Wildlife trapper called to engine that purred

A BUSINESS that traps wild animals received a call two weeks ago from a woman in Salinas who lives in her car and was hearing strange sounds coming from under the hood.

“It was a Sunday morning,” reported Dan Burton, who owns Urban Trapping Wildlife Control. “The client had been hearing a crying noise for the past day-and-a-half while out driving.”

Burton soon arrived and popped the hood, but didn’t see anything. Next, he looked under the vehicle, and that’s when he noticed a little tail poking out.

Believing he had found a kitten, he used a mechanical device he calls a “claw” to remove it from the engine compartment.

The kitten, which Burton estimated to be about 8 weeks old, was in pretty rough shape. She was also in an emery mood, but that’s somewhat understandable considering a giant rubber-coated claw had just snatched her from her hiding place. “She was covered in fleas, hungry, and extremely dehydrated,” he said.

A new home

Once Burton — who has apparently decided to keep the forlorn kitty — began giving her some nourishment and affection, she quickly cheered up. Burton named her “Flage” because her fur resembles camouflage.

“She bonded with me pretty fast,” he told The Pine Cone.

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Panetta wins, Addis takes Assembly seat

By KELLY NIX

DEMOCRATIC REP. Jimmy Panetta was the winner in the Nov. 8 election and will serve another two-year term in the U.S. House of Representatives, but he received fewer votes than his Republican challenger in a southern San Benito County district.

According to the Secretary of State, Panetta has so far received 67.3 percent of the vote to Jeff Gorman’s 32.7 percent in the new 19th Congressional District, which stretches from South San Jose to northern San Luis Obispo County, and includes, as did before, the Monterey Peninsula and Big Sur. Panetta will no longer represent people of San Benito County, the City of Salinas and South Monterey County.

“I continue to be absolutely humbled by the support I received at the ballot box, and the confidence from the voters to give me another two years to represent them at the federal level and fight for their values back in Washington, D.C.,” Panetta told The Pine Cone during a phone conversation Thursday morning.

Gorman carries SLO

In the Monterey County portion of the district, Panetta got 71.8 percent of the vote to Gorman’s 28.2 percent. However, Panetta lost to Gorman in the more politically diverse and conservative Northern San Luis Obispo County, getting only 47.8 percent of the vote compared to Gorman’s 52.2 percent.

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MONTEREY HIGH ALSO HAS STADIUM LIGHTS CONTROVERSY

W H I L E C A R M E L H i g h School is battling neighbors over a proposal to install lighting at its sports field, Monterey High School for years has faced a similar row over its own plans to install nighttime stadium lights.

The 80-foot-high light towers proposed for Carmel High would allow football to be played Friday nights, a tradition for the sport, and would accommodate other events after dark.

Similarly, Monterey High’s plan would allow students to play football games at night at its own stadium instead of at Monterey Peninsula College’s field, which is equipped with lights.

Halted by litigation

To make that happen, Monterey Peninsula Unified School District came up with a $12 million stadium improvement project, which includes lights and other upgrades. School board trustees OK’d the plan in July 2021, but it was halted due to litigation filed by Monterey community groups that argue the environmental review failed to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act regarding lighting and other elements related to the project.

“The lawsuits are currently being heard in the Monterey County Superior Court,” MPUSD spokeswoman Marea McFadden told The Pine Cone.

Safer for sports

The Monterey High proposal calls for four 70-foot light towers and several other improvements — but it’s the lighting that’s caused most of the controversy.

According to the plans, downward-facing light fixtures would be used to illuminate the stadium field during athletic competitions, practices and other events. A second set of lower-output LED lights would be installed to illuminate airborne objects, such as soccer balls and footballs. Other lights would brighten pathways along the bleachers and other areas.

“Lighting at the site would largely be well within industry standards for glare and spill,” according to the environmental review. “Stadium lighting would be on for a limited number of times per year and would not be used past 10 p.m. except for limited circumstances where athletic games extend into late night.”

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Baron reelected, Dramov to join council

Potter unopposed

VOTERS DECISIVELY gave incumbent Jeff Baron a second four-year term on the city council and more narrowly selected newcomer Alishandra Dramov to join him Nov. 8.

Baron, who captured 678 votes, said he found campaigning for a second term a different experience from his first go-round four years ago.

“In the first campaign, I ran against two incumbents, which was difficult,” Baron said. “This campaign, I was running on my own record, and that’s different in a different way.”

He’s said his proud of his record on the council but said it was sometimes a challenge to be quizzed on his

MARKING THE START of the first major improvements at Westside Tech Roadway, Laguna Seca in decades, the dilapidated pedestrian bridge over the start-finish line is torn down to make way for an ADA- and car-accessible steel bridge.

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PHOTO/CHRIS COUNTS
Big baby

IRIS WAS named for her person’s favorite flower, which was in full bloom when she came home. Besides, when they met at the Lake Tahoe breeder, the pup’s collar, like the flower, was purple.

Her people aren’t the only ones who think Iris, 17 months old, should run for Mayor of Seaside. Despite all the years they’ve lived in the coastal community, they’d never met as many people as they have since they brought home their English cream Labrador retriever-poodle pup.

Strangers may not know her family’s names, but everyone seems to know Iris, the fluffy white doodle willing to make friends with anyone and everyone who will show her a little love.

Iris goes to the beach every day, usually Del Monte Beach, near the Tides Hotel.

“She runs across the sand, introducing herself to everyone,” her person said, “so we have to be aware when our pup, already 75 pounds, approaches small children or anyone who might be afraid of dogs. Her goofy look usually disarms people.”

If Iris can’t find a friend at the beach, she’ll settle for a stick. When she finds one, her person says, she prances around with it in her mouth with great pride, “so we have to be aware when our pup, already 75 pounds, approaches small children or anyone who might be afraid of dogs. Her goofy look usually disarms people.”

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With coastal commission desal decision looming, water district, Marina take aim

By KELLY NIX

ONE WEEK before the showdown over Cal Am’s proposed desalination plant for the Monterey Peninsula, the general manager for the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and the mayor of Marina blasted the recommendation from California Coastal Commission staff that the plant be approved.

Coastal commissioners will meet Nov. 17 in Salinas to decide whether to green-light California American Water’s desal plant, which the utility maintains would provide a reliable supply of water for the Monterey Peninsula “in the longer term.”

The wells for the desal plant would be installed in the Marina dunes and water transported via pipeline under Highway 1 to a treatment plant.

“Public welfare risk”

While the staff said that an expansion of the reclamation project called Pure Water Monterey — which is producing some water for the Peninsula — “is expected to meet demand in the near term,” it is “likely inadequate to meet demand over the next 20 years.”

“For that reason, denial of Cal Am’s desalination plant would adversely affect the public welfare,” according to the coastal commission staff, which recommended approval of the facility.

But the long-awaited coastal staff recommendation did not please Marina Mayor Bruce Delgado, who has constantly opposed Cal Am’s proposal.

“My overall thought is how would any Peninsula city like water extraction wells on their beaches but not get any of the product water?” Delgado told The Pine Cone.

Delgado, whose town has recently seen many home sales of more than $1 million, said that “politics, power of big corporations, and greed for profit” played into the coastal commission staff report, and he noted a “longstanding pattern of injustice, industry scars and pollution in poorer communities,” that leaves “economically disadvantaged communities of color to endure the impacts every day for decades.”

If the coastal commission OKs the plant next week, lawsuits are likely to follow, which could hold up construction for several years. Cal Am spokesman Josh Stoldt did not address possible construction delays with the desal plant, but maintained that Cal Am “taking advantage of a favorable political climate to get coastal commission approval prematurely compared to normal coastal commission decision-making requirements.”

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Warning given to cooperative owner

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.

Saturday, October 22
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman at Scenic and 10th stated her parked vehicle was hit. Damage to front plate and bumper. No suspect info.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported finding a pair of men’s shoes in the kelp on the beach in the area of 13th and Scenic. Property was booked into safekeeping.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cell phone turned over to a CPD unit at Ocean and San Carlos during foot beat in the downtown business area. Booked for safekeeping.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Trespass advise ment on Fifth west of San Carlos.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: CPD was notified by the front desk of a hotel at Monte Verde and Ocean that a wallet had been found. Employee turned the wallet over to CPD. CPD attempted to contact the owner by a telephone number obtained, but no voicemail was accepted. Wallet was booked for safekeeping.

Carmel Valley: Report of battery on Southbank Road. The 24-year-old male subject did not meet the requirements for a $150 W&I hold.
Carmel Valley: Deputies took a past- tense battery report on East Carmel Valley Road.

Sunday, October 23
Carmel-by-the-Sea: A found cell phone was turned in to the fire department.
Carmel area: Deputies conducted a welfare check on Rio Road. Upon arrival, it was determined the incident was a verbal dispute between boyfriend and girlfriend. Incident documented as an informational report.
Carmel Valley: A male was given a trespass admonishment from Valley Greens Drive.

Monday, October 24
Carmel Valley: Burglary of a vehicle reported Center Street. No suspect information provided.

See POLICE LOG page 10RE in the Real Estate Section

The gavel falls

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

Oct. 17 — A Monterey County jury found Imelmo Ramirez Merino, 28, a resident of Greenfield, guilty of first degree murder. The jury also found true a special circumstance that Merino intentionally killed Benito Godinez Canales by means of lying in wait with personal use of a firearm. The jury further found Merino guilty of two counts of shooting at an inhabited dwelling.

On the evening of May 23, 2019, Merino fired several .45 caliber rounds in the direction of two homes located in densely populated residential neighborhoods in the city of Greenfield.

Apparently, people who lived in the homes had a “beef” with Merino’s friend or owed the friend money. Merino fired from the passenger seat of his friend’s car during the drive-by shootings. (The friend was prosecuted separately and is currently serving time in state prison.)

Very early on the morning of July 31, 2019, Merino texted and called his minor brother to coordinate picking him up from his home in Greenfield. Merino planned to drive down to an agricultural ranch located in South Monterey County not far from King City. Merino worked as a daytime irrigator at the ranch. He had a history of not showing up to work and his former roommate Renito Canales once wrote him up on several occasions. The day before, on July 30, Canales suspended Merino from work. Merino planned to murder Canales and wanted to bring his little brother with him when he did so.

Merino drove his little brother and himself to the ranch. He arrived at the approximate location of the murder at about 4:53 a.m. Once he arrived, he waited until he spotted Canales driving on a levee road in his distinctive white GMC flatbed pickup truck, checking water pumps along the way.

At about 5:30 a.m., Canales stopped to check the proper functioning of a water pump. Merino parked his car not far from the white GMC truck driven by Canales. Merino exited his car, walked up to the}
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KIDS WRECK HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE CITY workers were helping to run the popular Pumpkin Roll down Ocean Avenue last Saturday afternoon, kids possibly hopped up on sugar wrecked the Halloween decorations that employees had put up in Devendorf Park. Community activities director Ashlee Wright told the community activities commission Tuesday morning while recapping the holiday events. Their parents evidently stood idly by, weren’t paying attention or weren’t there at all.

“We had decorated the park in the morning, thank you to Donna and Linda,” Wright said, acknowledging commissioners Donna Jett and Linda Calafiore. “And as we were moving back and forth between the venues, we found that some of the decorations were getting destroyed by over-candied children, maybe? I’m not sure.”

“But there was a lot of activity where spiders’ legs were being pulled off and skeletons were being pulled apart,” she continued. The bad behavior carried on into the evening, according to the staff report, “requiring constant reminders from staff about safe and respectful behavior in the park.”

“It was something I haven’t experienced before and the rest of the community activities staff and public works staff hadn’t seen before, so I’m not quite sure how to respond to it,” Wright said at the Nov. 8 meeting.

She noted the irony, too, considering the city started hosting Halloween activities — namely, the parade — decades ago “to give children an outlet for their energy so that they weren’t soaping windows and shaving-creaming businesses and tossing papier-mache things.”

Changes next year

To avoid a repeat of those unfortunate events next year, Wright said she’s considering not having any activities in the park and focusing solely on the Pumpkin Roll, installing fewer decorations, and having more VIPs — the volunteers who assist Carmel P.D. during events and busy weekends — stationed in the park all day.

Also going sideways Oct. 29 were the Forest Theater Guild’s plans to screen “Hocus Pocus” in the park in collaboration with the city. Despite a test earlier in the day, the projector failed to work, and the movie was called off at 7 p.m., according to Wright. At the meeting, she said she hopes to collaborate with the guild on other events.

The Halloween parade was well attended, Wright said, but next year’s might start a little later, at 4:30 p.m., to accommodate the school kids who have to bus into town. She also acknowledged communication with the business community could have been better regarding shutting down Ocean Avenue and trick-or-treating, since kids were encouraged to visit downtown shops and the Carmel Plaza in search of candy after the parade.

“We tried to get the word out, but not everyone got it, so staff will do better next year,” she said in her report.

Aside from the few problems she cited, Wright said the Halloween festivities came off well overall.

“We have a lot of new families in town,” she added. “I’m seeing them come into the

Wrongful death suit filed against motel over carbon monoxide death

By KELLY NIX

THE HUSBAND of a woman who died two years ago has filed a lawsuit against a Salinas hotel claiming his wife’s death was caused by a poisonous gas emission from a faulty wall heater.

On Dec. 5, 2020, Monica Melen Souza checked into Star Motel at 1161 North Main St., and two days later was found dead, according to the civil complaint filed Oct. 14 in Monterey County Superior Court by Mitchell Heath, her husband.

“Ms. Souza died as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning due to a faulty wall heater,” Heath said in the wrongful death lawsuit. “The faulty wall heater was there to avoid a hazard and created an unreasonable risk of harm to patrons and guests staying at the property.”

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Police, school volunteer admits to unlawful sex with teenager

By KELLY NIX

A FORMER Pacific Grove Police Department and school volunteer pleaded guilty to one count of oral sex with a 17-year-old in a plea deal that included the dropping of numerous other felony charges and prevents him from spending years behind bars.

On Nov. 4, Andrew Heemin Chyo, 26, who was arrested in June on nine counts of oral copulation with the teenage boy in 2019, pleaded guilty to a single felony charge. Chyo, who volunteered and worked at Pacific Grove’s middle and high schools, the police department and the City of Pacific Grove’s recreation department, had “recurring access” to the teenager through his volunteer jobs, according to the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office.

“When Chyo was 22 years old, he participated in an unlawful sexual relationship with a minor who was 17 years old,” the DA’s office said Monday.

Chyo and the boy, referred to as John Doe in court documents, first met in spring 2017, when Chyo was 21 years old and Doe was 15, according to prosecutors. Chyo was arrested by P.G. police June 14 on suspicion of having oral sex with the boy in February, March, July and October of 2019.

Probation

Despite the felony charge, Chyo — a P.G. resident who was employed by the DA’s office as a $49,000-per-year investigative aide when he was arrested — won’t be required to register as a sex offender.

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P. G. votes for cannabis sales and smaller city council

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE residents Tuesday voted to reduce the number of members on the city council and, by an even larger margin, to allow a marijuana shop in the city.

Measure O asked residents if they wanted to transition from seven to five council members, like 90 percent of other city councils in California, including those in Monterey County cities. Citizens agreed in the reduction, with 2,234 (54 percent) of them voting to OK the measure and 1,907 (46 percent) against it.

The P. G. City Council is composed of six council members and a mayor, for a total of seven — an unwieldy number, according to many.

When Pacific Grove was incorporated in 1889 with only 1,300 residents, it was set up with five council members. But when voters adopted a city charter in 1927, it established a seven-member council.

Measure O’s passage will allow the city’s charter to be amended to permit the change.

Councilman Luke Coletti, who proposed Measure O, maintained that a smaller council would benefit P. G., especially if it’s forced to go to district elections. Fewer members means larger voting districts, which Coletti said mean more candidates.

He reacted Wednesday to voters’ approval of the measure. “We provided a compelling reason to vote yes, and the opposition simply didn’t have a compelling reason to vote no,” Coletti told The Pine Cone.

The Monterey County Democratic Central Committee opposed the measure.

Councilman Chaps Poduri and Councilman Joe Amelio — who was reelected Tuesday — were the only council members who opposed the city council reduction proposal, arguing, as some others did, that it would limit “diversity” of council members.

“The incumbents are just going to run the show altogether, and there is not going to be a chance to have somebody else be on the council to provide a diverse opinion,” Poduri said in July.

According to the city, the transition to the smaller council will work this way: “In 2024, two council members shall be elected to four-year terms, and one shall be elected to a single two-year term. Every two years thereafter, beginning in 2026, two council members shall be elected to four-year terms.”

P. G. wants pot

Meanwhile, Pacific Grove voters overwhelmingly approved two marijuana-related measures, including Measure M, which allows for one cannabis retail shop.

The measure passed with 2,604 votes (61 percent) to 1,648 (39 percent).

Proponents said the shop would generate tax revenue for the city and make purchasing marijuana more convenient for residents and visitors. Currently, they must travel outside Pacific Grove to purchase it.

While concerns have arisen about the high THC concentrations in legal marijuana products and resulting psychological problems, especially among young users, the drug also has its ardent supporters. Still illegal under federal law, it was approved for “medicinal” use by California voters in 1996 and for recreational use in 2016.

“A cannabis retail store is a state licensed business that creates jobs and pays taxes,” according to the argument co-authored by Poduri.

“It is estimated that annual revenue from one cannabis dispensary within city
Bridge demo marks first major step in Laguna Seca revamp

By MARY SCHLEY

IT WAS sagging in the middle, full of dry rot, decades old and condemned as unsafe. The start-finish bridge at Laguna Seca was demolished this week — wrapping up on a day that also marked the 65th anniversary of the very first races held at the storied track — to make way for an ADA-accessible steel bridge that should last well into the future.

“The bridge was all gone yesterday — it took about two days to take down,” general manager John Narigi said Wednesday. “She was pretty tired. I’ve never seen so many wires and so much conduit falling off of something.”

Replacing the bridge is the first step in what will be nearly $15 million in critical improvements that include building ramps and retaining walls to make the bridge usable by golf carts, giving vendors, racing team crews and others a second way into the paddock and other infield areas. The project also includes resurfacing the raceway’s entire 2.238-mile length, which hasn’t been done since 2007.

“The next phase will be a fair amount of site work and preparation for assembly of the new bridge, which we hope will take place toward the end of February,” he said. The steel bridge will most likely be tracked to the track on flatbeds in three sections and then put together and erected after the infrastructure and beautification work is complete.

Funding new the bridge indicates the county’s “commitment to the vitality of Laguna Seca as an event venue,” according to Narigi.

“It is a real statement by the county that Laguna Seca is here to stay,” he said. It was also critical to getting the organizers of Rennsport — a huge Porsche-based gathering scheduled to take place at Laguna next fall — to commit.

“And then we will hopefully get the track resurfaced before our first professional race the first weekend in May,” Narigi continued. If not, the Trans Am Speedfest and the IMSA races the following weekend might be run on a track surface that has generated complaints from drivers, most notably IndyCar racers.

Replacing a racing surface is far more complex than a freeway, according to Narigi, so a firm out of North Carolina that specializes in track surfaces will specify the exact mix and specs based on climate and the types of vehicles that run on the track. Granite Construction, which won the contract, will use that formula for the new surface, which will need four or five days of curing, depending on weather, and then have to be repainted.

More $$$

As GM, Narigi is obligated by the deal with the county to find sponsorship dollars to help fund the improvements. He said he thinks the bridge will be a major driver.

“Now that the bridge is down and construction has started, I think there will be a newfound energy,” he said. “I’d like to find some local names and sponsors.”

While the rodeo grounds in Salinas have a lot of support from ag growers and other local donors, Narigi said, most of Laguna Seca’s supporters are bigger names attached to specific events.

“I don’t see a lot of familiar faces and name brands in the park,” he said. “I’m going to begin a pretty strong outreach in that regard, because I think it’s important.”

Ultimately, Narigi said he’d like to see Laguna’s potential come to the fore. “I see a park that’s been choked and controlled by a government agency,” he said. “Let this asset be what it can be. I think it’s only going to get better.”

On Tuesday, Narigi received approval from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to host a concert at Laguna Seca on the eve of the track’s planned reopening. The Stonefish Music and Cannabis Festival set for June 16-18, 2023, will include live music until 10 p.m., followed by a silent disco until 1 a.m., and sales of alcohol and cannabis products daily. The organizers will pay the county $75,000, plus another $25,000 once ticket sales exceed 5,000, for a total of $100,000, according to the contract approved by the board of supervisors Nov. 8.

“If I can pull off this concert successfully and nobody’s screaming at me, we might be able to do some more off-track activities,” Narigi said.

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**PANETTAS MAKE PUSH FOR BUILDING VETERANS LIVING, MEDICAL FACILITY**

**BY CHRIS COUNTS**

To HELP sell residents on what they say is a critical need to build a Monterey Bay veterans home, county officials turned to the most famous local father-and-son team, Congressman Jimmy Panetta and his father, former White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta.

The two — who are veterans themselves — spoke Wednesday at the Veterans Transition Center in Marina. Jimmy Panetta went first and declared that Monterey County has a critical need for such a facility, which would offer veterans a mix of independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing care and memory care.

The congressman urged people to support the project — and the veterans.

“This community is right for it, and our vets deserve it” he said. “We have a culture of serving those who serve us. Rallying for our vets is what we do here.”

Congressman will ‘fight for it’

While the county no doubt will face challenges raising the money for such a facility — no cost estimate was discussed — the congressmen said he will do what he can to help. It’s anticipated that the federal government will cover nearly two-thirds of the cost of building it.

“It’s going to take a lot of work at all levels of government,” he added. “As your federal representative for at least another two years, you have my commitment to fight for it.”

The rally came just one day after Jimmy Panetta was reelected to lead California’s new 19th Congressional District. At the end of his speech, he introduced his dad.

“Speaking of vets,” he started off.

Leon Panetta said it’s essential the community take care of its veterans. The elder Panetta once served at Fort Ord as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

“This is not about providing some kind of entitlement,” he suggested. “Veterans earned these benefits because they served this country.”

Wage one more battle

Panetta asked others to support building a Monterey Bay veterans home.

“Today we come together as a community to be called to arms one more time to wage one more battle for something that is extremely important for veterans — a veterans home,” he said.

The elder Panetta, who served many roles, including secretary of defense, CIA director, and White House chief of staff, noted that only eight veterans’ homes exist in California. None are located within 100 miles of the Monterey Peninsula. “When you’re dealing with healthcare and housing problems, having your loved ones nearby is essential,” he added.

There are an estimated 1.6 million veterans in California — including 11,000 who are homeless — and 29 percent of them have disabilities.

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P.G. mayor gets another term, two new council members elected

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE Mayor Bill Peake was reelected Tuesday with nearly 70 percent of the vote, while voters also gave the nod to an incumbent city councilman and two new members, according to the Monterey County elections office.

Mayor Bill Peake ran against town newcomer Mike Wachs. The latest results released late Tuesday night show Peake had 1,933 votes (18.09 percent), while realtor Debby Beck had 1,193 votes (10.94 percent) and Tina Rue got 1,729 votes (16.18 percent). Mark Chakwin received 1,636 votes (15.31 percent) and Darla Vining got 728 (6.81 percent).

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Since城市群 members-elected,

Six candidates competed for the three council seats, including incumbent Joe Amelio, who, according to the latest election results Wednesday morning, had garnered 2,409 votes (22.5 percent). Candidate Lori McDonnell got 2,250 votes (21.06 percent), while realtor Debby Beck had 1,933 votes (18.09 percent) and Tina Rue got 1,729 votes (16.18 percent). Mark Chakwin received 1,636 votes (15.31 percent) and Darla Vining got 728 (6.81 percent).

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With the election behind him, Peake vowed to continue the work over the coming term.

“Obviously I am excited about the latest election results,” Peake told The Pine Cone. “I believe the voters have seen my commitment to our city through my support of local businesses, and my volunteering and contributions to local schools, nonprofits, organizations and membership on two city boards.”

The city’s diversity, equity and inclusion task force chair — drew criticism from residents, Democratic Rep. Jimmy Panetta, the Diocese of Monterey and several former P.G. council members for a social media post mocking Christians.

Rau, who apologized weeks after the controversy surfaced but did not resign from the DFL, did not respond to a message from The Pine Cone this week regarding the election results.

The Monterey County Elections Office will next update the results on Friday at 5 p.m.
past votes. A focus of Baron’s campaigns has been his effort to reach every voter by going door to door, because “door knocking is the best way to find out what people really think.”

“The Carmel electorate is very informed, and they were quizming me on my record and the issues,” he said.

Baron said he was surprised by how many people inquired about his political affiliation. “I was asked a lot of times whether I was a Republican or a Democrat by both Republicans and Democrats,” he said, even though the city council is non-partisan. “I thought that was concerning. Four years ago, I was asked twice, and this time, probably two dozen times.”

With four more years on the council ahead of him, Baron said he wants to focus on building public respect for their government. “I think we have done a tremendous job of improving the reputation of the city’s government over the course of the last four years,” he said. “That’s really important to me, and I want to see that continue.”

Making good decisions and standing by them is a critical aspect of that, according to Baron. He’s also concerned about “the ecosystem of the city” — principally, its population of full-time residents, healthy businesses and a strong workforce.

Too many people commute to jobs in the city, he said, and business owners are struggling to find workers. “People coming to work in our shops and having these long commutes is not sustainable,” he said, and the issue of not being able to fill jobs here “is not a problem that’s going to fix itself.”

And, compared with decades ago, Baron said, the population of full-time residents has dropped significantly as the number of vacation homes has risen.

“It feels like we’re starting to become a community of things rather than a community of people,” he said.

Possibly partly to blame, Baron said, he heard from more than one voter that the extensive rules and restrictions on everything from beach fires to paint colors amount to the city “making it too difficult for people to live here.”

Ready for work

Dramov, who came in second with 546 votes, said she spent election night with supporters and other elected officials at La Playa hotel after visiting city hall.

“I’ve been getting emails, phone calls and texts non-stop” since the results were announced, she said. “So, it’s been a whirlwind.”

During her campaign, Dramov spent a lot of time in front of the post office talking to constituents. “It was a wonderful experience to get to know so many more residents,” she said. “I’ve lived here a long time, but there were so many more people I got to meet.”

She said she heard from many who agreed with her position that civic beautification should be a priority. “Everyone seems to be on the same page of doing more,” she said. “And having the city step in and do more — do things that only a city can do. That will be a priority of mine once I get on the council.”

Public safety, including increased patrols downtown, is a priority, too, as is “protecting our heritage and traditions and things that make Carmel unique,” she said.

Dramov said she’s grateful to the voters who supported her and that she appreciates “the effort that all the candidates went through.”

“You don’t understand what it’s all about until you’re running for office,” she said.

She’s also eager to learn about the city’s operations by talking to fellow council members and staff, and she’s excited to attend the League of California Cities’ training for elected officials that will be held in January.

“I look forward to serving the community,” she said. “I’m very grateful for the support that I got.”

Stoddard, who was rarely seen campaigning but is well known as an active board member of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and the co-owner of a downtown art gallery with her mother, came in third, with 475 votes, while Logan — whose campaign focused on attacking Baron — came in fourth, with 464 votes.

Mary Schley: Carmel-by-the-Sea, food & wine, police, fire, criminal courts and schools

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--- finished last, with 332 votes.

A bit of mentoring

Potter, who said running unopposed for the first time in his decades-long political career was “kind of an odd experience, actually,” described serving as mayor as “more challenging than being a county supervisor,” a role he filled for two decades before becoming mayor in 2018. “You don’t have the big support system you have when you’re a county supervisor,” he said. “I had an office with three people to take care of me, and now I’m a gang of one.”

Being mayor is “an honor,” he said, and when people find out he occupies the top seat in world-famous Carmel-by-the-Sea, they’re impressed.

“I’m surprised by the international renown that it has,” he said. “I can be the dullest guy in the room, and then they find out I’m the mayor and then I’m the most fascinating guy around. People want to know about it and have heard about it.”

He also said heading the council of a small town is more personal than a county role and that he’s “a lot more accountable to the public,” since his constituents see him on the street regularly and will gladly share their thoughts or call him to task on various issues.

In his coming term, Potter said he’s looking forward to helping Dramov “get up to speed on how to understand the public process, because she has no experience.”

But he has no doubt she’ll be a quick study.

When Dramov took on the fight against Verizon over its proposed cell tower near La Playa, he said, “she plunged right in.”

“She’s not too shy about going to meetings and asking questions,” he said.

State housing requirements

As for items of business he’d like the council to address, Potter said there are “some things that have been hanging out there way too long,” like what to do with Flanders Mansion and the Scout House.

“I think we’ve got some potential solutions for those,” he said.

Potter also wants to ensure the revamp of the city’s residential and commercial design guidelines and zoning code stay on track and are reasonable, and said the council will have to contend with the state’s mandate that the city facilitate 349 new housing units by 2030 — issues that “are going to be pivotal to the future of Carmel.”

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GUILTY
L.A. company buys Carmel Rancho Shopping Center for more than $29M

By CHRIS COUNTS

HOME TO many go-to shops and businesses at the mouth of Carmel Valley, Carmel Rancho Shopping Center — minus the car wash next door — has been sold for $29.346 million.

According to Josh Jones of Mahoney Associates, the shopping center was sold by the Prim Family Partnership to Balboa Retail Partners. Escrow closed Oct. 31. The sale did not include the Carmel Rancho Car Wash, which the Prim group will retain.

The center is home to 22 businesses, including Prim’s Carmel General Store, Cornucopia Community Market, Subway, Chopstix, the Coffee Bank, the Wine Bank, MoGo Urgent Care and the Dance Center.

Jones said there are a couple vacancies currently, and the buyer has no plans to make any changes. “They love the tenant mix,” he told The Pine Cone.

Mango Abbott Real Estate Management has been hired to manage the property. Mango Abbott has an office nearby in the Clock Tower Place.

Lots of retail

Balboa Retail Partners is based in Los Angeles. According to its website, it has acquired 6.2 million square feet of retail space in 21 different states over the past 11 years.

“Balboa Retail Partners is pleased to become part of the Carmel community and looks forward to working with our tenants and serving the needs of the community,” reads a statement from the company on the sale.

Carmel Rancho Shopping Center is located entirely on the east side of Carmel Rancho Boulevard — a retail complex known as the Carmel Rancho II Shopping Center is located on the west side of the same road and is owned separately.

RAINFLOODS FITNESS STUDIO

By MARY SCHEY

WHEN CARLENE Malack arrived at her little workout studio on Lincoln Street Monday morning, she was dismayed to find the floors wet, having had the leaking roof fixed — she thought — in September after the last time it rained. And from that moment, things got far worse before they got better.

“It had been dripping from the light fixture,” said Malack, who has worked as a personal trainer for 18 years, including seven in the current location she rents south of Ocean. So, she cleaned up the mess as best she could and placed a large rubber garbage can under the light to catch any more water coming through the ceiling until she could get a roofer to fix the problem.

But late Monday night and early Tuesday morning, it poured.

“I woke up at 4:30 a.m. in this panic because so much rain fell,” she said. Malack dashed to her place before dawn Nov. 8 and found “it was literally raining inside the studio.”

“The garbage can was overflowing, and I couldn’t move it,” she said. “I called the fire department, and they came, and it was amazing what they did.”

Firefighters helped move heavy pieces of electronic cardio equipment out from below other light fixtures that had also started leaking, covered everything with plastic sheeting and laid a tarp on the ground to help move the water out of the studio. On the roof, firefighters could find no pooling or evidence of the leak.

Malack left her little workout studio on Lincoln Street Thursday, Nov. 10h to prepare for the event. Everyone left around 5:30 a.m., with Malack leaving the door to her studio open so the water could keep flowing out.

A couple of hours later, she returned to continue cleaning up, ripping out the foam padding on the floor that she’d just replaced after September’s leak and calling her roofers.

“The roofers came, and it turned out it had nothing to do with the roof,” she said. Instead, a gutter had rusted shut, forcing the water into the space between the roof and the ceiling, where it found the weakest points and poured through.

Soggy shoes

On Thursday, she said the space is starting to dry out, with a big dehumidifier doing its job, and she’s staying upbeat about the whole mess.

Other than the floor padding, “the only thing I lost in this was a little bench that clients sat on and kept their shoes in,” she said. “The most annoying thing was having eight pairs of tennis shoes that were soaking wet.”

Her landlords and neighbors have been supportive and helpful, and she’s reached out to others in the local fitness industry to see about sharing spaces until she can move back in, which has enabled her to meet other people in the community. A few of her clients agreed to work out on the beach with her Friday, while others are choosing to skip the gym and sleep in.

“I’m not one to sit around and cry,” she said. “I just want to take care of it. Hopefully by end of next week, everything’s put back together.”

SOGGY SPOOKY SPOOKY

By CHRIS COUNTS

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Nieto dominates sheriff’s race, CUSD board incumbents reelected

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

IN THE contentious race for Monterey County Sheriff, Marina Police Chief Tina Nieto took a significant lead over Sheriff’s Capt. Joe Moses in Tuesday’s election, capturing nearly 67 percent of the vote — 35,253 — compared with Moses’ 17,694, Monterey County elections officials reported late Tuesday night.

Moses has worked his way up through the ranks at the sheriff’s office during a lengthy career there, while Nieto spent decades working for Los Angeles PD before taking the post at Marina. While Nieto has been the subject of harassment complaints at both agencies, Moses has been blamed for some of the problems plaguing the sheriff’s office, which made news recently for harassment claims, lawsuits, and drugs intended for inmates going to staff instead. The Monterey County Board of Supervisors has since said it wants more oversight of the department.

Arthur, Hinds reelected

In the race for the Carmel Unified School District board of education, incumbents Tess Arthur and Sara Hinds far outpaced their challengers, Lawrence Samuels and Drew Lander, capturing nearly 41 percent and just under 36 percent of the vote, respectively. Arthur and Hinds will be serving their second terms on the board.

Highway 156 roundabout advances

By CHRIS COUNTS

NEARLY FIVE months after the Monterey County Planning Commission voted 8-0 to approve a plan to create two roundabouts that would flank Highway 156 at Castroville Blvd. and eliminate a traffic signal on the heavily used route, the planning commission did so again Wednesday — also by an 8-0 vote.

But first, the planning commission had to rescind its earlier approval, which was done in late June. That’s because attorney Molly Erickson and the Open Monterey Project appealed the decision.

They appeal argued that before the county moves forward with building the roundabouts, it needs to make amendments to the local coastal program “to ensure appropriate design and mitigation, and to reduce impacts as much as possible.” The appeal also contended the county and Caltrans must do more to address concerns about endangered species, citing the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander as an example.

Since June, several hearings on the topic were continued as Erickson, county planners and California Coastal Commission staff discussed how to move forward.

Planning Commissioner Kate Daniels, who made the motion to rescind the previous approval and approve the plan with the added recommendation, told The Pine Cone that it is critical to move forward due to deadlines impacting funding for it.

Alternatives to the plan were discussed, but Mitch Dallas of Caltrans suggested that a roundabout is the “least environmentally damaging option for biological and archaeological resources.”

Dallas said he recently visited the heavily used road, and the need for the roundabouts at that intersection is clear.

“It needs to be fixed,” he said. “There’s some real safety concerns.”

Anticipated to cost just under $42 million, the project is set to break ground next year.

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proceed past the planned end time.”

In making the case for the district’s plans to install the lights, McFadden explained that the school has one “suitable” athletic field for about 1,400 students and more than 40 athletic teams.

“Currently, teams must share a single field and this leads to unsafe practice and playing conditions,” McFadden told The Pine Cone. “In the winter months, practices and games must be cut short due to darkness for player safety.

Besides having to rent the MFC’s field — and contend with other logistical issues — a Monterey High teacher said using the college field for sporting events “does not create the same sense of school pride that is created on our own campus, under our own Friday night lights.”

Adverse effects

Like Carmel, the Monterey High proposal has received pushback, particularly from neighbors who live near the stadium — that she moved to a Monterey neighborhood — located one block from the Monterey High Stadium,” said Elizabeth Wilson in comments to the school district. “I support the proposed improvements, including the lighting. Team sports teach invaluable lessons and our community should be supporting robust sports programs as a complement to academics.”

Resident Emily Ressteller said the stadium lights “add a few evenings a month seem like a small inconvenience to support the school’s sports programs.”

The Monterey High stadium project also calls for an additional multi-use field and a weight and conditioning center that McFadden said would “allow teams to practice and play in safer facilities designed for the 21st century.”

Meanwhile, Pacific Grove High School, which has long had lights at its stadium, apparently has had no major issues with them, even though a residential neighbor — is right across the street. Some people who live nearby say the lights are noticeable, but don’t cause any real bother, and the games are subdued affairs, especially on foggy evenings.

When the new stadium was built 2009/2010, newer lights were put in, Pacific Grove Unified School District Superintendent Ralph Porras told The Pine Cone. “However, we never got any push-back from the community.”

Nonprofit sells poinsettias for charities

The MONTEREY Ski and Snow Club is selling poinsettias to raise money to distribute to other local charities. According to organizers, the fundraiser will benefit “families in need during the holidays, the community holiday dinner at the Monterey County Fairgrounds, Salvation Army, plus other local charities.

Poinsettias cost $12 each, and supporters who buy 10 will get an 11th for free. They’ll come in 6.5-inch-diameter pots with festive wrapping and will available for pickup up Dec. 1 between 4-30 and 6 p.m. Checks should be payable to MSSC. Orders are due by Friday, Nov. 11 and can be made by contacting Kath Maki at katarinamaki@gmail.com or Jerilyn Crivello at jerilyncrivello@gmail.com.

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Ann Hansen
April 12, 1949 – September 17, 2022
Pacific Grove

Ann was born in Carmel, CA, to Ruth and William Hines. Raised in Danville, CA, she returned to the Monterey Peninsula as a young woman where she spent the remainder of her life. She was instrumental in establishing and operating the first veterinarian emergency clinic on the Peninsula. She was devoted to showing great compassion and care to all of the animals and their owners who walked through the clinic doors.

Ann loved the beauty of the Monterey Peninsula and the simple joys of life, from watching the sunset to sitting by the fire at Asilomar, reading movies, beautiful fast cars and a good martini (onions please). She was a die-hard SF Giants and Raiders fan and she spent many enjoyable years attending spring training with Sarah and Sherman. Above all else, the great love for Ann was the many dogs who filled her life with unconditional love and companionship.

She will be missed by many, but most of all by the family she leaves behind: Howard (Janice) Longaker, Sarah (Sherman) Boxx, Al (Albert) Bunuan, Paschal (Tammie) Longaker and her nephews Michael Quinn, Adam, Paul and Nick Longaker, Norman and Michael Ryken. Also surviving Ann is her good friend and caretaker Gail Prcetter, and her family.

A private memorial will be held at a future date.

Contributions in Ann’s name may be made to the following organizations: Animal Friends Rescue Project and Peace of Mind Dog Rescue.
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According to the results, Panetta was most popular on election day in Santa Cruz County, where he got 77.1 percent of the vote to Gorman’s 22.9 percent, and in Santa Clara, the congressman received 65.7 percent to Gorman’s 34.3 percent. Panetta — and many of his constituents — opposed the redistricting, which was finalized in December 2021 and occurs every decade.

Panetta first took office in January 2017. He will formally begin representing the new district on Jan. 3, 2023 when he’s sworn in.

Tibetan Buddhist talk

A B U D D I S T monk from Tibet who was imprisoned by the Chinese 25 years ago before escaping across the Himalayas to India will share stories about his life Wednesday at the Center for Spiritual Awakening in Pacific Grove. The free talk starts at 7 p.m. The monk, Khenpo Karten Rinpoche, is now spiritual director of Pacific Grove’s Manjushri Dharma Center. “He has had a special relationship to the Dalai Lama for many years, and he will share with us his reflections and stories from his personal journey bringing the rich cultural traditions of Tibet to the West,” reads a description of the talk. Also speaking will be Ginger Chic, who has extensively interviewed the Dalai Lama. She will sign copies of her new book, “Dalai Lama: Leadership and the Power of Compassion.”

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defective wall heater, failed to fix or remove it, and failed to protect patrons against the hazard.

The hotel “also negligently, carelessly and recklessly owned, controlled, and/or maintained the motel room and faulty wall heater, proximately causing the wrongful death of Ms. Souza,” the complaint, filed for Heath by the Dun- nise law Firm in Monterey, contends.

Souza’s death has caused Heath a loss of love, moral support and companionship, according to the complaint, which seeks an unspecified amount in damages exceed- ing $25,000. Besides Star Motel, the lawsuit names Rann, LLC, as a defendant.

Carbon monoxide poisoning can occur in unvented gas space heaters or those which are not exhausted to the out- doors via a chimney. Electric heaters do not emit carbon monoxide.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Preven- tion, “at least 430” people in the United States die every year from accidental carbon monoxide poisoning, and about 50,000 people seek emergency medical treat- ment for accidental poisoning from the gas.

THOMAS KING MARTINSEN
March 10, 1938 - October 19, 2022

Thomas King Martinsen, 84, passed away on October 19, 2022, in Pebble Beach, CA. He was born in San Francisco, CA, although never lived there, to Harold O. (Marty) Martinsen and Isabelle King Martinsen. He grew up in the Bay Area, graduating from Berkeley High School in 1957, where he was a member of the swim team all three years. He had recently attended his 65th high school reunion. He joined the Navy Reserve right out of high school and proudly served aboard the aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Ticonderoga. Upon returning from active duty he enrolled at U.C. Berkeley (Go Bears!) and joined Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.

In 1971 he moved to the Monterey Peninsula. There he met and married his wife, Jackie, in 1974. Together they enjoyed 48 years of marriage.

In 1976 he opened Monterey Window Company which he owned and operated for over 30 years. Following in his father’s footsteps, who was a founding member of the St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco, Tom became a designer of the Bear class of wooden sailboats. Tom was most comfortable on the waters of San Francisco Bay. Whether racing with friends, pleasure sailing on his own boats or, eventually, power boating, he was in his element on the water.

He had recently attended his 65th high school reunion. He was a member of many wine and food organizations including Chaine des Rotisseurs, Knights of the Vine and W.I.N.O. He was selected as a member of the Monk Hall of Fame presented by the Monterey Wine Festival, America’s original wine festival.

He was also a member of the Beach and Tennis Club in Pebble Beach.

Tom was preceded in death by his brother and brother-in-law, Joyce and Bruce Gardiner of Florence, OR and their son, Marty. He is survived by his wife, Jackie; son, Jonathan and partner, Marla Blagg of Sanger, CA; daughter, Julie Chapman and partner, Mannie Ramirez of Pioneer, CA; four special grandchildren, Tabor (Bella), Welsey (Claire), twins, Cole and Paige; precious great-granddaughter, Ava Lu and his faithful companion who was always by his side, Karley. Also survived by his dear cousin, Tim Martinsen (Rita) of Scottsdale, AZ and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Jean and Cecil Grice of Carmel Valley, CA, nephews, Todd (Stefanie) and Nick (Amy) for whom he was so thankful.

Tom was a wonderful, loving husband, devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend to many. He always had a “quick story to tell” and was interested in the lives of anyone he met.

Donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Cancer Research Center or to your favorite charity.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Please raise a glass to honor our special man! Miss him so! Cheers!

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A Utah judge has blocked state laws that allow the use of medical marijuana, saying they were not consistent with federal laws.

The Utah Supreme Court on Friday blocked the state laws that allow the use of medical marijuana, saying they were not consistent with federal laws.

The court said the state laws, which were passed in 2020, were not consistent with federal law because the federal government has not declared marijuana to be a controlled substance.

The court ruled that the state laws were not consistent with federal law because the federal government has not declared marijuana to be a controlled substance.

The court ordered the state to stop implementing the laws immediately.

The ruling is likely to have an immediate impact on medical marijuana patients in Utah, who will no longer be able to legally possess marijuana for medical purposes.

The Utah Supreme Court's decision follows a similar ruling by the New Mexico Supreme Court last month, which also blocked state laws that allowed the use of medical marijuana.

The decision is likely to set a precedent for other states that have passed laws allowing the use of medical marijuana.
Jack was born in 1934 in Olongapo, Philippines. The youngest of 12, only he and five of his siblings survived to adulthood. In childhood, he and his family endured nearly four years of war and a brutal occupation. In 1952, Jack came to the Monterey Peninsula. His eldest sister, Adoracion, and her husband Marcelino Guiang, a US Army Lieutenant Colonel, became his guardians, raising him alongside their three children, Mark, Gus, and Nina Guiang. He lived in Frankfurt, Germany, as an Army dependent but eventually returned to Fort Ord. Jack had a tireless work ethic, and a quiet, determined but confident personality. He studied at MPC and Humboldt University. Jack worked various jobs in the restaurant business and eventually spending close to 50 years as a bartender at such Peninsula favorites as the Pine Inn, Rocky Point, Anton & Michel and Porta Bella. Jack loved drinks to the likes of Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, John Wayne, George Peppard, Clint Eastwood and more.

His interest throughout his life was buying homes as real estate investments. In 1957 he married the love of his life from Monterey High School. Together they created a loving, nurturing home environment and opportunities that allowed all his sons and grandchildren to study and graduate in colleges and universities throughout the world and a service Academy. He leaves behind his loving and wonderfully fruitful life of 65 years, Marmely Figuerres; his three sons and their spouses, Maj. (Ret) Jeff and Mrs. Ruby Figuerres USA, Capt. (Ret) John Figuerres USN, and Mrs. Marialaine Torrente-Figuerres, and Mr. Jerry Figuerres. He also leaves three loving grandchildren, CPT Phillip Figuerres WA Army National Guard, Ms. Alexa Figuerres and Mr. Calell Figuerres and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the care of Mission Mortuary & Memorial Park.

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

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**JACOBO ‘JACK’ FIGUERRES**

Jack exuded joy, love, and kindness. He was known for sharing his big smile with all who crossed his path. These are the common threads we are hearing as we receive messages of remembrance. When he exited on October 28, 2022, he left a legacy of love spread far and wide.

Jack was born June 2nd, 1933, in Watsonville, CA to Kenneth Albert and Florence Linnea (Nelson) Skillicorn. Here, Jack grew up, attended local schools, and created a wide circle of lifelong friends. He could often be heard sharing stories of adventures shared with his cousins Dick, Ron, Terre Anne and Jerry, and friend Douglas Dodge on the Skillicorn Ranch as well as summers spent at the Big Sur Campgrounds. Jack’s father died when he was 9 years old, leaving his mother with four young children to raise. The abundant love and support of their large extended family instilled in Jack a strong sense of family and engrained in him a sense of responsibility and compassion.

Jack was a proud veteran, having served two tours of duty with the Air Force during the Korean and Vietnam wars. During his time in service, he was stationed in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska, and the northeastern jungles of Thailand. Again, he made lifelong friends in the local community. Returning to Thailand decades later, hoping to locate and reconnect with those friends, he was immediately recognized and embraced from the moment he walked through their doors.

They say the third time’s a charm and so it was for Jack. He married the love of his life, Sandra (Luce), on November 29, 1962. They would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this month.

Jack and Sandy were Enrolled Agents with tax offices in Watsonville and Carmel. They ran two local kids their first jobs in their restaurants, A Little Pizza Heaven, in both Carmel and Monterey. Jack was elected as the Monterey County Auditor Controller in 1983 and held that position for the next 20 years. He held board positions with many organizations over the years, including, the Monterey County Film Commission, the Monterey County Transit, and the Church of the Wayfarer. Service to his community was of utmost importance to Jack. Additionally, he held the position of treasurer with the City of Carmel by the Sea.

Whether it was bringing a flower to each lady in the office or showing up at lunchtime with a stack of pizzas for Margaret’s schoolmates, Jack was known for his random acts of kindness, thoughtfulness, and good cheer, although his random belting out of Jingle Bells in July caught people off-guard on occasion.

On retirement, Jack and Sandy moved full-time to Kokei, Maui and enjoyed traveling the world. Eventually, they returned to Monterey County to be closer to family and to allow Jack to embrace his passion for writing. He enjoyed classes and was greatly inspired by his writing instructor, Ilia Thompson, at the Carmel Foundation.

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Stevenson’s football team getting ready for tough playoff matches

**Peninsula Sports**

**By DENNIS TAYLOR**

Friday’s 7 p.m. kickoff at Palo Alto High. It’s the school’s first Central Coast Section playoff game since 2016, and only the third CCS appearance in school history.

After opening their season with back-to-back nonleague losses, the 2022 Pirates beat all six Santa Lucia opponents, earning the No. 7 seed in the eight-team CCS Division 5 bracket.

“We’re peaking at exactly the right time — something that’s been building for a couple of years now — and we just don’t want it to end,” said Kyle Cassamas, who is completing his fifth season as Stevenson’s head coach.

**Big test at Palo Alto**

Extending their season beyond the opening round by beating Palo Alto will be a tall order. The Vikings are seeded No. 2 despite losing six of their 10 games this year, deceiving because they played in the CCAL in both 2021 and 2022.

Over the next six games — all victories — the Pirates averaged 54 points per game, over 300 yards per game and a 92.7% completion percentage. In the two games. “Our takeaway, after those losses, was time. Against King City, they held a 7-0 halftime lead. The difference came down to six Stevenson turnovers in the two games. “Our takeaway, after those losses, was that we could pretty much play with anybody if we stopped making little mistakes,” Cassamas observed.

Over the next six games — all victories — the Pirates committed a total of eight turnovers, outsourcing division opponents 214-61. Stevenson’s defense limited opponents to just 139.4 yards per game — the lowest total of any of the 28 teams in the PACAL.

“Fly around, make plays”

Cassamas, the team’s defensive coordinator, favors a philosophy of simplicity that frees his best athletes to make big plays. “We don’t want them to have to think very much — I want them to fly around out there and get to the football,” he said.

Strength up front comes from defensive tackles Chris- tian Henry and Armani Wilson, both adroit at stuffing inside plays, explosive defensive ends Harrison Fung (team high 5 sacks), Bryce Durham and Blake Morin.

The leading tacklers are linebackers Tommy Dayton (54 tackles), a sophomore, and Kai Kobrak (53), a junior. And an exceptional secondary includes senior Rider McCormick and Trent Toole, juniors Sean Ishii and Kee- gan Chuparoom, and sophomore Flint Dickson, who has

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Quarterback Charlie Conner (left) has completed nearly 70 percent of his passes for 1,674 yards with 16 TDs, with just 6 interceptions. Senior Audon Forgus, here with Coach Kyle Cassamas (center), is Stevenson’s leading rusher this year and handles the placekicking. Kai Kobrak (right), a junior linebacker and running back, is second in tackles on a defense that led the PCAL in fewest yards allowed.

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### CHS Stadium Lights:

CUSD appears to be breaking its own city’s laws by erecting Stadium Lights at CHS. Superintendent Knight and CUSD Board not only appear to be breaking their own city’s laws by erecting the Stadium Lights at CHS, but their efforts are in direct contradiction to city’s position against Verizon's request to put up a 5G tower. Carmel states in their lawsuit, “that the new tower would negatively impact the character of the city, and negatively affect public and private views.” Amazing!

Mr. Superintendent – don’t break the city’s laws.

Mr. Superintendent – don’t create an environmentally sensitive plan that protects the environment, the character of the area and protects public and private views.

Carmel Municipal Code: Title 9: Public Peace, Morals and Welfare. (Section 9.32.010) It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to install, erect or maintain any floodlight or searchlight within the corporate limits of the City on private premises therein in such manner that the light rays from such floodlight or searchlight are directed or reflected into, on, or across any open public street, lane or alley of the City, used by vehicular traffic, or in such manner that the light rays from such floodlight or searchlight are directed or reflected into the windows of any neighboring house or building occupied as a residence by any person or persons, or in such manner that the light therefrom may distract the attention of any vehicle driver from the operation of a vehicle in a safe and prudent manner. (Ord. 110 N.S. § 1, 1950; Code 1975 § 602)

Carmel’s lawsuit against Verizon: Carmel Municipal Code section 17.46.040C: Wireless communications facilities to every extent possi- ble should not be sited to create visual clutter or negatively affect important public or private views as determined by the planning commission. In opposition to Verizon, Carmel states that “the project is in conflict with the code in that it would create visual clutter and negatively affect both the important public and private views... To attempt to break the city’s laws, hurt the environment and neg- atively impact public and private views is not good to do on behalf of the entire Carmel community.

SaveCarmel.
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three of the team’s 11 interceptions.

“Our defense comes down to the bodies we have in the trenches — if we can stuff the run, we have the athletes in the backfield who can make the big play,” Cassamas said.

Depth on the line also has been a boon to the offense, said senior Audon Forgas (56 carries, 375 yards) and Kobrak (35-199) are leading rushers, and senior quarterback Charlie Conner has completed 69 percent of his passes, for 1,215 yards and 16 touchdowns. He’s been intercepted only six times.

Tosic has been the go-to receiver (39 catches, 674 yards), but McCormick, Forgas and senior Thomas Lansbury each have 12 catches or more.

“We’ve had games this year when we threw the ball to seven, eight, even nine different receivers,” Cassamas said.

“That’s impressive for a high school team, but I believe our players match up well with any team on the Peninsula.”

Jumbo Linemen

The game at Palo Alto could hinge on how well the Pirates are able to deal with an offensive line featuring players weighing 313, 280, 270, 255 and 223 pounds. Seventeen players on the 43-man roster weigh 190 or more.

Quarterback Declan Packer, a junior, has thrown for 996 yards and 11 TDs, with eight interceptions, primarily to four receivers.

Jeremiah Madrigal, a 5-6, 155 pound junior, leads the team in rushing (121-698, 8 TDs), along with 6-1, 205-pound senior Jack Newman (98-525, 4 TDs).

“I would expect them to try to establish the run to start,” Cassamas said. “Once they get you to bite on their run, they’ll probably try to hit a big throw over the top.”

The winner advances to the semifinal round against either Seaside (6-4) or Woodside (8-2). Top-seeded Westmont (9-1) is on the opposite side of the bracket with Willow Glen (7-3), Pioneer (8-2) and Monterey (6-4).

Postseason updates

Water polo: Stevenson’s girls, seeded No. 2, routed Willow Glen, 19-4, in their opener, then defeated Aptos 12-7 in Wednesday’s semifinal round to become the first girls water polo team in Monterey County history to reach the CCS finals.

Emmerson Ferriera and Sofia Bozzo scored three goals apiece, and goalie Anna Mitchell credited with three saves in the victory.

The Pirates face top-seeded Harker in Saturday’s 9 a.m. championship game at San Benito High. Carmel lost its quarterfinal match 11-4 to Harker.

Top-seeded Stevenson boys defeated Hilldale, 14-8, in last week’s Division 2 quarterfinals, but lost 11-10 to Soquel in Tuesday’s semifinals. Carmel boys lost their quarterfinal match 10-5 to St. Ignatius.

Girls golf: Stevenson placed ninth as a team Monday at the NorCal Regional Championships (individual results unavailable at press time) at Berkeley Country Club in El Cerritos after last week’s third-place finish at CCS, led by Nikki Inakov’s 11th place individual finish. She shot 77.

Sophie Southard was Carmel’s highest finisher in 28th.

Girls volleyball: Top-seeded Carmel defeated Harker (25-18, 25-21, 25-11) on Nov. 1 to advance to the semifinal round of the CCS Division 4 tournament, where the Padres were eliminated on Nov. 3 by eventual champion Mercy (25-17, 25-22, 25-19).


Cross country: Carmel boys and girls are considered contenders for the team championships at Saturday’s CCS meet in Belmont, where Stevenson and Santa Catalina runners also will compete.

Field hockey: After becoming the first Peninsula team to win a CCS game last week, Carmel was eliminated from the tournament on Nov. 2 with a 6-0 loss to Gilroy.

Girls tennis: Santa Catalina and Carmel competed Wednesday in the CCS team tournament. Catalina drew Crystal Springs in the first round and the Padres were scheduled to play Lynbrook.

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Editorial

You have to think about it

THE COASTAL Commission’s staff report recommending approval of Cal Am’s desal plant requires careful reading before you can understand it, but not because it contains a lot of technical terminology or data. In fact, the inscrutable parts aren’t even on the printed pages. They’re between the lines, and you have to pay close attention to pick them up.

Consider, for example, that desal opponents are dismissing the staff report recommending approval of Cal Am’s plan because they say it’s “political” — a criticism that can usually be understood to mean something was done to curry favor with voters even though it’s wrong. But in this case, there’s a very strong policy reason to support the desal plant — namely, that we need water. The public understands that, and they also understand that getting the water will be expensive.

For everybody involved, deciding to build the desal plant is a difficult thing to do. We all wish there were a cheaper, less energy-intensive way to accomplish the same thing. Considering their longstanding antipathy to any kind of development along the coast, we’re sure that’s even true for the coastal commission’s staff, including executive director Jack Ainsworth.

The only possible reason for them to support the desal plant is that they know the people of the Monterey Peninsula need the water — and as we just said, that’s not politics, it’s policy.

Another thing that’s not expressly said in the staff report is that while Marina insists that the source wells for the desal plant will harm the Salinas Valley groundwater, there are no expert reports or data that support this conclusion. Which is to say, it’s not true.

Perhaps to mollify Marina’s mayor, Bruce Delgado, the staff report notes that “the record contains competing views regarding groundwater impacts” and says “the City of Marina and the Marina Coast Water District are deeply concerned that the project would adversely affect the groundwater aquifers that they rely on” — but it doesn’t include a scintilla of evidence to support this “deeply concerning” claim.

Finally, the coastal commission staff report wanders into familiar territory when it says the desal project “creates several serious environmental justice issues.” But what are these environmental justice issues? The first is that the desal plant will increase water bills, which means low-income people would have more trouble paying them than rich people would. But the report solves this problem immediately by noting that lower-income people will receive subsidies to keep their water bills affordable.

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In March 2020, as the coronavirus was closing doors all around them, a Monterey couple saw one swing open. On the other side, they discovered their Yellow Brick Road.

The solitude imposed by the pandemic helped Penny Wheat, a retired paralegal, achieve a different level of focus as an artist. After dabbling at the easel for much of her adult life, her paintings, at long last, began to satisfy her aspirations.

At the same time, her husband, general building contractor Thomas Wheat, was wondering what impact the shutdown might have on Wheat Construction, the business he had operated on the Monterey Peninsula since 1972.

An odd mandate

“I was just finishing a big project when the lockdown happened, and Penny said, ‘You’ve got to quit working right now — we don’t want you going out into that COVID,’” he remembered. “She said, ‘I want you to start painting. And I know you can do it.’”

He thought it was an odd mandate from the woman he married in February 1998, considering he had never painted before, but she had reasons for her leap of faith.

“I could always see his creativity, whether he was drawing his plans, building his buildings, working in the yard, making something in kitchens — I saw it in everything he did,” she said.

Two summers ago, when the Wheats opened their home to the Arts Habitat Open Studio Tour, they sold 23 of their paintings in a single weekend. This summer, at another event, they sold 15 more. “We were pretty happy with those results,” Penny said in an understatement.

Both favor acrylics

Both work primarily with acrylic paints in brilliant colors. Penny Wheat’s paintings are largely impressionistic, occasionally abstract, often forest scenes, many of them nocturnal.

Thomas Wheat abstract art, utilizing a clear gift for combining aesthetically symmetrical biotic colors. His other attraction, folk art, often features silhouetted figures, human and animal. Like his wife, he also shows a strong affection for trees.

He has played and experimented, exploring pointillism (applying carefully placed dots of pure, unmixed color), and drawing upon his construction background, spreading spackle on his canvases to create texture and using trowels and rakes to shape, scrape and carve patterns into the work.

The plot thickens with the revelation that both are almost entirely self-taught.

Penny’s been toiling at the easel throughout her adult life, dutifully parking herself in front of her easel for two or three hours each night after work. (She spent almost two decades as a paralegal, 15 years with C. Michael McClure, Esq., and four with Johnson, Fantl & Associates.) She retired in 2015 to focus full-time on her art.

No college, few classes

“I didn’t go to college, never studied art, but always had a huge desire to make art, and I’ve done it all my life,” she said. “I took a few classes along the way, and looked at a lot of art, but I learned through practice, practice, practice.”

But painting was usually a struggle until the forced isolation of the pandemic made art her primary focus.

“A whole lot of my outside work went away — I couldn’t even visit my relatives because we weren’t allowed to travel,” she said. “So, I had an excuse to spend most of my time painting. And that’s when my art sort of took off.”

She now buses with confidence in a brightly lit home studio, feeling capable of finishing almost anything she starts, usually with a satisfying result.

Her husband, the art newbie, is still striving for that feeling, but his successes are much more frequent.

“I’m still kind of searching, but when my brain comes together, I’ll start feeling the painting and I usually can finish it pretty quickly.”

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New executive director at MEarth is getting her land legs again

KARIN STRATTON surveys the grounds of the expansive amphitheater hidden like a secret fort in the brush and brambles at the edge of the acreage dedicated to MEarth, next to Carmel Middle School. Weathered and worn by neglect during the pandemic — not to mention the critters that took up residence there in the absence of brush and brambles at the edge of the acreage dedicated to teaching and inspire stewardship in children. She wants to foster community engagement. “MEarth is a community resource, and the amphitheater designed to teach and inspire stewardship in children. She could become a community gem,” she said. “I envision something like the Forest Theater in Carmel, but with ledges in front of the seats where students could rest their sketch pads or tablets as they draw and learn. I see it as a place where we could host performances, presentations and seminars. I’d love for this space to be known and enjoyed.”

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“It’s a rare privilege to oversee a organization that has been in the community since 1975 and has served on the board of directors for Point Lobos State Natural Reserve since 2017. A graduate of Colby College in Maine with a degree in biology and environmental studies, Stratton also tends a garden at her Marina home. She first connected with MEarth as a place to source native plants. That’s by no means the greatest lengths she’s gone to for environmentally friendly plant-raising, however.

Elephant dung
“While living in Florida, I used to follow the circus around and collect elephant dung to fertilize my garden. I had the best flowers in the community,” she recalled. Stratton’s devotion to nurturing the well-being of plants and animals grew out of spending her childhood years among the chickens, vegetable gardens, fruit and flowers at her grandparents’ hobby farm in Maine, as well as family vacations at the Jersey shore.

“MY life has toggled between the growing fields and the sea,” she said. “In high school, I worked at a florist and interned with a veterinarian. Working at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and, before that, at the New England Aquarium in Boston, I worked with a lot of sea creatures. This is where it all began.”

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Great Lives
By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

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Others might prefer house numbers for package delivery and fire/police/ambulance services. That the no-change advocates want to preclude those who want house numbers from having that choice is disappointing.

Further, isn’t the presence of house numbers a wholly distinct issue from the delivery of regular mail by the postal service (i.e., won’t all of us likely be going to the post office for at least the foreseeable future to pick up our mail even if some choose to put up house numbers)? Anecdotally, my wife and I walk around the Carmel Point neighborhood regularly and it seems pretty darned nice down there, house numbers and all.

Chuck McKenzie, Carmel

EMT access

Dear Editor,

I’ve rarely written a letter to the editor, but this week’s article on house numbers was just the catalyst I needed. We’ve been here for 14 years, now, and have had the standard issues of getting packages delivered, providing proof of address and the host of other “fun” challenges that result from not having an address recognized by the rest of the human population. But now I am kind of tired of it.

As I get older in my years, I worry if 911 will ever find me? For me, it’s just that simple. I don’t need mail delivered, I like going to the post office, and I don’t mind re-entering the delivery person who went to my neighbor’s house. It’s just a matter of peace of mind for me that the EMT I might one day need comes to my aid.

And if I get a house number, I won’t take the name of my house off the walkway. My house won’t lose its charm with the addition of some handcrafted address sign I would likely add to it. And I bet it’s not just the “new” residents of Carmel who want this, besides, this is not a reason not to do something. If we do add house numbers, I don’t think we will lose our charm. In fact, Carmel’s charm comes from so many more things. It comes from every tree, garden, shop, restaurant, our beach and so many more things than a house number. Take a walk on Monterey Street on the border of Carmel-by-the-Sea, still charming and they have house numbers. Fact is, entering the 21st century has been a challenge for Carmel-by-the-Sea (which I get). However, it is time to stop using “Car- mel will lose its charm” as a reason not to do something. Trust me, Carmel will still be Carmel.

Matt Vignieri, Carmel

Growing support for desal

Dear Editor,

Recently, the State Water Resources Control Board recommended Cal Am’s desalination as the best “drought resilient” solution to our water supply needs into the future. Shortly thereafter, the California Coastal Commission staff also recommended the desal project (with conditions) along with Pure Water Monterey expansion, heading into its hearing here on Nov. 17. Our Carmel River Watershed Conservancy joins them in supporting the Cal Am Desal Project in order to reduce the over-pumping from the Carmel River that has such negative effects on the resident threatened species.

Recycling is definitely helping to close our water supply gap but will be inadequate when we suffer more drought periods. We strongly agree with State Sen. John Laird, who has called for a unified community-wide consensus on a water supply solution that could comprise several complementary projects, including desalination.

He stated, “Not everyone will get 100 percent of what they need, but it’s time to lay down arms and link together to work toward a solution.”

We certainly agree and are working to support John’s appeal.

Lorin Letendre, President, Carmel River Watershed Conservancy

Disbelief

Dear Editor,

It was with disbelief that I read The Pine Cone article about Melodie Christoph and her justification for using as much water as she wants in order to teach Cal Am a lesson. And Ms. Christoph is the managing director of Public Water Now?

With this logic, maybe we should have EPA officials drive Hummers to illustrate the effects of global warming! Is she not aware of the fact that we are under a California directive to reduce water usage? Does she follow the news on water shortages in our rivers and reservoirs everywhere?

On second thought, maybe Ms. Christoph has come up with the perfect solution. Let us all follow her example and use as much water as we want! This would seal the deal on the desal plant. Cal Am could (finally) build it, and we would have our water supply issues solved for years to come!

Hans Haselbach, Carmel Valley

‘Environmental justice’

Dear Editor,

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and the Monterey One Water Agency have worked since 2013 with financial and engineering experts to build the water reclamation projects — Pure Water Monterey and its expansion — to supply enough water for responsible growth for 30 drought years. These agencies have excel-

ent track records that work with customers to ensure we would have our water supply issues solved for years to come.

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I’ll start with an idea, then the painting takes on a life of its own,” said Thomas, who paints in their garage or on a counter-top in the house.

Valuable collaborator

A recurring challenge, he said, is knowing when an abstract painting is finished, but that’s an area where Penny has been a valuable collaborator. “She can always tell me. She knows it when she sees it.” He said of his wife, who was a classmate at Pacific Grove High, where they graduated one year apart.

Thomas, a self-described nerd, noticed her. Popular Penny had no idea he existed. They met again two decades later at Garden Racquetball Club, where she invited Thomas to partner with her in a mixed-doubles league. Penny said that he has also become a valued critic of her work.

“I can talk to a dozen other people, and they’re all giving me feedback about my art, but he always knows exactly what to say to me,” she said. “He can hone in and tell me exactly what’s wrong and what’s right about my painting. And it’s uncanny. Nobody else in my life has ever been able to help me like that.”

With the success they’ve experienced during the Studio Tour in back-to-back summers was validating, neither paints for profit. The reward, they agreed, comes from creating something another person deemed worthy of hanging on a wall. Images of their work and additional information can be found on their website at whenstudiomus.com.

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library: I’m seeing them at our events. I think it’s really great, and we’re definitely seeing attendance and participation by our new families.

Chair John Mick said he flew home from the East Coast Oct. 29 specifically in time to get to the Pumpkin Roll and that he enjoyed seeing how many people collaborated to make it a success.

“This was such a cool way for the community to get together,” he said. “Parents were rolling just as many pumpkins as the kids.”

Having the parade on Halloween proper meant children dressed in costumes for class could easily show up for the short procession on Ocean Avenue after school. Mick added, and he enjoyed going out to dinner downtown with his family afterward.

“I remember seeing a witch sitting at the bar by herself ordering a glass of cham- donny,” he said, adding that the tableau of costumed customers in a busy restaurant would have made a great photo.

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the challenges of decreased tourism during the Depression, coupled with a divorce from his first wife.

Harrison’s personal life took a down-turn when Audrey sued for divorce in August 1936. While Harrison was deal- ing with that, Fred remarried in Yuma on Oct. 14, 1936, to Miriam Cowen, who had a 17-year-old daughter, Jean. Harrison’s divorce was final in September 1937, at which time he married Alice Claghorn, a native of California who was previously married in Argentina. Harrison went back to work for Del Monte Properties Co. as its real estate manager.

Riding bicycle backward

In the spring of 1938, the brothers joined several other former Abalone League players to resume the softball league they had begun when they were much younger men. Harrison still had it. Writing of the championship series in the May 6, 1940, Pine Cone, Doc Sanford said Harrison “ran bases like a wild Indian, hit like Jack Dempsey and fielded his position like an income tax collector.” Of Fred, however, Sanford wrote, “riding a bicycle backward was the best thing he did all day.”

In April 1940, Fred was elected to the Carmel City Council for a two-year term, and Harrison began discussions with John Jordan to buy the Pine Inn. As Jordan and Harrison came to terms, Fred again bought out his brother’s interest in La Playa, pro- viding Harrison with the added capital he needed for a major overhaul of the Pine Inn, which was then more than 50 years old.

Several modifications had attempted to keep up with the times, but Harrison had seen what a rebuild had done for La Playa after it burned down in 1924. He envisioned a similar transformation for the Pine Inn to take place soon after he became owner in August 1940.

Harrison built his familiarity with the property as the 1940 season came to an end. Then, in November, he announced plans he was developing with local archi- tect Jon Konshigoer, San Francisco deco- rator James R. Mills, and Thomas Church, who would redo the landscaping. The Nov. 1, 1940, Pine Cone reported, “This work will be done gradually in order to inter- fere with the comfort or convenience of guests.” A month later, the inn closed so the work could be completed more efficiently.

On March 31, 1941, on the eve of its re-opening, the Monterey Herald wrote, “Only two fixtures of the old Pine Inn are immediately recognizable — the tiny stone fireplace in the lobby and the staircase that comes down near the dining room. All the rest of the building — lobby, offices, dining room, kitchen and bedrooms — has been rebuilt.” The Herald also noted that Mills’ decorating was not modern, but rather had “an almost Victorian air” and called out the “brick patio garden … with orange and lemon trees growing along the walls.”

Too much booze?

Over the objections of the city coun- cil, which felt Carmel had more than enough liquor licenses, Harrison received one, and in addition to the restaurant, the Pine Inn featured the “exclusive cocktail lounge.” The newly redesigned inn, with “55 bedrooms, practically all with bath,” also included meeting rooms, a beauty salon, and offices. Even Harrison’s former employer, Del Monte Properties, envisioned a similar transformation for the city to allow a shuttle from their new Carmel office to the Monterey Peninsula Country Club.

Next week, look for more on the God- wins and their roles in Carmel through World War II and the boom years that followed.

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Shopkeepers retire
Dear Editor,

When I read the Nov. 4 Pine Cone, I learned the bitter-sweet news that they would be retiring, and I wish to ex-
tend my heartfelt and most sincere gratitude to Spencer’s Stationery’s Jim and Gloria Dougherty for their friend-
ship and dedication supporting our community all these years with their hospitality, kindness and service, not to
mention the most unusual, quality and special essential items one could ever imagine to find. Things from Spen-
cers have been happily sprinkled throughout our home for 30 years, thanks to them. They shall be missed, to say the
least, but I’m glad they found the Kaminiskis to continue the tradition, and hopefully the tasty malt balls too.
I wish the Doughertys all the best today and always!

Judy Tollner, 
Carmel

LIVES
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who I am and what I am about.”
Ten days after she graduated from Colby College, Straton moved to San Diego, where she worked for the San Diego Zoo’s Safari Park as an animal handler and mammal keeper.

“I’m a sponge”
In her advisory work with Point Lobos, Straton sees the challenge of preserving a natural environment that is “loved to death.” At MEarth, she embraces a different kind of challenge, with an opportunity to develop and preserve a community resource.

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HIS GRANDPARENTS had a house in the Carmel Highlands, and realtor Jonathan Spencer spent many happy summer days there. He was the youngest of nine children, and one of only two boys in the family, which continues to maintain the home as a multigenerational gathering place.

“We’d come to visit and go to the Cottage of Sweets, and take trips to Big Sur,” Spencer recalled — and you could hear the smile in his voice. He and his siblings grew up in Southern California, in what he remembers as “an idyllic childhood.”

“I had a great family and a great sense of home.” He became an Eagle Scout, choosing a project that involved building a bookshelf and stocking it with donated books for a convalescent hospital in Pasadena. A sports enthusiast, Spencer was captain of his high school baseball (right-handed pitcher, center fielder) and football (starting quarterback, safety) teams.

At home, he said, he and his siblings “always had a full team on the front lawn,” whatever game they decided to play.

‘Great career paths’

Like many youngsters, he dreamed of going pro, but “not everybody gets that path,” he said. Practicality prevailed as he realized, “There are other competitive avenues in the business world, great career paths.” Spencer chose to follow them, attending Brigham Young University, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in political science and business management.

In 2008, he was hired by a wealth management firm in Carmel, and then gravitated to real estate, getting his license in 2012 and taking a year to transition into the business full time. Spencer began working for Coldwell Banker — for which he had nothing but praise — and stayed for just over six years before he was recruited by Compass. “I was the second male agent there,” he noted.

As everyone who’s spent more than a day here knows, the real estate market is highly competitive, but Spencer, 38, seems to relish the challenge, especially when he’s part of a good team. “I like the ethics, strong networking, team environment and synergy” at Compass, he said. “We all help one another.” He’s built his own clientele, and said that 90 to 95 percent of his business comes from referrals.

“I enjoy bringing deals and people together.”

He said, “I enjoy bringing deals and people together. You start with two people [the buyer and seller] at odds, along with other buyers competing for the same property.” He said he likes to find a sweet spot, where everyone walks away happy. And how he does that is as important to him as the end result.

“I represent my clients with integrity and honesty. I want to do right by people, making a fair deal and the right deal for both parties.” It’s working — he’s had more than $200 million in career sales.

PENINSULA BUSINESSES

Teamwork was part of growing up, so it’s close to this realtor’s heart

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MIGUEL GUTIERREZ is a disciplined eater who searches out organic food. Blaine Helton is a “grab-and-go” person, constantly looking for a quick, tasty snack and often making choices that are more entertaining than nutritious. On a mission, they wondered what might happen if they were walking a dog around town and wanted to get something portable and nutritious, something plant-based, but also tasty, which could be consumed on the spot or purchased as a gift. What would they want and where would they get it? That was the genesis of the Nut Hut.

“I started thinking about nuts. I actually love them,” said Helton. “But I had become bored by their standard taste. I wanted the kind of sweet or savory flavors I could get from chips, but in a healthier version.”

After embarking on a tasting odyssey among growers and vendors throughout the region, the pair developed a good sense of what they wanted and experience led Gutierrez and Helton to focus on nuts, plus dried fruits, seeds, and teas. It also inspired them to source and prepare the products themselves in a commercial kitchen in Santa Cruz.

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How on-the-go cravings and healthy eating launched a delicious business

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

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Katie is an Esthetics Instructor at California Cosmetology Academy, as well as a graduate of the program. In 2018, she decided to change careers and follow her dream of working for a company that truly appreciates her talents. She graduated from Cali Cosmo and became a licensed Esthetician in 2019. Katie joined the CCA Educational team in 2021. In addition to teaching Esthetics, she also works as an esthetician at The Spa California in Carmel Valley and will be managing the Esthetics department at the Positive Parlor in Seaside when it opens.

Mara is Cali Cosmo’s Assistant Director and Cosmetology Instructor, and has been educating future professionals for over 10 years. Mara went to Marinello School of Beauty in Seaside and became a licensed Cosmetologist in 2011. While working at Marinello, she was taught by Mara Carrillo, who she now gets to work closely with every day. Mara spent the first part of her professional career working at different Aveda salons on the peninsula. She specialized in dimensional haircolor, but also did special event hair and makeup, haircutting, and styling as well as waxing and facial treatments. Mara decided to shift her focus to educating future professionals, and has been teaching Cosmetology and Esthetics full time since 2016. She joined the Cali Cosmo team in 2019.
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When it comes down to the wire, you want a qualified electrician

By CLAY SHANNON

IN HINDSIGHT, it seems inevitable that John Craft would become an electrician, as he played for the Breakers during his time attending Pacific Grove High School in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Craft wasn’t just on the football, basketball and baseball teams; he was a star player. As an upperclassman, he was all-league in each of those sports. On the football squad, he was a running back. His older brother Tom was the quarterback and his twin brother Gary played tight end and kicker. On the basketball team, Craft provided the spark as a shooting guard. He played second base on the baseball team. Craft and his brothers also attended MPC together, where they reprised the roles on the gridiron — Tom handing off to John and throwing the ball to Gary.

Craft has lived in Carmel since 1996, and in Carmel Valley for nine years before that. Although he at one time had the goal of becoming a dentist, he ultimately chose to pull wires rather than teeth. In order to join the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234 (founded in Salinas March 1, 1970, the same year Craft embarked on his electrical career), he had to pass tests in math and mechanical dexterity, as well as an interview. In 1990, he opened his namesake Craft Electric Company, Inc.

Although Craft Electric serves the Monterey area and even Santa Cruz on occasion, it focuses mainly on Pebble Beach and Carmel. The company performs all types of electrical work — residential and commercial — working on new construction, remodels, “trouble” or service calls, and installation of electric vehicle charging stations, to name a few. True to its name, among the seven Craft Electric employees are several family members — John’s wife, Lisa, and their sons, Johnny and Andrew, who are also certified electricians.

Lessons learned

In its 32 years in business, Craft Electric has taken on many large projects, including an 18,000-square-foot house which, partly because the plans were changed during construction, ended up costing twice what was originally planned. The water heater, for example, was not where planned and it had to be moved. The site ended up being too small for the planned house and it had to be changed.

Craft Electric Co. owner John Craft (right) has been in the trade for more than 50 years, offering everything from household updates to new-construction installs (top left). His sons, Andrew and Johnny, work in the family business.
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Avant Garden brings ‘a touch of whimsy’ to local homes

By USA CRAWFORD WATSON

RANDI ANDREWS loves design. It’s evident in the way she styles her home and in the aesthetic of a carefully cultivated garden. Having studied design in her native New York — which led her to work for a prominent designer — she found that her flair for the dramatic led her into home and garden décor.

It was friends who suggested she open a store and curate beautiful products to help customers and clients develop their own home environments. More than 20 years ago, she and her husband, Jeffrey Andrews, opened Avant Garden and Home, using a play on words patrons understand — even exotic — takes on the cutting edge of design.

“When we started the business, we were focusing more on outdoor garden products,” Randi said. “As the years progressed, we modified our assortments based on what people were looking for, which led us more into home décor, my truest love and passion, as well as women’s specialty accessories and apparel, much of which is handmade.”

Inspiring the unexpected

The shop, previously located in Carmel, is part of the Carmel Valley Village community at the Center Street Marketplace. Yet the draw goes well beyond there, as customers frequently make the trip down Carmel Valley Road to see what’s new in store.

“To achieve longevity in business, you have to pay attention to what people are looking for and evolve with the times,” said Andrews. “I’ve never stopped loving what I do, part of which I attribute to always sourcing what’s fresh and new.”

Sometimes Andrews seeks what her customers are looking for. On other occasions, she inspires them to try something unexpected.

“There’s always a touch of whimsy in everything we carry, which results in an eclectic mix. Jeffrey and I do the buying together. When we go on a buying trip, we follow our taste. What we like is what we sell. But we also look for things our regular customers will enjoy.”

Andrews prides herself on finding things customers won’t see everywhere. However, if she really likes a product, you might see it in her home. One for the store, and one for herself. It’s part of the fun of owning a home-and-garden shop.

“I’m always looking for something special. So much of what I have is different, unusual, sourced from artists, both out of town and local,” she said.

Plenty, but not too much

Andrews is a minimalist at home. She prefers a quiet, uncluttered environment, with a peaceful sense of order and space, a completely different aesthetic from the shop. At Avant Garden, she endeavors to present as many options as possible, so she fills her space with enough products to be engaging without being overwhelming.

“There’s a lot to see,” she said, “but my presentation has a comfortable flow. I get claustrophobic in a store when there’s too much to take in.”

With the advent of the holiday season, Avant Garden shifts into an alchemy of “evergreen” products that suit the bewitching feeling of the event.

“We do holidays big,” Andrews said. “Halloween is my favorite decor. Jeffrey and I do the buying together. When we go on a buying trip, we follow our taste. What we like is what we sell. But we also look for things our regular customers will enjoy.”

“Halloween is my favorite. I love the colors, the characters, the fantasy and the bewitching feeling of the event.”

But shortly after the Day of the Dead, all the orange and black disappears and the space begins to look a lot more like a normal home.

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The Andrews spend a lot of time selecting just the right items for their customers.

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Avant Garden is the result of two decades of a love affair with design, using a play on words to inspire customers to look for something unique in their home decor.
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frequently, ended up generating almost $2.5 million dol-

Among Craft’s favorite projects are the Animal Hos-

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John Craft knows his amps from his watts, and he knows all the

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establish The Nut Hut in a glass gazebo tucked into the Court of the Fountains on San Carlos.

Jewelry box

The place looks like an ornament, a jewelry box — particularly at night when a dramatic crystal chandelier is indulgences and special gifts are featured, a place where dried fruits and more than 50 varieties of organic nuts have been converted into consumable gifts, where the packag- ing (attractive and compostable), is nearly as appealing as the product.

“We established our business in 2020, just as the pan- demic was putting the world on pause,” said Helton. “But this gave us time to prepare and it actually inspired the way we do things. We created these gift-ready delicious treats in cute bags bearing our Nut Hut logo, so it all became about friendship and gratitude and helping ourselves and others feel good.”

The logo, represented on packaging as well as a large sign above the entrance to the gazebo, features the silhou- ettes of two squirrels meeting face-to-face, their noses touching. A drawing of the gazebo fits artfully between them, and — don’t miss it — there’s a little heart tucked into the curve of each bushy tail.

“I did not see the hearts until someone complimented them,” Helton said. “It’s such a brilliant detail. Our logo designer is Shannon Zadrozny out of Pittsburgh, Pa., whom I found through an online search. We knew we wanted squirrels surrounding the gazebo, but we didn’t want them to look wild or sneaky. She turned it into something so engaging, which really conveys our vision.”

As The Nut Hut prepared for the holiday season, its owners brought in more of the wood and pewter serving pieces they use to display their products, having found that their patrons appreciate them as well.

“Nice synergy”

“We actually sell quite a bit of our tabletop serving ware,” Helton said. “There is a really nice synergy between the food products and these complementary pieces, which make lovely gifts. We have been putting products in gift baskets with custom labeling, which brings everything together for a well-rounded shopping experience.”

By community request, The Nut Hut is also a regular presence at the farmers market in Carmel on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“The purpose of our business is to provide organic, ethically sourced, superbly prepared snacks and gifts, said Helton. “The theme of our business is to share it all with gratitude. We are so thankful that people are enjoying our products.”

The Nut Hut’s glass gazebo and beautiful lighting complement the displays of tasty wares — and attractive serving pieces — their customers find so delightful.
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during his first nine years in the business, including two that were more than $25 million apiece.

“I was the seller’s representative for both,” he said—one on Spindrift that sold for $26 million, and the Canary Cottage on Cypress Drive, which overlooks the 18th Hole at Pebble Beach and went for $28 million.

Chasing the dream

Meanwhile, Spencer and his wife are trying to recreate the same sort of childhood he had for their two children, ages 10 and 13, in Carmel Valley. He said that since becoming a father, he’s come to realize that his parents “were absolute saints.” Family and faith are central to Spencer, who is active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Through the church, he said, “I connected with an amazing organization, the Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (known as I-HELP). We feed the homeless once a month, and provide shelter and clothing to men who are really trying to get off the street.” He also coached his son in Carmel Youth Baseball — “an amazing organization,” and volunteers with the Boy Scouts. And, saying “Never give up the dream,” Spencer added that he’s been playing ball with the Monterey Recreation City League for 13 years. If he couldn’t be a realtor, he said he wouldn’t mind taking a shot at managing the L.A. Lakers or the Dodgers — and yes, he very much realizes he’s in a minority here in Giants country.

But like the man said, he loves a challenge.

Jonathan Spencer’s biggest sales include the famous Canary Cottage in Pebble Beach (top) and a $26 million property on Spindrift in the Highlands (above).
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components and then traveled to the Garden State to do the installation. Craft said he’s learned many important lessons over his decades as an electrical contractor. One is to conduct an in-person inspection of the work to be done before providing an estimate. Another is to verify current prices of materials before submitting an estimate, as on one occasion, he found that the cost of materials was three times what he expected. As it was a contract job, he had to “eat” the additional outlay.

While on the subject of material costs, Craft said that it is often wise to spend the additional outlay.

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Special gifts — like toad-shaped salt and pepper shakers — are nestled in displays among the snack foods at the Nut Hut. The glass gazebo is nicely illuminated by a dramatic chandelier.
more money for better quality. An example of this is choosing the more expensive copper over aluminum. Although copper wire is more expensive up front, aluminum wire is more susceptible to corrosion and can lead to electrical issues over time.

Additionally, Craft recommended that people hire only certified professionals who focus exclusively on electrical work, rather than using a “Jack-of-all-trades.” Because of the potential for financial losses and physical harm, it can be pennywise and pound-foolish to try to save a little money by hiring someone who only knows a little about a lot of things, but not a lot about any one thing.

Book learning
As for specific suggestions on what to look for when choosing an electrical contractor, Craft recommended finding an electrician who is certified and educated in the trade — not just from working with someone, but also book-educated, because they should understand how and why things work — or don’t. How can you identify expert electricians? Craft provided additional suggestions, like asking building inspectors and those who work at electrical supply companies. He explained that building inspectors see the quality of work done by various contractors, and supply companies know who is purchasing the best quality material and who stays busy with work, indicating that satisfied customers are recommending others and hiring them for new projects. You can also ask to see some of the projects the electrician you are considering hiring has done, and talk to their customers to get their impression of the quality of the work.

“Nothing but net”
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For as long as Kim can remember, her love for floral design has been inherent. After graduating from the University of California, Berkeley, she spent a year abroad in Paris which further ignited her passion for floral design. Soon after, she gifted her sister with her wedding florals and it was then she went abroad to the South of France, where she studied floral technique. Upon returning, she opened the doors to her flower atelier, Fleurs du Soleil. Her extraordinary floral designs at weddings, events and resort venues have created a highly sought after service in an area where spectacular events demand spectacular floral designs.

In 2017 Kim expanded her business by taking over the remodeled Myrick’s building next to El Estero Car Wash at 598 Fremont St. in Monterey. Her vision of expansion has encompassed a European-Urban style mental Floral and Homey store featuring gifts & go arrangements & wraps, contemporary gifts, home goods, one of a kind furniture and daily deliveries.

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Throughout the years, Andrews said she worked all hours to transition the store overnight from a fall festival into Christmas. Nowadays, she prefers the pace of a steady evolution throughout the space. At the end of the day, she heads home to an undecorated sanctuary to rest, relax and get ready to return to the excitement of Avant Garden the next day.

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Church welcomes California bluegrass all-stars, The Cult rocks Golden State

An impressive cast of homegrown bluegrass musicians — fiddlers Darol Anger and Chad Manning, mandolinists John Reischman and Sharon Gilchrist, banjo player Bill Evans and guitarist Jim Nunnally — play Tuesday at the United Methodist Church in Monterey. Titled “A California Bluegrass Reunion,” the group’s performance starts 7 p.m.


While the Appalachia is the heartland of bluegrass, all five of Monday’s musicians have deep ties to California.

A public jam begins at 4 p.m. The church is located at 1 Sogelad Drive. Tickets are $35, and another $15 for dinner. For more details, visit otteropry.org.

Quartet shares new piece

A quartet of instrumentalists will play piano quartets by Mozart and Dvořák and introduce a new piece by the quartet’s violinist Saturday at Sunset Center. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m.

The musicians include violinist Jaime Laredo, cellist Sharon Robinson, pianist Anna Polonsky and violist and composer Nokothula Ngwenyama.

Co-commissioned by the Chamber Music Monterey Bay, which is presenting this concert, the new piece, “Elegy,” was written by Ngwenyama.

The concert is dedicated to acclaimed pianist Joseph Kalichstein of the Kalichstein–Laredo–Robinson Trio, who died in April at 76.

“This concert of ours will be a way for us altogether celebrate his life and the incredible gifts he has given us,” artistic director Cindy Wu said.

Tickets start at $30, with a limited number of free tickets are available for kids. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-2212 or visit chambermusicmontereybay.org.

Increasing $5 for Zain

To help raise money for a local boy who is suffering from acute childhood leukemia, Ronstadt Revival performs Saturday at Hidden Valley Music Seminars. The music starts at 6:30 p.m.

Led by singer Shannon Rae, the 7-piece band pays tribute to singer Linda Ronstadt, whose career was curtailed a decade ago when she was diagnosed with a rare brain disorder.

The youngster, Zain Serrano, turns seven in December. There’s also a gofundme campaign — look up “Team Zain needs your help.”

Tickets are $50. Hidden Valley is located at 104 W. Carmel Valley Road.

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The Arthritis Research Coalition brings back Pacific Grove’s annual holiday run for arthritis!

Run Rudolph Run, presented by Monterey Spine and Joint, is a fun and festive way to raise awareness and help defeat arthritis.

Our 5K fun run and our 5K timed or untimed run/walk is a great way to bring friends, family, dogs and community together to kick off the holiday season while decked out in your holiday attire!

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It’s November — the season of football, lavish laid tables full of traditional dishes, trips to the liquor store to find the right wines and cocktails to go with it all, family gatherings, pies made from squash, and hot toddies, with restaurants and markets throughout the Monterey Peninsula offering warm and beautiful venues to enjoy Thanksgiving out or easy-to-handle takeout versions to at least minimize the effort at home.

Also to keep in mind under the heading of “the latest epidemic you might need to worry about,” avian flu has killed tens of thousands of turkeys in California and tens of millions globally, meaning that if you can get a turkey, it’s likely to be expensive. Despite the price, to make sure you don’t miss out, be sure to order early.

In and around town
Grasins’ at Mission and Sixth will have its traditional Thanksgiving feasts available for dining in and takeout Nov. 24. Between 2:30 and 8:30 p.m., the restaurant will serve a three-course prix fixe for $95 per person ($45 for kids 12 and under) plus tax and tip. Choices include starters of butternut squash soup, forest mushroom tart, autumn salad or Monterey Bay red abalone and mains of herb-roasted turkey, bronzed sea bass, braised veal osso bucco, butternut squash ravioli or grilled prime filet mignon. Desserts are classic vanilla crème brûlée, Valrhona flourless chocolate cake, or herb-roasted apple and huckleberry crisp.

Takeout options include a traditional feast for eight for $400 plus tax, with a whole turkey, soup, whipped potatoes, cranberry sauce, Brussels sprouts au gratin, gravy, cornbread stuffing with sausage and sage, green beans with pancetta, dinner rolls, and apple and raisin crisp, or a filet mignon family dinner for four for $260. Delivery is available to Carmel residents for $40 or Peninsula locations for $60. Orders must be placed by Nov. 18, with pickup available Nov. 24 between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. or delivery between noon and 2 p.m. For reservations or to order, call (831) 624-6562.

Bruno’s Market at Junipers and Sixth will also have its usual Thanksgiving turkey and ham plates to go, with sides of stuffing, mashed and sweet potatoes, gravy and cranberry sauce. Whole roasted turkeys are selling out quickly, while raw Diestel all-natural birds are still available. Call (831) 624-3821 and ask for the meat counter to order.

At the Carmel Mission Inn on Rio Road, See FOOD next page

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

Wild Fish in Pacific Grove presents a seafood-oriented Thanksgiving meal with plenty of vegetarian options, too.
Shearwater Tavern will have dine-in and takeout options. The tavern’s holiday menu starts with Parker House rolls with spiced honey butter and starters of pear and butter-nut squash soup or balsamic beet and roasted carrot salad tossed with goat cheese and house-made orange mustard dressing. Roasted turkey basted with herb butter is served with giblet gravy and homemade cranberry sauce, and guests dining in will have another main-course option of chianti short ribs with pearl onions and root vegetable ragout.

Sides are truffled mashed potatoes, baked yams and pumpernickel bread stuffing. Customers opting for takeout can choose two, along with a side of roasted fall vegetables. Dessert will be oatmeal streusel apple pie.

Shearwater’s dine-in Thanksgiving menu costs $38.50 per person, excluding tax and gratuity, and will be served from 4 to 10 p.m. The takeout menu is $320 for eight people or $170 for four, excluding tax, and orders must be placed by 4 p.m. Nov. 23, with pickup available between noon and 4:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving. The tavern is located in the Carmel Mission Inn at 3665 Rio Road. To reserve, call (831) 624-1841 or visit shearwatertavern.com.

Aubergine, the Michelin-starred restaurant in L’Auberge Carmel at Monte Verde and Seventh, is offering holidays meal to go for $595 for four people. This year’s lineup includes Heritage Bourbon Red Pennsylvania turkey, traditional stuffing, Yukon Gold potato purée, green beans with crispy shallots and almonds, butternut squash soup, Brussels sprouts with cumin and onion, honey-glazed carrots and pumpkin pie. All orders must be placed by noon Nov. 21 for pickup Nov. 24 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Intimate Aubergine also plans to host a six-course tasting menu with wine pairings for $495 per person that includes caviar on chestnut buckwheat crepe with Billecart Salmon brut rose, glazed Maine lobster with black truffle paired with Domaine Buisson Bataill Meursault, Alba white truffle with 1979 Produttori del Barbaresco, and turky or 100-day dry-aged ribeye, sugar pie pumpkin stuffing, haricots verts, a choice of wines, and sweet potato Basque cheesecake for dessert. Go to aubergine-carmel.com.

Down the coast, Pacific’s Edge at the Highlands Inn has a couple of options headlined by a four-course brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for $75 per person plus tax and 20 percent tip. The lineup features choices of roasted butternut squash soup or classic clam chowder, followed by roasted beets and berry salad or creamy charred street corn and brie. The main course will be turkey and ham with traditional sides, seared Alaskan halibut on citrus risotto, or roasted sweet potato, with apple, pumpkin or pecan pie for dessert.

Pacific’s Edge will still offer its normal breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. and dinner service from 5:30 to 9 p.m., with a Thanksgiving plate as an option during the evening. To reserve, call (831) 626-1234. Highlands Inn is located at 120 Highlands Drive off Highway 1 south of Carmel.

Beyond Quail Lodge on Valley Greens Drive in Carmel Valley will serve a three-course feast between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. for $70 per person. Choices are chanterelle chowder, chicory salad or crispy pork belly for the first course, and for the main, turkey and sides, braised short ribs, crispy-skinned salmon with fennel risotto or smoked eggplant ratatouille.

Quail Lodge on Valley Greens Drive in Carmel Valley will serve a three-course feast between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. for $70 per person. Choices are chanterelle chowder, chicory salad or crispy pork belly for the first course, and for the main, turkey and sides, braised short ribs, crispy-skinned salmon with fennel risotto or smoked eggplant ratatouille.
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Who says you have to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and that it must be on Nov. 24? Quail offers Friendsgiving feasts on Saturdays this month.

Silver Oak Winemakers Dinner
Friday, Nov. 18, 2022 | 6:00 pm

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touille. Dessert choices are caramel pump-kin spiced trifle or chocolate praline cake. Reservations are required.

Also at Quail every Saturday this month, Friendsgiving features classics like organic turkey, sweet potato mash, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie at a private table for eight with two bottles of Hahn wine for $750, inclusive. Reserve by emailing minds-blendell@quailodge.com up to 72 hours ahead. The dinner can also be served in a Fairway Villa during a two-night holiday stay for the full Thanksgiving experience. Go to quailodge.com.

Wild Fish on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove has a seafood-centric holiday menu, as well as vegetable options, for those who don’t bankers for a traditional Thanksgiv- ing feast. The restaurant will have seat- ings at noon and 3 p.m. for $85 per person. They’ll dine on caviar or wild mushroom appetizers, popovers, salad with pork belly and cheddar dressing or dijon radish cake with foraged mushrooms or crispy Brussels sprouts, and main-course options of breaded tule collar with sweet potato grits, baked fish roulade, or pumpkin curry with or without prawns. Dessert is decon- structed apple pie or quince “snow” with almond tuile. Book at wild-fish.com.

The Portola Hotel at the foot of Alvarado Street in Monterey is bringing back its Thanksgiving buffet from 1:30 to 8:30 p.m., accompanied by David Conley on piano. Guests will dig into displays of cheeses and cured meats, vegetables and dips, various leafy and pasta salads, peel- and-eat shrimp, all the traditional Thanksgiv- ing fare, and prime rib, turkey and ham carved to order. Desserts will be classic pies and cookies, pear crisp, and mini fruit tarts. The cost is $90 for adults, $80 for guests 65 and older and $50 for kids ages 6 to 12, plus 20% tip and tax. Reser- vations are required. Call (831) 649-7870.

Not far away, Esteban in the Casa Munras hotel will have a three-course tradi- tional dinner for dining in between 2 and 8 p.m. or for takeout, which must be ordered by 5 p.m. Nov. 21 and picked up between 1 and 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving. Dinner costs $68 plus tax for adults and $28 for kids. Esteban is located at 700 Munras Ave. Call (831) 375-0176 for reservations or email info@estebanrestaurant.com for takeout.

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set Nov. 24 from 2 to 8 p.m., with selec-
tions ranging from “an array of salads and
artisnal breads, to our carving board
of free-range roasted Diestel turkeys and
honey-baked hams.” Specialty items
include Monterey Bay cioppino, pan-
roasted salmon, sweet potato au gratin and
other dishes. The cost is $72 for adults and
$26 for children ages 6 to 12. The hotel is
located at 1 Old Golf Course Road. For
reservations, call (831) 657-6588.

■ Alta’s holiday pies
Alta Bakery in the Cooper-Mol-
er Adobe in downtown Monterey has
Thanksgiving pies available for pre-order-
ing, including classic pumpkin pie for $29,
pecan-honey pie for $32 and apple galette
for $30. Visit the bakery at 502 Munras
Ave. and fill out an order form or email
info@altamonterey.com. See altamonter-
rey.com for more information.

■ Albatross kitchen grand opening
Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen
will hold a grand opening celebration Nov.
11 from 4 to 9 p.m. The new Alvarado
Street spot marks the winery’s third loca-
tion, with tasting rooms in downtown
Carmel and in Carmel Valley Village also
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and $80 for non-members, and registration
is available at shop.albatrossridge.com/
tickets.

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Interim, a nonprofit that "provides a unique combination of support services, housing and treatment for adults with mental illness in Monterey County," is bringing back its holiday lunches and is looking for volunteers to help serve them. Each year, Interim serves lunches on Thanksgiving and Christmas at the OMNI Resource Center in Salinas that are attended by more than 200 Interim clients and other community members, and the organization needs 30 people to help transport and serve food and provide light musical entertainment during each meal.

"People are really excited to return to in-person lunches," program director Fadlia Matthews said. "They look forward to them every year."

Coastal Roots Hospitality is once again partnering with Interim to prepare the lunches. For more information or to volunteer, call (831) 649-4522, ext. 201.

**Interim seeks volunteers**

Interim charity for two months at a time. As of last month, the program had raised more than $225,000 for local charities, according to Coastal Roots owners Ken Donker-sloot and Mona Calis. "We feel a strong commitment to our guests, to the neighborhoods and communities in which they live, as well as to the organizations that are important to them," they said. "For our family in particular, it is extremely important to nurture society in meaningful ways."

To apply, email pr@coastalrootshospit-
tality.com with the name of the nonprofit, contact name, email and phone number, links to website and social media, mission statement, and an under-300-word explanation of why the organization should be considered and how the funds would be used. Submissions are due Nov. 30, with recipients announced Dec. 17.
This week at Golden State

At the Golden State Theater in Monterey this week, singer and guitarist Trevor Hall plays Saturday, while The Cult takes the stage Wednesday. Both shows start at 8 p.m.

Hall has generated a buzz in recent years for his blend of folk, reggae and rock. A British rock band, The Cult is had its heyday in the late 1980s and early 1990s when songs like “She Sells Sanctuary” and “Rain” were Top 10 hits in the UK.

Tickets start at $32 for Hall and $44 for the Cult. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St., (831) 649-1070.

Live music Nov. 11-17

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist Rick Chelew (‘60s music, Saturday at 12:30 p.m.). On Highway 1 24 miles south of Carmel.

Bernardus Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley — pianist Simon Russell, bassist David Daniel and drummer Leon Joyce Jr. (blues and r&b, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

Cimo in Seaside — singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist Gennady Loktionov and singer Debbie Davis (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.), The Andrea Carter Trio (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist Richard Devine (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer Lee Durley and pianist Joe Indence (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.).

Deja Blue in Seaside — singer and guitarist Alvon Johnson, singer and keyboardist Simon Russell, bassist David Daniel and drummer Leon Joyce Jr. (blues and r&b, Saturday at 3 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

Folk and singer and guitarist John Sherry (folk, rock and blues, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.). On Carmel Valley Road at Laureles Grade.

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Blume & Blume in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist Tom Faia and singer Kate Miller (Sunday at 1 p.m.) 4 El Caminito Road.

Cibo 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.), 301 Alvarado St.

Cuz’s Sportsman’s Club in Seaside — 60 East (rock, Friday at 8 p.m.). The Kindred Soul Band (classic rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Tony Miles (Sunday at 4 p.m.), 594 Broadway Ave.

Cypress Inn — singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and r&b, Sunday at 11 a.m.), pianist Gennady Loktionov and singer Debbie Davis (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.), The Andrea Carter Trio (jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist Richard Devine (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.) and singer Lee Durley and pianist Joe Indence (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.).

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Singer Ian Astbury and his band, The Cult, take the stage Wednesday at Golden State Theater in Monterey.

Hofer-Romero and guitar Adam Astrup (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.), 1901 Fremont Blvd.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — singer and guitarist Casey Frazier (Friday at 5 p.m.) and singer and guitarist Kevin Pfeffer (Saturday at 5 p.m.). 1 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), WuHu (“truk folk and dream pop,” Sunday), keyboardist Michael Martinez (Tuesday), singer and pianist Talmon Owens (Wednesday) and singer and guitarist Rick Chelew (‘60s folk, Saturday at 7 p.m.).

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Thursdays. All shows start at 7:30 p.m. 2700 (7 Mile Drive).

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

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

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Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

between Fourth and Fifth will have a reception Saturday at 4 p.m.

Featuring more than 500 pieces of art created over 10 decades, the show “95 Years” showcases its many artist-members — past and present.

“From paintings to sculptures, from Early California to Mid-Century Modern, the exhibition represents the artists who lived and worked across three separate centuries,” a description of the show reads.

Also new at the gallery are shows by painters Jeffrey Becom and Pamela Carroll (“Heirlooms”) and painters Tim Sloan and Gerard Martin (“Farms, Fields and Workers”). Becom sees Early California’s missions and adobes as “architectural heirlooms.” “He interprets these treasures by assimilating traditional painting techniques developed by the Post-Impressionists,” according to the gallery. Carroll is a contemporary realist painter whose still lifes are influenced by the works of the 17th century Dutch Masters, but are “captured through a modernist lens.”

Martin and Sloan examine the Salinas Valley’s “Salad Bowl of the World,” along with those who work in the fields.

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The show also includes images by Weston and another accomplished local photographer, Nadia Rivera, who men-
tored the students.
The show follows “Facing Seaside I,” which was unveiled in March, and included photos by Weston and Jake Thomas.
Located at 1713 Broadway Ave., the Weston Collective will be the site of a reception Nov. 10 at 5 p.m. The show con-
tinues Nov. 11 to 3 p.m and Nov. 12 from noon to 3 p.m.
For more details, visit thewesnoncollective-
.org.
Ode to the California coast
Photographer Bob Kolbrinener signs cop-
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Inspired by Ansel Adams’ work, Kol-
brinener studied with the master before
teaching alongside him.
Featuring 59 of his images, the new hardcover book is Kolbrinener’s latest ode to his muse, the California coast. Joining the
photographer at the CPA will be his publisher, Oles Pichter, the founder and owner of Naazrell Press.
“Bob will be selling and signing books at this event,” executive director Ann Jastrab said. “Don’t miss your chance to meet the
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Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

Son take a good look around. This is your hometown — Bruce Springsteen

I’ve lived in some pretty small towns and a few big cities, even surviving the sprawl and haze of Los Angeles. My preference is for small towns because life is simpler there and the kind hearts and gentle people outnumber type-A city slickers.

The main street in Hartland, Mich., had a bank, the Florence B. Dearing Museum, a music hall, and a rip-off. The rip-off is what we called the small grocery store that charged about 50 percent more for convenience items such as milk and bread, since the nearest supermarket was 10 miles away.

The museum was the size of a one-room schoolhouse. The non-curated collection included electrified oil lamps, spinning wheels, a one-treadle sewing machine, and a Sergeant. Not a John Singer Sargent painting, but a dummy of a World War I soldier in a sergeant’s uniform.

Flashlights, trees

Which brings me to Carmel. It’s a small town, but very unlike any other small town I’ve been in. Its population is about 3,900, which balloon to more than 6,000 when there’s a city council meeting about beach fires. Yet, the number of restaurants (too many to count), galleries (more than 80), jewelry stores (about 30) and chicis shops make it very different from Hartland. Some may argue that there are plenty of “rip-offs” but that’s probably because they had to pop for a winter jacket while visiting in June.

Any small town can have good restaurants and nice stores. I don’t think there are many, though, that have trees growing in the middle of the sidewalk, or where you need a flashlight when leaving a theater at night because there are no streetlights. There aren’t many small towns that have more than 40 courtyards, lanes and alleyways. Visit any of them and walk smack into serendipity. And where else do residents give directions to their homes that sound like latitude and longitude readings?

And therein lies the crus of Carmel’s latest controversy...to number or not to number.

I did a cursory internet search for other places without house numbers. I could not find any. Proponents of house numbers have valid arguments. Deliveries going to the wrong house and problems finding addresses for emergency responders when minutes are critical are worth considering.

But I can’t believe everyone living in an unnumbered house hasn’t been able to get a loan or doesn’t have a cell phone.

Opponents say that numbering will destroy the character of Carmel. Perhaps they should have said, “destroy what ever character remains.” Houses without numbers may be the last thing that makes Carmel unique. More benches along Scenic Road, bench Beach fires — wet blanket.

At the corner of Dolores and Fifth, you used to be able to watch a gifted painter create works of art. In the same building another artisan wove carpets. The building was razed and the corner became the big dig. It remains so today, with a dusty brown fence hiding a deep ugly hole.

Across from that scar on the landscape

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The founders

In the end, it all comes down to the people. More than a dozen coffee shops provide the prime ingredient that stirs people awake in Carmel. It’s the coffee talk, the rich-flavored breath of dark-roasted dialogues as Carmelites ease into their game faces, or just sit and chat about the importance of doing nothing. There are friendly and interesting people living all over this great country. Yet, Carmel has captured more than its fair share in a far better way than the manner in which the “rip-off” in Hartland held its audience captive.

Yes, many of us know the storied history of the famous

and interesting people who were here at the village’s foundation. They are still here. They have different names, some of the same talents, and they have an established genealogy that is one degree removed from the founders. I envy people who remember what the corner of Seventh and San Carlos looked like 40 years ago, or how many ice cream parlors there were, or when there was a movie theater where Carmel Plaza is now.

Let’s stick with no numbers on houses and prolong the quirky names some of them have. Let’s keep what’s left of the town’s character before a sign is placed at Junipero and Ocean that reads: “Welcome to Carmel. No Bohemian activities allowed.”

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POLICE LOG

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 24
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision on Junipero.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Business owner and vendor at San Carlos and Sixth were counseled regarding property. Contact made; parties agreed to work toward a resolution prior to any further civil actions. Info only.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle blocking a residential driveway at Dolores and Eightieth.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: ID last in the business area or at the beach.
Pacific Grove: A 33-year-old female was arrested for felony spousal abuse and booked into Monterey County Jail on $20,000 bail.
Carmel area: Theft reported at a shed on Merrill Way.
Carmel area: Deputies investigated suspicious circumstances at Yankee Point Drive.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An adult male on Hilltop Road was found in possession of drug paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost found property on the beach at Del Mar and Ocean.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Possible elder abuse at Dolores and Fifth.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject at Scenic and 10th was contacted for sending annoy-

harming text messages. Victim is pursuing a restraining order.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver at Highway 1 and Ocean was cited for having a suspend-
ed license.
Carmel area: Sonoma Lane resident reported her bank alerted her to an unautho-

dized new credit card account.
Carmel Valley: Subject reported various tools stolen from the bed of his pickup truck on Paso Hondo.

See SHERIFF page 12RE.

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3bd 2ba
Sa 12-1
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$1,875,000
3bd 2ba
Sa 12-20
230 Del Monte 1 1/2 1/2 Torres Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE

$2,450,000
3bd 2ba
Sa 1-2
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3bd 2ba
Sa 1-3 Sa 12-3
200 Coal St Pacific Grove Coastal Banker Realty

$2,685,000
3bd 2ba
Sa 1-3 Sa 12-3
200 Coal St Pacific Grove Coastal Banker Realty

$3,650,000
5bd 4ba
Sa 11-12
10 Van Buren Carmel Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE

$3,795,000
3bd 2ba
Sa 1-4
100 Shady Dell Ave Carmel Coastal Banker Realty

$4,250,000
3bd 2ba
Sa 1-2
San Carlos 3 bd of 11th Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE

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3bd 2ba
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101 Spreckels Rd Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE

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$1,250,000
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Sa 1-3
36 Calle De Las Penas Carmel Valley Carmel Realty Company

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3bd 2ba
Sa 1-3
327 Del Carmel Carmel Valley Sotheby's Int'l RE

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Sa 1-20
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Sa 1-2
3001 Alvarado Road Monterey Coastal Realty

$750,000
2bd 1ba
Sa 1-3
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$1,100,000
2bd 1ba
Sa 11-12 Sa 1-11 Monterey Monterey Sotheby's Int'l RE

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Sa 11-12 Sa 1-11 Monterey Monterey Sotheby's Int'l RE

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Sa 1-12 Sa 1-2 Monterey Monterey Sotheby's Int'l RE

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SHERIFF
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Carmel area: Deputies responded to Grey Grove Chilk for a report of a suspi- cious person.

Pebble Beach: Female resident of El Bosque Drive reported she and her hus- band had a verbal argument.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to Valley Greens Drive for a welfare check.

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Carmel Valley: Theft reported on Monte Verde south of Ninth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property on San Carlos north of Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Animal control responded to a dog that was found loose in the
roadway on San Carlos south of 15th and contained by the person who found it. While
attempting to locate the owner via microchip, the owner was found in the area. Returned to
the owner with a warning and information obtained.

Pacific Grove: A subject with suicidal thoughts was placed on a mental health hold
and transported to a local hospital.

Pacific Grove: A subject on 17th Street reported identity theft.

Carmel Valley: A subject called to report a lost gold bracelet somewhere at the Barnyard in
Carmel.

Big Sur: A subject called to report a lost or stolen bracelet from a room at an inn. The
female wanted a report for insurance purposes.

Carmel Valley: A woman reported suspicious activity at her apartment when she was
away.

Pebble Beach: Congress Road resident reported her husband passed away.

Carmel area: Woman called 911 for an
ambulance to respond to the Monterey courthouse
on Aguijito Road because she wasn’t feeling well. She refused treatment.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to Country Club Heights for a report of a verbal
domestic.

Pebble Beach: Middle Road Resident believed someone may have entered her home.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

Pacific Grove: A 22-year-old female was arrested on David Avenue for domestic vio-
lence. She was booked into Monterey County Jail on $5,000 bail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Identity theft on Monte Verde south of 13th.

Pacific Grove: A subject on Fourth Street reported suspicious text messages and suspicious

Pebble Beach: Subject at Junipero and Camino del Monte was placed on a 150
W & I 72-hour hold [danger to self or others]. Transferred to CHOMP.

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Just Sold in East Garrison

1542 Breckinridge Ave
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Highway 68

19202 Creekside Lane — $730,000
Jana Danza to Kjelvik and Elizabeth Rhus
APN: 101-330-012

1630 Joselyn Canyon Road — $1,250,000
Richard and Heidi Nalwasky to Monterey Bay Investment Properties LLC
APN: 101-191-012

5 Justin Court — $2,069,500
APCP LLC to Renate Hambrook
APN: 259-041-016

Marina

3057 Mildred Court — $580,000
Western Progressive LLC to Catamount Properties 2018 LLC
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175 Dolphin Circle — $745,000
Jarret Edelen to Deepak Shrestha
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14809 Breckenridge Avenue — $800,000
Anna Bibikova to Falcion and Janicee Conchina
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2805 Telegraph Blvd. — $880,000
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Thank you to my clients, family, and community for your support this year. Guiding you through this year's real estate journey has been a pleasure. Wishing you a season full of joy and togetherness!

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MORE SALES
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Marina (con’t.)
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Shae Homes LP to Jeannie Fromm
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JPA Marina Builders to Siddartha Chennuru and Ammunje
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Monterey
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Furnished & Unfurnished Rentals
w/d, paid utilities.

191 Van Es Way, Carmel Valley — $1,543,500

Pebble Beach
Stevenson Drive — $7,550,000
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APN: D08-4420-016

Seaside
1675 Goodwin Street — $457,000
Wells Fargo Bank to Matthew Whitman
APN: 010-164-041

1507 Lowell Street — $640,000
Byron Waiteburn to Pedro Bras
APN: 012-2010-013

320 Amador Avenue — $705,000
Pedro Totaan to Thai Le
APN: 011-315-018

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Shae Homes LP to Jason Fisk
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