Fire alarm brings quick response
By MARY SCHLEY

A KITCHEN fire Sunday evening badly damaged a longtime local favorite, Kathleen Cardinalli’s Cottage Restaurant on Lincoln Street, leaving the eatery looking untastefully out of the front door and into the back. An upstairs apartment was also damaged, not so much by the blaze itself, but by holes cut by firefighters attacking it, along with smoke and water intrusion, according to Monterey Fire Chief Gaudenzio Panholzer.

The fire alarm sounded as smoke poured through the roof vents of the restaurant around 5:15 p.m. April 9, and firefighters were there within three minutes of being dispatched due to the alarm activation.

“When they turned down the street, they obviously saw the smoke” and requested immediate help from other agencies, Panholzer said, sparking an immediate response from other Monterey Fire and Cal Fire units.

When crews saw that the fire was in the kitchen at the rear of the restaurant, they carried hoses and gear around the back and attacked the flames before they could spread to the upstairs apartment or any nearby buildings.

Panholzer also said a man had been inside trying to extinguish the flames before they got out of control.

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P.G. settles lawsuit over cop’s speech
By KELLY NIX

THE FORMER Pacific Grove Police officer fired in 2021 over controversial posts made on a social media website has settled a lawsuit he filed against the city, its police chief and city manager, and will drop his case, according to documents filed Monday in federal court.

In a February 2022 lawsuit, Michael Gonzalez alleged that Pacific Grove Police Chief Cathy Madalone and city manager Ben Harvey retaliated against him when they fired him Jan. 12, 2021, for anonymously posting “F*** Black Lives Matter” and “Free Kyle Rittenhouse” on social media site Parler.

A conservative Hispanic man, Gonzalez, PGPD Police Officer of the Year in 2017, said the post was meant to criticize the Black Lives Matter political organization’s response to its anti-police stance, not Black people.

In a two-page court document filed Monday in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, attorneys for Pacific Grove and Gonzalez — who had sought more than $1 million from the city — said the parties had resolved the lawsuit after a court hearing April 5.

Per the agreement, the city will pay Gonzalez $10,000, less $2,000 for “appropriate withholdings,” and his attorney, Caleb Mason’s law firm, $8,000. Perhaps the most significant element of the agreement — and one that could help Gonzalez find another job as a police officer — is that Pacific Grove will change the status of Gonzalez’s departure from terminated to a voluntarily resignation.

Pacific Grove will change Gonzalez’s departure from Jan. 12, 2021 to Sept. 23, 2021, the date the city issued its decision on his termination appeal. The city will also “take reasonable steps” to change Gonzalez’s profile with the State of California’s Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to reflect his last day with PGPD and his resignation.

Additionally, P.G. will withdraw “any negative findings associated with Gonzalez’s, 2020 social media posts or his association with Gonzalez’s 2020 social media posts or his termination,” and neither the city nor Gonzalez admits any wrongdoing, according to the nine-page agreement.

Gonzalez alleged in his complaint that his opinions were protected under the First Amendment, and because of that, Pacific Grove had no right to fire him for expressing...

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State: Even bigger housing goals are on the way
By MARY SCHLEY

AMBAG, Carmel’s share of those is 349 — more than 11 times higher than the last round, which called for 31 new residences — and while the city doesn’t have to build them, its plan must accommodate anyone who wants to.

Last fall, the city council created an ad hoc committee with members Bobby Richards and Karen Ferlito to lead the charge in updating the housing element, “which must include, among other things, an assessment of housing needs, an inventory of resources and constraints relevant to meeting those needs, and a program to implement the policies, goals and objectives of the housing element,” according to the state.

The upswing in housing demands handed down by the state last year, coupled with fair-reaching laws that take planning and approval out of the hands of local decision-makers in the name of addressing the housing crisis.

See HOUSING page 21A

If a name change falls in the forest ...
By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY government has a new name and emblem, and it really wants to make sure everyone gets it right.

In a notice sent to media March 31, Monterey County’s public relations office made it clear reporters must use the county’s official name, which has been changed from “Monterey County” to “County of Monterey.”

“When referencing the county, it needs to be ‘County of Monterey’ and not ‘Monterey County,’” the release from the county’s communications department said. “Both the new emblem and proper naming convention need to be implemented immediately, when ever possible.”

The county seal, which depicts the coast, mountains, Lone Cypress and agricultural cultures, was largely left as-is, with the exception of a few small tweaks most people wouldn’t notice without comparing it to the former one.

Monterey County’s 1850 creation date also remains on the emblem. While most residents aren’t likely to care about the new emblem and name, official argues the changes were vital.

“Time for an update

The seal “has not been updated since 1979, and so it’s time for an update,” communications director Nick Pasculli told the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Feb. 28, before it voted to OK the change.

Why is this being done? It’s all part of Monterey County’s “branding strategy.”

Pasculli said that the supervisors in spring 2022 directed his office to “create standards...

See COUNTY page 17A

Easter Sunday blaze destroys restaurant kitchen
By MARY SCHLEY

Smoke poured from rooftop vents at The Cottage Restaurant early Sunday evening before fire engines arrived to put out the blaze that ended up destroying the popular eatery’s kitchen. The cause remains unknown.

See page 17A

Goodbye termites, hello steel
PHOTO/MICHAEL TROUTMAN, DMT IMAGING

The decades-old wood bridge over the start-finish line at Laguna Seca was rickety enough to spark alarm in those walking over it, and it was too unstable to accommodate any vehicles.

All those worries disappeared with the installation of new steel spans Friday. See page 15A

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Luxurious lashes

SHE HAD wanted a Newfoundland for just about ever, but her husband suffers from allergies and asthma, so it wasn’t an option. Until she learned she could adopt the next best thing: a Newfoundland-poodle mix, not completely hypoallergenic, but a better choice for her husband.

Through relentless internet searches, she ultimately was rewarded with a match in Ohio, a 3-month-old Newfypoo rescue. Within a week, she was on the plane to Toledo. She would have adopted the adorable little chocolate-brown Newfypoo, no matter what. But those warm brown eyes and luxurious long lashes sealed the deal. She named her Coco.

As Coco grew, from 20 pounds to 115, so did those eyelashes. Her person began to wonder what the world record was for the longest lashes on a dog.

“A few years ago, Coco’s lashes were about 6 inches long,” her person said. “When I checked the Guinness World Record, the current record was longer. But late last year, I measured Coco’s lashes again and found they had grown to 7 inches. Once I realized she would break the world record, I applied.”

The application process was arduous. The measurements, three per set of lashes, had to be done by a certified veterinarian and confirmed by vet assistants for verification. Coco, now 6, seems completely unfazed by her title as the reigning world record-holder for long lashes. Her person impatiently awaits arrival of the certificate from London that confirms it.

“We’re just tickled about the title,” her person said. “If Coco’s lashes continue to grow, I’ll apply again next year — just to protect it.”

Coco, who divides her time between homes in Aptos and Carmel Valley, loves the beach, her person says, and is happy to greet anyone who stops to admire her big body — and long lashes.

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CUSD GETS ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

By MARY SCHLEY

DURING a brief closed-door meet-
ing Friday afternoon, the Carmel Unified School District Board of Education voted to appoint Sharon Ock as acting superin-
tendent while district head Ted Knight is on paid leave pending an investigation into his handling of personnel matters. Ock joined CUSD in 2022 after working several years as a teacher and then administrator for the Palo Alto Unified School District.

“...the CUSD Board of Education held a brief special meeting this afternoon to allow it to provide clarity to district staff and the community regarding continu-
ity of district operations during the term of the superintendent’s leave,” the board announced April 7.

Board members met with district employees early last week “to ensure cur-
rent staff would be able to maintain contin-
uity of district operations, which is routine where a superintendent is on a short-term leave,” the announcement continued.

Knight has come under fire for his handling of several personnel matters, including publicly blaming CHS princi-
pal Jonathan Lyons for ongoing problems involving sexual harassment between students at the high school and how their cases have been handled, and reassigning a janitor who had harassment claims filed against him to work at River School.

First Jon then Ted

When Knight placed Lyons on leave last December and then, with the board’s approval, dismissed him from his post in February, some parents and others demanded Knight be put on leave and investigated, too.

On March 31, board members announced they were putting Knight on paid leave as of April 1 and plan to approve a contract with Bob Henry with School & College Legal Services “to conduct a review of the superintendent’s actions in relation to recent personnel matters,” at their regular meeting April 19, when they will also “provide further updates to the community.”

City keeping mum about chief’s leave

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CITY has “no responsive records” to inquiries surrounding the paid leave and investigation of Police Chief Alan Ward, city clerk Nova Romero responded late last week.

In a query put to city administrator Chip Reng and assistant city administrator Max-
ine Gullo March 28 and again last week, The Pine Cone asked, “1. Who is investigat-
ing Chief Ward? 2. What is the status of the investigation? 3. How much is the investigator being paid?”

Rather than answering, the administra-
tors treated the inquiry as a formal Cali-
ifornia Public Records Act request, with Romero responding April 7, “There are no responsive records to your first three questions.

The fourth question — “How much admin leave has Chief Ward been paid to date?” — initially went unanswered, as well, with a request for an additional 14 days to calculate the figure.

However, a few days later, Romero pro-
vided the information. A payroll report run by Gullo shows that as of April 11, Ward had received $50,873.58 while his alleged wrongdoings, whatever they might be, are presumably being investigated.

Since Ward was put on leave in early January, Cmdr. Jeff Watkins has been serv-
ing as acting chief.

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Heroic shopping cart foils crime

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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Pacific Grove: Subject was contacted on Ocean View Boulevard and found to have two outstanding warrants. The 61-year-old male was joined a notice to appear and was released without incident.

Carmel area: A verbal domestic dispute on Fairway Lane was investigated.

MONDAY, MARCH 27

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female at Torres and Fourth reported an unknown person possibly tried to use her Social Security Number to gain employment at an unknown location. She did not have any losses as a result and was seeking proper channels of assistance to rectify the situation.

Pacific Grove: A found silver and teal-colored ring on Lighthouse Avenue was surrendered to the police department.

Pacific Grove: Grand theft of bike occurred in the area of Arkwright Court. Information only.

Carmel Valley: A woman reportedcredible threats made to her vehicle from Valley Greens Drive and used at local businesses.

Carmel area: Sheriff’s deputy assisted CHP with a patrol.

Carmel Valley: An online report by a Via Carmetla resident regarding a fraudulent loan was made.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

Pacific Grove: At about 1654 hours, a Child Protective Services referral came to the station regarding an Arkwright Court resident. Investigation is ongoing.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a burglary alarm at a Lazarro Drive residence. A broken window was discovered on arrival. The residence was searched but no suspect found.

See POLICE LOG page 11RE in the Real Estate Section

The gavel falls

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April 1 — A jury found Eloy Van Do, 62 and a resident of Marina, guilty of four allegations of committing sex acts on a young child under age 10, including allegations that Do used force. The jury also found Do guilty of committing a lewd act upon a second victim, another young child under age 10. Do faces a maximum sentence of 45 years to life and will be required to register pursuant to California Penal Code section 290 for the remainder of his life.

On Sept. 30, 2020, Saliside Police officer Isaiah Madokora responded to a residence within city limits to a very distraught family reporting that Do was caught in the act of touching a young child under age 10 in front of a second young child, also under age 10. The second child also indicated that he was touched by Do earlier that day. Detectives

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Local leaders to celebrate reopening of Scenic Road Friday

By CHRIS COUNTS

FIFTH DISTRICT Supervisor Mary Adams and others will mark the reopening of a 250-foot section of Scenic Road with a ceremony Friday at 9:30 in the Carmel River State Beach parking lot.

The reopening comes three months after “severe storm damage threatened the stability and safety” of the road by undermining the sandy bluff that supports it.

After a broken sewer line that ran along the outside edge of the road was repaired and moved to the middle of the road, Granite Construction drove 15-to-30-foot nails into the slope to stabilize it, and coated the slope with spray-on concrete. The work cost about $2.6 million.

“This drive is iconic”

Adams praised the county’s public works department and the contractor, Granite Construction, for their efforts.

“This drive is iconic,” the supervisor said. “The people of Monterey County, and indeed, most of those who visit here, enjoy the scenic drive between Carmel Beach and Carmel Mission. I also have tremendous respect for the patience and resilience the residents have shown.”

Monterey County spokesperson Maia Carroll said shoring up Scenic Road was no easy task.

“The work on this section of roadway was among the county’s most challenging infrastructure repairs as part of our storm recovery,” Carroll explained. “The repair was designed to restore the carrying capacity of the road, protect this delicate geological location from storm runoff erosion, scouring of ocean waves, and potential wind erosion.”

The project required the blessing of many state and federal agencies, including California State Parks, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Army Corp of Engineers, the California Coastal Commission, and NOAA.

Barricades to go away

According to Carroll, local leaders on Friday morning will present an overview of the project before barricades are removed and motorists can once again drive along the road, which offers sweeping views of Point Lobos and Carmel Bay.

Other attendees include general manager Barbara Buikema and board president Ken White of the Carmel Area Wastewater District, and the executive director of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, Lance Wills.

While the section of Scenic Road that was undermined in January is fixed, residents want to see a longer stretch of the road — about 1,000 feet — fortified against big waves and high surf. State Sen. John Laird and county planning commissioner Kate Daniels are working to bring together all the agencies needed to sign off on the plan and its environment impact report. Residents have pushed officials to find a long-term solution for protecting the road since the mid-1990s.

“We need to commend the county and Granite Construction on getting the emergency fix done quickly and so well,” resident Louis Letendre added. “Now the long-term fix needs to be a priority.”

On March 31, 2023, Monterey One Water, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and Cal Am signed an agreement that allows the Pure Water Monterey (PWM) Expansion project to be built.

When completed in 2025 and added to the PWM project the Peninsula is already benefiting from, Pure Water Monterey will supply more than half our drinking water.
DA’s office says water agency not in violation of meeting law

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County Dis-

 tract Attorney’s Office has sided with the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District after Cal Am alleged that the gov-

 ernment agency violated the state law that regulates public meetings.

During a March 20 water district meet-
ging, general manager Dave Stoldt requested that an item be added to the agenda. The board accepted Stoldt’s agenda item — to pay a consultant $60,000 — and the direc-
tors approved it unanimously. The Brown Act, which regulates public meetings, requires agencies to post agenda items in advance but offers exceptions, including if an agency determines there is an “immedi-
ate need” to take action on an item.

However, at the meeting, Cal Am com-

 munications director Evan Jacobs raised a con-

 cern that the agency could be in viola-
tion of the Brown Act because the board had not made that determination. That led a Cal Am attorney to lodge a complaint on March 31 with Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni, alleging the water district violated the Brown Act.

The “MPWMD board of directors voted on an action item that was not included on the agenda,” Cal Am attorney Amber Malt-

bie told Pacioni. “Additionally, the board voted without making a determination that there was an immediate need for action on the item.”

Legion hosts fundraising tournament

AMERICAN LEGION Post 512 will hold a charity golf tournament April 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Old Del Monte Golf Course in Monterey to sup-
port Wounded Warriors and college scholarships.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start and will include tee prizes, drinks on and off the course, lunch, silent and live auctions, and raffles.

Hole-in-one prizes run from $10,000 to $50,000.

The cost to play is $245 per individual or $900 per foursome. For more informa-
tion, to sign up or to become a sponsor, visit post512golf.com or contact tour-
nament director John Wickham at john-
wvtech@gmail.com or (408) 315-5320.

"No violation"

At the March 20 meeting, water district attorney Dave Laredo weighed in after Jacobs’ complaint, saying he believed the board had acted properly. On Tuesday, Laredo reiterated to The Pine Cone that the board had not violated the Brown Act.

Later Tuesday, Monterey County Chief Assistant Deputy District Attorney Berk Brannon agreed with Laredo, concluding that the water district’s board of directors acted within the law.

“I respectfully disagree that the MPWMD board violated the Brown Act in considering or acting to approve” the agenda item, Brannon said.

The water board “did determine there was an immediate need to act, and that the need arose after the posting of the agenda, as reflected by the clerk’s statement and the motion to act on both items with a unani-
mous vote to approve,” Brannon said.

The $60,000 consultant fee that the water district directors OK’d was “for an update to the rate study for Measure J” by consultant Raftelis. Measure J is the ballot initia-
te passed by Monterey Peninsula voters in November 2018 that directed the water district to acquire Cal Am and make it a government agency “if feasible.”
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Fairgrounds to get new Car Week fest

By MARY SCHIEY

CAR WEEK offers all things for afficionados, but what about families looking for fun at a good price, smaller car clubs that don’t have venues of their own for shows, and manufacturers and others seeking to showcase their products and services? Carmel Woods resident Eve Love and partners Paolo Manca and Alessandro Borroni are planning a new automotive happening they hope will check all the boxes the others don’t.

Set for Aug. 17-19 at the Monterey Fairgrounds, the Monterey Motorports Festival will “bring motorsports and our love of cars to a broader audience,” said Love, who is head of operations for the annual Hypercar Invitational (this year being held in Las Vegas).

She said the new event will not only include a wide variety of automotive displays and exhibits, it will be “your home away from home” offering things for kids to do, vendors and a food truck village.

“It’s creating space for community, and that’s something I’ve always been very, very passionate about,” Love added.

Accessible

The far-reaching affair will take advantage of the fairgrounds’ 22 acres, with various displays and exhibitions by car clubs and manufacturers, demonstrations by vendors and specialists, workshops, interviews, racing simulators and other activities, and meet-and-greets with influencers and others in the automotive world.

“Car enthusiasts ourselves, over the years of attending Monterey Car Week, we always loved the energy, but not the high-ticket prices, heavy traffic and long distances,” the trio say in their mission statement. “We wanted to make it more fun and accessible for the community to enjoy everything we love about cars.”

Love said the inaugural festival offers something most other venues can’t during Car Week. “Let’s say Concours on the Avenue doesn’t come back,” she said, referring to the former downtown Carmel event that ended after Alexander Doug Freedman died unexpectedly in October 2021. “We have space — we would love to host those cars.”

Same for those who participated in the former Carmel Mission Classic or who took part in the rallies and drives that are no longer held.

“We want to become everyone’s home,” Love said.

The vendor field will be broad, and Love said they are looking for artists and other producers, including those not necessarily related to the car industry, who want to showcase their goods and services.

So far, planning has “been fast and furious,” she said. “We’re in talks with large manufacturers, tire companies, wrap companies” and other manufacturers, and have lined up metalworkers and others to do demonstrations.

The fest’s overarching goals include raising money for local charities and boosting younger generations’ interest in the automotive world. “This is a passion project — not something we plan to make money off of,” Love said. “We want to try and see if it’s got legs.

General admission will be $100 for one day or $150 for a three-day pass, while VIP passes will be $400 for three days.

The fairgrounds can easily accommodate everyone who’d like to come. “We’re hoping to fill the place up so we can pay off our credit cards and call this a success,” Love said. “If we can break even, we’ll call it a success. We’re going to need the community to rally around us.”

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City amps up crime-fighting tech

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE THE city’s traffic cameras have helped police catch criminals since their installation on a half-dozen key streets several years ago, the council voted last week to up its game by signing a two-year agreement with a company that promises the latest license-plate-reading technology that identifies stolen cars and wanted criminals within seconds.

At various points on the perimeter of the city, power poles contain city cameras that capture images of cars and their license plates as drivers come and go, but they don’t automatically compare the numbers with criminal databases. A new system offered by Flock Safety will take care of that, acting Police Chief Jeff Watkins told the city council April 4.

“The Carmel Police Department is constantly looking for new opportunities and cutting-edge technology to support our public safety measures,” he said in his report. “Some of the most proven effective preventative and investigative tools available to police departments are license-plate-reader cameras.”

Flock’s wireless cameras and proprietary technology automatically read license plates and capture the date, time, location, plate number, issuing state, vehicle details such as type and color, and even bicycles. Most important, the system alerts police within seconds when it identifies a stolen or wanted vehicle by automatically running the numbers through crime databases, according to Watkins.

Sharing info

Flock charges an annual lease of $2,500 per camera, and the equipment can be powered by solar or electricity. “They also include a two-year warranty, criminal justice information services compliant cloud-based hosting, unlimited user licenses, ongoing software enhancements, camera setup, mounting, shipping, handling, and a cellular connection,” Watkins said. The lease arrangement is unusual, since most companies require customers to purchase the equipment outright.

“Flock is also the only ALPR system partnered with evidence.com, which is our current evidence storage system,” he wrote. “It is believed that the entire Peninsula is either exploring Flock Safety or has signed contracts for Flock Safety to be

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2020 Carmel High graduate is on life support after fentanyl overdose

By CHRIS COUNTS

A STUDENT who grew up in Carmel Valley, graduated from Carmel High School and was attending UC Santa Barbara, is on life support after he overdosed on fentanyl.

According to a GoFundMe campaign created by his older brother Aidan this week, Jude Quirinale was “recently drugged at a party he was attending at UC Santa Barbara.” The drugs were “laced with fentanyl” and Jude “died almost instantly, but was resuscitated by emergency services and brought to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital,” where he is on life support.

Sadly, the young man’s family was informed he has no chance of recovery. Aidan said his brother will likely be taken off life support Thursday.

“Our family was told there is no way of bringing him back due to the fact he was without a heartbeat for 20 minutes,” Aidan wrote. “He’s been on life support for a couple days and we have to take him off the respirator as we feel it’s best for his suffering.”

“A little help” needed

Aidan started the GoFundMe campaign Wednesday to raise money to help pay for medical expenses and anticipated funeral costs. “We are going to be down a lot in debt due to all the treatment he had to receive, so we thought we could ask for a little help from any family or friends,” he explained.

Jude was studying quantum physics at UC Santa Barbara, where he was supported by at least two academic scholarships. He previously attended Monterey Peninsula College.

Aidan said he will miss his brother’s “amazingly kind heart and energy.” One of those who donated described Jude as “a beautiful soul with a promising life ahead of him,” while another recalled “he was so kind and so fun to be around.”

Aidan also said he hopes “the young generation” can be educated about “the ongoing terror caused by this drug,” and realize that “it’s not worth trying anything nowadays.”

The campaign is called “Help my family to provide for afterlife services.” As of Thursday, more than $20,000 had been raised.
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**After pylon fix, school bus service no longer offered at Bixby Bridge**

By CHRIS COUNTS

**MANY WERE thrilled in late February when Caltrans installed a row of white pylons in the southbound turnout next to Bixby Bridge in Big Sur to reduce traffic at a site that’s notorious for it. But some don’t like the fact that school bus service has been discontinued there because of the pylons.**

Injured squirrels getting SPCA rehab

By KELLY NIX

FOUR INJURED squirrels that might have otherwise perished in the wild — including one that was attacked by crows — are being brought back to health by employees at the SPCA Monterey County Wildlife Center.

After the SPCA learned about the injured animals — which were found in Carmel, Pacific Grove and Salinas — it picked them up and brought them to its facility, spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser said. In the case of the Carmel squirrel, someone reported it after seeing it being attacked by the crows.

“He sustained moderate injuries that our skilled rescue team treated with fluids, medications and gentle wound care,” Brookhouser explained.

Two eastern gray squirrels that were found at the base of a tree in Pacific Grove with no mother nearby were likely attacked or scared out of their nest.

The fourth baby squirrel, which had been fed by someone in Salinas, was found emaciated and debilitated in the grass near a home.

It was “showing signs of being fed an improper diet, likely by a well-meaning citizen who didn’t realize how much harm is caused by the wrong food or cow’s milk,” Brookhouser said. “Our rehabilitation team is working hard to save her.”

To be released

Brookhouser told The Pine Cone the SPCA wildlife team is giving the animals milk formula that is specifically formulated for squirrels.

They will then “eventually introduce them to natural food items, such as nuts/seeds, fruit and more,” she said.

The SPCA will care for the babies for several more weeks until they recover, grow and learn to survive in the wild.

“Once they are ready, we will release them into a safe habitat near where they were found,” Brookhouser said.

She added that the SPCA Monterey County Wildlife Center cares for about 20 to 25 injured squirrels each year.
**County sues former racetrack manager**

By KELLY NIX

The FORMER longtime management company of Laguna Seca Raceway — the Sports Car Racing Association of the Monterey Peninsula — is facing a lawsuit by Monterey County over $400,000 that officials allege belongs to the county, but which the nonprofit organization won't give back.

For decades, the organization known as SCAMP managed Laguna Seca. In 2019, however, its contract with Monterey County expired and was not renewed. Since March 11, 2022, the county and the manager have been at odds over $399,151.84 that Monterey County has demanded SCAMP return.

Unable to resolve the dispute, Monterey County filed a lawsuit against SCAMP April 4, accusing the organization of conversion, a legal term that means taking something that doesn't belong to you.

SCAMP “substantially interfered with the county’s $399,151.84 by knowingly and intentionally originally taking possession of the funds after expiration of its management agreement on Dec. 31, 2019,” according to the lawsuit.

‘Refused’

After the contract expired, SCAMP retained $3.1 million that the county claimed as its own. In March 2022, the organization returned more than $2.7 million but withheld $400,000, arguing the county owed it that amount, the lawsuit alleges.

Both parties agreed to place the remaining funds into an escrow account overseen by a law firm until the county and the nonprofit “jointly directed its release.”

“Over the preceding year, the county has repeatedly asked SCAMP to either provide an explanation for the basis of their alleged $400,000 claim against the county or to authorize the release the funds to the county pursuant to the escrow agreement,” the county lawsuit says. But the organization “has refused to do either.”

Monterey County also alleges that the manager and its agent “falsely or fraudulently” claimed they were “owed” the $400,000 “arising out of SCAMP’s prior contractual relationship with the county.”

The county has asked a judge order the return of the $400,000 and wants to be compensated for legal costs and awarded damages. It’s also asking for civil penalties of $10,000 for “each false claim” the manager made to the county.

**64-ton bridge hoisted into place at Laguna Seca**

By MARY SCHLEY

A MAJOR milestone in the long-awaited overhaul of Laguna Seca Raceway occurred Friday when massive steel bridges were craned into place over the start-finish line at the 66-year-old track as part of what has become an $18.4 million effort. The new bridge over the track and the shorter span leading to it replaced the decayed wood bridge that spectators and competitors used for decades and will accommodate small vehicles, as well as spectators and participants with disabilities.

As Monterey County supervisors Mary Adams and Luis Alejo looked on, accompanied by other key community members, local media, track officials, Monterey County officials, Granite Construction representatives and board members of the nonprofit Laguna Seca Raceway Foundation, Granite’s 350-ton All Terrain Crane hoisted the 64-ton main span and accompanying 20-ton approach span into place April 7. The new bridge has been a long time coming and was key in securing a contract with the organizers of Porsche’s Reimann Reunion, which is expected to draw a record number of enthusiasts to the track in the fall.

That’s heavy

According to Mark Phillips of Granite, the shorter span is 71 feet long and weighs nearly 40,000 pounds, while the main span is 160 feet long, with a weight of 141,640.

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Report on Lovers Point pier damage to be released next month

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE’S crumbling Lovers Point Pier was significantly damaged during this year’s storms, according to a city official, who said a long-awaited assessment of the structure is expected to be released in May.

In 2020, heavy waves driven by winter storms severely damaged the pier. As a result, the end of the structure was closed to the public. The P.G. City Council in December 2021 called for the city to commission a $100,000 study to assess how to repair it.

While the report — which will outline the work needed to fix the pier — was expected to be done by April 2022, it’s still not completed, and the city hasn’t said why.

However, public works deputy director Joyce Halabi said her department would provide the assessment to the city council next month. Pacific Grove has already paid the consultant about $84,000 for the study.

Nonprofit hosts talks on youth mental health

AIM YOUTH Mental Health has organized a symposium at the Monterey Conference Center in downtown Monterey April 19-21 with the goal of gathering “world-renowned researchers, best-selling authors, youth experts, parents, clinicians, educators, first responders and community members to protect the mental health and safety of our children.”

The third annual symposium hosted by the nonprofit will feature dozens of experts speaking on various topics. The April 20 lineup, which will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., will focus on “The Alphabet Soup of Youth Mental Health,” including suicide and anxiety, while speakers April 21, also from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., will discuss “Now What? Strategies Beyond Therapy.”

Tickets run from $75 to $150, and continuing education credits are available. Visit aimymh.org/symposium2023 for more information and to register.
and consistency regarding county brand-
ing, so this is the first step, the foundation, in doing that.”

The change also provides for “enforce-
ment of prohibitions on misuse of the
county emblem.” While the former code
included such enforcement provisions,
Pasculli said they were not sufficient.
The new code “makes misuse of the
emblem a misdemeanor,” he added.

Free or not?
Pasculli said that replacing the old logo
with the new one on vehicles, signs, uni-
form patches, nametags and numerous
other items that contain the county logo,
will not cost taxpayers a dime, telling the
supervisors in February that there would be
“no budgetary expenses” with the change.
However, he told The Pine Cone last
week that the county is not anticipating
any “significant” costs, suggesting that
replacing the county and swappng its
emblem isn’t actually free.

Second District Supervisor Glenn
Church — who is new to the board this
year — suggested the panel should have
asked more questions about the coun-
ty’s revised emblem and name during its
February meeting.

“There was an opportunity to raise
the questions at the board meeting,”
Church told The Pine Cone Wednesday.
“The cost concern should have been
raised then. As you note, it was not.”

In any event, Pasculli said it would
take about 12 months to transition to the
new emblem, which would only be
replaced on items that become “worn
out.”

“To be clear, nothing’s going to be
changed until it is scheduled to be
changed due to maintenance or until
supplies run out or need to be replaced,”
he explained.

The county is already changing the
emblem and name in electronic forms, Pasculli said. While it’s certainly pos-
sible that county stationery and other
disposable items bearing the old seal
might need replacing in 12 months,
it could take a lot longer than that for
emblems on official vehicles, buildings,
and clothing, for instance, to become
worn out. (He later conceded that, “in a
practical sense, yes,” it could take years
for some items bearing the old emblem
to wear out and need replacing.)

“We are very mindful in being good
stewards of the taxpayer dollars,” he told the supervisors in February.

Few questions
County council Late Girard explained to
the supervisors that the California govern-
ment code indicates the counties’ names be
preceded by “the County of,” and that was
another reason for the change.

Church said that his father, Warren
Church, a former county supervisor, was
part of updating the Monterey County
emblem in 1969. Warren Church sug-
gested that the Lone Cypress be included,
while another supervisor wanted the coun-
ty’s agricultural fields represented. The
men couldn’t agree, so they asked a county
staffer, who decided to include both scenes
in the seal.

During the Feb. 28 meeting, the sup-
ervisors made some comments and sugges-
tions, mostly about the emblem’s design,
and ended up unanimously approving it.

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Carmel Valley’s top volunteers honored with Good Eggs

By CHRIS COUNTS

A PAIR of hard-working local volunteers, Alondra Klemek and Jesse Reimer, will be honored Sunday when Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley hosts the 2023 Good Egg Awards Banquet.

A Carmel Valley resident since she was 6 months old, Klemek discovered the joys of volunteering as a member of Carmel High School’s Key Club. Since then, she has served as a PTO volunteer for every school in the local district, helped to coordinate events for the Mid Carmel Valley Fire Department, volunteered as a YMCA soccer coach, helped with two homeless ministries, advocated for the Hispanic community in Cachagua, helped coordinate evacuee support during the 2020 wildfires, set up a food bank in 2020 during the early days of Covid — and is a founding board member and now chair for the Community Fund for Carmel Valley. “She has been and continues to be a force in this community,” the selection committee said.

Volunteering since 16

For the past five years, Reimer has been chief of the Cachagua Volunteer Fire Department. Described by his colleagues as energetic, dedicated and involved, he started volunteering for the fire department 13 years ago when he was just 16.

“Jesse dedicates many weekends with his team providing various trainings that include wildland fires and vehicle emergency drills,” according to the selection committee, which is made up of former Good Egg winners. “Over his young life, Jesse has established himself as a true leader of the community and of Cachagua Fire.”

In 1953, the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce gave out its first Good Egg. Past recipients include Byington Ford, who founded Carmel Valley Airport; Leon and Sylvia Panetta; Randy and Charlene Randazzo; Skip Marquard; Karin Strasser Kaufman; Phyllis Crockett and Nick Lombardo.

The banquet starts at 5 p.m. Tickets are $30. Gino’s Fine Italian Food will serve dinner, while Joyce Vineyards will pour wine. RSVP at cvgoodegg@gmail.com. Hidden Valley is located at 104 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Monterey museum throws block party, Old Monterey celebrates Jo Mora

OFFERING SOMETHING new, the Monterey Museum of Art presents its inaugural block party Saturday from noon to 4 p.m., along with a dance party from 5 to 7 p.m.

The celebration promises a “free all-day festival celebrating Monterey’s vast and vibrant arts community,” offering “a variety of art experiences designed for families and adults,” including “temporary art installations, free exhibition tours, art-making activities, food and drink vendors, and live entertainment.”

Performers include a singing group called River Voices, singer and guitarist Gin Fragonard, singer and guitarist from the Thinking Out Loud contest, and the DiFranco Dance Project.

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Cal Am, MPWMD sign expansion deal

CALIFORNIA AMERICAN Water and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District formally signed an agreement March 31 to allow the expansion of Pure Water Monterey, which turns wastewater into drinking water.

When the facility expands in 2025, it will add 2,250 acre-feet annually of purified water to the project’s existing production of 3,500 acre-feet. The total will “provide over half of the Peninsula’s drinking water,” the water district said.

Cal Am in December 2022 refused to sign the agreement because the state’s Public Utilities Commission would not allow it to recover roughly $20 million in costs to build two extraction wells necessary to deliver water from Pure Water Monterey’s facility near Marina to Cal Am residential and commercial customers on the Monterey Peninsula. The PUC later allowed Cal Am to recover about half the amount it was seeking.

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installed in their cities to assist with crime prevention.”

(Pacific Grove recently signed a deal with the company.)

And if that’s the case, he noted, the cities could more easily share information and access data while investigating crimes. The information is only retained for 30 days, according to Watkins, and the department “will implement a policy to support the program and the privacy of those not associated with crimes.”

“The intention is to keep Carmel safe through objective, fair and ethical measures,” he said.

The two-year agreement calls for $77,900 in the first year and $69,000 in the second, with an option to renew; and was on the council’s April 4 consent agenda for adoption without discussion. However, the item was pulled so the public and council members could comment.

Representing the Carmel Residents Association, Nancy Twomey said the group strongly supports the Flock agreement. “We know they will be instrumental in continuing to support the safety needs of our village,” she said. “In addition, we support all our wonderful officers and the services they provide.”

But, she said, the CRA remains concerned about the Carmel P.D. labor agreement approved by the council last fall that eliminated a couple of positions and increased pay to those on the force while increasing their job duties.

“We are looking for expanded transparency on what went into this contract,” she said.

Councilwoman Alessandra Dranov, who was elected in November 2022 and therefore did not have the opportunity to vote on the CPF contract, has repeatedly questioned the new arrangement.

“We will get a report this year and could reopen negotiations in 2024,” Dranov said.

With that, the council unanimously approved the new Flock contract.
Saddle club sets fundraiser to repair damage from January flood

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO RAISE money for repairs necessitated by the “devastating” flood that hit Carmel Valley Village in early January, the Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club presents a fundraising BBQ Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

According to the club’s Dawn Poston, their competition surface was “hammered” by flooding that occurred Jan. 9. “I have pictures showing the river practically up to the bottom of Schulte Bridge,” Poston told The Pine Cone. “We’re in a flood plain — the river went over its banks and right through us. It came through our parking lot, our dressage area and our trail course.”

The surging water was so powerful that it swept away heavy objects. “Several of our large picnic tables went downriver,” Poston explained. “One of them is still in a tree, and we can’t get it.”

Poston said it could cost as much as $100,000 to fix up the club, with most of the money needed for repairs to the competition surface.

“We lost all the footings in both the large and small arena, and the base was damaged,” she said. “The competition surface in all three arenas was lost.”

The fundraiser is appropriately titled, “A River Ran Through It.” Auctions items include a dinner for eight from chef Michael Jones, a once-in-a-lifetime “thrill ride” with aerobatic pilot Sean Tucker, a two-night stay at Stonepine Estate’s Padock House, and more. Tri-Tip and BBQ chicken will be served, and Bernardus and Galante will serve wine. There will also be live music.

Advance tickets are $50 for adults, $25 for teens and free for kids 12 and under. The club is located at 85 Garzas Road. For tickets and more details, visit trailandsaddleclub.com.

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More money
Replacing the bridge and resurfacing the track are the key components of an expansive project approved by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors last year. The county owns the track and surrounding recreation area but contracts with John Narigi and his company, A&D Narigi, to manage it. Supervisors initially approved $14.9 million in taxpayer funds to cover the much-needed work and in late March authorized another $3.5 million to cover storm-related delays and related problems, bringing the total project cost to $18,402,198. Narigi is expected to raise 20 percent of the bridge costs — $1,634,459 — but taxpayers are footing that money for now, according to the resolution adopted by county supervisors.

Construction began in November 2022 and was expected to be completed by summer, but severe winter storms hindered those efforts. While crews lost 37 workdays due to inhospitable conditions, Barry Toepke, director of heritage events, said the project is on schedule as of this week, thanks to Granite Construction crew working double shifts.

The new start-finish bridge and resurfacing are the most significant improvements at Laguna Seca in more than a decade, marking the biggest improvements since the hospitality pavilion was built in 2006 and the track was repaired a year later.

According to county officials, the Laguna Seca Recreation Area represents one of the largest economic generators for the county, including generating $250 million from major events held in 2022. Upcoming events at Laguna Seca include Trans Am Speedfest May 5-7 and the Delta Mile 2023 Monterey May 12-14. The track will close May 16 for resurfacing, which is set to be done in time for the July 7-9 motorcycle races featuring MotoAmerica.

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have prompted protest from numerous cities. Some have sued over the mandates, while others have refused to adopt new housing elements.

**Speak out now**

The drastically increased Regional Housing Needs Allocation has also prompted concerns about what the state will demand beginning in 2031 — and Waff said the state is seeking feedback on that process now.

“We’re working on getting a housing plan for the sixth cycle, and they’re already planning for the seventh cycle,” she said. “So, if you want to be involved in those conversations, they are starting now.”

To that end, the state has an online survey that takes 10 or 15 minutes to complete, with feedback due by May 5.

“The survey is a bit technical. You might see some terms and phrases you’re not familiar with,” Waff said. “We encourage you to take a look. Anything that doesn’t make sense to you, feel free to skip over. They do give you an option to leave comments. If you have ideas, if you have thoughts, the state is open to receiving them right now.”

In order to inform its recommendations for improving the regional housing process and methodology, the Housing and Community Development department is conducting a survey, alongside other engagement strategies, to receive input and ideas from stakeholders, the state agency says on its website. “After the survey closes, HCD will summarize and analyze the survey responses, and will use them to “inform” its “recommendations for approving certain residential projects until the city comes into compliance with the law,” according to Bonta’s office.

“California is in the midst of a housing crisis, and time and time again, Huntington Beach has demonstrated they are part of the problem by defiantly refusing every opportunity to provide essential housing for its own residents,” Bonta said in a statement. “The city’s refusal last week to adopt a housing element in accordance with state law is just the latest in a string of willfully illegal actions by the city — decisions that worsen our housing crisis and harm taxpayers and Huntington Beach residents.”

**Must conform**

Newcoms accused Huntington Beach officials of failing their residents and said every city and county in the state is responsible for mitigating the housing crisis.

While some Carmel residents have said the council should refuse to adopt a housing element, most subsequently acknowledged the consequences of doing so and stepped those demands back.

As well as being subject to fines, under California’s Housing Accountability Act, cities that lack compliant housing elements are subject to the so-called “builder’s remedy,” which allows developers “to submit housing projects with deed-restricted 20 percent low-income or 100 percent moderate-income without regard to local zoning and general plan standards,” according to the state.

Under the provision, cities “must approve these low-and moderate-income projects as long as they conform with objective building and design standards and comply with the California Environmental Quality Act and the Coastal Act.”

Huntington Beach considered adopting an ordinance banning builder’s remedy projects, but the state warned the city against it.
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them as a private citizen, while he was off-duty and on his own time. Gonzalez said the city retaliated against him for expressing his views.

There is no dispute that Mr. Gonzalez was fired solely and expressly for his private, off-duty political speech," his complaint said. He "was opposed to the ideology, agenda, rhetoric, actions, and proposals of the Black Lives Matter political activist organization," his lawsuit said. "So were millions of other Americans."

It is maintained that Gonzalez’s Nov. 28, 2020, social media post had “vio-

lent a police department code of conduct requiring him to keep his private life unseamed,” to refrain from disgraceful conduct and speech or expression “that could reasonably be fore-

seen as having a negative impact on the credibility of the employee as a witness.”

Gonzalez used an alias on the website and did not identify himself as a Pacific Grove police officer.

‘Engineered firing’

Before Gonzalez’s posts on Parler, he drew the atten-

tion of then-PG City Councilwoman Jenny McAdams in spring of 2020 for several stickers on his personal vehi-

cle she felt were offensive, including a pro-Donald Trump decal and another for a right-wing group which Gonzalez supported but said repeatedly he did not belong to.

Angry at what she said were “racist” decals, McAdams “demanded” that Madalone find the owner of the offend-

ing vehicle, implying that the person should be punished or fired, Gonzalez said. He also accused McAdams and others, including resident Randy Faigurldon, of having “engineered” his firing. Faigurldon, the lawsuit claimed, created a flier sent to police departments in California, warning them not to hire Gonzalez.

In November 2020, McAdams informed Madalone that she had found a social media account she believed belonged to Gonzalez. McAdams, Gonzalez said, “con-

veiled” his off-duty social media statements then coor-

dinated with Faigurldon to publicize them in the media “in order to create a basis for the argument that Gonzalez needed to be fired because of the ‘public outcry’ over the posts,” the suit said. McAdams and Faigurldon were not named as defendants in the lawsuit.

Madalone placed Gonzalez on leave and fired him two months later. In February 2021, Gonzalez contested his termination and a hearing was held before Harvey.

“At the hearing, Chief Madalone admitted she had no basis for believing that Gonzalez was biased or had engaged in any disrespectful or improper conduct as a police officer,” his suit said. “On the contrary, she admitted that in all respects, his performance as a police officer was positive.”

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The fine art of angels

On display this month at Venture Gallery in Monterey is a show by painter William Eaton that celebrates angels. “The 10 paintings in this art exhibition take the traditional view of angels, showing a plethora of wings, biblical-re-

lated angels, and related symbols,” Eaton explained.

The artist used angels “for a sense of mind” and “enjoy the exhibit.” “Most people think angels are a fantasy, but they are real, working in the background to help us,” he added.

In recent years, Eaton has shown at Venture Gallery that show his mastery at emulating the painting styles of masters like Pablo Picasso, Gustav Klimt, Henri Matisse and others. A retired aerospace engineer, he lives in Pebble Beach.

The show continues through April 30. Open every day except Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the gallery is located at 260 Alvarado St.

Two students get national honors

A pair of local student-artists — Grace Kirch of Ste-

venson School and Sophia Rudoni of Pacific Grove High School — recently earned medals from a national contest, the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition.

Kirch won a silver medal for her painting, "Static," while Rudoni received an American Visions Medal for her illustration, "Everest.

Presented by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writ-

ers, the contest drew more than 300,000 entries, with 2,000 students taking home medals. Held annually since 1923, it celebrates a big milestone this year.

“Since its inception 100 years ago, the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards has been a one-of-a-kind program that encourages the passions, talents, and perspectives of millions of teens from across the nation,” said Chris Winiarski, the executive director of the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. “Every year, we at the alliance are ceaselessly amazed and impressed with the creative output of our country’s teens.

WILLIAM WALLACE EGGLESTON

William Wallace Eggleston, 92, of Flagstaff, Arizona, passed away on February 14, 2023, surrounded by family.

William, known as Bill, was born to Ralph and Dorothy Eggleston on November 14, 1930, in Buffalo, New York. Bill was a proud University of Michigan graduate, who earned a master’s in mathematics and statistics. A Blue Blood! He was a veteran of the Korean War. Bill spent his entire working career with HIM, starting as a marketing representative and retiring as corporate vice president of quality. He was especially proud to have been the first ‘judge’ of the Malcolm Baldridge National Quality Award. To quote Bill, “I just feel lucky. I had a great family. I worked for a great company, and I led a good life.”

Bill is survived by loving partner Carrol Roth-Gallant, his siblings, Nancy and Troy; his children, Dave and Nancy; his grandchildren, Patrick, Katie, Melissa and Jack; and his great-grandsons, Henry and Hudson. Bill was predeceased by his wife, Patricia Gillespie Eggleston.

A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m. on April 28 at St. Mary’s-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Elkhorn Slough Reserve of California or the Lustgarten Foundation: Pancreatic Cancer Research.

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and crews initially assumed he’d been an employee, but it turned out he wasn’t. ‘He disappeared, so we have no idea who he was,’ he said. ‘Mrs. Cardinali was there, and she was apparently the only one in the restaurant and was finishing up before heading to her family’s for Easter.’

Instead, she experienced the devastation of losing her kitchen and having to, at least temporarily, shut down the restaurant she could be found in every day. She was, however, able to rescue a tin containing the family recipes, according to planning director Brandon Swanson, who surveyed the damage with city administrator Chip Reing the next morning.

Panholzer said no one was injured during the fire, and that while the blaze obviously originated in the kitchen, investigator Carmen Priewe has not yet concluded what started it.

“We haven’t determined exactly what the cause is, and with that undetermined, we’re not able to state exactly what it was supposed to do, and a quick response by fire crews and effective actions by them.”

Long path back
Swanson said the city’s building inspector also visited the site Monday morning and noted that there’s some structural damage in the dining area and kitchen, but not in the apartment above. Of course, the building is not habitable, since water and power were shut off.

“He has to be gutted, for sure,” Swanson said, and the owner of the restaurant or the premises will have to apply for permits to rebuild it. Monaco businessman Patrice Pastor acquired the building for $2.6 million in January.

“We’re sympathetic, and we’ll help out however we can,” Swanson said.

He also counseled other restaurant owners to stay on top of maintenance and upkeep in their kitchens.

“It’s quite surprising, everyone looks at their kitchens and makes sure they’re as safe as they can be,” and to enlist the help of the Monterey County Health Department and Monterey Fire if needed, Swanson said.

Everybody reads The Pine Cone

Richard Daniel Radowicz
March 3, 1939 to March 30, 2023
Richard Daniel Radowicz passed away on March 30 at the age of 84 after a period of declining health. Richard was born in Hamtramck, Michigan to Daniel and Olga Radowicz. He grew up in the Detroit area and as a youth worked as a newspaper delivery boy and gas station attendant, earning enough money to live on. Richard before he was drafted into the Army to drive tanks. He always loved the outdoors and learning new things, which translated well to earning his Eagle Scout rank. Richard went to high school at Catholic Central High School and continued his education at Michigan Tech. He then transferred to Michigan State and graduated with an engineering degree after a gap year in the Coast Guard.

Richard was drawn to California after a job interview in the Bay Area and was eager to explore the West Coast. He left Michigan the day after graduation and drove west. After a few years in the Bay Area, he met the love of his life, Ethyl, and they married in 1965.

Richard created a successful business and several inventions and patents later, Richard retired in 1999 to explore the world with Ethyl. New Zealand was always his favorite country to visit and they made lifelong friends with several families there. Their many trips included Hawaii (where Ethyl was always his favorite country to visit and they made lifelong friends with several families there). Their many trips included Hawaii (where Ethyl was always his favorite country to visit and they made lifelong friends with several families there). Their many trips included Hawaii (where Ethyl was always his favorite country to visit and they made lifelong friends with several families there). Their many trips included Hawaii (where Ethyl was always his favorite country to visit and they made lifelong friends with several families there). Their many trips included Hawaii (where Ethyl was always his favorite country to visit and they made lifelong friends with several families there).

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Richard lived a wonderful and accomplished life filled with love, friendship and mischievous adventure. He looked like he had stepped out of the pages of an F. Scott Fitzgerald novel, and was the life of the party at any social gathering. His spirit of generosity and fun-loving nature led to long and meaningful friendships, with people from all walks of life. He lived life to its absolute fullest. He had a boundless enthusiasm for golf, The Oregon Ducks and candy. He was an unforgettable character who felt equally at home whether teeing off at a private golf course, or cavorting in the nurse’s lounge. He was thoughtful, kindhearted and genuinely cared about the lives of everyone he knew. He was a man in perpetual motion who always stopped to take the time to help others. He loved being part of any group and lived by the “all for one and one for all” creed. Anyone lucky enough to have known him has their own unique Michael story to share.

Michael was the brightest of lights, whose unwavering belief in God’s plan guided him in the difficult times of his life. He was a caring physician, a loving husband, a protective brother and a loyal friend who always saw the best in others. Michael left the world a better place, and he will be forever in our hearts.

Michael is survived by his wife of 36 years, Tracy, his sister Marcella Leaton, numerous brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, cousins and an ever-expanding menagerie of beasts and fowl.

There will be a celebration of Michael’s life at 11 a.m. on April 22, 2023, at The Church in the Forest, Pebble Beach, California.
FORMER MAYOR Jason Burnett had a succinct way of summing up some of Carmel’s civic problems. “Managing success” is what he called the challenge of dealing with crowds during Concours Week, keeping the beach clean, providing affordable housing, and finding a parking space on Ocean Avenue.

His point was that if Carmel weren’t so ridiculously wonderful — if nobody wanted to visit, much less live here — none of those problems would exist. In other words, it’s a privilege to have your home in a place the whole world has heard of and would like to see, so stop complaining and start helping.

This message needs to be reiterated now that the possibility of paid parking is returning to the front burner. As we reported last week, former police chief Brian Uhler has been retained by the city to come up with solutions to the parking congestion not only on Ocean Avenue, but all of downtown and even in the surrounding residential neighborhoods. Last week he launched what he called the Parking and Congested Traffic Program, or PACT, to gather public feedback on the problem of parking shortages, traffic congestion and pollution as drivers circle downtown blocks looking for spaces.

Coming up with the best way to allocate a scarce resource, such as a parking space in a popular tourist spot, is an age-old problem that’s usually handled by free-market pricing — a method people readily accept if the resource is something they’re already used to paying for, and if an alternative is available to people who can’t pay the going rate. Think of a popular Broadway show. Tickets may be $500 or even more for people who can pay that much, but many shows sell a limited number of cheap seats on a first-come, first-serve basis, or to people who win a lottery. Even when most tickets are allocated by price — a method that favors the wealthy — as long as some are distributed based on who’s willing to wait in line or happen to win a random drawing, the public usually accepts such arrangements as fair.

But an entirely different situation arises when the scarce thing is something the public expects to get for free — such as parking in Carmel. In a case like that, the waiting in line and random drawing methods of resource allocation are the only alternatives.

Waiting in line for parking is what we already have. It’s called circling the block looking for a space. A lottery for parking spots during popular times of the week could be attempted — but we doubt that it would find much favor because it would require you to plan your visit to downtown Carmel well in advance. Which leaves only one choice: paid parking.

Instituting that would be painful for a lot of people. Parking meters and kiosks are ugly and can be difficult to use, and those newlyfangled parking apps can be extremely frustrating for people who aren’t tech savvy. But there really isn’t any choice. If Carmel wants to reduce traffic congestion by making it easier to find a parking space, the only alternative is to start making people pay, especially during peak hours.

Just one answer, unfortunately.
The best woman golfer in the world plays at Pebble Beach

WITH VERY little room for debate, England’s Joyce Wethered (1901-1997) was the best woman golfer in the world during the 1920s and 1930s. Her first trip to America in 1935 was greatly anticipated and included two exhibition matches in Pebble Beach.

Wethered was breaking 90 by the time she was 10. At 18, she defeated defending champion Cecil Leitch then considered the top woman golfer — to win the 1920 English Ladies’ Amateur Championship. Just a few weeks before losing to Wethered, Leitch won the British Ladies’ Amateur for a third time.

Wethered successfully defended her English title through 1924, for a total of five wins. In the more prestigious British Amateur for a third time.

A woman’s prerogative

The next month, at age 23, Wethered retired from championship golf, telling a British newspaper, “I have simply exercised a woman’s prerogative and said something without the slightest regard for what anybody thinks and because I want to please myself.”

But she came out of her self-imposed retirement in 1929 to play in the British Ladies’ Amateur at St. Andrews. Collett had won her third U.S. championship in 1928 and was making her mark as the top woman golfer in the world. The final match at St. Andrews resulted in the second meeting of the two stars. Wethered won and retired — again — from championship play.

A powerful resource

“Just as we always used creative projects for stress relief, but never really connected art to a deeper potential for physical and mental healing until I met Mary Welshmeyer, facilitator of the Healing Art program, said Handley, whose primary art forms are collage and paper craft. “I had an ‘aha’ kind of moment — a realization that embracing creativity is a very powerful resource that we have within ourselves.”

The irony, perhaps, is that Handley was in the process of a major lifestyle change and move toward a healthier mindset. A year before her diagnosis, she left a high-pay- ing, stressful corporate job in the fashion industry without much of a safety net.

“Just before, I had just come back from a vacation. I remember telling my husband, ‘I don’t know how much more of this I can take — it’s sucking the life out of me,’” said Handley, who subsequently learned that the company was transferring her to Chicago.

Life-altering deal-breaker

That fortuitous phone call was a deal-breaker for the Handley’s, who loved their life on the Monterey Peninsula (where Brian, her husband of 32 years, teaches instrumental music at Carmel High, and月亮down the offer and was laid off three months later.

“I was feeling really tired at the time but chalking it up to the demands of that career, and decided I wasn’t going to jump back into that fire,” she said.

“I really wanted to pursue my real passion and do something in the creative realm. I wanted to feel like I could somehow make a small difference by doing something inspiring and helpful in the world,” Handley said. “I wasn’t sure what that looked like at the time, but, thankfully, my husband supported my passion.”

She began handing out note cards, invitations, paper decor, and gifts — a company she called Plumeria Papercraft, selling her wares online and at multiple local shops. She also began teaching after-school enrichment classes at Tularcitos Elementary and other schools, and creative workshops in SoulCollage, an expressive arts practice (founded by Seena B. Frost of Watsonville), which now has more than 5,000 facilitators in 50 countries.

Dream interrupted

Opportunities were blossoming and Handley was living her dream. And then, while drinking with her husband through Yosemite National Park in summer 2011, she had difficulty catching her breath. In August, while climbing the steps at Carmel Plaza, she felt like she might faint and decided to visit her doctor. “I’ll never forget this: I was sitting in my car outside the hospital, it was late (10:30 p.m.), I dialed 911, I felt like I was going to pass out,” said Handley, who, at age 46, began two years of experimental immunotherapy. “And I feel so thankful today, because it worked.”

Mindful living

For Handley, who is still in remission, the cancer and all that came with it were life-altering in multiple ways, most notably a devotional to mindful living. “That meant really sinking into the moment, being present in the moment, listening, paying attention, noticing, taking in as much as you can through your senses,” she said. “It means listening to your own body from creating enough red blood cells.”

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Over the first two weeks, she played 10 matches in the east and squeezed in two more before traveling to Atlanta’s Eastlake Country Club. There, on June 18, she paired with intercollegiate champion Charlie Yates to challenge Bobby Jones and 15-year-old Georgia star Dorothy Kirby. With intercollegiate champion Charlie Yates to challenge Bobby Jones and 15-year-old Georgia star Dorothy Kirby with the amateurs and Hollins with the pros. The boys made it close, with Pieper shooting 69 and Hawley 70.

The Wethered team was 1 up after nine. She impressed the gallery with everything but her putting, ending with a 77. The pros, with six birdies each, made up the deficit on the back nine, leading the Hollins team to a 1-up victory on the 18th Hole. Hollins shot 84.

Wethered played exhibitions at Oakland’s Sequoyah Country Club (Aug. 11), San Jose Country Club (Aug. 15) and San Francisco Golf Club (Aug. 17). On Aug. 18, she arrived at Pebble Beach, where her partner was again Goggin. At Pebble Beach, their challengers were brothers Henry and Cam Puget, who grew up as caddies at Del Monte Golf Course. Cam became the Pebble Beach pro in 1928, and Henry became the pro at Cypress Point in 1931. Wethered played with the men from the back tees. Her incredible length allowed her to almost reach the green on the par-5 6th Hole in two strokes. The brothers needed to scramble for a 2-up victory.

Even with an 82, she enjoyed Pebble Beach so much that she asked to arrange another match on it — after she took a few days for rest.

More round

On Aug. 24, Wethered paired with Don Edwards, runner-up in the 1934 California Amateur, at the Del Monte course. Wethered set another women’s course record with a 37-36 — 73. Still, she and her partner lost the match, as a red-hot Pieper, paired with 15-year-old Clara Callender, shot 67.

Wethered then returned to Pebble Beach, where she paired with visiting baseball legend Ty Cobb against Hollins and C. Pardee Eizman of Pasadena. This time, Wethered won the last three holes and carried her team to a 1-up victory. Her personal score was 81.

After an exhibition at Whiskey Country Club in Los Angeles on Sept. 1, and another in Seattle on Sept. 5, Wethered worked her way back east with five matches across Canada. Her last was in Montreal on Sept. 15. She then sailed back to England, having earned an estimated $30,000 in 53 matches.

More significantly, her performance, which included setting more than 20 course records, cemented her position as the best woman golfer in the world. Only at Pebble Beach did her score reach the 80s. As late as 1950, in an Associated Press poll of the best golfers of the 20th century, Wethered ranked as the top woman and seventh overall behind Jones, Ben Hogan, Walter Hagen, Byron Nelson, Sam Snead and Gene Sarazen.

Wethered was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1975 — one of 11 Hall-of-Fame women who won on the Monterey Peninsula. We’ve discussed two of the others, Hollins and Collett, in prior weeks. Look for the other eight in future columns.

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Work with a Team. Work with the Best.
Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

The 2023 spring season for boys tennis at Stevenson and Carmel high schools has largely been a tale of rhythm and blues.

Relentless rain has canceled countless practices and rescheduled numerous events, preventing both teams from finding any kind of rhythm during the early weeks of the season.

Throw in unsynchronized holiday vacations at the rival schools — Carmel’s tennis team was idle from April 4-16, while Stevenson’s athletes sat from March 23 to April 10 — athletic directors, coaches and athletes couldn’t help but sing the blues.

“It’s been terrible. We’ve only had about five days of practice, total, all spring.” CHS boys tennis coach Brian Cory lamented late last week. “And the constant rescheduling of matches has been out of control.”

Surprising early results

An impact of those inconsistent schedules has been a topsy-turvy beginning for teams in the Gablian Division of the Pacific Coast Athletic League, which, so far, appears to have more competitive teams than in recent years.

Perennial league champ Stevenson, winner of four of the past five Gablian Division trophies (no champion was crowned in 2019 or 2020 due to Covid) was upset by Monterey 4-3, on March 8. That match turned out to be the first competition of the spring for the Pirates, whose non-league season opener against Aptos had been rained out.

“Take nothing away from Monterey — their guys were fantastic that day — but we just weren’t ready for that kind of match, right out of the gate,” said Stevenson coach Matt Ryno, whose team lost third set third-set tiebreakers (10-point tiebreakers) in three of those matches.

The Pirates bounced back with back-to-back 7-0 victories over Monte Vista Christian and Carmel, followed by a 6-1 conquest of Pacific Grove.

Meanwhile, Pacific Grove knocked Monterey off its cloud on April 3, stunning the Toradores 5-2, then bounced Carmel 6-1 the next day, its second victory of the year over the Padres.

All of which left Stevenson and Monterey tied at the top of the standings with 4-1 Gablian records through Tuesday, when Monterey got even with Pacific Grove and Stevenson defeated Salinas. The Pirates have their rematch with Monterey at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Stevenson.

“The Gablian is strong. Last year, Stevenson pretty much ran away with the league, but this year there’s a lot more parity,” Cory said. “Pacific Grove benefited from a couple of kids who transferred from out of state. Both Monterey and Stevenson are tough. Monterey has the best player in the league (Lleyton Alonso), and there are solid No. 1 players at Stevenson, P.G., and Salinas.”

The top of Stevenson’s lineup is so balanced that two brothers — Cameron and Jack Page — will trade off as No. 1 for Stevenson as a freshman, as they strengthen the top of Stevenson’s lineup.

Cameron Page (left), who played No. 1 for Stevenson as a freshman, will alternate at that spot this season with his brother, Jack, a senior, as they strengthen the top of Stevenson’s lineup.

Both are aggressive, with strong baseline games, attack-

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ing styles, and excellent forehand shots.
Team captain Spencer Hidas is No. 3, with Vikram Paar at No. 4. Both are seniors and varsity veterans. “Spencer is much taller and stronger than he used to be, and now he’s grown into his body and become more coordinated,” his coach said.

“He has an all-court game and likes to hit drop shots and come to the net.”
Paar was a doubles player for the Pirates a year ago.

Stevenson’s doubles combinations are still in flux, and jockeying for position on the ladder.

Kevin Wang, a junior boarding student who played No. 1 doubles last year, has been paired with Vincent Pierre, a talented freshman. Varsity veteran Russell Miller, a left-handed junior, is teamed with Jonas Averdick-Bolvin, a new junior from Germany. Bill Nguyen, a senior, and Nguyen Dui, a junior, are competing for a varsity doubles spot, as are newcomers Ryan Kosloff and Shawn Li, both sophomores.

Youthful Carmel roster
Carmel opened the week with a 3–5 overall record, 2–4 in Gabilan play, with a youth-dominated lineup.

“We basically have a new team, with 18 varsity players, and a lot better depth this year,” Cory said. “And every player on our roster has been able to play at least one varsity match this year, which has been great for the kids.”

No. 1 for the Padres is sophomore Grayson Walton, who returned to the Carmel school district this year after spending 2021-22 in Michigan.

“He’s a good competitor with solid ground strokes and he’s working to improve his transition game and get to the net more often,” Cory said. “He’s only won one league match so far, but we’ve seen him give the top guys a run for their money, and he’s only going to get better.”

Hudson Silva, a returning varsity player, is in the No. 2 spot for the second consecutive season.

“Hudson is a baseline grinder whose strength is keeping the ball in play, letting his opponent make the mistake,” the coach said.

Carmel’s senior co-captains, Riley McArdle (doubles player last season) and Avi Besai are No. 3 and No. 4 on the singles ladder.

In progress
The Padres doubles teams are a work in progress, with the sophomore combination of Marcus Togneri and Daniel Hohnlofer, both varsity veterans, competing for the No. 1 spot with juniors Jack Weston and Grant Xu.

“Our No. 3 doubles team will be the best of the rest,” said Cory, who currently lists sophomores Tommy Gardner and junior Quinn Weisenfeld as his varsity pairing, but said the team depth could change that situation.

Other contenders for the starting lineup include sophomores Jesse Shu and Aaron Bongyong, and freshmen Jacob Pettersson, Nathan Savio, Michael Dowse and Caden Rosati-Carty.

Head-to-head play in the Gabilan Division is scheduled to conclude April 19, followed on April 20 by a team playoff (Mission Division champ vs. Gabilan runner-up), and April 25 with the individual tournament, which will be held this year at Stevenson.

Pirates sail to seventh at NorCals:
Stevenson’s sailing team placed seventh among 19 teams at the NorCal Divisional Championships on April 8 in Redwood City, led by the pairing of Max McCormick, a junior, and senior Stevie Thommen, who raced to four top-five finishes in the B Division. The Pirates move RQWRWKH6LOYHU3DFL¿F&RDVW&KDPSLRQ- ships, a statewide competition April 29-30 at Alameda Island in San Francisco Bay.

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Wilco, Molly Tuttle and others join expanded lineup at ‘Rebels & Renegades’

Details were announced last week for the second Rebels & Renegades Music Festival at Monterey Fairgrounds, which is set for Oct. 6-8.

A celebration of Americana, outlaw country, bluegrass and folk music, the festival has been expanded from two to three days. This year’s lineup features 36 acts that will appeal to both cowboys and hippies, including a trio of Grammy Award-winning artists — Wilco, The Infamous Stringdusters and singer and multi-instrumentalist Molly Tuttle — along with The Turnpike Troubadours, Jamestown Revival, Molly Tuttle, Old Crow Medicine Show, Kurt Vile, Whiskey Myers, Shakey Graves and many others.

The festival will also include interactive art stations and a marketplace for local artisans and food vendors.

“The lineup speaks for itself”

The festival is produced by Good Vibez Presents, the same local company that organizes the Cali Roots Festival at the fairgrounds, which is billed as the largest reggae festival in the United States.

“This is the soundtrack of how we got through the pandemic — the lineup speaks for itself,” said Dan Sheehan of Good Vibez Presents, who co-produces the festival with his wife, Amy. “There are festivals dedicated to country music or folk music, but there’s nothing quite like this, especially on the West Coast. We wanted to bring this really cool concept to Monterey. The name just flowed and it fits the vibe. We’re all rebels and renegades.”

Sheehan told The Pine Cone the Rebels & Renegades festival has been in the works since 2019, but didn’t get off the ground until last year due to Covid. Single-day tickets are $90, while three-day ticket packages start at $245. Unlike last year, there is no onsite camping. For ticket information or more details, visit rebelsandrenegadesfest.com.

■ ‘Intermixing the old & the new’

A duo that specializes in playing Traditional Scottish music, fiddler Alasdair Fraser and cellist Natalie Haas return to St. Mary’s By-The-Sea in Pacific Grove Sunday for a concert at 3 p.m. The pair have played at the PG. church three times in recent years. “Intermixing the old and the new, beautiful airs and high energy dance music, Alasdair and Natalie celebrate the tunes they love and have picked up and shared over many years of travel in the Celtic lands and beyond,” reads a description of the show.

Tickets are $35 for general admission and $15 for kids. For more details, call (831) 224-3819. The church is located at 146 12th St.

■ Russian pianist plays Sunset

The Carmel Music Society wraps up its 2022-23 season Sunday at 3 p.m. when Sunset Center hosts a concert by Russian pianist Ilya Yakushev, who played at Sunset last Sunday for a concert at 3 p.m. The pair have played at the PG. church three times in recent years. “Intermixing the old and the new, beautiful airs and high energy dance music, Alasdair and Natalie celebrate the tunes they love and have picked up and shared over many years of travel in the Celtic lands and beyond,” reads a description of the show.

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A couple of spots to try, mourning salmon season, and lots of pigs and pinot

He bought Yafa — the popular Middle Eastern eatery on Junipero near Fifth — on the eve of the pandemic, and not only did it survive, it’s flourishing. With that small miracle under his belt, local restaurateur Dia

Soup to Nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

Kheir took over the Carmel’s Hidden Gem restaurant just a block away, on Mission north of Fifth last year. That was after its short-lived ownership by Judith Lalor, who has roots at the Trafford Hall Hotel in Manchester, England, and in restaurants in New York City and Chicago. Now you can stop by for breakfast, brunch and dinner Wednesday-through-Sunday.

While the bright, airy space and outdoor seating area lend themselves to breakfast or brunch on a beautiful day, hard surfaces indoors can make for a noisy experience, particularly when only a couple of tables are occupied and any one person is a loud talker.

But while the interior ambiance during the day may leave something to be desired, the menus are well-crafted and accessibly priced, with a wide range of egg dishes, waffles and pancakes, “on the lighter side” items like avocado toast and smoked salmon with herbed cream cheese and arugula on bread, and some lunch-oriented offerings like a crispy chicken sandwich, a burger and a couple of salads.

Breakfast is available from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., while brunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and prices range from $11 to $24, with sides available for less.

Nightshades

Nighttime is when the Gem really shines, though, especially when it’s full of content customers, and dinner is available from 5 p.m. until closing. Ivory linens and candlelight soften the interior and improve the atmosphere of the diminutive space, and the menu, while expansive, is impressive in its execution.

In the era of sky-high restaurant prices, Carmel’s Hidden Gem remains refreshing. Consider the tender and plump Prince Edward Island mussels in a classic broth of garlic, white wine, tomatoes and herbs served with grilled bread for $18, or the pan-seared salmon cooked to order and served over Brussels sprouts hash with bacon, carrots and grain mustard boursin blanc for $32. Handmade porcini ravioli, rich with truffle parmesan cream sauce for $29, and the most expensive item on the menu — 28-day dry-aged New York Strip from Flannery Beef in San Rafael ($55) — is served with savory spinach and is ideal for sharing.

Kheir and his team always have several specials on offer, including, recently, a seafood risotto with a crab-stuffed lobster tail, and ten-dollar rack of lamb.

The restaurant offers beer, wine and non-alcoholic drinks, all well priced.

For information and reservations, visit carmelshiddengem.com or call (831) 250-7811.

Bear + Flag Roadside

Another worthwhile stop is Todd and Ada Fisher’s Bear + Flag Roadside deli in the Hidden Hills center off Carmel Valley Road near Quail Lodge. Ada Fisher and Emily Frew are partners in the business, which opened about a year ago and benefits from Todd’s creative culinary talents coupled with high-quality products from the Fishers’ Sea-side business, The Meatsery.

“We were in development of the menu, I kept bringing up things I crave and are missing from my daily commutes up and down Carmel Valley Road,” Ada Fisher said soon after the deli opened. “Big, crunchy, imaginative, not-boring salads. Todd is so good at putting texture and layers of flavors into food, even the simplest addition, like really good salad dressings, are game changers when it comes to crave-ability.”

Her direct menu wishes included the tri-tip sandwich, $25% OFF ALL BOTTLED WINE

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while the tri-tip rested, along with buttery garlic bread to serve it on,” she said. “It’s been a Fisher family favorite ever since, so that addition was no question.”

I heart frickles

Closed Tuesdays but open other week- days from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on week- ends from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bear + Flag features a robust menu with a lot of must- try items, including a BLT that Todd pro- claims “will change your life” and a burger that surpasses all others, with twin smashed patties, American cheese, “shredded,” red onion, tomato, pickles, mayonnaise and mustard.

Also not to be missed are the frickles — fried spears of dill pickle with breading that’s course enough to hold up well past the hot-and-ready stage (in case you want to save some for later) — accompanied by two dipping sauces.

The Rainbow Bowl features spiced tahini dressing with roasted beets, sea- soned cauliflower, harissa carrots and farro, shaved Brussels sprouts, tomatoes, cucumbers and radish over crisp romaine, providing a colorful and flavorful salad. And the Paisano, another of Todd Fish- er’s favorite sandwiches, calls for just the right amounts of mortadella, salami, pro- scuitto, coppa and provolone accompanied by various garnishes and mayonnaise and mustard on the bread of your choice.

Customers can order takeout via Toast or dine there inside or outside, and the deli offers beer, wine and plenty of non-alco- holic beverages, as well as grab-and-go snacks and merch.

Bear + Flag Roadside is located at 7152 Carmel Valley Road. Find more informa- tion at bearandflagroadside.com or call (831) 293-8608.

Folktales tasting in 7D

Both owned by Greg Ahn. Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse and Folktales Winery will combine efforts starting April 27, when the Folktales wine bar opens in the downtown restaurant.

The wine bar will be open Thursday through Monday from noon to 6 p.m. to offer tasting flights of Folktales wines, as well as wines by the glass and by the bot- tle, and small bites.

A special welcome deal will be avail- able to wine club members who visit during the first week. Visit 7dsteakhouse.com and folktales- winery.com for more information.

Pigs, Pinot & More

The Salinas Rotary’s Pigs, Pinot & More event returns to Salinas April 15, with dozens of wineries and restaurants serving tastes and small bites, this time in the complex at 201 Main St. in Old- town Salinas. Located at the corner of Galban and Main, the building dates back to 1898 and has served as a bank and longtime neighborhood polling place, and “today stands proudly as the most iconic structure in the entire county,” according to organizers.

In its present incarnation, the com- plex “has become the center of night- life and family and corporate functions providing the very best in food, libation and entertainment.”

The Pigs, Pinot & More theme this year harkens back to the Hollywood of decades ago, kicking off with a recep- tion at the James Dean Restaurant in the Main Street entrance at 5 p.m. After photos on the red carpet, hosts will greet guests at check-in with tast- ing glasses, plates and passports to begin their culinary journey through more than 40 featured wineries and restaurants. Live music, a photo booth and other fun will be offered until 8 p.m., after which PPM’s signature after-party will run until 10 p.m. with a no-host bar, DJ and dancing.

General admission is $150 per person, with all net proceeds benefiting the Salinas Rotary Charity Fund, and guests must be 21 or older to attend.
WINE
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Alessandro menu announced

Grasino’s restaurant at Mission and Sixth revealed the menu planned for its highly anticipated wine dinner featur- ing the big reds of Paso Robles-based Aleksander April 26, and it’s definitely a carnivore’s delight.

The dinner, which is set to start at 6 p.m. on the rooftop deck, costs $150 per person, including tax and tip, and will bring out another heavy hitter — short ribs braised in red wine and served with spring vegetables over potato purée.

For the third course, executive chef Cal Stamenov will bring out another heavy hitter — short ribs braised in red wine and served with spring vegetables over potato purée — to serve alongside Alexandre’s 2015 reserve red blend.

Next, black truffle cheese will be served with 2013 red blend, and for dessert, slices of chocolate and cherries, guests will be a rare 1977 Fonseca vintage port. Register for the dinner at grasinos.com by clicking on the “events” tab or going directly to form.jotform.com/23886713746156. For more information, call (831) 624-4652.

No salmon for you

Last week, the Pacific Fisheries Management Council voted to shut down salmon fishing off the coast of California this year, due to sparse numbers of the fish, and the feds are set to approve the closure in May.

“California ocean recreational fisheries in all areas from the Oregon/California border to the U.S./Mexico border are closed, given the low abundance forecasts for both Klamath and Sacramento River fall Chinook,” the agency announced April 6. “All commercial fisheries in both the Oregon and California Klamath Management Zones are closed for the 2023 season.”

The closure marks the second time in history that salmon fishing has been shut down in California, and the council took the drastic measure due to the “low numbers of adults and yearling fish salmon that have survived the hostile conditions they’ve encountered in Central Valley rivers in recent years,” accord-

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April 14 — Camerata Singers, William McMillan, artistic director and conductor. 7:30 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Salinas. Adults $20, students free.
April 15 — MMA Block Party, a free public arts festival for all ages from noon to 4 p.m., and 21+ Dance Party from 7 p.m. at 509 Pacific St. Monterey. Your contribution of $25 includes dance party admission, Monterey Museum of Art access, plus one beer/wine ticket. Tickets: Eventbrite.
April 15-16 — Art Sale at our 1925 Villa, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1078 W. Franklin St. in Old Monterey. Bubbly and cupcakes served. Local and international artists, home decor, furniture, kitchenware, books and music. For info, email Toni with Carmel Premium Home Organizing at toni@kinkid@yahoo.com
April 15-16 — Camerata Singers, 2:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Monterey. Adults $25, students free.
April 16 — Celtic Music Series, Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas performing 3 p.m. at St. Mary’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 146 12th St., Pacific Grove. Tickets available at www.celticsojourn.com. Tickets $30 advanced, $35 at the door. For more info, call or text (831) 224-3819.
April 17 — Take an unprecedent skip “Into The Deep” of the world renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium with senior communications official Ken Peterson at the Carmel Woman’s Club at 2 p.m. Peterson will present fascinating facts about some of the aquarium’s most remarkable accomplishments, ranging from the historic great white shark exhibition to the currently featured display of such rarely seen creatures as the blood-belly corn eels. A coffee/hot reception follows the program. Members free, guests $10. (831) 2866 or (831) 594-6200.
April 22 – It’s Baum & Blume’s patio re-opening day and “Lunch Launch,” noon to 3 p.m. Come enjoy our “refreshed” garden patio and new spring/summer lunch menu. Lunch service resumes noon to 3 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.
April 24 — MOWMP Women Who Care Luncheon honoring Jan Praisner, Supervisor Mary Adams and Almea Cuda, at the Monterey Mariott. Purchase tickets at: www.mowmp.org or call (831) 375.4454.
May 13 — Congregation Beth Israel presents the award-winning documentary “We Are All In This Together” by Pacific Grove native and cyclist Daniel Trola, who will join us for a Q&A after the 7 p.m. screening. His film beautifully embraces human connection, proving that more unites us than separates us, and allows us to share some of Daniel’s amazing experiences on the road. Suggested donation: $10. All proceeds to Gathering for Women.
May 21 — Alasdair Fraser and The San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers, 3 p.m. at Carmel High School Performing Arts Center, 27990 N. Doris Watson Plaza, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Tickets available soon at www.sffiddlers.org.
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CSUMB’s Music Hall is located on Sixth Avenue between Butler and Colonel Durham streets.

**Live music April 14-20**

- **American Legion Post 512** - singer and guitarist Brad Wilson (rock and blues, Friday at 7 p.m.)
- **Dolores and Elephants**
- **Bernardine Lodge & Spa in Carmel Valley** - pianist Mathias Morris (classical, Friday at 6 p.m., singer and guitarist Dan Fields (country by appointment, Saturday at 7 p.m.), pianist Mar- tijn Mann (Jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m., guitarist John Sherry (folk, rock and blues, Sunday at noon), and singer and guitarist Scott Luttrell (Friday at 4:30 p.m.))
- **Bistro 1**

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俄国钢琴家叶力托利耶夫将演奏由莫扎特、拉赫玛尼诺夫和德沃夏克的音乐，由钢琴家Ilya Yakushev在Sunset Center演奏。音乐会还包括莫扎特、贝多芬、拉赫玛尼诺夫和格什温的音乐。二月四日。1901 Fremont Blvd。二月五日。Henry Miller Library在大山——钢琴家兼多才多艺的音乐家Meredith McHenry演奏。二月六日。Fernwood Resort在大山——声乐家兼钢琴家Daniel Joyce和吉他手Kenny Stahl。二月七日。26270 Dolores St。
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27880 Dorris Drive — $1,426,000
Susan Williams and Scott Manning to Frank and Kelly Saunders
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33751 E. Carmel Valley Road — $1,495,000
Shawin Wolfs to Alan and Sandra Silvestri
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15340 Via Los Tulares — $3,300,000
Sung and Kristi Choe to Nazneen MacDougall
APN: 197-132-005

8650 Carmel Valley Road — $3,950,000
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Highway 68

Ryan Court — $552,000
Charles and Kathryn Yost to Marc Rissan
APN: 259-034-002

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Jacoby Stein to Dominick DiSario
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HOME SALES
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Minus them, I would be Holmes without Watson, law without order, or PB without J.

I needed information on composting. SB 1383 requires Californians to recycle food scraps and other leftovers. I discovered that New York State recently passed a law legalizing human composting. Wow! The next time I’m in Manhattan I’ll skip the Crab Louie, because Louie might be an ingredient.

I wonder if the governor’s wife picks through bones and slimy chicken skins to separate them from half-eaten green things like brown lettuce leaves and wilted k**e from that French Laundry doggie bag? And yet, according to SB 1383, we have to do exactly that.

But I digress

The combination of subjects in the headline of this column is the result of what I call unintended consequences of research, or “things I learned on the way to looking up something else.” That phrase was a feature incorporated by one of my columnist heroes, Sydney Harris, who said: “Nothing is as easy to make as a promise this winter to do something next summer; this is how commencement speakers are caught.”

Here is an example of the unintended consequences of research: I was trying to learn how much wine there is in a Jeroboam (roughly four ordinary wine bottles) when I came across Jenkins’ Ear, the War of, (1739-48). A war between Britain and Spain over trade with South America was ostensibly provoked by an incident in which Spanish sailors boarded a British vessel in the Caribbean and cut off the ear of the captain, Robert Jenkins. Jenkins was attended to by his second-in-command, who may have been history’s first hearing aide:

Verbal fencing

I was searching G.K. Chesterton’s “Father Brown” series when I came across Chesterton’s Fence. It postulates: A core component of making great decisions is understanding the rationale behind previous decisions. If we don’t understand why it is the way it is, or don’t take down a fence unless you know why it is there in the first place. We could use Chesterton’s fence at our southern border.

Then, while trying to trace down the term “humble pie,” I learned it was a “nonced” word so I had to look up nonce (for a particular purpose, or expressly). In Middle English it was numble pie, made from the lesser organs of animals.

After a hunt, the lord of the manor and his guests ate roast venison while the hunt attendants ate the chopped organs — intestines and tripe baked in a pastry shell. Numble pie morphed into umble pie that

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sounded like a Cockney mispronunciation of “humble.”

The mention of tripe in the definition brings back one of my earliest childhood memories, hanging out in the kitchen of a restaurant my grandparents owned. Tripe, a menu staple, had to boil for more than an hour before it was tender enough to eat. Then it was doctored up with onions, garlic and tomato sauce before being served with grated cheese and mint.

The years do not diminish the smell of boiling tripe. To this day I won’t take a swipe at trying tripe no matter how creatively chefs try to disguise it. To me it is as appealing as being served Jenkins’ ear, a nonce, or expressively nuanced taste.

An iambic bomb?

With the new movie “Oppenheimer” coming out, I researched the theoretical physicist who is often called the father of the atomic bomb. I learned that he was a genius who helped develop quantum mechanics.

It was beyond Dirac’s understanding how Oppenheimer expended time and energy writing and publishing poetry.

“How can you do both poetry and physics?” Dirac asked.

“Well.” Oppenheimer answered, “in physics, we try to give people an understanding of something nobody knew before, whereas in poetry…” Oppenheimer allowed his listener to finish the sentence, the implication being that poetry attempts to do the same thing.

Everything from a grocery list to a recipe for tripe requires research. Rocket man Wernher von Braun described me perfectly when he said: “Research is what I’m doing when I don’t know what I’m doing.” If you don’t believe me, look it up. Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo.com.

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238-0234
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3 beds 3 baths
503 5th St Carmel
Carmel
Sofieby’s Int‘l RE
277-3371
$3,925,000
3 beds 3 baths
2542 2nd Ave, Seaside
Carmel
Coffield Banker Realty
277-3080
$7,700,000
3 beds 3 baths
25200 4th Avenue
Carmel
Carmel Realty Company
321-4985
$4,695,000
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San Bruno 250 of 2nd Avenue
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Sofieby’s Int‘l RE
283-8110
$4,775,000
3 beds 3 baths
2751 14th Avenue
Carmel
Sofieby’s Int‘l RE
277-3371
$4,995,000
4 beds 4.5 baths
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Crestwood Banker Realty
260-0210
$6,400,000
3 beds 3 baths
65 Conifer Lane, 8th Avenue
Carmel
Carmel Realty Company
277-3371
$8,850,000
3 beds 3 baths
5 Fisherman’s Wharf Compass
Carmel
Carmel Realty Company
297-3380

CARMEL VALLEY
$870,000
3 beds 2 baths
5701 2nd St Carmel Valley
Carmel Valley
883-0158
$1,190,000
3 beds 2 baths
1390 Middle Canyon Road Carmel Valley
Carmel Valley
450-0657
$1,195,000
3 beds 2 baths
1230 Coastal Drive Carmel Valley
Carmel Valley
238-0112
$2,690,000
4 beds 3.5 baths
123 San Francisco Drive Carmel Valley
Carmel Valley
266-2855
$2,900,000
4 beds 3 baths
26 Emmons Drive Carmel Valley
Carmel Valley
330-0681
$3,375,000
4 beds 3 baths
51608 La Isla Carmel Valley
Carmel Valley
277-5535
$3,500,000
4 beds 2.5 baths
51646 Via Los Rosales Carmel Valley
Carmel Valley
253-4800

MARINA
$1,189,000
3 beds 2 baths
14525 Los Avenue Monterey Co. Real Estate
Seaside 93949
$697,000
2 beds 2 baths
550 Los Osos Drive Carmel Valley
Carmel Valley
253-4800

MONTEREY
$600,000
2 beds 1 bath
1100 Golden Oak Lane 100 Monterey
Carmel
91-2680
$1,495,000
3 beds 2 baths
1150 Bay Way 422 Monterey
Carmel
91-1651
$1,490,000
2 beds 2 baths
767 Little Street Monterey
Carmel
91-1683
$1,794,000
4 beds 3 baths
500 Del Monte Monterey
Carmel Valley
214-1011

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$888,000
2 beds 1 bath
251 Pine Ave Pacific Grove
Carmel Valley
91-1541
$1,150,000
3 beds 1.5 baths
1128 Deciduous Drive Pacific Grove
Carmel Valley
214-1011
$1,199,000
2 beds 2 baths
307 Cypress Avenue Pacific Grove
Carmel Valley
915-8710
$1,673,000
4 beds 2.5 baths
2525 Davis Avenue Pacific Grove
Carmel Valley
214-1011
$1,903,000
4 beds 3 baths
14 8th Street Pacific Grove
Carmel Valley
253-4800
$4,408,000
4 beds 4.5 baths
445 Cypress Avenue Pacific Grove
Carmel Valley
902-7625

PEBBLE BEACH
$3,290,000
3 beds 2 baths
300 Adler Road Pebble Beach
Carmel Valley
91-1541
$4,175,000
3 beds 2.5 baths
120 Camino Carlos Pebble Beach
Carmel Valley
91-1541
$7,335,000
4 beds 5.5 baths
1405 Forest Pacific Grove
Carmel Valley
358-4123
$7,190,000
4 beds 3 baths
120 Praetorian Road Pebble Beach
Carmel Valley
214-1011

SALINAS
$875,000
2 beds 2 baths
165 4th Street Salinas
Carmel Valley
277-1000

SANTA CRUZ
$5,090,000
4 beds 2.5 baths
23854 Albright Drive Santa Cruz
Carmel Valley
300-0626

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POLICE LOG
From page 4A

TUESDAY, MARCH 28
Carmel area: Resident on Aguajito Road turned in a firearm for safekeeping.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer responded and took custody of a loose dog on southbound Carpenter Street. The dog was transported to CPD for safekeeping. The dog was scanned for a microchip, and a rescue group was listed as the owner. The group was contacted for the owner’s information.

Pacific Grove: Report of vandalism and a reckless vehicle on David Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A Del Monte Boulevard resident came to report he was the victim of fraud.

Pacific Grove: Victim on Gibson Avenue was contacted via email and his computer was hacked.

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched to a mall on Ocean View Boulevard regarding a burglary and vandalism.

Carmel area: A 15-year-old male student threatened to cause harm to another student, a 15-year-old female, at Carmel High School.

Carmel area: Two 16-year-old males were involved in a fight on school grounds at Carmel High.

Carmel area: A juvenile was reported as a runaway from a residence on Rio Vista. The juvenile was later located and returned home.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost earring reported at Monte Verde and Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found ring reported at Lincoln and Ocean.

See SHERIFF page 13RE

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File No. 20230540

Date filed: April 14, 2023

Proposed name: AARON ZAMORA ZAMORA

Principal Place of Business: 637 E. Romie Lane, Salinas, CA 93901

Registered Owner(s): AARON ZAMORA ZAMORA, 20 Russell St., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

Date signed: March 30, 2023

INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 3, 2023.

Any person objecting to the name change must appear at the hearing to show cause why the change should not be granted. The court has a statutory lien on the filing of this statement. Name change is effective when published. A copy of this Order to Show Cause was published in the Monterey County Herald, the Carmel Valley Weekly, and the Salinas Californian on March 1, 2023. A copy of this Order to Show Cause was published in the Monterey County Herald, the Carmel Valley Weekly, and the Salinas Californian on April 7, 2023.


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SHERIFF

From page 14RE

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Mission and Eighth per section 22651(d) — blocked driveway.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female contacted at Dolores and First and transported to CHOMP Mission and Eighth per section 22651(d).

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Animal control officer responded to a found dog that was contained in a yard at Torres and Eighth. The microchip was not registered, and therefore, there was no owner info. Animal control officer networked with residents and located the dog owner. Due to the storm, there was damage to the fence. Dog returned to owner with a warning and educational information.

Pacific Grove: Gunfire reported in a Pico Avenue resident for destruction.

Carmel Valley: Battery at a school dance on Ford Road among three juveniles reported.

Seaside resident was arrested on San Carlos north of Seventh at 0132 hours for drunk in public and probation violation. Transported on Highway 1.

Carmel Valley: Subject defrauded an innkeeper by refusing to pay her hotel in-voice at Quail Lodge.

Carmel Valley: A 29-year-old male at Sunset and Asilomar who shoplifting incident.

Carmel Valley: Citizen on Carmel Valley Road requested information regarding mental health admission.

Carmel Valley: Attempted shoplifting at a Crossroads store. The shopping cart locked up at the exit door and suspects fled, leaving all of the items behind in the shopping cart.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female lost her ID on the beach.

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched to a shop on Lighthouse Avenue regarding a shoplifting incident.

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched to a possibly suicidal subject on Lighthouse Avenue. She was placed on an involuntary mental health hold.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision on a fixed object on Sixth Avenue at 0353 hours. Vehicle was drivable.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Damaged property at Carmelo and Ninth.


Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle repossessed at Torres and Ocean. Owner was contacted and was aware.

Carmel Valley: Vehicle suspicious circumstances in cyber-space.

Carmel Valley: A visitor was staying at a friend’s house at Monte Verde and Seventh and heard raccous possibly fighting in the yard late at night. The homeowner contacted animal control for information. A home/yard check was made and suggestions for repairs were given.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject lost wife’s charcoal gray carry-on luggage while sight-seeing in Carmel. Stopped at the parking lot for the beach off Scenic.

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CALLS
From page 13RE

MONDAY, APRIL 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Possible scam reported at Ocean and Monte Verde.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Sewage leak at San Carlos and Eighth.

Pacific Grove: At about 1029 hours, officers were dispatched to a noise complaint on Eardley regarding a neighbor yelling profanities. The resident explained that she was willing to pursue criminal charges against the neighbor.

Pacific Grove: Verbal argument occurred in 2900 block of David Avenue.

A 57-year-old male passenger was cited and released for the contraband.

A female reported her license plates were stolen off her vehicle on Rio Road.

Camino del Monte resident reported the rear window on his vehicle was broken.

A civil matter on Meadows Road was reported.

A subject on Willow Court reported a possible phone scam. The subject did not fall for scam but wished for documentation.

Camino Real resident was deceased.

A female reported her license plates were stolen off her vehicle on Rincon, 300 block of Rincon East and 0147 hours for DUI. She was transported to county jail.

A female reported from Fosholm was arrested on Ocean east of Santa Fe at 0147 hours for DUI. She was transported to county jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 21-year-old female engineer from Fosholm was arrested on Ocean east of Santa Fe at 0147 hours for DUI. She was transported to county jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Counter report of a non-injury collision involving a parked vehicle at Seventh and Monte Verde.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver’s license turned in at the front desk.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on Rio Road.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Coach employers turned in a Forte scarf. The scarf was found in front of the Coach store. The scarf was booked into evidence as safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: At about 1603 hours, officer was informed of an Adult Protective Services referral on Sinex regarding possible financial fraud. Investigation is ongoing.

Pacific Grove: A subject fell on public property at Lighthouse and 17th and was transported to a local hospital.

Pacific Grove: Citation issued for a municipal code violation for a dog at large at Alder and Gibson.

Carmel area: A female Camino Real resident was placed on a mental health evaluation hold.

Pebble Beach: Stranded resident was assisted on Cypress Drive in Pebble Beach.

Pebble Beach: A female Chaparral Road resident was deceased.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of suspicious circumstances on Segunda Drive.

Carmel area: Ribera Road resident was referred to the hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to West Carmel Valley Road for a suspicious circumstances report.

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288 Sandy Gulch Drive — $1,403,500
Shea Homes LP to Richard and Maria Bach
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Monterey
2103 Golden Oaks Lane — $550,000
Kevin Clark to Marilyn Bargman
APN: 001-773-002

500 Glenwood Circle unit 117 — $575,000
Lisa Silver to Jason Costa
APN: 031-773-008

10 Greenwood Rise — $1,240,000
Stephen Warginsky to Redwood Holdings LLC
APN: 014-101-010

933 Fountain Avenue — $1,505,000
Diana and River Gurtin to Steven Moore and Suzanne Worcester
APN: 001-483-012

538 Watson Street — $2,005,000
Susan Monroe and Christian Grossman to Thomas Parker
APN: 031-403-005

45 Alta Mesa Circle — $2,850,000
Helen Chau and Barry Phillips to Diane De Lorimer
APN: 031-752-012

Pacific Grove
1025 Lincoln Avenue — $1,125,000
Kevin Clark to Marilyn Bargman
APN: 001-943-002

1025 Lincoln Avenue — $1,125,000
Andrew Laszlo and Tyleer Moran to Bozena Treadwell
APN: 031-783-018

817 Congress Avenue — $1,850,000
John Church to Dennis and Laurel O’Connor
APN: 036-653-023

Pebble Beach
3172 Palmero Way — $3,280,000
Lanning Brandel and Schreiber Trust to Jeffrey and Sara Tamayo
APN: 008-341-033

Sand City
1889 Park Avenue unit A — $1,002,000
Susan McLean to Toan Tran
APN: 011-131-021

Seaside
555 Elm Avenue — $596,000
Carolyn Curtis to Kari Allred
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