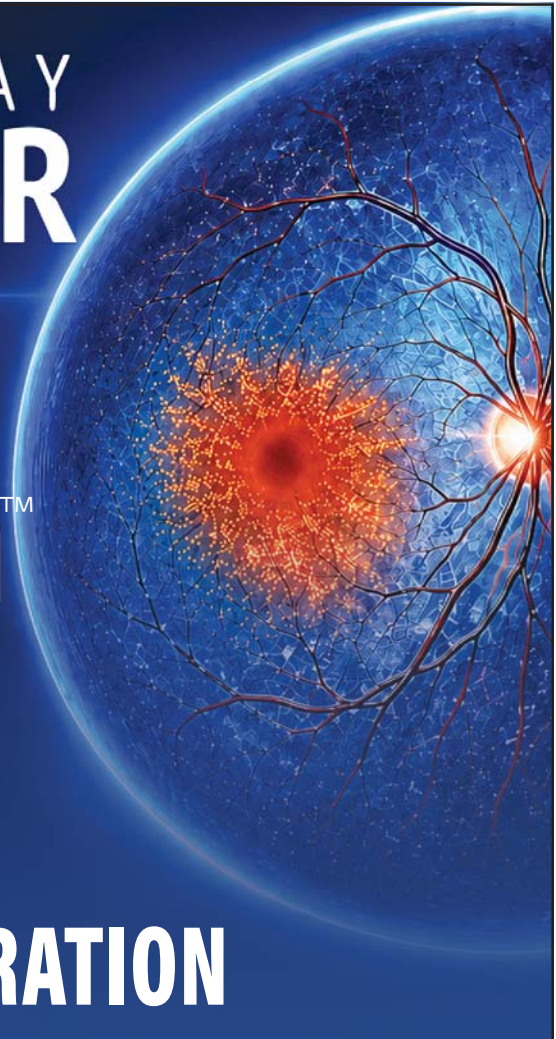
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shades and other touches.

An outdoor viewing area similar to the platform next to Woody’s restaurant in the legacy terminal is being built at one end of the concourse, while a landscaped garden will be at the other. Pet-relief areas are in the works as well.

Three security lanes, up from two, will get travelers through screening more quickly, and at the other end of the journey, baggage claim will be considerably larger and will have a separate carousel for bulky items, like the many sets of golf clubs that come through the airport daily. Woody’s Cockpit snack bar will move from the old building to the new one, but the Woody’s adjacent to the observation deck at the old terminal will stay where it is.

More chairs

In the new building, a lounge area and the five gates will have significantly increased seating, with space for more than 400 people. A lower level includes areas for handling luggage and offices for the various airlines, airport police and others.

Long-term parking is being constructed and opened in phases, and the short-term “premium” lot is next. All told, there will be space for 440 vehicles.

Car rentals will move to a new standalone building next to the terminal and will take over what’s now the upper short-term parking lot. Morello said the companies will continue using their lower parking area for washing and

servicing their cars, however.

And finally, the roundabout at Olmsted and Garden roads that was required in the project’s extensive environmental review is taking shape and will make arriving and departing smoother and safer.

“There is so much opportunity built into this project, including transforming travel, enhanced airline service, career development, tourism expansion and regional economic investment,” Morello said.

“We look forward to seeing you all in about a year when we cut the ribbon on this thing,” Pick commented.

Candidate forums set

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE RACE for Carmel’s mayor and city council is pretty thin, with five candidates running, but they’ll still face questions from constituents and members of the business community at two forums.

The Carmel Residents Association will hold its session Sept. 15 at the Carmel Woman’s Club at 907 San Carlos St., with doors opening at 5 p.m. and the program beginning at 5:30. Pine Cone editor and publisher Paul Miller will serve as moderator.

The chamber’s event will take place Sept. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m., with doors opening a half-hour prior, in the community room at the Church of the Wayfarer at 673 Lincoln St.

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OFFENDERS

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pose for pornography and other offenses.

“This is a public threat to all kids in Marina,” a resident recently posted on social media. “These men should be on

an island, not in any neighborhoods.”

The center is about a half-mile from Marina High School.

Veterans Transition Center CEO Samuel Griffith said the organization is aware of residents’ concerns and regularly meets with the Marina Police Department, city officials and others to discuss them.

“The safety of our neighbors, residents and staff is a

responsibility we take seriously,” Griffith told The Pine Cone.

He said the center’s new leadership, which took over at the end of April, has been “working to strengthen communication with local officials and the community.”

Sex offender tenants are required to wear ankle monitors that track their movements.

“Veterans Transition Center case managers check on these residents daily, and housing monitors provide additional oversight,” Griffith said.

Marina Police Chief Randy Hopkins said police records showed 28 registered sex offenders at the veterans center as of Aug. 31. He said the number changes as people enter and leave the program.

Hopkins said Marina officers conduct compliance checks on offenders throughout the city, including at the transition center. They can also be subject to supervision by other law enforcement agencies.

“I want residents to know that the Marina Police Department is aware of their concerns and is actively engaged,” Hopkins said Tuesday.

Molestation, rape

In addition to housing male veterans in former military residences on Hayes Circle, the transition center in November 2025 opened a 71-unit, three-story apartment complex on the same street. Called Lightfighter Village, it provides permanent homes for low-income veterans and

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CLEANUP

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continues at the government center,” the county said.

On Wednesday, Pasculli announced the establishment of satellite offices for the treasurer-tax collector, clerk of the board and assessor-recorder in the east and west wings of the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office building at 142 W. Alisal St.

Workers Wednesday morning continued removing items from the county building, including desk supplies, while security personnel informed people who tried to enter that it was closed and directed them to the temporary offices.

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VETERANS

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their families. The center is currently housing 167 residents.

The Megan’s Law website includes the names and photographs of sex offenders living at the Marina veterans facility. All are men.

Among them is a 74-year-old who spent 14 years in prison after being convicted in 2010 of continual sexual abuse of a child and other sex crimes involving “force or fear” against a child under 14. Another is an 83-year-old who was incarcerated for 12 years for child sex crimes before being released this year.

A 40-year-old man convicted of child molestation also lives there, as does a 57-year-old man convicted of rape in 1997 and released from prison in 2025. The Megan’s Law database also lists offenders’ birth dates, convictions, risk assessments and other information.

Most of the ex-cons have been classified as low risk for reoffending, according to the site, a finding that appears consistent with figures from the veterans center and police.

“Following discussions with parole officials, we can confirm that none of our current residents required to register as sex offenders have been arrested for or convicted of new sexual offenses while living at the veterans center,” Griffith said.

Hopkins said police data show no new criminal charges among the residents for sex offenses since at least 2023.

Program discontinued

After hearing community concerns, Griffith said the Veterans Transition Center in July decided to stop admitting tenants

who must register as sex offenders.

“After new leadership began, we reviewed our admissions practices, program capabilities and responsibilities to our residents and the surrounding community,” he said. “We also heard and took seriously the concerns expressed by Marina residents.”

Marina Mayor Bruce Delgado said transition center officials and Hopkins have informed city officials that “a lot of effort is expended to screen residents from prison before they are accepted at the transition center. They are given increased wraparound supervision and monitoring compared to other veterans living there.”

In 2026, 59 veterans secured permanent housing with the center’s support, Griffith said.

“Behind each of those numbers is a person moving into a home of their own and taking another step toward independence,” he explained. “Our support continues beyond receiving a key, helping veterans build the skills and connections they need to maintain their housing.”

Waiting list

The Marina facility has a waiting list of 49 individuals and families, which Griffith said “reflects the continued need for housing and supportive services for veterans and their families.”

The veterans center is funded by federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as state taxpayers and public and private donations. In 2025, the nonprofit reported total revenue of \$7.3 million and net revenue of \$893,000, according to tax forms filed by the agency.

There are about 65 registered sex offenders living throughout the city of Marina, according to the Megan’s Law site.

Outcry from the public led to policy changes at veterans center

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DECK

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with a 1,628-square-foot, two-story house, including an attached 425-square-foot garage, and adding a 750-square-foot accessory dwelling unit.

Miller submitted the design in January 2025, and the Taylors — who own a multi-billion-dollar ag company based in Salinas — got involved in the conversation that October. Planning commissioners gave their preliminary OK the following month, with some changes requested.

Between then and the commission’s July hearing, McWhorter and the Taylors

tried to work out their conflicts, with the Taylors going so far as to offer to buy his house for \$1 million more than what he paid, just to make the project go away. McWhorter persisted, and in July, the commission OK’d the design, finding the rooftop deck, which is designed to include a hot tub, would not negatively impact the Taylors’ views and privacy as much as they’d presented.

Doesn’t comply

Their attorney, Krista Ostoich, filed an appeal asking the council to overturn the approval based on several allegations, including that the project doesn’t qualify for an exemption to further review under the California Environmental Quality Act as replacement housing, because it could impact the Taylors’ historic 113-year-old house, which belonged to Carmel’s first mayor.

She also argued the design exceeds limits on square footage, site coverage and volume, and said it would violate the residential guidelines “with respect to views, air, light, privacy and flat roofs.”

A licensed land surveyor hired to assess the accuracy of the story poles on the McWhorter property also said the deck would obstruct their views.

“In my opinion, the impacts upon your views of Carmel Bay and Stillwater Cove will be both significant and negative,” he wrote, and an appraiser who estimated the value of their home at \$9.1 million said filtering or blocking views from the “main living area” on the ground floor would diminish its value by a potential \$1 million to \$1.25 million.

Planner Jacob Olander defended the commission’s approval and recommended the council deny the Taylors’ appeal.

Controlling the neighborhood

At the Aug. 31 meeting, Bruce Taylor, who bought the Camino Real residence in 2002, said he completely disagrees with the commission’s conclusion that “the rooftop deck will have no impact on the neighbors.”

“It changes the nature of our house and the views that we love,” he said, and it’s important for the community “to respect historic homes.”

If people on the deck are disruptive, Miller countered, the Taylors could call the police, and he questioned the logic of letting the historicity of their home dictate development around them.

“Because their house is historic, does that mean no houses around them can change?” Miller asked. “I don’t think that’s correct. Just because they’re there doesn’t mean they can control the whole neighborhood.”

He pointed out the Taylors’ house looks down on the McWhorter property, not the other way around, and he said he designed the deck to afford everyone some privacy.

Former planning commissioner and Monterey County Superior Court Judge Julie Culver and her neighbor, Linda Yellich, supported the Taylors in their objections.

“The principal concern is the rooftop deck atop a state-mandated ADU — it’s a substantial outdoor living area,” Culver said, and it will “materially change the relationships between the subject property and the surrounding properties.”

David Armanasco talked about the significance of the Taylors’ home, and Kristi Reimers argued that if a project “may cause a substantial adverse impact on the

historic resource,” it must undergo additional environmental review — perhaps foreshadowing an argument she will make in opposition to Patrice Pastor’s project next to her family’s Stonehouse Terrace, which she is having added to the National Register of Historic Places.

“We have a special little city, and much of what

makes it special is historic resources,” she said.

Residents Ian Martin, former Mayor Ken White and Cindy Lloyd, among others, supported the appeal, while resident Graeme Robertson did so in writing.

“This decision is about more than one project. It is about protecting Carmel’s identity — its privacy, scale, history and long-standing residential character,” he wrote. “Rooftop entertainment decks may be common elsewhere, but they introduce elevated noise, lighting, gatherings, and activity that directly affect neighboring homes and are extremely difficult to regulate once built.”

He also said the deck would “eliminate the primary beach view and substantially obstruct both primary and secondary ocean views.”

No real debate

Councilmembers sympathized with the Taylors.

“I do think that the deck has adverse impacts on the neighbors,” councilman Jeff Baron said, but he expressed concern about people using the California Environmental Quality Act to thwart projects.

“We have some people who talk about state overreach and then try to use CEQA to kill projects or alter projects,” he said, and lowering the threshold for environmental review could “drive housing production to nothing.”

Baron said views are to be shared, not preserved. “The municipal code allows

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some view impacts,” he said. “You do not have an absolute right to the view that you had when you bought the house.”

Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov said the roof deck would “negatively affect and impact the privacy, light, air and views that are enjoyed by the historic Taylor residence,” and therefore violates residential design guidelines calling for sensitivity to neighboring properties.

“Certainly, a large outdoor living space will impact neighbors in the ways we heard, including sound, privacy, light and potential smoke from a barbecue,” she

REMOVAL

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Crews have removed 40,000 intact batteries, including 5,600 in the past week. The batteries were de-energized so they could be recycled.

The EPA said severely damaged batteries will be treated on site in Moss Landing before being transported for disposal at specialized facilities. Battery material and debris will be tested to determine waste classification and sent to EPA-approved businesses.

Because of the volatility of damaged lithium-ion batteries, the EPA said air monitoring, water testing, fire and smoke watch, battery temperature monitoring and other measures will be performed throughout the final phase to “immediately detect any safety risks and protect workers and the surrounding community.”

The agency said it continues to take precautions to reduce the risk of another fire and coordinate with local agencies

said.

Councilman Hans Buder agreed that the guidelines require designs that “organize functions on a site to preserve reasonable privacy for adjacent properties,” but, unlike Baron, he advocated for more extensive evaluation of proposed remodels and new homes for potential impacts on nearby historic properties.

“Doing this analysis ferrets all of that out, so we don’t have to sit up here and guess at the answer,” he said.

Mayor Dale Byrne was likeminded, and the council voted unanimously to grant the appeal “with regards to the rooftop deck,” while preserving all other aspects of the McWhorters’ design. Councilman Bob Delves recused himself because he owns property nearby.

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The blaze at the Vistra Moss Landing Energy Storage Facility on Highway 1 forced the evacuation of about 1,500 people in the Moss Landing area. Dozens of residents reported health problems from smoke from the fire.

Information about the cleanup effort is available on the EPA’s website at epa.gov/ca/moss-landing-vistra-battery-fire.

GAVEL

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THERAPY

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started Aug. 8, has scorched 25,380 acres and is 27% contained. The fires remain the

two largest in the state. Officially, the cause of each fire remains under investigation. Cal Fire reported Thursday that firefighters had reached an important milestone in the fight against the Plaskett Fire. “Firefighters have completed a continuous system of hand lines, dozer lines, roads,

and other containment features around the Plaskett Fire,” the state agency said. While circumstances look promising, fire officials are being cautious. “Fire activity has moderated,” the report noted. “However, critically dry fuels remain capable of supporting additional fire activity. Evacuation orders and warnings remain in effect.” Cleary said backfiring efforts along the north edge of the fire have been successful, giving officials confidence “that the line is going to hold.” On the east and south edges of the fire, crews using heavy equipment are repairing roads damaged by the push to stop the blaze from spreading.

sources continuing to hold in steep terrain,” while fire suppression efforts from the air were stalled briefly Wednesday because someone deployed a drone. “At approximately 5 p.m., air operations were stopped on the Timber Fire due to unauthorized drone flying in the no-fly zone,” said Monterey County spokesperson Nick Pasculli. “It is a federal offense to fly in a Federal Aviation Administration no-fly zone.” Fire officials said they are looking forward to cooler temperatures, which are expected Friday. Despite the progress on stopping the two fires, many neighborhoods up and down the coast remain under evacuation orders or warnings. Meanwhile, in the Palo Colorado area, Mid-Coast Fire Chief Cheryl Goetz told The Pine Cone that her community — where 57 homes burned during the Soberanes Fire in 2016 — has never been more prepared for a fire. She gave a shout-out to Rayner Marx of the Community Association of Big Sur, who led an effort to increase brush clearance. Goetz called the effort “groundbreaking work.”

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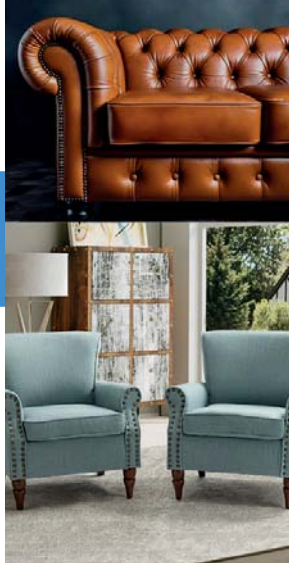


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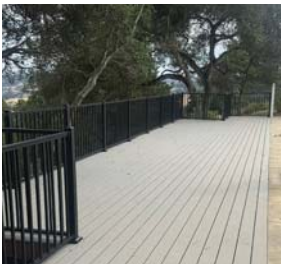


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Fewer outages

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PG&E and its counterparts in the state, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric, are all government-regulated monopolies. As such, the state has a duty to make sure they remain profitable so they can provide power to Californians. But their liability after their own equipment ignites fires makes bankruptcy a real possibility.

PG&E was pushed into Chapter 11 in 2019 after its lines caused the 2018 Camp Fire, which left 85 people dead and destroyed 18,000 structures in Paradise. California established a wildfire liability fund as a result, financing the account 50-50 with funds from utility shareholders

and ratepayers. But the money is expected to run out this year now that Southern California Edison’s infrastructure has been named as the cause of the 2025 Eaton Fire in Los Angeles.

Wildfires are arguably the gravest threat to Californians’ safety, and that includes people who live on the Monterey Peninsula. The failure on the part of Sacramento to pass a deal managing who is ultimately responsible for catastrophes left a lot of losers.

Gov. Gavin Newsom may have waited until the final months of his governorship to tackle the problem, but he still stuck out his neck and championed a very unpopular — but possibly necessary — proposal to limit utilities’ liability. His plan called for prohibiting insurance companies from recouping victims’ payouts from utilities and restricting financial compensation for emotional distress and smoke damage for those outside the fire lines, among other things.

“No one wants to defend a utility, but you’ve got to deal with reality. This thing’s not going to get better on its own,” Newsom told reporters at the Capitol before the end of the session.

State lawmakers chose not to deal with it. Instead, they kicked his idea to the curb, first watering it down before killing it altogether.

There was plenty to criticize in the governor’s plan, perhaps most importantly how it could impact fire insurance. California has already seen insurance companies pull out of the Golden State altogether, and as rates are also government-regulated — much like its obligation to utilities — the

state is responsible for keeping insurers in business, too.

The watered-down version would have kept parts of Newsom’s original proposal, specifically a portion banning Wall Street firms from trading wildfire claims. Under the state’s current wildfire liability system, victims are not always first in line for the money, and they’re often not paid the full claim. Those who’ve lost homes in fires and are desperate for cash can sell their claims to hedge funds for less than the eventual payout. Investors then reap the benefits of the difference after waiting in line for the claim to be paid in full — probably not how most ratepayers want their liability-fund dollars spent.

The governor and California’s top two legislative leaders, Senate President Pro Tem Monique Limón and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, brokered the compromise, but on the final day of the session, the Assembly Democratic caucus balked, choosing instead to head home with no deal.

Special session?

Newsom has not ruled out the possibility of calling a special session, and Rivas hinted he’s ready for one. Add to that PG&E holding \$2 billion in cuts to infrastructure over everyone’s head, and it’s looking more likely lawmakers will be back in Sacramento before the start of the 2027-28 session in December.

The alternative is bracing for the loss of improvements to the grid. In addition to delaying connections to new housing,

which PG&E is well within its rights to do under California Public Utilities rules, the company could also defer interconnections to other big projects. On the line are connections to wind, solar and battery projects, as well as company technology upgrades and large loads beyond 1.8 gigawatts. In plain English, this means factories, tech hubs, office buildings and data center projects could all be impacted, on top of anyone wishing to turn the lights on in a new apartment.

The next guy

Waiting until next year also leaves the problem up to the next person in the governor’s mansion, something Newsom was clearly trying to avoid.

The man most likely to succeed him, Xavier Becerra, has been MIA on the issue for weeks. Consumer Watchdog President Jamie Court — who hates the power companies more than most — dubbed Becerra “the incredible missing man” in an interview with Politico about the issue.

Rather than take a stance, the former Health and Human Services secretary released a statement that says next to nothing.

“Californians deserve a system that puts victims first and delivers real support and lasting change,” Becerra said. “Survivors have waited long enough — it’s time to get this right.”

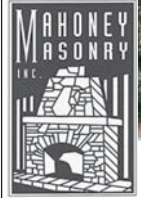
But what is right? Becerra hasn’t said, and finding the answer won’t be easy. Democratic Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris, chair of the Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee, has promised public hearings on the issue later this year — assuming lawmakers don’t return for a special session to tackle the biggest problem they left unresolved.

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Despite bidding farewell to Ashley Gettleman and Coco He, who left to play college golf, and losing exceptional junior-to-be Isabella Sun to a move, the Stevenson Pirates expect to compete once again with the best teams in the Central Coast Section and Northern California, hoping to qualify their entire squad for another state tournament.

Santa Catalina returns four of six starters from its strongest squad in years — fifth place at CCS and third in the Pacific Coast Athletic League's postseason Gabilan Division tournament. The Cougars, who went 9-3 in dual meets, anticipate a frenzied four-player competition for the last two varsity spots.

Carmel, traditionally the PCAL's second-best team, is renovating its lineup around three returning letterwinners after graduating four of its top five players from 2026, notably No. 1 Megan Ikemiya, now at Hawaii Pacific, and No. 2 Sydney Ozel, who plays at Chico State.

Recipes for success

There are at least two reasons for the ongoing success at local schools.

“The term I was thinking about this morning was ‘homegrown talent.’ Four of our top six golfers grew up on the Peninsula, with the benefit of some really good local teaching professionals and a strong junior golf program,” said Catalina coach Bill Bodensteiner.

The other advantage, most evident at Stevenson, is that gifted golfers often come from faraway lands for the



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Junior Candy Liu (left), a two-time All-Gabilan Division pick, is the top player on a young but veteran Santa Catalina squad. Stevenson's No. 1 player, senior Lucinda Wu (right), watches teammate Emma Mao, a junior, read a putt during a match against Pacific Grove at Spyglass Hill.

Spyglass Hill, known worldwide, is Stevenson's home turf. The state tournament has often been held at Poppy Hills and Monterey Peninsula Country Club — all located in Pebble Beach and venues for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am over the years.

Carmel plays its matches at the pristine and picturesque Quail. Catalina's home is the historic Del Monte Golf Course. Laguna Seca Golf Ranch has hosted the CCS Championships for the past several years.

The impact? Local high schools don't have to recruit golf talent — they only need to unlock the front door.

Reloading at Stevenson

Mills acknowledges the impact of losing Gettleman, who was runner-up at PCALs and CCS, 16th at NorCals, fourth at state, along with He, a varsity stalwart since her freshman year, and Sun, who was third at PCALs, 19th at CCS and 26th at state. But the coach sees a roster overflowing with promise. Gettleman plays at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, while He is on the team at Grinnell College in Iowa.

“Those are big shoes to fill, but the potential definitely

is there,” Mills said.

His list of stellar varsity veterans is topped by senior Lucinda Wu, who got better as the stakes got higher. Wu, the league medalist, placed 12th at CCS, eighth at NorCals and fifth at state.

“She’s steady and consistent, tee to green, with an excellent short game,” Mills said. “And she can putt with the best.”

Allison Chan, a left-handed junior, took fourth in the league, 21st at CCS, 20th at NorCal, and 32nd at state last year, and her coach expects even more this season.

“Right now, her swing is the best I’ve ever seen it. She looks confident, and she’s got the game to back it up,” he said.

The third returning starter, Melinda Ma, was 25th at CCS as a freshman, and Mills believes her exceptional work ethic is likely to pay dividends.

“Melinda is dedicated and determined and works as hard as any athlete I’ve ever seen — she’s in the gym every morning,” the coach said. “She puts in a lot of time

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“At Stevenson, we naturally attract golf talent, so I typically have a lot of depth on my roster,” said Pirates coach Chris Mills, whose girls squad placed third at state last fall after a fourth-place finish in 2024. “Obviously, the boys’ side is pretty impressive, too.”

Indeed, the Stevenson boys, coached by Justin Bates, won their second consecutive state golf championship in the spring.



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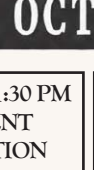
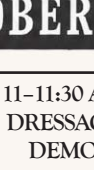
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on the putting green and works a lot on her short game. I expect her to be solidly in the middle of our lineup.”

The list of contenders for the starting lineup includes:

- Junior Leah Homsy (a downhill skier from the Lake Tahoe/Truckee area), who opened eyes with a 1-under-par round in her team tryout at Laguna Seca,
- Sophomore Katherine Chen, an athletic transfer who will become eligible in October,
- Freshmen Carmel Sun and Cassie Sun (not related), sophomore Gabriella Jackson, juniors Samantha Mills, Emma Mao, Charice Thane, Shari Necherise and Queena Li, and senior Olivia Huang.

“Anybody in that group looks capable of getting into my top six for the postseason,” Mills said. “I’m seeing a highly contested battle for those fifth and sixth spots.”

Catalina returns top four

Bodensteiner, Catalina’s head coach, welcomes the return of his top four players from 2025, a list headed by juniors Candy Liu and Anika Minami and sophomores Helen Xiao and Allison Darmawan — all extensively battle-tested after playing in the Cougars’ postseason tournaments.

Liu, a native of Beijing, earned All-Gabilan honors in each of her two seasons, placing ninth in the Gabilan Championships, fifth at CCS, 11th at NorCals, and 25th at state.

“Candy is a national tournament player, competing against some of the best young players in the world, and she’s coming off an incredible high school season,” Bodensteiner said. “She’s a consistent ball striker who drives well, has a great short game, and putts well. She’s also one of the most dedicated and disciplined players I’ve seen.”

Minami, a second-team All-Gabilan pick twice in a row, is a homegrown talent from Corral de Tierra who plays tournaments on the Northern California junior golf circuit.

“I envision a really strong season for Anika, in part because of the maturity she’s gained,” her coach said. “I think that growth has changed the way she’s going to play golf this season.”



(Far left) Allison Chan, Stevenson’s No. 2 player (with cap), confers with Melinda Ma, No. 3 on a deep, competitive varsity ladder. (Left) Ellie Williams, Carmel’s No. 3 player last fall, moves up to the No. 1 spot for the 2026 Padres in

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Bodensteiner senses greater comfort in Xiao, a second-year boarding student who has a picturesque swing and solid overall game.

Darmawan, a Carmel Valley product, got CCS tournament experience in her freshman season. She has a deft touch around the greens and putts well, said the coach.

Players likely to compete for starting-lineup status include Santa Catalina Middle School graduates Emma Trull and Neko Bennett-Jenkins, both freshmen, sophomore Helen Zhao, and Samantha Chun, the only senior on the roster.

Vets, young blood mix at CHS

Carmel coach Ross Kroeker will lean on the senior leadership of Ellie Williams, who steps into the top spot on the six-player varsity ladder after playing at No. 3 a year ago.

“Ellie is our team captain, and she really has embraced her role as our team leader,” he said of Williams, who was medalist at the Padres’ second dual meet of the year against Monte Vista Christian.

Varsity veterans Chloe Peelman, a senior, and Addison Mendoza, a junior, are filling the No. 2 and No. 3 spots in a lineup that features four promising freshmen in the scramble for the other three starting spots. Bella Torres

fills the fourth position, with fellow ninth-graders Liah Armstrong, Samantha Fogg and Presley Sardina competing for playing time.

“All of those freshmen are really good athletes,” said Kroeker, a longtime instructor at the Pebble Beach Golf Academy.

“I’m excited to help them develop their skills and improve throughout the season,” he added.

Juniors Georgia Alexakos and Sophie Canan, both team managers, complete the varsity roster.

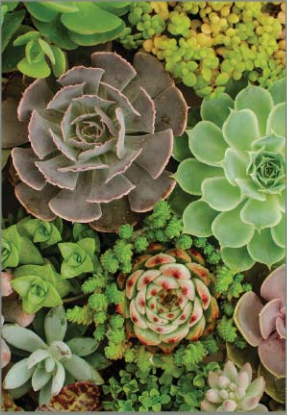
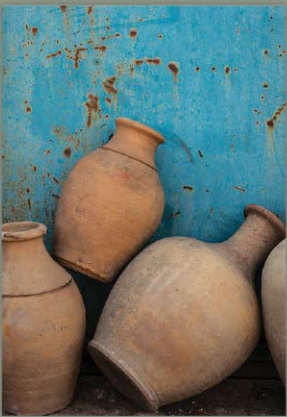
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In addition to their dual-meet schedules in the PCAL Gabilan Division, all three schools have 18-hole tournaments on their agendas.

Carmel and Stevenson will be part of a large, competitive field of schools entered in Wednesday’s Helen Lengfeld Memorial Tournament at The Villages Golf Club in San Jose.

Catalina and Stevenson will play Sept. 28 in another high-level tournament, the Cowboy Fall Invitational at Crazy Horse Ranch Golf Course in Salinas.

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Editorial

Still no traffic lights

WITH THE advent of street numbers, a remarkable tradition in Carmel comes to an end. But this town isn't the only place where modernity has taken a long time to take root, and there are good reasons. Like their counterparts in many small communities, Carmelites cherish their history, and the council's unanimous vote in October 2025 to assign house numbers simply marked the point at which convenience and safety outweighed tradition for a majority of residents and officials.

These kinds of debates tend to flare up when new technology — 911, GPS or online shopping — or a demographic shift, such as an aging population, makes the old system visibly inconvenient.

West Virginia is a prime example. According to The Guardian, until the late 1990s, most people outside West Virginia's cities had no street address. Mail went to "Rural Route 1, Box 47" or something similar. Directions were given using landmarks, such as "the white church," "the old schoolhouse," "the dumpster painted like a cow" or "the second driveway after the wide turn." A firefighter in the tiny town of Northfork described a common 911 tactic, the newspaper reported: Tell the caller to listen for the siren and say whether it was getting "hotter" or "colder" as the truck searched the hollows.

In 1999, after cellular giant Verizon agreed to contribute \$15 million to a statewide mapping and addressing program as part of a regulatory settlement, the West Virginia Legislature created its Statewide Addressing and Mapping Board in 2001. The goal was to assign "city-type" addresses so 911 dispatchers could pinpoint locations instead of relying on vague rural-route numbers.

West Virginia's effort to give rural areas official street names and house numbers was one of the largest and most contentious addressing projects in the United States. It grew out of the same practical problem Carmel faced — emergency responders and delivery drivers could not reliably find houses — but it played out across an entire rural state with thousands of unnamed hollows, ridges and dirt tracks.

Many residents saw the change as unnecessary and disruptive. A common objection was that "everyone already knows where everyone lives." Others objected to changing historical or family road names, as well as the hassle and cost of reprinting checks, updating bank records, drivers licenses and notifying relatives. Still others said numbered streets would make rural life feel more urban or anonymous.

County addressing coordinators reported that public meetings often became heated. One coordinator said that when neighbors could not agree on a name, the fallback threat was "Chrysanthemum." Some communities were allowed to choose their own names, which produced colorful results such as Crunchy Granola Road. Others fought to keep traditional local names, including the notorious Booger Hollow in Clay County, a place already infamous in state folklore for a string of early 20th-century murders, according to The Atlantic.

A local West Virginia television station noted that opinions were so divided, counties used different methods. Some pulled names from local history books or even Scrabble websites. Others simply asked residents. The project eventually assigned hundreds of thousands of addresses, but progress was uneven. By 2013, many rural residents still lacked official numbers. Some counties were completing or updating their systems well into the 2020s, and some residents ignored their new addresses years after they were assigned. 911 officials continued to plead with people to use the new numbers because old addresses caused delays.

According to media reports, the resistance never fully disappeared. Even after official addresses existed, some West Virginians continued using the old landmark-style directions or former rural-route numbers. The project succeeded in putting most of the state on a map that 911 and GPS systems could use, but it never completely erased the older, more personal way of knowing a place.

One big difference between West Virginia and Carmel is that opposition to standardized addresses here has become practically nonexistent. Sure, things got heated in the past, but even the most vocal opponents came around after a citizen-led address working group spent months gathering data, holding workshops and addressing specific fears. Eventually, even the most die-hard opponents changed their minds. On top of that, the city's implementation has been flawless, which brings us to the present moment of peaceful agreement. Street numbers are here, and everybody seems happy, perhaps because many traditions — such as no traffic lights and no mail delivery — remain intact.

Farewell to the era of "Santa Lucia 3 NE of Mission." Its forwarding address is the history books.

BEST of BATES



Letters to the Editor

Taxing billionaires

Dear Editor,

Of course, Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez are correct that billionaires should not exist. But since they do, they should at least pay a reasonable amount of taxes. They may or may not have earned their wealth through ingenuity and hard work, but they would not have gotten their wealth without relying on the country's infrastructure and the help of countless poorly paid workers.

Earned income bears a top tax rate of about 50% between the IRS and California. But investment appreciation, the bulk of billionaires' increase in wealth, is not taxed at all until disposition, and then at much lower capital gains rates. And billionaires often avoid even that tax by financing their living expenses by borrowing against their holdings, and by other clever planning devices that minimize their eventual estate tax.

The wealth gap is wider than at any time since the Gilded Age in the late 19th century. The top 1% of the U.S. population owns nearly 32% of all wealth, and according to one source, the top 12 billionaires had a combined wealth of \$2.7 trillion as of the beginning of 2026.

A billion equals one thousand million. How can anyone suggest that a 5% one-time tax will devastate people with that

kind of wealth? It is less than what they ought to be able to earn on their investments in one year.

It is possible that passage of Prop. 40 will impact future California tax revenue. Instead, Congress ought to impose a federal wealth tax, perhaps at 3% annually, which might equate to about 50% of the annual appreciation and thus equal the top rate on earned income. And the federal government should be obliged to return a hefty portion of the wealth tax to the states where the billionaires reside.

Mads Bjerre,
Carmel

The city's spending

Dear Editor,

Chuck MacKenzie's letter in a recent Pine Cone issue asserted support for addressing Carmel's deferred maintenance challenge, yet offered some good questions on upcoming tax initiatives advanced unanimously by our city council.

I thought to provide some answers gleaned from my experience working with members of the financial stewardship committee.

Chuck asked about addressing expenditures first and wondered why these two specific tax initiatives were put forth.

Regarding expenditures, the council has been aggressive in tackling the "spend." Review the budgets this council has passed. Just prior to Dale Byrne's term, the city was spending 99-plus percent of revenues on operating expenses and borrowing from reserves for infrastructure

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The Army’s values drew him in and then became a way of life

JOE BASSANI sits at the edge of the pool at Carmel Valley Athletic Club and adjusts his goggles before slipping into the water and pulling hard into his first stroke. The 63-year-old personal fitness trainer began doing triathlons at 59 and has completed one Ironman and eight half-Ironman



PHOTO/COURTESY JOE BASSANI

Triathlete and retired Army aviator Joe Bassani has run tough races, but none was as tough as getting through the Pentagon on 9/11.

He took advantage of a program that allowed active-duty enlisted soldiers to earn college degrees and become commissioned officers, but turned down a scholarship because he didn’t want the additional service obligation. Bassani paid his own way and earned his bachelor’s degree in English literature from Western New England College in Springfield.

Don’t unpack

Commissioned in 1984 as a Distinguished Military Graduate of the ROTC program at the University of Massachusetts, he went on to spend 28 years in the Army. “The majority of my work was in avi-

ation,” Bassani said. “An aviator in the Army is a helicopter pilot. My completion of the officer basic course was followed by flight school, and I graduated in 1985.” Bassani reported to his first duty station at Fort Hood, Texas, and was told not to unpack. He was headed to Central America.

“I became an executive officer, second in command of a flight detachment in El Salvador, one of 55 American advisors, just a month out of flight school, during the war,” he said, referring to U.S. military actions in Central America during that era. He called it a “baptism under fire,” adding, “I didn’t know what I didn’t know. But I learned quickly that a soldier is only as strong as the weakest member of our team.”

Back at Fort Hood, Bassani resumed his peacetime Army career and continued his training. “The more you sweat in training,” he said, “the less you bleed in combat. I became a zealot about training and preparation for war, which meant our equipment was ready and our soldiers were training hard.” Bassani assumed command of the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade and was a senior Army aviator, rated on the UH-60 Black Hawk and AH-64 Apache, among other aircraft, becoming one of the most experienced and valuable soldiers in the Army’s aviation corps.

Along the way, he had earned a master’s in communication and rhetoric from the University of Oklahoma.

‘A plane hit the WTC’

Nothing could have prepared him for Sept. 11, 2001. “I’d gone to the National Defense University to become a strategist and then served as aide to Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Jack Keane from 1999 to 2002. I was in the Pentagon briefing the general when one of our enlisted administrative personnel came in and said, ‘Sir, you need to turn on the television.’ A plane had hit the World Trade Center.”

Bassani and the general were making phone calls when a plane crashed into the Pentagon 500 yards down the hallway. The walls shook, alarms went off, and the lights went out.

They threaded their way among people running to evacuate amid thick dark smoke as they made their way to the Army Operations Center in the basement.

“I haven’t told this story to too many people,” Bassani reflected. “It took me a long time to really talk about this. When I looked into the corridor, it was horrific. There was fire, smoke, pieces of airplane — and people. I’d been to war a couple of times, but I’d never experienced anything like this. And nobody knew what was coming next.”

He stayed in the operations center for hours. “I don’t remember when I was finally able to contact my family,” Bassani said. “My wife went to pick up our kids, 6, 7 and 12, and had to drive by the scene. Our kids, freaking out, knew where I worked.”

Bassani and Keane flew to Ground Zero, where Army personnel were engaged

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The man, the mud, the mustache

ONCE UPON a time, in the 1960s, there was a muddy little boy who happily evolved into a full-grown, muddy man. Today, he wears a big, furry handlebar mustache, a perpetual smile and a spattering of dried earth on his pants.

“There was a time when I’d be wearing a lot more clay than this, but I got better at that part,” said Ray Anderson, a 70-year-old Carmel Valley resident who spends most of his spare moments inside a sun-bathed ceramics studio, surrounded by potter’s wheels, glazes, an electric kiln and 25-pound bags of potential and possibilities.

When he opens one up and squeezes the contents onto his potter’s wheel, magic happens.

Open Studios tour

“Centering the clay on my wheel is, for me, the most enjoyable part of ceramics, because a big part of my life revolves around centering,” said Anderson, a prac-

techniques each day of the tour at the Sally Russell Studio, in Sunset Center’s Studio 17, part of a cottage a few strides south of the main building. From San Carlos Street, turn east onto 10th Avenue, then left into Sunset Center’s lower parking lot. The annual self-guided exhibition, sponsored by the Arts Council for Monterey County, will feature the works of about 100 local artists at their own locations. Visit arts4mc.org/open-studios-art-tour for addresses of every venue and additional information.

Inhaling inspiration

Anderson frequently breaks up his tactile sessions with strolls along the ocean, inhaling inspiration that, in recent weeks, has seeped into the glazes he uses to create a luminous new series of bowls in varying shades of blue.

“The pigments are in the glazes,” said the artist, who brushes or pours multiple layers on his pots to manipulate the hues and effects.

“I’ll start with one glaze, then layer others on top, some a little thicker so I can get it to run,” Anderson explained. “Glazes that flow downward were an acci-

dent at first — then the mistake became a process.”

Dirty hands and muddy clothes became part of his lifestyle when he was a child in Redwood City, where he remembers getting up early to watch cartoons, then romping outdoors. His interest in ceramics wasn’t far behind.

“I was about 7 when I made my first pot,” he said. “Then I remember walking down Ocean Avenue in Carmel with my mom when I was 9 or 10, seeing all the shops and galleries, and saying, ‘I want to be an artist and live in Carmel someday.’”

Full-time painter

“I also enjoyed going to the de Young Museum in San Francisco when I was really young, looking at all the paintings. I’ve always loved and respected painters but never had a talent for that kind of art,” said Anderson, who makes a good living with a brush anyway as a full-time painting contractor and partner at Bay Painting Pro Finish Inc. in Carmel Valley.

As Anderson approached his teens, he would sweep the floors at his grandfather’s San Francisco print shop, which occasionally became an eye-opening experience.

“My grandfather printed rock ’n’ roll posters for the historic Fillmore and Avalon music venues,” he recalled. “A limo would pull up, the door would open, the Grateful Dead would step out onto the sidewalk in a huge cloud

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

tioner of Zen Buddhism whose business card says “Centered in Carmel.”

“When the clay becomes centered, whatever else I was thinking about suddenly is gone. From there, it’s all about the feel of the clay,” he said.

Anderson and fellow ceramic artist Sally Russell, a 20-year family friend, will show their wares Saturday and Sunday, and again the following weekend, Sept. 19-20, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., during the 2026 Open Studios Art Tour.

They will also demonstrate their



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Carmel ceramicist Ray Anderson, part of this year’s Open Studios Tour, still loves “playing in mud,” his childhood passion.

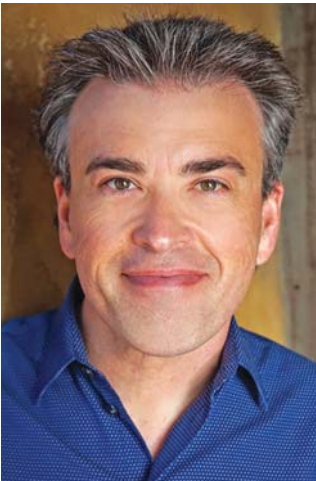
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Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

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in the search-and-rescue effort. Since he couldn’t attend all the funerals of the officers and civilians who were killed, Keane asked Bassani to select 10 of each and said they would attend their services and visit their homes to share what they understood about the attack and its aftermath.

“If people asked, we told them everything we knew about what had happened. It was heartbreaking to sit there with family members and their kids. A command sergeant major had just retired after 30 years of service. His wife, still working as a civilian at the Pentagon, had been incinerated. They had four kids.”

Bassani continued, “He said, ‘I always imagined this could happen to me. I never imagined it could happen to my wife.’ This broke my heart and has haunted me for years. And it’s only one of so many stories and so much I heard and saw.”

There is a reason we don’t go to war easily, Bassani noted. “Sometimes we forget the toll. You come out of this understanding that the opposite of fear is anger. It kept us upright.”

Strategic move

Ten years later, after completing a master’s degree in strategy and joint operational planning through the Joint Advanced Warfighting School at the National Defense University in Norfolk, Va., Bassani retired from military service and became a banker.

“I had done the Army my whole adult life and needed to do something different,” he said. “I was 49 and not ready to retire, but I needed to expand my mind in a different direction. I started networking and ended up meeting with the president of a commercial bank at a cigar bar in the

Carnegie Club in New York. We started talking, and he asked for my resume.”

Bassani was hired as vice president of operations for the bank and sent to the DART school (the Direct Action and Research Training Center) in Virginia, which trains community leaders and professional organizers and, Bassani said, taught him everything he knows about business and banking.

After a couple of years in mergers and acquisitions, Bassani came to California to work with a consulting firm before leaving to start his own company, dedicated to coaching CEOs and senior executives of Fortune 500 companies.

Until Covid-19 shut everything down.

Defining success

Bassani used that time to earn his 100-ton master ship captain’s license, take his 50-footer to the Caribbean and teach sailing. Ultimately, he donated his boat to a nonprofit that takes wounded veterans out sailing. Sometimes he still captains for them.

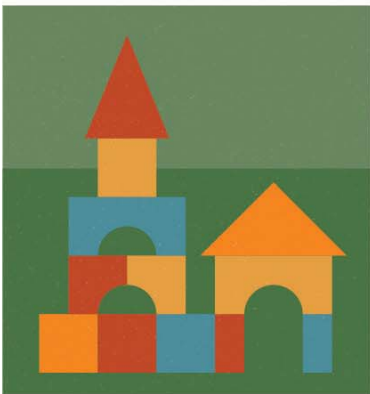
Bassani continued to work on his own healing by focusing on his health and fitness. He quit smoking, drinking and working. He started studying the Stoics and became a Buddhist. He got certified by the National Academy of Sports Medicine as a fitness trainer and nutritionist and turned his attention to coaching others on mobility and wellness. He also began his triathlon career.

“I completed the Harvard Medical School certificate program in nutrition and wellness coaching and started working at the Monterey Sports Center as a fitness trainer. I have transformed my life with the benefits of health and fitness.

“You never want to get scared of life, but you don’t want to die sitting on the couch. If I die running, that will be a success story,” he said.

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FEEDBACK

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Carmel Residents Association board member Nancy Twomey wants someone who is good at overseeing necessary change, and lifelong resident Cindy Lloyd said the person should be “open and receptive” and endowed with a good sense of humor.

“Because you really need one around here,” she said. And patience. Ahlborn remarked that Carmelites are “very good at talking about what we need — extensively, over long periods,” so they need a city administrator who has demonstrated experience in setting benchmarks and hitting them.

That skill is critical for dealing with the large worklist handed down by the council, too. With the goal of addressing \$100 million worth of deferred maintenance over a 10-year period, and a chronic tendency to adopt yearly capital improvement plans that contain more projects than

can be accomplished, managing workload and expectations can be particularly challenging.

“We need to start coming up with actual solutions,” said resident Tasha Witt, after ticking off a list of issues that included parking, traffic, road conditions and other problems.

Strong personalities

“Another challenge is the town’s strong personalities. Since we have a lot of people who are passionate about Carmel, we also get a lot of passionate arguments,” commented resident and business owner Kristi Reimers, who said she’d like the top manager to address them by citing the general plan, not taking sides.

And while a few are quite vocal, “the majority of stakeholders in Carmel will wind up being fairly silent,” Ahlborn said, so it’s important to keep in mind that the minority doesn’t necessarily represent the views of the many.

“It’s important to get the person who can develop the team and lead the team,” CRA board member Tim Twomey said, while being efficient, since projects tend to “get stalled on the implementation side.” He’d also like to

see the city administrator live in the city, especially since most employees do not.

Hardy recommended warning the candidates about expectations. “We have high expectations,” she said. “It can be pretty overwhelming when you hear all the things we expect of a city administrator.”

Brown said much of the feedback delivered at the session coincides with what she’s heard from councilmembers, and she wrapped up by sharing a bit about the process and timeline, including plans to conduct the first round of interviews via Zoom, which makes participating easier for candidates, and the goal of having someone in place before the end of the year.

She reiterated her guarantees, which include undertaking a new recruitment effort if the winning candidate does not work out.

“We are very actively involved all the way through the acquisition process,” she said.

With the council’s approval of the brochure, Brown said she was planning to kick off the recruitment effort Wednesday afternoon or Thursday. The job posting will close Oct. 12, with a closed-session discussion of the short-listers Oct. 27. Interviews will follow in November.

LETTERS

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needs. Over the past two years, the current city council has reduced operating expenses as a percent of the total budget down to 92% (2025-26) and 85% (2026-27).

The hard work Carmel’s City Council has done to reduce operating expenses in the past two years frees up \$6 million annually that can now be directed toward infrastructure needs and capital requirements. Yet, the city still needs an additional \$4 million annually to reach the estimated \$10 million a year required to address the backlog of deferred maintenance in our city.

As to those revenue initiatives, the most important “why” is that Carmel simply can’t fund the deferred maintenance we need without them. Each measure contributes approximately \$2 million to address the extensive deferred maintenance challenge, and together they close the gap in funding required.

An important “why” on the sales tax initiative, which amounts to an incremental 18 cents on a \$50 spend, is that Carmel retains all the revenue. If this initiative doesn’t pass in November, another taxing authority like Monterey County could co-opt the allowance in the future. If I’m going to end up paying the amount someday anyhow, I’d like Carmel to benefit.

As to the TOT, collecting from visiting tourists who benefit from enhanced infrastructure along with the residents is a better alternative than other resident-burdened solutions that were considered by the council but dropped in favor of the TOT.

Please join me in supporting Carmel’s City Council’s unanimity in reining in operating expenses the past two years and in identifying the revenue enhancements that benefit all of us residing in Carmel.

Jim Beck, Carmel

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ARTIST

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of smoke. They’d come inside, talk to my grandfather’s artists and watch their posters come off the press. Same thing with Grace Slick and Jefferson Airplane.”

At age 12, Anderson aspired to become a hippie, and his love for music lives on.

“I’ve seen Neil Young perform at least 50 times. I saw him last year, and he was as good as ever,” he said.

Anderson majored in art during a brief stint at UC Santa Cruz in 1977, then discovered a strong ceramics program at Cabrillo College, where his craft evolved.

He made and sold blown-glass art for 20 years with Santa Cruz glass artist David Salazar, then owned and operated Sun Country, a ceramics and glass shop in Carmel’s Doud Arcade, for 18 years.

42 years as husband and dad

He married Diane 42 years ago, and they became parents that same year to their only child, Andria, part of the Carmel High School Class of 2003.

“She’s very artistic, too,” he said of his daughter, who was a student at Carmel Ballet Academy and danced at Sunset Center.

Anderson’s knowledge grew last year — as a potter

and as a Buddhist — when he traveled to Japan and spent time in the ceramics mecca of Kyoto.

“The cherry blossoms were in bloom ... we visited the temples ... I stayed a few extra days to go to a ceramic kiln site and watch them firing their pots ... it was an amazing experience,” he said.

His luggage on that trip included the pieces of a Native American pot he bought from a roadside stand 42 years ago on his honeymoon.

“It was just a small piece, but it was \$400. I looked at Diane and said, ‘I’m buying it.’ And she said, ‘Of course you are,’” he reminisced.

Decades after that, in Kyoto, Anderson watched as it was repaired with adhesive, lacquer and powdered gold through a process known as kintsugi. “Now, it’s better than new,” he said of the sentimental treasure.

After 54 years as a ceramicist — the last two as a grateful co-occupant at Sally Russell’s studio — Anderson is still as happy as a little boy in a mud puddle. When Diane called him at the studio in late August and asked what he was doing, his answer was unsurprising:

“I’m just glazing and smiling,” he told her. “Glazing and smiling.”

View images of his art at [instagram.com/ray.anderson.design](https://www.instagram.com/ray.anderson.design).

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ADDRESSES

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“The process did take longer than we had expected. That was attributed to all of the different agencies and partners that were involved in the rollout, and they all wanted to make sure their systems were in place, because it was a big lift for everyone,” Swanson said. “I don’t know if we could have done anything differently.”

Part of the delay was due to their wanting to “make double-triple sure” the switch would not cause any problems during emergencies. He learned that if a person calling 911 can only remember he lives on San Carlos two houses south of Eighth, but not that his address is 817 San Carlos St., the dispatcher will still know where he is.

The data were then delivered to the U.S. Postal Service for integration into its address management system, which is used to verify addresses for various purposes.

It will not, however, lead to mail delivery. People who live in Carmel will continue going to the post office.

Getting the word out

The city is doing its best to let everyone know what their new addresses are. “We’re sending out postcards to every resident in the city,” as well as property owners, Swanson said. The cards will contain their official addresses, along with display guidelines and other information.

“And a second postcard will be sent out in another week or so, to make sure nobody misses it,” he said.

There will even be a booth at the Thursday farmers market for at least a few weeks, where city staff “will have iPads and can answer questions for everybody.”

To assist residents with getting their information updated with Cal Am, PG&E and other utilities, the city will host a day-long drop-in session sometime in the next couple of weeks where they can get it done in person “if they don’t want to go through the process of calling and that whole hassle,” he said.

He doesn’t know when and where the “service providers information day” will be, yet. But if it’s at city hall, he said, “We’ll see you at 662 Monte Verde Street.”

■ There will be a quiz later

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HARVEST SEASON

CELEBRATING FALL ON THE MONTEREY PENINSULA

You won’t see these gourds rolling down Ocean Avenue

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

CINDERELLA WAS swept out of servitude by a gilded pumpkin and a glass slipper. Ever since Charles Perrault published the tale in 1697 — followed by centuries of retellings on the page and on screens large and small — audiences have been enchanted by the magical potential of a pumpkin. Particularly when it’s made of glass.

Carmel Valley fine art glassblower Nick Leonoff is keenly aware of the allure of a glass pumpkin, which has led him to create thousands of the fluted orbs with his signature curled stem.

“I can tell it’s an original Nick Leonoff pumpkin by the curve of the stem and his keen understanding of how color and particular finishes respond to light,” said Lauren Cesare, who comes to her second home just south of Ocean Avenue every fall to wander Leonoff’s Glass Pumpkin Patch at MEarth, basket in hand, looking to add to her collection. “Even when I attend a glass pumpkin patch that features more than one artist, I head right over to Nick’s tables.”

After success presenting his gourds at the Palo Alto Art Center’s annual fall festival, Leonoff felt confident he could create a successful event among Carmel-area supporters. Guests from outside the area would be welcome, of course.

To make that happen, Leonoff sought out Tanya Roos, who served MEarth for seven years, ultimately as executive director. Established in 1995 on a former

Christmas tree farm adjacent to Carmel Middle School, the nonprofit aims to educate and inspire local students through environmental stewardship. Leonoff and Roos discussed establishing a pumpkin patch on the property as a fundraiser. They thought it might even become an annual event, if people responded well.

Fourteen years later, they’re still coming.

“Oh, goodness, I probably have 50 of Nick’s pumpkins,” said Mid Valley’s Michelle Wouden. “There’s something irresistible about glass pumpkins, particularly their individuality, as each one is unique, beautiful and intricate in design. The way they catch the light is magical. Plus, there’s always room for one more.”

Pumpkins for all

Although the artist established Leonoff Art Glass in Carmel Valley in 2005, his journey began seven years earlier as an apprentice to renowned local stained-glass artist Alan Masaoka. After graduating from Pepperdine University with a degree in business administration — a wise complement to a career in fine art — Leonoff leaned into his passion for glassblowing. He has since studied at numerous craft schools, including the Pilchuck Glass School, Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, the Pittsburgh Glass



You know it’s fall when Nick Leonoff’s glass pumpkins are ready for harvest.

Center and The Studio at the Corning Museum of Glass.

“Compared to my fine art glass sculpture, the pumpkin is an approachable shape and product that enables me to connect with more people,” he said. “This is the other side of atelier or studio art, which is its own special niche. The glass pumpkin is an accessible form for me to connect with a

lot of people and broaden audience appeal, which balances out my career in fine art.”

Blowing glass pumpkins, Leonoff said, is also a way to experiment and take risks without pressure.

Recently he began making them with a new blue glass and experimenting with de-

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H A R V E S T S E A S O N

Never underestimate the value of staying in the race

By LILY PATTERSON

THE COMEDIENNE Joan Rivers once remarked, “The first time I see a jogger smiling, I’ll consider it.”

It’s a shame she never met them, because she would’ve gotten a kick out of the Carmel Valley Manor posse. They joke about the steel rods in their legs, then head out for a trot.

Come the first weekend of November, 20 residents from the retirement community will join in the festivities surrounding the 21st annual Monterey Bay Half Marathon. Most will stroll, though a few will jog the By-the-Bay 3K and Pacific Grove Lighthouse 5K on a course from Lovers Point Park to Point Pinos. And a two-time champion will be racing the 13.1-miler, gunning for his third win in the 80-and-up bracket.

With the bay as its backdrop, the race established in 2003 — formerly known as the Big Sur Half Marathon — channels runners from downtown Monterey to Spanish Bay, where they turn and trace the same route back along the coast.

The retirees are also crowd favorites at the Big Sur Marathon, featured in highlight reels posted to the race’s Instagram account in years past. Several said they’ve already committed to taking on the 3K and 5K portions of the famed course next spring. In 2022, the gang made its first appearance at the 3K/5K “fun” runs held the day before the Monterey Bay Half. They’ll be fairly easy to spot on the morning of Nov. 7, congregating at the starting line near Lovers Point in custom-embroidered caps, representing their Carmel Valley Manor home.

It’s just another busy Saturday for the residents of the active 65-and-up community, located just past All Saints Day School on Carmel Valley Road. Daily movement is all but mandatory and, according to res-

idents, friendships spring from those activities, whether they prefer instructor-led fitness or aquatics classes, tending to their personal plot in a community garden or traversing the network of walking trails around the spectacular property.

“Most of us prepare by walking around the area — a whole group of us — the month before the race. It’s exercise, but it’s a lot of fun,” said Jerry Flanzer.

He recalls doing a few 20K races in his 30s, but he’d never won a thing until last year, when he and his wife swept their 80-plus age group in the 5K. Come race day, they pick up their pace to “more of a trot.”

“The fact that I can still do it, that’s the celebration. Some of our neighbors cannot,” Flanzer said.

A comeback

Three years ago, when resident Sidney Slade tripped over her cat, she broke so many bones that her knee, leg and hip required scaffolding with steel rods. Not yet 80, she believed she would spend the rest of her life with her walker in a death grip.

Nevertheless, Slade performed her physical therapy exercises and rehabbed in the pool.

She eventually ramped up her aquatics schedule to three times weekly, each session an exhausting 45 minutes.

“I did everything I was supposed to do to recover. I attribute not being disabled to my doctor who did the surgery, and to water aerobics,” she shared.

Then, she was told she needed a hip replacement to deal with her persistent osteoarthritis. The procedure took place last September — but, by that point, she knew the drill.

One year later, Slade is walking 3 to 4 miles per day — unassisted — gazing out



Carmel Valley Manor resident Fred Glasser started jogging decades ago when he joined an international run club in East Asia. At 82, he’s running 11 -minute miles in the Monterey Bay Half Marathon.

on the Santa Lucia range she and her husband hiked for many years. A longtime Carmel Valley resident, Slade was never a marathoner, though she did have several backpacking expeditions and a few half-marathons under her belt.

“I know my recovery inspired more people to get active, and I’m so grateful the manor encourages us. This place is thought of as an old persons’ home, but it’s really not. It’s full of vibrant, interesting people,” Slade said.

That means staff, too.

“We’re doing this with the waiters, the gardeners, the nurses — it’s a hysterical time, and we get to know them. The social

fabric here is wonderful,” Flanzer said.

At last count, 30 staff members will be bibbed and ready on race weekend, according to chief operating officer Christine Regan. A registered nurse, she ran competitively in years past, but now “I usually do the sweep and hang out at the back to make sure we’re all together.”

Pacesetters

Regan leads programming, from BBQ and field game days, to off-campus volunteer opportunities. That includes the brunch-and-prizes event back at the man-

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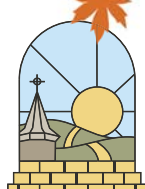
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H A R V E S T

Local color on the big screen

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

WE THINK we know all about the history of Carmel-by-the-Sea. After all, much has been written about — and continues to be captured by — a cadre of exceptional creative folks. Check out the local roster of fine art galleries, not to mention a century of essays and articles, columns and books about what brought an array of artists into town to create their enclave by the sea. And yet, there is always more to uncover about the culture of Carmel.

The 1906 San Francisco earthquake sent painters and photographers, poets and authors to Carmel, and the burgeoning town was incorporated 10 years later. In 1924, San Francisco’s Mildred Taylor and her husband, renowned artist James Blanding Sloan, established a second residence here. The couple had just adopted Wah Ming Chang, a 7-year-old art prodigy who had been orphaned by the death of his mother and the grief of his father.

Deep appreciation

It was the avant-garde Taylor who, in 1929, conceived of and hosted the first international film festival in Carmel with a screening of two silent films considered controversial then and, perhaps, now. “The Light of Asia” shared an interpretation of Buddha’s life, and “The Life and Death of 9413: A Hollywood Extra” was a psychological drama produced by abstract painter Slavko Vorkapich.

Nearly a century later, Carmelites Lawrence Roeck and Annette Andersen are producing their third event in the long-running Carmel International Film Festival.

“I became a Carmel kid when I was a year old,” said Roeck. “That enabled me to grow up with a deep sense of love and appreciation for our artist community and how it has shaped the aesthetic of Carmel.”



Oscar winner Wah Ming Chang of Carmel.

It is deeply personal to me that our community retains its character, which we can achieve by understanding where it came from.”

Chang (1917-2003) is being celebrated on this year’s event poster, created by Carmel artist Jason Fosler. It portrays the elaborate headdress Chang designed and Elizabeth Taylor wore in Joseph L. Mankiewicz’s 1963 film, “Cleopatra.”

While movie buffs perk up at the mention of Chang’s name, it doesn’t even register with most others. Those behind-the-scenes geniuses — whose imagination and artistry bring to life the drama we applaud — are often perfectly happy outside of the spotlight. Although you may not recognize

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or following the runs on Nov. 7. She also took care of the registration, coordinated a shuttle ride to P.G., and commissioned the special hats — but she gives the credit to residents for their initiative.

“Residents were the ones doing this, and a few staff members joined when they heard what they were up to. We became intentional about it after we became a Blue Zones-approved work site in 2021,” Regan said, referring to the nonprofit that partners with various businesses to help them implement wellness programs for employees.

“It’s all about making residents and staff happier, seeing them thrive, and their families thrive, too,” Regan explained.

In 2022, the manor reserved 30 spots in the 3K/5K, and this year held enough spots

to accommodate the 50 staff and residents who signed up — minus two, who will conserve their energy for Sunday’s race.

One is the manor’s chief financial officer. The other is two-time champion of the Monterey Bay Half Marathon’s octogenarian bracket, Fred Glasser.

Overseas habit

“I started running when I was living overseas, working as a banker, and the job involved going to lots of dinners and parties. I thought ‘I can’t keep doing this if I don’t start exercising,’” the 82-year-old recalled.

Living variously in Manila, Hong Kong and Seoul, Glasser was introduced to an international running group called the Hash House Harriers, by then one of hundreds of chapters across several continents. The

club was initiated in 1938 by British expats in Malaysia, who found motivation in a game called hash, involving one “hare” that spontaneously chose the route and “hounds” that followed. The runs were interrupted by World War II, then restarted in the late 1940s under a proper constitution. Founding articles include “To get rid of weekend hangovers” and “To persuade the older members that they are not as old as they feel.”

The ultimate training guide is pals to pace you, but Glasser has had no such luck, even at the manor. Instead, he turns to gadgets for advice.

“I looked at different guides online — Garmin, Runner’s World — but now I’m using artificial intelligence to summarize my runs. It’s very easy for AI to compare things and give you insights to improve

your speed or whatever,” he said.

The odds are favorable that he’ll make the podium. Admittedly, it’s a thin field, but last year the 82-year-old swept his age group with a solid 2:25:19. You may have to jostle with Glasser’s neighbors for viewing room, but don’t worry about cross words.

“We’re a congenial group!” Slade said.

All three races are sold out, but there’s room at the after parties. The official start time for the By-the-Bay 3K and Pacific Grove Lighthouse 5K is 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Lovers Point Park, where the Kiwanis Club will host a \$10 pancake breakfast after the races. On Sunday, the official Finish Festival for the Monterey Bay Half Marathon hosts food, live music and family activities across the Custom House Plaza starting at 7:30 a.m.



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his name, surely you’ve enjoyed his work, which spans more than seven decades.

Said Andersen, “This tribute to Wah Ming Chang is so fitting. His artistic contributions to cinematic arts are legendary — think ‘Jack the Giant Killer,’ ‘Atlantis,’ ‘The King and I,’ ‘Pinocchio,’ ‘Fantasia,’ ‘Bambi,’ ‘Spartacus’ and ‘The Time Machine,’ for which he won an Academy Award for special effects.”

Festival preview

The contemporary world of film rests on its historical roots. Yet contemporary artists’ innovations are also something to be celebrated. That’s exactly what the 2026 Carmel International Film Festival is designed to do.

“I didn’t think we could improve upon the films we have featured in previous years, but we have,” said Andersen, pausing to sip her first cup of coffee after a long night of screening film submissions.

She continued, “We’re excited to screen a feature-length film with actress Frances Fisher and actress, author and activist Mimi Kennedy, a guest last year. Photog-

rapher and screenwriter Tyler Shields is coming, with actress Abigail Breslin. They did the film ‘Chapter 51,’ which is unique in that it uses every film camera known to the industry, every format.”

Andersen also is excited to have Academy Award nominee Eric Roberts coming with “Man’s Best,” a feature-length film co-starring his wife, Eliza Roberts, and directed by Seth McTigue, about a man who will do anything to save his dying dog. That should catch a lot of attention in this “canine capital of the country.”

Nominated for three Academy Awards and one Golden Globe Award, screenwriter and director Frank Darabont — renowned for many films, among them “The Shawshank Redemption” and “The Green Mile” — will be honored with a retrospective presentation and screening of “Shawshank.”

“A very civic-minded member of the community, Frank is deeply interested in what we are trying to do to support local filmmakers through this festival by bringing professionals to this area and having them work with and encourage local filmmakers and make sure their work continues,” said Andersen.

There’s a wide array of exceptional

films to screen and recognize during the festival. Andersen is particularly engaged by “Yo (Love Is a Rebellious Bird).” A 2026 American film directed by husband-and-wife duo Banker White and Anna Fitch, it premiered at the Berlin International Film Festival in February, when it won the Silver Bear for outstanding artistic contribution.

“This film is absolutely magical,” Andersen said. She explained that the story follows the aftermath of the death of Fitch’s close friend, Yolanda Shea, also known as Yo. Fitch spent 10 years creating a one-third-scale model of her house and placed a puppet of Yo inside. “This is a film about female friendship, grieving, and the sense of family we can get from friends,” said Andersen.

Andersen’s investment in viewing each film submission has enabled her to speak



Lawrence Roeck



Annette Andersen

with a depth of perspective, promising a dynamic and entertaining festival in what she called one of the most creative communities on the planet.

Roeck said, “And we have a grand jury of Academy Award nominees and some of the finest filmmakers joining us, creating a metamorphosis from a regional small-town festival to one that can turn Carmel into a film festival for the world.”

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signs that use recycled glass. The results, he said, are beautiful.

“It’s also a way to reduce waste, which is the way we work — always seeking to minimize risk and maximize reward.”

One of Leonoff’s most popular pumpkins is seafoam-colored, coated with white powder and amber that look like waves crashing against the shore. Wildly popular in this coastal setting, it has become a signature design.



Pumpkins by Nick Leonoff (right) make everyone smile.

After 26 years, he still works at remaining open to the magic.

“As an artist working with this mysterious material, both strong and incredibly fragile, which becomes progressively softer and more willing to be shaped as it heats, I am still learning new things,” he said. “Which means, when trying some-

thing new, I still find it exciting.”

Anticipating the Glass Pumpkin Patch, Leonoff said, is like waiting for Santa to come to town. People put it on their calendars in anticipation of adorning their homes with seasonal decorations.

Fall harbinger

“We make such a variety,” he said. “While the pumpkin is the constant we’re working with, we want to keep exploring, discovering how to continue to innovate, to develop new looks, new styles. The most popular style, originally, was the crackle finish, followed by the fantasy crackles with pinks and purples, a surreal style my mom said reminded her of artist Joan Miró.”

As Leonoff prepares to bring in his gleaming harvest, he recognizes that the craft is also about creating community. He looks forward to welcoming back Kevin Chong, an artist he met in the San Francisco Bay area who continues to show his work with Leonoff at MEarth.

“The beautiful space, the food, the music, the setting — the atmosphere that MEarth brings to this event — create an inspired venue for thousands of glass pumpkins whose artistry is elevated as they catch the light. Table after table, they will be displayed in color families and themes, each bale arrangement presenting a different effect than the next,” Leonoff said.

The 14th annual Glass Pumpkin Patch will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 19 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 20 at MEarth, 4380 Carmel Valley Road.

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Blues artist opens Sunset's season, celebrates debut record three decades later

SIX-TIME Grammy Award nominee **Kenny Wayne Shepherd** kicks off Sunset Center's 2026-27 season Friday at 7:30 p.m., celebrating the 30th anniversary of

On a High Note

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his debut album.

The album, "Ledbetter Heights," topped Billboard's Blues Charts for 20 weeks, and established Shepherd as an artist who



Cellist Ani Aznavoorian in part of a duo that plays Thursday at Carmel Modern gallery.

could breathe new life into the blues genre. "With fiery guitar work, rock-driven hooks and deep respect for blues tradition, the Louisiana native quickly rose from small clubs to international stages," Sunset Center said.

S COUNTS Shepherd plans to play the album — which he recorded when he was just 18 and recently re-recorded — in its entirety.

Tickets start at \$96. Sunset Center is at 908 San Carlos Street. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit sunsetcenter.org.

■ Loving New York

Performing a musical tribute to the Big Apple, Monterey Symphony presents "Love Letter to New York" Tuesday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., at the Forest Theater.

“Join the symphony for a vibrant celebration of New York through Broadway, jazz, film and the American songbook,” the symphony announced.

The symphony is led by conductor **Brad Hogarth**. The cast includes Grammy Award-winning singer and pianist **Tammy L. Hall**, singer and actress **Malinda DeRouen** and singer **Bernard Holcomb**.

Tickets are \$57 for general admission and \$12 for students, active-duty military and seniors.

The theater is located at Santa Rita and Mountain View. Call (831) 646-8511 or visit montereysymphony.org.

■ Bluegrass at Golden State

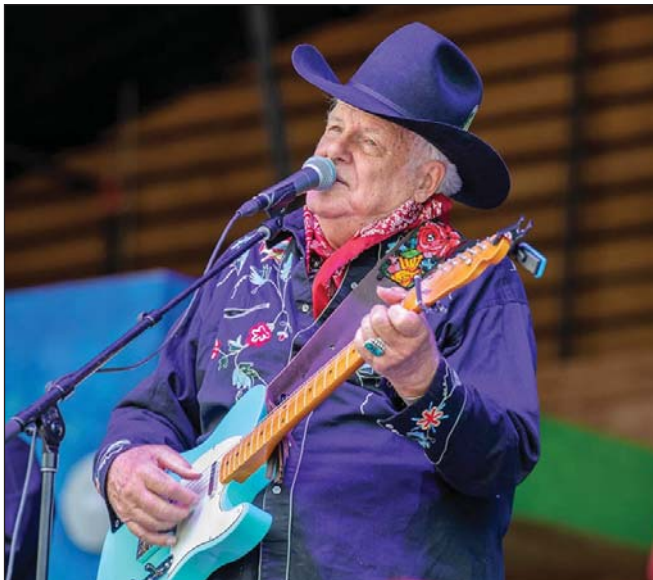
A direct link to the origins of bluegrass music — and an innovator who pushed its boundaries — Grammy Award-winning singer and multi-instrumentalist **Peter Rowan** plays Saturday, 7 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Rowan, a member of the Bluegrass Hall of Fame, recorded and toured with bluegrass legend Bill Monroe as a young man. He earned a Grammy for his contributions to a 1997 Monroe tribute album.

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

■ Art, music and water

Complementing a new art exhibit, violinist **Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu** and cellist **Ani Aznavoorian** perform concerts Thursday — at both 3 and 6 p.m. — in Carmel Mod-



Grammy Award-winning singer and multi-instrumentalist Peter Rowan takes the stage Saturday at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

ern gallery.

"In harmony with Carmel Modern's fall exhibition 'Water Music,' Wu leads a musical program of Zen, vastness and resilience, intended to capture the many moods of moving water," according to Sunkiss'd Mozart, which is presenting the event.

Tickets for general admission start at \$50, while tickets for those under 18 are \$15. The gallery is located on Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln. Visit skmo-zart.com.

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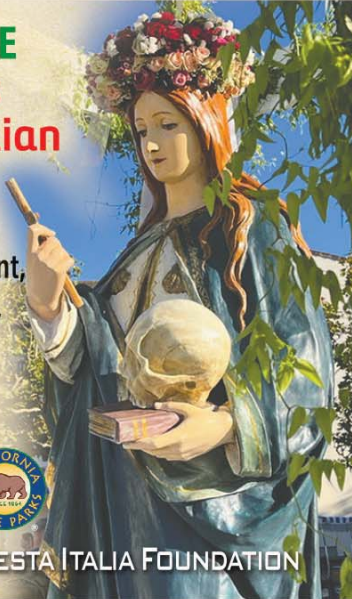
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FOOD & WINE

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WHEN IT rains, it pours. Not that it’s been doing much of that around here lately, but the fall food season is taking off, with wine dinners, a bartender’s birthday party,

decades in the business of making people happy — Cella restaurant in downtown Monterey has been partying all week. To put a punctuation mark on the occasion, Cella: After Dark will have the popular spot rocking and rolling into the evening hours Sept. 11-12.

A San Francisco native, Perry cut his teeth in his hometown and beyond before moving to Monterey 10 years ago to run the bar at the since-closed Restaurant 1833 a block away from his current domain. He moved on to be the beverage boss at Cultura in downtown Carmel, did a brief stint at Carmel Valley Ranch and then joined Cella in February 2022, a month after it opened. There, he has enjoyed carte blanche as the chief creator of cocktails, and his menu changes every three months in step with the restaurant’s farm-to-table ethos. He strives to concoct drinks that complement the menu but stand well on their own, too.

In light of all that accomplishment, from 8 p.m. onward, guests will be invited to raise a glass to Perry by enjoying the special ’90s-inspired cocktail menu featuring Cella’s take on “era-defining favorites like Appletinis and Surfer on Acids.”

But it’s not just the drinks that will focus on the decade, as people will be encouraged to don their plaid, flannels, jelly sandals and other questionable 1990s “fashion.”

“Our team will be keeping an eye out for the best-dressed — or worst-dressed — guests to be entered in a raffle to win prizes,” the restaurant announced.

The bar will be open until 10 p.m.



Caroline Chambers of Carmel Valley has just released her third cookbook, with meals home chefs can make in minutes — not hours.

Soup to Nuts

a Sicilian feast with a side of dancing and music, and a new cookbook — not to mention a few dates you’ll want to put on your calendar. Pull up a chair and read on!

■ Cella after dark

In celebration of head bartender and cocktail king Joshua Perry’s birthday Wednesday — and to mark his three



Pelio Estate Wines from Carmel Valley will be featured in a five-course wine dinner scheduled for Nov. 7 at Carmel Valley Ranch.

both evenings. Cella is located at 525 Polk St. in Monterey. Visit cellarestaurant.com for more information.

■ Wine at CV Ranch

Carmel Valley Ranch recently announced two upcoming wine dinners. Cypress Grove Winery will be featured Sept. 30, and Pelio Estate Wines is on the calendar for Nov. 7. Both events start at 6 p.m.

Cypress Grove is the former Manzoni Cellars and has a tasting room at Seventh and San Carlos. It’s owned and operated by Doree and Daniel Troyan, and the estate vineyard is in the vaunted Santa Lucia Highlands, producing the chardonnays, pinot noirs and syrahs for which the region is renowned. The company also produces

a sauvignon blanc from Arroyo Seco, a Monterey County zinfandel — a relatively rare varietal in these parts — and Bordeaux blends from San Benito County. Learn more about Cypress Grove at cypress-grovetwinery.com.

Pelio Estates is owned by sisters Lindsey and Shelby Pelio, and the winemakers — Greg and Chris Vita — are father and son. The Vitas’ client list has included Galante, Dawn’s Dream, Holman Ranch and Caraccioli Cellars. The winery’s tasting room is at 25 Pilot Road and the website is pelioestatewines.com.

Each event will feature a five-course tasting menu specially designed to complement the pours. Tickets for both events are \$190, or \$150 for Carmel Valley Ranch

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members. You can find them at OpenTable.com.

The Sicilians are cooking

Sicilians are a different breed — just ask them. Generations of the fishing families who came to the Monterey Peninsula after the turn of the 20th century still live, work, play, fish and — most relevant to this story — cook here.

This weekend marks the 93rd Annual Festa Italia in Monterey’s Custom House Plaza, right next door to Old Fisherman’s Wharf. Monterey’s festival began as a

tribute to Santa Rosalia, the patron saint of Palermo, Sicily. Its oldest traditions include the blessing of the fishing fleet and a procession with a colorful likeness of the beloved saint.

There’s a bocce tournament, live music from Pasquale Esposito, Mike Marotta and the Italian Allstars, The Money Band, and others. The tarantella dance will be performed — and taught to those wishing to learn — and low-cost kid-friendly activities like an inflatable slide will be available.

But let’s face it, most people come for the food. You can smell the Festa before you see it. Calamari, steak and sausage sandwiches, pasta, several types of pizza, cannoli, and vegetarian eggplant parmesan sandwiches will be sold. If you want arancini — those amazing deep-fried rice balls with cheese filling — come early.

We’re told they sell out almost as soon as they’re cooked.

In addition to Italian ice in lemon, watermelon and strawberry, there will be a dessert court on the upper level of the plaza (behind the Custom House), with Italian cookies and coffee. Beer, wine and soft drinks will also be on sale.

Admission is free. The Festa goes from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. The bocce tournament is scheduled for Saturday and on Sunday, the tarantella lesson runs from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Local chef and real estate agent Tene Shake will offer a calamari cooking demo at 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information and a complete schedule, visit festaitaliamonterey.org.

Make it yourself

Carmel Valley’s own Caroline Chambers just released her third cookbook, “What to Cook When You Don’t Feel Like Cooking: Make It Fast.” Chambers built a massive following one recipe at a time. She released them every Saturday via her Substack, “What to Cook When You Don’t Feel Like Cooking,” with more than 500,000 subscribers.

Chambers has built a community of home cooks who already like making meals. “It’s all of the other stuff that they don’t feel like doing — picking the recipe, writing the grocery list, looking through the freezer to see what meat they already have. The decision fatigue that we have with having to cook dinner for our family every single night is tremendous,” she said.

She also emphasizes using fewer dishes.

Every recipe in her latest work features her “signature swaps,” riffs, tips and shortcuts to empower the home chef. One of her favorite recipes from the book is the Toasty Pistachio Salmon Salad, “because it’s really light but still so filling. And we have this big apple tree at our house in Carmel Valley with really delicious apples, so we’ve been pulling those off and making this recipe,” she said.

Other recipes include Southwestern Chicken and Veggie Chowder, Ramen Vongole (a Korean-Italian fusion dish of ramen noodles and clams) and The Only Egg Salad You’ll Ever Need.

Chambers’ last book, “What to Cook

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Cypress Grove’s tasting room in downtown Carmel offers visitors a selection of locally produced wines, which will also be featured in a special dinner at Carmel Valley Ranch on Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. The event will feature a five-course tasting menu.





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MUSIC

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■ Impressing Clapton

Called the greatest guitarist by none other than Eric Clapton, singer and guitarist **Albert Lee** plays at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, at the Golden Bough Playhouse.

Besides Clapton, Lee has shared the stage with many luminaries, including Willie Nelson, Emmylou Harris, Eddie Van Halen and the Everly Brothers. He has also recorded 17 solo albums, including his most recent, “Lay it Down,” which came out two years ago.

Tickets start at \$91. Call (831) 622-0100 or visit [pacrep.org](#) for tickets.

■ Defying categories

Taking the traditional music of the Atlas Mountains of Morocco and bringing it into the 21st century, **AZA** plays Saturday, 7:30 p.m., at Palenke Arts in Seaside.

“AZA is evocative of Saharan-African blues, yet with an original style that truly defies categorization,” said the teen arts center, which is located at 530 Elm Ave. “AZA’s performances feature deep, danceable rhythms, intricate string melodies, and soaring, soulful vocals.”

Tickets are \$30. Go to [palenkearts.org](#)

Live music, Sept. 11-17

■ Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — **Sean & the Skinwalkers** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 46800 Highway 1.

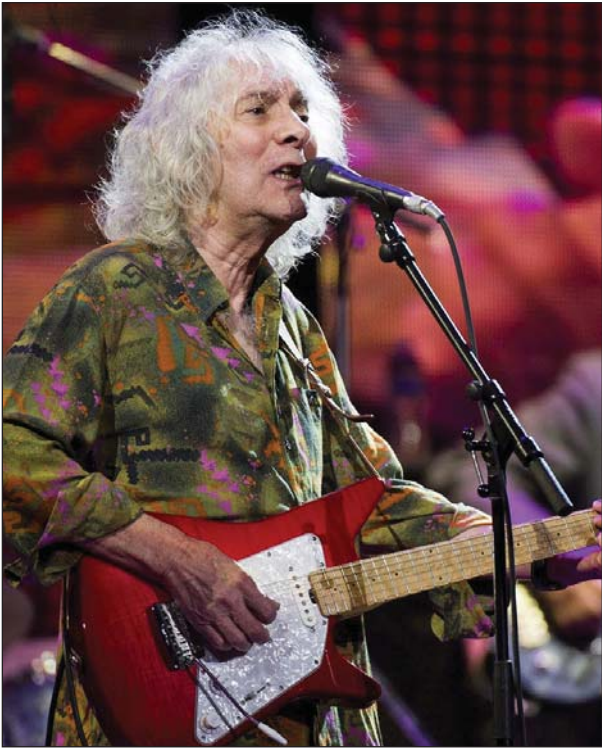
Fernwood Resort — singers and guitarists **Sharon Silva & Erisy Watt** (folk and Americana, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

■ Carmel

Carmel Mission Inn — **Scarlet** (pop and rock, Satur-



Sharon Silva and Erisy Watt play folk music Saturday, 10 p.m., at Fernwood Resort in Big Sur



Called the greatest guitarist in the world by Eric Clapton, Albert Lee takes the stage Wednesday at the Golden Bough Playhouse.

day at 7 p.m.), **Open Mic Night** (Wednesday at 5 p.m.). 3665 Rio Road.

Devendorf Park — **Red Beans & Rice** plays a free show as part of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Farmers Market (rock and blues, Thursday at 4 p.m.). 544 Sixth Avenue.

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

La Playa Hotel — **The David Morwood Trio** (jazz, Sunday and Tuesday at 5 p.m.) in **Bud’s Bar**, 827 Camino Real.

Cypress Inn — singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, R&B and dance, Friday at 6:30 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and pop, Sunday at 11 a.m.), **The David Morwood Jazz Band** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 684 Lincoln St.

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 — singer and guitarist **Matt Masih** (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.

Carmel Valley Community Youth Center — **The B-Keepers** plays at a fundraising dinner for the youth center (Americana, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 25 Ford Road.

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

McIntyre Vineyards — singer and guitarist **Sabelle** (Sunday at 1 p.m.). 24 W. Carmel Valley Road.

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WINE

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When You Don’t Feel Like Cooking,” published in 2024, was organized by how much time each recipe took — 15-minutes, 30-minutes, 45-minutes, and an hour.

“After watching my newsletter and cookbook readers cook through my recipes over the last six years, I kept noticing one thing. The recipes they return to over and over again are the ones that take under 30 minutes. Sure, they’ll try the hour-long recipes, maybe they’ll cook them on a special occasion, but they’re not the recipes they cook when they do not feel like cooking,” she said.

Chambers sometimes hangs up her apron for a meal at Stationaery (San Carlos near Sixth) where she loves the farmer’s salad.

She also enjoys a popular locals’ spot at 1 Esquiline Road in Carmel Valley.

“You can find me at the Creamery pretty much every single morning. It perfectly embodies what I love so much about living in the Valley — the focus on local ingredients, cool, kind people doing new and interesting things — and it’s really community-focused on what is going to bring value to the patrons, like their regular programming for kids,” she said. You can buy her book on her website, [carolinechambers.com/make-it-fast](#).

■ Odds and ends

Taste of Carmel returns to the Carmel Mission Oct. 1. Discounted tickets are on sale now through Sept. 13, and prices go up on Sept. 14. The event brings together more than 70 local restaurants, wineries and craft beverage makers and has sold out for the last two years. Early bird pricing, representing savings of \$25 per person, is \$175, or \$150 for Chamber members. Tickets with VIP perks like early entry and valet parking are \$250 now and \$300 starting Sept. 14. Visit [tasteofcarmel.org](#) for more or to order.

On Oct. 3, the festivities move inland for the annual Party in the Village at Hidden Valley in Carmel Valley. Featuring a BBQ dinner, dancing and more, the event goes for \$65 per person and tickets are available at Kasey’s, Carmel Valley Business Center, Running Iron, and UPS Mid-Valley, or can be purchased at [cvvic.org/piv](#), where you’ll also find more information.

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

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“This year’s tour offers a unique opportunity to go behind the scenes into the working studios, galleries and creative spaces of more than 250 local artists,” said the Arts Council for Monterey County, which presents the tour. “Spanning from the Monterey Peninsula to King City, it’s an unforgettable way to connect directly with the

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

vibrant creators who make our community so special.”

Jacquie Atchison, executive director for the arts council, said the tour showcases the “incredible talent” in the local art scene. While most of the artists live on the Monterey Peninsula, some come from as far away as King City.

CALENDAR

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

Sept. 15 – Ikebana demonstration will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Pebble Beach Community Services District at 3101 Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach. Guest fee \$5. Light refreshments will be served.Gate fee will be waived by mentioning “Ikebana Meeting at the PBCSD.”

Sept. 18 – International blues-rock guitarist and recording artist Brad “Guitar” Wilson brings his powerful live band to Wave Street Studios, 774 Wave St., Monterey. Featuring music from his latest album BOUNDLESS plus blues-rock favorites. Doors 6:30 p.m.; show 8 p.m.. Tickets \$30 advance/\$35 door. Tickets: <https://www.wavestreetlive774.com/shows>

Sept. 20 – Choral Evensong at St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church. The community is invited at 4 p.m. to a soothing service of music and voices. Afternoon Tea, wine, hors d’oeuvres follow. 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel.

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

Thursdays - Live jazz with The David Morwood Jazz Band, 6 to 9 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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“Open Studios is more than an art tour — it’s an invitation to connect,” she said. “There is something truly special about stepping into an artist’s creative space and hearing the stories behind the work.”

The Oldmeyer Center at 986 Hilby Ave. is also hosting an exhibit of work by all participating studio artists through Oct. 1. It’s open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

■ Outside the box

Three shows open Saturday at the Carmel Art Association, including “Raw” by painters Ann Artz and Jessica Bovert.

“For Artz, the exhibit offers her chance to step away from her typically vibrant paintings to make limited-palette drawings on paper,” the gallery’s Hayden Concepcion-Deyo said. “Bovert, known for her carefully structured weavings, turns instead to painting on silk with natural dyes, allowing the material to move, bleed and resist complete control.”

Also opening Saturday are displays by painters Cyndra Bradford and Lilli-anne Price (“Joy of Paint”) and painter Dennis Stanford (“In Plain Sight”).

The shows continue through Oct. 5. The gallery, which will host a free public reception at 4 p.m. Saturday, is at 555 Dolores Street.

■ Look for blue lanterns

Highlighting 19 artist-owned galleries, the latest Carmel Art Walk is set for Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. Participants include Joaquin Turner Gallery, Carmel Art Association, Patricia Qualls Gallery and many others. The event is free and family-friendly.

“Maps are available at the participating galleries, which will have blue lanterns out front to help with the self-guided tours,” said Turner, who owns a gallery on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. Go to carmelcalifornia.com/carmel-art-walk for more details.

■ ‘The Quiet Hours’

Presenting subjects and scenes captured “before sunrise or at dusk when light is low,” painter David Stanger shares his latest work in the exhibit “The Quiet Hours,” on display at Winfield Gallery through Oct. 5.

“Although grounded in realism, David’s paintings

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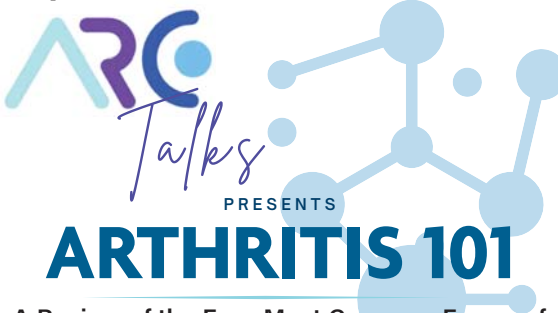
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Painter Cyndra Bradford's “Point Lobos Morning Light” is featured in a new show at the Carmel Art Association.

much to ponder and much to revere.”

Winfield Gallery is at 656 Dolores Street. For more, visit winfieldgallery.com.

■ Treasure trove

California’s otherworldly Salton Sea provides the inspiration for a photo exhibit at the Gallery at Del Mesa through Nov. 1. The gallery hosts a free public reception Saturday at 4 p.m.

“Salton Sea Odyssey: A Desert Adventure” features images captured in March 2025 during a workshop led by photographers Ted Orland and Brian Taylor. Contributing photographers include Janet Beaty, Celia Lara, Maria Isabel Leblanc, Richard Murai and eight others.

“The area is a photographic treasure trove that reveals the remarkable diversity of the desert — from its stark beauty and expansive horizons, to remnants of human dreams and the unexpected poetry found in places often overlooked,” according to a description of the exhibit.

The gallery, which is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., is at 500 Del Mesa Drive in Carmel Valley.

Sesma (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Maya Rayburn** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

Custom House Plaza — Festa Italia Monterey 2026 features live music, including **The Lost & Found Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 5 p.m.), **Anthony Lane Band** (Italian music, Saturday at noon and 4 p.m.), singer **Pasquale Esposito** (Saturday at 1:30 and 5:15 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Jimmy Rossi** and accordionist **Luca DePaolis** (Saturday at 2:30 and 6:15 p.m.), **Mike Marotta & The Italian All Stars** (Saturday at 2:30 p.m.), and **The Money Band** (pop and rock, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.).

Hyatt Regency Monterey — singer and guitarist **Daniel Cortes** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

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

Midici Pizza — singer **Lauri Hofer Romero** and keyboardist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Janice Perl**, bassist **Dennis Murphy** and keyboardist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

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

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

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Sly McFly's — **The New Wave Band** (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Pacific Grove

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.). 1180 Forest Ave.
Lucy's on Lighthouse — **Sean & the Skinwalkers** (rock and blues, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.
PG's Meetinghouse — **Victory Lane** (classic rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Bruce Forman** and multi-instrumentalist **Paul Contos** (jazz, Saturday at 11 a.m.), **West Coast Cure** (pop and rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.), saxophonist **Arman Sangalang** (Sunday at 11 a.m.), **Open Mic** (Monday

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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 Broken Shades Duo** (blues, Saturday at 2 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.
The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Friday at 5 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Saturday at 5 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Seaside

Deja Blue — **The Al James Band** (rock and blues, Saturday at 3 p.m.), **Wrockinfoose** (r&b and funk, Wednesday at 9 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

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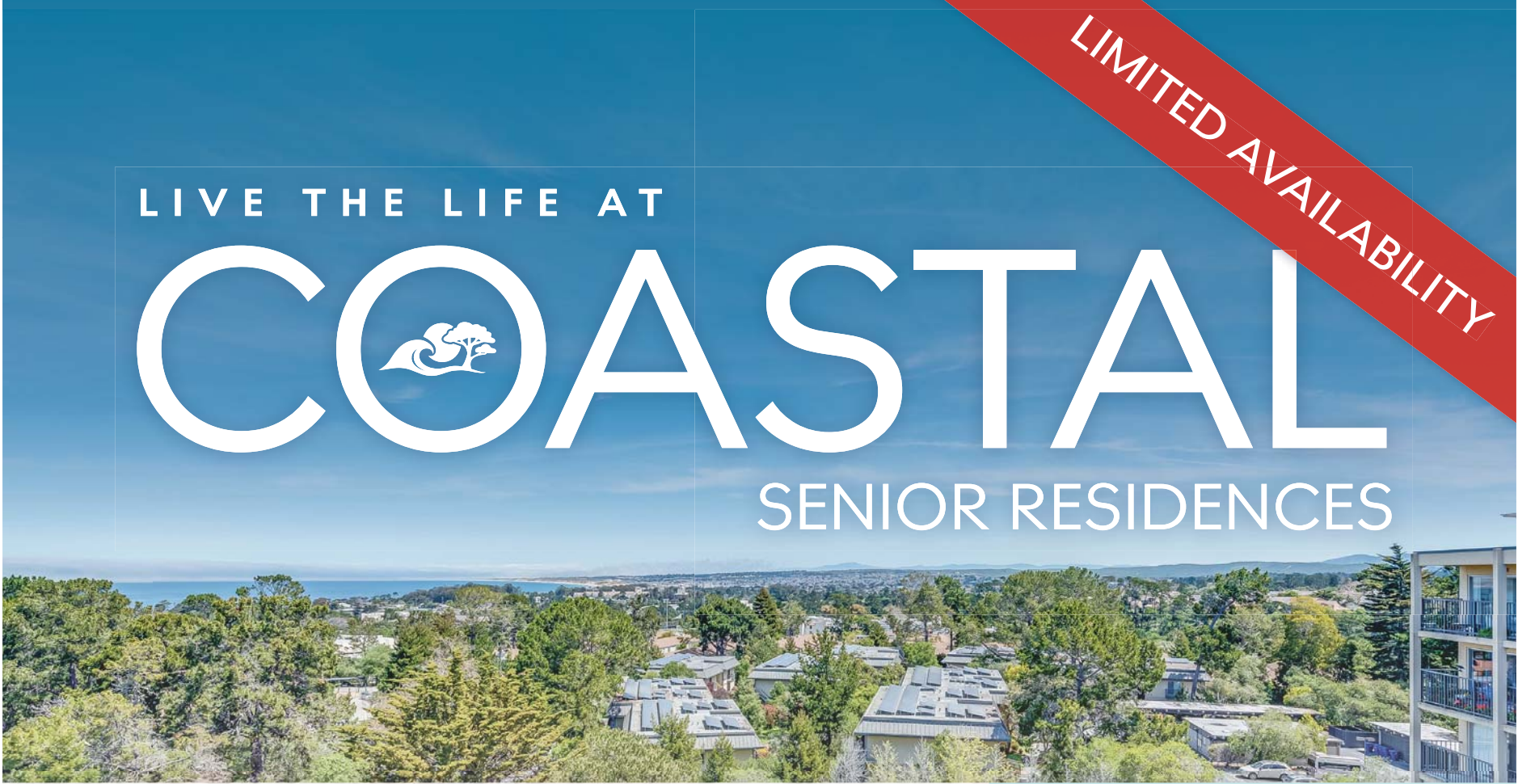
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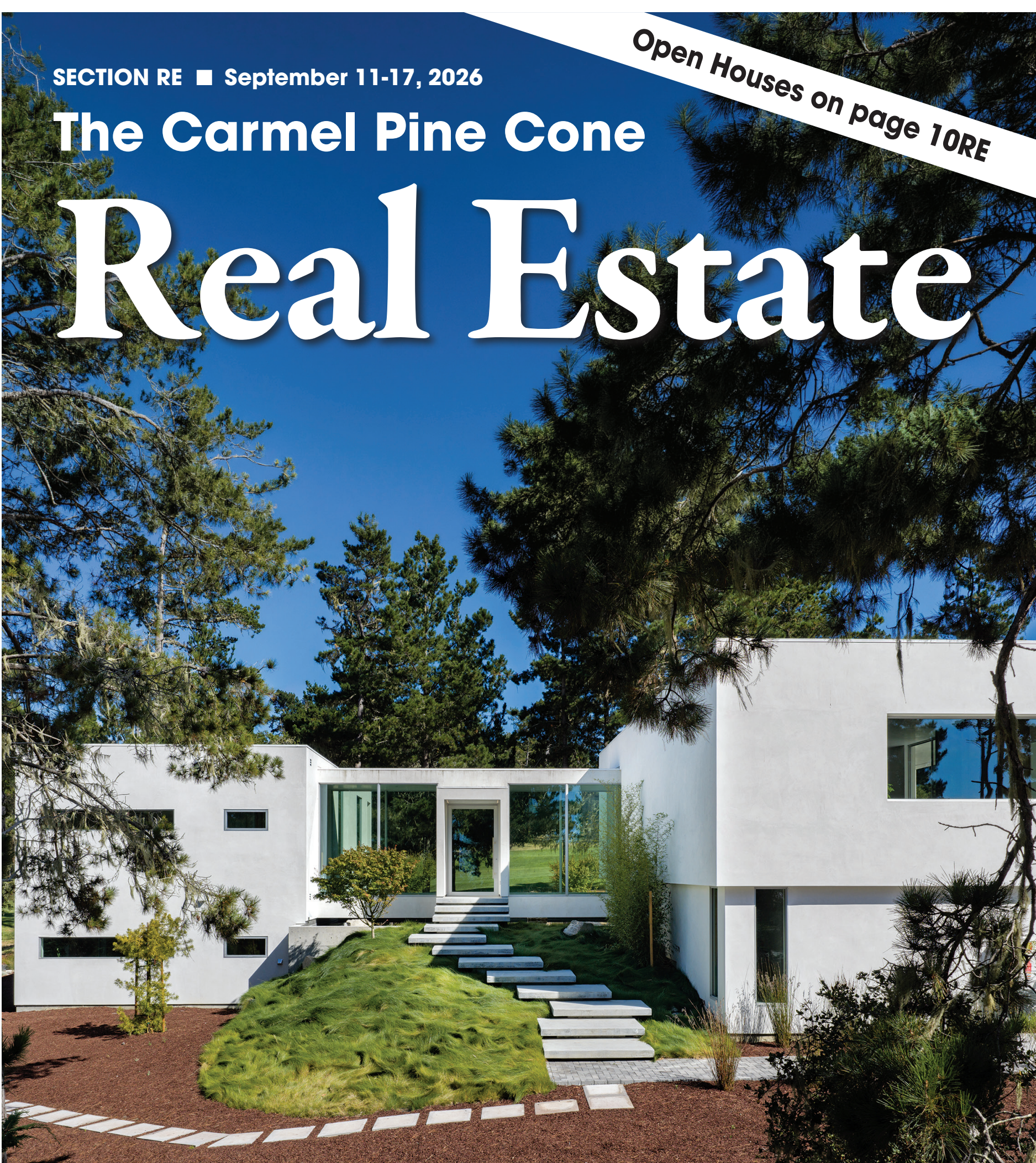


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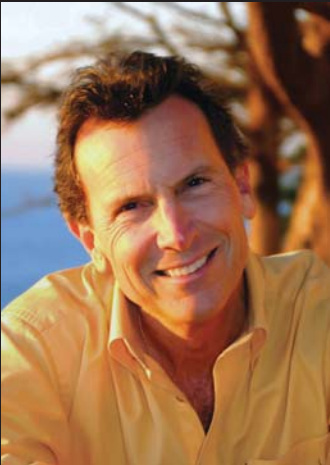
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What a small boulder in Devendorf Park still holds

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS is long enough for memory to soften into history, and short enough that it hasn't, quite. Anyone alive in on Sept. 11, 2001, can remember exactly where they were and what they were doing. I was lingering over a third cup of coffee, half-paying attention to the news on television. Then all hell broke loose on the screen as special reports began interrupting regular morning

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

programming, and a surreal video of a jetliner slamming into one of New York City's twin towers filled the frame. For a few minutes, it looked like the worst aviation accident in history. Seventeen minutes later, a second plane smashed into the second tower. That gap is worth noting: The first crash was still being processed as a possible accident. The second impact made it clear — live, on television, to millions of people — that it was an attack.

Since then, in many cities and towns, memorials to the event have been dedicated and visited by countless people. A modest, yet significant, tribute exists right here in Carmel, nestled in a corner of Devendorf Park. A piece of steel from one of the twin towers of the World Trade Center is embedded in a boulder. In 2013, the steel came to our community mainly through the efforts of former Carmel resident Carrie Ann.

When she heard that local firefighters were having little success trying to acquire a remnant of steel from Ground Zero, she swung into action. Her phone calls to the mayor's office in New York, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and the New York fire commissioner's office resulted in a piece of steel being cut from an I-beam by a New York firefighter at a special ceremony on Randall's Island.

Historic journey

The steel made a historic cross-country journey, handed off from city to city by hundreds of first responders, relay-style, until it arrived in Carmel. So, in a manner of speaking, that small plot of ground in the park became



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Carmel's 9/11 Memorial in Devendorf Park includes a simple inscription and a piece of steel from the doomed Twin Towers.

hallowed ground. The memorial's name is "Resolve and Remembrance."

In the days that followed the attacks on the twin towers,

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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

Monterey: Burglary reported at Del Monte Shopping Center.

Monterey: Vehicle theft on Munras Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle marked for 72-hour parking at Sea Palm Avenue and Balboa Avenue.

Monterey: Identity theft/fraud reported on Pacific Street.

Monterey: Report of obtaining money by false pretenses on Encina Avenue.

Monterey: Organized retail theft on Cannery Row.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a cyber scam at Mission and Fifth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Animal call on Torres.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed for a traffic violation at Mission Street and Eighth Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft at Monte Verde and Ocean.

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

Pacific Grove: Suspected suicide on 19th Street. Monterey County Coroner responded.

Pacific Grove: A 21-year-old male at Ocean View Boulevard and Asilomar Boulevard was issued a citation for violating probation terms and driving on a suspended license.

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Wood Street for a welfare check. Monterey Fire Depart-

ment gained access to the residence and located the subject, who was determined to be deceased. The Monterey County Coroner responded.

Pacific Grove: Found property in the 300 block of 16th Street.

Pacific Grove: A traffic stop was conducted in the 1900 block of Sunset Drive. The driver, a 30-year-old male, was found to be in violation of probation. The 29-year-old male passenger was found to be in possession of large amounts of cannabis and psilocybin for potential distribution. Both occupants were arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail, and the vehicle was towed.

Monterey: Criminal threats reported on Holman Highway.

Monterey: Subject arrested at Pearl Street and Tyler Street for providing false identification to a peace officer.

Monterey: Criminal threats reported on Holman Highway.

Monterey: Report of offensive words in a public place on Johnson Avenue.

Monterey: Burglary from a vehicle on Cannery Row.

Monterey: Subject on Pacific Street placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Marina: At approximately 0800 hours, the Marina Police Department was notified about a subject that had attempted to open residential doors and was prowling in neighborhoods earlier in the morning. Officers were provided video surveillance of the subject and initiated an investigation. At approximately 1700 hours, officers located the subject walking in a neighborhood. He was detained and positively identified as a 66-year-old resident of Marina. He was taken into custody and transported to Monterey County Jail for prowling and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Monterey: A 41-year-old man was arrested on Tyler Street for disorderly conduct.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found backpack at Junipero Street and Ocean Avenue.

Monterey: Subject arrested on Cannery Row on an out-of-jurisdiction felony warrant.

Monterey: Burglary reported on Ryan Ranch Road.

Monterey: A 46-year-old man was arrested at Washington Street and Bonifacio Place for driving under the influence and providing false information to a peace officer.

Monterey: Subject arrested on Corporal Ewing Road for providing false identification to a peace officer.

Monterey: Suspicious circumstances at East Franklin Street and Adams Street.

Monterey: Burglary reported on Washington Street.

See **CALLS** page 11RE

Carmel-by-the-Sea Real Estate Activity This Week:

Status	Address	List Price	Sale Price	DOM
New Listing	NE Corner Monte Verde & 10th	\$4,500,000	---	5
New Listing	Carmelo 2 SW of 9th	\$6,795,000	---	4
New Listing	Dolores 4 NE of 11th	\$4,650,000	---	0
List Price Decreased	San Carlos 2 SW of 1st	\$6,495,000	---	131
Contingent	Crespi 2 NW of Flanders	\$3,479,000	---	144
Contingent	3rd 2 NE of Mission	\$1,799,000	---	13
Sold	Dolores 4 NE of 11th	\$4,650,000	\$4,650,000	0

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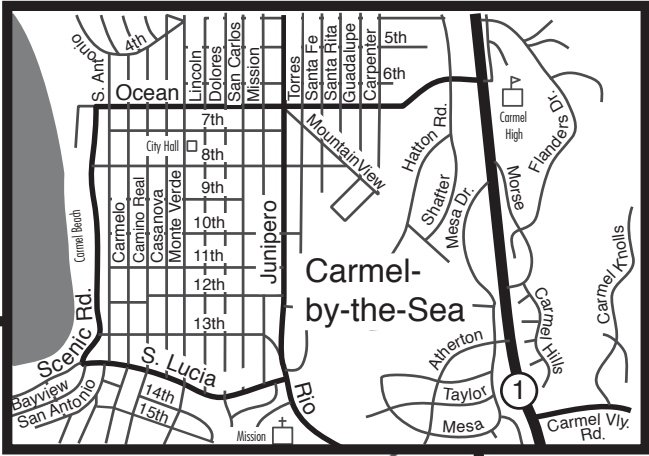
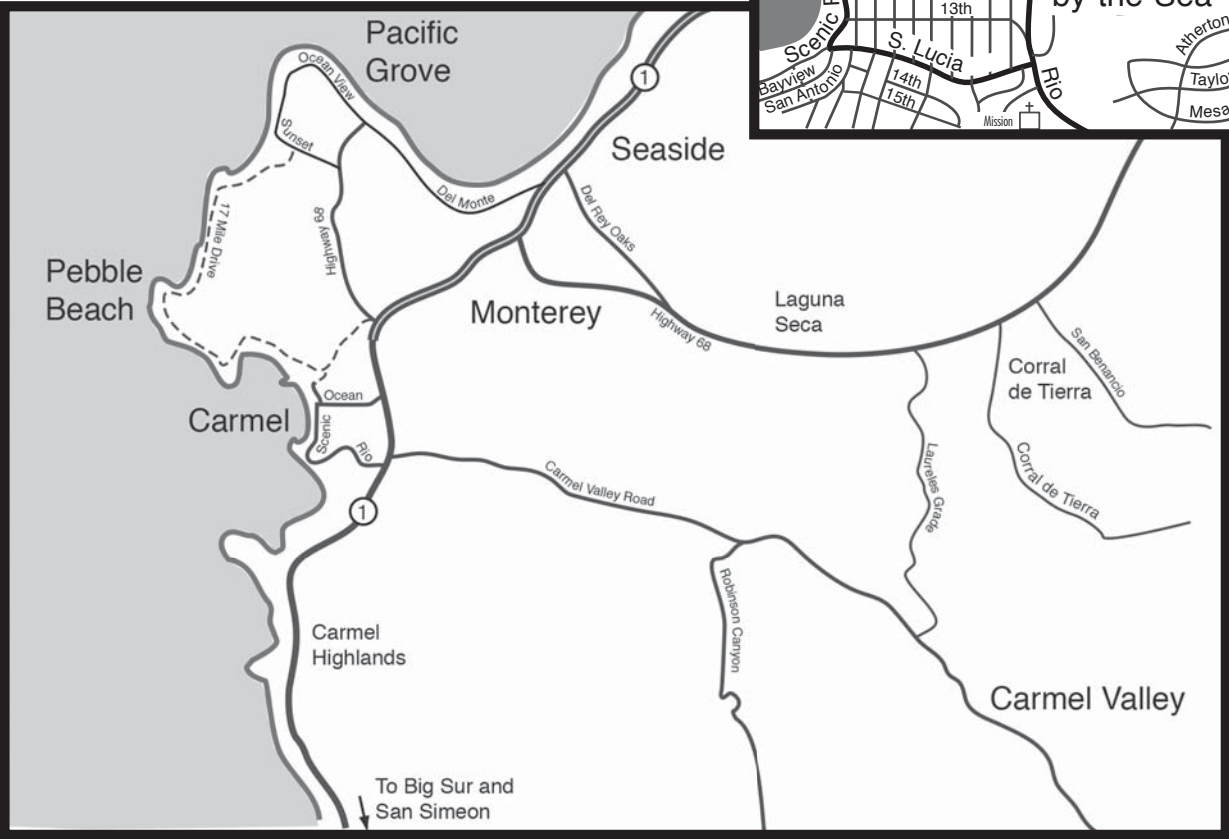


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15286 Via La Gitana Sotheby's Int'l RE Carmel Valley 601-4934		
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13369 Middle Canyon Road Sotheby's Int'l RE Carmel Valley 238-7559		
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36 Miramonte Road Sotheby's Int'l RE Carmel Valley 917-9886		
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7 San Clemente Compass Carmel Valley 236-5290		

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28951 Falcon Ridge Sotheby's Int'l RE Corral De Tierra 915-2800		

DEL REY OAKS

\$548,000	1bd 1ba	Fr 11-1
121 Quail Run Court Sotheby's Int'l RE Del Rey Oaks 917-1631		
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14347 Sherman Blvd The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams Marina 837-5437		
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212 1st Street Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 915-9927		
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114 Carmel Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 917-1631 / 521-0680		
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135 5th Street Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 510-589-6892 / 915-2800		
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41 Shepherd's Knoll Carmel Realty Pebble Beach 241-1434		
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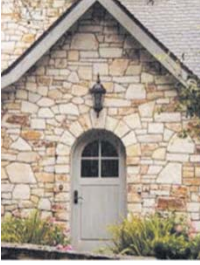
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GERVASE

From page 6RE

and the Pentagon, and a failed attack that ended in a field in Pennsylvania, the country did something it hasn’t quite managed since: It came together. Volunteers drove toward New York from Philadelphia and a hundred other cities, not because anyone organized them, but because staying home felt impossible. Strangers who wouldn’t have spoken to each other on a subway platform a week earlier stood together at vigils and meant it.

It didn’t last. Within months, the country began drifting back into its familiar grooves — suspicion of neighbors, sorting of people into camps, the quiet return of every man

CALLS

From page 8RE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Attempted burglary to a vehicle at Ocean Avenue and Monte Verde Street.
- Pacific Grove:** Vehicle on Fountain Avenue was marked for 72-hour parking.
- Monterey:** Disorderly conduct and vandalism reported involving the same incident on Madison Street and Tyler Street.
- Monterey:** A 49-year-old man was arrested at Sloat Avenue for driving under the influence. He was also found to have an out-of-jurisdiction felony warrant.
- Monterey:** A 29-year-old man was arrested at Wave Street and Hoffman Avenue for driving under the influence and resisting a peace officer. The vehicle was also found to be un-registered.
- Monterey:** Battery on a spouse or dating partner reported on Tenth Street. A 30-year-old woman was arrested.
- Monterey:** Fight/challenge to fight in a public place on East Franklin Street.
- Monterey:** Subject placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold on Alvarado Street.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** No calls to report.
- Pacific Grove:** Municipal code violations on Ocean View Boulevard resulted in two citations for illegal feeding of wild-life.
- Pacific Grove:** Found dog at Lighthouse Avenue and 17th Street was turned in to the department. Owner was contacted and issued a warning citation.
- Monterey:** At about 0100 hours, an officer observed two vehicles racing in the Lighthouse Tunnel onto Del Monte Avenue at a high rate of speed. The officer caught up to the first vehicle at Camino El Estero and initiated a traffic stop. The second vehicle continued but was stopped at Camino Agua-jito by another MPD officer. Both drivers were arrested for racing, with one, a 21-year-old male, also charged with DUI. Both vehicles were towed and will be stored for 30 days at the owners’ expense.
- Monterey:** A 37-year-old man on Munras Avenue was ar- rested for possession of unlawful paraphernalia.
- Monterey:** A 58-year-old woman was arrested on Glen- wood Circle for possession of controlled substances without a prescription, possession of unlawful paraphernalia, appro- priating lost property, and felony and misdemeanor bench warrants.
- Monterey:** Report of obtaining money by false pretenses on Larkin Street.
- Monterey:** Aided a case on Veterans Drive.
- Monterey:** A 42-year-old man was arrested at Pacific and Scott streets for driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs.
- Monterey:** Corporal injury on a spouse or dating partner reported on Withers Avenue.
- Monterey:** Animal call on Park Avenue.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fall on city property at Monte Verde and Ocean.
- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fall on city property at Torres Street and Fourth Avenue.
- Pacific Grove:** Fraud near the area of 600 Sunset Drive. The victim had received a phishing email resulting in the vic- tim sending \$1,200 through a banking mobile app.
- Pacific Grove:** Vandalism and theft of a license plate on Laurel Avenue. No suspect information.
- Pacific Grove:** Municipal code violations resulting in two citations for separate incidents of feeding wildlife on Ocean View Boulevard.
- Monterey:** A 28-year-old man was arrested on North Fre- mont Street for stalking, being under the influence of a con- trolled substance and a probation violation.
- Monterey:** Subject placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold at Munras Avenue and Alvarado Street.
- Marina:** Police officers assisted the Marina Fire Depart- ment with a vegetation fire in the wooded area at the south- west corner of Reservation Road and Imjin Pkwy. The cause of the fire was determined to be a mylar balloon entangled on a power line. The State of California in conjunction with As- sembly Bill 847 regulates metallic foil balloons by requiring weights and warning labels, and a recent law will ban tradi- tional conductive metallic balloons by 2031 due to fire and power outage risks. It is also illegal to release “electrically conductive” balloons outdoors.

for himself. Those who perished in the twin towers, the passengers who crashed flight 93 in Pennsylvania, and those who died at the Pentagon never got the chance to watch that outreach and the relapse that followed. Their time stayed still. It is the rest of us who had the luxury of forgetting.

Something better

We didn’t forget because we are insensitive, but because life goes on. Ask anyone who has lost a very dear loved one. The condolences of kind hearts and casseroles last about two weeks. Again, not because people are uncaring — life goes on. In the 13 years the memorial has been in Devendorf Park, I’ve returned to it several times and have never seen anyone else looking at it, or even aware that it is there.

This isn’t an attempt to provoke guilt. It’s simply being realistic. We are not built to hold grief at full volume for- ever. No species would survive to raise children or plant next year’s crop. The bake sale ends, the sympathy cards stop coming, the flag is raised back to full staff — not

because the loss stopped mattering, but because the living have laundry to do. That isn’t betrayal. That is life happen- ing by design.

But there is a difference between forgetting because we must and forgetting because it’s convenient. The steel in Devendorf Park doesn’t ask for daily grief. It asks for five minutes, once a year, or even once a decade — enough to remember that it is there, embedded in stone, in a park many of us walk through without noticing its presence.

Twenty-five years on, the area around the twin towers is a fully rebuilt complex, including several office build- ings and twin reflecting pools set in the footprints of the original towers. The field in Pennsylvania has gone quiet, the Pentagon has been rebuilt, and Carmel’s boulder sits mostly alone. Life went on, the way it always does. That was never really in question. The only question worth ask- ing is whether, on our way past, we can spare a few min- utes to stop and look, to remember that once, for a little while, we were something better than we usually manage to be.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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. 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 Agua-jito 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: **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 Agua-jito 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)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261649
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SCM, 344 Salinas Street, Suite 105 E, Salinas, CA 93901.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SCHEEL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, P.O. Box 697, Salinas, CA 93902.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 18, 2026.
S/Thomas Scheel
Date: Aug. 19, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 19, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 2026 (PC 847)

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. 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 Aug. 12, 2020.
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. 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)

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, then, after consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may decline to issue the TDUS and return the bidder’s funds, without interest. If, subsequent to the issuances 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, 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)

CYPRESS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
FINAL BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. the Cypress Fire Protection District, Board of Directors will meet at the Carmel Mission Inn located at 3665 Rio 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 28, 2026, and is available for inspection at the district’s fire station located at 3775 Rio 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. 11 & 18, 2026
(PC901)

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)

**CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA**
SUMMARY NOTICE OF ADOPTED
URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2026-004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its Regular Meeting on September 1, 2026, the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 2026-004, entitled:

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA ESTABLISHING INTERIM HOME HARDENING REGULATIONS APPLICABLE CITYWIDE.

AYES: Councilmembers Baron, Buder, Delves, Dramov, and Mayor Byrne. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None. This Urgency Ordinance is enacted under California Government Code Section 36937 will take effect immediately upon adoption and will remain in effect unless and until rescinded by the City Council. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available in the City Clerk’s Office, Monte Verde, between Ocean and 7th Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA, 93921. If you wish to challenge the action of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea City Hall at, or prior to, the public hearing.

/s/ Nova Romero, MMC, City Clerk
Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA

Date: September 3, 2026
Publish Date: September 11, 2026

Publication dates: Sept. 11, 2026 (PC912)



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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)

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)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261609
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Carte Mane Salon, 201 W Franklin St, Monterey, CA 93940, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s): Franklin Street Collaborative Inc., 201 W. Franklin Street, Monterey, CA 93940, CA
This business is conducted by a corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 12/07/2025
S/ Stacia Sundahl, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/14/2026 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25/26
CNS-4074125# CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026. (PC 904)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261697
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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 Ditullio
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 Hutton 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
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 10, 2026.
Publication Dates: Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026 (PC 911)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261705
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Lasa, 1665 Piazza Dr, Salinas, CA 93905, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s): Bayonito Culinary Holdings LLC; CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable
S/ Richard Bayonito, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/28/2026 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2/26
CNS-4076639# CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 2026 (PC 913)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261626
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JDL Electric, 449 Chaparral St, Salinas, CA 93906 County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): Jose Noe Cruz Ramirez, 449 Chaparral St, 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 08/07/2026.
S/ Jose Noe Cruz Ramirez,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/17/2026. 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2/26
CNS-4075786# CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 2026 (PC 914)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. Seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, tools, and /or other misc. items.
Auction to be held at
12:00 pm on September 22, 2026:
www.storage treasures.com.
The property is stored at:
StoragePRO of Carmel
9640 Carmel Valley Rd. Carmel, CA 93923
Name of Tenants
Mary Amy Hall
9/11/26
CNS-4076884# CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Sept. 11, 2026 (PC 915)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261732
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BEACH DOG PRINTS, 660 Pine Ave., Apt. 1, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): CAMERON ANDREW CLARKE
ROBBIN ANN STAMENOV
This business is conducted by a general partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Cameron Clarke
Date signed: Aug. 31, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 31, 2026.
Publication Dates: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 2026 (PC 916)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261645
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Hana Brands, 800 Del Monte Center, Monterey, CA 93940, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s): Hana Group Ops, LLC, 6565 N MACARTHUR BLVD #330, IRVING, TX 75039; DELAWARE
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable
S/ Michael C. Archer, CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk

of Monterey County on 08/19/2026 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2/26
CNS-4077240# CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 2026 (PC 917)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 20261743
Filing type: ABANDONMENT
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: Nov. 15, 2023
File No.: 20232087
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CYPRESS COAST LINCOLN, 4 Geary Plaza, Seaside, CA 93955.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: NV
Registered Owner(s): AUGARTEN, LTD, P.O. Box 70, Seaside, CA 93955.
S/Shirley Estrada, Secretary
Aug. 25, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 2, 2026.
Publication Dates: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 2026. (PC918).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261684
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CHINA CENTER RESTAURANT, 1453 N MAIN ST, SALINAS, CA 93906 - 2403, County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): AHUA, INC., 1453 N MAIN ST, SALINAS, CA 93906

This business is conducted by a Corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2026.
AHUA, INC.
S/ BRIAN R CHEN, CEO,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/25/2026. 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2/26
CNS-4070026# CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 2026 (PC 919)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261698
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MONTEREY COUNTY REAL ESTATE COMPANY, 344 West Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): ROBERT VELASQUEZ REYES, 344 West Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 26, 2026.
S/Robert Reyes
Date signed: Aug. 26, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 26, 2026.
Publication Dates: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 2026 (PC 920)

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PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Historic Resources Board of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 4:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Board will visit some or all the project sites in person as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend both the Tour and the Hearing.

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

To attend in person, visit the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. To view or listen to the meeting remotely, you may access the YouTube Live Stream at: <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofCarmelbytheSea/streams>, or use the following link to view or listen to the meeting via Zoom teleconference: <https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/88188362744?pwd=9H2Dl5GuqQ2eCddEodDJusxbLVYlhX.1>. **To listen to the meeting via telephone, dial +1 669-444-9171.** Webinar ID: 881 8836 2744. Passcode: 001916.

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

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

DR 25288 (Cypress Inn)

Andrew C. Goodwin, Architect
Northeast corner of Lincoln Street and 7th Avenue
Block 75, Lots 18, 20, 22
APN 010-147-008-000

Consideration of a Determination of Consistency with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for a Track 1 Design Review, DR 25288 (Cypress Inn), for exterior alterations and site improvements at the historic "La Ribera Hotel" located at the northeast corner of Lincoln Street and 7th Avenue, in the Residential Commercial (RC) Zoning District and Downtown Conservation District (DC) Overlay, APN: 010-147-008-000

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Brandon Swanson, Interim Director of Community Planning and Building

Publication dates: Sept. 11, 2026 (PC921)

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3027 Andesite Drive — \$1,298,000

Michael and Choung Sherwood to Luis and Sandra Rodrigues
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248 Santa Lucia Lane — \$1,402,000

Marina Station Phases 1 and 2 LLC to Thomas and Jane Bryan
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3093 Arroyo Drive — \$1,449,000

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APN: 031-311-058

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2301 Golden Oaks Lane — \$448,000

Maurice and Vivien Hamilton to Joanne Silvagni
APN: 001-943-019

3210 Golden Oaks Lane — \$499,000

Elizabeth Yeh to Robert Davis
APN: 001-944-022

33 Portola Avenue — \$784,000

Nicole Ramirez and Ivan and Adina Alfaro to Aliena Deraney
APN: 013-025-005

170 Mar Vista Drive — \$830,000



3240 Macomber Drive, Pebble Beach — \$13,250,000

Robert Rodriguez to Leslie Finnegan
APN: 001-884-018

336 High Street — \$880,000

Rita Myrick to Micahe and Laura Nibbi
APN: 001-242-018

814 Parcel Street — \$1,025,000

Patricia Benton and Quattlander Trust to Brian and Dolores Bronson
APN: 001-179-034

456 Spencer Street — \$1,390,000

Rose Flores to GSG 23 LLC
APN: 001-094-012

1 Crescent Circle — \$1,630,000

Karen Grimsich and Krebs Trust to Steven, Julie, Garrett and Ivana Rodewald
APN: 001-957-015



129 15th Street, Pacific Grove — \$2,240,000

936 Munras Avenue — \$6,600,000

Rajan Investments LLC to Rameshbhai and Kalpana Panchal
APN: 001-672-028

Pacific Grove

1015 Hillside Avenue — \$498,000

Fortuna Israel to Angel and Jason Huling
APN: 007-592-022

116 2nd Street — \$550,000

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Binghui Zhong and Haihong Tang to Nathen and Nongnuch Hughes
APN: 006-702-008

307 Bishop Avenue — \$2,197,000
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APN: 006-723-007

129 15th Street — \$2,240,000
Robert Davis to David Whitney
APN: 006-182-015

Pebble Beach

4091 Pine Meadows Way — \$1,850,000
Duke Partners II LLC to John and Heidi Johnson Trust
APN: 008-592-022

4051 Los Altos Drive — \$1,900,000
Maller Trust and Liza Horvath to Guolai Liu
APN: 008-112-022

1071 Ortega Road — \$1,990,000
Lawrence Hill and Kenneth and Susan Hutchinson to Karl Neuman and Margarita Alvarez



25511 John Steinbeck Trail, Highway 68 — \$1,975,000

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1432 Riata Road — \$10,900,000
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APN: 008-332-007

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Tyler Trust to James and Yen Baxter
APN: 008-162-005

Sand City

684 Dias Street — \$630,000
Jeanne Colletto to Rosalinda Osario
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1801 Catalina Street — \$875,000
Krei LLC to William and Heidi Sullivan
APN: 011-177-029



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Seaside

240 W. Market Street — \$525,000
David Gomez to Adan Gomez and Maria Preciado
APN: 002-031-023

1900 Lincoln Street — \$850,000
Aaron and Sadie Beecher to Susan Bagby, Sara Frazer and Alan Beck
APN: 011-483-009

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