

Old forge moves from Forest to Flanders

By MARY SCHLEY

ITS PROVENANCE may be in question, but the forge that might have belonged to Francis Whitaker — Carmel’s nationally known blacksmith for many years — now belongs to the City of Carmel. On Wednesday, a public works crew loaded the heavy metal apparatus onto a backhoe after removing it from the former Forge in the Forest restaurant at 511 Junipero Ave. and moved it to the garage

at Flanders Mansion, according to facilities maintenance manager Cleve Waters.

The city took possession of the forge following a discussion at last week’s historic resources board meeting, when chair Jordan Chroman asked for a report on the work being done at the site to prepare it for chef Justin Cogley and partner Janet Elarmo’s newest business venture, the

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PHOTO (LEFT) READER SUBMITTED, RENDERING (ABOVE) BY CRAFT DESIGN-BUILD

The forge from the former Forge in the Forest gets a lift to Flanders (left). A rendering shows the new restaurant’s patio.

Flock fallout — more crime, slower investigations

By KELLY NIX

A HIGH-RANKING officer with the Monterey County’s Sheriff’s department warned last weekend that the county board of supervisors’ decision to remove dozens of Flock license-plate readers from rural areas could lead to more crime and slower investigations.

On Sept. 22, the board of supervisors rejected a \$1.7 million, 10-year agreement with Flock for 63 surveillance cameras in unincorporated areas of the county.

The devices have helped solve numerous crimes in the county, but the decision came after hours of testimony from residents who expressed concerns about privacy and government overreach.

‘More difficult to solve’

Last weekend, Monterey County Undersheriff Keith Boyd posted a video running more than 8 minutes on social media to inform the public about the possible repercussions of the supervisors’ 3-2 vote.

Automatic license-plate readers, Boyd said, were “never intended to replace deputies, detectives, traditional investigations or the judgment of professionally

trained law enforcement officers.” They were intended to help extend the reach of the sheriff’s office in a county where the agency provides law enforcement services

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City: New addresses no problem for Nov. 3

By MARY SCHLEY

‘ACTION REQUIRED’ says the postcard from the Monterey County elections department telling Carmel residents to update their voter registrations with their new street addresses. But city officials this week sought to reassure residents they will receive their ballots as usual at their post office boxes, or wherever their mail is delivered, regardless of whether they revise their registration information.

“Some people think they need to update their address to get their ballot,” acting city administrator Brandon Swanson said Wednesday. “But they do not have to do that. The ballot will come to your P.O. box regardless of whether you do anything.”

The county’s postcard, which contains a QR code directing people to the state’s voter registration website, reads, “It is time to update your voter registration to

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ROBOT SURGERY CAN MEAN LESS BLEEDING, PAIN

■ CHOMP updates to latest technology

By KELLY NIX

MONTAGE HEALTH officials last week unveiled the latest robot surgical system to help doctors perform intricate medical procedures while allowing patients to recover more quickly and experience less pain than with traditional surgery.

The surgical systems at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula replace two older models. The addition of the multimillion-dollar machines, manufactured by Sunnyvale-based Intuitive Surgical Inc. expands the hospital’s robot-assisted surgery program.

“We’re celebrating an important step forward in surgery at Montage Health,” said the company’s president and CEO, Mike McDermott. “We’re increasing our capacity, investing in our surgical teams, and continuing to build the kind of care our community should be able to receive close to home.”

Massive apartment buildings proposed for Highway 68

■ State housing mandates leave door open

By CHRIS COUNTS

A 962-UNIT apartment project proposed near the intersection of Highway 68 and Laureles Grade is the brainchild of a man who has filed applications to build at least five similar projects in various parts of California — and has sued at least three cities along the way.

County officials confirmed an application has been filed for the project, which proposes towers as high as 17 stories on two adjacent undeveloped parcels totaling 26 acres across from the Monterey County Regional Fire station. The project would include 124 units designated for low-income residents.

The applicant is listed as Monterey Housing Group LLC, a company registered by Ben Eilenberg with the California Secretary of State in January.

‘Builder’s Remedy’

According to the application, Eilenberg has invoked the Builder’s Remedy. Due to recent changes in state law intended to create more housing, an applicant can use the Builder’s Remedy to sidestep local zoning and general plan requirements if a city does not have a state-certified housing element in effect — which Monterey County does not.



RENDERING/MONTEREY HOUSING GROUP LLC

An application to build 962 apartments along Highway 68 has been filed with Monterey County.

According to the New York Post, Eilenberg is one of two partners behind a controversial 110-unit housing complex near Yosemite National Park. In an article published March 17, the newspaper described him as “an oft-disciplined former attorney.”

The nonprofit news site San José Spotlight reported in December 2025 on a large project Eilenberg wants to build in Los Gatos.

“The developer of a proposed 13-story apartment

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Tax measures to cost public \$22 billion

THE NOVEMBER ballot has a theme, and it’s raising your taxes. While the billionaire tax is garnering most of the attention, there are numerous other levies to consider throughout the state, including 273 local measures in the

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

form of sales taxes, parcel taxes and bonds that could increase the cost of living in California by \$22 billion.

Of those 273 measures, 61 are local sales tax increases, including the three before voters in Pacific Grove and Carmel-by-the-Sea. Another 70 measures will ask voters to approve parcel taxes, while 82 seek approval of school bonds and seven would encumber the public with general obligation bonds. Direct taxes such as sales and parcel taxes will make it \$3 billion more expensive to live in the Golden State each year, while bonds will cost property taxpayers \$19.5 billion over decades, equal to \$1.15 billion annually.

“As Californians struggle to keep up with the state’s

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A new robot surgery machine is demonstrated as Dina Flores, interim assistant director for surgical services at Montage Health, looks at a screen used to monitor procedures.



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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Dogged devotion

Mr. Ted is a 12-year-old Maltese-Yorkshire terrier mix whose longevity is credited to his considerable resilience. His person, responding to an ad for puppies, first met him in a college dorm room, where he was nursing from his malnourished, 8-month-old mother. His siblings had already been sold. She knew she couldn't leave either dog in such dire circumstances, so she took both and left without paying a dime, threatening to call the SPCA.

"My thought was to find a home for one dog or the other," their person said. "But Mr. Ted was so attached to his mom — Peter Pan syndrome, the vet called it — that we ended up keeping both."

Mr. Ted's mom, Blanca, a Maltese, remained with her pup and her people for 10 years before she died. Mr. Ted, who answered to "Teddy" until he was grown, is now 12. A little skittish, he has never ventured down to the beach near his Pacific Grove home. But he is also inquisitive, his person said, and loves to follow her around the house so he knows what she is doing and can be sure she is nearby.

A year ago, Mr. Ted scratched his eye with a nail, so the veterinarian placed a cone around his neck to allow the injury to heal. His person had him sleep on her bed so she could keep watch over him. One night, though,



he fell off the bed and broke both hips.

"The vet gave me three choices," she said. "I could put him down, have his legs amputated and give him a frame with wheels, or spend thousands of dollars on surgery. I looked at his little face and knew I wanted to do everything I could for him."

She chose surgery.

A week later, Mr. Ted's person noticed unusual bruising an antibiotic-resistant infection called MRSA had developed. Once again, his person committed herself to his recovery, which includes ongoing water therapy.

"Mr. Ted likes his therapist and gets excited to start his therapy," she said. "If I can do anything for him, I will. He is my life."

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City declares El Niño emergency

By MARY SCHLEY

JOINING THE state of California and a growing list of local governments, acting city administrator Brandon Swanson on Wednesday declared a local state of emergency because of significant storms anticipated during El Niño. The move makes the city eligible for state funds and could streamline permit approvals for necessary preventive work along the coast.

"It's another tool in our toolbox in preparing for winter," Swanson told *The Pine Cone*.

With unusually strong storms predicted to hit this winter because of higher-than-normal ocean temperatures, Swanson said he expects preparations to focus on moving sand at the beach — work that's already authorized — repairing erosion damage and installing more armoring below Scenic Road.

Among his greatest concerns is “doing everything we can to make sure we don’t lose the beach and the bluffs,” he explained.

Efforts underway

Other preparations include clearing storm drains and inspecting trees near roads and homes, staging pumps and generators at the beach as needed, replenishing stockpiles of sand and bags in the Vista Lobos and Sunset Center parking lots, setting up warming centers in anticipation of power outages, and coordinating with the county, fire departments, volunteer groups, utility companies and the state.

The proclamation notes that Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a statewide emergency Sept. 21 “regarding the anticipated El Niño event” and states that Carmel’s municipal code empowers the city administrator to do the same, as long as the city council ratifies the decision within seven days.

“An El Niño event creates a substantial risk of major flooding in the county, including the city, and potential damage to public and private property, such as road closures, loss of power, structural damage, loss of trees and impacts to Carmel Beach,” the declaration states. It adds that unusu-

ally strong storms constitute “a condition of potential disaster and extreme peril to the safety of persons, their property and public services.”

ney, permits

The document says all expenditures related to the local emergency “shall be deemed to be for the protection and benefit of the inhabitants and property of the city” and gives Swanson the authority to seek county, state and federal aid.

He confirmed the council will be asked to vote on the declaration at its Oct. 6 meeting after receiving a presentation on storm preparedness, shoreline projects and resource allocation, and providing direction.

Get ready

Two community meetings aim to help residents and officials prepare for the anticipated storms and other disasters. A community meeting Oct. 12 in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center will run from 5 to 7 p.m., with city staff and representatives from other agencies offering advice.

A second session, set for 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 17 in the same room, will focus on earthquakes, tsunamis and winter storms. Hosted by Wanda Vollmer's Carmel Prepares, that meeting will feature UC Santa Cruz Earth scientist and author Gary Griggs.

“Gary has spent decades studying our coastline and the natural forces that shape it, and he has an incredible ability to make

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A family portrait of Hans Buder, his wife, and their three children standing in front of a building with a 'Hall' sign. Hans is on the right, wearing a dark suit and a light blue shirt. His wife is on the left, wearing a black top. They have three children: a girl on the far left in a black jacket and white skirt, a girl in the middle in a pink dress, and a boy on the right in a grey sweater and blue pants. The background shows a building with a 'Hall' sign and some greenery.

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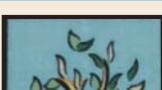
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Passport missing, AirPods found

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.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

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.

Monterey: A 22-year-old man was arrested on Del Monte Boulevard for driving under the influence.

Monterey: Possession of unlawful paraphernalia and contempt of court or disobeying a court order reported on Ramona Avenue.

Monterey: Theft from an elder or dependent adult reported on Skyline Drive.

Monterey: Hit-and-run resulting in injury and driving under the influence causing

bodily injury reported on Aguajito Road. A 55-year-old man was arrested.

Monterey: A 35-year-old man was arrested on Del Monte Avenue for tampering with a vehicle, public intoxication and violating parole.

Monterey: Grand theft and theft by use of access card information reported on Alvarado Street.

Monterey: A 43-year-old man on Pearl Street was arrested for battery with serious bodily injury and causing injury to an elder or dependent adult.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

Monterey: A 41-year-old man was arrested on Skyline Crest for burglary, kidnapping, robbery, assault with intent to commit rape, false imprisonment and stalking.

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in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Sept. 3 — After a two-day trial, a jury found David Carl Goad, 69, of San Simeon, guilty of felony assault by means likely to cause great bodily injury and misdemeanor battery on State Parks property.

On May 17, Goad began disassembling a toilet in a restroom at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park in Big Sur to address a problem with the toilet. The victim, a State Parks maintenance employee, asked Goad to stop and leave the restroom so maintenance staff could make the repair.

Goad became hostile and combative, eventually attacking the victim from behind when the victim turned to close and lock the restroom door.

The victim testified that Goad placed his hands around the victim's neck and applied pressure. After a brief struggle, the victim

broke free and reported the incident to State Parks rangers. Rangers observed visible red marks on the victim's neck.

Judge Pamela Butler will impose the sentence. Goad faces up to three years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

State Parks Ranger Tyler Dempewolf and District Attorney Investigator John Magana investigated the case.

Sept. 3 — A Monterey County jury found Skyler Narcecio Barriga, 21, of Salinas, guilty of first-degree murder in the 2021 killing of 19-year-old Jonothan Maciel. Barriga was also convicted of robbery and using a firearm. Judge Andrew Liu will sentence Barriga on Oct. 14. Barriga faces more than

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Victim takes teacher abuser to court

By KELLY NIX

A FORMER Monterey County English teacher who had a sexual relationship with a freshman boy is the subject of a lawsuit filed by the teenager, who alleges he suffered severe emotional trauma because of the woman’s abuse.

In January 2025, Mika Yoneda, 26, who worked at North Monterey County High School in Castroville, was arrested on suspicion of having a sexual relationship in 2023 with the victim, who was 15 at the time. Yoneda pleaded guilty in October 2025 to five felony counts related to an unlawful sexual relationship with a minor and was sentenced to one year in jail and other penalties.

On Sept. 1, the victim, now 18, filed a lawsuit in Monterey County Superior Court against Yoneda and the North Monterey County Unified School District. The complaint details Yoneda’s alleged abuse and its emotional impact on him. He filed the lawsuit as John Doe to protect his identity.

Fake tutor

“Yoneda willfully, maliciously, intentionally and without the consent of Doe subjected him to forceful, harmful and/or offensive touching, including raping him,” according to the lawsuit, which was filed on his behalf by Beverly Hills-based Kiesel Law.

The abuse, which allegedly occurred from May to September 2023, took place in multiple classrooms at North Monterey County High School, the lawsuit contends.

“On one of these occasions, the complaint says. “After quickly getting dressed, Yoneda opened the door and spoke with

the campus janitor. When the janitor left, Yoneda proceeded to sexually assault Doe.”

After the school year ended in June 2023, Yoneda allegedly pretended to be his tutor. His parents dropped him off at the Marina library for a tutoring session, but Yoneda took him to a motel in town, where she allegedly assaulted him.

“Yoneda took the boy to this Motel 6 almost every day for approximately one month to sexually assault him,” the civil complaint says.

The teacher allegedly cultivated the relationship by sitting close to the boy in class, sending him messages on social media and giving him expensive gifts, including an Xbox and

video games. When Yoneda, whom Doe described as an “active drug user,” learned he was interacting with a female student, she told him she would “kill him if he ever cheated on her and then she would kill herself,” the lawsuit says.

Doe, who said he “felt forced into” the relationship, reported it to authorities in December 2024.

He alleges childhood sexual assault, negligence, sexual battery and intentional infliction of emotional distress. He contends the North Monterey County Unified School District is liable for his injuries. He is seeking more than \$35,000 in monetary damages.

“North Monterey County Unified School District takes the safety and well-being of our students seriously,” the district told The Pine Cone this week. “At this time, we cannot discuss details of an ongoing legal matter.”



Mika Yoneda



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“I am proud to endorse Alissandra Dramov for reelection to City Council. Her dedication, intelligence, and knowledge of our community make her an invaluable asset to our town.”

Susan Prest
Carmel resident, retired health care executive, former Sunset Center Board of Trustees member, Carmel Public Library Foundation co-chair

“Alissandra cares passionately about Carmel and its residents. She undertakes an exhausting study of the council’s issues in order to contribute and collaborate in an effective manner.”

Jim Beck
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“Alissandra arrives at City Hall for Carmel City Council meetings prepared and ready to work with other council members and city staff. Her deep respect for Carmel’s history has been demonstrated by authoring four books on the subject. Alissandra has earned re-election to the Carmel-by-the-Sea City Council.”

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“I heartily endorse Alissandra’s candidacy for reelection to our city council! She has the residents at heart and recognizes the special traditions of our unique hometown.”

Mary Condry
Carmel longtime resident, former Carmel Residents Association Board member and president

“Alissandra has written four books on the history of Carmel. This puts her in position to incentivize keeping Carmel and its rich history safe for future generations.”

Karyl Hall
Carmel longtime resident, historic preservationist

“I endorse Alissandra Dramov for another term on the city council of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Alissandra clearly has the best interest of the residents in mind and will serve our city well.”

William Karges
Carmel longtime resident and business owner

“Alissandra stands her ground on behalf of our amazing Village. We can’t lose her historic and community informed voice on Council.”

Nancy Twomey
Carmel Residents Association board member, community volunteer

“On land-use and similar issues, we can count on Alissandra to make data- and law-based decisions. On discretionary matters, Alissandra’s decisions will be clearly focused on what is best for the city and its residents.”

Steve Hillyard
Carmel resident, former Carmel City Council Member, former Planning Commissioner, retired attorney

“I highly respect Alissandra because she diligently prepares for meetings, she thoroughly researches topics and she is willing to stand alone as a dissenting voice...Please join me in supporting her for re-election to city council.”

Sherry Williams
Carmel resident, Carmel Residents Association Board member

“Every time I meet with Alissandra to go over issues, she is extremely well prepared and when she explains her position I always concur. She is the most well-prepared council person I have ever known. I urge you to support her.”

Frank Williams
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“Having spent most of her life in Carmel-by-the-Sea, having written four history books on our village, and with a background as a journalist, Alissandra Dramov is uniquely prepared to synthesize facts and listen to our community. It is a pleasure to recommend her; please join us in voting to reelect her this fall to continue her dedicated work with the council.”

Tasha Witt & Dylan Witt, M.D.
Carmel residents, retired teacher; radiologist

“Alissandra Dramov has already demonstrated that she is uniquely qualified to address (Carmel’s future) challenges, and that her love for Carmel and her demonstrated ability to work with our City Council members make her the perfect person to take us where we need to go in the future... (she) can and will make us all proud of Carmel in the years to come.”

Gerard Rose, Former Carmel City Council member, retired attorney

“Dedicated to preserving our village charm while building a sustainable future, Alissandra has delivered real results for our village, but her work isn’t finished yet. Let’s reelect Alissandra to keep that positive momentum going.”

Tim Twomey, Carmel resident, Carmel Residents Association Board member, community volunteer

“Carmel by the Sea will be well served by having Alissandra Dramov remain as a City Council member. For many years she has demonstrated a deep care for our city, and for the last 4 years she has developed a wealth of knowledge of how the City operates and how it can operate even better. Her experience, critical thinking skills, and thoughtfulness are very valuable assets in the governance of Carmel-by-the-Sea.”

Bob and Allyson Kayner, Carmel residents, retired telecommunications business executive

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Late-night rescue in Big Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

IT WAS another long night Sunday for the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office Search and Rescue Team, which braved darkness, steep terrain and a rugged trail to rescue three hikers who ran into trouble in the Big Sur backcountry and couldn’t find their way back to Highway 1.

After a satellite 911 call reported that the hikers were in distress, “Big Sur Fire contacted the sheriff about 7:30 p.m. and requested assistance for the trio, which had become lost and disoriented, and one was experiencing a medical emergency,” the sheriff’s office reported.

Seven members of the rescue team arrived in Big Sur and hiked about 2.5 miles into Limekiln State Park to reach the hikers, gaining about 2,000 feet in elevation and navigating numerous obstacles along the way.

“The hike took about 1 hour and 30 minutes on trails that needed to be cleared with machetes and chainsaws due to overgrowth,” the report continued.

After its assistance was requested, an MH-60S Seahawk helicopter from Naval Air Station Lemoore arrived at the scene. Its crew spotted the hikers around 12:30 a.m. Each hiker was hoisted into the aircraft and transported to safety.

Be prepared

The search and rescue team, meanwhile, hiked out on foot, “completing the mission at about 4 a.m.,” the report said.

The sheriff’s office urges people to research their routes and prepare thoroughly before embarking on a hike in Big Sur — and “know their limitations.”

“Hikers should use established trails, carry a GPS device or other reliable means of navigation, hike with others whenever possible, and always let a family member or friend know where they are going and when they expect to return,” the sheriff’s office added.

According to officials, the search and rescue team responds to dozens of incidents each year, often in bad weather, on steep and difficult terrain, and in darkness.

Walk, wine tasting to fight trafficking

By MARY SCHLEY

AN EVENT that combines fine living with concern for social injustice will take place on Carmel Beach at Scenic Road and 13th Avenue Oct. 3 from 2 to 5 p.m., when the Walk for Freedom raises funds for a nonprofit that fights human trafficking. Set Free Monterey Bay supports survivors, trains educators and first responders, and educates students in Monterey County and beyond on how to “recognize vulnerabilities and protect themselves and their peers.”

Saturday’s fundraiser will begin with a 1-mile walk along the beach. Participants will then gather with friends, neighbors

and visitors for a reception featuring wines from a dozen local wineries, small bites and live steel drum music, all with an aloha flair.

Sponsored by Jack Galante, restaurateur Rich Pepe and Carmel Wine and Wandering guided tours, the event will feature wines from Blair, Cypress Grove, Dawn’s Dream, De Tierra, Galante, Silvestri, Domaine Messier, Scheid, Wrath, Shale Canyon, Tira Nanza and Windy Oaks.

Guests “are encouraged to embrace the relaxed beach atmosphere” by wearing their favorite island-inspired attire and going barefoot in the sand as they enjoy

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County gets serious about roosters

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER HEARING horror stories from residents who live next to large-scale rooster operations in unincorporated areas, the Monterey County Planning Commission voted unanimously Wednesday to recommend tougher rules for people keeping the noisy birds. The proposed rules will next go to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors for approval.

While roosters protect flocks, fertilize eggs and control insects, they also crow loudly at all hours and are commonly raised for illegal cockfighting. Numerous cases have been documented involving properties in the county with dozens of roosters.

Tougher rules

The current rules, adopted in 2015, require a property owner to obtain a permit to keep five or more roosters on a single property if the land isn't zoned for agriculture. The new rules would not apply to agricultural land, but on land not zoned for agriculture, they would set a maximum of five roosters per property, with a few exceptions.

The rules also shift enforcement related to roosters from animal control to zoning officials.

Going a step further, the new rules would allow no more than five roosters on a 5-acre property, two roosters on properties of 2 to 5 acres and just one rooster on properties smaller than an acre.

At Wednesday's hearing, several residents told the Planning Commission that renegade rooster operations have significantly affected their quality of life.

"One of my next-door neighbors started a 30-rooster operation very close to the border of my property about two years

ago," said Cindy Slade of Aromas, who complained about the noise to the county but was told she had no recourse under existing rules.

Another of Slade's neighbors soon added more roosters.

"Now we have in the neighborhood competing groups of roosters crowing," she testified.

Slade described the situation as "out of control" and said she "strongly endorses" the new rules.

"They crow repeatedly throughout the day, beginning as early as 3:30 a.m.," she reported. "It's a chaotic mess — it affects our stress, sleep and mental health."

Monterey County Housing and Community Development Director Craig Spencer discussed the challenges the county faces in getting rooster owners to comply with the rules and noted that "it does take time to relocate" the birds. As a result, the new rules give cooperating owners up to a year to find new homes for their roosters.

Rehoused vs. butchered

Slade encouraged the county to reduce the grace period to six months.

"They can be butchered rather than rehoused," she suggested.

Another woman complained about the "foul" odor emitted by a nearby rooster operation. She also said she worries about retaliation if she seeks enforcement.

"We should be able to open our windows at night," she said. "This makes it difficult for us to enjoy our backyards."

Planning Commissioner Martha Diehl said she has concerns about whether the rules can be enforced because of a staffing shortage.

"There are a lot of things we propose to control, and if we don't include provisions and resources for doing it, it's pretty much empty words," she added.

'They crow throughout the day, beginning as early as 3:30 a.m.'

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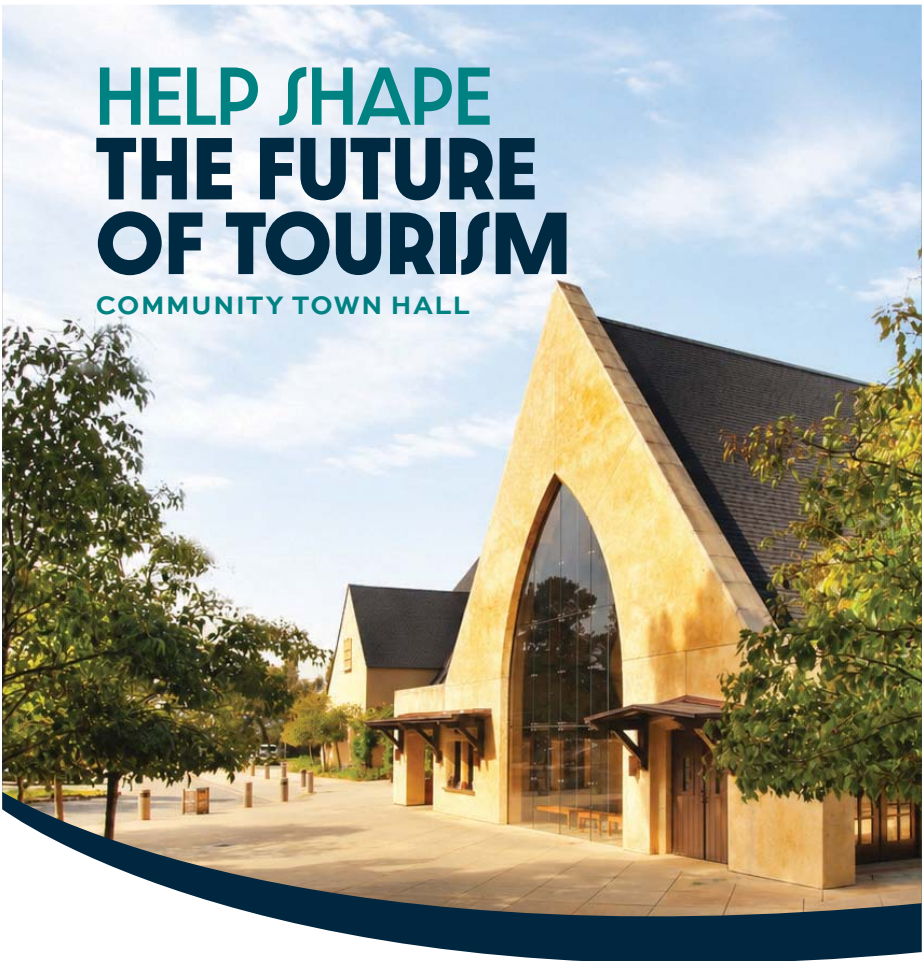
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Effort to stop human use of ‘tranq’

By KELLY NIX

A BIPARTISAN bill introduced by Democratic Rep. Jimmy Panetta to combat the illegal use of a veterinary tranquilizer to get high passed the House of Representatives last week.

On Sept. 16, House lawmakers unanimously passed the Combating Illicit Xylazine Act. If passed by the Senate and signed by the president, the bill would classify xylazine, known on the street as “tranq,” as a Schedule III controlled substance to help law enforcement crack down on illegal trafficking. It would protect the drug’s lawful use by veterinarians, farmers and ranchers as a pain reliever, sedative and muscle relaxant for large animals.

Bipartisan support

“Addressing the illicit spread of xylazine has been a priority under both the Biden and Trump administrations, and this unanimous House passage demonstrates the broad, bipartisan consensus behind taking action against this dangerous drug,” Panetta said last week.

The drug, which is sold and used in Monterey County, was more prevalent locally in 2024, physicians and addiction

specialists Drs. Reb Close and Casey Grover said this week.

They were also asked about the legislation.

“We appreciate Rep. Panetta’s attention to this dangerous issue. However, to truly reduce the damage that substances do to our community, we need a multidisciplinary approach, such as enacting laws to restrict access, increasing education and prevention, and treating addiction,” Close and Grover, co-founders of Montage Health’s Prescribe Safe, told The Pine Cone.

The Carmel Valley congressman encouraged senators to approve the bill.

“I urge the Senate to swiftly pass this bill before the end of this Congress so we can get it signed into law and save lives,” Panetta said.

Xylazine, which drug dealers use as a cheap cutting agent for fentanyl, depresses the central nervous system and can cause a lower heart rate and blood pressure, extreme sleepiness and loss of muscle tone. It can be injected, smoked, snorted or swallowed.

Adverse effects of the drug, which is not an opioid, include excessive sedation, skin wounds and infections.

Music festival raises \$\$\$ for charity

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

ON THE eve of the Monterey Jazz Festival, a benefit at Pasadera called MusicFest raised more than \$50,000 for music education in the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District and for the prevention of Meniere’s Disease, according to publicist Michael Abramowitz. Multi-time Grammy winner and former longtime Santana lead singer Tony Lindsay headlined the event, while legend Huey Lewis — whose career prematurely ended due to the debilitating effects of Meniere’s

— appeared in support of its cause.

More than 250 members and guests gathered for the club’s second annual MusicFest, which is part of the Concert Cares program, Sept. 24 to support music education and efforts to address the incurable disorder that can cause severe hearing and balance issues. Clubs in the Concert Golf Partners portfolio, including TPC Monterey at Pasadera, collaborate with local nonprofits to host fundraisers and “make targeted donations that reflect the values of the club and the needs of the local community.”



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Prison guard admits to bogus claim

By KELLY NIX

A FORMER prison guard who pleaded guilty to insurance fraud after feigning injuries following an attack by an inmate five years ago is set to be sentenced next month, prosecutors said this week. She faces probation and possible time behind bars.

King City resident Lorena Hernandez Alvarado, 43, who was a correctional officer at Salinas Valley State Prison in Soledad, pleaded no contest to the crime and admitted the loss exceeded \$100,000. She also pleaded guilty to two separate drunken driving charges.

‘Heavy shield’

Alvarado’s criminal case stems from a workplace injury claim she filed in April 2021 in which she reported injuring her shoulder, neck, back and knees while wielding a heavy shield to protect herself from liquid thrown by an inmate.

Although the prison’s insurer — State Compensation Insurance Fund — accepted Alvarado’s claim, she did not return to work and was paid “well over” \$100,000 in benefits, including wage replacement and healthcare expenses, according to the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office.

But an investigation by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation’s internal affairs division found that Alvarado never used a shield during the incident. She was subsequently charged with two felony counts of insurance fraud.

Eyewitness account

Deputy district attorney John Hubanks said Thursday that there was no surveillance video of the inmate’s attack.

“There is no dispute that Ms. Alvarado was struck by liquid hurled by the inmate from his cell,” Hubanks told The Pine Cone. “There was one eyewitness who denied that she used a shield during the incident, and the overall evidence — including a prior workplace injury claim from 2019 that was rejected as being fabricated — demonstrated that she did not use a shield, nor did she injure herself as she claimed.”

At sentencing, Alvarado is expected to receive felony probation, which Hubanks said could last as long as seven years. The court also has the discretion to order her to serve up to one year behind bars, though she will receive credit for her time in custody.

“Should Ms. Alvarado violate probation,

See **GUARD** page 17A

ANIMAL BLESSING AT ST. PHILIP’S

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

IT DOESN’T matter if your pets are angels or a wee bit devilish. Leaders at St. Philip’s Lutheran Church in Carmel Valley say they’ll bless them all. On Oct. 4, the congregation has a lineup of animal-friendly events that starts at 10 a.m. with an indoor service and blessing.

If your greyhound or Chihuahua is a bit too rambunctious — or maybe you think

your giant pet tortoise would be better off outside — come to the outdoor group and individual blessings starting at noon.

Heaven on Earth

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., several local animal rescue groups will be on hand to help their charges find a little heaven on Earth in forever homes. All are welcome to attend, and the church is at 8065 Carmel Valley Road.

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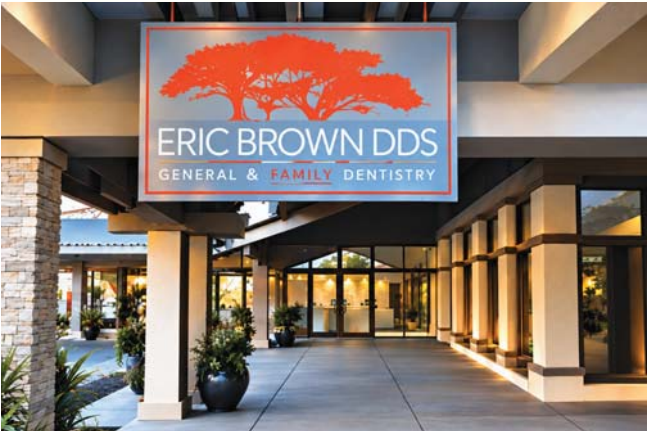
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Round two of tourism talks Oct. 8

■ Survey ends next week

By MARY SCHLEY

THE RESULTS of an extensive questionnaire exploring public sentiment on tourism in Carmel will be revealed at a second community town hall set for Oct. 8 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Armed with that information, consultants will develop findings and recommendations for managing visitors in the small but world-famous city.

The Carmel Residents Association, the city’s destination marketing group and the chamber of commerce are working with regional tourism agency See Monterey to develop a plan for handling the crowds that flock to Carmel throughout the year.

See Monterey was allocated nearly \$293,000 in the city’s 2026-2027 budget and used some of that money to hire two firms: Better Destinations LLC, a consultant specializing in destination management and stewardship, and SMA-RInsights, a tourism-focused market research company.

Representatives held their first town hall on the subject in late August and released the lengthy survey, which closes just before next week’s session.

All are welcome

“Residents, business owners, employees and everyone who lives in, works in or cares about Carmel-by-the-Sea are invited to participate in a second community town hall to help shape the future of tourism in Carmel,” organizers announced.

At the meeting, which will be held in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center, the consultants will present their findings, share common themes that have emerged from their research, and take questions and comments. That feedback will “help shape the

findings and recommendations” set to be presented to the city council on Dec. 1.

Those who haven’t taken the survey can visit tinyurl.com/CBTSSurvey26. The questionnaire is described as “part of a community-led effort to identify opportunities for managing Carmel tourism while safeguarding our community’s unique character, economic vitality, resident quality of life, and visitor experience.”

It asks respondents to compare the quality of life in Carmel with that in other California communities and elsewhere, seeks “the three best reasons” to live in Carmel and the three most important ways life here could be improved, and goes on to ask about the frequency of visits downtown and to the beach, reasons for going, modes of transportation and work situations.

Parking, etc.

The survey seeks information about parking and opinions on possible solutions. It also asks, “Over-

all, how much do you agree that tourism is good for your community?” and “How likely are you to recommend visiting Carmel-by-the-Sea to your friends, family, and coworkers from other places?”

It solicits opinions on the importance and effects of tourism on “you and your family,” local businesses and the community, and asks respondents to explain their answers. It also asks whether the city attracted too many, too few or the right number of visitors at various times of the year.

Respondents are asked to indicate their level of agreement or disagreement with a range of positive and negative statements, including that tourism “creates jobs for people in the area” and “creates stress on the natural environment.”

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What can you do with a \$500 hooptie?

By MARY SCHLEY

THE INFAMOUS 24 Hours of Lemons — whose sibling event, the Concours de Lemons, brings levity and sarcasm to Car Week each year — is celebrating its 20th anniversary at Laguna Seca on Oct. 12. Everyone is invited to enjoy the mayhem for free as 45 teams race dirt-cheap cars for seven hours, assuming the vehicles last that long.

The popular competition draws more than 5,000 drivers each year, making it the world’s largest car-racing series, and the barrier to entry is low. A team buys an inexpensive car — defined as costing no more than \$500 — makes it safe and races it against a full field on legitimate road courses across the country. Running into other cars is prohibited and heavily penalized.

‘Car-whacko friends’

The field of 45 teams for the series’ WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca debut was drawn from more than 320 that signed up within the first 48 hours of registration, and nearly 300 drivers have committed.

“Team names went onto 10 mm sockets, into a pan of used motor oil, and were pulled out by hand,” according to organizers.

Jay Lamm, “chief perpetrator” and CEO of the series, said the effort began as “a one-time fun thing for myself and some car-whacko friends.”

“And my real expectation was we’d attempt to race 24 hours, all of our cars would blow up by about hour three, and we’d all spend the rest of the weekend in a bar,” he said.

Instead, it evolved into an effort that has

put more newcomers on the track than any other. The 24 Hours of Lemons has helped remove hurdles related to cost, experience, team development and other challenges.



PHOTO/FACEBOOK

Want to see what a really cheap car can do on the track? No doubt it will be funny. The 24 Hours of Lemons makes its Laguna Seca debut Oct. 12.

“Racing never needed to feel as exclusive and unapproachable as it did — it’s like skiing or golf, not like going to Mars,” Lamm said. “While it’s incredibly hard to be great, it’s actually not all that hard just to go out and be safe and have fun.”

Over two decades and 367 race weekends, more than 40,000 people have raced in Lemons, covering nearly 18 million official race miles, according to the series. A recent survey of drivers found that eight out of 10 respondents said Lemons was the first place they raced wheel to wheel.

The nitty-gritty

While participating cars have a maximum tab of \$500, that amount does not include safety equipment, since nobody wants anyone skimping on that. Wheels, tires, brakes, wheel bearings, ball joints, windshields and wipers, exhaust

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Eight vie for P.G. council seats

By LILY PATTERSON

SINCE THE city’s charter was adopted in 1927, and despite attempts during the past two election cycles to shrink it, the Pacific Grove City Council stands at seven voting members, including the mayor. What has meaningfully changed is how council members will be selected, since Pacific Grove divided itself into six voting districts last year.

Eight council candidates, among them incumbents Cynthia Garfield and Lori McDonnell, are vying for four open seats this November — and the primary concern shared by the challengers, it seems, is how to curb the city’s spending habits. As revealed during a forum hosted by the League of Women Voters on Sept. 15, their proposed solutions include establishing a financial oversight committee, sharing public safety services with other cities, slashing consulting costs and restructuring the budget hearing process.

Pacific Grove closed the last fiscal year with a \$1.96 million general fund deficit and must tackle its considerable pension liability and a long list of deferred maintenance projects, several candidates remarked.

Uncontested seat

The new district system preserves four-year terms except for one at-large seat, which will temporarily fill the remaining two years of former councilmember Paul Walkingstick’s term. That seat and those representing the odd-numbered districts are up for grabs this cycle.

District 5, however, has already been captured by candidate Chris Thomas, who is running unopposed to represent the southeasternmost section of the city bordered by Highway 68. A former resident

of San Antonio, Philadelphia, Chicago and Houston, he recently retired from managing auto dealerships. Thomas said he and his wife had the means to relocate wherever they wished but “chose Pacific Grove because it represents the kind of community we believe in.” He serves on the library advisory board and said he is committed to “wise investments” in public infrastructure.

Two incumbents, six newcomers

District 1 — which includes the coastline, the Point Pinos area and the neighborhoods below Lighthouse Avenue — features a contest between Garfield, who served from 2016 to 2020 and was unanimously appointed to fill a vacancy last year, and Kevin Hanley, a former U.S. Navy officer and two-term mayor of Auburn who moved to town with his wife six years ago.

District 3, which encompasses the stalled American Tin Cannery development, borders Monterey and extends from Ocean View Boulevard to just past Sinex Avenue. Three candidates are vying for the seat: planning commission chair Andrew Kubica, political newcomer and U.S. Air Force veteran Tara Leweling, and former P.G. councilmember Susan Goldbeck, who served from 2002 to 2006.

McDonnell, who represents Pacific Grove on the board of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, is nearing the end of her first term. She is being challenged for the at-large seat by James Ogle, who lists his occupation as “artist.” Though he did not submit a candidate statement and answered “I don’t know” to most questions posed at last week’s forum, Ogle expressed a desire to establish

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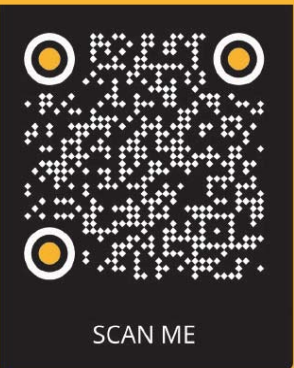
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As Paul Miller so eloquently stated in a recent editorial of The Carmel Pine Cone, “[A]ll proposed [tax] hikes should be viewed with suspicion, because government is not a disinterested party when it comes to revenue.” Be more than suspicious of Misguided Measure M – it’s a tax we don’t need and can’t afford!

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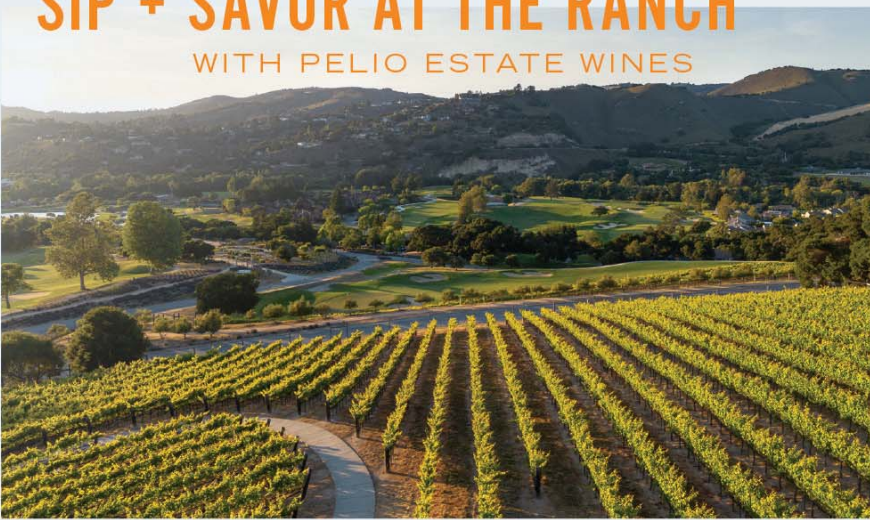
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CHS students stitch for local women’s shelter

By LILY PATTERSON

EVERY WEDNESDAY at lunchtime, more than a dozen Carmel High School student get together to knit and crochet hats. They’ve been meeting for the past year, since seniors Brianna Glass and Lily Phillips gathered a few friends and recruited club adviser Maria Kaluza, director of the world languages department, to give their project some direction.

Handcrafts are experiencing a small renaissance in the smartphone age, with searches for “learn to knit” up 30% since the iPhone debuted in 2007. TikTok and

Pinterest make it easy to share techniques and patterns, and crafters can sell their finished projects through Etsy and Instagram. Teens say the meditative nature of needlework provides a “digital detox” while serving as a social activity and a stress reliever.

Hats for Homies

Kaluza said the generosity of teachers and staff has kept the club supplied with yarn and needles. They’ve also received materials donations from local nonprofits as members decided to channel their creative energies into community service — hence the group’s name, Hats for Homies.

In December 2025, the students donated numerous cozy caps to Gathering for Women, a day center for homeless women in Monterey, and pledged to make contributions twice a year.

The center provides “hot, nutritious meals, clothing, showers, comprehensive case management support, limited emergency assistance, job training, access to free basic health care, and connection to

other community services,” according to its website.

On Sept. 30, Kent Glenzer, president of the shelter’s board and a professor of international policy and development at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies, visited CHS to accept a donation of 33 hats. He was accompanied by executive director Staci Alziebler-Perkins.

“It’s extremely important to engage younger people in these kinds of challenges,” Glenzer said. “I want to thank all the kids and the district for supporting us.”



Hats off to CHS seniors Lily Phillips and Brianna Glass, who taught several classmates the art of crochet, then donated the handmade accessories to the Gathering for Women shelter with gratitude from directors Kent Glenzer and Staci Alziebler-Perkins.

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building in Los Gatos warned the town council last week of potential legal costs for blocking the project, even though the council says the developer’s application is moving forward,” the article said.

The Spotlight quoted Eilenberg speaking remotely during a Los Gatos hearing.

“I respectfully want to tell you the town’s attempt to block this development will cost the town dearly,” he said. “We recently cashed the attorneys’ fees check from another city and are in final negotiations on the amount of

attorneys’ fees that a third city will be paying us.”

According to other media reports, Eilenberg also wants to construct a 16-story, 105-unit project in Woodside. The Santa Barbara Independent reported April 24 that a Superior Court judge ruled the city of Santa Barbara “did not deliberately try to delay the application for an eight-story apartment building near the Santa Barbara Mission” after an LLC tied to Eilenberg sued the city.

The Independent also reported that Eilenberg plans to build an 18-story housing complex in Carpinteria.

Is it a hoax?

When news of Eilenberg’s unprecedented project at Highway 68 and Laureles Grade began spreading on social media, many locals thought it was a hoax.

“Is this for real or a joke?” one local wrote on Facebook. “I can’t imagine there would be water available for this monstrosity.”

But county officials confirmed an application has been filed.

The owner of the property is listed as the Roman Catholic Diocese of Monterey. Diocese spokesperson Matthew Godinez told The Pine Cone that the diocese has owned the land for more than 20 years and that it has been on the market for a decade.

“The property is currently under contract for sale and in escrow, with closing anticipated on Oct. 30,” Godinez said. “The diocese is not the developer of the proposed housing project.”

455 trees must go

According to Eilenberg’s plan, the Highway 68 project would include three 500,000-square-foot buildings with a total of 762 units, including 98 deemed affordable, and another 400,000-square-foot building with 200 units, including 26 for low-income residents. Three levels of parking would be located beneath the housing. The application indicates it would be served by California American Water.

To make way for construction, 455 trees would need to be removed, including laurels, oaks and pines. The work would generate more than 1.1 million cubic yards of cut material and require 411,000 cubic yards of fill.

According to the preliminary application, which was deemed complete in March, the applicant contends that the property contains no environmentally sensitive habitat areas. The land is zoned rural density residential.

‘A blank slate’

On real estate websites, two properties of roughly the same size and location as the project site are for sale for \$795,000. They have been on the market since 2023, although they have been listed as contingent since January.

“This amazing property has been held for over 35 years by the same owner,” according to Zillow, which described the land as a “blank palette waiting for your imagination.”

The Pine Cone reached out to Eilenberg for comment, but a phone number associated with him is disconnected.

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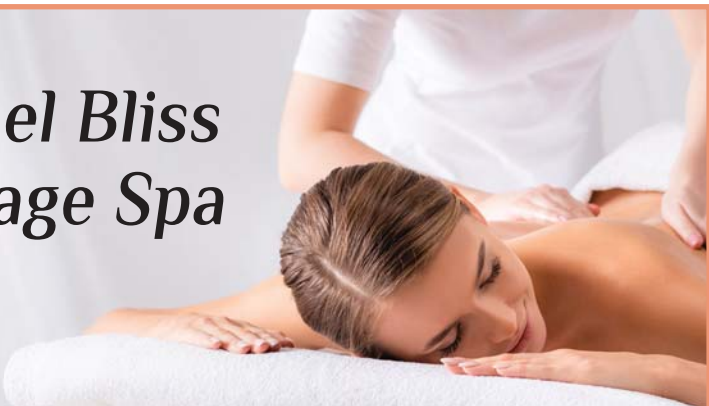
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Drone rules, Car Week on agendas

By MARY SCHLEY

CARMEL P.D. wants a drone, the Carmel Heritage Society and the chamber of commerce want to occupy the long-vacant Scout House, and the public works department wants a \$98,000 dump truck. Those topics and many others are on the agendas of back-to-back Carmel City Council meetings Oct. 5 and 6, with Monday’s meeting starting at 3 p.m. and Tuesday’s at 4:30 p.m.

In addition to considering routine

reports and other items of business, the council on Monday is set to get an update on the Harrison Memorial Library restoration project and to review a policy for drone operations by the police department. CPD doesn’t have a drone, but it wants one to use for searches, rescues, critical incidents, scene documentation and disaster response.

Councilmembers will also receive a report on the effort to find a new city

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across more than 3,800 square miles, he explained.

“Tools matter,” Boyd said. “When personnel capacity is reduced and an investigative tool with statewide reach is also removed, our ability to develop investigative leads is further constrained. That may mean that some investigations take longer. In some cases, crimes may be more difficult to solve because information that previously could have provided a lead is no longer available to us through this network.”

When it takes law enforcement longer to identify a suspect, that person could commit additional crimes before being apprehended.

“For those reasons, the sheriff’s office believed and continues to believe that maintaining access to automatic license-plate-reader technology was important to the long-term public safety needs of Monterey County.”

The sheriff’s office no longer has access to the cameras, which Boyd said will be removed within 60 days.

Boyd said that during the past three

years, residents in the county’s rural and unincorporated communities — including many predominantly Hispanic areas — have asked the sheriff’s office for a greater law enforcement presence, only to learn that funding was unavailable.

The sheriff’s office offered license-plate readers as an alternative. “A camera is not a deputy, but a camera can be present when a deputy cannot,” Boyd said, adding that when a crime occurs, the technology can provide “another set of eyes for our deputies and detectives.”

Will ‘adapt’

The sheriff’s office will “adapt” and continue to evaluate how it can provide effective service with the personnel, technology, training and investigative resources at its disposal, he said.

“We will continue listening to every part of this county, including the rural and unincorporated communities that have asked us for greater presence, greater resources and additional tools to support their safety,” Boyd said.

Supervisors Wendy Root Askew, Glenn Church and Kate Daniels, who represents the Monterey Peninsula, voted to get rid of the cameras, while supervisors Luis Alejo and Chris Lopez voted to retain them.

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administrator, discuss a “streetscape plan for downtown,” and vote on the city’s usual shutdown between Christmas and New Year’s. Closed-session items include labor negotiations and discussion of the Sunset Center lease terms.

Tuesday’s agenda contains a joint presentation from

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the maximum sentence on the insurance fraud case is six years in state prison,” Hubanks said.

The court will also probably order her to pay restitution. “That figure is likely to be no less than \$125,000 and could exceed \$175,000 if the court imposes interest,” Hubanks said. “It should be noted that Ms. Alvarado can contest the amount of restitution through a court hearing.”

She is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 22 in Monterey County Superior Court.

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the science fascinating and understandable,” Vollmer said.

Griggs’ book, “Between Paradise and Peril: The Natural Disaster History of the Monterey Bay Region,” focuses on earthquakes, tsunamis and storms, and he’ll share his insights and knowledge during the talk. Police Chief Todd Trayer “will then bring the conversation even closer to home with practical guidance on tsunami preparedness and what we can do to help protect ourselves, our families and our community,” she said.

Representatives from the Monterey Fire Department, the Community Emergency Response Team and SPCA Monterey County will be there, too.

Sunset Center is at 908 San Carlos St. Carpenter Hall is accessible from the Mission Street side of the complex, and parking is available in the lot at Mission Street and Eighth Avenue.

the chamber and the heritage society on their proposal to share the First Murphy House, which was shut down more than 20 years ago due to ADA concerns. Following a report on El Niño and storm preparedness, the council will be asked to ratify the city administrator’s declaration of a state of emergency (see story page 3A) and will hear a lengthy report on Car Week.

The council will be asked to formally OK a

compensation and benefits plan, and the meeting will wrap up with the introduction of an ordinance “to implement specific general plan housing element programs to remove constraints to the development of housing and comply with state housing law.”

The meetings will be held at city hall at 662 Monte Verde St. and on Zoom, and will stream on YouTube. For full agendas and more, visit ci.carmel.ca.us.

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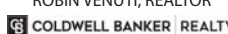
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cost of living, local governments are asking them to raise taxes in nearly every corner of the state,” said California Tax Foundation President Robert Gutierrez. “The election results are likely to show that, instead of adding to the unaffordability crisis, Californians would like to see politicians do better with the high taxes they already pay.”

But is Gutierrez right? Historically, progressive voters in deep-blue California have easily passed tax measures to fund local government services, though June’s primary did paint a different picture. Even in far-left enclaves, tax measures struggled or failed. In Los Angeles, a sales tax to fund healthcare passed by a 1% margin, and in San Francisco, voters rejected an

“overpaid CEO” tax, fearing it would hurt the city’s economic recovery.

The sense following the primary was that perhaps Californians were feeling overtaxed for the first time in decades. Voters in left-leaning Monterey, Lompoc and Contra Costa counties rejected sales tax initiatives in June, but their sentiments didn’t stop local governments from asking for more in November.

Don’t forget the tax

In the San Francisco Bay area, proposed sales tax increases for public transportation could cost shoppers almost \$1 billion a year. San Francisco is asking for a 1% increase, while Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties are each seeking a half-percent increase.

Golden State voters are no strangers to being asked to pay more for their goods. Usually, the initiatives come at us as a half-cent there or a penny here, but after years

of raising sales taxes a little at a time, some rates have become eye-poppingly high.

If the San Francisco area passes a sales tax increase for transit, Pacifica’s rate will reach 11.375%, and Oakland and Hayward will climb to 11.25%, but those still won’t be the highest rates in the state. In Lancaster and Palmdale, where an additional 11.75% is tacked onto the price of goods, a sky-high rate went into effect Thursday as a result of the increase Los Angeles County voters narrowly approved in June.

As rates go up across the state, so does the number of cities and counties setting sales tax records. California has a standard statutory limit of 2% for combined local sales taxes that can be added to the state’s base sales tax rate of 7.25%, which is already the highest in the nation. So why are so many places paying more than the cap? Sacramento lawmakers keep enacting special legislation to let jurisdictions get around the limit.

One such bill is how the cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea and Pacific Grove are hoping to get their latest requests through. Both municipalities are asking for a 0.375% increase to bring their effective rate to 9.625%. Neither city received a special carve-out for its jurisdiction. Instead, both are relying on an exception made for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County more than a decade ago.

TAMC carve-out

In 2015, TAMC wanted a county-wide 0.375% rate, but the city of Greenfield was seeking an increase at the same time. Together, the two taxes would have exceeded the cap. Sacramento gave TAMC the carve-out through Senate Bill 705. Greenfield started collecting above the 9.25% mark, and the following year TAMC got its tax with Measure X. Now

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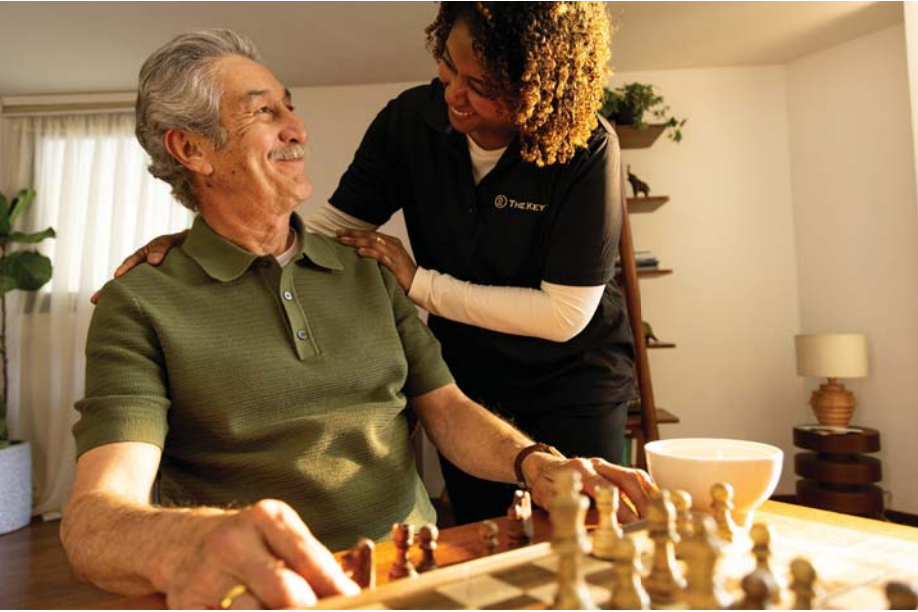
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Carmel and Pacific Grove are using the same exemption, which was created for TAMC.

Pacific Grove and Carmel were careful not to tie the potential new revenue to specific purposes, which under California law would make them special taxes requiring two-thirds voter approval. The ballot language may say the money is for sidewalks and beaches, but it also says the funds may be used to “fund other general government

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The survey then seeks general descriptions of visitors and their effects. It concludes with questions about respondents’ familiarity with destination marketing agencies, what kinds of tourists those agencies should try to attract, if any, and “any other thoughts about improving tourism in Carmel-by-the-Sea.”

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purposes,” requiring only a simple majority to pass.

It’s a playbook cities around the state have used for years, and it allows jurisdictions to cover other rising expenses such as employee health care and pension costs.

Cost of living

Three-eighths of 1% may be hard to get excited about, but as city after city breaks through the 9.25% threshold, those dollars and cents add up, especially for lower-income residents. Data from the progressive-leaning California Budget and Policy Center shows families with the lowest incomes pay 7.4% of their total incomes in sales taxes alone, compared with 0.8% for the richest 1%.

Sales tax increases will have a bigger impact on businesses and consumers this year, too. The state Legislature is taxing the sale of software subscriptions for the first time, which means companies large and small will be subject to sales tax for everything from QuickBooks to

Microsoft 365 — costs they’re sure to pass on to consumers. And, of course, you’ll also be taxed for your personal Claude subscription.

Carmel Unified and Pacific Grove Unified school districts are hoping to raise property tax bills this November, too. Carmel wants a \$250 million bond for facilities, which would increase property taxes by \$17.7 million a year. In Pacific Grove, the district is hoping voters will pass an \$85-per-parcel tax for programs, including keeping prices down for before- and after-school care and paying for mental health counseling.

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Underlying questions about license plate surveillance cameras, youth recreation fees and forest fire prevention was the issue of rebalancing the budget, which kicked off with a discussion of Measure R. The proposed 0.375% sales tax increase — ostensibly for street and sidewalk improvements and public safety upgrades — will also be on the Nov. 3 ballot.

All supported the measure, in light of a recent city report that said nonresidents account for 70% of Pacific Grove’s sales tax revenue. Leweling favors the tax to keep those dollars in town, since the county could seek a similar rate if it fails on the local ballot. Hanley supports it but worries the estimated \$1 million in annual income won’t be allocated to infrastructure as promised, but will be redirected to salaries and benefits.

Measure R isn’t a special tax, meaning it needs only a simple majority to pass, but cannot be earmarked for specific uses.

Last year, roughly 20% of general fund expenditures went exclusively to pension costs. CalPERS “is one of our biggest expenses,” McDonnell conceded, as the

city’s net pension liability hovers around \$55 million.

To tackle the issue, Goldbeck proposed sharing a police force with Monterey — similar to the cities’ fire services agreement, which has been in place since 2008 — and Kubica also expressed interest in a joint approach to services.

The city should conduct an audit of services, determine which are underused and stop subsidizing them, Garfield suggested.

Oversight committee

Hanley — who was a policy consultant for the California Legislature before serving on the Auburn City Council — declared the budget process “a failure.”

“What happens in Pacific Grove is that the budget is brought up in the last two sessions before the new fiscal year, so city council members are looking at this mammoth document written by staff, and they don’t have an opportunity to find savings to shift money to things like infrastructure,” he said. He proposed adding special budget hearings in April and May “to review every single department” line by line.

A former NPS student who was recently a vice president of corporate affairs for USAA Insurance, Leweling advocated establishing a financial oversight committee. Kubica agreed, and said he was “appalled” when the city’s previous committee, which was established in 2008 with the help of local accountants, was

dissolved in 2019. Consulting expenditures were another target. Several candidates lamented how the city handled its cannabis retail licensing process earlier this year, as a consultant paid more than \$26,000 to help write and administer permitting policy overlooked a legal loophole, to its financial benefit.

Kubica mentioned that Pacific Grove’s state-mandated housing element was completed during his planning commission tenure despite “the added challenge of working with three community development directors and two consecutive consulting firms.”

As for alternative revenue sources, Garfield — who is concerned that Pacific Grove is being “loved to death” by tourists and wants to find ways to preserve its coastline, open spaces and small-town character — favored the addition of paid parking kiosks along Ocean View Boulevard.

McDonnell, who volunteers locally with environmental research teams, said taking action to preserve the city’s natural resources — such as proper forest management and shoring up the eroded coastal path — will benefit residents and attract more visitors.

“The more we are good stewards of our environment, the more we actually do to bring in more income,” she said.

No. 1 issue: Safer streets

Leweling said the city should apply for more matching grants for public works projects and environmental initiatives. If elected, she would want to establish performance indicators to measure the effectiveness of those investments — how many potholes filled, and the like — a transparency measure Hanley also supported.

Goldbeck, for her part, plans to visit every home in District 3. She has visited 268 so far and determined that “the No. 1 issue” among those constituents is traffic safety.

Repaving and sidewalk repairs topped the list of essential public works projects the candidates said they would prioritize, followed by brush clearing and fire prevention in the city’s largest park, restoring the heavily traveled coastal trail, and keeping public restrooms clean and accessible.

A recording of the candidates’ forum, which included incumbent Mayor Nick Smith and challenger Luke Coletti, can be viewed in full at pacificgrove.org.

FORGE

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Corner Market restaurant. The former dining establishment operated by Greg Profeta closed after Patrice Pastor bought the property from Judie Profeta and her family in February 2023 for \$5.4 million.

After construction work began there a few months ago, some residents argued the building should be protected because it was once Whitaker’s workplace, while others expressed sentimentality for the restaurant. Since all the permits were issued and work is well underway, their objections are too late and the board’s discussion was little more than academic, but they are nonetheless worth reporting.

Whitaker’s legacy

The blacksmith, whose death in 1999 was reported in The New York Times, was born in Massachusetts in 1906 and at age 15 studied under architectural blacksmith Samuel Yellin, who established ironwork as an art form in the United States, according to historical consultant Meg Clovis’ analysis of the property. After continuing his training in Berlin, Whitaker moved to Carmel in 1927 to work with M.J. Murphy, which he did for seven years until the Great Depression.

After being laid off, he left to teach welding in shipyards in San Francisco and San Diego, and then returned to Carmel in 1940, taking over a local blacksmith’s business called the Forge in the Forest. He obtained a permit for builder Hugh Comstock to construct his shop at Junipero and Fifth in October 1944.

“He is still considered one of the finest ironworkers and artistic blacksmiths in the United States,” she wrote. Whitaker was elected three times to city council between

1952 and 1963 but only completed one full term before moving to Aspen, Colo., where he opened the Mountain Forge.

After he left, the building was used as an art studio before being turned into a restaurant and saloon in 1974.

Decisions questioned

In January 2025, Pastor’s local development company, Esperanza Carmel, applied for a historical analysis, and two months later, Clovis submitted her review, concluding that while the property is eligible for listing because of Whitaker, the building has not retained enough integrity to warrant mandatory protection. No one challenged Clovis’ report, and permits to remodel the building for the Corner Market restaurant were issued in November 2025 without any objections.

It wasn’t until work commenced a few months ago — and the building inspector required replacement of part of the north wall due to severe rot and termite infestation — that people complained.

“The city received numerous inquiries from the public when work commenced on the patio and when siding was removed from a portion of the north wall,” associate planner Katherine Wallace said in her Sept. 21 report. “Inquiry topics include a request to view the DPR 523 form, request to view approved design review plans, request to view the approved building permit plans, request to require artifacts remain onsite, request to relocate the artifacts, request to include a reference of the forge in the new restaurant name, request to install a plaque, and general concern regarding protection of Carmel’s heritage.”

Expressing sentiment for the former restaurant and its “very rustic forest charm,” Carmel Residents Association board member Nancy Twomey wrote in

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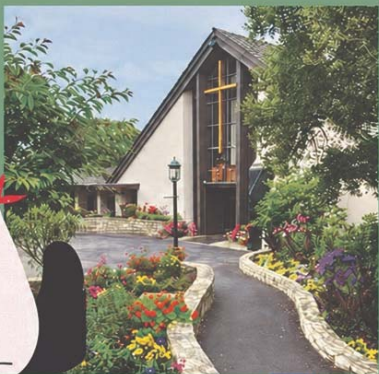


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a Sept. 20 email, “The approval of design reviews looks to discard reverence for the history directly linked to its rustic charm. How can this happen?”

In an August letter to the city, former HRB member Julie Wendt declared, “Carmel-by-the-Sea is losing a beloved part of its history,” and she alleged the work exceeded the scope of the building permit the city issued in January for interior and exterior alterations to the restaurant and grounds.

She implied the project sidestepped public review, described Clovis’ conclusion that the property lacks historical integrity as “ruinous,” and said the HRB and planning commission should have interfered, rather than the city relying on “the perfunctory historic consultant’s by-the-book review that said the building had changes over the years, lost integrity, and was therefore not historic, basically giving license to wipe out Carmel’s history of its internationally known blacksmith and our legendary Forge in the Forest.”

In the runoff to the Sept. 21 HRB meeting, however, Wendt acknowledged the building is not historic but said Whitaker’s anvil, forge and tools should be protected.

Missing anvil

Neither the Profetas nor Elarmo and Cogley know the whereabouts of the anvil, according to Wallace, and the Carmel Heritage Society had been offered the forge but declined, due to its size and weight, so the city decided to accept it and take on the responsibility of moving it. Elarmo and Cogley also said they would put up a plaque honoring Whitaker.

At the meeting, resident Neal Kruse, who worked on the Forge in the Forest

restaurant project, noted the various tools welded to the forge — which was converted into a fireplace — came from San Juan Bautista flea markets, not Whitaker’s shop, and resident Cindy Lloyd questioned whether the forge itself had belonged to him.

In a book Whitaker wrote, she said, “He said he hired a man with a truck to take everything in his blacksmith shop, and then he loaded up his own truck and left,” for Colorado. “So I really question whether those things are indeed Francis’, but I don’t know.”

Sensitivities

After receiving the report and listening to public comment — and knowing the board was in no position to demand changes or make decisions about the Corner Market project — board member Erik Dyar suggested the HRB be involved not just when changes are proposed for a historic property, but when “the town is sensitive about it.”

“There are certain things that don’t come to the HRB as a formal agenda item that probably should, and we as a group can talk about that and maybe provide some additional guidance to the staff on what that looks like,” Chroman agreed.

Board members thanked Cogley and Elarmo for their willingness to install a plaque, and this week, the city took Elarmo up on her offer of the forge — whether it was ever used by Whitaker or not.

On Wednesday, Waters reported crews had to remove part of a wall to get it out of the building and said the piece is so heavy that it broke a couple of wheels on the dolly.

Workers loaded it onto a backhoe to take it up to Flanders Mansion, where it will be stored in the garage of the historic home on the edge of Mission Trail park.



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GAVEL
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he drove Maciel’s stolen car while wearing Maciel’s stolen backpack. When Salinas police officers tried to take him into custody, Barriga ran and reached for his gun. Police shot him and took him into custody with the help of a police dog. He quickly recovered from his wounds.

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ROBOTS
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Robot-assisted surgery allows a surgeon to sit at a console and use remotely controlled robotic arms wielding scalpels, clamps, scissors, retractors, irrigators and other surgical tools to perform procedures. Because the da Vinci systems enable minimally invasive procedures with greater precision, smaller incisions and less physical trauma than open surgery, they can mean less pain and scarring, reduced blood loss, a lower risk of infection and faster recovery.

Surgeons can see better

The machines expand what surgeons can do and see, said Dr. Harsha Mittakanti, a urologist with Montage Medical Group.

“That level of visualization and control gives me an extra layer of support during complex procedures,” said Mittakanti, who is also Montage’s director of robot-assisted surgery. “When robot-assisted surgery is the right approach for a patient and we see an excellent outcome, that’s very rewarding.”

The new system, which goes by the

name, “da Vinci 5,” includes enhanced 3D imaging, expanded computing power and advanced data capabilities.

The manufacturer uses artificial intelligence and machine learning to analyze data generated during surgeries. “Force feedback” technology allows surgeons to physically feel pushing, pulling, tension and pressure at the instrument tips during a procedure.

“These technologies help create objective analytics and insights that surgeons can use for learning, performance assessment, and continuous improvement and, ultimately, help support better, more consistent outcomes for patients,” a Montage spokeswoman told The Pine Cone this week. “The surgeon is always in control of the system. Every movement of the instruments is directed by the surgeon in real time.”

The systems can assist doctors with procedures that include gallbladder removal, lung, kidney and prostate cancer treatment, hernia repair, removal of ovarian cysts or masses, and weight-loss surgery.

Other technology

Montage said it also recently introduced “high-intensity focused ultrasound,” an alternative to radiation to destroy cancerous tissue. It also plans to add a robot-assisted bronchoscopy system in spring 2027 to help physicians access difficult-to-reach areas of the lungs during cancer procedures.

Montage said the advanced systems represent “a growing suite of technologies that give physicians more options to tailor care to each patient’s needs while expanding access to advanced treatment close to home.”

Montage would not say how much each da Vinci 5 system cost, but online reports value the systems between \$1.8 million and \$3 million, with annual service and maintenance costs ranging from \$200,000 to \$400,000.

“This investment was made possible through generous community support through the Montage Health Foundation,” Dr. Steven Cabrales, Montage Health’s vice president and chief medical officer, told The Pine Cone.



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VOTERS

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include your newly assigned street address as your residential address. Be sure to list your P.O. box or separate mailing address in the ‘mailing address’ field.”

After hearing from councilwoman Alissandra Dramov, who is running for reelection, that residents had been receiving the cards, mayoral candidate Hans Buder encouraged voters at the police chief’s Car Week listening session Saturday morning not to worry.

“We were both concerned that this could lead to confusion among residents, given how close we are to ballots being mailed,” Buder told The Pine Cone. “Alissandra called Monterey County Elections on Friday and confirmed that all registered voters in town will have their ballots mailed to their post office boxes, or whichever mailing address they had previously provided, regardless of whether they update their physical address.”

In other words, he said, people who don’t provide their new street addresses will still receive their ballots, and their votes will be counted.

“No one will be disenfranchised by this,” Buder said.

Took too long

Resident and former longtime city councilwoman Paula Hazdovac, who served on the committee that researched what it would take to transition from the century-plus-old tradition of using directional addresses to a standardized system and helped bring about the historic change, said the group deliberately timed its work to avoid confusion during election time. But the county took twice as long as predicted to integrate the new data, putting the information online in September instead of July, partly because officials wanted to thoroughly test its accuracy for emergency responders. That delay pushed implementation much closer to campaign season.

Despite the reassurances, Monterey County Registrar of Voters Gina Martinez urged residents to update their registrations with their newly assigned street addresses “as soon as possible.”

“There is no reason to wait until Election Day or after,” she said.

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Re-registering allows the elections office to work with the community to keep voter rolls current and accurate, according to Martinez.

“Under state law, voters are asked to update their registration whenever their address changes,” she explained. “In this situation, the new address assignment is considered an address change.”

But the process is “quick and easy,” she said, and should take just 2 or 3 minutes.

Voters can provide their address information online at registertovote.ca.gov or on a paper form available at libraries and government offices, including the post office. Those who need help or have questions can call Monterey County Elections at (831) 796-1499 or email elections@countyofmonterey.gov.

In an email distributed Sept. 30, city officials told residents they don’t need to update their records before Nov. 3 but should do so when they can.

“It isn’t required before Election Day, but your new street address does need to be added to your voter record,” the message said. “Use your new street address as your home address and keep your P.O. box as your mailing address.”

The registration deadline for residents who are not on the voter rolls but want to register is Oct. 19, though

same-day registration is available through Nov. 3.

Integrating the new system has also highlighted some of Carmel’s quirks. People who live or own businesses on the city’s main north-south road, for instance, are accustomed to calling it “Junipero Street,” and signs at all but one intersection identify it as “Junipero St.” The Carmel Police Department, for example, was said to be on the southeast corner of Fourth Avenue and Junipero Street.

Avenue, not street

But it is, in fact, an avenue. The original Sanborn and city zoning maps, as well as Monterey County assessor maps, identify it as Junipero Avenue, and Swanson said no one can really say when or why it became commonly known as Junipero Street. Regardless, people will need to get used to saying and hearing “Junipero Avenue,” at least when referring to the new official addresses. The Carmel Police Department is at 412 Junipero Ave.

Similarly, people living north of Fourth Avenue on San Antonio, Camino Real and Casanova — but not on Monte Verde or Carmelo — have “North” as part of their newly assigned addresses. At a meeting before the system was adopted, councilman Jeff Baron asked about his address being on North Camino Real and said no one who lives in the area refers to it that way. Now they’ll have to.



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MARY CAROLYN 'MC' HUDGENS
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Mary Carolyn Hudgens, affectionately known as "MC," passed away peacefully Aug. 23, 2026, at the age of 90.

MC was born and raised in Jonesboro, Illinois, to Cecil and Mabel Norris. She was the middle of three daughters, between her sisters Lenora, who preceded her in death, and Cecelia. She attended Northwestern University, graduating in 1957 with a degree in speech correction.

After completing her studies, MC turned her attention to starting a family. She reconnected with her high school sweetheart, Glenn Earl Hudgens, and the love they had known in their younger years quickly blossomed again. In February 1960, at the age of 24, MC and Glenn married, beginning a remarkable partnership that would span more than six decades. They were happily married for 63 years until Glenn's death in December 2023.

MC and Glenn had four children, and in July 1972, the family relocated to Carmel, California. Although Illinois was where her life began, Carmel became her home. She loved it so much that she remained there for the rest of her life.

While Carmel was home, MC had an adventurous spirit and an extraordinary love of travel. She explored much of the world, always looking for new experiences and places to discover. Her travels took her from Alaska to Antarctica and to Russia, Vietnam, Egypt, Africa, China, India, New Zealand, Australia and Iceland, as well as throughout Europe and the United Kingdom.

Many of her travels became treasured stories. In Iceland, she rode the native horses. She traveled to Australia to fulfill a childhood dream of holding a koala, and during her adventures in Asia, she had the unforgettable experiences of feeding a baby panda and a tiger cub. She also enjoyed numerous cruises that carried her to destinations around the world.

MC was a true lover of animals, which remained a special and joyful part of her life. Horses were a lifelong passion. She grew up with horses in Illinois, and her love of riding began in childhood and stayed with her throughout her life. In her later years, she returned to riding and continued well into her 80s — a wonderful continuation of something that had brought her joy since she was a young girl.

Above all, MC loved her family. She is survived by her children, Tom, Laura and Brian. Her son Mark preceded her in death in 2006 from complications of diabetes. She is also survived by seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; her sister, Cecelia; and the many family members and friends whose lives she touched.

MC lived a long and remarkable life filled with family, love, adventure, curiosity and experiences that took her around the world. She was deeply loved and will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

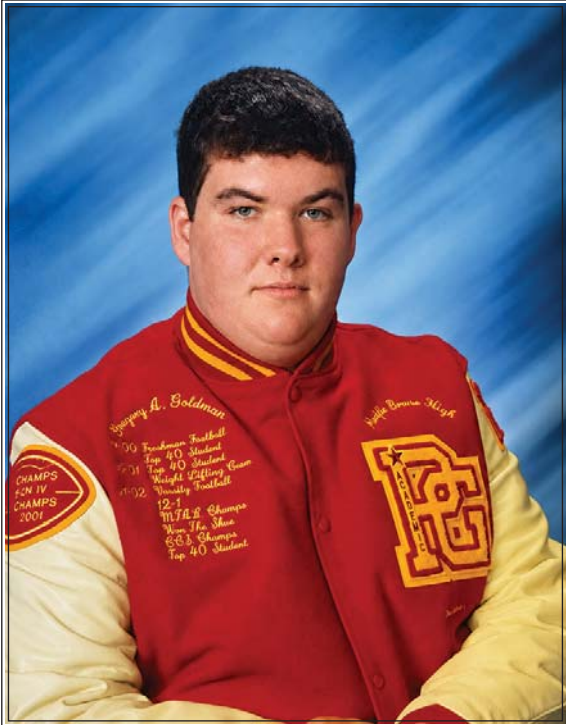
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wine, music and conversation. Ashley Chesney, executive director of Set Free Monterey Bay, said the nonprofit “wanted to work with the community to create an event that was meaningful, welcoming

and distinctly Carmel, and bringing people together for a walk along the beach followed by a gathering with our local wine community allows us to do just that.” Galante, Pepe and Louise Bristow of Carmel Wine and Wandering said they were eager to help stage the event. Tickets are \$100 for adults and \$50 for guests 18 and younger — who, of course, can’t drink wine. Net proceeds will benefit Set Free Monterey Bay. Register at walk-for-freedom-carmel.raiselysite.com.

GREGORY GOLDMAN
Jan. 28, 1985-Sept. 26, 2026

Gregory Goldman was born Jan. 28, 1985, at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula to Michael and Judith Goldman. He spent his life in the Asilomar area of Pacific Grove, close to the ocean, tall pine trees and fog.



He graduated from Pacific Grove High School in June 2003 in the top 10 of his class. Gregory was exceptionally smart and had a delightfully wicked sense of humor. He could always make people laugh with a quick one-liner or a great comeback.

Greg attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where he studied computer science and information technology. He made a close group of friends there and stayed in touch with them over the years.

Greg loved watching sports, from football to Formula 1 and everything in between — even curling. An avid San Francisco 49ers fan, he watched every game with his dad. More recently, Formula 1 became his passion. He enjoyed learning the smallest details of what it took to achieve a winning season. He often tried to explain the science behind racing, though his explanations could become too technical for his audience. We listened anyway.

Greg was diagnosed with bipolar I disorder at 18. As his illness progressed, he faced increasing challenges and had to leave Cal Poly during his senior year. He lived with the illness for more than 20 years, through

its many ups and downs. He also tried to help others understand it, something that gave him a sense of purpose.

Gregory is survived by his parents, Michael and Judith Goldman. Their hearts are broken, and they will miss him forever. Thank you, Gregory, for making us laugh, sharing your struggles and strengths, and teaching us about Formula 1, expensive cars and electronic gadgets.

A special thank-you to Dr. Eric Jacobson, who remained Greg’s confidant and friend long after retiring as his psychiatrist. It meant the world to Gregory to have someone he could always count on, alongside his parents.

Rest easy, Gregory. Thank you for always being yourself and filling our lives with love and laughter.

GEORGE PETER LINO

Our beloved father, George Peter Lino, passed away at age 97 on Sept. 18, 2026.

George was born in 1929 in Sausalito, California, to Samuel and Catharina Lino, both of whom immigrated from the Azores. He was the youngest of four children, following his siblings Laura, Beatrice and Manuel.

As a young man, George and his brother Manuel built their own fishing boat and set out from San Francisco Bay to fish along the California coast. Those early adventures reflected the independent spirit and love of the sea that would remain with George throughout his life.



George was called to serve his country during the Korean War, where he served as a platoon sergeant, responsible for leading 32 men. After returning home, he met Marianne Allerton, and they married in 1955. George and Marianne began their life together in Marin, building a family and a home filled with love. Their marriage spanned more than six decades.

George was a master carpenter and contractor, carrying forward skills he learned from his family. His father and his cousins, the Nunes brothers, were respected boat builders in Sausalito. George shared their appreciation for craftsmanship and the satisfaction of creating something lasting with his own hands.

He built many beautiful custom homes in Marin and Monterey counties. In the early 1980s, George and Marianne moved to Carmel Valley while he worked on a large custom home project in Monterey. They purchased a beautiful home along the Carmel River, where they spent many happy years riding horses and enjoying time with their children and grandchildren. Their home became a gathering place where generations came together and countless memories were made.

George never lost his adventurous spirit or his love of sailing. At age 90, he returned to Sausalito, where he bought another sailboat and spent the next three years sailing San Francisco Bay with family and friends.

He is survived by his three children, Eileen (Mark), James (Kathryn) and Andrew (Heather); 10 grandchildren, Jeffrey, Monica, Gigi, Gabi, Ali, Sam, Beau, Sarah, Bryson and Grace; and eight great-grandchildren. George was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Marianne, and their son, John Francis.

George will be remembered for his strength, independence, craftsmanship, love of the sea and, above all, his devotion to the family he cherished. His legacy lives on through his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and in the memories of all those who had the privilege of sharing his life.

A celebration of life will be held at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 2, at St. Mary Star of the Sea, 180 Harrison Ave., Sausalito, California.

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components downstream of the header, and most fuel-system components don't count toward the cap, either.

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before each race, and rookies receive full briefings.

Lemons drivers also play nice. They can be penalized or even ejected from a race for making contact of any kind, running off the track, ignoring warning flags displayed by corner workers, speeding in the pits, driving too aggressively or engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct. Anyone who rolls a car is banned for 12 months, and all penalties are handed down in the paddock as spectators watch.

Guinness record

Lamm has never brought Lemons to world-famous Laguna Seca because the track imposes a 45-car limit on races. For a series famous for having more vehicles on the asphalt than any other, hosting an event there didn't make sense. In fact, the 24 Hours of Lemons set the Guinness World Record for the "most participants in

a car race" at Thunderhill Raceway in the Sacramento area in September 2014, when 216 vehicles competed for 14 1/2 hours on the 5-mile course.

But the 20th anniversary is a good reason to bring Lemons to Lamm's favorite track.

"Throwing ourselves a party just means we don't have to care," he said. "It'll cost

us a pile of money, but I'll be able to race my favorite track in a hooptie from my favorite series with a lot of my favorite people. Once every couple of decades, I think I just get to do that."

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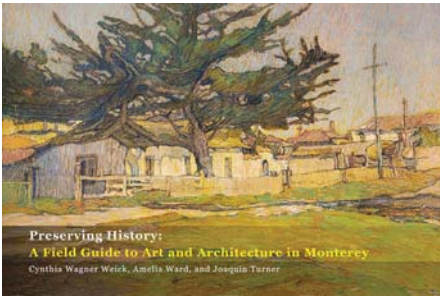


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Jeffrey "Jeff" Charles Grace, 63, passed away peacefully Sept. 15, 2026, in Pacific Grove, California, surrounded by his family.

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, great-nephews Cayden Winter and Tanner Winter, and nephews Colton Bell and Ryan Bell.

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. He 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.

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Editorial

Privacy and criminals

AT A recent meeting of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, numerous members of the public spoke passionately against the use of automated license-plate readers, including cameras operated through the Flock Safety network. They worried that the cameras record people who were not suspected of any crime but simply happened to drive past.

While they spoke, the phones in their pockets were generating another record of where they were. Cell phones regularly connect to nearby towers, creating location information that carriers retain for months or years. Apps and other services can collect even more precise information. In many cases, those records can reveal far more about a person’s movements than a photograph taken by a camera beside a road. And it’s much easier than you may realize for law enforcement to get their hands on this data.

In an ordinary investigation, the Fourth Amendment usually requires a warrant supported by probable cause before police can obtain an extended history of a person’s movements.

That has been the rule for historical cell-site location information since the Supreme Court’s 2018 decision in Carpenter v. United States. The case involved 127 days of records, and the court held that obtaining at least seven days of such information constituted a search under the Fourth Amendment. The justices deliberately left questions about shorter periods, real-time tracking and other investigative methods unresolved. California’s Electronic Communications Privacy Act provides additional protections for electronic information.

But emergencies are treated differently. Under federal law, a cell provider can voluntarily disclose customer information when it believes that an emergency involving danger of death or serious physical injury requires disclosure without delay.

This exception applies to an abduction, an active shooting, a credible threat of suicide, a hostage situation or an imminent terrorist attack. In such cases, an officer can contact a carrier’s round-the-clock law-enforcement compliance center, describe the emergency and explain why the request cannot wait. The carrier then decides whether federal law permits voluntary disclosure. If the request qualifies, the carrier can provide relevant records or assist in locating the phone.

Location data can also be used to search for unknown suspects, but that process raises harder constitutional questions. The investigation of the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol provides one prominent example.

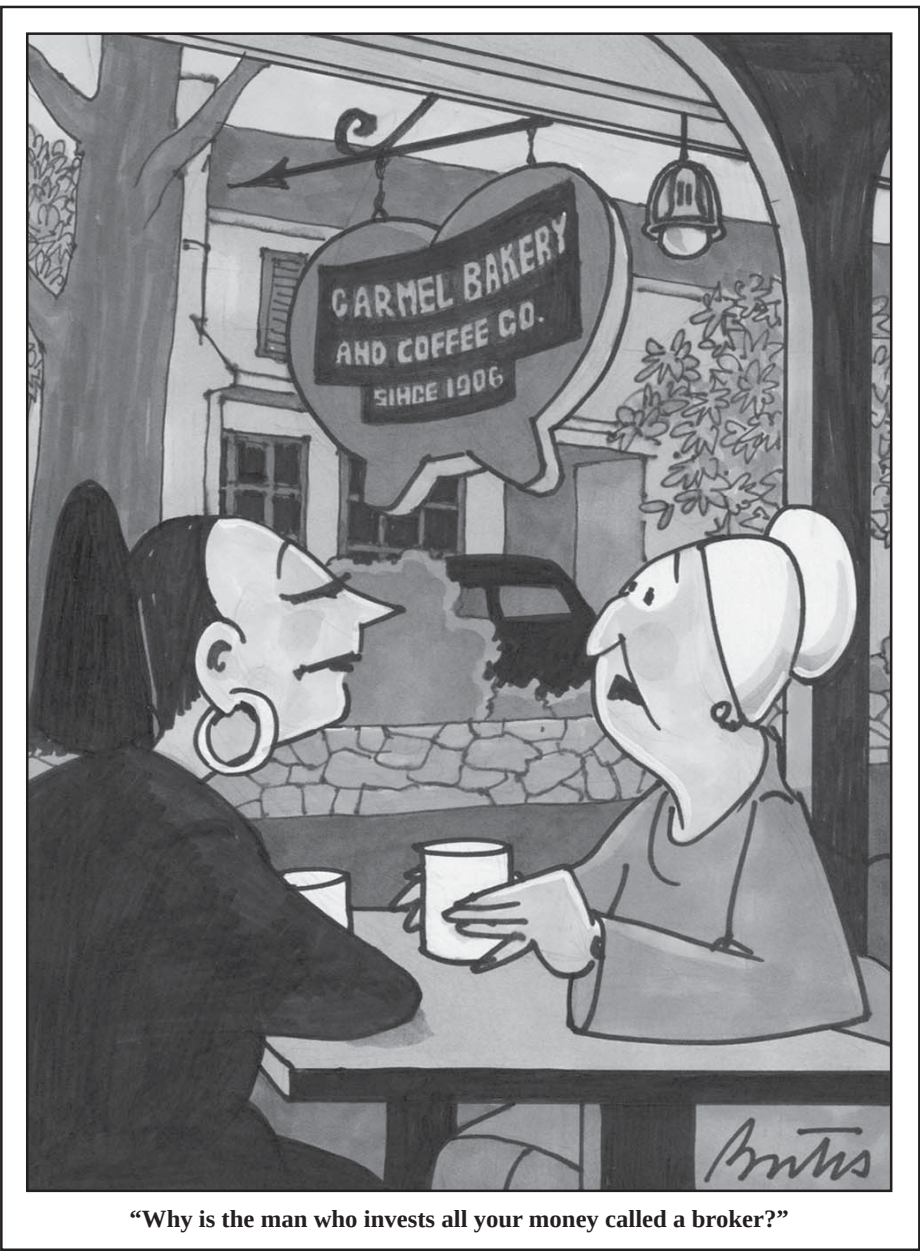
After the attack, the FBI served Google with “geofence” warrants seeking information about cell phones and other devices in or near the Capitol during a specified period. Investigators then removed devices associated with people who were lawfully present, including members of Congress, staff members and law-enforcement personnel. Prosecutors later obtained more information about the remaining accounts, and more than 1,000 people were prosecuted using this information.

That approach is controversial even when authorized by a warrant. Traditional warrants usually begin with a person police have probable cause to believe committed a crime. A geofence warrant works in reverse. It begins with everyone whose device appears near a particular place and asks investigators to determine which of them might have been involved in a crime. Innocent people may therefore enter the investigative pool before police know who they are.

License-plate readers create a similar concern. A single camera ordinarily records a plate number, the time and location of the observation, and an image of the vehicle. That is less revealing than months of precise phone-location records. Yet a large network of cameras can become powerful when observations are retained, combined and searched across multiple jurisdictions. With enough cameras and enough time, scattered sightings can become a record of a person’s movements, just like what their cell phone provides.

None of this, however, means automated license-plate readers should be prohibited. They can help find abducted children, locate stolen vehicles and identify cars connected to violent crimes. The fact that innocent vehicles are recorded does not make every use improper. The privacy risk arises when the wrong people get their hands on the data.

BEST of BATES



“Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?”

Letters to the Editor

Yes on tax measures

Dear Editor,

On Nov. 3, I will vote yes on Carmel’s Measures M and N. Here’s why.

Passage of these two measures will provide almost \$4 million each year, allowing us to begin making serious headway on the \$100 million in deferred maintenance in our town. Potholed streets, uneven sidewalks, broken beach stairs and forest maintenance are just a few of the items needing attention.

Measure M would raise the transient occupancy tax paid by hotel guests from 10% to 12%, a very modest increase. A \$300 hotel bill would increase by just \$6. Opponents of this measure argue that our hotels will lose business because the increase will drive potential guests to hotels in other cities. But every other city in our area already charges a TOT of at least 12%. Many other cities in coastal California have TOT rates of 13% to 15%. Our hotels’ occupancy rates have remained virtually unchanged over the past 10 years, except during the Covid-19 pandemic, despite increases in room rates.

Ironically, the increase in the TOT would benefit hotel owners because, let’s face it, visitors come to Carmel not for the hotels but for the beauty of the city. Anything that helps us better maintain our

town, such as the revenue from Measure M, benefits our hotels.

Measure N would raise the city sales tax by 0.375 percentage points. This increase would be paid mostly by visitors, but even if you buy a \$100 shirt, your cost would increase by only about 38 cents.

Revenue from Measures M and N will be an important part of a disciplined 10-year plan to make long-overdue improvements to our city at a small cost to our citizens. Both measures are supported by the Carmel City Council, which recognizes how important they are to our town. To learn more, visit supportcarmelsfuture.org.

Please join me in voting yes on Measures M and N.

Bud Smith, Carmel

Hotel tax impact

Dear Editor,

As a Carmel resident, former City Council member and third-generation hotel owner, I have seen firsthand how important overnight visitors are to the economic health of our village. A hotel guest does far more than rent a room. Hotel guests dine in our restaurants, patronize our shops and galleries, and enjoy local wine. This spending supports local businesses, jobs and, through both the TOT and sales tax, city services.

That is why I am concerned that Carmel is considering increasing its hotel tax without first thoroughly studying what the increase could do to overnight demand and the businesses that depend on it.

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A man incapable of doing just one thing at a time does more

THERE'S JUST something lovely about someone who's genuinely happy, and James Glaser has the winsome air of one grateful for every opportunity that has come his way.

Born in Community Hospital in 1961,

watering plants.

He described how director Leonard Nimoy patiently helped actor Catherine Hicks with her lines, reassuring her that they'd do as many takes as she needed. "He was an actor, so he understood that side of it," Glaser recalled.

After numerous takes, the plants — and the deck beneath his feet — had been thoroughly doused. As he continued hosing down the foliage, a woman strode onto the set, announced that she was in charge of the Aquarium's plants and told Glaser he was going to kill them. An assistant director intervened, saying, "We'll buy all the plants you need."

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Great Lives

By **ELAINE HESSER**

he was the fourth of six children and the first boy. The Pine Cone reported the event under the heading, "A son for the Glasers."

His dad was president of Del Monte Realty from 1971 to 1979, and his mom was a teacher who later became a realtor. And, they owned the Merritt House Inn in Monterey. Glaser attended Carmel schools, played baseball and competed in swimming and tennis.

He also acted in plays at Monterey Peninsula College, and, like his father, at the now-defunct Studio Theater-Restaurant on Dolores.

Doused

In "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home," set in 1980s California, he was an extra in one of many scenes filmed at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. During an outdoor conversation between two scientists, Glaser is alone in the background,



Local realtor James Glaser is shown with his Screen Actors Guild card. Raised in Carmel, he moved to L.A. for an acting career.

PHOTO/ELAINE HESSER

From the mayor's desk —

Lessons from Anaheim

By **DALE BYRNE**

LAST WEEK, I attended the League of California Cities Annual Conference in Anaheim with colleagues. Thousands of city leaders gathered to share ideas about everything from public safety and housing to transportation, economic development and city finances.

One lesson stood out because Carmel is having a conversation about tourism, its benefits and its impact on residents. We know the pressures visitors can create: traffic, crowded streets, parking in residential neighborhoods and strain on infrastructure. The conference was held at the Anaheim Convention Center, across the street from Disneyland, so the city's mayor, Ashleigh Aitken, offered an interesting counterpoint.

■ Building for the visitors you have

Anaheim has spent decades building infrastructure to accommodate enormous numbers of visitors. Rather than discouraging them, the city keeps investing in projects that attract and manage them while capturing revenue that pays for services residents use.

The most dramatic example is OCvibe, a new development around the Honda Center. It will include entertainment venues, hotels, housing, public parks and trails,

and half as many restaurants as Carmel has. The first projects being built are four parking structures with more than 12,000 spaces. Anaheim understands something basic: If you invite people into your community, you need a place for their cars. The mayor told us Anaheim officials absolutely love parking structures.

What impressed me most was how Anaheim shields residential neighborhoods from all those visitors. Driving near the venue, I saw digital signs telling motorists they may not even drop off passengers in residential neighborhoods, much less park there. Visitors must use the structures.

This is a city that welcomes millions of people a year, but it draws a clear line: Tourism shouldn't come at the expense of the people who live there. Anaheim has had 70 years since Disneyland opened to learn that lesson. We can learn it faster.

■ What should Carmel learn?

Carmel is not Anaheim, and nobody wants it to become Anaheim. We don't need new venues to attract visitors. People already come from around the world just to see the place where we live.

The real question is whether we have built the systems to manage that success.

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NO RULES — JUST SOME MUSIC, BOLD INSTINCTS, AND A BRUSH

BEFORE HE begins a new painting, Jason Kurzer — known professionally as Kurz — sits alone for a while with a cigarette, a beverage and his music.

A playlist he called "10,000" — as in 10,000 songs — has been growing organically, chronologically, for 14 years. He can click on it anywhere to be pleasantly surprised by a song he instantly fell in love with years ago and maybe hasn't heard since. The music frequently transports him to whatever mood or emotion he was experiencing when he added the song.

A separate playlist, "Sadder," is packed

front door.

Friday, Oct. 2, from 5 to 8 p.m., Kurz and abstract artist Bekah Bull, his roommate and life partner, will celebrate the grand opening of their new gallery, High Flow, at 546 Dolores St., directly across from the Carmel Art Association.

Remarkable tale

Where Kurz came from and how he found his way here, physically and mentally, is a remarkable tale of cause-and-effect.

"If I couldn't paint, I'd go crazy. I need to make art — this is my outlet," said Kurzer, who first picked up a brush in 2014, the same year he partnered romantically with Bekah, who, by then, had been a friend for almost a decade.

At 48, he draws heavily on a life experienced pockmarked with false starts and unrealized aspirations, and characterized by relentless reinvention.

Kurzer's career and creative dreams included professional basketball, photography, and filmmaking, pursuits that took him from the outskirts of gritty Flint, Mich., to New York City, Chicago, downtown Los Angeles, Colorado's mountains, Napa Valley, and, finally, here.

That's where painting blossomed from an interest into a lifeblood and, in recent months, a profession.

Nothing to do

Serendipity played a significant role in his success — no question — but multipronged natural talents and bold artistic instincts have sold his work.

Neither Kurz nor Bekah was a passionate painter until the couple moved to Carmel — just in time for the Covid shutdown.

"We basically started painting together because there was nothing else to do. Then, we couldn't stop," Kurz said.

Bekah's dad — acclaimed British-American painter Simon Bull — dropped in for a visit one day and was surprised to find very good paintings stacked floor to ceiling. He immediately insisted on showing them at Meuse Gallery, the Ocean Avenue business where he showcases the art of Erin Lee Gafill, Amy Donaldson, and the mysterious street artist, "Banksy."

For Kurz, the breakthrough took time: He recalls earning zero money from his paintings until just before the new year in 2025, when a Pebble Beach couple wandered

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Carmel's Artists

By **DENNIS TAYLOR**

with melodic rarities that stir melancholy feelings from another time.

"I cannot paint without music," he explained. "I cannot think without music."

His muse guides him to a blank canvas where rules don't apply. Kurz is an abstract artist, a mixed-media anarchist who grants his creativity unobstructed permission to go its own direction. He trusts his instincts.

'Gossip room'

He usually creates his art on either of two decks that flank a second-story Ocean Avenue apartment that, six decades ago, was briefly the home of Spanish surrealist Salvador Dali and a popular gathering spot for Carmel's 1940s community of well-known artists, writers, thespians and other free spirits. They called the dwelling "The Gossip Room," a nickname found over the



PHOTO/BEKAH BULL

Abstract mixed-media artist Jason Kurzer, known professionally as 'Kurz,' poses with a painting entitled 'Inner Bloom,' part of Friday's grand opening of High Flow, a new Carmel gallery he shares with fellow abstract artist Bekah Bull.

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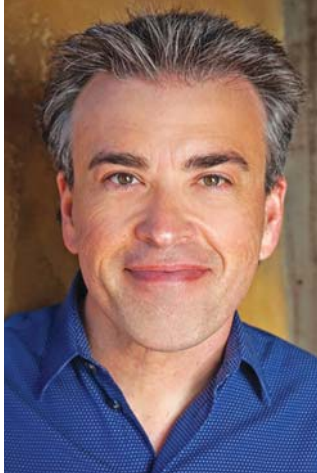


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LETTERS

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Measure M would raise the city’s TOT from 10% to 12%. Combined with the existing 2% Hospitality Improvement District assessment, lodging guests would face an effective charge of 14% on their room rates. The city estimates the additional tax would generate approximately \$1.9 million annually. But that assumes visitor behavior will not change, and that assumption deserves much closer examination.

Carmel’s lodging community has spent years investing in its properties and, through the Hospitality Improvement District, investing millions more in targeted marketing to attract overnight visitors. This strategy has helped produce substantial growth in room revenue and, in turn, city TOT revenue without increasing the tax rate.

Our challenge today also appears to be broader than hotel occupancy. Carmel attracts enormous numbers of day visitors from throughout the Peninsula and beyond. That issue is now being studied by community organizations, and it deserves thoughtful solutions. Making Carmel more expensive for overnight guests could produce an unintended result: Visitors could stay elsewhere on the Peninsula while continuing to spend their days in Carmel. We would still experience the traffic and congestion but lose some of the hotel revenue that helps pay for

city services, as well as some of the morning and evening spending that supports local businesses.

Before changing Carmel’s second-most-important revenue source, the city should fully understand the economic consequences. Good public policy begins with studying the impact, not assuming there won’t be one. Please vote no on Measure M.

Carrie Theis, Carmel

A perfect storm

Dear Editor,

Carmel’s City Council says Measure M is needed to match neighboring hotel taxes. It cites \$100 million in infrastructure needs. Both claims deserve scrutiny.

The council compares Carmel’s 10% hotel tax with the 12% rates in Monterey, Pacific Grove and Seaside. It omits the additional 2% guests pay to the Carmel Hospitality Improvement District. Their total is already 12%. Measure M would raise it to 14%, above the rates in those neighboring cities and Pebble Beach. Calling Carmel’s visitor charge lower is misleading.

The district’s 2% assessment is invested in attracting overnight guests, and the city has benefited tremendously from its success. Since the district began in 2013, city hotel tax revenue has grown at more than twice its previous rate. That represents an estimated \$26 million beyond what the earlier trend would have produced. Annual revenue is now rising by roughly \$1 million and running about \$4 million above that trend. The council overlooks the return that assessment has produced.

The city compounds that distortion in its budget. It forecasts just 2.1% annual hotel tax growth for the next five years, although actual growth has averaged 6.6% since 2013, despite the pandemic, and more than 11% annually over the past three years. If the longer-term

trend continues, revenue would exceed the city’s forecast, including Measure M, by the third year. A forecast so far below the city’s experience makes a new tax look necessary. Residents deserve a realistic forecast.

The \$100 million figure also blurs an important distinction. At least \$40 million is for a new police station and public works facility, not repairs to existing infrastructure. Buildings used for decades are typically financed over their useful lives rather than paid for all at once from near-term revenue. The council has not shown why growing revenue could not support those payments.

Carmel’s hotels have invested in a strategy that has increased city tax revenue. Measure M would erode their pricing power and encourage overnight guests to stay elsewhere, threatening the very revenue growth the council now discounts. Vote no on Measure M.

Mark Watson, Carmel

Supports Buder

Dear Editor,

I support Hans Buder for mayor not only for his intellect but also for how consistently he shows up, listens and follows through.

Through his service on the City Council, Hans has gained important experience with our city — its priorities, its processes and the work required to get results. He takes on significant initiatives that move our community forward.

I’ve had the pleasure of collaborating closely with Hans on the core team for the housing element amendment. I especially respect his commitment to affordable housing. He approaches it thoughtfully and realistically with solutions that can be delivered while protecting Carmel’s character.

Just as important is his focus on financial stewardship. Hans takes fiscal responsibility seriously, advancing oversight and providing insight into the challenges ahead.

Carmel needs leadership that balances priorities, communicates clearly and welcomes residents’ concerns — not just during election season but every day.

Please join me in voting for Hans Buder as the next mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Tim Twomey, Carmel

‘Proven herself’

Dear Editor,

Alissandra Dramov has proven herself to be an effective member of Carmel’s City Council. When facing complex issues, she researches the pros and cons, develops her talking points, shares them during discussions and votes accordingly. Her concern for Carmel’s character and history has been demonstrated through the four books she has written about the architecture of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Alissandra’s thorough preparation before each council meeting has been noted by those with whom she serves. It gives me great pleasure to support Alissandra for the Carmel City Council in November’s election.

Cindy Lloyd, Carmel

Missed the point

Dear Editor,

I live in Big Sur and read The Pine Cone every week. I had never thought to comment before this week, but your editorial about license plate surveillance cameras missed the point — and, therefore, the importance — of the objections to these cameras.

You wrote, “Your cellphone constantly reports your whereabouts, your credit cards record everything you spend and where you spend it, and security cameras are ubiquitous. For some reason, though, many people are upset about Flock license plate cameras, and this week they took their objections to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors.”

The Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution — already whittled away to almost nothing — guarantees

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citizens the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures. Before law enforcement officers can obtain your credit card records, cellphone location data or similar information, they generally must go before a judge and show probable cause. In other words, a neutral arbiter weighs the request before access is granted.

Flock cameras offer no such protection. There is no judge, probable cause requirement or check on law enforcement’s access. Beyond that, the data they collect can be shared or sent elsewhere without meaningful safeguards governing where it ends up.

There are additional arguments against Flock that I won’t discuss here, but I felt it was important to point out that every citizen of this country has a right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures — and that this is exactly what is at stake.

Sharon Petrosino Wilson, Big Sur

Surveillance state

Dear Editor,

I find it hilarious that locals think Flock

cameras are creating a “surveillance state.”

My phone service tracks all my calls, and my phone and vehicle constantly broadcast my location. Streaming services and my smart TV know what I watch. Everything I post or view on YouTube, Facebook, TikTok and Instagram is noted in their databases. Google knows everything I search for and reads all my emails. My bank and credit card companies know everything about my cash flow. Supermarkets and online retailers know everything I buy. Redfin and Zillow know the particulars of my property, including photos, and the county clerk’s online search will tell you who owns it. My age, address, phone number and even past addresses can immediately be determined through an online search. There is an enormous data broker industry happy to sell everything it knows about you.

Remember 15 years ago, when people were concerned smart meters would allow PG&E to “monitor” us? Now they’re worried about Flock cameras while remaining clueless about how much Big Brother has already been watching us for decades.

I’m law-abiding and have nothing to hide, so the last thing I’m going to worry about is Flock noticing me driving by while it helps identify the bad guys.

Joe Snyder,
Pacific Grove

MAYOR

From page 27A

Our challenge is managing the visitors we already have so our businesses and residents receive the economic benefits without absorbing the impacts.

Where should visitors park? How do we keep them from circling residential streets in search of spaces? Could we intercept more cars before they enter the village? How can shuttles, walking and new transportation technologies help? And how do we protect neighborhoods while keeping downtown businesses healthy?

Those are probably more productive questions than simply asking whether Carmel has too many visitors.

Tourism pays for services

Tourism is a major part of Carmel’s financial equation. Visitors stay in our hotels, eat in our restaurants and shop in our stores, generating revenue that supports the services and infrastructure residents

expect. Two measures on this fall’s ballot depend on it.

That doesn’t mean every additional visitor is good or that tourism should be allowed to overwhelm the village. But since it isn’t going away, we should manage it intelligently. See Monterey is leading a public discussion about exactly that issue, and I encourage residents to take part.

One benefit of conferences like Cal Cities is learning that other communities have already confronted the problems we’re debating, such as tourism, as well as other challenges, including e-bikes. Their solutions won’t all work here, but we should understand them before deciding what will work for Carmel.

Preserving Carmel doesn’t mean pretending visitors aren’t coming. It means planning thoughtfully so the people who live here can keep enjoying the extraordinary village the world comes to see.

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LIVES
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It’s no wonder Glaser decided to trade his small-town enchanted forest for Los Angeles’ bright lights and movie magic.

With fine dining experience acquired under restaurateur Pierre Bain’s tutelage at Club XIX in Pebble Beach and Fandango in Pacific Grove, he got a job in the 20th Century Fox studio commissary. One side of the restaurant/cafeteria was used by regular employees, while the other offered celebrities some privacy.

He tells his stories of his encounters with the rich and famous with humility and good humor, and it’s easy to see how he put them at ease.

During his first week, the manager asked if he’d like to work a catering job for double his usual pay. The party was at Rupert Murdoch’s house, and afterward, Glaser sought out the media magnate and his wife to thank them for the work.

On his next commissary shift, the manager approached him. “I don’t know what you said to the Murdochs,” he began, and Glaser wondered what he’d done wrong. The manager continued, “But they love you and want you to come back.” Glaser worked catering jobs at their home for the next 17 years.

He also met prolific producer David E. Kelley (“L.A.

Law,” “Big Little Lies,” among others) in the commissary. Glaser said Kelley “took a liking” to him. They talked about a theater group Glaser belonged to, and Kelley saw one of the productions he was in. His date was actress Marlee Matlin, who complimented Glaser’s work.

Not long after that, “L.A. Law” casting director Ronnie Yeskel waved Glaser over in the commissary and said she’d “heard some good things” about him. She wanted him to read for a part as a waiter, and he found himself vying with about 50 others to say one line: “Fire in the men’s room.” Then he spotted some of his customers on the audition panel.

“I was completely comfortable. It was like, ‘There’s the guy I serve tuna salad to.’” He got the part, and it’s preserved on YouTube at tinyurl.com/y8mna667, about 24 minutes in. He also earned his Screen Actors Guild card.

‘Get me Bill!’

Glaser kept working. The commissary kept giving. The inimitable Mel Brooks was a regular known for tipping \$5, regardless of the tab. Glaser volunteered to wait on him anyway and found him to be very animated and personable — “Call me Mel,” he insisted.

Brooks urged him to audition for his 1993 film, “Robin Hood: Men in Tights.” After dutifully reading for a part, he decided to see if Brooks was in his office, just to say hello. As they exchanged greetings, Glaser mentioned that he’d just auditioned.

To his chagrin, he said, “Mel barked (at an assistant), ‘Get me Bill!’” Then, into the phone, ‘A tall blonde-haired guy just read for you. Give him a part. Make him a soldier or something.’”

Glaser quickly tracked down the casting director. “Bill, I hope you don’t think I went running to Mel,” he began, by way of apology. The casting director shook his head. “The problem with Mel is he offers everybody parts.” Glaser responded that he’d be happy to take whatever was available.

Ultimately, he had two speaking roles. He described his fake British accent as “terrible,” but noted that he was given a real sword as a prop.

“Don’t play with it,” the woman in charge of the

weapons warned.

He also worked as a seat-filler at the Emmy Awards. To guarantee the TV audience always sees a full theater, people are hired to occupy spots vacated by actors who leave after their categories are announced. Glaser ended up sitting next to a casting director, they got to chatting, and of course, you can guess where that led.

In time, a job as an apartment manager provided a free place to live and a regular stipend. But, Glaser said, “After 18 or 19 years in L.A., I was having trouble finding acting jobs. I was burned out on apartment-managing. Things were always happening in the middle of the night. I thought, ‘Let me go home and regroup and see what I want to do with the rest of my life.’”

In 2010, he returned to the Peninsula for good and decided to get his real estate license, like his brother, Nic. Glaser said he enjoys helping people find their dream homes.

Acting is just one of his creative outlets. He’s also a writer and is rapidly becoming known for canvas totes he initially designed to give to his real estate clients at Coldwell Banker. Inspired by his sister, Margaux, a realtor in Southern California who’d done the same for her clients, he hired the artist she’d used, Moira Love, to execute his vision.

“I came up with the locations on the sketch, and we worked together,” he said. The feedback was so good, he decided to try selling the totes adorned with color sketches of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, a bagpiper at Spanish Bay, and many others.

Still ready for action

He and Love recently repeated the process with landmarks from Pebble Beach, where the bags are available at the Lone Cypress Shop and shop.pebblebeach.com. You can also purchase Glaser’s totes at Laub’s, Bruno’s Market and the Carmel Chamber of Commerce. He has expanded into postcards and art prints. In addition, he regularly donates bags to CHOMP in honor of his late parents and sister, who received care there.

He also enjoys driving Misty, his blue 1966 Chevy Impala. This year, he showed it in Concours for a Cause as a tribute to his father, who was part of the Concours d’Elegance in the 1970s.

Glaser lives in Seaside and loves his life here, but he’d like to do at least one more bit of acting. The third season of “Big Little Lies” is slated for filming in Monterey, although no dates have been announced. He said working on another Kelley production would be a nice “full circle” moment. But, he said, anything else that comes to town would be fine, too.

He still has his union card.

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ARTIST

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into Meuse Gallery and purchased \$30,000 worth of his art.

Eight months later, an 80-year-old Oakland woman fell in love with his work, spent \$45,000 for multiple pieces and commissioned him to paint more.

"It's been surreal, absolutely mind-blowing," he admitted.

High hopes

Kurz, 6 feet 6 inches tall, grew up with a basketball dream, "playing all day, every day" from ages 6 to 22 on the outskirts of Flint until his fantasy of an NBA career vaporized during a game against elite competition. An otherworldly spin move and slam-dunk by the player he was guarding brought an epiphany.

"In my mind, that's the moment when I quit basketball," he said. "I just told myself, 'This dude is on a whole different level.'" Indeed, he realized he was surrounded by players who were on another level.

Shocked toward practicality, he briefly aspired to become a chiropractor but changed his mind on the day he was supposed to leave for chiropractic school in a neighboring state.

Next, he became smitten with photography, thanks to an inspirational community college teacher and a "supermodel" girlfriend with a nice camera.

He moved to Chicago and changed direction again, enrolling in film school "after watching John Cusack in 'High Fidelity' about 10 times in a row," he recalled. "That movie made me laugh and cry and feel better, and I decided that making movies was what I wanted to do."

One class short of graduation, Kurz decided to finish his education in Los Angeles.

That's where life became increasingly bizarre.

He was frightened out of his first apartment when a random stranger knocked on the door and stuck a gun in his face.

In immediate need of safe storage for his electronic equipment, Kurzer abruptly rented 200 square feet of a downtown warehouse from a heroin addict, who told him he couldn't sleep there.

Homeless for the first time, Kurz lived in his car, worked at Applebee's and attended film classes in Studio City until he met Pete, a perpetually jobless, homeless artist and heroin addict whose wealthy dad helped his son become Kurz's roommate.

They moved into a loft on the seventh floor of the Pacific Electric Building in downtown Los Angeles, a place with a rooftop swimming pool, hot tub, and courtyards.

"The loft was \$2,200 a month, plus \$2,200 deposit, plus the last month's rent," remembered Kurz, who paid his half from his savings and restaurant earnings. Pete's dad footed the rest of the bill, then kept the contributions coming to keep his troubled son off the street.

Crash Mansion

A month later, Kurz wandered out of his bedroom and found a woman sitting in the window in her underwear.

"Who are you?" he asked.

"I'm Pete's girlfriend," replied Bekah Bull, age 19.

She and two more artists moved in (Kurz and Pete's father remained the only rent-payers), an arrangement that lasted eight months. Then, "a cubic zirconia king bought the building," Kurz remembered.

Their next dwelling, on a month-to-month lease, was a space in the basement of Crash Mansion, a 14,000-square-foot live-music nightclub famous for wild parties.

Kurz spent subsequent years creating music and videos during his spare hours, while making ends meet with his restaurant earnings.

A decade after he found Bekah sitting in

his window, Kurz was residing in a downtown apartment — "kitty-corner from L.A.'s Skid Row," he said — when his phone rang.

"She called me out of nowhere. She was coming downtown for a friend's wedding and asked me to go with her," he reminisced. "She stayed the night, then never left."

Quirky videos

The couple left Los Angeles that year and spent time in Aspen, Colo., and St. Helena in Napa Valley before settling in Carmel-by-the-Sea in 2019.

"It's incredible and crazy how delicate life is. One thing, one little move, one phone call can change everything. Unbelievable," Kurz mused.

See their art on exhibit during at High

Flow Gallery, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, or at Meuse Gallery, 306 Ocean Ave., open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

View images of their paintings at meusegallery.com, on Instagram accounts [kid-kurz](https://www.instagram.com/kid-kurz/), [bekahbullart](https://www.instagram.com/bekahbullart/), and [highflow_](https://www.instagram.com/highflow_/), or on Facebook at [kurzjck](https://www.facebook.com/kurzjck/), and Bekah Bull.

Kurz and Bekah also design wearable art and make use of his filmmaking education, producing quirky videos they post almost daily on their social media accounts.

He writes poetry and is working on other projects, including an artistic book titled "My Favorite Color Is Polaroid."

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Section 2

Local volleyball teams’ net assets include experience and grit

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL programs at Carmel, Santa Catalina and Stevenson are drawing on leadership from upperclassmen, familiarity, club experience and realistic hopes for postseason berths in the Central Coast Section playoffs as they head into a busy October schedule.

Carmel has positioned itself as a legitimate title contender in the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s toughest division — the Gabilan — while Stevenson opened the week with a share of first place in the Mission Division.

Catalina likewise envisions a path to the playoffs, building a reputation for tenacity, defense and ball control against Gabilan opponents with much larger enrollments and deeper rosters.

“What I like about this bunch is they’re all athletic, they enjoy the game and they’re willing to work hard,”



Sophomore Hana Wong (10) and her big sister, senior Kristen Wong (7), are key players at Santa Catalina this season as the Cougars pursue a playoff berth.

said David Crabbe, in his first year with the Padres after coaching for 23 years at Pacific Grove High and several recent seasons at Carmel Middle School.

“I was familiar with a lot of these girls because I coached them at the middle school level,” said Crabbe, whose daughter, Hallie, is a co-captain and fourth-year varsity starter. She was an all-county libero and the Monterey County Player of the Year in 2025, when she led the team with 128 digs.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

She is the third Crabbe sister to earn all-county honors while starring for the Padres, following older sisters Emma (Class of 2020) and Addie (2022).

Another returning 12th grader, 6-foot-1 co-captain Maddie Willoughby, earned second-team all-division recognition as a middle blocker. The Padres won 12 matches last season, including a CCS Division IV play-in victory over Stevenson. Willoughby will play next fall at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine.

Senior leadership continues with veteran setter Aspen Ashe, a strong server, defensive specialist Riley Nothelher, who is skilled at ball control and is a consistent server, outside hitter Eliana Sogge, and middle blocker Melina Meyers.

Watkins a front-row force

A deep and talented junior class is led by 5-foot-8 high-flying Julie Watkins, who ranked second on the team in kills as a sophomore and leads the team in that category this year.

Other notable 11th graders include left-hander Ava Maxon, a right-side attacker who is a strong blocker and hitter, and middle blocker Hannah Drew, whose court quickness and activity at the net are assets.



Carmel’s explosive outside hitter Julie Watkins (1) soars for a spike amid teammates Hannah Drew (5), Aspen Ashe (center) and Hallie Crabbe (red jersey). The Padres have emerged as co-favorites to win the Gabilan Division crown this season.

The other setter in Carmel’s 6-2 offense, Maddie Nagafuji, is a threat from the service line and a reliable defender. Fellow sophomores Sherry Beretti and Ansley Scherer provide depth as outside hitters.

Every player on Carmel’s varsity roster has some club experience, a factor that adds court intelligence, athleticism and positional depth.

“We’ve played some really good volleyball at times, and we’re just working on becoming steady and consistent. We’re getting much better at those things,” said Crabbe, whose Padres took a 15-5 overall record, and a 5-0 league record into Thursday’s road showdown against last year’s Gabilan Division runner-up, Pacific Grove, which was 13-2 and 6-0.

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The Padres’ overall record includes a 4-1 record at last week’s San Mateo Bearcat Classic, where they placed third out of 24 schools.

Despite an 0-5 start in the Gabilan and an undersized team, Santa Catalina is hopeful that a solid October stretch run will result in a CCS appearance next month.

The Cougars (6-8 overall) are 6-3 against non-Gabilan opponents as they host the first-ever Cougar Classic, an eight-school tournament, on Saturday at Santa Catalina School.

“Some of those schools are our size, while others, including California Division III powers Presentation and Fresno, are larger. We’re really excited for the opportunity to host those teams, show off our new facilities and see how we match up,” said Israel Ricardez, who is in his third season as Catalina’s coach after guiding Carmel to six division championships between 2009 and 2024.

For playoff consideration, Catalina must win at least half of its league games or half of its nonleague games. While the first scenario is unlikely for a Gabilan Division member, the second is realistic.

The strength of Catalina’s 14-player roster is a contingent of four varsity-tested seniors. They include tri-cap-

tains Ansley Brosseau, the primary setter in a 6-2 offense, right-side hitter Kristen Wong, who leads the Cougars in kills, and middle blocker Myah Cepeda, a strong front-row defender and threat from the service line. Back-row standout Evelyn Kim, last year’s team leader with 80 digs and 12 aces, earned second-team All-Gabilan honors as a libero.

The junior class is represented by versatile role player Berkeley Sampson-Lease, in her first varsity season, and Sarah Schurer, a backup setter in the rotation.

Young and talented

A promising contingent of underclassmen is highlighted by sophomores Hana Wong, an outside hitter who ranks second in kills and leads the team in digs, Erica Ye, the team’s second middle blocker, transfer Regina Salinas, a defensive specialist, and middle blocker Jac Greenfield, who is sidelined with an injury.

Five promising freshmen add to the team’s bright future. The group includes starters Kensington Sampson-Edwards, an outside hitter, Saylor Pauli, a middle blocker, Shaeley Brosseau, the second setter in the rotation, Alana Ryan, who alternates with Ye as a middle blocker, and Ella Delfino, a utility player with middle school volleyball



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Stevenson coach Jordan Hill and her players watch Sloan Nguyen (0), Gabi Tight (dark jersey) and Ashley Dalhamer (14) play defense for the Pirates, who are Mission Division title contenders this season.

experience.

Kristen Wong, at 5-foot-10 the tallest of the Cougars, typically attracts a crowd of defenders as the team’s most formidable net presence. That heightens the need to develop additional front-row talent and dependable ball control in the backcourt.

Stevenson’s Jordan Hill begins her second season as head coach and fifth season in the program with an athletic and flexible varsity squad chosen from 56 prospects who attended the school’s first practice.

“A few years ago, our varsity players were standing up in our auditorium, begging girls to come out for volleyball, so that turnout says a lot about our culture today,” Hill said.

After four non-league setbacks in September (including losses to Carmel and Catalina), the Pirates sit alone at the top of a very-competitive Mission Division with a record of 5-0 (5-4 overall).

Tight sweeps the floor

A roster loaded with multisport athletes includes second-team All-Mission Division libero Gabby Tight, a junior who is “willing to throw herself all over the floor to keep the ball alive — she hypes up her teammates every time she steps on the court,” Hill said of the third-year

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Botti is back at Sunset, Golden Bough hosts Traveling Wilburys tribute

BRIDGING THE gap between cool jazz and smooth jazz — and keeping his music sounding fresh and accessible in the 21st century — Grammy Award-winning trumpeter **Chris Botti** plays Friday at 7 p.m. at Sunset Center.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

The winner of a 2013 Grammy Award for Best Pop Instrumental Album, Botti has seen four of his albums reach No. 1 on the Billboard jazz charts. He's shared the stage with some of the music world's biggest stars, includ-



Singer and guitarist Ekene Music and others perform Saturday, 6 p.m., at the Monterey Museum of Art at La Mirada.

ing Sting, Paul Simon, Barbra Streisand and Lady Gaga. He's also a familiar face on the Sunset Center stage, where he has performed many times. "An evening with Chris Botti leaves no doubt of his mastery or his ability to speak from the soul of the instrument," Sunset Center said.

Tickets start at \$75. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos Street and Ninth Avenue. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit sunsetcenter.org.

Next up at Sunset, singer, guitarist and folk-rock icon **Roger McGuinn** takes the stage Oct. 13.

■ Aloha reggae

A trio of shows at Golden State Theatre in Monterey this week showcases one of Hawaii's hottest reggae bands, the legacy of the late Freddie Mercury and Queen, and a hit-making 1990s alt-rock group that's back on the road.

Featuring four lead singers and a sound that melds dub-heavy roots reggae with pop, rock and Native Hawaiian influences, **The Green** takes the stage Friday at 7 p.m. The band is on tour promoting its sixth album, "Summers," which came out in July. Tickets start at \$40. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

Playing hits like "Bohemian Rhapsody," "Another One Bites the Dust" and "We Will Rock You," **Killer Queen** pays tribute to Queen Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Golden State. Tickets start at \$42.

Best known for a pair of hit singles in 1992 — "All I Want" and "Walk on the Ocean" — **Toad the Wet Sprocket** plays on the same stage Thursday at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$53.

■ Supergroup finally 'plays' live

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Grammy Award-winning trumpeter Chris Botti makes his return to Sunset Center Friday at 7 p.m.

from rock 'n' roll's elite, the Traveling Wilburys never played a single concert. But thanks to a San Francisco-based tribute act, **The Traveling Wilburys Revue**, you can now see the band's music performed live — and the revue is coming to the Golden Bough Playhouse Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Formed in 1988 and featuring music legends Bob Dylan, Roy Orbison, George Harrison, Tom Petty and Jeff Lynne, the group recorded only two albums during its brief heyday, which produced four Top 10 singles.

Tickets start at \$41. The Golden Bough is located on Mission Street between Eighth and Ninth avenues. Call (831) 622-0100 or visit pacrep.org.

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A time to give and a time to drink

WELCOME TO October. The fall fundraising season is in full swing, and many of the nonprofits that provide all sorts of things — musical performances, support when we’re ailing, food for the hungry, a sense of community — are holding events to support their good-deed-doing.

This week, we’ve got info on how to help some local firefighters’ community efforts and those of an impressive group of musicians — all while eating, drinking and making merry. Meanwhile, if you’ve been wondering what’s been going on in the former location of Sade’s, or where you can find good food and cheer on your favorite football team, we can help with that, too.

Finally, we heard about a new way to celebrate Oktoberfest that involves beer — and motorcycles. Read on to learn more, and please pass the schnitzel.

■ BashBar opens

Bashar Alsneeh quietly opened his latest enterprise, BashBar, in the site of the former Sade’s Cocktails on Lincoln Street a few weeks ago, welcoming patrons for mixed drinks and other libations from noon until 2 a.m. daily. While it’s in the nascent stages as it builds staff and offerings, BashBar is also one of the only establishments in town that’s open late and is restricted to guests age 21 and over.

Alsneeh, who immigrated from Syria more than 20 years ago, is the founder and CEO of the Dametra group of restaurants and worked with the owners of the Sade’s storefront to take over the space. After

former owner Parker Logan shut down earlier this year, Alsneeh remodeled the bar — and encountered a hiccup after the contractor started the work without having

the appropriate permits — restoring its mahogany bar and installing artwork, beveled antique gold tiles and gilt mirrors, and an emerald ceiling. A single TV sits over the bar.

See **FOOD** next page



BashBar — Bashar Alsneeh’s latest enterprise — opened quietly on Lincoln Street. The 21-and-over bar has been remodeled from its previous life as Sade’s Cocktails and welcomes guests to enjoy cocktails and camaraderie.

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BashBar’s signature cocktails run from \$14 to \$18 and include a boilermaker (Bulleit bourbon and a beer), a bourbon sour with Maker’s Mark, a spicy mule with Smirnoff tamarind vodka, gin and tonic with Empress gin, and a Baileys chocolate espresso martini. A fan of the Filthy brand of mixers and garnishes, Alseeh also offers a selection of drinks featuring its products, including a black cherry sour, a margarita, a paloma, a Bloody Mary and a vodka martini.

The range of available spirits is a bit thin but should flesh out. Wines by the glass and a variety of beers are available as well.

BashBar is located at 654 Lincoln St. Find more information at bashbar.com.

Football mornings

Where should you head for a fun day of watching football? Brophy’s Tavern at 368 San Carlos St. in Carmel is opening an hour earlier on Saturdays and Sundays and offering breakfast specials in honor of college and pro ball. With a game room equipped with two large screens and another five TVs in the main bar and dining area, the sports bar airs numerous games, assuring there’s a good chance

chorizo, cheddar, sour cream and scallions wrapped in a spinach tortilla. Each comes with a side of admittedly adorable (and tasty) football-shaped tater tots.

If breakfast isn’t what you want, Brophy’s serves fantastic fish ‘n’ chips and great burgers, among other items.

Drink specials include the Hail Mary (Tito’s Vodka and a house-made cucumber-tomato infusion) for \$16, an espresso martini for \$18, Irish coffee for \$15 and mimosas with orange, cranberry or guava for \$14.

Find more information at brophystavern.com.

Wine and paella

On Oct. 11, just this side of Stonepine Estate, Jerome’s Carmel Valley Market is putting on Carmel Valley Uncorked, an afternoon wine tasting and paella dinner, from 3 to 6 p.m. For \$185 per person, guests can enjoy plenty of paella and try wines from Boëté, Holman Ranch, Carmelo Vineyards, Joyce, Chesebro, Pelio Estate, Corral Wine Co., Rombi, Georis and Twisted Roots. The event will be held at Rancho Carmelo, 145 E. Carmel Valley Road, and tickets are available at all participating wineries.

Ein fundraiser? Ja.

It’s hard not to like an email that begins, “There are many ways to support I Cantori di Carmel. This one involves beer.” As the vocal group — and its orchestra and youth chorus — head into a 45th season of performances, it’s having an Oktoberfest-themed fundraiser Oct. 24. Featuring beer and nonalcoholic libations, German food, silent and live auctions and live music, the event is scheduled for 4 to 7 p.m. at Carmel Woman’s Club, 907 San Carlos St. Dressing for the occasion is highly encouraged, say organizers, as are “questionable German accents.”

Fancy night out

How is it possible that this is already the third year for the Firefighters Charity Ball? On Saturday, Oct. 24, Spanish Bay will be the scene of “An Evening Beneath the Stars.” Sponsored by the nonprofit Monterey Firefighters Community Foundation — a group whose website says it is “led by captains, engineers and firefighters from the Monterey Fire Department who are committed to making a meaningful impact beyond emergency response” — the soirée supports efforts that include community events, assistance for community members after emergencies, and mental health workshops for local first responders.

The event starts with hors d’oeuvres

and cocktails at 5 p.m. That’s followed by a dinner designed by event chair, local realtor and professional chef Tene Shake, and prepared and served by the Inn at Spanish Bay’s exceptional culinary staff.

There will be silent and live auctions, raffles and award presentations — including some from the Firehouse Cooking Contest held earlier this year and sponsored by the American Culinary Federation.

The evening will be rounded out with a DJ spinning dance tunes until 11 p.m. Admission is \$295 per person and sponsorship opportunities are available. Visit aesbid.co/ELP/MFCFBALL26 for more information and to purchase tickets.

‘Vroom’ in any language

Biers & Gears: Oktoberfest & Moto is a new two-day party scheduled for Oct. 9–10 at the Monterey County Fairgrounds. In addition to short-track motorcycle racing and a vintage motorcycle show, guests will be able to enjoy live

music, food trucks, beer and “Oktoberfest-inspired festivities.”

Food vendors include Marash Ice

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Brophy’s Tavern has added hours for patrons to enjoy weekend football. The menu includes a breakfast sandwich that may have more ingredients than some teams have players.



A Hail Mary at Brophy’s Tavern isn’t just a football play — it’s a cucumber-infused spin on the traditional eye-opener, and you can get one in time for kickoff.

you’ll be able to find one showing your favorite team.

Starting at 10 a.m. on weekends, the pub offers a breakfast sandwich of fried egg, bacon, avocado, smoked gouda and chipotle aioli on toasted sourdough, while the breakfast burrito contains scrambled eggs,

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CALENDAR

Oct. 3 – Set Free Monterey Bay and event co-sponsors present Walk for Freedom, 2 to 5 p.m. on Carmel Beach, bottom of 13th and Scenic. Tickets are \$100 for adults and \$50 for ages 18 and under, with proceeds to combat human trafficking. Twelve Carmel wineries, live steel drum music, light bites and more will be featured. Register at WALK-FOR-FREEDOM-CARMEL.RAISELYSITE.COM

Oct. 3 – Party in the Village! at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, benefits Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC). Tickets, \$65, include dinner! Kiwanis no-host bar, music by **Brianna Colliard & The Desert Marigolds** and **The B-Keepers!** Wine, beer raffles, grand prize trip to Costa Rica for 14! Tickets: cvvic.org

Through Oct. 3 – “End of Summer Sale” at Baum & Blume and The Carriage House! 25% OFF everything in the Boutique! Summer hats, clothing and scarves! Tabletop, books, children’s gifts, bath products and more. Time to make space for new holiday merchandise! Open 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m., 4 El Caminito Road, Carmel Valley. (831) 659-0400. Closed Sundays.

Oct. 4 – A day of family fun celebrating the Carmel Valley Trail & Saddle Club’s 70th anniversary, including horse activities, delicious barbecue, games, live music from Bubba Pickins band, line dancing, silent auction and more, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.! Tickets on sale now at trailandsaddle.club. Everyone welcome!

Oct. 5 – State of the City Address – Carmel mayor, Dale Byrne, will talk about all the new and important issues facing the city. Carmel Woman’s Club, 907 San Carlos St., Carmel-by-the-Sea, 93921. 2 p.m. Open to the public. \$10 guests/members free. www.carmelwomansclubca.org

Oct. 9 & 10 – Carmel Orchid Society’s Fall Market: Exotic orchids, succulents and supplies on display and for sale. Orchid repotting and mounting demonstrations as well as orchid care talks. Free. Easy parking. Handicapped accessible. Held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel. Details: (831) 626-1120

Oct. 11 – The Monterey County Composers’ Forum presents “COMPOSERS AT AN EXHIBITION,” featuring an exhibition of poster art by David Price; music by Ettinger, Kaiser, Macy, Moncrief, Ovens, Roseman, Victorine, and Yramategui. 3 p.m. at Hidden Valley Music, 104 West Carmel Valley Road. Admission \$20. For further Info: macy@macalester.edu



Oct. 11 – Party in Pink™ Zumbathon® brings 15 local Zumba® instructors together from 3 to 5 p.m., at Oldemeyer Center, 986 Hilby Ave., Seaside. Dance, cheer, enjoy the raffle or simply support local women undergoing breast cancer treatment. No dance experience is needed. Proceeds stay in Monterey County. Tickets and donations: bcagmc.org/pink

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

Oct. 14 – The Gentrain Society of MPC will sponsor a special lecture about “Treasures of the Pharaohs,” an exhibition currently at the de Young Museum. The speaker is **Tom Logan**, a former curator in the Metropolitan Museum of Art’s Egyptian department. The free public lecture begins at 1:30 p.m. in Lecture Forum 103. Parking costs \$3.



Oct. 28 – The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay area (WACMB) presents a luncheon lecture Monterey Marriott. Speaker is **Bill Taylor, former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine**, whose topic will be the status of the Russian war in Ukraine. Ambassador Taylor makes his fourth visit with WACMB to provide the most current summary, having recently returned from Kyiv. Event registration and information at www.wacmb.org

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

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The beer menu will include some specially made suds from North Monterey County — Night Ryder Stout, brewed by Hillside Brewing Co. for Biers & Gears, is a stout that comes in at 7% ABV and features “pumpkin spice, allspice, nutmeg, cinnamon and chocolate malt,” according to the festival’s staff. You can purchase a limited-edition Biers & Gears commemorative beer stein for

\$15, and the price includes one fill of Night Ryder as well as \$2 off 16-ounce refills.

Gates open at 3 p.m. Oct. 9, and from 5 to 7 p.m., guests can watch riders make some practice runs, then enjoy live music from Salinas’ Harper Canyon Band until 9 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10, races run from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Pattee Arena, with awards at 7 p.m. Township, from Northern California, will provide live music from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday general admission is \$25, Saturday is \$30, and a two-day pass is \$50 (prices do not include ticket fees). Children ages 10 and under are admitted free.

For tickets and additional event information, visit biersandgearsfest.com.

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



The Firefighters Charity Ball later this month supports activities carried out by the Monterey Firefighters Community Foundation, including informational booths at local events and a Kids Firefighter Challenge and Hero Run. The ball is scheduled for Oct. 24 at the Inn at Spanish Bay, and will include a multicourse dinner, silent and live auctions and of course, dancing.

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Plan Today, Transform Tomorrow



Simon Bull's new gallery opens Friday

THE LATEST gallery to open in downtown Carmel marks an expansion for a longtime local gallery owner — and a big step forward for a creative couple.

Located next to Toro Sushi at 546 Dolores St., High Flow Gallery will host a grand opening reception Friday from 5 to 8 p.m., with the sushi restaurant catering the event.

The new gallery is owned by painter Simon Bull of Meuse Gallery and show-

cases the colorful abstract art of his daughter, Bekah Bull, and her partner, Jason Kurzer, who goes by "Kurz."

Bull and Kurz work both individually and collaboratively. They describe the style of the art in their gallery as "neon romance and urban realism."

The reception promises to be livelier than most.

"Forget everything about quiet, traditional gallery nights," High Flow Gallery said. "We're throwing open the doors for a one-night, raw-voltage takeover in the heart of downtown. We want everyone right there in the room with us when the energy peaks."

■ Feeling disconnected

Artist Kirstine Reiner Hansen, whose work explores the growing sense of disconnection many people feel today, shares her most recent paintings in a show that opens Friday at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts. The center will host a free public reception at 5 p.m.

"The ceaseless pacing of contemporary existence often leaves us suspended in fragments," Hansen said of the inspiration behind the display.

Employing "a sophisticated blend of classical figurative techniques and mod-

ernist abstraction, Hansen captures figures caught between states of presence and absence," according to the Cherry Center. "Her process — frequently combining meticulous observation with intuitive, collage-like compositions — invites viewers to navigate an aesthetic puzzle where old master qualities collide with contemporary disruption."

The center is located at Fourth Avenue and Guadalupe Street. Visit carlcherrycenter.org.

■ Spirit art

The Oldemeyer Center in Seaside celebrates Native American culture with an exhibit by artist Becky Olvera Schultz that opens Oct. 5. The show continues through Nov. 25.

A resident of Aptos, Schultz is descended from the Shawnee and Kickapoo tribes. She works in several mediums, including mask-making, photography, collage, serigraphy, rawhide shields, dolls and mixed media.

"I derive immense satisfaction from putting life into the materials I work with," Schultz said. "My art is an extension of my spirit, a piece of my personal vision and a constant source of comfort and healing for me."

The gallery is at 986 Hilby Ave.

■ Honoring ancestors

It's First Friday in downtown Pacific Grove on Oct. 2, with numerous merchants staying open after dark. Among them is Artisana Gallery, which is presenting its 18th annual Day of the Dead Altar and Show.

"Space in our gallery is set aside for honoring our beloved departed families, friends and pets, and paying tribute to the ancestors that came before us during this special time of year," the gallery said.

Located at 612 Lighthouse Ave., Artisana Gallery offers a generous and eclectic array of local art and organizes the monthly First Friday celebrations.

Also participating is the Pacific Grove Art Center, where five shows are on dis-

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

play through Oct. 29. They include painter David Hohmann's "Spill Paint Dig That Color" and "A Wabi Sabi Journey," a show that brings together Meredith Mullins' photographs and Helen Ogden's haiku poetry. The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Avenue.

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The new High Flow Gallery showcases the art of Jason "Kurz" Kurzer and Bekah Bull.

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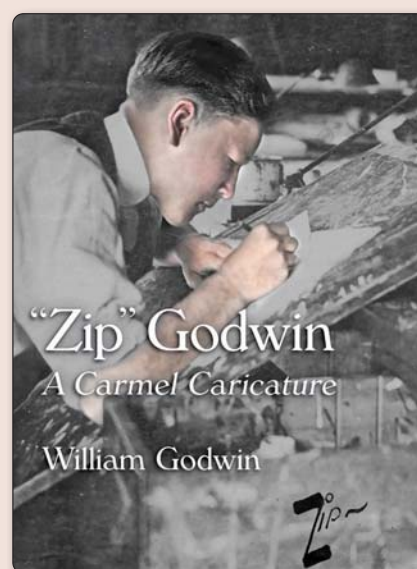
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"Zip" Godwin – A Carmel Caricature



Harrison "Zip" Godwin was a man of action with a flair for success on the playing field of life. He was a jack of all trades, a go-getter salesman, newspaper cartoonist, real estate entrepreneur, sportsman, and a major influence on early Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, where he was owner of the Pine Inn and the La Playa Hotel.

With more than 100 vintage photos and illustrations, this detailed biography by his grandson provides an insight into the early characters and societal happen-

ings of Carmel, hostelry competition with his brother (former mayor) Fred Godwin and the establishment of the area as a bohemian village and sports playground. In essence it places Harrison Godwin in the social, cultural, and historical context of early to mid-20th Century California.

Author William (Bill) Godwin is a native Carmelite and will be giving presentations and book signings in the near future.

This biography is available at local retail bookstores in both hardbound and softbound versions.

MUSIC

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■ Harvest Gala dance

The Center for Spiritual Awakening in Pacific Grove presents its second annual Golden Harvest Gala in a private Carmel “luxury barn” Saturday at 4 p.m. Besides an elegant dinner and two fundraising auctions, the evening features live music.

“This special fundraising celebration brings together



Paying tribute to the supergroup, the Traveling Wilburys Revue visits Golden Bough Playhouse Wednesday at 7 p.m.

some of our community’s favorite musicians for an evening of live performances featuring singer **Amber Guzman, Kiki & The Wowettes** and **The Shannon Casapia Trio**, with dinner music by pianist **the Rev. Timothy Lin**,” the center announced.

Tickets are \$95. Visit centerforspiritualawakening.org for details.

■ Free music festival

Deja Blue in Seaside welcomes the second annual Seaside Music Festival Saturday, with a busy slate of live music starting at 11 a.m. Performers include **The Joint Chiefs**, singer and harmonica player **Aki Kumar**, **The Rjae Haas Band**, **Wrockinfoose** and **The Al James Band**. The venue is located at 500 Broadway Ave., and the music is free.

“Spend the day by the coast enjoying live music, great food, local vendors, festival merchandise and a lively downtown atmosphere just steps from the beach,” Deja Blue suggested.

Live music, Oct. 2-8

■ Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — **Paige Too** (jazz, Sunday at noon). 46800 Highway 1.

Fernwood Resort — **Seetrees** (rock, Wednesday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Henry Miller Memorial Library — **Meez** and others perform at a fundraiser for the Big Sur Fire Brigade (rock, Saturday at 3 p.m.). 48603 Highway 1.

■ Carmel

Carmel Mission Inn — **Open Mic Night** (Wednesday at 5 p.m.). 3665 Rio Road.

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

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261684 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CHINA CENTER RESTAURANT, 1453 N MAIN ST, SALINAS, CA 93906 - 2403, County of MONTEREY Registrant(s): AHUA, INC., 1453 N MAIN ST, SALINAS, CA 93906 This business is conducted by a Corporation Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2026. AHUA, INC. S/ BRIAN R CHEN, CEO, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/25/2026. 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2/26 CNS-4070026# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 2026 (PC 919)	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261698 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MONTEREY COUNTY REAL ESTATE COMPANY, 344 West Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): ROBERT VELASQUEZ REYES, 344 West Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 26, 2026. S/Robert Reyes Date signed: Aug. 26, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 26, 2026. Publication Dates: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 2026 (PC 920)	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 County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 2, 2026. Publication Dates: Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 2026. (PC 929)	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261750 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Cedar and Sunset, 514 Cedar St. Pacific Grove, CA 93950, County of Monterey Registered Owner(s): Colton Neal, 514 Cedar St. Pacific Grove, CA 93950 This business is conducted by an individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 10/21/2025 S/ Colton Neal Bell 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-4080562# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 2026. (PC 934)	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261793 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CENTRAL COAST CONCIERGE, 100 Via Milpitas, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261797 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. 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-4080669# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 2026. (PC 932)	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)	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261817 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. 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 937)	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. 20261654 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DIAMOND'S BEAUTY SALON, 10639 Merritt St., Suite A, Castroville, CA 95012. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): MONICA G. ASCENCION, 11265 Seymour St., Unit 201, Castroville, CA 95012. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 20, 2015. S/Monica Ascencion Date signed: Aug. 20, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 20, 2026. Publication Dates: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 2026 (PC 941) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261862 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LIFESPORT MEDICINE AND WELLNESS CENTER, 21 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Suite 180, Monterey, CA 93940. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Registered Owner(s): BARBARA J. MACFARLANE, 21 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Suite 180, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 9, 2015. S/Barbara J Macfarlane Date signed: Sept. 28, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 28, 2026. Publication Dates: Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026 (PC 1003) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261759 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: LaMill, 19851 Pesante Rd, Salinas, CA 93907, County of Monterey Registered Owner(s): Plaira Technologies, Inc., 19851 Pesante Rd, Prunedale, CA 93907 This business is conducted by a corporation Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not applicable S/ Vijo Cherian, President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 09/09/2026 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23/26 CNS-4082492# CARMEL PINE CONE Publication Dates: Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026 (PC 1004) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20261846 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CEEDRA CAFE & BISTRO, Carmel Plaza, Mission St. SPC 122, Carmel By The Sea, CA 93921. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: BREW & BITES INC, 832 W. Franklin St., Apt. C, Monterey, CA 93940. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2024. S/Mohamed Karaki, CEO Date: Sept. 24, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 24, 2026. Publication Dates: Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026 (PC 1005)
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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.
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.
Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula — Singer **Holly Near** (folk, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 490 Agujito Road. Tickets are \$45. Visit wildrose-productions.com for details.

■ Carmel Valley

Baja Cantina — **Scarlet** (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.
Big Sur Vineyards — Singer and guitarist **Tom Faia** and singer **Kate Miller** (Sunday at 3 p.m.). 1 Del Fino Place.
Folktale Winery — **Rayburn Brothers** (Americana, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Saturday at 4 p.m.), **The Tristan Norton Trio** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.
Hidden Valley Music Seminars — The 13th annual Party in the Village features live music by **Brianna Colliard & the Desert Marigolds** and **The B-Keepers** (country, folk and bluegrass, Saturday at 5:30 p.m.). Tickets are \$65. 104 W. Carmel Valley Road. Visit cvvic.org for details.
Trailside Cafe — Singer and guitar-

ist **Dave D’oh** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

■ Monterey

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 The Clement Monterey — 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,



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Thursday at 6 p.m.). 750 Cannery Row.
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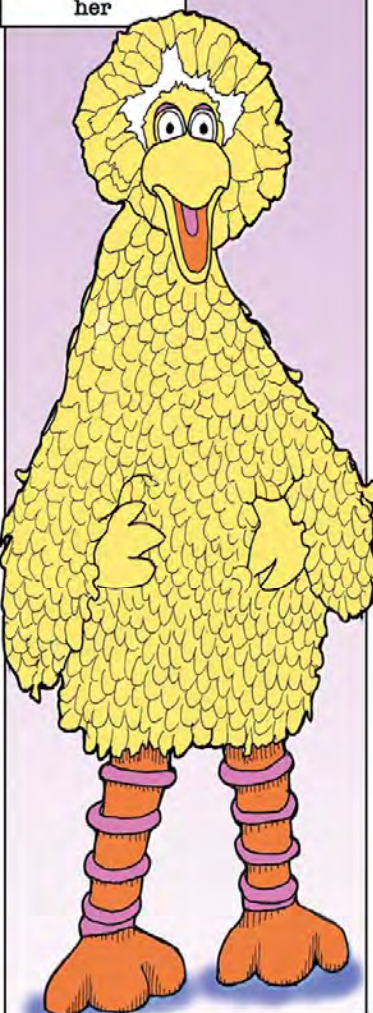
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Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — Pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday and Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

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 — **60 East** (reggae, alternative rock and classic rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Mad About You** (1980s and '90s hits, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

■ Pacific Grove

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

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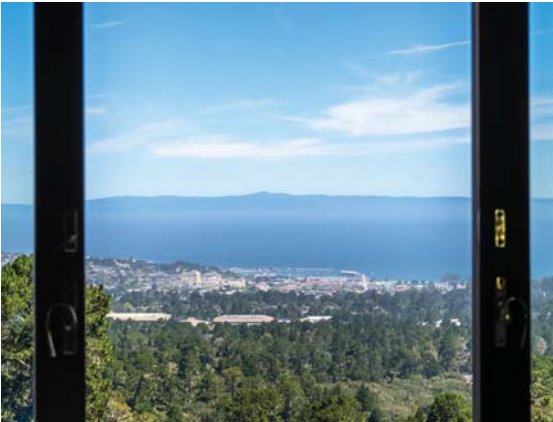
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A field guide to everyday absurdities

SOMETIMES X doesn't equal why.

Algebra was a foreign language I never mastered. When I was introduced to it, I asked why we were suddenly using letters to represent numbers when using numbers to represent numbers was working quite well. Simply stated, it was 3 o'clock, not x plus y equals 3 o'clock.

I thought of this the other day at Costco when confronted with one of life's everyday absurdities. The other checkout lines seem to move faster — until I leave the line I'm in. As soon as I step into one, the line that was moving faster slows to a crawl.

Rotating toast

That same absurd rule holds true on Highway 1, whether I'm going north or south. The direction doesn't matter. The lane I'm in comes to a standstill while the other lane is filled with Mario Andrettis headed for a checkered flag. So I slide into Mario's lane, and sure enough, it becomes a pit stop.

Take objects. I've moved past the idea that spoons, keys and hairbrushes have some flicker of intention behind their stillness. And yet.

The thing you need most urgently is always the thing that cannot be found — not lost, exactly, just relocated by some unseen hand to the one place you won't think to check. Junk mail sits in plain view for weeks. Misplace your car keys, and they are harder to find than motiva-

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

tion on a Monday morning. Tangled cords tangle further without being touched, as though loneliness itself were a knot-tying mechanism.

And toast — this is the one everyday absurdity science has actually cracked — really does land butter-side down more often than chance allows, not out of malice but because the average table height gives a falling slice just enough time to complete a single, fateful rotation. It's a small comfort to know the physics. It doesn't feel like physics when you're standing over a buttery mess at 7 a.m.

It feels personal.

I get green lights on the days I'm not in a rush. Say I have a doctor's appointment in Ryan Ranch. I leave early because of work on Carmel Valley Road, but the traffic cones that usually merge traffic into a single lane haven't been set up, so traffic is moving at its normal pace. I try to kill a little time because I've left too early, but all the traffic lights are magically green in my favor. I sail through the signal at Carmel Rancho Boulevard, Highway 1, Ocean Avenue and Carpenter Street. I arrive at Ryan Ranch a full day before my actual appointment.

The elevator button is already lit, but I press it anyway, as if urgency travels through my fingertips. Come on. I know you do that, too.

A watched pot never boils, but the moment you look away, it boils over. I like to think I'm in charge of the kitchen. The pot disagrees. The pot has been running the show the entire time, and the boil-over isn't a failure of chemistry — it's a demonstration of exactly who decides when things happen. I just work here. The pot owns the place.

Kitchen coup

Apparently, the universe punishes attention. Stand over a pot of water, eyes locked on its surface as if you're waiting for a reprieve from the governor, and it will sit there. Flat. Smug. Betraying no sign that heat is even a concept with which it is familiar. I move the pot to see whether the burner is glowing. It is redder than the sun's surface.

I turn away and check my phone. Thirty seconds, tops. The pot stages a coup with water sheeting over the sides, hissing onto the burner and filling the kitchen with the smell of betrayal.

The five minutes before you have to leave the house do not behave like other five-minute intervals. They compress an entire day's worth of chaos — a missing shoe, spilled coffee, a phone that has strategically relocated itself — into a span of time that, on a clock, looks identical to any other five minutes.

Sometimes the microwave acts up. I was taught that time is a constant. A second is a second, whether it's ticking away in Greenwich or in my kitchen. I set the microwave for 60 seconds to reheat my cup of coffee. The first 50 seconds fly by, but the last 10 stretch like taffy. I stand there, arms crossed, staring at a rotating mug as if my coffee is being held hostage, willing the numbers to move faster. They don't.

Maybe the real lesson algebra never taught me is that some things don't get solved. They just happen. The pot boils when it wants to, the lane clogs on cue and x, as always, refuses to equal why.

The pot probably would have passed algebra.

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MARKET ANALYSIS

(Not) Stuck in the Middle

The Fed just raised rates for the first time since 2023. The 30-year mortgage is at 7%. And yet the story most people are telling about this market is the wrong one.

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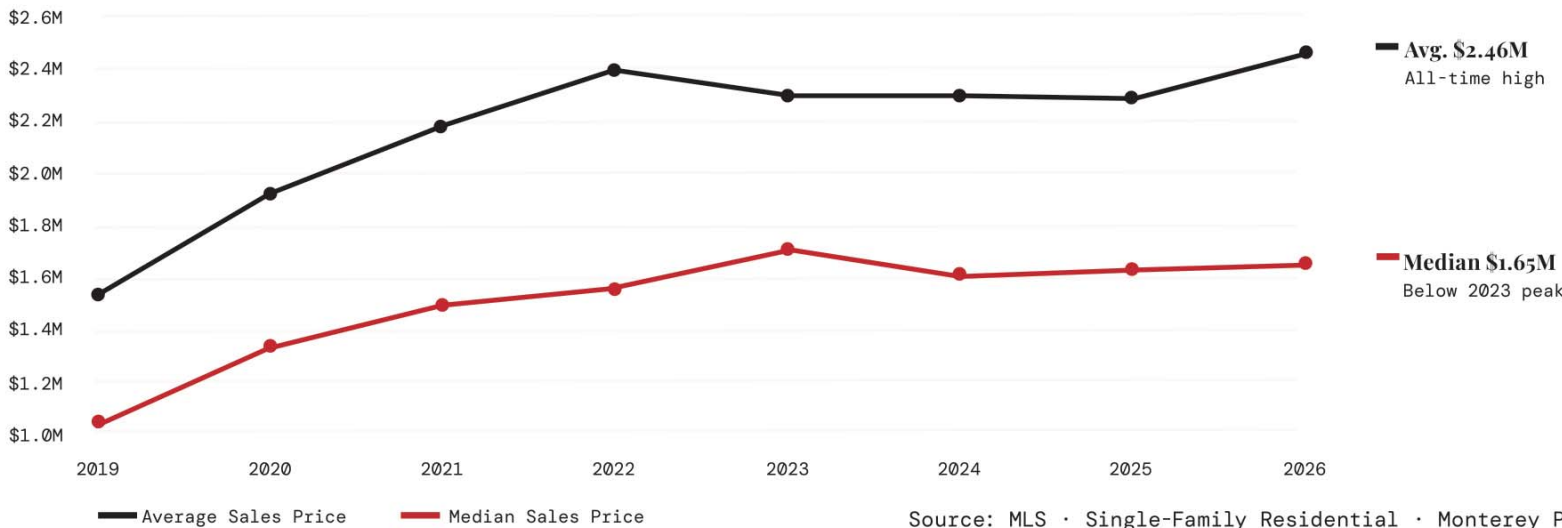
The Federal Reserve raised rates on September 16th, a unanimous vote to push the federal funds target range to 3.75%-4.00%. The dot plot signals at least one more hike before year-end. A meaningful share of current inflation is being driven by energy prices tied to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. Oil and diesel prices ripple through the cost of transportation, manufacturing, food, and construction. Raising rates is a demand-side lever. It cannot fix a supply-side energy shock.

Seven percent feels like a punishment. But that is a feeling, not a fact. From the 1970s through the 1990s, the 30-year fixed mortgage routinely touched double figures. The near-zero rate environment after 2008 was the historical anomaly, not today's 7%. We anchored to an extreme. The discomfort is real. The framing is not.

"Rates make an easy villain. 7% is not the problem. 7% on a price that already ran 50% above wages. That is the problem."

A monthly payment is rate times price. Between 2019 and 2022, the median home price on the Peninsula rose 49%. Then mortgage rates more than doubled. Those two forces compound. The monthly payment on a median-priced home roughly doubled in three years. Homeowners who refinanced at 3% are not selling. Inventory stays thin. Prices stay elevated. The cycle continues to spin. The Fed can raise rates. It cannot fix the ratio.

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A Bifurcating Market

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THE LONGEVITY FACTOR

One More Reason Supply Stays Thin

A 65-year-old couple today has roughly a 50% chance that at least one spouse reaches 90. Longer lives mean people stay in their homes longer. On the Peninsula, many owners treat their properties as lifestyle anchors. Fewer listings come to market even when prices would justify a sale. Longevity is one of several structural forces constraining supply, alongside limited buildable land, water restrictions, and the rate lock-in effect keeping owners with low mortgages in place.

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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: AirPods found at Scenic and Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 49-year-old Sea-side resident was arrested at Lincoln and Fifth at 2:19 p.m. for driving under the influence. He was transported to Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Hillcrest Avenue was marked for 72-hour parking.

Monterey: Battery and threatening a crime with intent to terrorize reported on Holman Highway.

Monterey: Grand theft reported on East Franklin Street.

Monterey: A 42-year-old man was arrested at West Franklin Street and Clay Street on an outstanding misdemeanor bench warrant and an out-of-jurisdiction warrant.

Monterey: Vehicle theft reported on Ca-sanova Avenue.

Seaside: Late Saturday night, officers re-sponded to the 2000 block of Noche Buena Street following a report of a possible stab-bing. After a thorough investigation, officers determined that two men who knew each oth-er had been involved in a physical altercation in the street. During the incident, one of the men fell onto a glass beer bottle, resulting in

a laceration to his arm. He was treated for his injury, and both men were cited for fighting in public. Police also recognized the resi-dents in the area who immediately contact-ed police and provided valuable information that helped officers quickly locate both indi-viduals at a nearby residence.

MONDAY, SEPT. 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost passport re-ported at Lincoln and Sixth.

Pacific Grove: A 44-year-old woman was arrested on Piedmont Avenue after a physical domestic dispute and booked into Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Abandoned vehicles re-ported on Gibson Avenue and marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Report of a municipal code violation for feeding wildlife on Ocean View Boulevard, resulting in a citation.

Pacific Grove: Report of vandalism to private property on Central Avenue.

Monterey: Vehicle at Withers Avenue and Parcel Street towed for expired registration.

Monterey: A 57-year-old man was ar-ested on Foam Street for driving while his license was suspended or revoked for DUI-specific violations and on an out-of-ju-risdiction warrant.

See LOG page 13RE

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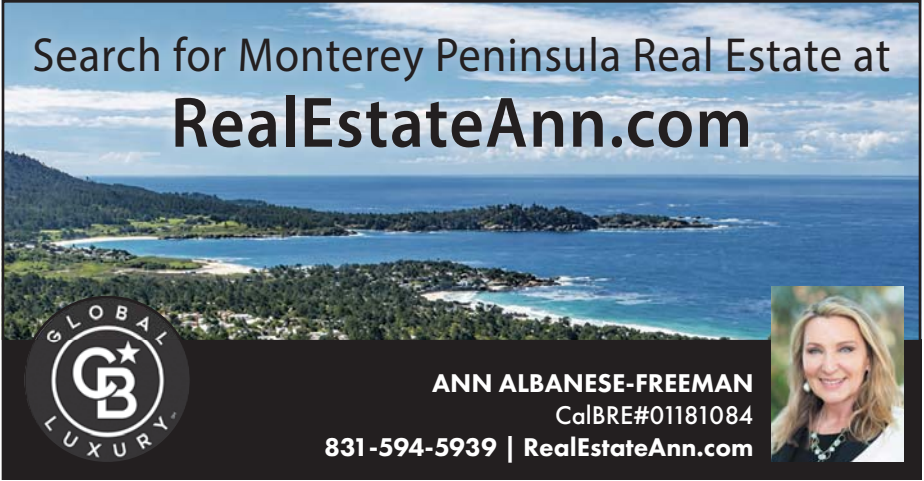


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302 Park St, PG	\$1,950,000
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401 Sequoia St, MTY	\$829,000
13750 Center St, CV	\$630,000

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Registered Owner(s):
Bayonito Culinary Holdings LLC; CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable
S/ Richard Bayonito, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/28/2026 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2/26
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Publication Dates: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 2026 (PC 913)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261726
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JDL Electric, 449 Chaparral St, Salinas, CA 93906 County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
Jose Noe Cruz Ramirez, 449 Chaparral St, Salinas, CA 93906
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/07/2026.
S/ Jose Noe Cruz Ramirez,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/17/2026. 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2/26
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261732
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BEACH DOG PRINTS, 660 Pine Ave., Apt. 1, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
CAMERON ANDREW CLARKE
ROBBIN ANN STAMENOV
This business is conducted by a general partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Cameron Clarke
Date signed: Aug. 31, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 31, 2026.

Publication Dates: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 2026 (PC 916)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261645
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Hana Brands, 800 Del Monte Center, Monterey, CA 93940, County of Monterey

Registered Owner(s):
Hana Group Ops, LLC, 6565 N MACARTHUR BLVD #330, IRVING, TX 75039; DELAWARE
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable
S/ Michael C. Archer, CEO
This statement was filed with the County

Clerk of Monterey County on 08/19/2026 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2/26
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 4:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Commission will visit some or all the project sites in person as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend both the Tour and the Hearing.

This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. To participate via teleconference, use this link: <https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/85075274055?pwd=xjGuf1VHPManTYPLVc94aalwt24Tld.1> **To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171.** Webinar ID: 850 7527 4055. Passcode: 001916.

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

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

APP 26256 (Logan)

Parker Logan, Appellant
653 Lincoln Street
Block 74; Lot 13

APN: 010-191-001-000

Consideration of an Appeal of the director’s decision to deny the Application for a Use Permit for a Drinking Place, UP 25231 (Esperanza Carmel Commercial, LLC) located at 653 Lincoln Street. APN 010-191-001-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project statutorily exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15270.

DR 25288 (Cypress Inn)

Andrew C. Goodwin, Architect
684 Lincoln Street
Block 75, Lots 18, 20, 22
APN 010-147-008-000

Consideration of a Track 1 Design Review, DR 25288 (Cypress Inn), for exterior alterations and site improvements at the historic “La Ribera Hotel” located at 684 Lincoln Street in the Residential Commercial (RC) Zoning District and Downtown Conservation District (DC) Overlay. APN: 010-147-008-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

DS 24325 (A&C Properties)

Terry Latasa, Architect
315 2nd Avenue
Block 8.5; Lot 1, 2
APN: 009-122-008-000

Consideration of a Track 1 Design Study Referral and Coastal Development Permit, DS 24325 (A&C Properties), for conversion of a carport, and site alterations located at 315 2nd Avenue in the Single-family Residential (R-1) District, Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay District, and Beach and Riparian (BR) Overlay District. APN: 009-122-008-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

DS 26065 (Ohana)

Miriam Santiago, Architect
590 Casanova Street
Block EE, Lot 12
APN: 010-214-018-000

Consideration of a Concept Design Study, DS 26065 (Ohana), for the demolition of an existing 1,460-square-foot Single-family residence, and the construction of a new 1,943-square-foot Single-family dwelling inclusive of a 200-square-foot detached garage located at 590 Casanova Street in the Single-family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-214-018-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the consideration of a Concept Review is not a project under CEQA as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

DS 26268 (EW Real Estate LLC)

Adam Jeselnick, Architect
1311 Monte Verde Street
Block: 146, Lot: 9

APN: 010-176-018-000

Consideration of a Combined Concept and Final Design Study, DS 26268 (EW Real Estate LLC), and Coastal Development Permit for substantial alterations to a Single-family residence at 1311 Monte Verde Street located in the Single-family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-176-018-000

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Andrew Myrick, Director of Community Planning & Building

Publication dates: Oct. 2, 2026 (PC1006)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT OF YOUR OBLIGATION UNDER YOUR DEED OF TRUST. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Date of Sale: **10/26/2026 at 9:00 AM.** Place of Sale: **At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 West Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901. NOTICE is hereby given that First American Title Insurance Company, a Nebraska Corporation, 1 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA in care of: 400 S. Rampart Blvd, #290 Las Vegas, NV 89145 – Phone: (702) 304-7509 as the duly appointed Trustee, Successor Trustee, or Substituted Trustee of Deed(s) of Trust executed by Trustor(s) and recorded among the Official Records of Monterey County, California, and pursuant to that certain Notice of Default (“NOD”) thereunder recorded, all as shown on Schedule “1” which is attached hereto and a part hereof, will sell at public auction for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, (a cashier’s check payable to said Trustee drawn on a state or national bank, a state or federal credit union, or a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank as specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) all that right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State to wit: Those certain Timeshare Interval as shown on Exhibit “A-1”, within the timeshare project **H.I. Resort, a Leasehold Condominium located at 120 Highlands Drive, Carmel, CA, 93923. The legal descriptions as set forth on the recorded Deed(s) of Trust shown on Schedule “1” are incorporated by this reference.** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, as to title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the unpaid balance due on the note or notes secured by said Deed(s) of Trust, as shown as Note Balance on Schedule “1”, plus accrued interest thereon, the estimated costs, expenses and advances if any at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale, together with estimated expenses of the Trustee in the amount of \$475.00. Accrued Interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. First American Title Insurance Company, a Nebraska Corporation. APN: **See Schedule “1”.** Batch ID: **Foreclosure DOT 168467-HVC84-DOT. Schedule “1”:** Contract No., Loan No., Trustor, APN, DOT Dated, DOT Recording Date and Reference, NOD Recording Date and Reference, Note Balance: 0080006988, 0080006988, Peter Andrew Phelps and Carol Louise Masters, 241-351-004-000, 02/19/2016, 05/13/2016 Inst: 2016025904, 06/24/2026 2026021365, \$1,298.95. **Exhibit “A-1”:** Contract No., Undivided Interest, Unit No., Fixed Week No., Frequency; 0080006988, 1/51, 79, 33, annual.**

Publication dates: Oct. 2, 9, 16, 2026 (PC1002)

T.S. No.: **26-19292** Loan No.: *******8359** APN: **015-031-074-000**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/14/2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

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Trustor: **Young Koh and Chung J. Yoon Koh, Husband and Wife as joint tenants**

Duly Appointed Trustee: **Prestige Default Services, LLC**

Recorded **5/20/2015** as Instrument No. **2015026405** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **Monterey County, California,**

Date of Sale: **10/20/2026 at 10:00 AM**

Place of Sale: **Main entrance Monterey County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas CA 93901**

Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$314,489.58**

Street Address or other common designation of real property: **24809 OUTLOOK COURT CARMEL, CALIFORNIA 93923**

A.P.N.: **015-031-074-000** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder’s office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **All checks payable to Prestige Default Services, LLC.**

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 793-6107 or visit this Internet Website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 26-19292. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.

NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an “eligible tenant buyer,” you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an “eligible bidder,” you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 793-6107, or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 26-19292 to find the date on which the trustee’s sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee’s sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee’s sale. If you think you may qualify as an “eligible tenant buyer” or “eligible bidder,” you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.

Date: 9/4/2026

Prestige Default Services, LLC
1920 Old Tustin Ave.
Santa Ana, California 92705
Questions: 949-427-2010
Sale Line: (800) 793-6107
Martha Nuno, Sr. Foreclosure Coordinator
PPP #26-009713

Publication dates: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 2026 (PC922)

LOG

From page 11RE

Monterey: A 33-year-old woman was arrested on Lighthouse Avenue for driving under the influence.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Noninjury accident at San Carlos Street and 10th Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Online scam reported at Camino Real and Ocean Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Watch found at Mission Street and Seventh Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A juvenile was reported missing on Congress Avenue after failing to return home from school. The child was later located at a friend's residence and returned to

SPORTS

From page 34A

varsity starter. "She also has a very strong serve, which puts a lot of pressure on opposing teams."

A deep roster of leaders is topped by five seniors.

Brennecke Daley, the primary setter in a 6-2 offense, has a talent for managing tempo, reading opposing defenses and making quick tactical decisions.

Ashley Dalhamer, a physical 5-foot-8 outside hitter, is the team's best jumper, resulting in a highlight reel of attacking plays.

Dalhamer and Olive Furmenac, a 5-foot-11 outside hitter with powerful swings, were neck and neck for the team lead in kills this week and were also among the leaders in digs.

Middle blocker Clare Brandler has a team-first attitude and a high volleyball IQ. She is observant, with a knack for recognizing opponents' patterns, her coach said.

Audrina Malati, a defensive specialist and backup setter, is another varsity veteran with a strong aptitude for making rapid adjustments.

An equally talented junior class includes versatile Car-



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Senior libero, Hallie Crabbe, an All-Monterey County selection as a junior in 2025, is known for acrobatic plays like this one for the Carmel Padres, one of the Gabilan Division's top teams this fall.

oline Bufkin, a middle blocker with multiple skills, including strong passing ability and "contagious enthusiasm that can lift our entire roster," Hill said.

New addition Piper May, a 6-foot left-hander, is an offseason club player who brings a strong presence to the right-side hitter position with a powerful kill shot that produces big moments.

Stella Elmore, another 11th grader, is a tall, physical right-side hitter who can move outside as a blocker and attacker.

"When she gets going, she can create chaos for our opponents," Hill said.

Sienna Fozatti is a transfer who figures to step into the starting lineup at outside hitter when her mandatory waiting period expires this week. A versatile front-row attacker with a powerful swing, Fozatti is also expected to provide scrappy back-row defense.

Junior Sloan Nguyen, a defensive specialist, supplies grit, floor defense and "a deceptively fast serve that produces some aces," her coach said.

Phoebe Johnson, another junior, is a varsity newcomer who rotates with Brandler and Bufkin at middle blocker, where "a constructive attitude makes her a quick learner," Hill said.

Gifts beyond her years

The lone underclassman, sophomore Crete Rosenau, is the second setter in the offense. She is a mature, poised and highly coachable club player with the composure needed for the quarterback-like nature of her position.

Stevenson will be among the eight teams competing in Saturday's Cougar Classic at Santa Catalina. The Pirates will then travel to Soledad on Monday and North Monterey County on Wednesday for Mission Division matches at 6 p.m.

Catalina follows its weekend tournament with a road match at Hollister at 6 p.m. Monday.

Carmel has key Gabilan Division showdowns at home against Palma on Monday and Catalina on Wednesday. Both matches begin at 6 p.m.

the parents.

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to the 100 block of 10th Street for a report of vandalism. Based on witness statements, a 47-year-old man was identified as the suspect, arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail on suspicion of felony vandalism.

Pacific Grove: Officers received information that a local registered sex offender was possibly out of compliance with registration requirements. An arrest warrant was requested.

Monterey: Probation violation on Del Monte Boulevard.

Monterey: A 58-year-old man was arrested at Lighthouse Avenue and Reeside Avenue on suspicion of possessing drug paraphernalia, possessing a controlled substance and driving under the influence.

Monterey: Disorderly conduct involving fighting or challenging another person to fight in a public place on East Franklin Street.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed at San Carlos Street and 12th Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Civil matter at San Carlos Street and

Seventh Avenue involving a possible restraining order violation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Noninjury hit-and-run on public property at Eighth Avenue and Mission Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A man was robbed, carjacked and assaulted by multiple suspects at Mission Street and Second Avenue. The stolen vehicle was recovered. A 20-year-old woman was taken to Monterey County Jail on suspicion of felony carjacking, robbery, conspiracy and battery. The case remains under investigation.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a license plate on Lighthouse Avenue. No suspect information was available.

Monterey: Alcohol-related disorderly conduct reported on Ocean Avenue.

Monterey: A 61-year-old man was arrested on Pearl Street on an outstanding misdemeanor bench warrant.

Monterey: False bomb report on Dutra Street.

Monterey: Child abuse without great bodily injury reported on Foam Street.

Monterey: Forgery reported on David Avenue.

Monterey: A 24-year-old person was arrested at Pearl and Tyler streets on suspicion of alcohol-related disorderly conduct and on an outstanding misdemeanor bench warrant.

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From page 4RE

Carmel Valley (cont'd)

25636 Morse Drive — \$1,665,000
Lillian Gorham and Jesse Hildenbrandt and Natalia Zoubko
APN: 015-093-005

27550 Schulte Road — \$2,145,000
Joshua and Hannah Estassi to 27550 Schulte Carmel LLC
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