

# CARMEL CONFIDENTIAL

#### **BEST OF THE CARMEL POLICE LOG...**

Officer responded to a residence that reported a chicken hen in their yard. The hen was captured and held at the department until returned to the owner. Educational information and a warning were given.

## Local Beers Take Home Prestigous Awards

onterey's Alvarado Street Brewery won two medals at the 2019 Great American Beer Festival (GABF), which evaluated 9,497 entries in 107 beer categories. The brewery's Double Cone, named for a peak in Big Sur's Ventana Wilderness, took gold in the imperial IPA category. Alvarado Street also won bronze in the contemporary American-style pilsner category with its West Coast lager, Citraveza.

Alvarado Street's sister brewery, Yeast of Eden, won a GABF bronze in this year's Belgian-style sour category with Saison Apotheca.

The inaugural California Craft Brewers Cup in August recognized Alvarado Street's Monterey Beer with first-place honors in the standard American beer category, and

Champagne Hopi took first in the specialty IPA category. Peter B's Brewpub, another Monterey venue, won gold in the competition's standard British ales category with its English-style brown ale, Inclusion Amber.



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Monterey made the list of America's best small cities in *Conde Nast Traveler's* 32nd annual Readers' Choice Awards, which were announced in late 2019. A piece about the recognition called attention to Parker-Lusseau

Pastries and the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and Monterey ranked seventh overall among the communities included on the list.

Several local lodging properties also earned notice in the survey, which counted the votes of more than 600,000 readers. Carmel Valley Ranch, Bernardus Lodge & Spa, Ventana Big Sur and The Lodge at Pebble Beach placed in the top 16 resort properties in Northern California. The Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa, Portola Hotel & Spa, L'Auberge Carmel, Post Ranch Inn, Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa and Spindrift Inn received top 25 bhotels in Northern California honors.

California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) is receiving more than \$850,000 to create a virtual

startup incubator for local businesses.

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) awarded the school a \$426,035 grant to support the Startup Monterey Bay Launchpad.

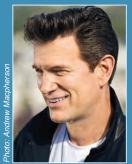
#### The Calling Launches a Local Pinot Noir

mmy award-winning broadcaster Jim Nantz, a five-time National Sportscaster of the Year, joined Peter Deutsch of W. J. Deutsch & Sons for a Sardine Factory dinner in December. The pair shared wines from their collection, The Calling, assisted by winemaker James MacPhail.

Guests sampled The Calling's new Monterey County Pinot Noir

during a welcome reception, and a four-course pairing menu by Chef Bert Cutino featured additional releases from the brand. Nantz, Deutsch and MacPhail chatted with attendees and shared stories from their collaboration, which stemmed from a conversation about Nantz's 2009 book, "Always By My Side."

### C-Notes Action from the Sea-and-be-Scene



odel, television host and podcaster Ashley Graham taking a break to post Instagram photos during a Ventana Big Sur babymoon with her husband, cinematographer Justin Ervin... Writer, activist and historian Rebecca Solnit and Emma Watson, who played Hermione in the "Harry Potter" movies and stars as Meg March in the recent release

**Chris Isaak** 

of "Little Women," having an on-stage conversation at the Henry
Miller Memorial Library...Singer-songwriter and actress Joanna
Newsom performing at Carmel's Sunset Center. Bossa Nova vocalist
Bebel Gilberto and Grammy-winning musician Sergio Mendes,
2019 Latin Grammy-winning artist Nella and Rock & Roll Hall of
Famer Darlene Love also took center stage in recent months...
Vice President Mike Pence and his wife, Karen Pence, making

Local matching funds from Union Bank, Taylor Farms, Wells Fargo Bank, City National Bank, the Fort Ord Reuse Authority, the City of Salinas and the City of Seaside will bring the total project funding to \$852,070.

Startup Monterey Bay Launchpad expands upon Startup Monterey Bay Annual Cycle of Innovation (ACI) events hosted by CSUMB's Institute for Innovation & Economic Development. Five core ACI programs include a startup hack-

Carmel Valley stops during a recent Monterey County visit... "Wicked Game" and "Somebody's Cryin" singer Chris Isaak presenting at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey. American blues legend Robert Cray, The Wailers, Bob Marley's former backup band, Mary Chapin Carpenter, one of only 15 female members of the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, three-time Grammy winner Shawn Colvin, comic and frequent late-night television guest Lewis Black, Canadian guitarist and songwriter Bruce Cockburn and the Christian band Newsboys also played at the downtown venue... Former Golden State Warrior and three-time NBA champion Andre Iguodala making the "Drivers, start your engines" announcement at the Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca. Three-time Olympic gold medal-winning swimmer Ryan Murphy waved the green flag to start the race. Ross Butler and Brandon Flynn also joined several cast members from the Netflix series "13 Reasons Why" at the September IndyCar event.

athon, investment expo and monthly meetups for entrepreneurs. The new incubator will also provide technical and business assistance, mentorship, and educational opportunities for entrepreneurs in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties.

