C.V. man killed in crash near middle school

By MARY SCHLEY

SETH PARKER, 52, founder of Pacific Land Water & Home, and father of two, died in a violent car crash that shut down Carmel Valley Road for several hours Wednesday afternoon.

According to California Highway Patrol public information officer Jessica Madueño, on Oct. 26 around 3:15 p.m., Parker was driving his distinctive white and black 2021 Dodge Durango eastbound on Carmel Valley Road and hit a car that had pulled out onto Carmel Valley Road. His Dodge Durango rolled several times, and he was thrown from the car.

Moore rejects claims that there’s trouble at PacRep

By CHRIS COUNTS

AMID ALLEGATIONS of fiscal mismanagement and disorganization, six members of the PacRep Theatre board of directors have resigned in the past month. But the group’s founder and executive director, Stephen Moor, is pushing back against claims that he’s out of his element when it comes to finances or that his leadership style is heavy-handed.

“PacRep has never been more financially sound,” Moorer said. “We have a reserve fund. We have a planned-giving fund. We have an outside bookkeeper. We have consistently clean audits. Our assets have grown to over $8 million. Our finances are an open book.”

Cost doubled

The most pressing financial matter facing PacRep at the moment, Moorer acknowledged, is its $6.5 million renovation of the Golden Bough Theater. While the estimated cost of the project has roughly doubled since 2018, Moorer said that’s because of supply chain issues, said. The board of supervisors has limited authority when dealing with personnel issues, even more so when it comes to law enforcement. McKee said Oct. 25, due to the Peace Officer Bill of Rights. The bill of rights “dictates how

Supervisors want more oversight of sheriff

RESPONDING TO recent complaints of harassment and wrongdoing at the sheriff’s office that 5th District Monterey County Supervisor Mary Adams described as “heartbreaking,” the board of supervisors on Tuesday unanimously decided to ask the California Attorney General to investigate. They also voted to have the civil grand jury look into the complaints and asked county administrative officer Charles McKee and county counsel Les Girard to research an outside auditor to scrutinize the agency’s policies and procedures, and advise on appointment of a citizen oversight committee or an inspector general.

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A glimpse of coyote’s road to recovery

Looking a little defeated after being injured by a car in June, this coyote pup was saved by SPCA Monterey County and was released back into the wild. See page 8A.
Darling doodle

Their younger son named her Peaches even before they brought home the 8-week-old Labradoodle, whose coat matches her name. She was a gift to the family and also to Sasha, their block-year-old Labradoodle sired by the same father. “We wanted Sasha to have a playmate and it was a fun pairing for our two young sons,” said Mom. “We collected Peaches, this soft little teddy bear, in Clovis, and brought her home too.”

As the pups grew bigger and stronger, it became hard for Mom, the main dog walker, to handle them together. So, she started walking them one at a time around the loop in their Carmel-by-the-High-School neighborhood.

More than a dozen years later, the boys have grown up and out of the house. Sasha died suddenly last December, two days after Christmas. Peaches, now nearly 13, is no longer willing to walk the neighborhood. “I had to come up with new routes,” her person said. “She loves it when I take her on the trail at Ribera Road, where she chases bunnies and lizards. We also go to Garland Park and along the trails at Palo Corona, where we wander past cows and horses. She can’t go off leash, but she enjoys the hikes.”

Peaches gets to lose her leash at Carmel River Beach. As soon as she hits the sand, she drops and rolls around on her back. Once that’s out of the way, sometimes she just stands there, taking it all in. Other times, she gets the zoomies. “For her, a walk is more of a social event than exercise,” her person said. “Her main goal is to find people who have treats. I’m so glad I’ve had my dogs. I don’t know if I would start my day with a good walk without them.”
School board approves new districts

By MARY SCHLEY

The Carmel Unified School District board of education last week settled on a map defining the five regions that will be used when the district shifts from at-large elections to having residents vote for candidates in their own trustee areas. Before the boundaries become official, the Monterey County Board of Education must approve them, too, and will vote on the map during a Nov. 16 CUSD meeting.

Shelley Lapkoff, the demographer hired to create the maps, said the top priority is population equality, with just under 4,600 people in each area based on the 2020 U.S. Census numbers showing a total district population of 22,971. After meeting the federal requirement for dividing the population equally among the districts, California codes say topography, geography, cohesiveness, compactness of territory and other community-related factors can be taken into account when drawing the boundaries of trustee areas.

Big Sur and Cachagua

Several parents spoke at the Oct. 19 meeting, generally arguing for why the Cachagua and Big Sur areas should not be lumped into one trustee area, as had been suggested early on in the process. Residents said the logistical challenges of covering such a large region, much of it difficult to access, would be too great, and they mentioned their different communities and cultures, as well.

“We have commonalities with Big Sur, but sociologically and geographically, we really feel we are part of Carmel Valley,” said Cachagua resident Philip Laverty. Board members agreed, with no one arguing for combining those large swaths of the southern portion of the district.

The board unanimously voted to adopt a version that puts Pebble Beach and Carmel-by-the-Sea in one area, the mouth of the valley and unincorporated Carmel down to Ribera Road in the second, Carmel Valley to Quail Lodge and then south all the way down the Big Sur coast in the third, Carmel Valley east of Quail to the western portion of the Village and south of the Santa Lucia Preserve in the fourth, and the rest of the Village to Arroyo Seco in the fifth.

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Board members preferred that map in part because the boundary keeps the neighborhoods of Hitchcock Canyon, Southbank and Upper and Lower circles in the Robles del Rio area in the same district, since they are all close to each other.

Board member Tess Arthur, who along with board chair Sara Hinds is up for reelection Nov. 8, thanked Lapkoff for incorporating their feedback.

“You nailed it with these maps,” she said.

Board member Seaberry Nachbar said she likes the idea of a Village resident, as opposed to someone from the mouth of the valley, representing the Cachagua area on the board.

She also thanked the members of the public who attended the meeting and shared their thoughts. Seeing people and hearing their comments, she said, “means so much to us as a board.”
Country club denizen loses focus

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

Wednesday, October 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Loose dog found at Carpenter and Valley Way was brought it to the police department. The dog was scanned for a microchip, and expired information was obtained. Shortly after, the current owner called the department and was advised of the dog’s location. The dog was released to the owner with a warning.

Pacific Grove: Subject on 17 Mile Drive was transported to CHOMP after attempting to kill herself.

Carmel area: Castro Lane resident reported the theft of household items by a moving company.

Big Sur: Resident reported possible fraud involving a rental property on Sycamore Canyon Road advertised via Craigslist.

Big Sur: Victim on Coast Road reported a vehicle burglary.

Carmel Valley: Information report on a possible assault on Holman Road.

Carmel Valley: El Potrero resident reported a theft.

Carmel Valley: Subject reported a sexual assault on Rancho San Carlos Road.

Thursday, October 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 58-year-old male was cited at Carmel Ranch Boulevard and Rio Road at 0118 hours for driving while his license is suspended.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 67-year-old male on Ocean east of Monte Verde was cited for not paying his tab and was placed on a 72-hour hold. Transported to CHOMP via ambulance.

Pacific Grove: Report of possible physical abuse on Lighthouse. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Unlicensed dogs running at large on Buena Vista.

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The gavel falls

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

September 29 — The Hon. Mark E. Hood sentenced Eduardo Anaya Solis, AKA “Sleepy,” 21, of King City, and Jose Armando Juarez, AKA “Trips,” 24, also of King City, for the murder of Charles Adolfo Jose, 19, of Greenfield. Solis received a sentence of 50 years and eight months to life, and Juarez received a sentence of 30 years and eight months to life. In June 2022, a jury convicted Solis and Juarez of murder, conspiracy to commit murder, shooting at an occupied dwelling, and street terrorism.

In the early afternoon hours of Jan. 13, 2019, Solis conspired with two fellow Greenfield gang members to find and kill rival Norteño gang members in Greenfield. The three of them went to the King City residence of fellow Norteño Juarez, who supplied the trio with three firearms and disguises. Juarez then drove Solis in the shooter vehicle to a King City gas station, filled it with gas, and then returned home.

Solis and three others then traveled in the shooter vehicle to Juarez’s residence to Greenfield. Minutes later, Juarez traveled to Greenfield in a separate vehicle.

The co-conspirators scouted the city for rival Norteño gang members for over 30 minutes. In this period, Solis and Juarez separately traveled past Jose, who was in front of a friend’s home on 7th Street washing and cleaning his car. Solis, Juarez and their co-conspirators then met at a Greenfield gas station.

There, they discussed prospective targets they located in Greenfield and decided to murder Jose.

This decision rested on the lone fact that Jose was wearing red, a color worn by Norteño gang members. However, Jose was not a gang member.

After the gas station meeting, the shooter vehicle immediately traveled to Jose’s location on 7th Street. As Jose cleaned his car, Solis exited the shooter vehicle and fired 17 shots at Jose. Six of these shots struck Jose. The remaining shots struck two homes on 7th Street and three vehicles parked 7th Street.

After the shooting, Juarez followed the shooter vehicle from Greenfield back to King City. When he returned to King City, Juarez purchased celebratory beer for Solis and the other occupants of the shooter vehicle.

Two additional defendants in this case, Brayan Urbina Flores and Luis Sarasua, face trial in early 2023.

King City Police Department Sgt. Joshua Parida, Greenfield Police Department Sgt. Leonel Guzman, and Monterey County District Attorney Investigator John Magana investigated this case.

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Woman arrested in man’s OD death

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

FEDERAL, STATE and local law enforcement officers on Monday arrested a 36-year-old Seaside woman for the August overdose death of 64-year-old Fer-nando Graff, according to Del Rey Oaks Police Cmdr. Chris Bourquin. During the morning raid at her Kimball Avenue home, Kristina Smith was found with a gun and fentanyl pills, and she was sub-sequently booked into Monte-rey County Jail in Salinas.

Graff, who lived in Sea-side, was found dead at 555 Canyon del Rey, the loca-tion of the Moose Lodge, by police, firefighters and paramedics dispatched to a death investigation. At the time, DROPD detectives announced they believed the man had died from an overdose but were waiting for confirmation from the Monterey County Coroner’s Office.

Evicted man arrested for a bullet

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

BASED ON “information from three different confidential sources” that a man living at Forest and Ocean “was in pos-session of firearms and large amounts of ammunition” — and tasked with serv- ing an eviction order — police arrested 52-year-old William Hood last Wednesday morning after executing a search warrant at the house, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Michael Bruno.

“Hood is prohibited from owning or possessing firearms or ammunition because he is the restrained party in an active restraining order,” Bruno explained.

The search yielded no weapons and just a single round of ammunition, but that was enough to arrest Hood for the misde-meanor violation of a protective order, and he was booked into Monterey County Jail on $7,500 bail. He has since been released from the jail.

Hood also has two other active misde-meanor cases against him, according to Monterey County Superior Court records.
Probation planned for Carmel Valley man guilty of fatal hit-and-run

By MARY SCHLEY

A CARMEL Valley man pleaded guilty Oct. 5 to felony hit-and-run in the December 2019 death of Rosie Figueroa in Salinas and is set to be sentenced to probation when he’s next in Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler’s courtroom Dec. 7, according to court records. Meanwhile, the civil suit against the driver, Jacques Clarke, now 23, was settled earlier this year, with $200,000 going to Figueroa’s grandmother, Sylvia Figueroa, who was seriously injured in the crash, and $300,000 to be distributed to Camila Figueroa, the dead woman’s daughter, who was 3 at the time of the collision and was also in the car.

On Dec. 20, 2019, at 11:30 p.m., California Highway Patrol officers responded to reports of a major collision at the corner of Davis Road and West Acacia Street in Salinas and arrived to find a crushed Mazda 6 in the road and a Toyota Camry that had crashed through a fence and overturned. Based on the evidence at the scene, officers concluded the Mazda driver had been speeding when he rear-ended the car driven by Figueroa, who died of multiple blunt force trauma within minutes of the accident, according to the DA’s office. The women and little girl had been coming from Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital.

When officers got there, Clarke and another occupant of the Mazda — Tyrone Moore — were outside the car, and no witnesses could confirm who had been driving. Because Clarke owned the car, had the key fob in his pocket, and the seat was adjusted to his height, CHP officers concluded he’d been driving. After conducting a DUI investigation that indicated Clarke was drunk, they arrested him.

As part of the investigation, the CHP sent DNA from the passenger-side airbag to the state lab for testing, and in November 2020, results came back indicating it was Clarke’s. The DA’s office dropped the charges against him. Prosecutors might have gone after Moore for the crime, but on March 9, he was killed by a hit-and-run driver while walking along a highway in the desert outside of Laughlin, Nev.

Avoiding prison

The Monterey County District Attorney’s Office subsequently filed a new case against Clarke in May alleging hit-and-run, because the car was his, even though he wasn’t driving. A judge issued an arrest warrant for Clarke, who lives on Rancho San Carlos Road, and he turned himself in June 2. He’s been out on $10,000 bail since then and waived his right to a preliminary hearing Sept. 14. Three weeks later, he pleaded guilty in a Salinas courtroom to the single felony charge of hit-and-run causing injury or death based on a plea deal that would keep him out of prison. In addition to being on probation, he is barred for life from owning firearms and may have to pay fines and restitution.

In settling the civil case filed against Clarke and his
SPCA releases young coyote after treating it for serious injuries

By KELLY NIX

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Once obsolete, fire lookouts make a comeback

By CHRIS COUNTS

With wildfires increasing in California and throughout the Western United States, fire officials are not only seeking new and creative ways to reduce the threats they pose, but they are turning to old ones for help, such as fire look-out towers. But first, they’ll need to find enough volunteers to keep the towers staffed during the fire season, which seems to get longer each year.

Adding to the quandary is that the average volunteer is getting older, and there’s no certainty that enough young people will step up and replace the existing ones.

Located in Upper Carmel Valley, the Chews Ridge Fire Lookout Tower is operated by volunteers from as early as April to as late as Christmas. It sits at slightly more than 5,000 feet, giving lookouts a birds-eye view of the northern Santa Lucia mountains. Built in 1929, it was destroyed in the Marble Cone Fire in 1977. The tower was rebuilt and staffed until it was closed in 1990. It reopened three years ago.

Another local fire lookout tower on Cone Peak in Big Sur has been closed since the 1990s, but it may be reopened, according to Brendan Kelly, who is chair of a group known as the Chews Ridge Lookout Volunteers.

The Chews Ridge tower is staffed by a rotating crew of about 60 volunteers, but as Kelly explained, that’s barely enough. “There’s all kinds of reasons why people can’t make the commitment,” he said. “We need a bigger body of trained volunteers to cover the schedule adequately.”

Trouble on the horizon

So what does a fire lookout do? It’s pretty much what you would imagine, but with a little more structure. Every 15 minutes, lookouts walk around the tower’s deck and scan the horizon with binoculars for any sign of smoke. Sometimes the task is easy, while other times, your eyes can play tricks on you. But one thing is certain — the information lookouts provide to firefighting agencies is invaluable.

“The first thing we do when we train people is to get comfortable with separating smoke from fog, clouds and dust devils,” Kelly told The Pine Cone. “We ask them to be able to report the color of the smoke, which tells firefighters what type of fuel is burning. We also teach them how to locate on map with some precision where smoke is emanating from.”

Kelly said it’s essential to get word of smoke to firefighting agencies as soon as possible. “By the time we see flames, it’s too late,” he suggested.

One shift per month required

During fire season, two volunteers are typically on site each day from shortly after sunrise to just before sunset. Each volunteer is required to do at least one shift per month. Besides looking for smoke, the volunteers do twice-a-day weather reports, passing on the temperature, wind speed and where the marine layer is.

Volunteers take their own cars to the site, which requires an hour-long drive from Carmel Valley Village, including about 30 minutes on the well-graded but bumpy Tassajara Road. Four-wheel drive isn’t needed, but some clearance is.

See LOOKOUTS page 23A
P.G. city manager went ‘ballistic’ during argument, man claims

By KELLY NIX

A CONFRONTATION between Pacific Grove’s city manager and a citizen resulted in hot tempers, a poke in the nose and a 911 call, but no arrests, according to the citizen’s account of the incident.

The dust-up — which occurred Oct. 14 at about noon inside P.G. City Hall near city manager Ben Harvey’s office — happened after Richard Davis said he went to see Harvey in person because he wouldn’t return his messages regarding Tina Rau, the city’s diversity, equity and inclusion task force chair who posted an anti-Christian message on social media. (Rau has since apologized.)

“When Harvey saw me, he said, ‘Oh, Mr. Davis, I don’t have time for you right now,’” Davis told The Pine Cone, adding that Harvey was dressed in gym clothes. “I said, ‘You don’t have five seconds for one question?’”

Davis, 70, said when he asked Harvey why the DEI task force meetings were still only being held remotely and whether he would fire Rau or ask for her resignation for the social media post, Harvey told him the decision was not up to him. According to Davis, he responded by telling Harvey, “You are a lousy city manager and you ought to go back to L.A. where you got fired from your last city manager job.”

“Went ballistic”

The comment, Davis said, triggered Harvey, who got in Davis’ face and accused him of harassing a secretary. Davis asked the secretary if he was harassing her and she shook her head no, according to Davis. “He went ballistic,” said Davis, adding that Harvey was screaming at him. “His nose was 2, maybe 3, inches from mine. Harvey had his finger in my face and I got angry. I can’t remember if I cursed, but I said, ‘Get your finger out of my face,’ and he started shaking his finger and he barely touched my nose.”

Harvey then instructed a secretary to call the Pacific Grove Police Department. Davis, a disabled veteran, said he left city hall and went to visit Gary Bailey, the owner of the Pacific Grove Press, the first paper to report the encounter.

Davis then got a call from his wife saying there were two police officers at their house and they wanted to talk to him about the incident. Initially fearful he would be arrested, Davis said the officers assured him they only wanted to talk.

Davis drove home and spoke to PGPD officer Winston Appleby and another officer. “They were listening to my side,” Davis said. “They were very professional and real nice.”

Won’t comment

Davis said he’s not sure if the officers asked him if he wanted Harvey arrested for touching him during the altercation, but said “I think they would have done assault charges” on Harvey “if I had requested it.” Davis said he would not pursue charges.

Asked if he thought Harvey would have pursued charges if he had touched him, Davis said, “Absolutely he would have. I think his actions were absolutely inappropriate.”

In trying to get both versions of the row, The Pine Cone posed numerous questions to Harvey, but he declined to answer them. Instead, he said the “city has a strong commitment to prohibit and prevent harassment in the workplace,” referencing a city document with the rule.

Police Chief Cathy Madalone also refused to offer detail, saying only that it was a “verbal argument,” that a 911 call was made to police, and there were no arrests.

Dear Fellow Carmelites,

As the campaign for Carmel-by-the-Sea city council nears its conclusion, I thank you for the warmth and courtesy you have shown me. Although I have lived here full time for the majority of my life, the campaign has allowed me to meet so many more of our wonderful residents.

I have listened and heard your concerns about our beloved village. Both residents and business persons have expressed the importance and desire for civic beautification. The necessity for cleaning and maintenance of our streets, sidewalks, public landscaping, downtown and city-owned buildings is paramount—as Carmel deserves better. We must protect Carmel-by-the-Sea’s natural beauty by safeguarding our natural environment—our beach, our ocean and our forest. You expressed the desire to keep our community safe and responsive—to maintain our quality of life and enhance our public safety.

This is our moment to choose. You have told me of the need to honor and respect our heritage, traditions and village character. Will we become citified, urbanized and densified—a “Smart City”—with an overemphasis on technology such as parking sensors, proliferation of cell towers, self-driving cars, “smart” trash bins and the like? Or will we remember, restore and retain the magical qualities that have drawn us—residents and visitors alike—to our beautiful village?

I have listened and I have heard you. Thank you for your support and I ask for your vote on November 8th.

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P.G. elected official under FPPC microscope

By KELLY NIX

A STATE agency responsible for enforcing political campaign finance laws is moving ahead with an investigation into Pacific Grove City Councilwoman Jenny McAdams over a payment she made to the father of her child for campaign services, the agency said Monday.

In July, McAdams — who is not running for reelection in November — indicated on a state-required Form 460 that she paid $1,800 of her remaining campaign funds to Jeff Hadley, whom she listed as a “campaign consultant.” Hadley is a general contractor and owns a construction company. The balance of the campaign funds, $159.97, was given to Salinas resident Patricia Worth for accounting services. McAdams reported on the campaign statement.

The payment to Hadley could be a problem since the state’s Fair Political Practices Commission says a “spouse or domestic partner of an elected officer or a candidate for elective office may not receive, in exchange for any services rendered, compensation from campaign funds held by a controlled committee of the officer or candidate.”

“Live together”
Former PG City Councilman Dan Miller complained to the FPPC about McAdams’ payment to Hadley, the father of her youngest kid. On Monday, Miller — who told the Fair Political Practices Commission that McAdams and Hadley live together — got notice from agency Division Chief Angela Beretton that the commission would move ahead with an investigation.

“This letter is to notify you that the Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission will investigate the allegation(s), under the jurisdiction of the commission, of the sworn complaint you submitted,” Beretton said.

The official also said the FPPC “has not made any determination about the validity of the allegation(s) you have made or about the culpability, if any, of the person(s) you identify in your complaint.”

In early September, before the FPPC said it would investigate, the agency told The Pine Cone that it had taken Miller’s complaint under review to determine its “merit” and if there were “enough info/facts/evidence/etc. to open an investigation.” The FPPC performs the preliminary review for all of the complaints it receives.

Miller told the FPPC that Hadley has lived with McAdams for about 10 years. Online searches indicate the same address for McAdams and Hadley.

When asked about Miller’s complaint to the FPPC in August, McAdams didn’t seem concerned, saying that neither her treasurer “nor the committee” had been told by the FPPC that there was an issue with her campaign filings. This week, McAdams told The Pine Cone that her “treasurer did receive a copy of the boilerplate email” from the FPPC, but the councilwoman didn’t respond specifically to the allegations.

See INVESTIGATE page 25A

COUNCILMAN: YOUTH SHOULD BE TAUGHT HOW TO USE POT

By KELLY NIX

OPPONENTS OF a pot shop in Pacific Grove are heavily criticizing a city councilman’s suggestion that adults need to educate young people on the “proper, safe use of cannabis.”

On Nov. 8, Pacific Grove voters will decide on Measure M, which asks whether they want to allow marijuana sales in the city. During an Oct. 8 interview with KSHW about the ballot measure, Pacific Grove City Councilman Chaps Poduri — who is campaigning in favor of allowing a marijuana retail store in town — suggested that tax revenue from marijuana sales go toward educating young people on how to use it.

“That revenue can be used toward educating youth,” Poduri told KSHW reporter Caitlin Conrad. “I think that’s something that we’re missing out on today is how do we really educate the proper, safe use of cannabis with youth and for any other youth education services that we want to have?”

Poduri’s proposal to teach children how to use marijuana — which is illegal for anyone under 21 to use — outraged Mike and Peggy Gibbs, who are campaigning against a having a pot shop in Pacific Grove.

“Chaps Poduri proposes using tax revenue to ‘teach children how to safely use cannabis’ — an illegal drug.”

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Attorney general OK’s sale of senior care home

By KELLY NIX

THE CALIFORNIA attorney general has approved the sale of California Nevada Methodist Homes — which owns the Forest Hill retirement community in Pacific Grove — to a company with a history of patient-safety issues, the office of California Attorney General Rob Bonta said.

The approval, which comes with numerous conditions, will allow Forest Hill, which has a 26-bed skilled nursing facility, and the 35-bed Lake Park in Oakland to come under the ownership of Pacifica Companies, LLC.

Safety concerns

Bonta offered an overview of Pacifica Companies’ history of patient safety issues, noting that between 2017 and 2022, Pacifica’s “rate of citations was significantly higher than the average rate for all residential care facilities for the elderly in California.”

He explained why he imposed the conditions with the sale.

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Victim sues estate of late baseball coach charged with molesting boys

A MARYLAND man who claims a former little league coach from Pacific Grove sexually assaulted him when he was 14 years old is suing the coach’s estate after the coach killed himself last year while facing child molestation charges.

The alleged victim, now 30, filed a law-suit Oct. 5 in Monterey County Superior Court against the estate of David Stamm seeking an unspecified amount in damages exceeding $25,000.

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Groomed

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dispatch records.

“The Porsche sport utility vehicle spun out of control, and the driver did not suffer injuries,” she continued.

Parker had not been wearing a seatbelt and was thrown from the car, suffering a large laceration to his head, according to CHP dispatch. Efforts to resuscitate him failed, and emergency responders declared him dead at the scene, notifying the coroner at 3:46 p.m.

Madueño said drugs or alcohol didn’t appear to be a factor in the crash.

He was also a former president of the Fire Safe Council for Monterey County. Following the tragedy, Parker’s many friends poured out their heartfelt condolences for his wife and their two children and expressed their shock and sadness in his death.

“He were a wild young man, and you got your act together finally and had such a lovely family,” Toby Rowland Jones commented, mentioning that he’d seen Parker at Mulligan pub in downtown Carmel with friends on Sunday. “I knew you as a young lad. Impetuous you were — exuberant energy and wildness in your genes. You lived fast and without regret. Safe travels into the next realm, my friend.”

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price increases and inflation, not mismanagement, and he said he’s confident the theater company can find the money to complete the project. He noted that a gap of $1.8 million still exists.

“We have $500,000 in a reserve fund that we will likely devote to the project,” he reported. “We also have up to $300,000 in foundation grants that we anticipate will go through.”

That would leave a balance of $1 million, which seems like a lot of money, but Moorer noted that PacRep generally takes in about $600,000 each year in donations.

Regarding changes that his leadership style is heavy-handed, Moorer said his role as executive director often requires him to make tough calls.

“For better or worse, I am the final decision-maker on all day-to-day operations,” he explained. “Nobody relishes making the hard decisions.”

Moorer conceded he has had disagreements with some over the theater renovation, but said he believes his theater expertise and local knowledge give his views credibility, even in construction matters.

**Surprised by complaints**

As for the board members who resigned, Moorer said he was disappointed that several of them have criticized him. He said only one of the six mentioned even “a hint of dissatisfaction” when they resigned, and in that case, the complaint was that the board was too divisive.

Moorer said there’s no reason to be alarmed that six board members have resigned — he said that because the board has three-year term limits, there’s constant turnover. He also noted that six board members remain, and five new ones have been installed. “We now have a board that is fully committed, with positive feelings about the future,” he added.

Several weeks ago, The Pine Cone received a couple of anonymous emails making the allegations against Moorer. The newspaper reached out to the board for a comment, but didn’t receive a response. Moorer, at the time, suggested the concerns were overblown. This week, he conceded there was more discontent than he first realized.

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investigations are supposed to occur, as well as disciplinary action, of any,” he said.

Despite those limitations, District 1 Supervisor Luis Alejo commented, “that doesn’t mean we can’t have this discussion in public, and we are moving to take some action.”

“It’s concerning that so many incidents have come out of one department,” he said. “Some of the allegations involve now-retired Undersheriff John Mineau making inappropriate comments to a couple of employees through Facebook and a deputy in the jail illegally receiving prescription drugs meant for inmates.

Representatives from two local Hispanic organizations said they have received complaints from people who felt they weren’t being heard at the sheriff’s office, and they encouraged the board to establish a citizens oversight committee.

Tina Nieto, the Matina Police Chief who is running against Cmrd. Joe Moses for sheriff, said she would embrace that.

“I think we’ve eroded the trust with some of our community members,” she said. “Independent oversight, if done in the right way, can restore that.”

She encouraged county officials to consult with professional groups that help organizations form such committees.

No one from the sheriff’s office commented on the topic, and 4th District Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, who unsuccessfully argued months ago for an oversight committee, said, “The deference that we showed to the undersheriff who assured us they didn’t need any oversight certainly didn’t age well.”

She pushed for getting started now, regardless of who wins the Nov. 8 election.

“This information has shown us that we need to be more proactive in using our limited and appropriate authority,” she said.

“I don’t know any of us who don’t have concerns about the ops of the sheriff’s office,” commented 2nd District Supervisor John Phillips, who is not running for reelection.

Whether the complaints received so far rise to the level of being criminal should be decided by the attorney general’s office, not the district attorney’s office, he observed. Phillips also supported asking the civil grand jury to scrutinize the sheriff’s office.

But he cautioned that a citizens oversight committee, especially one populated with people who are anti-law enforcement, could hamstring the sheriff’s office by demanding a hearing “every time the cops make an arrest or something happens at the jail.”

For that reason, he’d prefer to appoint an inspector general.

Adams said she was disappointed to learn of the allegations against a few high-ups while the rest of the frontline staff is “doing their very best every day to do the best of their ability.”

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JOHN PRENTICE HARNISH

John Prentice Harnish, son of Glen Harnish Jr. and Jean Harnish, passed away on October 12, 2022, after a brief battle with a virulent form of cancer, at the home he shared with his wife, Linda Feliciano Harnish in North Carolina. John was born in Fresno on May 21, 1958, five minutes after his devoted twin brother, Robert. John was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Linda; his son, Arlo Harnish; and siblings Dan (Shirley), Glen (Debra), Robert (Carmen) and Sara (Mark).

John moved to Carmel in 1962 where he soon made life-long friends. One of those friends noted that he didn’t even know John and Robert’s names at first because they were always referred to as “the twins.” Throughout their lives, John and Robert’s profound bond was unshakable, even as they explored different personal and professional journeys. John graduated from Carmel High School in 1976 and then attended MPC and Humboldt State. He worked as a surveyor. He retired in May and moved to North Carolina with plans to play golf, travel and enjoy more time with Linda and her daughter and grandchildren.

John’s son, Arlo, remembers learning to surf together with his dad and they shared a love of hiking and being outdoors. A kind and loving father, and friend, John in many ways embodied Maya Angelou’s observation: “I have learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will always remember how you made them feel.” While he leaves us far too soon, the impression John left on everyone is indelible and everlasting — from his megawatt smile and contagious laughter — to his quiet tenderness and optimistic spirit. His star will never dim for us.

A celebration of life for both John and Jean Harnish is planned for the spring.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at www.jdrf.org or to the Carmel High School Foundation at www.carmelhighschoolfoundation.org.

JERRY A. FREEMAN

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A man of great kindness and integrity, Jerry Freeman, 91, passed away on October 6 from the progression of pulmonary hypertension. Born in South Bend, Indiana to William and Ethel Miller Freeman, Jerry spent idyllic summers at Eagle Lake in Edwardsburg, Michigan: swimming, canoeing and working at a nearby golf course. A gifted student-athlete standing 6’4” (his nickname was Moose), Jerry played football, basketball and ran track at South Bend Central High School, graduating in 1949. As a student in the Jim Crow era, Jerry saw firsthand the injustices experienced by some of his friends and teammates, and those early experiences formed a man with deep respect and compassion for people of all races and backgrounds.

Jerry attended DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana as a pre-med student. He joined Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and along with his rigorous studies he found time to compete in football and track. It was in French class at DePauw that Jerry met the woman of his dreams, Mary (Anne) Papineau (831) 274-8654 anne@carmelpinecone.com

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James Grayson Luttrell Jr.

November 27, 1929 - October 13, 2022

Jim was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on Thanksgiving day 1929, son of Grayson Luttrell and Studie Hackney Luttrell. He attended Baltimore Friends School and later Washington and Lee University. From 1951 to 1956 he was on active duty with the US Marine Corps as a naval aviator, flying Chance Vought Corsairs and Douglas Skyraiders from land stations and several aircraft carriers. He later flew jet fighters in the reserves.

Jim then spent 20 years with the Schilling Division of McCormick and Company in management positions in sales and purchasing, leaving when McCormick moved operations east. Then he was with Slufterback Corporation in Monterey as vice president and director from its inception until retiring in 1993. He built a home in Carmel Valley in 1969, then moved to Pebble Beach in 1979 where he and his wife Gini became involved with St. Angela’s Catholic Church activities through the 1980s and the early 90s: Jim as a member of the Parish Finance Councils, and start up of St. Angela’s preschool. He was a member of the Monterey Peninsula Country Club.

In 1993, Jim built a home on the Pend Oreille River at Laciede, Idaho, where he and Gini spent many happy years, returning in 2012 to Carmel Valley Village where he became re-involved with the Carmel Valley Kiwanis Club.

Jim was predeceased by sisters Lois Wells Luttrell, MD, and Roma Gray of Emerald Isle, NC. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Virginia (Gini) Wilson Luttrell; son, Eric Baggiolini (Teresa) of Carmel Valley; daughters, Katie Knight (John) of Castreville, and Beth Brookhouser (Kevin) of Salinas; and grandsons Grayson, Henry, Sam, and Wally.

The family thanks Hospice of the Central Coast and sends deep gratitude to Jim and Jonalyn for their loving care of Jim.

A celebration of life will begin at 2 p.m. on November 19, 2022, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 9 El Caminato Road, Carmel Valley. A reception will follow.

Donations in Jim’s memory can be made to the Monterey County Food Bank, the Salvation Army, or your favorite charity.
Gladys Elaine Edwards  
October 29, 1939 - June 25, 2022

Gladys Edwards was born to Abigail Bernice Eversoll and Joe Lavern Young on Oct. 29, 1939, in Fresno. Her mother was born on a Mono reservation in Watts Valley, and Gladys’ Native American heritage was always of great interest to her and her family. The tribe inhabited the upper reaches of Fresno County’s major rivers, including along a 30-mile stretch of the San Joaquin.

Gladys moved to San Diego at an early age and subsequently met Richard Robert Edwards, who was in the Navy. They married in 1957 and settled in Salinas, where he found work in agriculture. They had three children together: Pamela, Matthew and Jacqueline. As a young mother, Gladys focused much of her energy and time on raising her kids while also teaching herself to cook and learning to garden. She spent endless hours encouraging her children’s hobbies and pastimes, whether they were scuba diving lessons, swimming at Lovers Point, Boy Scouts, track team events, PTA fundraisers or seemingly endless tennis matches.

She had courage. Her tough childhood didn’t allow her to graduate from high school, but she went back and earned her GED when her kids were in school.

When her eldest daughter passed away suddenly in her 30s, Gladys rushed to her home to handle the painful situation with grace and stoicism.

Gladys returned to Fresno regularly to visit her siblings in Fresno. She eventually moved to Fresno to be closer to her family. Her mother was born on a Mono reservation in Watts Valley, and Gladys’ Native American heritage was always of great interest to her and her family. The tribe inhabited the upper reaches of Fresno County’s major rivers, including along a 30-mile stretch of the San Joaquin.

Gladys was the kind of grandmother who let her grandkids collect frogs on a hot summer night, only to have them all end up hopping around inside her house. The kids could run everywhere they wanted — except into “the breakable room,” where she kept her treasures. She would host dance parties in her garage with five grandkids dancing to their favorite music, not hers. She was known for her love of Fall and Christmas. Decorating gave her so much joy. On one occasion, her grandchildren ran around the house counting all of her Santas, of which there were 37 on display!

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In her later years, she befriended a feral cat that became her constant companion. Miss Kitty never let anyone near her, except Gladys.

A daughter born to Gladys in San Diego, Sherrie, was adopted but found her mother and family later in Gladys’ life.

Gladys is survived by son Matthew Edwards, daughters Jacqueline Miller and Sherrie Tyler; grandchildren Jennifer Edwards, Rachel Dalton, Ashley Edwards, Seth Martinez and Nico Martinez; great-grandchildren, Andrew Dalton and Lucy Edwards; Green; sisters Doris Mascalitti, Nancy Metzler and Debbie Rodriguez.

Gladys’ sister, Nancy, was a saving grace, especially over the last several years as Gladys needed more and more help. The family would like to thank Miriam Solis for her constant care and friendship to Gladys — and for indulging her wishes to the end. For all the days Miriam spent in the nursing home by her side, we can never thank her enough. Her son-in-law, Paul Miller, generously ensured Gladys could stay in her own home for as long as possible, allowing her to hold onto her dream until the end.

She will be missed, especially when Sunday rolls around, a special time when Jacqueline and Matthew would call her and have long conversations about their lives, current events, and her own joys and struggles. Over the years, she was their best friend.

Happy Birthday Mom! We love you!

“I am never far away as long as you remember; we laughed, we lived, we loved and that is what matters most.”
Knight complains of bullying with emails, etc.

By MARY SCHLEY

SIGNs PLACed in front of the Carmel Unified School District offices, a fake public notice posted at the Carmel High School tennis courts and an ongoing onslaught of public records act requests amount to “an attempt to bully us,” and are consuming dollars that should be spent on students, district superintendent Ted Knight said at a board meeting last week.

“I’ve had to make the unfortunate decision to hire a legal assistant to support our communications department,” he said at a board meeting last week.

“On our tennis courts saying ‘public notice’ inaccurately continues to see that kind of behavior in some in our community.”

Stadium lights opponents

He also noted that someone “put an unapproved sign on our tennis courts saying ‘public notice’ inaccurately warning the community about things the district is doing,” and has twice installed a yard sign at the office on Carmel Valley Road “trying to disparage the district and stop us from doing what’s best for students.”

“Protect Our Environment,” the sign said. “Say NO to Carmel’s stadium lights.”

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“How else would I interpret getting seven copied and pasted emails that all say exactly the same thing about every 15 minutes for two hours?” he asked. “We’re continuing to see that kind of behavior in some in our community.”

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Treetop rescue

Pebble Beach Fire crews rescue an injured worker who broke his femur while working in a tree 60 feet above the ground on Hatton Road late Monday morning. The unnamed man was taken by CalSTAR helicopter from Larson Field to a local trauma center, according to the fire department.

Anne: Annie Dickinson
Died: August 25, 2022

ROCKWALL — Our beloved mother, Annie “Annie” Dickinson, 83, passed away on Aug. 25, 2022, at Rockridge Memory Care in Rockwall, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Dickinson, of Monterey, California (originally of Lansing, Michigan); her parents, Gordon and Nell (Walker) Watson, of Culver City, California; her only sibling, Cynthia Brown, of Lansing, Michigan; seven grandchildren, Davis, Christopher, Dominique, Braden, Patrick, Breanne, and Casey; two great-grandchildren, Haley and Serenity; her sister’s two children, Cynthia and Christopher; and many dear relatives and friends.

A memorial service to honor Annie’s life will begin at 3 p.m. EST Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at the First Baptist Church in Newberry, Michigan, with Pastor Jon Michael officiating.

Please email Lisa with any questions at tinywardrobe@yahoo.com

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Offering a multi-faceted look at the Fab Four and their music — and raising money for its School of Dramatic Arts — PacRep Theater presents “Celebrating the Beatles” Saturday and Sunday at Forest Theater.

The multimedia performance is more than just a tribute to the beloved band. The event is part concert and part documentary, all done live on stage. It is written and narrated by Mark Shilstone, who also stars in the show, and the cast includes a local folk duo, Anne and Pete Sibley, along with the Nwownhere Band, which features singer and guitarist Dustin Carroll, singer and guitarist Justin Noseworthy, bassist Sam Salerno and singer and drummer Doug Feurnside.

Twenty-five Beatles songs covering every stage of their career will be played.

The show is patterned after another one Shilstone did two years ago, “Celebration ’69,” that looked back at one of the most memorable years of the last century.

“Audiences really seemed to dig the format,” Shilstone said. “There will be lots of great music played live, mixed together with images and lots of fun stories. One audience member called it ‘the coolest history lesson ever.’”

Now Shilstone has turned his focus to the most famous group in popular music.

“I’ve written it for everyone, from the most casual of Beatles fans, to the manically obsessed,” he said.

“Everybody will learn something they didn’t know about the world’s favorite band,” he added.

The show, which starts at 7:30 p.m., is the finale of PacRep’s 2022 summer season. Tickets are $9 to $32 and are available at the PacRep box office at Forest Theater — which is located at Santa Rita and Mountain View — and at pacrep.org.

A local folk duo, Pete and Ann Sibley, are part of a multimedia show about the Beatles.
Our sweet, loyal, furry friend, Barron recently passed away from a sudden and acute illness. A most loving and devoted dog who put paw prints of love on everyone he encountered. Barron loved the Monterey Peninsula; loved special treats, ocean swims at Stillwater Cove and Carmel Beach, walks through Carmel Village, strolling down Scenic trail, watching birds and squirrels, sniffing spring flowers and autumn leaves, hiking at Garland Ranch and Big Sur, and became an adept expert at balancing on a golf cart ride through Pebble Beach. Brave and loving until the very end.

Rest in Peace, Barron. Good Boy.

Forever in Our Hearts,

Barron loved giving to other dogs and cats alike in need. He and his humans avidly support local pet services agencies such as Hitchcock Road Animal Services, SNIP Bus, and the Monterey County SPCA, should anyone wish to donate in his memory.

Volunteers also pack a few meals, and some even stay the night so they can do back-to-back shifts. Cell reception is far from reliable, so they use two-way radios to communicate with dispatchers, who are located in Santa Barbara. For a restroom, volunteers rely on an outhouse.

At their peak use in the mid-to-late 20th century, there were estimated 8,000 fire lookout towers in the country. Many were built as Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps projects. But today, there are only around 2,000. "Fire towers were once ubiquitous across the country," Kelly observed. "More and more have closed in recent decades."

Over time, fire lookouts were replaced with technology like drones, satellites, and infrared cameras — in part due to budget constraints. Kelly noted that satellites can provide a lot of valuable data, but they can’t match the speed and efficiency with which a human volunteer can identify and report smoke.

If you’re interested, email 1brendanp-kelly@gmail.com.

"Our primary responsibility when reviewing healthcare transactions is to protect the people," he said. "With our conditional approval today, we ensured that the residents of these retirement communities continue to receive the best possible care and quality of life. Due to the strong conditions we’ve imposed on the sale of these continuing care retirement communities, the individuals and families living in Oakland and Pacific Grove can remain in the communities they called home and receive uninterrupted health care."

Other conditions Bonta imposed on Pacifica include the appointment of a “monitor” to ensure the safety of residents; the requirement it produces a semi-annual safety report; honoring residents’ contracts; paying off debt, including existing bond debt and lines of credit; and consulting with a community advisory board every quarter. The conditions also require reporting on safety at Forest Hill every six months for the next three years.

Protecting fees

The conditions Bonta approved will ensure access to quality health care and will allow current residents to continue receiving care at the facilities while protecting their outstanding entrance fee obligations,” his office said.

Forest Hill opened in 1955 as the first full-service retirement community on the Monterey Peninsula.
**SEARCH**

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Aircraft continued patrolling a large expanse of coastline well into the morning, breaking only when the fog became too low to fly in. Before daylight, the crew used spotlights to search the water, including the surf line on Carmel Beach, and a Carmel P.D. officer on a quad covered the 1-mile stretch of sand, driving parallel to the waterline and then inland along the seawall while using a flashlight.

Bruno said the swimmer might have gotten caught in the kelp near Santa Lucia Avenue where he went in, so the Monterey County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue Team has been searching that area around Carmel Point and beyond by boat, drone, helicopter, and airplane.

Still nothing

“Search and rescue has searched the coastline and waters from Big Sur to Monterey since this incident was activated.”

Efforts have been underway since Monday night, with no sign of the swimmer.

“Family members said this was common that the victim would take night swims, and it is unknown if the victim was intoxicated, drowned or had a medical emergency when he entered the water,” Bruno said.

It’s also possible he climbed out elsewhere and has intentionally concealed himself since then.

While releasing the name and a photo of the man, who has lived in Carmel for a little over two years, might be helpful in finding him, his parents and wife asked police to withhold the information so they could tell friends and family he is missing before they see it in the news.

**PROBATION**

*From page 6A*

The mother by the Figueroa family for negligence and other allegations, his USAA insurance policy is paying out the maximum amounts to the grandmother and the child, who live in Seaside. The little girl, who will turn 7 Dec. 31, will begin receiving monthly and annual payouts in July 2034 that will run for five years, and will be paid lump sums on her 25th and 30th birthdays. The money is being held in an annuity.

According to the settlement, Sylvia Figueroa received $200,000 “for the massive injuries incurred in the automobile accident which took the life of her daughter, Rosie Figueroa,” and of that, $3,665 went to lawyer Tom Griffin and the Grunsky Law Firm for legal fees.
INVESTIGATE
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The Pine Cone could not locate any previous campaign documents showing that Hadley had worked for McAdams’ campaign as a consultant.

Weeks or months
Miller and McAdams have a contentious relationship. In June, a Monterey County Superior Court Judge ordered McAdams to pay Miller $3,990 in attorney fees after the judge determined that a restraining order she filed against him early this year was without merit and was filed in an effort to silence Miller from writing about her in the Pacific Grove Press.

Last week, Miller contacted the FPPC and brought up the court order, telling agency officials Griny Brown that not long after McAdams “gave” the $1,800 to her boyfriend,” she paid Miller $2,000 of the $3,990 that she owed him per the judge’s order.

“Since then, McAdams has only made monthly payments of $100 to me, so it could be possible that this was also a case of money laundering” since the FPPC states “you cannot pay any legal-associated fees out of campaign funds,” Miller told Brown in an email message.

FPPC spokesman Jay Wienerga told The Pine Cone that some agency investigations are completed in a few weeks or a month or two for some cases, while more involved cases can take two or three years to resolve.

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CANNABIS
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Mike Gibbs told The Pine Cone. “It raises the creepy specter of underage kids being taught how to get high by tasting, vaping the psychoactive THC in cannabis products.”

Gibbs called Poduri’s comments “dangerous,” and called for Poduri to take an immediate leave of absence from city council and go back to school to learn how to get high by tasting, vaping the psychoactive THC in cannabis products.

The councilman also said his overall message is bringing about “general education and awareness of marijuana and preventing its use by youth.”

The Gibbs argued that the health risks of marijuana far outweigh the roughly $300,000 in tax revenue the city is estimated to receive with such a business. Pacific Grove Unified School District is also opposed to allowing a pot shop in the city.

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Better act quickly

When the city council decided a few weeks ago that it was time to start assigning numbers to Carmel’s heretofore charmingly un-numbered homes, the council may have thought they were finally putting to rest one of the town’s oldest controversies. But don’t be so sure.

The very same decision was rendered with ceremonial finality almost 100 years ago — Jan. 18, 1926, to be exact — when the city council unanimously approved a “house numbering map” for the city and adopted an ordinance requiring that owners of “real property in the city fronting upon any public place, street, lane or alley, post securely therein in a conspicuous position, visible to passersby, a number plate showing in legible figures the number of said premises.” Penalties for noncompliance were strict: “A fine of not more than $50, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 25 days,” the ordinance said.

The council even went so far as to decide exactly how the numbering system would go. “The plan provides that the numbering begin with the 100 block at First Avenue on the north and continue south, one hundred numbers to the block,” according to the Dec. 12, 1925, Pine Cone. “Thus, if one is looking for 713 San Carlos Avenue, it will be between Seventh and Eighth avenues.” East-west streets, the newspaper continued, would be numbered “beginning at the westerly boundary of the city.”

The 1926 ordinance was approved after a decade of controversy, with some residents arguing for the preservation of Carmel’s rustic beauty and small-town ways, while others wanted to start getting their mail delivered — something the post office would only undertake, according to a 1917 account by Pine Cone founder William Overstreet, if the city provided “certain civic improvements, such as sidewalks and house numbers.”

By 1925, an overwhelming majority of city residents were in favor of adopting house numbers, The Pine Cone reported — and there petitions were presented to the city council to prove it. “The first petition favoring the house numbers contained 364 names; a second, against, had 64 names; a third, neutral, 17,” according to a December 1925 account.

So that settled, it right? Not so fast. Soon after the house-numbering system was approved, an election brought a new mayor to office, and in April 1926, the penalties for not posting house numbers were rescinded. Before too long, the post office said numbering houses wasn’t enough to get mail delivery started — there needed to be sidewalks, too. But since outside the business district that idea wasn’t going anywhere (and still hasn’t), most homeowners apparently decided posting a number wasn’t worth the trouble, and nobody from the city ever tried to make them, which left the whole topic to die from neglect. By the 1930s, Carmel had become world-famous for its resident writers, artists and other rebellious creative types, and the lack of house numbers had become something the whole city regarded as a badge of honor — an attribute that was prudishly emblematic of its rejection of modernity.

While the 1926 ordinance had its penalties stripped away soon after it was adopted, it’s unclear whether the ordinance, itself, is still in effect. If it is, all the city has to do is find the map that came with it and start notifying homeowners where they live. Or they can adopt the same ordinance and map all over again.

Either way, they’d better move quickly. As history shows, Carmel has a way of changing its mind.
Tales of destruction and forgery — but wait, there’s even more

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In August 1940, in his early 70s, Jordan sold the Pine Inn to William Harrison Godwin motors and became general manager of Interurban Motor Express Co., but tragedy seemed to follow him. Seventeen months after the earthquake, Signor was driving a car near San Jose and struck a buggy, destroying it and badly injuring the occupants, one of whom died a few months later.

Palatial home Shortly after, Signor concocted an elaborate forgery plan. He and several associates created fake financial documents in the name of wealthy miner James Murray of Montana and California. Murray had a palatial home on the coast of Monterey where the Monterey Plaza hotel sits today. The plan had apparently been to hold the forged drafts and notes, totaling more than $1,000,000, and submit them to the estate after Murray died. Murray was 68 in 1908. One of Signor’s influential partners submitted a forged draft early and the plot unravelled.

Signor was sent to San Quentin and Agnes moved to Carmel and became manager of the bathhouse on Carmel Beach.

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Shaken out of town Born in 1852 in Scotland, the young Agnes McKay moved with her family to California when she was a young student and grew up to become a schoolteacher. In early 1901, at age 48, McKay was apparently swept off her feet and married Frederick Barlow at age 48, McKay was apparently swept off her feet and married Frederick Barlow. They acquired the Empire Hotel south of Eighth, that they named La Playa.

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Great Lives

By CLAY SHANNON

completed — gradually. One decision led to another, and each bit of forward progress led her a step closer to the classroom.

To begin with, Williams studied child and adolescent development at Stanford University. On returning home, she helped coach girls volleyball at Carmel High. Finding that she enjoyed working with young people, she consid-
ered becoming a school counselor. On hearing that, one of the counselors suggested that she earn a teaching credential, as counselors sometimes needed to double as teach-
ers. She followed that advice and earned the certificate.

Williams didn’t want to teach high school at first, because although she was 27, she could still be mis-
taken for a student, and that intimidated her. She chose to teach middle school instead and she decided to stay. She explained her decision.

“Energy, wacky humor’’

“Middle school is my jam. Though I have a multi-
ple-subject teaching credential and could work at the ele-
mentary level, teaching history is my other jam. Middle school was the best fit, and then I discovered that I love the kids. I’d never want to reive my own middle school years, but I adore being immersed in the energy, openness and wacky humor of seventh graders. They keep me in the moment and laughing daily.’’

After acknowledging that ages 11-14 can be “really rough” for students and their parents, Williams said that middle school doesn’t have to be angst-filled. She added that in the ideal situation (which she believes exists at Car-

mell Middle School), age is not the challenge. The most important thing, she said, is that the adults on campus deeply care for and connect with their students.

Williams’ approach to students who are not particularly motivated to learn is to connect with them as people first. She finds out about their interests and tries to find an over-
lap with her subject, world history.

She knew she was finding success one day when she approached her classroom and saw that someone had defaced the door with what she at first assumed to be graf-
fiti. After grabbing some cleaning supplies, she returned and read the message, “You are the best teacher.” It was signed with the initials of a student that Williams wasn’t sure she had reached.

The most rewarding parts of the job, Williams said, are “seeing when kids understand a new idea,” and “watching kids care for each other during a challenging situation, be-
that academic or real life.”

Her favorite day in the classroom? She had the quint-
essential-optimist’s reply to that question: “Tomorrow — I always look forward to what’s coming up next.”

Finding a spark

Williams doesn’t have many full-time teaching tomor-
rows left, though. At the end of this school year, she’ll retire from Carmel Middle School, where she has taught for more than a quarter century — and which she attended as a student.

The students are the same as when Williams started, she said, but added, “Thirty years ago, students didn’t have so much stuff — devices, super-attractive distractions, access to what’s happening in the wider world. Competing with all that stuff has added another layer to classroom teach-

We use apps that engage students, gamifying parts of the curriculum, so to speak.’’

Since she is obviously a successful and popular teacher with students and colleagues — who recommended her for this column — I asked what advice Williams would give new teachers. She said, “Learn from your colleagues and be flexible. As precious as your prep periods may be, spend time in other classrooms observing your peers and seeing what your students experience in other subject areas. Whenever I go into my colleagues’ teaching spaces, I leave wishing I were a student in those classes. In fact, when I retire, I hope to become a student once again, per-
haps at Monterey Peninsula College.”

Williams still recommends teaching as a profes-
sion in a time when many people seem to be leaving the classroom for other opportunities.”’ For those who like a dynamic work environment and get energized by being with groups of people, teaching is a fantastic profession. I

have taught seventh-grade world history five times a day for over 30 years. You’d think I’d get bored, but I don’t, because the people who walk in the door vary in their personalities, interests and group dynamics.’’

Among many other projects and programs, Williams has served on search committees for can-
ididates for teaching and administrative positions at Carmel Middle School. To identify the sort of teacher she wants to endorse, she learned from retired Car-
mel High School principal Karl Pallastrini to look for a “spark,” which can include not just the candidate’s enthusiasm and energy, but a sense of humor. She also considers what sorts of other activities or interests they are involved with outside of teaching.

I asked Williams if there were any misconceptions about teaching or teachers that she would like to address. She replied, “We’re in this profession to help kids grow, period. Those who try to pin another agenda on us are mistaken.”

Deep local roots

In addition to possible further education, Williams plans to stay busy in her retirement by volunteering at the middle school and as a docent at Carmel Valley Historical Society — especially since her family has figured promi-

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nently in local history. Here are just a few examples.

Marjory Lloyd, a former editor of The Pine Cone, was Williams’ grandmother; Lloyd was one of several locals interviewed about life in Carmel by the L.A. Times in 1985 (latimes.com/archives/la-spml-1985-08-26-mm-26199-story.html). Williams is the namesake of her great-grandmother, Anna Hatton, the daughter of prominent local rancher and dairyman William Hatton. Carmel Middle School is on the Hattons once farmed, and the Carmel Valley His-
torical Society has an extensive collection of family items.
Harley Boy

Harley Boy is a mellow and easygoing guy. He gets along beautifully with other dogs and loves his people. Harley is mostly blind and deaf, but navigates the world well. He spends most of his day snoozing but he enjoys a nice walk around the block.

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socializing with each other. The board members refused to come out or tell the public when they would return to the meeting. It seemed that the board members were acting like uninvited children. Why were they hiding from the public?

Government organizations have the habit of keeping secrets and hiding problems. The only way to discover misdeeds, a habit of keeping secrets and hiding problems when they would return to the meeting, socializing with each other. The board, from page 26A to 30A, The Carmel Pine Cone, October 28, 2022.

Kimba is once again with Andy as they are reunited in heaven. She is taken all the way home. If you have ever seen Kimba in or around Carmel, she most likely carried a beautiful pine cone.

Kimba was born in Germany and descended from a well-known line of expatriate who had been with Andy, another German canine. Kimba made it her mission to sabotage or interrupt anything. Kimba was 8 weeks old. Upon arrival, she was not steal his toys or blocked him from getting to them in the swimming pool. She liked to keep secrets and hide problems. Kimba loved being with Andy.

After her big brother Andy crossed the rainbow bridge last year, Kimba became even more attached to her human family. She liked to keep secrets and hide problems. Kimba loved being with Andy.

KIMBA VON KAP KARTHAGO crossed the rainbow bridge on February 2012 - October 2022.

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Kimba, a German national IGFB champion, a prestigious title that Kimba’s brother went on to win just four years later.

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no failure to secure the second door because the shop was still open for business.
Therefore, because you did mention my name, I have the right to correct what you said I did. Yes, I screamed and was and am still scared. The false narrative of the event needed to be cleared up and I hope my letter does. Thank you.

CarrieAnn, Carmel

Just climbing?
Dead Editor,
If you haven’t voted yet, think twice about voting Dawn Addis for Assembly District 30. I’m from Morro Bay, where Addis is currently on the city council. She has been a disappointment.
A recent event for me was this week’s city council meeting when a new zoning ordinance was up for a public hearing.
Addis gives much lip service to affordable/workforce/low-income housing. However, during the hearing it was pointed out that one of our larger mobile home parks was zoned visitor-serving rather than residential, and she made no comment to correct it. It was pointed out that increasing downtown heights would increase market rate/vacation rental units, not affordable/workforce/low-income units that Morro Bay lacks. She voted for the increase.
A year after she was elected to Morro Bay city council, she ran for higher office. Now, two years later, she is again. Is she interested in local needs, or just climbing? Vote Vicki Nohrdien.

Betty Winholtz, Morro Bay

Pilgrims in Carmel
Dear Editor,
On Saturday I was working in my yard on Hatton Road and was surprised to hear a group of more than 50 men of all ages singing loudly and walking south on Hatton Road. I asked one of the men why they were singing and walking together in such a large group. He said they were on a religious pilgrimage from San Jose to the Carmel Mission and that they had been walking all day. The last segment of the pilgrimage was from Carmel High School down Ocean Avenue to Hatton Road and then down Carmel Mission Trail to Carmel Mission.
My wife and I were curious, so we drove to the Mis-

ion. We watched the arrival of the procession of more than 100 men, women and children, plus a lone Scottish bagpiper. Also, a 5-foot figure of the Virgin Mary on a horse was carried in from San Jose. I have seen similar pilgrimages before while traveling in Italy.

The entire group then attended 5:30 Mass, and then the families left to return to San Jose in their cars and vans.
I later learned that similar pilgrimages to Carmel Mis-

ion have occurred in past years, also walking down Hat-

ton Road and down Carmel Mission Trail.
We have resided at Seventh and Hatton for over 60 years and are happy to learn we live on a pilgrimage route.

Gordon Clemens, Carmel

Housing supply can be fixed
Dear Editor,
As a second home owner in Pacific Grove, I was con-

cerned to hear about the possibility of an empty home tax, and ultimately was happy to hear it didn’t gain any trac-

tion. Our lovely, 120-year-old Craftsman is not empty very often, and is currently occupied by renters for the school year. So why my concern? The real issue is an inadequate supply of housing created by choking off growth due to a lack of water. The solution is not to make the second homeowner the culprit, but to place the blame where it belongs, with the politicians who created the mess in the first place.
The supply can be fixed, not by looking for scapegoats.

Ricker McCastland, Rancho Santa Fe

Discrimination or promotion?
Dear Editor,

With regard to the frivolous lawsuit about “ladies” night” events, there surely must be a distinction between discrimination and a promotion. By trying to prevent the local businesses from sponsoring these events, their visit their premises, the plaintiffs are actually discriminating against men who would otherwise bring their significant female others to these venues. This lawsuit is simply a shakedown that harms and damages businesses, families, singles — and benefits only the repentant plaintiffs.

Rich Larsen, Carmel

He’s active now
Dear Editor,
I have been a resident of Carmel-by-the-Sea since 1998, and until a little more than a year ago, I have not participated in civic discourse. When I visit their premises, the plaintiffs are actually discriminating against men who would otherwise bring their significant female others to these venues. This lawsuit is simply a shakedown that harms and damages businesses, families, singles — and benefits only the repentant plaintiffs.

Rich Larsen, Carmel

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on exhibit in the Hatton Victorian Parlor, part of its history center in Carmel.

Anna Hatton married into the Martin family, one of whom, John Martin, was also a rancher and dairyman. He is featured in the 1st section of the book of the Carmel Heritage Society (carmelheritage.org/interac-
In addition, members of her family were friendly with Carmel poet Robinson Jeffers and author John Steinbeck. Talking to Williams was almost enough to make me wish I could relive middle school — but only if she were the teacher.

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Division will play its individual championships at Hollister, and the Cypress Division will compete at Gonzales. The CCS team tournament will be played Nov. 7-12 on the home court of the higher seed, and the tournament to determine the individual CCS champ is scheduled for Nov. 14-16 at Courtside Los Gatos.

Catalina’s No. 1 player, Lara Yuan, is an undefeated senior from Beijing, China, who figures to be at least a co-favorite (with Salinas senior Anuschka Mehoortza) to capture the Gabilan’s individual crown this year. “Lara is a lefty, strong at the baseline, with a good forehand,” said Cougars coach Tina Romeka, who took the 2021 team to a second-place league finish and the CCS playoffs. “She also has a good head game — she’s mentally tough — and I really think she’s the best player in our league. She hasn’t lost a set this season.”

When the coronavirus pandemic shut down on-campus classes at Catalina, the boarding student opted to remain in the U.S. out of concerns that she might be unable to return from China when school resumed. Instead, Yuan spent three months during the summer at a high-performance tennis academy in Southern California. “She came back with a lethal slice shot,” observed Stevens head coach Wendy Grover.

The Cougars’ No. 2 player, senior Ampuaro Alcaraz, is one of six boarding students from Mexico on Catalina’s varsity squad. “She’s another experienced player — strong and consistent, and also undefeated this year,” Romeka said. Lexi Blond, once beaten and the No. 3 singles, is a San Francisco Bay area senior whose forehand and ability to move the ball around the court are her strongest abilities, and Ally Yoshiyama, a junior, earned Catalina’s No. 4 singles spot after playing doubles a year ago.

The top two doubles teams for Catalina are fully stocked with boarding students from Mexico. Sophomore Maya Desaracho and freshman Manuela Hirschfeld hold down the No. 1 spot, while Gaby Salazar and Viviana Esquer, both juniors, are the No. 2 team.

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The No. 3 spot has been shared this season: Romina Leal, a junior from Mexico, is the No. 1 player, and Odessa Penado, a senior, is the No. 2 player. The No. 3 team of junior Shayla Dutta, a strong baseline player, and sophomore Ruby Myrard, a good finisher, also work well together.

“I’ve made all of my doubles teams play round-robin challenge matches which is great for depth,” Tracy said. “My No. 3 team can give my No. 1 team a close match on any given day.”

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Doubles for the Pirates include freshman Delara Gholami, a strong net player, and sophomore Skyler Stratmore, who can play an offensive or defensive game, as the No. 1 team.

At No. 2 are Mia Schlenker, an aggressive senior, with Jessie Chen, a freshman from China, a solid baseline hitter, and the No. 2 team is composed of seniors Ara Traina and Phu O’Gorman, both tall players, with explosive overhead shots at the net.

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Carla Winzer, a sophomore from Germany, is the No. 1 player at Stevenson this season.

“Like a backboard”

“Siri is like a backboard — she just doesn’t miss,” the coach said. “She keeps the ball in play, runs everything down, and is a hard worker out there, just like her sister.”

No. 4 for the Padres is Sofia Posadas, a junior with a 10-0 record.

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Sunday at Sunset Center.

A total of 92 students from 20 schools make up the two orchestras, one for kids from ages 13 to 18, and the other for youngsters ages 7 to 17.

“Has been my absolute pleasure to work with our students over the last two months, and we will be delighted to present you with a concert revolving around the works of composers Mendelssohn, Elgar and Grieg,” said music director and conductor Danka Draka.

The concert starts at 3 p.m. Tickets are $5 to $30. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. For tickets or more details call (831) 375-1992 or visit youth-musicmonterey.org.

■ Ragtime & ghoulish films

Keeping alive a genre of music that was widely popular around the turn of the 20th century, The Peacherine Ragtime Society Orchestra plays Saturday at Sunset Center — and the performance will be accompanied by the screening of a pair of ghoulish silent films, Laurel & Hardy’s “Habeas Corpus” and Buster Keaton’s “The Haunted House.”

Founded by conductor Andrew Greene when he was a freshman in college in 2010, and featuring a dozen musicians, the orchestra “recreates the syncopated stylings of a bygone era.”

Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets start at $25. Call (831) 620-2045.

■ ‘Joyful singing’ in Seaside

Calling attention to the plight of children without parents — there are 600 million on Earth, according to one group — The Matsiko World Orphans Choir performs Sunday at Greater Victory Temple in Seaside. The concert marks the third time the choir has visited the temple. The choir features two dozen kids from Liberia who recently performed as part a celebration marking the African country’s bicentennial. “Their joyful singing, dancing and heartfelt survival stories will definitely touch your heart,” the Temple’s Karen Cameron told The Peche Tree.

The choir will play a set of gospel music at 11 a.m. and a mixed set of gospel and secular music at 4 p.m. Both performances are free. The church is located at 1620 Broadway.

The choir also presents a free concert Saturday at the Monterey Peninsula College Music Hall. The music starts at 2 p.m., and the concert is free. MPC is located at 980 Fremont Ave.

■ Now introducing … you!

Billing itself as the town’s largest sports bar, the Links Club in Carmel Plaza is now a place where you can discover local talent, musical and otherwise. The bar offers an open mic night Tuesday starting at 7:30 p.m.

“Musicians, poets and comics can

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Student orchestras open season at Sunset, orphan choir visits from Liberia

Kicking off its 2022-23 season — and showcasing some of the region’s top young musicians — two student orchestras from Youth Music Monterey perform.

The Peacherine Ragtime Society Orchestra (left) plays Saturday at Sunset Center, accompanied by the screening of two scary silent films. Visiting from Liberia, the Matsiko World Orphans Choir (right) presents a free performance Saturday in Monterey, along with two free shows Sunday in Seaside.

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Even more Halloweeny things to do, helping a kiddo, and a new place to lunch

Perhaps it’s the joy and enthusiasm of being able to truly celebrate the year’s spookiest holiday for the first time since the pandemic hit in early 2020, but Hallowe’en-inspired events has been exhaustive, more pop up.

Spooky House Party
That’s house as in the music genre, not house as in haunted, with Savvy Bar, downtown Monterey’s speakeasy, hosting a Spooky House Party Oct. 28 for 21-and-over guests starting at 10 p.m. and running till late. Located at 400 Tyler St., Savvy specializes in Prohibition-era, oak-barrel-aged cocktails and offers small plates of pinot noir during 7 p.m. sessions and plenty of pinot noir during 7 p.m. sessions. Organizers will provide all carving materials and the pumpkins, too. The fee is $30 per person. Reservations are available at sovino.com/store.

Pumpkins and pinot
Sovino Wine Bar at 241 Alvarado St., just around the corner from Savvy, is offering pumpkin carving accompanied by plenty of pinot noir during 7 p.m. sessions Oct. 28, 29, 30 and 31. Founder Claire Sutton isn’t shy about the genesis of her interest in wine. “I wish my introduction to drinking wine was a little more fancy, but I actually started out drinking white zinfandel out of a box with cheap cheese and calling it a wine and cheese party — but it was classy, because we dressed up,” she said. But classes at Cal Poly led to a bachelor’s degree in wine business, and she opened Sovino in the former Wine from the Heart shop near the Portola Hotel in 2014. Sutton obtained her sommelier certification six months later.

“At after all my education and training, for me, the most important part of wine is still that people drink what they like,” she said. Sovino offers a wide selection of wines to taste, as well as a few beers, and pumpkin carvers can have a glass of whatever they like while they work on their masterpieces. Organizers will provide all carving materials and the pumpkins, too. The fee is $30 per person. Reservations are available at sovino.com/store.

Nola in your backyard
Leonard Leon is encouraging revelers to “celebrate Halloween and the food, fun and music of New Orleans” at Bon Ton L’Roy’s Light-house Smokehouse in Monterey Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.

“We’ll have live music performed by Louisiana native, Alli-Baton, and we’ll be serving up classic New Orleans cuisine, including gumbo, jambalaya, red beans and rice, etouffee, po’ boys, and drink specials, including Hurricanes and Sazeracs,” he said.

Guests are encouraged to come in costume and dance the night away. The person with the best costume will win a Bon Ton L’Roy’s gift certificate.

Bon Ton L’Roy’s is located at 794 Lighthouse Ave. There’s no cover, but reservations are recommended by calling (831) 375-6958.

At the brewpub
Peter B’s Brewpub in the Portola Hotel will offer specials and food vouchers to customers who come to the sports bar in costume Oct. 30 and on Halloween. The brewpub will serve food and drink specials — specifically, mini corn dogs for $4 and pints of most beers for $ — in addition to Happy Hour from 4 to 6 p.m. and late-night Happy Hour from 9 to 10 p.m.

Peter B’s will also have candy for the kiddos while supplies last and will be giving away a $5 food voucher per adult, kid or dog in a Halloween costume. Walk-ins only. Find more information at peterbsbrewpub.com.

Sweeten up
Not all Halloween treats come in brightly colored plastic wrappers. Paris Bakery has a wide selection of special cookies in honor of the day, including pumpkin, ghosts and bats, while Park-in-LuSaue Pastries offers delectably made chocolate ghosts and pumpkins, too, among other holiday-inspired shapes.

Paris Bakery is located at 271 Bonifacio Place, and Parker-Lusseau is at 539 Hartnell St.

Help for Zain
Dawn Galante has organized a fund-raiser for an employee whose little boy was diagnosed with acute childhood leukemia. Her mom, Sara, has worked for Galante since before he was born.
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hospital receiving treatment. In addition to setting up a gofundme campaign to help Sara Serrano and her family pay their bills while Zain, who will turn 7 in December, is in treatment, Galante is hosting a pre-Halloween food and wine reception to generate support for them.

“Although she left working with us full time in January to pursue her dream of managing her own makeup store, we consider her family,” Galante said of Serrano, who has worked on and off for Dawn’s Dream and Galante Vineyards since February 2014. Serrano and husband Sergio live in Salinas with Zain and her sister, Zena. “Zain was one of our first office babies, and I remember holding him when he was first born, so this really hits home for us,” Galante continued. “As you can imagine, this has really been so terribly difficult for Sara and Sergio to be living at Stanford hospital full time, unable to focus on anything else” but helping their son survive. Zena also misses her brother and is confused by the entire ordeal.

Galante updated supporters on gofundme.com last week, reporting that while chemotherapy has been hard on Zain, “he is a trooper and fighting hard,” and a recent bone marrow surgery indicates he’s on the path toward remission. “When I spoke to Sara on the phone yesterday, she is staying focused on Zain’s daily care and taking it ‘one day at a time,’” Galante told The Pine Cone Tuesday.

The reception for Team Zain will take place at the Dawn’s Dream tasting room on San Carlos at Seventh Oct. 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include wine and treats. Zain loves Halloween and Disneyland, so people are encouraged to come in costume. Anyone who wants to send him a positive note or drawing can leave it in a mailbox in the tasting room, too.

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**Lunch at Stokes**

Stokes Adobe, which opened last year in the historic building at 500 Hartnell St. in Monterey, is now serving lunch Friday through Sunday in addition to its dinner service Thursday through Tuesday.

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Diners at Stokes Adobe have raved about the steak. Now, the restaurant is open for lunch Friday through Sunday, giving them even more to talk about.

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Chardonnay and winter squash go great together, according to Sovino Wine Bar owner Claire Sutton, but the kind you carve will be featured in an event at her tasting room for Halloween.

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affluent trapper, the house was soon sold to James Stokes, a military deserter masquerading as a doctor. Using stolen medical supplies, he treated patients — often to ill or fatal effect — and yet somehow continued the habit for years, making enough money to expand the house to accommodate his growing family throughout the 1840s.

Since then, it’s been a bakery, a print shop that produced California’s first newspaper, a pottery kiln and a garrison for officers. It was last used as a private home by prominent socialist Hattie Gragg, who died in 1948, after which the adobe started its life as a restaurant. It’s seen several iterations over the subsequent decades and sat empty for several years before reopening as Stokes Adobe.

The restaurant offers a full bar and an interesting but not too extensive dinner menu, while the new lunch lineup is a bit more abbreviated. Available from noon to 2:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday, the menu includes small bites of marinated olives, eggs and prawns, and panisse fries (crispy chickpeas), and starters of roasted tomato soup, fried halloumi cheese with spices, fried fingerling potatoes, fried green tomatoes, ahí tuna tartare and a market salad. Larger plates include the Mediterranean sandwich with hummus, olive tapenade, feta and marinated cucumber, a spicy Nashville fried fish sandwich, and a double-bacon cheeseburger.

For more information and reservations, go to stokeadobe.com.

■ More mixing

Monterey Touring Vehicles will hold a joint mixer of the Carmel, Pacific Grove and Salinas chambers of commerce in its expansive site at 2228 Del Monte Ave. Nov. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. While they mingle and work on their business connections, guests will also get to enjoy small bites, drinks and live music, all among Monterey Touring Vehicle’s fleet of 35 classic, vintage and replica cars.

The cost is $10 for chamber members and $20 for everyone else, and registration is available at carmel-chamber.org.

Also, awards night

The Carmel chamber also recently announced the date and theme of this year’s Awards of Excellence gala. “A Night at Studio 54” will be held at Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley Dec. 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. and will honor the winning businesses in 14 categories, plus

Business of the Year. Organizers are promising “an exclusive evening of glamour, elegance and, of course, disco,” with a wine reception, themed cuisine, silent auction, prize drawing and awards presentations.

The gala sells out each year. Tickets are $225. Quail Lodge is located on Valley Greens Circle.

■ Haute fundraising

Kim Solano, owner of the Haute Enchilada in Moss Landing, is raising money for Santa Cruz-based Community Action Board Nov. 4-6. On those days, she’ll donate 20 percent of all sales up to $500 to the nonprofit, which serves low-income residents and others in need in the Pajaro Valley and throughout Santa Cruz County.

The Haute, as some call it, features creative and inspired dishes with Mexican, Central and South American flavors and influences, as well as outliers like pan-fried sand dabs with panko and parmesan adombed with a white wine-butter sauce and capers.

The restaurant also boasts an impressive cocktail list and selection of tequilas and mezcais, and a gallery of pottery, jewelry, art, books, crafts and other potential gifts.

The Haute Enchilada is located at 7902 Moss Landing Road. For more information and reservations, call (831) 633-5843 or visit hauteenchilada.com.

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connect and perform,” the Links Club announced. “Solo and duo performances are accepted. The sound system will accommodate two vocalists and has plugins for two instruments. There will be a sign-up list for all participants — musical performers can do up to two songs and have a maximum of 10 minutes. Comics and poets are allotted five minutes.”

Carmel Plaza is located at Mission and Ocean. Call (831) 280-7816.

■ ‘Suite Jazz’ in Seaside

Jazz returns Sunday at the Embassy Suites in Seaside, where singer Lee Durley and drummer Jim Vanderzwaan co-host a jam session featuring guitarist Mike Lent, bassist Zach Westfall, saxophonist Ben Herod and drummer Skylar Campbell.

Sunday’s gathering is the final one for 2022.

“This will be the closing jazz jam for this year, as we are dark in November and December,” Vanderzwaan said. “Big talent is already being assembled for January and February and beyond.”

The music starts at 1 p.m. Embassy Suites is located at 1441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd.

■ Live music Oct. 28-Nov. 3

American Legion Hall — Mike Beck & the Bohemian Saints with guitarist Tom Ayres (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.), Dobres and Eighth.

Barnel — singer and guitarist Rick Chelew ’66 (music, Friday at 5 p.m.). In the courtyard, San Carlos and Seventh.

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist Gary Meek (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.) and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickloman (rock and blues, Saturday at noon), pianist Mathias Morris (classical, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and guitarist John Sherry (folk, rock and blues, Sunday at 9 a.m.). On Carmel Valley Road at Laureles Grade.

Cibe restaurant in Monterey — The Dave Holodiloff Duo (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer Lee Durley and pianist Bill Spencer (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.) and The Ben Herod Trio (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.) at 301 Alvarado St.

Custom House Plaza in downtown Monterey — JJ Hawg and others play for the Roots on the Wharf Classic Car Show (rock, Saturday starting at 11 a.m.).

Cuz’s Sportsman’s Club in Seaside — Drifting Compass (rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), The New Wave (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Tony Miles (Sunday at 4 p.m.) at 594 Broadway Ave.

Cypress Inn — singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist Gemmya Loktionov and singer Debbie Davis (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.), The Andrea Carrero Trio (jazz and blues, Sunday at 7:30 p.m.), guitarist Tom Ayres (831) 372-1234.

The Andrea Carter Trio (jazz and blues, Sunday at 9 a.m.) and pianist John Vitacco (Sunday at 3 p.m.) at the Embassy Suites in Seaside, Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m. Embassy Suites is located at 750 Cannery Row.

The Henry Miller Library in Big Sur — Open mic (Thursday at 5 p.m.). On Highway 1 28 miles south of Rio Road.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday at 9 a.m.) and guitarist Kip Allert (Saturday at 5 p.m.) at Old Golf Course Road, (831) 372-1234.

Julia’s Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist Rags Rosenberg (folk, Friday), pianist Kevin Smith (jazz, Saturday), Wuwu (“freak folk and dream pop,” Sunday), keyboardist Michael Martinez (Tuesday), singer and guitarist Talmon Owens (Wednesday) and singer and guitarist Rick Chelew ’66 (folk, Friday, Thursday). All shows start at 7:30 p.m. 1180 Forest Ave.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — The Andy Weis Band with pianist Bill Spencer and bassist Matt Ross (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.) and The Andy Weis Band with pianist Gary Meek and bassist Dan Robbins (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.) and The Andy Weis Band (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.) at 2700 17 Mile Drive.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — singer and guitarist John Sherry (folk, rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.), flirtat Kenny Stahl (jazz, Saturday at 9 a.m.) and singer and guitarist Terrence Farrell (classical and jazz, Saturday at 9 a.m.) at 750 Cannery Row.

La Playa Hotel — The David Morwood Band (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m.) at Bud’s Bar, Camino Real.

The Links Club — The Brad Wilson Band (rock and blues, Friday at 7:30 p.m.) and Open Mic Night (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.) at Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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Lucy’s On Lighthouse in Pacific Grove — Poi Rogers (vintage country & western swing, Hawaiian steel guitar ballads and cowboy tunes,” Saturday at 2 p.m.) and The Brad Wilson Band (rock and blues, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Light-house Ave.

Massa Tasting Room in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist Rick Chelew (60s folk, Sunday at noon). 69 W. Carmel Val-ley Rd.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — singer and guitarist Pablo Rivieri and saxophonist Gary Meek (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.) and The Brian Stock Trio (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist Madonna Estdstrom (jazz, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.) and pianist Gennady Loktionov (jazz, Monday through Thurs-day at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist Steve Mann (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist Scott Brown (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 a.m.), keyboardist Peter Cor (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Johan Sotelo (Monday at 6:30 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

The Other Beer Brother Company in Seaside — three hard-rocking local bands, Winterwind, Chrome Serpent and Big Rig, play “A Ghost’s Night Out” fundraiser for Planned Parenthood (Saturday at 7 p.m.). 877 Broadway Ave.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Mon-terey — The Fragonards (folk, Friday at 5 p.m.), Monterey County Line (country and rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Bronwyn Koryn (jazz, Sun-day at 6 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Rio Grill — singer and guitarist Paul Beahan (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist Valerie Massa (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.), keyboardist Peter Cor (jazz and pop, Friday and Saturday and Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St.

The Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — K. Dyme-mite (rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), Honeytony (rock and r&B, Saturday at 8 p.m.) and singer and guitar-ist Dan Frechette (Thur-sday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

Sly McFly’s in Monte-ry — The Josh Rosen-bloom Band (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.). Halloween party with Phil “n the Blanks (rock, Satur-day), Rhythm Tribe West (rock, Sunday at 7 p.m.), The Long Distance Fly-ers (classic rock, Monday at 9 p.m.). Victory Lane (classic rock, Tuesday at 9 p.m.), Johnny Trammani (rock, Wednesday at 9 p.m.) and The DC Trio (r&b and funk, Thursday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Tarp’s in Monterey — singer and gui-trarist Casey Frazier (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist Mark Creech (jazz and blues, Saturday at noon) and singer and guitarist Johan Sotelo (Sunday at noon). 2999 Highway 68.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — banjo player Ranjer Dan (bluegrass, Friday at 5 p.m.) and singer-and-guitar-ist Dave “Nomad” Miller (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

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WHYTE MAKES LARGE BUST OF FORMER PRESIDENT

In Atlanta last weekend to deliver his latest creation to its new home, sculptor Steven Whyte and his wife, Ellen, took a trip several hours south to the small town of Plains, Georgia, where they met the subject of the piece, former President Jimmy Carter.

More recently, Whyte received a commission by a group of fans and donors to make a larger bronze bust of Carter — roughly three times life-sized — for the library and museum.

‘He was a gentleman’

A week ago, the completed piece was shipped to Atlanta, and Whyte and his wife were there to see it unpacked. They also visited the site where it will be installed near the entrance of the presidential library, and discussed landscaping ideas. Later, they traveled to Plains, where they visited Carter’s high school, childhood home and other sites in the town, which has about 750 residents.

They also met Carter’s son and grandson before spending about 15 minutes with the former president, who thanked the sculptor for making the bust.

“It was great,” Whyte said of the brief encounter. “He was a gentleman.”

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The display, which is open on Nov. 26, includes an array of artwork by children, including students from Forest Grove Elementary School in Pacific Grove — and nationally recognized artists, including Sam Tchakalian, Sarah Klein, Ken Hale, Tracey Adams, Al Carter, and Judith Foosaner.

President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalind are pictured with their two bronze busts (above). Sculptor Stewart White recently delivered this bust of Carter (right to Atlanta).

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Open houses are back!

This week’s cover, located in Monterey, is presented by John Romley of Monterey Coast Realty. (See Page 2 RE)
Real Estate Sales Oct. 16 - 22

Escrows closed: 33
Total value: $65,607,000

Carmel
26128 Mesa Drive — $1,700,000
Michael Taylor to Statiana Parman and Kevin Ribeiro
APN: 009-283-005
First, 2 NE of Carpenter — $2,900,000
Julie Pound to Sylvia Schaefer and Kirk Miller
APN: 009-144-005

Scenic Road, 3 SE of Eighth Avenue — $13,700,000
Elena, Abramo, Lavinia, Lorenza and Veronica Manfrotto to DSE Living Trust
APN: 010-301-017

Carmel
26277 Isabella Avenue — $3,995,000
Jamie Einerson to Ellen Sluh
APN: 009-404-027

193 Ocean View Blvd., Pacific Grove — $2,200,000
116 Presidio Road, Pebble Beach — $2,165,000

27645 Schulte Road, Carmel • 5 Beds, 3 Baths • 2,948 sq. ft. • 11.5 Acre Lot • $1,995,000 • 27645SchulteRoad.com

Just Sold
781 Grace St., Monterey • 3 bed, 2 bath • SP: $1,600,000

Ocean Views
9 Soromondo Lane, Carmel Highlands
3 bed, 2.5 bath • 2,800 sq. ft. • $3,100,000 • 9SoromondoLane.com

Enjoy panoramic views of Carmel Point on this private oversized lot.
2752 16th Avenue, Carmel • 3 Beds & 2.5 Baths • PelorosViews.com • $4,500,000

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The Carmel Pine Cone

Real Estate
Oct. 28-Nov. 3, 2022

3 Bed, 3 Bath | 2,329 sq. ft. | 4 acre lot
$3,750,000 | www.CasaBoronda1817.com
100 Boronda Lane, Monterey

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5 beds, 4 baths • $9,995,000 • www.SanAntonio2NWof11th.com
3 beds, 2.5 baths • $6,400,000 • www.VistaDeLaPlayaCarmel.com
3 beds, 2.5 baths • $4,500,000 • www.PtLobosViews.com
4 beds, 4 baths • $3,850,000 • www.RobinsonCanyonCarmelTreasure.com
5 beds, 3 baths • $1,995,000 • www.27645SchulteRoad.com
3 beds, 3 baths • $2,550,000 • www.RobinsonCanyonRoadCarmel.com
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From page 2RE

Carmel Valley

50 Del Mesa Carmel — $1,175,000
John and Patricia Cannon to Robert Monsour and Sandra Tasca
APN: 015-443-011

8004 River Place — $3,000,000
Beau Giles to Robert and Christine Adams
APN: 157-041-018

Highway 68

104 Mirasol Court — $2,198,000
Rosemarie Russo to Cynthia Rich and William Draper
APN: 173-076-026

218 Mirasol Way — $2,325,000
Neal and Sharon Smith to Teresa Khanna
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Shea Homes LP to Fai Yeung
APN: 031-101-054

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Shea Homes LP to Joel Nobrega
APN: 031-101-054

2801 Telegraph Blvd. — $942,500
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2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bathroom, 2127 sq.ft.
Offered at $3,695,000
LISTED BY SARAH CAVALIERE AND MARYJANE CAPUTO

OPEN HOUSE | SAT 12-2
Casanova 2NE of 2nd, Carmel
3 bedrooms, 4 bath, 2,261 sq. ft.
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Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

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Giggles and kisses

When we became too old for begging for candy handouts we went to Halloween parties and Halloween dances. The parties were small gatherings in the basements of friends’ homes with spin-the-bottle the main activity. Kisses were delivered on the cheek only, although if you could turn your face fast enough you got a smack on the lips to a chorus of giggles.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services referral alleging financial abuse at a residence on La Rancheria.

Carmel Valley: Deputies were dispatched after report of a burglary on Berwick Drive.

Carmel Valley: A man reported vandalism of his vehicle’s tires on Carmel Valley Road.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 55-year-old male at Highway 1 and Carpenter was cited and released at 0017 hours for possession of meth and a false DMV tab.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Ocean View Boulevard between Cypress and Cypress for a verbal argument between two people in a dating relationship. A report was taken.

Pacific Grove: Verbal argument on Forest. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Ocean and San Carlos at 0034 hours led to a misdemeanor drug arrest and felony parole violation. A 27-year-old male suspect from Seaside was booked into Monterey County Jail.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property on Sixth west of Mission.

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611 Spazer Ave, PG 25429 Outlook Dr, CAR 662 Lighthouse Ave, PG 1207 Presidio Blvd, PG 313 14th St, PG 519 7th St, PG 219 Locust St, PG 3231 Vista Del Camino MA 747 Las Coches Ave, SAL
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Peninsula BUSINESSES
November 11, 2022

Don’t miss a chance to be a part of it!
If you wanted to dance with that cute little blonde girl in the pale blue cardigan whom you were admiring from across the floor, you couldn’t text-message her. You had to cross the room and politely ask her to dance. Your buddies were watching as you tried to look cool trudging across a dance floor that suddenly seemed a mile wide, with your shoes slowly being mired in mucilage. “She’s going to say, ‘No!’” was pounding in your ears while you tried to formulate what to say.

Finally, you were standing in front of her. She didn’t speak, but two blue eyes said: “Oh my, where did you come from?” You wondered the same thing while you worked feverishly to unite your tongue.

“Would you like to dance?” Hours seemed to pass while sweat was forming in the small of your back and you were trying to stand upright on Jell-O legs.

“Yes, I would love to.”

Pure space

Then you were holding 4 feet 11 inches of weightless, shapeless, odorless fluff. With arms extended, her right hand in your left, her left hand on your shoulder, your right hand lightly touching the small of her back, with the required non-impure space between your bodies, you swayed to Nat King Cole’s “Mona Lisa.” Thus began “Conversation with a Girl 101.” In the space of a three-minute song a friendship was formed, maturity was upped a notch, and small life lessons were learned.

Halloweens became fun again when my own children were ready for trick-or-treating. My wife and I took turns taking them around the neighborhood, or staying on the porch and passing out the candy bowl. We had a friendly neighborhood, where those on porch duty served warm toddies to help the accompanying parents ward off the Midwestern cold.

No trick-or-treaters will come to our door. They haven’t for quite some time. What a shame. I just don’t know what I’ll do with all the candy I bought.

Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo.com.

162 Spindrift Road

Sold Price $12,740,000 | Represented Seller
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$2,249,000 3bd 3bs 17 Alvarado Drive Monterey Sotheby’s Int’l RE 997-0240

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of an Apple watch at Scenic and 10th.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run on Ocean Avenue. Vehicle was drivable.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 59-year-old male from San Francisco was arrested at Mission and Seventh at 1715 for driving under the influence and hit-and-run causing property damage.

Pacific Grove: Dead body found at a residence on Lawson residence.
Pacific Grove: Report of graffiti to a business electrical box, a political sign and a public traffic sign.

Pacific Grove: Traffic stop on Forest Avenue resulted in the 35-year-old male driver being arrested for drug paraphernalia, suspended license and an outstanding warrant. Driver was cited and released.

Pebble Beach: Death investigation on Pine Meadows Way.
Carmel area: Deputies were dispatched to a suspicious vehicle with no license plate parked on the opposite direction of traffic on Spruce Way.
Carmel Valley: A juvenile issue was reported on Via Las Rosas.
Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a male screaming on Sunridge. It was determined the male was gravely disabled and was placed on a 5150 W&I hold.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17
Carmel-by-the-Sea: International visitor reported losing his passport while traveling in California. Identity verified and consulate notified. Report serves as documentation and information only.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: A resident came to the station to report found jewelry at Scenic and Eighth.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: A found cell phone at Monte Verde and Ocean was brought into the station for safekeeping until the owner can be located. Via a search, the owner was found, and the phone was returned to the owner.

Pebble Beach: Deputies were dispatched to a vandalism of a vehicle on Costado Road. No suspect information.
Pebble Beach: Lost glasses reported at MPCC.

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S/William Kaminski, Managing Member

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Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

AMENDING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 12:30 p.m. The Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District, Board of Directors will meet at the District’s fire station located at 2013 Pacheco Canyon Road, Carmel between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of amending the final budget for fiscal year 2022-23 to be adopted on or before November 11, 2022. All those interested are invited to attend.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the final budget was adopted September 21, 2022 and is available for inspection at the District’s fire station located at 2013 Pacheco Canyon Road, Carmel between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A copy of the adopted budget may be obtained by contacting the District at 831-624-4070. A public hearing can be scheduled at any time after the budget has been adopted. The property is stored at:

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost or stolen license plate.

At about 1752 hours, officers were dispatched to contact a family on Lobos that had been defrauded of money by false pretenses. The money was sent through encrypted currency. Perpetrator is not known.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A suspicious note was found on Rio Road.

Carmel Valley: Report of attempted bank fraud on Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel area: Report of shoplifting from a grocery store at the Crossroads.

Big Sur: Neighbor dispute on Bixby Creek Road.

Carmel Valley: Report of shoplifting from a grocery store at the Crossroads.

Pebble Beach: Parent on Pine Meadows Way reported a juvenile as a runaway.

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Monterey (con’t.)
989 Jefferson Street — $1,140,000
Timothy Olson to Ethan Stocks
APN: 001-332-010

630 Terry Street — $1,500,000
Wally Sayles to Joseph Cowles
APN: 001-168-020

Pacific Grove
138 9th Street — $1,670,000
Michael and Kristina Knutson to Richard Whitney and Christine Sunu
APN: 006-202-002

755 Sinex Avenue — $1,700,000
Randall Jewart to 761 Sinex Pacific Grove LLC
APN: 006-641-073

MORE SALES
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193 Ocean View Blvd. — $3,200,000
Grove Development LLC to Robert and Sophia D’Reilly
APN: 006-224-027

Pebble Beach
2 Shepherds Knoll — $1,198,000
Rodger and Andrea Dickens to Tara Brennan
APN: 008-252-002

1116 Presidio Road — $2,165,000
Kathryn Yant to Christian and Virginia Thornley
APN: 007-173-009

1085 Trappers Trail — $2,295,000
Parthasarathy and Hemamalimi Sriram to Marc and Lisa Schonbrun
APN: 007-471-015

Seaside
1692 Judson Street — $585,000
Evelyn Cruz to Jessica Cofrancesco
APN: 012-731-003

1051 Lorenze Court — $619,500
MTC Financial to Breckenridge Property Fund 2016 LLC
APN: 012-451-032

1736 Helena Street — $700,000
Salmon Terry to Ian Dowd
APN: 012-101-057

1005 Tweed Place — $900,000
Bay Home Offers LLC to Brooke Russell
APN: 012-451-028

Soledad
35520 River Road — $4,600,000
Lynn Peterson to Bianchi Ranch LLC
APN: 417-141-018

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Located in the aptly named, private enclave of "Sand & Sea", this adorable Carmel Cottage provides the ultimate beach getaway.
**Why shop for produce at a grocery store when there’s a farmers market almost every day of the week? Pine Cone readers know the best fruits and vegetables (not to mention eggs, pasta, cheese, yogurt, nuts, meats and other staples, pastries and bread, prepared foods and plants) are found at their local farmers markets. Del Monte Center hosts the popular Friday market that had been held at Monterey Peninsula College for decades (8 a.m. to noon in the lot behind California Pizza Kitchen), where customers can expect to find the greatest number of farmers and other producers. A market takes over Alvarado Street in downtown Monterey on Tuesdays from 4 to 9 p.m. (4 to 7 p.m. in winter) and has plenty of products and crafts for sale, too. Pacific Grove presents a modest Monday afternoon market on Central Avenue from 4 to 7 p.m. Other markets are held on Thursdays at Sixth and Mission in downtown Carmel from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 215 Reservation Road in Marina and at Mid Valley Center in Carmel Valley. Seasonal markets take place at the Barnyard at the mouth of the valley on Tuesday mornings and at Del Monte Center in Monterey on Sunday mornings May through September.**

**A IN’T LIFE grand? After nearly two years of lockdowns, mandatory masking and bickering over mandates and vaccines, things finally seem normal — and it feels like a party. Who’d think we’d ever be so happy to have the in-laws over for brunch? Or that shopping in a store for your own groceries could be so invigorating? Hand money to a cashier without starting through plexiglass? It’s about time! Roll pumpkins down Ocean Avenue? Yes, please! Spread the Bach Festival across town like a blanket of musical joy again? Sure!**

**Like their bohemian ancestors, Carmelites and other inter-pied Pine Cone readers puzzled through, improvised and made do. We think Robinson Jeffers, Mary Austin et al. would have approved. And, as you have every year, 1,100 of you voted to reward that other group of scrappy survivors — your favorite businesses — with coveted Golden Pine Cones.**

**Thank you for clicking the links and patiently scrolling through 174 categories to vote for the best of the best here on the Peninsula. You told us where to find superb cocktails, great prime rib, and an Italian feast that sings “That’s Amore!” You sniffed out the finest local wines, rummaged around to locate the best in couture and, achieving the nearly impossible, decided which of our myriad outdoor gems was most worthy of a stroll or visit.**

**You also told us where you go to keep your pearly whites sparkling, whose magic hands can soothe the tightest muscles thing when needed.**

**The back counter can be counted on to be busy with customers ordering their generously sized sandwiches and salads for lunch on the go or a picnic in the park. Carmelites, as well as the city’s many visitors, always appreciate being able to order our native, drought-friendly, non-invasive landscaping trimmed, now we know who to call.**

**Although you did it with Pine Cones and not apples, you recognized some top-flight educators for their hard work, and, when forced to make difficult choices among all the worthy contenders, you singled out some wonderful nonprofits for recognition. We’ve calculated, sorted and compiled the results and present them for your consideration. Gentle readers, without further ado, we present … the 2022 Golden Pine Cones!**

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**■ Best Fruits and Vegetables**
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**Sea Harvest Fish Market & Restaurant — 100A Crossroads Blvd., and 598 Foam St., Monterey — open daily in Carmel and Monterey, check location for hours — (831) 626-3626 and (831) 646-0457; seaharvestfishmarketandrestaurant.com; facebook.com/seaharvestmontereyca**

Practically within sight of the Pacific, Sea Harvest started three decades ago and added restaurants soon after. The markets in Monterey and at the Crossroads boast the best fresh
seafood every day, from locally famous Dungeness crab and sand dabs, to halibut, sushi-grade tuna, Monterey Bay squid, and a wide range of other sustainably caught bounty. Sea Har- vest’s knowledgeable staff will help you select the best and freshest choices — and offer cooking tips, too. But hey, if you want to leave the hard part to someone else, order from the menu, which suggests trying your favorite catch Cajun-style or with teriyaki, creamy wasabi, or raspberry chipotle sauce. In addition to the usual suspects — fried calamari, chowder in a sourdough bread bowl, seafood Louis and fish-and-chips — you can order a plate of foie, octopus, or several pastas, fried artichokes or a Caesar with blackened ahi tuna, grilled salmon, smoked salmon or steamed prawns. Seafood lovers will find themselves returning again and again.

**Best Bakery**

Pavel’s Backerei — 219 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove — 7 a.m. until sunset Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday — (831) 643-2686

For more than two decades, Pavel’s Backerei has turned out amazing (and generously sized) tender-crisp croissants plain or oozing with chocolate, crisp and decadent cookies, flaky French bread and multigrain loaves, and countless oth- er savory and sweet baked delights, thanks to the hard work of owners Paul and Johanna Wainscoat. Seasonal goodies are also offered. Most mornings, a line forms out the door as fans wait for the chance to pick up their freshly baked treats for the day, and when the couple take their well-earned breaks, their efforts have paid off, at least when it comes to winning Pine Cone readers’ hearts. The chain was started in 1991 by Pavel’s Backerei — has “micro bakery focusing on natu- rely for his creations at upscale Aubergine in the day, and when the couple take their well-earned breaks for its clients. The section on custom cakes is particularly impres- sive, with desserts that look like all sorts of things — a John "happily ever after" without cake? Pine Cone readers who lavish praise on Layers don’t think so. They are as delicious as they are beautiful. Choose from a variety of fresh, local ingredients and just the right dishes for the occasion.

**Best Caterer**

Jeffrey’s — 112 Mid Valley Center, Carmel Valley — (831) 624-2029, jeffrey@jeffreyandcatering.com

A longtime presence in Carmel Valley, Jeffrey’s can be relied on to turn out the best for any occasion, whether for a large party or a small one — literally, two people to 500. Locals know they can rely on this mid-valley institution for the very important task of providing beautiful food and excel- lent service at any site, including the restaurant, which can be rented for private parties. Customers can even cater their own events with the “secret chef” option — order an array of en- trees and desserts (including homemade ice cream) and pick them up using your own casserole dishes. A presence in the Valley for nearly three decades, Jeffrey’s operates a popular restaurant, sells highly addictive spiced nuts, and is extremely capable of meeting every catering need, with plenty of em- phasis on fresh, local ingredients and just the right dishes for the occasion.

**Best Wine Store**

Total Wine & More — 808 Plaza Ave., Sand City — 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday — (831) 920-0154, totalwine.com

Since opening its first store on the Monterey Peninsula in the Sand Dollar Shopping Center last December, Total Wine & More has strived to make its mark here, offering an ev- er-expanding selection at reasonable prices, hiring informed and helpful staff, and participating in local events. Clearly, their efforts have paid off, at least when it comes to winning Pine Cone readers’ hearts. The chain was started in 1991 by brothers David and Robert Trone, who opened their first store in Delaware. Since then, they’ve added more than 225 loca- tions focusing on “unbeatable prices and unrivaled service from our expertise trained staff.” When they announced the
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new store, they noted it carries 8,000 wines, 4,000 spirits and 2,500 beers, and contains a climate-controlled wine room for rare offerings and a walk-in humidor for fine cigars. Online ordering is available, easy and convenient, too.

- **Best Tasting Room**
  Scheid Vineyards — SE San Carlos and Seventh – noon to 6 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, noon to 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday – (831) 626-9463, scheidvineyards.com

  Centrally located downtown and open daily into the evening, Scheid’s tasting room has become the go-to place not just for first-timers curious about the longtime Monterey County producer’s wines, but also among locals who keep going back. The tasting room is light and airy and provides plenty of space, and the staff are welcoming, congenial and knowledgeable. And, ever important in Carmel, it’s dog friendly. Celebrating its 90th anniversary this year, Scheid often hosts special tastings and events, especially for wine club members. Reservations are encouraged and are available online. For those on the road, Scheid also has a tasting room at its winery in Greenfield just off Highway 101. Check out the giant windmill that generates enough power to run the winery and power more than 100 homes.

- **Best Monterey County Chardonnay**
  ■ Best Monterey County Rosé
  ■ My Favorite Monterey County Wine

  **Dawn’s Dream Winery** — NW San Carlos and Seventh – 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, noon to 7:30 p.m. Friday, noon to 6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday – (831) 659-2649, dawnsdreamwinery.com

  Over the years, consumers have caught on to the refresh-
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**Best Monterey County Sauvignon Blanc**

**Bernardus** — 5 W. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, reservations available at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. for up to 12 guests, walk-ins accommodated based on availability — (831) 298-8022, bernardus.com

Bernardus may be changing in look and feel since its new Dutch owners took over a few years back at the behest of the winery’s late founder, Ben Pon, but its winemaking team’s sauvignon blanc won the hearts of Pine Cone readers again this year, as it has many times before.

And no wonder — it’s bright and crisp, but far less grassy than most, with notes of citrus and white peach. Vineyard manager Matt Shea cultivates Bordeaux and Burgundy grapes at the winery’s estate vineyards in Cachagua and Carmel Valley, and winemaker Dean DeKorth and his team work hard to produce the wines that keep fans coming back.

**Best Monterey County Pinot Noir**

**Boekenoogen** — 24 W. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily — (831) 659-4215, boekenoogenwines.com

More pinot noir is planted in Monterey County than in any other part of California, and in 1998, the late John Boekenoogen planted vineyards that would decades later be producing high-caliber wines.

John’s great-grandfather, George Boekenoogen, traveled across the United States in a covered wagon in search of gold in the late 1850s. When gold mining did not pan out, he settled in the Salinas Valley to raise cattle, and five generations later, his family transformed the property into vineyards for chardonnay, pinot noir and syrah, finding new prosperity.

“The combination of superior clones, rocky well-drained soils, meticulous viticulture practices, foggy mornings and sunny afternoons moderated by cooling maritime breezes, has resulted in superior grapes,” the family says. “With state-of-the-art winery equipment mixed with Old World winemaking methods, Boekenoogen wines are proving to be some of the most pristine wines in the country.”

And that’s why, this year, Pine Cone readers chose Boekenoogen as their favorite pinot noir in a very competitive category.

**Best Monterey County Merlot**

**Galante Vineyards** — Dolores between Ocean and Seventh — 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 12:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon to 6:30 p.m. Sunday — (831) 624-3800, galantevines.com

Galante Vineyards consistently produces highly regarded Bordeaux varietals, earning Golden Pine Cones year after year. While Jack Galante and wife Dawn sold their vineyards and winery to a young couple a couple of years ago, Jack Galante continues to focus on sharing the finest possible wines from his former Cachagua vineyards and letting the fruit express itself in the wines — efforts that have been rewarded with praise.

His merlot boasts balance, body and fruit. Fans can also explore Galante’s deep library, with several vintages from different estate vineyards going back many years.
For the couple and the friends who own Twisted Roots, which has a recently remodeled tasting room in Carmel Valley, making wine is joyous work, and their efforts show in all their wines.

Founded by third-generation wine growers based in Lodi, Twisted Roots was incorporated a decade ago and is now owned by charming and affable Josh and Julie Ruiz and their friends. In addition to its popular cabinet sauvignon, which is soft and fruit-forward, but not heavy like many cabs, Twisted Roots produces chardonnay, petite sirah, zinfandel from the family’s century-old vines, sparkling rose and hard cider.

The family-and-son duo that brought immensely successful Alvarado Street Brewery to the Monterey Peninsula also operates Alvarado Street Brewery & Bistro in Carmel Plaza, and both locations are ideal for enjoying a beer, not to mention a splendid meal. With Alvarado Street’s stellar lineup of locally made beers, from perennial favorites Mai Tai IPA and Monterey Beer, to seasonal, sour and other more creative offerings — paired with delicious high-level pub food, plenty of outdoor and indoor seating at both spots, and a lively yet sophisticated atmosphere — it’s really no surprise Alvarado Street Brewery won this year’s award as the Best Place for a Beer. It also serves at its taproom in its Salinas production facility and is on track to open a new spot on South Main Street in Oldtown Salinas.

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For locals and tourists alike. Fans of Clint Eastwood and old movies can get a photo in front of the awning and staircase that served as the backdrop for a memorable scene from “Play Misty for Me,” but the real drama is inside. Some folks never get farther than the cozy lounge, with its tempting menu of small bites and reasonably priced casual fare. Live music soothes the soul, aided by signature cocktails like The Clipper, with Venus gin, Bada Bing cherry juice, lime juice and sparkling wine, or the 20th Century, with Botanist gin, Lillet Blanc, lemon juice and white crème de cacao, shaken and served in a martini glass. If you’re not in the mood for a mixed drink, consult the sommelier for recommendations from the voluminous wine list, which encompasses quaffs from near and far. Some bottles are older than the customers ordering them.

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Best Chinese Restaurant

**Tommy’s Wok.** — Mission between Ocean and Seventh – 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 4:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday – (831) 624-8518, tommyswokcarmel.com

Ah, the pleasures of a beach picnic … fresh, salty air, crashing waves, and … Chinese takeout? Tommy’s Wok asks, “Why not?” Locals have been coming to this little spot for years, savoring the bright, fresh and aromatic dishes emanating from its kitchen.

It’s been voted Best Chinese Restaurant by Pine Cone readers every year since 2008. Tourists manage to find it, too, giving it rave reviews on social media and travel sites for its great food, solid value and excellent service — but then, you’ve known that all along.

Tommy’s Wok’s guests expect substantial portions that won’t break the bank, and they get them. You’ll find all your favorites — pot stickers, spare ribs, egg rolls, sizzling plates and soups, chow mein and mu shu chicken — plus a few things that might be new to you. Be a little more daring and give one of the lamb dishes a try, or bite into the fun texture of battered and fried prawns served with honey-glazed walnuts. A wide variety of Szechuan, Hunan and Mandarin dishes are all served up piping hot and ready to go.

**Best Indian Restaurant**

**Aabha.** — 3890 The Barnyard – noon to 9 p.m. daily – (831) 250-5940, aabhaindian.com

Webster’s Dictionary defines exotic as, “strange or different in a way that is striking or fascinating; strangely beautiful, enticing, etc.” That sounds like an apt description of Aabha, which is more than a restaurant — it’s a bit of a magical portal into a world where you can forget your worries and just enjoy the moment.

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**Best Italian Restaurant**

**Mezzaluna Pasteria and Mozzarella Bar.** — 1188 Forest Ave. Pacific Grove – 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday – (831) 372-5325, mezzalunapasteria.com

This is the sort of restaurant people love to discover for themselves. Not exactly hidden, but not in the fanciest of locations, this spot next to Safeway on Forest Avenue has surely struggled to choose just one or two dishes. Executive chef and proprietor Bluempunzer Singh’s food is as warm as he is, and the warmly lit pizzeria with its rustic decor makes you feel like the only customer there, even when the place is buzzing with activity. You might not see him making the pasta, cheese and sauces by hand, but you can taste the difference as soon as the dishes hit the table. Peters’ creativity shines through in selections like pasta filled with wild mushrooms and served with brown butter and sage, or squid ink linguine with clams. The singular delight of creamy, freshly made burrata simply paired with superb tomatoes, or buffalo mozzarella with roasted pear and pine nuts, bring home the importance of great ingredients. The beautiful bar and lounge area are perfect for snacks.

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Perennial favorite restaurants among Pine Cone readers include (from left) Cannery Row’s Sardine Factory, which Clint Eastwood fans will recognize from his 1971 thriller, “Play Misty for Me,” the Southwestern-inspired and always hopping Rio Grill in Carmel, and Pacific Grove’s classic Basque and French eatery, Fandango.

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**Best Japanese/Sushi Restaurant**

Sushi Heaven  —  Dishes between Seventh and Eighth—noon to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday  — (831) 625-2067, sushiheaven-carmel.menu1.com

It takes a lot of confidence to declare something a cuisine’s “heaven,” but Pine Cone readers have decided that the owners of little Sushi Heaven aren’t exaggerating. The fish there is so fresh that you’ll swear they’re catching it down at the beach and bringing it straight to the restaurant. Everything is simple, but eye-catching, from the restaurant’s interior to the dishes themselves. With prices that won’t break the budget, you can sample your way through some of more than 30 nigiri offerings (fish on small balls of rice), udon noodle dishes, dozens of maki (rolls), and bento boxes that let you combine items like tempura vegetables, beef teryaki and your favorite bit of sashimi to make a delightful micromom of the restaurant’s offerings.

**Best Mediterranean Restaurant**

Dametra Café  —  Ocean and Lincoln — 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily  — (831) 622-7766, dametracafe.com

Friends Faisal Nimri and Bashar Sneeh were brought to America by friends who had met at the University of Jordan, and Sneeh, from Syria, continue to build theirDametra Café, which offers Greek, Italian and Middle Eastern stringed instrument, the oud — and their desire to bring it straight to the restaurant. Everything is simple, “heaven,” but Pine Cone readers have decided that the owners should be — tart, sweet, icy and refreshing, in a tipsy sort of way. The restaurant only accepts credit/debit cards. You might come because it’s vegetarian, but you’ll be back because it’s good.

**Best Mexican Restaurant**

Baja Cantina  —  7166 W. Carmel Valley Road. Carmel Valley — 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursdays; 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays.  — (831) 625-2252, carmelcantina.com

Whether you’re making a pit stop for lunch or crossing the finish line after a long day at the office, it’s hard to beat this motorsports-themed destination for Mexican food. The bar is always bustling, and the margaritas are everything they should be — tart, sweet, icy and refreshing, in a tipsy sort of way. The fresh-catch tacos — usually highlighted on a sign-based on the spaces ratio — are always popular, as a deft hand in the kitchen assembles them with respect for the main ingredient. The adorable Oxaca tacos are just right for smaller appetites, while the rosemary chicken quesadilla or any of the seven distinctive burritos will have you asking for a to-go box. The chicken tortilla soup with a couple of lime wedges is comforting and satisfying, while the fajitas arrive on sizzling platters that prove it’s possible to eat with your ears first.
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take on salads — currently one with market greens and veggies,
sheep’s milk cheese, pistachios and cider vinaigrette and
another featuring burrata and heirloom tomatoes with basil and balsamic — and her menu offering a classic burger and
a lobster roll with Maine lobster, Ad Astra brioche bun and
fingerling potato salad — had readers choosing Stationary
for those categories, too.

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**Best BBQ**

The Crossroads Barbeque — 241 Crossroads Blvd.,
— 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily — (831) 205-7616, thecrossroadsbbq.

Known in three counties for their exceptional barbecue,
the Ingram family set up shop in the Crossroads in 2018,
selling saucy smoked meats in large quantities to hungry
carnivores. You can eat in the clean and sleek indoor space,
dine outside on the patio, or place an order to go. The restau-
rant’s website implies there’s no magic, but lots of patience
involved in producing tasty patters. “We start with the fin-
est quality meats, season them with our time-tested rubs and
smoke them with California oak wood to achieve the perfect
harmony of smoke and flavor.” Start your day off right with
a breakfast sandwich or taco featuring pulled pork, brisket
or tri-tip. Or, wait for lunch or dinner, when you can grab
a sandwich or platter featuring your choice of pulled pork,
ribs, chicken, tri-tip or brisket. It’s almost a shame that the
hefty slices of garlic toast, home-style potato salad, sweet-
red-savory baked beans and creamy coleslaw are relegated to
side-dish status, but what’s your gonna do? For dessert, the
Ingram family recipes for homemade bread pudding and ber-
ty cobbler are not to be missed, even if you have to take them
to go. Check the website for info about live music, catering,
fundraising and more.

**Best Fish & Chips**

AW Shucks — Ocean between San Carlos and Dolores
— lunch and dinner from 11 a.m. daily — (831) 624-6605,
awshuksacarmel.com

Owned by Michael and Michelle Sapon — who can almost
always be found working at their restaurant, with its tiny, open
kitchen — AW Shucks has long been a favorite oyster bar in
town. For the second year in a row, Pine Cone readers have
voted the restaurant’s generous portion of beer-battered fish
fried light and served with steak fries as their top choice for
fish and chips. While you’re there, you can check out other
menu options, like clam chowder (available by the quart) and
peel-and-eat prawns. A full bar offers several beers on draft,
as well as its famous Bloody Marys and an impressive selec-
tion of liquors. The restaurant doesn’t take reservations, but
when it’s busy the person at the door will take down names and
numbers and call when tables open.

**Best Place to Get Ice Cream**

Revival Ice Cream — 493 Alvarado St., Monterey —
— noon to 9 p.m. daily through Thursday, noon to 10 p.m.
Friday and Saturday — (831) 747-2133, revivalsicecream.com

What the heck is carrageenan? If you have to ask, it prob-
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ful is thoughtfully prepared. For example, one of their orig-
inal flavors, Bee’s Knees, features local honey and crunchy
“honeycomb” candy. Eucalyptus mint chip and dark choco-
late are also popular, and vegans can enjoy peanut butter chip
sorbet, passion fruit mango, and other delicious preparations
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organic ethos, you can buy your own reusable pint container.
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**Best Breakfast**

First Awakenings — 395 David Ave., Monterey — 7 a.m.
to 2 p.m. daily — (831) 312-1125, firstawakenings.net

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that winning the Golden Pine Cone for Best Breakfast is a
pretty impressive feat, and this year’s awardee lives up to the
title. First Awakenings has been around for 29 years with a simple
mission — “Use fresh, quality ingredients. Treat cus-
tomers like family. Hire kind and happy staff.” They might have
added “serve portions that will fill up a longshoreman,”
since the breakfast skillets are enough for at least two people.

Start with a frying pan full of home-style potatoes, pile on a
couple of eggs and some cheese, and then add ham, bacon
and sausage for a meat lovers’ fast-breaker, or Italian sausage,
onion, bell pepper and gravy for the Belly Buster. The pan-
cakes are fluffy, the frittatas are flavorful, and the OH is fresh
— it’s enough to get anyone crawling out of bed, even after a
big night on the town. Did we mention they serve the coffee
by the thermos pot?

**Best Coffee**

Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co. — Ocean between
Lincoln and Monte Verde, 3720 The Barnyard and
246 Crossroads Blvd. — Ocean Avenue from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30
p.m. daily, Barnyard from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily, and
the Crossroads from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily — (831) 626-2913,
carmelvalleycffeeusers.com

Coffe’s been sipped on this continent since the American
Revolution, when it was considered the patriotic alternative
to tea. But to hear Madison Avenue tell it, tastes were such
you could serve instant Folger’s in top restaurants without
raising a single eyebrow. That all changed late last century,
and luckily for local sippers, Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting
Co. joined the latte fray in 1994, roasting its carefully sourced
coffees to make rich, delicious brews. It also got into organic
sorbet, passion fruit mango, and other delicious preparations
without guilt. In keeping with the company’s ecological and
organic ethos, you can buy your own reusable pint container.
It’s $2.95 (including a pint to go), and gets you $2 off sub-
sequent purchases. They ship nationally, so you can share the
local love with a cousin in Connecticut or an aunt in Alabama,
too.

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has notes of "chocolate, blackberry and malt," while the Eastwood blend is named for musician Kyle, who helped CVCRC create a full city roast with jazzy notes of "dark chocolate, ripe berry and toasted almond."

They’ll custom-grind, or you can order whole beans and ground coffee online.

- **Best Coffeehouse**
  Carmel Coffee House and Roasting Co.
  - Ocean between San Carlos and Dolores – 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily – (831) 626-2095
  - It seems like 1994 must’ve been a good year for coffee (see Best Coffee, above), because Carmel Coffee House and Roasting Co. also opened 28 years ago. Originally called the Caffe Cardinale and Roasting Co., Carmel Coffee House roasts small batches of beans — organic only — to help neighbors and out-of-towners kickstart their days. Although it’s a little hard to find, just look for the little alley way between the Club stores, or for the shop’s mascot, Gus the sea otter. You’ll find a happy, energetic and almost certainly caffe-feue-fueled vibe in the pet-friendly courtyard, even on grey and foggy days.
  - In addition to coffee, you’ll find a nice selection of breakfast and snack foods. Online rave reviews attest to the quality of the coffee, food and service. Extend the experience by buying a bag of beans to take home.

- **Best Pizza**
  La Bicyclette
  - Dolores and Seventh – Lunch and dinner 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, breakfast 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday – (831) 622-9899, labicycletterestaurant.com
  - Oldtimers might remember that this corner restaurant was once known as La Boheme, opened by the Georgis family in 1974. They sold it in 1978, and opened the equally popular Casanova, but re-purchased La Boheme in 2015, and reimagined it in its present incarnation, La Bicyclette. Although its wood-fired oven produces all sorts of baked and roasted wonders, from bread to oysters, our readers seem to be happiest about the pizzas.
  - Most of the combinations don’t stray far from traditional favorites, like Classic Pepperoni, with mozzarella cheese and San Marzano tomato sauce, or the Margherita, with fresh buf-falo mozzarella, basil and tomato sauce. If you want to up the meat ante, try the Sahumi, which features three kinds of Italian meat. Or go vegetarian with Champignons — mushrooms and cheese accented by sweet caramelized onion purée, thyme and earthy truffle oil. The Squash and Speck option combines the autumnal flavors of delicata squash with speck (Italian ham) and the contrasting flavors and textures of arugula, crispy fried sage and pumpkin seeds. Everything comes out on the kind of hot, crispy crust you can only get from a wood-fired oven.

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For more than 30 years, Fifth Avenue Deli has offered tourists and locals a wide range of sandwiches, soups, deserts and salads. They’ll cater, make box lunches or gift baskets, so you can share the gift of good food at a meeting, celebratory luncheon or picnic on the beach. The soups are homemade, and the kitchen crew can make nearly 20 varieties to warm the belly and the soul on a foggy day. Old favorites like chicken noodle and garden vegetable share the spotlight with Brazilian black bean or jambalaya. For a meal between bread, you can’t go wrong with egg salad or a traditional Reuben, but there are plenty of other options. Nearly two dozen side salads can round out the meal. But — and here’s where Fifth Avenue really kicks it up a notch — there’s also a full menu of hot meals, in case you’re craving meat loaf, chicken pot pie or stuffed baked potatoes. Wine and Champagne are right there alongside a wide selection of soft drinks, chips and the usual picnic accoutrements.

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have two. It’s not like you’re in a hurry. And be sure to take some of the house granola or chili mix home, too.

**Best Outdoor Dining**

Mission Ranch Hotel and Restaurant — 26270 Dolores — breakfast 7 to 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday; “early grazing” and cocktails from 5 to 10 p.m. daily, dinner 5 to 10 p.m. nightly, Sunday brunch 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. — (831) 624-6436, missionranchcarmel.com

There are no bad tables at Mission Ranch. Whether you’re gazing at the turquoise jewel of the lagoon and brilliant sand, watching woolly sheep munching on grass, or peering farther to view the Santa Lucia mountains or the coast at Point Lobos, you’ll be glad you decided to sit outside.

Mission Ranch doesn’t take reservations (except for Eater Brunch, Mother’s Day and Thanksgiving), and asks you to limit your party to eight people, all in the interest of good service. The restaurant’s Sunday brunch buffet has returned at long last, much to locals’ delight, but it’s not the only meal you can have outside.

Breakfast is offered daily, as is an “early grazing menu” meant to be enjoyed during the cocktail hours. 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■ Best Bartender
James Garvin/Bud’s at La Playa hotel — Camino Real and Eighth – 3 to 10 p.m. nightly – (831) 293-6100, budscarmel.com

The warm, welcoming, classic bar at the historic La Playa hotel is named in honor of local bigwig and former owner, Howard “Bud” Allen, and it features an inspired cocktail menu that “invites you into Carmel’s vision — though occasionally drunken — bohemian past.” Regulars know that when they find James Garvin behind the bar, their cocktails will be swiftly and precisely made and will look as beautiful as they taste, and they frequently benefit from his creativity in the form of specialty and seasonal drinks. Add to that James’ engaging personality, accomplished career and obvious enjoyment of his job, and it’s no wonder Pine Cone readers identified him as their favorite bartender this year.

■ Best Restaurant in Big Sur
Nepenthe — 48510 Highway 1 (29 miles south of Carmel) – 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 5 to 10 p.m. daily – (831) 667-2345, nepenthe.com

Nepenthe offers an impressive alchemy that combines amazing views and great food for a coastal dining experience worthy of the drive. Sitting pretty at more than 800 feet above sea level on the Big Sur coast, the family-owned and operated spot has long been a place where locals gather in good times and bad. It also attracts tourists who aren’t put off by parking at the bottom of the hill and hiking up, and it feeds everyone on a first-come, first-served basis — no reservations. The menu offers simple fare done well, like halibut, roast chicken and steak fries. And you can always fall back on the Ambrosia Burger, a favorite for decades.

Spend a few minutes pursuing the impressively curated wine list, with a range of good bottles from the mid-$30 range on up to “I won the Power Ball, let’s party!” If you’re more of a morning person, Café Kevah — one level down from Nepenthe — opens at 9 a.m. and offers a nice selection of breakfasts and coffee.

Once your belly’s full, stop in at the Phoenix Shop (open 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily) and get lost among the works of local artists and craftsmen.

■ Best Restaurant in Carmel Valley
Café Rustica — 10 Del Fino Place, Carmel Valley – 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday, 5 p.m. to closing Tuesday through Sunday – (831) 659-4444, cafeterusticacv.com

Rustica is a locals’ go-to because everything about it is reliably good — the food, the service and the atmosphere. It doesn’t matter if you’re spending the day tasting wine and gallery-hopping or mulching the geraniums in the backyard. You know you’ll get a solid meal in an atmosphere that makes everyone feel right at home. Dine indoors or on the patio in the Carmel Valley sunshine (there are plenty of heaters, if the sun’s not cooperating). The menu is wide-ranging, with Alsatian, Hungarian and Italian influences, yet somehow everything comes out just right.

Whether you feel like a hearty goulash or a red-leaf lettuce salad with pears and pecans, they’ve got you covered. Don’t miss the thin-crust pizzas from the wood-fired oven, and save room for dessert.

The apple galette takes pie a la mode to the French countryside, while the flourless bittersweet chocolate almond torte is absolutely worth the extra calories.

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**Best Restaurant in Carmel**

Rio Grill — 103 Crossroads Blvd. — 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday — (831) 625-5416, riogrill.com

The minute you walk through the door and look at the walls around the bar, you know this is a locals’ spot. It’s covered in artistic caricatures of regulars and celebrated visitors who have enjoyed a meal there. Rio Grill, with its cheerful and whimsical décor, is a natural meeting places for friends who have enjoyed a meal there. Rio Grill, with its cheerful and whimsical décor, is a natural meeting places for friends who have enjoyed a meal there. Rio Grill, with its cheerful and whimsical décor, is a natural meeting places for friends who have enjoyed a meal there. Rio Grill, with its cheerful and whimsical décor, is a natural meeting places for friends who have enjoyed a meal there.

It takes a hard west turn toward Hawaii and Japan, with an ahi poke bowl, ginger-sake marinated calamari and Kona coconut shrimp. Bento boxes, island-themed salads and a selection of entrees make for a satisfying meal. Dinner continues in the same vein, with entrees like teriyaki-grilled swordfish and panko-crusted rack of lamb. If you’d like a bottle of wine, you might want to know that Roy’s won Wine Spectator’s 2022 Best Award of Excellence. For more of a kick, signature cocktails include a spicy mango margarita and Roy’s mai tai.

**Best Restaurant in Pebble Beach**

Roy’s — 2700 17 Mile Drive (at the Inn at Spanish Bay) — breakfast 6 to 11 a.m. daily, lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, “light fare” from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and dinner 5 to 10 p.m. daily — (831) 624-5361 • Dolores & 7th, Carmel-by-the-Sea

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**Best Restaurant in Pacific Grove**

Fandango — 221 17th St, Pacific Grove — 5 p.m. to closing nightly — (831) 172-4356, fandangoresaurant.com

Fandango has been a mainstay in Pacific Grove long enough that some of the original diners now bring their grandchildren in for special occasions. It’s one of those rare gems that manages to make guests feel like VIPs without making anyone uncomfortable. Follow the host through the restaurant’s various French country-style dining areas with cozy fireside seats just made for a cozy winter (or summer) evening. Spend a few minutes with the impressive wine list, or pair with a steak, duck or an omelet, or the special house paella, with saffron-scented rice, seafood, sausage and vegetables all served up in a skillet. You can also get oso buco or a North African Iberian lamb shank. Some room for the profitidores — the perfect end to a perfect meal.

**Best Restaurant in Seaside**

Gusto — 1901 Fremont Blvd., Seaside — 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday — (831) 899-5825, gusto1901.com

Specializing in making fresh pasta dishes and wood-fired pizza — with a few innovative twists — Gusto brings alive the fresh flavors of Italy. Everything is made from scratch, with wheat flour imported from Northern Italy to give the pizza a thinner, crunchier crust. The handcrafted pasta is made daily by the restaurant’s local sister company, Bigoli Fresh Pasta.

“The wood-fired oven welcomes guests upon arrival along with the hum of conversation and smells of freshly prepared Italian food,” its website says. “We pride ourselves on the quality of our food, a warm and lively atmosphere and unrivaled customer service.”

**RECREATION AND THE ARTS**

**Best Local Artist**

Delia Bradford — Delia Bradford Fine Arts, Sixth between San Carlos and Dolores — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday, and by appointment — (831) 601-4957, deliabradford.com

Raised in a family of artists in Big Sur, Delia Bradford is a plein air artist whose impressionist landscape and floral paintings capture her passion and vitality for life and nature. “I love having my gallery in the heart of Carmel,” said the artist, who told the newspaper she feels humbled by the honor. “I hope when you visit my gallery, you will walk away feeling lighter and more peaceful, and those who would like to paint feel empowered to embrace their own creativity.”

**Best Local Photographer**

Michael Troutman — DMT Imaging — dmtimaging.com

Taking a photojournalist’s approach to his visual art, Michael Troutman is passionate about the subjects he explores with his camera. Troutman’s creative vision has served clients for more than three decades for special events, weddings, portrait, advertising, business meetings, conventions, sports, editorial photography and much more. His coverage of local wildlife has gained Troutman widespread recognition, while his efforts to chronicle the annual Burning Man festival have made it possible for many to experience the distant event vicariously.

“It’s a privilege to be of service to our community as a visual artist and to bear witness at so many special occasions,” he said. “Whether hanging out of helicopters over wildfires, covering international sports, working corporate functions with both local and global leaders or documenting the special magic at a wedding, I’m driven to create consistently compelling images.”

**Best Art Gallery**

Center for Photographic Art — in Sunset Center at San Carlos and Ninth — noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, and by appointment — (828) 625-5181, photography.org

Since Ann Jastrab took over as executive director of the Center for Photographic Art three years ago, the group’s membership has tripled. The center’s many group exhibits, contests and lectures have drawn in photographers from near and far. Some shows delve deep into long-forgotten printing processes that were employed by photographers in the 19th century, while others push boundaries and point toward the future of the medium.

“We strive to show a diverse array of exhibitions at the gallery, which has been located in the Sunset Center for decades,” Jastrab said. “We’re a little bit off the beaten path of Ocean Avenue, but it’s well worth the detour to stop by our space to see the work on the walls or perhaps sign up for an artist talk or lecture. Please come by soon to be inspired.”

**Best Sculpture Gallery**

Bennett Sculpture Carmel — Dolores between Fifth and Sixth — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily — (831) 626-3034, bennettsculpturecarmel.com

Brothers and sculptors Bob and Tom Bennett established a family business that thrives long after their passing. Today, the gallery is owned and operated by the mother-daughter team of Debi Bennett, who is Bob’s widow, and painter and jeweler Ashley Bennett-Stoddard. It’s also home to the creations of Tom’s daughter, sculptor Terrie Bennett, and sculptors Keith and MK Shannon. “Our mission is to maintain the integrity of the Bennett Bronze Classics while continuing to add innovative and creative new art to our gallery collection,” reads the gallery’s website.

**Best Performing Arts Company or Group**

Pacific Repertory Theatre — Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth — (831) 622-0100, pacrep.org

The Monterey Peninsula’s premier theater group, PacRep is in the midst of an ambitious remodel of its longtime home, the Golden Bough Playhouse. The makeover includes completely redoing the inside of the theater, making ADA upgrades, adding bathrooms and a second lobby, and installing heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.

Founded in 1982 by its longtime executive director, Stephen Moore, the theater celebrates the genius of William Shakespeare with a festival in his name each year, and kicks off the New Year with a rock ‘n’ roll tribute concert. PacRep

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also mentors the next generation of actors through its School of Dramatic Arts and runs the city-owned Forest Theater.

**Best Concert Venue**
**Sunset Center** — San Carlos between Eighth and 10th — (831) 620-2048, sunsetcenter.org

Owned by the city, Sunset Center attracts world-class talent to its main stage. Once the historic Sunset School, it has been transformed into a state-of-the-art facility, with soaring ceilings and excellent acoustics. After a hiatus due to Covid, concerts are back, with scheduled performances by Mavis Staples, Branford Marsalis, the Vienna Boys Choir and many others.

Sunset Center provides a stage for concerts by four local music groups, Monterey Symphony, Chamber Music Monterey Bay, Carmel Music Society and Youth Music Monterey Bay. It’s also home to the Carmel Bach Festival, one of the longest-running musical events in the country, and offers artists a venue to display their work, the Marjorie Evans Gallery.

**Best Place to Relax and Listen to Music**
**Folktale Winery** — 8940 W. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley — (831) 293-7500, folktalewinery.com

The perfect place to sip wine and enjoy music in a garden setting, Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley has emerged as an enticing place to play for local musicians, mostly solo artists or duos. It also provides a stage for out-of-town acts and has hosted shows by several up-and-coming country music stars.

Situated in Carmel Valley with abundant views of the nearby mountains, the winery was acquired in 2015 by local Gregory Ahn and renamed Folktale Winery & Vineyards. “The name is inspired by the thrill of discovery, the joy of gathering, and the idea that every great bottle of wine holds a story,” its website explains.

**Best Local Music Group (classical)**
**Monterey Symphony** — (831) 646-8511, montereysymphony.org

Fulfilling its goal to “engage, educate and excite our community through the performance and continual discovery of symphonic music,” the Monterey Symphony is set to play five concerts at Sunset Center through next June, with each featuring a premier soloist. Now in its 76th season, the symphony recently welcomed a new music director, Jayce Ogren. During the worst of the pandemic, the symphony discovered new and innovative ways to keep its musicians connected to audiences — from recitals in unconventional venues, to a pair of sold-out “Love Letters to Carmel” concerts at the Forest Theater.

**Best Local Music Group (rock, jazz and pop)**
**The Bubba Pickens Band** — Instagram.com/bubbapickens

For a band without a Facebook page or a website — and very few public performances — the Bubba Pickens Band has quite a local following. With four Carmel High School teachers in the lineup, the band plays a lively mix of bluegrass and folk music. If you want to see them, follow their Instagram page for details.

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in our humble opinion, the best dancers,” the band recently posted on Instagram. “Come out and let loose at one of our upcoming concerts — we’ll bring the music, and you can bring the moves.”

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■ Best Place to Take Visitors
Point Lobos State Reserve — Highway 1 south of Carmel — pointlobos.org

First called the “greatest meeting of land and water in the world” by the late local painter Francis McComas, Point Lobos State Reserve is a magnet not only for painters and photographers, but for just about anyone who loves the outdoors. Famous for its rugged coastline, windswept cypress groves and forest of Monterey pines, it’s remarkably accessible, and some of its trails can accommodate wheelchairs. It’s also home to one of the richest marine environments anywhere — every weekend, scores of scuba divers explore the mysterious world beneath the waves. If you want to show off the best of where we live, Pine Cone readers agree that Point Lobos is the place to do it.

■ Best Family-Friendly Activity
Monterey Bay Aquarium — 886 Cannery Row, Monterey — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily — (831) 648-4800, montereybayaquarium.org

More than 2 million people each year visit the world-famous aquarium, which offers a fascinating glimpse into what lies beneath the waves of Monterey Bay. The first aquarium in the world to exhibit a kelp forest, it has also drawn praise for displaying and caring for great white sharks, and pioneering the animal husbandry of jellyfish. Its imposing “Open Sea” exhibit offers 90-foot floor-to-ceiling views of swimming sea turtles, glittering schools of sardines and tuna, while the sea otter tank with its daily feedings of the playful mammals is a favorite of locals and tourists, alike.

Kids have their own special place — the “Splash Zone” exhibit — which features playful penguins and kid-level activities. Its most recent addition, “Into the Deep,” highlights ocean life that can usually be seen only with the aid of deep-sea technology. Located on the site of a former sardine cannery, it is now a major tourist attraction, which revitalized a part of Monterey that had become blighted following the collapse of the sardine fishing industry.

■ Best Local Festival
Monterey Jazz Festival — montereyjazzfestival.org

One of the world’s premier jazz festivals, the Monterey Jazz Festival has attracted world-class talent to the Monterey Fairgrounds since 1958. The three-day festival showcases more than 500 musicians on eight stages. The list of those who have played there reads like a Who’s Who of jazz greats. This year’s event included performances by singer Gregory Porter and guitarist Charlie Hunter, along with a reunion of musicians who played on saxophonist Joshua Redman’s 1994 album, “Mood Swing.” Through its Next Generation Jazz Band and educational programs, the festival mentors the jazz musicians of tomorrow.

■ Best Church-Sponsored Event
Jewish Food Festival — carmelbethisrael.org

Hosted yearly by Congregation Beth Israel in Carmel Valley, the Jewish Food Festival brings together people and great food. The menu is filled with “Jewish Soul Food” favorites like hot pastrami, brisket, latkes, blintzes, matzo ball soup and egg creams — and so much more. Although the pandemic made it into a drive-through event for the past few years, locals still show up for a taste of the best of Jewish cuisine.

■ Best Place to Watch the Sunset
■ Best Place to Walk Your Dog
■ Best Beach
Monterey Beach — Ocean and Scenic — free parking along Scenic is permitted from 6 a.m. to midnight — ci.carmel.ca.us

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- Best Hiking Trail
  Inspiration Point Trail — Palo Colorado Regional Park, 4860 W. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley — mprpd.org
  A moderate hike of 2 miles each way (starting in the parking lot), this steadily climbing trail gains about 850 feet of elevation before arriving at a view-blessed bench. Along the way, you will pass through an oak forest and maybe see some cows. You can catch your breath while taking in birds-eye views of Carmel Point, Carmel River Beach, Point Lobos and Carmel Valley along the way.
  The bench, meanwhile, makes for the perfect picnic spot. Just be sure to bring a pair of sturdy shoes and some water.

- My Favorite Park
  Garland Ranch Regional Park — 700 W. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley — dawn to dusk daily — mprpd.org
  In what its manager, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, calls the granddaddy of the public agency’s properties, Garland Ranch Regional Park was bought in 1975 from William Garland II, who the district said “generously gifted a portion of the cost by reducing the purchase price to below fair market value.” From the willow-covered banks of the Carmel River, through the cottonwood-sycamore stands of the old floodplain, Garland is home to a variety of landscapes that occur at elevations from 200 to 2,000 feet. The trails include open oak savannas and vistas well worth photographing.
  “Along the way, you will travel through maple-filled canyons, dense oak woodlands, and thick stands of chaparral. Garzas Creek gently bisects the park and provides a peaceful, shaded trail that reaches a secluded side canyon of redwoods,” the park district says.

- Best Fitness/Health Center
  Carmel Valley Athletic Club – 27800 Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel Valley — 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday — (831) 624-2737, cvaconline.com
  Established 54 years ago, the Carmel Valley Athletic Club said its friendly environment is ideal for accomplishing one’s health and wellness goals, as well as “expanding your social circle and filling up your calendar.” CVAC offers state-of-the-art fitness equipment to help you stay in shape, as well as group exercise classes and social events, including weekend drop-in tennis. “For years CVAC has been known as ‘The Local’s Resort,’ but we like to think of it as a family,” the popular fitness club says.
  A two-story fitness center, 50 plus week- ly group exercise classes, a heated 25-yard lap and recreation pool, family and adult hot tubs, social activities for adults and kids, childcare for youngsters 6 weeks to 12 years, and a bocce ball court are among the CVAC’s offerings. One member, Michele, offered a highly favorable review: “Incredible gym, spa and pool area and delicious, healthy food available in the cafe. Very experienced and knowledgeable staff. It truly is a beautiful sanctuary in Carmel Valley to work out or relax by the pool or at the spa.”

- Best Yoga Studio
  Seaside Yoga Sanctuary — Carmel Plaza, Ocean and Mission – 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday – (831) 899-9642, seasideyogasanctuary.com
  In the About Us section of its website, Seaside Yoga Sanctuary in Carmel Plaza starts by quoting the late Indian yoga legend Bellur Krishnamachar Sundararaja Iyengar.

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who compared the practice to music: “The rhythm of the body, the melody of the mind and the harmony of the soul create the symphony of life.” Like Iyengar, Seaside Yoga Sanctuary believes that yoga is for everyone — all ages and physical abilities. “Our mission is to serve our community by creating a sanctuary to promote health and wellness through the practice and education of yoga,” according to the business, which says its classes are diverse in styles and levels, for the seasoned practitioner and those new to yoga. While indoor classes have returned, it also offers outdoor and live-streaming options.

Best Golf Course
Pebble Beach Golf Links — 1700 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach – Hours vary by season – (831) 374-5609, pebblebeach.com

Golfers from around the globe dream of playing a round at Pebble Beach Golf Links. Rated the No. 1 public golf course in the United States, it pretty much everyone, and steeped in history like no other American course, the legendary links hosted its sixth U.S. Open in 2019 — more than any other location over the last five decades. Eight future championships will be hosted at Pebble Beach Golf Links, including four U.S. Opens in 2027, 2032, 2037 and 2044, its first U.S. Women’s Open in 2023, plus three additional Women’s Opens in 2035, 2040 and 2048. And of course, every February, the PGA tour stops at Pebble for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, a tradition that began in 1947, when Bing Crosby moved his charity Clambake here from Southern California. Pebble Beach Golf Links officially opened for play on Feb. 22, 1919.

Best Museum
Pacifica Grove Museum of Natural History — 165 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday — (831) 648-5776, pgmuseum.org

Pacifica Grove’s landmark museum opened in 1883 — the same year as the Brooklyn Bridge. While the museum said it’s one of the oldest natural history museums in the United States, it added that its “collection’s deep diversity of the Central Coast’s flora, fauna, and historical artifacts and stories, its pioneering scientific work, and its interactivity with the community make it as current as ever.” This weekend, just in time for Halloween, the museum will hold Spooky Science Saturday, where participants can “discover local tarantulas and spiders as a Carmel teacher gives us a closer look at his live collection.” If that’s not creepy enough, they can also get close to a snake and try out echolocation used by bats.

Best Library
Harrison Memorial Library — Mission and Sixth — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday – (831) 624-4629, ccarcmem.ca/library

Opened in 1929, Harrison Memorial Library was designed by the renowned California architect Bernard Maybeck and financed by a bequest from Ella Reid Harrison as a memorial to her husband, California Supreme Court Justice Ralph Chandler Harrison. Beloved by Carmel residents, its community support was bolstered in 1992, when the library began to rely solely on private gifts for books, supplies, electronic resources and computer equipment. Today, the library said private support “has become the foundation of the library’s free public services.”

Best Inn&B&B
Carmel Garden Inn — Fourth and Torres – (831) 624-6926, carmellardeninn.com

Located just three blocks from action-packed Ocean Avenue, Carmel Garden Inn serves guests who can prepare off the day by enjoying breakfast — prepared on site by its staff — in its new dining room. Homemade scones and the inn’s “secret recipe” granola are among the morning offerings. If you’re looking for a designer handbag or a new pair of shoes, it’s a quick stroll to Carmel Plaza, where post-shopping lunch can also be had. After an afternoon of retail exploration — and perhaps beaching — Carmel Garden Inn invites guests to relax in front of the fire in the dining room. “Enjoy the wines we pour, the special cheeses and treats we serve,” Carmel Garden Inn says. “We keep the cookie jars filled with homemade treats.” And if you’re traveling with pets, the inn welcomes them, too. “Many of the rooms are designated pet-friendly. Shodet dog beds, food and water bowls, treats — we understand. We are dog people, too.”

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Best Florist
Fleurs du Soleil — 598 Fremont St., Monterey — 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday – (831) 655-0435, fleursdusoleil.com

Although Kim England has been arranging flowers for 20 years, she expanded her artistic offerings by opening her}

Monterey shop in 2013. Customers and staff alike have said it’s the quality and unique variety of the flowers she brings in, paired with her eye for design, that set her arrangements apart. England draws inspiration from the natural environment, and particularly loves the juxtaposition of colors and texture. While the majority of her flowers are locally grown, she also uses special varieties from the San Francisco Flower Market, sourced from all over the world. The retail space of Fleurs du Soleil is a great place for local shoppers to get inspiration and unique gifts for a wide range of celebrations.

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**Best Furniture Store**

**Mum’s Place** — 246 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove — 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday — (831) 372-6200; mumsfurniture.com

Step into Mum’s and you’ll find a showroom filled with a full range of furniture styles, plus accessories and objets d’art. For 36 years, Mum’s has been dedicated to bringing in a wide variety of designs to satisfy locals’ needs, tastes and budgets. “Design and quality are important, but so is value,” said owners Mugo and Talin Tersakyan. “Our vision is to bring in the latest and enduring designs at accessible prices.”

Among classic, traditional, transitional, country French, and contemporary collections at Mum’s Place, clients can customize their choices with more than 80 furniture lines and some 5,000 fabrics. If it’s time to spruce up the living room, or maybe just graduate from furniture that doesn’t scream, “We have young kids,” Pine Cone readers say that Mum’s Place is the right place to leave an offering.

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**Best Golf Shop**

**Pebble Beach Pro Shop** — 1700 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach — 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily — (831) 622-6723; pebblebeach.com

Pets, cars and golf form Carmel’s holy trinity, and the Pebble Beach Pro Shop may be just the place to leave an offering.

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**Best Hardware Store**

**Ace Hardware** — 290 Crossroads Blvd., 401 Mid Valley Center, Carmel Valley, 229 Forest Ave. and 1136 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove — hours vary by location — (831) 292-8030; (831) 250-5866, (831) 372-1284, (831) 664-9144, acehardware.com

Imagine a beautiful Saturday afternoon, when you’ve brought home a special piece of art from one of the local galleries, and you want to hang it immediately — but you don’t have the right hook. Or, less aesthetically, you’ve discovered a plumbing problem that you know would be an easy fix if you just had the right stuff. Whether it’s duct tape, WD40 or another small or large alternative, Ace Hardware has you covered. Although each store is a member of the largest retailer-owned hardware cooperative in the business, these stores, locally owned and managed, give customers a sense of shopping where everyone knows your name — with the benefit of a big business.

In an era when it’s hard to find specialized service or even someone to work the register, a company that says, “Ace is the place with the helpful hardware folks” invites confidence.

**Best Housewares Store**

**Primm’s Carousel** — 346 Carmel Ranch Blvd. — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday — (831) 620-1251, primscarousel.com

It’s been 10 years since the family-owned hardware and housewares store created a fresh venue in a landmark location. Beautiful displays of dishes, candles, outdoor furniture, cookware and more grab your attention the minute you walk through the door. And there’s plenty of help and expert advice when you’re ready to buy a fancy new coffeemaker or some cleaning gear to get your place sparkling. What likely earned them this year’s Golden Pine Cone is the customer service. More important than their motto — “We stand out from the competition because we deliver the products you can’t get anywhere else. We not only offer the best products but the best value for you.” — is the fact that they mean it.

**Best Pet Store**

**Diggidy Dog** — NE corner of Ocean at Monte Verde — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday — (831) 625-3585, diggidydog.com

It only makes sense in a canine community to have a dedicated dog boutique. Since 2003, the shop has catered to canines but also focuses on felines, providing unique, functional, and healthy products for dogs — and cats. While its primary focus is on the animals, a lot of what the shop sells delights people as much as — if not more than — it does their pets. Diggidy Dog’s wide array of quality treats, toys, apparel, collars and leashes is sure to satisfy the most discerning pet owner.

Longtime customer Christy O’Connor loved the store so much, in June 2021 she bought it and set out to return the shop to its original concept of providing healthy treats made in the USA, plus unique items and a wide range of Carmel-based products. Don’t forget to say hi to Tristan and Norman, shop dogs who just might make this the happiest spot in town.

**Best Garden Shop**

**Griggs Nursery** — 9220 W. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday — (831) 626-0680, griggsnursery.com

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Kocék, who soon will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Kocék Jewelers, Inc., is grateful to his past and also his present, the community who creates and collects his artistry.

‘Where I grew up, where I have traveled, and where I live now informs my work,’ he said, ‘becoming a symbol and reminder of my own legacy.’

Born Kirkor Kocékian in Istanbul, the artist began learning the craft of fine jewelry when he was just 11 years old, having raised his hand in class to ask permission to sit under a master jeweler. After a stint in the Turkish Army, he felt it was time to leave the country to which he never felt a connection, and come to California. While he was working with a jeweler who created pieces for Van Cleef & Arpels on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, a chance visit to Carmel-by-the-Sea launched the creative life Kocék was meant to live.

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Need an antidote to daily stress? Try getting outside, where you can breathe deeply, stretch your limbs and take in the beauty of this environment. A company whose widely recognized initials stand for Recreational Equipment, Inc., Rei is dedicated to inspiring, educating and outfitting a lifestyle of outdoor adventure and stewardship. Founded in Seattle in 1938, the retail chain carries apparel, footwear, and gear for a wide range of outdoor activities. Whether you’re a novice or an expert outdoor enthusiast, the membership-optional store at The Dunes retail center can help you cover a lot of ground.

Best Place to Buy Athletic Wear
The Treadmill — 111 Crossroads Blvd.
— 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily— (831) 624-4112, thetreadmill.com

For nearly 40 years, The Treadmill has endeavored to be the embodiment of a friendly, community-driven, trustworthy local business that supports and anchors the active community in and around Carmel. Since 1983, the family-owned and operated store has been known to locals as the place to find premier clothing and footwear brands. Speaking of footwear, they sell running, hiking and walking shoes the old-fashioned way — they ask what you’re planning to do in them, then measure your feet and have you walk around in several pairs for a few minutes before you make a decision. After talking to the patient, experienced and knowledgeable staff there, it will quickly become obvious why Pine Cone readers have voted The Treadmill as the No. 1 source to get everything you need to support a healthy lifestyle, eight years in a row.

Best Pharmacy
Carmel Drug Store — Ocean between Dolores and San Carlos — pharmacy 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, store 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily— (831) 624-3819, carmeldrugstore.com

Carmel’s classic drug store and family pharmacy has been independently owned and serving the community since 1910, and as its website says, it invites you to “shop back in time.” Known for offering quality products and service, this drugstore might just be the most convenient spot in town. Located in the heart of Carmel, its narrow storefront is chock-full of everything folks might need or maybe forgot in their rush to get to vacationland. The back of the shop looks like the old-fashioned pharmacy it is, yet it provides state-of-the-art products, including veterinary medicines for your pets. The front of the store offers greeting cards, postcards and books by local authors. You can find some high-end bath and body products, including Sierra Essentials bars of naturally scented soap, made without a list of unpronounceable chemicals. The shop also stocks Bonny Doon...
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**Best Children’s Clothing Store/Boutique**

Heaven Children’s Wear — Lincoln between Ocean and Seventh — 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday — (831) 624-6550, heavenincarmel.com

Ash and Monique Vasanji, who hosted the grand opening of Heaven in 2001, are celebrating the 22nd anniversary of their European-style children’s boutique, designed for the customer who has exquisite taste and seeks quality and style for their little ones.

Said Monique, “Throughout the years, our family has remained committed to bringing in really special clothing, shoes, and gifts for the children of our community and beyond. Winning the Golden Pine Cone makes us so grateful for the support and recognition.”

Located on Lincoln where you might remember the legendary Village Straw Shop was located, Heaven beckons customers through double doors into a gracious, well-lit salon appointed with very special, very select children’s apparel. Entering, it’s as if you’ve wandered into the custom wardrobe of a favored child. Perhaps yours.

**Best Men’s Clothing Store**

Khakis of Carmel — Carmel Plaza, Ocean and Junipero — 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday — (831) 624-5160, khakisofcarmel.com

Gentlemen who shop at Khakis stand out in a crowd — but only if they want to. The shop’s timeless sense of good taste means you can make a quiet statement, if you like, or don something more fashion-forward for an evening at Sunset Center. Customers out for an afternoon walk often stop to check out the classic display windows at Khaki’s as if it were an art exhibit, and then head inside to collect quality classic and couture menswear. Yet this shop’s success seems to be noted in providing the ultimate in customer service.

Khakis of Carmel is the award-winning pursuit and passion of Jim and Connie Ockert, whose combined creative and entrepreneurial talents have produced a sartorial salon that’s stood the test of time. “We have worked tirelessly to be innovative in these ever-changing times, and to curate a really different, interesting product selection that suits today’s customer,” said Jim. And, he said, they are honored to be chosen as Golden Pine Cone winners.

**Best Men’s Shoe Store**

Hedi’s Shoes — Ocean and Mission (additional locations at 3630 The Barnyard and 330 Alvarado St. and Del Monte Shopping Center in Monterey) — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily — (831) 624-5580, hedi.com

Feeling a little down at the heels? Maybe it’s time for a new pair of shoes. Hovding “Hedi” Movahedi opened his first Carmel shoe store 30 years ago. Since then, he’s cobbled together comfort, quality, convenience and cool, matched by customer service from experienced staff who understand fit, form and function. They want to make sure that you feel just as good as you look as you stroll along Scenic or enjoy brunch at the Mission Ranch.

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Best Women’s Clothing Boutique

Girl Boy Girl — Mission and Seventh — 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday — (831) 625-1300, girboygirlcarmel.com

Girl Boy Girl, established in 1991, aims to “create the most joyous and unforgettable shopping experience for everyone that walks through our doors.” Known for their exceptional curation and selection of more than 80 contemporary brands, CBGB and its sister store, Paloosh, try to present something for everyone seeking fun, festive fashion. Guests have come to expect excellent customer service by professionals uniquely qualified to style women from head to toe, while honoring the unique characteristics of each client.

Best Resale/Consignment Shop

Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop — 28-088 Carmel Ranch Rd. — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday — (831) 625-6480, yellowbrickroadbenefitshop.org

Circa 1989, Sharrin Snyder, wife of the Rev. John Snyder, then pastor of Carmel Presbyterian Church, had a dream. She wanted her church to become more closely connected to the people of Monterey County. By establishing Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shops, she sought meaningful and productive ways to offer some people a chance to give back, while giving others an opportunity to buy bargains while raising funds to support locals in need. Thrift shoppers love coming here, because they know they can find designer clothing (occasionally with the original tags still attached), interesting accessories and all sorts of household goods, all in a clean, well-organized environment. Yellow Brick Road has grown into three locations: Main store (clothing, household items and collectibles), a bookstore, and a furniture and art store. It’s generated more than $7 million, which has been given back to Monterey County through grants to nonprofit organizations and student scholarships.

Best Women’s Accessories

Best Place to Buy Designer Clothes

Best Vintage Clothing Store

Foxy Couture Carmel — San Carlos 25W of Fifth — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Monday — (831) 625-9995, foxycouturecarmel.com

Since 1991, Susan Galvin has recycled vintage and contemporary designer clothing into a business which, more than 10 years ago, became Foxy Couture Carmel, a sustainable luxury, designer, vintage consignment store. “We are sustainable because everything in our store is pre-owned,” she said. “We recycle and repurpose timeless products from design houses whose allure typically doesn’t change that much. These luxury fabrics and designs have been gently worn or not at all.” Galvin takes pride in the special things she shelves out all over the world. “We are honored to receive this award from The Carmel Pine Cone, the cornerstone, along with the Carmel Library, of our community,” she said.

Best Women’s Shoe Store

Lloyd’s Shoes — Ocean and Dolores — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily — (831) 625-1382, lloydshoes.com

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You might find owner Tess Calhoun sporting a pair of Pons Quintana platform ankle boots, made on the Spanish island of Minorca, in the most beautiful rich ebony brown. Although the Spanish boots are perfect for the holidays, she wears them to work at Lloyd’s. Admittedly, tucked under her desk is a stash of alternative choices: a pair of ultra-mini ankle-high UGgs in chestnut for afternoon wear, as well as a patent leather ankle-strap heel by AGl. for drinks and dinner at the end of her day.

“We’ve actually brought in a lot of new styles from Spain,” Calhoun said. “Knowing their limited distribution of these beautiful shoes makes them even more special.” After facing pandemic-based issues around getting in merchandise, Calhoun is excited to have a store filled with so many new offerings on the tables and shelves. “We’re so grateful for our amazing customers,” she said, “who have continued to support us. We couldn’t be in our 42nd year without them.”

Best Jewelry Store

Kocek Jewelers — San Carlos between Seventh and Ocean — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday — (831) 624-8485, kocekjeweler.com

Born Kirkor Kocekian in a war-torn Istanbul and introduced to the craft of fine jewelry when he was just 12 years old, Kirkor Kocek opened his eponymous jewelry store in Carmel in 1973. “My career has been a balance of crafting and selling custom-designed jewelry and timeless designs, and a devotion to giving back to nonprofit organizations, such as the Kinship Club. I know the gifts I give can make people’s lives easier. This is something I understand,” he said. He has also served on the board of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and is a past president of the Rotary Club of Monterey.

“I am proud to be part of Carmel. We are steadfast by the sea. This award is meaningful to me. I am honored,” he said.

Best Shopping Center

The Crossroads Carmel — Highway 1 at Rio Road — hours vary — (831) 625-4106, thecrossroadscarmel.com

Known for its inviting storefronts as much as for its variety of shops and restaurants, The Crossroads shopping center is a longtime Carmel favorite.

In the past year, The Crossroads celebrated 40 years as a Carmel business. It’s also known for its charity work, having raised nearly $2 million for local causes, in addition to supporting numerous other nonprofits.

“We are proud to be part of the Monterey community as we celebrate our sixth year. Our goal is to continue to bring you memorable experiences, through the simple joy of ice cream made with the best ingredients possible!”

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Friday nights and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The Crossroads is truly the perfect place for one-stop shopping.

Best Antique Shop

Cannery Row Antique Mall — 471 Wave St., Monterey — 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily — (831) 655-0264, canneryrowantiquemall.com

The largest antique and collectibles mall around, the Cannery Row Antique Mall has something for everyone. Seriously. From comic books to vintage chandeliers to antique jewelry and toys, the roughly 100 vendors in the antique mall offer a ton of stuff to eyeball and take home with you.

Before you know it, you’ve spent two hours in the place, but it’s OK, because it only feels like 20 minutes. The massive, 21,000-square-foot two-story building housed a canning company in the 1920s and is one of the last remaining historical buildings from the Steinbeck era.

The Cannery Row Antique Mall’s location is great for those who also want to grab a bite to eat or do some wine tasting, since all of that is within walking distance. The mall was recently voted Antique Mall of the Year by Professional Antique Mall Magazine.

Best Bookstore

River House Books — 208 Crossroads Blvd. – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday – (831) 626-2665, riverhousebookscarmel.com

Bookstores are a rarity these days, obviously, and that’s why Monterey Peninsula residents are fortunate to have River House Books nearby. Located in the Crossroads, the family-owned River House offers an “exciting and changing” selection of new works in the humanities and sciences, bestselling fiction and nonfiction, children’s classics, youth favorites, travel, foreign and domestic magazines and newspapers, plus gift-worthy volumes about architecture, art, cooking, gardening, interior design, photography, sports and recreation, and wine.

Its knowledgeable employees will help with recommendations and find what you’re looking for.

Oh, and every one of the books in River House Books is “personally selected” by the shop’s proprietor, not an algorithm. The store is a consistent Golden Pine Cone winner, having won every year since 2013.

Best Bike Shop

Mad Dogs & Englishmen — SW corner of Ocean and Mission and at the Monterey Plaza Hotel, Monterey – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily – (831) 709-0007, maddogsandenglishmen.com

Mad Dogs & Englishmen, which specializes in high-quality electric bikes, prides itself on stocking the world’s finest bikes and cycling accessories. “Our inventory has been hand-picked based on what we believe to be the best you can buy.”

The shop carries respected and iconic California brands, such as Specialized, Vintage Electric and Super73. But everything it sells is superior in quality, design, functionality, craftsmanship and innovation, the business says. “So whether you are looking for a performance bike for road or trail, a commuter or active/leisure bike, a folding bike, a cargo bike, a kid’s bike or even a super-special bicycle sidecar, we have the best in class to meet your needs.”

The shop likes to get to know its customers and build lasting relationships, and prides itself on offering a friendly and flexible approach.

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Best Car Dealer
BMW Monterey — 1 George Plaza, Seaside — 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. — (877) 276-4517, bmonterey.com

The staff at BMW Monterey treats every visitor with respect and honesty, qualities it says draws customers to the dealership. “But it also helps that we have terrific new BMW models for sale,” according to the shop.

Aiming the BMW’s it’s offering are the 2023 750i xDrive Sedan with a manufacturer suggested retail price of $118, 640, and the 2023 M850i xDrive convertible for $120,995.

If you’re looking to buy used, the dealership also offers dozens of preowned vehicles — from numerous manufacturers — starting from about $8,000 up to $197,000. If you’re not sure whether to buy a new or used model, the dealerships suggests you consider BMW’s certified pre-owned vehicles, which have lengthier warranties, complimentary roadside service and other benefits.

Best Gas Station
Best Auto Repair Shop

Lemos 76 — 544 Carmel Ranch Blvd. — 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday — (831) 624-2925, lemos76.com

Whether you need to fill up your car before heading to Carmel Valley or are in need of a repair, Lemos 76 — which has won Golden Pine Cones many times — has it all. Not only did the family-owned/operated Lemos win Best Gas Station this year, it won Best Auto Repair. “For 61 years, our five-star station has been serving the community with our full-service gas, oil and tire testing, 24-hour pay at the pump and full and self-serve at the pumps,” Lemos says on its website. The gas station is well known for its great customer service. Lemos also has a stocked snack shop serving yummy sandwiches from Bruno’s Market in Carmel and irresistible donuts from Red’s Donuts in Seaside. How can you go wrong?

Best Carwash

El Estero Car Wash — 590 Fremont St., Monterey — 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday — (831) 371-1803, elestercarwash.com

Owned and operated by John Fleige and John Logan, El Estero Car Wash has been washing, waxing, polishing and detailing for more than six decades, much to the glee of local residents, who consider El Estero the best in the business. “We value our customers and their vehicles,” El Estero says, and it shows. While its staff is focused on satisfying customers, its owners and managers actively participate in the business operations. El Estero Car Wash also gives back to the community by donating to local schools, organizations and charities. El Estero offers four different types of cleaning levels, from bronze to platinum, as well as an a la carte menu with services such as windshield treatments and wheel protectants.

Best Place for Brides to Shop

Epiphany Boutique — Mission between Fifth and Sixth — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily — (831) 626-7700, epiphanyboutique.com

“Every gown in our boutique is hand selected and chosen just for our brides,” Epiphany Boutique in Carmel says on its website. “We travel the country and world to find the most unique and beautiful gowns.”

Gowns at Epiphany are priced from $1,000 to $6,000, with most in the $1,500 to $2,500 range. In a social media post last month, one satisfied bride had glowing words for Epiphany owner Christine Dilullo and her staff. Epiphany was the third — and last — bridal store she visited in search of her gown. “Christine and her team were amazing to me and my bridesmaids,” the bride said. She continued, “I can’t express enough how much I loved the service. I got so many compliments on the day of my wedding — especially on the veil. I ended up choosing a dress that Christine selected for me. It was just perfect! And it had everything I was asking for.” Epiphany also offers one of the largest collections of formal dresses on the Central Coast. “We are proud to offer over 250 gowns in stock for you to take home the same day,” the shop says.

Best Gift Shop

Ami Carmel — Dolores between Fifth and Sixth — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily — (831) 626-1600, amicarmel.com

The winner of Best New Business in 2021, Ami Carmel once again takes home a Golden Pine Cone, this time as Best Gift Shop. An eclectic store that features clothing, jewelry, fine art, home décor and just about everything in between, a visit to Ami Carmel likely won’t be a quick one. “To present things to people in a beautiful way and create experiences for...
people is our collective mission,” according to the business. “We want to share our vision with people, not only in our brick-and-mortar store in Carmel-by-the-Sea, but online as well.” Ami Carmel also offers events, such as Wine Down Wednesdays on the second Wednesday of each month, when you can enjoy quaffs from local wineries while checking out the shop, and the Meet the Maker series, which features artists and their products.

Best Candy Shop
Lula’s Chocolates — Carmel Plaza, Ocean and Mission, and 244 Crossroads Blvd. — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at Carmel Plaza and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday in the Crossroads — (831) 624-5852, (831) 626-3327, lulaschocolates.com

A regular Golden Pine Cone winner, Lula’s Chocolates is a local favorite. Owner Scott Lund started the business to carry on the tradition of his grandmother, Lula Lund, who was born in rural Wyoming in 1901 and learned the art of confectionary from her home economics teacher, who boarded at the Lund family’s home.

After marrying and moving to Salt Lake City, Lula started selling Mrs. Lund’s Personality Chocolates. She made everything in a small candy kitchen located in her basement, Lula’s Chocolates says on its website. She sold chocolates for about three decades before retiring.

Her grandson has taken up where she left off and Lula’s Chocolates has two locations, so the shop’s delectable chocolate caramels — and many other types of chocolates — are never too far away. They come pre-wrapped in attractive boxes with ribbons, making excellent last-minute gifts that are always welcome.

Everything is made at Lund’s factory at Ryan Ranch, where tours and shopping are available, too.

Best Carpet and Flooring Store
Carpets & Floors — 471 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday — (831) 372-2300, carpetsandfloorsmonterey.com

Carpets & Floors advertises that it has the “largest selection of flooring in Monterey County,” which means you’ll likely have no problem finding something to suit your home. Besides the shop’s extensive collection, its owner, Dan Jones, says the carpet business “is in his blood.” Jones grew up near Dalton, Georgia, the “Carpet Capital of the United States.”

He knows how carpet is made, and he’s been hand selecting and putting together the Carpets & Floors, Inc. collection for many years. The shop’s wares are chosen based on what it believes are some of the most important things to consider in choosing flooring — quality, durability and sustainability — and that’s why the shop features wool carpet and a variety of high-quality synthetic and synthetic blends. If you want something you don’t have to vacuum, Carpets & Floors also has several hardwood and luxury vinyl tile options.

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■ Best New Business
Shoshin — San Carlos between Fifth and Sixth — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday — (831) 577-6000, studio@shoshin.com

Shoshin, an interior design studio and retail shop, took home the Golden Pine Cone this year for Best New Business. Shoshin describes itself this way: “Part design laboratory and part treasure trove, the shop offers inspired accessories, art and furnishings for the design enthusiast, as well as beautiful linens, tabletop decor, and more, for outfitting a well-considered home.”

Shoshin said its approach to design is both clinical and creating, and it wants to understand the way its clients live and work, “so that we can create spaces that are not only attractive, but also inject organization and calm into lives that are busy and well-lived.”

Shoshin founder Alexis Smith spent the first half of her career counseling Fortune 500 companies, real estate developers and government agencies on how to communicate with the public. With no formal design education, Alexis can’t help but bend the rules of traditional interior design, her online bio says. “Her spaces often mix traditional and contemporary elements, designer and found objects, new and vintage.”

SERVICES AND HEALTHCARE

■ Best Place to Work
■ Best Real Estate Company
Carmel Realty — Dolores, south of Seventh — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday — (831) 622-1000, carmelrealtycompany.com

The longevity of Carmel’s oldest real estate company is no accident, operating locally for 109 years on the principles of integrity, work ethic, teamwork, collaboration, communication, and customer service — all of which create a pleasant work environment for a crack team of agents, brokers and employees. Carmel Realty takes mentoring seriously, making sure each of the firm’s agents is equipped to provide great service.

Updated processes, a new website and robust advertising campaigns enhance the company’s century-old relationship with the local community — and help employees excel at their jobs.

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Best Place to Volunteer
The Carmel Foundation — SE Corner of Eighth and Lincoln — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday — (831) 624-1588, carmelfoundation.org

If the YMCA had a much more mature brother or sister, it would be The Carmel Foundation, which provides a plethora of services for those 55 and better — and you don’t even have to live in town. The friendly and knowledgeable volunteers here will guide you as you choose from a long list of activities and services, and they seem to have a heck of a good time doing it. Wanna learn Spanish? There’s a class. Looking for a place to play bridge? C’mon over. If you want to get bendy with some yoga instruction, or join a group of walkers, the Foundation can help with that, too. It’s recently re-started its bus tours to San Francisco and other locations, which allow members and guests to enjoy shopping and additional activities without the hassle of driving and parking. But the Foundation isn’t just about recreation — there are support services for housing, homebound meals, weekday lunches, blood pressure checks, legal services, health insurance counseling... the list goes on and on. You already knew this was a great place to retire — now you know one of the big reasons why.

Best Place to Get Married
Carmel Mission — 3080 Rio Road – Museum, store and grounds open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday; check website for Mass schedule – (831) 624-1271, carmelmission.org

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The place that’s now the setting for fancy weddings in a delightful coastal village sure didn’t start out that way. Saint Junipero Serra founded the Carmel Mission as a Catholic outpost in 1771, about a year after he arrived in Monterey by ship. About 250 years later, the historic church, with its softly worn stones and romantic gardens, has become a super desirable place to tie the knot, and Pine Cone readers have decided once again that it’s the Best Place to Get Married. There are restrictions, however. Only Catholics may wed there, and couples must obtain permission from their local Catholic pastors to get married outside of their parishes and at the Basilica. But folks at the Mission make it clear they will help the happy couples every step of the way. “The church seeks to help you prepare yourselves for the great day of your wedding, as well as helping you with spiritual, psychological and practical things that will make your wedding day a Sacrament that will last a lifetime!” the Mission states.

**Best Place to Get Married**

Mission Ranch Hotel and Restaurant

— 26270 Dolores St. – (831) 624-6436, missionranchcarmel.com

Mission Ranch is an obvious choice for many couples to get married. Just imagine the photo possibilities, with Point Lobos, Carmel backdrops. In its tranquil setting a few steps from Carmel Mission, Mission Ranch and its experienced and professional staff offer myriad possibilities for the big day. “Ceremonies can take place on a lush green lawn, with a dramatic entrance for the bride as she crosses over the picturesque bridge and pond, or on our more intimate brick patio,” says the Ranch. And that’s not even including potential for adorable photo-bombing sheep. “The wedding reception and meal service are held inside the historic barns, creating an out-of-the-ordinary place to celebrate.” Management also reminds couples that the Ranch is an excellent place for a rehearsal dinner — “idyllic, truly distinctive and a great prelude to any wedding.”

**Best Retirement Community**

Del Mesa Carmel — 500 Del Mesa Drive – (831) 624-1853, delmesacarmel.org

Located just a mile east of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Mesa’s 289 condominium units sit on a picturesque plateau above Carmel Valley Road, protected by a 24-hour security gate, ensuring residents’ privacy and safety. Amenities at the community include a gym and indoor pool, access to extensive hiking and bike trails through Carmel Valley and Big Sur, easy access to beaches at Point Lobos and in Carmel, a library stocked with local and national newspapers, magazines, and a wide selection of fiction and nonfiction books, plus clubs and classes. Who said becoming a senior means you have to act your age?

**Best Electrician**

Cate Electrical — Dolores at Seventh

— 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday – (831) 624-5361, cateelectrical.com

A Golden Pine Cone winner with more than a decade’s worth of awards under their collective tool belt, the Cate family is celebrating their 62nd year of business on the Peninsula. Michael Cate and Janine Cate Boone oversee an experienced crew of cer-
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titled electricians. According to Pine Cone readers, they excel at what they do — every- thing from service calls to home remodeling, and landscape lighting, both residential and commercial. Since 1960, Cat has been com- mitted to serving the local community.

■ Best Plumber
A and R Plumbing — 1720 Contra Costa Blvd., Sand City — 24-hour emergency service at (831) 994-7221, aandrplumbing.com

This plumbing company was launched in 1978 by a pair of friends, Greg Aeschliman and Kelly Roper, along with wives Robin Aeschliman and Kathy Roper (both young moms at the time), who alternated mom- ing and afternoon shifts in a tiny office be- fore Aand R blossomed into the large-scale, full-service business it is today. Although Greg and Kelly have retired, the family-ori- ented shop remains locally famous for its outstanding work ethic, attention to quality, and superior customer service from its dedi- cated management team, office staff, and technicians.

■ Best Architect
Eric Miller Architects — 211 Hoffman Ave., Monterey — (831) 372-0410, ericmillerarchitects.com

Since its launch in 1987, Eric Miller’s firm has completed more than 200 projects — commercial and residential — throughout Monterey County, creating beautiful build- ings with character-defining appearances and balancing clients’ ideas with Miller’s award-winning vision, resulting in extraordi- nary interior and exterior spaces. Miller and his team have been honored through the years by the Monterey Bay chapter of the Amer- ican Institute of Architects, and the Pacific Grove Heritage Society. Services offered include architectural design, interior design, and construction administration.

■ Best Interior Design Business
Sea Blush Staging — Junipero 25W of Fourth — (530) 574-8774, sea blushstaging.com

Named after a coastal wildflower, this concierge and a la carte business specializes in staging local homes in innovative, aestheti- cally creative ways, inspired by casual living by the sea. The goal is to help homeowners sell their properties quickly and at top dollar. They can provide just consultation (with in- structions and a shopping list for DIYers), or partial or full staging, and even offer a service to provide and “babysit” fresh flowers for the life of the listing. Owner and lead designer Heather Palmer, a University of San Diego alum, launched the company in January after nearly four years as lead interior designer for her other company, Carmel-based Heather Palmer Design.

■ Best Home Technology
House Wires — “Serving the greater Monterey Peninsula” — (831) 659-8224, housediy.com/professionals/home-automation-and-home-media/house-wireschedules crf-277247787

This somewhat stealthy but award-win- ning company is in its 18th year, design- ing, installing and servicing a wide variety of quality home lighting, audio/visual, wi-fi, home theater, and networking systems. Deddi- cated and talented professionals service Car- mel, Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach, Big Sur, Monterey, Sausside, Marina, Del Rey Oaks, and Carmel Valley.

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**Best General Contractor**

**KF Construction Inc.**
— 777 Cass St., Monterey – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday – (831) 236-6871

This firmly established Monterey County company was founded in 2007 by Kevin Flanders, who said he prioritizes responsibility to clients to provide a project of the highest quality in a smooth, professional, and environmentally responsible manner. Services include general contractor, residential and commercial remodels, new construction, and property maintenance. “Everything we do, and how we do it, speaks to who we are and what we value,” Flanders said.

**Best Painting Company**

**Steele Stothers Restoration Painting** — 148 W. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley – (831) 320-3252, jonstueflotre@gmail.com

A local’s local, Jon Steeletop moved to the Carmel Highlands in the 1940s, graduated from Carmel High, and became fascinated with design and painting at a young age through his father, who helped Hugh Comstock build Carmel’s trademark cottages. With over 35 years of experience in the painting, construction, and design fields, Steeletop brings advanced expertise and knowledge, and exceptional workmanship to every project. He is well known and respectfull for his accomplishments on projects of historical significance, including the interior restoration of Croppi Hall at the Carmel Mission, a building that has been in continuous use since 1797, and the Point Sur Lighthouse.

**Best Landscaper-Gardening Service**

**INCA Landscape Management**
— 2210 Del Monte Ave., Monterey – 24/7 emergency service at (831) 625-9090, inca landscapemc.com

Your house might be a showcase on the inside, but don’t underestimate the importance of curb appeal to a happy neighborhood. As you try to balance the need for an aesthetically pleasing exterior with the expense of water that seems like it’s being measured out by the eyedropper, a good landscaper can be invaluable. This family-owned and family-operated company has been serving the Monterey Peninsula since 1981, striving to create a unique relationship to fit every client’s needs, budgets, and needs. Services include landscape design and installation, garden maintenance, installation and upgrades of irrigation systems, installation of walkways and driveways, clean-ups, tree trimming, pruning, lawn installations and maintenance.

**Best Real Estate Rental Company**

**San Carlos Agency** — 26358 Carmel Ranchero Lane, Suite 5 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday – (831) 624-3846, sanCarlosagency.com

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nies in Carmel and the greater Monterey Pen- insula area for nearly 70 years. Established in 1954, San Carlos Agency is a full-service business specializing in real estate, sales, property management, vacation rentals, and long-term rentals in Carmel, Carmel Highlands, Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove and Monterey.

Best Real Estate Lender
Synergy One Lending — Dolores 2 SW of Seventh, Unit D — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday – (831) 521-9378, s1l.com/branch/carmel

Former world-class Ironman triathlete Chad Hawker, an area manager for Synergy One, brings the same work ethic to lending that he did to training, teaming with area manager Courtney Garnetti (his wife), and transaction coordinators Alexi Connell and Jessica Dru iz to inject personalized tender loving care into every client relationship. Synergy One Lending is establishing itself as the place to come in Carmel for “The Modern Mortgage Experience” (a company trademark) for any- one looking to buy or refinance a home.

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Chicago Title — 26000 Carmel Center Place — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday – (831) 277-9081, chicagotitlemonterey.com

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Drawing upon years of valuable experience as an IRS-reg-
istered tax preparer, certified public accountant David Wilsey
has been assisting taxpayers and small businesses with all of
their tax-related needs in Carmel and surrounding communi-
ties for 21 years, maintaining the highest standard of knowl-
edge and ethics. His services also include tax planning, book-
keeping, estate and trust taxes, and more.

Best Veterinarian
Carmel Valley Veterinary Hospital — 11578 Cen-
ter St., Carmel Valley Village — 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday
through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday — (831) 659-2286,
carmelvalleyvet.com

Around here, pets are pretty serious business, and Dr. James Holt’s full-service veterinary practice has been provid-
ing top-drawer care for pets since 1975, utilizing state-of-the-
art technology for wellness, dental care (including non-anest-
thetic dental), diagnostic, surgical and emergency services,
boarding and grooming. Holt’s multi-talented staff includes
three veterinarians, three registered veterinary technicians,
and a certified veterinary assistant. New clients are welcome
and are encouraged to call the office with questions, or to
book an appointment.

Best Pet Boarding
Casa de Amigos Animal Hotel — 715 Foam St.,
Monterey — 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily — (831) 373-0482, casade-
 amigosanimalhotel.com

Sometimes, your pet can’t travel with you, and some of
them have raised playing on human guilt to an art form,
sitting in their people’s suitcases and groaning loudly as if to
say, “Why can’t I come?” Sit them down and have a good
chat (maybe with treats), and explain that they get a special
vacation spot, too — a private room at Monterey’s Casa de Amigos. There, dog have opportunities to mingle, while cats
get the privacy they insist upon. Food and cozy bedding is
included; although you are encouraged to bring your pet’s stuff
from home. Casa de Amigos’ daycare program is much in de-
mand, and is a boon to folks who work long hours but don’t
want to leave their pets alone all day. Casa de Amigos also
offers full-service grooming. Now, just sit down and remind
the furbabies of how, the last time she saw them, Aunt Agnes
caressed them too tight and smelled of manuballs. Come to
think of it, you may want a boarding place of your own.

Best Pet Care
Suds ’n Scissors — 223 Crossroads Blvd. — 9 a.m. to
3 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday —
(831) 624-4597, sudsnscissorsinc.com

Man’s best friend won’t find a better place for care and
pampering than this premium pet spa, equipped with all the
necessary amenities to provide flea baths, nail and teeth treat-
ment, flizzly haircuts and deep tubs with a range of spe-
ciality shampoos for any pooch.

The splendor of Suds ’n Scissors can be attributed to the
spa’s owner and operator, Todd Harris, a true professional in
the grooming industry. He previously owned Country Club Kennels, Santa Cruz Animal Care and Tabata Trainers.

As a member of the Del Monte Kennel Club for 30 years
and a professional dog handler since he was 16, Harris
understands how to run this 65-year-old business to turn out
dogs that look competition ready. Your buddy might not be
competing in a show, but he’ll definitely look striking and
fierce nonetheless.

Oh, and they’re also brave (or crazy) enough to bathe and
groom your cat, should you so desire.

Best Auto Body Shop
Gene’s Import Auto Body — 531 Shasta St., Sand
City — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday — (831) 899-
0343, genesimportautobody.com

A winner of multiple Golden Pine Cone awards, Gene’s
Import Auto Body remains the preferred auto-body repair
facility for Monterey Peninsula car owners, as it has been
since 1979. With a professional staff and factory-certified
equipment and technology, this family-owned business is

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prepared for a plethora of situations, from a run-in with a pole to a collision with your neighbor’s fence. Although they’ve had lots of experience with upscale brands like Mercedes-Benz, Tesla, BMW and Audi, this auto shop can handle any damage, no matter the car. The business advertises that its ultimate mission is to provide customers with “the highest level of professional service and quality repairs at a reasonable price,” and given that 85 percent of its business comes by word of mouth from customers, it’s safe to say that clients leave satisfied.

Best Dry Cleaners
Vapor Sudden Service Cleaners — 1914 10th St., Monterey — 7:10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday — (831) 375-5221, vaporcleanersmonterey.com

Dry cleaning has never been fresher than with the environmentally friendly approach Vapor Sudden Service Cleaners takes. While most dry cleaners use petrochemical solvents on clothes, this business uses pure liquid silicone instead, setting it apart with its odor-free “GreenEarth” dry-cleaning process. With this method, Vapor Sudden Service Cleaners assures potential customers that their “fine silks, cashmere, wool, lace, beads, sequins and even garments labeled ‘Do not dry clean’ are safe with us.”

Since the business opened in 1921, it’s always offered a range of services, from cleaning and alterations to laundering shirts, and cleaning and restoring leather. They’ll also clean or restore your wedding gown — a fraught undertaking if ever there was one. And with free pickup and delivery throughout the Monterey Peninsula, clients are bound to receive ready-on-time and ready-to-wear results. From the special dry-cleaning process, to garment bags made from recycled materials, Vapor Sudden Service Cleaners stays sustainable every step of the way.

Best Travel Agent
Pacific Grove Travel — 591 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday — (831) 373-0651, pgtravel.com

Celebrating 43 years of distinguished travel service, Pacific Grove Travel continues to assist folks on the Monterey Peninsula with their travel needs, scheduling and organizing the perfect journey for each one of their clients. Specializing in group travel, escorted tours and ocean and river cruises, this full-service agency prides itself on being reliable, honest and ethical throughout the entire process, as they work with proven travel companies and suppliers to ensure the most positive experience possible. Local travelers are in good hands with owner Joe Shamus and travel advisors Laura Lockett and Mary Potter, who have 100 years of combined experience. These professionals understand that the world of travel has gotten infinitely more complicated in today’s world, especially as everyone makes their way out of a global pandemic, so they’re here to help take care of the details while you sit back and relax. If you want to be sipping a pina colada in a few months’ time, make a call today and let the experts book your dream vacation.

Best Hair Salon
Mantra Salon — Hampton Courtyard, Seventh between San Carlos and Dolores — 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday — (831) 626-1223, mantrasalon.com

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As its name implies, Parasol Dermatology truly offers everything under one umbrella. At this comprehensive, full-service skincare practice, Dr. Christina Bolanle and her team use state-of-the-art technology to identify and treat skin disorders, handle anti-aging procedures and provide cosmetic services to patients of all ages. Knowing that the skin is the body’s largest organ, Parasol Dermatology takes vital steps to educate patients on this part of the body and the necessary steps to protect it before, during and after the treatment process.

Since this practice recognizes that the skin requires attention in all stages of life, its staff is ready to help teenagers with acne, adults with psoriasis, and seniors with skin cancers. Ultimately, Parasol Dermatology wishes to give each client the personalized guidance they seek. “Our team includes experienced and energetic people whose goal is to communicate well with our patients and provide the best care possible,” the business said.

**Best Nail Salon**
Paradise Nails — 25544 Carmel Ranch Blvd. — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday — (831) 652-7070

At this family-owned and operated business truly is paradise for Monterey Peninsula locals, and it has been for the past 16 years. The winner of multiple Golden Pine Cone awards, Paradise Nails in the Carmel Ranch Shopping Center is a full-service salon that offers manicures, pedicures and waxing services. In a comfortable environment, its staff tends to each and every client with the same level of high-quality nail care. And it goes without saying that Pine Cone readers demand a sparkling clean nail salon. It doesn’t matter if you’re coming in for a set of acrylic nails before a special night out, a pedicure before your beach vacation, or a eyebrow wax before an important interview, Paradise Nails will make sure your needs are met.

**Best Spa**
Refuge — 27300 Rancho San Carlos Rd., Carmel Valley — 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday — (831) 620-7500, refuge.com

Get out all the kinks with the Refuge’s Thermal Cycle that takes guests through a multi-temperature pool circuit to cultivate a feeling of rest and rejuvenation. Refuge urges clients to begin the process by heating up in its cedar sauna with Himalayan salt wall, one of two co-ed eucalyptus-infused steam rooms, or one of its hot pools, then taking a dip in one of its four plunger pools, which range from Pacific Ocean chilly to Nordic icy.

From there, it’s up to guests to decide if they want to relax outside by fire pits or inside one of three indoor relaxation sanctuaries with zero-gravity recliners to make it feel like you’re floating away on a cloud of relaxation.

Clients can repeat the cycle at their leisure, and there are also opportunities to enhance the experience, such as infrared, cryo- or hydrotherapy massage. Surrounded by thermal waterfalls, massage jets and breathtaking views of the Santa Lucia Preserve, guests are guaranteed to find refuge in this relaxing oasis.

**Best Dentist**
Bradford Carl — 26435 Carmel Ranch Blvd. — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon Friday — (831) 624-2111, carlsondm.com

Having treated Carmel patients for more than 30 years, multicyear Golden Pine Cone winner Dr. Bradford Carl continues to help patients achieve the smile of their dreams. Carl said he knew he wanted to practice dentistry since he was in eighth grade, and has kept pace with all the modern, digital developments in the field, even using 3D print- ers to fabricate crowns onsite. He’s also seen vast improvements in anesthesiology, enabling patients to have much more comfortable — even pain-free — experiences.

Carl offers a range of services to fit the needs of most any patient, including cleanings and preventive treatment, cosmetic dentistry, restorations, periodontal disease treatment, deep bleaching and Invisalign teeth straightening. Carl and his team of qualified hygienists and dental assistants are committed to serving their patients and helping them make informed decisions about their oral health needs. “Your smile is our first priority, and we’ll give you something to smile about,” the business says.

**Best Dermatologist**
James and Joseph Rhein, Rhein Dermatology Cosmetic Laser Center — 755 Pacific St. Al., Monterey — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday — (831) 733-4404, rheimderm.com

This isn’t the first Golden Pine Cone that Rhein Dermatology Cosmetic Laser Center has won, and with good reason. This local institution has been preventing and treating skin disorders for the past 40 years, while also offering the latest cosmetic procedures safely and effectively, including Botox and dermal fillers. The practice began with James, a California native who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of skin cancers and continues to update his skills in general dermatology and cosmetic fields through training at UCLA, UCSF, UC Irvine and memberships with a variety of organizations. His son, Joseph, joined him in 2004 after earning his medical degree at the Tu- lane School of Medicine in New Orleans, the same institution where his father had earned his degree. With extensive experience in cosmetic treatments, Joseph works at his dad’s side to help diagnose and treat acne, eczema, skin cancer and more. Regardless of which Dr. Rhein you see, this family-owned and operated practice will leave you with healthi- er and happier skin.

**Best Ophthalmologist**
Whisler, Vantage Eye Center — 966 Carmel Valley Rd., Suite 100, Monterey — (831) 375-9730, vantageeye.com

Treating patients at Vantage Eye Center since 2012, Dr. Whisler is an expert cataract eye surgeon who specializes in vision resto- ration. A Monterey native who discovered his interest in medicine while volunteering at CHOMP and a Seaside medical clinic, he graduated from the University of Michigan medical school and pursued his ophthalmolo- gy degree at the University of Minnesota. There, he received an award as the resident who best exemplified care and compassion for patients. Now, Whisler cares for his pa- tients with just as much kindness, if not more. According to the practice’s website, its mission is to “provide patients with compre- hensive, university-level eye care with the very latest in medical, laser and surgical technology.” Clients can come in for vision correction, treatments for cataracts and glau- coma, retinal abnormalities, and preventive and reconstructive eye surgery. Vantage Eye Care has long been a respected eye care provider, and Whisler is continuing that reputation.

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Best Optometrist
Blink Optometry — 217 Crossroads Blvd. – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday – (831) 250-6999, blinkcarmel.com

If you can’t see the clues for the Sunday crossword puzzle, you might find Bacleoghian’s “Managing Ophthalmic and Astigmatic Lens, providing eye care for patients of all ages, from infants to seniors. Combined, they provide a variety of services, including fitting glasses and contact lenses, treating eye infections and diseases, removal of foreign bodies, and diabetic eye disease. Fogg, a lifelong contact lens wearer, has experience in fitting all kinds of contacts, including bifocal and astigmatic lenses, and is certified in corneal refractive therapy. When she’s not in the office at Blink, you might find Dr. Meckel running in the family, as he has an identical twin who is an optometrist.

Best Orthopedist
Chris Meckel — 12 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Suite A, Monterey – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday – (831) 648-7200, msjhealth.com

Best Pediatrician
Pierre LaMothe — 2 Upper Ragsdale, Suite B210, Monterey – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sunday by arrangement – (831) 333-0999, mppmg.com/our-doctors

Craig Geiler — 243 El Dorado St., Suite 300, Monterey – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon Friday – (831) 242-0110, montagehealth.org/doctors/profile/craig.geiler

Dr. Geiler, an internal medicine specialist, has worked with Montage Health for more than 20 years. A 1998 graduate of Stanford University School of Medicine, Geiler did his residency at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, which sees hundreds of thousands of patients annually. Medicine seems run in the family, as he has an identical twin who is an internist who practices in Santa Barbara. Geiler is known for his medical and communication skills. Patients have written reviews like, “Wonderful doctor who cares about his patients. He is personable and intelligent. So happy to have him as my physician.” Another said, “I can’t say enough about the high quality of medical care I have received from Dr. Geiler. He listens, explains fully and clearly, and is very easy to speak to. Dr. Geiler’s diagnoses, treatments, and referrals have been spot on. Simply put, he’s a great doctor.”

Best Primary Care Physician
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Nobody should be surprised that Dr. Sunde has won this year’s award as the best plastic surgeon. Not only has he been The Pine Cone readers’ choice for more than a decade, he embarked on a life of excellence early on. This native of the Chicago suburbs was an Eagle Scout, a National Merit Scholar and valedictorian of his high school class. Following that, he graduated with distinction from Stanford, after which he attended medical school at UC San Francisco, where he was part of the medical honor society. Sunde performs cosmetic and reconstructive surgery using the most current treatments and techniques. In 2020, he was recognized by Montage Health Foundation with a Physician Scholar grant to “provide training in plastic surgery, particularly hand surgery, to Stanford University Medical School residents and fellows.” Montage noted that Sunde “conducts the training at the Palo Alto Veterans Administration Hospital, operating on veterans during day-long teaching sessions 10 times each year.”

**Best Physical Therapist**

Balance Physical Therapy & Human Performance Center — 2260 N. Fremont St., Monterey and 21 Upper Royalty Road in Ryan Ranch, with additional locations in Prunedale, Watsonville and Salinas — call for hours and appointments — (831) 372-4782, balanfpc.com

Balance Physical Therapy — a multiyear winner of the Golden Pine Cone — has been providing locals with a wide range of services for 20 years. Whether you’re dealing with chronic hip or knee pain, neck problems or low back pain, the center offers state-of-the-art treatment options to keep you comfortably on your feet. And speaking of feet, the staff there can help with custom foot orthotics. Sports injury and vestibular and concussion rehab are available as well. Balance PT offers specialized services for rehabilitating sports injuries and an evaluation, treatment and fitness program by and for golfers that specifically targets performance on the greens. Its many qualified therapists are patient and encouraging, emphasizing that many people’s problems can be solved without further medical intervention.

**Best Chiropractor**

Derek Barkalow — 550 Camino El Estero No. 103, Monterey — 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday — (831) 655-3255, dbarkalow.com

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Derek Barkalow heads up Barkalow Chiropractic & Physical Medicine. He and his team can help with various types of discomfort, including in the back, neck, shoulder and knee, as well as headaches and migraines and various other ailments, aches and pains. Barkalow uses traditional chiropractic care, corrective exercises, laser therapy, electrical stimulation, nutritional counseling, massage therapy and ultrasound to treat patients. A Monterey native, Barkalow is a second-generation chiropractor (his father, Stephen, still practices with him) and a graduate of the famous Palmer College of Chiropractic West in San Jose.

■ Best Divorce Lawyer
Sarah Cavassa — 50 Ragsdale Drive, Suite 201, Monterey — (831) 655-6868, cavassaoconnell.com

Sarah Cavassa of Cavassa O’Connell is certified by the State Bar as a specialist in family law, including divorce, custody and support. Additionally, she prepares and reviews pre- and postmarital agreements. While Cavassa favors securing a settlement for her clients when a reasonable settlement can be attained, but as an experienced litigator, she is prepared to take cases to trial when necessary. She represents clients in Monterey and the surrounding counties of Santa Cruz and San Benito, as well as occasionally Santa Clara and Alameda counties. Cavassa graduated from the University of Washington and Monterey College of Law, where she is now a professor, teaching community property and working with the Heiser Moot Court program. Cavassa has served on the Board of Trustees of the Monterey County Bar Association, and is part of the Monterey County Women Lawyers Association.

■ Best Estate Planning Attorney
Jennifer Walker — 24591 Silver Cloud Court, Suite 250 — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday — (831) 373-2500, leachandwalker.com

Whether you’re putting your own affairs in order or dealing with the death of a loved one, emotions can run high and the details can seem overwhelming. Between all the legal terminology and the inherent inner turmoil, people need an empathetic and skilled guide. Pine Cone readers clearly believe Jennifer Walker, of Leach & Walker, is the right choice. She provides clients with legal services that encompass all aspects of estate planning, including probate, estate and trust administration, estate tax, gift tax and a plethora of other issues. Walker, a Pennsylvania native, has been practicing law in California since 2001. She earned her B.A. with honors from Johns Hopkins and her J.D. from UC Davis. Walker is certified by the State Bar as a specialist in estate planning, trust and probate law.

■ Best Lawyer If You Need to Sue Somebody
Andy Swartz — 550 Hartnell St., Suite A-1, Monterey — (831) 373-3215 or (800) 624-9911, swartzkennedylaw.com

Andy Swartz of Swartz & Kennedy has won the Golden Pine Cone many times, showing that readers trust him with volatile and potentially costly legal matters. During his almost 50 years in Monterey (since 1973), Swartz has won multiple high-profile and multi-million dollar cases. He works with a wide range of civil litigation for both plaintiffs and defendants, including personal injury, defamation, and business and real estate disputes. His firm enjoys the highest peer ratings and holds membership in several elite forums. Swartz earned degrees from the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Santa Clara School of Law (graduating magna cum laude), where he was on the staff of the law review. In addition to his lifelong passion for the legal profession, Swartz enjoys swimming, cy-
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cling and running. He has run the New York, Boston, San Francisco and Big Sur Marathons. It seems as if he’s in everything for the long haul!

Best Defense Attorney
Jennifer S. Rosenthal — 26364 Carmel Rancho Lane, Suite 201 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday – (831) 625-5393, jfsrattorneyatlaw.com

If you find yourself in a legal jam, Pine Cone readers recommend calling Jennifer Rosenthal. Her passion for justice is in her DNA — she comes from a family of attorneys and worked in her father’s law firm from a young age. One of her clients said in an online review, “We have had the pleasure of being Jennifer Rosenthal’s friend and neighbor for quite some time. When life happened and we were in need of her services, we wouldn’t have considered using someone else. She is so capable, knowledgeable and, most important to us, caring and compassionate at a time when we were in need of all those important qualities. Due to her expertise and professionalism, all went perfectly and the outcome could not have been better.” Rosenthal serves on the board of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Monterey County, the nonprofit that advocates for children who have experienced abuse or neglect, and is a past board chair with the group.

Best Public Relations Company
Armanasco Public Relations — 355 Abrego St., Monterey – (831) 372-2259, armanasco.com

David Armanasco established Armanasco Public Relations in 1985. According to its impressive website, the firm has “grown to become the largest, most effective, and well-known PR firm in Monterey County.” Its client list includes businesses and agencies like the Barnyard, Safeway, Taniuma & Antle, CSUMB, Stevenson and Santa Catalina schools, Cal Am, the cities of Scarsides, Marina, Gonzales and San Jose, Quail Lodge, the Cypresses in and literally dozens of others. The agency also gives back — its pro bono client list includes plenty of familiar names, like the Alliance on Aging, the Boys & Girls Club of Monterey County, the Carmel Foundation, the Diocese of Monterey and the Point Lobos Natural History Association.

Best Insurance Agent
Matt Little Jr., Carmel Insurance Agency — San Carlos between Seventh and Eighth – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday – (831) 624-1234, carmelinsurance.com

Matt Little Jr.’s family has been in the insurance business in Carmel for three generations. In 1948, his grandfather, Robert Little, opened Carmel Insurance Agency. Robert’s son, Matthew Little Sr., joined the agency in 1968. In 1995, Matthew Sr.’s daughter, Amy Little-Figge came on board, followed by her brother, Matthew Jr., in 2000. Many of Carmel Insurance Agency’s clients have been satisfied customers for decades, which is a testament to the quality of service they provide. Enthused one reviewer, “I’ve been a client with this insurance company for over 20 years for all of my insurance needs. I could not be happier with the service they provide, the insurance companies they pick to handle my needs, and the staff who I deal with. Barbara and Matt are wonderful, easy to deal with, and always go the extra mile. I would definitely recommend this company to anyone.”

Best Shoe Repair
Federico’s Shoe Service — 542 Abrego St., Monterey – 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday – (831) 649-3322, federicoshoes.com

You don’t have to live here for more than an hour or two to realize that walking is a favorite pastime — and repeat winner Federico’s Drive-in Shoe Service has been saving locals’ soles since 1939. Besides repairing leather and suede shoes and boots, the fine folks at Federico’s offer polishing, shining and dyeing services. Did you get your favorite shoes wet in a midwinter squall? Don’t toss them out — give the pros at Federico’s a chance. The talented professionals there can also repair handbags, luggage, horse saddles, furniture and other leather items. They even get long-distance business from people who take advantage of Federico’s award-winning service by mailing their shoes in for some TLC.

Best School
All Saints Day School — 8060 W. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley – (831) 624-9171, asds.org

As was the case last year, All Saints Day School won the triple crown in education: Best School, Best Teacher and Best Principal (see below). With more than half a century under its belt, the Episcopal learning center provides students with education from preschool through eighth grade. Do readers love it for its low student-to-faculty ratio? The high percentage

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age of teachers who have extensive experience in their jobs? It’s hard to say, but the proof is in the results — All Saints students have won state and national honors in history, as well as prizes in science and engineering. The school’s 10 core values, listed on its website, are: Nurturing the growth of the whole child, inspiring lives of gratitude and grace, pursuing academic excellence, fostering freedom of inquiry and ethical expression, encouraging independent thinking, challenging students to live courageously, respecting the importance of family and community, building a community of service, honoring the sacred dignity of all life, and igniting a life of learning.

Best Teacher
Ashley Zaldivar, All Saints Day School — 8060 W. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley – (831) 624-9171, asds.org

Señora Ashley Zaldívar is not only the parent of an All Saints Day School student, she has been teaching there for more than a decade. She is an engaging Spanish teacher of students in the sixth through eighth grades. Her approach to teaching the language is inspired by her own feelings of intimidation around learning Spanish when she was younger — a native Carmelite, Zaldívar lived and worked in Spain for 10 years, returning to the Peninsula in 2010. Using the approachable and fun. Zaldívar is also the director of outreach and inclusion at ASDS. In this role, she weaves the Episcopal identity of the school into the fabric of its diversity, equity and inclusion efforts. Part of the outreach program is being involved in the Friday school tradition connected with Nancy’s Project, which collects and distributes food and basic necessities to farm labor families living and working in Monterey County. Zaldívar also facilitates a connection between upper grade service hours.

Best Principal
Scott Fujita, All Saints Day School – 8060 W. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley – (831) 624-9171, asds.org

The only award that could possibly follow a Super Bowl ring might be a Golden Pine Cone, but you’d have to ask Scott Fujita. The former linebacker who been employed by some other Saints — the 2010 champions from New Orleans — has brought home gold as Best Principal several times. His first connection with All Saints Day School was as a parent.
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