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Airport developer unveils 90-unit housing plan

■ Orosco: 'I care what the CVA thinks'

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE MAN behind the housing project proposed for the former Carmel Valley Airport has been revealed to be Patrick Orosco, son of late Sand City shopping center developer Don Orosco. He is in escrow to buy the airport property from Ken Griggs, who is not involved in the development plan.

Orosco says his objective is to develop the airport's 29.5 acres with 90 single-family homes, each with three bedrooms and two baths. No apartments are proposed. Of the homes, 70 will be market-rate stand-alone units, while 20 will be built in 10 duplexes and sold at "affordable" prices. The new lots will each measure between 10,000 and 12,000 square feet.

Blending in

While most new projects in Monterey County emphasize density and at least some height, Orosco has taken a different approach, seeking to design homes that look similar to those on neighboring streets.

"Our goal is to blend in," said Orosco, whose family's business, the Orosco Group, has completed extensive local projects, including the Ryan Ranch business park. "I know how to do this project well. The only difference between our homes

and the ones surrounding us is that they will be new."

The builder knows he will face opposition to his plans to develop the former airfield, but he insists his project is both needed and reasonable, and unlike many would-be developers, he says he is truly invested in the community where it will be built. Many of his friends and family live nearby.

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A rendering shows what one home might look like in a subdivision that Patrick Orosco wants to build at the former Carmel Valley Airport. The property has long been eyed for development, but opposition to it has been vocal.

Council seeks boost in tax on hotels and their guests

By MARY SCHLEY

OVER THE objections of hotel owners who feel they already pay more than their share of taxes, the Carmel City Council voted 4-1 Tuesday in favor of asking voters to approve a 2-percentage-point increase in the transient occupancy tax rate to raise it to 12 percent.

The tax was last increased in 1998, though hoteliers in 2013 created a hospitality improvement district to self-fund destination-marketing efforts by assessing customers a 2 percent fee, and guests also pay a Monterey County Tourism Improvement District fee ranging from \$1.50 to \$7 per room per night, depending on the luxury level of their accommodations.

Assistant city administrator Marisa Bermudez said the push for boosting the TOT comes amid a broader council discussion of revenue shortfalls and long-term fiscal sustainability. She noted that while TOT is 10.5 percent

in unincorporated areas of the county, the cities of Pacific Grove, Monterey, Del Rey Oaks, Seaside and Sand City charge 12 percent, and Marina levies 14 percent, putting Carmel at the low end of the scale.

Other coastal cities like Santa Barbara, Sausalito and Half Moon Bay charge between 12 percent and 15 percent, she said.

More visitors = more money

In Carmel, hostelry taxes for the 2024-2025 fiscal year totaled \$9,339,961 — coming in nearly \$2 million, or 24 percent, higher than the conservative budget estimate of \$7,543,234 — due to increased visitor numbers and higher average daily room rates driven in part by recent remodels and renovations. The new Stilwell Hotel, for instance, opened in May 2024, shortly before the start of that fiscal year, after operating as a lower-budget hotel and then being closed for major renovations.

The city, of course, adjusted its spending accordingly over the course of the year, and the city council formed a financial stewardship committee with a goal, among others, of calculating more realistic estimates of revenues and spending

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Um, you can't park there



PHOTO/MONTEREY POLICE DEPARTMENT

How this sedan ended up on its roof in the water at the Breakwater Cove boat ramp remains a mystery days after it occurred. Or if Monterey P.D. knows what happened, it's not sharing. See story page 13A.

TRUMP, NEWSOM ALIGN ON CORPORATE BUYING

DONALD TRUMP and Gavin Newsom have found something they can agree on, a possible ice-breaker if they ever meet again: Neither wants corporate investors gobbling up single-family homes.

On Jan. 7, Trump posted on Truth Social that the

it," wrote the president. "People live in homes, not corporations."

The very next day, California's governor went after the same investors in his State of the State address, calling on lawmakers to limit what they can buy.

"These investors are crushing the dream of homeownership and forcing rents too high for everybody else," said Newsom.

The double messaging on the single issue was music to the ears of San Jose Assemblymember Josh Lee.

"I'm very surprised in all the great ways, and I think it shows how salient this issue is for all Americans," said Lee on KCRA's "California Politics 360."

The progressive Democrat has been trying to pass corporate investment reforms for years. In 2025, Lee

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

American dream of buying a home has become out of reach for hardworking families, and Wall Street is partially to blame.

"I am immediately taking steps to ban large institutional investors from buying more single-family homes, and I will be calling on Congress to codify

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Sandy Claws

Meant to be

Oliver and Twinkle each have their own poignant history, but more compelling is the story they have created together.

Oliver is a purebred AKC Standard Poodle his people adopted through NorCal Poodle Rescue seven years ago, when he was just 7 months old.

Apparently his family could no longer care for him, so they had relinquished the pup to the rescue organization.

"Eight months had passed since our dog died, and my wife felt we needed a dog to help me maintain my exercise routine," his person said. "Having a dog and keeping me around are both important to her."

The Del Mesa Carmel couple met Oliver and knew instantly he was meant to be theirs.

"The first time I took him to the beach, we encountered two 160-pound Great Danes," his person said. "Oliver ran down the shoreline to play with them and had a wonderful time. With that kind of energy and moxie, I knew he was the right dog for me."

Twinkle's story is more daunting. At age 1, she was recovered from a hoarder in Southern California, who had some 100 dogs in his home. Twinkle, a Yorkshire terrier mix, was by herself in a cage, with no indication she'd ever been let out.

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By Lisa Crawford Watson



At first, she wouldn't let anyone touch her, including her forever family, whose daughter thought she looked like Toto, from "The Wizard of Oz."

"It dawned on me, that my daughter seemed very much taken with Oliver," her dad said. "When I would take him out on a leash, she would stay by his side."

Today, the pair sleep on their people's bed, Twinkle curled up against Oliver.

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Verizon tower decision delayed again

By MARY SCHLEY

A HEARING on Verizon Wireless' effort to install a cell tower on top of a power pole in a residential area was delayed again Wednesday following a continuance last month. The reason? Too much information received too late, according to planning director Anna Ginette.

But because the planning commission is under pressure to vote on the project before it trips a federal cutoff that would lead to automatic approval, commissioners rescheduled the hearing to Feb. 10 — the day before their regular monthly meeting and a week before another special hearing on residential design guidelines that were kicked back to them by the Carmel City Council last month.

The wireless company's application for the construction of a small cell site and equipment on a PG&E pole in front of a home on Carmelo southeast of 10th was set to be reviewed at the planning commission's Jan. 21 meeting. Assistant planner Jacob Olander reviewed the application for compliance with the city's ordinances and standards for the installation of wireless facilities — the first test of the documents since they were adopted in 2023 and approved by the California Coastal Commission last year — and recommended approval.

Many letters

Soon after the application and plans were posted on the city's website last fall, Olander noted, residents peppered the planning department with questions, and in the run-up to last month's meeting, dozens of people sent letters demanding that the application be denied. Lawyers representing opponents sent lengthy objections, as

well.

"The reasons for denial cited are that the project does not meet the Carmel Municipal Code, the facility is not aesthetically pleasing nor aligned with Carmel-by-the-Sea's character, lack of demonstration of a significant coverage gap, and loss to property values," Olander summarized. "Additionally, residents raised concerns about the proliferation of similar facilities if this site is approved. The residents stated that the project does not meet the Carmel Municipal Code because the small wireless facility is proposed for the residential zone, in the public right of way and in the centerline of a window of an adjacent

home."

The home in question, Stonewall Cottage, is historic, and its owner, Ned Spieker, is among the many who object to Verizon's proposal.

"It was established as a historic home shortly after our purchase. I supported the historic designation," he said. "Clearly, having a cell tower approximately 15 feet from my living room is not complementary to this home and its historic designation."

'Permanent harm'

Spieker said he understands the city's legal obligations where wireless facilities are concerned but said putting the equipment so close to his home "would cause immediate, permanent and disproportionate harm to a historic home and its residential setting — harm that the city's planning standards were expressly adopted to prevent."

Several opponents suggested other tower locations, such as the roof of the Golden Bough, would be more appropriate. The company's engineers and lawyers

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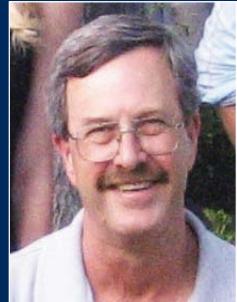
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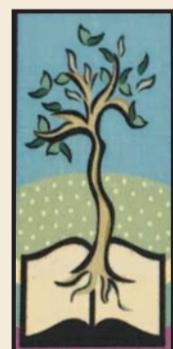
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Please just make her go away

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 Schleifer.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft from a vehicle at Santa Rita and Sixth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost items/possible theft reported at San Carlos and Fifth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious circumstances reported at Ocean and Lincoln.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog found at Carpenter and Fourth was placed in safekeeping pending owner pickup. Dog return to owner.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Central Avenue was placed on a 5150 W&I hold [danger to self or others].

Pacific Grove: Dead body found at an Asilomar Avenue address following a medical call.

Carmel area: Theft of a water hose from a ranch on Highway 1. A 45-year-old male was arrested.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to Palisades Drive for a report of identity theft involving a 46-year-old female victim.

Big Sur: Theft reported on Highway 1.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop conducted at Mesa and Atherton at 0004 hours for CVC violations, and the driver was found to be in possession of meth and had five outstanding warrants. The passenger was recently released from jail for a stabbing and was in possession of drug paraphernalia, a probation violation. Both subjects, a 42-year-old male and a 26-year-old female, were released with promises to appear.

See POLICE LOG page 8RE
in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Jan. 13 — A jury found Arnold Mata Sanchez, 27 and a resident of Salinas, guilty of numerous felonies, including inflicting corporal injury on a dating partner with personal infliction of great bodily injury, mayhem, kidnapping, and criminal threats with personal use of a dangerous weapon. The jury also found that Sanchez had previously been convicted of a strike offense within the meaning of California's three strikes law and that he had a prior conviction for committing corporal injury on a dating partner within the past seven years.

Jane Doe and Sanchez had only been dating for a few weeks in 2025 when Sanchez became increasingly violent toward Doe over perceived infidelity. Due to paranoia coinciding with methamphetamine use, a series of incidents occurred over the span of several

weeks when Sanchez would threaten Doe with extreme violence and sometimes act on those threats. On May 15, 2025, Sanchez stabbed Doe in the leg with a screwdriver multiple times — wounds that ultimately left permanent scars — while threatening to put her in a grave next to her father.

On the evening of May 23, 2025, Sanchez brutally beat Doe in an abandoned motel room in front of other associates of his because he believed Doe had cheated on him. Among other things, Sanchez pulled Doe by her hair so hard that he ripped out separate patches of hair on both sides of Doe's head. On one side of her head, Sanchez also ripped out a portion of her scalp underneath the hair, which left a permanent avulsion multiple

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P.G. coach nabbed for 'sex assault'

By KELLY NIX

A FORMER Pacific Grove High School girls' basketball coach and crossing guard was arrested this week on suspicion of sexual misconduct with a female student.

On Saturday night, Pacific Grove police arrested Marquis Brion Pickrom, 37, of Seaside and booked him into Monterey County Jail for alleged sexual assault of a minor and annoying or molesting a child.

He also served as the P.G. High campus supervisor and was often the after-school crossing guard at Sunset Drive and 19th Street.

News of Pickrom's arrest comes months after Pacific Grove Unified School District placed him on administrative leave following accusations of inappropriate contact with the student.

'Groomed'

"Between August 2023 and October 2025, the minor victim — 16 to 18 years old at the time — reported being groomed by Pickrom after he became the Pacific Grove High School basketball coach," police said Monday. "The victim reported that Pickrom gave her special attention, made personal and romantic comments, and primarily communicated with her via Instagram."

The girl said Pickrom kissed her in July 2025 and touched her in a sexual manner. She disclosed the conduct to a few close friends before it was reported to P.G. High staff, who notified police.

"Upon learning of the allegations, the school district immediately relieved Pickrom of his coaching position," police said. "Upon conclusion of the investigation, a

warrant was issued for Pickrom's arrest. On Jan. 31, at approximately 7:34 p.m., he was taken into custody without incident."

Without identifying Pickrom, superintendent Linda Adamson told parents Sunday night that he's no longer employed by the school.

Bailed out

"Upon first learning of the allegations, the district immediately placed the employee on administrative leave while conducting an internal investigation, which remains ongoing," Adamson said. "We have also been working closely with law enforcement throughout this process."

She said state laws regarding employee confidentiality limited what the district could tell the public about the case.

As of Thursday morning, Pickrom had not been charged with a crime and is out on bail, Monterey County Superior Court records indicate.

His arrest comes less than four years after Andrew Chyo, a PGUSD school aide, was charged with numerous counts of oral sex with a teenage boy. He pleaded guilty to a single felony of oral copulation with a child under 18.

In November 2021, the PGUSD board of trustees fired a P.G. High teacher whom two female students accused of inappropriately touching them. He was not charged with a crime.

In an unrelated case, on Oct. 23, 2025, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office filed a murder charge against former PGUSD teacher's aide Benjamin Bahena, 37, who is alleged to have slain Misael Avilez Jr., 54, in Salinas.



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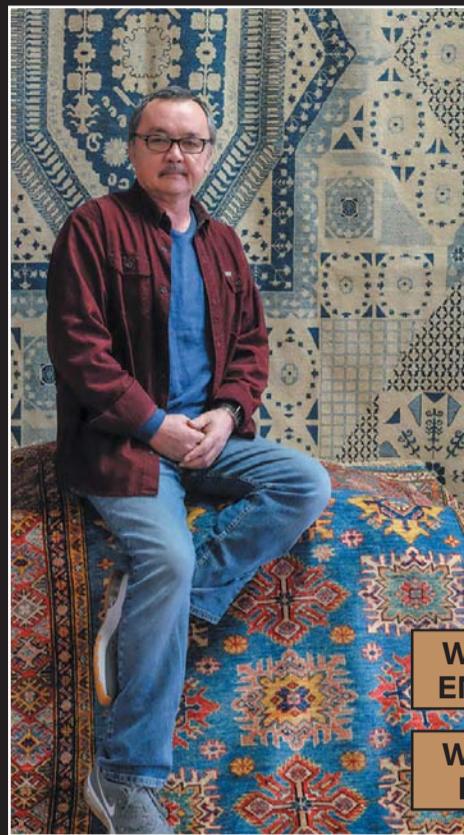


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Man used daughter as human shield

By KELLY NIX

A SALINAS man who stabbed a woman, threatened to kill a female relative and used his 7-year-old daughter as a human shield pleaded guilty to those crimes and others, and is set to receive more than two decades in state prison when he's sentenced next month, prosecutors said this week.

Oscar Villareal Jr., 46, will receive 20 years and four months behind bars on March 5 for a long list of crimes, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office said.

'Kill everyone'

On May 16, 2025, prosecutors said Villareal went to the home of his ex-girlfriend, who had custody of his 7-year-old daughter. They argued about custody issues before Villareal took his daughter to a park. While the girl played, Villareal left the park, went to his ex's house, pushed the woman to the ground and stabbed her once in the neck with a folding knife.

"He attempted to stab his ex-girlfriend again, but she was able to block the blade with her hand," the DA's office said.

During the attack, the woman was on the phone with one of Villareal's relatives, who overheard the commotion. He told the unidentified female relative that he'd killed his ex and was on his way to kill her and everyone in her house.

Villareal drove to her home, banged on the door and demanded to be let inside. The relative's husband told him that police had been called.

"Villareal made the husband drive him

away from the scene, pick up his daughter from the park and drive to Gonzales," according to the DA's office.

On the way there, however, a California Highway Patrol officer pulled over the truck and the husband exited it, prompting Villareal to get into the driver's seat. While fleeing, he crashed into the CHP officer's car twice, nearly hitting her as she stood outside the car and ordered him to stop. To avoid pursuing officers, Villareal weaved in and out of his lane at speeds of more than 85 mph.

Daughter as shield

The pursuit lasted about 10 minutes until another CHP officer forced the truck against a guardrail, disabling it. Villareal, with his daughter still in the truck, refused for about an hour to exit the vehicle, telling officers he had a loaded gun and would kill himself.

"He moved his daughter from her position in the backseat into his lap, despite multiple officers pointing firearms at him, and repeatedly told officers to shoot him in front of her," prosecutors said.

"A certified hostage negotiator with the Salinas Police Department was able to de-escalate the situation and ultimately take Villareal into custody," prosecutors said, adding that the girl was uninjured.

Her mother survived the stabbing but needed surgery.

On Tuesday, Villareal pleaded guilty to inflicting corporal injury on his ex-girlfriend, with a prior conviction for the same offense, false imprisonment of a hostage, assault with a deadly weapon on a peace



Oscar Villareal Jr.

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Carmel, Monterey mentioned in Epstein files

By KELLY NIX

SEX OFFENDER Jeffrey Epstein spent thousands of dollars at Monterey Peninsula restaurants, businesses and services during visits from 2004 to 2018, according to credit card statements in the Epstein files released this week by the U.S. Department of Justice. But the inclusion of a 2017 Carmel Middle School student's honor roll certificate is perhaps the most baffling local connection in files collected by law enforcement as they investigated Epstein, who died in 2019.

A search of the massive trove of documents on Epstein released by the Trump administration contains numerous references to Carmel and Monterey, and show he spent substantial sums on Peninsula hotels, restaurants and services.

Sought local doc's advice

A March 2004 American Express statement shows that Epstein paid for meals at numerous Carmel and Monterey restaurants. He also spent hundreds of dollars at a Carmel clothing store and for a room at a prominent Carmel Valley hotel.

The statement also shows that Epstein paid \$1,353.68 for three nights in Monterey in February 2004, though the biggest bill on his Peninsula trip was \$3,717.12 for service from a private jet company, according to the statement.

On Feb. 26, 2019 — about six months before Epstein killed himself in prison — his longtime personal assistant Lesley Groff emailed the wife of a Monterey chiropractor, saying she had the "results of an MRI of Jeffrey's back" and his spine, and asked the wife if she could send the images via FedEx to her husband.

"Jeffrey also wants to make sure it is all FedEx'd back to us once [the chiropractor] has reviewed the images," Groff said.



Jeffrey Epstein

In an Oct. 18, 2011, email, a person whose name is redacted sent an email to Epstein stating, "Hello Dear Man, did you ever hear back from your Carmel Valley connection? I am really in need of work now and know that it only takes one connection sometimes for one's business to take off," according to the sender, who asked Epstein for "thoughts and suggestions" and signed it "XO."

An Aug. 17, 2012, message from Epstein's email address included the words "best massage in Carmel," to which the unidentified recipient followed up the next day with, "Thank you very much."

On Aug. 6, 2012, an email to Epstein from an unknown sender stated, "I am in Carmel Valley. Call me tomorrow.

"I can't wait to see you," Epstein responded by saying, "tomorrow I will stay in the Ritz in Half Moon Bay ... where are you?"

On Dec. 18, 2014, Epstein wrote a check for \$10,000 to a Carmel Valley business or resident, but the recipient's

name is redacted.

There is no indication in the files that any of these visits and connections were related to anything illegal or nefarious.

The strangest inclusion in the files is a Carmel Middle School student's honor roll certificate from May 15, 2017.

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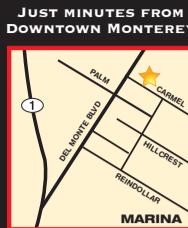
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CARMEL STUDENTS AMONG CALIFORNIA'S TOP PERFORMERS

By LILY PATTERSON

MORE THAN 75 percent of Carmel's high school seniors are ready for the next phase of their lives, according to a recent report from the Department of Education. The state agency puts Carmel Unified up there with Beverly Hills, Laguna Beach, and Palo Alto — among California's wealthiest and highest-rated public school districts — where 63 percent, 83 and 89 percent of seniors, respectively, are considered "prepared" for college, or a career.

CUSD anticipates revenue of \$88.2 million, primarily derived from local property taxes, and plans to spend approximately \$39,435 per student in the 2025-2026 school year.

Accountability

Since 2018, all California districts that include a high school receive an annual College and Career Indicator score from the education agency, part of the state's efforts to be more accountable to its students.

"This indicator was designed to encourage high schools to provide all students with a rigorous, broad course of study that prepares them for post-secondary success," Ivonne Glenn, the district's director of college and career readiness, informed school board members during their Jan. 21 meeting.

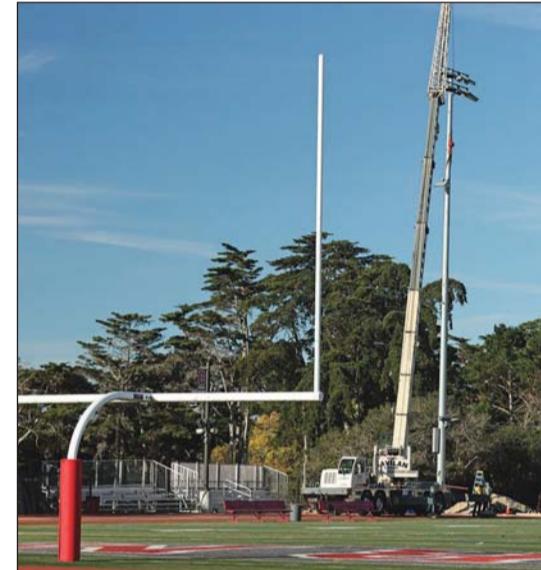
CUSD's score of 79 percent accounts for standardized test results, as well as the number of students who have completed Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate coursework, accredited classes through the UC/CSU system, or other courses for college credit. On the career side,

participation in registered apprenticeships, government job or pre-military programs, and career technical education courses is also considered.

Of course, most Carmel students will go the college route. Last year, 78 percent of Carmel seniors earned some form of college credit, and 80 percent successfully passed advanced placement (college-level) courses. And while 11th graders maintain their standardized test scores, even post-pandemic — 78 percent are passing literacy exams, and roughly 65 percent meet the standard for math — Glenn countered that the district's college and career indicator score has risen in that time, describing "a broader and more inclusive definition of success."

That definition is inclusive of the few

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CHOMP nurses vote to unionize

By KELLY NIX

IN A move they say will lead to better patient care, hundreds of registered nurses at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula decided last week to unionize.

Nearly 500 CHOMP nurses on Jan. 30 "voted overwhelmingly" to join the California Nurses Association, which is an affiliate of National Nurses United, the largest union in the country, the association said. The election was held by the National Labor Relations Board.

CHOMP registered nurse Kim Campbell said the results will benefit the Monterey Peninsula and the people she and other nurses are tasked with caring for.

"I spent more than 30 years at CHOMP in the emergency department, and I recall when this was genuinely a community hospital and patient-focused institution," Campbell said. "I am so pleased that by forming our union, we will now have a voice to advocate for our patients, create an environment that will help recruit and retain excellent nurses, and make improvements for patients."

A nurse at CHOMP told The Pine Cone that the vote to unionize was 479 to 191.

CHOMP denies understaffing

The move to unionize was due to concerns over "chronic short staffing," according to the union.

"Due to short staffing, nurses cannot give each patient the optimal amount of time to address their specific care needs," the organization said. "In addition, because management does not staff the hospital adequately, nurses are denied coverage for their breaks during their 12-hour shifts, meaning they are forced to either work without eating or leave their patients under the care of a nurse who already has a full

assignment."

In response to the announcement, Community Hospital spokeswoman Monica Sciuto said the hospital "respects the outcome of the vote and the voices of our nurses."

"We honor their decision and will work within the new framework to maintain our shared commitment to exceptional patient care and a positive work environment," Sciuto told The Pine Cone.

The hospital denied it is understaffed.

"Community Hospital has maintained staffing levels that exceed California's mandated nurse-to-patient ratios, underscoring our dedication to patient safety and clinical excellence," she said. "The notion that we do not staff appropriately for

our patients and our nurses is simply not true."

Sciuto went on to say that CHOMP's commitment to patient care has been recognized nationally.

"For the fourth consecutive year, our hospital has been ranked in the top 5 percent of hospitals in the country by Healthgrades. This distinction reflects the dedication of our nurses, physicians, and support teams, and it reinforces our ongoing focus on maintaining a safe, high-quality environment for everyone we serve."

'More than enough'

The Pine Cone asked if the nurses' union could mean higher hospital and patient costs.

"Our priority is delivering excellent care to our patients and supporting the nurses and other staff who make that possible," Sciuto said. "Questions about costs often arise in conversations about labor representation, but it's too early to draw

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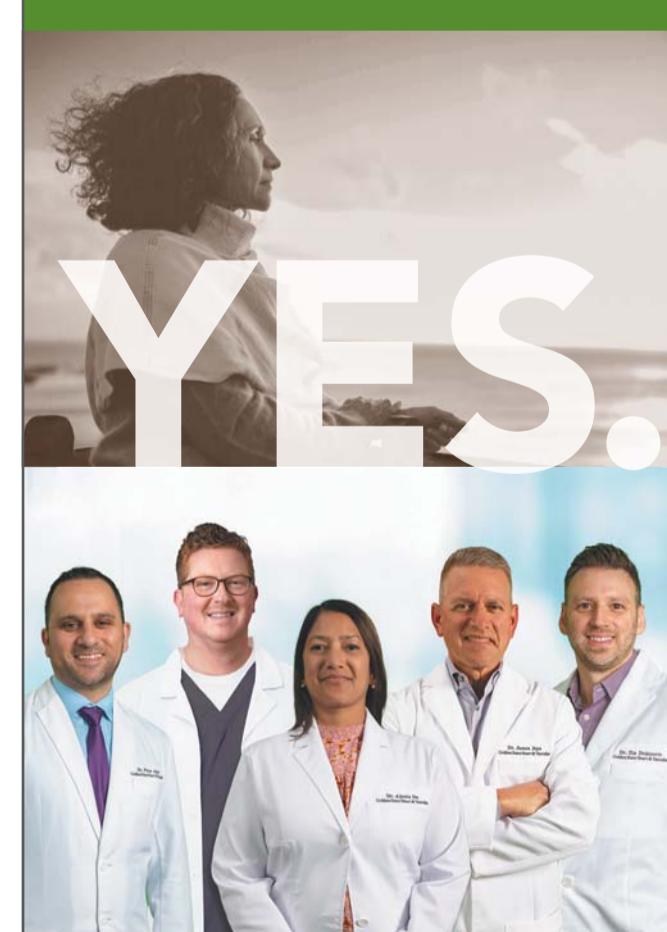


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Legal filings add more details to dispute between hotel and its spa

By LILY PATTERSON

THE PORTOLA Hotel in Monterey wants out of its nearly 30-year relationship with Spa on the Plaza and filed a lawsuit in Monterey County Superior Court seeking

damages and early termination of the spa's lease.

But the owners of Spa on the Plaza, while admitting that some of the hotel's claims are true, responded by alleging that owner Roy Malcolm's former wife and business partner is responsible for the mess he and chief financial

officer Nancy Shaw are apparently still untangling.

Claiming they have "persistently tried to pay any past-due rents and reach an amicable settlement," papers filed Jan. 20 for Roy Malcolm and Shaw by Los Angeles attorney Nicholas Gross say the hotel's lawsuit is an "extreme action" that "serves no purpose but to harass and defame."

Portola Hotel entered its once-beneficial partnership with Spa on the Plaza in 1997, when the Malcolms signed a commercial lease for the property at 201 Alvarado St. in downtown Monterey.

"A haven for those seeking relaxation, rejuvenation, and self-care," the day spa has since offered popular spa packages and memberships, massages and facials, and pool facilities to hotel guests and locals.

"Over the course of the next three decades, numerous amendments were incorporated into the original lease, reflecting a flexible and amicable relationship between the hotel and the spa that endured through global economic downturns and historic pandemics," the documents say. Those amendments also covered renovations in 2007, made possible in part because the Malcolms agreed to pay a percentage of the spa's gross receipts to the hotel every quarter. Subsequent amendments to that lease show they agreed to continue paying "percentage rent," albeit at a lower rate once renovations were completed.

'Periodic access'

Another change, much less peaceable, took place five years later. Though Roy and Camille Malcolm wouldn't divorce until 2015, the couple separated in 2012, when Camille took over Spa on the Plaza as CEO. Roy was living in Vermont, according to legal filings, and was "restricted" from reviewing the books unless he was "physically present at the spa offices in California."

"Until Ms. Malcolm retired on March 31, 2025, Mr. Malcolm only had periodic access to company records and had very limited insight into the operations and finances of the spa."

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SPA

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Under Camille Malcolm's watch, the slew of wrongs alleged by Portola took place — but its Nov. 12, 2025, lawsuit blamed only Roy Malcolm, Shaw, and numerous "Doe defendants" for withholding the spa's financial books, claiming that they owe the hotel 18 months' worth of percentage rent. Portola also accused them of using a pandemic-era small business loan for "his, her or their personal purposes," and for years operating the spa as an "alter ego" to perpetuate fraud or injustice, including undercapitalization, commingling of assets and operations," according to the original suit filed by Marco Lucido of Fenton & Keller on behalf of the hotel company — which not only failed to name the person responsible as a defendant, Malcolm and Shaw say, but has ignored their best efforts to reconcile.

Their attorney filed several motions in Monterey County Superior Court on Jan. 20, among them to add Malcolm's ex-wife as a defendant and to strike the "baseless claims" against him and Shaw from the suit, effectively dismissing it.

SBA loan

When Malcolm took over in April 2025, "he discovered the extent of the deficiencies and inaccuracies in the company records. Over the course of the next six months (and even through the present), the spa worked tirelessly to sort through the company's finances, make corrections to company records, and to balance the books," the filings say.

Among the documents is part of Spa on the Plaza's

successful application for the pandemic-era loan, evidence that only the spa's assets were used as collateral — contrary to Portola's claims that it was unknowingly on the hook with the Small Business Administration. Malcolm's attorney claims that since his client was not running the spa at the time, he had "virtually no access" to those funds.

Malcolm and Shaw also accuse his ex-wife of refusing to hand over important documents and records, including the spa's lease agreement, even after her March 2025 retirement. (The website for Spa on the Plaza, however, still lists Camille Malcolm as its owner.)

"During this period, the spa operated under a letter from Chris Herman, Portola's director of finance, dated December 27, 2023, as the controlling document for the spa's rent obligations," which "accepted past-due amounts as either paid or forgiven as paid-in-full, and included no mention of percentage rent," according to the filings. Effective January 2024, the spa paid Portola a base rent of \$12,014.13 per month.

'Salacious allegations'

But when Malcolm and Shaw sought to renegotiate the spa's lease last August, they were blindsided by accusations of unpaid rent for the previous 18 months, most of it during Camille Malcolm's tenure. They say Portola "refused to provide a full copy of the lease or to provide the exact amount," and did not accept payment when they tried to guess at what was owed.

"The spa tendered an additional 15 payments to Portola for the amount of percentage rent allegedly owed for the period between Jan. 1, 2024, and March 31, 2025. To date, Portola has not cashed these checks. We have set aside appropriate funds and stand ready to pay Portola," according to the filings.

Court documents also reference Dec. 5, 2025, coverage

of the lawsuit in The Pine Cone — "a local newspaper that typically covers lighthearted local stories and often carries advertisements for Portola" — to say the "salacious allegations" were designed to "hook" the local press. Portola Hotel was acting "not in a good faith effort to obtain relief under the law, but in a malicious effort to embarrass, harass and defame" Malcolm and Shaw, according to their response.

It's a motive that they'll seek to prove in a Monterey courtroom this month, following an "unsuccessful" effort to resolve their dispute with Portola in January.

Vandal cuts tires of news vehicles

By KELLY NIX

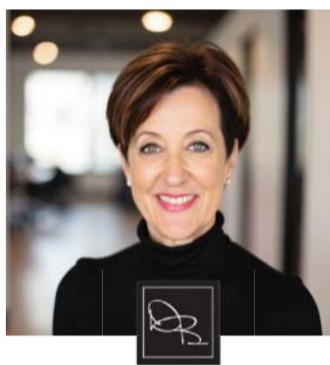
THE TIRES of five news vehicles belonging to KSBW News were slashed in the organization's parking lot in Salinas last week, police told The Pine Cone.

Police Sgt. Zach Dunagan said that the vandalism took place overnight on Jan. 30.

"They had five cars with slashed tires," Dunagan said. The vandalism occurred at "KSBW's lot at the corner of John and Abbott streets."

While KSBW's news director and general manager did not respond to a message from The Pine Cone about the crime, Dunagan said investigators reviewed police footage that appears to show one person involved.

"We do not have an estimation of damages, and we also do not know a motive at this point," Dunagan said.

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VILLAGE

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"This is my home," he said. "I've lived here for 35 years. The stakes are arguably higher for me than they would be for a builder who doesn't live here."

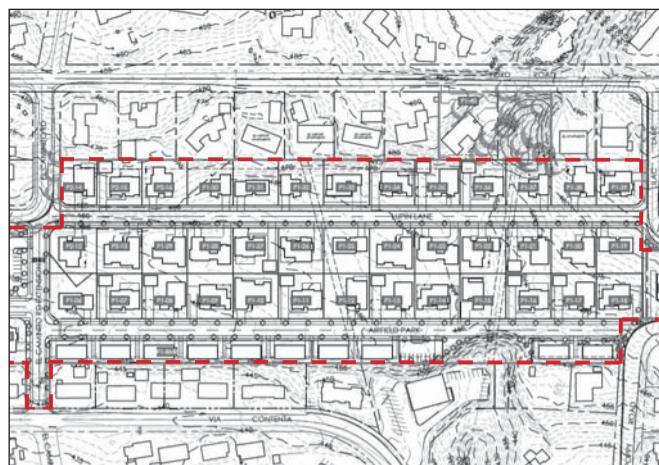
Orosco said he plans to listen to what others say about his project.

"I care what Carmel Valley Association thinks," he said. "I care what LandWatch Monterey County thinks. I care what [Fifth District Supervisor] Kate Daniels thinks. I care what my neighbors think — and all of

those are pretty tough audiences."

In its newsletter Thursday, Carmel Valley Association expressed concern over Orosco using a provision in state law known as "builder's remedy," which could make it possible for the project to bypass some local zoning, density and general plan requirements. The group contends such projects "punish" residents of communities where they are constructed. "Builder's remedy projects very often sacrifice community character without achieving substantial construction of the affordable housing that we all agree is needed," the group said.

The association concedes that the



A map shows where new homes will go if a plan by Patrick Orosco to develop the former Carmel Valley Airport is approved.

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Carmel Valley general plan allows development at the former airfield, but it says it must be done at a much lower density, with a maximum of 24 units. "Residents are understandably concerned about how this large-scale development would upend their quiet neighborhood," the group said.

Sooner or later

Orosco, though, pointed out that another developer could use the builder's remedy — and "build hundreds of homes on this site." "This site will be developed with a considerably greater density than 24 units now or in the near future," he predicted.

The homes will be built on what Orosco calls "a classic infill housing site."

"It's flat, it's not environmentally

sensitive, it's two blocks from goods and services, it's across from an elementary school, and it's surrounded on all four sides by homes," he explained. "This is a site that would have been developed in just about any community anywhere long ago."

As for the affordable housing component of the project, Orosco said 11 homes will be reserved for those with low incomes, and nine for those with moderate incomes. He also said he intends to prioritize existing Carmel Valley residents, something he can do because the project isn't subsidized with taxpayers' money.

Any discussion about the airport's future wouldn't be complete without talk

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Chamber's inaugural Putts for Paws to coincide with AT&T Pro-Am

By MARY SCHLEY

CARMEL CHAMBER of Commerce volunteer Mark Oman — who had a career in golf writing, with several humor books published, and who writes a dog-related column for Carmel Magazine — will see his vision for a pet-themed fundraiser become reality when the first Putts for Paws miniature golf tournament takes place in Devendorf Park at Ocean and Junipero Tuesday, Feb. 10.

"Looking to bring some golf-goofy fun back to AT&T Pro-Am week?" the event pitch opens. "Look no further."

Oman came up with the idea for the fundraiser, which will support two animal-based charities, as a way of spicing up AT&T Week. The event has changed considerably since it lost its celebrity component in favor of a more competitive professional format with higher earnings.

"I don't have to tell you that AT&T Week used to be something special," he said, but with actors and other celebrities no longer part of the mix, "that's all gone," he told the Carmel Community Activities Commission last year, when he was seeking permission to organize the event.

Cats and dogs

At Putts for Paws, each hole will have a dog or a cat theme, and the format calls for two-person teams, one ball, alternate shot — just like the Ryder Cup, organizers point out. Players will leave their clubs at home and will instead use "our crazy canine and

feline custom clubs," and their scorecards will indicate par for each hole and the maximum number of strokes allowed.

Participants are encouraged to don "outrageous golf fashion," à la Bill Murray: loud, colorful, and even spectacular.

Registration costs \$150 per team for chamber members and \$200 per team for nonmembers, and the entry fee includes the tournament, tee gifts, prizes, invitations to a pairings party Feb. 9 and an after-party at the conclusion of the event. And, as with the AT&T, it will be played rain or shine, with no refunds available.

Don your loud shirts and plaid pants and head to the park

where dogs are not allowed. They can cheer on their favorite humans from the sidelines.

Players and spectators will enjoy small bites and mocktails in the Putts for Paws Rescue Lounge, and "emergency caddies" will be on hand to help hard-core golfaholics survive the round."

A portion of proceeds will support Golden Oldies Cat Rescue, which helps find homes for felines that are 6 and older that are at risk in local shelters or whose guardians can no longer care for them, and BirchBark, which helps pet owners who cannot afford emergency vet care and provides education and pet loss counseling programs.

To register, visit carmelchamber.org.

HOUSING

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about how the homes might impact the annual Santa's Fly-In. One of Carmel Valley's most cherished traditions, the fly-in happens on the second Saturday of December. Orosco said his project would create 5.5 acres of open space, more than enough space for the fly-in to continue in perpetuity. "To put that into perspective, it's larger than Carmel Valley Community Park," Orosco noted.

The airport was built by brothers Byington and Tirey Ford, who envisioned a community where homes had hangars instead of garages. But their timing was terrible — they planned a grand opening celebration

for Dec. 7, 1941, the same day Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japan.

The Fords sold it to the Del Fino family in 1952, which closed it in 2002. The Del Finos sold the property to Griggs in 2020.

Reaching out

While some say the open space at the old airport site is needed as a staging area for emergencies, others contend the site has been made obsolete for such purposes due to advances in firefighting and life-saving equipment.

Although many in Carmel Valley don't like the idea of developing the former airfield — including some who unsuccessfully formed a group, Carmel Valley Save Open Space, to raise money to buy the land and turn it into open space — it has long been considered a site for housing.

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PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

MONTEREY POLICE are searching for the facts behind a bizarre crash that left an unoccupied four-door sedan overturned in the harbor at Breakwater Cove in Monterey early Sunday morning.

According to MPD Lt. Ethan Andrews, shortly after 2 a.m. Feb. 1, officers were dispatched to a submerged vehicle at the boat launch ramp near the U.S. Coast Guard pier. They arrived to find the four-door sedan overturned and in the water.

"The vehicle was unoccupied and resting on its roof," he said.

Surveillance video captured by a nearby camera showed the car "driving through

the parking lot at a high rate of speed and down the boat launch ramp into the water," according to Andrews. "The vehicle floated for a brief period before sinking."

They have the where, when and how, but not the who or the why.

"The cause of this incident and identity of the driver of the vehicle are still under investigation," he said. "Officers have been in contact with the vehicle's registered owner and determined they were not involved and the car was not reported stolen."

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Correction

Last week's story, "P.G. official fined for late filing," mischaracterized a March 19, 2025, Pacific Grove City Council vote. On that day councilwoman Tina Rau and three of her council colleagues — who were in favor of increasing the entertainment noise threshold downtown — directed the city attorney to return to the council with an ordinance to modify the Pacific Grove Municipal Code as it pertains to sound amplification.

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Ex-official wants P.G. voters to control pay

By KELLY NIX

LESS THAN a year after the Pacific Grove City Council gave itself a 130 percent raise, a former elected official has proposed making changes to the city's charter that would require voter approval of compensation and health benefits for council members.

On Tuesday, Luke Coletti filed a ballot initiative to amend Pacific Grove's charter — essentially, its constitution — which can be done per state law by a vote of the electorate. The idea of the amendment is to place authority for pay raises and benefits in the hands of voters, not the city council.

"The purpose of this initiative charter amendment for accountability, oversight, and transparency is to require voter approval of compensation and benefits for the mayor and the council members," according to the eight-page document.

'Not transparent'

Coletti's move comes after the P.G. City Council in May 2025 gave itself the raise — after rejecting requests to allow voters to decide — and considered giving itself medical coverage, both of which drew significant opposition from residents. In response, Coletti's group, Transparent Pacific Grove, led a successful referendum effort, collecting about 1,800 signatures, which allowed residents to decide on the increase. In August 2025, though, the council nixed the raise instead of allowing citizens to vote on it.

"The city council repealed its 130 percent pay raise to dodge voter oversight and accountability, which is not very transparent," Coletti told The Pine Cone this week.

Council members sought to increase their monthly stipends from \$420 to \$966 and from \$700 to \$1,610 for the mayor, which would have cost taxpayers about \$50,000 annually, and more with benefits. Members Lori McDonnell and Paul Walkingstick voted against the pay hike, which was facing overwhelming opposition from the public.

Mayor Nick Smith declined to comment on Coletti's initiative.

Once and for all

Supporters of the raise argued that increasing the stipend was necessary since it had been the same for about two decades, and that increasing it could encourage more people, including younger people, to run for office.

Is it pride or waste? Plan to build arch divides East Salinas but moves forward

BY CHRIS COUNTS

FIVE YEARS after a decorative arch was installed over Main Street in Salinas, a plan to erect a similar arch in East Salinas received a \$100,000 boost from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Jan. 27 — despite loud opposition from a handful of residents who called the project a waste of taxpayers' money.

Plans call for the arch to serve as a landmark to welcome residents and visitors to East Salinas along East Alisal Street, although county documents don't indicate the precise location.

Regarding the estimated cost of the structure, a county report said that "although a specific design has not yet been finalized, the City of Salinas has allocated \$348,104 for design and construction." It's anticipated that there will also be private donors. While it's uncertain how much it will ultimately cost, the arch installed over Main Street cost about \$525,000.

Supervisors voted 4-1 Tuesday to OK the county's \$100,000 contribution, with Fourth District Supervisor Wendy Root Askew voting against it.

Fifth District Supervisor Kate Daniels, who supported the allocation, noted that the funds are discretionary and intended to be spent in District 1, which is represented by Supervisor Luis Alejo, one of the arch's most outspoken supporters.

'Symbolic segregation'

During public comment Tuesday, a handful of speakers blasted the idea of spending taxpayers' money on the arch, including East Salinas resident Cal Paradox.

"Our city budget is projected to be in the red by millions," Paradox said. "Should we really be spending money on a symbolic gesture? It feels like symbolic segregation to me. The East Side needs real investment. Youth programs are underfunded, small businesses are barely surviving, our roads are falling apart, and we have people sleeping in the streets."

Also speaking out against the feature was Chris Barrera, president of the League of United Latin American Citizens Council 2055.

"This is not about culture and pride," he said. "It's about priorities, transparency and respect."

Barrera also said the approval process for the arch "raises serious concerns."

"Have conversations actually taken place between the Alisal Vibrancy Committee, City of Salinas staff and the city council about this project?" he asked. "If they have, the public hasn't seen them. If they haven't, this process is fundamentally broken."

According to Barrera, "the East Side doesn't need symbolism, it needs safe crosswalks, traffic calming, high speed internet and direct investment that improves daily life."

Peter Szalai of Salinas suggested that none of the city's residents would declare the arch one of its Top 10 priorities — and he said there is a shortfall of funding for addressing more important priorities like infrastructure, law enforcement, and homelessness. "Don't give a skeptical public

another reason to be disgusted with government wasting our money," Szalai warned supervisors.

In response, Alejo insisted "numerous" city council members expressed support for the project. He also maintained that "the request for the arch came from the community," and its future was discussed numerous times at public meetings.

Alejo noted that there was widespread support for the arch over Main Street when it was installed five years ago.

"But as soon as we want to put it up on the East Side — the most heavily Latino and immigrant zip code in all of Monterey County, now everybody makes the reason why that part of the city doesn't deserve it."

Tensions rise

After that statement, someone in the audience began shouting at Alejo, but it wasn't clear what they were saying. The hearing was derailed for several minutes while the chair called for order.

Alejo shot back at his critics, suggesting that "the people who shout like that never come to the meetings." As for the arch, "East Salinas does deserve beautification projects — projects that can be a source of pride for the youth in their community." He urged his constituents to focus on "what's beautiful in our community."

"Uplift the families, uplift the youth, uplift the workers, uplift the immigrants," he said. "I want every young person who grows up in Salinas to be proud of their hometown, to want to come back and be a leader. And that means, along the way, to do these projects that are sources of pride, that beautify the neighborhood, that tell the story of the people who grew up there."

The supervisor didn't waver in his stance that the arch is a good thing.

"In the end, I know this is going to be a source of pride," he added. "I know it's going to be a lot of work, but I'm going to keep working on it until I get it across the finish line."

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A 'bold and breathtaking' lineup, PacRep's 'Season of Wonder' starts Feb. 12

By CHRIS COUNTS

BILLED AS "A Season of Wonder," PacRep Theatre's 2026 season kicks off Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at the Golden Bough Playhouse with a discounted preview of "Noises Off," a farce that looks behind the scenes of a stage production to discover chaos and comedy.

Written by contemporary playwright

Michael Frayn, "Noises Off" continues through March 15. Calling the production "the world's funniest farce," PacRep promises it "explodes onto the stage in this whirlwind of collapsing sets, runaway props, backstage romances and epic comedic chaos."

A husband-and-wife team, Michael Champlin and Katie O'Bryon Champlin, co-direct the play, while the cast includes

Julie Huggett, Michael Storm, Michael Jacobs, Keith Larson, Jennifer Newman, Izzy Pedego, Scott Silagy, Dale Thompson and Michelle Vallentyne.

According to the theater group, "Noises Off" marks the start of a season with "a bold and breathtaking lineup that celebrates the full power of live theater" — and is "overflowing with laughter, enchantment, heartbreak, joy and imagination."

Season's rundown

Following "Noises Off" at the Golden Bough is "Beetlejuice Jr.," a condensed family-friendly musical based on the beloved Gothic "horror" film by Tim Burton, which also spawned a hit musical on Broadway. It plays April 25 to May 17. PacRep describes the show as "a gleefully spooky theatrical party perfect for the whole family."

Opening June 16, also at the Golden Bough, is PacRep's production of the "monstrously hilarious" musical, "Young Frankenstein," based on the hit film by Mel Brooks. According to PacRep, it features "outrageous jokes, unforgettable songs and electrifying fun." That show continues through July 26.

And coming later this year to the Outdoor Forest Theater is PacRep's production of "The Little Mermaid," Disney's stage version of its 1989 film about a mermaid who dreams about the world above the waves. Premiering Aug. 6 and running through Sept. 20, PacRep describes the production as a "heart-swelling tale of love, bravery and finding your voice."

On a more serious note, "Medea" opens Sept. 3 at the Golden Bough's Circle Theatre. PacRep describes the Greek tragedy as a "gripping, raw and astonishingly intense masterpiece." Written by Euripides four centuries before the birth of Christ, the play "crackles with emotional power in an intimate staging that brings audiences face to face with one of theatre's most unforgettable characters." It continues through Sept. 20.

Mischief, moonlight

William Shakespeare's most enchanting comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" comes to the Outdoor Forest Theater Oct. 1-17. "Fairies feud, lovers get lost, and a band of clueless actors stumbles into

hilarity in this sparkling, whimsical night-under-the-stars adventure," PacRep said. "Love, magic, mischief and moonlight collide."

A Tony and Olivier Award-winning musical by Canadian writing duo Irene Sankoff and David Hein, "Come from Away" opens Nov. 19 at the Golden Bough. PacRep described it as an "uplifting, heart-expanding, award-winning musical that celebrates generosity, unity and the astonishing kindness of strangers."

Set in Gander, Newfoundland, where 38 planes carrying more than 7,000 passengers were forced to land in the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 terror attacks, the show is "a joyful, profoundly human modern classic," the theater company said. "Come From Away" closes Dec. 20.



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The cast of "Noises Off" rehearses the play, which opens Thursday at the Golden Bough Playhouse.

And when the holidays roll around, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical" will be performed Nov. 28-Dec. 20 at the Outdoor Forest Theater. A PacRep School of Dramatic Arts production, "Rudolph" will feature a cast of student actors from throughout the Peninsula.

Besides selling single tickets to shows, PacRep offers a wide variety of ticket plans with discounts of up to 25 percent. For more details, including ticket sales, call (831) 622-0100 or visit pacrep.org.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 26CV000545

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, DEBRA STEPHENS, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

▲ Present name:

DEBRA STEPHENS

Proposed name:

DEBRA LEDGER

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at

the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:

DATE: April 7, 2026

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

DEPT: 14

The address of the court is 1200 Aguayo Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Ian A. Rivamonte

Judge of the Superior Court

Date filed: Feb. 3, 2026

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ADDRESSES

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which oversees the system that validates physical addresses, gave a cursory nod to the plan before it was rolled out in draft form. It has yet to be finalized, and the city warns that no one should assume the numbers shown will not change.

Updates

When it was released, the map identified a few areas where the system had been unable to assign addresses, including some multifamily residences and other random parcels, but many of those have been given numbers. A few persist, such as the house on the northeast corner of Camino Real and Ninth. Parcels with numbered addresses are shown in blue, and on the latest version of the map, zooming in shows the full street address. Formerly, the map showed the last six digits of a property's APN.

On Friday, Swanson said the city is working on methods for assigning unit numbers in apartment and condo complexes — such as identifying them with numbers or letters — and this week, he characterized feedback on the map as "largely positive."

Put yourself in the history books!

Adding street numbers to Carmel-by-the-Sea is a significant moment in the town's history, and The Pine Cone needs lots of photos chronicling the change. When you paint or attach the new number to your house, apartment or business, take a really good photo (including yourself) and email it to news@carmelpinecone.com. We will print the best ones.

"People appreciate the ease of use," he told The Pine Cone, and those who had questions on how to navigate it were thankful for the open house held at city hall Jan. 23. That day, members of the address committee welcomed people on a drop-in basis to share their thoughts and ask questions.

"We had multiple laptops set up for the event," he said, and another session is in the works.

Swanson said the city has also heard from those whose house numbers appear to be incorrect.

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"We have received direct feedback from people that their address was wrong based on the system, largely due to the orientation of their main entrance on a corner, and we have been able to fix those when they are shared with us," he said.

And, of course, Carmel being what it is and humans being what they are, "some people did make requests to change their number for personal preference."

"But after we explained how the system worked by having more regimented number assignments, people were understanding and did not push their requests any further," he said.

Late last year, the committee suggested the new system could be in place in May.

After it is finalized and the data are sent to Monterey County, the county will take up to three months to review the information and update its databases at the assessor's office, emergency communications, elections and elsewhere.

Next, the U.S. Postal Service Address Management Systems manager will perform a batch update that should take a week at most, according to the group. When that's complete, each property will have a verifiable physical address.

Utility companies will then update their account records, and Google and Apple maps will reflect the new addresses, too.

Last month, the city council also voted to change the law that required the use of directional addresses like Lincoln 2SW of Third. The revised ordinance states, "Buildings and parcels shall be identified by the address identification requirements of the California Building Standards Code," including having legible "Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters" visible from the street.

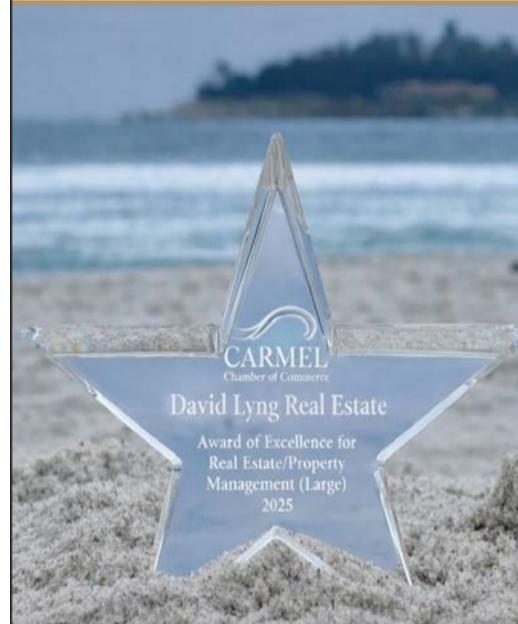
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TOT

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in future budgets.

Bermudez said raising the tax rate to 12 percent could generate another \$1.8 million per year, while bumping it to 14 percent might bring in an additional \$3.6 million. The city contains about 40 inns, hotels and B&Bs. Legal short-term rentals also charge TOT.

Regardless of the size of the proposed increase, city clerk Nova Romero said voters would have to OK it. If the tax hike would simply add to the city's general fund revenues, it could be passed by a simple majority of 50 percent plus one, and would have to be on the ballot during a general election. If the money is to be earmarked for a special purpose, it could be proposed during a general election or in a special election but would require approval by two-thirds of voters. A ballot measure during a general election is less expensive than putting the question to voters in a special election, she added.

Romero presented the timeline for a potential Nov. 3 vote. After hearings and discussions on the language of the ballot measure, the council would have to adopt a resolution calling the election and requesting consolidation with the other races by June 2, adopt a resolution placing the measure on the ballot by July 7, and then undertake public outreach through October.

The filing period for primary arguments would run Aug. 11-16, city attorney Brian Pierik would submit his impartial analysis Aug. 16, and rebuttals could be filed Aug. 17-23. Council members who want to campaign in favor of the measure would have to do so on their own time and on their own dime.

Voters deciding on the tax in the Nov. 3 election would also be choosing their next mayor and two city council members.

Not surprisingly, the hotel operators who commented at the Feb. 3 meeting objected.

Discouraging reinvestment

Mark Watson, general manager of Inns by the Sea and treasurer for the Visit Carmel tourism group, said that while the TOT rate is lower than those in neighboring cities, the average daily room rates, and therefore the amount of taxes brought in, are higher.

"That's driven by pricing power and reinvestment, not by charging higher TOT," he said.

Watson provided a seven-page analysis of the proposal and the assumptions made by Bermudez and finance manager Jayme Fields in their report. The proposal "assumes revenue gains without accounting for reduced demand, occupancy shifts or length-of-stay impacts," he said, and increasing the rate would take money away from operators who might otherwise use it to make improvements. A higher tax could also cost Carmel its competitive advantage.

He urged the council to "understand the full impacts before moving forward."

Hofsas House owner and former councilwoman Carrie Theis asked council members to take a broader look at ways to raise money instead of focusing on a TOT increase, especially as more rooms come online throughout the Peninsula, and places like Pacific Grove's new Kimpton Hotel woo travelers away from Carmel.

Hoteliers here need to be able to use the lower tax rate as a marketing angle, "so people come here and stay, so they don't become day-trippers," she said. "The residents already complain about day-trippers."

"More and more, guests are asking about the total bill," she added, suggesting that arguments that consumers don't really know or care about tax rates are invalid. "Our guests are more price-sensitive, and the internet makes it easier to price-compare."

Syale Lomas, chair of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce's government affairs committee, argued for caution. Not only might a higher tax rate lead to reduced reinvestment in hotel properties, it could discourage longer stays, thereby cutting into dining and shopping, and therefore, sales tax revenues and businesses' profits.

"Further data development and analysis would be beneficial, including evaluation of total effective lodging costs across the region, potential impacts to overnight visitation patterns, and broader economic effects on sales tax and business vitality," she said. "Early and meaningful engagement with hotels, inns and other directly affected businesses will also be essential to ensure a complete understanding of potential outcomes."

Mark Stilwell, who's had decades of experience in the hospitality industry as an executive for the Pebble Beach Co. and the owner of two hotels in town, including the recently overhauled and rebranded Stilwell Hotel, told the council he feels "disappointed, angry and shocked" that a TOT increase is again under consideration.

"You're going down a road I think will damage the market long-term," he said. Before the renovation, Stilwell's aging hotel, then called the Carmel Lodge, generated \$160,000 in hotel taxes in 2019. After it reopened, he said, its first full year in operation added \$725,000 in tax dollars to the city's coffers.

"You take the 10 percent without taking any risk," he said, while hotel operators shoulder rising costs and other strains. "I don't know what more I can do. You're going to hurt my business."

Representing the Carmel Residents Association's board of directors, Nancy Twomey also argued against a Nov. 3 ballot measure.

"We do not support taking the next steps now for a TOT increase," she said, suggesting the council heed the hoteliers' warnings. "Our request is an initial introductory discussion on all possible incremental income options."

'Long overdue'

Council members, however, were generally unconvinced.

"It seems like every time the conversation comes up, the sky is falling," councilman Jeff Baron, who has repeatedly pushed for a TOT increase, commented. "It seems like the conversation has started with a 'No.'"

Councilman Hans Buder said he would have preferred starting the discussion with a broader look at potential revenue streams and acknowledged the city could have done a better job of notifying business owners the TOT topic was on the agenda.

Nevertheless, he said, "In looking at solutions, a TOT increase has consistently risen to the top."

Buder also said research indicates the city's capital-improvement needs are somewhere around \$10 million annually — funds it doesn't have. "There is a benefit to reinvesting in the community," he said, and business owners need to share in the sacrifices that will enable that.

He favored putting the increase to 12 percent TOT on the Nov. 3 ballot and earmark it for the general fund — so it can be passed with approval from just over half the voters — but said the council should allocate the additional funds to fixing public buildings, and other capital projects.

Councilman Bob Delves, who serves on a financial stewardship committee with Buder, agreed, as did councilwoman Alissandra Dramov, who called the potential ballot measure "long overdue."

She also noted the prospect of a TOT increase was last debated by the council in May 2024, providing hotel operators plenty of time to prepare.

Only Mayor Dale Byrne disliked the idea. He pointed out Theis' plans for building a new hotel and Watson's anticipated \$2.5 million renovation of the Wayside Inn and said each would result in higher room rates that will bring in more tax dollars without increasing the rate.

"As a businessperson, I always go for investment, growth and improvement," he said, and before he can support a ballot measure, it will need a lot more discussion.

Baron made the motion to "ask staff to come back at the April council meeting with language for the resolution and possible ballot language," Buder seconded it, and it passed 4-1, with Byrne dissenting.

While Carmel voters approved sales tax increases in 2012 and 2020, they rejected a proposed TOT increase in April 2005. The funds would have gone for specific uses rather than to the general fund, therefore requiring a two-thirds majority to pass, and the measure missed the mark, with 54 percent in favor and 46 percent opposed.



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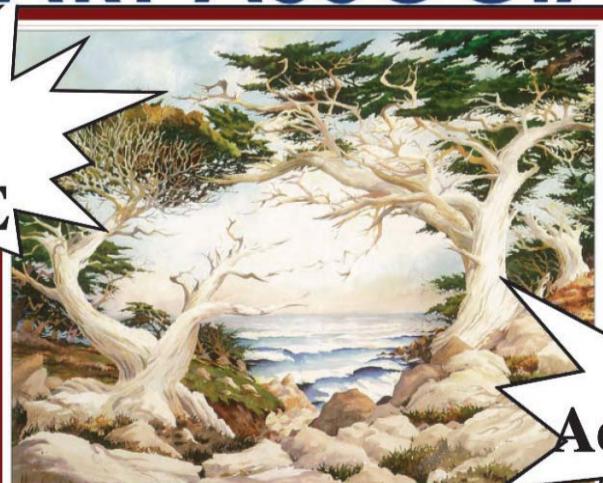
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NURSES

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definitive conclusions. What we can say is that we take our responsibility as stewards of our resources seriously and are committed to managing them in a way that helps keep care accessible for our community. Regardless of the outcome of the union process, we value our nurses and will continue working collaboratively to ensure a safe, supportive environment for both patients and staff."

The nurses contend that the hospital has "more than enough money" to meet the community's needs.

"From 2020 through 2024, CHOMP spent more than \$31 million on compensation for its top six executives, including \$11 million going to Steven Packer, CHOMP's former president and CEO," the union said.

But the nurses haven't been doing too badly, either. According to the state Office of Healthcare Affordability, the average hourly wage for nurses at CHOMP in 2021 was \$81 per hour, while nursing administrators at CHOMP averaged \$107 per hour.

Now that the election is in the books, the next step

EPSTEIN

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"This certifies that [redacted] has achieved a cumulative academic grade point average of 3.92 GPA for two trimesters," according to the certificate, which was signed by the school's principal at the time, Dan Morgan.

Its inclusion is equally baffling to Carmel Unified School District officials, who were asked by The Pine Cone this week if they had been contacted by the U.S. Department of Justice, the FBI or any other law enforcement agency about it.

"Carmel Unified has never been contacted by the DOJ and was not aware of any inclusion of any documents from Carmel Unified School District in the file," Superintendent Sharon Ofek said Thursday.

SHIELD

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officer, making a criminal threat to the female relative, and evading police while driving recklessly.

Villareal had originally also been charged with attempted murder, kidnapping, child abuse and other charges, and his guilty pleas were likely a result of prosecutors dropping some of those counts. Villareal, who is being held in Monterey County Jail, has a prior strike under the state's three strikes law.

He'll be sentenced by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Mark Hood.

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Kristine Olalia, a nurse in CHOMP's orthopedic unit, said she was thrilled the group would be able to start bargaining "on the things that matter most, like patient care, safe staffing and workplace violence prevention policies."

CHOMP also responded to the nurses' complaint that management closed the cafeteria in the evening, which they said left patients without access to hot food.

"We provide patients with hot meal service for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and with snack service throughout the day," Sciuто said.

Frances "Chudie" Marie Bruno Balesteri Verwold

Chudie passed away on January 16, 2026, surrounded by her family at the age of 94, in Monterey, California. Chudie was born in Pittsburg, California to Neno Bruno and Bessie Cardinalli Bruno on February 10, 1931. Chudie embraced life with a positive light and encouraging attitude. She had a kind heart and was always helping anyone in need and not expecting anything in return. She was the most honest and loyal person anyone could ever meet and was always a "peacemaker." She was unselfish, kind, patient and always brought out the best in everyone she met. She was truly the heart of her family and the "best mother in the world".

Her passion was cooking for her family, and she will always be remembered for her delicious meals and superb baking. She was also known for making her crochet blankets that she "sprinkled" all over California. Chudie found guidance in her faith, saying prayers and the rosary every day and loved to share the spiritual healing of prayer with family and friends. Her passing will always leave a tremendous void in her family's life and holidays will never be the same again.

Chudie attended Larkin, Colton and was a proud graduate of Monterey High School's class of 1949. At the young age of 12 she started working at most of the sardine canneries on Monterey's Cannery Row. Her last job was dedicated to working at Del Mar French Laundry. She was a lifelong parishioner at San Carlos Church and member of the ICF Branch #36.



Chudie is preceded to heaven by her husbands Adolph Verwold and Frank Balesteri Jr., granddaughter Tina Money, son-in-law John Money, sister Catherine Buccellato, and brother Dr. Vincent Bruno. Chudie is survived by her daughters, Angela (Larry) Escobar, Prudie Money, grandchildren: Cini Escobar, Larry Escobar Jr. (Viet Ho), J. D. (Laura) Money, great-grandchildren: Leia and Lorenzo Escobar, Johnny, Hannah, Mackenzie, and Vincent Money, and her brother Anthony (Hope) Bruno. In addition to many nieces, nephews and loving extended family and friends.

Visitation will be at Mission Mortuary, 450 Camino El Estero, Monterey on Wednesday, February 11th, from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. The Rosary will be at 7:00 pm. Her funeral mass will be held on Thursday, February 12th at 10:00am at San Carlos Cathedral, 500 Church St., Monterey, immediately followed by graveside services at San Carlos Cemetery.



NICHOLAS JOSEPH SILVEIRA

Nicholas (Nick) Joseph Silveira, age 39, was taken from us in a tragic accident on Saturday, January 17, 2026. There are no words big enough to fully express the heartbreak of losing a man who brought so much love, laughter, and light into the lives of everyone around him. Nick is survived by his beloved wife, Annie Silveira (Bollinger); his adoring children, Carter and Samantha Silveira; his parents, Jeff and Carol Silveira; his sister, Heather Silveira; his father-in-law, Mike "Gramps" Bollinger; and many loving extended family members and friends.



Nick was born on June 10, 1986, in Monterey, California, and was raised in Pacific Grove. Growing up, Nick was active in many sports and was a standout football player at Pacific Grove High School. He loved building and working with his hands; after high school he began working in carpentry in Sacramento, learning heavy construction and helping build docks, piers, and Navy-related projects in Washington. As the owner of a residential construction business, Nick supported his family and built connections and friendships across town through the homes and projects he crafted with pride.

With his gentle spirit, infectious smile, magnetic personality, and a constant sparkle in his eyes, Nick had a unique way of connecting with people of every age, especially kids. He was a kid at heart, carrying a deep love for the people and families around him. Nick was often on the verge of a joke or a laugh and he created and appreciated small moments that made him and the people around him feel at home.

And then there was Annie. Nick and Annie met through friends, and it didn't take long for everyone to see that they had something special. They were true soulmates—best friends, partners in crime, and each other's "home." Together, they built a beautiful life full of laughter, adventure, and a kind of love people hope for. No one could make Annie laugh the way Nick could. Nick and Annie married on September 2, 2017. Nick was a devoted husband and a proud, doting father: whether it was coaching the kids in sports, helping with homework, or teaching them important life skills, he was an incredible dad. He loved his kids fiercely and showed it through big squeezes and deep inhales, as if he were taking in every ounce of them.

Nick's connections ran deep. He had a special effect on everyone he met, whether they were lifelong friends, contractors he worked with, or someone he'd just met. He introduced people to other people, brought groups together, and made everyone feel included. He was the glue and, often, the peacemaker. Nick was a son, a brother, an uncle, a husband, a father, a friend, a hard worker, a coach, a confidant, and a truly special person. We will forever remember Nick as someone whose laughter filled the air and made life feel a little lighter. It was impossible not to laugh with him. Nick—impossible not to love, impossible to replace.

A Funeral Mass honoring Nick's life will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (3159 Land Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95818). All who knew and loved Nick are welcome to join in honoring his memory. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Holy Spirit Parish School.

Josephine Mercurio

Josephine Mercurio (née Pisto) passed away peacefully at home on January 27, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on September 27, 1934, in Syracuse, New York. She moved to Monterey with her family at a young age and remained there for the rest of her life. Josephine graduated from Monterey High School in 1953 and married the love of her life, the late Jean Mercurio, in 1956. They shared over 50 years of marriage before his passing.



Her greatest joy was being in the kitchen and with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved cooking for her family, delighted in food and her kitchen, and was glad just to have everyone gathered around her. No one left her house hungry — she always wanted everyone to be happy and well fed. She also enjoyed trips to Laughlin with the Italian Catholic Federation.

She is survived by her sons, Dominic (Roxanne) and

Sammy (Angeli); her grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Johnny Mercurio, Kathryn Donangelo (Matt) and their children Gianna and Mia, Dominic Mercurio Jr., and Sal Mercurio; her brother, John Pisto (Cheryl); and her sister, Betty LaBonte (the late Ray).

The family would like to thank Blanca Rivas and her family for their dedicated care, which made Josephine's final days peaceful.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of the Central Coast at 30 Ryan Ct #250 in Monterey. A funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m. at San Carlos Cathedral.

STEVEN GENE KALLISON

October 22, 1944 ♣ December 26, 2025

Steve Kallison, age 81, of Carmel-by-the Sea, CA passed peacefully on the morning of December 26, 2025. Steve was a man of exquisite taste, and deeply appreciated the intricacies of life, a theme that ran through everything he did.

Steve is survived by his son, Eli; his sisters-in-law, Rachel and Ellen Rush; his brother-in-law, Gary Parsons; his nephews; and his cousin, Sheila. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ethel Vinik and Morris Kallison, and by his beloved wife, Sarah Kallison.

Steve was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, where he developed an early love for cars and design. He attended the University of Chicago as an architecture major and joined an art club that allowed members to rent a high-end artist's work each semester. It was there that his lifelong love of art began to take shape. He later switched majors,

graduating with a degree in Biology, and went on to attend medical school at the University of Florida. Here, he learned he was squeamish around blood, and promptly decided to become a Psychiatrist where he found his calling.

He practiced as a psychiatrist in the San Francisco Bay Area for more than 30 years. During that time he met his wife, Sarah, and had his first and only son, Eli. Steve worked at Kaiser Permanente until retiring in 2010, after which he settled in beautiful Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Steve had a deeply intentional love for the finer things in life. From an impressive lineup of exotic cars he enjoyed over the years, to his impeccable taste in wine, food, and art, to his deep knowledge and appreciation of the esoteric world of audiophile high-fidelity sound, Steve lived with style and discernment. He even carried business cards titled "Taste Police," which he delighted in handing to innocent passer-bys from whom he would elicit a chuckle. He had a full arsenal of (somewhat repetitive!) Dad jokes and was often mistaken for Steve Martin when out to dinner with his family.

Though sometimes reserved, Steve loved his family deeply. He was devoted and loyal to his wife and son and cared for his family above all else. Steve will be greatly missed. No memorial is currently planned, but those who wish to connect may email Eli Kallison at elirushkallison@gmail.com.



CORPORATE

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introduced a bill to ban corporations from owning more than 1,000 single-family homes in the state, but it stalled in committee. Now that Trump and Newsom are on board, the lawmaker is hopeful his bill will make it to the governor's desk.

According to the California Research Bureau, large corporations own more than 25,000 single-family homes in the Golden State, while smaller firms have bought more than 53,000.

The investor purchases have largely been made in inland California, where real estate is cheaper, but the Monterey Peninsula is not immune. According to the research bureau, corporations with 100-plus deeds own 1,277 homes in Senate District 17, the area represented by State Sen. John Laird, which includes the Peninsula.

"Our office has not been made aware of any constituent concerns regarding a corporation having a large and outsized ownership in the market," said Laird, but added some have expressed support for Lee's bill. "Four constituents have reached out in support of the bill."

While state data don't break down the biggest owners by senate district, they

show the top buyers statewide. Invitation Homes is far and away the biggest, with more than 11,000 houses. Its nearest competitor, Cobra, owns 4,448, followed by JD Home Rentals with 2,785. Invitation Homes is one of the largest buyers on the national scene, too. Findings from the Urban Institute estimated in 2023 that businesses owning at least 1,000 single-family homes owned 446,000 properties nationwide.

The investment in single-family homes became a thing during the Great Recession when thousands of homes were foreclosed and snapped up at what were seen as bargain-basement prices. But even as prices have risen, the trend has continued.

Lee and other lawmakers have vilified these companies as financial scavengers, preventing young people from breaking into the housing market and driving up the cost of living for renters. While the former may be true, the latter is harder to prove.

Impact on rents

Across the United States, median rent declined in December to the lowest level in four years. California hasn't seen the same drop at a statewide level, but some areas, most notably Los Angeles, have seen rent prices decrease.

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EDGAR CHRISTOPHER GAUDOIN

AKA: SAO HKAM HAN HPA



Edgar passed away at the age of ninety-nine on January 10, 2026. He was born on October 4, 1926, in Kanpetlet, Chin Hills, Burma. His parents were Edgar Thomas David Gaudoin, the governor of a state in British-Burma, and Sao Nang Hseng Oo, a princess in the Shan state of Burma.

Edgar's adult life started early when he lied about his age at fifteen and enlisted in the British Army Medical Corps. Burma was going through dramatic changes during this period of her history, so Edgar also served in the Indian Army. He was then commissioned into the Burmese Army in 1948. He commanded two Infantry Battalions in combat during the Burmese civil war. Edgar received many awards from the militaries he served in. It is worth noting that he was recommended for several higher awards during his time in the Burmese Army. These awards were not approved due to racial, religious and political discrimination. His service in the British Army was also part of that discrimination.

The most important highlight of his time in the military was when he met Bertha Vera D'Alvis. She was a Lieutenant in the army while he was a private. The joke was that he could never join her at the Officers Club while they were courting. However, love overcame their military ranks, and they were married on October 4, 1943; it was also Edgar's 17th birthday. Children followed and they were parents of six sons during their time in Burma.

1957 was a turbulent time in Burma, so Edgar and Bertha, along with their six boys, decided to immigrate to the United States. They settled down in Pacific Grove, California. He worked as a teacher at the Army Language School (D.L.I.). It was also during the early years in Pacific Grove that their only daughter was born. It was such a relief after six sons. Life was hard but happy for the young family.

Edgar held citizenship in the three countries of Britain, India and Burma. However, nothing gave him more pride than when he and his family became American citizens on December 12, 1962. He and Bertha had given their children a future in the country he felt was the greatest in the world.

Edgar's professional life continued at the D.L.I. when he was appointed as one of the first audio-visual specialists in 1964. He was then appointed as the Chief of the Instruction Media Center in 1978. He remained Chief until his retirement in 1987.

Edgar believed in education; he attended night school to attain degrees at Monterey Peninsula College and DeVry's Technical Institute. He also attended San Jose State and Indiana University.

A man who lives to the age of ninety-nine has many stories and adventures. Edgar was no different: witnessing elephants stampeding during forest fires, walking hundreds of miles from Burma to India, retreating from the Japanese in sampans, hoping they wouldn't get strafed by enemy planes, and almost dying of malaria at the Chinese border. However, these war stories were softened when talking about his passion for golf and his hole-in-one at the Pacific Grove Golf Links.

His retirement was filled with service to his community. He was president of the Presidio of Monterey Credit Union, president of the Monterey Peninsula Kiwanis Club, a driver for Meals on Wheels for thirty years and a Eucharistic Minister at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church.

Edgar's life came crashing down when he lost his sweetheart, Bertha, on February 4, 2012, after 68 years of marriage. He was preceded in death by his beloved sons, Michael and Mark.

Edgar is survived by his sons, Keith (Nola), Ed, Tom (Theresa), Pete; daughter Mary (Bret), his daughter-in-law Linda, and his grandchildren Ross, Peter, Christina, Michelle, Flint, Kelli, Dexy, Dana, Rachel, Ryan and Justin – and sixteen great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the staff at Seaside Cypress (formerly known as Angelica's Villa). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Edgar's memory to Meals on Wheels or V.N.A. Hospice.

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Data from Apartment List shows L.A. County's median rent of \$2,035 a month was the lowest it's been since 2022. Other major metropolitan areas are still seeing prices climb, including Lee's San Jose, where rent rose nearly 5 percent between 2024 and 2025.

An analysis of 2023 data from the Urban Institute found corporations tend to choose markets with large populations, where employment growth is steady and rents are already increasing. The same analysis also found that while investors chase rising prices, on average they are rarely the cause.

What is clear is that private equity has an edge over first-time homebuyers. The firms are usually cash buyers, whereas families often need to secure mortgages.

Research by economists with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond in 2024 found investors, especially those with more cash, tend to buy low-priced houses — the kind first-time buyers typically target.

Housing market boogeyman

Redfin chief economist Daryl Fairweather dubbed private equity the "boogeyman" of the housing market in 2025. His argument was that people want to blame someone for high home prices, but in reality the problem is a lack of supply. State data show investors only own 3 percent of single-family homes in California, and that dataset includes any owner with at least 10 properties.

Corporations make a good scapegoat for rising housing prices, but they're not the only ones to blame, and curtailing them should be done with caution, especially if it interferes with new housing development.

In 2024, three bills aimed at reigning in private equity fell flat, including one that would have banned developers from selling "build-to-rent" homes in bulk to big investors. It had the backing of the state's association of realtors, who collect commissions on individual sales, but it likely would have prevented future housing stock from getting off the ground.



Angelina R. Buila

AUG 11, 1938 - FEB 9, 2021

Always thinking of you, Mom
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Fast forward to 2026 and Lee's bill, while stalled in committee, is still an active piece of legislation. It's also a bill Monterey Peninsula Assemblymember Dawn Addis supported when it passed the Assembly last June.

"Homeownership is one of the most important pathways toward long-term stability, and I remain committed to doing everything I can to make sure it becomes a reality for more Californians," said Addis. "That means putting all options on the table, including examining the role large corporate investors play in our housing market."

Trump followed up his promise to do something with an executive order last month that limits Wall Street-style investors from buying single-family homes, but only when federal mortgage programs are involved. The order cuts off federal support, but it's far from a blanket ban, which is how Trump promoted it a day later during his speech at the World Economic Forum.

"America will not become a nation of renters. We're not going to do that — that's why I have signed an executive order banning large institutional investors from buying single-family homes," said Trump.

The order also carves out an exception for build-to-rent, promoting from-scratch rental investment by big business.

Newsom, on the other hand, is leaning toward taxing

**'America
will not become
a nation of
renters.'**

his way out of the investor-owned problem. The governor suggested changing the tax code to make it less attractive for corporations to accumulate houses. Newsom hasn't released specifics, but one likely lever is to increase property tax rates on real estate investment trusts and LLCs that exceed a threshold of single-family home ownership in the state.

A new revenue stream in a precarious budget year? Sounds like something Sacramento could get on board with.



CHRISTINE K. SEIDEL WILLIAMS

10/1/1951 ♦ 12/22/2025

Chris, whose father served in the U.S. Army, was born in Nuremberg, Germany, on Oct. 1, 1951. She was a steadfast and joyous Christian who lived the last two decades in Browns Valley with her devoted husband of 40 years, Ron Williams. After having a heart attack on Oct. 20, 2025, Chris succumbed to pneumonia at Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital in Santa Rosa on Dec. 22, 2025, three days before the celebrated birth of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Chris grew up on the Monterey Peninsula with her six siblings. She graduated from Monterey High School in 1970. After opening and operating her beloved daycare business in her beautiful homes in Fort Ord, Germany and Salinas, she and Ron retired and moved to Yuba County. Chris loved being surrounded by the calm and quiet of nature. She devoted her time to her big garden and yard. She held a special place in her heart for God's creatures. She took loving care of her goats, chickens, ducks, doves, finches and hummingbirds. She adored her three little dogs, Spencer, Bella and Mia, with whom she would snuggle daily while watching her favorite TV shows and movies. Chris read her Bible every day. She was filled with God's bright light. You could depend on Chris to bring joy, goofiness and laughter to your day and to the many family gatherings she attended.

Chris is survived by her husband, Ron Williams, who was a totally dedicated, loving and dependable dad and mentor to her two sons, Rick and Rey, from her first marriage, and to his son, Eddie. Chris was a caring mom to Eddie, whom she considered a son. Chris is also survived by those three sons, Rick Ramirez of St. Louis, MO, Reynold Ramirez of Prunedale and Eddie Williams of Idaho Falls, ID; and her six siblings, Linda Brown of Williamsburg, VA, Robert Seidel of Monterey, Theresa Houseman of Pacific Grove, Jinny Meyers of Carmel Valley, Andrea Weaghington of Salinas and Sam Seidel of Charleroi, PA. She was a much-loved grandmother to Noah, Paige, Reyden, Mason, Emma and Tyler.

Chris's friends and family are invited to her memorial service which starts at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19, at the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery, 2900 Parker Flats Road, Seaside; and to her Celebration of Life reception at 3 p.m. at Compass Church, 830 Padre Drive in Salinas.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Northwest SPCA in Oroville, Hitchcock Animal Shelter in Salinas, or to the Peace of Mind Dog Rescue in Pacific Grove.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANTOINETTE (ANN) CIARAMITARO FERRANTE

Heaven has gained another angel. With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Antoinette (Ann) Ciaramitato Ferrante. Born in 1933 to Neno and Antonia Ciaramitato in Pittsburg, California, Ann was the 12th of 13 children, growing up in a lively and loving family.

In 1955, Ann married the love of her life, Neno Ferrante, and together they began a new chapter in Monterey. Their partnership was filled with warmth and devotion, and they cherished the time spent with family and friends.

Ann dedicated 25 years of service to Bank of America, where she made many lasting connections. She and Neno enjoyed many trips over the years to Tahoe and Reno, as well as the many bus trips with friends. These trips made for many wonderful memories with family and friends.

She found immense joy in volunteering. Ann was actively involved with organizations such as the Italian Catholic Federation, Santa Rosalia Festa Italia, Italian Heritage Society, Catholic Daughters, Young Ladies Institute, Monterey Civic Club and San Carlos Cathedral. She enjoyed her monthly Bunco groups and Monterey Ladies Bocce.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Neno; and is survived by her son, Anthony (Jeanine), and daughter, Theresa. Her family and friends will always remember the love she brought into their lives and the positive impact she made within her community.

Graveside service will begin at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13th, at San Carlos Cemetery, 792 Fremont Ave, Monterey. In lieu of flowers, donations to San Carlos Cathedral (for Monterey Ladies Bocce), St. Angela Merici Church Pacific Grove, St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Shriners Hospitals for Children in Ann's name are appreciated.

Editorial

Not all rates are created equal

IF A tax is tied to activity in the private economy, the money collected by the tax will automatically rise with population increases, productivity and inflation. So why should the rate itself ever be increased?

Sales taxes are a good example. Imagine collecting 10 percent of everything sold in California, year in and year out, in perpetuity. If you did that, you'd be a very rich person. How rich? According to estimates from the Federal Reserve Bank, retail sales in California rose from \$652 billion in 2019 to \$792 billion in 2023, which means (assuming a 10 percent sales tax rate) the government increased its sales tax revenue by \$14 billion over that same time span — with no increase in the rate. By taking a fixed percent of everything Californians buy, the government has a fantastic revenue stream, even if it never raises the rate.

Same thing with income taxes, property taxes and TOT, which are all linked to earning and spending by the public and automatically rise and fall with the public's economic activity.

But the government is never satisfied with keeping its revenue in line with how much money the public touches. For one thing, many politicians don't see taxation solely as the means to pay for things the government needs to do. Year in and year out, leading Democrats can be heard calling for the rich to pay their "fair share," and by "fair," they mean whatever takes money from the rich and gives it to the poor. If that is your goal, no tax rate is ever too high.

Similarly, the idea of spending more on public schools has become political orthodoxy, regardless of whether the increased spending makes the schools produce better results for students.

New York City is a prime example. According to City Journal, the number of students enrolled in New York public schools has shrunk by 10 percent since its peak in 2010. Despite this, the city's education budget has grown by more than \$1 billion yearly since 2019, reaching \$40 billion, or \$42,000 per pupil, this year.

Despite that shockingly high outlay, New York City students perform far below national averages in math and English, with proficiency rates among fourth graders of just 28 percent and 33 percent, respectively. And what does Mayor Zohran Mamdani do? He promises to spend more on the schools, of course.

Government officials have a tendency to spend right up to the limit of whatever money is at hand, and having done that, always find themselves needing more, not only to accommodate unavoidable increases in expenses due to inflation, population growth and demands for new services as a population ages, but also for luxuries, like generous pension and healthcare benefits for government employees, or to satisfy demands from politically favored groups.

This is not to say that there's never a justification for raising tax rates pegged to economic activity, but the public should keep in mind that the firehose of revenue they're already providing to government at all levels is far more than what's needed to provide essential services, and that any attempt to raise tax rates — especially for sales taxes, property taxes and hotel taxes, which already produce revenue at ever-increasing rates — should be viewed with skepticism.

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Letters to the Editor

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STRs are good for community

Dear Editor,

We are a fourth-generation Carmel family and short-term rental hosts in Monterey County. We are deeply concerned about the board of supervisors' push toward a total ban or overly burdensome permitting processes for STRs. The stated goal is to address affordable housing shortages, but their measures fail to achieve that as STRs make up less than 2 percent of the overall housing supply. Their actions are threatening the livelihoods and property rights of local families like ours.

Our small family home, which we cherish and use personally, also serves as a welcoming space for visitors to experience the beauty of California's coastal area. We accommodate families and their pets, providing comfortable stays that hotels often cannot match. In doing so, we create essential jobs for local workers. We hire cleaners, landscapers and maintenance professionals

who depend on this income to support their own families in our community.

Banning or complicating STRs with expensive permits won't magically create affordable housing. It will only squeeze out longtime residents like us, who rely on this modest revenue to maintain our properties and stay rooted here. Our family has called Carmel home for generations, and sharing our space benefits not just us but countless visitors who boost the local economy through tourism.

Many in our community agree that a total ban is a bridge too far, infringing on our property rights without solving the underlying issues. We are not a large corporation trying to take over Carmel for commercial purposes. We, and the many other STR host families like us, are preserving a connection to this community for future generations.

We urge the board of supervisors to reconsider and seek balanced solutions that preserve STRs as a vital part of Monterey County's fabric. Let's work together to support locals, jobs and responsible tourism.

Dennis and Susan Jones,
Carmel Valley

Highway's troubles

Dear Editor,

With Highway 1 finally reopening after nearly three years, it's time to take an honest look at what this closure has cost our region, and why we continue to accept timelines and expenses that would have

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An enduring business that started with a summer vacation

JAN LEASURE, founder and managing broker of MontereyRentals.com, got into the business because she wanted to travel. Now celebrating her company's 40th anniversary, she recently received the Monterey County Association of Realtors' Lifetime of Service Award.



PHOTO/COURTESY JAN LEASURE

Jan Leasure founded MontereyRentals.com, a 40-year-old vacation rental and property management business.

Leasure grew up in West Virginia with two younger sisters and graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in education.

"I never wanted to do anything but teaching," she said. She moved out here as a military wife with her then-husband and

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

began teaching in the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District. One summer, as her time off stretched out before her, she thought, "Why don't I rent out my house and go somewhere else? I could finance my vacation." She did it, and when word got out, other teachers started asking her to do the same for them.

The first year, she said, it was "just a

From the mayor's desk —

The folklore of the impossible

By DALE BYRNE

THE LAST two weeks, I've put the "rhinoceros skin" you grow in public office to good use while seeing many examples of what we've quietly decided is "impossible." We have a long list. Parking structures are "not allowed." Undergrounding utilities is "too hard." We can't build new hotels without ruining the town. New housing can't exist without destroying our character. We can't have an honest talk about our untenable parking situation. And developing a downtown master plan or a real business development function it isn't even open for discussion.

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PLEIN AIR PAINTER ACQUIRED HER 'STIFF UPPER LIP' AS A CHILD

A WELL-SPENT upbringing in England instilled Peninsula artist Laura Lindem with a "very British" approach to painting, she said, along with the "village mentality" that helped attract her to Carmel-by-the-Sea. Lindem, represented by Carmel's Nancy Dodds Gallery, is a dedicated plein air artist, meaning she paints almost exclusively outdoors and nearly always "from life." Copying from photographs lacks the purity her heart demands.

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

"Painting from life is, I think, a very British thing," she said. "Long before the internet, long before anybody heard of 'plein air,' painters in England and Europe always painted from life."

"Fabulous paintings also are done from photographs, of course — but if I'm painting from a photo, I feel removed. I don't feel like I'm there. And I can't do that."

Any weather but wind

Lindem is a plein air purist. She's painted in falling snow, stifling heat, and rain — until it became a downpour. "Anything but wind, which can blow my easel over," she said, "although there have been times when I've literally been holding my easel with one hand and painting with the other."

She has also mastered the formidable challenge of completing most of her paintings on site, rather than finishing her work in a studio.

"If you're out there more than two



PHOTO/COURTESY LAURA LINDEM

Carmel artist Laura Lindem paints the vast majority of her work outdoors, on site, like this recent rendering of a well-known hotel in London's Notting Hill district.

Early exposure to creativity

And she benefited from the support of creative parents.

Her mom, a former Chicago fashion model, became a musician and performer, singing at coffee houses throughout England and Ireland — often as little Laura snoozed on a corner bench.

One of Lindem's earliest memories, at age 4, is napping on a blanket at the 1965 Newport Folk Festival in Rhode Island, when thousands of people began boozing, startling her out of

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been unimaginable to the engineers who built this road in the first place.

I drive Highway 1 regularly, and every weekend the same scene plays out at Bixby Bridge: cars lined on both sides, visitors pouring out for photos, and the pavement, shoulders and pullouts in visible decline. Crumbling edges, uneven surfaces and worn-out guardrails surround one of the most photographed landmarks in California. If the most heavily visited sections of the route look neglected, what confidence should we have in the rest?

Meanwhile, the Regents Slide closure dragged on for nearly three years and cost approximately \$82 million just to repair the roadway. The economic fallout was even more staggering: Big Sur and Monterey Peninsula businesses lost an estimated \$438 million in visitor spending during the shutdown. Inns, restaurants, tour operators and small shops bore the full weight of that loss — not Caltrans, not Sacramento.

And here's the comparison no one seems willing to make: In the early 1930s, during roughly the same three-year span, crews built over 20 miles of brand-new Highway 1 along the Big Sur coast — carving roadbeds out of sheer cliffs, blasting rock with dynamite, building retaining walls, installing drainage and constructing multiple bridges. They completed Bixby Bridge in 14 months for \$199,861 (about \$3 million today), hauling 45,000 bags of cement across the canyon using a suspended cable

"high-line" system. In other words, with primitive machinery and Depression-era budgets, they built entire sections of the highway from scratch in the time it now takes us to repair a few hundred yards of roadway (dirt).

Yes, regulations and safety standards have evolved. But the pattern is unmistakable: projects now take far longer and cost exponentially more, with little accountability for the economic damage caused by prolonged closures. Highway 1 is the backbone of our region's economy. We cannot afford another multi-year shutdown — and we certainly cannot pretend this is the best we can do.

Vincenzo D'Amico,
Carmel

Invitation from India

Dear Editor,

I am from Mumbai, India, and have come to the U.S. to visit my son in Sunnyvale. I have visited Carmel-by-the-Sea twice and am extremely overwhelmed by its rich heritage, hospitality of its peace-loving people, its neatness, cleanliness and the city's beaches.

Last Sunday, I came across your fascinating and informative newspaper. I loved its varied content so much that during my journey back home I read each and every page.

Your paper's journey of the last 115 years must have been rich with accolades and milestones. The Carmel Pine Cone reminds me of a similar local weekly newspaper, Gurjarmatt, of my suburb Mulund situated on the northern tip of Mumbai.

There is so much similarity of topics of coverage, bringing to the fore issues of public interest fearlessly and without any favoritism which reflects the elixir of best journalism standards of your newspaper. Both papers look like twin brothers 12,000 kilometers apart. The unique way of involving the readers is appreciable.

I am a life member of Lions International USA and governing council member of District 3231 A-2 Bombay. I shall be leaving for India after three weeks and would like to carry with me some memories of my interaction with you and wonder if you can oblige me by printing this letter. I invite like-minded organizations from this fine city of the world to interact on some topics of common interests, public welfare and cultural heritage.

S.K. Patel,
Bombay, India

Doctor's termination

Dear Editor,

I rarely write letters like this but feel a need to comment on the very regrettable situation involving Dr. Bradley Tamler and Montage Health. CHOMP has been a wonderful hospital and Tamler is an extraordinarily well-trained, highly competent and compassionate physician who has treated and cured cancers for many of us, including my wife and me. I have had the opportunity to know many

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wonderful physicians on university medical center staffs, as mentors and as colleagues in this community, and I would place Tamler among the best of the best.

Unfortunately, Montage Health has previously lost some top physicians — a couple of whom now practice at Natividad Medical Center — in somewhat similar work requirement disputes. The situation with Tamler should never have gotten to the point of a termination. His absence from CHOMP is a big loss for this community. Removal from a hospital medical staff is typically the result of incompetence, serious behavioral problems or substance abuse, none of which applied in any way in Tamler's case. I know that, for some time, he has had no need to work but did not retire because he loved being a physician, practicing his specialty in the way he had been trained, and, most of all, helping those who were his patients.

15-minute medical visits work for many illnesses, but for complex medical problems like cancers, there should not be a clock running.

Geoff White,
Pebble Beach

Leadership begins before office

Dear Editor,

Communities do not fail overnight. They drift. And when they drift long enough, people begin to sense it — not through headlines or audits, but through a quiet erosion of confidence. Things feel harder than they should. Conversations become more reactive. Trust thins.

Monterey is a city of extraordinary heritage, natural beauty and civic pride. It has endured because generations before us understood something fundamental: leadership is not merely positional — it is relational, cultural and grounded in stewardship.

Long before any election, leadership begins with how we listen, how we build consensus, and how we respect the institutions that came before us while still preparing them for what lies ahead.

I have spent my professional life in environments where trust was not optional. As a health care professional, people placed their well-being in my hands. As a developer and operator of senior-living communities, families entrusted me with the care of their loved ones. In each role, the lesson was the same: progress is never achieved through force, volume or ego — but through patience, accountability and an unwavering respect for human dignity.

Civic leadership is no different.

Cities function best when there is alignment between public institutions, private enterprise and the cultural fabric that binds people together. When that alignment weakens, even well-intended policies can create unintended consequences. The solution is not blame — it is recalibration.

Monterey does not need reinvention. It needs renewal.

That renewal starts with asking better questions:

Are we creating conditions where families can remain rooted here?

Are we supporting those who invest their lives, labor and capital into this community?

Are we honoring our history while responsibly stewarding our future?

These are not political questions. They are civic ones.

Healthy communities are built when leadership is practiced long before it is formalized — when individuals step forward to contribute thought, time and care without demanding titles or outcomes. When dialogue replaces division. When solutions are pursued with humility rather than urgency alone.

In a time when public discourse often rewards the loudest voice, Monterey has an opportunity to choose something steadier: leadership that listens first, plans carefully and acts with restraint.

Our city deserves nothing less.

Vincent Malfitano,
Monterey



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potential. Little Mary Lou Retton, another West Virginia native, was one of her students. About 11 years later, Retton took home the gold for all-around women's gymnastics in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, along with two silver and two bronze medals.

Leasure is certain she had nothing to do with it.

There wasn't a book

As an adult, her gift for improvising let her fly by the seat of her pants for a while. "I had no business experience," she said.

In the early days, she did everything herself — placing the ads, booking the guests, cleaning the houses and doing the paperwork. She got a real estate license when she realized she needed one to do the job well.

And the company kept growing.

"It was the golden age to have vacation rentals," Leasure said. "There were no regulations and nobody minded," that she was bringing guests into the neighborhood.

She created a niche attracting visitors to Monterey and Pacific Grove. "Before I was in business, everyone wanted to stay in Carmel and didn't seem to know the rest of the Peninsula had some nice places to stay." She convinced people to give other cities a try, and they liked them.

Business kept improving, and Leasure started enlisting — and paying — friends and relatives to help. People stayed longer back then, she noted. "They'd save all year for a one- or two-week vacation in the summertime. Now they do two to four days a few times a year."

If they come for special occasions, "I like to leave flowers or something — maybe Champagne — to celebrate," she said. Other times, "It's a very solemn occasion — their mother or father loved the area and died, so they come here for the memorial."

MontereyBayRentals.com works with about 40 long- and short-term rentals and employs 12 people plus outside

vendors for things like housekeeping, repairs and gardening. In addition to vacationers, Leasure rents to long-term tenants, including service members here on temporary duty or as students at the Naval Postgraduate School.

Spare time

In honor of her business' 40-year milestone, Leasure launched a charitable effort she's calling Homes with Heart, donating money and providing in-kind support — like furnishings and linens — to the Veterans Transition Center, the Alliance on Aging, I-HELP of the Monterey Peninsula (a nonprofit that helps homeless people) and Habitat for Humanity. "We like things that are housing-related and promote housing for everyone," she explained.

Would somehow reducing the number of part-time residents free up more housing for locals? Leasure doesn't think that's realistic. "You can't legislate whether someone makes their house available," she said. "A lot of people with second homes plan to be full-time residents someday. We have to find ways to create housing."

To that end, Leasure said she was involved for "a very long time" speaking before various government agencies. "I was a fixture," she laughed. "The wheels of government turn slowly." She thinks the permitting process could be improved and contemplates the possibilities of repurposing empty commercial buildings as housing.

In her spare time, the 71-year-old Monterey resident enjoys gardening, skiing and golfing, and visiting her second home in Kauai, Hawaii, where she loves getting out on the links.

Leasure said if she could talk to her younger self, she'd say, "Don't be afraid to ask for help." I thought I should be able to do it all myself. I made it harder than it was."

She's repurposed her passion for teaching, too.

"I look at my employees as my students," she said, and she took great joy in helping one of them open a property management business in Pacific Grove.

"It is the ultimate goal of a teacher to produce students who can stand on their own two feet. This was a shining example of that," she said.

GAVEL

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multiple centimeters in diameter.

Fearing that the police would come looking for them, Sanchez and the others in the hotel room got into a car, along with Doe. While in the vehicle for multiple hours, Sanchez continued to be violent with Doe and encouraged others to do so as well. A little before 2:30 a.m. on March 24, 2025, one of the vehicle occupants escaped from the vehicle and ran away to call 911.

Doe also attempted to escape. However, Sanchez grabbed Doe by the hair and arms and forced her to remain in the vehicle as it drove off.

Three hours later, Salinas Police officers were able to find the suspect vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on West Market and Clay Street. Inside were Doe, Sanchez and two other occupants.

Sanchez attempted to run from the police during the traffic stop but was quickly detained and arrested by Salinas Police Department officers. Sanchez had Doe's blood on his hands, shoe, and belt at the time of his arrest. When Doe was taken to Natividad Medical Center, staff observed bruises all over her body in various stages of healing.

Judge Jennifer O'Keefe will preside over Sanchez's sentencing on March 10, 2026. Sanchez's maximum exposure is more than 40 years in prison.

The case was primarily investigated by district attorney investigator Dominique Hohmann and officer Fabian Aquino of the Salinas Police Department.

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MAYOR

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culturally, difficult politically and complicated legally, but not forbidden. And our general plan was approved 24 years ago, before state mandates dominated our discussions. We committed to building housing and related parking on Sunset Center property a couple years ago. Over time, we've let "hard" become "illegal," and "controversial" become "impossible."

■ Avoidance has consequences

That is convenient, because it means we never have to solve problems. Instead, we remove parking spaces, don't want to re-evaluate it and pretend that enforcement and paid parking will make the problem go away. We propose hundreds of housing units without parking and ignore the ramifications. And now we raise taxes on hotels that are already investing in major improvements that will dramatically increase TOT (hotel tax) to the city. Meanwhile, our infrastructure ages quietly underneath us. This is how structural deficits are born: not from bad intentions, but from good intentions paired with avoidance.

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The Carmel Foundation Celebrates 75 Years of Community



This article is part of The Carmel Foundation's new monthly column in the Carmel Pine Cone, highlighting stories, resources, and reflections to support successful aging.

Neighbors Caring for Neighbors

Seventy-five years ago, The Carmel Foundation was founded by community members who cared deeply about their older neighbors. That same spirit continues to guide us today.

As we mark this milestone year, we are in the final stretch of completing our new Wellness Center, and we invite the community to help us carry it across the finish line. Our goal is to raise the remaining \$150,000 through our \$50 for Wellness Campaign. The idea is simple: if 3,000 community members contribute at least \$50, we can complete the Center—no gala, no auction, just neighbors helping neighbors.

This Wellness Center was shaped with direct input from our community and thoughtfully designed to

support strength, balance, movement, connection, and healthy aging. It reflects what we believe at The Carmel Foundation: living fully matters at every stage of life.

Whether \$50 is easy or a stretch, every gift makes a difference. For those inspired to give more, contributions of \$250 or more will be recognized permanently on our Donor Tree in the Wellness Center.

Membership at The Carmel Foundation is open to anyone age 55 and older, regardless of where you live, and costs \$60 per year. If you are not yet a member, we invite you to join us—contact us for a tour and be part of a community built on care, connection, and a shared commitment to healthy aging.

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We do the same thing with tourism. We market Carmel extensively as a destination, then act surprised when visitors arrive. We love the revenue but don't want to admit that being a destination requires destination-level services. Restrooms, trash services, good roads and emergency response don't come free just because we wish they did.

■ Scenic indecision

Being fiscally responsible is not just about saying "no." It is about choosing what kind of town we are designing for and paying for it honestly. We have mastered the art of "scenic indecision." We hold meeting after meeting. We have debated our design guidelines for four years. We write long letters about small things. We are all, apparently, traffic engineers and urban planners. I say that with affection, because it means people care. But caring without deciding is how towns drift into trouble while still arguing about philosophy.

■ What we should be asking

So when you hear someone say something "isn't allowed" in Carmel, ask a simple question: Is it actually prohibited, or have we just decided it's uncomfortable? The problems in front of us — parking, housing and deferred maintenance — are not going away. They will either be shaped deliberately, or they will shape us. Carmel has always prided itself on being different. The next test is whether we can be different in how we plan, not just in how we protest or approve a task list for staff.

In the end, evaluating some "impossible" growth ideas may be the only real solution to our financial challenges, rather than taxing our most productive revenue source. On Tuesday, several hotel owners showed how reinvestment can dramatically increase city revenue. They were rewarded with a 2 percentage-point tax increase.

To hear a podcast generated from this column go to cli.re/impossible.

Dale Byrne is mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea. His email is dbyrne@cbts.us.

State of City breakfast

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CARMEL Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual Carmel-by-the-Sea State of the City Breakfast at the Carmel Youth Center Feb. 27 at 9 a.m. The event is "designed for Carmel's business community — connection, insight, and a clear look at what's ahead."

Mayor Dale Byrne, Police Chief Todd Trayer and acting city administrator Brandon Swanson will discuss public safety, top priorities and upcoming projects that impact the area's businesses and quality of life.

"Enjoy a continental breakfast while networking with fellow chamber members, community leaders and local officials — and leave with a better understanding of what's happening in our city and how you can stay engaged," organizers said.

Seats cost \$45 for chamber members and \$55 for non-members. Questions for Byrne, Trayer and Swanson can be submitted in advance. The youth center is located at Torres and Fourth, and the doors will open at 8:30 a.m. For information and to reserve, visit carmelchamber.org.

VERIZON

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countered that those options would not work.

Olander's analysis of Verizon's extensive application led him to recommend approval, in part because no better sites are considered viable and "a technical analysis" by Verizon's consultant "determined that there were no technically feasible and viable private parcel locations for placement."

The wireless company argued for exceptions to the ordinance's requirements regarding the pole's location in the single-family-residential district, in the public right of way and within several feet of a window. Disallowing the facility would violate federal and state laws, it said, because it would amount to an "effective prohibition" of telecommunications services.

Numerous letters, as well as reviews by the opponents' lawyers, ran dozens of pages and argued otherwise and opposed the project.

Ginette advised commissioners to push the hearing off until Feb. 4, and they concurred on a 4-1 vote after listening to testimony, which took more than three hours.

At Wednesday's meeting, however, officials said they had received yet more information and wanted to put a vote off again, this time to Feb. 10. The deadline imposed by the federal "shot clock" is in early March.

"Staff is still working with our outside consultant to review the technical information," Ginette said Wednesday. "We weren't able to get that in time, and we also received additional information, so we want to make sure we address that and try to make it the most complete record for the commission to consider."

Commissioners agreed and voted to delay the hearing again to Feb. 10.

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Carmel high schoolers who may opt to graduate straight into the workforce. Half of students who tried their hand at technical classes — among them engineering and architecture, auto mechanics, digital design, and biotechnology “pathways” offered by CUSD — went on to complete those courses of study, Glenn told board members. Those technical and vocational classes are offered both at Carmel High and Carmel Valley High, and the latter will add a dual-enrollment course in agriculture and natural resources next year.

“We’re also collecting some testimonials from students, and that’s how we’re finding out about the entrepreneurial side of things. Some students would really like to have their own business, and start that work,” Glenn said of the district’s efforts to expand its job-readiness program.

At the same meeting, the district shared School Accountability Report Cards for each of the district’s six schools. These assessments also derive from the Department of Education, which reports that Carmel’s elementary, middle, and high school students are performing significantly above the average in California where, across the state, fewer than half of students are passing basic literacy tests, and just over a third make the grade in math.

VOTERS

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On the same day council members voted to increase their pay, they OK’d a motion to defer a decision on health benefits, which left open the possibility they could eventually offer themselves the perk.

“The public record shows that I have consistently opposed allowing the city council to increase its own compensation or benefits, stating this position before, during, and after serving on the council,” Coletti said. “Despise this longstanding

and unchanged position, the issue has repeatedly resurfaced. The proposed city charter amendment is intended to put this matter to rest permanently by removing the authority from the council and placing it with the voters.”

He filed a notice of intent with the city clerk, which included written text of the amendment, including its purpose, effect and findings. The proposal, he said, would be on the ballot.

If P.G. voters approve the initiative, which requires a simple majority, it will be filed with the California Secretary of State and recorded with Monterey County and become effective.

Souper Saturday fundraiser

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

COMMUNITY HUMAN Services and Gathering for Women will host Souper Saturday on Feb. 7 to raise funds for homeless shelters for women and families with children.

From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Shuman HeartHouse, 600 E. Franklin St., Monterey, you can get drive-through take-out meals featuring clam chowder from Old Fisherman’s Grotto and The Fish Hopper.

Meals include chowder, sourdough bread, salad and brownies. Prices are \$40 for a 16-ounce portion and \$75 for a 32-ounce portion. Place an order at chserservices.org/soup or take your chances in person while supplies last.

Proceeds benefit Shuman HeartHouse and Casa de Noche Buena, the county’s sole shelters dedicated to women and families experiencing homelessness.

“Souper Saturday is a simple, feel-good way to show up for our friends and neighbors who need us most,” said Robin McCrae, chief executive officer of Community Human Services.

“Every order helps us keep the doors open at Shuman HeartHouse and Casa de Noche Buena.”

Community Human Services provides mental health, substance abuse and homelessness services, and Gathering for Women operates a walk-in center offering resources and support for homeless women.

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ARTIST

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her slumber.

“I remember being frightened and my mom saying, ‘It’s all right, darling. They’re booing because Bob Dylan brought out an electric guitar,’” she recounted with a laugh.

Lindem’s father introduced her to painting, buying her a “kiddie set” of watercolors and taking her along on Saturday-morning excursions to paint the flowers at a nearby farm.

“I loved those times because I had him all to myself,” she said of her father, a design engineer. “My dad was a talented painter, and I really think he would’ve preferred being just an artist.”

Lindem spent a year at London’s Goldsmiths School of Art, then was accepted to the fine art painting department at Maidstone College of Art in Kent, where she studied under contemporary giants of British painting — landscape artist Bill Bowyer, still-life specialist Peter Morell and impressionist Fred Cuming, who became her tutor.

“Fred Cuming ended up being one of the British greats, in my book ... and in a lot of people’s books,” she said of the celebrated landscape artist.

Finish it

Her college years instilled many of her beliefs about the artistic process, honed her skill for painting quickly before the light changes, and reinforced her preference to paint from life.

“We were taught to finish our paintings on the spot — we never brought anything inside. And the idea of painting anything from a photograph ... that never came up,” she said.

University art students were granted permission to practice by copying the paintings of famous artists at London’s historic Courtauld Institute Gallery — home of Édouard Manet’s “A Bar at the

Folies-Bergère,” Vincent van Gogh’s “Self-Portrait with Bandaged Ear,” and other masterpieces.

After college, Lindem returned to the United States, where she raised two sons. Her firstborn is an attorney, and his brother is in medical school. She also is a two-time grandmother. And she enjoyed a 16-year career as an educator, teaching math and science to middle-schoolers, and art in junior college.

In the 1990s, Lindem met and married Garrett Henry — a dermatologist, now semi-retired — and decided to focus full time on her art.

In 2010, she and her husband became Carmel residents, fulfilling her longtime dream.

‘Oh, yes ... it’s blue!’

“My great-aunt used to come here in the 1940s, so I knew about this place. But when I first visited Carmel in the 1990s, I knew I wanted to live here someday,” said Lindem, who keeps a second home in Sedona, Ariz. — another plein air paradise.

“When I wake up every morning in this wonderful place, all I want to do is go out and paint,” she said. “I look up at the sky and say, ‘Oh, yes ... it’s blue!’”

Lindem’s ongoing art education has included workshops with well-known American painters, including Matt Smith, Ned Jacob, Skip Whitcomb, Dan Young, Randall Sexton, Thomas Kitts, Ray Roberts and Robert Lemler.

Her portfolio is populated with picturesque landscapes and seascapes of Carmel Lagoon, China Cove, Carmel Beach, Cypress Point, Rocky Point, Big Sur and Mission Ranch. She has also depicted local landmarks like La Bicyclette in Carmel and Monterey’s Fisherman’s Wharf, along with favorite vistas near her Arizona home.

View her paintings at lauralindem.com or nancydoddsgallery.com, or on exhibit at the Nancy Dodds Gallery (Seventh and San Carlos).

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Carmel Highlands:

"The Highlands market recorded 9 sales in Q4 totaling \$38.5M - tripling that of last quarter's 3 sales. On an annual basis, this sub-market accelerated in 2025 with 27 total sales, outpacing that of last year's 25 sales. Worth noting there were two oceanfront sales in Q4 at \$11.5M and \$8.475M which lifted the median sales price for the region to \$3.4M (+76% QoQ). All buyers this quarter were secondary-home purchasers, primarily from California, with one buyer from the Midwest – consistent with the common demographics seeking privacy and ocean views that the Highlands neighborhoods have to offer."

The Carmel Meadows area enters 2026 with no active listings or pending sales. This tightly held enclave functions as a distinct micro-market, attracting buyers seeking ocean and beach views closer to Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Clear fall weather highlighted the dramatic coastal setting that defines the Highlands and likely supported renewed activity after a fogger prior quarter. With La Niña conditions expected to bring increased rainfall in 2026, proactive home maintenance is advisable, particularly for owners considering a spring or summer sale."

Carmel:

"Carmel slowed down this quarter to 29 deals, which is in line with the seasonal adjustments in demand that we've seen; the fourth quarter in the past 2 years had 27 and 33 deals close. Downtown Carmel is considered one of the most charming and romantic cities in the country, which means that lots of people are dreaming of owning here one day. This consistent demand, paired with very short supply, keeps prices steady and flattens out market fluctuations. While I know some buyers are hoping for a great steal downtown, that's unlikely to materialize as we actually saw median sales prices climb this quarter to \$3.0M (up from \$2.65M last quarter). The good news is buyers are finally starting to see more options come to the market, with 7 listings in the Golden Rectangle and 3 on Carmel Point. While still off considerably from historic averages, it's worth paying attention to the pipeline. We're bringing one on Carmelo to the market and two on Scenic in the near future."

Jessica Canning
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The Carmel Pine Cone

She has serious basketball ambitions, but injuries keep getting in the way

OVER THE past 3 1/2 years, the lofty basketball dreams of a standout student-athlete have repeatedly been interrupted by a recurring nightmare, creating a Sisyphus-like struggle. But Peyton Sanchez, a junior at Stevenson School, refuses to take a backward step.

Since February 2023, Sanchez has endured three complex surgeries on the same knee, along with 25 months (so far) of intense rehabilitation — an ordeal that might've crushed another athlete. Instead, the arduous journey has transformed her into a model of determination and resilience.

The whole package

Sanchez has packaged her 6-foot body and formidable physique with top-drawer athleticism, a strong basketball IQ, and exceptional skills. She applies a soft touch to long-range jump shots. She'll drive the lane or crash for rebounds. She's a leader on the court and off. And with a 3.9 grade point average at an academically elite high school, she is a college recruiter's dream.

But after three surgeries (including two reconstruc-

"I landed awkwardly, and felt a pop in my knee as I went down," Sanchez remembered.

An MRI revealed tears in her anterior cruciate ligament, or ACL, and medial meniscus, both stabilizers in a healthy knee.

Monterey orthopedic specialist Rick Ravalin (a family friend) grafted a tendon from her hamstring to repair part of the damage, and Sanchez, just 14, began 11 months of rehabilitation at Monterey's Balance Physical Therapy.

She watched the first half of her freshman season at Stevenson School in street clothes, finally making her debut on Jan. 12, 2024, as one of three ninth-graders on the varsity roster. In the team's final nine games, Sanchez averaged 9.6 points and 5.2 rebounds. She scored in double digits in five games, with a high of 17 points against Soledad.

That spring, she played softball for the first time — 16 varsity games at first base — and hit a home run in the Pirates' second-to-last game.

"My knee felt great until June," she said. "Then I woke up one morning and couldn't extend my leg. The knee was locking up."

Sanchez somehow had torn her medial meniscus for the second time. Ravalin again repaired the damage. Eight months of rehab followed, sidelining her again for the first two months of her sophomore basketball season.

She returned in late December, played 15 games and won first-team All-Mission Division honors, averaging 8.1 points, six rebounds, and leading the Pirates in field goal percentage and blocked shots.

Turning the page?

With Peyton's knee problems apparently in the rearview mirror, her father, Ryan Sanchez, asked Archbishop Mitty head coach Sue Phillips to recommend a high-level AAU summer team for his daughter.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

After sitting out half of her freshman and sophomore seasons, Stevenson's Peyton Sanchez is missing her entire junior year of basketball, rehabbing her third knee surgery since 2023. Her workouts begin at 5:30 a.m. and frequently continue late into the evening.

Phillips invited the young Stevenson star to try out for her own powerhouse team, the San Jose Cagers.

"She was the only non-Mitty player on the roster," said her proud father.

Two months later, at a tournament in Oakland, Peyton made a quick move on defense and felt her left knee slip

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

tions) on her left knee, her chances of earning an NCAA Division I basketball scholarship are dimming. Injuries limited her to half-seasons as a freshman and sophomore, and she won't play at all this year.

At a time when standout athletes are typically sorting through overtures from prominent coaches, she'll be sending letters and videos to introduce herself.

Four basketball seasons ago, as an eighth-grader at San Benancio School, she was leading an undefeated team against Carmel Middle School in a league championship game. She was flying high toward the basket when an opponent bumped her from behind.

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out of its socket, then pop back in.

"I fell down, crying — not out of pain, but frustration," she said. "I knew exactly what had happened."

The following day, the Sanchez family flew to Australia for a long-planned basketball trip with Stevenson's girls and boys teams.

"I didn't want to miss that trip, but I didn't play in any of our games there," said Peyton, who had her knee examined in Melbourne, where she learned she had torn her medial meniscus — for the third time — along with her lateral meniscus.

"Before I got hurt, I had 100 percent confidence in my knee," she said. "That was a huge blow."

Surgeon to the stars

Upon their return, Ravalin connected them with Dr. Neal ElAttrache, the L.A.-based sports medicine specialist who famously extended the careers of basketball superstar Kobe Bryant (Achilles tendon), football giants Aaron Rodgers (Achilles) and Tom Brady (knee), and baseball great Shohei Ohtani (elbow), among others.

ElAttrache performed a complicated, multifaceted operation on Aug. 7, then set

up his young patient with Elite OrthoSport, the L.A. rehabilitation center that heals superstars.

"When I started my rehab in L.A., the person right next to me was Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman," she said. "Next to him was a linebacker from the Ravens. Next to him was somebody from the 49ers. It was amazing to be surrounded by such great athletes, all patients of Dr. ElAttrache."

Midway through her third rehab, Sanchez is investing heavily in a full recovery, embracing the difficulty, staying positive, even as she sits out her entire junior year of athletics.

"Mentally, it can be really hard. Emotionally, it's been very challenging. Physically ... well, I've already done it twice, so I know I can do it again," she said of her daily rehabilitation routine, which frequently ends around 9 p.m.

Her days begin at 5:30 a.m., with movement exercises at home, or a gym workout with her dad, until it's time to head to Stevenson.

Her school day always includes a visit with Stevenson athletic trainer Jeff Yamashita, who works on her scar tissue, and ices and evaluates her knee.

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Injured and unable to play, Peyton Sanchez (black jersey) says cheering from the bench can be lonely. With an athletic body on a 6-foot frame, Sanchez targets a Division I NCAA women's basketball scholarship, but after three knee surgeries, she'll have much to prove next year as a senior.

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Jazz singer, friends play Friday at Sand City Art Park, PG music venue reopens

A FAMILY-FRIENDLY gathering that happens just before sundown on the first Friday of every month in the Sand City Art Park, **Night Market 831** showcases some of the Monterey Peninsula's finest homegrown musical talent — including jazz singer **Miranda Perl**, who performs this Friday at 5 p.m.

"We're excited to welcome Miranda and friends to the stage for a night of jazz, featuring some of the area's best musicians," organizers announced.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Perl comes from a local family with a deep appreciation for music. Her mom, Janice, is also a jazz singer, while her late grandfather, Michael Marotta Sr., was a beloved local musician. Music was always a big part of every family gathering. "I began singing as soon as I could talk," Perl told The Pine Cone.

As a teen, Perl started taking music more seriously and started auditioning for shows produced by PacRep. "I realized I was kind of good at it, and I had a lot of fun," she recalled.

'Never the same thing'

Along the way, Perl fell in love with jazz, and in particular, the way jazz players can communicate with each other musically, even if they've never met.

"It's so improvisational," she said. "It's never the same thing twice."

By the time she was in high school, Perl was participating in the Monterey Jazz Festival's youth music program. "That was really cool," she said.

After graduation, Perl attended Northern Colorado Uni-

versity in Greeley, Colo., where she earned a degree in jazz voice. There she met guitarist **Adam Astrup** — not only is he one of her chief musical partners, but the two married in January.

When she performs Friday, Perl will be accompanied by Astrup, along with multi-instrumentalist **Ben Herod**, bassist **Zach Westfall** and drummer **Mike Shannon** — all familiar faces on local stages.

Besides live music, Night Market 831 features a marketplace of food and arts vendors, along with activities for kids. The park, which is noted for its colorful murals, is located at 525 Ortiz Ave.

■ Back in the saddle

In downtown Pacific Grove, The **P.G. Meetinghouse** reopens this weekend after a six-week makeover, and **Sean and The Skinwalkers** kick things off Friday at 7 p.m.

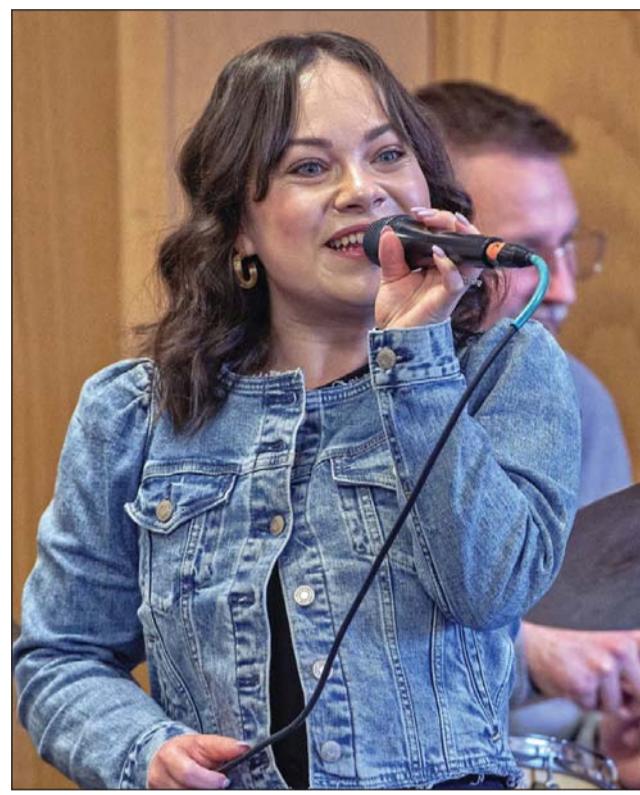
"They're wonderful," owner **Scott Soifer** said. "They bring high-energy rock and blues."

Besides redoing the venue's lighting and sprucing up the space, Soifer has expanded its offerings to better accommodate nighttime audiences. "We're listening to our customers with a beautiful update to our space, full bar service and later hours — all while keeping our family feel and unique Pacific Grove spirit," he said.

Soifer sees a bright future for live music in downtown P.G.

"Pacific Grove has become a wonderful place for a night out and we're excited to be part of it," he added. "With our couches, crackling fireplace, great live sound, and now with a cozy upgraded vibe, full bar service and later hours, we think we have something for everyone."

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Singer Miranda Perl and three of her friends play jazz Friday, 5 p.m., at Night Market 831 in Sand City.

■ Irresistible groove

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Rancho Cielo's annual party, romance, football, and Edgar Allan Poe

RANCHO CIELO — the nonprofit alternative high school in Salinas — is having its annual Culinary Round Up fundraiser Feb. 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Portola Hotel in Monterey. Proceeds benefit the Drummond Culinary Academy and other youth programs at Rancho Cielo, where students can earn their high school diplomas and get hands-on training and certifications in a variety of vocations.

Organizers describe the event as “an evening of fun, food and libations with a Western flair, including an exciting raffle and silent and live auctions,” one of which will have people bidding on a 1952 MG TD Roadster.

Braving the crowd

Janine Chicourrat, who sits on the school’s board and is managing director of Portola Hotel, said, “It’s incredibly meaningful for us to host Rancho Cielo’s Culinary Round Up and welcome the Monterey area community into a space where these students can truly shine,” adding, “We are deeply grateful to everyone who shows up each year to champion these students and the work being done at Rancho Cielo.”

One student who will be working the event, Cali Paz, already has the lay of the land — she’s doing a six-week

internship in the hotel’s pastry department. “I love it there,” she said. “Being in the kitchen with everyone is the best.” The 17-year-old came to Rancho Cielo when she felt like Salinas High School just wasn’t a good fit for her. She had a part-time job in a pharmacy, and one of her coworkers told her about the school.

Soup to Nuts

Paz had planned to become an aesthetician after getting her diploma but reasoned that cooking is “a good life skill. I can’t be eating microwave food all my life.” She’s completed her high school diploma and thoroughly enjoys the camaraderie of a busy kitchen.

You can meet Paz and several other students who will be listed on a “passport” provided to each guest. These brave cooks-in-training will not only help prepare and serve the food, but have volunteered to talk with diners.

Manny Cardenas, 18, will also be one of them. He graduated from North Salinas High School, where he took restaurant career classes and a Regional Occupational Pro-

gram culinary course. Cardenas’ mother and uncle both graduated from Drummond Academy, and he applied to be admitted as one of a few “culinary only” students.

Now, he said, “I’m living the dream,” with an internship at The Lodge at Pebble Beach. Visiting for the first time, he said, was “like Disney World,” especially the spectacular views.

“I also had to learn about all the history,” he added. “This isn’t just some random kitchen.” Lobster saffron risotto is one of his favorite dishes, even though it’s a lot of work. He said he probably resembles “a witch using a giant spoon in a cauldron,” because the infamously long-cooking dish requires constant stirring. Cardenas has participated in the school’s Friday dinners and other events, too.

Community-minded restaurants

Among the event’s more than 30 participating restaurants are The Lodge, Grasing’s, Seventh & Dolores, Carmel Valley Ranch, and the Covey Grill at Quail Lodge. Beverages will be provided by more than a dozen wineries — Galante, Dawn’s Dream, Scheid, and Wrath among them — Alvarado Street Brewery, Peter B’s at the Portola Hotel, Doc Pepe’s Lab, Fog’s End Distillery, and Peerless Coffee & Tea.

Tickets are \$195 per person and can be purchased by visiting ranchocieloyc.org/fundraisers/culinary-round-up. The Portola Plaza Hotel is at the foot of Alvarado Street.

■ Seahawks, Patriots and beer

Peter B’s in the Portola Hotel invites locals to come watch

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Manny Cardenas and Cali Paz are two of many culinary students from Rancho Cielo who will be helping with the school’s annual fundraiser on Feb. 22 at the Portola Hotel. More than 30 restaurants and two dozen wineries and breweries will provide food and beverages, and a 1952 MG Roadster and other tempting items will be auctioned off.



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the Super Bowl Sunday. The recently revamped brewpub will be open from 2 to 10 p.m., with happy hours featuring \$5 drink specials from 4 to 6 p.m. and 9 to 10 p.m. The regular menu — with wings, sliders and other bar favorites — will be available. Kickoff is at 3:30 p.m. local time.

■ Love is still in the air ...

Grasing's at Sixth and Mission has eat-in and takeout options for Valentine's Day dinner. A three-course prix fixe menu for \$125 per person will be served from 5 to 10 p.m., enticing guests to start with a welcome glass of Taittinger Brut La Française and a cheesy arancini (Italian fried rice ball) with prosciutto in red sauce. The starter is a choice of spiny lobster salad or a coddled egg with winter truffle, then diners can opt for prime rib-eye with prawn scampi, or wild mushroom pasta with white truffles. For dessert, there's a dark chocolate mousse heart with raspberry sauce.

Takeaway dinner for two on the same day is creamy lemon chicken soup, spiny lobster salad, chateaubriand for two, and the chocolate mousse heart. A single rose and some heart confetti are included in the \$175 price. You can add 2 ounces of reserve caviar with crème fraîche and chive pancake for \$250 and purchase a bottle of bubbles, too. To order, call (831) 624-6562 before 5 p.m. on Feb. 11. Pickup is from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 14. View the full menu at grasings.com.

‘Love feast’

Oystertown USA at 281 Lighthouse Ave. in Monterey is taking reservations for a ‘Love Feast’ on Feb. 14 from 5 to 8 p.m., offering a five-course prix fixe dinner. After an amuse-bouche of an oyster with caviar, the first course will be tuna carpaccio and avocado, or wild mushroom rigatoni with

truffle and crème fraîche. A shareable second course of escargot will follow, and guests can choose braised beef or fresh rock cod with lobster risotto as an entrée. Dessert options are chocolate mousse with caramel sauce and a chocolate chip cookie, or Pavlova (a meringue-based dish) with cherry reduction and white chocolate ganache. The meal is priced at \$115 per person, exclusive of tax and tip. Call (831)



If you're looking for a romantic spot to take your sweetheart on Valentine's Day, Grasing's is offering a three-course prix fixe dinner from 5 to 10 p.m. Lobster, winter truffle and other luxe items promise to make for a smashing dinner.

312-8150 or email oystertownusa@gmail.com to reserve.

The busy kitchen staff at Portola Hotel is all over this holiday, too. On Friday, Feb. 13, they've scheduled a five-course wine dinner for \$125 per person. Highlights include crab fritters, mango salad, grilled halloumi (Greek cheese), gnocchi with lemon beurre blanc, herbed chicken, and braised short rib, followed by “indulgent desserts,” including chocolate nougat truffle. Each course will be paired with specially selected wines.

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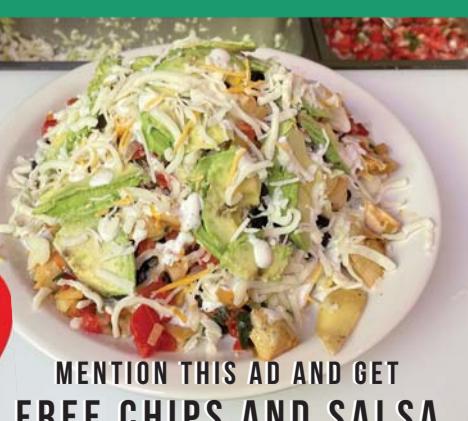
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■ Scary stories and cocktails

For those seeking an unusual immersive cocktail experience, the Edgar Allan Poe Speakeasy is returning to Salinas' Fox Theater for its sequel, and all are invited — assuming they can find their way into the “dark, moody, and intimate setting.” The group travels around the country doing reenactments of Poe's pieces while its expert mixologist concocts cocktails to match.

The Poe Historians will present “chapter two” of their speakeasy Feb. 20-21 and are planning to bring four tales from the author's dark imagination to life, pairing each with a creative, sometimes ominous-sounding, cocktail — the details of which have yet to be released.

During the first chapter, the speakeasy focused on four Poe classics: “The Tell-Tale Heart,” “The Raven,” “The Masque of Red Death” and “The Black Cat.” Three of the four accompanying cocktails were

vodka-based, and all were playful, despite the sinister stories.

Consider the Pale Blue Eye, featuring blueberry vodka, fresh lemon juice, rose syrup, and La Croix seltzer, Cocktail of the Red Death — 100-proof vodka, cherry liqueur, Benedictine liqueur, lime juice, pineapple juice and bitters — and Edgar's Twisted Brandy Milk Punch, with bourbon, brandy, vanilla cream, milk syrup and half and half topped with star anise.

Into the shadows

The sequel takes participants “a step deeper into the shadows of Poe's most harrowing tales,” including “The Cask of Amontillado,” “Annabel Lee,” “The Pit and the Pendulum,” and “The Fall of the House of Usher.”

“As you delve into these chilling tales, savor four expertly crafted cocktails, each paired to enhance the haunting atmosphere of the story it accompanies,” organizers promise. The experience runs 90 minutes and caters to small groups, with time slots scheduled for Feb. 20 at 6 and 8 p.m., and Feb. 21 at 2, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$55 per person for earlier shows and \$65 for evenings.

The Fox Theater is located at 241 Main St. in Salinas. Parking is available in municipal lots, and there's a parking

garage next to the Steinbeck Center. For tickets and other information, go to edgarallanpoobar.com.

Elaine Hesser and Mary Schley contributed to this column.



Oystertown USA on Lighthouse Avenue in Monterey is having its first “Love Feast” Feb. 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. Starting with oysters and caviar, a five-course menu is designed to impress.

Golf book signing at Pilgrim's Way

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

JUST IN time for the big tournament, author, golfer and former sportscaster Peter Melton will sign copies of his latest book, “Conversations with PAR,” during a meet-and-greet Friday, Feb. 13, 2026, from noon to 1 p.m. at Pilgrim's Way, Dolores Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues. The book's quirky point of view — the author has discussions with the concept of par and “finds joy” — explains the title.

The free event welcomes the public to chat with Melton, pick up a signed copy of his work, and hear about this unconventional look at golf.

Melton shares stories from his lifelong relationship with the game, from early triumphs to decades of frustration and a turning-point conversation that changed his perspective.

Melton, 63, said his work is designed to appeal to golfers and general readers alike, with wit, and insights on personal growth.

The event is open to all. No advance registration is required.

CALENDAR

Feb. 12 – “B4Noon Community Recital,” 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at Carmel Presbyterian Church, Ocean and Junipero, SE corner, every Thursday from Feb. 12 to April 30. Free. This week, Feb 12: “Four Impromptus” Op. 90 by Franz Schubert with Eun Ha Chung (pianist).

Feb. 14 – Poetry reading: Andrew Schelling will read from his new volume of poetry, “Forests, Temples, Glacial Rivers,” and a just-released book of translations of the Sanskrit poems of Vidyā (ca. 7th-9th century), **Old Time Love Song Magic.** 7 p.m. at Tor House, 26304 Ocean View Ave., Carmel, CA 93923. Admission: \$15. Reservations (required) at www.torhouse.org. Seating limited. Reception to follow. For more information: (831) 624-1813.

Feb. 14 – Valentine's Dinner and Dance Elks Fundraiser for Children with Disabilities, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Monterey Elks Lodge, 150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey. Open to the public. \$60 per person includes Surf and Turf dinner with salad, bread, pasta, dessert and one complimentary glass of Champagne. Full-service bar available to purchase additional drinks. Music by DJ Jose Camacho. Pre-paid reservations required by calling (831) 373-1285.

Feb. 14 – “That's Amoré! ~ Baum & Blume's “Flavors of Italy” Valentine dinner! Celebrate with someone special at this delightful, delicious 4-course dinner served in Baum & Blume's cozy boutique café! View menu @ www.baumandblume.com. Seatings @ 5:15 & 7:30pm Call ASAP to reserve. (831) 659-0400. 4 El Caminito Road, Carmel Valley.

Feb. 15 – 4 pm: St. Dunstan's invites you to Choral Evensong, a wonderful way to greet sunset, with prayer, meditation and music from American composers and the Anglican/Episcopal tradition. High Tea follows. Free will offerings gratefully accepted. 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel Valley. stdcv.org.

Sundays – Jazz brunch with the Andrea Carter Trio, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Terry's Restaurant + Lounge, inside Cypress Inn, Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel-by-the-Sea. For more information, please contact Cypress Inn, (831) 624-3871.

Sundays – Live music 5 to 7 p.m. at Woody's at Del Mesa. Musical guests Brice and Nina deliver an eclectic mix of jazz, rock and reggae, 500 Del Mesa Carmel. (831) 624-1854

Feb. 16 – Cheryl Sharp – “The Solid Self – Love Starts with You – Married or Single.” Cheryl will deliver insight, laughter and that little nudge women often need to put themselves back on their own priority list. 2 p.m. Carmel Woman's Club, San Carlos and Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Open to the public. \$10/guests/members free.

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Mondays and Fridays, she goes directly after school to Balance Physical Therapy in Monterey for an hour-long session with physical therapist Joey Melo, whose program coordinates with instructions provided by Elite OrthoSport and ELAAttrache.

“Rehabbing from a third knee surgery at 17 would break a lot of people, but not her. Peyton is resilient in the truest sense of the word,” Melo said.

“She shows up every day with a positive attitude — and even on the toughest days, she doesn't complain. I have no doubt that she'll be successful, not only on the court, but in life.”

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, Sanchez exercises on her own at Monterey Sports Center or The Lab, a local fitness and performance facility.

Sanchez also shares her rehab videos with Jorden Radliff, a physical therapist she and her father met in Australia. They Zoom with Radliff every Sunday for feedback.

Pedaling through practice

With Stevenson's basketball season in full swing, she goes to every practice, morning or evening, where she exercises on a Peloton, working on leg strength while watching her teammates drill with coach Justin Clymo and his assistants.

“I sit, I watch, and I learn,” she said. “It's a view I really wasn't getting before — I'm gaining a lot of knowledge about how the game works.”

At Stevenson games, Sanchez sits on the bench between the assistant coaches and her teammates, feeling

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separate and invisible.

“I kind of feel like the team is over here, and I'm alone on an island. It's lonely,” she said.

Once a month, she has a session with Grant Parr, a well-known San Jose-based sports psychologist and mental performance coach.

“He works on the ‘scar tissue’ in my brain — my PTSD — and helps me shift my perspective,” said Sanchez, who admits “why me” is a question she's asked too many times since her first injury.

After three betrayals, regaining trust in the knee can be a mental mountain.

‘For you ... not to you’

“Grant told me, ‘Don't look at yourself as a victim. This is happening for you — not to you.’ Now, I live by that,” she said.

Parr, a former college quarterback, has endured similar challenges, undergoing two replacements of the same hip before he turned 40.

“Athletes with Peyton's level of dedication, commitment, and willingness to fight through their setbacks, fears, and pain ... those are the ones who become great,” Parr said.

With an all-star support team overseeing all phases of her recovery — every day of the week — Sanchez fully expects to be full speed in her senior year, and a big part of her motivation is a desire to set an example for others.

“Rehab is like a full-time job for me, but I just want to prove I can do it,” she said. “I want to be known as a great basketball player, not as the kid who's always getting hurt.”

Lauren Wittrock, a physical therapist who works with superstars at Elite OrthoSport, is beyond impressed.

“Peyton is one of the most determined high school athletes I've ever had the pleasure of working with,” she said. “She views her injury not as a setback, but as a challenge to become stronger, mentally and physically. She refuses to simply go through the motions.”

This summer, Sanchez looks forward to participating in Stevenson's preseason basketball camp for the first time in her high school career.

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Haas Band Saturday at 3 p.m.

Finding an irresistible groove between rockin' Chicago blues and the sizzling Latin rock Santana has made famous, the band is led by singer, guitarist and namesake **Rjae Haas**. He's joined by some of the region's top players, including keyboardist and singer **Pamela Charles Arthur**. Deja Blue is located at 500 Broadway.

Live music Feb. 6-12

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

■ Carmel

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Sunday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). Carmel Square on San Carlos north of Seventh.

Carmel Mission Inn — Open Mic Night (Wednesday at 6 p.m.). In the Shearwater Tavern, 3665 Rio Road.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Friday at 4:45 p.m.), singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, r&b and dance music, Saturday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

Cypress Inn — singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, r&b and dance music, Friday at 6:30 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 6:30

p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and pop, Sunday at 11 a.m.), **The David Morwood Jazz Band** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

Links Club — **Pattie Gilbert & the Wanderlust** (pop and rock, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Dan Cioper and the Jokerz** (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

■ Carmel Valley

Bernardus Lodge — **Andrea's Fault** (jazz and pop, Saturday at noon), singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Edgar's — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Alison Sharino** (Friday at 5:30 p.m.). At Quail Lodge, 8205 Valley Greens Drive.

Folktale Winery — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Friday at 4 p.m.), **Two Rivers** with singer **Richard Bryant** and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (pop and rock, Saturday at 4 p.m.), **The Paul Contos Trio** (jazz, Sunday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Cloe Hubbard** (Monday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Thursday at 4 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road. 8205 Valley Greens Drive.

Trailside Cafe — singer and guitarist **Cisco Jim** (cowboy music, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

■ Monterey

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Hyatt Regency Monterey — singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

InterContinental Hotel — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Spanish, classical and jazz, Sunday at 9 a.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell**

Joined by his band, singer and guitarist **Rjae Haas** rocks Deja Blue in Seaside Saturday at 3 p.m.

(jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Melville Tavern — **Chuck & Kyle** (rock and blues, Tuesday at 6 p.m.). 484

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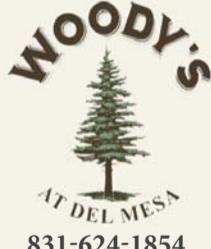
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Monterey Plaza Hotel — pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Monday and Tuesday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Wednesday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

Sardine Factory — singer and guitarist **David Conley** (Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.). 701 Wave St.

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Pacific Grove

Il Vecchio Restaurant — **The Cena Jazz Trio** (Thurs-

day at 6 p.m.). 110 Central Ave.

Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault Duo** (jazz and pop, Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Holysea** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

The Monarch Pub — **The Katherine Lavin Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.). 617 Lighthouse Ave.

PG's Meetinghouse — **Sean & The Skinwalkers** (rock and blues, Friday at 7 p.m.) **Open Mic** (Tuesday at 6 p.m., sign up by 5 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Pop 'n' Hiss — **Blue Fire** (classic rock and modern funk, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **Dan Cioper and the Jokerz** ("folky local rock," Thursday at 7 p.m.). 215 Forest Ave.

Wild Fish — **The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet** (Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

Pebble Beach

The Inn at Spanish Bay — **The Andy Weis Trio** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

Seaside

Deja Blue — **The Rjae Haas Band** (rock and blues, Saturday at 3 p.m.). 500 Broadway Ave.

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Singer and guitarist Cloe Hubbard takes the stage Monday, 4 p.m., at Folktales Winery in Carmel Valley.

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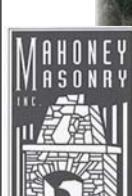
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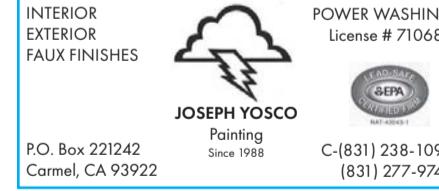
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FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20252225

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
FERGUSON HOME, 1144 FREMONT BLVD. SEASIDE, CA 93955, County of MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, LLC, 751 LAKE-FRONT COMMONS NEWPORT NEWS, VA 23606; VA
 This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
 S/ IAN T. GRAHAM, MANAGER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 12/15/2025 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6/26
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 Publication Dates: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2026. (PC 111)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260040

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BRIGHTFIRE ARTWORKS, 2860 Ransford Ave., Pacific Grove, California 93950.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
ERICA ROSE GALANTE, 2860 Ransford Ave., Pacific Grove, California 93950.
 This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 7, 2026.

S/ Erica Galante
 Date signed: Jan. 7, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 7, 2026. Publication Dates: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2026 (PC 114)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20252292

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

TANDEM EDGE SOLUTIONS, 26105 S. Carmel Hills Drive, Carmel, CA 93923.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
LAITH IVAN RODRIGUEZ, 26105 S. Carmel Hills Drive, Carmel, CA 93923.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 16, 2025.

S/Laith Rodriguez
 Date signed: Dec. 31, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 31, 2025.

Publication Dates: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2026 (PC 115)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260021

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. SAKE COLLECTIVE 2. SAKE COLLECTIVE ADVENTURES 25317 Carmel Knolls Drive, Carmel, CA 93923.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
ART FERNANDEZ PHOTOGRAPHY, LLC, P.O. Box 399, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 28, 2025.

S/Arturo J. Fernandez, Member
 Date: Jan. 5, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 5, 2026. Publication Dates: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2026. (PC 117)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260048

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

HEART AND HOME NURSING SERVICES, 850 Cactus Court, Salinas, CA 93905.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
JENNIFER H. ACILO, 850 Cactus Court, Salinas, CA 93950.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 8, 2026.

S/Jennifer Acilo
 Date signed: Jan. 8, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 8, 2026. Publication Dates: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2026 (PC 119)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260022

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MONTEREY COUNTY EXAMINER, 8305 Prunedale North Road #139, Salinas, CA 93907.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
BRYAN CANARY, 8305 Prunedale North Road #139, Salinas, CA 93907.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 29, 2025.

S/Bryan Canary
 Date signed: Jan. 5, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 5, 2026. Publication Dates: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2026 (PC 120)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260007

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

GREEN HOME SOLUTIONS, 288 Pearl Street #076, Monterey, CA 93940.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the

Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
GREEN HOME PROPERTY SERVICES, LLC, State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2026.
 S/Emil J. Font, Managing Member
 Date: Jan. 1, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 2, 2026. Publication Dates: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2026 (PC 123)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260056

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CENTRAL COAST SURVEILANCE, 1450 Nogal Dr., Salinas, CA 93905**.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
MANUEL SALGADO ALCARAZ.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 8, 2026.

S/Manuel Alcaraz
 Date signed: Jan. 8, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 8, 2026. Publication Dates: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2026 (PC 124)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260064

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

CENTRAL COAST SIGN AND DESIGN, 1311-B Dayton St., Salinas, CA 93901.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
GILCO INC, 1311-B Dayton St., Salinas, CA 93901.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2026.

S/Julio C. Gil, CEO
 Date: Jan. 9, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 9, 2026. Publication Dates: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2026 (PC 125)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260088

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CARMEL VALLEY BUSINESS CENTER, 13766 Center St., Ste. G5, Carmel Valley, California 93924**.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
DANIEL PADILLA, 13766 Center St., Ste. G5, Carmel Valley, California 93924.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

S/Daniel Padilla
 Date signed: Jan. 13, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 13, 2026. Publication Dates: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2026 (PC 127)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260001

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

DRIVE 1 AUTO SALES, 326 Reservation Rd, F1, Marina, CA 93933.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
ARLAYA COMPANY, 326 Reservation Rd, F1, Marina, CA 93933.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 7, 2025.

S/Ali Shan, CEO
 Date: Jan. 2, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 2, 2026. Publication Dates: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2026 (PC 128)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20252241

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Restore Home Health, 5005 Texas Street, 4th Floor, San Diego, CA 92108.

County of SAN DIEGO

Registrant(s):
Fast Care Home Health, Inc., 820 San Fernando Rd., #205, San Fernando, CA 91340

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

Fast Care Home Health, Inc.
 S/ Jason Bliss, CEO

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FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260081

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ETHOS-BIOTA, 65 Norman Way, Salinas, CA 93906**.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
ENRIQUE GARCIA, 65 Norman Way, Salinas, CA 93906

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 12, 2026.

S/Enrique Garcia
 Date signed: Jan. 12, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 12, 2026. Publication Dates: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2026 (PC 130)

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 26CV00079

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, **YRANT MUNOZ ALVARA & CINTHIA LISSETH RAMIREZ CENTENO** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name:
ROSSIE AMARA ALVARA RAMIREZ
 Proposed name:
ROSSIE AMAR MUNOZ RAMIREZ

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
 DATE: March 10, 2026
 TIME: 11:00 a.m.
 DEPT: 10:00 a.m.

The address of the court is 1200 Agua-Jito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

(s) Ian A. Rivamonte
 Judge of the Superior Court

Date filed: Jan. 12, 2026

Publication Dates: Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2026. (PC 132)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260024

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

BMTS MOBILITY GROUP, 415 Hall Rd., Royal Oaks, CA 95076.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
GILCO INC, 1311-B Dayton St., Salinas, CA 93901.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a limited liability company
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

S/Julio C. Gil, CEO
 Date: Jan. 9, 2026

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FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250014

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Jumpstart Finance and Accounting, 2713

NEW SHOW AT MONTEREY MUSEUM OF ART CELEBRATES THE RESILIENCE OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT

AN EXHIBIT that explores one of American history's most difficult chapters — and yet celebrates the resilience of the human spirit — "Pictures of Belonging" opens this weekend at the Monterey Museum of Art.

The show highlights three gifted female artists — Miki Hayakawa, Hisako Hibi and Miné Okubo — who were interned during World War II. One of the artists, Hay-

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

kawa, lived in Monterey and Pacific Grove in the 1930s. Okubo was the last to pass away, in 2001.

All three artists regularly exhibited their work in California during the years immediately preceding World War II. The art in the display spans eight decades. "The show reveals a broader picture of the American experience by presenting artworks and life stories of three trailblazing Japanese-American women in dialogue with each other for the first time," according to the museum.

The exhibit will be on display through April 19. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St.

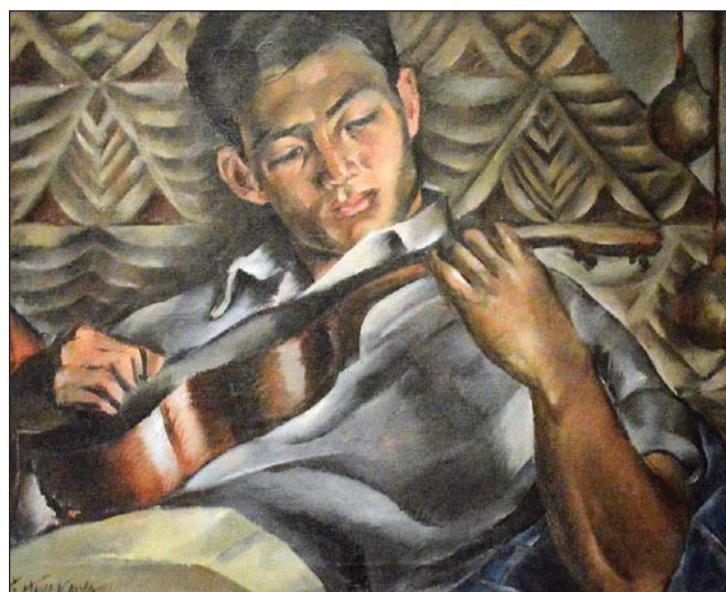
■ Sharing wonder

In a show that just opened at Monterey Regional Airport, teens and kids as young as 3 use art and journals to explore the natural world. Titled "Nature Journaling: A Lens into Conservation," the exhibit will be on display through the end of May. The exhibit marks a collaboration between the airport and the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.

"I am inspired every day by the curiosity and love of nature our young visitors have. My goal with this exhibit is to share some of that wonder," said the museum's Natalie Johnston, who co-curated the show.

Airport officials, meanwhile, urged travelers and airport visitors "to view the exhibition and celebrate our region's talented young artists and stunning natural wonders."

The museum is located at 165 Forest Ave.



This painting by the late Miki Hayakawa of a young man playing a ukulele is featured in a new show at the Monterey Museum of Art.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 4:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible.

This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. To participate via teleconference, use this link: <https://www.google.com/url?q=https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/85373464007?pwd%3DponlyEbm2h37QTLaoUaasr4DOKxTf1&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1770567516328523&usg=AOvVaw25LjeG8RyWu02dfraV87UV>. To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171. Webinar ID: 853 7346 4007. Passcode: 001916.

All interested people are invited to attend in person or via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Planning & Building Department at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or by emailing aginette@ci.carmel.ca.us prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting to ensure they are provided to the legislative body and made part of the record. Comments received after that time and up to the end of the public hearing will be saved as part of the record but may not be provided to the legislative body prior to or during the public hearing.

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us> and found by clicking on "Government" and then "Meetings." The Planning Commission meeting will be broadcast live on the City's website at <https://carmelbytheseaca.portal.civicclerk.com/> and the City's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofCarmelbytheSea> and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Planning Commission meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

Design Traditions

Citywide

Consider a City Council referral to compare the Nore Winter and Steering Committee draft versions of the revised Design Guidelines (Design Traditions 1.5) and provide feedback on which version is preferred. The Planning Commission's feedback will be shared with the City Council at an upcoming meeting where the Council will also be receiving a presentation and providing direction on completing the Design Traditions 1.5 Project.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Anna Ginette, Director of Community Planning & Building

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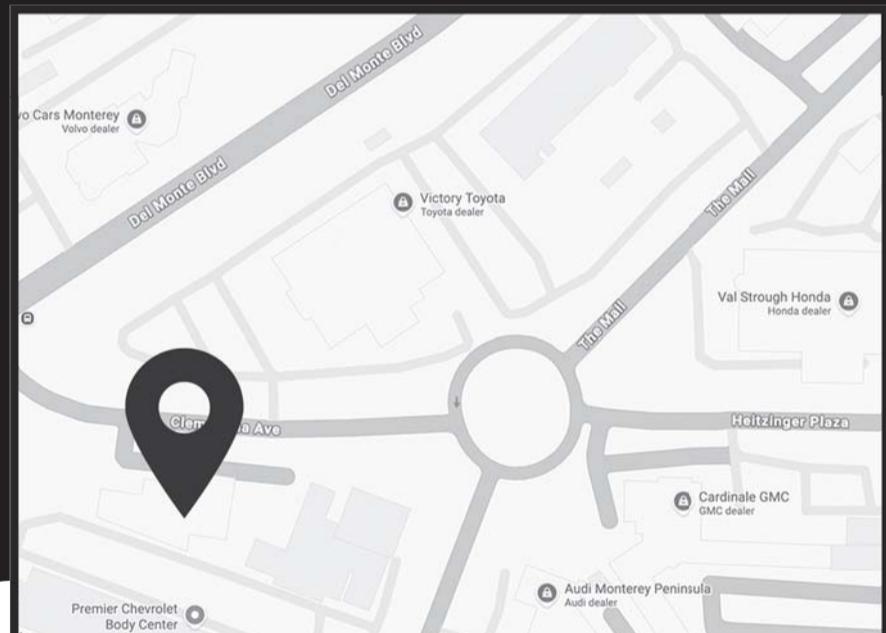
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Superleggera Estate Holdings LLC to Annie and Aaron Wang
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Eric Thompson to Oscar Rico
APN: 161-502-001

412 Corral de Tierra Road — \$1,175,000

Larry Nordwick to Javier and Deborah Chagoya
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Marina

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Charles Wheat to Edward and Monica Garcia
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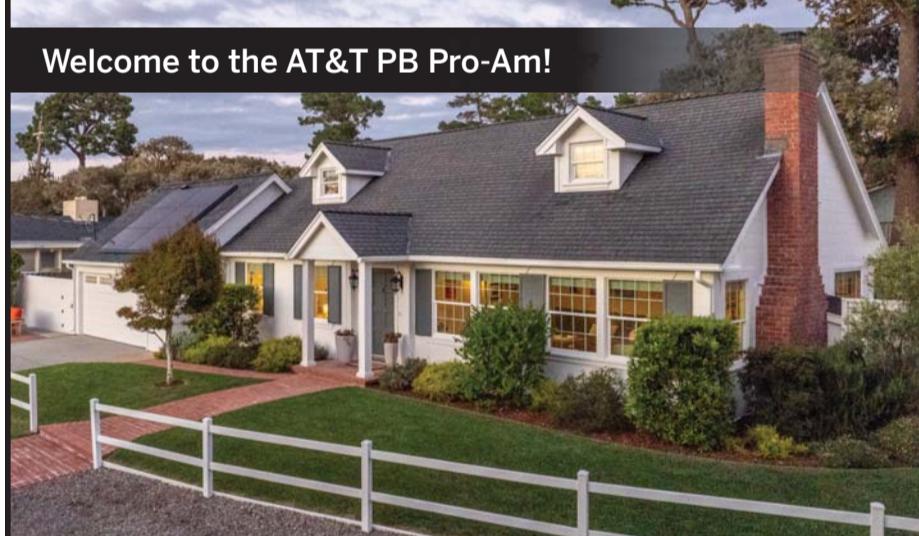
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List Price Decrease	San Carlos 2 NW of Santa Lucia	\$2,450,000	---	68
List Price Decrease	San Antonio 3 SE on Ocean	\$3,700,000	---	145

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The AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, playoffs and the power of a perfect golf lie

EIGHT YEARS ago, armed with Pine Cone press credentials, I slipped inside the ropes at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am — not just to watch the golf, but to eavesdrop on the game's secret language. I was there for the real stuff — the quiet jokes

between pros and caddies, the moments that don't make it onto the highlight reels. It was like standing backstage at a play on Broadway.

I decided to follow pros Steve Stricker and Chris Kirk, along with their amateur

partners, rapper Colt Ford and country singer Toby Keith. Even with Stricker's precision and Keith's swagger, Pebble Beach stole the show. The Pacific crashed against the cliffs, the cypress trees swayed like spectators, and the sun turned the fairways into gold. It made me wonder how anyone could focus on a 1.68-inch ball when the world's most stunning golf course was begging to be admired. Oh, right — the possibility of a \$1.7 million paycheck (\$3.6 million this year) probably helped.

— for an 18-handicapper! My hands turned to stone. The swing that followed wasn't a golf shot. It was a full-blown shank, the kind that makes spectators wince and partners question their life choices. The ball squirted 125 yards onto the adjacent fairway. The gallery groaned. The look my partner, Mr. Bishop, gave me said that if he were a real prelate, he would have condemned me to Dante's eighth circle of hell. Off I slunk, alone, red-faced, ready to pick up my ball and let Pete carry me on his shoulders.

"C'mon," Pete yelled far ahead of me on the proper fairway, "just hit the damn thing." Maybe it was his conciliatory tone that bordered on mockery, but my resolve returned. The 3-wood in my hand suddenly became Samson's jawbone of an ass, ready to slaughter golf's Philistines. The

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found ring at Ocean and Scenic.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found watch at Ninth and Scenic.
Pacific Grove: Vehicle collision at Congress and Pine.
Pacific Grove: Medical call at Central and Seventh — fall on city sidewalk.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a scooter on Pine.

Pacific Grove: Animal bite report received from the Monterey County Health Department regarding an incident on Caledonia Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Animal bite report received from the Monterey County Health Department regarding a subject on 19th Street.

Pacific Grove: Trespass admonishment on Lighthouse Avenue.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a civil dispute on Handley Drive.

Pacific Grove: Deputies responded to a water rescue on Sunset Drive.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Pacific Grove: No calls to report.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a water rescue in progress on 17 Mile Drive.

Carmel area: Report of credit card fraud on Grey Goose Gulch Road involving a 46-year-old female victim.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A male was contacted at Scenic and Martin for smoking marijuana in public. He was found to have an outstanding arrest warrant for manslaughter.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog bite to a person at Ocean and Mission.

Pacific Grove: A male called advising he wanted PGPD to tell his ex-girlfriend to leave his residence on Cedar Street.

Carmel area: A fraudulent credit card charge was documented at the Crossroads.

Carmel Valley: Animal call on Laurel Drive.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Loose dog found at Lopez and



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Carmel-by-the-Sea: A traffic stop for inoperable brake lights was conducted on a vehicle at Carmelo and Ocean being driven by a 41-year-old male from Seaside. A records check on the subject revealed an outstanding warrant for fraud out of Nevada. He was booked at Monterey County Jail on a felony warrant for being a fugitive from justice.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A vehicle fled from a traffic stop for CVC violations at Junipero and Ocean. CPD units were unable to locate the suspect vehicle. The driver, a 19-year-old male from Monterey, was later arrested for DUI and taken to Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: No calls to report.

Carmel Valley: Report of financial abuse involving an Arboleda Lane resident.

Carmel area: Deputies documented an incident of wire fraud reported by a 76-year-old male who lives on Mal Paso Road.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a

possible violation of a restraining order on Fern Canyon Road involving a 58-year-old male and an 83-year-old female victim.

Carmel Valley: Harassing messages reported on Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel area: A Carmel Knolls Drive resident reported receiving a fake cashier's check for an item sold on Craigslist.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vandalism at Forest Hill Park. Sports equipment and city-owned signage damaged.

Pacific Grove: A 43-year-old male resident of Pacific Grove was arrested for DUI following a rollover injury collision on Forest Avenue at approximately 1746 hours. Officers located the vehicle overturned in the roadway and determined the driver was under the influence of alcohol. Due to medical treatment needs at the scene, a full DUI

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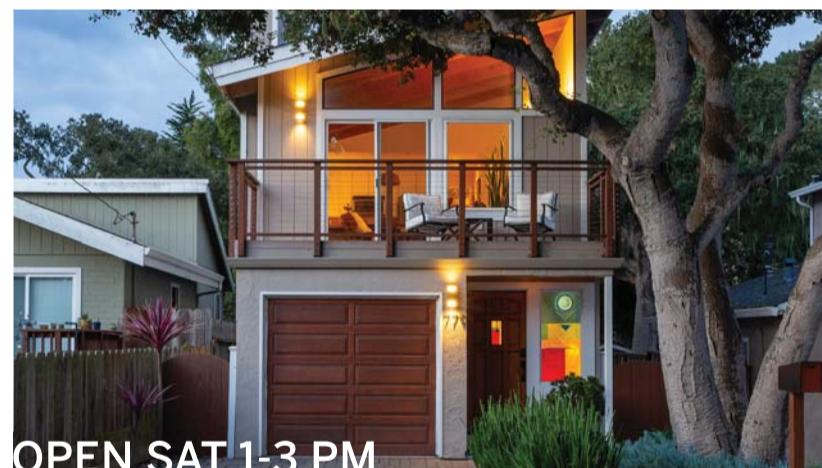
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One of the guys said, "Years ago I was in a playoff at a member-guest tournament at some no-name course north of Grand Rapids."

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I almost opened my mouth. Almost. But why ruin a good story with facts? In his memory, I wasn't just some hacker who got lucky. I was a legend, a golfer who defied physics and logic with a single swing.

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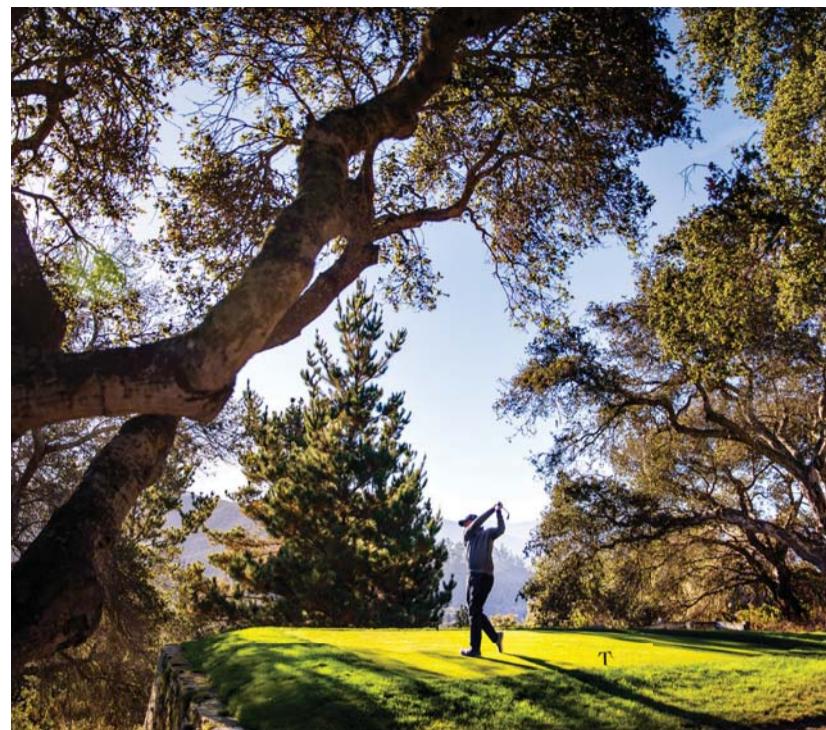
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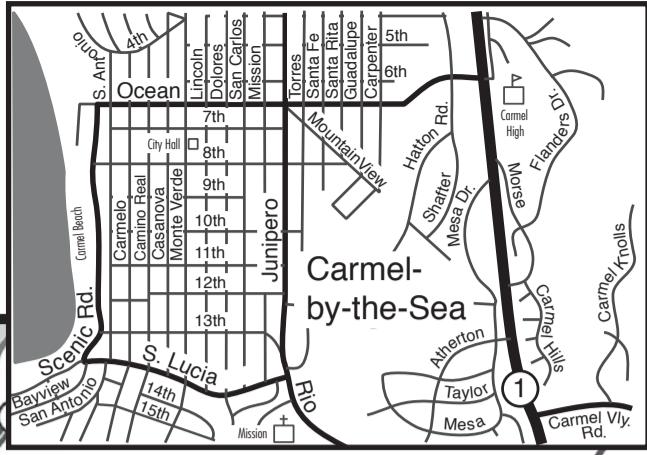
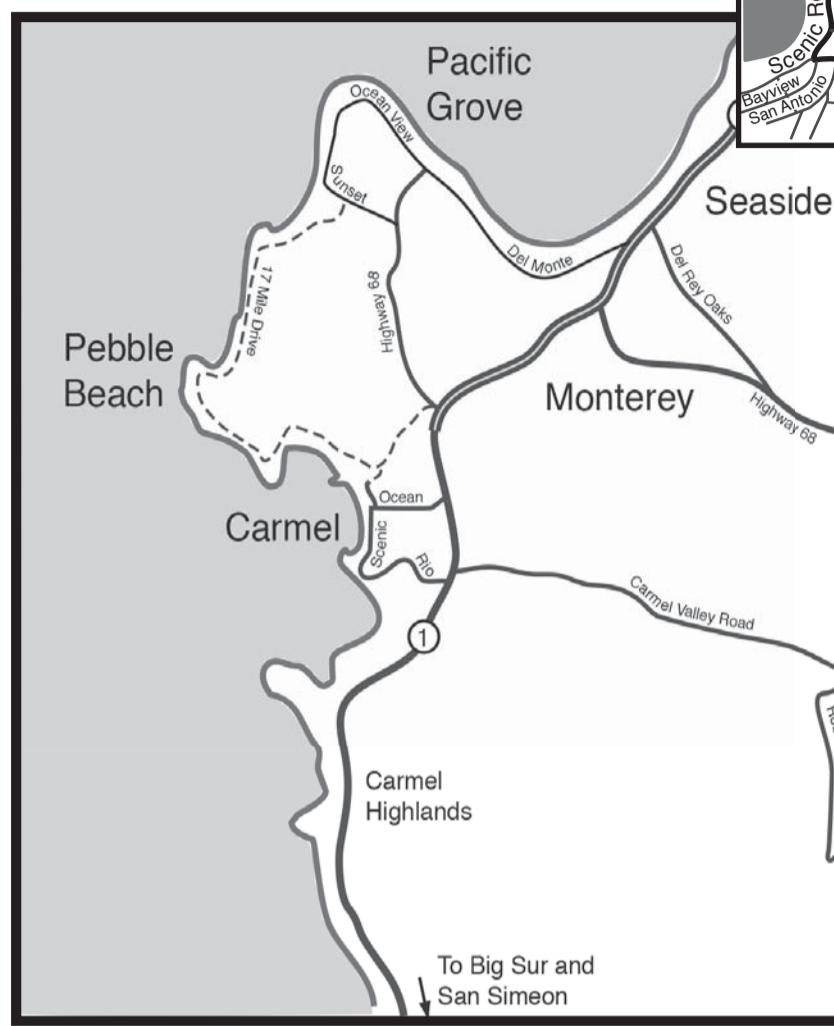
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FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260177

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. WEB MONTEREY
9717 Trefoil Place, Salinas, CA 93907.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
CARL PARKER, 9717 Trefoil Place, Salinas, CA 93907.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

S/Carl Parker
Date signed: Jan. 23, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 23, 2026.
Publication Dates: Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 153)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260181

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

BAY BREEZE INN, 2049 Fremont Blvd, Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
BB 2049 LLC, 1046 Munras Ave., Monterey, CA 93940.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 22, 2025.

S/Ashish Panchal, Manager
Date: Dec. 14, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 23, 2026.

Publication Dates: Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 154)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20252222

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

CROWN CLEANING, 4737 Seacrest Dr, Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):

ANTHONY SAMER NIMRI, 4737 Sea Crest Dr, Seaside, CA 93955.

JOHN BOWDEN BILLMAN, 1400 Burgundy Way, Gonzales, CA 93926.

This business is conducted by a general partnership.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 15, 2025.

S/John Billman
Date signed: Dec. 15, 2025

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 15, 2025.

Publication Dates: Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 155)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260060

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. CREMA AT LOVERS
2. LOVERS POINT EVENTS
631 Ocean View Blvd, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
CREMA LOVERS POINT, INC., 631 Ocean View Blvd., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 6, 2026.

S/Tamie Aceves, CEO
Date: Jan. 7, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 8, 2026.

Publication Dates: Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 156)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260183

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

COASTAL POOL & SPA SERVICE, 6 Marquard Rd, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):

IAN BAILEY HUBBARD, 11 Via Contenta, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 4, 2026.

S/Ian Hubbard
Date signed: Jan. 23, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 23, 2026.

Publication Dates: Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 158)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260139

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

SABOR A MI RANCHO, 154 W. Market St., Salinas, CA 93901.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):

JUAN ANDRADE, 517 Napa Way, Salinas, CA 93906.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 20, 2026.

S/Juan Andrade
Date signed: Jan. 20, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 20, 2026.

Publication Dates: Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 161)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20252297

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

The collection, 15 Geil St, Salinas, CA 93901
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):

Martin Alonso Ramirez, 15 Geil St, Salinas, CA 93901

This business is conducted by an individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/16/2025.

S/ Martin Alonso Ramirez
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 12/31/2025.

2. WEBMONTEREY
9717 Trefoil Place, Salinas, CA 93907.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):

CARL PARKER, 9717 Trefoil Place, Salinas, CA 93907.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

S/Carl Parker
Date signed: Jan. 23, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 23, 2026.

Publication Dates: Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 153)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260220

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

ES LAUNDRY, 341 Williams Rd., Salinas, CA 93905.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
DONINNU LLC, 1585 N. 4th St, Unit K, San Jose, CA 95112.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 29, 2026.

S/Taeynn Kim, Manager
Date: Jan. 29, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 29, 2026.

Publication Dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 202)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260182

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

ZARATE LANDSCAPING, 507 Chardonnay Dr, Apt. C, Gonzales, CA 93926.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):

JOSE DE JESUS, P.O. Box 1983, Gonzales, CA 93926.

This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 22, 2026.

S/Jose de Jesus Zarate
Date signed: Jan. 23, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 23, 2026.

Publication Dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 204)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260150

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. EMBR
2. PHAT PANDA
3. SNICKLEFRITZ

48 4th Street, Suite A & B, Greenfield, CA 93927.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
GREENFIELD ORGANIX 4TH ST, 2611 N. Woodruff Road, Suite A, Spokane, WA 99206.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

S/Ashish Panchal, Manager
Date: Jan. 27, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 29, 2026.

Publication Dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 205)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260230

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

EVENSON DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT, 12747 Sundance Lane, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):

SALLY EVENSON LOPEZ, Trustee of the Evenson Family 2006 Revocable Trust dated 12-11-2006, 12747 Sundance Lane, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

This business is conducted by a trustee.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 30, 2026.

S/Sally Evenson Lopez
Date signed: Jan. 30, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 30, 2026.

Publication Dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 206)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260082

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

ERLOY'S FINE FOODS, 15 Soledad Drive, Monterey, CA 93940.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
DOLATA PROVISIONS LLC, P.O. Box 4946, Carmel, CA 93921.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 17, 2020.

S/Chloe K. Dolata, President
Date: Jan. 6, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 12, 2026.

Publication Dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 206)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260011

Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. QUALITY PRINT & COPY

2. CARMEL MAIL & SHIP
3785 Via Nona Marie, Ste. 206, Carmel, CA 93923.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
QUALITY PRINT & COPY, INC., 3785 Via Nona Marie, Ste. 206, Carmel, CA 93923.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

S/Natalie Sweet, CEO
Date: Jan. 2, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 2, 2026.

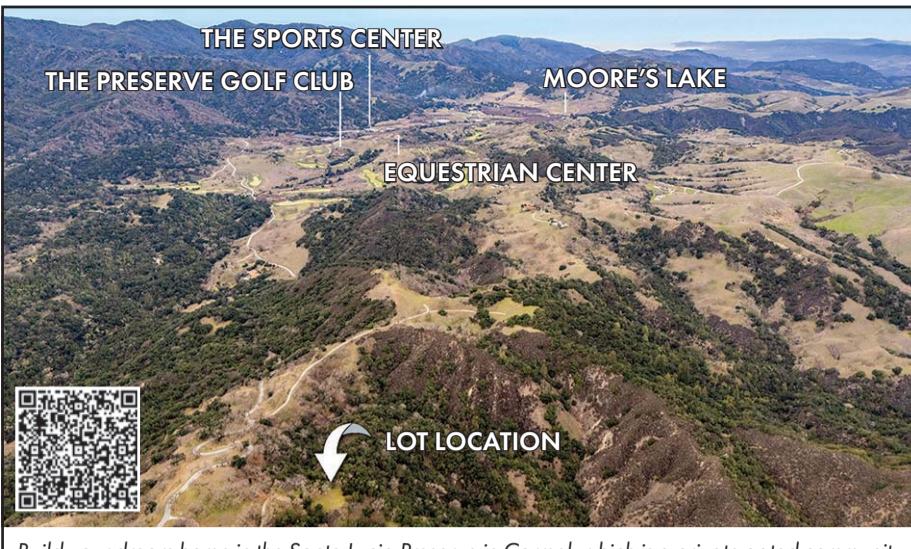
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File No. 20260255

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. THE JOY STANDARD



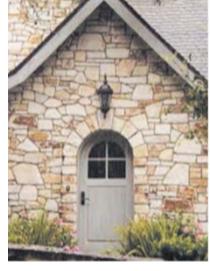
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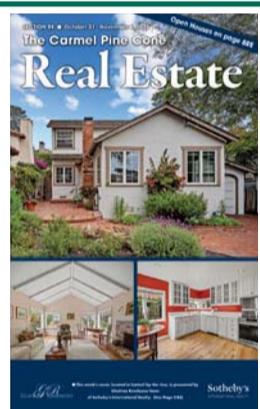


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evaluation could not be completed, and a blood draw was later obtained pursuant to a search warrant. The driver was ultimately transported to Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Medical emergency on David Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from 19th Street for expired registration.

Carmel Valley: Juvenile issue on Arboleda Lane. Report of financial abuse via a Craigslist scam.

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services report of possible financial abuse on Parrot Ranch Road.

Carmel area: Adult Protective Services report of possible physical and mental abuse involving a Valley Way resident.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious subject near a residence on Crespi. Informational report only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unoccupied vehicle was towed from Junipero and Sixth. Photos uploaded.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Damage to a vehicle at Santa Fe and Third from a low-hanging wire. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found dog at Carpenter and Fourth returned to the owner.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Crocker Avenue for expired registration over six months.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle at Otter Lane and Funston Avenue marked for 72-hour parking.

Carmel Valley: Report of fraud on Tassajara Road involving a 62-year-old male.

Big Sur: Suspicious circumstances on Highway 1.

Carmel area: Adult Protective Services report of possible neglect and physical abuse involving a Taylor Road resident.

Carmel area: Adult Protective Services report of possible financial abuse on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report.

Carmel area: Sheriff deputies investigated the report

of sexual battery on Carmel Rancho Boulevard involving a 26-year-old male victim.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Assault and battery at Dolores and Sixth.

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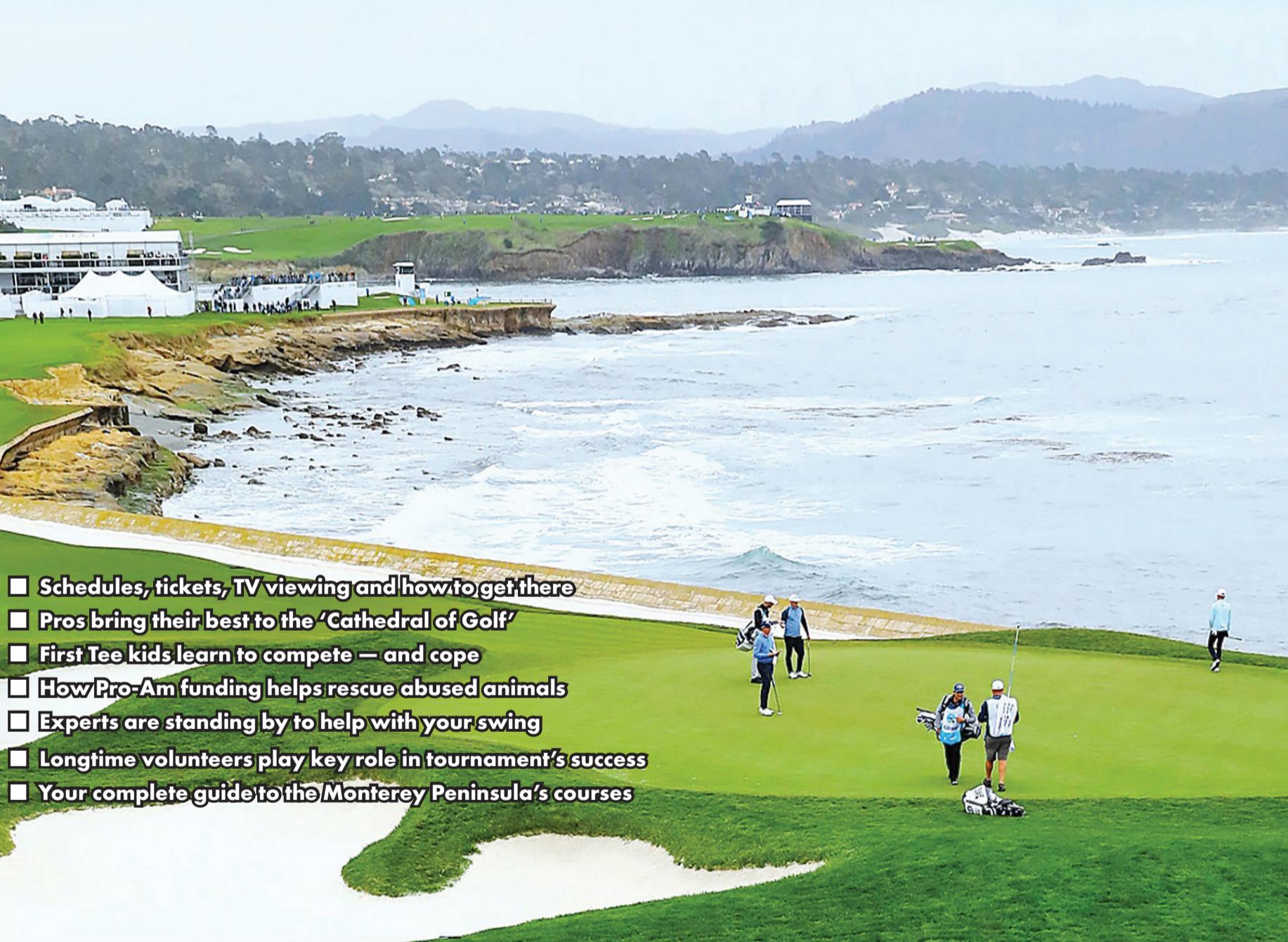
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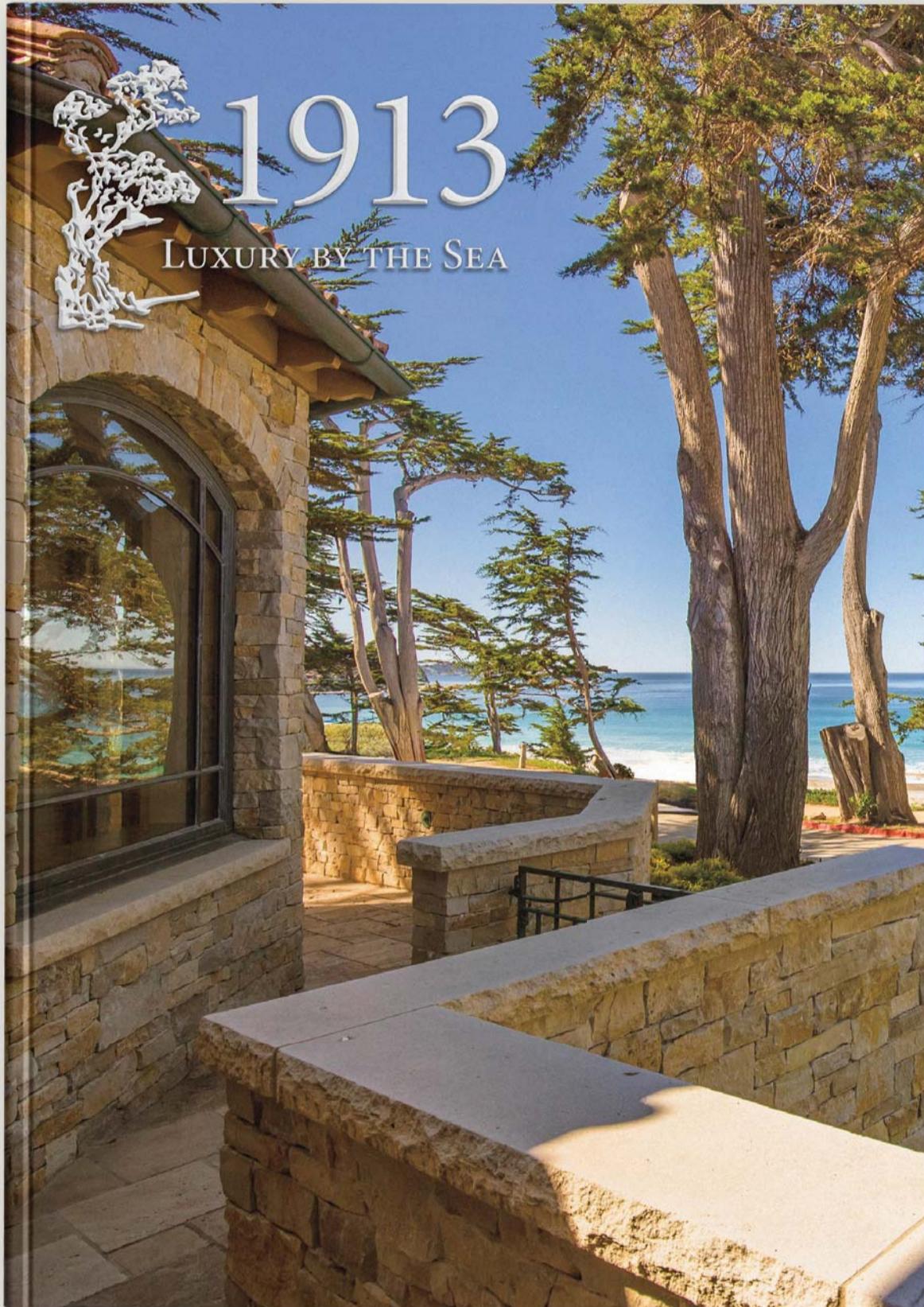




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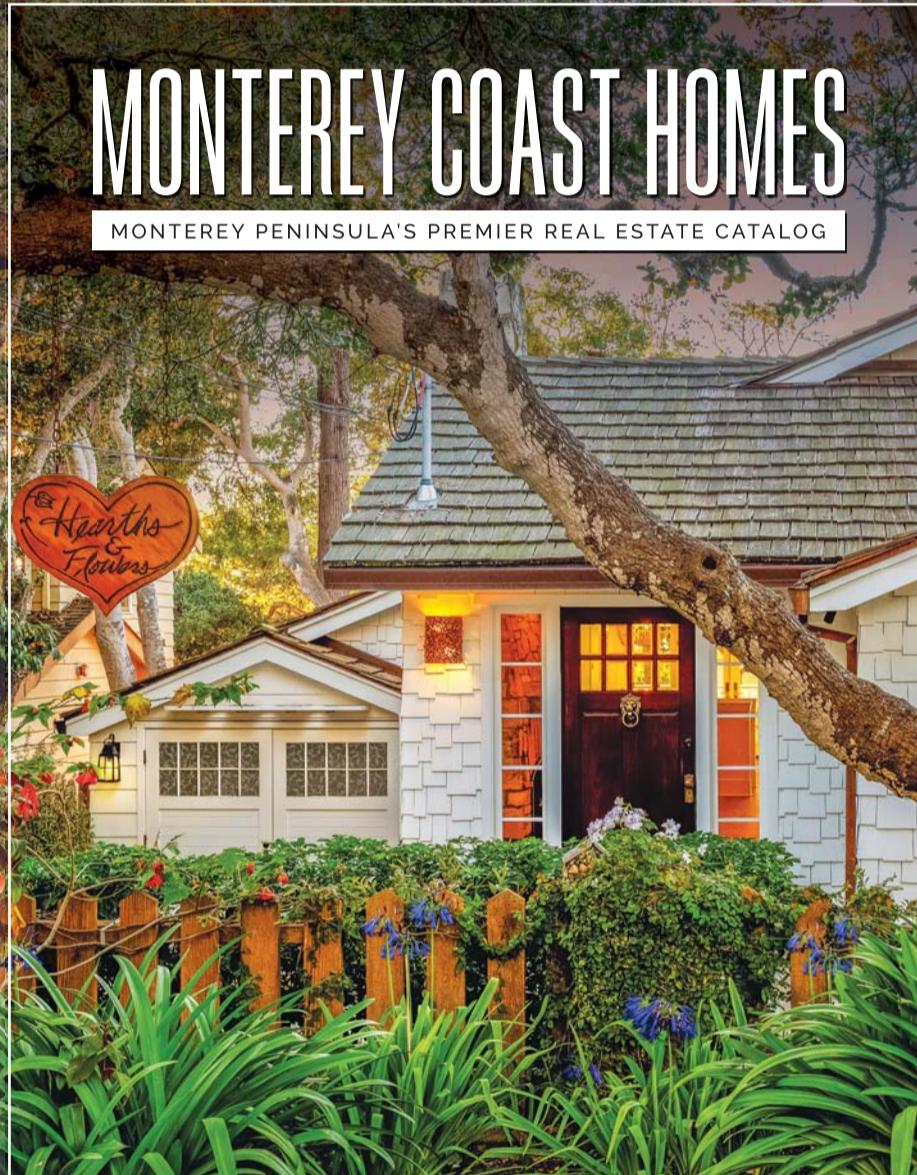


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February 9 - 15, 2026

■ Pebble Beach Golf Links
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■ Spyglass Hill Golf Course
(7,071 yards, par 72)

■ Purse: \$20,000,000

■ Winning share: \$3,600,000

■ 2025 Champion:
Rory McIlroy (267)

Monday, February 9

7:10 a.m. • Practice rounds — Pebble Beach and Spyglass (closed to public)

Tuesday, February 10

7:10 a.m. • Practice rounds — Pebble Beach and Spyglass (closed to public)

Wednesday, February 11

7:10 a.m. • Practice rounds — Pebble Beach Golf Links (closed to public)

Thursday, February 12

8:45 a.m. • First round — Pebble Beach and Spyglass
TV coverage: The Golf Channel, **noon to 4 p.m.**

Friday, February 13

8:45 a.m. • Second round — Pebble Beach and Spyglass
TV coverage: The Golf Channel, **noon to 4 p.m.**

Saturday, February 14

8:30 a.m. • Third round — Pebble Beach and Spyglass
TV coverage: The Golf Channel, **10 a.m. to noon**,
CBS, **noon to 4 p.m.**

Rory McIlroy
tees off during
the 2025 AT&T
Pebble Beach
Pro-Am, which
he won by two
strokes over
Shane Lowry.

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Sunday, February 15

8 a.m. • Final round — Pebble Beach Golf Links
TV coverage: The Golf Channel, **10 a.m. to noon**,
CBS, **noon to 3:30 p.m.**

Ticket prices: General admission, Thursday and Sunday, \$118.75, Friday and Saturday, \$139.25, children 15 and under free. Clint's Hospitality at the 15th Green, Thursday and Sunday, \$400.65, Friday and Saturday, \$451.90.

Free spectator and volunteer **parking** is located at California State University Monterey Bay, near the corner of Second Avenue and Fifth Street in Marina. Free tournament shuttles transport spectators and volunteers from the parking lot to the Pebble Beach Main Gate.

To encourage AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am specta-

tors to visit their downtowns instead of hopping the buses from parking lots at CSUMB, the chambers of commerce in Carmel and Pacific Grove are offering **shuttle services**.

Available Thursday, Feb. 12, to Sunday, Feb. 15, Carmel's shuttles leave every 15 to 30 minutes from Carmel Plaza on Ocean at Junipero between 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., costs \$40 per day or \$130 for a four-day pass, with tickets available at carmelchamber.org or in person at the shuttle stop.

The Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce is offering a free Pro-Am shuttle service for tournament volunteers and ticketed spectators Feb. 12 to 15, with pickups in front of the Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Avenue. More info at pacificgrove.org.

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THE PLAYERS

Seven past champions lead 80 pros into the 'Cathedral of golf'

By MICHAEL JAMES

THE AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am begins this week as most of the world's best golfers competing for the third straight year without the merriment that entertainer Bing Crosby brought to the sport nearly 90 years ago.

The Pro-Am is the first of the eight Signature Events on the PGA Tour this sea-

son, and will feature a field of 80 players will compete on two courses for the \$20 million purse and the winner's share of \$3.6 million. American Scottie Scheffler, No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking, defending AT&T titlist Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland, who's No. 2, and Englishman Tommy Fleetwood, No. 3, will lead the field.

Players will rotate between Pebble Beach Golf Links and Spyglass Hill Golf

Course on Thursday and Friday. Weekend rounds will be played at Pebble Beach. Amateurs, including a few celebrities, will also compete Thursday and Friday. Every professional is paired with an amateur partner during the first two rounds in a better-ball format, meaning that the team's score for each hole is the lower of the two players'. The tournament's 80th edition — played on the Monterey Peninsula since 1947, when Crosby relocated the event after six editions in Rancho Santa Fe — will not have a cut.

McIlroy, a five-time major titlist, finished with a 66 en route to a 21-under 267 and two-shot victory over Shane Lowry last year. Lucas Glover and Justin Rose tied for third, three shots back.

Knocking one off at Pebble

"There's a few courses I would call Cathedrals of Golf," McIlroy said after his victory. "Here, Augusta, St. Andrews, obviously. Maybe a few more you could add in there. And I had a big fat zero on all of those going in here. So, to knock one off at Pebble is very cool."

McIlroy, who began the final round tied with Lowry, one shot behind 54-hole leader Sepp Straka, played his best in the windy and rainy third-round conditions. It was the kind of weather in which he learned to play golf in Northern Ireland. His 65 matched Lowry for the day's low

round. Straka had a final-round 72 and finished tied for seventh with former Olympian Tom Kim of South Korea at 16 under.

Scottie Scheffler, Rory McIlroy and an exceptionally strong field

Lowry, the former British Open winner, McIlroy's close friend and a native of Ireland, praised the defending champion.

"He's just so in control," Lowry said of McIlroy at the time. "He drives the ball incredibly well. He always does. He was just in control of his ball

today and he putted nicely. It all came together. Like he said, if he cuts out his mistakes with his irons, he's very hard to beat."

Several months ago, McIlroy confirmed he planned to defend his AT&T title at this year's event, according to elated tournament director Steve John.

"We couldn't have a better champion than Rory," John said. "There are a lot of great players out there, but certainly Rory is at the top for everyone. He checks every box."

In addition to McIlroy, former AT&T winners scheduled to compete include Wyndham Clark (2024), Justin Rose (2023), Tom Hoge (2022), Daniel Berger (2021), Nick Taylor (2020) and Jordan Spieth (2017).

A crowd favorite, Spieth is a 13-time

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Wyndham Clark (in black) accepts congratulations after winning the 2024 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. He'll be playing this year along with past champions Justin Rose, Tom Hoge, Daniel Berger, Nick Taylor and Jordan Spieth



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THE COURSES

Posh or not, hilly or flat, easy or tough, golf options are abundant

By MARY SCHLEY

DARE WE say the weather — always a topic of conversation surrounding the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am — has been pretty mellow for the last few weeks? That means the tournament courses will be in tip-top shape when 80 of the game's top pros and 80 amateurs compete for a share of the \$20 million purse in the kickoff of this year's eight PGA Tour Signature Events.

It also means more than 15 other courses around the Peninsula will be in fine fettle, too, so fans who get itchy to get out on the grass and test their skills will have plenty of choices. Some spots are invite-only, while others are casual and affordable, and all are fun for those addicted — or rather, devoted — to the game. Many offer not just pristine fairways, greens and bunkers, but club and shoe rentals, so leaving your gear at home is not a viable excuse for bowing out of a round.

■ Bayonet and Black Horse, Seaside

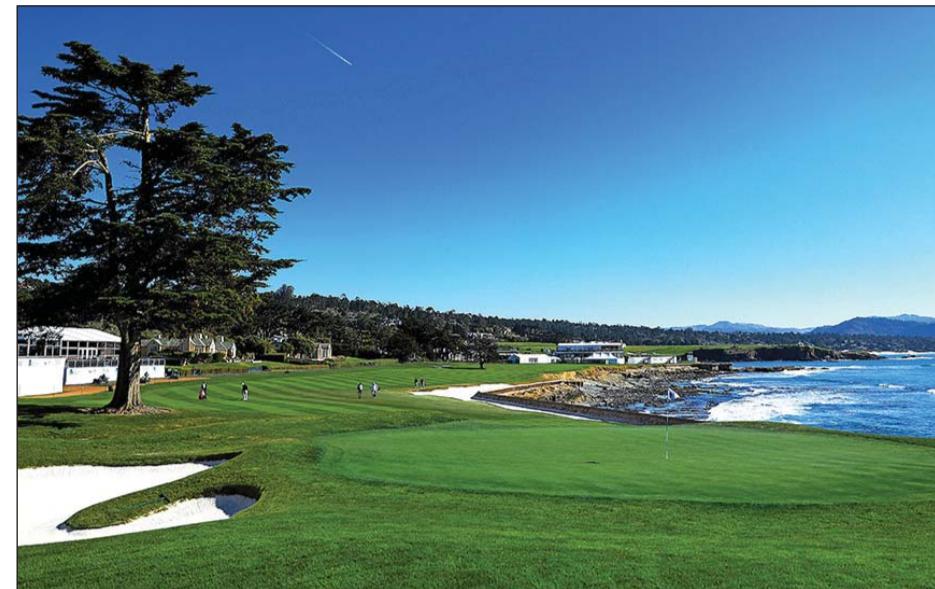
Constructed when Fort Ord was an active military base, these two courses initially aimed to provide some well-deserved recreation for the thousands of members of the military who lived and worked here, and their genesis is compelling. Maj. Gen. Robert McClure, who designed Bayonet in 1954, was "a left-handed golfer with an all-too-common fade" and drew some of

the holes accordingly, with severe doglegs running through what's affectionately — and sometimes not-so-affectionately — known as "Combat Corner," holes 11 to 15. The moniker of the 7,104-yard par-72 course stems from the U.S. Army's 7th Infantry Division, nicknamed the Bayonet Division. With its "narrow playing corridors and steep, penal bunkering," the course "has long been considered the most difficult test of golf on the Monterey Peninsula."

Bayonet was so popular that the Army decided to add another, with Maj. Gen. Edwin Carns designing Black Horse, which is 7,024 yards with a par of 72 and bears the nickname of the 11th Cavalry Regiment that was stationed at the Presidio of Monterey from 1919 to 1940. The course opened in 1964.

After Fort Ord closed three decades later, the Army sold Bayonet and Black Horse to the City of Seaside in 1997, and they are now managed by Troon Golf. In 2008, they underwent a \$13 million renovation and comprehensive redesign by Gene Bates. Black Horse "features sweeping vistas of the Pacific and is highlighted by fescue-framed fairways, bunkers with distinctive, serrated edges and slickly contoured greens." Its coast-facing par-3 15th is among the more scenic holes on the Peninsula.

"The best 36 holes on Monterey Bay" have hosted the PGA's Qualifying School and the PURE Insurance Championship, then known as The First Tee Open. They



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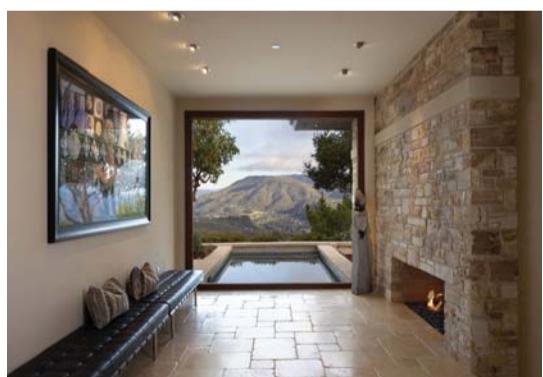
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THE CHARITIES

The kids at First Tee learn to win, lose and live with grace

By ELAINE HESSER

“WELL, MAYBE’S there’s a lesson in this somewhere.” That’s the kind of thing people say when a tire goes flat while they’re en route to a meeting, the plumbing backs up, or a putt for a birdie does that weird thing where it rims the



PHOTOS/COURTESY FIRST TEE-MONTEREY COUNTY

First Tee-Monterey County recently added Girls Golf, an LPGA-sponsored program for female students ages 6-18.

cup but just keeps rolling.

But is there a lesson in that? The coaches, mentors and staff at First Tee-Monterey County are sure of it, and they’re using golf to reach more than 13,000 students ages 4 through 18 in schools, at Twin Creeks Golf Course in Salinas and at King City Golf Course.

Carmel area resident Dominic De La Torre, the organization’s director of programs, said that on any given day, between 700 and 800 kids participate in First Tee on the golf courses and in schools. He hopes to increase the overall number to 15,000 students by the end of this year.

Everything they need

The idea is that kids learn golf while building life skills and practicing the nonprofit’s core values of honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judgment. Funds raised through the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am help make it all possible.

“We are honored to receive annual support from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation,” the charitable arm of the AT&T, said Nathan Nuñez, the group’s director of development. He explained that a portion of the funds go to the Pay It Forward Scholarship & Mentoring Program (more on that in a bit), and the remainder goes to general operating support. Meanwhile, De La Torre credits his colleagues and First Tee employees and volunteers with keeping everything organized and moving in the right direction.

In cooperation with about 40 schools, First Tee — part of a national organization — offers structured, professionally developed activities built around golf. Kids don’t have to buy their own gear, either, De La Torre noted. The organization provides everything they need to play.

First Tee has myriad programs that operate on school campuses and on its home golf courses. Since its inception in 2004, the group has brought its curriculum to physical



Kids who want to learn to play like the pros also get lessons in good sportsmanship, and they can even receive homework help and mentoring.

education classes at more than a dozen elementary and middle schools. It meets national PE standards set by the Society of Health and Physical Educators of America and provides an opportunity for kids to build important social and emotional skills while they’re being active and having fun.

Building character

In addition to going into schools, First Tee brings students to its home courses in Salinas and King City for programs geared to various age groups. An exhaustive list of the goals on the group’s website includes developing

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THE CHARITIES

Abused animals are counting on the SPCA, the Pro-Am — and you

By KELLY NIX

THE LARGEST animal welfare agency in the county, SPCA Monterey County, is often the first group locals think of when considering the adoption of a dog, cat, turtle, iguana, guinea pig or any other lovable critter. But it's also the place abused animals turn for help.

'A choice we make'

The nonprofit — which was founded in 1905 and is across Highway 68 from Laguna Seca raceway — finds loving homes for about 2,500 animals every year. Through its Humane Investigations division, it also investigates reports of animals abused and neglected at the hands of the people who are supposed to care for them.

"SPCA Monterey County investigates reports of ani-

mal cruelty, a vital and often heartbreaking mission made possible by community donations," the organization explains. "As a private nonprofit, this work is not required by law and is entirely independent of government funding or tax dollars. It is a choice we make for the animals who need us most."

The SPCA relies on donations for its services, which also include spaying and neutering, wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, caring for horses and livestock, and educational programs. One of its biggest supporters is the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am golf tournament, which is coming to the Peninsula Feb. 12-15.

Last year, the tournament's fundraising arm, the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, gave \$40,000 to the SPCA to support its work to help abused animals and prosecute the people who mistreat them.

"The SPCA is not a chapter, and we don't have a parent organization, so we rely completely on our community's support to provide our range of life-saving programs like few shelters anywhere in the United States," SPCA Monterey County CEO Scott Delucchi told The Pine Cone. "We're fortunate to have an event like this that does so much to support our incredible local nonprofits."

The SPCA's humane investigation officers don't receive funding from taxpayer dollars or other animal welfare agencies, so the proceeds from the golf tournament are especially important.

Specialized training

Humane Investigations officers with the SPCA respond to hundreds of reports of cruelty and neglect every year, explained SPCA Monterey County vice president of marketing and communications Beth Brookhouser.

"We never know what each new day will bring, but we always know that each day we will change



A girl pets a furry friend during an SPCA Monterey County education program in which kids get hands-on learning experiences that build empathy.

lives," she told The Pine Cone. "We investigated more than 650 cases last year."

Its bilingual investigators, who are trained and sworn to exercise the powers of peace officers, prevent and stop animal cruelty and neglect by enforcing state laws and local ordinances.

"Our officers receive specialized training, including specific training for the successful prosecution of animal abusers and how to help animals in need," SPCA Monte-

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Regina the Iguana is one of a cornucopia of animals SPCA Monterey County takes care of and offers for adoption.

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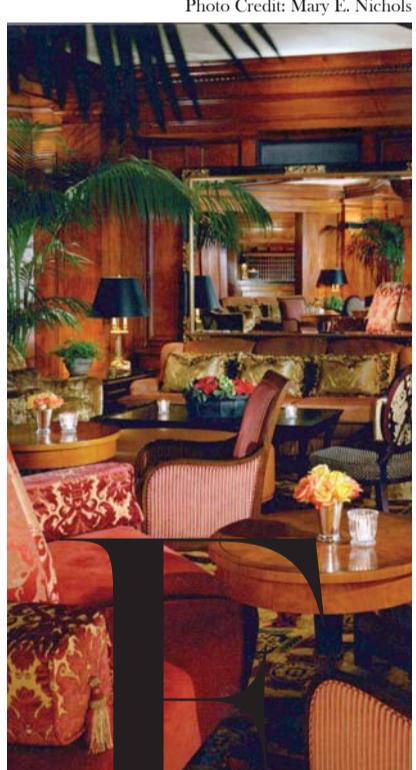


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THE COMMUNITY

Are you experimenting with your swing? There's a lab for that.

By LILY PATTERSON

IF PEBBLE Beach is a golfer's heaven, then a gym located on a stretch of Del Monte Avenue — better known for its auto shops and just past the Naval Postgraduate School — is just outside the Pearly Gates. The Lab promises relief for both the body and a stagnating handicap, and its team of trainers swears the techniques used to level up a solid drive will make you feel, move and live better. The staff says most members join to benefit from state-of-the-art equipment and coaching that's usually found only in major cities. But according to owner Rob Skinner, the pros, juniors and duffers stick around to be a part of a different kind of gym culture.

"We're building a world-class human performance facility, but my dream is that it's a place kids want to hang, hit golf balls and work out on a Friday night. And we al-

ready see that happening," Skinner said.

A Pebble Beach resident and managing partner with IEQ Capital, Skinner opened the gym in 2024 and meant to keep it small — a top-of-the-line facility for family and friends to pursue fitness goals.

Bigger than golf

Between his son's commitment to the sport and his own — Skinner's a board member with First Tee Monterey County, the Pebble Beach Foundation and PGA REACH (which aims to make the game accessible to more people), as well as the Naval Postgraduate School — golf is the big idea, but The Lab is bigger than that.

"Family and friends were getting a lot out of it, and more people wanted to train there, to go in for an hour and access all the fitness modalities and recovery they need," he said.

For years, Skinner commuted at least twice a week to Santa Clara to work out with Nike master trainer Brian Nunez. Then he hired Nunez for The Lab.

"He's been huge for recruiting, the mastermind behind our coaching staff," said Skinner.

The Lab offers tough-but-upbeat group classes — a mix of cardio, strength training and mobility exercises that draw members of various fitness levels. There are specialty sessions, too, from weightlifting tailored to women, to a run club and sport-specific workouts for baseball and lacrosse. Students and active-duty military can join at a discount, and all members can access "open gym" hours and private training. They have unlimited use of recovery technology, including an infrared light sauna, a cryotherapy (cold) chamber, massage and compression tools, and the InBody device, which measures body weight in percentages of muscle, fat and water — all important health indicators that can be tracked over time.

'Blessed'

The Lab sponsors training for the Monterey Bay Pirates youth baseball program, men's and women's golf teams at CSUMB and the Hartnell College baseball team, and it works with dozens of junior athletes in pretty much every sport that's played around here. Especially golf.

"I've been blessed, in the sense that this is not something I'm doing to make money," Skinner said. "When you

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More than just a gym, The Lab enhances golf skills using simulators (left) and state-of-the-art techniques, but also builds community among its members.

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THE VOLUNTEERS

At the AT&T, the people who do the most giving also receive

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

LENDY HAISLEY says she doesn't really play golf. She was introduced to the game at age 12 on the Del Monte Golf Course, back when kids could play for free after 4 p.m. It wasn't a pretentious affair, with the younger set swinging borrowed clubs or



PHOTOS/COURTESY VICKY SAGE

Landy and Ross Haisley have volunteered with the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am for about seven years, enjoying the work, the people and giving.

tromping around in someone else's old spikes. But it was a whole lot of fun.

Despite her statement to the contrary, she still does play, primarily at Quail Lodge, where she helped players in the pro shop. That was back when Ed Haber owned it, and the legendary Laird Small was the pro. As a perk of the job, Haisley's husband, Ross Haisley, got to play for free.

Custom jeans

It's her husband who can call himself a golfer, but they enjoy playing and watching it together, she said. That's what inspired the Mission Fields couple to become volunteers at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am tournament some seven years ago.

"I actually volunteered for the Crosby during high school," Haisley said. "They'd let us take several days off from Carmel High, so I worked selling coffee and hot dogs from the 'Bing Mobile,'" named for the tournament's founder, sponsor and longtime host, Bing Crosby. "That was back when you could just walk across the course during the tournament and collect signed golf balls from celebrities."

Now she navigates the early start and the cold, damp air, and she absolutely enjoys the rest of the experience.

"My girlfriend, Carol Knight, chairperson for player hospitality, said they needed volunteers in player gifting," Haisley said.

"Amateur golfers were given gift cards and could have fun picking out things like Maui Jim sunglasses and TaylorMade golf bags. One time, a high-end company came in and did custom jeans. It was fun to meet celebrity golfers and help them shop."

While the event has shifted to providing a swag bag and one nice gift, Haisley remains chairperson for amateur registration and gifting. She works the weekend before the tournament and the first three days of the event.



Realtor Paula Joy MacNab said she enjoys the tournament because she can work in a beautiful setting.

"I love the atmosphere, I love being out there, and I love working for the people of Monterey Peninsula Foundation and what the organization does for the local community. It's an honor to be a part of that," she said.

Great party

Her husband quickly joined in, she added. "He loves it. We work well together — we're pretty good at bouncing ideas off each other — and we always have fun."

The couple also appreciates Volunteer Hospitality, the group that provides breakfast, lunch, an afternoon snack and what Haisley considers "an incredible volunteer party," midweek, in a tent near the driving range at Pebble Beach.

"Back in the day, any celebrity who had anything to

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THE TOUR

TEES
From page 10ATT■ Carmel Valley Ranch,
Carmel Valley

Nearly two decades after undergoing a multimillion-dollar makeover to be "restored to Pete Dye's original design, T1 bentgrass, enlarged greens and improved tee boxes," the 6,117-yard, par-70 golf course that was built in 1981 remains a favorite of members and guests.

The stunning 500-acre Carmel Valley Ranch sits just east of mid-valley, with the course running along the Carmel River and up into nearby hills. Carmel Valley Ranch offers the quintessential country club experience, and the course is the only one in Northern California designed by Dye. Describing playing it as "a rollicking good time," the folks at C.V. Ranch say Dye "tamed Mother Nature with two signature holes (11 and 13) that boast breathtaking drops into the valleys. Other holes wind through vineyards, lavender fields, ponds and old-growth oak groves, where deer, wild turkey, birdies, eagles and the rarely spotted albatross roam free." The clubhouse features a full bar, fire pits and plenty of space to sit with friends and relive your best (and worst, and most amusing) shots.

"While golfers are always welcome, you don't have to play golf (or even know what a duff is) to have a good time at the casual Clubhouse Grill," the resort hosts say. Golf rates remain unchanged from last year and are \$195 for 18 holes and \$100 for nine — each including a cart and access to the driving range — for resort guests. Non-resort players may only book after 1 p.m. for \$150. Discounts are offered for NCGA members, twilight play, and kids under 16, who pay \$30 for 18 holes. The driving range is only open to resort guests and costs \$20 to use. Club and shoe rentals, spike changes and shoeshines are available, too. While there, don't miss the opportunity to have a meal in the hotel's recently remodeled Valley Kitchen

restaurant, roast marshmallows by the fire pits next to the pool or indulge in a spa treatment. Carmel Valley Ranch is located at 1 Old Ranch Road off Carmel Valley Road about 7 miles from Highway 1. For more information, call (831) 620-6406 or visit carmelvalleyranch.com.

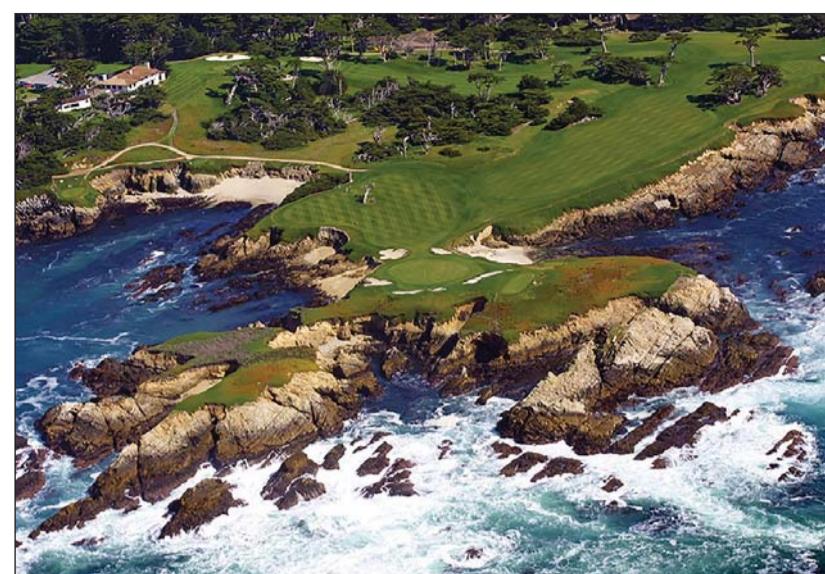
■ Corral de Tierra
Country Club, Salinas

This private, member-owned equity club features a 6,683-yard par-72 course that's, "a signature tribute to renowned golf course designer, Bob E. Baldock," who created it in 1960. J. Michael Poellot reworked some of the holes in 1999 and 2000 to create the added challenges of a multitude of bunkers on the course, which is situated a few miles east of Los Laureles

Grade on Highway 68 in one of the more temperate areas of the Monterey Peninsula. Corral de Tierra "enjoys its own microclimate, the sunniest, most comfortable year-round weather of any club in the region."

Its gentle elevation changes and tree-lined fairways also make it a great walking course. It has served as a site for U.S. Open qualifying rounds and hosted the 2010 sectional qualifier for the Women's U.S. Open Championship.

"The course attracts the attention of the best players; however, multiple tee boxes on every hole ensure an enjoyable experience for all golfers," and it boasts a strong youth golf program, according to management. Corral de Tierra is open only to members and guests. "If you are the guest of a member, we are delighted to welcome you to Corral de Tierra Country Club and hope you enjoy your visit," management says. "The club works hard to preserve its rich traditions." Members and their guests enjoy



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The 16th hole at Cypress Point stands as an emblem of magnificent oceanfront golf.

dining on the enclosed deck overlooking the course or in the main dining room of the farmhouse-style clubhouse or having drinks with friends in the full bar "with a neighborhood atmosphere."

Tennis, pickleball, swimming and fitness training are additional amenities, and various levels of membership are described on the website, including social and non-resident memberships. Inquire about reciprocal agreements with other private clubs. Instruction and practice facilities are available, and the course can be reserved for golf events for groups. For information, call (831) 484-1112 or visit corraldetierracc.com.

■ Cypress Point Club, Pebble Beach

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skills in communication, self-management (no throwing your club at a tree or into a water hazard), healthy habits, resilience and many more areas.

After-school programs feature mentoring, tutoring, homework help and a little golf, said De La Torre. Academic abilities are also nurtured at the Taylor Farms Learning Center at Twin Creeks, where youth can take advantage of opportunities in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics, and leadership development. High school students can explore college and career options.

De La Torre said he was particularly excited about the addition of LPGA*USGA Girls Golf, designed for girls ages 7 to 18. It's led by three female coaches and a male PGA apprentice, who helps with other programs as well.

"The Girls Golf program has become a key pathway for leadership development, scholarship participation and continued involvement," De La Torre noted. One of the best things about it is that it's free to young women and girls, thanks to a grant from the LPGA.

Seeing Pebble Beach

In fact, said Nuñez, "All daytime and after-school programming delivered on school campuses is completely free to the students," who Nuñez said account for about 98 percent of participants. The \$160 annual membership fee is waived for them as well, giving them access to all that First Tee has to offer.

For those who don't fall into that category but cannot afford the fee, Nuñez said, a scholarship is provided. "No child is turned away due to cost." He added that about 84 percent of the youth the organization serves are from families living below the poverty line.

The generosity doesn't stop after high school. The group also offers a variety of college scholarships, including Pay It Forward. Monterey County students who rep-

resent the first generation of their family to attend college can compete for 15 to 20 \$20,000 scholarships to Cal State Monterey Bay. De La Torre said that the money is disbursed over four years, and in return, recipients mentor someone in First Tee's programs.

That creates what Nuñez called, "a cycle of leadership and service that extends well beyond the campus." Sixty students are being mentored this year as a result of the program.

The AT&T Pro-Am welcomes First Tee to the tournament and gives the group booth space to talk with young golf fans and their families about its programs. De La Torre said that in 2025, they "engaged more than 1,000 youth during the course of the tournament week" with hands-on golf activities and a simulator, as well as science and art stations.

Many First Tee Monterey County participants also get to attend the AT&T at no charge, and De La Torre said that a group from the girls program was planning a pre-tournament field trip to meet with the head golf pro at Pebble Beach, have lunch and see the course. First Tee also works with the PURE Insurance championship at Pebble Beach to provide students and visiting youth with similar opportunities.

What does this mind-boggling assortment of programs and opportunities mean to the kids? Max Perez, 17, will graduate from Salinas High School this year. He's applying for scholarships with the nonprofit and has participated since he was 7.

"First Tee has been more than an after-school program for me," he said. "It has been a place where I can build character, confidence, life skills and a community."

For Jesus Perez of Salinas, little things add up to success. "One quote from the scholarship program that always stayed with me was, 'If you're early, you're on time. If you're on time, you're late. If you're late, you're left behind,' and it shaped how I approach my responsibilities and goals," he said.

Cycle of success

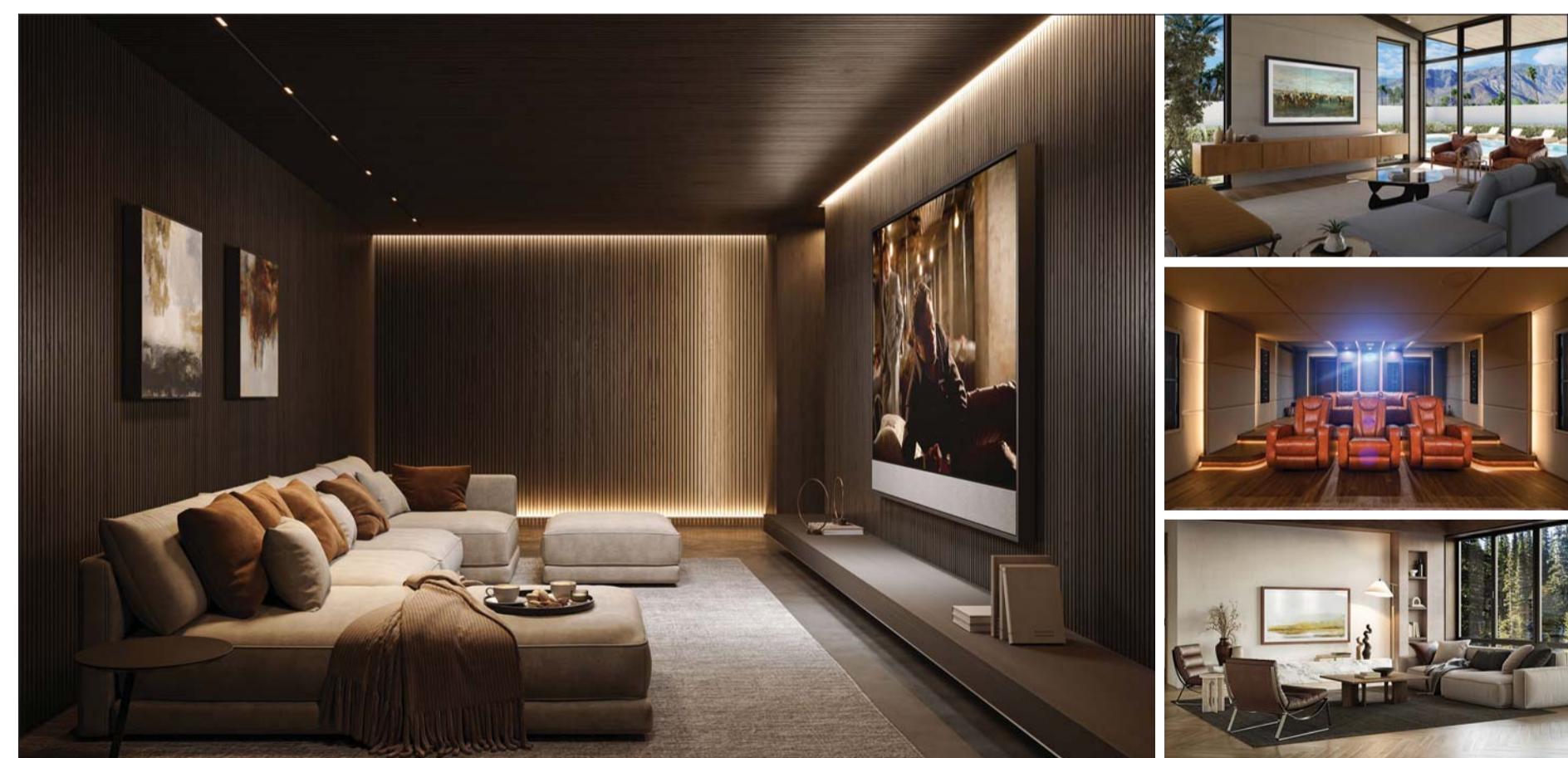
Now 27, the First Tee alum and Pay It Forward scholarship recipient recently began working as a golf and life skills coach for the nonprofit. While attending CSUMB — where he graduated with a degree in computer science — he mentored two program participants and had a mentor of his own who still stays in touch.

De La Torre said that many of First Tee's graduates have gone on to play golf on college teams, too. Perhaps someday, one will return to the AT&T as a competitor — and when that happens, we'll be rooting for them.



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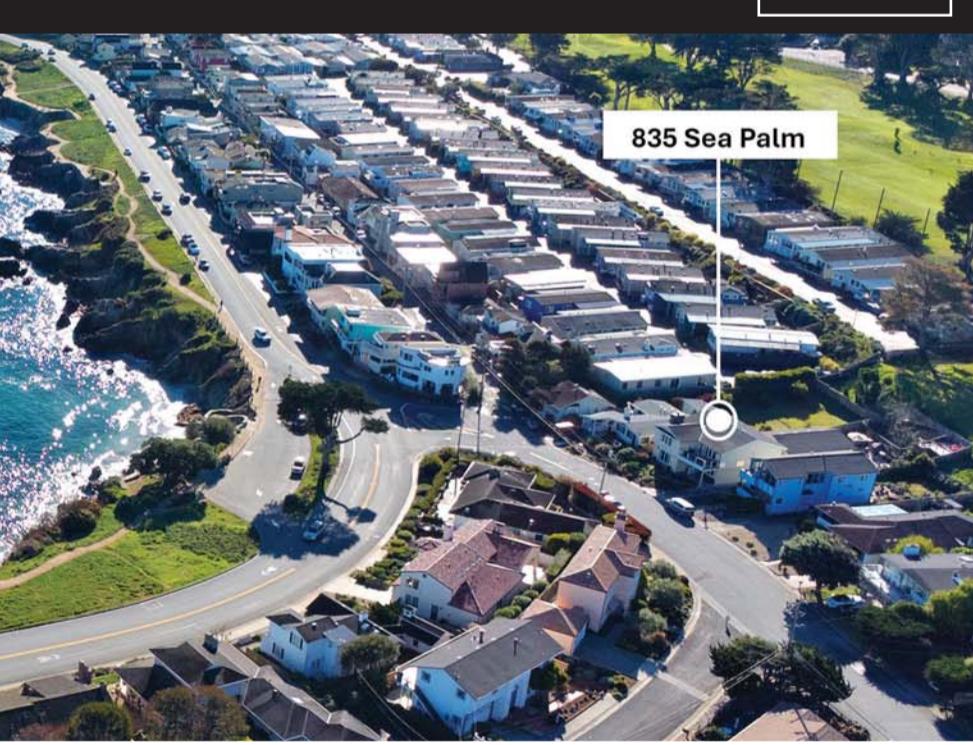


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rey County said. "We take cases to the Monterey County District Attorney's Office when we have sufficient evidence of a crime and hold the person or persons responsible."

Most of their work is related to California Penal Code 597 — the criminal statute for animal cruelty, which is defined as the intentional or neglectful harming, killing or torturing of a living animal.

Interestingly, the SPCA said its cases "involve people who harm animals inadvertently more often than those who do it maliciously and intentionally. Cases involving involuntary negligence can often be resolved by our officers through education."

In any event, it goes after a long list of wrongs, including animal poisoning, deprivation of food, water and shelter, illegal animal fighting, including cockfighting, neglecting veterinary care, animal abandonment and hoarding.

The SPCA's work is complaint-driven, which means it relies on residents to report abuse and neglect. Its officers have a lot of ground in Monterey County — 3,700 square miles — to cover. It's also the only group in the county that employs officers trained specifically in humane investigations.

Blatant abuse

SPCA Monterey County Humane Investigations supervisor Jacob Duarte offered a snapshot of his day.

"Some days, I'm addressing unsanitary living conditions for animals," Duarte said. "Other times we're rescuing a kitten from a storm drain, submitting an animal abuse case for prosecution, or evacuating animals during disasters — all of which are equally meaningful."

One of its most notorious animal abuse cases involved an abandoned dog in Gonzales. In March 2023, the SPCA offered a reward leading to the conviction of

the person who neglected, abused and likely abandoned the dog. The 3-year-old frightened and emaciated pit bull was found with a chain severely embedded around his neck and his ears cropped almost to his skull. The tight, heavy chain cut into the skin approximately 1.5 centimeters deep, causing pain, swelling and a serious infection. SPCA veterinarians performed emergency surgery to clean, treat and suture his wounds.

Teaching empathy

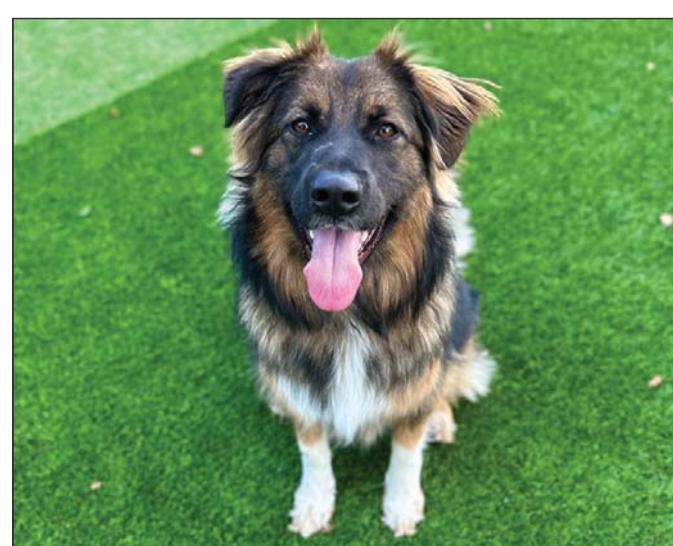
In 2015, the SPCA rescued 105 severely emaciated animals, including 34 calves, 35 goats, 15 dogs, and hens, sheep, ducks and piglets from a property in Moss Landing. Five more animals were found dead. They were discovered on a "manure-filled" property with piecemeal pens tied together with twine.

Investigators found them in deplorable conditions. There were multiple buckets of spoiled milk covered in flies. Piglets had no shelter from the elements, and goats ran up to the front of their pens, crying in hunger. Four dogs were discovered in crates locked in a car and in a truck. Three adult sheepdogs, which should have weighed about 100 pounds each, weighed about half that.

To advance its animal welfare efforts, the SPCA also offers hands-on programs in South Monterey County to nurture empathy and compassion for animals. The goal is to prevent animal cruelty and deepen the bond between people and pets.

In 2024, the camps, workshops and presentations reached an impressive 8,700 people. The effort was expanded to include an additional educator to ensure "that even more students and community members can benefit from these engaging, life-changing programs."

Brookhouser said the nonprofit — which is not part of a national organization — has been a grateful recipient of grants from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation since at least 1991. "Over the years, grants from the Foundation have funded a wide variety of SPCA services, and their



PHOTO/COURTESY SPCA MONTEREY COUNTY

This fluffy beauty, Penny, is a 1-year-old German shepherd and Great Pyrenees mix who was recently available for adoption at SPCA Monterey County.

generous 2025 grant supported our Humane Investigations program," she said.

She noted that SPCA Monterey County was a popular beneficiary for celebrity golfers participating in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. Actor and director Clint Eastwood, for example, would often choose the SPCA as his nonprofit during events like the Celebrity Challenge.

In 2025, the Monterey Peninsula Foundation surpassed an astonishing \$250 million of lifetime giving to hundreds of charities. Other beneficiaries include First Tee - Monterey County, which since 2004 has connected more than 160,000 youngsters through the game of golf (see story p. 13AT&T).

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have a mindset of building something community-based, you make different kinds of choices."

The Lab is the only facility for hundreds of miles where amateurs can enjoy resources typically reserved for Tour pros like Rory McIlroy — who, around this time last year, was there ahead of the AT&T Pro-Am. (The team expects him and other pros back this week.)

"If you're looking for that edge, this is the only place on the Peninsula to practice," said trainer Scott Light, a strength and conditioning specialist who grew up in Pacific Grove. A product of the Titleist Performance Institute, Light was named one of Golf Digest's Best Fitness Trainers in America last year. At The Lab, he creates custom-built fitness and rehabilitation programs for golfers, using all the tools at his disposal, including three golf simulators, each wired with a Trackman.

"The Trackman is your Mercedes," said Light of the square monitor behind the tee box. Every pro on the Tour has used the device to fine-tune their swing, he said, since it captures more than 40 data points between the ball and the club, including swing speed, point of contact, loft and direction.

Before and after

The reason for a bad shot usually lies in poor rotation, limited mobility or a muscular imbalance — which not only affect stroke count, but will inevitably cause strain and injury — if they haven't already. Light shared a surprising, ugly truth: A single swing can compress the spine with force equal to being hit by an NFL lineman.

"The way I train you for golf is the same as training for football, for the demands of any sport," said Light.

"I got into training because I was an injury-prone golfer. I kept hurting my back. So when I train people, we start with movement and build strength on that."

After a series of diagnostic shots on the simulator, Light examines the data to suggest specific exercises and stretches to meet a client's needs and goals. Topmost is to keep them playing into their 80s and 90s.

"It can be as simple as 'Do these four exercises to warm up before you play,' or a custom strength program to correct imbalances, hit the ball harder, and ideally lower your score," said Light.

He often asks them to see resident golf pro Wills Murray, who runs what he calls "the MRI of golf swings." Take a shot and watch as your body is rendered in 3D on a monitor, where Murray can assess your swing in slow motion from all angles, zooming in on each joint to look for problems.

Murray joined the team last year from Florida-based Athletic Motion Golf, after Skinner invited members of that elite coaching institute to advise on The Lab's program. Their ethos fit right in: If you want to get better, get measured.

"It eliminates guesswork. We can see exactly what you need to work on and what you should stay away from," said Murray, who confers with Light to advise on fitness and flexibility.

Returning clients get imaged each session. With a few clicks, Murray can put their first and most recent swings side by side so they can witness evidence of their improvement. Since Tour pros use the same technology, Murray has their swings on file and can also show the degrees of difference between your drives and McIlroy's. How's that for motivation?

One of the three simulator bays — which can be booked for an hour a day — was in use during The Pine Cone's visit to The Lab. Swinging away was a 40-something Carmel resident who said he loved the data because it "gamifies" the often-boring process of tinkering with technique. And working with Light, he said, has been invaluable.

"My original goal was injury prevention, but this program changed my whole swing," he beamed.

Murray said he often follows his top players on their rounds, taking notes for future sessions. Some golfers who work with Murray and Light are as young as 7 or 8, juniors already dreaming of success in the Peninsula's competitive high school scene.

Rare space

"The youngest kid might be the best golfer but underdeveloped in strength or mobility. We have different protocols for kids at different phases of life," Light said.

Helping golfers of all ages achieve their potential is as much about cool gadgets and elite coaches as fostering an unusual gym culture, Skinner said. The Lab is a rare space where young players can work out next to some inspiring high school and college athletes. And upstairs, there's a dedicated work/study area, where he said a few kids can often be found doing homework.

"I have a son who's a junior player and two girls who play other sports. I wanted this to be much larger than golf — a fun, uplifting, cool experience, and a safe environment that promotes healthy decisions," he said.



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offer brought it to the party," said Haisley. "We got to meet a lot of interesting people. Kenny G would stand there playing his sax, and Ray Romano brought his humor. Those parties were a great perk. Even now, without the celebrities, the tournament offers good food and music. They really appreciate the volunteers."

The most important benefit that comes from volunteering, she offered, is the opportunity to give back to the community. It inspires the Haisleys to show up before dawn each year.

"As exhausting as it can be, we both see ourselves doing this a long time," she said. "We are always on the go, but not when it's AT&T. We plan our schedules around it."

Learning to love golf

Monterey Peninsula realtor Paula Joy MacNab said she's been volunteering at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and playing golf for 10 years, "badly and enthusiastically, just the way I ski." A longtime tennis player, she assumed golf was too slow and boring. Yet, when she saw how many people around her were playing, she decided, "There must be something to this."

Classes at the Justin Russo Golf Academy in Seaside further changed her mind as Russo demystified the game and instilled in her a love of it. That drew her to the tournament.

"I've always loved the beauty of the Pebble Beach golf courses, and when I started playing the game, it captured my heart and imagination," MacNab said. "So, I came up with five reasons it made a lot of sense to participate: Golf is a mental game that challenges me, the tournament is a great experience, it offers a long walk in nature, immerses me in beauty and is a weekend spent, hopefully, with people I like. I'm in."

MacNab's volunteer role changes every year, she said,

depending on what she's in the mood for and what the tournament needs.

"At first, I threw myself into the deep end and became a walking scorer, accompanying players and keeping track of all of their shots," she said. "For a beginning golfer, it was stressful but also exciting. I got to score for Ray Romano, who is a good player and a genuinely funny man."

"I think the AT&T is a very different game without the celebrity players," she said. "I feel it's lost a lot of its charm, which brought a huge amount of visitors into the community. I would love to see it return to a pro-am with

celebrity players." But, she said, she also respects the focus on championship golf.

While MacNab has scored the rounds, poured cocktails at 7 a.m., sold merchandise, worked in player hospitality and served as an information ambassador, this year, she plans to volunteer with the Carmel Chamber of Commerce shuttle service.

"I appreciate the diversity in volunteering just as much as the diversity of the game itself," she said. "Supporting this tournament is fun and is an important part of living here."

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PGA Tour winner and will be playing in his 14th straight AT&T. Besides his win in 2017, the former No. 1 has had six AT&T top-10 finishes, including a tie for third in 2021 and second place in 2022.

Scheffler, who won six PGA Tour events last year and topped the money list, will return after tying for ninth last year at 15 under with Taylor Pendrith and Billy Horschel.

Also in the field are reigning U.S. Open titlist J.J. Spaun, Chris Gotterup, who won the Sony Open in Hawaii on Jan. 18, Maverick McNealy, the country's former top-ranked amateur while playing at Stanford, and Collin Morikawa, also a former No. 1 amateur while competing at UC Berkeley.

McNealy, son of Sun Microsystems co-founder Scott McNealy, has a single PGA Tour title under his belt, the 2024 RSM Classic, and was second in the 2021 AT&T.

Morikawa has six PGA Tour titles, most recently the Zozo Championship in 2023.

Clark claimed the trophy at the debut of the event's new format in 2024 in a weather-shortened edition that was nevertheless highlighted by a course record.

With his third-round, 12-under 60 — the lowest competitive round in Pebble Beach history — Clark catapulted



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Thomas Detry shoots out of a bunker during the 2025 Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

ed into the lead while carding two eagle and nine birdies. He finished 17 under, one shot ahead of Sweden's Ludvig Aberg and two ahead of Matthieu Pavon of France.

Could have been

Clark's third round could have been a 57. A birdie attempt on the 17th Hole stopped an inch short. He also missed two mid-range birdies, including on the 18th Hole. The victory for the 2024 U.S. Open titlist sealed a shortened week overshadowed by the storm that kept a finale uncertain until Sunday night, when the tournament's hoped-for Monday finish was canceled at 6:03 p.m.

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nity of constructing another course like Cypress Point, as I do not suppose anywhere in the world is there such a glorious combination of rocky coast, sand dunes, pine woods and cypress trees," renowned course architect Alister MacKenzie said of the course he designed in 1928.

MacKenzie relished using optical illusions to toy with players, and he was adept at taking advantage of the land's natural contours. The 6,509-yard, par-72 Cypress Point course is known the world over, in part for the breathtaking par-3 16th Hole that entices the brave (and foolhardy) to fire their tee shots over the roiling sea. Golfer Marion Hollins first conceived the idea in 1924 and pursued the development of a first-class golf course, along with a clubhouse designed by George Washington Smith, containing a handful of sleeping rooms. Membership would be very exclusive, limited to 200 people who would pay about \$2,500 (just under \$38,000 today) to subscribe.

Cypress nearly folded during the Great Depression, when membership dropped to just 14 people, but Pebble Beach Co. founder Sam Morse forgave Hollins' debt for the land and took over maintenance of the course. Hollins, incidentally, was posthumously admitted to the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2021. The club hosted the Walker Cup last September for the first time since 1981.

The course and its historic clubhouse

are open only to the club's 250 members and their guests. Many dream of playing here, but few get the privilege. Cypress Point Club is located at 3150 17 Mile Drive in Pebble Beach. For information, contact the pro shop at (831) 624-2223.

■ Del Monte Golf Course

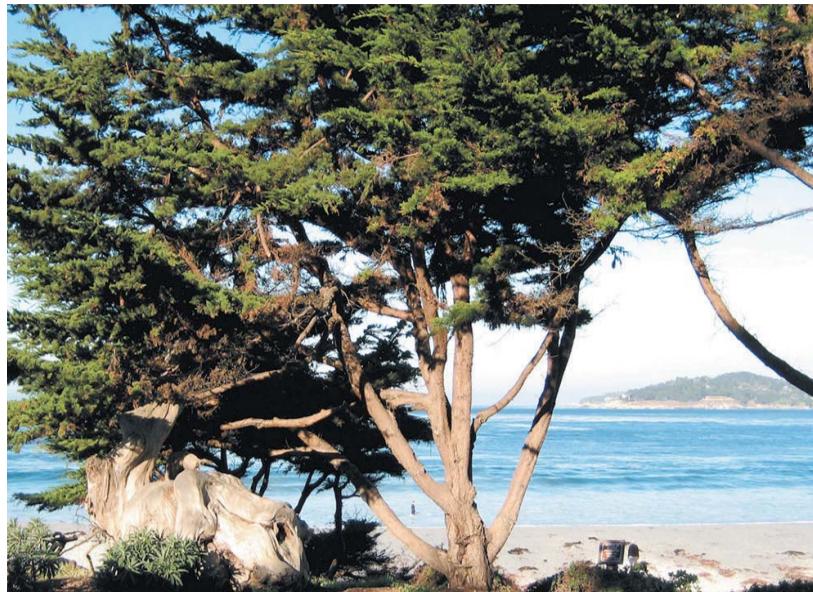
Known as Old Del Monte by many — and affectionately referred to as "Old D" for short — Del Monte Golf Course was designed by golf and polo enthusiast Charles Maud with a 9-hole layout and built in 1897, making it the oldest continuously operated course west of the Mississippi River. (The Presidio in San Francisco contains a course that was built a year earlier, but it was temporarily converted to a drill field during the 1898 Spanish-American War.)

Del Monte was expanded to 18 holes in 1902 and is considered "a landmark course that has played an instrumental role in popularizing golf out West." In 1916, Del Monte hosted the Western Amateur, "marking the first time one of the era's biggest national amateur events was played west of Colorado." Owned and operated by the Pebble Beach Company, the course — 6,365 yards from the blue tees, par 72 — is open to the public and home to the Monterey Bay Golf Club, which was founded in 1932. Del Monte was the original site of the California State Amateur and hosts the Monterey City Amateur Championship every year.

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■ Laguna Seca Golf Ranch, Monterey

Robert Trent Jones Sr. and Robert Trent Jones Jr. designed this public course together in 1970 in their first joint venture, which yielded "18 beautiful holes that follow the natural terrain of the oak-studded coastal hills along the Monterey-Salinas corridor." Tricky water hazards and other challenges appear along the 6,226-yard, par-71 course, which can be reached by turning off Highway 68 onto York Road and following it to the end.

Green fees are \$58 Monday through Thursday and \$78 Friday through Sun-

A 13-acre natural grass practice facility is available, and golfers can walk or rent a cart. The restaurant and bar — with 10 beers on tap — are open daily for breakfast and lunch. The 10th Tee snack bar operates on weekends from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting. For information, call (831) 373-3701 or visit lagunasecagolf.com. The course and clubhouse are located at 10520 York Road in Monterey.

■ The Links at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach

If you're a fan of Spanish Bay, now's your chance to play it one last time before it shuts down in March to undergo a complete redesign and overhaul guided by Gil Hanse, with an anticipated reopening in spring 2027.

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Jones, Jr., former USGA president Sandy Tatum and Tom Watson reflects that historic style of sandy seaside wasteland with bristly grasses and stiff prevailing winds, and the Monterey coastline is reminiscent of the rugged beauty of Scotland, golf's spiritual home. Spanish Bay overlays land once occupied by a sand mine and required extensive rehabilitation of the dunes and native plants in the area.

"The Links at Spanish Bay is very much a sensory overload, with the smell of the beach carried in by a cooling ocean breeze, the sight of the spectacular jagged coastline, and the sound of the famed bagpiper leading you home at the end of a twilight round," the resort says. "The Links at Spanish Bay requires precision and patience while negotiating sand dunes, pot bunkers, challenging greens and an ocean breeze."

To recover after your round — when, regardless of your gender, you've perhaps tried to beat LPGA pro and Monterey native Mina Harigae's 2025 women's-record-setting round of 64 — head inside for some food and libation at Roy's, Pèppoli or Sticks, grab a cocktail at Traps, or taste wine at the impressive Stave Wine Cellar.

The rate is \$365, which includes a cart for resort guests. Carts, pull carts, caddies, forecaddies and club rentals are available. The course is located at 2700 17 Mile Drive in Pebble Beach. For reservations, call (800) 877-0597 or visit pebblebeach.com.

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Monterey Peninsula Country Club was founded in January 1925 when Sam Morse — creator of the Pebble Beach Company in 1919 — James Habbord and Thorwell Mullally decided to combine a golf club with housing, and Morse served as the first president of its board of directors. He sold the lots surrounding the course to military retirees for \$1,500 apiece, and the buyers became club members. The Dunes Course was designed in 1924, while The Shore Course was created in 1960. Work on The Dunes Course was started by Seth Raynor but finished by Robert Hunter and Alister MacKenzie following Raynor's untimely death, and the course was updated by Rees Jones. It was most recently overhauled by the Fazio Design Group and reopened in April 2016.

The Shore Course, which was created by Bob Baldock and Pebble Beach Golf Links architect Jack Neville, was remodeled in 2003 by architect Michael

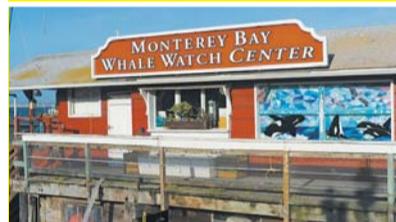
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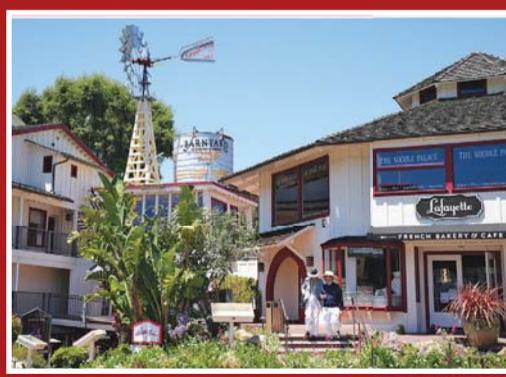
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Strantz. Open only to members and their guests, The Dunes Course runs a 7,090-yard par 72, while The Shore Course boasts a par-72 yardage of 6,873. The Dunes Course first hosted what was then called the Crosby Pro-Am after the star brought his clambake to Pebble Beach in 1947, and did so for 18 years before being replaced by Spyglass Hill. The Shore Course hosted the tournament, now the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, for several years until 2024, when the competition was reconfigured as a PGA Tour Signature Event played on two courses.

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a Cessna on the 6th Fairway in September 2003 and the crash of a light plane in the driveway in 2008.

Robert Muir Graves designed the original 9-hole course in 1963, and the back nine were added in 1972. It was redesigned by Marc Messier, and the remodel work that had the course closed in 2009 included renovating the Monterey Pines Grill & Bar, which offers a private banquet room for meetings and special events, a bar and multiple televisions perfect for watching sports. In addition, the new Commander’s Lounge contains a state-of-the-art simulator room with two world-class Foresight golf simulators with advanced launch monitors.

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■ Pacific Grove Golf Links, Pacific Grove

Affectionately known as the “Poor Man’s Pebble Beach,” this municipal course ranked among Golf Magazine’s Top 50 Golf Courses Under \$50, and while non-twilight play can no longer be had for less than \$50, the course is still a great deal.

The first nine holes were designed by U.S. Amateur Champion H. Chandler Egan in 1932, partly on land the city bought from Pebble Beach Company founder Sam Morse for a \$10 gold coin and a handshake promise to maintain it as a golf course for at least five years. In 1960, Jack Neville, who designed the Pebble Beach Golf Links



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Teeing off on the famously rugged Shore Course at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club.

with Douglas Grant, created the second half.

This 5,732-yard par-70 public course is situated on prime real estate near Asilomar State Beach and surrounds the historic Point Pinos Lighthouse, which the U.S. Coast Guard deeded to the City of Pacific Grove, along with the back nine, in 2006.

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