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Bailey is a 10-year-old Shih Tzu who lives with his person at Hacienda Carmel. But it’s hard to introduce Bailey any further without talking about Bing. Bailey and Bing (also a Shih Tzu), were brought home at 4 months from two different breeders, but grew up like brothers.

Their beds, stowed under the kitchen table, gave them a direct sightline into their person’s bedroom. This provided an extra sense of security as they tucked in together each night. Come morning, Bing would spring up and out of his bed and scamper into his person’s bedroom to rustle her into the day. Then he’d return to the kitchen to get his brother going.

“Bing was always the dynamic member of the household,” his person said. “But he died in June, leaving Bailey and me bereft and a little boring.”

Bailey and Bing didn’t actually play together, their person said. It was more like parallel play. But they would always stop chasing a ball or zooming around the yards to look out for each other.

“When we went out for a walk, if one got ahead,” their person said, “he’d always look back to see if the other was coming along OK. It was a very tender relationship.”

Both Bailey and Bing were born with eye issues, which meant it would be disastrous if they got sand in their eyes. Hence, no beach for the boys. But Hacienda Carmel has a 1-mile path around the property, which creates an opportunity for exercise and socializing, which both Bailey and his person enjoy.

Bailey now spends his days waiting for his next walk and, his person said, is still mourning his brother.

“Bailey’s become a lost, sad little dog,” his person said. “I think I might have to rescue another one, a remedy which might rescue us both.”
Second harassment complaint filed against school district

By MARY SCHLEY

T HREE WEEKS after a longtime custodian sued the Carmel Unified School District claiming sexual harassment, retaliation and other abuse, a second custodian has filed suit alleging similar mistreatment, as well as wrongful termination.

The law firm representing the unnamed women, who are both referred to as Jane Doe, also discovered that one of the alleged harassers, former lead custodian Roel Martinez, was paid to retire at the end of June.

He is listed as retired in a July 19 board of education agenda, and his name appears on a register next to check No. 12773036, dated June 29, for $100,000, with “agreement” written in the comment field.

“Roel Martinez, the harasser of both female custodians, received a $100,000 payment as part of a severance-retirement package,” said attorney B. James Fitzpatrick. “Instead of holding him responsible and terminating his employment, the school district simply paid him off.”

In 2021, during summertime cleanup at Carmel High School, Martinez allegedly frequently talked about sex in front of his employee, threw panties at her and made suggestive comments as she cleaned the girls’ locker room, and slapped her on the buttocks when she was bent over.

When she objected, he warned her that no one would believe her complaints, according to the suit, and she was fearful of reporting the harassment because it might jeopardize her chances of getting hired full-time at CUSD.

The woman was also assigned to Carmel Middle School, where Alvarado was the lead custodian, and she was later offered a permanent job there working the night shift. When she was a temp there, Alvarado had asked her personal questions that made her uncomfortable, according to the lawsuit, and his behavior became more aggressive once she was there full-time, the complaint said.

He would stand and watch her work, come up behind her and smell her hair, wrap his arms around her waist from behind, slowly scratch her back, and at one point forcibly attempted to kiss her, she alleges.

“One day, Alvarado said she should be his mistress in order for him to favor her in getting overtime, less work, and for him to prioritize her at work,” the suit says. “Plaintiff rejected his advances and told him, ‘No,’ and that she just came to do her job. She said she didn’t want to be his lover or in his favor.”

According to the suit, Doe was hired as a substitute custodian in 2019 and “was a good and hardworking employee and received positive feedback until she was treated unfairly and terminated,” the complaint said. “Her employment continued. He would deprive her of necessary supplies and demand that she get on her knees in front of him to re-clean spots in the classroom. He continued. He would deprive her of necessary supplies and demand that she get on her knees in front of him to re-clean spots in the classroom.

After that, he retaliated by “treating her harshly, unfairly criticizing her, giving her extra work, and making unwarranted complaints about her work,” the complaint continues. He would deprive her of necessary supplies and demand that she get on her knees in front of him to re-clean spots.

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**Police & Sheriff’s Log**

**Benjamin goes astray downtown**

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.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Male stated he is missing several gold coins from his residence on Junipero Street.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Welfare check on son at Junipero and 11th per CPS referral for alleged child abuse. No evidence of abuse at this time.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Sexual battery of restaurant employee by a patron on Fifth east of San Carlos. The 56-year-old male suspect was located, arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail.

**Pacific Grove:** Drug overdose on Locust Street. Naloxan administered by a family member.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject contacted while in the act of using methamphetamine.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded for a welfare check on Via Mariposa.

**Carmel area:** Resident reported someone threw an egg at a residence on Isabella.

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**Sheriff’s Log**

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**The gavel falls**

**Sept. 20 — Judge Rafael Vazquez sentenced Oscar Gonzalez Padilla, 45 and a resident of Salinas, to 15 years in prison for two counts of committing lewd acts upon a child under 14 years old. Both offenses are violent felonies and are considered “strikes” under California’s three strikes law.**

**In addition to his prison sentence, Padilla will also be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.**

**Jane Doe reported that Padilla, a family member, sexually assaulted her over her clothes from when she was 13 years old to 15 years old. Padilla waited for everyone to go to sleep before he sexually assaulted Doe, who delayed disclosing the abuse for several months before she bravely reported to law enforcement. Doe stated she was hesitant to report the sexual assault to law enforcement because she didn’t want to cause any issues for Padilla’s children. According to research regarding sexual assault victim behavior, it is very common for victims to delay reporting the sexual abuse, especially when the victim is a minor and has a close relationship with the perpetrator.**

**This case was investigated by Detective Yolanda Rocha and other officers from the Salinas Police Department, as well as Monterey County District Attorney Investigator Alicia Cox. Jane Doe was assisted by victim witness assistance program manager Alma Ramirez.**

**Sept. 20 — Rafael Vazquez sentenced Alejandro Acosta Romero, 32 and a resident of Salinas, to 12 years in prison for committing one count of committing forcible sexual penetration with a foreign object upon a minor over 14 years old and one count of committing lewd acts upon a child under 14 years old. Both offenses are violent felonies and considered “strikes” under California’s three strikes law. Romero will also be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.**

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WO MAN WHO ABUSED YOUNG CHILD TO SERVE SIX MONTHS IN JAIL

By KELLY NIX

T HE MARINA childcare provider who was caught on surveillance video abusing a 2-year-old boy was sentenced to six months in jail and felony probation in a Salinas courtroom last week.

On Oct. 27, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Stephanie Hulsey ordered Christine Marie Aiello, 61, to be remanded into custody to begin serving a six-month sentence behind bars. Aiello was also given four years of felony probation for assaulting and injuring Enzo McClain on May 25 at Miss Barbara’s Child Care Center, where she worked.

“Classroom surveillance video clearly showed a teacher forcefully and repeatedly slamming Enzo down, causing injuries,” according to a Sept. 28 lawsuit filed by McClain’s mother against Aiello, the owner of the daycare facility, and its administrator, which alleges negligence and infliction of emotional distress.

Members of the boy’s family spoke at last week’s sentencing about the impact the traumatic incident has had on him and his parents, “who put their trust in the defendant and the daycare center to keep their child safe, only to have that trust broken,” prosecutors said.

The boy’s mother found out about the abuse after he came home from the Marina daycare facility with new scratches and scrapes and told her that Aiello “hurt him,” the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office said.

The video also depicted Aiello attempting to hold him down on the mat using a fence as she took him to her room.

Aiello, who is being held in Monterey County Jail, pleaded no contest — the same as a guilty plea — to felony child abuse on Sept. 22 following her June 12 arrest by Marina Police. She’ll serve her sentence in county jail.

The Marina childcare center has since shut its doors.

PINE-CONE STAFF REPORT

PEACE OF Mind Dog Rescue, a non-profit that finds forever homes for senior dogs and for those whose owners are too old to care for them any longer, will hold an open house and adoption event at its headquarters in Pacific Grove Nov. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Peace of Mind typically has as many as 90 adoptable dogs in foster homes, and around 30 of them will be at the open house, ready to meet potential saviors. Since its inception in 2009, POMDR has rescued more than 3,500 dogs and has provided volunteer and financial assistance to more than 2,500 guardians and their pets.

Members of the public are invited to mingle with the POMDR staff, volunteers and pups while enjoying hot apple cider and cookies. Peace of Mind Dog Rescue is located at 615 Forest Ave. RSVP to POMDR at (831) 718-9122 or info@peaceofminddogrescue.org.
Work to remove logjam in Big Sur is underway, motorists can expect delays

By CHRIS COUNTS

A MASSIVE logjam on the Big Sur River just north of Fernwood Resort is pushing the river toward Highway 1 and threatening to undermine it, but work is underway to remove the logs and woody debris causing the blockage, according to Caltrans spokesperson Kevin Drabinski.

Using heavy equipment, Blaze Engineering is doing the work, which is expected to cost about $800,000.

Heavy equipment

Because the river is threatening Highway 1, the state roads agency has been tasked by the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services with leading the effort to remove the logjam.

While there will be some delays for motorists, the work won’t be done from the highway with a crane. Instead, Blaze says it has “created access” to the river for its heavy equipment. From there, the debris will be transported off-site with trucks.

“Activities will take place seven days a week with extended shifts in an effort to clear the logjam in advance of higher river flows this winter,” Drabinski said.

Biological monitors will be on site to assure that environmental laws are followed. The waterway has been designated a Wild and Scenic River by the federal government. Also, because steelhead use logjams as shelter along the river, workers used netting to isolate them from the work.

“Once the logs are removed, officials are hopeful the river will return to its natural course,” Drabinski explained. The job is expected to be finished by Nov. 16.

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License plate cameras find ‘stolen’ car

By KELLY NIX

A CAMERA system recently installed in Pacific Grove that captures photos of license plates of vehicles entering and exiting the city recently snapped an image of a vehicle that was reported stolen. But the supposed thief turned out to be the car’s owner.

On Oct. 24 at about 1:10 p.m., Pacific Grove Police received a notification from Flock Safety — the surveillance camera company — about a stolen vehicle near Forest and David avenues. One of the Flock license plate reader cameras is positioned on David Avenue southwest of Forest Avenue and captured the vehicle’s plate number.

Police later spotted the vehicle and its driver near Highway 1 and Del Monte Avenue in Monterey and officers stopped the car with guns drawn. However, the car was not stolen.

“Through the investigation, it was determined the driver of the vehicle was in fact the owner,” who did not report to police that “he had previously recovered the vehicle,” PG. Police said. “The driver and the vehicle were released at the scene.”

While the owner of the car failed to tell police he’d gotten the vehicle back, which caused the mixup, the cameras worked as intended.

Guns drawn

Pacific Grove Police Cmdr. Brian Anderson said officers from Monterey assisted in the apprehension of the driver before he was let go.

“This was a confirmed stolen vehicle, a felony, so a felony traffic stop was conducted,” Anderson explained, meaning officers took specific measures, including drawing their guns on the driver, before they took him into custody.

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State agency tests oil spill containment strategy in lagoon

By CHRIS COUNTS

At a site where residents worry for good reason about flooding and erosion from winter storms, a state agency this week was preparing for a different kind of disaster — an oil spill.

A team from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife assembled at the north end of Carmel River Beach Wednesday morning to test “oil spill containment strategies geared to protect sensitive habitat in the event of a spill that would impact the Carmel River Lagoon.”

Along the edge of the lagoon, an oil boom, which is a temporary floating barrier, was deployed. The barriers are commonly used to keep oil from spreading as it floats.

According to agency spokesperson Eric Laughlin, the operation was a success, and much was learned about the site.

“Two hundred feet of boom was deployed in the Carmel River channel,” Laughlin said. “The ideal positioning was documented and would be used in the event of an oil spill. If there was an offshore oil spill, strategies like these are essential for keeping oil out of the channel.”

The risks to the lagoon from an oil spill are greater during the wet season. “During the dry season, the lagoon is closed by a natural sand berm,” Laughlin said.

Besides employing the containment barrier, Laughlin said creating a berm “with native soil” is also an option for protecting the lagoon from a spill.

Last big one in 2021

Wednesday’s exercise was attended by representatives of the United States Coast Guard and California State Parks, and members of the Kakoon Ta Ruk Band of Ohlone Indians of the Big Sur Rancheria and Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe.

While spills are reported along the California coastline rather infrequently, they do happen — the last significant one dumped an estimated 600 barrels of oil in the ocean off the coast of Huntington Beach in 2021. That disaster came six years after the Refugio spill, where more than 3,400 barrels of oil ended up in the ocean and along the coast of Santa Barbara.

To be prepared for a worst-case scenario, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife tests containment strategies for an oil spill Wednesday morning at the Carmel River Lagoon.

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AN AGRICULTURE research facility in Salinas that cost taxpayers more than $100 million is up and running, a spokesperson for the United States Department of Agriculture, Jess Ryan, told The Pine Cone.

To honor the former congressman, the 117,000-square-foot facility at 1636 E. Alisal St. has been named the Sam Farr United States Crop Improvement and Protection Research Center.

The project got its start in the 1990s, after Farr toured a federal agriculture research facility in Salinas. “It was run down, and the buildings were dilapidated,” he recalled. Recognizing the value of a modern research facility located in the heart of one of the nation’s most productive agricultural regions, Farr began pushing his colleagues in Congress to fund the construction. He brought several of them to Salinas to see the site up close, and later convinced the USDA to consider a proposal to construct a new facility based on its merits, which he said made it easier to get the project funded.

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MONTEREY COUNTY announced this week it’s offering money to people who help local wildlife. On Thursday, the county said it’s handing out grants, which typically range from $2,000 to $10,000, to those who “enhance or improve local wildlife.”

“These grants can support a wide variety of work, from boots-on-the-ground habitat or environmental projects, to education and scientific research,” the county said.

Past projects include removing nets and fishing equipment that ensure marine life, including migrating whales, and releasing 160,000 Chinook salmon smolts in Monterey Bay to mitigate the impacts of habitat degradation.

The Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Commission reviews grant applications and makes funding recommendations. Applications must be received by Nov. 17. Information and applications are available at shornit.ai/cdpn/.

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By CHRIS COUNTS

Ryan said researchers at the center are studying how “viral, fungal and bacterial diseases are affecting our nation’s fruit and vegetable industries,” and he said its labs are utilizing cutting-edge technology in their efforts. The USDA, meanwhile, has suggested that the facility has the capability to “vastly advance our research on the sustainable production of vegetable and fruit crops.”

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Bacterial infection likely to blame for spike in sea lion mortality

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Prompting complaints, queries and outcries, five dead sea lions have washed up on Carmel Beach during the past month or so, according to the public works department, which is tasked with burying the dead sea mammals where they’re found. Experts at the Marine Mammal Center, the world’s largest marine mammal hospital, speculate that a bacterial infection is to blame:

“Leptospirosis, which can cause kidney failure, has been primarily impacting California sea lions since the late summer along the central and northern California coast,” the center’s public relations manager, Giancarlo Rulli, said this week. “This is true historically as well, since the bacterium was first detected in the species in California back in 1970.”

He said deaths from the infection are predominantly occurring this year in Sonoma, Monterey, Santa Cruz and Mendocino counties. Many other sea lions have needed treatment.

Cyclical

“The 150-plus sea lions with suspected leptospirosis that have been rescued along our 600-mile California response range so far this year ranks as one of the larger cyclical outbreaks that normally occur every four to five years,” he said. However, the spike pales in comparison to the last major outbreak in 2018, when the center admitted more than 300 infected sea lions to its hospital in Sausalito.

Lately, the center has received reports from people finding dead sea lions at beaches in Pebble Beach and Carmel. “However, the number of calls has decreased considerably since its height in September,” Rulli said.

The sea lions’ state of decomposition and lack of necropsies in most cases have made it difficult to determine whether the animals died from leptospirosis infections, but the Moss Landing Marine Lab is investigating, he said.

Veterinarians can usually identify leptospirosis in a patient even before laboratory tests confirm a diagnosis, because of the infection’s distinctive symptoms in California sea lions, which include drinking water and folding the flippers over the abdomen,” Rulli added.

Marine mammals generally don’t need to drink water because they get their hydration from food, but when their kidneys fail, as happens with leptospirosis, they can’t filter toxins or regulate hydration.

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By MARY SCHLEY

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Culvert work finished in Big Sur, closed area moves south to Paul’s Slide

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE EFFORT to restore vehicle travel between Carmel and Cambria took a small step forward this week when Caltrans announced that a culvert has been replaced where Dani Creek runs beneath Highway 1. As a result, the highway now is closed only from Paul’s Slide to Limekiln State Park — a distance of about a mile.

Located just north of the New Camaldoli Hermitage, the culvert was badly damaged during storms in March, which caused the highway to be undermined and left the hermitage isolated. With the repair, motorists can travel south to the popular retreat center with only minor delays.

Meanwhile, less than a mile south of the new culvert, repairs continue at Paul’s Slide seven days a week. More than 30,000 cubic yards of material, and built support in steep terrain down to the bottom of the slide, removed the hermitage isolated. With the repair, motorists can travel south to the popular retreat center with only minor delays.

To make the repairs to the site, “crews created access in steep terrain down to the bottom of the slide, removed some 30,000 cubic yards of material, and built support from the bottom of the slide with fill material,” Kevin Drabinski of Caltrans reported.

After stabilizing the sleep slope below the pavement, “due to dynamic conditions at the repair site, as well as anticipated impacts associated with inclement weather in the upcoming months, we have no estimated time for full reopening of Highway 1 at Paul’s Slide,” his report added.

“With compacted fill material in place, crews worked from the inland side of the road to bore through and place an 8-foot-diameter culvert under the roadway,” Drabinski explained. “Our crews performed final paving, striping and installation of guardrails over the last few weeks.”

There’s still some work to do at the site, so “travelers may encounter intermittent traffic control in coming weeks as crews complete revegetation at the site,” Drabinski said.

In March after heavy rains, Highway 1 collapsed just north of the New Camaldoli Hermitage in Big Sur. An aerial photo shows the extent of the damage.
CARMEL VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL GETS
$10 MILLION, WORK TO START IN JULY

By CHRIS COUNTS

AN AMBITIOUS $25 million flood control project in Carmel Valley received a big boost last month when the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation awarded it $10 million. The money comes from tax-payer-funded grants and donations.

The work includes restoring native vegetation on 185 acres along both banks of the Carmel River as it passes through the former Rancho Cañada Golf Club, excavating about 40 acres, constructing a pedestrian bridge, removing rip-rap and improving a network of trails. Black cottonwoods, dogwoods, willows, bullrushes, sedges and horsetails will be planted, and a temporary irrigation system will be installed.

Besides reducing the impact of flooding on nearby neighborhoods like Hacienda Carmel, the project will improve habitat for steelhead, the California red-legged frog, migratory birds and other wildlife.

“When completed, this project will not only reconnect the Carmel River to its floodplain and improve overall watershed function, it will provide a gateway to the larger Palo Corona Regional Park,” said Rachel Coach, an official for the State Coastal Conservancy.

Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District official Jake Smith said much time was invested in pursuing the money.

“The award is a testament to the power of partnerships and years of hard work by organizations and community members to make rewilding this property a reality,” Smith said. “This project will become a model for how our public parks and open spaces can be redefined to provide greater benefit to our communities for generations to come.”

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has awarded more than $6.8 billion in conservation funding since it was chartered by Congress in 1983.

The project is expected to break ground next July. An additional $15 million needs to be raised to pay for the work.

Embattled light poles going up at CHS

By MARY SCHIEY

LEGAL BATTLES notwithstanding, construction workers at Carmel High School this week began erecting the 70-to-80-foot-tall light poles that are at the center of a lawsuit between a group of neighbors and the school district.

The poles, which are topped with LED fixtures, are part of a larger project that also includes new parking areas, paths and an interior road, replacement of lights at the pool, and a storage area next to the athletic field with a spectator platform on top.

Alleging violations of the California Environmental Quality Act, a group of people calling itself Save Carmel, late last year sued the Carmel Unified School District over its approval of the project.

Restraining order

After seeing construction equipment on the CHS campus in May, Save Carmel also asked for an emergency restraining order to prevent the school district from beginning construction until its lawsuit makes its way through the courts. Its attorney filed the motion “ex parte”—legal terminology meaning “one side only”—and asked Monterey County Superior Court Judge Thomas Willis to rule on it without the school district having a chance to formally respond.

In early June, he denied Save Carmel’s request but did so “without prejudice to petitioner’s ability to seek a temporary restraining order on a properly noticed motion.”

Court records indicate Save Carmel might be preparing to appeal the decision.

Both sides were more recently in settlement talks, but those efforts fell apart, too. In April, the school board approved a contract with Monterey Peninsula Engineering for the first phase of the project, which covers the lights at the field and the pool, at a cost of $1,043,000, and the Department of State Architect approved the plans.

Phase II will include the athletic storage building and viewing platform, as well as additional parking near the pool, and Phase III will involve additional parking and an internal road.

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By KELLY NIX

A PACIFIC Grove city councilman opposed to the mayor’s recent decision to prohibit citizen comments at public meetings via the Zoom application is waging an effort to overturn the ban.

On Oct. 26, Pacific Grove Mayor Bill Peake told The Pine Cone that he would no longer allow public comments to be made through Zoom, which offers a way for people to address council members and others without having to attend meetings in person. Peake’s unilateral decision came after an Oct. 19 council meeting in which several men used racial slurs and numerous antisemitic remarks on Zoom as a disruption tactic.

But Peake’s Zoom ban has agitated several residents and councilman Luke Coletti, who said this week he’ll try to reverse it. Coletti added an item on the Nov. 15 city council agenda entitled “Remote Public Participation at City Meetings” in an effort to do that.

“We should not limit residents’ First Amendment rights to criticize government by prohibiting public comment from Zoom users,” Coletti said Wednesday afternoon.

“Zoom has opened up access to government and there is no reason to shut it down.”

‘No authority’

Coletti went on to tell The Pine Cone that his agenda item seeks to restore comments via Zoom and “overturn the mayor’s ban, which he had no authority to implement.”

Coletti said he intends for his Nov. 15 agenda item to be the first step in “restoring remote public participation at public meetings,” and he wants council members and citizens to weigh in, including on ways to contend with racist, pornographic and other offensive comments in online comments.

The councilman said he’s also going to participate in a Nov. 9 roundtable on “Zoom Disruption” hosted by the League of California Cities.

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Hate speech

During the Oct. 18 meeting when people on Zoom used the offensive language, city attorney Brian Pietik recommended Peake warn the callers to stop and to keep their comments relevant to the discussion at hand. If they continued using offensive language, Pietik said Peake should mute them.

Using Zoom and other online meeting applications began during the Covid-19 pandemic, but many cities have continued the practice. Peake’s decision applies to all city meetings.

As an alternative to attending meetings in person and using Zoom, Peake has said people could email council members beforehand with their concerns and ideas. But that idea was not well received at Wednesday’s council meeting, where several residents criticized the decision to stop using Zoom.

Lisa Ciani acknowledged that hate speech on Zoom is a “serious problem that must be addressed,” but she said writing to council members is not the same.

“Written comments are not a substitute for in-the-moment oral comments,” Ciani said, adding that the threat of Covid-19 and another medical issue would prevent her from attending future city meetings in person.

Former P.G. Mayor Carmelita Garcia said she understands it can be difficult for members of the council to hear
Lion makes bail, told to stay away

By MARY SCHLEY

THE AG executive arrested last month for assaulting construction workers, throwing rocks at cars and stewing debris across Highway 1 in the Carmel Highlands made bail last month and has already made himself unwelcome at at least one downtown business. He was also cited for trespassing after running the gate was also cited for trespassing after running the gate.

Bruce Lion, whose family has been producing raisins in the Central Valley for 120 years, was arrested Sept. 21 after fighting with deputies and was subsequently charged with multiple felonies, including assault with a deadly weapon, assault with the intent to cause great bodily injury, throwing substances at vehicles, vandalism and battery. He was also separately charged with a misdemeanor for illegally entering someone’s home a few days earlier.

Lion was initially jailed without bail, but was released Oct. 20 after $18,000 for the felonies and $5,000 for the misdemeanor, and the bonds were posted Oct. 20, releasing him from jail with a promise to appear in a Salinas courtroom for his next hearing Nov. 16.

Banned from bar
Since his release, Lion has returned to his habit of profusely posting photos and videos on Facebook, including footage of his Carmel Highlands house, outings in downtown Carmel, and videos in which he talks about his arrest and his desire to fight the deputies who took him into custody.

On Oct. 24 at 11:19 p.m., officers responded to a report of two men yelling at each other and found Lion fighting with the manager over a bill, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Michael Bruno.

See BAIL page 31A

REWARD OFFERED IN KILLING OF COW

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE OWNER of the Lonely Bull Cattle Company and a longtime Big Sur resident, Chris Moon told The Pine Cone that someone shot and killed one of his pregnant cows as she grazed on someone else’s pasture in Carmel Valley. He’s offering a $5,000 reward for information that leads to a conviction of the perpetrator.

While Moon wouldn’t say precisely where the shooting happened in order to protect the property owner’s privacy, he said it happened sometime during the night of Oct. 19-20. The deceased cow wasn’t discovered until the next day.

“She had a bullet hole about 2 inches behind her left eye,” he reported. “Nobody lives nearby, so I don’t think the gunshot could be heard.”

Moon can only speculate what happened. He noted there was big bright moon that night.

As for the reward, if anyone has any information that could lead to prosecuting the individual who shot the cow, you can send an email to chris@lonelybullcattleco.com.

I have absolutely no idea why someone would do that,” he said. “There’s been poaching of pigs going on at night, and perhaps someone thought she was a pig. It’s quite disappointing this is going on.”

Due to have a calf
Not only was the news of the cow’s killing sad, but Moon told The Pine Cone that her loss will hit his business hard.

“She was a 5-year-old black Angus in very good health, and she was due to have a baby this month,” he explained. “A cow of that type is worth $2,000 to $3,000, and in six months, the calf would be worth $1,500 to $2,000. Over the course of her life, the cow would have given birth every year annually for 12-13 years.”

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Closed for more than 20 years, Monterey’s First Theatre back in business

By CHRIS COUNTS

A LOCAL landmark that was built as a boarding house and tavern for sailors in 1845 — and three years later was turned into a venue for theatrical events — California’s First Theatre in Monterey is set to reopen with a fundraising event Nov. 2. The event would be the first time the theater has been open since it was closed for repairs in 2000.

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creating a wonderful wine cellar in your home

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City busy with trees

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

CONTRACTORS WORKING for the city have been busy cutting down dead and dangerous trees, pruning near power lines and removing stumps, according to the public works and forestry department. One of several on-call companies, Community Tree Service, completed “a whopping $115,000 worth of tree work in just one month,” city officials said, while the forestry crews have focused on removing smaller trees and planting new ones.

Coming up on the list for future removals are a very large dead pine in Devendorf Park near the intersection of Junipero and Ocean, and four “malformed, diseased, dead or dying” Monterey pines in the Ocean Avenue median islands.

The work will also mark the start of a new landscaping project in the medians in partnership with the nonprofit volunteer group, Carmel Cares.

Wastewater opening

A QUALIFIED person is sought to fill a vacancy on the Carmel Area Wastewater District Board of Directors, which oversees the treatment of local wastewater.

While board members typically serve four-year terms, the person selected to fill this vacancy will serve until December 2024 and must run for reelection on Nov. 5, 2024, to remain on the board. The board meets the last Thursday of every month at 9 a.m. Candidates must be residents of the district, citizens of the United States and registered voters. The deadline to apply is Nov. 6.

SEA LION

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readers at The Pine Cone is that dogs are susceptible to contracting leptospirosis, and it can be deadly,” he said.

“It’s important for pet owners to contact their local veterinarian to get their dogs vaccinated for leptospirosis and keep their dogs on leashes — do not let them approach live or dead marine mammals.”

Upon learning a dead sea lion has washed up on the beach, public works crews will bury it as soon as possible, according to the city. Sometimes, the animal is located in the surf line, causing a delay until the tides recede and a pit can be dug so workers can “lay the poor seals to rest.”

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CITY EXPECTS TO REVIEW STATE’S FEEDBACK ON HOUSING PLAN NOV. 13

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CALIFORNIA Department of Housing and Community Development is almost done reviewing the city’s plan for accommodating 349 new housing units in Carmel over the next eight years, planning director Brandon Swanston announced Friday, and the city council’s ad hoc committee will hold a meeting Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. to review the feedback.

While some cities have received numerous comments, corrections and questions from the state, Swanston said he expects to get a several-page response. “We’re not going to be getting a 20-, 30- or 40-page letter that many cities have gotten,” he predicted. “We’re still going to get some comments, but it will be a few pages vs. a tome.”

City administrator Chip Rerig said a lot of the credit goes to principal planner Mar- nie Waffle and associate planner Katherine Wallace, both of whom worked closely with state officials throughout the process of writing the revised housing element, which is part of the city’s general plan. “The best part of what Marnie and Katherine have done is maintain good communications with the state throughout the drafting process and since we submitted it to them, so that kind of legwork holds well,” he said.

The housing plan identifies potential development sites for the 349 new units — 113 very low income, 74 low income, 44 moderate income and 118 market rate — that the state decreed the city must accommodate to make up for its share of the statewide housing shortage. The city doesn’t have to build them but must identify ways to enable and encourage developers to do so.

What lies ahead

According to the plan, which the city council approved 4-1 in August and subsequently submitted to the state, next year will see many of the policy changes come about, including density bonuses, reduced parking requirements and expedited permit processing to encourage developers to build more housing, including affordable units. A handful of properties will see their zoning increase, opening the door for more multifamily housing.

The creation of pre-approved design standards for certain projects containing at least 20 percent affordable housing would occur in 2025, as would a plan for distributing water to new complexes, among other provisions. Additional programs, including shelf-ready plans for second units on single-family lots, also called ADUs, would come online in the following years.

The housing plan will expire in 2031 and must be updated every eight years. The meeting will be held in city hall on Monte Verde south of Ocean. More information will be available at ci.carmel.ca.us.

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Tucker arrived to Carmel in the Spring of 2010. He immediately acclimated to his new home and fell in love with Carmel and with everyone he came in contact with. Tucker loved the beach and walked it frequently with his Dad. He would happily beg for a cookie and then off to the Wine Bar at Galante for more cookies from his friend, Janet.

In 2017, Tucker was voted in the SPCA contest as the “Most Handsome Dog” in Monterey County.

Tucker loved his Mommy and followed her everywhere and would not leave her side even at bedtime.

He also had the wonderful privilege of having a 2nd home while his parents traveled. A special thank you to Sara and her son Cameron for the love they provided to Tucker over the years. He loved them very much.

Tucker was very special to many people who were part of his life including Fausto, Josh and Markie, Anel and Natale who spoiled him.

Tucker — you will be missed!
violating a Health & Safety Code section that states, “No person, firm, partnership, association or corporation shall operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a child daycare facility in this state without a current valid license.”

Bing Crosby founded the youth center, the first of what would become more than 200 — in 1949, principally as a place for teenagers and other older kids to hang out. It has never had a license, even though it has provided care for children as young as 5, according to the state.

The board and Napoli worked closely with the DSS to complete the application, according to Ruskell. “I would be remiss in not mentioning that this was a Herculean task involving hundreds of labor hours to complete a 5-inch-thick document that required reams of detail,” he said.

Before submitting the application, though, the youth center had to have a childcare director on staff. Napoli started the job as a part-time employee, since she was still running the presidio’s center, but after executive director Teresa Holman abruptly quit in mid-August after two-and-a-half months on the job, she moved to a full-time, salaried position.

Who she is

The youngest of 18 children — nine boys and nine girls — Napoli was born and raised on Fresno’s rough west side. Her father died when she was young, and it was an older brother who helped determine her future when he helped Napoli and her twin sister attend a better high school on the other side of the city, since he was graduating and could no longer protect them in the school where they were.

She went on to graduate from McLane High School and later attended Fresno State, where she obtained a bache- lor’s degree in liberal studies with an emphasis on early childhood education. After moving to Monterey, she com- pleted graduate courses in special education while work- ing in the special ed department at North Monterey County High School as a resource specialist program teacher. While she enjoyed working with children of all ages in an academic setting, her calling was to take care of the littiest ones, which led her to the presidio preschool.

When the youth center board asked her to serve as executive director as well as the director of childcare, she said she didn’t hesitate.

“It’s not about me, it’s more about the kids,” she said. “I want the kids to have someplace to come to.”

Financial stability

Ruskell said Napoli developed a financial model for the youth center that would make it stable, even profitable, and that fundraising has remained strong, despite the closure.

“The public has faith in us, even though we’re not open yet,” he said.

While families have had to make do during the closure, Ruskell said he’s not worried about their return once the center opens.

“We are aware of the fact that there is an under-supply of childcare in the Carmel area,” he said. “There are enough kids around who were using the youth center before and have let us know they want to come back.”

Being “professional and confident, and having a facility they can trust in” will also ensure healthy enrollment.

“We had that before, and I think we’ll have it again,” he said. “We didn’t do anything wrong in the first place, other than not having a license. It’s not as if we had a cata- strophic event.”

Ruskell also said everyone involved has been surprised reopening has taken so long, “but that just seems to be the way of the world these days.”

The board and Napoli are also working on the necessary physical improvements to the building, which is available for rental in the meantime. “Our objective remains the same: to ensure the future success of the organization and to make the youth center stronger, wiser and more compliant,” Ruskell said.

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**Panetta deemed ‘affordable housing champion’**

DEMOCRATIC REP. Jimmy Panetta has been honored for his role in advancing policies that expand affordable housing opportunities.

On Oct. 28 he was given the 2022 Affordable Housing Champion Award, “which honors members of Congress who exhibit outstanding leadership in the U.S. Congress toward the advancement of policies that expand affordable housing through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit,” his office said. The Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition was behind the award.

Panetta co-leads the efforts of the bipartisan Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act, which expands and strengthens the housing credit, a Reagan-era tax credit designed to encourage private sector investment in the construction of affordable housing. The AHClIA is intended to “reduce existing barriers to double the number of Housing Credit-funded projects in California.”

“Affordable housing is one of the most pressing challenges facing us in California’s 19th Congressional District,” Panetta said last week, adding that “increasing the amount of federal low-income tax credits” would “significantly increase the amount of affordable housing all across our communities and country.”

Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition chair executive officer Emily Cadik praised the Carmel Valley congressman for being an “leading advocate” for affordable housing.

“As the United States continues to grapple with a severe shortage of affordable housing, Congressman Panetta’s leadership on the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act has been instrumental in building bipartisan support for policies that would spur the development of more affordable housing in California and nationwide,” Cadik said.

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**PINE CONE STAFF REPORT**

Ronald Lee Branson, M.D.

Born: January 1, 1930, Whittier, California

Died: October 17, 2023, Carmichael, California

Ron Branson, a long-time Monterey Peninsula resident, pediatrician, photographer and naturalist, passed away of natural causes on October 17, 2023, in Carmichael, CA, where he and his wife, Mary, recently moved.

Ron was born and raised in Southern California in the era of the Great Depression, but those years also allowed him ample freedoms and opportunities to roam and wander the Los Angeles area before cities merged into the great metropolitan region it is today. Ron graduated from Whittier High School and Pasadena City College before completing his bachelor of science degree at U.C. Berkeley. After graduation he entered the U.S. Army and was a radioman aboard the U.S.S. Lake Champlain before being honorably discharged. He then enrolled in medical school at U.C. San Francisco, followed by internship and residency programs in San Francisco and Los Angeles hospitals with specialization in allergy management.

Ron met Mary Keeley, the anchor of their family, while in medical school in San Francisco. There, she was beginning her career as a registered nurse after graduating from nursing school in Rochester, Minnesota. They were married June 11, 1957, in Mary’s hometown of Janesville, Minnesota. After completing his internship and residency programs, and having two sons and a third child on the way, Ron and Mary moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1962.

Ron began his pediatric practice at 920 Cass Street in Monterey with Dr. Talcott Bates and Dr. Robert Black. While the practice evolved over time, he continued providing pediatric services to multiple generations of Monterey County residents at this location until his retirement in 1995. He practiced in Monterey for decades, he often encountered former patients, their children and their grandchildren on his daily activities around the Peninsula. For young children, he almost always had an animal finger puppet in his pocket to give them, providing a quick distraction or a relief from the anxiety of a visit to the doctor. After retiring, he volunteered his pediatric services through RotaCare Bay Area at their Seaside free clinic, and as a pediatrician with Rotoplast International cleft palate surgical clinics in Argentina and El Salvador.

Ron had many hobbies and passions, some originating from his days as an Eagle Scout in his early teens in Los Angeles. Birdwatching, photography, botany and taxonomy, and wildlife photography were long-time interests. His passion for birds was expressed through his 60 consecutive years participating in the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count at several locations in Monterey County. For many years he provided a regular inventory of dead seabirds that washed onto Monterey State Beach, and documented the population of snowy plovers at Carmel River State Beach for researchers at the Point Reyes Bird Observatory.

Mary and Ron’s travels were opportunities to share his passions with her in many parts of the world. Before traveling, he enjoyed learning the native languages of the countries they were to visit including Spanish, Japanese and Swahili. Together they toured Eastern Africa, Japan, Siberia, Europe, and Mexico. He also traveled with several longtime friends who shared many of his interests in birds, botany, and wildlife to many sites in the continental U.S., Alaska, the Canadian Arctic, and the jungles of Guyana. He especially enjoyed his two visits to the Galapagos Islands in the mid-1960s as staff physician aboard marine research vessels from Stanford University.

Raising five boys brought many more adventures for Ron and Mary. Decades of school music programs, baseball, soccer games, swim meets, and football games found them going in many directions on any given day on the Peninsula. Family backpack and camping trips, and visiting many state and national parks kept them active and connected throughout their years in California.

Post-retirement, Ron found a new interest in fitness and enjoyed running several miles in the early dawn hours, followed by additional training at the Monterey Sports Center. He was proud of his weekly mileage totals and how many pairs of shoes he would wear out each year. He also developed and vehemently pursued an interest in investigating the genealogy of his family and the family trees of many friends and family members.

Ron Branson leaves an extensive legacy of lasting family memories, photographs and aiding the health and development of the thousands of young people whom he cared for over his lifetime. He is survived by Mary, his wife of 66 years; sons, Michael (Joy) of Sequoia, Christopher (Kristina) of Roseville, Thomas of Keller, Texas, Alan of Barrie, Ontario, Canada, and Stephen (Kathryn) of Carmichael; 14 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father and stepmother, Wendel and Lidia Branson; mother, Gladys Cowan; sisters, Diane Roach and Sandra Branson; and daughter-in-law, Cheryl Branson (Tom). By request, there will be no funeral services.
RICHARD DENNIS MARSHALL

Richard Dennis Marshall, 81, of Monterey, CA, passed away on September 20, 2023, in Monterey, CA. Rick was born on October 22, 1941, in Hollywood, CA, to Kathleen Grace Manor and Ernest S. Marshall.

Rick grew up in Fresno, California, with his brother Larry, and attended Fresno High School, where he excelled as a multi-year starter on the varsity football team playing defensive end. Upon graduating in 1960, he proudly served in the U.S. Air Force from 1960-1964 in the 3097th Aviation Depot Squadron (AFSFC) and was trained as a nuclear weapons specialist. During his time in the Air Force, he was stationed at the Kadara Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. Upon his return to the U.S., he reunited with and married Dolores Urrizola of Fresno, CA on August 5, 1963, at Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee, Massachusetts.

Four years later their son, Gregory, was born in North Hollywood, CA. After serving in the Air Force, Rick was employed by the John Roberts Company where he was a successful sales weapons specialist. During his time in the Air Force he had a war personality from Almon and went out of his way to make others smile. He was quick to share a kind word or a silly joke, engaging with friends and strangers alike. Almon had a love of life, was a lifelong learner and embraced technology. He loved to be amazed by the wonders of life and the beauty of Carmel-by-the-Sea. On our frequent beach drives he would often say, “Wow, Wow, Wow,” excited by the ever-changing landscape of the beauty around him. Almon will be deeply missed, and we will honor his memory when we stop to smell the roses or pause to take in the sunset exclaiming our own, “Wow, Wow, Wow!”

Please join us for a celebration of life from noon to 3 p.m. November 12th, at the family home at the south end of Carmel Beach, or participate online or in person at city hall, visit ci.carmel.ca.us. Both meetings start at 4:30 p.m.

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those funds to other jurisdictions that needed them for projects. Without notice, PG&E siphoned $324,414 to nearly two dozen cities and counties between August 2020 and June of this year, when the California Public Utilities Commission temporarily froze the company’s ability to unilaterally transfer the money to other projects. To use the funds rather than have more taken away, the city must identify a project and establish an “underground utility district,” and Haryati and his staff identified two possibilities. One would underground 800 feet of line, removing 10 power poles near the beach parking lot at the foot of Ocean Avenue, at a rough cost of $700,000. Seven homes would have to underground their utilities, too. The other would involve 1,100 feet of line in Mission Trail Park at a rough cost of $900,000, with the removal of nine poles. During construction, eight homes on Ridgewood would have to put their utilities underground. The council could pick which project to pursue, opt for both, or identify something else, according to Haryati. Once a project is identified, the underground utility districts will be created, too.

Finally, environmental programs manager Mary Bilsie will propose amending the zoning code by replacing and replacing its chapters on stormwater and water quality protection. “There have been significant changes in federal, state and regional laws affecting stormwater and water quality, and the proposed update ensures compliance with current applicable laws,” she explains in her report for the council.

Monday’s meeting

The day before its regular meeting, the council will hold a special session to adopt a short consent calendar, which includes monthly reports, a $1,139,566 contract with Monterey Peninsula Engineering for pavement rehabilitation and a bike route on San Carlos Street south of Eighth and some sidewalk repairs, a $241,258 contract with Wallace Group to manage and design two capital projects, and a couple of other items.

The council will then go into closed session to discuss anticipated litigation, including a potential lawsuit resulting from its recent refusal to approve a Mills Act contract for the Frank Lloyd Wright house at the south end of Carmel Beach, and to evaluate the job performance of city administrator Chip Rerig.

For detailed information, including the Nov. 6 and 7 agenda packets and how to participate online or in person at city hall, visit ci.carmel.ca.us. Both meetings start at 4:30 p.m.
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The state’s first printing press meets an ignominious demise

MONTREY HAD the first printing press in California. The early 19th-century Ramage machine from Philadelphia was pressed into service in 1834 by former governor Agustín V. Zamorano, who is credited as California’s first printer and also published the first California book in 1835, along with other books and documents during his three years as a printer in Monterey.

Selvini left the press in Monterey when he moved his family to San Diego in 1837. It was then put to work in Sonoma, first by Gen. Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo and then by José de la Rosa, the alcalde in Sonoma. The press was returned to the capital city (Monterey) in 1848 and put in storage.

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By NEAL HOTELING

FIFTY YEARS ago, Zena Holman, wife of department store chief W.R. Holman, left a treasure to the Monterey Peninsula. Her collection of more than 3,000 books, mostly about early California and Monterey, were valued then at $75,000. They are worth a lot more than that now, but where are they?

Asilomar’s executive assistant Kathy McNichols first requested access to the Zena Holman Collection in June 2022 after learning about it from reading W.R. Holman’s memoirs, “My Life in Pacific Grove.” After being put off for a year by California State Parks officials, McNichols contacted The Pine Cone for assistance.

Many treasures W.R. Holman died in 1981, and it was 10 years earlier that his wife donated the Asilomar collection to the State of California, and on Feb. 28, 1974, a building at Asilomar, the Mott Training Center, was dedicated with a special room for Holman’s collection.

Zena Holman was there for the dedication and said it was “the proudest moment of my life.” The April 1974 “News and Views” newsletter of the California State Department of Parks and Recreation reported, “When the Center for Continuous Learning was formally dedicated, the Zena Holman Library of California and American History became a permanent part of the living history of Pacific Grove and an integral part of the California State Park System.”

All was good for several years, with experts and the public having access to the rare books. But things changed in 2007 when the training center had to be closed for ADA upgrades. At that time, the State Parks newsletter said an employee “took photos of all shelves with books in place — over 200 digital images,” before the books were meticulously “dusted with camel-hair brushes.” Then, “each volume was individually wrapped in acid-free paper and boxed for temporary storage. Additional individual photos were taken of rare works before they were boxed.”

As officials proceeded in having the books for protecting during the upgrades, they noted such treasures as “a complete 17th century Spanish illuminated manuscript and a first edition of Dana’s Two Year’s Before the Mast, published in England.” Those are two of the books included in the Zena Holman Library of California and American History that become a permanent part of the living history of Pacific Grove and an integral part of the California State Park System.

The collection being donated and housed at Asilomar where it “would be readily available to the state park rangers, historians and interpretive specialists who take an interest in California’s Heritage,” according to a parks department newsletter. Following through on her promise, Holman donated the collection to the State of California, and on Feb. 28, 1974, a building at Asilomar, the Mott Training Center, was dedicated with a special room for Holman’s collection.

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Circus brings haunted ‘European-style flare’

IF THE countless Halloween displays that adorn pretty much every neighborhood this time of year haven’t done enough to spook the living daylights out of you, the Paranormal Cirque, which is set for Nov. 3-5 at the Monterey Fairgrounds, just might do the trick.

According to the folks who put the nightmare-inducing spectacle, Cirque Italia, the inventive circus “is not for the faint of heart.”

“You will fall into a parallel world and end up surrounded by monstrous creatures with hidden talents that will amaze you with the circus arts,” they say. “Paranormal Cirque will expose you to a unique creation of combined theater, circus and cabaret with a new European-style flare. You may have to catch your breath or try to stop your heart from racing during this adrenaline filled performance.”

The circus will be presented Friday at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 5 and 8 p.m. Tickets start at $20. Because the show has adult language and material, those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

The site is located at 2084 Fairground Road. For more details, call (941) 704-8572 or visit paranormalcirque.com.

LEGION OFFERS WORKSHOP IN “AMERICANISM”

JUST IN time for Veterans Day, the Monterey Peninsula American Legion Auxiliary Unit 41 is offering an “Americanism workshop” for children. Suitable for kids 5 to 10, “American as Apple Pie” uses that phrase as a jumping-off point to talk about “fun facts and activities about America and our history with apples,” said spokesperson Rosalinda Vargas.

The event will be held on Nov. 4, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the American Legion hall at 1110 Veterans Drive in Monterey.

In addition to hearing a little bit about American history, kids will learn to recite the Pledge of Allegiance using American Sign Language. Parents must stay with their children during the workshop, and a bake sale will follow at 11 a.m. Call Patricia Harris at (831) 596-1239 for more info, or to make required reservations.

No pressure

Temporary storage of the books continued until the 2022 publication of Holman’s memoirs and others to request access. Much of the collection is still in storage and may have been broken up, with some volumes sent to Sacramento and others to Monterey; some books may also be missing. In July, The Pine Cone was shown a few boxes at Asilomar but wasn’t able to view the books themselves or even confirm what they were, though a copy of Gertrude Atherton’s “The Splendid Idie Forties” was on a table for cataloging.

Repeated follow-up with State Parks has produced no progress about gaining access. Offers of volunteer assistance are unwanted. This public asset — donated in good faith by one of the Monterey Peninsula’s most distinguished citizens — remains unavailable, as it has been for 16 years.

Artists: Peretz Hope, Emma Hope
crane at the CHS football field starting the construction of the 80-foot light poles a few weeks ago. It brought up my concerns again, why I, and many other people, peo-
people who live locally and who visit our community, are really opposed to the consequences this project will create.

Many concerns have been voiced, I am only speaking on the light pollution. The light pollution—especially in the fog—will affect the area extending into Carmel Valley, Carmel Point and Point Lobos. Remember that this project cannot be cer-
tified by the International Dark Sky Asso-
ciation Certification Program until after the completion of the project, and a $3,000 payment is made to that association. They will then perform an inspection and if the project conforms to the requirements it can then be certified. So, it cannot be said at this time that the project is dark sky cer-
tified. This project will bring a dramatic physical change to the whole Peninsula.

I also reflected on a phrase that was spoken at a board meeting by a high school official, paraphrased, “These students are suffering, by not being able to have enough practice time or to play night games.” My immediate reaction is “Oh, please. Really? Where and how did they get that concept?” Suffering, to me, means severe physical, mental and/or social distress like hunger, anxiety and bullying. I am sure there are Carmel High School students who do experience suffering in those ways and other ways too. I also think of the $1.1 million being spent on the lights. I wonder how you are handling and how much you are spending on all CUSD students, families and staff’s variety of real suffering.

I am deeply saddened that a majority of CUSD Board members did not see or feel that this project did not belong in the Car-
meI area community. Just because you can do this project, does not mean it is a good idea.

JoAnn Holbrook, Carmel

Doctor speaks

Dear Editor,

Based on an article in last week’s issue of The Pine Cone, I felt the need to clarify and correct inaccurate perceptions surrounding

Naughty otter has new fluffy pup

PIE CONE STAFF REPORT

The 5-YEAR-OLD sea otter that is known worldwide for hijacking surfboards and kayaks from amzed humans has given birth to a pup, according to photos of the mischievous sea dog taken last week.

On Oct. 25, photographer Mark Wood-
cared captured images of Otter 841, as she’s called, with a fluffy pup on her chest while the pair were in Santa Cruz.

Because Otter 841 has attacked humans, a team from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Monterey Bay Aquarium trained in the capture and han-
dling of sea otters has been trying to locate

her so they can capture and rehome her. But they haven’t had any success, and Otter 841 has been pretty busy, apparently.

Woodward posted online that he noticed several weeks ago that the female otter’s belly had grown in size, and he figured she could be pregnant.

Ashley McConnell, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, told The L.A. Times last week that “while wildlife biologists suspected Sea Otter 841 may have been pregnant earlier this year, they were unable to verify the pregnancy without capturing the sea otter to perform a full health evaluation.” The agency had not previously disclosed that to the press.

accusations and settlement related to my practice of medicine as reviewed by the Medical Board of California.

On both occasions, I was not found guilty of any of the charges. I settled (stip-
ulated decision) with the medical board to avoid the time and cost of the proposed hearings, and, in the latter case, to pro-
ceed with my planned retirement. The settlements do not admit guilt; however, the manner in which the attorney gen-
eleral publishes complaints against physi-
cians makes it very difficult to separate unproven accusations from an agreement that does not prove guilt.

In the 2018 case over ECT procedures, I chose to settle and not go to the hearing. The majority of the ECT was performed by another psychiatrist, who did go to the proceedings, where all accusations against us were dropped. None of the accusations were upheld. It is difficult to understand those previous proceedings by reading the published settlement because it does not include the complete outcome.

In the more recent case, I did not admit guilt or fault in the alleged inappropriate treatment of a very ill patient. All of my treatment was entirely appropriate and this was supported by our independent expert witness and other reviews of the medical record. The accusations against me were based on the statement provided by the attorney general’s expert witness. The complaint was filed by the patient’s daughter and denied by the patient, who continued in my practice. I believe that if I had gone to the trial, all charges could have been dropped.

With retirement in mind, I chose to set-
tle with the board, again, and terminate my medical license, which I would no longer need. I did this to avoid the stress and time of a five-day hearing and to avoid the approximately $20,000 out-of-pocket attorney fees to proceed. I had a planned retirement and did not stop practice because of unproven accusations against my practice of medicine.

I have had a very successful career at CHOMP, practicing for 45 years, and had been planning retirement for several years. I phased out my practice and transitioned another psychiatrist to assume my ad-
mirable responsibilities. My planned retirement date was Dec. 31, 2022.

As I indicated, in reading the publica-
tion by the board of accusations and out-
come, it is very difficult to separate accusa-
tions from the facts of the case. However, the article is misleading and not correct. It is embarrassing to have this information published as if it were guilty in a case that was settled without any accusations upheld and a second accusation that never had due process and never went to a hearing.

Eric M. Jacobson, M.D.,
Carmel Valley

Investigating doctors

Dear Editor,

Firstly, I want to thank The Pine Cone staff for articles they published relating to unethical behavior of local urologists about a decade ago. That reporting was so help-
ful in exposing horrible and patient dam-
aging behavior by a group of doctors who had truly lost their way. Unfortunately, The Pine Cone doesn’t always get it right when it comes to exposing the bad actors in the medical community.

The recent article about Dr. Eric Jacob-
son’s experience with the Medical Board of California does not accurately describe the events, the investigation, or the out-
come. Instead, it gratuitously mischarac-
terizes and demeans a very fine physician, who has made incredible contributions to the patients and healthcare community of Monterey County for over 40 years. I would encourage The Pine Cone to use the accurate account in the journal then research the people involved, the “investigating” organization, and the facts involved in the case before publishing any disparaging article about anyone. This is particularly true in a small community, and when the named party has little or no chance to defend him/herself.

Don Goldman, Carmel

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tempore since July 28 after former city manager Ben Har- 
vey resigned as part of a “separation agreement,” which included him getting $400,000 in exchange for not suing the city.

Pacific Grove received more than 20 applications for the interim city manager job. In 2016, Peraull retired as city manager of Grover Beach after a decade working there. In 2019, though, Pera-
rault reentered the working world by accepting a $55-per-
hour job as interim city manager of Guadalupe, a city of about 8,500 in Santa Barbara County.

“Robert has held many positions in city government 
over the last 40 years, including service as a city manager for 
the cities of Claverdale, Cofax and Grover Beach,” a 
report to the council said. He has also served as an interim 
city manager for Greenfield in South Monterey County, and Willits. A Pacific Grove City Council subcommittee compiled of Mayor Bill Peake and council members Nick Smith and Lake Coletti recommended Peraull be selected after inter-
viewing him on Oct. 16.

The city hired consultant Bob Murray & Associates to help find a permanent city manager, and that effort continues.

New homeless shelter for women and families

COMMUNITY HUMAN Services is excited to announce the opening of Shuman HeartHouse, a new shelter for homeless women and families with children in Monterey. The shelter, which can accommodate up to 35 people, will host a community open house and ribbon-cut-
ting Nov. 4 at 600 East Franklin St. Shuman HeartHouse is the realization of Mark and Adrianna Shuman’s vision. They purchased the property and donated it for use as a shelter.

on the carpet.

be believed. According to research into sexual assault victim behavior, it is very common for victims to delay reporting the sexual abuse, especially when the victim is a minor and has a close relationship with the perpetrator.

This was investigated by Salinas police officers Jeff Monoz and Andres Toro-Quintero, as well as other officers from the Salinas Police Department. Jane Doe was assisted by victim witness assistance program manager Alma Sanchez.

The effort has been supported by community donations, as well as taxpayer funds in the form of a $2.5 million state budget appropriation “made possible by District 17 Sen. John Lantos” said a Community Human Services press release. For more information about the ribbon-cutting, how to support Shuman HeartHouse Shelter, or the pro-
gams of Community Human Services, visit chservices. 
org or call (831) 658-3811.

1:15 to 4 p.m., people can tour the Western Flyer and see the details of its restoration up-close. Throughout the afternoon, there will be live music and family-friendly activities.

The following day, Sunday, there will be related free walking tours. A “short” tour of 1.2 miles starts at Point Pinos Lighthouse at 12:30 p.m., while a “long” tour of 2.5 miles begins at Ed Ricketts Pacific Biological Laboratory on Cannery Row at 30 m. A 1.5-mile tour will be pre-
sented by the Center for Ocean Art, Science & Technology. Also, Flumerfelt presents a free talk about the Western Flyer Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Santa Catalina School’s Mary Johnson Recital Hall. The school is located at 1500 Mark Thomas Drive in Monterey.

Built in Tacoma, Wash., in 1937 for Monterey’s sardine fishing industry, the 77-foot fishing vessel became famous after Steinbeck and Ricketts took it on a six-week trip to the Gulf of California in 1940. While Ricketts collected sam-

A complaint to the union also failed to go anywhere, and a month later, Chavez called Doe into his office to fire him. He ordered her to leave her keys and refused to say why she was being let go, other than that she was no lon-
erg expected. She went to the principal’s office to complain and was told to leave, or the police would be called. In the parking lot, the assistant principal demanded her uniform shirt, which she stripped off there and then.

“Plaintiff felt completely traumatized and defeated, and she left,” according to the suit. Her complaint contained sexual harassment, discrimi-
nation, retaliation, failure to investigate and prevent the mistreatment, and wrongful termination. She is asking the court to award her back pay, front pay, exemplary and punitive damages, and pre-
judgment interest, as well as attorneys’ fees and costs, “and any other relief as the court may deem equi-
table and appropriate.”

Not the only one

The demands and allegations are similar to the suit filed against Martinez and the district in early October by a female custodian who had worked for the district for 24 years. In that complaint, she alleges Martinez repeat-
edly disparaged and made inappropriate comments about female students, parents and employees, and also groped her. When she complained, officials failed to respond and allowed the behavior to continue.

“CUSD has continued to this date to subject plaintiff to unwarranted reprimands, unreasonable work demands, and disparately harsh treatment from district employees. CUSD has continued to harass and retaliate against plain-
tiff by launching reprisal complaints and investigations against her,” the complaint reads. “Plaintiff continues to suffer severe trauma and distress from this situation, with catastrophic consequences to her physical and mental health.” Both women are demanding a jury trial. Interim district superintendent Sharon Otek said she couldn’t comment on the cases or on personnel matters.
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“Barmel staff stated Lion came into the bar and got into a verbal argument with a customer. Lion had been reported coming into the bar the few prior nights and had been causing unprovoked disturbances,” he said. “Barmel staff wanted Lion to pay his tab and to leave the bar and not return through Zoom.

Peake hasn’t specified why he decided to suddenly end online comments, and whether the racist and antisemitic comments at the October meeting was the primary impetus.

During that meeting, the callers used the N-word, a derogatory word for Mexican people and numerous anti-Jewish comments, including “gas the Jews,” “Heil Hitler,” and “f**k these Jews.” One person praised Peake for stopping the callers.

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residents’ criticisms, but that online comments are helpful for people with mobility issues who can’t go to city hall.

“As elected officials, it’s your responsibility to listen to your constituents, good, bad and indifferent,” Garcia said, urging the council to continue to allow comments online comments, and cultural leaders who can contribute in the well-being and vitality of communities,” they said. Nzinga holds an MFA in “writing and consciousness” and a Doctorate of Philosophy in “transformative education and change,” and is the director of Oakland’s Lower Bottom Playaz Inc. and executive director of the Black Arts Movement Business District Community Development Corporation.

Registration is required, but the program can also be viewed online. The event is free and open to the public, with a suggested $10 donation to benefit the Carmel Public Library. Visit carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

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‘Cultural architect’ at library talk

THE CARMEL Public Library Foundation’s Community Night with the Library Nov. 16 will feature Dr. Ayodele Nzinga, the City of Oakland’s first and current Poet Laureate, in “Cultural Architect: A Poet’s Path to Building Community.”

At 7 p.m. in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center, Nzinga will read poetry and present a “thought-provoking presentation on the importance of fostering and building a stronger community through the advancement of arts and culture,” according to the nonprofit. “Known by many as a renaissance woman,” organizers said, Nzinga has positively influenced downtown Oakland through her artistic endeavors by providing “a platform for creative expression, social commentary and community engagement.”

“Her work exemplifies the role of artists and cultural leaders who can contribute in the well-being and vitality of communities,” they said. Nzinga holds an MFA in “writing and consciousness” and a Doctorate of Philosophy in “transformative education and change,” and is the director of Oakland’s Lower Bottom Playaz Inc. and executive director of the Black Arts Movement Business District Community Development Corporation.

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

that first game 33-0, and didn’t lose to P.G. until 1952, when the Breakers started their own three-game streak with a 39-12 victory.

As recently as 2014, the Breakers led the series 33-32 (with two ties), but Carmel now holds a 40-33 edge going into this year’s game and is favored to win for the ninth year in a row.

Padres are unbeaten

The Padres will bring a 9-0 record to their archrival’s home turf and have scored 416 points (46.3 per game), the most explosive offense in the 28-team Pacific Coast Athletic League. Their 405-yard-per-game average also ranks No. 1, and their defense, which allows 190.4, ranks fourth.

The last Carmel team to finish the regular season unblemished was the 2018-19 squad, which won The Shoe game 57-0 and took a 12-0 record into the Central Coast Section Division 5 title game, finally losing to The Kings Academy.

The Padres also took perfect records to CCS in 2013 and 2011, and the 2009 CCS Division 4 title team — perhaps Carmel’s best team of all time — won CCS at 12-0, led by Devin Pearson (2,442 yards passing), Dylan Hopkins (1,539 rushing), and receivers Cody Johnston, Mike Maness and Garrett Woodward, who combined for 1,636 yards and 26 TDs.

Balanced offense

Pacific Grove, 7-2, has outscored its foes 253-191, with lopsided victories over Marina (42-14), Pajaro Valley (34-0) and King City (35-15 last week). The Breakers were 6-0 through Oct. 6, then lost on consecutive weekends to North Salinas (50-6 on the road) and Alisal (49-21).

The Breakers’ balanced attack features running backs Gideo Llantero (649 yards, 10 TDs), Justice Booker (386 yards), and Johnny Klevin (301 yards), and quarterbacks Nathanial Wade (39-for-57, 597 yards) and Brody Edmonds (26-for-47, 469), who have combined to throw 12 touchdown passes, with just one interception. Top receivers are Oliver Ottmar (16-386, 6 TDs), Llantero (12-181, 6 TDs) and Klevin (9-155).

P.G.’s pass rush is a strength, as Pete Gamecho, Anthony Nimri, and Llantero have four sacks each, and Jimmy Lippert and Bradley Stade have recorded three apiece.

Padres love the passing lane

Carmel’s success is built around quarterback Hudson Rutherford, who has completed 115 of 164 passes for 2,334 yards and 22 TDs in nine games. Rees, a special teams standout, returned last week’s opening kickoff 88 yards for a TD, then ran back a missed field goal 109 yards, a score that was nullified because high school kids aren’t allowed to return missed field goals.

Four Padres have two interceptions each, and Indy Gabrielson has been credited with three sacks.

Enduring memories will be made Saturday night in a tradition that has energized both communities from its earliest days.

“Most of the people who owned stores and businesses downtown came to all of our games,” Mike Brown (Carmel ’60) remembered during a Pine Cone interview for a class reunion story. “The chief of police, Clyde Klaumann, also would be there for almost every game.”

Big crowds typically pack the bleachers, regardless of See SPORTS next page
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the weather.

"I was a starting wide receiver in 1966, my senior year, when we beat Carmel 41-14," recalled Malcolm Colvin. "It had rained so heavily prior to the game that they brought in a helicopter to blow the excess water off the field.

Players who made a big play in the biggest game of their lives never forget the thrill.

"I was back to catch a punt," recalled PG graduate Ian Hesse (Class of ’88). "Carmel kicked the ball right to me near the visitors’ sideline, and I heard (Carmel coach Craig Johnston) scream, ‘I told you not to kick it to him!'"

Hesse recalls laughing as he dashed 60 yards down the Padres’ side of the field, past his friend — a Carmel player — who shouted a four-letter word as he raced by.

"It was the last game we played on our old field, and I scored the last touchdown," he said. "Good times!"

**Peiffer poses the Padres**

Pacific Grove alum Coleman Peiffer played defensive back and punted as a junior in the rainy, muddy 1997 game at Carmel, where the Breakers trailed 20-14 when teammate Jason Lane returned a punt for the go-ahead touchdown.

Peiffer couldn’t help but needle the current head coach of the Padres with one of his favorite memories.

"Golden Anderson was the Carmel QB who threw the game-clinching interception to PG defensive back Eddie Hanaczek with less than a minute to go," he reminisced.

But revenge can be sweet. Anderson is 13-1 against Pacific Grove as head coach.

**Playful vandalism**

The Shoe rivalry is fever-pitched, no doubt, but also has a mischievous history.

"There was playful vandalism. Whenever we played at PG, somebody always hung a dummy of a P.G. football player on the bridge over Highway 68 — but that’s about as bad as it got," remembered Pam Baldwin Klaumann (CHS ’66), who married Clyde Klaumann Jr.

"I was a cheerleader in the Class of ’64, and our football team was really good — we were expected to beat Carmel that year," remembered PG alumnus Vicki Osborne Falke. "My friends and I lived a block-and-a-half from the high school, my bedroom window faced the school, and I always had a slumber partner the night after the Shoe game. "I have Miller’s shoe bronzed."

Peiffer pokes the Padres

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**Okwara’s contributions**

The Carmel Pine Cone November 3, 2023

**‘We become friends’**

‘We become friends’

The intensity is real, and bragging rights are eternal, but animosity diminishes, said Peiffer, who nonetheless credits an unnamed Carmel player for administering “one of the dirtiest and cheapest plays of my career” when Peiffer was PG’s senior quarterback.

"After high school, everybody realizes fighting over a rivalry is pretty stupid," said Peiffer, a father of three who also has a mischievous history.

"Someone from our school burned a huge C in the middle of their field the night before the game. Ha!" Plumb recalled. "They retaliated by spreading dead fish all over our school hallways."

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Wide receiver Simeon Brown has averaged nearly 22 yards on 29 receptions, and scored 6 TDs. Ty Arnold, not pictured, leads Padres receivers with 41 catches for 694 yards.

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GRAMMY-WINNING POLICE GUITARIST PLAYS GOLDEN STATE SATURDAY

THE GUITARIST for the Police as well as a singer and solo artist with more than a dozen albums, Andy Summers takes the stage Saturday, 8 p.m., at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Besides playing guitar on the band’s biggest hits, Summers occasionally sung lead vocals, and he wrote the riff that became “Every Breath You Take,” which won a Grammy Award in 1983 for Best Song. He also wrote Op. 100, Beethoven’s Sonata No. 7 for Violin and Piano in C minor, Op. 30 no. 2, Ravel’s Tzigane, Arvo Pärt’s Spiegel im Spiegel and Pablo de Sarasate’s Carmen Fantasy, Opus 25.

Tickets start at $45. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-9938 or visit carmelmusic.org.

Night Market turns two

Sand City’s Night Market in the city’s Art Park celebrates its second anniversary Friday at 5 p.m. with a performance by BASSment, a local group that describes itself as “soul-hip-hop-funk collective.” Besides live music, there will be displays of art, along with food and wine. The event is free, and all ages are welcome. The park is located at 525 Ortiz Ave.

Live music Nov. 3-9

Barmel — singer and guitarist Chris Jamez (Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Kyle Kovalik (Thursday at 6 p.m.). In Carmel Square at San Carlos and Eighth.

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist Rick Chelew (Saturday at 12:30 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

Blue Fox Cellars in Carmel Valley — singer and gui- See MUSIC page 38A 

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J ust in time for Veterans Day, the Heinrich Team at Coldwell Banker real estate is sponsoring “Soup, Savor, Salute and Support,” a fundraiser for the Veterans Transition Center in Marina, on Thursday, Nov. 9. The big shindig is at the Twisted Roots tasting room, 12 Del Fino Place in Carmel Valley, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Each $50-per-person ticket includes two glasses of Twisted Roots wine or cider, and treats from the Great British Baking Company. Chef Brandon Miller will be setting aside his usual ginormous paella pan in favor of a selection of house-made pizzas. A gift certificate for $200 for dinner at Lugano’s Swiss Bistro in the Barnyard shopping center, and a paella dinner for 10 by Miller (we knew that pan was still around), including four bottles of Twisted Roots wines, will be raffled off, with tickets going for $25 apiece. Live acoustic guitar music will be provided by Kelly Productions. Go to Eventbrite.com to purchase tickets. — EH

■ Big wines, big flavors, Big Sur

From Aspen to South Beach, and Napa to New York City, there are many amazing wine fêtes in the United States, but none that rivals our own Big Sur Food & Wine festival this weekend. Speaking from experience, all the big wine celebrations are fun, and all host celebrity chefs and winemakers. All offer some sort of wine education and, usually, give a percentage of the proceeds to charity. But only one has the most intimate of settings in one of the most beautiful places on earth — Big Sur. Add to that the humility of the Big Sur Food & Wine team and the transparent commitment to the community the event supports, and you get an event like no other.

If you’re lucky enough to snag tickets — some events sold out almost as soon as they went on sale — you’ll find friendly conversations with chefs, winemakers and guests in unique settings. Additional tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available, so visit bsfw.ticketsauce.com/e/tickets for some events have been made available.

■ Marinus dinner Thursday

A rare retrospective tasting of Bernards’ vaunted Marinus wines will be offered during a six-course dinner in the Signature Room at the winery’s tasting room in Carmel Valley Village Nov. 9 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Marinus is the winery’s small Bordeaux-oriented vineyard in Cachagua, and wines only bear its name when they reach the pinnacle the winemaking team is seeking. Vineyard manager Matt Shea lives onsite and tends the grapes alongside a highly capable crew, and he will be at the dinner, as will winemaker Jim McCabe, who took the lead position after longtime winemaker Dean De Koth retired earlier this year.

The evening will begin with the 1993 vintage, followed by 2013, 2010, 2014 and the 2017 Signature, which is made in very limited quantities to express the essence of the Marinus Vineyard. Dessert will be accompanied by 2019 late harvest sauvignon blanc from the Griva Vineyard in Arroyo Seco.

Manager Heather Rammel said she doesn’t know what chef Jerome Viel has planned for the dinner, but they tasted the wines together, and his creative juices are flowing. Viel, a talented chef, is also the owner of nearby Jerome’s Carmel Valley Cuisine. The event will support the veterans’ cause.

Monterey County’s scenic coast provides a dramatic backdrop for the annual Big Sur Food & Wine festival this weekend. Chefs and winemakers will chat with guests in intimate indoor and outdoor settings, sharing delicacies from land and sea.
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Market. “I met with Jerome last Friday and tasted vintages 1993 through 2019,” Ram- mel said. “It was amazing.”

The pair selected the vintages to showcase during the dinner, and Viel is creating the menu to accompany them. Considering he was executive chef at the former Will’s Fargo restaurant when the late Ben Pon, founder of Bernardus, owned it, there is no one more capable of creating dishes to complement Marinus wines than him.

Dinner costs $295 per person ($200 for wine club members) plus tax and 20 percent service. Only 25 seats are available. Try your luck by emailing hrammel@bernardus.com.

The tasting room is located at 5 W. Carmel Valley Road. — MS

The buzz about birria

Aquino’s Birrieta & Brunch in Pacific Grove has built an entire restaurant around the popular Mexican slow-cooked meat served with its braising sauce and used to make tacos, burritos, quesadillas and more. Gustavo Aquino and his father, Macario Aquino, and mother, Paulina Bernardino, started the business after they all lost their jobs due to the pandemic. They began by selling tacos — including quesabirria (cheesy meat) tacos — from their Seaside home. They eventually found space in a commercial kitchen in P.G. and grew their menu almost as quickly as they did their following, serving burritos, quesadillas, aguas frescas (nonalcoholic fruit drinks) and more.

The family eventually found a sit-down spot in what used to be the Chinese Dynasty Restaurant in P.G. “We even kept the Chinese décor for a while,” said Gustavo. They have expanded the menu to include breakfast, with dishes like tres leches French toast. Prices are quite reasonable — in the $15 range for entrées, and topping out at $19.99 for a 10-ounce ribeye steak and eggs. Aquino’s Birrieta & Brunch is located at 1116A Forest Ave. It’s open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call (831) 224-6760 or visit aquinosbirrieria.com for more information. — SB

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Miner Wine at the Clement

The Clement Intercontinental hotel on Cannery Row welcomes the return of wine

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Found in 1996, the label has won accolades from Bon Appetit and Wine & Spirit magazine. It’s also the official wine of the National Hockey League. (You have to wonder if it’s ever been sipped from the Stanley Cup.)

Festivities will start at 6 p.m. with kanpachi (yellowtail) crudo with lotus root and cavair paired with Miner sauvignon blanc. That will be followed by Monterey Bay abalone with persimmon, Meyer lemon puree and roasted sunchoke, served with a 2020 viognier, a Rhône-style white wine. The fish course will be John Dory with butternut squash risotto, Brussels sprouts and chanterelles with truffle jus, served with Miner’s 2022 chardonnay.

The entrée, wagyu beef with potatoes, porcini mushroom confit and roasted root veg, is paired with the winery’s flagship Bordeaux blend, The Oracle (2017 vintage). The finishing touch — dessert — is a chocolate caramel tart accompanied by the winery’s 2017 Sierra Mar pinot noir from the Santa Lucia Highlands.

Dinner is $150 per person plus tax and tip. Call (831) 642-2032 for more information or to reserve a seat. — EH

■ Di Tella pinots

Those who picked up the print version of last week’s Pine Cone read the erroneous statement that while De Tierra Vineyards won Golden Pine Cones for My Favorite Monterey County Wine and Best Monterey County Pinot Noir, the winery had no pinots available. In fact, owner Jeff Meacham said, there are three highly regarded bottlings on offer. The 2018 Russell Vineyard is the flagship wine, made with fruit from De Tierra founder Tom Russell’s vineyard, and costs $64, while the 2018 N.L. Tindale is produced from grapes grown in one of the region’s most loved vineyards and retails for $39. Finally, De Tierra’s 2021 Santa Lucia Highlands was recently released “to rave reviews,” according to Meacham. The Santa Lucia Highlands region is among the best in the state for pinot noir. De Tierra has a tasting room on Mission just south of Fifth in Carmel, and more information can be found at deitiera.com. — MS

Sally Bahn, Elaine Hesser, Rosanne Langer and Mary Schley contributed to this week’s column.

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tarist Kyle Kovalik (Sunday at 2 p.m.). 25 Pilots Road. Bulldog Sports Pub in Monterey — Tribe in the Sky presents a weekly Community Jam (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 611 Lighthouse Ave. Cibo restaurant in Monterey — The Dave Holodoff Duo (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.). singer Lee Durley and singer and pianist Bill Spencer (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.). singer Miranda Perl and guitarist Adam Astrap (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 101 Alvarado St. Cuz’s Sportman’s Club in Seaside — Octane (hard rock from the ’70s through the ’90s, Friday at 8 p.m.): 594 Broadway.

Cypress Inn — singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and R&B, Friday at 7 p.m.). singer Gennady Loktionov and singer Debbie Davis (cabaret, Saturday at 7 p.m.). The Andrea Carter Trio with guitarist Darrin Michell and multi-instrumentalist Ben Herod (pop, jazz and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.). guitarist Richard Devinc (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.). singer Lee Durley and pianist Joe Indence (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel.

Esteban Restaurant in Monterey — guitarist Catherine Bruz (Spanish music, Friday and Saturday at 5:30 p.m.). 700 Munras Ave.

Fernwood Resort in Big Sur — Wayward Jenny and Hothoax Henry (rock, Saturday at 10 p.m.): 47200 Highway 1. Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist Adreas Castanno (Saturday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Georris Winery in Carmel Valley — mandolinist Dave Holodoff and violinist Elijah McCullar (bluegrass and jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.): 1 Pilot Road.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — Two Rivers with singer Richard Bryant and guitarist Kyle Kovalik (pop and rock, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1961 Frontom Blvd.

Harrison Memorial Library — The Dave Holodoff Duo with guitarist Lex Olson (bluegrass and jazz, Thursday at 4 p.m.). Ocean and Lincoln, Carmel.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist Dino Vera (jazz, blues and R&B, Saturday at 8 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — singer and guitarist Kip Allert (Friday at 5 p.m.). Andrea’s Fault Duo (jazz and blues, Saturday at 6 p.m.): 1 Old Golf Course Road.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — pianist Bill Spencer, bassist Pete Lips and drummer Andy Weis (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.). pianist Gary Meek, bassist Pete Lips and drummer Andy Weis (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.). pianist Gary Meek, bassist Steve Uccello and drummer Andy Weis (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.): 2700 17 Mile Drive.

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Intcontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist John Sherry (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist Zack Freitas (Saturday at 9 a.m.), guitarist Terrence Farrell (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.) 750 Cannery Row.

Julia’s Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist Rags Rosenberg (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Kevin Smith (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Rick Chelew (Thursday at 6 p.m.).

La Playa Hotel — The David Morwood Band (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m., Sunday at 4 p.m.), Bud’s Bar, Camino Real and Eighth, Carmel.

The Links Club — Moon-dance (pop and rock, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), Singer-Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist Anne Sibley (Friday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist Gary Regina (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Kip Allert (Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17th Mile Drive.

Lucy’s on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist Vick Silva (rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.), The New Wave (rock, Sunday at 2 p.m.) 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

Massa Tasting Room in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist Rick Chelew (Sunday at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — singer Janice Perl and keyboardist Jon Dryden (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.).

Janice’s Jazz Jam with keyboardist Gary Meek, bassist Steve Uccello and drummer Billy Jones (Thursday at 6 p.m.), 467 Alvarado St.

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

The Monarch Pub in Pacific Grove — The Katherine Lavin Band (pop and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.). 617 Lighthouse Ave. The music is part of P.G.’s First Fridays celebration.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — multi-instrumentalist Gary Meek (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist Scott...

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Brown (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), keyboardist Peter Corr (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Adrea Castiano (Monday and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.), guitarist John Sherry (rock and blues, Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m.), 400 Cannery Row.

Pacific Groove Art Center — keyboardist Glenn Leon-Guerrero (“old school r&b,” Friday at 7 p.m.). 658 Lighthouse Ave.

Pearl Hour in Monterey — The Zach Westfall Group (jazz, Sunday at 8 p.m.), The Ben Herod Trio (jazz, Wednesday at 8 p.m.). 214 Lighthouse Ave.

Phill’s Barber Shop in Pacific Grove — PG-13 (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.). 610 Lighthouse Ave.

The Sardine Factory in Monterey — singer and guitarist David Conley (pop and rock, Friday and Saturday, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St.

The Stingrays (classic rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), Violinist Stefan Milenkovich performs with pianist Marta Aznavoorian Sunday at Sunset Center. Presented by the Carmel Music Society, the concert starts at 3 p.m.

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Tarpy’s in Monterey — singer and guitarist Adrea Castiano (Friday at 5 p.m.). Andrea’s Fault Duo (jazz, pop and blues, Saturday at noon), singer and pianist Reija Massey (pop, rock and country, Sunday at 3 p.m.). 2999 Highway 68.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist Dan Cloper (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

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MORE LETTERS
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Taxes and housing
Dear Editor,
Christina Spano’s letter last week against the state imposing housing mandates on local jurisdictions was certainly predictable. But if she wanted to make a case against it, she needed better, more honest arguments.
For starters, offering to eliminate the capital gains tax on home sales does nothing to lower the cost of housing. Demand drives prices, not taxes. More importantly, people in new-family homes already are getting an unbelievable, perhaps unprecedented, tax break courtesy of Prop 13. My home, bought in 1989 for $240,000, could be sold today for $1.5 million if it wasn’t on a busy street. I’m taxed on a home assessed at $401,000 and that kind of discrepancy has existed for well over half the 34 years I’ve lived there. I’m willing to bet Ms. Spano also knows that there are myriad ways to reduce the tax burden of a home sale by legally inflating the adjusted basis value of the property. Married couples are also entitled to a $500,000 exclusion of gain right off the bat. Bottom line: The tax impact of a home sale in California is not nearly the burden Ms. Spano claims it to be.

California is suffering mightily from a lack of affordable housing. Creating more housing and affordable housing will do far more for a local economy than any transaction-oriented efforts to maintain a stagnant status quo. People are leaving the state or are having fewer kids because they can’t find affordable homes. If you don’t want the state imposing housing mandates, be proactive, do the responsible thing, and find opportunities where affordable homes are appropriate and in significant numbers that meet the demand. You’ll have a community that will be attractive to young, upwardly mobile people. It’s the opposite of the vicious cycle we currently find ourselves in.
Eugene Ely, San Jose

Silencing the public
Dear Editor,
The Mayor of Pacific Grove has just banned public comment participation by Zoom, without a public hearing or council approval. This follows some organized hate speech that occurred during a previous city council meeting. Staff Zoom controllers have the ability to mute the speakers. By banning all remote public comment, the mayor violates adopted council goals of inclusivity, transparency, communication and integrity. He is excluding people who currently or shared verbally with the entire public, especially now, when hate speech that occurred during a previous city council meeting at: 254-548-7154#.

It feels like he is trying to suppress or hide from the former bank building on Dolores and Seventh to become 50 years old, then call it historical? Then the city council did it again with the “beautiful concrete wall” with stones showing. It’s called exposed aggregate. God help us if a sidewalk is called historical. Then the city council did it again with the “beautiful concrete wall” with stones showing. It’s called exposed aggregate. God help us if a sidewalk is called historical. Then the city council did it again with the “beautiful concrete wall” with stones showing. It’s called exposed aggregate. God help us if a sidewalk is called historical.

I know there are a couple of contraries out there who think there should be no trails in the park and use of the park should be limited to their special interests. Seeing our community trail that I often enjoy with my wife and our Siberian Husky.

That the cross country trail
Dear Editor,
My heart was lifted last Saturday morning as I watched hundreds of young runners competing at the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s Cross Country Championship in Palo Corona Regional Park. As a lifelong runner whose knees have seen better days, I took joy in seeing the long strides and pumping arms of these competitors racing along the community trail that I often enjoy with my wife and our Siberian Husky.
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In the heart of Monterey, where the whispers of culinary excellence dance upon the breeze, a grand spectacle awaits your senses. The Culinary Classique d’Elegance, now in its 27th year, beckons you to a feast of opulence and grace, a soirée like no other. The Culinary Classique d’Elegance will offer guests an evening of delectable fare and fantastic design with area chefs, presenting a creative array of innovative menus to guests at tables designed by talented designers and florists.

PROLIFIC AND VERSATILE ARTIST REMEMBERED IN NEW SHOW

COINCIDING WITH the town’s monthly First Fridays celebration, five shows open at the Pacific Grove Art Center Nov. 3, including an exhibit titled, “The Art of Eleen Auvil,” which reflects on the life and work of the artist, who passed away last year. The gallery will have an opening reception at 7 p.m.

A past president of the Carmel Art Association, Auvil worked in many creative mediums and styles, and left behind a prolific body of work, including pieces made with copper, bronze, mixed media and handmade paper.

Also new at the PG art center are solo displays by painter Theodore Heu- blein and sculptor Ekaterina de la Torre (“Channels”), and group shows by Natalia Corazza, Germain Hatcher, Marcia Perry and Jess Soriano (“Visual Storytelling Through Art and Culture”) and Monterey High School photography students (“Listen Closely”).

The gallery is located at 658 Lighthouse Ave. pgartrcenter.org

Salon welcomes ‘Skulls’

Multimedia artist Lili Jorge, photographer Michelle Robertson and graphic artist Rory Glass team up to present a Day of the Dead-themed pop-up show, “November Skulls,” Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. at Headdress Salon in Monterey.

The exhibit includes an assortment of “reimagined photography, digital illustrations, and elaborate shadow boxes that pay homage to the tradition of Dia de Los Muertos from a California perspective.”

Salon owner Heather Jorgensen invites the public to “Support the local arts scene while allowing the pieces to inspire you to celebrate the ones you appreciate in your life and the community that surrounds you.”

A holiday dedicated to honoring ancestors, The Day of the Dead is celebrated on Nov. 1 in many countries, particularly Mexico.

Headdress Salon is located at 883 Lighthouse Ave.
ART
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### AVAILABLE FOR ART IN PARKS

California State Parks is launching a program to encourage artists to create pieces that will be displayed in parks — and the state is spending $25 million to fund the work. The opportunity should be enticing for local artists, since so many popular state parks and beaches are located here.

“The Arts in California Parks program will help cultivate curiosity and awe for park visitors through thought-provoking and emotional experiences,” state parks director Armando Quintero said. “The program will lift up and support artists, and create connections to culture, the community and the world we live in.”

For more details, visit ArtsInCaliforniaParks.org.

### DREAMING IN COLOR

Painter Jon Paul Magan pushes the boundaries of his creativity in “To Dream With Color,” a show that opens Friday at Sylvan Gallery in Sand City.

The display includes more than two dozen pieces of his work, which is abstract and colorful and uses an array of applications, including spray paint, resin and glitter. The show marks Magan’s first in the gallery. “Every painting is different,” the artist told The Pine Cone.

The gallery, which is located at 613 Ortiz Ave., is open Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. through Dec. 2.
ARTIST

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After multiple attempts to contact Ansel Adams were screened by his protective secretary, she was surprised one day when the legendary landscape photographer picked up the phone himself.

“I was nervous, of course, but I asked if he’d let me make his portrait, and he couldn’t have been nicer — he wasn’t intimidating at all,” recalled Casanave, who subsequently enjoyed a long friendship with Adams, and also befriended Baer and Brett Weston.

“Lessons from Ansel Adams

“I learned a lot from Ansel about printing, and he was gracious enough to look at my work now and then, but I never worked for him or took any of his workshops because I wasn’t interested in landscape photography, and he didn’t specialize in portrait photography,” she said.

Casanave taught classes several times a week for 30 years at Cabrillo College, and taught at Monterey Peninsula College until the pandemic in 2020.

She has also lectured and taught photography, including master classes, throughout the U.S. and internationally through the years. Her training as a Russian translator and reputation as a photographer spawned opportunities to lead gaggles of San Francisco Bay area photographers on tours of the Soviet Union for 10 years, starting in 1984. She received grants from Polaroid to work on personal projects in the USSR, as well.

And in 2014, Casanave was one of six women (with Jane Olin, Susan Hyde Greene, Anna Rheim, Robin V. Robinson, and Robin Ward) on the Peninsula who formed Salon Jane Olin, Susan Hyde Greene, Anna Rheim, Robin V. Robinson, and Robin Ward) on the Peninsula who formed Salon. The group’s stated purpose was to support each other by providing “feedback and inspiration, and a safe atmosphere for risk taking and creative evolution.”

Their work has been featured in multiple exhibitions, including “The Ethereal Zone,” during the Monterey Museum of Art’s 2018 “Year of the Woman” celebration.

“I didn’t know many other women photographers on the Peninsula in my early days, other than a couple who were attached to their male photographers,” Casanave said.

“Nobody was on her own like I was, so I was surrounded by men, and it was like that for a very long time,” she added.

“With Salon Jane, when we participated in a panel discussion in conjunction with ‘Year of the Woman,’ my comment was, ‘It’s too bad we have to have one of these, with every other year being the Year of the Man...’”

A series of portraits she created between 1976 and 2017 of photographers (including Adams) and various other people was showcased last summer by the Center for Photographic Art and published by CPA in an 82-page catalogue entitled “Martha Casanave: Fictions.”

“Distinguished Woman Artist

In July, Casanave was honored for her prolific decades as a photographer, educator and writer by the Fresno Art Museum’s Council of 100, which presented her with its 2023 Distinguished Woman Artist Award.

Other highlights of her 47-year legacy have included the Imogen Cunningham Photography Award (1979), the Koret Israel Prize (1989), Pacific Grove Arts Commision Visual Artist of the Year (1997) and the Grand Prize at the National Steinbeck Center Visual Art Jersed Exhibition.

She is currently 350 pages into authoring “a semi-memoir that’s as much about photography as it is about me,” Casanave said.

“I’m also trying to live without a smartphone while I’m working on this project,” she said. “It’s a way for me to just shut off the world and be alone.”

Additional information and images of her work can be found at marthacasanave.com.
acquired by Dr. L.C. Gunn, who, in October 1851, sold the old press to G.W. Gore of Columbia (Tulare County) on terms.

On Oct. 25, 1851, the old press turned out the first copy of the Columbia Star. Gore still owed $370 on it, for which he did not pay off until February 1852. The first press in California was of no further use.

Even then, its significance was great. Gunn brought the "charred half-consumed timbers that constituted the frame" back to Sonora "for the examination of all who felt interest in the relic." The Sonora Herald proclaimed, "it would be labeled and preserved, and whenever a state museum may be established it shall be placed in it."

**Zamarono Club**

Just a few years later, Kenbile wrote in his 1858 "History of California Newspapers" that the press was gone. Sonora had been leveled by fires, and so was the remnant press, which today is only a memory, kept alive in part by the Zamarono Club.

After a few informal meetings in late 1927 by a small group of men who shared interest in beautifully printed fine books, in January 1928, they laid out the purpose of their as-yet-unnamed club: to exchange ideas about fine books, to encourage the art of the book, to gather and maintain a collection of books, and to produce books and materials that promoted the club’s aims. On March 25, 1928, it was named the Zamarono Club in honor of the first printer in California.

**Collectors’ goals**

Concurrently, the club merged with, the financial backing of C. Templeton Crocker, revitalized the California Historical Society in San Francisco. With the help of bibliographer Robert Cowan, and Henry Bliss of the Huntington Library, the Society, in its quarterly of March 1931, published lists of the "Twenty Rarest and Most Important Works Dealing with the History of California." By this time, Wagner and Cowan had joined the Zamarono Club and debated over the list ensued. The club added a new interest — history.

Club member Phil Hanna, publisher of Westways magazine, supplemented the list with 25 more accessible books on California history and had Pravenza Press publish his list as "Libros Californianos." After further debate, by 1940. Hanna encouraged the Club to publish a list of the 100 most important books a collector of Californiana should have. It was compiled in early 1942 and given to Cowan — then in the hospital — for review. With three additions, he blessed the list before dying on May 25.

After much debate, the list was further refined and in December 1943, 80 titles were agreed to, and a committee began preparing a written description of each book. Finally, in June 1945, the Zamarono Club published 500 copies of "The Zamarono 80," identifying the list, giving new life to the Zamarono name and creating a new goal for book collectors.

Some of the volumes on the list are so rare that there are few complete collections of the Zamarono 80. But Pacific Grove bibliographer J. Don Carlos, most of it before she died in 1980. Look for news of book collectors this year, when I will provide more details.
**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

**BID NO. 23-04**

For the Pavement Improvement Project
At Robinson Canyon Road and San Clemente Trail
in The Santa Lucia Preserve

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District ("District") hereby calls for sealed bids to be submitted to the Director of Operations of the District, the Gate House, One Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, California 93923 on or before 2:00 p.m. on June 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. on U.S. Pacific Time, verified at www.santacruz.com.

The project described above is a project of the District for the performance of 'Pavement Improvement Project at Robinson Canyon Road and San Clemente Trail.

A description of Works: The contract will cover the work described in the contract documents. The work will also include all the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, machinery, mechanization, transportation, and services as shown in the contract documents.

**Filing Requirements:**

- **原件 Filing Type:** ORIGINAL FILING
- **Filing Address:** P.O. Box 231532, Monterey, CA 93942
- **Deadline:** 2:00 p.m. on June 9, 2023
- **Contract:** The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

**Bid Submittal:** Bids must be submitted in a proposal form which is included with the contract specifications and must be signed by the bidder.

**Bid Opening:** The bid opening will be held at the Gate House, One Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, California 93923 at 10:00 a.m. on June 9, 2023.

**Bond:** Each bid shall be accompanied by a non-refundable bond in the amount of $1,000 payable to the District. The bond shall be for the sole purpose of insuring the performance of the contract.

**Bid Package:** A complete set of bid documents may be obtained from the District at a cost of $10.00 paid by check, certified check, or money order made payable to the District.

**Contact:** Questions regarding this bid may be directed to the Director of Operations, David Simpson, Santa Lucia Community Services District, One Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel, California 93923, Phone: 831-620-6757, or email: simpson@davidsimpsonreserve.com.

Obtaining SCHEDULE and CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS may be obtained by contacting the District and paying the required fee.

A sealed bid shall be submitted by a person who is the registered owner or is acting as a registered representative of the registered owner.

All addenda issued prior to the bid opening shall constitute part of the bid documents.


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CYPRUS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
AMENDING THE FINAL BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 12:00 p.m., the Cypress Fire Protection District Directors will meet at the District's fire station located at 3775 1st Street, Carmel, CA to consider adoption of an amended final budget for fiscal year 2023-24. This meeting will be held on June 30, 2024.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the final budget was adopted September 28, 2023 and is available for inspection at the District's fire station located at 3775 1st Street, Carmel, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any District resident may appear and be heard regarding the increase, decrease, or omission of any item on the budget or for the inclusion of any additional items.

DATED: October 23, 2023
Leslie Beak, Secretary of the Board

CARMEL HIGHLANDS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
AMENDING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., the Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District Board of Directors will meet at the District’s fire station located at 73 Fern Canyon Road, Carmel, to consider adoption of an amended final budget for fiscal year 2023-24 that ends on June 30, 2024.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the final budget was adopted September 20, 2023 and is available for inspection at the District’s fire station located at 73 Fern Canyon Road, Carmel, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any District resident may appear and be heard regarding the increase, decrease, or omission of any item on the budget or for the inclusion of any additional items.

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**Real Estate Sales Oct. 22 - 28**

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**Carmel**

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Susan Passavant and Robert Kapla to Chris and Maria Hoffman
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What a Hollywood icon taught me about ignoring the aging process

Don’t you know that it’s worth every treasure on earth? To be young at heart — music by Johnny Richards, lyrics by Carolyn Leigh, performed by Frank Sinatra

Am I young? If you have to ask the question, you’re probably not. I’ve discovered I am very good at something. I am very good at not accepting a lot of birthdays as a sign of growing old. Verification of this skill came from a source you would never guess.

No matter how old I am, I continue to regard myself as young inside. “Old age,” said Bernard Baruch at 80, “is always 15 years older than you are.”

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Mother and father

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If 75 is a milestone, 80 can be a milestone if you wear it around your neck and let it drag you down. The honorific, “emeritus,” can be added to your name. Use a cane even if you don’t need one, or if you do, tell everyone it’s a walking stick. You have opinions and are not shy about sharing them. You know history because you’ve lived it.

Health matters
Of course, being cavalier about the years piling up presumes reasonably good health. Being ambulatory, having a clear mind, seeing people, getting out and about as often as possible, having a variety of interests, loving and being loved by all contribute to a feeling of making the sun stand still. They contribute but are not essential. You don’t need all of them all the time. Seeing yourself as young inside is a mental rather than a physical exercise.

My inspiration for being good at not growing old comes from someone slightly older than me and far more active. It is our own actor/author, Clint Eastwood. In a 2014 interview in Australia’s Sydney Morning Herald he was asked about his secret to staying active and vibrant at his age, Clint said, “Every day when I wake up, I don’t let the old man in. So it’s a mental thing.”

It’s a mental thing. Didn’t Clint just say so? And it is really that simple. You don’t have to be a famous Hollywood personality, or write a newspaper column. Just sign up to the “stay young inside” program and don’t let the old man in. It can very well make your day.

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$277,000 2bd 2ba 1050 Atlantic Avenue Carmel Real Estate Company Sr. 10-30 1:30-3:30
$1,600,000 3bd 2ba 1126 Bixby Knolls Monterey California Realty Sr. 11-1 11-2 12-3
$238,000 3bd 2ba 60 Byrner, Unit 2 Byrner Real Estate Sr. 10-11 11-2 12-3
$5,758,000 6bd 6ba 6,000sf 2500 Via Pico Carmel Real Estate Company Monterey Apps Sr. 11-1 2:30-4:30
$2,050,000 4bd 3ba 2,140sf 2112 Via Cedar Monterey California Realty Sr. 11-1 11-2 12-3
$1,310,000 3bd 2ba 1046 Park Avenue Monterey California Realty Sr. 11-1 11-2 12-3
$309,000 2bd 2ba 19 De La Mesa Carmel Real Estate Company Sr. 11-3 12-3
$445,000 3bd 2ba 1264 Via Del Sol Carmel Real Estate Company Sr. 11-3 12-3
$395,000 3bd 2ba 1295 Via Del Sol Carmel Real Estate Company Sr. 11-3 12-3
$370,000 4bd 3ba 2,810sf 2121 Via Del Sol Carmel Real Estate Company Sr. 11-3 3-4 12-3
$95,000 - 1250 Pine Avenue Monterey California Realty Sr. 11-10 11-11 12-1
$85,000 - 920 Vista View Monterey California Realty Sr. 11-10 11-11 12-1
$120,000 - 2040 1st Street Monterey California Realty Sr. 11-10 11-11 12-1
$125,000 - 400 Del Monte Carmel Real Estate Company Sr. 11-10 11-11 12-1
$90,000 - 3832 De Anza Monterey Real Estate Sr. 11-10 11-11 12-1
$89,000 - 3880 Del Monte Monterey Real Estate Sr. 11-10 11-11 12-1

CARMEL VALLEY
$950,000 3bd 2ba 2,200sf 1446 Canyon Road 33 Monterey County Coastline $725,000 2bd 2ba 1600 Monterey Road 34 Monterey Coastline $800,000 3bd 3ba 3,300sf 1600 Monterey Road 34 Monterey Coastline

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$2,500,000 4bd 4ba 2,500sf 3100 Eucalyptus Lane Moss Landing Real Estate Sr. 11-1 2:30-4:30

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$359,000 2bd 1ba 1,010sf 370 Parnell Avenue Pacific Grove Real Estate Sr. 11-1 11-2 12-3 $277,000 2bd 2ba 1,430sf 2276 Lilly Avenue Pacific Grove Real Estate Sr. 11-1 11-2 12-3

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$210,000 3bd 2ba 1,080sf 2120 Del Monte Avenue Monterey Real Estate Sr. 11-1 2:30-4:30
$3,195,000 6bd 6ba 7,200sf 1999 8th Avenue Monterey Real Estate Sr. 11-1 2:30-4:30

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$4,593,000 3bd 2ba 2,600sf 3836 El Capitan Monterey Real Estate Sr. 11-4 11-5 12-5

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult Protective Services report at Junipero and Third.

Pacific Grove: Theft from an unlocked vehicle on Forest Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Property from a 17 Mile Drive residence booked for destruction.

Carmel Valley: AFS report of financial abuse on Dolores Street.

Carmel Valley: A 31-year-old male was arrested on Carmel Valley Road for public intoxication.

Big Sur: An arrest was made on Highway 1 for violation of a restraining order. The 63-year-old male was also charged with making threats toward another subject at the property.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reports of two dogs barking in a vehicle at Monte Verde and Eighth. Continued complaint.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported losing a $100 bill near Chase Bank at San Carlos and Sixth.

Pacific Grove: Marital dispute on Adk-\nwright Court.

Carmel Valley: Suspect used a key to open a commercial mailbox on Carmel Ran-\ncho Boulevard and removed the contents.

Carmel Valley: Cachagua Road resident sent gift cards and an iPhone to an unknown party for a price of money.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a call for services on Carmel Valley Road re-\garding suspicious circumstances.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a mutual fight on East Carmel Valley Road.

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Patricia Slough and David Trust to Peter Massey and Daniel Fan
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898 Colton Avenue — $2,550,000
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