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FORUM FOCUSES ON BUSINESSES, PARKING, CAR WEEK

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday held its election forum, following the Carmel Residents Association's session last week, with more emphasis on business concerns — which, of course, kicked off with a discussion of the perennial parking problem.

Acknowledging that tourism is essential to the city's economy but affects traffic and parking, candidates at

the Sept. 22 forum in the Church of the Wayfarer were asked what they would do to "better balance the needs of residents, businesses and visitors" and how they "foresee solving Carmel's parking issue."

Councilman Hans Buder, who is running for mayor, said the city needs to make it easier for residents to find parking downtown and ensure employees are not taking up those precious spaces, but it also has to ensure that whatever measures are taken don't simply push the problem into residential areas.

"My plan would be to create a task force to flesh out issues related to parking," he said.

Shuttles the answer?

Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov, who is seeking a second term, said the recent hiring of two parking enforcement officers and the council's decision to increase fines should help with turnover. To convince workers to leave their cars elsewhere, she suggested setting up off-site parking and running a round-the-clock electric shuttle. She also endorses paid parking, whether in the commercial core or throughout downtown.

"I would love to work on a solution with Larson Field or the Highway 1 strip so we can get employees into downtown Carmel without bringing their cars," said council candidate Bobby Richards, who

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Candidates David Boland, Hans Buder, Alissandra Dramov, Bobby Richards and Stefan Karapetkov at a chamber of commerce forum Tuesday.

Committee wants more time on Rocky Point

By MARY SCHLEY

PATRICE PASTOR'S ambitious plan for Rocky Point — including a distinctive design by world-renowned architect Renzo Piano for a new restaurant — received its first public review Tuesday, when the Big Sur Land Use Advisory Committee requested changes to help the buildings and other amenities blend with the rugged coastline.

"There will be another meeting in December to see if any potential changes were made to the overall project by the developers after receiving recommendations from the LUAC, public comments and numerous letters," resident Marcus Foster of Keep Big Sur Wild said. "We think it

will come down to the policy in the land use plan and how the county defines 'rustic character.'"

Specifically, the plan states that "commercial development shall carry out the rustic character of Big Sur in size, scale, activities and design," he said.

Big name

The plans submitted by Esperanza Carmel call for replacing the long-closed restaurant and constructing two employee housing units, public restrooms, a 55-space parking lot, public trails, signs and landscaping. Pastor's local development firm purchased the 2.5-acre property in

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High-speed rail boondoggle rolls on

CALIFORNIA'S TRAIN to nowhere has been making headlines this week, not because of actual progress on the promised route from San Francisco to Los Angeles, but because of how the people tasked with building it have been spending taxpayer dollars.

Last week, the Office of the Inspector General for California High-Speed Rail released a report detailing how the California High-Speed Rail Authority spent more than

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

\$680,000 on "questionable" travel expenses for contractors over the past two years — including trips to Planet Fitness, an escape room, a tiki bar and a sushi restaurant in Denver, not to mention visits to nightclubs between 9:40 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. Who knew the prime time to engineer a rail line for a 220 mph train was midnight?

California taxpayers were billed \$2 million for rail authority contractors' travel expenses between 2024 and 2026, and these nongovernment employees like to travel in style. The inspector general found numerous instances of first-class air travel. And a regular Uber? No,

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Supes vote 3-2 to pull Flock cameras

■ Reject pleas from sheriff, DA to keep them

By KELLY NIX

FLOCK CAMERAS helped Monterey County investigators arrest an ax murderer, gang members who fatally shot a man and left a mother paralyzed as she cooked breakfast for her children, and those responsible for shooting 11 partygoers at a King City birthday celebration. Despite those successes, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors this week decided to remove 63 cameras the company installed over several years in unincorporated areas of the county.

After a lengthy meeting Tuesday in Salinas, supervisors voted 3-2 to reject a 10-year, \$1.7 million agreement with Flock.

The decision followed hours of testimony from opponents who warned of government overreach and threats to civil liberties.

Flock "can help investigators determine whether a vehicle associated with a crime was in a particular area, identify potential investigative leads and connect information that might otherwise take significant time to develop," Monterey County Undersheriff Keith Boyd told supervisors, with Sheriff Tina Nieto seated next to him.

Unpersuaded

District attorney Jeannine Pacioni offered examples in which Flock cameras helped police and prosecutors solve crimes and take dangerous people into custody.

"It's the digital equivalent of a good eyewitness," Pacioni said in the supervisors' chambers.

"One that doesn't get scared, doesn't forget the make and model of a vehicle and doesn't get the plate number wrong," she added, saying the cameras "do not track people but rather log vehicle plates at fixed points in time and space."

The remarks touting Flock's benefits, though, did nothing to assuage the concerns of dozens of people who spoke during the public comment period.

Salinas resident Matt Huerta acknowledged that Flock

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Addresses are official, but what happens next?

■ Mail could be 'returned to sender'

By MARY SCHLEY

BY NOW, property owners should have received official postcards from the City of Carmel advising them of their new street addresses, along with their responsibilities for installing the numbers and updating records. The system adopted by the city council last October to replace traditional directional addresses such as "Lincoln 3 SE of Third" has taken months to finalize and implement, with various Monterey County departments, emergency services and other critical agencies integrating the new data into their systems.

With such a historic change come complications — among them explaining to a Comcast representative that your service location isn't changing, but your address is, and figuring out what happens if someone tries to send mail to your house.

'Grace period'

Carmel administrative analyst Emily Garay, who has been heavily involved in researching the issue and developing and implementing the new system, said the U.S. Postal Service is aware there will be some confusion.

"USPS officials informed us that there is typically a grace period of three to six months in which the local post office may attempt to

catch and redirect mail accidentally sent to a new physical address to a P.O. box," she said this week. "However, this grace period is not guaranteed or automatic, as it depends on post office staffing levels and workload."

To ensure uninterrupted service, "residents should not use their new physical address to try to receive mail and

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New battery fire in Moss Landing



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This aerial photo shows the Sept. 18 fire at the Vistra Energy battery storage facility in Moss Landing. The blaze put itself out within hours, and nobody was injured. See page 3A.

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Nonstandard poodle

Payton is a 5-year-old poodle whose hair, bright red when he was born, has softened over time to apricot.

His people, who have enjoyed a few standard poodles over the years, know the breed well. They are attracted not only to the dogs' appearance but also their intelligence, athleticism and tendency to bond with their people.

"Payton is a sweetheart," his person said. "I named him after my favorite sports figure, Walter Payton of the Chicago Bears. It was going to be Walter or Payton. We tried both, and Payton stuck."

Payton's people often take him from their Marina home to the beaches of Carmel. Poodles were developed in Germany and France to hunt and retrieve waterfowl such as ducks. The dogs even have webbed feet to help them swim.

Payton, however, doesn't exactly align with his heritage.

"The first time we took him to the beach, he put one paw into the icy water and ran out," his person said, "He didn't want any part of that. He's a water dog who doesn't like water."

What Payton does like is Pacchetti Dog Park in Seaside, a fenced 1.7-acre, off-leash play area. There, dogs can get up to speed chasing a ball or each other while

By Lisa Crawford Watson



their people either toss the ball or chat with one another.

"There's also a dog park near our house, but if certain dogs are there, I don't take Payton," his person said. "He might clash with their personalities, and I don't want to get him in trouble."

Payton ends his day with an evening walk before tucking into the couple's bed, where his woolly coat keeps them warm — at least until he opts for a little floor time.

"Thank goodness we bought a king-size bed," his person said. "My wife and I have five sons between us, but Payton, our sixth, is the favorite son."

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Another fire at Vistra battery plant

■ Air quality normal, EPA says

By KELLY NIX

A FLARE-UP late last week at the Vistra Energy battery storage facility in Moss Landing — the site of a much larger fire in January 2025 — prompted shelter-in-place orders for nearby residents. The fire, which extinguished itself within hours, did not cause any injuries.

On Sept. 18 at 6:14 a.m., North County Fire Protection District firefighters were called to the Moss Landing Power Plant off Highway 1 following a report of a structure fire. When crews arrived, they saw smoke and flames coming from the north side of the Vistra building, the site of a catastrophic fire on Jan. 16, 2025, that destroyed about 56,000 of the facility’s 100,000 batteries.

“The current incident is not comparable to the January 2025 fire in terms of its scale or complexity,” the district told the public a few hours after the new blaze broke out.

As a precaution, the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office issued a shelter-in-place order for an area within one-third of a mile of the fire because of smoke and potentially hazardous materials. Residents were told to close their windows and doors. The fire also prompted the North Monterey County Unified School District to hold recesses,

lunches and breaks indoors at four of its campuses, including Castroville Elementary School.

By about noon, officials said there were no longer any open flames and that the flare-up was in the smoldering stage. The next day, Vistra said conditions remained “stable, with no fire or smoke observed.”

Self-extinguished

On Wednesday afternoon, North County Fire Chief Jess Cortez explained firefighters’ strategy for contending with the blaze, which broke out among batteries along the structure’s north wall.

“When those batteries started going into a burning stage, we decided to completely let them burn, take a defensive stance and continue air-quality monitoring,” Cortez told reporters. “Once they burned out, we were able to lift the shelter-in-place order.”

The temperature of the batteries continued to drop, from 350 degrees Monday to 210 degrees Wednesday, Cortez said.

“This incident has been stabilized,” he said.

Katherine Hull of the EPA said this week that when the fire broke out, Vistra enacted an EPA-approved emergency response plan.

“Immediate air-quality readings showed

See **FIRE** page 17A

Correction

LAST WEEK’S front page story, “Battle over CUSD budget gets heated,” incorrectly referred to Yvonne Perez, the Carmel Unified School District’s chief business official, as “Yvonne Glenn.” All references and quotations attributed to “Glenn”

should have referred to Perez. Dr. Ivonne Glenn, the CUSD’s Director of College and Career Readiness, is a different person and was not involved in the meeting or the matters described in the story. The Pine Cone regrets the error.

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Parking dispute turns into assault

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

Pacific Grove: Theft from a vehicle on Pacific Grove Lane. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Dog bite on Gibson Avenue.

Monterey: A 50-year-old male was arrested on Airport Road for driving under the influence.

Monterey: A 39-year-old man was arrested on Webster Street for disorderly conduct.

Monterey: Vandalism reported on Del Monte Avenue.

Monterey: Vehicle towed for expired registration on Garden Road.

Monterey: Defrauding an innkeeper reported on Fremont Street.

Monterey: A 22-year-old man was arrested on Upper Ragsdale Drive for driving under the influence.

Monterey: Animal call on Del Monte Avenue.

Monterey: Battery on a spouse or dating partner reported on Del Monte Avenue.

Monterey: A 19-year-old man was arrested on Wave Street for public intoxication and resisting a peace officer.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Purse found at Junipero and Ocean.

Pacific Grove: Found property on Ocean View Boulevard was booked for safekeeping.

Monterey: Subjects on North Fremont and West Franklin were placed on 72-hour mental health evaluation holds.

Monterey: Identity theft reported on San Bernabe Drive.

See **POLICE LOG** page 43A

The gavel falls

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

Aug. 28 — Judge Carrie M. Panetta sentenced Omar Onofre, 22, of Greenfield to four years in state prison for three felony counts of residential burglary and one misdemeanor count of invasion of privacy. The burglary convictions constitute three strikes under California's three-strikes law.

Between March 3 and March 12, Onofre committed a series of residential burglaries in Greenfield, entering multiple residences during the night and early morning. Onofre entered the residences intending to steal personal property, including wallets and cell-phones. With the cooperation of witnesses and victims who provided law enforcement with descriptions of the suspect, investigators identified Onofre as the person responsible for the burglaries. Onofre was subsequently arrested and confessed to Greenfield Police

Department detectives that he had committed the burglaries. During the investigation, law enforcement also found at Onofre's residence several items that victims had reported stolen.

The Greenfield Police Department investigated the case.

Sept. 2 — The District Attorney's Office is aware of the significant media attention surrounding the tragic death of an infant found dead on the side of the road Aug. 1, as well as the circumstances involving the infant's 14-year-old mother and her biological father, who is also the infant's father. Given the public interest and the amount of information circulating about this case, the District Attorney's Office is providing the

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State to fund enforcement at Bixby

Traffic study at Point Lobos

By CHRIS COUNTS

PROVIDING A boost to efforts to control the congestion at two chokepoints along Highway 1 south of Rio Road, Sen. John Laird announced this week that his office has secured \$618,000 in taxpayer funding to address traffic problems at Bixby Bridge and another \$150,000 to do the same at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve.

The money will make it possible to put boots on the ground at Bixby Bridge, where numerous public safety risks have been documented involving selfie-seeking tourists who block traffic as they search for elusive parking spaces — or, worse, simply stop in the middle of the highway to get out and take a photo.

“The funding will support two full-time California Highway Patrol officers to enforce the 12-month parking prohibition around Bixby Bridge and monitor vehicle safety in the area,” Laird’s office said.

Signs went up in August

The announcement comes four months after the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted to ban parking near Bixby Bridge for a year in response to the ongoing traffic quagmire. The ban officially began in early August, when “no parking” signs went up along the highway — 900 feet north of the bridge and 700 feet south of it.

It was proposed by District 5 Supervisor Kate Daniels, who represents Big Sur. Daniels said she became convinced that a temporary order was necessary after seeing the site descend into chaos during spring break.

While some expressed concern that the access-focused California Coastal Commission would overrule the ban, spokesperson Joshua Smith told The Pine Cone

that his agency “understands why” supervisors passed it.

He said its staff “stands ready to collaborate on long-term solutions that can work for both nearby residents and the general public.”

Different plan for Point Lobos

Instead of paying for enforcement, the money intended for Point Lobos will be used to hire a consultant to lead a group tasked with finding solutions to the ongoing congestion that slows traffic along Highway 1 near the reserve’s entrance, John Hiles of California State Parks reported.

The group will include representatives from State Parks, the California Coastal Commission and Caltrans.

Hiles said the group “will seek to identify impacts to natural and cultural resources” and develop “a plan to reduce those impacts.”

“We have until April 1, 2027, to submit a report with findings,” Hiles said.

Hiles confirmed that State Parks is still planning to implement shuttle and reservation systems at the reserve, which has long been plagued by traffic and congestion.

Also related to Point Lobos, the supervisors voted 5-0 Tuesday to approve a “no parking” zone south of the park entrance in areas with “limited shoulder space, to enhance traffic safety.”

They also agreed to “collaborate with state partners on options for repairing” a pedestrian bridge.

Officials said the “no parking” zone is necessary because “limited shoulder space causes vehicles to encroach into the roadway.”

The action was taken because of “immediate threats to life and public safety, as a tree and vehicles parked on the narrow shoulder are forcing pedestrians to walk directly on the edge line of Highway 1 to pass through the area,” according to a county report.

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Scenic Road bluff erosion gets \$1.8M

By CHRIS COUNTS

DISCUSSED FOR more than a decade, an ambitious project to protect Scenic Road from being undermined by heavy surf will receive \$1.8 million in taxpayer funding from the state, Sen. John Laird announced this week. The work to armor the bluffs that support the road is expected to cost \$9 million.

“The funding will support work near the mouth of the Carmel River to address coastal erosion that has placed several residential properties along Scenic Road at risk,” Laird’s office announced. “The project will also help address flooding and improve management of the Carmel River’s natural breach into the Pacific Ocean during major rain events.”

Monterey County Public Works director Randi Ishii told The Pine Cone that the money will be used “to finish the design” of what is being called the Carmel

Lagoon Scenic Road Protective Structure and to “acquire permits” from the California Coastal Commission, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and other agencies. Ishii estimated that those tasks would take about two years to complete.

Ishii credited 5th District Monterey

See EROSION page 21A



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County workers observe as a bulldozer shores up a seriously eroded Scenic Road in January 2020.



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- Adopted new fiscal policies for more openness, transparency and responsibility
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- Made security and other building safety improvements to the existing police station
- Hired two parking enforcement officers to help with downtown traffic congestion and improve parking space availability
- Addressed deferred maintenance of city streets with 10-year paving plan
- Completed sidewalk repairs in the downtown for public safety
- Made beach infrastructure repairs and maintenance a top council priority and resumed routine redistribution of beach sand along the dunes and to cover revetments
- Created wildfire prevention and emergency evacuation preparedness plans
- Revised Housing Element to better fit and be integrated into our community and village scale
- Adopted street number addresses for community public safety
- Increased overall openness and transparency in city government
- Scaled back the size of the proposed new police station and public works buildings
- Worked on the ad hoc council committee to select a new police station and public works building architect who understands our community and village character
- Reached agreement with Carmel Public Library Foundation for joint project to restore and renovate the interior of the historic Harrison Memorial Library for its Centennial in 2028

Our work is not yet done—we are moving in a positive, forward direction. We have tackled difficult decisions in a thoughtful, serious, respectful and responsible way. I am seeking re-election so I can continue to be part of this effective, hard-working team serving the best interests of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

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FILM FEST GETS GYLLENHAAL’S TRIBUTE TO MARILYN MONROE

By CHRIS COUNTS

IT’S NO secret that this weekend’s Carmel International Film Festival is seeking to showcase top Hollywood talent, so the festival’s co-founders are happy to announce the late addition of actress and director Maggie Gyllenhaal’s new short film, “Flesh Impact,” to the lineup. It is set to screen Oct. 2 at 2 p.m. at the Golden Bough Playhouse.

For festival co-founders Lawrence Roeck and Annette Andersen, the addition is cause for celebration. The screening will mark the film’s North American premiere.

“We’re excited about this,” Roeck told The Pine Cone on Tuesday. “We’re thrilled to play her movie.”

Gyllenhaal, who has been nominated for Academy Awards as both an actress and a director, is best known for her roles in blockbusters such as “The Dark Knight” and “Crazy Heart.”

She made her directorial debut in 2021 with “The Lost Daughter,” which won best

screenplay at the Venice International Film Festival that year. The film also earned her a Golden Globe nomination for best director.

Roeck credited Gyllenhaal’s father, Stephen, with encouraging his daughter to show her film in Carmel. A director, he is serving on the festival’s jury.

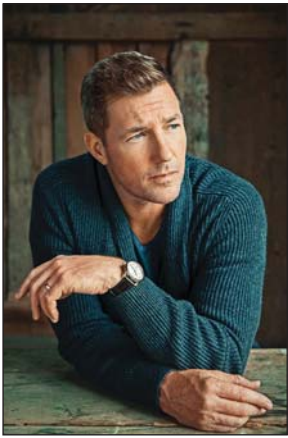
What if she had lived?

“Flesh Impact” debuted in Venice three weeks ago. Featuring a script written by Gyllenhaal, the film imagines what life might have been like for actress Marilyn Monroe had she not died in 1962 at the height of her fame.

The film stars Ellen Burstyn as an older Monroe, while Dakota Johnson plays a younger version of the iconic actress. Gyllenhaal’s husband, Peter Sarsgaard, also appears in the film.

Gyllenhaal made the film to honor Monroe ahead of what would have been

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Actress Alexandra Paul stars in “Redlining,” which the Carmel International Film Festival screens Friday, 9:50 a.m., at Golden Bough Playhouse. Actor, writer and director Ed Burns will give opening remarks at a kick-off event for the film festival Thursday at 9 a.m. Actress and director Maggie Gyllenhaal’s “Flesh Impact” was a late addition to the festival.

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Sunset centennial block party planned

By MARY SCHLEY

SUNSET CENTER is celebrating its 100th birthday with a block party Oct. 25. From 1 to 4 p.m., the whole town is invited to enjoy free live music, a giant community art wall, a photo bus, face painting, treats, a DJ spinning vinyl and all sorts of other fun as the center “opens every door and every corner of its historic campus for a free, family-friendly celebration.” Partygoers can expect music on the main stage, hands-on art activities on the grounds, storytelling, treats “and something happening everywhere you turn.”

The party launches “Century of Creativity, 1926-2031,” which honors the center’s origins as Sunset School 100 years ago and its first use for live performances when the auditorium opened in 1931.

“Between those two milestones lies a single, continuous story — from a neighborhood schoolhouse to the beating heart of the arts on the Monterey Peninsula,” organizers said.

Music all day

During the Oct. 25 block party, Sunset’s 718-seat theater will host live music from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. With all doors open, people can wander in and out as they like. Expect to hear performances by musicians from the Carmel Bach Festival, Monterey Symphony, Carmel Music Society and Chamber Music Monterey Bay, all of which call the theater home.

Outside, the next generation of local musicians and dancers will perform, including Youth Music Monterey’s brass ensemble, the Carmel High School Chamber Singers and Monterey Peninsula

Ballet Theatre.

Partygoers will also be invited to leave their marks on the Sunset Legacy Wall, organized by the Sally Russell Art Studio.

Other entertainment includes DJ Paul Wylde playing tunes near the theater, pop-up performances around the campus, the Center for Photographic Art’s photo bus and book signing, guided tours, yoga, face painting and various community art activities. The Carmel Public Library will also collect oral histories for its archives.

Sharing memories

Vendors will hand out cookies, cheeses, chocolates and other treats, while the center’s concession stands will be open with drinks and snacks available for purchase.

Civic and cultural organizations will set up display tables to share their missions and goals with the public, including the Carmel Heritage Society, Harrison Memorial Library, The Carmel Foundation, Carmel Youth Center, Carmel Residents Association and Carmel Woman’s Club.

Supporters will be encouraged to donate to Sunset’s future during the campaign.

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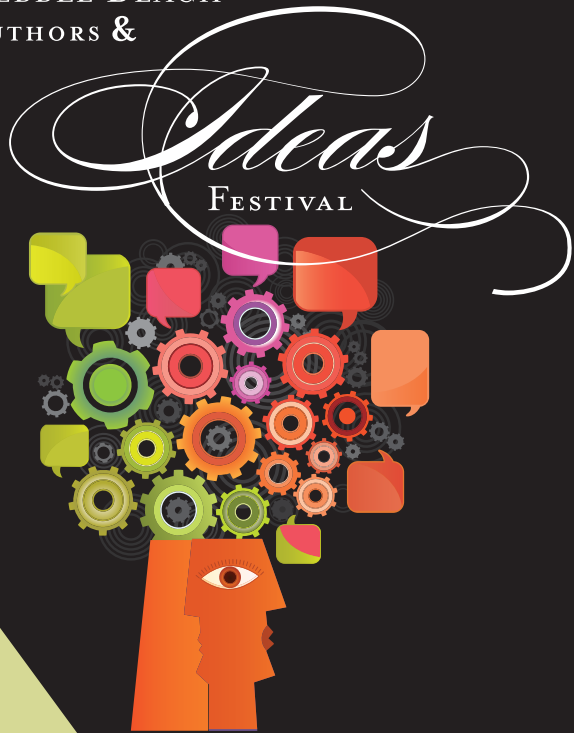
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County center reopens after sewage spill

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY has reopened its government center in Salinas after a plumbing malfunction Sept. 3 caused a significant sewage spill.

The blockage in employee restrooms on the first floor of the facility at 168 W. Alisal St. — which houses the county Board of Supervisors chambers, the treasurer-tax collector’s office and others — kept the building off-limits to employees and the public while crews cleaned up the mess.

The building reopened for normal business Tuesday at 8 a.m. following a cleanup effort involving more than 50 people, including third-party contractors and county employees.

“To all involved in the restoration of the government center, those impacted directly, and especially our residents and customers, a big thank you on behalf of the county administrative officer, Sonia M. De La Rosa,” a statement from the county said. “This was indeed an incredible team effort, and everyone’s efforts to get the building open, the hard work is greatly appreciated.”

Total cost not yet known

Officials said the spill was caused by an “extensive sewer line malfunction” that created a blockage and sent sewage into areas not accessible to the public.

The building had been scheduled to reopen Sept. 14, but the reopening was postponed. By the middle of last week, officials said contractors and consultants had made “excellent progress restoring the building,” including completing repairs to a fire sprinkler system.

County spokesman Nick Pasculli told The Pine Cone Wednesday that the county hired eight contractors and consultants, including MX Environmental, DKI Restoration, NorCal Fire Protection and R.F. Koerber Construction, to handle the cleanup.

Although officials have not determined the total cost of the cleanup, Pasculli said “approximately \$100,000 to date” has been spent on remediation.

He said it’s not known how many employee hours were spent on the cleanup, because it’s a difficult number to tally. “We will try to run a report today” to determine the number of hours that employees in the facilities division worked on remediating the spill, Pasculli said.





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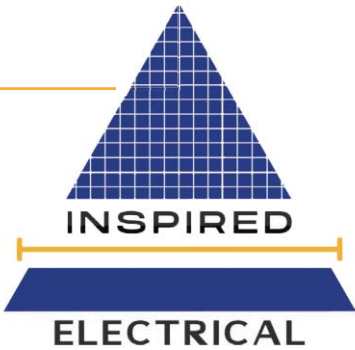
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Woman arrested in carjacking, robbery

By MARY SCHLEY

IN A highly unusual incident for Carmel, a resident was attacked and robbed, and his Mercedes was stolen, during a “meet-up” at Forest Hill Park last Wednesday night, according to Carmel Police Chief Todd Trayer. Soon after the beating, police arrested one of the suspected culprits, a 20-year-old woman.

Shortly after 10:30 p.m. Sept. 16, the unnamed resident arrived at Forest Hill Park to meet someone, though Trayer could not say what kind of rendezvous it was or why it had been arranged.

“When he arrived, multiple subjects accosted him, apparently intending to rob him,” he said. “They fought, took his vehicle and immediately fled.”

Officers notified neighboring law enforcement agencies to be on the lookout, and a California Highway Patrol officer spotted the stolen car and the woman

driving it, Kiarra Johnson from Sacramento, near the Monterey-San Benito county line, according to Trayer. She was taken into custody without incident.

“The apprehension happened within hours of the altercation,” he said, adding that CPD Detective Elissa Montes is investigating the case, which has many unanswered questions.

“It’s not 100% clear what the meet-up was about — that’s still being deciphered,” Trayer said. He added that “multiple suspects’ means at least two, at this point. That’s the part we are still working on.”

Johnson remained in the Monterey County Jail Thursday on \$270,000 bail on felony charges of carjacking, battery causing serious bodily injury, conspiracy and robbery.

Trayer is confident the attack was an isolated incident.

He asked anyone with information to contact Montes at emontes@ci.carmel.ca.us.



Kiarra Johnson

Police pursuit ends in woman’s arrest

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A WOMAN police say stole a car in Capitola before leading officers on an 18-mile chase was arrested and charged with two crimes, the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office said this week.

On Sept. 19 at about 5:20 p.m., deputies were notified that the Capitola Police Department had reported a white Volkswagen hatchback stolen earlier that day.

A short time later, deputies spotted the

Volkswagen traveling south on Highway 101 near the First Street overpass in King City. They tried to stop the vehicle, but the driver failed to yield, prompting an 18-mile pursuit during which speeds ranged from 50 to 60 mph.

The California Highway Patrol was called to assist, and the agency provided a helicopter for aerial support.

Although CHP officers tried to deploy

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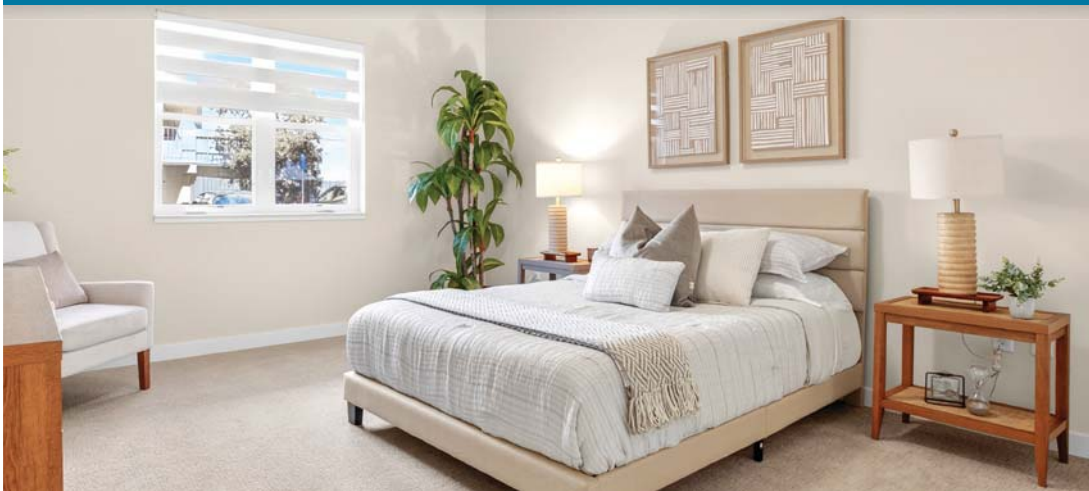


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Local First Tee golfer’s hard work leads to victory at Pebble Beach

By ELAINE HESSER

THE 2026 PURE Insurance Championship, which pairs PGA Tour Champions professionals with junior golfers from First Tee, was played last weekend at Pebble Beach.

One of the winners, Naomi Raymundo, is from the Monterey County chapter of First Tee, a nonprofit youth golf organization that combines lessons on driving and putting with life skills such as self-discipline, respect and hard work. Academic achievement is also strongly encouraged and supported.

This year’s tournament included 80 teenage players from 52 First Tee chapters across the country. Selected for their golf skills and personal growth through the program — including their commitment to its values, community service and mentoring — they were paired with PGA Tour Champions golfers. That tour is open to male professional golfers 50 and older. Pairs of adult amateurs, many from the business community, rounded out the foursomes.

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Last weekend, Naomi Raymundo, a First Tee golfer from Salinas, was the girls pro-junior winner at the PURE Insurance Championship.

Raymundo, paired with professional golfer Stewart Cink, won the girls pro-junior title. It was a bit of a nail-biter, according to the PGA. Raymundo and Cink were trailing before recording “a final-round 64 to finish 18 under for the tournament. They won the pro-junior girls title in a scorecard playoff.”

Serving her community

Raymundo isn’t the first Monterey County athlete to pull that off. Nicole Iniakov, who played for Stevenson, won in 2024 with Ernie Els as her teammate, carding a hole-in-one in the process.

Raymundo is a senior at Trinity Christian School, a private school in Monterey, and is the only girl on her

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The historic theater complex is at 908 San Carlos St. Learn more at sunsetcenter.org.

FIRST TEE

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school’s golf team. In addition to completing more than 400 hours of community service in 2025, Raymundo is a junior coach for Special Olympics and First Tee Monterey County, where she has participated for 10 years.

According to the PGA Tour, “First Tee Monterey County participants cheered her on Sunday, following the final group up the fairway.”

Raymundo was touched by their encouragement.

“It shows how much of a family we are,” she told organizers. “It shows how much of a connection we have, just how much we support each other at First Tee Monterey County.”

FIRE

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no exceedance of the health standards for particulate matter and no detections of hydrogen fluoride at all throughout the incident or in the days after,” Hull said Wednesday, referring to the toxic gas that can be produced when lithium-ion batteries burn.

Vistra took air samples for asbestos and metals, and Hull said they were being analyzed and the results would be released when testing was complete.

Vistra said air-quality readings “remain within normal ranges” and that the Monterey Bay Air Resources District similarly reported no results indicating a “significant air-quality or exposure concern.”

About 5% of the intact batteries remained on-site, Vistra said hours after last week’s flare-up.

‘Planning paid off’

Since the 2025 fire, Vistra has worked under the oversight of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to

remove about 39,000 of the remaining batteries, which were de-energized and transported off-site for disposal and recycling. About 2,500 battery modules remained inside the building, 1,300 of which ignited last week, Vistra said.

“All of the planning and work that has been done to move the batteries out of the building and off-site is the reason the fire was not bigger and why the fire subsided more quickly than the 2025 fire,” Hull said.

The batteries that ignited last week had not yet been de-energized because they were in a part of the building that had not been safely accessible due to structural damage from last year’s fire. Vistra plant manager Ron George said this week that the batteries were at a nearly “full state of charge” when the blaze started.

“We will remove those modules when it is safe to do so,” George told reporters.

The 1,020-megawatt combined-cycle natural gas facility that shares the property with Vistra’s battery facility resumed normal operations the evening after the fire broke out, the company said.

The flare-up occurred during the final phase of a large-scale, highly publicized effort to clean up Vistra’s 300-megawatt battery energy storage facility.





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technology has helped solve crimes but argued that “anecdotal evidence does not supersede the threat that they represent to 340 million Americans. Our Fourth Amendment

right against unlawful search and seizure is being violated.” Naomi, also of Salinas, pointed to cases in other parts of the country in which Flock data was abused by law enforcement officers for personal gain or led to the arrests of innocent people, including a Florida woman who spent nearly two weeks in jail after being wrongfully arrested in connection with a deadly hit-and-run. When the cameras are used in Monterey County, “you

choose to put public safety at risk in order to provide more safety,” she told the supervisors. A Hartnell College student said the cameras are “not for security” but to “keep track of everything that we do.” Tiffany, who spoke in support of Flock, cited well-known murder cases that remained unsolved for years, including the case of Cal Poly student Kristin Smart, whose killer, Paul Flores, was convicted in 2022, 26 years after he killed her. “Just think about what those Flock cameras could have done to solve the case of Kristin Smart, alone,” she said. “Maybe her parents would know where she’s buried now, and they would have justice. Think if that was your child.” She rejected the idea that Flock is “mass surveillance” and said it is merely about giving police tools to solve crimes — “crimes against women and children, mostly.” Boyd and Nieto left the supervisors’ chambers before public comment began, drawing criticism from several speakers. The pair said they would listen to the comments remotely.

Split board

Flock was given permission in 2023 and 2024 to install the 63 cameras in Monterey County at no charge to the county. It shared data from the cameras with the sheriff’s office until the end of July, with the expectation that the county would agree to a 10-year paid contract — which the supervisors killed this week. District 2 Supervisor Glenn Church acknowledged that cameras are now nearly everywhere in public, saying, “We live in a surveillance state.” But he said the county should explore whether it could own and operate its own license-plate-reader system instead of contracting with Flock. District 3 Supervisor Chris Lopez, who represents a large swath of southern Monterey County, said the area south of Gonzales is lucky to have one or two sheriff’s deputies on duty after 8 p.m. The license-plate readers, he said, are useful in areas where law enforcement resources are stretched thin. “I’ve seen Flock solve poaching crimes, I’ve seen it solve a bunch of different things,” Lopez said. “It’s worked in my community.” District 1 Supervisor Luis Alejo, who represents most of the city of Salinas — which has more crime than the other four supervisorial districts — said abandoning the license-plate readers would undermine the county’s ability to arrest and convict people who commit serious crimes. “On behalf of my constituents, all those crime victims in my district and the residents of Salinas, who repeatedly make public safety a top priority, I’m very concerned about the vote that’s about to take place,” he said. District 4 Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, though, said the system raises “serious, major privacy issues.” The board, she said, received hundreds of letters and hours of testimony opposing the Flock agreement, compared with only “a few handfuls of letters in support.” “Without trust in public safety, we don’t have public safety,” Askew said. “We have a surveillance state.” District 5 Supervisor Kate Daniels said the county’s proposed contract with Flock, a company she described as “fishy,” was “not worth the risk or sacrifice” to the public. “I think what we have to look at is the risk to innocent people in our communities,” Daniels said. “These cameras are building data, they’re building a record of your movements, where you go, where you eat, where you shop, who you are meeting at a certain location.” In the end, Askew, Church and Daniels voted to reject the agreement with Flock, develop guidelines for automated license-plate readers and explore whether the county could own and operate a camera system. Alejo and Lopez voted to retain the cameras.

Flock: Privacy violation or valuable tool to catch crooks?



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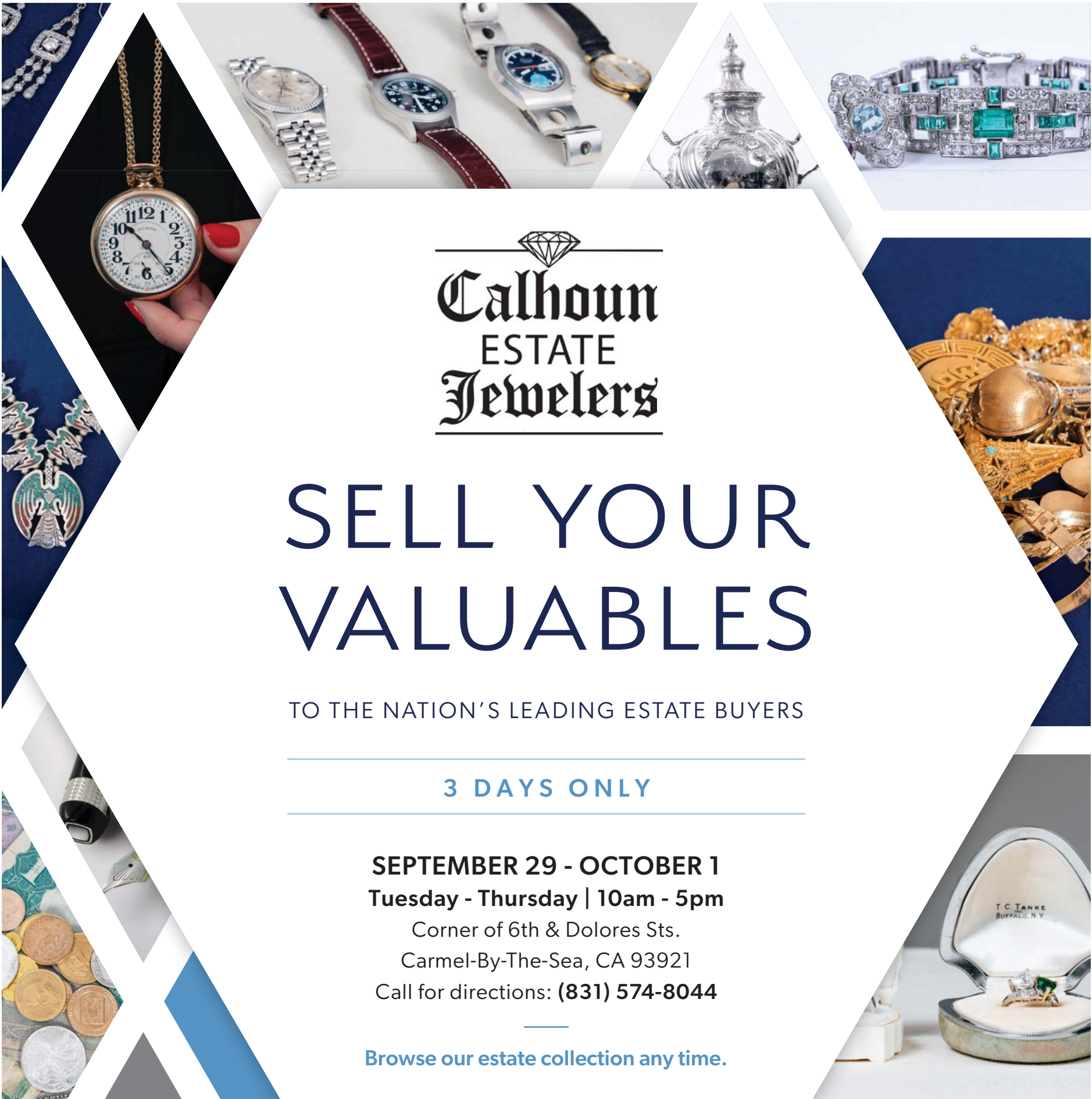
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FILM

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her 100th birthday — and show a version of the late actress that “the world never got the chance to see.”

Besides sharing her new film in Venice, Gyllenhaal attracted headlines for saying that the film industry is biased against female directors. She also addressed censorship and freedom of speech in the industry at a time when both are hot topics.

“How are we talking about movies right now when the world is in a state of emergency?” Gyllenhaal said. “To me, the answer has something to do with empathy. I think that film allows us an opportunity to find empathy inside of ourselves. Personally, I don’t believe that there is any

subject or any filmmaker that shouldn’t be heard — I think we can challenge ourselves to hear stories about the most corrupt and most perverse people because it opens up the opportunity to find empathy for those people.”

42 films

The festival, which features 42 full-length and short films, runs Oct. 1-4, with a busy slate of events and activities. They include a kickoff party Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. at Mission Bistro, 639 Mission St.; an Oct. 4 tribute to actress Hayden Panettiere, whom Roeck worked with early in her career; panel discussions Oct. 1-4, and an awards ceremony Oct. 4 at 8 p.m.

All events take place at the Golden Bough Playhouse, 851 Monte Verde St.

All-access four-day passes to the festival are available for \$500, while one-day passes are \$150. Anyone with

either pass can attend the opening-night festivities Sept. 30.

Visit ciffest.com for tickets and more information.

Starting a new tradition, Roeck and Andersen are introducing Golden Bough Awards for the festival’s winning films. The award was designed by local sculptor Ashley Bennett Stoddard and crafted from metal and Carmel stone. The winners will be chosen by a jury that includes Stephen Gyllenhaal, Academy Award-winning actor Timothy Hutton and actress Frances Fisher, who had roles in the hit films “Unforgiven,” “Titanic” and “The Lincoln Lawyer.”

While this is just the second year Roeck and Andersen have presented a film festival in Carmel, there have been several previous incarnations.

The first was produced by Mildred Taylor in 1929 and featured a pair of controversial silent films.

PAULA RANDALL STARK

JUNE 28, 1952-AUG. 28, 2026

Surrounded by love, Paula Randall Stark passed away peacefully Aug. 28, 2026, in Monterey, California, with her daughter, Carolin RemyNSE, holding her hand until her final breath. Following a courageous journey with Alzheimer’s disease, Paula departed knowing she was deeply loved by her family.

Paula was born June 28, 1952, in Fresno, California, the firstborn by only minutes of twin daughters born to Carolin Hansen Randall and Stewart “Denny” Randall.

Paula grew up with a love of family, community, learning and adventure that remained with her throughout her life. She had great fun in Santa Cruz, spending many sunny days on the beach with family and friends. While attending the University of California, Berkeley, she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, forming lifelong friendships and creating memories she treasured throughout the years.

Paula made Monterey her home for nearly five decades, building a life defined by family, friendship and service to her community. She served as president of the Junior League of Monterey County and as president of FOCUS, the Friends of Carmel Unified Schools, generously giving her time and energy to causes that mattered deeply to her.

Above all else, Paula was devoted to her family. She was an unabashedly proud mother to Carolin RemyNSE and Ed Stark and later found her greatest joy in her role as a grandmother. Nothing brought Paula greater happiness than spending time with her grandchildren: Matthew, Annabella, Harrison and Collette Schroeder, and her step-grandson, Jason RemyNSE Jr. She loved them not because of their accomplishments, but simply because of who they were. Her love was unconditional, unwavering and constant. Her guidance, encouragement and support shaped the lives of those closest to her and remain an enduring part of her legacy.

Paula also held a deep and enduring love for her brother, Stewart Denning Randall Jr., and treasured the bond they shared throughout their lives. She dearly loved her sister-in-law, Monica Randall, and took great pride and joy in her niece and nephew, Grace Randall and Stewart Denning Randall III.

Paula shared an especially close bond with her twin sister, Nancy Randall Boone. When they were younger, Paula and Nancy enjoyed many wonderful times and travels together, creating treasured memories filled with adventure and laughter. That loving connection continued through Nancy’s children, Paula’s niece Virginia and nephew William. Paula especially cherished hosting “Camp Lala” for them, creating joyful memories filled with love, laughter and time together.

Paula was previously married to Edward Kevil Stark, with whom she shared her two children, Carolin RemyNSE and Ed Stark. She was later married to Jim Yates, who preceded her in death.

In her later years, Paula shared a cherished 16-year companionship with Michael Blas, one of the great loves of her life. She also developed a loving bond with Michael’s sons, Stephen and Nicholas, who were always wonderful to her. Paula treasured the memorable cruises they took together and the warmth, kindness and companionship they shared. She was deeply saddened by Nicholas’ passing earlier in 2026 and held him close in her heart.

Paula and Michael enjoyed some of her happiest years together, sharing wonderful times with family and friends and creating memories around the world. Their travels included the wildlife preserves of Africa, the Amazon, Machu Picchu in Peru, Angkor Wat and many other remarkable destinations. Paula regarded Michael as one of the finest men she had ever known and often compared his character, integrity, kindness and strength to those she most admired in her beloved father, Denny Randall.

Although Alzheimer’s disease gradually changed many aspects of her life, it never diminished the love she inspired in those around her. Her family finds comfort in knowing she is now at peace after a long struggle and reunited with loved ones who preceded her in death.

Paula was preceded in death by her parents, Carolin Hansen Randall and Stewart “Denny” Randall; her brother, Stewart Denning Randall Jr.; her former husbands, Edward Kevil Stark and Jim Yates; and Michael’s son, Nicholas.

She is survived by her daughter, Carolin RemyNSE; her son, Ed Stark; her son-in-law, Jason RemyNSE; her grandchildren, Matthew, Annabella, Harrison and Collette Schroeder, and Jason RemyNSE Jr.; her twin sister, Nancy Randall Boone, and Nancy’s husband, Andy Boone; her sister-in-law, Monica Randall; her nieces and nephews, Emily Schroeder, Virginia Sierra, William Giddings, Grace Randall and Stewart Denning Randall III; her longtime companion, Michael Blas; Michael’s son, Stephen; and many cousins and dear friends whose lives were enriched by knowing her.

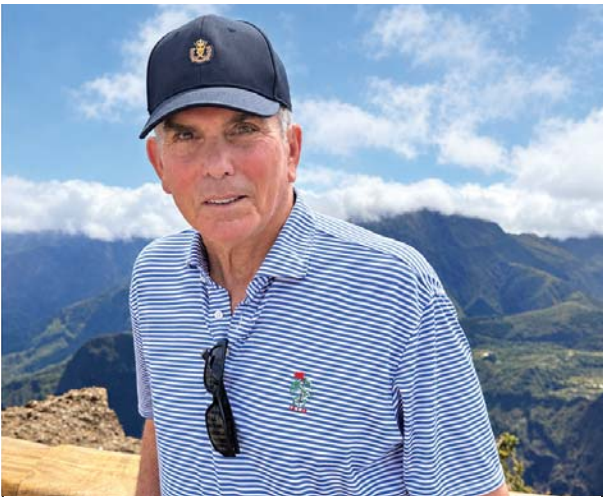
The family would like to express heartfelt gratitude to the caregivers, health care professionals and friends who provided compassion, comfort and support throughout Paula’s final years.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the SPCA of Monterey County or Buyamba, where Paula sponsored the education of children in Uganda.

A memorial service will be held Oct. 9 at 11 a.m. at Sanctuary Bible Church, 8340 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923.

A reception will follow at noon at Kona Restaurant, 1200 Del Monte Center, Monterey, CA 93940.

Paula will be remembered for her devotion to family, commitment to her community, adventurous spirit and the love she shared so freely throughout her life. Her memory will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.



MICHAEL SHUTE

Michael Shute lost his battle with Lewy body dementia and Parkinson’s disease on Sept. 15 at age 76.

He grew up in Fullerton, California, playing in the orange groves and excelling in baseball and water polo. After graduating from Fullerton High School, he enrolled at Cal State Fullerton.

While working at a market one evening, he met customer Cristin Pyeatte. They married before his senior year. She conveniently got her first job as an RN at CSUF’s student health center. Mike went on to USC, where he earned an MBA. From there, he completed a two-year loan analysis program at Union Bank.

Their son, Todd, was born, and the little family moved to Lido Isle in Newport Beach. Mike and his dear friend Donald Tippet started a financial services business that grew to become a nationwide company. The family was complete with the arrival of their daughter, Nicole.

They moved across the bay to Harbor Island, where they lived for another 20 years, enjoying boating, tennis and golf. Mike served on many committees at Big Canyon Country Club and ultimately became president.

After many trips to Pebble Beach, the Shutes bought a home there and joined the Beach & Tennis Club and Monterey Peninsula Country Club. Mike also served on the foundation board at the Naval Postgraduate School.

After Mike sold the company, he and Cris built a new home and made Pebble Beach their permanent home. Retirement was idyllic, filled with golf, cruises and wonderful friends. His golf group, with love and patience, helped him continue playing the game for as long as possible.

Mike is survived by his wife of 55 years, Cris; son, Todd; daughter, Nicole; granddaughters, Chloe and Olivia; their German shepherd, Sophie; and therapy cat, Lucky.

Mike was the best friend you could ever have. He was outgoing, generous and loving, with an ever-ready smile and hearty laugh. He will be greatly missed.

To place an obituary for your loved one, contact anne@carmelpinecone.com or (831) 274-8654

EROSION

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County Supervisor Kate Daniels with pushing for the funding.

The armoring structure is one piece of a larger effort to “address longstanding flooding, erosion and environmental concerns” at the lagoon and the beach, he said.

Concerns that Scenic Road could be undermined by heavy surf date to at least 1993, when county workers cut a channel in the sandbar to lower the lagoon’s water level and prevent nearby homes from flooding. But the cut migrated north — as it would several more times in the following years — raising fears among nearby

homeowners that the road was at risk.

In 2011, bulldozers cut a channel angled to the north because of worries from the National Marine Fisheries Service that young steelhead would be swept out to sea before they were mature enough to survive. The federal agency has long restricted or discouraged the use of bulldozers on the beach and has allowed them to operate only during emergencies.

But the cut migrated dangerously close to the road and caused extensive damage to the parking lot and restrooms at Carmel River State Beach. Later that year, the county held talks with several agencies about reinforcing the bluffs.

The road was also damaged by storms in late 2022 and early 2023, leading to extensive emergency repairs.

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ROCKY POINT

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2021 from the prior owners’ heirs for \$8 million. In 2024, the firm received approval from the California Coastal Commission for more than \$4 million in habitat restoration and other improvements intended to undo extensive illegal and otherwise damaging changes made by the former owners after purchasing the property in 2012.

Pastor hired Piano, whose designs include the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris, The Shard in London, Osaka’s Kansai International Airport, The New York Times building and the Whitney Museum in New York City, to lead the project.

Public facilities planned for the point, which must be kept open and accessible at all times, include a takeout window, a picnic area, new restrooms, restored trails and

educational signage to help visitors better understand what they are seeing and experiencing. Soon after buying the property, Pastor opened gates that had been kept locked by the prior owners.

Foster, a former member of the Big Sur LUAC who recently resigned out of frustration over another project, attended Tuesday’s site visit and hearing, which he estimated drew about 35 people.

Deciding on character

“The discussions were basically whether or not this design fits in that space and works with the landscape and the natural surroundings,” he told The Pine Cone. Much of the focus was on the proposed restaurant’s long, narrow design, featuring wood arches separated by 4.5-foot sections of glass.

“It really comes down to, is the style in the rustic character of Big Sur? And my feelings are that it is not.”

Foster said it’s not surprising the coastal area’s

popularity has attracted outside development interests led by people who may be unfamiliar with its culture.

“They’ll argue this design is in the rustic character of Big Sur because they’re using wood arches,” he predicted. But every other restaurant down the coast, including the River Inn, Big Sur Roadhouse, Ripplewood, Deetjen’s and Nepenthe, is far from the contemporary, glassy design proposed for Rocky Point. “My idea of what rustic character means for Big Sur is going to be different from what it means for an architectural firm in Paris,” he said.

Foster said people are also concerned that the building would extend 15 feet farther south than the restaurant’s current footprint, even though the proposed structure would be narrower, and that it would be 20 feet tall. Its extensive use of glass could create glare during the day and light pollution at night, he suggested.

“We’re not opposed to having the restaurant — we’re excited to have another restaurant — we would just like to see it blend in a little more with the point and the landscape and have a little bit more of that Big Sur vibe.”

While several comment letters sent to the county are critical of the design, some of Rocky Point’s closest neighbors urged approval.

After the hearing, Pastor’s firm reaffirmed its commitment to the community to create something wonderful and said significant effort had been made during the past five years to understand the land and its many vistas. Esperanza representatives pointed to Piano’s skill in respecting landscapes and creating designs that respond appropriately to their surroundings.

“Rocky Point is one of the most extraordinary sites in the world. We sought to reimagine a Big Sur landmark in a way that truly honors the coast and its environment, creating a welcoming space for generations to come,” Esperanza Carmel managing director Chris Mitchell said. “We take very seriously our responsibility as the steward of this fantastic piece of land.”

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FRANKLIN DE OLIVEIRA

It is with heavy hearts and great sorrow that we announce the passing of Franklin De Oliveira on Sept. 9, 2026. He was a resident of Monterey, California.

Franklin was born in Graciosa, Azores. When he was 6 months old, his family moved to Terceira, where he was raised. It was there that Franklin developed a love of bullfighting, soccer and golf.

At age 23, Franklin moved to California. Five years later, he met the love of his life, Madolyn. They were together for 60 years.

Franklin and Madolyn opened the Lisbon Pub restaurant on Cannery Row in the late 1960s, followed by the famous Captain’s Cove seafood and Portuguese restaurant. Franklin once appeared in a commercial in which he walked out of the ocean carrying a salmon and declared, “When I say fresh, I mean fresh.”

Franklin is survived by his wife, Madolyn; his son, Miguel, of whom he was immensely proud; and his grandchildren, Luke and Courtney. He is also survived by Rosemary Aiello, whom he thought of as a daughter. He will be deeply missed by his many friends, nieces and nephews.

SERVICES – SEPT. 25, 2026

Funeral and visitation will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Mission Mortuary, 450 Camino El Estero, Monterey.

Mass will follow at San Carlos Cathedral, 500 Church St., Monterey.

Burial will follow at San Carlos Cemetery, 792 Fremont St., Monterey.

ADDRESSES

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should continue using their P.O. boxes just as they did with their old address,” she said. “Although city hall has the physical address of 662 Monte Verde St., we will continue to pick up our mail from P.O. Box CC at the downtown post office.”

Mail labeled with a street address will be considered undeliverable and returned to the sender, according to USPS standard practices, just as it would have been if someone had sent a letter to one of the old-style addresses.

Not confidence-inspiring

In rolling out the new system, city officials said they plan to organize a daylong drop-in session for residents and property owners to meet representatives of various utility companies and update their records, rather deal with the hassle of trying to make changes over the phone.

On Wednesday, acting city administrator Brandon Swanson said organizing the event has been a challenge.

“The utilities are difficult to schedule all at once,” he said, and he didn’t want to hazard a guess as to when it might occur.

While there is no need to hurry to provide utilities with your new street address, one resident’s attempts to begin updating service-address information with various companies met with some predictable results.

Xfinity, also known as Comcast, is notorious for its poor customer service, long wait times and questionable results. For a Carmel resident trying to update her Xfinity service address, the company’s reputation remains unchanged.

The effort took more than an hour, required repeatedly explaining the situation and involved transfers to three departments.

If you must call Comcast/Xfinity, use the standard number, (800) 934-6489, but immediately ask for the billing department, which might save a little time.

A call to California American Water at (831) 646-3205 went more smoothly, lasting 12 minutes, about one-third of which was spent on hold after the caller was transferred to the company’s 800 number. It is unknown how long it will take for the updated service address to appear on the account.

After the resident dialed PG&E at (877) 660-6790 and signed up for a callback that came about a half-hour later, a representative asked for basic account information and said she had to submit a request to change the service address. Unlike the other utilities, she requested the property’s assessor’s parcel number.

“Once the city or county confirms the address change, it will take one to two billing cycles” for the change to take effect, she said at the end of the call, and offered a ticket number in case follow-up is needed.

Because GreenWaste Recovery, the city’s trash hauler, has regional offices, the representative at (831) 920-6707 was aware of the new system but not ready to enter the information.

“We haven’t begun transitioning over yet, but I have been instructed to take the new address down,” she said. “It still doesn’t validate it in our system, but I’m putting it in as the customer address.”

Landlords’ responsibilities

While some tenants might be asked to install their house numbers, the city has said landlords are responsible for advising tenants of their new official addresses. Some property management companies are also telling owners what they need to do.

In advance of the change, the San Carlos Agency emailed clients in July, telling them they would receive letters from the city with their assigned house numbers.

“Once that happens, you will need to post house numbers in a spot visible from the street and in compliance with city rules,” the email said.

“House names may remain posted,” the message continued. “Mail delivery is not included in this change. Residents will still go to the Fifth Avenue post office for their mail.”

The email directed clients to the city’s website for rules and guidelines on posting numbers and other information: ci.carmel.ca.us/street-addresses.

“It will be the owner’s responsibility to have the numbers installed,” the email said. “You will have to decide what style you want and where you want to install them.”

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SALLY LINNEA DODGE

JULY 12, 1944 – JUNE 24, 2026

Sally Linnea Dodge passed away June 24, 2026, just shy of her 82nd birthday. She leaves behind a remarkable legacy as a pioneer in the world of golf, making history as the first female golf professional hired by Pebble Beach.

Sally had a distinguished career that spanned 50 years. Through five decades, she became an important part of the Pebble Beach golf community, sharing her knowledge, passion and dedication to the game. Her pioneering role helped open doors for women in professional golf, and her influence will be remembered by generations of players and colleagues.

Sally was preceded in death by her parents, Rodney W. Dodge and Alice Dodge; her sister, Anna Elwell Hoyt; and her brother, Christopher Dodge.

She is survived by her sister Anna’s children, Penn L. Hoyt of Plano, Texas, Hilary W. Hoyt of Saco, Maine, and Amanda Hoyt-Hughes of Schenectady, New York; her brother Christopher’s children, Christopher Dodge Jr., Julia Dodge and Lisa Dodge; her great-nieces and great-nephews; and many close friends whom she considered family.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, Oct. 16, 2026, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Del Monte Golf Course Pavilion, 1300 Sylvan Road, Monterey. Family, friends and colleagues are invited to gather to remember Sally and celebrate her life and legacy.



JEFFREY CHARLES GRACE

Sept. 16, 1962 — Sept. 15, 2026

Jeffrey “Jeff” Charles Grace, 63, passed away peacefully Sept. 15, 2026, in Pacific Grove, California, surrounded by his family.

Jeff was born in Baltimore, Maryland, to Patricia B. Grace and the late Robert D. Grace. He is survived by his mother, Patricia; brother Steve (Celia) Grace, nephews Michael (Angelina) Grace and Brian Grace, and great-niece Emma; sister Kelly Swift, niece Jessica Swift and nephew Bobby Swift; and sister Amy (Craig) Bell, niece Mackenzie (Austin) Winter, and nephews Cayden Winter and Tanner Winter.

Jeff moved with his family to Carmel Valley, California, in 1975 and graduated from Carmel High School in 1980. He went on to graduate from California State University, Los Angeles, before beginning a distinguished career in finance and accounting that spanned more than four decades. He began his career as dean of El Dorado Business College, followed by positions at Deloitte & Touche and Excelligence Learning Corp., and eventually held senior financial leadership roles at companies including Language Line Services, Financial Engines and Coursera. Jeff was respected as a trusted adviser and a caring leader and mentor to many.

Jeff was unassuming and wonderfully complex — a Renaissance man, a cowboy at heart and endlessly curious about the world around him. His interests were wide-ranging, and there was always more to Jeff than first met the eye.

Those who knew Jeff well often described him as “salt of the earth” — authentic, grounded and deeply genuine.

Above all, Jeff will be remembered for his intelligence, generosity, humor and curiosity, and for the sense of security and love he gave his family and friends.

Jeff’s family is profoundly grateful to Dr. Shehzad Aziz and the staff at Salinas Valley Health, and to Dr. Gregory Botta of Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health, for the exceptional care, compassion and dignity shown to Jeff.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Jeff’s memory to:

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If you can't stand the heat, perhaps it's time to get out of the pool

THE STEVENSON-CARMEL water polo rivalry began to simmer in October 2024, when the perennial league champion Pirates were pushed to the brink before prevailing 12-11 in their Pacific Coast Athletic League clash at Carmel High.

A year later — last fall — that simmer came to a tantalizing boil.

■ On Sept. 24, 2025, Carmel traveled to Pebble Beach and stunned the Pirates 10-9, ending Stevenson's string of 46 consecutive victories over PCAL opponents dating to 2018 and effectively lifting the Padres to their first regular-season league crown since 2014.

■ Seventeen days later, on Oct. 11, Stevenson got a measure of revenge at the Monterey Bay Invitational, thumping the Padres 14-5.

■ They faced each other a third time Nov. 1 in the championship game of the PCAL's postseason tournament — a game Carmel won 14-13.

■ Their fourth meeting came the following Saturday, when the two Monterey Peninsula titans tangled again at Aptos High in the quarterfinal round of the Central Coast Section Division 2 playoffs — a match won by the Pirates 15-9, ending Carmel's season.

Four clashes in 2025, two victories apiece, and now, here we go again. On Thursday, they'll meet for the first

D-2 runner-up), Arroyo Grande (Central D-1 quarterfinalist) and North Coast D-1 qualifiers Acalanes and Liberty.

They lost 14-11 to San Luis Obispo (Central D-1 qualifier) and 7-6 to Tamalpais (North Coast qualifier).

Playing the best

Thursday, they played North Coast qualifier Sequoia (the result was unavailable at press time), and the Padres will host CCS D-2 semifinalist Pioneer Oct. 1 at 6 p.m. On Oct. 23, they travel to Junipero Serra's Padre Invitational (bracket to be announced), traditionally loaded with many of California's best teams.

"We try to seek out the best competition that's out there," said third-year Carmel coach Jerry Smith, a former NCAA Division I All-American at UC Berkeley, where he was a four-year starter. "That's always the best way to measure ourselves and evaluate our growth."

Stevenson — 10-2 overall, 3-0 in the PCAL — holds an 11-10 victory over CCS D-1 champion Archbishop Mitty and a 13-12 victory over St. Ignatius, a CCS D-1 qualifier. The Pirates have also defeated Aptos, another traditionally strong program. The Pirates lost 19-9 to Open Division semifinalist Soquel and 17-12 to Open Division qualifier Los Gatos.

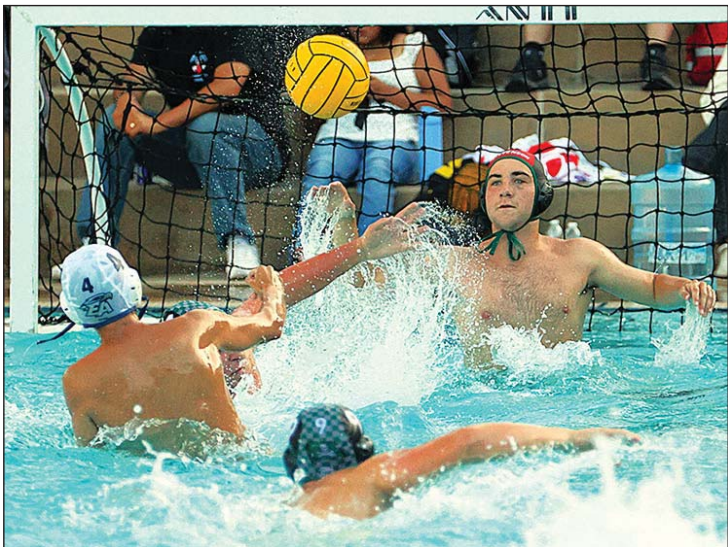
A week ago, they won the Troy Invitational in Fullerton, defeating Troy, Redlands and Pacific Grove before beating Etiwanda in the final.

The Pirates have home matches Friday at 6 p.m. against CCS D-2 champion Leland and Saturday at 11 a.m. against D-2 semifinalist Pioneer. Lying in wait are D-1 finalist Junipero Serra (Oct. 13) and Open Division qualifier Valley Christian (Oct. 23).

Early morning conditioning

"Our guys are extremely committed, and they're grinding," Higgins said. "In addition to our game nights, we've added some early morning practices for conditioning. They all show up, and they show up on time."

Both teams lost key players to graduation last spring. Carmel bade farewell to PCAL Most Valuable Player Jack Balas, the PCAL scoring champion with 114 goals, and fellow first-team all-league selections Landon Onitsuka (a league-best 80 assists) and Marc Kalman-Zulik



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Ze' Franz, Stevenson goalie, was the PCAL's Defensive Player of the Year last season with a league-leading 223 saves.

(85 goals, fourth in the league).

Stevenson graduated two-time PCAL Offensive Player of the Year Laird Welch (75 goals, 32 steals), plus second-team all-league selections Matias Higgins (29 goals, 29 assists) and Alan Qian (70 assists, 31 goals, 32 steals).

But each team also had formidable younger players, all of whom are back.

Stevenson's goalkeeper, all-league senior Ze' Franz, was the PCAL Defensive Player of the Year after leading the league with 223 saves and stealing the ball 38 times, fourth-best in the league.

The Pirates' biggest offensive threat, all-league attacker Brooks Honneger, was the PCAL's No. 2 scorer with 110 goals and helped the team reach the CCS Division 2 semifinals last year as a freshman.

Right-wing attacker Hezzy Horvath (36 assists, 32 steals), a second-team All-PCAL selection, is "our 'glue guy' — he'll do whatever we ask of him," Higgins said. He returns for his senior year, along with attacker Finn Reilly, an exceptional leader who steps into the starting lineup as a co-captain for his senior season.

Other battle-tested lettermen who are starting this

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

time in 2026 — a 6 p.m. game at Carmel High that is highly likely to decide who wins this year's PCAL championship. And there have been four single-goal margins over the past two seasons. Rivalries don't get any better than that.

"We circle the Carmel match on our schedule every year," said Stevenson's fifth-year head coach, Brooke Higgins, whose team also is a good bet to face Carmel again in two weeks at this year's Monterey Bay Invitational and on Halloween in the PCAL postseason tournament final.

Both teams are uber-talented again, and they're educating themselves weekly through an astonishing gauntlet of powerhouse opponents.

The defending PCAL champion Padres — 9-2 overall, 2-0 in league matches — hold nonleague victories this year over Leland (CCS D-2 champion), Harker (CCS



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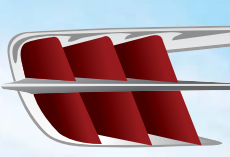
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season include sophomore center defender Reed Czerny, junior driver Ozaze Diehuti-Mes and junior hole set Lev Feinberg.

Junior class bolsters CHS

Carmel’s starting lineup last year was stacked with three second-team All-PCAL 10th graders who are now bigger, stronger, faster and smarter.

“Our team is driven by the Class of 2028 — our juniors,” Smith said of utility player Sam Balas, attacker Callan Tescher and center defender Hamish Forsythe — the aforementioned decorated players — plus second-year goalie August Hohman, attacker Oliver Cogley and center forward Johnny Salmoun, typically the first player off the bench for the Padres.

“All of those guys came to Carmel High the same year I did (2024),” Smith said. “They haven’t been coached in high school by anybody except me and assistant coach Steve Wiloughby, which provides some really great continuity.”

Balas, whose brother, Jack, plays at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps College, scored 54 times and recorded 30 steals as a sophomore. Tescher found the cage with 48 shots, ranked second in assists with 37 and recorded 33 steals. When the current week began, they had combined for 60 goals and 28 assists.

A natural in the cage

Hohman, who started playing goalie just 16 months ago, amassed 50 saves in his first six games after stopping 152 shots in 26 games as a sophomore.

The team’s only senior, co-captain David Bogart, is a heady and adaptable utility athlete who has emerged as one of the Padres’ most intelligent players, in and out of the water, Smith said.

Cogley might have the highest water polo IQ on the team, the coach said, as well as exceptional speed, conditioning, versatility and coachability.

“He’s the first name that comes to mind whenever we have a void we need to fill in the water, either on offense or defense, and he never seems to get tired,” Smith said.

Forsythe ranks among the most talented center defenders on the Monterey Peninsula, the coach said.



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Carmel’s Callan Tescher (left) and Sam Balas (right) teamed up for 102 goals and 66 steals a year ago as sophomores, boosting the Padres to their first league crown since 2014.

Adding depth while vying for playing time are attackers Wade Nothhelfer, Kyle Mitchell and Leo Iranmanesh, and center forward Elliott Smith — all sophomores who played on the Junior Olympic team this past summer for the new Carmel Water Polo Club, co-founded by Smith and Santa Catalina’s Kendra Klein.

“We need our roster to be eight to 10 players deep if we’re going to compete with the better programs, so a lot of our success will hinge on the continued improvement of those players,” Smith said.

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Editorial

Much easier to do than undo

WHEN A building is designated “historic,” that classification can create a major obstacle to redeveloping its site or even remodeling the structure itself. That is true not only of unquestionably historic landmarks like the Carmel Mission, but also those of lesser importance that happen to be old. More than 100,000 buildings in California are estimated to carry some form of historic designation.

Recently we learned that merely being next to a historic building can bring extra scrutiny under California’s environmental-protection laws. If a proposed project “may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a nearby historic resource,” it must undergo additional environmental review, resident Kristi Reimers argued during a public hearing about a rooftop deck proposed next-door to a historically significant home in Carmel.

California's housing shortage is the product of laws that make it hard to add homes and easy to stop them. For five years, the Legislature has been falling over itself to loosen those restrictions. One of its chief targets has been the California Environmental Quality Act, which, together with the Coastal Act, has driven up housing costs and made it nearly impossible for anyone who is not wealthy to live along the coast.

For the most part, the courts have cooperated with Sacramento's recent anti-NIMBY campaign, but a decision certified for publication this week shows the limits of that cooperation. In *Laguna Beach Historic Preservation Coalition v. City of Laguna Beach*, a unanimous three-judge panel of the 4th District Court of Appeal set aside the city's attempt to retire its 1981 historic resources inventory.

The 45-year-old inventory came from a survey of more than 700 pre-1940 homes that had retained their original appearance and architectural integrity. In 1982, the city council formally recognized it as “a listing of the best representative examples of historically significant architecture within the City of Laguna Beach.”

But over the years, the city argued, the inventory became overinclusive and underinclusive. It included properties that had been demolished or altered and omitted others that might have qualified as historic. Rather than update the inventory, the city removed all references to it from the municipal code, expanded incentives for a voluntary register and clarified that owner consent was required for inclusion. In 2020, the Laguna Grande City Council granted itself a CEQA shortcut called a “negative declaration,” concluding that the changes would not have a significant adverse effect on historic properties. Preservation groups sued, and the Court of Appeal sided with them.

The court’s opinion is not a romantic defense of every old cottage, but it is a demanding reading of CEQA provisions that treat a “substantial adverse change” in the significance of a historical resource as an important environmental impact requiring analysis in an EIR. Under CEQA, properties on a local register of historical resources are presumed to be historically significant. The court held that rebutting that presumption requires evidence showing that each property is not historically significant — not merely a finding that the inventory is outdated, overbroad or underinclusive.

The decision illustrates how the land-use process has been distorted by NIMBYism in California for the past 50 years. Creating a development restriction is cheap. Any “expert” opinion or survey, a simple resolution, a historic overlay or a design review board can be adopted by a local majority and then enforced by anyone with standing to sue. The people who already own housing benefit from the scarcity, while the people who would have lived in new units do not get a vote. Neighbors who like the status quo have every reason to litigate.

Laguna Beach learned that undoing a restriction is a lot harder than creating one. The decision puts California's housing goals, including here in Carmel, further out of reach.

BEST of BATES



“Nice pot, but we just want a salami on rye.”

Letters to the Editor

What are your views?

Dear Editor,

Carmel Residents Association board members are deeply committed community volunteers with diverse backgrounds and valuable points of view. Serving on the CRA board does not restrict members from expressing individual opinions on civic issues, candidates or ballot measures.

When the CRA board takes an official position, it does so after discussion and agreement by a clear majority. Any board-approved public statement is explicitly prefaced with “on behalf of the CRA board.”

During this election season, our board:

■ Has not taken a position in support of or opposition to tax Measures M or N. Instead, we direct voters to public information and the resources provided by the Citizens Committee.

■ Will not endorse candidates. Instead, we provide information and a forum for residents to hear directly from the candidates.

We will continue to provide public information about these ballot measures and candidates through our website and newsletters. Our board remains committed to carrying out its mission on behalf of residents, informing and engaging the community, and welcoming diverse

viewpoints among board members and the membership.

What are your views?

Nancy Twomey and the CRA board

Carmel's future

Dear Editor,

Last Thursday evening at Sunset Center, I attended a community meeting hosted by Citizens for Carmel's Future and left more hopeful about our village's finances than I have been in years.

Kelly Brezoczky and Jim Beck delivered an outstanding, fact-based presentation. They laid out the predicament we face: roughly \$100 million in deferred maintenance on our streets, storm drains and buildings. This did not happen overnight, and it will not be fixed overnight. But we can fix it if we commit to a disciplined 10-year capital plan and hold ourselves accountable.

What impressed me most is that the city has already done the hard part. The council worked with staff to significantly reduce operating expenditures and redirect nearly \$6 million toward deferred maintenance on critical infrastructure. It established a financial stewardship committee to bring rigor, transparency and accountability to budgeting and spending. The city is adopting key performance indicators — a first for Carmel — that will allow our new leadership team and residents to measure whether the work is being done efficiently.

That leaves a \$4 million annual gap, which Measures M and N on the November ballot are projected to close. Measure

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She found joyful living — and helps others to do the same

“I HAVE always been a seeker,” Arayeh Norouzi said, quoting the poet Rumi, who wrote, “Where have I come from? What was I born to do? Where am I going at last? Won’t you show me my true home?” Norouzi’s path was circuitous and bumpy, but she found what she was born to do and her true home as a “joyful-living coach” in Pacific Grove.

Norouzi’s work blends what she calls “mindfulness, neuroscience, conscious communication, and heart-centered awareness,” She has a Ph.D. in psychology underpinning her work, which focuses on encouraging clients to see problems as opportunities for growth. She also guides people to break bad habits and release stress in favor of a peaceful and mindful existence.

Flags, maps

Born and raised in Tehran, Norouzi left Iran in 1996. Her father had won the green card lottery, but she was 21 years and 2 months old, which was exactly two months too old to get a green card with her parents, who emigrated anyway. Norouzi set off on her own, finding her way to Canada with \$1,000 in her pocket.

But she really wanted to live in the United States. She had always felt like it was a calling to come to this country. “Growing up, my room was covered with American flags and maps. Maybe that’s why I feel really grateful to be in the United States,” she said.

In Canada, she studied computer science and got married, but her husband was abusive, and they were divorced. After finishing her studies, Norouzi moved to the Monterey area — where her parents were living — on a work visa as a computer programmer.

As fate would have it, a mutual friend set her up with an Iranian-Canadian transplant who shared her career. Her friend insisted they were a perfect match. Her future husband was living in London for a work project, and the couple courted over the phone for four months before she flew to London to meet him.

Back to Canada

“I had promised my parents I would listen to them this time around,” she said. They had mutual acquaintances in Iran, so her mom could vet and approve of him. With her parents’ blessing, the couple wed in Iran and moved back to Canada. Norouzi pursued a master’s degree in computer electrical engineering and during her graduate studies, she had two children, a

girl and a boy.

“When my daughter was 2 years and 3 months, my son was born. I wasn’t prepared for sibling rivalry,” she said. That’s when she began to read parenting books, but they didn’t help. Struggling with parenting — and in keeping with her curious nature — she kept seeking, including calling a coaching company for help.

Around the same time, she resigned from her job, unfulfilled by the work of computer programming. Then she took an unusual — but revealing — step.

“I reached out to 40 people I knew and asked them what I was good at,” she said. Most of her friends thought she was a good teacher, but teaching computer programming didn’t appeal to her at all. She thought about taking up coaching, but her visa’s restrictions didn’t permit self-employment. Instead, she went back to school, this time pursuing a Ph.D. in psychology. Her doctoral research examined the real-world effects of one-minute mindful breathing “microbreaks” among busy employees, including the relationship between brief pauses, present-moment attention, recovery and well-being.

Deeply personal

Norouzi also discovered Shefali Tsabary, a renowned clinical psychologist who gave a name to and popularized the Conscious Parenting movement. It helped in Norouzi’s own parenting and influenced her coaching practice. When she finished her dissertation in 2019, she began focusing on life coaching as well as coaching parents in Conscious Parenting.

Her work is deeply personal. She is passionate about helping her clients break



Arayeh Norouzi

Great Lives

By SALLY BAHO

free from inner wounds and find their potential while living a happy and mindful life. In 2022, she wrote the book, “The Art of Living in Joy: Five Practical Steps to Transform Life Challenges into Joy and Harmony.” She developed the system based on her own growth experiences, as well as her work with her clients. Her five-step program uses the acronym PAUSE, meaning pause and breathe, accept things as they are and feel the feelings, understand thoughts and triggers, search for a different perspective, and eliminate fear and proceed with love. Her book has been

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Inspirations from fresh air, fog, and a cute Yorkie-poodle mix

THE PROFESSIONAL career of Elizabeth McDermott May, a behavioral health specialist, has largely been about helping clients elucidate and navigate the mysterious fog in their lives and find a pathway into the sunshine.

“I love my work,” declared the long-time Carmel Valley resident, a plein air artist whose subjects include the often foggy Monterey Peninsula as well as the dramatic, sunny skies of Santa Fe, N.M.

At times, those worlds have intermingled.

As a worker for Monterey County’s Behavioral Health Division, May often used art and nature as tools of illumination in her practice. And she frequently found solace at her own easel after a challenging day at work.

“It could be so difficult. We treated a lot of people with severe mental health issues ... a lot of homeless people. We’d have a suicide here and there. Losing somebody could be heartbreaking,” May said.

Nature, art, and Bucky

For May, painting sometimes has been a catharsis, a joy, and a release she often shared with clients through art-therapy sessions.

“Some suffered from severe depression and never got out, so we’d take them to a beach to look for found objects, and we’d make collages. Or we’d make mandalas (circular designs), or do meditation, or write haikus that we’d print and hang up,” she said. “For a lot of those clients, I think it was one of the most enjoyable things they had in their lives.”

Her passion for the outdoors, “being one with nature,” is a reason May loves the challenges of plein air art: rapidly changing light, unpredictable weather, remote locations, and occasional wildlife and bugs are part of the adventure.

Indoors or in the wild, May frequently paints alongside her docile muse, Bucky, a Yorkie-poodle mix.

Her skillful portfolio of oil paintings is teeming with Central Coast seascapes and landscapes (misty, foggy, sunny), shady lakes, luminous florals.

In New Mexico, where she has a second home, she gravitates toward blooming cacti, dramatic mesas, mountains, canyons and bosques, and Southwest adobe architecture.

Mom and Mighty Mouse

Her art education dates back to a childhood as the second-born of seven children who convened around a 6-foot table in their Connecticut home with watercolors and paper furnished by their artistic mother.

“Remember Mighty Mouse? My mom (Gloria Florence Gregory) was an illustrator for Terrytoons,” May said, referring to the New York-based company responsible for the heroic cartoon rodent, as well as Deputy Dawg, Heckle and Jeckle, Tom Terrific, Hector Heathcote, Dinky Duck and many other animated Saturday morning legends.

“She was all done with that job when I came along — she was designing cards for Norcross Greeting Cards by then — but I have warm memories of those beautiful little characters,” she said. “I’m sure my mom had a lot of impact on my desire to become an artist. Whenever you start

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

something that young, I think it sticks with you.”

But May leaned into her practical side after high school, majoring in social work and minoring in art at Southern Connecticut State University, where her father, Thomas Manning McDermott, was an English professor.

“I rode my bike to college through sleet and snow for four years,” remembered May, who collected her undergraduate degree and moved to a warmer climate — Oakland — to study at the California College of Arts and Crafts.

“I started in graphic arts there, but everything was switching to digital then — a whole different kind of process,”

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Carmel Valley plein air painter Elizabeth May, shown here with her muse, Bucky, intermingled art with a 25-year career as a mental health professional in Monterey County.

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LETTERS

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M would raise the hotel tax by 2%, matching Monterey and Pacific Grove, or about \$5 on a \$250 room. Measure N would add 0.375% to the sales tax, or about 19 cents on a \$50 purchase. Overnight guests would pay Measure M entirely, and visitors would pay a significant share of Measure N. Most of this new revenue would come from those who visit and enjoy Carmel, helping them share the cost of maintaining it.

Strong fiscal oversight and modest new revenue are how a small, beautiful town takes care of what it has inherited. I will vote yes on Measures M and N, and I encourage my neighbors to do the same.

Thank you to Citizens for Carmel’s Future for a thoughtful, well-prepared presentation and its continuing effort to keep residents informed. More information is available at supportcarmelsfuture.org.

Laura Bowling,
Carmel

Tax measures

Dear Editor,

Tax increases are about as popular as root canals, but in some cases, they are just as essential.

Measure M would raise the transient occupancy tax, or hotel tax, on hotel bills from 10% to 12%. This would not hurt a bit if you are a Carmel-by-the-Sea resident because visitors would pay it. And it would not be all that painful for anyone, since the increase would amount to \$5 on a \$250 bill. It would also put about \$2 million a year toward much-needed repairs.

Measure N would raise the sales tax by 0.375%. Anyone who buys just about anything in Carmel would pay this, including residents. Say you are feeling spendy and take two to eight people out to dinner, and the bill reaches \$1,000. Your total would increase by \$3.75. If you order only salads and the bill is \$500, the added cost would be \$1.88. Can you handle that? If you can

and vote for this modest increase, the city would receive about \$2 million more in annual revenue.

Please vote yes on Measures M and N.

Joe DiNucci, *Carmel*

Dramov for council

Dear Editor,

We are writing to endorse Alissandra Dramov for reelection to the Carmel City Council. Having known Alissandra as a friend and neighbor, we have seen first-hand the dedication, integrity and preparation she brings to our community.

Having lived in Carmel-by-the-Sea for most of her life, Alissandra has a deep, personal connection to our village. As the author of four books about the town’s history and a former journalist, she has a unique talent for synthesizing complex facts and truly listening to residents. Her four years of volunteer service on the council have shown that she is always well-prepared, deeply knowledgeable about our general plan and committed to protecting the unique character of our village.

Alissandra is a collaborative leader who works effectively with the current council to get things done for the benefit of everyone who lives here. It is a true pleasure to recommend her. We hope you will join us in voting to reelect Alissandra Dramov this fall so she can continue her work for Carmel.

Tasha Witt and Dylan Witt, *Carmel*

CUSD comments

Dear Editor,

In last week’s article, “Battle Over CUSD Budget Gets Heated,” my comments from the Sept. 9 board meeting were inaccurately described as being directed simply at “administration.” In my remarks, I very specifically said “district office administration.” I want to make it clear that the failings I cited are not the fault or responsibility of Carmel High School Principal Libby Duethman, but rather of those in charge at the district office.

Shelley Grahl,
CHS English teacher

TRAIN

From page 1A

no, no — make it an Uber Black, which, according to the report, charged \$40 for a trip of less than a mile in downtown Sacramento.

You can see why the report is attracting eyeballs, but what deserves more scrutiny is the fact that high-speed rail has been taking taxpayers to the cleaners from the start.

Voters approved the construction of a bullet train from San Francisco to Los Angeles in 2008 after being told it would cost \$33 billion and be completed by 2020. There were dreams of eventually adding lines to Sacramento and the Inland Empire in later phases.

Six years past that deadline, no track has been laid. Meanwhile, the cost estimate for the original project has ballooned to \$126 billion, and the objective has shifted from the original vision to a rail line through the Central Valley — where the state has acquired only enough land to get you from Madera to somewhere near Wasco.

Wait, where is Wasco?

You may have it, but California’s current focus is not the already shorter-than-promised 171-mile rail line from Merced to Bakersfield, but an even smaller, 119-mile stretch from Madera to Wasco — though not actually in Wasco.

“It’s called Poplar Avenue. It’s not a city. It’s not a town. I think it’s near Wasco, so it is out in an orchard,” Inspector General Benjamin Belnap told California Politics 360 this week about the bullet train’s southernmost stop.

If you missed the news that California’s train to nowhere is headed to farmland nowhere near you, it’s understandable. Last September, at a news conference on climate and energy in San Francisco, a reporter asked Gov. Gavin Newsom about the status of California’s high-speed rail. Newsom replied:

“We’re on the other side. We’re actually laying track. We’re on the other side of all the environmental concerns. We’re on the other side of all the acquisitions.”

The reality is that the first pieces of track won’t be laid until November at the earliest, more than a year after Newsom told the public it was already happening. As for land acquisition, the state has cleared the way from Madera to the bustling metropolis of Wasco, but there are obstacles to extending the route farther south or north.

Twelve miles south, the Shafter City Council recently approved a 1,200-home development in the planned path of the bullet train, throwing a major wrench into efforts to reach Bakersfield.

“It’s raw land, we own it, and we plan to develop it,” Walter Diamond of Lennar Homes said during a Shafter planning meeting in April.

City staff told The Fresno Bee in August that the rail authority had not even begun buying land in the area, leaving Shafter with no basis to block the housing plan.

To the north, in Merced, there is still debate over where the depot will go.

Residents were promised a downtown station, but now the state is considering passing them up for a stop on the outskirts of town near Highway 140. The rail authority says the move would benefit Yosemite tourism and be cheaper than purchasing a right of way through downtown because it hasn’t bought the land there, either.

So much for land acquisition being out of the way.

Spending as success

In the absence of progress on an actual train, the California High-Speed Rail Authority continues to shift toward measuring its success by how much money it spends. Sections of its website and messages from CEO Ian Choudri are dedicated to the jobs it has created, and the authority’s 2026 business plan takes care to point out that the bullet train is more than a transportation project — it’s an “economic impact” project, too.

To date, high-speed rail has cost taxpayers \$15 billion. Of that, \$9.5 billion has gone toward labor income. But don’t worry — even though there are no tracks to show for it — that labor income has contributed to an estimated \$24.5 billion in economic output for California.

You see, when those workers and contractors, who have built nothing usable, spend their paychecks on cars, housing, fuel and groceries, that’s economic output. Under that logic, one may fairly argue that Uber Black rides to tiki bars are part of the state’s successful infusion of cash into the economy.

What the authority’s business plan doesn’t point out is that the \$9.5 billion taken from taxpayers is money they could have used to stimulate the economy by spending it on their families. Using spending as a measure of success for a government project would mean no state program could ever be deemed a flop and any expenditure could be justified as contributing to commercial activity.

The business plan estimates that when the original Phase 1 route from San Francisco to Los Angeles is completed — at a date yet to be determined — it will generate \$70.1 billion in labor income and \$173 billion in economic output.

Yet even laying track between Madera and Wasco — Phase 1 of Phase 1, if you will — has become a real challenge for the rail authority. In his interview with California Politics 360, the inspector general said the story that should be making headlines is that high-speed rail is headed for a “cash crisis.”

Lawmakers did not include funding for the project in the state budget this summer, and the authority is now expected to run out of money in December 2027. High-speed rail was supposed to receive \$1 billion annually through 2045 from California’s Cap-and-Invest Program, but a rule change has created uncertainty about how much money it will receive.

A July review by the inspector general warned that the authority faces a huge funding gap unless California borrows billions of dollars to keep construction on schedule. The next opportunity to authorize that borrowing will come next summer.



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WITH THE goal of raising enough money to pay for critical firefighting equipment, Mid Coast Fire Brigade presents its annual Harvest Moon Ball Saturday, 7 p.m., at the Glen Deven Ranch in Big Sur.

“We are in need of replacing all of our outdated self-contained breathing apparatus,” Chief Cheryl Goetz told The Pine Cone.

To help raise the \$172,000 needed to pay for the equipment, the fundraiser will feature a silent auction with prizes like four VIP tickets to the 2027 International Car Week’s Concorso Italiano, a six-course dinner for eight at the oceanfront home of a local culinary aficionado, a Land Rover “driving experience,” stays at local resorts, art and much more. Donors can pay by cash or credit card.

Besides the auction, the gathering features a taco bar,

hors d’oeuvres and crafted drinks, along with live music by Big Sur singer and guitarist Stas Mari, and Vintage Point, a Santa Cruz-based classic rock band.

Carpooling suggested

Founded in 1978, the brigade’s roster includes fewer than a dozen firefighters who cover 32 square miles of steep and forested terrain on the north Big Sur coast — along with 11 miles along Highway 1.

Glen Deven Ranch is located at 37102 Palo Colorado Road. Parking is limited and carpooling is suggested. “If you need assistance walking up the dirt road, please let the firefighters and/or board members know as you drive in so we can assist you,” Goetz added.

Visit midcoastfirebrigade.org for more details.

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translated into Farsi and was recently published in Iran.

Norouzi practices what she preaches. She loves nature and walks along the coast with her husband regularly. “I go to Asilomar every other day,” she said. She has even started a monthly meetup, “Joy by the Sea,” at Asilomar on the last Saturday of every month. She teaches Conscious Parenting at the P.G. Adult School, volunteers at the Center for Spiritual Living and can be found at her “office” — Crema at Lover’s Point — almost daily. She sees private clients and simply adores living in Pacific Grove. Her children are grown, but she even coaches them ... joyfully.



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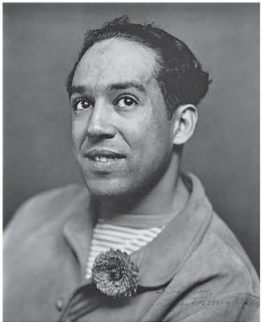
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Grief groups offer places to talk about the unspeakable

By LILY PATTERSON

THERE IS no step-by-step plan for living — and growing — through the pain of a death. The Salinas-based Papillon Center for Loss and Transition instead offers free weekly bereavement groups so people can say the things even family cannot.

Grief specialist Joy Smith has noticed that pattern for years.

“Family members and friends often try to protect one another and will withhold talking about their loss,” she said. “In a support group, the goal is to help people feel they are not alone and to be able to share this most difficult of human experiences.”

Papillon runs three sessions a week: an in-person gathering Tuesday around lunchtime, a Zoom group Wednesday evenings — its longest-running — and a Spanish-language session Saturday mornings, also online.

Smith and marriage and family therapist Helen Grady started the nonprofit in 2013 after their work — and their own losses — convinced them grief needed to come out from behind closed doors. The groups have been offered at no cost from the start.

Smith, a facilitator, is an oncology nurse educator known for helping establish the palliative care program at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. Palliative medicine, offered to people living with serious illness, is often mistaken for

hospice. It covers a broader range of care over a longer stretch of life, from medicine that eases the side effects of chemotherapy, to advanced-care planning.

For four decades, Smith said, her work has been “supporting people grieving the loss of health and the loss of a loved one.” And about six years ago, she found a vital partner in Coastal Kids Home Care.

Butterflies

Bereavement counseling is one piece of Coastal Kids’ work, which also includes skilled nursing, physical and occupational therapy, social work, care management and home-based palliative and end-of-life care for children with terminal medical conditions. For 20 years, the Salinas nonprofit has served more than 12,000 youths with cancer and other life-limiting illnesses in Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Santa Clara counties. Most live at or below the poverty line and receive in-home nursing through Medi-Cal. Some receive direct financial help from the nonprofit.

Papillon borrows its name from the French word for butterfly, and its founders say the winged creature leaving the darkness of a cocoon stands for “the transformation that can take place in the grieving process.” Coastal Kids, they found, was offering similarly cathartic support for children facing the recent or impending loss of



a sibling.

Even the youngest can use play-based therapy like painting, coloring and cards that show different emotions. “Older children are more capable of sharing and voicing what they’re going through,” said behavioral services manager Jeanette Lemus. Licensed clinicians work one-on-one with children ages 5 to 21, she said, and have recently added general counseling for anx-

iety and depression.

Counselors also meet with parents, and a social worker helps with administrative and financial tasks whose psychological and emotional tolls can’t be overstated. Still, Lemus said, “there are a lot of things we aren’t privy to as a healthcare team.”

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HEALTHYLIFESTYLES

Making room for community amid love and loss

By ELAINE HESSER

FUNERAL DIRECTOR and award-winning poet Thomas Lynch of De-troit has said, “By getting the dead where they need to go, the living get where they need to be.”

It’s a good summary of how Michelle Price, general manager of The Paul Mortu-ary in Pacific Grove and its sister property, Bayside Community Mortuary in Seaside, thinks about her work.

“When I was a kid, a lot of people in my family died in a short time, and all that exposure to funeral homes took the fear out of it,” she said.

After a school career talk dampened her enthusiasm for becoming a coroner — she couldn’t see herself in law enforcement — she became interested in mortuary work. She enrolled at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Oregon, one of 58 ac-credited programs in 33 states, to learn the business and earn licenses as a crematory manager, funeral director, embalmer and insurance agent (for “pre-need” insurance).

In 2014, she moved to the Monterey Peninsula and took her first job at Bayside. She left the area for two years, but in 2022, Dignity Memorial invited her back to man-age Bayside and The Paul, which just com-pleted its first renovation in two decades.

“I said, ‘Our families deserve better.’ It was out of date,” she recalled. “There was dark green wallpaper and heavy draper-ies.” The word “gothic,” she said, applied.

“We took it down to the studs, put in a new roof and ceiling, re-stuccoed the walls and repainted. We wanted it to be warm and inviting but not dreary for the fami-lies. It should be somewhere people can be comfortable. We want to bring a brightness to it.”

Freed of their ponderous curtains, the windows allow light to pour into the white-

walled chapel, which can accommodate 100 people and can be decorated and per-sonalized for each funeral or celebration of life.

A pleasant room helps, but it’s not enough. Studies suggest Americans are no more afraid of dying than anyone else. We just aren’t very good at talking about it.

The euphemisms pile up. People do not die — they pass away, move on, kick the bucket, meet their maker, go the way of all flesh or, to borrow from “Hamlet,” “shuffle off this mortal coil.”

‘Really lonely’

Avoiding the subject, however, can iso-late the bereaved.

“Grief is really lonely,” Price observed. “We open a space for people to tell stories about their loved one, who the person was and what their life was.”

She also takes the legal paperwork off families’ hands and, if necessary, can ar-range any appropriate honors through the Department of Veterans Affairs — a flag, an honor guard, burial in a national ceme-tery and so on. Such benefits are available to many who served, even if they did not stay until retirement. Having a DD Form 214, the discharge paperwork that verifies veteran status, considerably expedites that process, Price noted.

Talking with family in advance about what should happen to a body is an act of love. Disagreements in the charged days and weeks after a death can turn bitter.

If relatives cannot agree on a budget, a casket or urn, or burial versus cremation, Price said her role is to supply information and suggest compromises, then let the fam-ily decide. Without an advance directive



Michelle Price is general manager of two local mortuaries. She’s shown here with urns and keepsakes to remind loved ones of those who have died.

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Caring means planning ahead

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

SHARY FARR was 15 years old when she lost her mother, who was 38. She had actually been losing her for quite some time, and the alcohol finally won. When meeting with an attorney to go over her mother's effects, it wasn't the stocks and bonds or the deed to the house that Farr hoped for, but the note.

"Wasn't there a note?" she asked the attorney. Surely there was something that said, "I'm sorry. It's not your fault. I love you." This could have helped heal the parts of the teen that money or jewelry or somebody's vase would not. Without finding her mother's heart in words written in her own hand, Farr's wounds would take much longer to heal.

She had been thinking about birth and

death, living and dying, since she was 6. What began then became a life's work.

Some of that came from reading about ancient Egypt and the rituals that honored the dying and escorted them into the afterlife. It suggested a more peaceful passing for those who were leaving and those left behind.

"After my mother died, it was my curiosity about death and dying that allowed me to separate from her death," Farr said. "I had come into life with a 'class schedule,' meaning a sense of purpose and an understanding of what I was meant to do. And this was it."

In 2000, Farr and Michelle Rico Wildson

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Dr. Lisa Dwelle (left) is taking over Partners for Transitions from Shary Farr (center) and Michelle Rico Wildson (right). The business assists people in making and documenting end-of-life plans.



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Coastal Kids took the program under its wing in 2020, and when Smith called, hoping to expand her groups, the fit was immediate.

“Joy is a person of great vision, and I felt we shared core values. We both wanted to figure out how to make this program more robust,” Lemus said.

In our “grief-illiterate” society, as Smith terms it, suppressing the emotions brought on by death is how most of us manage to carry on — especially with losses so profound as a spouse or child, miscarriage or stillbirth, overdose or violence, or even a beloved pet.

Language, culture and religion all can keep people from talking about death with strangers, however sympathetic they may be. Lemus said outreach is often as small as a page about Papillon in a packet that also lists nearby mortuaries, community resources, and a checklist for parents facing a child’s terminal prognosis.



Joy Smith

Older wounds

“It starts with something that simple, just to crack the door open and say ‘Here are some options, why don’t you read this over and we can talk about them at our next visit?’” she said.

Papillon also partners with Salinas Valley Health. A simple intake form is posted on the healthcare group’s website, and Papillon gets referrals from social workers, clinicians and doctors, Lemus said.

Compellingly, Smith has found that some group members don’t want to talk about a death from this year or last year, but from childhood. “Grieving children revisit their loss as they grow developmentally, during puberty, into their teens, as a young adult, and again as an adult, especially if they have children of their own,” she said.

Whether the death was sudden, or the sadness, anxiety, anger and resentment built for months, Smith said there is only one way through.

“In both scenarios, people have to process the death event — talk about it, relive it — before the memories begin to shift to those of the life their loved one lived, not

the death itself.”
Zoom sessions and the weekly in-person group at Coastal Kids’ downtown Salinas office are drop-in. The 90-minute meetings usually open with a prompt or poem,

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Butternut squash breakfast scramble

Courtesy Fuad Al Qudsi, FuadFit.com

LEFTOVER SQUASH often finds its way into soups, salads or purées. Here’s a nice way to change it up: Put it in your breakfast.

Since this is from regular contributor Fuad Al Qudsi, a registered dietitian (see bio), you know it’s going to be packed with nutrition.

The portion of butternut squash used in this dish has just 41 calories but provides almost 2/3 of the recommended daily value of vitamin A, along with 12% of necessary fiber and 17% of vitamin C.

Two whole eggs provide 25% of daily protein as well as 42% of vitamin B12. Using egg whites drops the cholesterol to zero, but nearly all of the vitamins and minerals and about half the protein are contained in the yolks.

Avocados add “good” monounsaturated fat along with significant amounts of potassium and folate. Don’t underestimate the power of presentation, either — the green slices of avocado look awfully nice with the orange squash.

Since this is a scramble, you can throw in anything you might have on hand. No butternut squash? No problem. Acorn, delicata, Hubbard and many other firm gourds will work just as well. Even if you don’t have any left from last night’s dinner, the recipe includes quick-cooking instructions for the microwave.

It’s probably not necessary to say how great for you kale is, but it’s not everyone’s favorite leafy green. If you want to swap in some spinach, go right ahead. If you’re feeling bold, sprinkle a little (1/8 to 1/4 tea-

spoon) ground nutmeg into the scramble. It plays especially well with spinach, squash and eggs.

A good rule of thumb for cooking scrambled eggs is to take them off the heat while they still look a little wetter than you’d like. If you wait until they look right, by the time they hit the plate, they’ll be dry.

Finally, if you’re old-school, this is a good recipe to clip and stick on the fridge with a magnet. The morning after Thanksgiving, you’ll need that energy to go shopping.

INGREDIENTS
(Serves 1)

- 1/2 cup butternut squash (1/2-inch cubes, skin removed)
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1/2 cup chopped kale
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/3 avocado, sliced
- 1 slice whole wheat toast

Place cubed squash with water in a covered bowl. Microwave on high for 6 minutes and then set aside.

Add oil and kale to a pan and sauté on medium heat until kale begins to soften, about 3 minutes. Then add squash to the pan along with eggs, scrambling until eggs reach desired firmness.

Serve the scramble with avocado on top and toast on the side.



Chef Bio

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

Even though he was interested in food and nutrition, his professional path took a different turn when he obtained a degree in geology and worked as an environmental engineer. Twenty years ago, when he moved to San Francisco, he decided to become a certified personal trainer. His in-



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often on gratitude, then a check-in and introductions.

Smith and clinical counselor Kevin Glenn lead the Wednesday group. No one is obligated to speak. “Facilitators lean in to what the group needs and the time of year,” Lemus said.

Talk may turn to survivors’ guilt, dating after widowhood, or getting through holidays, birthdays and other “marker days.”

The aim, Smith said, is growth.

“With time, people can integrate this experience and recognize their bravery, the new connections they have made, a shift in the way they view the preciousness of time.”

Some participants stay on as grief companions, trained volunteers paired with newcomers who have had a similar loss.

“They’ve really put in the work to heal and have become a valuable resource for someone else,” Lemus said. She named longtime Community Hospital cancer-center volunteer Chuck Obeso-Bradley of Hollister, who has served for years after the deaths of his son and later his wife.

Not alone

In a testimonial, he wrote that much of the work is “simply showing up and letting folks know they are not alone — and that time will make things better.”

Through Coastal Kids, Papillon is supported by the Hospice Giving Foundation in Monterey, the Montage Health and Monterey Peninsula foundations, and private gifts — “many from folks who know Joy personally, and the result and impact of her work,” Lemus said.

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don formed Partners for Transitions, a non-medical, nonlegal program meant to foster security, well-being and peace for people anticipating or moving through life’s hardest changes. Wilsdon, who holds a degree in elementary education, later became a certified senior advisor and worked as a homecare coordinator in Seattle. After she and her husband moved to the Monterey Peninsula, she and Farr — long eager to work together — finally did.

Clients want to be pain-free and to have their affairs in order — paperwork, estate plans and relationships, Wilsdon said — so those they love are not left to hunt and interpret in their absence.

Farr added: “In addition to financial and estate planning, there may be issues we haven’t resolved, things for which we haven’t forgiven ourselves or others. I had a client who, after a near-death experience, said, ‘Had I known how incredible it is on the other side, I would have forgiven myself for so many things.’ This helps us feel free to live and free to go.”

People who die without a plan — or who enter assisted living or skilled nursing with affairs unfinished — risk leaving mystery, unfinished business and financial worry for the people they love, Farr said.

Sometimes the work is as simple as saying the quiet things out loud. Are we afraid of the dark? Allergic to peanuts? In need of our cat? Unwilling to undergo heroic measures at the end of life?

“Including adult children in end-of-life planning can be scary, particularly when people don’t want to think about death and loss,” Wilsdon said. “But it can be interpreted as a huge gift to let them know what our wishes are so they can put an authentic plan in place.” That can include writing farewell letters to the people they love, so that nothing is left unsaid.

New era

After decades of transition counseling, Farr and Wilsdon are retiring. They will keep working with current clients while turning the practice over to retired family physician Lisa Dwelle, who will serve as principal consultant and walk beside peo-

ple as they make end-of-life decisions.

“The medical system is capable of keeping people alive, sometimes longer than they want,” Dwelle said. “I want people to realize they have a choice. Having a plan in place helps alleviate fear and, for loved ones, regret.”

Dwelle believes end-of-life planning should be a conversation. As beautiful as the ritual of birth can be, she said, dying can be the same.

Preventing trauma

She closed her family practice in 2016 to focus on her growing family, giving herself six to nine months to become a stay-at-home mom and make time for close friends and relatives. That pause did not end her wish to care for people.

“Particularly once our kids went off to college and graduated, it was time for me to ask what I wanted to do,” she recalled. “I started exploring the topics that make my blood boil and hearing stories of people in the final phases of life that did not go as they’d wished. Family medicine is about preventive care. I wanted to help prevent end-of-life trauma.”

Taking on Partners for Transitions, Dwelle wants people who treat life like a light switch — on, then off — to see that living and dying are long processes, full of questions too often left unanswered.

“I knew I wanted to do this. I needed to do this,” she said. She talked with friends and family, oncology nurse educator Joy Smith, and Dr. John Hausdorff, medical director of hospice and palliative care at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. She called Wilsdon a mentor.

Dwelle said she respects how long these practitioners have offered counsel with heart and a clear sense of what the end of life is — or should be.

“This isn’t about providing medical treatment,” Dwelle said. “It’s about helping people have the courage to say, ‘Are we good, here?’”

What Farr wanted at 15 was proof she was loved and not to blame for everything that had gone wrong for her mother. What Partners for Transitions offers is a way to put that proof in writing, so the people we leave behind inherit a plan, not a puzzle.

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

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naming someone to control disposition of the body, she explained, a majority of the family must approve the choice of cremation or burial.

Special makeup

Photos are “super helpful” when preparing a body, Price commented. Some cosmetics she uses are the same sold in drugstores. Embalmers also use longer-lasting mortuary makeup that does not depend on body heat or natural oils to stay in place.

In some cultures, family members help wash, dress or do the hair and makeup. Price said she can assist or “just be in the room” to answer questions and offer support.

Services can be as individual as the people they honor. In keeping with the idea of reducing isolation, if there’s just one mourner, Price or another staff member can keep that person company.

Every step of the process is approached thoughtfully. For example, after cremation, the mortuary offers a “release of ashes.” Even if there is no formal service, the urn is set in a quiet room with candles so loved ones can sit quietly before leaving with it.

Larger gatherings may be secular or led by a representative of a faith community.

Price said in one service, the deceased’s handmade quilts were displayed, and others have featured a shot-glass collection, superhero action figures, or guitars. In one case, she said, a motorcycle was wheeled inside.

People read favorite passages from books or poems, share memories or play live music. Slideshows are common.

Although parents may hesitate to bring children, Price pointed out that a child who has seen “Bambi” or “The Lion King” already has some understanding of death, and most youngsters grasp the basics by age 5 or 6.

“I think they should come,” Price said.

“Everybody is afraid of death and dying, and it’s good for kids to know they can be comforted.” It’s also important not to sugarcoat things.

“Don’t tell them, ‘They’ve gone to sleep,’” she cautioned. “They’ll be afraid to go to sleep.”

The family chooses the clothing that’s worn in the casket. If a favorite outfit — say, a military uniform — no longer fits, it can be tailored.

A Chinese tradition calls for putting paper money and at least one change of clothes in the coffin for the afterlife. Price said families often bring several outfits, which are placed under the “bed” beneath the body.

Cremation may be done with or without clothing. Besides an urn, loved ones can buy small keepsake containers or a necklace that bears a fingerprint. A slightly larger locket can hold a bit of the cremains, which can also be worked into sculptures and other mementos.

And yes, you can have ashes placed inside a container you provide, as long as it has a lid or some other way to close it securely, Price said.

“I’ve had people bring me cookie jars and lots of other things before.”

If there’s a casket, pallbearers can carry it at waist height or wheel it out on a bier. Carrying it on the shoulders is considered unsafe, Price said.

A reception room provides a place to set out food and drink. And all of it is meant to give mourners a way to say goodbye to a loved one with the support of their community.

Price’s job is the unglamorous half of Lynch’s quote. She gets the dead where they need to go — washed, documented, dressed, sometimes made up from a favorite photo, sometimes accompanied by special mementos — so the people left behind have somewhere to stand, something to do and a story they can tell out loud. For many, that is where peace begins.

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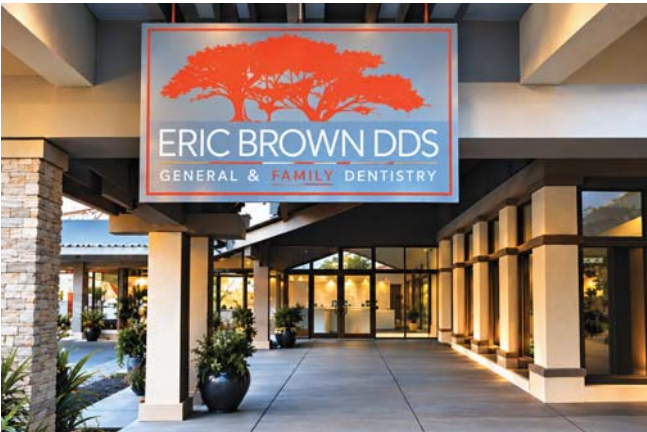


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GAVEL

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following clarification about the current status of the investigation.

The District Attorney’s Office has not received a request to file criminal charges against the 14-year-old Jane Doe, nor has our office received any investigative reports from law enforcement. As a result, our office has not made a charging decision regarding Jane Doe.

Law enforcement obtained a Ramey warrant, which is issued by a judge upon a finding of probable cause. A Ramey warrant is obtained through the court and is not reviewed or approved in advance by the District Attorney’s Office. The decision to seek such a warrant is made by law enforcement. Only the District Attorney’s Office is responsible for determining whether criminal charges will be filed.

The District Attorney’s Office has filed criminal charges against the girl’s biological father, Sergio Galvez Perez, for the heinous crime of sexually assaulting his own child. Child molestation is a serious and violent felony under California law, constitutes a strike under California’s three-strikes law and requires sex offender registration upon conviction. We are requesting that a warrant be issued for his arrest, and we call on him to turn himself in and face the charge against him.

We recognize that the 14-year-old is a victim of her father’s abuse. No child should ever have to endure such horrific circumstances. Our office works with victims of abuse every day and understands that children who have experienced abuse can face extraordinary barriers to safety and may be unable to seek help on their own, particularly when they are under the control or influence of an abuser. The responsibility for getting a child to safety does not rest with the child.

Our priority is to ensure that this young girl is safe and has access to the support and services she needs. If she is located, our District Attorney’s Office victim advocates and partner agencies are ready to assist her, connect her with resources and help ensure that she has the support she needs. Whether she is currently able to seek assistance or not, we want her to know that help is available and that our office and community partners are prepared to support her when she is able to access those services.

The District Attorney’s Office is also reviewing potential charges involving the girl’s mother. Those potential charges are unrelated to the infant’s death and the sexual assault allegedly committed by Sergio Galvez Perez. Because the investigation remains ongoing, we cannot comment further on those potential charges at this time.

We understand that there are many questions surrounding this heartbreaking case. Investigations develop as additional evidence is gathered, and charging decisions can change as new information becomes available. The District Attorney’s Office will carefully review any evidence provided to us and make charging decisions based on the facts and the law.

Our office remains committed to pursuing justice, holding offenders accountable and protecting the rights and dignity of victims, especially children who have experienced abuse.

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POLICE LOG

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 1

Monterey: A 59-year-old man was arrested on Casanova Avenue on suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance and on an out-of-jurisdiction warrant.

Monterey: Grand theft of a firearm reported on Glenwood Circle.

Monterey: Animal-related call on Taylor Street.

Monterey: Vandalism reported on David Avenue.

Monterey: A 45-year-old woman was arrested on Pacific Street for resisting a peace officer and disorderly conduct.

Monterey: Brandishing a firearm in a threatening manner reported on North Fremont Street.

Monterey: A 62-year-old woman was arrested on Ramona Avenue for violating probation, resisting a peace officer and violating a protective order, and on an outstanding felony warrant.

Monterey: A 42-year-old man was arrested on Olivier Street for battery and disorderly conduct.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Welfare check at Camino Real and

13th Avenue. Possible fraud.

Pacific Grove: Animal nuisance reported on 19th Street.

Pacific Grove: Two victims were defrauded of a total of \$250 on Grove Acre Avenue. The perpetrator is unknown.

Monterey: Fighting or challenging someone to fight in a public place reported on Tyler Street.

Monterey: A 44-year-old man was arrested on Lighthouse Avenue for disorderly conduct.

Monterey: Body found on Jessie Street.

Monterey: Camp abatement at Iris Canyon Road and Glenwood Circle.

Monterey: A 61-year-old man was arrested on Washington Street for a treatment-mandated felony act and possession of a narcotic controlled substance.

Monterey: Disorderly conduct on private property reported on Munras Avenue.

Monterey: An 18-year-old man was arrested at Del Monte Avenue and North Street for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, driving without a valid license and resisting a peace officer.

Monterey: A 19-year-old man was arrested on Alvarado Street for conspiracy to commit a crime and assault with a deadly weapon, and on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

Seaside: At approximately 12:29 p.m., a sergeant conducted a traffic stop near Gen. Jim Moore Boulevard and San Pablo Avenue. During the stop, officers contacted a known Norteño gang member and convicted felon. Officers saw drug paraphernalia in plain view and searched the vehicle. They

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: AirPods found at Del Mar and Scenic roads.

Pacific Grove: Battery occurred on Fifth Street. Report forwarded to the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office for prosecution.

Pacific Grove: Property found in the 200 block of Forest Avenue was turned in to the Police Department.

Pacific Grove: Habitual barking by a dog in a vehicle reported at Piedmont Avenue and Glen Lake Drive.

Monterey: A 42-year-old woman was arrested on Figueroa Street for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Monterey: Suspicious circumstances reported on Cass Street.

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Festival is set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Monterey County Fairgrounds.

Besides featuring the royalty of jazz, the festival showcases the thriving Monterey Peninsula jazz scene, with performances by **The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet**, **T.J. Kuenster and Ricketts Folly**, **The Zach Westfall Group**



Pulitzer Prize-winning trumpeter Wynton Marsalis takes the stage Friday at the Monterey Jazz Festival.

and singer **Janice Perl** and friends, along with student ensembles.

The longest-running jazz festival in the world since its inception in 1958, the three-day extravaganza will feature 74 performances from “iconic jazz masters and emerging artists” on five stages, along with a bustling marketplace of food vendors and artists.

Ticket prices range from \$65 for a single-day ground access pass to \$465 for a full-weekend arena package. The site is located at 2004 Fairground Road. Visit monterey-jazz.org for tickets or more details.

■ Sunset welcomes choir

Gospel music takes center stage when Sunset Center hosts a concert by **John “Johnny” L. Nash Jr. and the Monterey Peninsula Gospel Community Choir** Sunday at 5 p.m.

With Damien Sneed serving as guest conductor, the choir will be joined by violinist **John Wineglass** and singers **Dottie Jones**, **Charrisse Nelson**, **Elaina Lewis** and **Martin Woods**. They will pay tribute to the late composer, pianist and singer **Richard Smallwood**, offering a chance to “celebrate Gospel Heritage Month with an unforgettable evening of music, inspiration and community,” Sunset Center said.

Tickets start at \$21. Sunset Center is located at 908 San Carlos St. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit sunsetcenter.org.

■ Free folk music

In the latest installment in Sunset Center’s Terrace Hour series of free outdoor concerts, singer and guitarist **Sabelle** plays Friday at 6 p.m.



A three-time Grammy Award winner, bassist Ron Carter plays Friday and Sunday at the jazz festival.

“Inspired by artists like John Mayer and Kacey Musgraves, as well as the folk stylings of the ’60s and ’70s, Sabelle’s music blends eclectic soft-pop with country-folk,” according to Sunset Center. “A familiar presence on stages throughout the Central Coast and beyond, she has released five original songs and is currently writing and recording new music for her highly anticipated debut album.”

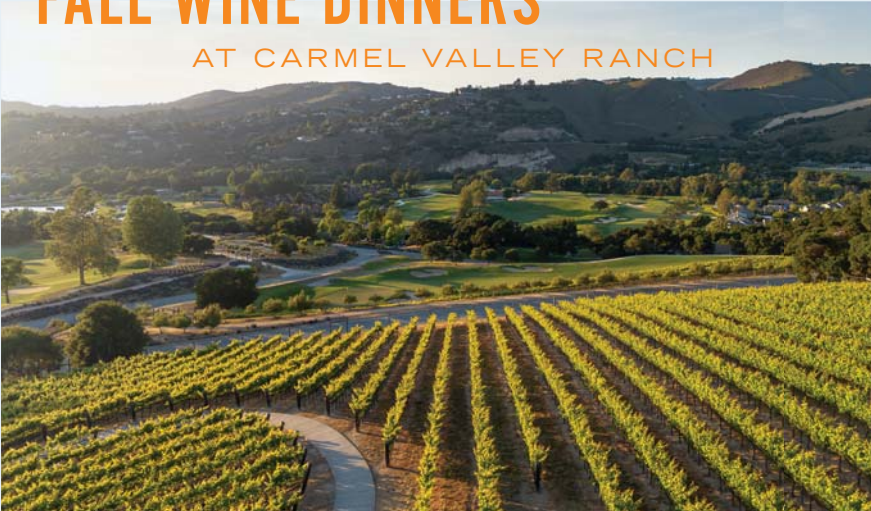
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Party at the Mission, wine at Grasing’s, and The Gig has landed

THERE SURE is a lot to do around here in the fall. The annual Taste of Carmel is back at the Mission, and on Oct. 1, beautiful people will sip great wines, taste outstanding food and dance off excess calories. There’s also an Oktoberfest market and celebration at P.G.’s Kimpton Mirador hotel, where you can shop for food and jewelry while enjoying a cold beer and some snacks. The daughter of one of the owners of the old Captain’s Gig is back at the restaurant — now The Gig — with her husband, who’s making his lifelong dream of being a restaurateur come true. Finally, a high-end winery is at the center of a special dinner at Grasing’s.

Grab a beverage and a snack — because this week’s column will make you hungry — and read on.

Fiesta at the Mission

The Carmel Chamber of Commerce’s 38th annual Taste of Carmel takes on an even more festive flair Oct. 1 with its colorful theme, Fiesta at the Mission. The event marks the chamber’s biggest fundraiser of the year and includes dozens of local restaurants, wineries, breweries and other vendors, along with live music and other fun. It typically draws several hundred people.

“Taste of Carmel is a celebration of everything that makes our community so special — the extraordinary culinary talent, the local businesses and the people who bring such energy and creativity to our region,” said chamber CEO and President Kati Enea. “We are thrilled to bring

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everyone together for a festive and memorable evening at the Carmel Mission.”

Taste of Carmel has been held at a handful of venues over the years, but it’s settled in at the Mission for nearly two decades, taking over its stunning historic courtyard and grounds. Participating chefs, restaurants, purveyors, wineries, breweries and others offer a range of small bites, sips and tastes to guests as they mingle, and plenty of local establishments are planning to impress with their delicious creations.



(From left) Clark and Toshia Struve, Quincy Struve Yaley and Mike Yaley at Fisherman’s Wharf, where the Yaleys recently took over what was the Tedesco family’s Paluca Trattoria. They named it The Gig in honor of the Captain’s Gig, which was operated by Struves in the space before the trattoria. The spot is popular with locals, tourists, and fans of “Big Little Lies,” which used it as a filming location.

Monterey Bay-area band Scarlet will perform live throughout the evening, ensuring that those who feel like dancing will get their wish. Scarlet is “known for its high-energy performances and crowd-favorite dance music,” and features Taylor Safina on vocals, Scott Dickson on guitar and vocals, Michael Chatfield on bass, Donnie Dickman on keys and Michael Kobrinsky on drums.

The doors open at 6 p.m. for general admission — \$200 per person, with a \$25 discount for chamber members — which includes a commemorative wine glass, tastings and live entertainment. (Guests should remember to hold onto their glasses, because the event often runs out.) VIP access is sold out. Online ticket sales close Sept. 29, and no tickets will be available at the door.

The event supports the chamber’s “year-round work to promote a thriving local economy and champion the businesses that make Carmel and the surrounding region such an extraordinary place to live, work and visit.”

Carmel Mission is located at 3080 Rio Road. Guests

must be 21 or older. Tickets and additional information are available at tasteofcarmel.org.

A new old Monterey restaurant

When Mike and Quincy Yaley took over Paluca Trattoria on Monterey’s Old Fisherman’s Wharf at the beginning of September, they renamed it The Gig. Quincy already knew her way around the place. Her family — the Struves — had been partners in the business with the Larson family back when it was The Captain’s Gig, known for its French dip sandwich, fish and chips, and clam chowder. She started working with her family and the Larson kids at age 10.

They had no icemaker back then, so one of the kids’ jobs was to take a 5-gallon bucket down the wharf and fill it with ice from the fishmongers.

See **THE GIG** next page

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MUSIC

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■ Singer in spotlight

Singer **Taylor P. Collins** steps into the spotlight Sunday at 1 p.m. when Embassy Suites in Seaside hosts its latest Jazz Jam.

“Ms. Collins has captivated audiences with multiple appearances at local Monterey festivals, as well as events across the West Coast and beyond,” singer and co-host **Lee Durley** told The Pine Cone. “Following the showcase, our open jam session welcomes professional performers to participate, and music lovers of all kinds are invited to come out and enjoy the afternoon.”

The event is free. Embassy Suites is at 1441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd.

■ A voice like none other

A heavy metal legend with a powerful voice that’s been compared to that of an opera singer, **Geoff Tate** takes the stage Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

After leading Queensrÿche during its heyday in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Tate split with the band in 2012. On his current tour, he and his latest band are performing Queensrÿche’s 1988 “Operation:

Mindcrime” album in its entirety.

Tickets start at \$47. The theater is at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

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■ Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Brad Wilson** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 46800 Highway 1.

Fernwood Resort — **Killer Whale** (psychedelic pop, southern R&B and West Coast surf, Wednesday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Henry Miller Library — singer and cellist **Joe Mann**, the acoustic duo **Victoria Lynn** and **Kelly Goldberg**, and cellist and multi-instrumentalist **Janel Leppin** (folk and Americana, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 48603 Highway 1.

■ Carmel

Carmel Mission Inn — singer and guitarist **Tom Faia** and singer **Kate Miller** (Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.), **Open Mic Night** (Wednesday at 5 p.m.). 3665 Rio Road.

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

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WINE

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\$250 per person and includes tax and tip.

Register at grasings.com. The restaurant is located at 483 Sixth Ave. in downtown Carmel.

■ Oktoberfest at the Kimpton

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Taste of Carmel will take over the courtyard of the historic Carmel Mission on Oct. 1, presenting local chefs, winemakers, brewers and others. Tickets include enough sampling to take care of the evening meal, along with dancing and general frivolity.

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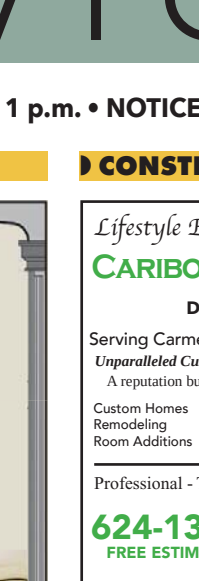
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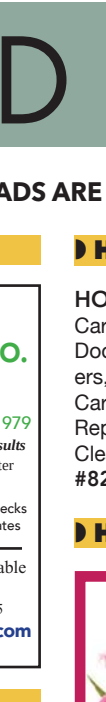
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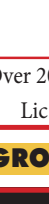
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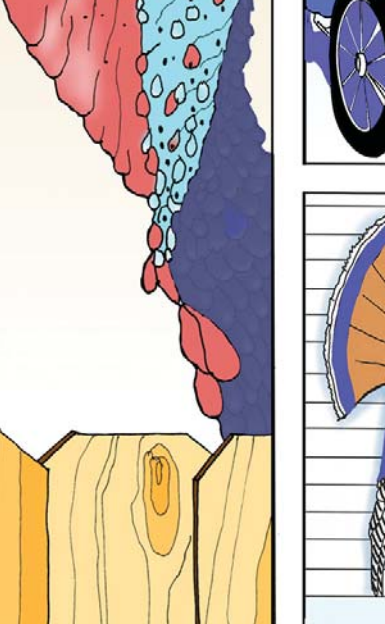
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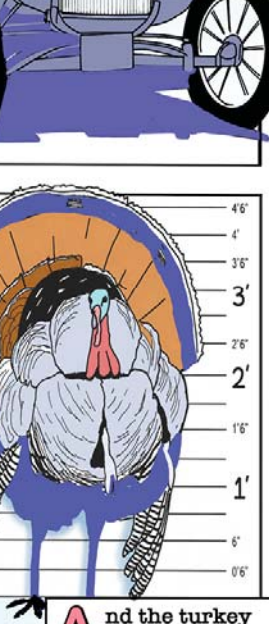
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Cypress Inn — singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, R&B and dance, Friday at 6:30 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and pop, Sunday at 11 a.m.), **The David Morwood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

Links Club — **The Sonic Band** (pop and funk, Saturday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, 526 Ocean Ave.

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

Carmel Valley

Baja Cantina — **The Money Band** (pop and rock, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 7166 Carmel Valley Road.

Bernardus Lodge — **Andrea’s Fault** (jazz and pop, Saturday at noon), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Edgar’s — **The Evergreen Duo** (soft rock, Friday at 5:30 p.m.). At **Quail Lodge**, 8205 Valley Greens Drive.

Folktales Winery — singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singers and guitarists **Maya and Keith Rayburn** (folk, Monday at 4 p.m.), singers and guitarists **Thomas Burks** and **Stephen Pavlik** (Tuesday at 4 p.m.), singer and keyboardist **Taylor Safina** and guitarist and bassist **Jesse DeCarlo** (Wednesday at 4 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Trailside Cafe — singer and guitarist **Scott Fenton**

(“acoustic alternative,” Sat., 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

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Albatross Ridge Winery — **The Rayburn Family** (folk and Americana, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma**. 316 Alvarado St.

Hyatt Regency Monterey — singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (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.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Midici Pizza — keyboardist **Murray Low** and bassist **Doug Pohorsky** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl-Astrup** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

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

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

Puma Road at Portola Place — singer and guitarist **Nick DiSalvo** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adam Behan** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

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

Sly McFly’s — **The Speakeasy Band** (pop and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The Rod Wilson Band** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), **Sean & the Skinwalkers** (rock and blues, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **Johnny Tsunami** (rock, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.



The longtime front man for Queensrÿche, Geoff Tate performs Wednesday at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

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.

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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 Al James Band** (rock and R&B, Saturday at 2 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.
The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Saturday at 5 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.



Killer Whale plays Wednesday, 10 p.m., at Fernwood Resort in Big Sur.

■ Sand City

Courtyard by Marriott — guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.). 800 Morgans Way.

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Is CARMEL’S BOHEMIAN SPIRIT STILL ALIVE?

MAKING THE case that Carmel residents today have much in common with their Bohemian forebears from the early 20th century, the California Arts and Sciences Institute presents a talk, “Look What the Carmel Art Colony Has Become,” Tuesday, 4:30 p.m., at Wave Street Studios in Monterey.

“More than 100 years ago, Carmel was an uninhabited forest of beauty,” said Michael Hogan, chairman of the

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

institute’s board. “Why did the most eminent artists and writers in the western U.S. retreat from the cities to live in tents and cabins to practice their craft? Has the spirit of this early colony changed? Not really.”

The speakers include Hogan, a scientist, artist Mel Ahlborn, and researcher and musician Megan Curran.

Tickets are \$20. Wave Street Studios is at 774 Wave St.



An exhibit at the Monterey Museum of Art through Jan. 17 celebrates poster artist Rex Ray, who died in 2015.

■ Sand and sea

Finding creative inspiration where land and ocean meet, painter Monica Loncola presents “On the Edge of the Pacific,” an exhibit on display at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History through Jan. 3.

While strolling along the local shoreline or exploring a tide pool, Loncola lets her curiosity guide her search for her next subject.

“When I feel as if I’m stopped in my tracks by a subconscious familiarity with my subject, I want to paint the essence of what made me stop and notice,” said the artist, who was a passenger aboard the Western Flyer when it journeyed to the Sea of Cortez last year to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the historic 1940 expedition by author John Steinbeck and marine biologist Ed Ricketts.

The museum is at 165 Forest Ave.

■ Art for everybody

Showcasing its adaptive art programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, Art Abilities presents its annual family-friendly celebration of music, dance and visual art, Artapalooza 2026, Saturday, 2 p.m., at Chartwell School in Seaside.

Festivities include a choreographed dance performance, a silent auction featuring original artwork created by Art Abilities artists, and a live interactive art project led by artist Paul Richmond.

“Every performance and piece of artwork tells a story of courage, talent and belonging,” the group said.

The school is at 2511 Numa Watson Road.

■ Poster art illuminated

The late multimedia artist Rex Ray, who created posters for the Rolling Stones, R.E.M., David Bowie and others, is the subject of “We Are All Made of Light,” a show at the Monterey Museum of Art through Jan. 17. Ray died in 2015.

“Drawing inspiration from midcentury modernism, Dada, the decorative arts, Fluxus, pop art, lo-fi zines and mail art culture, Ray became a leading figure in both graphic design and fine art,” according to the museum.

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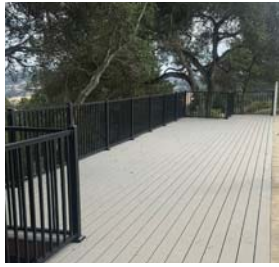
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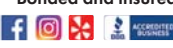
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Here I was, the consummate old road dog whose only agenda was getting to a hospital early in the morning to catch the surgeons before they began cutting. Instead, I was in a windowless classroom listening to 12-year-olds with MBAs from Wharton — who didn't know their derrieres from ditches — tell me not only how to sell the books but when to sell them. They also wanted me to file a weekly report telling them where I was and map out my itinerary for the following week.

“What’s the first thing you do?” Mr. MBA asked. I told him I’d give it to the prospective customer. “How are you going to point out its salient features?” “I’ll do that while he’s skimming through it,” I said. “But by giving him the book, you’ve given him control of the situation.”

“No. It’s called the puppy-dog approach.”

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GERVASE

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oversight and alignment — was what killed the productivity they were chasing. What saved those meetings was the cocktail hour, when salesmen swapped real stories about what worked and what didn’t instead of being lectured by

someone who’d never lived it. I wondered whether meetings had gotten any better since those days. They haven’t. Meeting time has climbed sharply since 2020. Microsoft’s 2025 Work Trend Index reports that half of the average workweek is taken up by meetings. Harvard Business Review found that 71% of senior managers admit their own meetings are unproductive and inefficient. That’s leadership confessing, not just rank-and-file griping. Workers dread meetings, and 45%

admit they sometimes make excuses or even lie to skip them. The technology got smarter. The meetings didn’t.

Milk or soy?

Ironically, my medical book career ended because I didn’t want to fly to hot, humid Baltimore in June for a sales meeting. Dennis, my boss, called two weeks before the scheduled meeting to say he was letting me go. I started laughing — he’d just solved my Baltimore problem. “Why are you firing me?” I asked.

He said he didn’t think I’d been giving him my best effort. He was right. I’d been at it far too long. Twenty-one years on the road is enough for any salesman to start believing his own weekly reports. Then, almost in the same breath, Dennis asked whether I’d cover a couple of medical conventions in San Francisco.

“Dennis, you S.O.B.! You just fired me for not doing a good job, and now you want me running your booth?” I said.

“I guess that doesn’t make sense,” he admitted. We parted as friends.

My only meetings now are over coffee with the guys at Cafe Luna in Carmel Plaza. There are no decisions to be made, not a Wharton MBA in the group, and plenty of camaraderie, with some dominoes thrown in. Still, it’s good to remember a time when the measure of the job was simply whether the orders went out and the checks came back — and the only agenda I ever answered to was mine. Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo.com.

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Pacific Grove: Vehicle marked for violating the 72-hour parking limit on Sinex Avenue.

Monterey: A 50-year-old man was arrested at Pearl and Tyler streets for disorderly conduct and on an outstanding misdemeanor bench warrant.

Monterey: Battery reported on Light-house Avenue.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious circumstances at Mission Street and Ocean Avenue. A person was issued a trespass warning.

Pacific Grove: A woman violated a court-ordered restraining order near the 400 block of Eighth Street. She was released at the scene, and charges were filed for violating a court order.

Pacific Grove: A 42-year-old male suspected of driving while intoxicated was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail.

Monterey: Noninjury traffic collision on Del Monte Avenue.

Monterey: A 35-year-old woman was arrested at Fremont Street and Dela Vina Avenue for driving under the influence.

MONDAY, SEPT. 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report.

Pacific Grove: Dog found at large at Cedar Street and Bayview Avenue. The dog was returned to its owner, who received a written warning.

Pacific Grove: A person was cited for violating a municipal code by feeding wildlife on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious man harassing wildlife and behaving oddly at Ocean View Boulevard and Dewey Avenue. Officers located the man, who actively resisted while they attempted to pat him down. Officers used force to take the 20-year-old man into custody. He was booked into Monterey County Jail for resisting a peace officer.

Monterey: A 35-year-old woman was arrested at Fremont Street and Dela Vina Avenue on suspicion of driving under the influence.

Monterey: Vandalism reported on Alvarado Street. A 47-year-old man was arrested.

Monterey: Theft involving the use of access card information reported at Del Monte Shopping Center.

Monterey: Corporal injury to a spouse or dating partner reported on Ocean Avenue. A 21-year-old man was arrested.

Monterey: A 56-year-old man was arrested

ed at Del Monte Shopping Center for shoplifting.

Monterey: Battery reported on Fairgrounds Road.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet found at Junipero Street and Fourth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Earring found at Lincoln Street and Seventh.

Pacific Grove: An elderly at-risk adult was reported missing and later found safe and returned home on Junipero Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to the area of Eardley Avenue and Sloat Avenue for a welfare check on an intoxicated subject. The subject was detained and transported to a sobering center in Salinas. The subject also was found to be on post-release community supervision, and charges were requested from the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.

Pacific Grove: Report of a theft on 18th Street.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from the public roadway on Forest Avenue for blocking a private driveway and having expired registration.

Monterey: Driving while license suspended or revoked for DUI-specific violations reported on Del Monte Avenue.

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

Monterey: Burglary reported on Upper Ragsdale Drive.

Monterey: Assault reported on Pacific Street.

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

Seaside: On July 2, several businesses were burglarized. Over the following weeks, more businesses in Marina were hit. Seaside and Marina detectives began working together to follow the evidence. On July 30, another Seaside restaurant was targeted, and investigators were able to identify the person believed to be responsible. The investigation concluded with the arrest of a 40-year-old San Jose resident in Santa Clara.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9

Pacific Grove: Juvenile on Sunset Drive was placed on a mental health evaluation hold.

Pacific Grove: Report of an animal bite on Ridge Road.

Monterey: Subject on Dela Vina Avenue was placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold.

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365 Race Horse Ln Aptos Coldwell Banker Realty 251-7237 / 556-1226		
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95 Yankee Point Dr Carmel Compass 238-1380		
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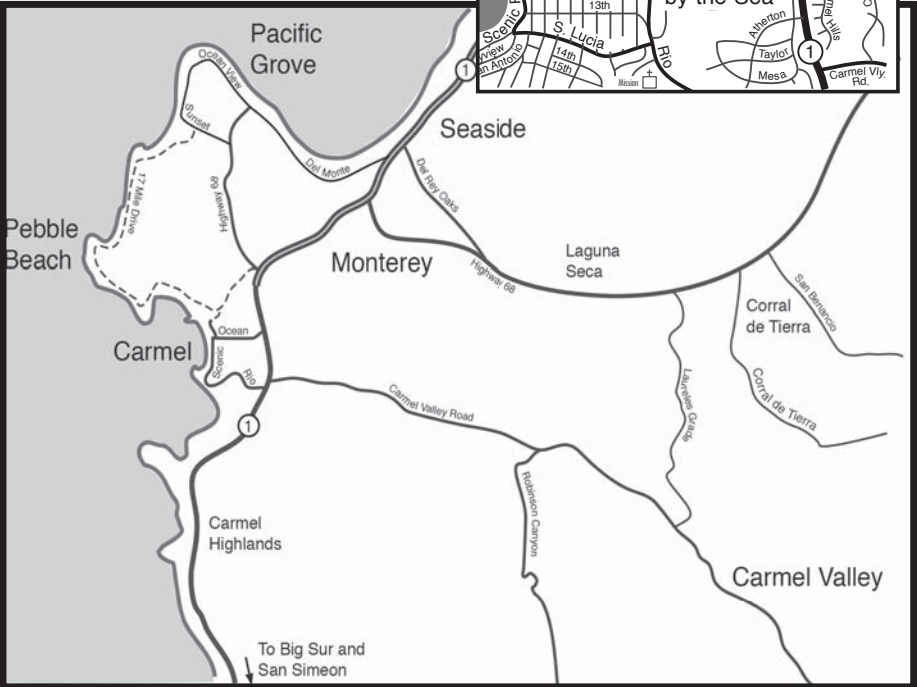


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224 Vista Verde Carmel Valley Carmel Realty 402-2076		
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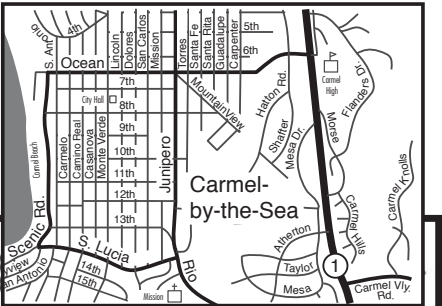
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CORRAL DE TIERRA		
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28951 Falcon Ridge Corral de Tierra Sotheby's Int'l RE 915-2800		

DEL REY OAKS		
\$499,000	1bd 1ba	Sa Su 11-2
522 Pheasant Ridge Road Del Rey Oaks Monterey Coast Realty 236-3255		
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121 Quail Run Court Del Rey Oaks Sotheby's Int'l RE 917-1631		
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1000 Portola Drive Del Rey Oaks Compass 312-6005		

LOS GATOS		
\$946,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 11:30-1:30 Su 2-6
21568 Alma Court Los Gatos Sotheby's Int'l RE 917-0839 / 252-0504		

MARINA		
\$575,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
3095 Marina Drive 49 Marina Monterey Coast Realty 717-7959		
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MONTEREY		
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1180 Salinas Highway Monterey The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams 620-2243		
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537 Larkin Street Monterey Sotheby's Int'l RE 915-6391 / 318-3808		
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839 Newton St Monterey The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams 277-8712		
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129 Littlefield Road Monterey Sotheby's Int'l RE 238-7559		
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1321 Hoffman St Monterey Del Monte Realty 402-9733		
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2110 Messina Place Monterey Sotheby's Int'l RE 444-1718		
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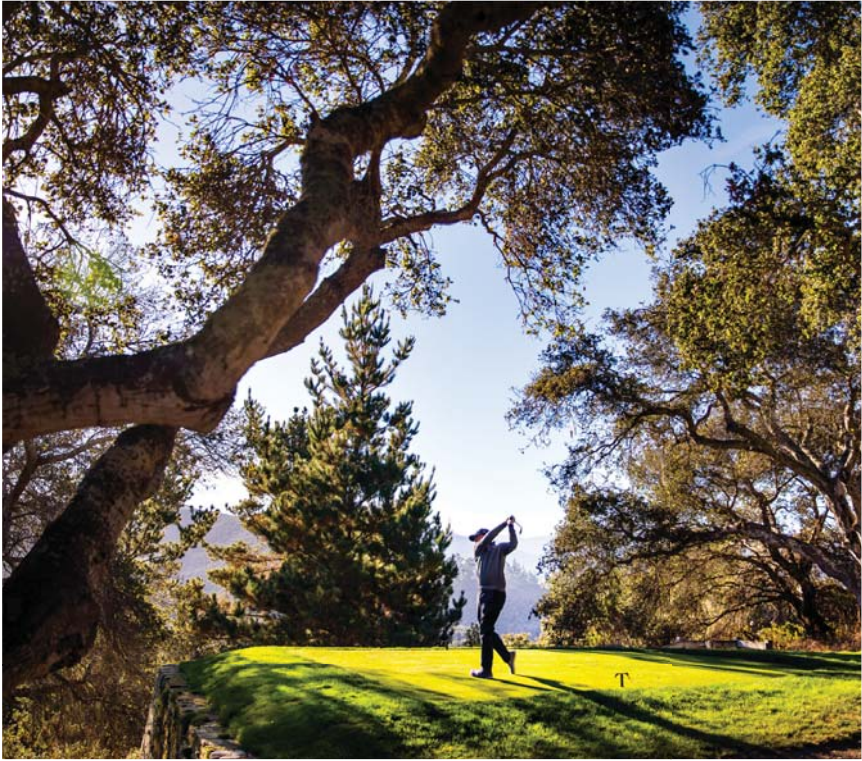


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LAW
From page 10RE

Monterey: Grand theft reported on Alvarado Street.

Monterey: Disorderly conduct due to alcohol — public intoxication — on Casanova Avenue.

Monterey: A 41-year-old man was arrested on Laine Street for a felony, possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor bench warrant.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject warned about trespassing at a business at Mission Street and Ocean Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A 46-year-old man was arrested at Forest and Prescott for driving under the influence of drugs.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Sun-

set Drive for registration expired by more than six months.

Pacific Grove: Attempted robbery of a repossessed vehicle on Willow Street.

Monterey: A 46-year-old man was arrested at West Franklin Street and Alvarado Street on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

Monterey: Possession of a narcotic controlled substance and possession of unlawful paraphernalia reported on Newton Street.

Monterey: Dead body found at a residence on Glenwood Circle.

Monterey: A 29-year-old woman was arrested on Madison Street on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

Seaside: Officers responded to a report of an adult male following an adult female through Seaside to her residence near Hilby Avenue. The suspect threatened and physically assaulted her before fleeing the scene.

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Status	Address	List Price	Sale Price	DOM
Contingent	NE Corner Monte Verde & 10th	\$4,500,000	---	12
Contingent	Crespi 2 NE of Flanders	\$4,195,000	---	277
Sold	SE Corner of Lobos & Valley Way	\$2,700,000	\$2,505,000	64
Sold	Crespi 2 NW of Flanders	\$3,479,000	\$3,132,020	144
Sold	Monte Verde 2 NW of 4th	\$3,195,000	\$2,950,000	99
Listing Expired	Carpenter 3 NE of 1st	\$1,575,000	---	59

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890 Bayview Ave, PG	\$2,850,000
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311 Cedar St, PG	\$1,275,000
361 Hannon Ave, MTY	\$1,073,100
232 Congress Ave, PG	\$1,027,500
1556 Hilby St, SEA	\$886,000
17 Saucito Ave, DRO	\$882,000
3210 Golden Oaks Ln, MTY	\$499,000

432 River Rd, SAL	\$2,650,000
9 Deer Stalker Path, MTY	\$1,780,000
955 Egan Ave, PG	\$1,460,000
2757 Sea Glass Ave, MA	\$1,189,000
132 6th St, PG	\$995,000
1140 Kimberly Ct, SEA	\$904,000
1232 Vallejo St, SEA	\$897,500
1713 Goodwin St, SEA	\$765,000

129 15th St, PG	\$2,240,000
302 Park St, PG	\$1,950,000
142 11th St, PG	\$1,570,000
1128 3rd St, MO	\$1,214,100
459 English Ave, MTY	\$1,135,000
1109 Heather Ln, PG	\$950,000
401 Sequoia St, MTY	\$829,000
13750 Center St, CV	\$630,000

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PEBBLE BEACH		
\$885,000	2bd 2ba	Su 1:30-3:30
21 Shepherds Knoll Compass		
\$1,995,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1-3
3017 Forest Way Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$2,395,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 12-2
4158 El Bosque Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$3,150,000	3bd 3ba	Su 1-3
1068 The Old Dr Compass		
\$7,920,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 1:30-3:30 Su 11-1
3978 Ronda Road Compass		
\$8,275,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 11-1
1651 Crespi Lane Compass		



\$8,995,000	5bd 5.5ba	Sa Su 12-2
3159 Stevenson Carmel Realty		
\$11,995,000	5bd 4ba	Sa 1-3 Su 12-2
1031 The Old Drive Carmel Realty		

SALINAS		
\$645,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 12-2:30
12805 Rogge Village Loop Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$799,000	4bd 2ba	Fr 4-6 Sa 10-3 Su 10-2:30
69 Geil St The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		
\$1,200,000	4bd 3ba	Sa Su 11-1
14390 Mountain Quail Road Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$1,399,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 10:30-12:30
77 Laureles Grade Carmel Realty		
\$1,575,000	4bd 2ba	Sa 12-2
22305 Davenrich St The Jones Group		

SAN JOSE		
\$995,000	2bd 2ba	Su 1-3
1121 Cooper River Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE		

SEASIDE		
\$849,000	2bd 1ba	Su 12-2
1494 Darwin Street Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$950,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 12-2
1273 Darwin Street Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$1,148,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 12-3
1105 Mescal Street Monterey Coast Realty		
\$1,329,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1:30-3:30
4305 Peninsula Point Dr The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		
\$1,349,991	5bd 3.5ba	Fr 2-4 Sa 10-1
4890 Peninsula Point Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$2,330,000	4bd 4.5ba	Sa 12-4 Su 2-4
1814 Links Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE		

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While officers were actively searching the area, a second call came in from a business in the 1200 block of Fremont Boulevard. The same suspect attacked another woman, lured her into a back room, brandished a knife and attempted to sexually assault her. Within minutes, officers located a suspect matching the description as he was trying to flee the area. He was positively identified by both victims. The 40-year-old man is a registered sex offender with a prior history of violent sexual assaults. He was arrested and held on numerous felony charges. Seaside police are searching for other victims.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Junipero Street and Ocean Avenue. Front passenger on searchable probation.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 10 p.m., a vehicle stop was conducted on 16th Street. The 47-year-old female driver was in possession of illegal narcotics, in violation of her court-ordered terms. The subject was cited and released.

Pacific Grove: Verbal argument and domestic violence incident on Central Avenue.

Monterey: A 22-year-old man was arrested at Del Monte Avenue and Casa Verde Way for driving under the influence.

Monterey: Rape by force or fear reported on Madison Street.

Monterey: Hit-and-run with property damage reported on Hoffman Avenue.

Monterey: Petty theft reported on Holman Highway.

Monterey: A 31-year-old man was arrested on North Fremont Street for disorderly conduct due to alcohol.

Monterey: A 26-year-old man was arrested on Del Monte Avenue for violating probation, driving on a suspended license and driving under the influence.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

Pacific Grove: Report of an attempted fraud on Spruce Avenue. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Theft by false pretenses was committed on Ninth Street after the victim purchased gift cards and then gave the fraudsters all the card information.

Pacific Grove: In the 1800 block of Sunset Drive, an officer conducted a vehicle check. The vehicle had two occupants, a male and a female. The female was found to be the protected party, with the male being the restrained person. The male also was found to have an active warrant. The 40-year-old man was arrested, transported to Monterey County Jail and booked on an active warrant and for violating a court order.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261797 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BIJOU RENEE, 761 Palma Dr., Salinas, CA 93901. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): RENEE OLIVER. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 5, 2026. S/Renée Oliver Date signed: Sept. 9, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 15, 2026. Publication Dates: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 2026 (PC 931)	
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261661 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STILIZY Seaside, 1440 Canyon Del Blvd., Seaside, CA 93955 County of MONTEREY Registrant(s): STILIZY Seaside LLC, 2001 S. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90058 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/Tak Sato, President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/20/2026. 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9/26 CNS-4078530# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 2026. (PC 928)	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261753 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Huckleberry House, 225 Forest Ave, Pacific Grove CA 93950, County of Monterey Registered Owner(s): House of VerMillions LLC, 227 19th Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 CALIFORNIA This business is conducted by a limited liability company Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 08/01/2026 S/ Emilie Minarcik, Managing Member This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 09/09/2026 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16/26 CNS-4080526# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 2026. (PC 932)
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261741 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PACIFIC BRAIN HEALTH & WELLNESS, 871 Cass St., Ste. 210, Monterey, CA 93940. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: PACIFIC BRAIN HEALTH & WELLNESS, INC., A CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY CORPORATION, 871 Cass St., Ste. 210, 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 Sept. 1, 2026. S/Larissa Del Piero, President Date: Sept. 2, 2026 This statement was filed with the Coun-	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261751 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: HEART CAREGIVER SERVICE MONTEREY, 680 E ROMIE LN, SUITE 207, SALINAS, CA 93901, County of MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): MONTEREY SENIORS CORPORATION, 509 E MAPLE ST, GLENDALE, CA 91205 This business is conducted by A CORPORATION Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A S/ SANJAY SHARMA, PRESIDENT This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 09/09/2026 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16/26 CNS-4080526# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 2026. (PC 933)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261774 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DELVE, 3330 Del Monte Blvd., 116, Marina, CA 93933. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): ANNIKA WALTERS, 3330 Del Monte Blvd., 116, Marina, CA 93933. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 31, 2026. S/Annika Walters Date signed: Sept. 10, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 10, 2026. Publication Dates: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 2026 (PC 938)	
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261816 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SKILLET CREEK WEAPONS SYSTEMS, 21 W. Alisal St. 108, Salinas, CA 93901. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): LOUIE JOHN PEREIRA. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 18, 2012 S/Louie John Pereira Date signed: Sept. 18, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 19, 2026. Publication Dates: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 2026 (PC 939)	
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261824 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THIRD COAST POTTERY, 1015 Benito Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): HANNAH LINDSEY BROPHY. 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/Hannah Brophy Date signed: Sept. 22, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 22, 2026. Publication Dates: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 2026 (PC 940)	
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261817 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: COLLINS HOUSE CARE, 13710 Montebello, Space 102, Castroville, California 95012. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): WILLIAM JOSEPH COLLINS JR., 13710 Montebello, Space 102, Castroville, California 95012. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 18, 2026. S/William Joseph Collins Jr.	



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10590 Hidden Mesa Place, Highway 68 — \$1,980,000

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131 10th Street — \$1,231,500
Shea Homes LP to Pamela Heiligenthal and Marc Hinton
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202 Horizon Drive — \$1,286,500
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The Sea Haven LLC to Stanley Bartelmie
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Monterey

142 Via del Rey — \$320,000
Mark Williby to Michael and Andrea Grimshaw
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Estate of Yasuko Nishimura to Craig and Karen Cuffie
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Pebble Beach

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Seaside

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