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Sunshine, great golf and plenty of smiles



The AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am got off to a thrilling start Thursday at Spyglass when Rory McIlroy scored an eagle with an amazing bunker shot on 14 (top left). Meanwhile, Kansas City Chiefs star Travis Kelce — the future Mr. Taylor Swift — (above) was all smiles as he played the 10th hole at Spyglass just a few groups behind McIlroy. Jordan Spieth (left) also had a great opening round, finishing tied for ninth place at 6 under par. For complete coverage, see our special section.

PHOTOS/MICHAEL TROUTMAN, KERRY BELSER

Unions beware — a raise for the boss may not mean one for you

LAST YEAR, when Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed cutting \$375 million from the California State University system, thousands of unionized workers organized to claw back funding.

The pushback worked. In his May revision, Newsom reduced the cuts to \$144 million, which, after more campaigning, lawmakers agreed to fund with an interest-free loan. Those behind the rallying cries hoped the loan would

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

be used to restore college classes that had been axed and to fund promised contractual raises for unionized workers. Their hopes were too high.

CSU is walking back the promised salary increases, despite receiving the financial backing, arguing the state universities are still in the red and a loan doesn't count as full funding. But somehow the university system did find the cash to give its college presidents and top administrators massive pay raises.

It pays to be president

In November, CSU presidents received pay increases pushing their average base salaries to nearly \$500,000. The hikes, some by as much as 20 percent, were approved alongside a sweetheart of a deal for the university elite,

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EVERYBODY WANTS AN OWL

By MARY SCHLEY

IN THE last two weeks, Carmel resident Paul Falworth has received 83 requests for the platforms he and a small group of fellow volunteers at Carmel Owls are building and installing in trees to attract great horned owls, all with the aim of getting rid of rats.

"All the applicants have rat stories," including the often-heard nightmare of the rodents destroying the electrical systems in cars because they like the taste of the coating on the wires. It can be very expensive to repair, he said, "and the rats remain."

People use rat poison to try to get rid of the problem, but that can injure cats and birds of prey that end up consuming the pellets or the animals that have eaten them.

Ideal solution

Great horned owls, Falworth said, are the ideal solution. A pair of nesting raptors and their young can kill seven rats, voles, moles, mice and other rodents per day.

The applications came from as far away as Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park and Salinas, he said, as well as throughout the Monterey Peninsula, and while the response was robust, viable sites must have specific traits.

Site requirements include trees that are taller than a telephone pole — no oaks — with exposed vertical trunks that are free of branches that can obstruct an owl's flight path. Trees need to be away from power lines and near level, paved ground that can accommodate a towed 2-ton, 23-foot-long cherry picker, with a wide turning radius for egress.

"Backing the picker up is very difficult for me," Falworth explained.

Platform recipients must also sign liability waivers.

"If the tree falls over, it's not Carmel Owls' fault," he said.

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Commission rejects latest Verizon plan

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL Planning Commission teed up the city for more legal battles with Verizon Wireless Tuesday when it unanimously voted to deny the telecom giant's application to install a small cell tower and other equipment on a power pole on Carmelo south of 10th. The main reason, commissioners decided, was that Verizon didn't do enough to prove that a tower on the roof of the Golden Bough theater would not sufficiently address the coverage gaps the company insists exist.

The Feb. 10 hearing followed lengthy presentations and public comments at the commission's Jan. 21 hearing, which was continued due to the receipt of last-minute information, and delayed again after yet more documents were provided at a special meeting last week.

Some of that information was fundamental in assistant planner Jacob Olander's decision to change his recommendation of approval to the opposite.

"Through submittal of additional information and analysis of that information, there is an argument that the Golden Bough theater is a potentially viable location for a wireless facility," he told the commission. "Due to this potential and the lack of supporting data from the applicant clearly demonstrating that the Golden Bough site is not viable, it is staff's recommendation that the planning commission deny the application."

First test

Verizon's application is the first test of the city's wireless ordinance since it was adopted in 2023 and approved by the California Coastal Commission last year. Working for Verizon, Pete Shubin of Sequoia Deployment Services submitted a description of the planned installation last October that calls for a "canister-style antenna" mounted

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First mention —

Nicklaus was a star right from the start

By ELAINE HESSER

JACK NICKLAUS — also known as the Golden Bear — first came to The Carmel Pine Cone's attention on Aug. 24, 1961, under a headline that read, "Pebble Beach Hosts National Amateur Golf."

Touting the "over 200 amateur golfers in the world challenging the water hazards, traps, and tricky greens of the world-famous Pebble Beach links," the story said that the U.S. Amateur Championship would run Sept. 11-16. At the time, Nicklaus, then age 20, had not yet turned pro and was attending Ohio State University. He had finished second in the 1960 U.S. Open, two strokes behind winner



Jack Nicklaus in 1972

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Sandy Claws

Finding family

The first time she saw the ocean from the path overlooking Carmel Beach, she simply stood, staring. That was enough, thought her new family, who had just rescued the little dog from death row.

"It was like bringing a child from an inland community who'd never experienced the sea," said her person, who imagined the salty sea air on the morning breeze, the caw of seagulls overhead, the rush of waves upon the shore, and the chorus of children at play in the sand creating a kind of assault on her pup's senses.

Folks at the rescue organization from which they'd adopted the little dog had been unsure of her breed. It was hard to tell who she really was under all the foxtails and matted fur. They assumed she was around 9 years old but didn't think she had much prospect of a long and healthy life.

That's all her forever family needed to hear.

After grooming — a "puppy cut," which made the senior dog look like a baby — what seemed to emerge was a Maltese-poodle mix or Maltipoo, not so different from the family's other dog, "Gypsy," a Maltese-Yorkshire terrier mix or Morkie.

Bit by bit, the family was getting acquainted with their little dog, but they had not yet come up with her name until their teenage daughter chose Elizabeth Tay-

lor, having seen a rerun of "Sex and the City" in which Charlotte had given the name to her equally adored Cavalier King Charles spaniel.

"Liz Taylor has fit right into our home and our lives," said Mom. "Having gone from a South County stray to a Carmel character, she's where she's supposed to be. It's as if she's always been here with us."



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Panetta said ICE officers acting as 'marauding mob'

■ Calls for 'support and protection' of immigrants

By KELLY NIX

FLANKED BY county sheriffs and other local officials, Rep. Jimmy Panetta labeled immigration authorities working to detain and deport undocumented criminal immigrants a "lawless marauding mob posing as police," and he called for cooperation in his district to prepare and respond to the enforcement efforts.

The Carmel Valley Democrat, who represents the 19th Congressional District, held a roundtable discussion in Santa Cruz Jan. 29 with Monterey County Sheriff Tina Nieto and others regarding enforcement efforts by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Border Protection officials. At a press event afterward, Panetta and other local officials talked about the "fear in the communities" they serve and the "importance of a cohesive strategy in the face of growing uncertainty."

"It's about trust," Panetta told reporters. "Not just with our law enforcement, but with all community organizations to ensure that the people of my district continue to have trust in the institutions that do so much to protect the most vulnerable and our citizens."

'Prepare and prevent'

The congressman called for cooperation between all levels of government and social services agencies to "support and protect" undocumented immigrants "from potential ICE and border patrol activity."

He went on to say that "we are doing

everything we can to prepare for them and prevent them from being in our communities."

Immigration authorities have not staged raids or otherwise been overtly active in the Monterey Peninsula. In 2025, though, the Monterey County Jail transferred 21 undocumented immigrants to ICE officials, including those convicted of possession of child pornography, methamphetamine sales, domestic violence, DUI causing injury, robbery, burglary, gang activity and assault with a deadly weapon.

'ICE and CBP are not law enforcement,' Panetta claims

Panetta used harsh words to describe ICE and border patrol officers who are targeting noncitizen criminals around the country. Agents from those agencies shot and killed two anti-ICE activists in Minneapolis in January.

"Let me be clear, DHS, ICE and CBP agents are not law enforcement," he claimed. "Instead, they are acting like a lawless marauding mob posing as police."

While DHS, ICE and Customs and Border Protection officers are, in fact, duly authorized to enforce federal immigration laws, Panetta has said he supports legislation to rein in ICE and CBP, including limiting the amount of force they can use, holding agents accountable when they break the law, making body-worn cameras mandatory and banning agents from

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Are we sure it wasn't raccoons?

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log was compiled by Mary Schley.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Flagged down by a subject at San Carlos and Ocean regarding a lost black purse at a local business. The person later reached out stating they found the purse. No crime.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property on Ocean Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A subject at Highway 68 and Syida was placed on a mental health detention hold.

Pacific Grove: Found property on Lighthouse Ave.

Pacific Grove: A male at Forest and Ocean View made unwanted advances. During contact with the male, an imitation

firearm was located in his vehicle. Information only.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

Pacific Grove: Vandalism to a vehicle on David Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Cat bite on Forest Hill Boulevard resulting in injury. Report is for information only.

Pacific Grove: A 64-year-old male was arrested at Country Club Gate for an active arrest warrant and fresh criminal offenses. He was booked into Monterey County Jail on charges of public urination, petty theft with two priors, possession of unlawful paraphernalia and shoplifting. He was held on \$120,000 bail.

Monterey: Financial abuse on Monterra Woods Road.

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in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Jan. 21 — Following a two-week trial, a jury convicted Julius Santa Cruz, 24, of Salinas, of murder, conspiracy to commit murder, and attempted murder. Cruz faces a maximum sentence of 107 years to life at his Feb. 19, 2026, sentencing. Superior Court Judge Mark E. Hood presided over this trial.

On Aug. 13, 2017, John Doe 1 and John Doe 2 parked at apartment complex in East Salinas. Right when they parked, a lone gunman fired twelve rounds at Doe 1 and Doe 2. Though they both suffered grave gunshot wounds, Doe 1 drove himself and Doe 2 two miles to Natividad Medical Center where life-saving efforts prevailed.

On June 11, 2018, Sergio Carcamo walked alone to his residence on Center St. in East Salinas. Just before Carcamo reached his home three gunmen emerged from a car

and fired 19 rounds at Carcamo. Seven of their rounds struck and killed Carcamo, 37, a migrant agriculture worker from Central America.

Initial investigation yielded scant evidentiary leads in both shootings.

In November 2018, investigators obtained a recording where Julius Santa Cruz, a Norteño gang member, detailed his commission of both shootings. In Santa Cruz' account of the 2017 attempted murders of Doe 1 and Doe 2 he bragged that he "put not just one, but two, in critical" and that his gunfire earned him the nickname, "Drilla." Additionally, in Santa Cruz' account of Carcamo's murder he described how he spotted Carcamo walking on the sidewalk, then drove

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Motorist dies in Hurricane Point plunge

By CHRIS COUNTS

A DRIVER was killed in Big Sur Tuesday afternoon when his white Dodge vehicle veered off northbound Highway 1 at Hurricane Point, one of the steepest sites along the coast, and crashed onto the rocks below. The driver was identified as 28-year-old Aaron Jacob Carbajal of Salinas.

"Responding personnel located the vehicle after it had traveled over a cliff and came to rest more than 500 feet below on the rocks," the Monterey County Sheriff's Office reported. "During the operation, rescuers located one occupant who was pronounced deceased at the scene."

Shortly before 4:30 p.m., emergency dispatchers received multiple 911 calls about a vehicle that had "gone off the roadway and was believed to have entered the water."

"Big Sur Fire and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office established a unified command and coordinated search and rescue efforts," the report continued.

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office

Search and Rescue Team assisted deputies and the local fire brigade with recovering the driver's body. The effort lasted until about 8:45 p.m.

Sheriff Tina Nieto noted that rescue workers braved tough circumstances to recover the victim on steep and dangerous terrain.

Strong winds

"Weather conditions made recovery efforts extremely challenging," she said. "Strong winds required our search and rescue personnel to take additional safety precautions throughout the operation. We extend our condolences to the victim's family during this difficult time."

A woman who drove past the site Tuesday said conditions weren't very good. "It was raining pretty decent and I just took it slow because it felt a little sketchy," she recalled.

The California Highway Patrol is investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident," the report added.

Alcohol or drugs do not appear to be a factor, the sheriff's office added.



Rescue workers staged alongside Highway 1 Tuesday evening during an effort to recover the body of a driver whose car went off Hurricane Point in Big Sur.

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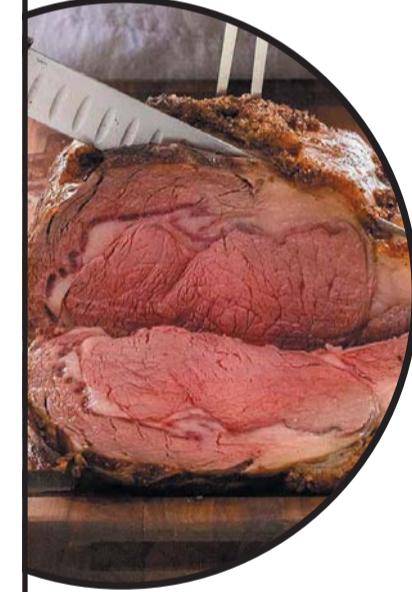


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City rejects outside fire sprinklers

■ Just because it's not illegal doesn't mean it's allowed

By MARY SCHLEY

AN OCEAN Avenue homeowner can't put fire sprinklers on his roof to protect his property from fires, the Carmel Building Code Board of Appeals decided last month, in part because the California Fire Code doesn't recognize the systems at all.

Representing property owner Robert Pesavento, contractor Matthew DeMars argued that, since the law is silent on the system, the fire marshal has no authority

separate zones to ensure their total rate of flow didn't exceed 12 gallons per minute, and would be on timers to run for five minutes in each zone before shutting off for 50 minutes, with total usage of less than 120 gallons per hour.

When DeMars approached the city's planning and building department last summer to inquire what approvals he would need, senior planner Evan Kort told him the city's codes are mute.

'New policy issue'

"At this time, the zoning code, residential design guidelines, general plan, building code, fire code, or review procedures do not specifically address exterior fire sprinklers," Kort wrote in a letter to DeMars. "Because this type of installation has not been contemplated in our adopted policies or review procedures, it represents a new policy issue."

Therefore, he suggested, the planning commission should field the request.

In a September 2025 email responding to an inquiry from then-assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson, Monterey Fire Division Chief Justin Cooper, who is the fire marshal, said his review focused on the systems' potential effects on water pressure when deployed and their regulatory review and approval.

"The Monterey Fire Department cannot support the use of exterior sprinkler systems that draw on the municipal potable water system until the California Office of the State Fire Marshal has reviewed and approved the particular system, its design and its operation," he said.

See SPRINKLERS page 24A



Homeowners have been installing exterior fire sprinklers to protect against fires, but do they make firefighters' work more difficult? Fire marshal wants a state ruling before saying they're OK in Carmel.

to veto it.

But the board disagreed.

The system DeMars proposed for Pesavento's house would not be under pressure and would be supplied from outdoor spigots. Irrigation-style sprinkler heads on the roof and under the eaves could be turned on manually or remotely to wet down surfaces and protect them from fire.

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Fawning season starts super early

By KELLY NIX

THE DEAD of winter has given life to Pacific Grove's first baby deer of the year. While late spring and early summer are typically when newborn deer are spotted and documented by the group P.G. Deer Awareness, founder Carmelita Garcia said the first fawn was spotted Jan. 18 — more than two months before the first one was seen in 2025.

"Last year, our first fawn was born March 28, which was early compared to previous fawning seasons," Garcia told The Pine Cone.

Why so early? Garcia isn't sure, but said food availability and delayed breeding cycles could be among the reasons.

"I've had a report from a supporter who said they have several does in their yard that are very pregnant," Garcia said. "A photo they sent me shows three does that look like they will have twins soon."

Signs helping

Garcia, a former mayor of Pacific Grove, said numerous fawns have been killed in the city, mostly by vehicles. Last year, members of the group placed signs in residents' yards warning drivers to slow down during the baby season.

"This past season, 2024-2025, we lost six fawns — three died at birth, two were hit by vehicles, and for the last one, the cause was unknown," she said. "We believe that is an improvement, and we

credit the signage we put up along with the great support of the community."

While foraging for food, mothers often leave their babies alone for lengthy periods. That doesn't mean a fawn has been



PHOTO/CARMELITA GARCIA

This fawn and her mother were spotted last year in Pacific Grove. The fawning season is early this year in P.G.

abandoned or orphaned. People should not approach fawns and should avoid interacting with them.

The group recommends obeying speed limits, since deer often walk in the street, and scanning the roadside for movement and glowing eyes.

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By MARY SCHLEY

THE SECOND of two drop-in sessions for those with questions about Carmel's impending shift to numbered street addresses will be held Friday, Feb. 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. Participating in the open house at city hall on Monte Verde south of Ocean — theoretically 662 Monte Verde St. — will be members of the committee that developed the system: administrative analyst Emily Garay, councilman Bob Delves and residents Nancy Twomey, Kevin Ruess and Paula Hazdovac.

Garay said she also wants to hear from owners of multi-unit properties, such as apartment buildings, condo complexes and mixed-use structures with commercial spaces on the ground floor and residences upstairs, regarding how their units should be identified in the new system.

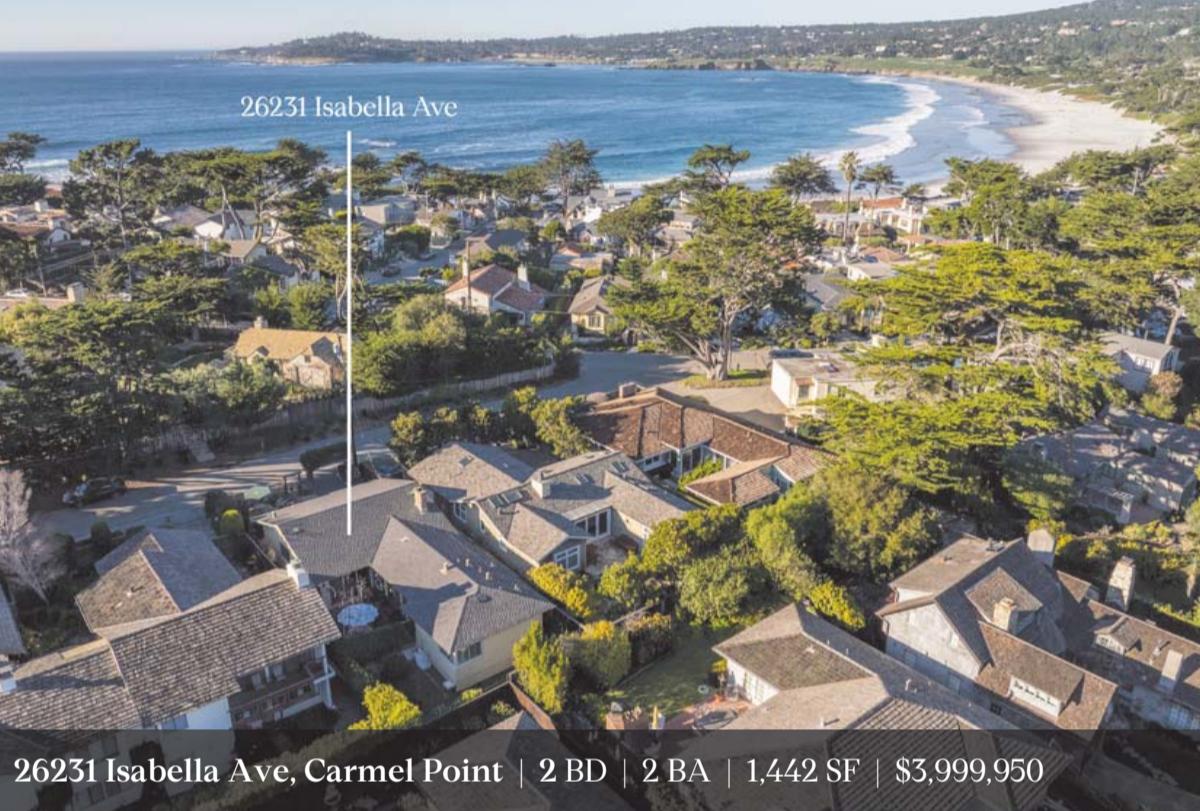
"We're still working on assigning numbers to units and apartments, so we want to work directly with property owners," she said in the city's weekly video Friday. "If

you own one of these properties, please reach out to the city."

In addition, those who feel their addresses are incorrect — such as a corner property not assigned an address on the street its front door faces — or who still need a number can fill out a "request for review of preliminary address assignment" and email it, mail it or drop it off at city hall. Those communicating by email should direct their inquiries to askstreetaddresses@ci.carmel.ca.us and include their assessor's parcel numbers in the subject line.

City officials have set a Feb. 28 deadline for corrections and inquiries, after which they'll send the data to Monterey County for review, approval and the first step of implementation. The U.S. Postal Service's incorporation of the information into its Address Management System — which makes the addresses verifiable — will follow, after which utility companies and other entities will start recognizing them. For more information, visit ci.carmel.ca.us/street-addresses.

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Steve Anderson carving the sign he hopes will soon officially and legally adorn his home on Camino Real. Carmel residents are invited to submit photos of their home's new house number as it's being prepared or installed. Make sure you're in the photo, too, and send it to news@carmelpinecone.com.

U.S. Open seeks volunteers for 2027

By MARY SCHLEY

THE RARE opportunity to volunteer during a U.S. Open golf tournament — one of the sport's four majors and a coveted win for any pro — will return to Pebble Beach when the resort hosts the competition in 2027. Registration opened this week, just in time for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, and will remain available until the USGA gets enough people signed up.

Pebble Beach was the site of U.S. Opens in 1972, 1982, 1992, 2000, 2010 and 2019, and is set to host next year's contest, as well as those in 2032, 2037 and 2044.

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CHP officer's call saves a life

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE MOTHER of a Gilroy man who nearly drowned in Big Sur Feb. 5 won't be one of those people who complain about the cops.

According to Chief Cheryl Goetz of Mid Coast Fire, an unidentified California Highway Patrol officer who was sitting in his car alongside Highway 1 near Granite Creek saw three men with fishing gear on their way down to the shoreline. A short time later, one of the three came charging back up the hill, frantically yelling for help.

"They got hit by a sneaker wave, and one of them went in," Goetz reported. "The CHP officer was able to make a phone call, and that got all of us coming. He ordered two drones to help keep an eye on the

victim. State Parks got there and put three swimmers in the water and was able to pull the victim onto a surfboard. A helicopter picked him up and an ambulance took him for medical treatment."

The response was massive — a bystander said he counted at least 20 emergency vehicles parked near the site.

Goetz said the victim, who wasn't identified in a report by the CHP, was very lucky.

"By the time help got there, he was suffering from hypothermia," she said. "They barely got to him in time."

"Thank you for saving my son," the man's mother said to the first responders. "I'm his mom and I'm so grateful. May God continue to bless and protect your team."



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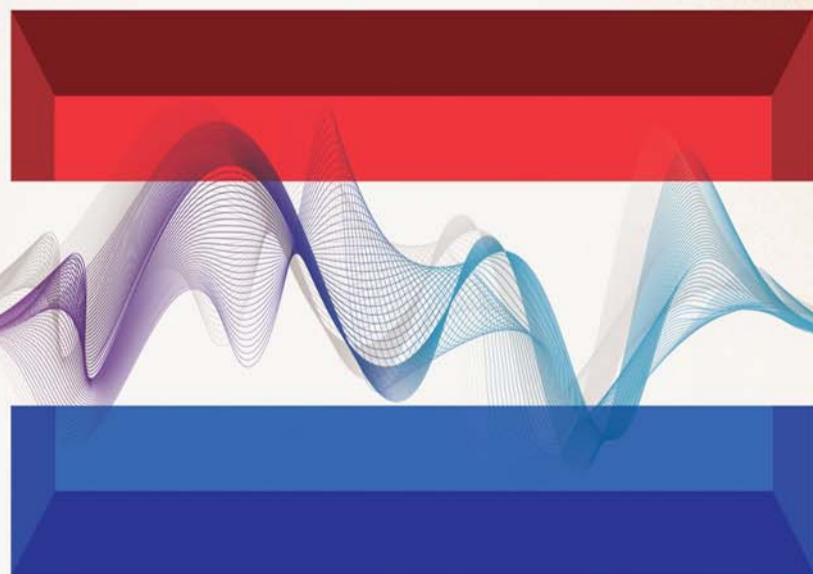
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Hearing on C.V. affordable housing

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN THE pipeline for three decades and a part of one of the most contentious housing projects ever proposed in Carmel Valley, a 22-unit inclusionary housing project is set to be reviewed by the Carmel Valley Land Use Committee Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m., at St. Philip's Lutheran Church.

The units — two- and three-bedroom single-family residences with carports — will be located on what was once September Ranch, now called One Carmel. The development also includes 73 luxury homes and 89 acres of open space.

County papers say the colors and materials of the units will be “dark gray stucco, reddish-beige stone veneer and beige wood siding with dark gray weathering steel roofing,” while the carports will be “dark gray metal with redwood-screened trash enclosures.” There will also be two playgrounds with perimeter redwood fencing and a picnic area, along with seven beige concrete retaining walls of various heights.

The work includes about 11,000 cubic yards of cut, 5,900 yards of fill, and the previously approved removal of 205 oak trees and 24 pine trees.

Plans to develop September Ranch were

first proposed by then-owner Jim Morgens in 1995.

In the early 2000s, public hearings on the subdivision drew overflow crowds and loud commentary, with some locals contending that the development lacked its own aquifer — in contrast to claims by the builder.

No city

The project was approved in 2006, but the permit was overturned after a lawsuit was filed by the Sierra Club and others, and Monterey County Superior Court Judge Susan Dauphine ruled in 2008 that the project’s EIR was inadequate.

In 2009, the project was cited by some residents as justification for Carmel Valley’s incorporation, which they suggested would give the town more control over development. But the measure failed at the ballot box.

In 2018, Morgens sold his ranch to DLC Capital Partners for \$19.25 million. Two years later, it was acquired by a related company, DL Holdings. The agenda for the Feb. 17 hearing refers to the builder as Carmel Preserve LLC.

The church is located at 8065 Carmel Valley Road.

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FRAUD ARREST MAY END FAIRY TALE

By CHRIS COUNTS

NAMED AMERICA’S “House of the Year” in a Wall Street Journal poll in late January, an idyllic Carmel Highlands home was back in the news again when its owner, Flor Mora, was arrested for her role in an alleged \$3.2 million hospice fraud scheme after a multiyear investigation.

California Attorney General Rob Bonta announced the arrests of seven people Feb. 5 for “hospice fraud” in Monterey County. According to papers filed in Monterey County Superior Court Jan. 16, 49-year-old Mora and six others were charged with two felony counts of making false or fraudulent claims, and a third felony count of conspiracy to commit a crime. There was an enhancement added for white-collar crime.

Filed faulty claims?

According to the complaint, Mora and others “submitted claims to Medi-Cal and Medicare for hospice services for Fountain Hospice, Inc.” and received payment into bank accounts they controlled.

Mora is identified as a co-owner of Fountain Hospice, Inc. According to the California Department of Public Health, the company is based in Van Nuys. The others arrested were Nimfa Molina, Luis Artavia, Mark Samonte, Shomir Banerjee, Danny Lodevico and Christine Nugiud-Yem.

Bonta said the Department of Justice was tipped off to the fraudulent activity by the California Board of Registered Nursing.

“The defendants owned, operated, or worked for the three hospice companies simultaneously,” he explained. “They recruited, enrolled and certified patients for hospice services who did not suffer from a terminal diagnosis. Some of these patients did not know hospice was intended for patients who were terminally ill or that they were even enrolled in hospice. To avoid suspicion, the defendants transferred several patients between the three companies after six months and continued fraudulently billing for hospice services.”

Bonta used the case to illustrate that California is taking fraud seriously. Like Minnesota, the state has come under fire from many who say fraud has been enabled in blue states by lax oversight and big giveaways of taxpayers’ money.

“Claims that California is overrun with fraud and doing nothing about it are simply false,” Bonta said. “This case proves it. Fighting fraud is part of our regular, ongoing work, and over time, we have built real expertise in identifying abuse, holding bad actors accountable, and recovering taxpayer dollars. To those committing fraud: We’re watching, we’re investigating,

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With over 25 years of residency on the Monterey Peninsula and in Carmel, Nurten Atila brings deep local insight and market knowledge to every client she serves. Her approach is both personal and strategic, guided by a strong understanding of the region’s housing landscape and a genuine love for the community.

Nurten joins David Lyng Real Estate as a seasoned professional with years of experience in the Real Estate Industry. Her real estate career is preceded by an impressive 27-year background in financial and sales management in the banking industry, including 16 years as a Branch Manager at Union Bank

Monterey. This financial expertise, combined with long-standing professional relationships, provides her clients with a distinct advantage in today’s competitive market.

A passionate advocate for community service, Nurten has dedicated countless hours to supporting local organizations. She is a proud Rotarian of 26 years and a founding member of the Carmel Sunset Rotary, where she served as Club President during the 2020–2021 term. Under her leadership, the club was honored as Rotary District Club of the Year. Nurten is once again stepping into leadership as the current nominee for President for the 2027–2028 term. She also served on the Nonprofit Alliance of Monterey County Awards Committee from 2013 through 2021.

Nurten is also deeply engaged in the Turkish American community. She currently serves as President of the Monterey Chapter of the Turkish American Association of California and has played an instrumental role in organizing the Monterey Turkish Festival for more than 25 years.

Nurten’s strong community ties, financial acumen, and insider knowledge of the Monterey Peninsula uniquely position her as an exceptional real estate professional. Her dedication, professionalism, and passion for the area ensure her clients are well-supported as they pursue and achieve their real estate goals.

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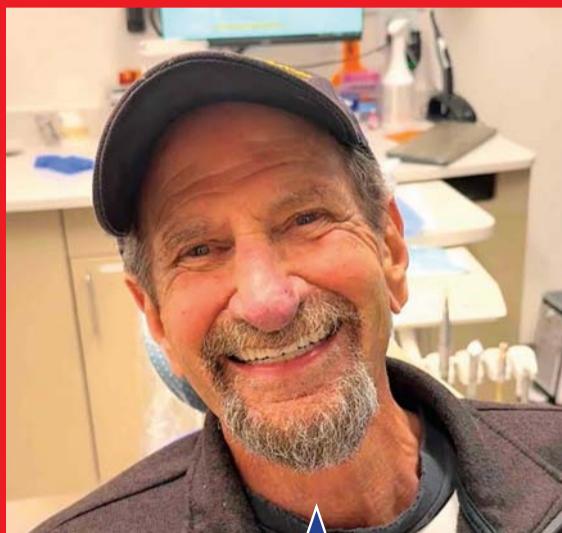
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LandWatch blasts Pacific Grove climate plan for lack of substance

By KELLY NIX

A LOCAL environmental group has slammed a proposed climate action plan that cost Pacific Grove taxpayers nearly \$100,000, saying it's riddled with factual errors and unsupported claims, lacks critical analyses and doesn't fulfill the terms of the author's agreement with the city.

In January 2025, the Pacific Grove City Council approved paying \$99,515 to Monterey-based Blue Strike Environmental to develop a so-called climate action and adaptation plan, which sought to "equip the city of Pacific Grove with actionable strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build resilience to climate challenges."

On Jan. 21, the company released a 151-page draft, saying it's intended to serve as a guiding document for Pacific Grove as it "tackles the challenges" of climate change.

"It is designed as a comprehensive set of strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in a manner consistent with state guidelines and regulations, while also advancing adaptation measures that strengthen the community's ability to withstand and recover from climate impacts," the consultant said.

Strike out?

However, the plan does not impress LandWatch Monterey County, a slow-growth group. In a letter to the city Monday, LandWatch executive director Mike DeLapa said the document "is not, in fact, a climate action plan" and does not contain any credible climate action strategy.

"It provides no evaluation of its proposed actions, fails to prioritize actions based on the emissions inventory it does provide, omits critical analyses required by the approved scope of work, and is riddled with factual errors, unsupported claims and internal contradictions," DeLapa said.

The LandWatch director urged the city to reject what it called an "incomplete draft," and work with Blue Strike to "produce a more rigorous, accurate, complete and actionable" document.

The plan contains a top-10 list of what Blue Strike contends are the most cost-effective strategies that P.G. could

perform to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including expanding the use of LED lighting, light sensors and timers in city buildings and parks, installing 35 electric vehicle chargers at city facilities, and developing a city "fleet electrification study and establish a long-term implementation plan."

LandWatch takes issue with the consultant's implication that its proposed strategies were evaluated for their ability to reduce emissions.

"In truth, not a single action item includes an estimate of its emission reduction potential," DeLapa said. "There are no projections, no modeling results, and no cost-effectiveness comparisons anywhere in the document. Without this data, the plan cannot tell the city which actions matter most — or at all."

Consultant responds

The Pine Cone asked Blue Strike if it would address some of the issues raised by LandWatch. Company official Brennen Jensen responded with a statement.

"Blue Strike Environmental is proud to support the City of Pacific Grove in developing a community-driven climate action and adaptation plan grounded in data, aligned with adopted city policies, and informed by meaningful public engagement," Jensen told The Pine Cone. "Our role is to provide local governments with a clear framework that empowers communities to set priorities and advance climate action based on local conditions and stakeholder

Consultant's plan is filled with errors, group says

input. As the draft plan is currently under public review, we welcome constructive feedback as the city considers next steps."

Pacific Grove environmental programs manager George Fuerst said the city has not yet talked to the consultant about LandWatch's concerns.

"At this time, we have invited comments from the public and from organizations ahead of the planned discussion of the draft at the Feb. 17 beautification and natural resources commission meeting," Fuerst told the paper. "To ensure comments can be considered at that meeting, we are requesting that they be submitted by Feb. 12."

Unsupported claims

LandWatch claims that the document omits critical components that it promised to provide P.G., including greenhouse gas inventories for city operations and greenhouse gas reduction targets.

"The plan includes no recommended targets of any kind, and no forecasts for how community-wide emissions will change over time" because of state and national climate policies, DeLapa said.

He goes on to list "factual errors, unsupported claims and internal contradictions" that he said "undermine the plan's credibility," including a section that claims certain strategies were 'identified for their cost-effectiveness and potential impact.'

"This is demonstrably false," the LandWatch director wrote. "The plan contains no evaluation of the impact of any proposed action, and no cost-effectiveness analysis exists anywhere in the document."

While the scope of work required Blue Strike, in part, to "update climate vulnerability assessments to identify risks such as drought, heat, sea level rise, and wildfire," DeLapa said the section is "absent" in the draft plan.

Blue Strike Environmental was founded by Kristin Cushman, the company's CEO.

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Water main bursts at Carmel High, more repairs in the pipeline

By LILY PATTERSON

CONSIDERING HALF of the buildings on Carmel High's campus are 85 years old, the cause of last Thursday's water main rupture was, unsurprisingly, old pipes.

"Around 6 p.m. on Thursday, staff discovered a significant water leak near the location where the water main enters Carmel High School. The water supply to the site was shut off, stopping the leak overnight," Carmel Unified School District Superintendent Sharon Ofek told The Pine Cone.

A spokesperson for California American Water confirmed the agency received the call, but because the leak occurred on CUSD property, the district would have to bring in a private contractor to fix it. Campus was closed the next day due to no running water and "out of an abundance of caution," according to an email blast to students, parents and staff on Thursday night.

The superintendent's office did not comment on the extent of the damage, but said repairs were completed by midday Friday, and school resumed on Monday.

One of many priorities

"A lot of our facilities are old, some even from the 1930s," chief operations officer Dan Paul told Carmel Unified trustees the week prior, updating them on the progress of the district's facilities master plan. "A 30,000-foot view of the types of facilities we need," Paul said the plan includes repairs and modernization to existing buildings and utilities, enhanced safety and security features, new classroom technology, and additional tutoring and "student support" spaces across eight campuses. And though many CUSD buildings underwent modernization in the mid-2000s — and Carmel High got its pool and performing arts center, the result of a successful 2005 bond measure and fundraising — that was 20 years ago.

Originally approved in 2019, the \$300 million plan was delayed by Covid-19 and a failed bond campaign in 2024, which the district hoped would furnish \$190 million for improvements over the next 15 years. Last fall, CUSD contracted with architectural firm HGHB to overhaul the outdated plan, starting with a fresh survey of the district's schools to establish a list of priority projects — aside from what is already underway, such as the recently completed, \$1.7 million parking lot on the former site of the tennis courts at Carmel High.

"What we were building 20 years ago at \$250 or \$500 per square foot is \$1,000 now, so we have to be

very strategic with how we're spending our money and what we're getting for it," Paul said. He outlined revenue sources for the facilities plan including a possible bond measure, developer fees — a tax the board voted to increase last May, from \$0.49 to \$3.78 per square foot of new residential builds within the district — as well as

funds from Prop. 2, a 2024 measure which allocated \$8.5 billion to fix up K-12 schools throughout the state.

"We've taken some projects off and added some, based on input from the community and staff. Our architect is working with an estimator right now and we're hoping to have some numbers next month," Paul said.



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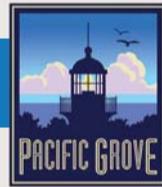
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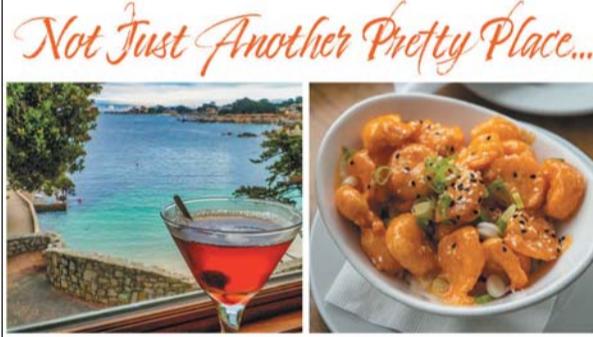
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City seeks feedback on trash hauler as it contemplates what's next

■ GreenWaste contract nearing end

By MARY SCHLEY

GREENWASTE RECOVERY has been the trash hauler in Carmel-by-the-Sea since wresting the franchise agreement away from Waste Management in 2015, but with the end of its 15-year term approaching, officials are asking residents to share their opinions of the company and its services.

Working with consultants, the city has prepared a “brief, statistically valid survey regarding garbage and recycling services,” environmental programs manager Mary Bilse explained Tuesday. “The survey uses a random selection methodology to ensure results accurately represent the community.”

Garbage, recycling and yard waste pickup in Carmel requires workers to retrieve residents’ bins from where they’re stored, empty and return them, so people don’t put their cans out on the curb on pickup days. The business district sees frequent trash pickups, and Scenic Road gets extra attention during busy times.

All of those premium services cost money, and over the course of the contract, residents and businesses have seen their rates increase by more than 55 percent. One component is the food-waste-recycling mandate that requires residents to deposit food and plant waste into the green bin and has required extensive public outreach and “lid flippers” to ensure residents and businesses are complying with the state law instead of flouting it by throwing food scraps in the trash.

Survey postcard

A postcard announcing the survey and offering one-time codes for residents was mailed to each Carmel P.O.

box holder last week.

“The survey is being conducted to assess current service satisfaction and to identify future community needs related to garbage and recycling collection,” Bilse said. “Findings from the survey will be used to inform planning and decision-making regarding future collection services.”

The survey starts off with questions about the respondent’s living situation and whether the trash receptacles are individual or shared.

“In general, how satisfied are you with the services provided by GreenWaste Recovery, including collecting and transporting garbage, recyclables and organic material?” it then asks, followed by questions about customer service, specific requests — such as replacing a bin or a missed pickup — and educational information regarding services.

The survey inquires about missed pickups and the reasons, if known, and the customer’s awareness of additional programs like electronic waste and battery collection.

Too cheap?

“Thinking about your garbage and recycling bill, would you say the amount you pay is too high, just about right, too low, unsure?” the survey asks, before inquiring about the importance of various “community values,” such as quality of service, affordability, convenience for residents, and environmental impact.

And would residents be willing to pay more for household hazardous waste pickup, smaller carts, vacation holds

or assistance programs for those with low incomes?

The questionnaire wraps up with communications preferences and queries about demographics such as ethnicity, gender, age and annual income.

In addition to weighing in via the survey, GreenWaste customers in Carmel are encouraged to participate in an online meeting next week.

“Your input will directly inform decisions about what matters most, the services you need, and the value you receive,” the city announcement says. “This is your opportunity to make a meaningful impact and ensure community needs are reflected in the next contract.”

The meetings will be held via Zoom Feb. 24 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (ID 879 1418 1019), Feb. 25 from noon to 1 p.m. (ID 849 9181 0072) and Feb. 26 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (ID 872 6941 6507). The third meeting will be bilingual in Spanish and English. After registering on Zoom, participants will receive confirmation emails containing information about joining the webinar.

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MAKEOVER OF TWO CAMPGROUNDS INCLUDES HOUSING FOR 30 EMPLOYEES

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO PRIVATE campgrounds down the coast — Big Sur Campground and Cabins, and Riverside Campground and Cabins — are seeking permission from Monterey County to build and share a 30-unit employee housing project. Not since Post Ranch Inn was built in the early 1990s has anybody in Big Sur proposed building as many as 30 units.

The employee housing would be in three buildings totaling 19,849 square feet, and it would be located at what was once a

construction yard.

The plan came up Tuesday when the Monterey County Board of Supervisors approved a consent item that set the terms for how much the environmental studies the project requires will cost the applicant.

The housing is part of an ambitious makeover plan spread across three parcels of land that would result in the loss of 93 sites that were once reserved primarily for recreational vehicle users. The reconfigured campgrounds would feature a total of 105 park-model units — essentially manufactured homes on wheels — up from the

current number of 31. There would also be a gain of 23 rustic campsites. The big change at both campgrounds would be that people would no longer be able to bring their RVs to either one.

Septic work sparks project

And that's not all — the work would also include the installation of new septic systems and water tanks, the construction of a 70-square-foot gatehouse, a 1,020-square-foot campground retail store, a 4,987-square-foot building with a cafe and restroom, a 1,678-square-foot game room and history center and a 2,131-square-foot lodge — along with other improvements.

Representing the two resorts — which were purchased by EOS Hospitality of New York in recent years for a combined \$40 million — attorney Mike Linder told The Pine Cone that the project is driven by the need to upgrade the septic systems for both campgrounds. Linder said the work requires major changes and will cost millions of dollars. He said increased revenue from the reconfigured resorts will help pay for the septic systems.

Because Big Sur has some of the toughest building regulations on Earth, the project is expected to receive heavy scrutiny and a thorough public review. But Linder insisted all the work will be done in accordance with land use restrictions. He noted the property was permitted as a trailer park in 1965. He also said the project offers environmental benefits by protecting the river through upgraded septic systems, along with habitat restoration and trail work.

"I'm really proud of this project," Linder said.

Marcus Foster of Keep Big Sur Wild

said his group is "extremely concerned about losing affordable camping in Big Sur to the conversion of high-end luxury glamping units." He noted that some once-affordable campsites at Ventana Big Sur have been converted to yurts that are rented out for a minimum of \$240 per night with a three-night minimum.

"Is this going to be a place where only the ultra-wealthy can stay? We need to keep Big Sur affordable."

Foster also wants to see park-model units counted as rooms and not campsites,



PHOTO/FACEBOOK

A group of kids enjoy a summertime campfire at Big Sur Campground and Cabins, which is planning a major renovation.

which he said allows Big Sur's cap of visitor-serving units to be exceeded.

Keep Big Sur Wild has called for the applicant to do a full-blown environmental report. "The CEQA analysis must carefully examine cumulative impacts to traffic and circulation on Highway 1, water supply and wastewater capacity, visual and scenic resources, public access to affordable camping opportunities, and consistency with the Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan's long-established limits on visitor-serving intensity," the group wrote to Monterey County supervisors and the county planning commission.

RICHARD W. NUTTER

Nov. 19, 1929 - Jan. 31, 2026

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Richard William Nutter. Known by family and friends as Dick, he was born in San Francisco, to Burton and Gertrude Nutter. He was raised in Soquel, CA, making him a fifth generation Californian and a proud part of a pioneer family of Soquel. He died peacefully, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of public service, innovation and stewardship that helped shape one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world.

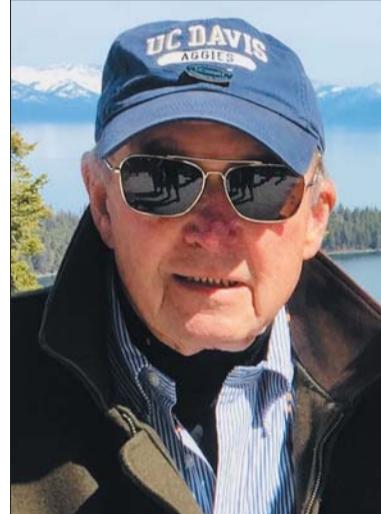
Upon completing his service as a combat veteran of the Korean War, Dick received his bachelor's degree at the University of California, Davis. After college, he served for 15 years as an Agricultural Biologist and Deputy Agricultural Commissioner in the Santa Cruz County Agricultural Commissioner's office. From there, Dick was appointed as the Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner/ Administrator of Weights & Measures and served with great distinction for 27 years. Under his direction, the Monterey County's Agricultural Commissioner's Office developed into one of the premier agricultural organizations in the nation.

A leader in California's early legislative innovations, Dick actively participated in the development of statewide pesticide laws and regulations, including the California Organic Food Act. He subsequently was a founding partner of a successful company that certified organic farmers and developed programs in Food Safety and Sustainable Agriculture that are being practiced in California today. Dick was widely regarded as an expert in pesticide and fertilizer regulation, farmworker safety and agricultural trade oversight. He worked to strengthen enforcement while maintaining productive relationships with the agricultural community. Dick was instrumental in developing and implementing the first effective affirmative action program in the Agricultural Commissioner's Office. On his retirement, Dick received a Congressional Tribute honoring his leadership, integrity and lasting contributions to agriculture and public service.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Richard was deeply committed to land conservation and environmental stewardship. He served on numerous boards, including the Agricultural Land Trust (past-president), the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, and the Elkhorn Slough Foundation (past president), the National Steinbeck Center board of trustees, Friends of the Monterey County Fair (past president) and Friends of Moss Landing Marine Lab (past president). His dedication to both agriculture and conservation built the foundation for a partnership between the two entities that continues to grow today.

Dick's dedication to his community reached far and beyond. He was a past president of the Soquel Pioneer & Historical Association where he contributed greatly to preservation of local history. He also served on the board of the Arthritis Research Coalition and the Mountain School District Board of Trustees in Soquel. Dick was a member of various clubs including the Stillwater Men's Club and Rotary Club of Salinas. He was a past-president of the local chapter of the American Institute of Wine & Food and a longtime member of the local chapter of Knights of the Vine.

Dick will be remembered by family and friends for his humility, keen wit, his wonderful storytelling and his gentle manner. He had a passion for genealogy, enjoyed travel to many parts of the world and looked forward to sharing the "crick" at his Soquel property with many friends and family. Dick was well loved by his family. He is survived by his loving wife, two sons, three daughters, and many grand and great grandchildren. The family encourages donations to the Richard Nutter Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Ag Land Trust, P. O. Box 1731, Salinas CA 93902; the Ag History Project Center and Museum, 2601 East Lake Ave., Watsonville CA 95076; or the Elkhorn Slough Foundation, 1700 Elkhorn Road, Watsonville CA 95076. Services will be private.



Condor welcomes park visitors

By CHRIS COUNTS

THANKS TO a local artist who created a life-size rendering of a California condor, people visiting Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park can see up close just how massive the majestic birds really are. The eye-catching piece was recently installed just outside the park's Ewoldsen Memorial Nature Center.

Created by Big Sur artist Ruby Brown Dudley, the condor was painted on a wood panel that was cut in the shape of the bird.



PHOTO/CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

Created by a Big Sur painter, a condor installation now greets visitors to Ewoldsen Memorial Nature Center.

Open on weekends

The project cost \$1,500 to complete and was funded by the Big Sur Natural History Association. The same group paid for a life-size condor photo by Tim Huntington to be installed on the ceiling inside the nature center, along with a virtual flight condor exhibit and murals.

Named after the late Esther Ewoldsen — a descendant of the Pfeiffers and one of the last links to Big Sur's pioneering families of the late 19th century — the nature center offers visitors of all ages an opportunity to learn more about Big Sur's flora and fauna. It's open Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The nature center is a short walk from the park's entrance and Big Sur Lodge.



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HOSPICE

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Titled "A Storybook Cottage Gets a Fairy Tale Ending," a Jan. 30 Wall Street Journal article offered details about its latest "House of the Year." Built by M.J. Murphy in 1925, "this architectural treasure stands as one of the most authentic and enduring examples of his work."

The 3,170-square-foot house has four bedrooms and five bathrooms. It's also considered a prime example of early 20th century storybook architecture. Located at 110 Pine Way and set on a private knoll above Tickle Pink Inn, the Tudor Revival-style residence is surrounded by English-style gardens.

The home was featured in The Pine Cone's "In Your Dreams" section in October. Mora bought the home the following month for \$4 million. Two months later, she discovered her new home was named "House of the Year."

"It came as a complete surprise," she was quoted in the article. "I would admire it and quietly hope that one day it might be mine."

The Pine Cone reported March 28, 2025, that Mora purchased a home at 150 Lighthouse Ave. for just under \$1.4 million. According to a database of health care providers, Mora is listed as CEO of Ocean Breeze Hospice & Palliative Care Corp. at 2100 Garden Road in Monterey, and she is identified as CEO of Green Valley Medical Group Inc., which has a Gonzales address. The two share a phone number with a voicemail box that is full.

Mora is also listed as CEO of Wild Flower Ranch Corp., which was created in California last year and has a San Marcos address.

VOLUNTEERS

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14-20, 2027, and while most must be at least 18 years old, teens ages 14-17 will have the ability to work as standard bearers, carrying two-sided scoring cards inside the ropes as they follow their players.

Considering the popularity of the event and the tens of thousands of people it draws, a lot of jobs are in the offing. The USGA is seeking volunteers to greet fans and check tickets, assist at entry points for corporate hospitality, and staff information booths. Others are needed to assist with gallery control along the rope lines and in the grandstands, support the hole and grandstand marshals, and help run the merchandise tents.

Volunteering does come with a cost. Helpers are expected to pay \$245 for their uniform package, which includes two polo shirts and a jacket, a hat or visor, a reusable water bottle, a commemorative pin and a clear drawstring backpack. They'll also receive a personalized championship credential that provides access to the championship grounds all seven days, and lunch vouchers for each assigned shift.

Volunteers must commit to at least four shifts, each of which runs five to six hours. No experience is required, and physical limitations can be accommodated. Helpers are welcome to watch the tournament anytime they're not working.

Go to usopen.com/volunteers/2027-volunteers.html for more information and to register.

DAVID RICHARD NEWELL, JR.

AUGUST 14, 1949 ~ JANUARY 26, 2026

With his wife by his side, David's spirit was set free on January 26, 2026, after a 16-year battle with Parkinson's disease.

Born in Porterdale, Georgia, to David and Rebecca Newell, David was the oldest of seven children. His early life was shaped by humble beginnings and frequent moves. During his high school years, his natural athletic ability led him to cross-country running, a lifelong passion.

David enlisted in the United States Navy and was stationed in Morocco. After his service, his love of travel carried him across England and then on a remarkable 10,000-mile bus journey from London to Calcutta, India. While in Calcutta, he worked at a Sikh temple serving meals to the poor—an experience that profoundly shaped his worldview.

After returning home, David met his first wife, Patti. Together they traveled the country in a VW bus before settling in Clovis. Their love of travel never faded.

David deeply loved the outdoors. He was also an avid reader and lifelong learner, especially drawn to other cultures, belief systems, and the origins of humankind.

David and Patti later earned degrees in anthropology at UC Davis. Not long afterward, Patti was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and, after an eight-year battle, passed away. Several years later, David remarried.

In 2010, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. As the illness slowly took his independence, mobility, and even his ability to read, David met each loss with grace. Easygoing and soft-spoken, he was everyone's greatest supporter, no matter how harebrained the idea. He had a wonderful sense of humor. Unmaterialistic and generous, he gave freely of himself, and no request from his loved ones was ever too great.

One of David's deepest joys was being escorted through the ramshackle garden at home. He never noticed the weeds or unfinished projects. It was his greatest gift: whether in the garden or in life, David only saw the flowers. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

David leaves behind his wife, Marie, his stepchildren, Pam (Chris) Bechler McCarty, and Phillip Bechler; his sister, Bonnie (Bill) Tibeau; brothers Tim (Leslie) Newell, Marc (Yuko) Newell, Sean (Mandy) Newell, Mathew (Niki) Newell, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Daniel Newell.

We would like to thank everyone who helped David on this long journey, especially the staff of Visionary Assisted Living and Hospice of the Central Coast.

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

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate you considering a donation in memory of David to: The Parkinson's Association or Animal Rescue.

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Geraldine (Gerry) Norma Chiappe

Our precious mother Geraldine (Gerry) Norma Chiappe was born June 14, 1939 in Stockton, California to Bernardo Domenico Bonora of Finalborgo, Italy and Emma Marie Reggiani of Cavezzo, Italy. Gerry had one older brother, Bennie Bonora, whom she adored.

Gerry spent the first 12 years of her life on the family farm in Farmington, California, attending a two-room school house. At just seven-years-old her father passed. She and her mother stayed on the farm for another five years before moving to Stockton. Gerry always felt she was a farm girl at heart and often reminisced about her days climbing cherry trees, playing with the farm animals, and other farm-life activities. Gerry completed the rest of her education in the city, graduating from Stockton High School. Gerry married Elio Chiappe of Lavagna, Italy, on August 25, 1956 at St. Gertrude's Church in Stockton, California.

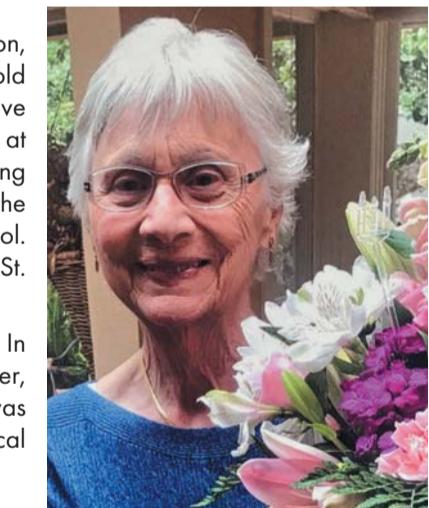
Together they pinched pennies, both working hard to get a start in life. In 1957 Sandra was born and Julie followed in 1960. Shortly thereafter, the family of four moved to the Monterey Peninsula where there was an opportunity to partner in the John Roscelli Corporation, the local garbage company.

Gerry was very organized and created a well-oiled business office. Despite being a working mom, Gerry maintained a tidy house, put delicious food on the table, sewed clothes for her two girls, using her grandmother's paddle sewing machine, and created a beautiful garden. Gerry loved spending time in her garden where the farm girl in her flourished. Gerry was very talented and always found a moment to delve into various projects. She loved to paint, knit, sew detailed barbie doll clothes, hunt mushrooms, and weave baskets. Gerry also enjoyed history, and thanks to her, our family has a detailed genealogy. Gerry and Elio traveled several times to Italy to visit family. They also visited Spain, Bermuda, Hawaii, as well as historic sites throughout the United States.

Gerry had many gifts. One was her ability to make a person feel comfortable, and she truly listened. She is lovingly called "Nonni" by her four grandsons. She loved it when any one of them would stop by and chat. She often would say, "I love those boys so much!" An ardent defender and supporter of her family, she always put family before herself. Her strength, love, and support will be deeply missed. Gerry believed in the Almighty Father and is resting in his loving embrace.

Gerry wanted the nurses of Garden East at CHOMP to know that she was thankful for their gentle and thoughtful care. She also wanted to thank Dr. Bulumulle, Dr. Vierra and Hospice of the Central Coast.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Elio; daughters, Sandra Swenson and Julie Chiappe; four grandsons, Jeffrey Abraham (Samantha), Andrew Abraham, Mark Swenson, and Evan Swenson (Taylor); four great grandsons, Carmen, Epic, Ace, and Stellar. She is also survived by her beloved sister-in-law Georgette Chiappe, and several nieces and nephews all of whom she loved dearly.



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to the top of the pole “and an equipment shroud to screen the radios and other equipment from view.”

Items mounted lower down would be painted dark brown to match the wood. The tower’s total height would be just shy of 50 feet.

“The project is needed to improve network service and fill a service gap in western Carmel-by-the-Sea on the Verizon Wireless network due to rapidly increasing demand for quality wireless telecommunication services,” Shubin said in the application. It demanded exceptions to two code sections that require installations be outside the public right of way and more than 5 feet from a home’s doors and windows, and not in the single-family-residential district, which is a “highly incompatible” location.

Violation

Verizon’s attorney, Paul Albritton, said denial of the application would “constitute an effective prohibition of service in violation of the federal Telecommunications Act,” and would “contradict California Public Utilities Code Section 7901, which grants telephone corporations a statewide franchise right to place their equipment along any right of way.”

“A local government’s denial of a personal wireless facility is an ‘effective prohibition’ if the wireless provider can show two things: (1) that it has a ‘significant gap’ in service, and (2) that a proposed facility is the ‘least intrusive means,’ in relation to the land use values embodied in local regulations, to address the gap,” he continued in the October 2025 letter. “If a provider proves both elements, the local government must approve the facility, even if there is substantial evidence to deny the permit under local land use provisions, which there is not in this case.”

Since then, dozens of residents have sent letters demanding denial, and lawyers representing opponents sent lengthy objections, as well. Among their reasons were “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 of property values,” Olander summarized, as well as failure to justify the exceptions Verizon demanded.

At the Feb. 10 meeting, Verizon presented analyses and arguments by Albritton and Shubin, as well as an expert on wireless facilities’ impacts on property values.

Richard Conroy of PierCon Solutions, a broadband

consulting company, evaluated the proposal and alternatives, including whether the roof of the Golden Bough Playhouse would present a viable option.

He said his studies confirmed “measurable deficiencies” in wireless service, particularly indoors, in town near Scenic Road from Ocean to 13th avenues, and the Carmelo Street site “is proposed to close that gap.”

As for negative impacts on property values, while people often cite a decades-old study from New Zealand that said the installation of cell towers dropped the values of nearby homes by 20 percent, a group called the Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network said its 2021 study found “statistically significant increases in residential real estate valuation at all distances after construction of the proximal wireless sites,” in California.

Shubin addressed the adequacy of using the Golden Bough’s roof for a tower. “It’s buildable, but it does not work from a technical standpoint, so even if we could get a permit for the design,” it wouldn’t function well enough to make it worthwhile, he said. Shubin said drone images indicate trees would be the biggest problem.

The theater is also in an area that already has good coverage, according to Conroy, so antennas mounted on its roof couldn’t be directed to the north, east or south.

“From a design perspective, it’s in the wrong location,” he said. “Golden Bough was never considered a viable solution in any of PierCon’s reports.”

Albritton said Verizon’s coverage gaps have been “confirmed multiple times by several engineers,” and that the company has “worked really hard to get our site to comply with your code, with the two exceptions.” He described the wireless ordinance as “very, very difficult” and speculated other telecom companies are reluctant to apply for similar projects here.

“The burden is on the city to prove that any alternative is less intrusive and technically feasible” than the Carmelo power pole, he said.

Clear boundaries

Resident Christy Hollenbeck said the ordinance was “carefully crafted to protect” the character and property values in the residential areas and asked the commission to “draw clear boundaries for telecom companies.”

She said realtors Tim Allen and Shelly Lynch submitted letters arguing that the installation of cell towers near homes diminishes their property values.

Ned Spieker, who owns the historic Stonewall Cottage near Verizon’s proposed antenna, wrote in an earlier letter, “Clearly, having a cell tower approximately 15 feet from my living room is not complementary to this home and its historic designation.”

Spieker said he understands the city’s legal obligations where wireless facilities are concerned but that putting the equipment so close to his cottage “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.”

The residents’ attorney, Andrew Campanelli, was skeptical of Verizon’s insistence that mounting cell equipment on top of the Monte Verde Street theater is not an option.

“You are allowed to use common sense, and you are allowed to use your own eyes,” he told commissioners. “You have the power to deny this application, because there is a suitable less intrusive alternative location, and as long as that exists, that’s the only test you need to pass.”

Another attorney, Ariel Strauss, criticized Verizon’s arguments against the Golden Bough option, as well.

“It’s ridiculous and incredibly unfair for the applicant to show up today and claim there’s something new, called trees, that make it infeasible,” he said.

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No members of the public, nor any of the commissioners, sided with Verizon, though commissioner Mel Ahlborn suggested giving the company more time to come up with a plan that complies with the wireless ordinance rather than arguing for exceptions to it.

“I don’t believe the determination that this would be an ‘effective prohibition’ has been met,” she said.

Further, approving it “would absolutely set a precedent, not only for our community, but for other communities,” and she worried about the fall risk of a 50-foot-tall pole and that equipment 25 feet from an occupied residence would be a safety risk.

“We want to do everything we can to protect our community,” commissioner Stephanie Locke said, including its residential neighborhoods.

She suggested the cell site on top of the Beach & Tennis Club in Pebble Beach could be strengthened to help fill coverage gaps and observed that, regarding the suitability of the Golden Bough, trees can be trimmed.

Commissioners outlined their reasons for denying the application based on their being unconvinced the company proved installing equipment on the theater is not feasible. Without that proof, they said, denying the Carmelo pole location does not constitute an effective prohibition or “material inhibition” of the company’s ability to provide telecommunications services. They called out its potential impact on Spieker’s historic cottage and conflicts with the general plan, zoning standards and design guidelines.

Should it choose to pursue the application, Verizon’s next move will be to appeal the decision to the city council.

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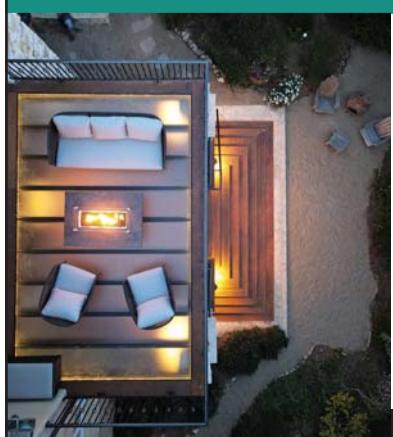
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SPRINKLERS

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Further, the sprinklers should have a dedicated supply from an independent source, "so that activation will not reduce hydrant pressure or otherwise impair municipal firefighting capability."

When left running, exterior sprinklers have "limited the amount of water available for responders," during wildfires, Cooper said.

Plus, it's the state's responsibility to evaluate and approve the use of novel systems such as the one proposed by DeMars. "Until such review and formal approval are obtained, the Monterey Fire Department will not support a system that might compromise the public water distribution system or firefighting operations," he said, adding that some municipalities prohibit or regulate exterior fire-prevention systems.

Once a local jurisdiction establishes standards and requirements, an applicant must submit complete plans and specifications that "identify the water source, supply sizing and controls, show backflow prevention and cross-connection control, and specify any pumps, valves and alarms," according to Cooper.

'Nonexistent process'

DeMars objected to Cooper's logic.

"This prohibition rests on a nonexistent state process and a local policy that has not been adopted by ordinance," he said, which makes the ruling "invalid and unenforceable." He argued the decision "constitutes arbitrary and capricious enforcement in violation of due process."

DeMars said he's done a lot of research and spoken with people who have installed and used similar systems, and while they're more often seen on properties with wells, "I want to bring this to people who don't live in rural areas."

"There is nothing in the code," he continued. "It's not fair to property owners or applicants to make up rules as you go

along just because you don't have them on the books."

He also argued the sprinklers are effective and helpful. "You use a lot less water preventing a fire than fighting a fire," he said. "I think these are a very effective supplement to firefighting personnel."

Brent Sepulvado, president of California Fire Protection Inc. and a contractor who's licensed to install sprinklers and other suppression systems, cautioned the board to follow the fire marshal's lead.

"I have a lot of years of experience, and hearing what I've heard today, I would recommend" the board uphold the denial, he said.

Final answer

Board member Ron Brown said he's "probably installed tens of thousands of residential water meters in my lifetime," and is well familiar with the ins and outs of domestic water supplies. "It seems like there could be a drain on the water system," he said, even if there is "a community benefit to being able to prevent live embers from being able to fly from building to building" during a fire.

The board's other member, Adam Jeselnick, said that while fire is a risk, waiting until Cal Fire develops criteria and requirements for such systems is the way to go.

"There's a valid and real concern about wildfire risk, and anything we might be able to do at the administrative level for folks on the ground who are hoping to mitigate wildfire risk requires careful discussion," he said. Nonetheless, "any kind of fire suppression system falls under the fire marshal" and needs to "follow the codes we have in place."

"I don't think we're here with the ability to support the design for this system, because we don't have a design that's able to be reviewed," he said, due to a lack of detailed specifications and other documentation, not to mention a state buy-in.

He made the motion to deny the appeal, Brown agreed, and they voted in favor of the motion, which put an end to DeMars' case, since there is no further appeal option.

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ZERO-EMISSION BUSES PROPOSED TO REDUCE TRAFFIC JAMS ON HIGHWAY 1

By KELLY NIX

IT'S A concept county officials say could reduce the congestion along the well-traveled Big Sur Coast — "scenic shuttles."

On Tuesday, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors heard the results of a proposal to purchase four 30-passenger electric shuttles and build a half-dozen transit stops to take visitors from the Monterey Peninsula to Garrapata and Andrew Molera state parks and other beaches, parks and visitor destinations in Big Sur.

The idea is that visitors to Big Sur would park at a lot on the Peninsula, take a shuttle to Big Sur, stopping at points along the way, and then take the shuttle back to their vehicles.

"This would be a zero-emission alternative for accessing the Big Sur coastal corridor," Nick Falbo with consultant Mobycon told the supervisors. "It would operate from park-and-ride or mobility hub locations with enhanced stop areas and amenities along the way to make the Big Sur corridor accessible for people who aren't necessarily driving their own car."

The cost of the shuttle program, which also includes expenses for charging stations, employees and a contingency fee, is estimated at nearly \$4.5 million.

'Unmet needs'

Mobycon's report, dubbed the "zero-emissions shared mobility study," concluded that a "Big Sur Scenic Corridor Shuttle has strong potential to reduce automobile miles traveled because it replaces long-distance, peak-season vehicle trips on Highway 1 precisely where congestion, illegal parking, and environmental impacts are most acute."

The supervisors adopted the study, which contained numerous other zero-emission transportation ideas in Monterey County that the company said would reduce emissions and "address unmet transportation needs throughout the county."

To get community feedback for the study, the company surveyed county residents and held meetings.

The 30-passenger Big Sur shuttles could run 80 to 140 days per year and transport 15,000 to 40,000 passengers during that time, which "could avoid approximately 90,000 to 384,000" annual automobile miles, according to Mobycon's draft report.

"Big Sur participants" in the study "showed a preference

for nonautomotive travel options, such as a scenic corridor shuttle, and viewed carpool incentives less favorably due to concerns about increased congestion," the consultant said.

Fifth District Supervisor Kate Daniels, who represents Big Sur, asked what the study meant by "enhanced stop areas and amenities." County official Cora Panturad said amenities could include shaded areas, benches, potentially a bathroom, and a place for a bus or small van to turn around at the shuttle stops.

Daniels, who said she supported shuttling folks to Big Sur, suggested that those involved in the idea read up on the Big Sur Land Use and Big Sur Coast Highway Management plans, both of which include development restrictions.

"I would wager to say that you'll never be able to put a

turnaround in," Daniels said. The plans are "so specific in terms of the visual sensitivity of the coast that it would be helpful if Mobycon or whoever just went and took a look" at the plans.

Who would bankroll the shuttle program if it ever gets approved? The Netherlands-based consultant said the proposal "aligns with multiple funding streams at the state and federal level, including California State Parks and the U.S. Department of Transportation."

"Philanthropic and non-governmental organizations, such as National Park Foundation, REI Co-op, Save the Redwoods League, and other conservation funders may support education, access, and zero-emission goals," the consultant added.

Caltrans gave Monterey County \$248,596 in taxpayer money for the study.



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Editorial

The right to fight fire

OUR STORY this week about a man who wants to put sprinklers on his roof to help protect his home from burning down might seem to be the kind of permit dispute that happens every day in Carmel. But this story is different. The man was told "No," not because spraying water on his roof to keep it from catching fire would be a bad idea, but because the government in these parts hasn't gotten around to deciding that outdoor fire suppression sprinklers are OK. Did the people who reached this decision ever hear of Thomas Jefferson?

One of the things that makes the United States unique — and its existence a triumph of human ingenuity — is that it was founded on the principle of natural rights. In this country, the government's role is to secure and protect these rights, not to create or grant them.

In contrast, many other countries operate under systems where individual rights are those defined and granted by the government. These rights often emphasize entitlements or protections that the state must actively provide (such as rights to healthcare, education or housing), rather than inherent freedoms that predate the government. In most countries, it must be noted, there is no such thing as freedom of speech.

And that's not the only difference between us and our friends across the pond. In the United States, the general legal principle is that for private individuals, any action is permitted unless it is specifically prohibited by law — whether federal, state or local statutes, regulations, or constitutional provisions. This is often summarized by the maxim, "Everything which is not forbidden is allowed."

This contrasts with legal systems common in Europe, where the opposite often applies, and everything which is not explicitly allowed is forbidden.

Furthermore, our Supreme Court has often upheld what's known as the "vagueness doctrine," which requires criminal laws to be written so that the common person can easily understand them. In many countries, the vaguer the law, the easier for the government to decide things on the fly.

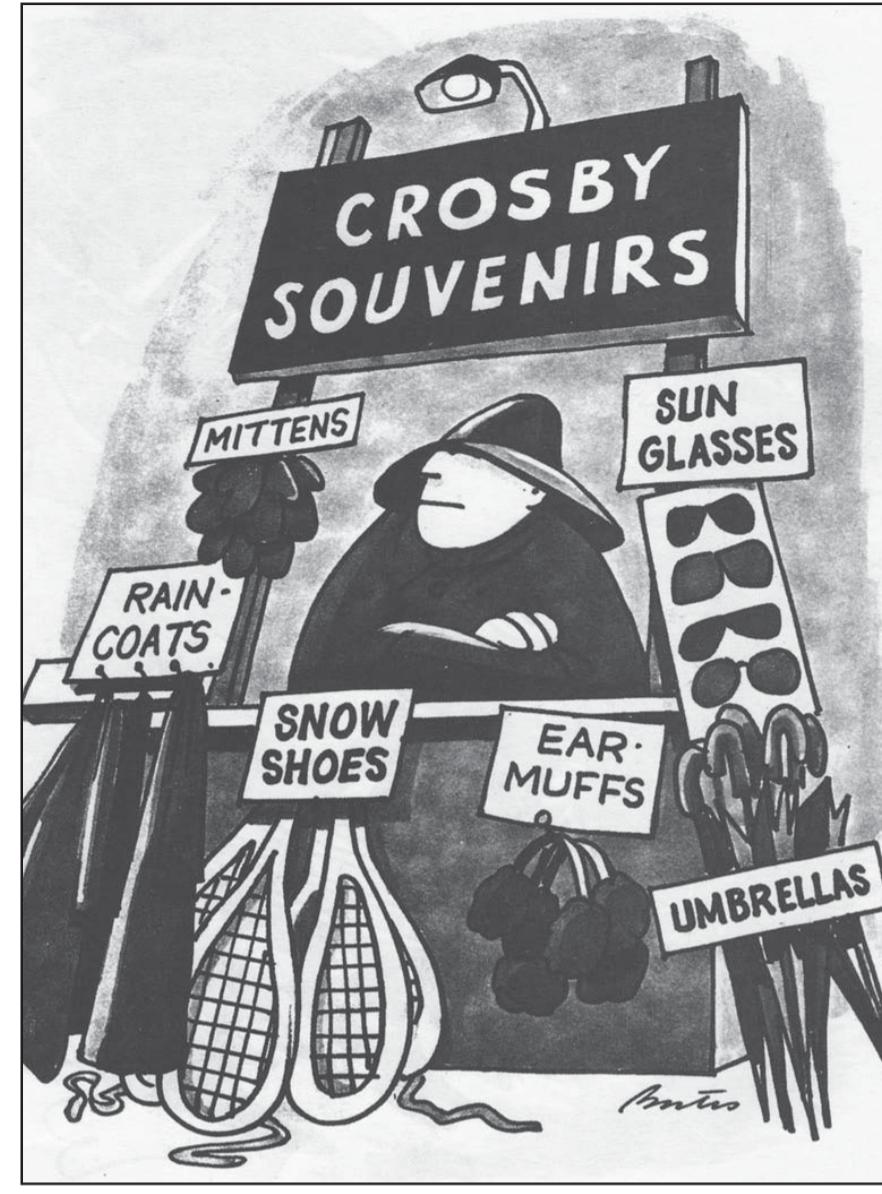
Of course, there are exceptions to these principles. The U.S. Constitution recognizes that the government has a general "police power" to protect the public's health and safety — something which has been very broadly interpreted in the modern era. When city hall makes it illegal to prune a tree, for example, this is done under its police power to keep the town nice. It may be your tree, but they can forbid you to cut it down.

Another way local government exerts its police power is to make sure nobody builds a house that's dangerous to live in, and that includes plumbing, which must be designed and installed to meet a wide variety of safety standards. And since you need a permit to put in a bathroom or kitchen, or undertake any other significant plumbing work, we have no doubt that courts would uphold the city's right to require approval of roof fire sprinklers, even though no ordinance specifically addresses the question.

However, this does not mean the government can be arbitrary or capricious, or ignore its primary obligations. Every citizen has an inalienable right to protect his house from being destroyed by fire — a right that supersedes everything in the building code. And since Carmel is in a high fire danger area, the government and the citizens should be working together to mitigate this risk.

So next time somebody asks permission to put sprinklers on his roof, the people at city hall should say, "Great idea! Let's see how we can help you make this happen."

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Wrong man for the job?

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express concern about the recent appointment of Sen. John Laird to the chair of the California Senate's Budget and Fiscal Review Committee.

Laird currently serves as vice chair of the California Capitol Annex project, which is reported to be more than 100 percent over its original budget of \$543 million. Participants connected to the project, including Laird, have signed broad non-disclosure agreements, raising serious questions about transparency and public accountability.

Budget oversight is one of the legislature's most important duties. Taxpayers deserve confidence that those monitoring state finances demonstrate fiscal discipline and openness. When a major public project runs far over budget while operating behind confidentiality, it is reasonable to question that stewardship.

Californians expect responsible management of public funds and clear communication about their use. This appointment should prompt renewed discussion about transparency, fiscal responsibility, and public trust in state government.

James Sommerville,
Carmel Valley

'Human-scaled town'
Dear Editor,

When I hear rumblings along the lines of "we need to compete" and "we need a luxury hotel," I remember Carmel as a small town filled with interesting shops enjoyed by tourists and residents alike. I remember strolling Ocean Avenue, stopping for a bite to eat, choosing a gift, driving by the beach, watching the sunset, all done at a leisurely pace.

When asked what changed Carmel, my answer is, "The Plaza." With a concentrated location of stores and places to eat, the dynamic of the town's core shifted. Chain stores opened, albeit quality ones, at first. In the long run, tour buses, marketing, the internet and social media shared messages that appealed to a different crowd. Fewer stores served residents.

Today, our sidewalks are filled with people from far away, many with dogs, looking for entertainment. We have become a destination, a place to visit rather than a residential town. If Carmel is to survive, she needs her dignity restored, treated with respect. Like polishing a treasured piece of silver, Carmel would benefit from similar

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There's strength in networking

LAST MONTH, realtor Hella Rothwell put a Peninsula property into escrow and another on the market. And she began arranging the marketing, marshalling volunteers and organizing materials for the 33rd annual Carmel Art Festival, with which she has been involved since 2000 and has led since 2019. She also celebrated her 84th birthday.

Born in Flensburg, Germany, near the Danish border in the midst of World War II, Rothwell's parents taught her to chase opportunities and take advantage of them. As a young person, she learned German and Danish, plus some English, and after the war, she spent her teen years in Canada, where she learned to speak French. Then she went on to spend the next 20 years in Hawaii.

"My peripatetic upbringing truly facil-

reaches their markets," she said.

Meanwhile, having decided to look into real estate for personal investment, Rothwell witnessed her agent's buying-and-selling process and decided she could do that herself, both in Hawaii and in Carmel.

In 2006, Rothwell got her California real estate license and, three years later, achieved her broker's license. She has both in Hawaii, as well.

'A buzz'

Art curator Jessica Nault, who owns Del Monte Gallery in Carmel, has worked with Rothwell on the Carmel Art Festival and on the sale of her family's Hawaii home. She also has recently listed the Carmel Valley home of her late father-in-law, Jim Nault, with Rothwell.

"Hella and I have many years' difference in age, and still, I consider her a girlfriend," said Nault, 42. "I met her 18 years ago because of the Carmel Art Festival, as many of my artists were participating. She would come in to encourage

me to participate, and something about her was so exciting and enjoyable, we felt ourselves friends. She is electric — she has a buzz. I'm in awe of all she does."

Early in their friendship, during a gallery visit, Rothwell mentioned that she's a licensed real estate broker in California and Hawaii, and a conversation ensued about their residences in both states. Ten years later, she remembered those conversations as she began working with the Nault family on their real estate transaction.

"Hella is a beautiful, savvy woman. She runs circles around me," Nault said. "She leaves no stone unturned and thinks of everything, preempting every issue. I find her mesmerizing as we talk about real estate, art and life."

All about creativity

The Carmel Art Festival began in 1993, when a group of gallery owners gathered

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At 84, Hella Rothwell is still active in real estate and the annual Carmel Art Festival.

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People who live in glass houses might just enjoy the light

SUNSHINE IS a muse and a collaborator for Georgia Hamilton, a glass artist whose first thought at first light is what kind of surprises and excitement might be waiting in the studio of her Pacific Grove home.

When the sun comes up, the magic soon follows, she said.

"If you've ever been walking through the redwoods, and you see that shaft of light coming through, you might get that tingly feeling," Hamilton said. "For me,



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Georgia Hamilton's childhood interests were science and art. Both play a part in the glass art she creates in Pacific Grove.

the same thing happens when a beam of light comes through colored glass or even painted glass. It gets me very excited and I feel that tingle."

Glass color chemistry

A renovated garage houses her glass menagerie, a gallery of hues that become mood-altering as soon as the sunlight finds the perfect angle to interact with glass infused with different metal oxides, which give the glass its colors. Iron oxide can produce green or brown. Cobalt imparts a deep blue tone. Manganese oxide is used for purple or amethyst. Titanium can enhance clarity and brightness.

Hamilton rented a studio for five years at the Pacific Grove Art Center, where she loved the camaraderie of other studio artists, but she eventually outgrew the space.

"There's never enough room for this particular medium, so my husband (Ray) and I refinished our garage, installed a mini-split (heating and air-conditioning system) and added skylights, and I moved

inclusions. Stipple glass features a distinct, textured appearance that can look very different depending on the light. Dalle de verre — French for "slab of glass" — is heavier, known for its durability and ability to diffuse light beautifully. It often is used in stained-glass windows and architectural applications.

The table between those walls is a workspace where Hamilton can spread out for multiple other tasks and techniques she uses to create her sculptures, predominantly wall art that can be displayed indoors or outside.

An ongoing education

After 12 years of experimentation, she's still learning — and that's the part she loves.

Hamilton spent her formative years as a "child scientist, one of those kids who would learn the common name and the scientific name of every dinosaur," she said. "I still tend to dive into things and learn everything I possibly can about them."

Her grandmother was an oil painter, and her father was a talented sketcher who also made custom knives.

"And I guess I've dabbled in art all my life," she said.

Hamilton was born in Japan, and, since her father was in the military, she also lived in Florida, Virginia, Texas and Arkansas, finally moving to California with her mom and sister after her father retired.

There, at 18, she married Ray Hamilton, her 23-year-old next-door neighbor.

"I pretty much fell for him right away — he was just the coolest," she said of her husband of 47 years and the father of their adult daughters, Kate and Emma.

Monterey honeymoon

Hamilton, who had read John Steinbeck's entire library by the time she graduated high school, was thrilled when they honeymooned in Monterey, a place she had always wanted to see.

"I loved his novel, 'Cannery Row,' and wanted to become a marine biologist, collecting specimens and poking around in tide pools, like the Doc Ricketts character," she said.

"But my husband's career in the grocery industry took us to Idaho, where there wasn't a lot of ocean, so marine biology kind of went out the window for me," said Hamilton, who wound up earning a business and economics degree from Boise State University.

Ironically, the woman with the economics degree couldn't find a job in that field after graduation because, well, the economy had crashed. So she got creative and launched her own business.

"I was passionate about plants at the time, so I started installing tropical plants in homes, hotels and restaurants, then maintaining them," she said.

When Ray was transferred to Florida, she sold the business and went with him.

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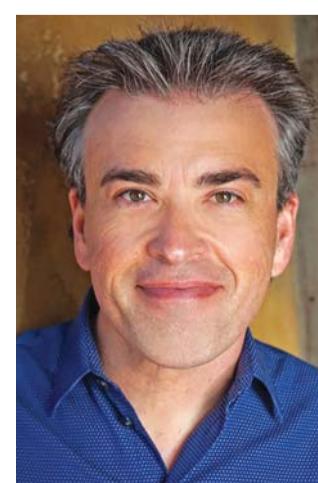
Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

everything in here," said Hamilton, who can open side-by-side garage doors whenever she wants to see sunbeams streaming through her luminescent art.

One interior wall is partially occupied by a spacious workbench with the tools she uses to score and snip glass into the shapes she desires for each project.

The opposite wall is where she stores a library of different types of glass in a rainbow of colors, textures and designs: Cathedral glass, always transparent, can be smooth or highly textured. Opalescent is not fully transparent ... streaky or wispy glass is characterized by swirls and milky



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LETTERS

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attention. The result would be a lovely human-scaled hometown attractive to residents, as well as tourists. Big, luxurious visitor-serving buildings, we do not want and are not needed.

Cindy Lloyd,
Carmel

The old days

Dear Editor,

We are writing in reaction to the mayor's proposal for another luxury hotel in Carmel. Despite the finger-pointing that the mayor outlines in his weekly columns, our sense is that the vast majority of Carmel residents, full-time or part-time, want a renewed focus on quality of life for the inhabitants of this special town.

We were raised in Carmel, attended Carmel schools, worked in Carmel businesses after school and on weekends. We played on Al Hood's Super Shell softball team. We sold The Pine Cone outside of the post office. Our mom was a beloved teacher and counselor at Carmel High School, and our father was an artist, a member of the Carmel Art Association and a respected teacher at MPC. Our uncle was a realtor here with an office on Ocean Avenue for decades.

In short, we have a long history here and love and appreciate Carmel's beauty and unique offerings. We know that the simpler life that we enjoyed is not going to return — the world has changed and we are not so naive as to think that it will not continue to change. We recognize the challenges facing Carmel and support the advocates who are working hard to build consensus on solutions and policies regarding parking (which has always been a problem), housing, volunteerism, fire mitigation and protection of our wonderful beach.

These issues will not be resolved by building a luxury hotel. We need to focus on building a stronger sense of community

for residents and protecting the natural environment that we are blessed to enjoy. Deferred capital expenditures cannot be ignored, but we have council members who are willing to explore insightful and more conservative ways to meet those hurdles.

Mark and Holly Tanous,
Carmel

'Illusion of safety'

Dear Editor,

For women in Monterey County who have survived the trauma of domestic violence, sexual assault and long-term abuse, the path to recovery is often more dangerous than the past they fled. Six years ago, I escaped an abuser who held me at gunpoint — a moment that was supposed to be the end of my victimization. Instead, it was the beginning of a new struggle against a broken social safety net.

When I moved to Pacific Grove to work in construction, I was determined to rebuild. But when the job ended and I found myself living in my minivan, I turned to the One Starfish Safe Parking Program for the stability I was promised.

The program claims to offer resources: food, gas, dental assistance and help with bills. For a year-and-a-half, the support was there. But for the last two-and-a-half years, the funding has vanished. We are now "safe parking" in name only. We provide our own basic necessities — toilet paper, soap and paper towels — while the program's director remains unreachable, ignoring calls and texts for help.

The "safety" promised by these programs is an illusion. While parking at local churches through the program, I have witnessed drug use and experienced theft. When someone from a participating church took a cabbage plant I had spent a year growing to feed myself, I spoke up. I wasn't met with an apology; I was met with an eviction notice. When I reported a fellow program participant for drug use and racism at another site, I wasn't protected — I was removed from the program entirely.

In Monterey County, a survivor's "right to safety" seemingly ends the moment they demand it. By sticking up for my rights and refusing to accept drug use and theft in a program meant to protect the vulnerable, I was discarded.

We are told to call 211 or visit The Salvation Army, but we are often just being shuffled from one overwhelmed agency to another. Our local churches and safe parking programs must be held to a higher standard. You cannot claim to support the homeless and survivors of domestic violence while silencing them the moment they point out that the "safety" you provide is rotting from within.

Christine Greene,
Pacific Grove

Host a musician

Dear Editor,

I am writing to tell you of a unique experience we had with the Carmel Bach Festival in 2025. Each year, the Bach Festival spends about \$5,000 per musician and about \$500,000 in all to house the entire orchestra and chorus for the season. Since we had a guest room at our home, we agreed to host a musician for the 2025 festival. While this provided some in-kind financial support for the festival, the real benefit was in getting to know and interact with such a unique guest. It was a very rich experience we won't forget and will look forward to doing so again this year. There was no inconvenience or obligation, other than to be good hosts. If you have room available, we'd encourage you to consider hosting a musician in 2026. We think you'd find it to be a great experience and a meaningful way to meet interesting and talented people and support the arts in our community. If you are interested, please contact the Bach Festival at (831) 624-1521 or info@bachfestival.org

Paul and Jane Quiring,
Pebble Beach

Little things

Dear Editor,

I would like to celebrate two small

but meaningful joys that make Carmel a brighter place.

I walk my dogs around town every day, and during those walks, I'm reminded how much the little things matter. One of them is a gentleman named Bob who often sings while he walks. He has a truly beautiful voice, and hearing him sing so freely and joyfully never fails to lift my spirits. On an ordinary day, his song can turn a simple walk into something special.

The second joy comes from someone I've never met. Somewhere among us is a mystery person who hides small, hand-painted inspirational stones around town. Sometimes they say things like "Believe" and others are painted with the name of our town. Whenever I'm lucky enough to find one, it instantly brightens my day, and I know I'm not the only one who feels that way.

In a world that can feel heavy at times, these simple acts of kindness and creativity remind me how fortunate we are to live in a community where people share joy with strangers, just because they can. To Bob, and our anonymous stone artist: Thank you. You make Carmel kinder and happier, one song and one stone at a time.

Kim Tada,
Carmel

Thanks to three

Dear Editor,

I want to publicly recognize the wonderful job three Carmel employees did for me a week ago. A huge limb fell into my back garden from a city tree and, of course, I was concerned about damage and the extent of what could be lost. Eric, Miguel and Luis came the same afternoon I called the city for help. They were just excellent. The limb was cut and removed, and as they were working, I noticed they gingerly stepped around all the ferns and plantings to ensure they remained intact. When they left, I could not tell the difference in my yard pre-limb and after. Thank you Eric, Miguel and Luis, for making a fraught situation work out beautifully.

Ruth Rachel, Carmel



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GAVEL

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to Carcamo's location where Santa Cruz claimed he opened fire and "tagged" Carcamo with his gunfire before his gun jammed.

Charges in this case were the result of Operation Redrum, a five-year state and federal investigation that focused on shootings committed by members of three Salinas-based Norteño gangs, Northside Boronda, Santa Rita Bahamas, and Salinas East Market. That investigation resulted in federal RICO indictments of six Norteño gang members: Siaki "Gunner" Tavale, Andrew "Banger" Alvarado, John "Romeo" Magat, Mark Garcia, Anelio "Angel" Tavale, and Anthony "Hitter" Valdez. Each federal defendant entered guilty

pleas and received prison sentences ranging from 25 to 41 years.

Operation Redrum prosecutions by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office have resulted in the following convictions and sentences to date:

Fabian Alvarado, a Salinas resident, was found guilty and sentenced on Dec. 11, 2017, by Judge Andrew G. Liu to 57 years to life in prison for the 2016 murder of Mario Puga on the 300 block of The Avenue in Salinas.

Santos Fonseca, a Salinas resident, was found guilty and sentenced on July 24, 2020, by Judge Pamela L. Butler to 152 years to life for the June 2018 murders of Lorenzo Acosta and Ernesto Garcia-Cruz.

Luis Atayde, a Salinas resident, was found guilty and sentenced on March 23, 2022, by Judge Stephanie E. Hulsey to 50 years to life for the Feb. 11, 2017, murder of John

LIVES

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to promote the artistic heritage and legacy of Carmel-by-the-Sea. The organization became a 501(c)(3) corporation in 1997, two years after Hella Rothwell moved to town.

"When I got involved in 2000, it was an interesting and pivotal time for the town and the festival," she said. "Art galleries had begun promoting themselves via the internet, giving them limitless potential for online business, which also served to attract more people to Carmel. Once the original venue, the Carmel Art Association, became too small, we moved the festival to closed-off streets in town. Meanwhile, Devendorf Park hosted an open-air sculpture gallery."

Plein air

When Rothwell took the helm of the festival in 2019, she moved the entire event to Devendorf Park, commencing with an opening gala on Friday night, followed by art events throughout the weekend.

"The Carmel Art Festival has always promoted itself as a plein air art event," she said. "This year, we are adding workshops and demonstrations, to give the public a deeper understanding of what it means to paint en plein air."

Rothwell is easily identified throughout the festival by her fashionable ensembles, her dramatic hats — she admits to getting her sense of style from her father, who was a master tailor in Germany — and her energy. At 84, she still skis, swims regularly, scuba-dives, and strides at a brisk clip all over town — particularly during



PHOTO/COURTESY HELLA ROTHWELL

Hella Rothwell (left) is known for her work as a realtor and with the Carmel Art Festival — but also for her fashion sense and hats.

the Carmel Art Festival.

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Rodzach at the Hebron Heights Community Center in Salinas.

Neil Aguillon-Palermo, a Salinas resident, was found guilty by jury and sentenced on May 12, 2022, by Judge Stephanie E. Hulsey to 64 years to life in prison for the Feb. 12, 2017, double attempted murder of two Salinas residents on Orchard Street.

Robert Sosa, a Salinas resident, was convicted and sentenced to 15 years in prison on Jan. 16, 2026, by Judge Mark E. Hood for the voluntary manslaughter of Daniel Morales in

the parking lot of Buffalo Wild Wings in Salinas on Jan. 7, 2017.

Retired Detective Byron Gansen led Salinas Police Department's Operation Redrum investigation. Sergeant Rodolfo Roman and Retired Sergeant Albert Duran investigated the two charged shootings. District attorney investigator Daisy Gurley also investigated these shootings and assisted with the trial. The surviving victims and families of all three victims were assisted by victim assistance advocates Susana Reyes and Ana Gal-



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UNIONS

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wherein the previous 10 percent cap on raises was removed.

Performance-based bonuses, topping out at 15 percent of a president's base salary, were also rubber-stamped for select university leaders. However, the metrics used to evaluate said performance were not publicly available.

Under the new compensation package, the highest-paid CSU president is Cal Poly's Jeffrey Armstrong, who's making \$611,203 in base salary, up from \$509,336. He also receives a \$12,000 transportation allowance, and, if he earns his performance bonus, he could come home with \$715,000 a year.

Cal State Monterey Bay president Vanya Quiñones' new base salary is \$421,800, a \$50,000 bump. She is also receiving \$61,244 in deferred compensation, meaning she can delay receiving part of her paycheck, likely until retirement. Doing that has tax advantages and investment potential. Four other presidents also receive deferred compensation.

The base salaries come directly from the state's general fund, but bonuses and deferred compensation come from non-state and non-tuition sources, including campus foundations, which also fund important things like student scholarships.

The November raises were wildly unpopular with faculty and staff, but that didn't stop the board of trustees from voting in more raises for the next tier of top administrators in January.

Salary hikes for vice chancellors ranged between 4 and 17 percent, bringing the highest-paid vice chancellor to a base salary of \$466,400 and the lowest to \$368,433. The decision to hike salaries for the next level of administrators followed Newsom's early January budget reveal, which allocated an additional \$365 million in new funding for the CSU system.

No raises for workers

The optics on the issue are particularly bad considering that union workers, who helped win the extra funding from the state, are only being offered one-time bonuses equivalent to 3 percent of their pay.

Ahead of the vote to raise pay for top admins in January, workers pointed their fingers at the blatant disparity and asked for the contractual raises promised in 2025.

Getting a raise not only provides more income, it sets the stage for future raises, increases pensions and "shows respect," said Ernesto Torres, a facilities project supervisor at CSU San Bernardino and vice president for Teamsters Local 2010. "Who in their right minds would take a one-time payment over a real raise? I don't think the

presidents would."

After 18 months of negotiations, the CSU agreed to contractual pay raises for unionized workers, with the caveat it must receive full funding.

As a result, Teamsters Local 2010 plans to strike at all 22 campuses next week. The skilled workers include electricians, plumbers, carpenters, locksmiths and maintenance personnel who keep 43 million square feet of CSU infrastructure humming.

Are they worth it?

In November, CSU's vice chancellor and chief human resources officer, Frank Huarte, submitted a presentation to the board arguing the system's presidents deserve half-million-dollar salaries, because in comparison to other institutions across the country, their pay is actually low.

Huarte pointed to a compensation study from consulting firm Segal showing CSU presidents' base salaries are below the 25th percentile of their peers, and that CSU was spending a piddly 84 percent of the market median on executive pay. CSU contends the pay raises are necessary to stay competitive, and to keep presidents from leaving for greener pastures.

However, Huarte's arguments were also self-serving. In January, he was one of the vice chancellors who received a salary hike, a deferred compensation package and performance bonus eligibility.

The question that floats to the surface for taxpayers is "What's the return on investment for California?" Because at the end of the day these are public employees.

College for all?

Unemployment among young college grads has risen to recession levels, and university systems are in part to blame. According to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, unemployment among young people ages 22 to 27 with college degrees rose to 5.6 percent in December, more than a full percentage point higher than the overall unemployment rate of 4.4 percent.

And while AI is taking some jobs, a bigger part of the picture is that colleges and universities are failing to produce graduates with needed skills.

California has been pushing more and more high school grads to go to college, whether they're academically inclined or not. The Public Policy Institute of California reported 62 percent of teens with high school diplomas enrolled in college in 2022, but here's the twist: Fewer than half of high school students meet the state English language arts standard, which includes reading proficiency, and only 37 percent meet the standard for mathematics.

Kids who are not academically prepared would be better off training in skilled trades, where demand for workers is enormous — but that wouldn't be good for CSU's bottom line. Roughly three-quarters of CSU's budget, \$9.6

billion, comes from the state's general fund, but the other quarter comes from tuition, which is going up 6 percent this year.

Fewer young people going to college would also be bad for those college presidents when they try to squeeze out big raises in the years to come.

OWLS

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After scouting 16 sites in Carmel Point, Carmel Highlands, Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach and Monterey on Saturday, Falworth eliminated eight for various reasons, including poor access, a noisy parking lot, and trees that are on a windy ridge or too far up a street embankment.

Falworth produced a map showing the locations of owl platforms the group has already installed and those in the works, and said fundraising is underway at carmelowls.org — where more information and the application are also available — and through the nonprofit Carmel Cares.

"If we're able to raise \$2,000 in the next month, we'll start ordering the owl platform supplies, build the platforms and reserve the cherry picker for a possible deployment in early May," Falworth said.

After that, the only requirement is patience, as it can take months for an owl to move in.

ICE

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wearing masks or face coverings.

"We're doing everything we can to prevent ICE and CBP from infringing on our civil liberties by preparing local resources and coordinating our community responses to protect people," Panetta said. "Under this administration and the majorities in the House and Senate, leadership must come from the ground up. We, in the 19th Congressional District, must continue to come together and partner, not just to protect our most vulnerable, but to prepare to protect everybody."

Must not obstruct

There was little nuance in Panetta's comments. However, during an interview, The Pine Cone asked if he supported the Trump administration's efforts to send violent illegal immigrants back to their home countries.

"I was a prosecutor for nearly 20 years — absolutely," Panetta said. "If they commit those types of crimes and are undocumented, they should absolutely be deported."

He also told the newspaper that immigration officials have gone "way beyond that," and need further training, including in de-escalation.

The congressman said immigration agents are not trained to deal with "protesters," such as those in Minneapolis. He also said activists should not be allowed to obstruct ICE and border patrol officials.

Impeach'

Panetta — who was critical of the Biden administration for not doing enough to secure the southern border, which allowed millions of people to unlawfully enter the country — also called for the removal of Department of Homeland Security advisor Stephen Miller and the impeachment of Kristi Noem, its secretary.

Miller "is driving this mass deportation policy and Secretary Noem is implementing it," he said.

The lawmaker reiterated his push toward long-term immigration reform, which he said would help "fix the asylum system and build pathways to legalization for law-abiding immigrants and their families who continue to contribute to our economies and communities."

Last week, Panetta voted against another funding bill for the Department of Homeland Security, "demanding accountability from the administration for the deaths of American citizens in Minneapolis." He also joined congressional veterans in demanding ICE and CBP Interior Operations "stand down," or cease operations.

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FIRST MENTION

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Arnold Palmer, but his 2-under-par 282 remained a record low for an amateur in that event until 2017.

Already a champ

By the time he came to Pebble Beach for the U.S. Amateur, he had also won the 1961 NCAA Championship.

The Sept. 21, 1961, edition of The Pine Cone reported: "Playing the tricky Pebble Beach course as though he owned it, stocky Jack Nicklaus of Columbus, Ohio, had an easy time disposing of all his opposition in the 61st National Amateur Golf Championship."

That made him the first person to win the Amateur and NCAA titles in the same year. (The achievement would be repeated by Phil Mickelson 29 years later, in 1990, by Tiger Woods in 1996, Ryan Moore in



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Jack Nicklaus in 1961 with the trophy for the U.S. Amateur championship, which was played at Pebble Beach.

2004, and Bryson DeChambeau in 2015.)

The Pine Cone said he finished 17 strokes under par at Pebble Beach and described him as "long-hitting," calling him "the colorful Buckeye belter." It noted, "Before leaving the Peninsula, Nicklaus indicated a desire to play in the Bing Crosby Pro-Amateur slated for January."

He got his wish, and the Jan. 11, 1962, Pine Cone predicted that, "One of the most exciting foursomes could be the Jack Nicklaus and Ken Venturi group," in which Nicklaus — who had just turned pro — was partnered with Bob Sterling (known for his starring role on TV's "Topper") and Venturi was paired with Dean Martin.

"Peninsula fans will keep a close watch on Nicklaus to see whether the Ohio State belter can duplicate his sparkling performance" at the Amateur championship. However, Nicklaus didn't place near the top, and his performance at the Crosby — which was better remembered for the snowfall that delayed play — wasn't mentioned in the paper's recap.

The newspaper's "Peninsula Golf News" column reported on Nov. 24, 1966, that Nicklaus was the second-highest money winner on the PGA Tour with \$111,419, about \$1,000 more than Arnold Palmer (in third), but \$10,000 behind Bill Casper, who came in first that year.

On Jan. 19, 1967, the Bing Crosby National Pro-Am claimed a fair chunk of The Pine Cone's front page, where it was reported that Nicklaus was 2-under in an exhibition game at Spyglass Hill, making him "winner of a bet for charity with Bing Crosby."

25-foot putt

Nicklaus went on to notch his first win at the Crosby, with a combined 4-under 284 at Pebble Beach, Cypress Point and Spyglass Hill. He pocketed \$16,000 for the win.

He would triumph again in 1972 (the same year he won the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach) and 1973. The 1972 victory came after Nicklaus, then 31, "dropped a 25-foot putt on the first hole of a sudden-death

playoff to beat John Miller of San Francisco," on the 15th Green at Pebble Beach. The prize was \$28,000.

Nicklaus' long and distinguished career extended well into the 1990s, when he won the Senior PGA Championship in 1991 as well as the 1991 and 1993 U.S. Senior Opens.

Notably, he was also mentioned in The

Pine Cone for his work redesigning the 5th Hole at Pebble Beach in 1998, unveiled at the 1999 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, and his signature design of the new golf course at Pasadera made a splash in 2000.

Now retired, the 86-year-old Nicklaus lives in Florida, is still active designing golf courses and spends time with his family and in philanthropic endeavors.

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High school sailors conquer oceans, the wind and their own fears

GOTTA BE a little bit salty, by nature, to choose sailing as a high school sport. There are easier (and much warmer) ways to earn a varsity letter.

Things can go sideways — or upside-down — without warning, even for experienced sailors who are trying to maneuver a 13-foot-long, 4-foot-wide, 220-pound Flying

and tumble into frigid San Francisco Bay just seconds into warmups for his first-ever regatta at Sausalito Yacht Club on Feb. 1.

"It was first thing, right out of the gate," said O'Hara of Deiparine's rude awakening on a nasty Saturday morning. "The weather was cold and windy and the bay was really cold. It was awful."

That's definitely not the kind of thing you want to experience before your first race, with the whole day ahead of you. "He was wet and cold, and I was a little bit concerned," O'Hara added.

The coach immediately did a trauma check.

"How are you feeling?" he asked the youngster. "I've got dry stuff — compression shirt, spray tops, gaiters (waterproof sleeves for the lower leg). What do you need?"

The ninth-grader, it turns out, had Pirate-worthy saltiness. "Nothing, coach. I'm good," said Deiparine, who set an example for his teammates on Stevenson's 16-person co-ed roster, which is composed mostly of sophomores and freshmen.

Resilience matters

Competitive sailing is a sport for the hardy. If your teeth are chattering, grit them. If your boat flips and you and your partner are in the soup, flip it upright, climb aboard, and get back in the race. Whining is for wimps. Resilience matters. Quitting is not an option.

"Every boat that passes you while you're in the water costs your team a point," O'Hara explained. "That can be demoralizing, but you can't give up. You might not win, but you've got to stay in the race, because every point matters in a regatta."

A regatta is composed of multiple races,



PHOTO/TERRY O'HARA

Stevenson's top team, junior Patrick O'Hara and sophomore Marc Cheung (dark uniforms) navigate past the leeward gate in a crowded Gold Division race at Richmond.

often seven or eight in a day, usually split into two divisions — faster teams race in the Gold Division, novice teams compete in the Silver — with two teammates in each boat.

The skipper, in the rear position, is typically the more knowledgeable.

"The skipper is the captain, the decision-maker, the guy who is steering the boat," O'Hara said. "The skipper reads the water, steers the boat, sets the mainsail to make sure it's shaped right, watches the other competitors, gives the directions."

The crew, in the forward spot, takes cues from the skipper, setting the jib (the front sail) and helping change direction by shifting position. He or she watches ribbons on the sail to monitor wind direction and determine whether the

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Gold Division teammates Liah Yamamura, skipper, and co-captain Claire Lee, flashing a victory sign from the crew seat, enjoy the Pirates' life during the Sea Otter Regatta in Monterey. Both are seniors.

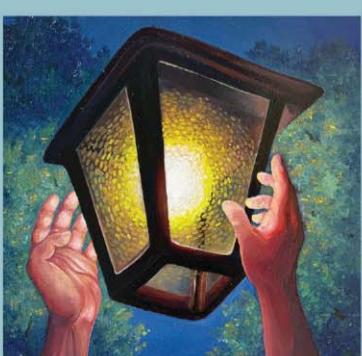
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coach said. "The instinct, of course, is not to do that, and the trick is to learn how far you can lean without turning the boat over. Everybody has gone too far at least once — it's like a rite of passage."

If the boat capsizes, the skipper and crew find themselves in a frantic scramble to turn it back over. The longer it takes, the greater the likelihood that competing boats will pass, and the worse the problem becomes. A boat lying on its side will continue to roll until it "turtles" — turns completely upside-down. A boat that has turtled is much harder to turn upright.

Long, physical days

The physical difficulty of sailing is underappreciated, beginning with lengthy road trips to the San Francisco Bay area or Southern California venues.

"We left at 6 a.m. for the Sausalito regatta, and got back at 9:30 at night," O'Hara said. "The wind on the bay was 8 to 14 knots, and we were sailing in exceptionally high tides, with strong currents — which made it challenging."

With much lighter breezes expected the following day, regatta organizers opted to take advantage of Saturday's gales by having Gold Division boats raced eight times.

"I've not seen our kids this tired before. When we heard the radio call, announcing that the next race would be the last, you could see a kind of universal relief on their faces," O'Hara said. "The van ride home was very quiet. They all just wanted to get home, knock the filth off, and get some rest."

Stevenson, despite a roster loaded with inexperience, currently ranks 30th

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breeze is flowing properly over the sails. The crewperson also watches for other boats.

Move like a ballerina

"In a small boat, weight is a big factor," O'Hara said. "The crew watches the skipper. In light winds, you have to move like a ballerina. You can't be bouncing around, because that kills your speed."

When winds are strong, the crew becomes an acrobatic daredevil, leaning in either direction to force the boat to bank and turn. Lean too far, and they could capsize. Lean too timidly, and the turns become sluggish and ineffective.

Leaning can be a scary maneuver for newbies, not an easy skill to learn.

"It's unnerving for new students to see the edge of the boat go into the water — 'Oh, my gosh, we're going over!'" the



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Skipper Nate Burgstone and crew Myah Solomon, both sophomores at Stevenson, lean into a turn near the Golden Gate Bridge.

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Quartet keeps classical music fresh, duo remembers jazz great

INTRODUCING POP audiences to classical music — and breathing new life into a genre that's continually shaped by the past — the **Vitamin String Quartet** performs Sunday, 3 p.m., at Sunset Center. "Long before the smash-hit series 'Bridgerton' broke the Netflix algorithm, Vitamin String Quartet helped establish classical crossover as a key player in contemporary music," Sunset Center said.

Founded in Los Angeles in 1999, the quartet has recorded more than 400 albums, covering songs by an astonishing variety of pop and rock acts, including the Beatles, the Beach Boys, Jimi Hendrix, Elton John and Madonna — along with more contemporary acts like Adele, Billie

Eilish and Cardi B.

According to the ensemble, it produces "cutting-edge string renditions of a highly eclectic mix of artists that erase boundaries between classical, dance, hip-hop, rock and pop."

"The quartet approaches its renditions with respect and care," Sunset Center added.

Tickets start at \$45. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2040 or visit sunsetcenter.org.

■ Jazz great honored

Guitarist **Bruce Forman** and saxophonist **Paul Contos** celebrate the legacy of jazz pianist, composer and bandleader Duke Ellington Sunday at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, with shows at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

"Duke Ellington is widely regarded as jazz royalty — and through their inspired interpretations of his timeless music, Bruce Forman and Paul Contos remind us why," according to the Cherry Center. "Both artists have worked with members of the Ellington orchestra and will share some fun 'insider' stories and

personal reflections that bring the Duke's legacy to life. With deep musical chemistry, storytelling flair, and a heartfelt reverence for Ellington's genius, Bruce and Paul promise an afternoon that's as illuminating as it is entertaining."

Tickets are \$45. The Cherry Center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. Call (831) 624-7491 or visit carlcherrycenter.org.

■ Johnny Cash tribute

Portraying one of country music's most beloved figures, singer and guitarist **Shawn Barker** pays tribute to the late,



Guitarist Bruce Forman (above) and multi-instrumentalist Paul Contos pay tribute to Duke Ellington Sunday at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

great Johnny Cash Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

After singing in church and falling in love with early rock 'n' roll, Barker pursued a career as a singer, and landed gigs

paying tribute to Elvis Presley. But everything changed after he successfully auditioned to play the part of Cash in a Hollywood production — which launched a tribute show tour that hasn't slowed down in nearly two decades.

"I do what I do so people can continue to enjoy the music of Johnny Cash over and over again," Barker said. "For me, there is no beating a live show and since we cannot see Johnny live anymore, and I am proud to be celebrating his music each time I go on stage."

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Wine three ways — with a passport, a dinner and a good cause

BUCKLE UP folks. We're heading into a February trifecta — Presidents Day weekend, Valentine's Day and the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. Now that Travis Kelce of the Kansas City Chiefs is on the roster of amateurs at the Pro-Am, you can count on hopeful Taylor Swift fans keeping an eye out for his fiancée — even though, so far, nobody's said she's coming. It would be a sweetheart of a sighting.

Next week is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent on the Christian calendar, and that means Mardi Gras is Feb. 17. Baum & Blume in Carmel Valley posted on social media that it's planning to laissez les bon temps roulez with some themed goodies — keep an eye on the website at baumandblume.com for information as it becomes available. Hops & Fog in P.G. is planning a party with live music, but the brewpub is waiting for "Samedi (Saturday) Gras" on Feb. 21 from 5 to 10 p.m.

Meanwhile, a quick reminder — if you just want a quiet evening at home, you can always find great takeout food and wine at Bruno's Market (Sixth and Junipero) and Jerome's Market in Carmel Valley, as well as Nielsen Bros. (Seventh and San Carlos) and the Cheese Shop in Carmel Plaza.

■ Last chance for V-Day

We have two last-minute entries into the world of hearts, flowers, fancy food and chocolate. First, Coastal Roots Hospitality — the group that runs Rio Grill, Tarpy's and Montrio — is encouraging diners to "make the love last longer."

Guests who dine at any of those spots Feb. 13-15 will get a \$25 dining incentive to use on a return visit Feb. 16-28. The offer is valid for dine-in use only.

"This is our way of saying thank you to the community while encouraging people to keep dining local after Valentine's Day," said Ken Donkersloot, president of Coastal Roots Hospitality. "Whether guests return for a relaxed midweek dinner or another celebration, we want to give them a reason to come back."

More details are available at coastalrootshospitality.com.

Classic Monterey romance

For more than 75 years, Old Fisherman's Grotto has

been serving locals and visitors on Fisherman's Wharf. Founded by Sabu Shake Sr. in 1950, it's still family-owned and operated. For Valentine's Day, there's a bold assortment of special menu items. Starters include fried octopus served with quinoa, arugula, cherry tomatoes, lemon vinaigrette and shaved Parmesan for \$25. Six barbecued oysters are priced at \$22, while brown sugar bacon-wrapped scallops (two pieces) cost \$18 and come with roasted sweet corn and piquillo chili sauce.

The list of entrées starts with lightly breaded and baked Chilean sea bass topped with lemon thyme beurre blanc and plated up with roasted red beet risotto. Alaskan halibut — macadamia-crusted and paired with two coconut prawns — is accompanied by fruit salsa, pineapple-citrus beurre blanc, roasted maple sweet potatoes and sautéed organic vegetables.

The Grotto seafood pasta "from the heart" has a

Soup to Nuts

4-ounce lobster tail, prawns, clams, sautéed cherry tomatoes, red onions and baby spinach. It's finished in a lobster cream sauce over fresh beet fettuccine. Surf and turf pairs an 8-ounce petite rib-eye steak with a 6-ounce lobster tail, a baked potato stuffed with bacon, cheddar cheese, chives and sour cream, and grilled asparagus.

Those with heartier appetites can indulge in a 22-ounce prime bone-in rib-eye steak served with chimichurri sauce,



Rio Grill, Tarpy's and Montrio will give Valentine's Day patrons (Feb. 13-15) a \$25 incentive to use on a return visit from Feb. 16-28. (Right) Old Fisherman's Grotto's V-Day offerings include the Melt My Heart cocktail.



a loaded baked potato with bacon, cheddar cheese, sour cream and chives, and sautéed organic vegetables.

Speaking of classics, lobster thermidor comes with butternut squash risotto and grilled asparagus-baby carrots. There's also a plate featuring salmon pesto and 5-ounce filet mignon — both served Wellington-style — with béarnaise sauce and organic baby vegetables.

Melt your heart

Finish up with a heart-shaped chocolate cake filled with classic raspberry and chocolate mousse and topped with chocolate ganache, or baked Alaska with mango ice cream, meringue and fresh berries. There's also crème brûlée, and red velvet cheesecake with cream cheese frosting.

To toast the occasion, the Melt My Heart cocktail blends pink cotton candy, fresh raspberry, Chambord raspberry liqueur and Prosecco.

Or share some Burning Passion. The potent 64-ounce potable for two combines vodka, rum, peach schnapps, melon liqueur, black raspberry liqueur, orange juice, pine-

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■ C.V. passport

Chesbro Wines in Carmel Valley Village has teamed up with neighboring tasting rooms to create a free C.V. Passport experience for wine club members Sunday, and it's not too late to join.

In addition to Chesbro, participating Carmel Valley Village tasting rooms include Windy Oaks, I Brand, Mid Life Crisis Wines, Lepe Cellars and Corral Wine Co. The passport includes a free tasting of two pours at each, along with access to their wine-club discounts.

"This event last year was a huge hit," said Chesbro manager Alex Lallos. "Skip the AT&T traffic and come out to the val-

ley for the day."

The event will run from noon to 3 p.m. Wine club members should RSVP to Alex@Chesbrowines.com, while those who are not yet members and would like to attend should call (831) 238-2618.

Find more information at chesbrowines.com.

■ Grasing's hosts Shafer

The coveted wines of Shafer will be featured during a wine dinner at Grasing's in Carmel March 18. Grape-growing and winemaking have been occurring at Shafer's storied Napa property since the 1880s — including some on the down-low during Prohibition — and in 1972, former Chicago publishing executive John Shafer bought the site and spent the middle of that decade planting the hillside estate with cabernet sauvignon.

In 1978, he transformed the property to full-scale winemaking and produced its first cabernet, and in the early 1980s, his son, Doug, joined as winemaker. In the years and decades that followed, they and Elias Fernandez, who started as assistant winemaker and went on to take over the top post, "created Hillsides Select and forged the trademark Shafer style of elegance, richness and balance," that has garnered the winery numerous awards.

"As the current stewards of this land, we take inspiration from nearly 150 years of our passionate and gifted predecessors, who saw the rich promise of this site, cared for it meticulously, and preserved its beauty and power for future generations," they say.

Several Shafer wines are unobtainable, while others are available



On Feb. 21, all that shushing gets put on hold for a fundraiser put on by the Monterey Public Library Friends and Foundation. Chocolate, wine, beer and savory bites will be served — and there's live music, too. But somehow, the librarians will control themselves.

but are relatively pricey, with chardonnay starting at \$80 per bottle. The Grasing's dinner, for which executive chef Mario Garcia will create five courses to pair with the evening's featured wines, will include a noteworthy lineup, and guests will have the opportunity to purchase bottles on site at special rates. CEO and head of wine-making operations Chris Avery will be there to lead guests through the experience.

The \$250-per-seat ticket includes tax and tip. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. For information and to register, visit grasings.com. The restaurant is located at Mission and Sixth.

■ Shhhhhh. It's a fundraiser.

The Monterey Public Library Friends and Foundation is holding its 21st annual

Chocolate and Wine fundraiser on Feb. 21 from 4-7 p.m. In addition to a nice selection of local wines and treats from nearby bakeries and chocolatiers, savory bites will also be available, and local breweries will be pouring beers. Music will be provided by the ever-popular Dave Holodiloff and friends, and there will be silent and online auctions.

Tickets to the event — which is for adults 21 and older only — are \$75 per person and may be purchased by visiting tinyurl.com/429eraw3. The group is also looking for volunteers to work in advance of the event and that afternoon/evening, and there's a link to the appropriate form on the same website. Proceeds support Monterey Public Library.

Mary Schley and Elaine Hesser contributed to this week's column.



A March 18 dinner featuring the coveted wines of Shafer will be held at Grasing's. The quaffs produced by winemaker Elias Fernandez (above) will be paired with executive chef Mario Garcia's food.

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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.

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Feb 14 – Love Is In The Air, an evening of romantic songs from around the globe. Dave Holodiloff, mandolin and Michael Martinez, piano. Reception 6pm, Concert 7pm at the Stanton Center Theater, inside the Monterey History and Art Museum, 5 Custom House Plaza, Monterey. www.daveholodiloff.com

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. [stdvc.org](http://www.stdvc.org).

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.

February 19 - "B4Noon Community Recital", 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at Carmel Presbyterian Church, Ocean & Junipero, SE corner, every Thursday through April 30. Free. **This week, Feb 19:** music of Mozart, Schubert, and Bach with David Dally (violin) and Eun Ha Chung (piano & organ).

February 22 - Cabaret By the Sea presents: Musical Duo "SCHOOLCRAFT AND MURRAY," Groove, Wit, and Harmony! w/Barbara Brussell Fessler. 3 p.m. show, reception to follow, at Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93922. \$20 (o.b.o). Tix at door. www.schoolcraftandmurray.com For more info, (646) 287-4772.

Feb 27 - The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) will present a luncheon lecture at the Hilton Garden Inn. Professor Anna Grzymala-Busse of Stanford University will present "The Future of NATO and the liberal order". Visit <http://www.wacmb.org> for event registration and information.

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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.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza — singer and guitarist **Dan Frechette** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Saturday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

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Stanton Center — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** and pianist **Michael Martinez** present "Love is in the Air" ("an evening of romantic songs from around the globe," Saturday at 7 p.m.) 5 Custom House Plaza.

■ Pacific Grove

Asilomar Conference Center — singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 800 Asilomar Ave.

Il Vecchio Restaurant — The Cena Jazz Trio (Thursday 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.

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A familiar face at the popular downtown spot, singer and guitarist Tony Burciaga performs Thursday, 6 p.m., at Barmel.

p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

Links Club — The Mighty Maples (rock, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Akina & the Velvet Standards** (jazz, 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.

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Bernardus Lodge — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault** (jazz and pop, Saturday at noon p.m.), 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.

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Singer and guitarist Shawn Barker pays tribute to Johnny Cash Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey

ARTIST

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When the company brought them back to Idaho, she returned to Boise State for a degree in secondary education, with an emphasis on the social sciences.

"Just as I was graduating, I became pregnant with Kate, our first daughter, and became a stay-at-home mom," she said.

LIVE

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PG's Meetinghouse — Open Mic (Tuesday at 6 p.m., sign up by 5 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Pop 'n' Hiss — Organism with singer **Richard Bryant** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, 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.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

■ Seaside

Deja Blue — The Al James Band ("smooth grooves, soulful blues and feel-good rhythms," Saturday at 3 p.m.) **Kebo** (blues, Sunday at 3 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

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Singer Brooklyn Gabriel, along with Mad About You, plays Saturday at Sly McFly's in Monterey.

Shuttles make it easy to get to the Pro-Am

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CHAMBERS of commerce in Carmel and Pacific Grove are offering shuttle services to the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, which began Thursday and concludes Sunday. To make the offer extra enticing — new this year — Pacific Grove's shuttles are free to spectators and volunteers.

The P.G. pickup point is the Museum of Natural History at 165 Forest Ave. Buses run every 30 minutes from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and are being offered through a partnership with the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, the nonprofit that hosts the Pro-Am.

For full details and information, visit pacificgrove.org.

Carmel, too

In downtown Carmel, shuttles run every 15 to 30 minutes between 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Feb. 12-15, transporting spectators and volunteers between Carmel Plaza at Ocean and Mission and the tournament entrance. Shuttle tickets cost \$40 per day or \$130 for a four-day pass and can be purchased in advance at carmelchamber.org or in person at the shuttle stop. Chamber members receive a \$5 discount, and AT&T volunteers ride for free.

Subsequent moves took them briefly to Connecticut, then to Virginia Beach, where Hamilton put her college education to use, volunteering for enrichment programs at her daughters' school.

"I developed and ran hands-on programs, teaching kids to explore and experience various social studies and science concepts," she said. "Instead of just reading about them or watching a film, they actually got to do experiments and learn to navigate through the world."

Life in the fast lane

When their younger daughter turned 16, the family got involved in high-performance driving at Virginia International Raceway.

"Emma was kind of a daredevil," her mom explained. "We figured if she was going to drive fast, we wanted her to understand how to handle a car at speed."

Emma and her father wound up racing Volkswagen GTIs at tracks that included Buttonwillow, Sonoma, Thunder Hill and Laguna Seca. Hamilton drove those tracks noncompetitively in her Super Cooper and spent two years in automotive school, learning how cars work.

She traces her interest in glass art to the collection of glass animals her father purchased when they lived in Japan. Then, in 1997, she came upon glassblowers in Southern California who were making the little figures using lampwork (small torches).

"Then, after my mother-in-law gave me an antique paperweight, I got interested in those," she said.

When a family friend gave her his equipment and materials for making stained glass — a grinder, a glass cutter and scraps — Hamilton's interest was piqued.

"I got books from the library, watched YouTube videos and started educating myself," she said. "It was so fascinating, and there was so much to learn, that I realized it was going to take me the rest of my life to figure it out."

She was right, Hamilton realizes today.

"I'm still just blown away by all the things you can do with glass, either as a flat medium or as dimensional art. It all amazes me," she said.

Tiny Treasures

Hamilton participated in Pacific Grove Art Center's "Tiny Treasures" fundraisers in 2024 and 2025, as well as its First Friday events, but she rarely exhibits her work and doesn't take commissions.

She also doesn't actively solicit students but considers herself an ambassador of the art form and welcomes visitors who are interested in learning more about creating glass art. Contact her at geokc8@gmail.com for information.

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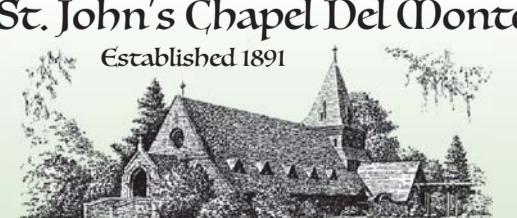
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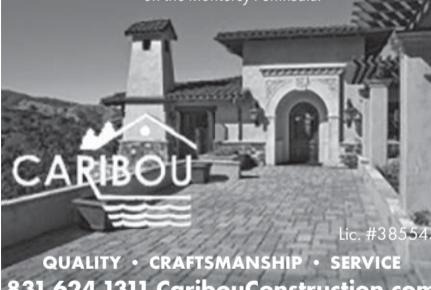


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SAILING

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among 61 California high schools with sailing programs — a list topped by Mater Dei, Point Loma, San Marcos, Cathedral Catholic and Corona Del Mar.

Boat partners frequently change, because head coach Bradley Schoch and his assistants, O'Hara and longtime program fixture Jack McAleer (a former head coach) try to pair their most experienced sailors with novices, accelerating improvement.

But Stevenson's Gold Division pairings in 2025-26 have been junior co-captain Patrick O'Hara (skipper) with sophomore Marc Cheung (crew), and the all-female team of Liah Yamamura (skipper) with co-captain Claire Lee (crew), both seniors.

A sophomore, Nate Burgstone, also has gained valuable experience in the Gold Division races this season.

Silver Division veterans this year have included junior Dillan Spence, sophomores Myah Solomon and Ryan Ferguson, and

freshmen Tommy O'Hara, Matthew Hollins and Haily Law.

At the Sausalito event, Yamamura and freshman Lucia Ryan raced to a fourth place finish out of 14 teams in Saturday's Gold race. On Sunday, O'Hara and Cheung placed third, and Yamamura and Lee were fourth in a 17-school division.

Three firsts in Alameda

The best finish of the winter season for Stevenson came on Nov. 4 at Alameda's Encinal Yacht Club, where O'Hara and Cheung placed first in three separate gold races, and took second overall among 35 teams.

The Pirates now move into sailing's spring season. Next up will be the Golden Bear Regatta, scheduled Feb. 21-22 at Encinal Yacht Club, an event that attracted 24 schools a year ago.

CHS wrestlers qualify for regionals: Carmel's Skyler Madsen (157 pounds), Dominik Ranansky (215), and Alexander Noto-Hagen (285) have qualified for Saturday's Central Coast Section Southern



Stevenson freshman Matthew Hollins gets instruction on de-rigging from junior co-captain Patrick O'Hara, who aspires to sail at the collegiate level.

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divisions.

Ranansky, Britesen Comello (132) and Lucca Gomez (138) led the Padres to the team championship in the Cypress Division tournament with first-place individual titles.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 26CV00079

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

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 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/Ana V. Gonzalez Renteria, Vice President

Date: Jan. 5, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 5, 2026.

Publication Dates: Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2026. (PC 134)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250014

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

Jumpstart Finance and Accounting, 27136 Prestancia Way, Salinas, CA 93908

County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s):

William Cole, 27136 Prestancia Way, Salinas, CA 93908

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/William Cole

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 01/05/2026.

1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13/26

CNS-399556# CARMEL PINE CONE

Publication Dates: Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2026. (PC 135)

LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 3:00 pm
 legal@carmelpinecone.com
 Se Habla Espanol



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA SUMMARY NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2026-001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its meeting of Tuesday, January 13, 2026, the City Council conducted the introduction and first reading, and at its meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2026-001:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA AMENDING CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) BY ADOPTING THE 2025 EDITIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (CAC), CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE (CBC) AND APPENDICES, CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE (CRC), CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE (CEC), CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE (CFC), CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE (CMC), CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE (CPC), CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE (CEC), CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE (CGBC), HISTORIC BUILDING CODE (HBC), EXISTING BUILDING CODE (EBC) AND WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE (WUI) AND 2024 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODES (IPMC) WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS

AYES: Councilmembers Baron, Buder, Devles, Dramov, and Mayor Byrne. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None. This Ordinance was enacted and will go into effect thirty (30) days from the date of its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office, Monte Verde, between Ocean and 7th Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA, 93921. If you wish to challenge the action of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea City Hall at, or prior to, the public hearing.

/s/ Nova Romero, MMC, City Clerk
 Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA
 Date: February 6, 2026
 Publish Date: February 13, 2026

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260087

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SERAPHIM'S TOUCH, 1011 Cass Street, Ste. 203-E, Monterey, CA 93940.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
JADE MICHELLE MINELLI, 500 Glenwood Circle #2210, Monterey, CA 93940
 This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 13, 2026.
 S/Jade Michelle Minelli
 Date signed: Jan. 13, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 13, 2026.
 Publication Dates: Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 136)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260131

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
RGR, LLC, 2814 Raccoon Trail, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
ROOTED GROWING RÉSILIENT, LLC, 680 Lighthouse Avenue, #52055, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
 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/ Shana Cromer, Managing Member
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 01/12/2026 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20/26
CNS-4006344# CARMEL PINE CONE
 Publication Dates: Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 151)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260083

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. INKED OCTOPUS BOOKS
2. THE INKED OCTOPUS BOOKSTORE
3. INKED OCTOPUS BOOKSTORE
4. THE INKED OCTOPUS BOOKSTORE AND COFFEEHOUSE
5. INKED OCTOPUS BOOKSTORE AND COFFEEHOUSE
1141 Wanda Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
KAREN McDONALD, 1550 Canyon Del Rey Blvd #1025, Seaside, CA 93955.
 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/Karen McDonald
 Date signed: Dec. 19, 2025
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 19, 2025.
 Publication Dates: Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 137)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260067

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
FRL CONSTRUCTION, 277 Tapadero St., Salinas, CA 93906.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
FRANCISCO S. RODRIGUEZ, 277 Tapadero St., 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 N/A.
 S/Francisco Rodriguez
 Date signed: Jan. 13, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 13, 2026.
 Publication Dates: Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 147)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260089

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Monterey Bay Fiber Arts, 1297 Judson St, Seaside, CA 93955.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
JURIAS BAUTISTA LUIZ.
 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/Jurias Bautista
 Date signed: Jan. 9, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 9, 2026.
 Publication Dates: Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 147)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260089

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JDS ESTATE JEWELRY, 959 Portola Dr., Monterey, CA 93940.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:

JDS ESTATE JEWELRY LLC, P.O. Box 4833, Carmel, CA 93921.
 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, 2016.

S/Juan Da Silva, CEO
 Date: Jan. 7, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 7, 2026.

Publication Dates: Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 149)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260147

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SONRISAS Y COLORES DAYCARE, 78 Magnolia Dr., Salinas, CA 93905.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
KAREN GUADALUPE GOMEZ LLAMAS, 78 Magnolia Dr., Salinas, CA 93905.
 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/Karen Guadalupe Gomez Llamas
 Date signed: Jan. 21, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 21, 2026.
 Publication Dates: Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 149)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260142

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MONTEREY TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT, 351 Watson Street, Monterey, CA 93940.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
DANIEL MORALES.
 This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 23, 2025.
 E/DEERES ROHINA, 351 Watson Street, Monterey, CA 93940.
 This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260131

under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 2025.
 S/Edrees Rohina
 Date signed: Jan. 21, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 21, 2026.

Publication Dates: Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 150)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260083

under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 2025.
 S/Edrees Rohina
 Date signed: Jan. 21, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 21, 2026.

Publication Dates: Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 150)

FICTION BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260083

under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 2025.
 S/Edrees Rohina
 Date signed: Jan. 21, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 21, 2026.

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File No. 20260083

under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 2025.
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 Date signed: Jan. 21, 2026
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 S/Edrees Rohina

Student-artists shine in 'For the Love of Art' exhibit at CAA

RECOGNIZING SOME of Monterey County's most talented student-artists, the Carmel Art Association hosts a reception Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. for its latest "For the Love of Art" exhibit. During the reception, some of the artists, who all attend local high schools or middle schools, will be recognized with awards.

"The students have created a stunning collection of artworks in a variety of mediums, including acrylic, clay, colored pencil and more," the gallery said. "From detailed drawings and sculptures to expressionistic paintings, these talented young artists demonstrate technical skill and originality in each artwork."

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

For those who plan to become professional artists, the program gives them valuable experience in a supportive setting. "This annual program exists to encourage young artists to gain true gallery experience by showcasing their work," the CAA said.

Also new at the art association is a show by painter Peggy Jelmini ("Between Land and Light").

"Peggy's paintings explore light, color, and atmosphere as emotional elements, capturing the feeling of a landscape rather than its literal form," the gallery added. "Subtle changes in tone and movement suggest land, water and sky without defining them."

The exhibits continue through March 2. The gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. carmelart.org

Taking a stroll

Showcasing 18 artist-owned downtown galleries, the next Carmel Art Walk is set for Saturday — Valentine's Day — from 4 to 7 p.m.

"This is a perfect opportunity to bring your sweetheart out for a stroll," suggested Nicole Cromwell, who owns a gallery on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. "You might find the perfect Valentine's gift straight from the easel of one of the art walk's talented local artists."

The participants, which will display blue lanterns in their windows, include Joaquin Turner Gallery, Gallery Sur, Carmel Art Association, Jennifer Perlmuter Gallery and others. "Many of the galleries will have special treats as well as free demos," added Turner, whose gallery is next to Cromwell's.

The monthly event is free. Tour maps are available at each gallery.

Infusing illusions

Painter Jim Dultz shares his latest creations in the show, "Lenticulars," which opens Saturday with a 4 p.m. reception at Carmel Modern gallery. "This exhibition will feature a series of 20 new transformative works full of color and light," the gallery announced.

A retired art director and designer of theatrical productions, television shows and feature films, Dultz has long been fascinated by the idea of infusing illusions into his art. "My goal has always been to amuse, delight and entertain through the art I create," the artist said.

The show continues through March 9. The gallery is located on Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln.



"Below the Surface" by Violet Maxinoski of Carmel High School is featured in an exhibit on display at Carmel Art Association through March 2.

Lithium batteries, wildfires, and artistic symbols

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

IN ITS ongoing mission to "inspire youth and promote dialog on issues of the day throughout our adult communities," the California Arts and Sciences Institute in Carmel has announced two upcoming lectures.

The nonprofit's founders comprise 67 artists, scientists, entrepreneurs, CEOs and architects, and it presents programs on an eclectic assortment of topics.

On Thursday, Feb. 26, at 4:30 p.m. in the Barnyard shopping center, three experts on wildfire policy and fire-fighting will speak on a "Recipe for Wildfire Prevention," with information on preventive programs put in place by

the Santa Lucia Conservancy, fire-prone trees and shrubs, power lines, water use and more.

At 4:30 p.m. on March 26 at Wave Street Studios, Carmel artist Mel Ahlborn presents an interactive and illustrated talk called, "Meet Me At The Threshold — Symbolism in Contemporary Art."

Ahlborn will discuss the evolution of creative expression from widely understood images, like Roman deities, to a greater variety of symbols in later periods, such as Diego Rivera's use of industrial-age iconography to advocate for proletariat and revolutionary ideals.

Each presentation is \$20 per person, and tickets can be purchased at casicalifornia.org.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS 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

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 Jan. 2, 2026.

S/Natalie Sweet, CEO

Date: Jan. 2, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 2, 2026.

Publication Dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 207)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 26CV000461

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, EMELIA CRUZ GUTIERREZ & MAXIMILIANO DIONICIO CRUZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A Present name:

MAXIMILIANO DIONICIO CRUZ

Proposed name:

MAXIMILIANO GAEL DIONICIO CRUZ

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 24, 2026
TIME: 11:00 a.m.

DEPT: 13A

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

Date filed: Jan. 29, 2026

(s) Ian A. Rivamonte

Judge of the Superior Court

Publication Dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026, (PC 208)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260222
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

SCOTTISH FAIRWAY INN, 1046 Munras Ave, Monterey, CA 93940.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:

SF2075 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 N/A.

Publication Dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 211)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260255
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

1. THE JOY STANDARD

2. CUP OF JOY

3. JOY RIDE

655 Jewell Ave., 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.:

SF2075 LLC.

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260255
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

2. THE JOY STANDARD

1. CUP OF JOY

3. JOY RIDE

655 Jewell Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

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File No. 20260255
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

3. JOY RIDE

655 Jewell Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260255
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

4. JOY RIDE

655 Jewell Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260255
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

5. JOY RIDE

655 Jewell Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

6. JOY RIDE

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County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260255
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

7. JOY RIDE

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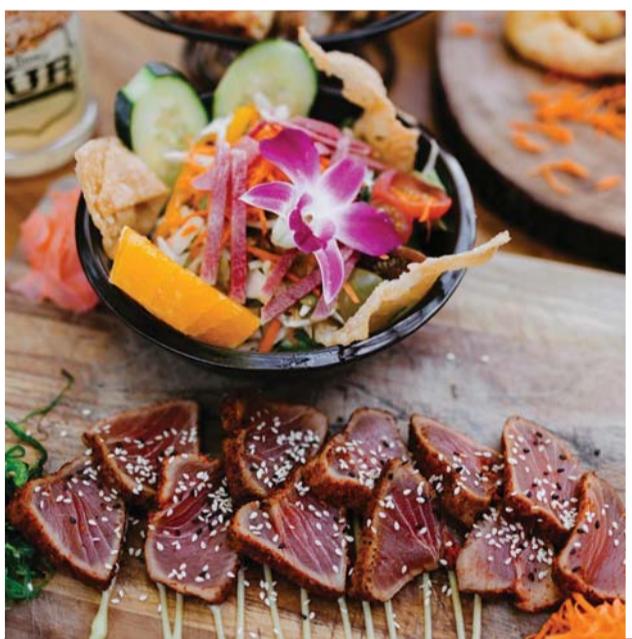
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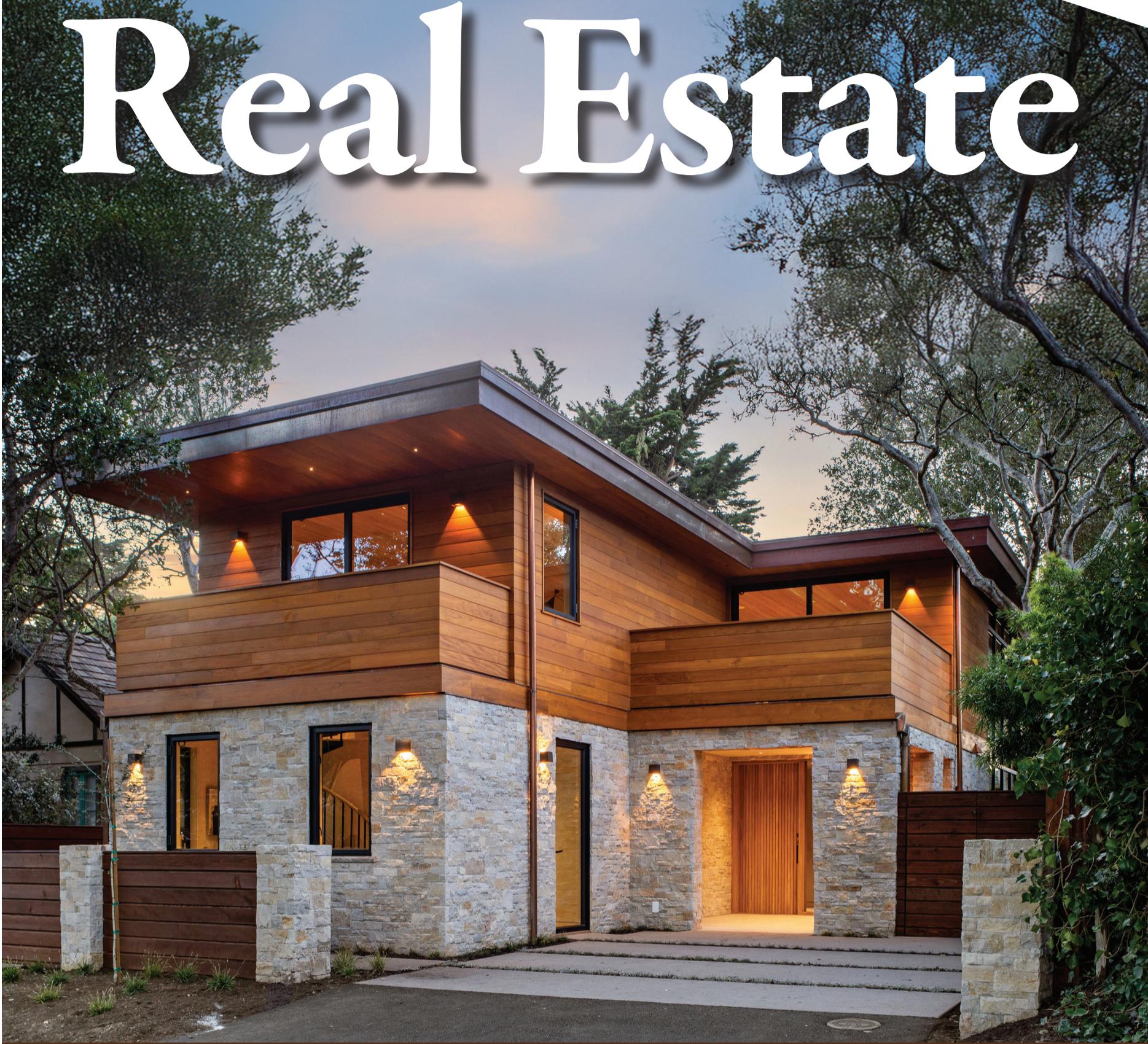
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Real Estate

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■ This week's cover property, located in Carmel,
is presented by Courtney Adamski
of Carmel Realty Company (See Page 2RE)



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Carmel Reads The Pine Cone

Real Estate Sales Feb. 1 - 7

Escrows closed: 26
 Total value: \$55,503,000

Carmel

Santa Fe Street, 2 NW of Ninth Avenue — \$4,700,000
 Cosmoro Construction & Development LLC to Spiro and Martha Lazarakis
 APN: 010-053-015

Carmel Highlands

176 Sonoma Lane — \$2,150,000
 Parmvir and Jasmeet Batth to Andrea and David Klembith
 APN: 241-311-015

Carmel Valley

134 El Hemorro — \$715,000
 Jeremy and Janette Cate to Kia and Forrest Keyes
 APN: 189-372-011



311 Walnut Street, Pacific Grove — \$1,500,000

75 Hacienda Carmel — \$799,500

Virgil Perelli to Patricia Ryan and Jules Janick
 APN: 015-336-015

9 Mesa Trail — \$1,650,000

Betsy Bliss to Owen Hunt
 APN: 239-101-022

9563 Oak Court — \$2,614,500

Candace Haber to Thomas and Karyn Hierl
 APN: 416-531-034

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Monterey Peninsula Real Estate Market Ends 2025 on Steady Footing

As the Monterey Peninsula moved into the winter months, the local real estate market concluded 2025 with a steady and generally positive performance. Buyer interest remained consistent throughout the year, pricing proved resilient, and overall market activity reflected the continued long-term appeal of Peninsula communities.

In Carmel-by-the-Sea, sales increased modestly compared to 2024, while overall pricing remained relatively stable when viewed beyond averages. The average sales price declined nearly 15 percent year over year, largely due to a shift in the mix of homes sold. The \$3 million to \$5 million segment saw fewer transactions than in 2024, while sales in the \$1 million to \$3 million range increased, pulling down the average despite continued demand. Greater Carmel also showed steady conditions, with total annual activity in line with the prior year and a record annual average sales price,

despite a lower average in the fourth quarter. Carmel Valley continued to see solid demand, with sales closely matching last year's totals. Like Carmel-by-the-Sea, pricing trends in the valley reflected a higher proportion of lower-priced transactions and a longer average time on market.

Elsewhere on the Peninsula, several markets posted notable gains in the final months of the year. Pebble Beach recorded its most active quarter of 2025 and continued a two-year trend of increasing sales and volume, supported by a number of high-value transactions. Monterey finished the year with its strongest quarter for both unit sales and dollar volume and established new annual pricing benchmarks. Pacific Grove stood out with one of its strongest quarterly performances in recent years and the shortest average days on market among Peninsula communities. Seaside experienced a surge in fourth-quarter activity, while Marina remained stable, with pricing holding consis-

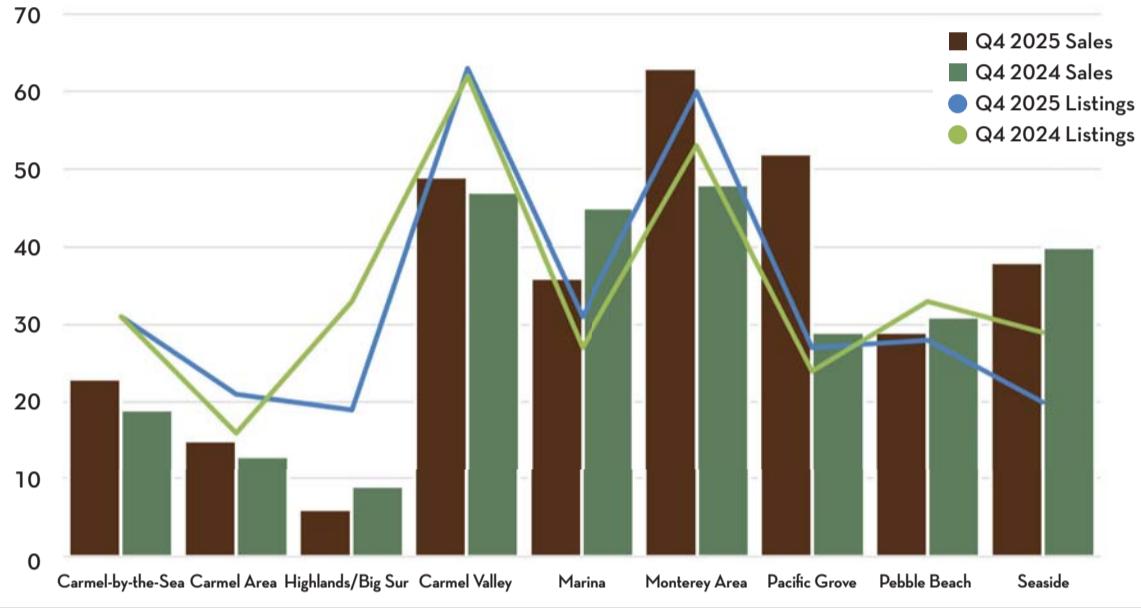
tently in the mid-\$900,000 range. In Carmel Highlands and Big Sur, a number of high-end sales drove a significant increase in annual volume, illustrating the impact of luxury transactions in these smaller, inventory-constrained markets.

Across the nine Peninsula areas included in this report, the average sales price for 2025 was \$1.92 million, representing a 1.3 percent increase over 2024. Unit sales increased 3.0 percent year over year, contributing to a 4.3 percent rise in total sales volume.

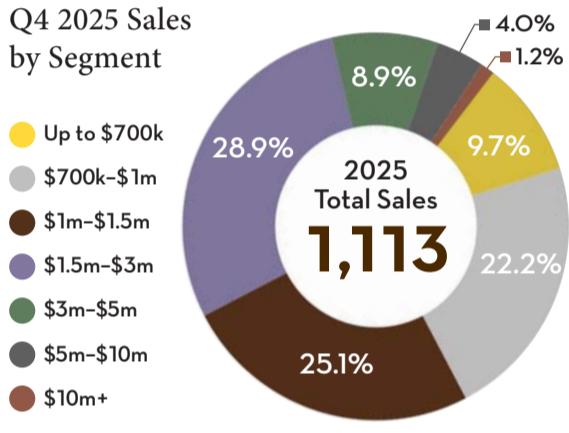
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Closed Sales vs. Available Listings Year Over Year



Q4 2025 Sales by Segment



	SALES BY SEGMENT								TOTAL VOLUME SOLD			AVAILABLE LISTINGS QUARTER END		
	Up to \$700K	\$700K-\$1M	\$1M-\$1.5M	\$1.5M-\$3M	\$3M-\$5M	\$5M-\$10M	\$10M+	Q4 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2024	Q4 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2024	
Carmel-by-the-Sea	0	1	3	48	32	16	3	\$85,636,075	\$102,950,550	\$100,992,000	31	37	31	
Carmel Area	0	3	17	27	8	5	0	\$23,862,900	\$36,886,000	\$28,814,300	21	20	16	
Carmel Highlands/Big Sur	0	0	2	12	4	3	4	\$43,119,725	\$33,345,000	\$54,300,376	19	33	33	
Carmel Valley	19	28	37	70	18	9	0	\$75,701,500	\$100,960,500	\$98,419,500	63	79	62	
Marina	20	70	46	9	0	0	0	\$34,688,591	\$40,185,234	\$43,937,972	31	35	27	
Monterey Area	36	43	84	51	8	1	0	\$81,252,222	\$80,121,701	\$49,760,674	60	100	53	
Pacific Grove	1	27	60	50	8	1	0	\$81,994,125	\$55,337,635	\$47,014,000	27	43	24	
Pebble Beach	0	6	7	49	21	10	6	\$95,660,250	\$119,688,300	\$101,956,000	28	42	33	
Seaside	32	69	23	6	0	0	0	\$34,586,717	\$26,652,600	\$34,605,750	20	32	29	
Totals	108	247	279	322	99	45	13	\$556,502,105	\$596,127,520	\$559,800,572	300	421	308	

	MEDIAN SALES PRICES			AVERAGE SALES PRICES			DAYS ON MARKET			NUMBER OF SALES		
	Q4 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2024	Q4 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2024	Q4 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2024	Q4 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2024
Carmel-by-the-Sea	\$2,600,000	\$3,275,000	\$3,995,000	\$3,723,308	\$3,320,985	\$5,315,368	45	75	35	23	31	19
Carmel Area	\$1,380,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,590,860	\$2,459,067	\$2,216,485	60	64	31	15	15	13
Carmel Highlands/Big Sur	\$6,237,500	\$3,360,000	\$4,447,500	\$7,186,621	\$5,557,500	\$6,033,375	94	133	64	6	6	9
Carmel Valley	\$1,198,000	\$1,592,500	\$1,340,000	\$1,544,929	\$1,869,639	\$2,094,032	100	74	69	49	54	47
Marina	\$967,500	\$892,500	\$870,000	\$963,572	\$1,004,631	\$976,399	50	54	46	36	40	45
Monterey Area	\$1,125,000	\$1,287,500	\$950,000	\$1,289,718	\$1,430,745	\$1,036,681	73	48	49	63	56	48
Pacific Grove	\$1,212,500	\$1,379,500	\$1,375,000	\$1,576,810	\$1,729,301	\$1,621,172	44	33	43	52	32	29
Pebble Beach	\$2,500,000	\$2,755,000	\$2,600,000	\$3,298,629	\$4,987,013	\$3,288,903	84	55	79	29	24	31
Seaside	\$804,500	\$723,600	\$805,000	\$910,177	\$859,761	\$865,144	43	49	52	38	31	40

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	TEN-YEAR MEDIAN SALES PRICE										1-Year Change	10-Year Change
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
Carmel-by-the-Sea	\$1,607,500	\$1,700,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,875,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,750,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,007,500	\$3,450,000	\$2,995,000	-13.2%	86.3%
Carmel Area	\$1,065,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,297,500	\$1,225,000	\$1,450,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,620,000	\$1,625,000	\$1,759,000	8.2%	65.2%
Carmel Highlands/Big Sur	\$1,685,000	\$1,937,500	\$1,597,500	\$1,775,000	\$2,645,000	\$2,375,000	\$3,709,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,640,000	\$2,879,465	-20.9%	70.9%
Carmel Valley	\$950,313	\$937,000	\$1,000,000	\$950,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,495,000	\$1,570,000	\$1,555,000	-1.0%	63.6%
Marina	\$490,000	\$537,200	\$599,000	\$639,000	\$675,000	\$792,000	\$849,000	\$875,000	\$930,000	\$895,000	-3.8%	82.7%
Monterey Area	\$656,500	\$722,500	\$772,000	\$740,000	\$850,000	\$930,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,074,000	\$1,054,500	\$1,150,000	9.1%	75.2%
Pacific Grove	\$800,000	\$886,500	\$889,750	\$958,000	\$980,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,390,000	\$1,497,500	\$1,490,000	\$1,325,000	-11.1%	65.6%
Pebble Beach	\$1,525,000	\$1,575,000	\$1,557,500	\$1,767,950	\$2,100,000	\$2,795,000	\$3,150,000	\$2,690,000	\$2,612,500	\$2,625,000	0.5%	72.1%
Seaside	\$445,000	\$495,000	\$525,000	\$								



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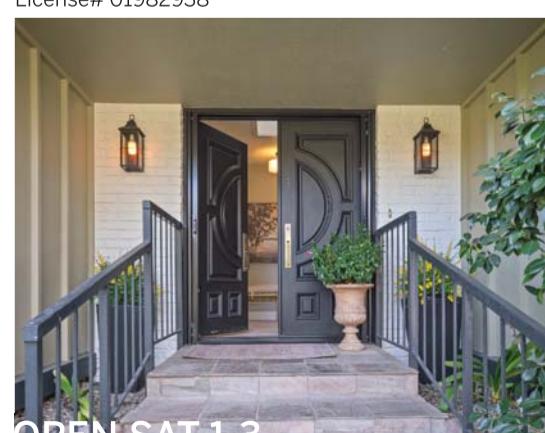


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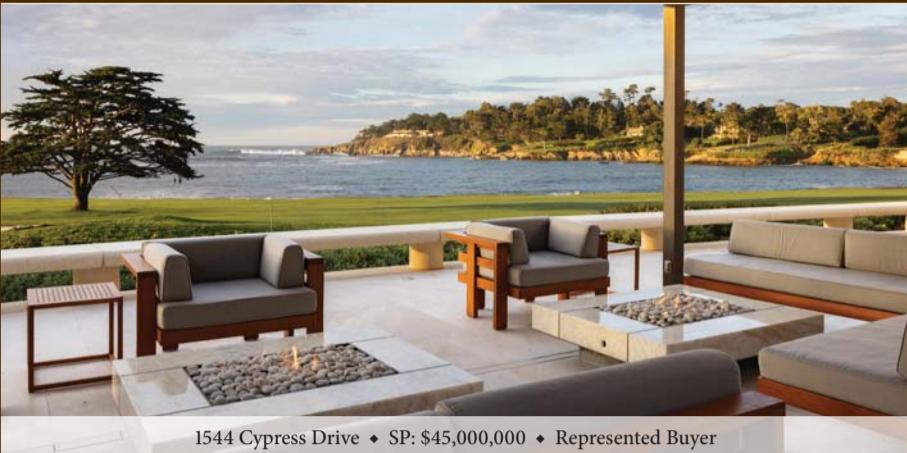
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WRAPPED IN LACE OR LACED WITH SADNESS — IT'S VALENTINE'S DAY

SAINTS, POETS, novelists, screen-writers, lyricists, gospel writers and advice columnists have all attempted to tell us what love is — a riddle that can stymie us even as we approach what is supposed to be the most romantic day of the year. Valentine's Day means hearts and flowers, teddies and teddy bears, bonbons and bustiers, poetic license and lyrical licentiousness, and even sentiment and seduction as we try to get Eros to aim his arrows at the hearts of those we desire.

Last year, 145 million Valentine's cards were purchased in the United States as we spent \$27.5 billion not only for cards, but for candy, jewelry, spa treatments and dining out. But behind the glitter and glamour lurks love's shadowy side — reminding us that this day is not all hearts and flowers.

Lucky in love?

Not everyone looks forward to celebrating Valentine's Day. Statistics indicate that the door love walks through is often a revolving one. What about those for whom the flowers have wilted and sentiments have turned to ashes? For those unfortunates, Valentine's Day is when they want to pull the covers over their heads and set the alarm to, "Wake me when it's over."

In his insightful book, "Love's Executioner," psychotherapist Irvin Yalom

describes how he dislikes counseling patients who are in love. "The good therapist fights darkness and seeks illumination, while romantic love is sustained by mystery and crumbles upon inspection. I hate to be love's executioner," Yalom writes.

So what's it all about? Why do people

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

search for that many-splendored thing? What is it about the way she moves that attracts you like no other? Why do you run to her side and make her your own? Are you such a lucky guy? Or is it just your imagination running away with you?

Someone gets divorced every 42 seconds in this country. By the time you finish reading this sentence, another couple may have parted ways. How do two people stay together for half a century, defying the odds that say such long-term relationships are impossible in a society in which things and people are disposable? Perhaps the endurance of successful relationships rests not on the fleeting mystery of romantic love, but on what truly matters. When the initial allure fades, the foundation of lasting love

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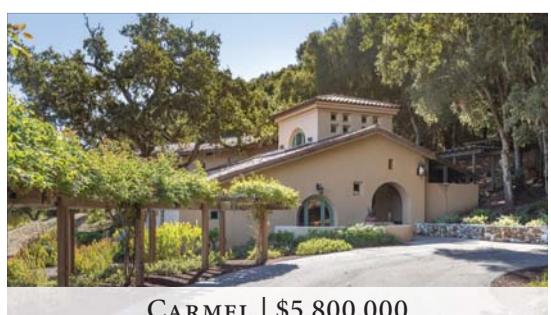
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is best captured in Paul's letter to the Corinthians — a passage so profound it's often recited in marriage ceremonies:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not

self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

Yet even this timeless definition of love cannot shield us from the moments when human frailty takes over — when the very qualities that sustain love are betrayed by self-interest, dishonesty or the allure of short-term gain.

Then the deathwatch begins, Cupid sheathes his arrows, clouds darken and angels cry as the door is left open for love's executioner, who invariably rushes in.

When one loses a spouse or partner after decades of being together, Valentine's Day can hold all the attraction of an intruder — sharp, relentless and impossible to ignore.

Everyday intimacy

No matter how keenly a loss is felt, though, time is a great healer. And then, one day, love walks in and drives the shadows away. When she walks into a room, her beauty takes your heart away. Soon you begin to grasp that a second life has been apportioned to you — not a second chance, because that indicates you did something wrong the first time. Nor is it a new lease on life. It is a brand-new life.

Once more, you get to enjoy the sedate comforts of casual intimacy — the touching of hands, brushing against each other while watching TV, shedding anxiety, shredding pretensions, sharing joy and sorrow.

Savoring those moments when you sit reading in separate chairs, turning pages into memories; those tender mercies that transcend diamonds and pearls, champagne dinners, bonbons and greeting cards; those real things that invite love to persevere — and bar the door to love's executioner.

So, who is your muse on Valentine's Day? Perhaps it's neither Eratom (love) nor Melpomene (tragedy), but the quiet understanding that love — whether in its conquest or catastrophe — is always worth the risk.

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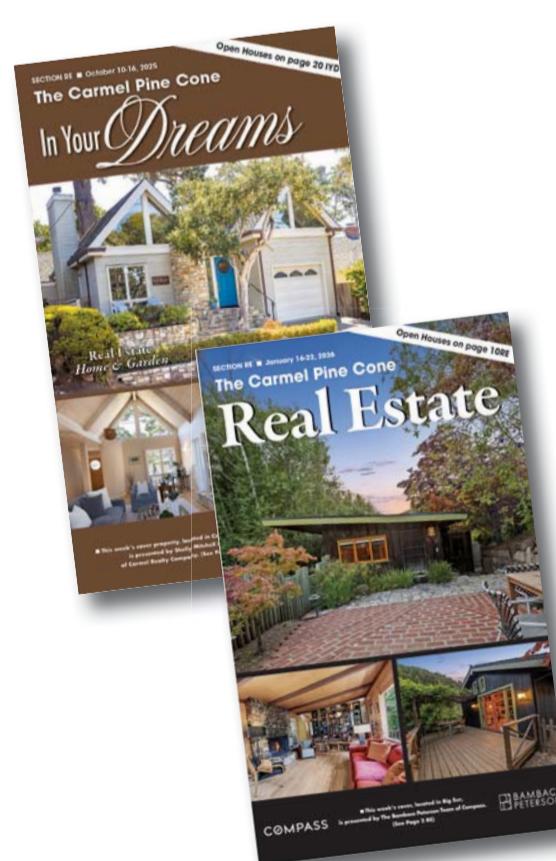
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Winner: Paul Azinger
67-67-73-67 (274)

After being frustrated with his play at Pebble Beach year after year, Azinger stormed to a final round score of 67 to take the tournament from gallery favorite Rocco Mediate. "Every year when I leave here, I say I'm not coming back," Azinger joked after taking the \$198,000 first prize. Before the 1991 pro-am, Azinger said he'd never shot better than a 70 at Pebble. On his way to the victory, he birdied 13 and 17, while Mediate was blowing his once-substantial tournament lead with a final round of 74. The pro-am team title went to John Cook and soap opera star Jack Wagner.

1991 was also the first year Poppy Hills was part of the pro-am play; it replaced Cypress Point Golf Club after PGA officials raised concerns about the club's exclusive membership policies.

■ 1992

Winner: Mark O'Meara
69-68-68-70 (275)

With a dramatic 35-foot putt on 18 to force a playoff

with Jeff Sluman, Mark O'Meara made perhaps his most dramatic shot in a run of three AT&T Pro-Am victories in four years. He captured the \$198,000 first-place prize by sinking another great putt — from 18 feet — on the first playoff hole. The day started poorly for O'Meara, who shot 38 on the front nine. But he came storming back with a 32 on the back nine. Paul Azinger was just one back after regulation play finished, despite shooting 68 for the final round. Pro-am winners Greg Norman and Kerry Packer set a tournament record with a 42-under total of 246.

■ 1993

Winner: Brett Ogle
68-68-69-71 (276)

Gregarious Australian Brett Ogle captured his first PGA Tour victory at Pebble Beach with a three-shot triumph in the AT&T Pro-Am, despite four bogeys in six holes during the final round.

With a steady rain falling through much of the day, Ogle birdied three of the last six holes to fend off challengers Billy Ray Brown and Greg Twiggs. Ogle's first-place finish was worth \$225,000. Tom Watson had the low round on the final day, with birdies on 10, 11, 18, 6, 7 and 9.

Payne Stewart and Jim Morris won the pro-am title, after Mark McGwire knocked his team out of contention with a bogey on 18.

■ 1994

Winner: Johnny Miller
68-72-67-74 (281)

Defying the calendar, 46-year-old Johnny Miller captured the AT&T Pro-Am, and even he had trouble believing it. "I play two tournaments a year ... this is magic," he said. The win was Miller's third title in three different decades at the Pebble Beach charity event — he had previously won in 1974 and 1987. Jeff Maggert, Corey Pavin, Kirk Triplett and Tom Watson all finished just one stroke behind Miller, who sank a 1-foot putt for par on 18 to avoid a possible five-way playoff. It rained nearly all day during the final round and, with a gale blowing from the south, Miller got to the green in two on 17 to preserve his lead, while Watson was bogeying 14, 16 and 17. Miller's first-place finish was worth \$225,000. Pro-am winners were Dudley Hart and 18-year-old amateur Robert Floyd.

■ 1995

Winner: Peter Jacobsen
67-73-66-65 (271)

With the best final round by a winner, Peter Jacobsen captured the \$252,000 winner's purse despite starting play at Pebble Beach on Sunday at just 3 under. His total score, 271, was the lowest since Mark O'Meara's 273 in 1985, but with lift, clean and place rules in effect because of a wet course, Jacobsen said his record score deserved "an asterisk." With a bit of sun finally showing through the clouds, Jacobsen birdied 18 to seal his victory. David Duval, in his first full year on the PGA Tour, finished in second place, two strokes back. Pro-am winners were Bruce Vaughn and amateur Masashi Yamada.

■ 1996

Winner: nobody
Tournament canceled due to unplayable conditions

The weather on Sunday was pleasant: low clouds, some sun, no rain. But heavy rains earlier in the week, including a torrential downpour on Saturday, left the courses — especially Spyglass — in unplayable condition, forcing outright cancellation of the AT&T Pro-Am due to weather for the first, and only, time in its history. (Play was suspended from 1942 to 1946 because of World War II.) In particular, one flooded spot on 16 at Spyglass was cited by PGA officials as requiring cancellation of the event. Jeff Maggert was the leader at 136 after 54 holes; he got \$5,000 in consolation money, just like all the other pros in the field.

■ 1997

Winner: Mark O'Meara
67-67-67-67 (268)

Fighting off an amazing comeback by Tiger Woods — who was in 67th place on Friday and trailed by seven shots Sunday morning — Mark O'Meara won his fifth AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am by a single shot over Woods and David Duval. Woods, playing in a foursome one hole ahead of O'Meara, had six birdies in the first 12 holes but bogeyed 13. Two shots down on 18, Woods made a dramatic bid for eagle. His second shot, from 267 yards out, landed on the front of the green. But he missed a 35-foot putt and had to settle for a birdie. O'Meara's all-time low score at the event was worth \$342,000. Pro-am champs were Paul Stankowski and Andy Garcia.

■ 1998

Winner: Phil Mickelson
67-68-67 (202)

A torrential downpour on Sunday brought back memories of 1996, when the AT&T Pro-Am was canceled after 54 holes. But in 1998, with California again experiencing record-breaking rains, PGA officials looked for a way to squeeze in a third round at Pebble Beach sometime later in the year. First, they set the final round for March 2. Later, it was rescheduled again to Aug. 17. The winner's check was \$450,000. The pro-am portion of the tournament was canceled.

■ 1999

Winner: Payne Stewart
69-64-73 (206)

With weather getting seriously in the way for the fourth time in five years, the 1999 tournament was shortened to just 54 holes, just like it had been the year before. Saturday leader Payne Stewart was declared the winner of the \$504,000 first prize after heavy rains Saturday night and Sunday forced cancellation of the final round. Stewart's



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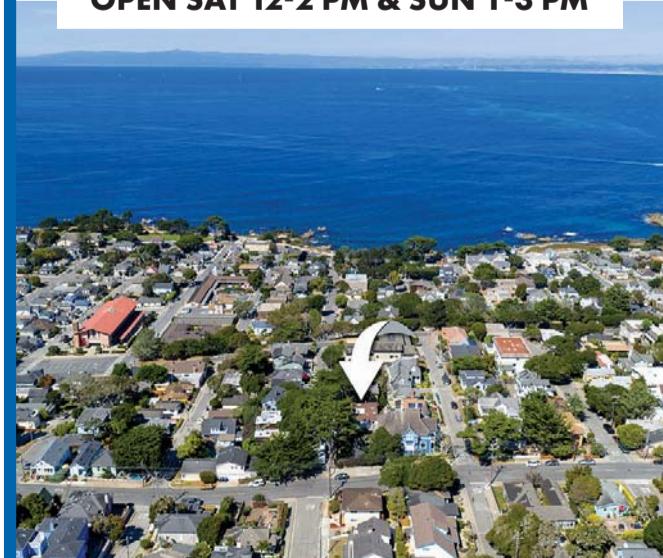


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POLICE LOG

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MONDAY, JANUARY 26

Carmel area: Financial abuse on Rio Road.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Property damage at San Antonio and Seventh.

Pacific Grove: Identity theft on Chestnut Street.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Pine marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Lighthouse marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Report of graffiti in a public park on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Dog at large on Timber Trail.

Pacific Grove: Unsecured e-bike taken from an open carport on private property on Lighthouse. No suspect information.

Carmel Valley: Deputies conducted a welfare check on an individual on Pacific Meadows Drive which resulted in the individual being transported to the hospital for an attempted suicide.

Pebble Beach: Theft of medications

from an elderly female on Cormorant Road by a 64-year-old female.

Carmel area: Online report regarding fraud on Willow Place.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found cup at Del Mar and Scenic.

Pacific Grove: Found property at Eardley and Sloat was turned in to police department.

Pacific Grove: Report of a dog at large on Lighthouse. Dog was released back to owner with written warning.

Pacific Grove: Wire fraud reported by a victim on Spruce.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism at Country Club Gate Center without suspect information.

Carmel Valley: Death report on West Carmel Valley Road.

Pebble Beach: Deceased elderly female found during a welfare check at a residence on Raccoon Trail.

Carmel area: Adult Protective Services report on Mission Fields Road alleging financial abuse.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two subjects

with masks seen prowling in a backyard at Santa Fe and Eighth at 1842 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male stole items from a San Carlos Street store and was harassing women, making them uncomfortable. No prosecution desired. However, the male was warned about trespassing on the property.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Monarch Lane towed for expired registration over six months.

Pacific Grove: Found property on Park Place was booked for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle check at Crocker and resulted in an out-of-county warrant for failure to appear in court on a misdemeanor. The 48-year-old male suspect was booked into Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: An occupied vehicle check was conducted on Ocean View Boulevard. A 19-year-old female passenger was cited out for an in-county warrant for failure to appear on a misdemeanor.

Pebble Beach: Juvenile issue on Forest Lake Road.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a residence on Valle Vista.

Carmel Valley: Human remains found on a property on Cachagua Road.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Mission and Seventh per CVC 22651 (o), expired registration.

Pacific Grove: Past-tense fraud. Informational purposes only.

Pacific Grove: A 41-year-old male was arrested on Sunset Drive for violation of a restraining order.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Sixth Street marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Informational call regarding displeased messages to a coworker on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Sunset Drive served with a restraining order.

Carmel area: Mail taken from multiple

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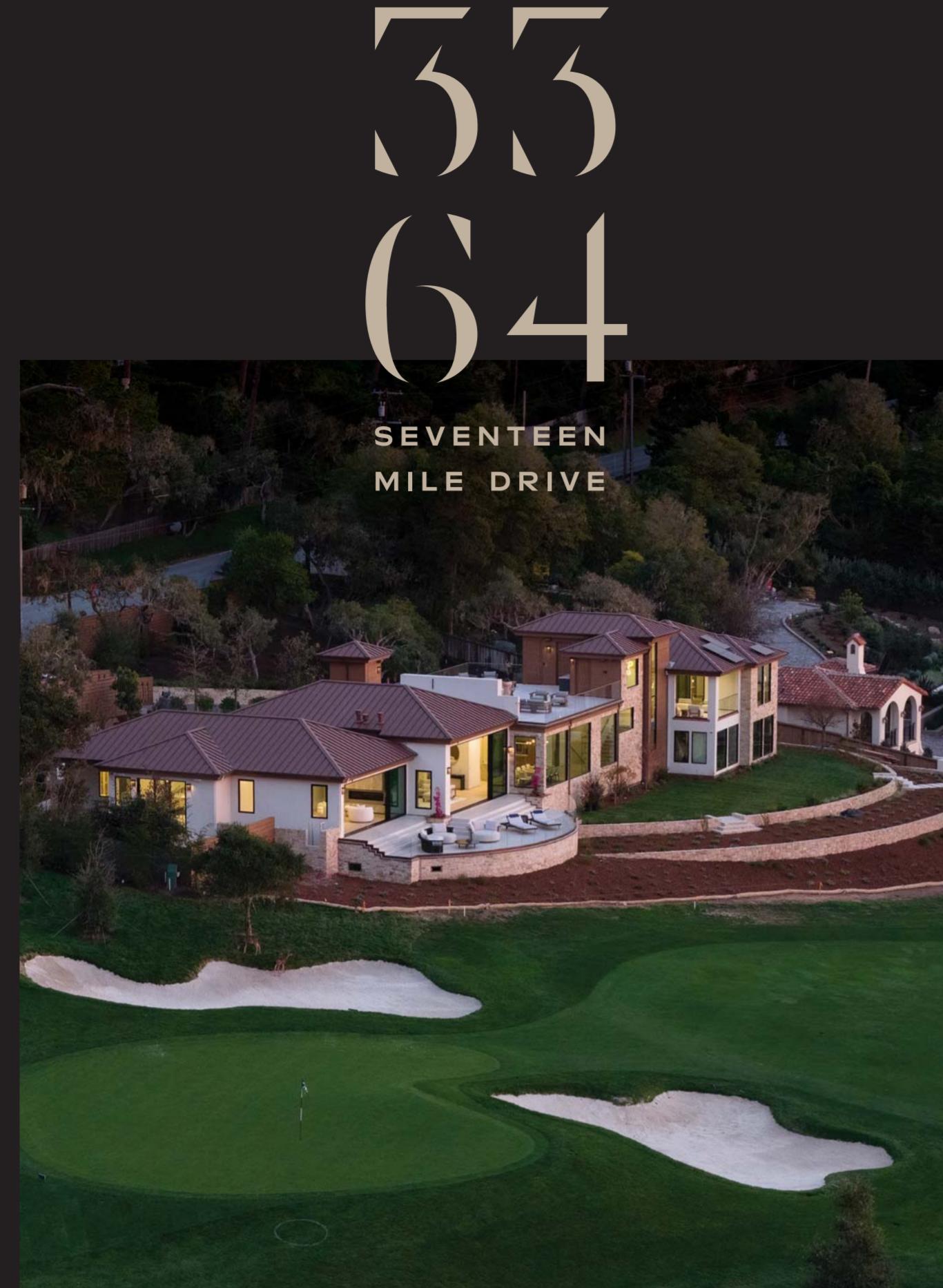
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PRO-AM

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final shot on Saturday, a tap-in birdie on 18 at Spyglass, turned out to be the winner over Frank Lickliter, just one shot back. Pro-am winners were Lickliter and Robert MacDonnell. Later that year, Stewart won the U.S. Open at Pinehurst, N.C. He died in a plane crash Oct. 25, 1999, when carbon monoxide rendered everyone on board his chartered airplane unconscious soon after takeoff from Orlando, Fla. The plane flew on autopilot until it ran out of fuel and crashed in South Dakota, depriving Stewart of the chance to defend his U.S. Open and AT&T Pro-Am titles — both at Pebble Beach — in 2000.

■ 2000 Winner: Tiger Woods 68-73-68-64 (273)

Leaving the crowd and the sportswriters practically speechless, Tiger Woods gave the AT&T Pro-Am a finish unlike any other. Down five shots when play began on Sunday, and even farther behind — seven shots — with just seven holes to play, Woods took complete control of his game and the tournament, capping his comeback with a 97-foot wedge shot on 15 that hit just to the right of the hole, took two bounces and landed in the cup. He nearly did the same on 16 and finished two strokes ahead of Vijay Singh and Matt Gogel to take the first prize of \$720,000. The win was Woods' sixth in a row on the PGA Tour. Pro-am champs were Skip Kendall and King City businessman David Gill. The tournament was the last Pebble Beach Pro-Am event for golf legend Jack Nicklaus.

■ 2001 Winner: Davis Love III 71-69-69-63 (272)

Despite a seven-shot deficit when play started under sparkling, clear skies Sunday morning, Davis Love III put together an amazing round of 63, including five birdies and an eagle on the first six holes. On the front nine, he was eight under. Another birdie on 15 sealed his victory and the first-place money of \$720,000. Vijay Singh finished just one stroke back; Tiger Woods was eight strokes off the lead. Pro-am champs were Phil Mickelson and saxophonist Kenny G.

■ 2002 Winner: Matt Gogel 66-72-67-69 (274)

With his first PGA Tour victory, Matt Gogel picked up a check for \$720,000 after shooting 2 under on the back nine during the final round. Two years earlier, Gogel had watched Tiger Woods stage an incredible comeback to take the tournament from him. This year, third-

round leader Pat Perez, who was up by four strokes when play started Sunday, withered on the final day, shooting a triple bogey on the 18th hole, opening the door for Gogel, who showed none of the nervousness of 2000. Tiger Woods shot 282, eight strokes off the lead (for the second year in a row). Pro-am winners were Brian Claar and Randall Mays.

■ 2003 Winner: Davis Love III 72-67-67-68 (274)

With nothing but blue skies and mild temperatures throughout the tournament, talk of "Crosby Weather" and of moving the AT&T to a date later in the year — a common topic in the storm-tossed 1990s — were completely forgotten. And with Tiger Woods sitting out the pro-am after consecutive years finishing eight strokes off the lead, all the attention was on less well known, but equally formidable, PGA stars. Davis Love III salvaged a victory with a birdie on 18 on the final day — holding off Tom Lehman by a single stroke. Love's win — his second in three years — came despite a bogey on 16 in the final round. In the group just ahead, Tom Lehman bogeyed two holes in the front nine but then shot five birdies on the back nine and seemed poised to force a playoff. A missed birdie putt from less than 6 feet on 18 left him in second place. Love's win, worth \$900,000, came with some extraordinary luck: His tee shot on 12 hit a photographer (not from The Pine Cone) and rolled to within easy putting distance of the pin. The pro-am ended in a tie, with pros Phil Tataurangi and Brad Faxon and their amateur partners Chris Heatley and Thomas Ryan ending up with 31-under scores of 257. Both pairings finished with final rounds of 64. Two pro-am teams were disqualified during the tournament for signing incorrect scorecards.

■ 2004 Winner: Vijay Singh 67-68-68-69 (272)

With four rounds in the 60s, Vijay Singh had little serious competition in the 2004 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. His dominating, three-stroke victory came with 25 birdies and earned him \$954,000. After 54 sun-drenched holes, it appeared that San Jose State graduate Arron Oberholser (who would win the tournament in 2006) had a chance to beat Singh. In the same group for the final round, they were tied at 13 under when play began Sunday.

On the first three holes, Singh's tee shots were errant: one going into the rough, one missing the fairway and another missing the green by 60 yards. But Singh managed to turn all three into birdies.

Another birdie for Singh on 8, coupled with a double bogey for Oberholser on the same hole, gave Singh an unbeatable six-stroke lead. The winning pro-am team was Jerry Kelly and Robert Halmi Jr.

■ 2005 Winner: Phil Mickelson 62-67-67-73 (269)

Phil Mickelson started his week on the Monterey Peninsula being inducted into the California Golf Hall of Fame and finished it breaking records on his way to a four-stroke victory in the 2005 Pebble Beach Pro-Am. Fellow lefty Mike Weir was the runner-up. In the process, Mickelson became the first wire-to-wire winner since the tournament was lengthened from 54 holes to 72 holes in 1958. He matched the tournament record with a 10-under-par 62 in his opening round at Spyglass Hill Golf Course. The amazing performance also set a record for Spyglass. And then, Mickelson set the tournament 36-hole record at 129 with his second-round 67 at Poppy Hills. And he set the tournament 54-hole record at 196 with his third-round 67 at Pebble Beach. Although a final-round 73, one-over-par, at Pebble Beach left him one shot off the tournament record of 268 set by Mark O'Meara in 1997, it nonetheless was a solid finish, given that Weir's 67 was the only sub-70 round posted in a light rain, with some gusty wind. When the final round began, Mickelson held a seven-shot lead through 54 holes, making Sunday's play little more than a formality. His winnings were \$954,000.

Bill Murray and longtime pro partner Scott Simpson were in the running for the pro-am title, but their closing 67 gave them a 258 total, good for fourth. The victory went to Barry McCollum and pro partner Joel Kribel.

■ 2006 Winner: Arron Oberholser 65-68-66-72 (271)

Two years after failing to catch Vijay Singh, Arron Oberholser closed the deal on his first PGA Tour victory to the delight of his family and friends from San Jose.

"Growing up, I always watched guys win the golf tournament, and just the walk up 18 at Pebble Beach is unlike anything else," said Oberholser, a former San Jose State standout who played numerous amateur events on the Monterey Peninsula. "Even when you're playing here by yourself or with a foursome, it's still an incredible walk. But to walk up knowing that you are the champion ... I wish everybody could feel that way. It's incredible."

Oberholser shot a final-round 72, even par, on the Pebble Beach Golf Links for a 271, 17 under par — enough for a tournament record-tying five-shot cushion over runner-up Rory Sabbatini, whose 70 gave him a 276. Mike Weir, who came into Sunday tied with Oberholser at 199, crashed early — with a double bogey at the second hole and bogey on the third — and shot 78 to tie for third with Jonathan Byrd.

The victory, which Oberholser locked up with a dramatic birdie out of the trees on the par-4 15th, was a distinctly different sequel to his final round in 2004, when

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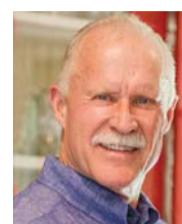
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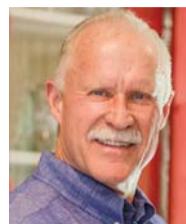
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\$975,000 2bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
24501 Via Mar Monte #77 Compass	Carmel 238-2022
\$1,045,000 2bd 2ba	Su 1-3
3600 High Meadow, #9 Sotheby's Int'l RE	Carmel 404-18647
\$1,150,000 2bd 2ba	Sa 1:30-3:30
3850 Rio Rd 63 Coldwell Banker Realty	Carmel 917-7029
\$1,178,000 2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
148 Del Mesa Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE	Carmel 293-3391
\$1,699,000 3bd 2ba	Fri 12-3
3610 Oliver Road Monterey Coast Realty	Carmel 574-9393
\$1,875,000 2bd 2ba	Sa 12-4 Su 12-2
9542 Maple Court Compass	Carmel 236-5290
\$1,945,000 3bd 2.5+ba	Sa Su 12-4
25315 Flanders Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE	Carmel 277-9250 / 333-6060
\$2,450,000 5bd 3ba	Sa 1-3
5965 Brookdale Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE	Carmel 238-7559
\$2,495,000 3bd 3.5ba	Sa 10-1 & 2-4
SE 4th Ave Torres St The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams	Carmel 261-6468
\$2,595,000 4bd 2.5ba	Fr Sa 1-3
25905 Junipero Avenue Carmel Realty	Carmel 915-9726
\$2,695,000 3bd 3.5ba	Sa Su 1-4
9502 Alder Court Coldwell Banker Realty	Carmel 408-314-7745
\$2,900,000 3bd 2ba	Sa Su 12-4
Santa Fe 3 SE of 4th Coldwell Banker Realty	Carmel 717-7815 / 594-6158
\$2,995,000 3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
8022 River Place Carmel Realty	Carmel 717-7156
\$3,250,000 2bd 2ba	Su 1-4
Dolores 3 NE of 10th Avenue Carmel Realty	Carmel 277-8044
\$3,250,000 3bd 2.5ba	Sa 12-2 Su 11-3
24817 Santa Fe St Sotheby's Int'l RE	Carmel 915-6391 / 917-9886
\$3,695,000 4bd 3ba	Su 12-2
24911 Outlook Terrace Sotheby's Int'l RE	Carmel 277-0971
\$3,700,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 12-3 Su 11-1
San Antonio 3 SE Ocean Sotheby's Int'l RE	Carmel 710-1655 / 214-2250
\$4,295,000 4bd 3.5ba	Sa Su 12-3
Mission 4 NE of 10th Ave Coldwell Banker Realty	Carmel 238-6189
\$4,495,000 3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-4
Mission 5 NW of Santa Lucia St Coldwell Banker Realty	Carmel 206-0129
\$4,950,000 3bd 3ba	Sa Su 2-5
26334 River Park Place Carmel Realty	Carmel 877-3345
\$6,950,000 4bd 4.5ba	Sa 12-2
228 Lower Walden Rd Coldwell Banker Realty	Carmel 272-2172

CARMEL VALLEY

\$397,000 1bd 1ba	Sa 12-3
110 Hacienda Carmel Windermere Real Estate	Carmel Valley 916-769-0512
\$1,650,000 3bd 2.5ba	Sa 12-2
26131 Laureles Grade Sotheby's Int'l RE	Carmel Valley 521-5682
\$1,720,000 3bd 2.5+ba	Sa Su 12-3
5 Boronda Road Sotheby's Int'l RE	Carmel Valley 402-4394
\$1,745,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 11-1
42 Upper Circle Sotheby's Int'l RE	Carmel Valley 213-503-0300
\$1,895,000 3bd 3.5ba	Sa 12-4 Su 12-2
28095 Barn Way Compass	Carmel Valley 915-8010
\$2,195,000 4bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
929 W Carmel Valley Road Carmel Realty	Carmel Valley 521-4855
\$2,325,000 3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
320 El Caminito Road Sotheby's Int'l RE	Carmel Valley 915-8217
\$2,485,000 3bd 4ba	Sa 12-3 Su 12-2
13370 Middle Canyon Road Sotheby's Int'l RE	Carmel Valley 620-2468
\$2,795,000 3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
13369 Middle Canyon Road Sotheby's Int'l RE	Carmel Valley 601-6271
\$2,890,000 4bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
31499 Via Las Rosas The Agency	Carmel Valley 293-4878

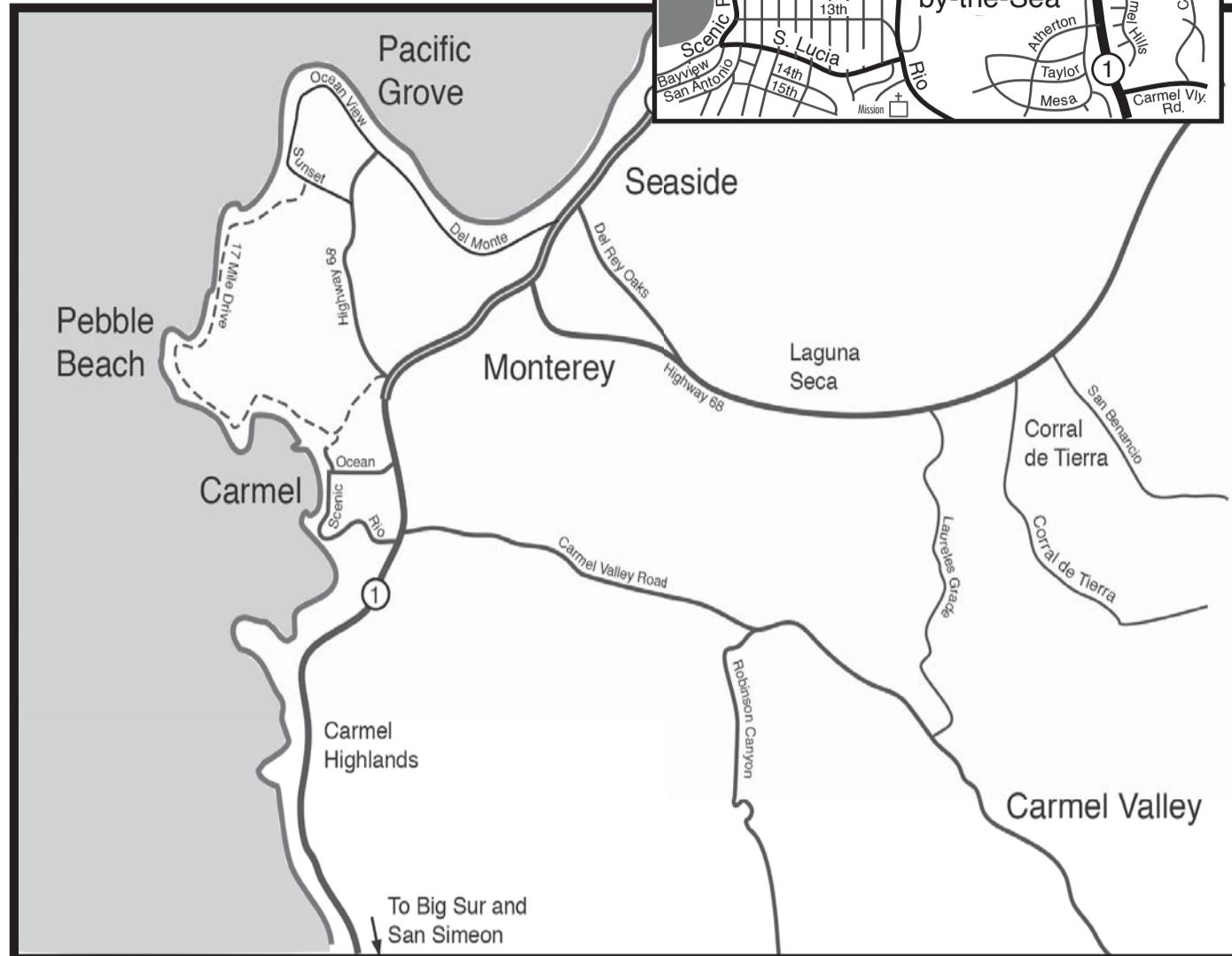
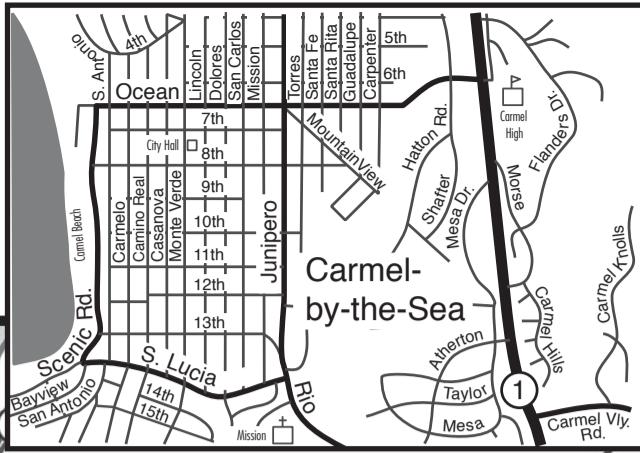
DEL REY OAKS

\$1,100,000 4bd 2ba	Sa 11-1
831 Arlington Pl Sotheby's Int'l RE	Del Rey Oaks 277-3371

LA SELVA BEACH

\$830,000 2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
101 Shell Dr 45 Sotheby's Int'l RE	La Selva Beach 227-9008

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**MARINA**

\$749,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 11-1 Su 11-3
177 San Pablo Ct The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams	Marina 998-2154
\$875,000 3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 1-3
254 Boardwalk Avenue Monterey Coast Realty	Marina 238-0653
\$1,015,000 4bd 3ba	Sa 12-2
3218 Tallmon Street Sotheby's Int'l RE	Marina 521-0680
\$1,035,000 3bd 2.5ba	Sa 2-4 Su 11-1
5003 3rd Ave Sotheby's Int'l RE	Marina 915-0265

MONTEREY

\$665,000 2bd 1ba	Sa 1-3
300 Glenwood Circle 265 Monterey Coast Realty	Monterey 717-7959
\$875,000 3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
1360 Josselyn Canyon Road 40 Monterey Coast Realty	Monterey 717-7959
\$879,000 2bd 2ba	Su 1-3
345 Sequoia Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE	Monterey 915-2109
\$950,000 2bd 1ba	Sa Su 1-3
642 Cypress St Sotheby's Int'l RE	Monterey 238-8029 / 620-2936
\$1,199,000 2bd 2ba	Sa 1:30-3:30 Rain Cancels
5 Stratford Place David Lyng Real Estate	Monterey 277-0640
\$1,199,000 3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
779 Alice Street Sotheby's Int'l RE	Monterey 415-810-8810
\$1,248,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 12-2 Su 11-1
150 Shady Lane Carmel Realty	Monterey 915-8153
\$1,595,000 4bd 3ba	Fr 10-4:30 Sa 9-1, 2-5 Su 11-3
721 Oak St The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams	Monterey 595-9242
\$1,695,000 4bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
1100 Castro Rd Compass	Monterey 262-7768

MOSS LANDING

\$2,149,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 12:30-2:30
160 Monterey Dunes David Lyng Real Estate	Moss Landing 559-960-3073
\$2,249,000 3bd 3ba	Su 1-3
338 Monterey Dunes David Lyng Real Estate	Moss Landing 559-960-3073
\$2,399,000 4bd 4.5ba	Su 12-3
25691 Whip Rd Coldwell Banker Realty	Monterey 356-8123

PACIFIC GROVE

\$995,000 2bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
700 Briggs Ave 83 Sotheby's Int'l RE	Pacific Grove 318-3808
\$1,025,000 1bd 1ba	Sa 2-4 Su 12-2
313 14th Street Compass	Pacific Grove 239-1380 / 262-7768
\$1,198,000 3bd 2ba	Su 1-4
1321 David Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE	Pacific Grove 510-589-6892
\$1,299,000 3bd 2ba	Sa Su 12-3
603 Gibson Ave Coldwell Banker Realty	Pacific Grove 220-9817
\$1,330,000 3bd 2ba	Sa 12-2 Su 1-3
229 7th Street Carmel Coast Realty	Pacific Grove 601-9963
\$1,449,000 3bd 2ba	Fr 2-4 Sa 11-4 Su 11-2
712 Sunset Dr The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams	Pacific Grove 917-5129

SANTA CRUZ

\$1,895,000 3bd 2.5ba	Fr 3-5:30 Sa 1-4
3705 Tiffani Ct Sotheby's Int'l RE	Santa Cruz 428-3617

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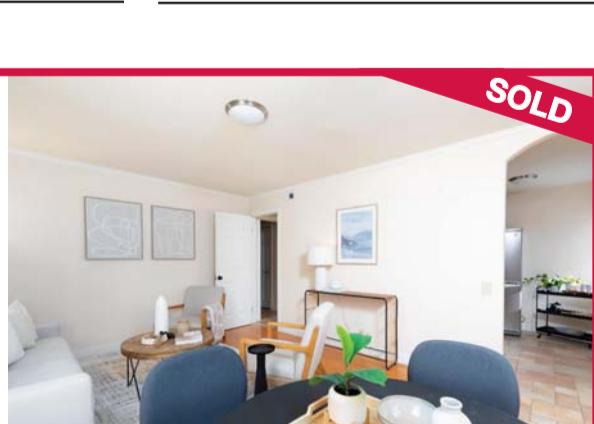
\$850,000 3bd 1.5ba	Su 1-3
1233 Hilby Avenue Monterey Coast Realty	Seaside 277-5256
\$1,290,000 4bd 2.5ba	Sa 12-2
4750 Sea Crest Dr Coldwell Banker Realty	Seaside 717-7815

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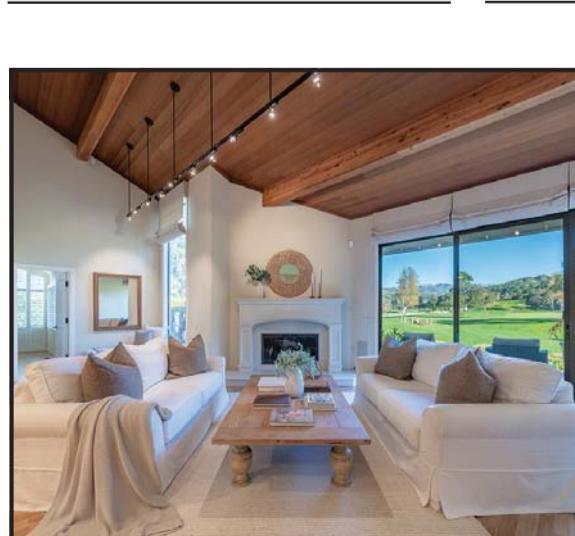
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Carmel-by-the-Sea Real Estate Activity This Week:

Status	Address	List Price	Sale Price	DOM
New Listing	Oak Knoll 2 SE of Forest	\$3,695,000	---	2
New Listing	Lincoln 6 SE of 13th	\$7,250,000	---	5
New Listing	Camino Real 3 Southeast of 2nd	\$5,299,000	---	7
List Price Decrease	Scenic 2 SE of 9th	\$20,000,000	---	14
Contingent	NE Corner 11th & Camino Real	\$4,500,000	---	182

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FICTITIOUS 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)

FICTITIOUS 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)

FICTITIOUS 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. 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27/26
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CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026. (PC 201)

FICTITIOUS 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.: DONNAMU 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/TaeHyun 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)

FICTITIOUS 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)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20260150
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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48 4th Street, Suite A & B, Greenfield, CA 93272.
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 corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2023.
S/Robert McKinley, CEO
Date: Jan. 12, 2023
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 21, 2026.
Publication Dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 205)

FICTITIOUS 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:

PUBLIC NOTICES

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. 2, 2026.
S/Natalie Sweet, CEO
Date: Jan. 2, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 2, 2026.
Publication Dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 207)

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the District Board, Carmel Area Wastewater District, at the District office, 3945 Rio Road, Carmel, CA. 93923, until

3:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 25th, 2026

at which time they will be publicly opened and read for performing the work as follows:

LAB HVAC Replacement

The results of the bidding will be reported to the District Board within forty-five (45) days of the date of the bid opening at which time if bids are found to be acceptable by the District Board, written notice of award will be given to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder. However, said District Board reserves its right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities of any bids or to re-advertise for all or any part of the equipment contemplated.

No bidder shall withdraw his bid for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after the date set by the Board for the opening thereof.

Specifications and proposal forms may be secured at no charge by emailing the District's Facilities Manager foley@cawd.org and requesting the documents.

Publication dates: Feb. 13 & 20, 2026 (PC224)

LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 3:00 pm | legals@carmelpinecone.com

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PERIMETER SECURITY FENCE REPLACEMENT

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the District Board, Carmel Area Wastewater District, at the District office, 3945 Rio Road, Carmel, CA. 93923, until

10:00 A.M. Friday, March 6th, 2026

at which time they will be publicly opened and read for performing the work as follows:

The results of the bidding will be reported to the District Board within thirty (30) days of the date of the bid opening at which time if bids are found to be acceptable by the District Board, written notice of award will be given to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder. However, said District Board reserves its right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities of any bids or to re-advertise for all or any part of the work contemplated.

No bidder shall withdraw his bid for a period of thirty (30) calendar days after the date set by the Board for the opening thereof.

Specifications and proposal forms may be secured at no charge by emailing the District's Principal Engineer at bandy@cawd.org and requesting the documents.

Publication dates: Feb. 6 & 13, 2026 (PC213)

HIGHLIGHTS

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he went into the final round tied for the lead with Vijay Singh but then seemed to succumb to the pressure of facing one of the top players in the game.

There was a lot of smiling and good times in 2006, as record crowds enjoyed a sixth straight year with no rain. Sunshine pushed temperatures into the high 70s as more than 155,000 fans attended the four rounds of competition.

Oberholser, whose first-place finish was worth \$972,000, became only the fifth player to earn his first PGA Tour victory at Pebble Beach, joining John Cook (1981), Steve Jones (1988), Brett Ogle (1993) and Matt Gogel (2002).

Oberholser was also the fifth pro to sweep both the individual and team titles, as he and amateur partner Michael McCallister, the president and CEO of Humana Inc., tied for first in the pro-am, at 255, 33 under par. They shared the championship with pro Hunter Mahan and Alan Heuer, the COO of MasterCard International, who shot 66 in the final round, while Oberholser and McCallister shot 68.

■ 2007 Winner: Phil Mickelson 65-67-70-66 (268)

Taking the tournament by storm, Phil Mickelson won his third AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (and \$990,000), finishing the tournament 10 under par and tying the record for victory margin with a five-stroke win over runner-up Kevin Sutherland. His final round of 66 at Pebble Beach Sunday

included six birdies.

And speaking of storms, while Bill Murray's group was on the 17th green at Spyglass on Thursday, a huge Monterey pine toppled on a nearby hillside, barely missing a spectator.

Mickelson and his amateur partner, Harry You, CEO of BearingPoint Consulting, also won the pro-am tournament, at 39 under par.

■ 2008 Winner: Steve Lowery 69-71-70-68 (278)

Having played 198 PGA tournaments since 2000 without a victory, Steve Lowery probably wasn't expecting to defeat the legendary Vijay Singh in a sudden-death playoff at the end of the 2008 Pebble Beach Pro-Am. Still, he neatly dispatched Singh on the very first playoff hole with a 7-foot birdie putt.

Through most of the opening three rounds, Lowery's name wasn't exactly at the top of the leaderboard. But 10 birdies in 15 holes on Saturday and Sunday propelled him to the top. Singh needed a birdie on the final hole of regulation to force the playoff. "Winning on this course against Vijay is something really special," said Lowery, who picked up a first-place check for \$1,080,000.

The pro-am champions were amateur Bill Walters, owner of Walters Golf in Las Vegas, and pro Fredrik Jacobsen, who shot 250 (38 under par) to win by a tournament-record 10 strokes.

Clear, sunny weather prevailed on the Monterey Peninsula during the tournament, and there were no delays due to weather.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260082

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE BELINDA S. CLARK CASE NO. 26PR000022

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BELINDA S. CLARK.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SHANNON LEE CLARK in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that SHANNON LEE CLARK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: March 4, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your ob-

jections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Ute M. Isbill-Williams
26335 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite 2, Carmel, CA 93923
(831) 233-7375

This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on Jan. 22, 2026.

Publication dates: Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 2026. (PC157)

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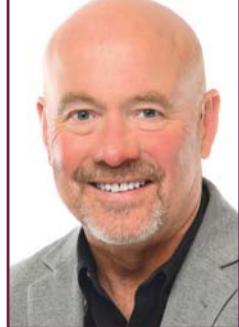
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homes' mailboxes on Carpenter Street. Numerous victims, some unknown.

Carmel area: Report of theft from a business at the Crossroads shopping center.

Carmel Valley: Deputies conducted a welfare check on an 18-year-old student on Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur: Tourist reported the possible theft of a purse. The purse was found and was turned in to the ranger station.

Big Sur: Fraud reported on Highway 1.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

Carmel-by-the-Sea: California drivers license lost in an unknown location in Carmel.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 30-year-old male driver was cited at Highway 1 and Rio Road at 1550 hours for driving on a suspended or revoked license due to a DUI conviction and probation violation. Vehicle was released to a licensed driver on scene.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 41-year-old female was arrested for felony assault with a stun gun and felony elder abuse. She was held in Monterey County Jail on \$10,000 bail.

Pacific Grove: A 41-year-old male Seaside resident was arrested for sexual misconduct involving a minor between August 2023 and October 2025. The victim, 16-18 years old at the time, reported being

groomed by the suspect after he became the Pacific Grove High School basketball coach, and in July 2025, he kissed the victim and touched the victim in a sexual manner. The matter was then reported to Pacific Grove High School staff, who notified the Pacific Grove Police Department. Upon conclusion of the investigation, the male was taken into custody and booked into Monterey County Jail for sexual assault of a minor and annoying or molesting a child, and held on \$10,000 bail.

Carmel Valley: Juvenile fired a pellet rifle at landscapers on Southbank Road, striking one. No prosecution desired.

Carmel area: Adult Protective Services report at a residence on Portola Road alleging mental abuse.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a call from a residence on Scarlett Road.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a loose dog at San Antonio and Fourth. Captured the dog and returned to the owner in the field. Warned, and solutions to keep dog contained discussed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: City mural at Mission and Sixth was defaced without damage. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog-vs.-dog incident on Forest Avenue involving one owner bitten.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft from an unlocked vehicle at Casanova and 13th.

Pacific Grove: Runaway juvenile found.

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SCHEDULES, TICKETS AND PARKING

February 9 - 15, 2026

■ Pebble Beach Golf Links (6,989 yards, par 72)

■ 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.**

Keegan Bradley, a PGA Pro from Woodstock, Vt., urges his tee shot to go in the right direction during the 2025 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

PHOTO/KERRY BELSER



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

With plenty of irons in the fire, McIlroy is focused on his game

By MICHAEL JAMES

RORY McILROY arrived on the Monterey Peninsula last year with a renewed sense of purpose. He had a new indoor golf league to promote, a high-prize-money event to try to win, and another season to pursue a rare golf achievement — the career grand slam.

There was also the Ryder Cup, the pride-driven event between the United States and Europe set for the fall in New York.

McIlroy, who's from Northern Ireland, had flown overnight from Florida to Pebble Beach for a press conference after participating for the first time in the inaugural season of Tomorrow's Golf League, the tech-infused, made-for-TV indoor team concept developed primarily by McIlroy, Tiger Woods and former Golf Channel executive Mike McCarley. The league partners with the PGA Tour and has goals of developing golf as entertainment and attracting a younger viewing audience.

Long, successful season

McIlroy couldn't wait to talk about the league's debut. He also eagerly awaited the start of the Signature Event at Pebble Beach Golf Links and Spyglass Hill Golf Course.

The golfer, now with 29 career PGA Tour wins and ranked No. 2 in the Official World Golf Ranking, had played in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am twice before. He missed the cut in 2018 and finished tied for 66th in 2024, the event's first year with a massive prize-money increase but without its celebrity field. Despite his poor individual play, McIlroy

and businessman teammate Jeff Rhodes won the pro-am part of the event, finishing with an 8-under 64 at Pebble Beach and a 16-under 127 total, one shot better than three teams.

"I got my name on the winners wall, just not the part I wanted," McIlroy said.

Of course, he was unaware what would unfold in 2025, beginning with taking the championship at the AT&T Pro-Am and extending throughout a long, successful and adventurous season.

McIlroy shot a final-round 6-under 66 at Pebble Beach last year and finished 21 under, two shots ahead of close friend Shane Lowry. He began the final round tied for second with Lowry at 16 under and one shot behind 54-hole leader Sepp Straka.

Boring, but effective

But the winner's stellar play on the final round began with a birdie on his second hole and concluded with five total birdies, an eagle and one bogey en route to his 267 total — one shot short of Brandt Snedeker's record set in 2015, when the tournament was played on three courses.

"I think the one thing that I did really well is I didn't get too flustered," McIlroy said shortly after his victory. "The way I played might have been a little bit more boring on the golf course, but it was definitely more effective. That's something that I'm consciously trying to do better, and today was a good test, and I was able to come through it pretty well."

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Rory McIlroy celebrating his victory in the 2025 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, which he earned with a 66 in the final round and a total score of 267, one shot short of the record.

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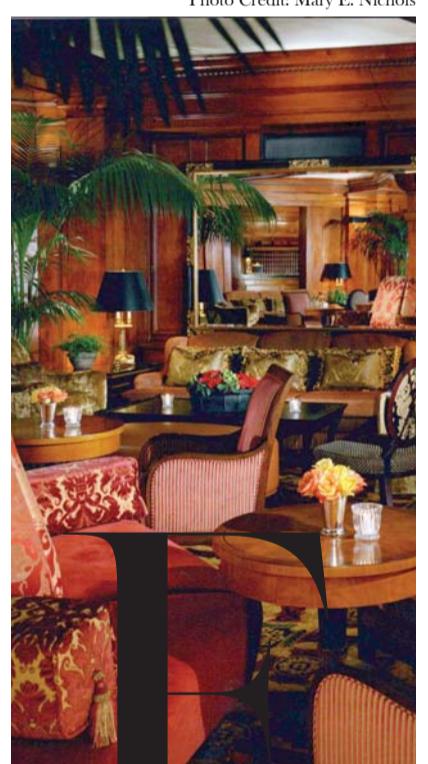


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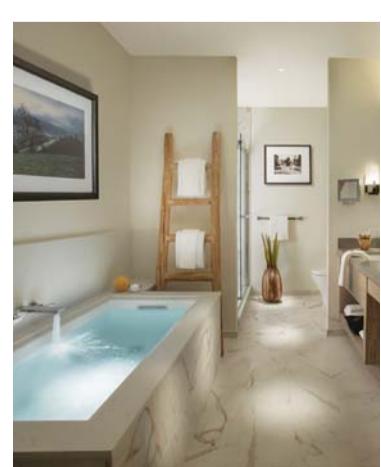


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THE PLAYERS

Scheffler — ranked No. 1 — tries again for an AT&T trophy

By MICHAEL JAMES

AFTER just 11 PGA Tour tournaments into the 2023 season, Scottie Scheffler ascended to the top of the Official World Golf Ranking — and he's remained the No. 1-ranked player ever since — a tenure of more than two seasons and 15 PGA Tour titles.

This season, for the third consecutive

year, Scheffler is competing in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am ranked as the game's best player. Championship rounds in the 72-hole tournament's 85th edition on the Monterey Peninsula run through Sunday.

'Top guys'

In its third year as a Signature Event, the AT&T is the fifth PGA Tour tourna-

ment of the season and the first of eight with elevated prize money — a \$20 million purse, including \$3.6 million for the winner. The AT&T and seven other events became part of the PGA Tour's response to the LIV Golf circuit's debut and its massive Saudi financing.

In 2023, the last year of the event's traditional format, winner Justin Rose earned \$1.62 million of what was then a \$9 million purse.

Scheffler, 29, didn't compete in the AT&T until 2024, when the event's original legacy, its celebrity pro-am format, ended. It's also when the tournament shifted from a full field (156 players in some years) with a third-round cut, to a no-cut format with 80 players.

"I think it's exciting because we're going to have the top guys in the world playing against each other more often," Scheffler said before his AT&T debut. "You're going to be able to guarantee the sponsors that those guys are going to be there for four days."

Scheffler, who tied for sixth in his AT&T debut, won seven PGA Tour events in 2024 and six in 2025. He has 20 PGA

Tour career titles. With his win at The American Express tournament on Jan. 25, Scheffler has earned \$101,109,136 in 151 career events, joining Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy as the only golfers to surpass \$100 million in career earnings.

He missed two events due to kitchen injuries

Last season, Scheffler played in the AT&T after recovering from a kitchen accident. While preparing dinner for his family on Christmas, he cut his hand and suffered a puncture wound. Glass was embed-

ded in the palm of his right hand, requiring surgery, causing him to miss two events from his planned schedule.

With a final-round 67 at Pebble Beach last year, Scheffler finished in a three-way tie for ninth with Billy Horschel and Taylor Pendrith at 15 under, six shots behind winner Rory McIlroy.

Better putting

Three months later, Scheffler claimed his first title of the season. He opened with a 61 and posted three more rounds of 66 or lower to win the CJ Cup Byron Nelson tournament in Texas by eight shots.

With his signature consistency and improved putting, Scheffler won the PGA Championship — his third major title — in mid-May. He claimed four more titles over the next four months, including the

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Scottie Scheffler, ranked No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking, tees off on the 15th Hole at Pebble Beach during the 2025 AT&T Pro-Am.



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2026

THE VOLUNTEERS

These kids aren't as green as they look, and they're taking notes

By LILY PATTERSON

IT'S ONLY fair that backstage passes to the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am are offered to the Monterey Peninsula's most dedicated junior golfers. The best part is, they get them for free.

As they sort balls and gather baskets on the driving range, members of the Pebble Beach Junior Golf Association aren't volunteering because it looks good on their college applications.

They're simply giving back to the game they love and learning from watching the pros. Talented young golfers sacrifice a Saturday or Sunday to work the range and in return, they get within studying distance of the world's leading players, plus their caddies, coaches and entourages.

'Incredibly lucky'

And while some still reminisce about the "old" pro-am, a younger generation will take Rory McIlroy over Bill Murray any day.

"I love the environment of this tournament. I've been incredibly lucky to get to see so many top pros at such a young age," said Megan Ikemiya, Carmel High's No. 1 player.

Ikemiya just wrapped her senior season and will lend her scratch handicap to Hawaii Pacific University's Division II team

next fall.

She started volunteering with the pro-am four years ago, once hanging around until after dark to catch her favorite, Norwegian pro Viktor Hovland, as he left the practice range for the day. He signed her hat, but every pro leaves an impression, Ikemiya said.

'The whole idea is to let them watch the pros up close,' said one coach

dad took her to the Peter Hay and Rancho Cañada courses at 5 or 6 years old. She was competing by age 7 and joined the junior golf association at 10.

Her coach, Ross Kroeker, said he encourages players to treat the opportunity to volunteer at the AT&T Pro-Am as a master clinic.

"The whole idea is to let them have hands-on experience, to watch the pros up close and observe them in their element," said the Carmel High girls' coach, a respected local instructor who doubles as a swing coach for Ikemiya and her teammate, Sydney Ozel.

Carmel High's No. 2 player has to agree. Ozel volunteered as a standard-bearer for the 2023 U.S. Women's Open and the

Carmel High (right) and Stevenson (below) have outstanding golf programs, and every year, some of the young players volunteer at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

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Eat good food, walk it off and repeat until you're satisfied

By SALLY BAHO

IF YOUR enthusiasm for the golf scene starts to fade, take a short drive over to Pacific Grove — lovingly known as America's Last Hometown — and spend the day. But when you embark on your adventure, be sure to take a jacket, sweater and maybe a hat, because the notorious marine layer is known to keep the days chilly. Or it could burn off by midday, with possibilities of summer-like temperatures. It's fickle.

Start at Patisserie Bechler at the top of Forest Ave-

ne to get properly caffeinated and fill your belly with a hearty slice of quiche or a traditional French pastry, like a chocolate croissant. Try a mini snail — a French spiral pastry with raisins — or stash a chocolate muffin in your bag for later. Patisserie Bechler is located at 1225 Forest Ave. and is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to noon on Sunday.

Jade, books, coins

Drive down Forest Avenue to Lighthouse Avenue in downtown P.G. You'll find plenty to do, whether you

want to go antiquing or shopping for jewelry, or find a good book to read at the beach. Here are some suggestions to get you started:

Folks are often drawn into A Niche in Tyme (588 Lighthouse Ave.) by the lovely décor in the big windows, and inside, there's a wide selection of estate jewelry, coins from all over the world, along with Big Sur jade.

"We pride ourselves on having the largest and highest-quality sterling silver and semi-precious stone jewelry selection on the Monterey Peninsula," the store says. You might find something for your spouse — or yourself

— just in time for Valentine's Day. The shop also buys gold and silver. A Niche in Tyme is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

Nostalgia for sale

Right next door is Vintage Finds. From old records to china collections, there's something for every antique enthusiast. So what if you're only window shopping? Just perusing the offerings will give you a dose of nostalgia you didn't know you needed — you could come across a wind-up alarm clock, rotary-dial phone or a familiar book from childhood. Vintage Finds is located at 590 Lighthouse Ave. and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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How to turn drives and putts into paintings and dance steps

By CHRIS COUNTS

SHOWING ITS commitment to supporting the numerous art, music and theater programs in the region, the Monterey Peninsula Foundation gave away \$955,000 in the past year to Monterey County and Santa Cruz County organizations focused on the arts.



PHOTOS/FACEBOOK

The Youth Arts Collective in Monterey, which received \$20,000 from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, supports budding creators.

A total of 21 such groups in the two counties received grants, including 14 in Monterey County. By far, the top two recipients were Palenke Arts in Seaside — which was awarded \$150,000 for two years — and Monterey Symphony, which was gifted \$100,000.

A sense of belonging

The executive director of the Youth Arts Collective in Monterey, Jesse Juarez told The Pine Cone the funding the group receives from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation and others makes it possible for the group to fulfill its mission, which is mentoring young artists and offering them studio space at its downtown Monterey headquarters. Founded in 2000, the group's motto is "Do art. Be kind." It has served more than 1,000 youngsters since its inception and received \$20,000 for operational support after last year's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

"Support connected to the Monterey Peninsula Foundation and the Pebble Beach Company Foundation helps Youth Arts Collective (YAC) expand access to free and low-cost arts education for young people across Monterey County," Juarez said. "This funding directly supports our studio programs, teaching artist mentorships, and youth exhibitions — giving students meaningful opportunities to grow creatively and feel a strong sense of belonging."

Keeping classical music fresh

Also sharing her group's appreciation for the grant support is Monterey Symphony executive director Nicola Reilly. Founded in 1946, the symphony is dedicated to fostering an appreciation for classical music's rich past and is committed to keeping it fresh and vibrant in the 21st century. The symphony celebrated its 80th anniversary with a gala at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club last month.

"The symphony is proud to be a grantee of the foundation, which receives its funding from the AT&T Pro-



Dancers provide entertainment at a cultural event hosted by Palenke Arts in Seaside. The group was awarded \$150,000 in grants for two years.

Am," Reilly added. "These funds support our concerts and artists at Sunset Center, as well as our commitment to introducing Monterey County students to music in the fourth and fifth grades, right when they are selecting an

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Different strokes for different folks at Peninsula golf courses

By MARY SCHLEY

AS THE AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am crescendos over the weekend, your hankering for hitting one of the Monterey Peninsula's many golf courses might be amping up, too. Following our descriptions of some of the area's venues in last week's special section, we're continuing with the remainder this week. While the area's most famous course and its sibling are available only to the pros and their amateur partners during the AT&T, options abound for locals and visitors looking for a place to hit some balls and test their skills. Want a more forgiving layout, or a bigger challenge? Wallet a little limited, or splurge-friendly? Either way, we've got you covered?

■ Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach

Celebrating its centennial in 2019 by hosting the U.S. Open for the sixth time — and set to host its seventh next year — the Pebble Beach Golf Links is situated on scenic coastal land originally slated for houses.

Designed by Jack Neville and Douglas Grant, the course is considered one of the greatest ever created. "If I had only one more round to play, I would choose to play it at Pebble Beach," professional golf icon Jack Nicklaus once said. "I've loved this course from the first time I saw it. It's possibly the best in the world."

Its oceanfront holes, including the dramatic par-3 7th and the spectacular 18th, are particularly captivating.

Nicklaus designed the par-3 5th Hole, which was dedicated in November 1998 after the company negotiated a deal with nearby property owners to have the coastal hole installed as founder Sam Morse originally envisioned.

Pebble Beach has been named the No. 1 public course in the country since Golf Digest began ranking courses

in 2003. "It's not just the greatest meeting of land and sea in American golf, but the most extensive one, too, with nine holes perched immediately above the crashing Pacific surf — the 4th through the 10th plus the 17th and 18th," the publication observed in 2021. "Pebble's 6th through 8th are golf's real Amen Corner, with a few Hail Marys thrown in over a ocean cove on 8 from atop a 75-foot-high bluff."

Pebble Beach hosted U.S. Open Championships in 1972, 1982, 1992, 2000, 2010 and 2019 — more than any other course over the past half-century — and hosted its first U.S. Women's Open in 2023. In 2022, the USGA announced plans for several more championships: The course will host four U.S. Opens (2027, 2032, 2037 and 2044) and will be the site of three more U.S. Women's Opens in 2035, 2040 and 2048. When not closed for tournaments, the course is open to the public, with priority given to resort guests.

Green fees are \$675 and include a cart for resort guests. Carts for non-resort guests are \$60 per person, and pull carts, caddies, forecaddies and club rentals are available. For more information, call (800) 877-0597 or visit pebblebeach.com.



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When you're playing golf on the Monterey Peninsula, the drama can come from the competition on the courses, or it can come from our blustery winters.

■ The Hay, Pebble Beach

Opened in October 1957 and originally called Peter Hay for the Pebble Beach golf pro (and Monterey City Council member) who helped design it, the course was the only 9-hole par-3 public option on the Monterey Peninsula.

Hay's co-designers were Pebble Beach Golf Links designer Jack Neville and Maj. Gen. Robert McClure, who designed Bayonet Golf Course in Seaside in 1954. The

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course was scraped to make way for the main entrance for the 2019 U.S. Open and was then transformed into a new par-3 layout designed by Tiger Woods' group in 2021. Among its notable features are a replica of Pebble Beach's famous 7th Hole and a 20,000-square-foot putting area.

Renamed The Hay, the course reopened to great anticipation and boasts a lively restaurant and bar, Hay's Place, situated at the top of the hill to take in the expansive and stunning coastal views. The cuisine is Mexican-inspired, adding another flavor to Pebble Beach Resorts' restaurant repertoire.

The cost to play is \$75 for resort guests and the general public, and then half-price for those who want to play another round. Del Monte Forest residents pay \$45, and juniors 12 and under can play for free. The putting course

is also free. For information or reservations, call (800) 877-0597 or visit pebblebeach.com.

■ Poppy Hills Golf Course, Pebble Beach

The Northern California Golf Association built Poppy Hills to serve as its headquarters and tournament home on land earmarked by Pebble Beach founder Sam Morse for a golf course. The group purchased the 164-acre site in 1977 for \$7,000 per acre, and when it opened on June 1, 1986, Poppy Hills was the first course in the United States to be owned and operated by a golf association. Robert Trent Jones Jr. designed the course, which was originally slated to be called the Hilltop Course but ended up earning its moniker through a naming contest among NCGA members.

It hosted the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am from 1991 through 2009 and was the site of the Spalding Pebble Beach Invitational for several years, as well as the NCAA

Men's Championships in 1991. The course underwent an extensive renovation by Jones beginning in March 2013, focusing on water conservation and creating "a firm, fast and fun course that unfolds seamlessly through the stunning Del Monte Forest," while reducing irrigated turf by almost 25 percent. The new Poppy Hills reopened April 4, 2014, to many accolades.

Green fees are \$350 for the public (\$100-\$120 for twilight), with big savings for NCGA members (\$95-\$125/\$60-\$90 for twilight), accompanied guests (\$150-\$185/\$90-\$120 for twilight) and juniors. Carts are \$25 per rider. The clubhouse has a restaurant and full bar, Porter's Grill and Pub, which serves breakfast and lunch and is a popular spot with locals. The restaurant is open from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 4:30 p.m. Friday through Saturday, with the bar serving until 5. For more information, visit poppyhillsgolf.com or call (831) 622-8239.

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PHOTO/[LEFT] MARTIN MILLER, [RIGHT] PINE CONE FILE

Reopened in 2021 with a new layout by Tiger Woods' design group, The Hay (left) is a nine-hole beauty adjacent to The Lodge at Pebble Beach with its own brand of amazing coastal views. In rugged Carmel Valley, The Preserve Golf Club (right) embraces its mountainous setting.

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■ The Preserve Golf Club, Carmel Valley

When Tom Fazio was hired to design this private, 7,004-yard par-72 course located among the "stands of massive ancient oaks, beautiful rolling meadows, ponds and streams" deep within the beautiful, tree-studded hills of the Santa Lucia Preserve, he took a helicopter ride over the raw land, was given a map and survey of every archeological and ecological feature, and "asked to design the golf course of his dreams." The result has consistently made Golf Digest's America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses and other similar lists.

Fazio commented, "It's as if you are going on a grand hike and happen to have a golf club in your hand," and said the course has no signature hole, as the entire place is a signature property.

"The course wanders by towering oaks, through rolling savannas, around wetlands and across seasonal streams with a backdrop of the Santa Lucia Range. It never trumpets its presence; it whispers through the landscape." No tee times are required, and caddies are available.

Golfers can't see from one hole to the next and often don't encounter other people at all during an experience designed to incorporate "all three schools of golf design — penal, heroic and strategic."

The clubhouse serves lunch daily, hosts numerous golfing events throughout the year, and contains a pro shop and men's and women's locker rooms.

When the course opened in 1999, membership was limited to owners of property within the preserve's gates, but The Preserve now accepts membership applications from non-property owners, making Fazio's gorgeous work and the stunning natural setting accessible to more enthusiasts who will truly appreciate the opportunity to

"experience how the game was meant to be played."

"A good walk spoiled?" they ask. "Mark Twain had it all wrong."

The course is said to be the only one in the world located in the middle of a 20,000-acre nature preserve and is eco- and dog-friendly. A recreation-based Ranch Membership is also available, as is the National Golf Membership, open to 40 fortunate golfers who live outside Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Santa Clara counties. Candidates tour the club, meet with members and, if they're deemed a good fit, are invited to apply and undergo an interview with the membership committee. Contact (831) 620-6700 or register at santaluciapreserve.com for information.

■ The Quail, Carmel Valley

Formerly Quail Lodge & Golf Club, the property and its lodge underwent a refresh and rebranding in 2024, and the friendly course can still be counted on to provide "an enjoyable golfing experience perfect for all ages and skill sets."

The course was abundant with 10 lakes and lush, colorful landscaping when it was designed in 1964 by Robert Muir Graves, but subsequently underwent a major renovation by principal designer Todd Eckenrode of Origins Golf Design in 2015, with increased water conservation in mind.

The resulting 6,500-yard par-71 course, described as being "perfect for the walking golfer of all ages and skill, offering just enough bite to make it interesting," reopened just over a decade ago and includes "some of the Monterey Peninsula's most unusual bunker designs trimmed with fescue lips, short grass areas that surround the greens to provide more shot options, and challenging grass swales that come into play on seven holes." It's also annually awarded "Best Playing Conditions" for all of Central California.

Green fees vary greatly based on date and time, but top out at \$300. Practice facilities feature a 7-acre driving

range, a bunker, chipping areas and a 6,500-square-foot bent grass putting green. Instruction, custom club fittings, shoe and club rentals, pull carts, golf carts and other services are available, too.

Located at 8205 Valley Greens Drive, the course is complemented by a nicely appointed clubhouse and Edgar's restaurant, named for the late founder and longtime owner, Ed Haber. Edgar's offers lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Happy Hour from 3 to 5 p.m. daily. The lodge's Covey Grill serves breakfast daily from 7 to 10:30 a.m., and dinner Wednesday through Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. The bar opens at 4 p.m. daily, and Covey Bites are served Thursday through Saturday between 4 and 5 p.m. To-go service is also available during regular operating hours. For more information, contact the golf shop at (831) 620-8808 or visit quailodge.com/golf.

■ Spyglass Hill Golf Course, Pebble Beach

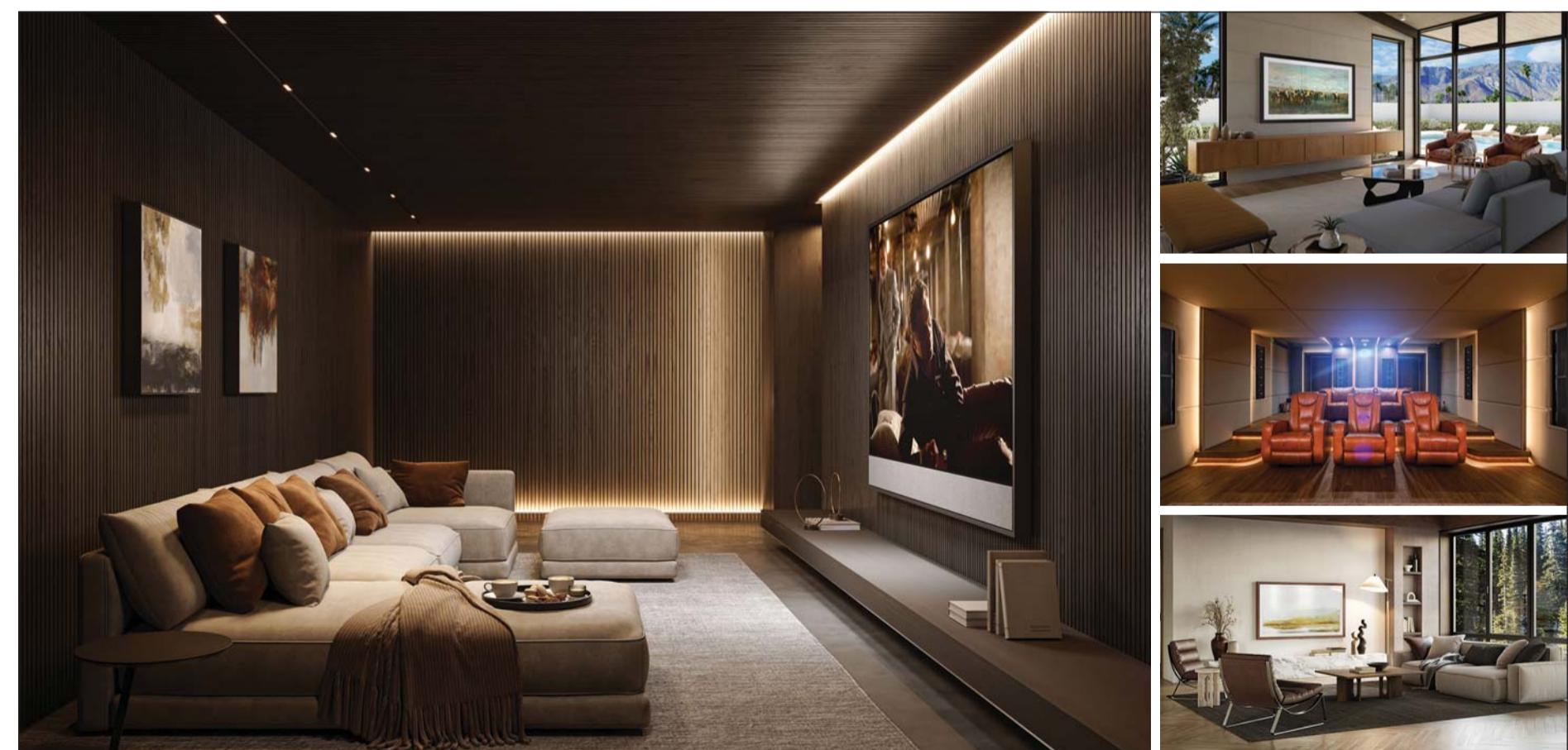
Designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. in 1966 as part of a master plan for the Pebble Beach oceanfront, this resort/semiprivate course measures 6,960 yards at par 72 and was described by Sports Illustrated as "Pine Valley-by-the-Sea meets Augusta National."

Other major golf publications, "propose it is one of the toughest courses in the country, and the best course to never host a major." "The greatest meeting of sand and trees," as the company describes it, Spyglass takes its name from Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island."

Local legend has it he spent time walking in the area while brainstorming, and many of its holes bear notable names, like Black Dog and Billy Bones.

A year after the course was completed, Spyglass replaced Monterey Peninsula Country Club in the Bing Crosby Pro-Am Golf Tournament in 1967 and has been part of that contest — now called the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am — ever since. It also served as the stroke-

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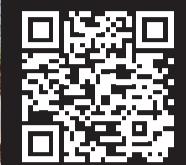
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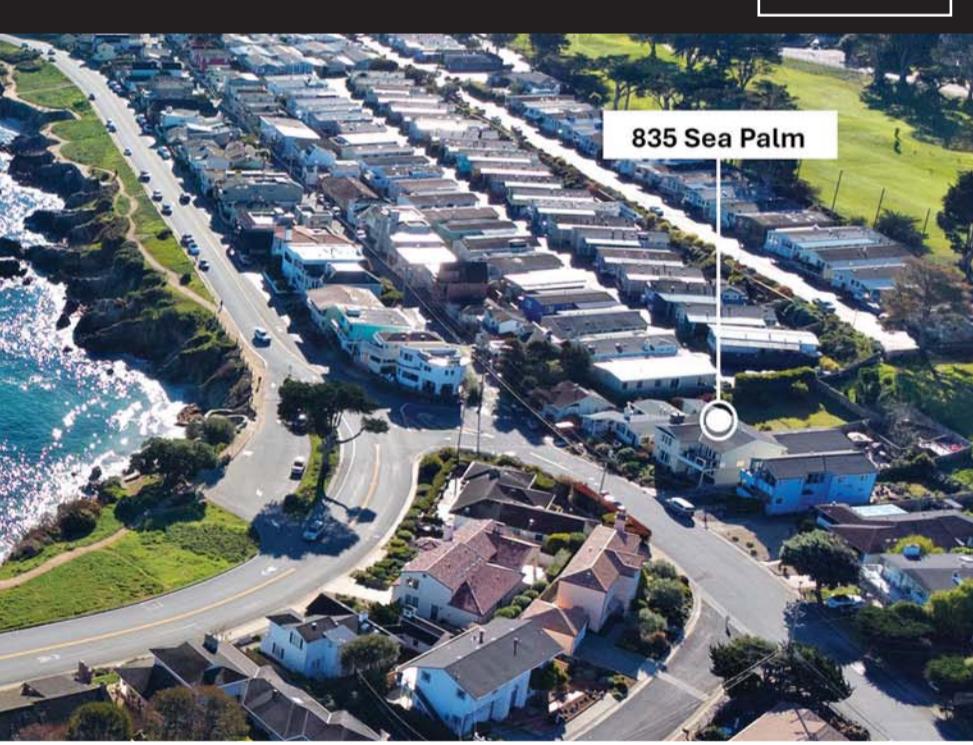


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play venue for U.S. Amateur Championships in 1999 and 2018.

"The defining characteristic of Spyglass Hill is how starkly the first five holes juxtapose the rest of the round," the course description states. "Incredible ocean views give way to the understated natural beauty of the Del Monte Forest, as the final 13 holes relentlessly examine your game with a litany of bunkers, ponds and uphill tests." The PGA Tour consistently ranks holes 6, 8 and 16 among the most difficult on the tour. But don't be intimidated.

When the course opened, Crosby bet that even Jack Nicklaus wouldn't be able to break par, with Nicklaus promptly shooting a 2-under 70 in his inaugural round.

The rate to play is \$525. Carts (included for resort guests), pull carts and/or caddies are available. The course is located at Stevenson Drive and Spyglass Hill Road in Pebble Beach, and the Spyglass Hill Grill, adjacent to the 9th Green and open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., offers casual dining before, during and after your round. For reservations, call (800) 877-0597 or visit pebblebeach.com.

■ Tehama Golf Club, Carmel Valley

"Welcome to Tehama Golf Club...where the golf is legendary, the service is impeccable, and the memories last a lifetime." This private course is named for a Native American word meaning, "abundance of nature." Jay Morrish, who also designed Shadow Glen in Kansas City, Troon and Troon North in Scottsdale, and Loch Lomond in Scotland, created this 6,506-yard par-71 course high in the hills above Carmel Valley. According to Tehama, "the tranquility and natural beauty of the land, combined with this time-honored game, provide the golfer a surreal hideaway."

Owned by former Carmel Mayor Clint Eastwood, the course opened for private play in 1999 and climbs 200 feet in elevation during its 18 holes, six of which are uphill. "Golfers of all levels will appreciate the vistas of the Monterey Bay and the mountains surrounding the adjacent Carmel Valley," according to Tehama. "Amongst trees of grandeur and some of the best manicured greens in golf, you will experience a challenging layout like no other."

Membership is private and by invitation only, and those fortunate enough to belong have access not just to the course, but to the clubhouse, with its full-service pro-shop, world-class cuisine enjoyed casually in the saloon and on the terrace and more formally in the dining room, and banquet facilities that boast stunning views of Carmel Valley and the Monterey Bay. (Among Tehama's signature touches are homemade potato chips and freshly baked cookies — a perfect pick-you-up after a challenging round.)

The surrounding 2,000-acre development is home to just 90 families.

For more information about membership and other aspects of Tehama, which is located at 25000 Via Malpaso off Carmel Valley Road and is also accessible from Highway 68 via Olmsted, contact Vince Ferrante at (831) 622-2208 or vferrante@tgcmail.net, or visit tehamagolfclub.com.

■ TPC Monterey at Pasadera, Monterey

First opened in 2000 as Pasadera Country Club, the only Jack Nicklaus-designed course on the Monterey Peninsula and its amenities have changed hands several times over the years, most recently in April 2024 to Concert Pasadera Bevco, LLC. Last year, it joined the esteemed TPC Network, which is part of the PGA Tour.

"The original landscape provided a unique opportunity to create a dramatic layout that incorporates selected

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Capitalizing on the existing hills, canyons and old oak groves, he incorporated natural-style bunkering and took advantage of splendid hazards, such as the awe-inspiring 14th Hole, a par 3 over a deep chasm.

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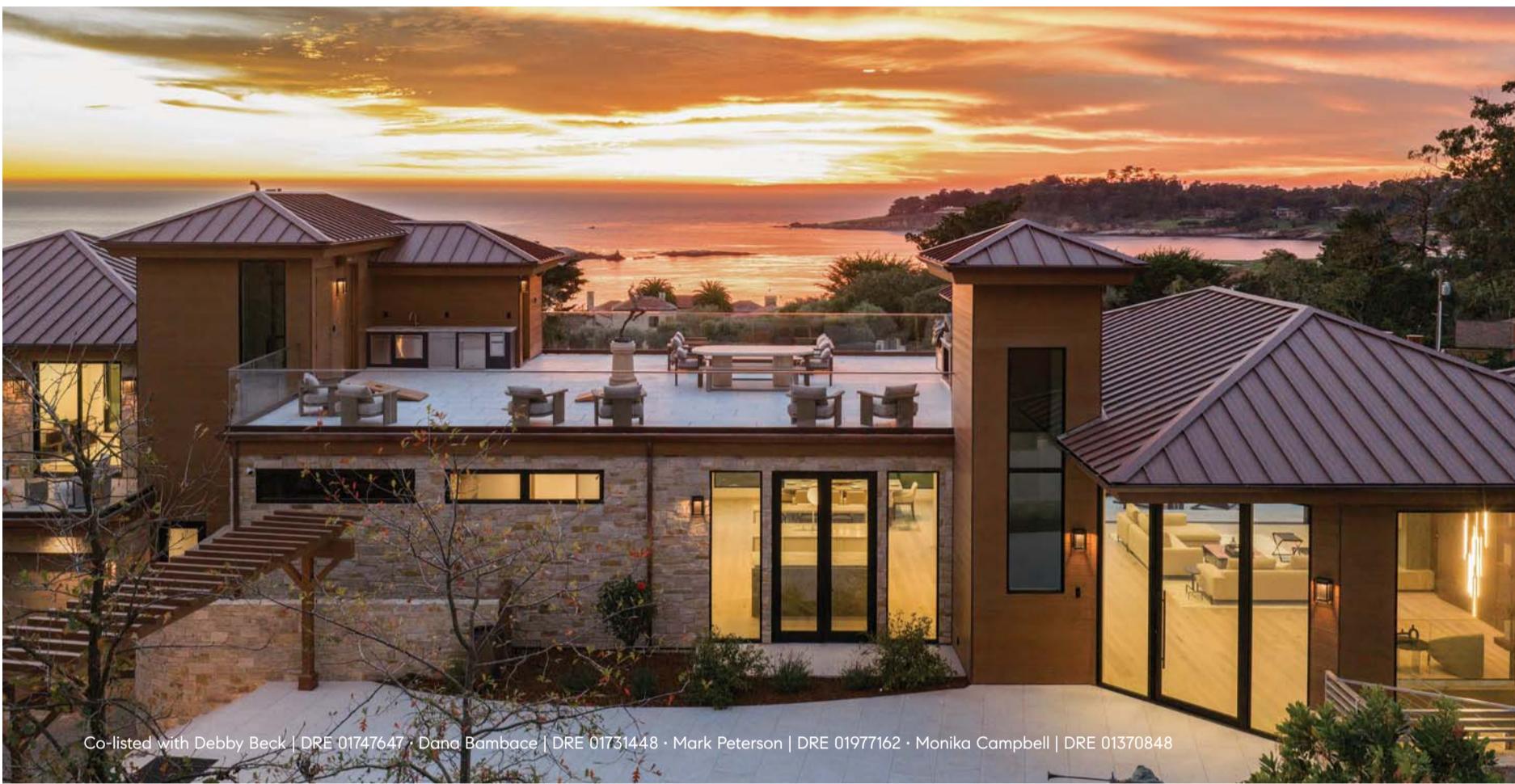
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PEBBLE BEACH ■ SPYGLASS
SECTION 2

From Big Crosby to Arnold Palmer and Tiger Woods

■ 50 years of the Pebble Beach Pro-Am

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am got its start in 1937, when Bing Crosby invited a group of friends to get together for a round of golf and a "clambake" at Rancho Santa Fe in Southern California. That gathering of Hollywood celebrities and golf greats gave birth to the first National Pro-Am Golf Championship, sponsored by Bing Crosby, with Sam Snead taking the top prize of \$500.

For five years, the tournament was played at Rancho Santa Fe before being discontinued during the war years. Meanwhile, 1946 was shaping up to be a bleak year for the Monterey Peninsula. Postwar Monterey was frantically scraping for income, the chief source having been packed into sardine tins for just about the last time. Cannery Row was heading into a long decline, Carmel wasn't a worldwide tourist attraction, Pebble Beach had yet to be classified as the finest course in the world, and nobody had heard of a high school student named Clint Eastwood.

Back then, a young newspaper reporter, Ted Durein, came up with the idea of attracting more tourists by bringing a major special event to the area. A good sport-



PHOTO/JULIAN P. GRAHAM

Bing Crosby (left) founded what is now the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am in 1937 in Rancho Santa Fe as a "clambake" for top golfers and his Hollywood friends. In 1947, the tournament moved to Pebble Beach where for many years one of its most famous participants was Arnold Palmer (center).

ing competition, once a year, perhaps garnished with celebrities, could anchor a drifting economy. Slowly an idea began to take shape, along with a worldwide household name: Crosby.

Durein solicited local merchants to see if they would pool money for a tournament purse — they would. Bravely, Durein wrote to Bing Crosby himself with the idea. That was in January 1946. February and March passed. Nothing. April, May, still nothing. Then, in June, a letter from Bing's brother, Larry, arrived. Yes, Bing was interested. What's the offer? Durein didn't have one.

The deal is struck
He quickly rushed to see if Samuel F. B. Morse (pres-

ident of Del Monte Properties, now known as Pebble Beach Company) would let the Pebble Beach golf course host the Crosby. Morse agreed. Durein met with Larry Crosby, and the deal was struck.

Bing then decided he wanted the tournament spread out over three courses: Pebble Beach, Cypress Point and the Monterey Peninsula Country Club's Dunes Course. The PGA Tour, the controlling body of the professional golfers' tournament, said this wasn't possible. Bing asked, "Why not? It's done in England." The PGA Tour consented, and the Crosby Pro-Am broke new ground in American golf and was played for the first time on the

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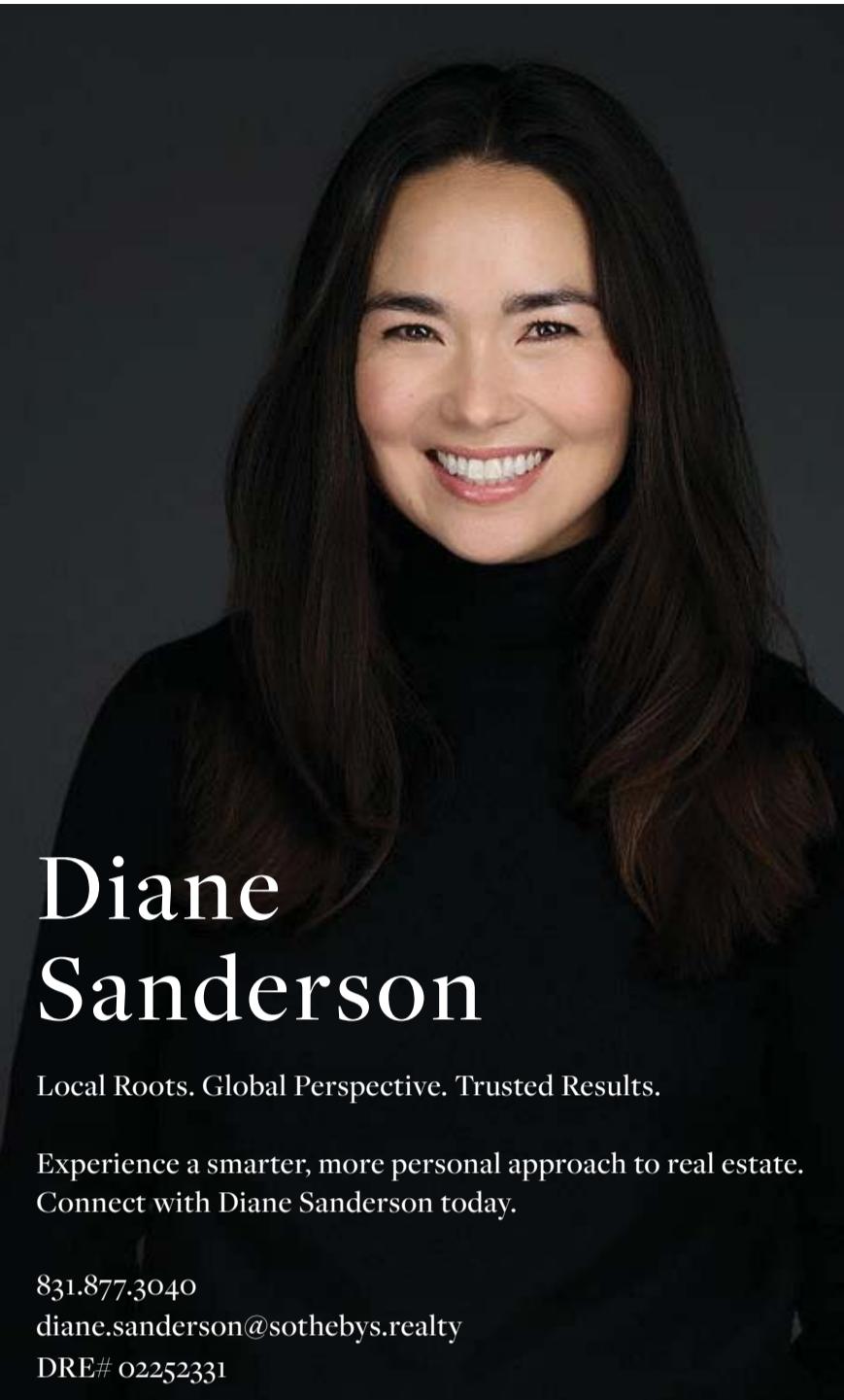
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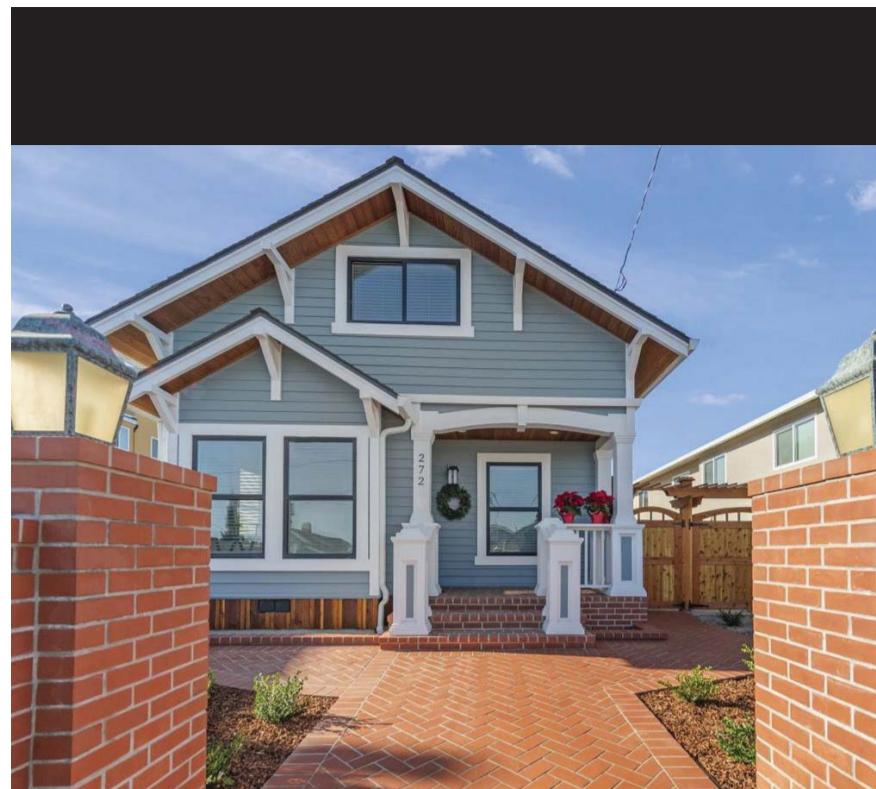
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THE PLAYERS

McILROY
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With the final-round leaderboard changing quickly, McIlroy moved into a two-shot lead with a birdie on the 12th and then took over the tournament with an eagle on the 571-yard par-5 14th. McIlroy hit a strategic tee shot 339 yards over trees. His 7-iron second shot sailed 229 yards to 26 feet 7 inches. He eagled the hole, moved into a four-stroke lead and solidified the victory.

"To win at one of the cathedrals of golf is really, really cool," said McIlroy, who earned \$3.6 million of the \$20 million purse. "It was the start of the season and I got a win — and pretty convincingly — and that's what I hope to continue to do."

A pro since 2007, McIlroy is continuing his global career in 2026. He's also competing in the second season of Tomorrow's Golf League as the leader of Boston Common Golf.

Elite club

After winning his AT&T title, McIlroy won the Players Championship in March and the Masters in April. He joined Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods as the only golfers to win all four majors in their careers. McIlroy hadn't won a major title since 2014 and was playing in the Masters for the 17th time.

Beyond his three titles last season,

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McIlroy made the cut in 15 of 16 PGA Tour events and accumulated eight top-10 finishes. He earned a career-best \$16,992,418, finished second in driving distance (323.0 yards) and second in scoring average (69.083).

In September, McIlroy was part of the winning European team that defeated the United States 15-13 in the Ryder Cup at Bethpage Black in New York.

'A higher standard'

The raucous home-country crowd upset European team members, notably McIlroy, who had the most experience among his teammates and was competing in his sixth Ryder Cup. "There was a lot of language that was unacceptable, and abusive behavior," he said.

Chants, often described as "vulgar," were directed toward McIlroy.

"I don't think we should ever accept that in golf," he said the day after the event. "I think golf should be held to a higher standard than what was seen out there this week. Golf has the ability to unite people. Golf teaches you very good life lessons, and it teaches you etiquette."

The game also teaches how to respect people, McIlroy continued. "Sometimes this week, we didn't see that. So no, this should not be what is acceptable in the Ryder Cup."

Following the AT&T, which wraps up Feb. 15, McIlroy will continue his 19th pro season, again splitting his schedule between the PGA Tour and selected DP World Tour events.

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THE VOLUNTEERS

JUNIORS

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collegiate Carmel Cup, among others, but this will be her first year on the range at the AT&T.

"I'm so lucky to live here," said Ozel, a senior who just committed to play at Chico State. "I've been pretty involved in tournament play, and the junior golf association always made it a great experience, so being at the AT&T is a way to give back," she said.

Between the clinics and competitions, Ozel and Ike-

miya have logged innumerable hours through Pebble's junior pipeline. New friends, significantly reduced greens fees and monthly workshops are among the other perks of membership. Dues are just \$45 per year.

Better grades, higher incomes

"I view it as a conveyor belt. Our program is introducing kids to more instructional and competitive opportunities, and they may find they want to progress to the Northern California Golf Association and American Junior Golf Association," said Dedric Holmes, the local association's director.

Founded in 1988 with a mission to introduce the game to kids throughout the Central Coast, the nonprofit engages between 300 and 400 golfers a year. Celebrated for its competitive tournaments — with divisions for kids ages 6-17 and all skill levels — the organization is also known for its college scholarship program and emphasis on personal development.

"Kids who participate in junior golf tend to get better grades, a college education, and earn a higher income over the long term. We're very intentional about integrating values like patience and perseverance," said Holmes.

The kids seem to enjoy giving back, he said, so the junior golf association contacts members and local coaches whenever a volunteer opportunity comes up.

Unsurprisingly, everyone wants the Pro-Am gig.

Hosted by the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, the tournament recruits volunteers from local youth organizations, including the Boys & Girls Club and First Tee, but only junior golf association members get the highly coveted driving range assignments.

Shifts are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, Holmes said, with about 40 volunteers needed to cover Friday at Spyglass and Saturday and Sunday at Pebble.

"It's so cool getting to watch their practice routines. I'm really looking forward to seeing Scottie

Scheffler, Ludvig Åberg, Tommy Fleetwood and Collin Morikawa.

"There's a lot to learn, every golfer has their unique characteristics," said Harry Ng, a junior at Stevenson School.

The impressive 3-handicap player dropped tennis for golf early on and entered his first tournament — on Hong Kong's competitive junior circuit — in 2021. Two years later, when Ng enrolled at Stevenson, his coach insisted he join the junior golf association.

"The most important thing — what I try to do with all the ninth graders — is find ways to connect them with other golfers," said Justin Bates, who shepherded the Stevenson boys team to a CIF State Championship win at Poppy Hills last year.

"Four seniors graduated on that team, so this group is not the one that won it in 2025. But they wear that state champion title, and with that comes a lot of responsibility, a lot of pressure that typically they haven't felt before," said Bates, who has led the program for two decades.

The mental game

Performance under pressure is what he's working on this season, Ng said. He's interested to watch how the pros recalibrate mid-tournament, considering the two-course setting.

"Playing Spyglass, they might be focused on their short game, while at Pebble they might work on consistency in their irons. It's helpful to see how they strategize with their caddies and coaches," said Ng.

The timing couldn't be better for him and his teammate, Ben Bolger. Both are returning Pro-Am volunteers, and while they don't expect much banter or selfies during

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Expect a couple of state champions among this year's pro-am volunteers. The Pirates nabbed the title last June with a combined 2 under par at Poppy Hills. Shown here, a Stevenson golfer competes at MPCC.



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THE COMMUNITY

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There, you can read, cruise for miles up and down the recreation trail, or just people-watch. It's a beautiful spot to hang out. The beach behind the pier and below the picnic area is great for tide-pooling and spotting hermit crabs and other marine wildlife. The Lovers Point Beach Café serves your favorite espresso drinks, along with pastries, breakfast selections and snacks, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, and the Snack Shack — open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — will transport you back in time with a classic hamburger, fries and a root beer float.

Walk through history

Public restrooms are available in the building that houses the popular Beach House at Lovers Point restaurant, and you can rent bicycles, surreys and kayaks at Adventures by the Sea. The Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail is an 18-mile paved bicycle and pedestrian thoroughfare that passes the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Cannery Row and Fisherman's Wharf before it leaves Monterey for the dunes in Seaside, Sand City and beyond.

If you don't mind getting back in the car, go to the western end of Highway 68 to find Asilomar State Park and Beach. There's no admission and a fair amount of

free parking. Stroll the boardwalk among the white sand dunes and walk through the one-time YWCA camp, now a wooded park studded with architecture by Julia Morgan, who's best known for designing Hearst Castle in San Simeon. Stop into the Phoebe Hearst social hall, named for newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst's mother, a philanthropist and trailblazer in her own right. The namesake stone lodge features high wooden ceilings, pool tables, a large stone fireplace, an espresso-and-snack shop and a gift shop.

When you're tuckered out from all that activity and ready for a relaxing dinner, Pacific Grove has no shortage of great restaurants. Grab a beer and a wood-oven-fired pizza at P.G.'s first brewery, Hops and Fog, at 511 Lighthouse Ave., or try fish and chips and a gin and tonic at the Monarch Pub at 617 Lighthouse Ave. If you're craving something more traditional, the Red House at 662 Lighthouse Ave. serves dishes like roast chicken with mashed potatoes and veggies, and grilled lamb chops, plus a nice

selection of wines and beer.

Across the street, Pacific Thai has a nice selection of curries and other dishes, with substantial portions. The hot ginger tea is great on a chilly day, too. Pine Cone readers' favorite P.G. restaurant, Passionfish (701 Lighthouse Ave.), is known for sustainable seafood and an extensive wine list. The restaurant also serves items like duck confit and roasted vegetable tagine (a North African stew) if fish isn't your thing.

Finally, a few blocks from downtown, Lucy's on Lighthouse, with its edgy skateboard and surfing vibe, says it has "comfort food on lock" — more than a dozen hot dog combos, plus milkshakes, ice cream floats and sundaes, tater tots, mac-and-cheese, and homemade chili. You can eat indoors or head out to the beer garden. Lucy's, at 1120 Lighthouse Ave., from Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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THE ARTS

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Arts council gets \$75,000

Other Monterey County arts groups receiving money included the Arts Council for Monterey County (which received \$75,000 for operating support), ARIEL Theatrical, Inc., in Salinas (\$25,000 for operational support), the Carmel Ideas Foundation (\$20,000 for 2025 Student Ideas Festival), and First Night Monterey (\$25,000 for operating support).

Also receiving grants were Hijos del Sol Arts Productions in Salinas (\$50,000 for two years for operating support), Monterey Jazz Festival (\$50,000 for youth jazz

education programs), PacRep Theatre (\$50,000 for operating support), Sol Treasures in King City (\$30,000 for youth theater programs), Sunset Center (\$30,000 for its Classroom Connections program), and Youth Music Monterey County (\$15,000 for operational support).

Santa Cruz County arts groups awarded grants included the Arts Council Santa Cruz County (\$75,000 for two years of operating support), Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music (\$40,000 for operating support) and the Kuumbwa Jazz Society in Santa Cruz (\$40,000 for operating support), as well as the Santa Cruz County Symphony Association (\$35,000 for its Link Up Youth music program).

Funds were also given to the Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History (\$40,000 for operating support), Senderos in Santa Cruz (\$40,000 for operating support), Pajaro Valley Arts Council (\$25,000 for operating support), and the Tannery World Dance and Cultural Center in Santa Cruz (\$20,000 for youth scholarships).



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Monterey Peninsula in January 1947.

Since then, the annual tournament at Pebble Beach has been a staple of the PGA Tour calendar. The tournament purse has increased from \$500 for first prize in 1937 to a first prize of \$1,368,000 this year. The money for charity each year has continued to set new records as well, with total contributions hitting more than \$100 million.

Bing Crosby died in 1977. His wife and children continued to host the Crosby Pro-Am until 1986, when AT&T took over sponsorship of the event. The event was played at Pebble Beach, Poppy Hills and Spyglass, until MPCC's Shore Course replaced Poppy Hills in 2010. Over the last 20 years, the event has provided some of the most dramatic moments in golf, including Hale Irwin's fantastically lucky tee shot in 1984, and Tiger Woods' amazing comeback in 2000.

It has also endured some of the worst weather ever for a major sporting event. Twice, after particularly cold and rainy spells, tournament organizers have talked about moving the tournament. But most years, there have been glorious, only-in-California conditions for the Pebble Beach Pro-Am. And the memories have been golden, too.

■ 1958

Winner: Billy Casper
71-66-69-71 (277)

The tournament went to 72 holes for the first time and was televised nationally for the first time. The purse was boosted from \$15,000 to \$50,000.

Bob Rosburg shot 65 at Monterey Peninsula Country Club to lead after 36 holes but had a bad final round and tied for 10th. Billy Casper shot 277 to beat Dave Marr by four shots and was awarded the championship check of

\$4,000.

A retired Army colonel tried to rob the tournament office but was thwarted by a deputy sheriff who feigned a heart attack and captured the would-be robber.

Afternoon rain marred the first two rounds, but it was sunny for the final two although Sunday's golfers had to battle gusty winds.

Jay Hebert and Roger Kelly, who had been second the year before, won the pro-am with a score of 260.

■ 1959

Winner: Art Wall
69-65-70-75 (279)

Art Wall started the final round with a four-stroke lead over Jimmy Demaret and birdied three of the first four holes. With four holes to play, Wall led by five strokes, but bogeyed the 16th and 17th holes and Gene Littler birdied both holes to cut the lead to one stroke.

Littler hit his tee shot on No. 18 near the seawall, and then hooked his second shot into the water. Wall had a 41 coming in for a 75. Littler had 73 and Demaret 73. Wall won with 279, earning \$4,000.

Wall teamed with two-time U.S. Amateur champion Charlie Coe to win the pro-am title with a score of 252.

Hans Merrill, a club pro from Magadore, Ohio, took a 19 on the 16th at Cypress Point and shot 94.

■ 1960

Winner: Ken Venturi
70-71-68-77 (286)

The weather started out bad and got worse as the tournament progressed.

A drenching rain hit the Monterey Peninsula Thursday morning and 50-mile-per-hour winds whipped the golfers in the afternoon. Tournament officials compared the day to the worst they could remember since the Bing Crosby tournament moved to the Monterey Peninsula in

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tournament play, they'll be taking mental notes. Their season is just getting started.

"Recently, I've been working on my mental side. It was the hardest thing for me for a long time. The work is routine-based, focusing on what I do before each shot, rather than mechanics," said Bolger.

At 9, Bolger would follow his grandfather around local courses, whacking away for fun. Three years ago, he started competing in Junior Golf Association tournaments, then joined his high school team. He's already attracted the attention of a Division 1 program in the San Francisco area.

Close look

He appreciates the close look at how the pros work as he enters his sophomore season. "Seeing people play I only see on TV — I had a ton of fun, but I paid a lot of attention to the caddies and how they work. It's cool to be exposed to behind-the-scenes guys," said Bolger.

"So much of junior golf is about finding a crew of other kids interested in taking up the sport, pursuing what can be a really hard endeavor together," said his coach.

Bates, a board member with the association, experienced firsthand how a competitive crew of friends can shape a life in golf. A Stevenson alum, he joined during his freshman year.

"One of my favorite things is when we have our league events — Stevenson, Carmel, P.G. — and you realize so many of these kids are genuinely good friends with one another," said Bates.

When they volunteer, Bates smells local pride.

"I might send out a feeler, but it's amazing how many kids pursue volunteering on their own volition. With all these pros and spectators in their backyard, I think they view it as a chance to show off what's here," he said.

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1947. Only 17 of 150 professionals were able to match or better par and 15 of those played at MPCC.

Ed Furgol three-putted from 2 feet on the 17th green at Pebble Beach. His chip shot stopped 2 feet from the hole, and his first putt rimmed the cup and, accelerated by the wind, rolled 6 feet below the hole. His second putt also rimmed the cup and halted 8 feet away. Furgol made that putt for a double bogey 5.

Taking advantage of a "perfect" day, cloudy and mild, Ken Venturi posted a 68 at Cypress Point on Saturday to take the lead with a score of 209.

Venturi struggled through the rain and wind on Sunday for a 77, but his 286 total still was three strokes ahead of runners-up Julius Boros and Tommy Jacobs. Don January, who started three shots back of Venturi, birdied from the bunker on the third hole as Venturi three-putted, and pulled to within one shot of the lead. But January blew his chances when he hooked his tee shot out of bounds on the par-3 fifth and took a 4 after sinking a 40-foot putt. He double-bogeyed the par-3 seventh.

Venturi's first-place finish was again worth \$4,000. Bud Ward and Bob Silvestri won the pro-am with 262.

■ 1961
Winner: Bob Rosburg
69-67-74-72 (282)

Bob Rosburg, who had lost in the finals

of the California State Amateur Championship three times, and twice had shared the lead in the Bing Crosby National Pro-Am going into the final round, finally snapped his Pebble Beach jinx.

The ex-Stanford star came from seven strokes back on Sunday to win in dramatic fashion with a 14-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole. He needed that putt to nose out Dave Ragan and Roberto De Vicenzo by one shot, winning an upped champion's check of \$5,300.

Rosburg shot 72 for a 282 total, but until he made that birdie putt, a total of seven players had a chance to win. Bill Collins could have tied him with a birdie on the 18th, but three-putted for a bogey 6 and wound up in a tie for fourth. Ted Kroll, the 54-hole leader at 203, shot a closing 81 and tied for fourth at 284 with Arnold Palmer, Gardner Dickinson and Collins.

Casper set a Pebble Beach course record on Saturday with a 65. He needed only 10 putts on the back nine.

The tournament was blessed with sunny, warm weather the first three days. Sunday was cloudy, but mild. The final round attracted a record crowd of 35,000 fans.

Wes Ellis and Frank Tatum Jr. won the pro-am title with a score of 252.

■ 1962
Winner: Doug Ford
70-73-69-74 (286)

This was the year when "Crosby Weather" hit its peak.

The final round of play on Sunday was

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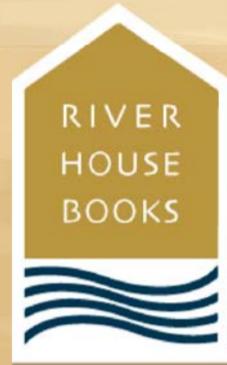
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postponed because snow, rain, hail and sleet made the course unplayable. The first four groups had just teed off when Joe Black, PGA Tour supervisor, called off play. Dean Martin had to pull out because of a motion picture commitment, leaving pro partner Ken Venturi to play alone. It cost Venturi money in the pro-am division.

The tournament wound up Monday with Doug Ford and Joe Campbell in a tie at 286. Ford won the sudden-death playoff on the first hole with a 6-foot par putt after Campbell missed from 7 feet. Ford's earned \$5,300.

He had started the final round two strokes behind Campbell, but tied him on the 17th hole when Campbell hooked his tee shot into a bunker and bogeyed. Ford made an 8-foot par putt.

On the 18th, Ford made a 4 1/2-foot putt for par after going past the hole. Campbell was 3 inches short on a 20-foot birdie putt. In the playoff, Ford blasted out of a bunker to 6 feet. Campbell was just short of the green on his second shot and putted 7 feet past, and missed coming back. Ford hit only nine greens and shot 74.

Art Doering had a hole-in-one with a wedge on the 100-yard seventh hole at Pebble Beach on Thursday. Gary Player scored an ace on the 160-yard fifth hole at Pebble Beach on Friday with a 4-iron, and Al Geiberger had a hole-in-one on the 122-yard 15th at Cypress Point on Saturday using an 8-iron.

Bob McCallister and Albie Pearson, who was given a "healthy" 10 handicap, walked off with the pro-am title with a score of 255.

■ 1963

Winner: Billy Casper
73-65-73-74 (285)

The battle for the championship went down to the last

hole in one of the tightest finishes of the tournament's history with Billy Casper shooting 74 to win with a 72-hole total of 285 and collect the first-place money of \$5,300.

Casper trailed Bob Duden by one shot going into the final round, but Duden three-putted the 18th green and took a 77 for 287. Gary Player had a 30-foot birdie putt for a tie and missed. Jack Nicklaus needed a 4 to win and a par 5 to tie, but pushed his second shot on the 18th behind a pine tree. His third shot sailed 30 feet past the hole and his birdie putt rolled 6 feet below the cup. He missed the comeback and finished with 70 for 286, which put him in a tie for second place with Bob Rosburg, Art Wall, Dave Hill and Player.

Arnold Palmer was disqualified for a rules violation on Saturday on the 17th hole. After hitting a 2-iron over the green and onto the rocks in front of the 18th tee, Palmer played a provisional ball, a rules violation which later led to his disqualification.

A record crowd of 25,000 fans watched Saturday's action as Duden shot 67 at Monterey Peninsula to take the lead with 210. He birdied five of the last six holes.

Doug Sanders and Lloyd Pitzer were the pro-am winners with a score of 257.

■ 1964

Winner: Tony Lema
70-68-70-76 (284)

The week started out with ideal weather and low scores. Al Balding of Canada shot a 66 to lead Thursday's play by one stroke over Geoffrey Hunt and Bobby Nichols. Balding added a 67 on Friday for 133 and a three-stroke edge over Bruce Devlin, who also had a 67.

Saturday's play ended in the rain with Tony Lema carding a 70 to tie Balding, who had 75, at 208. National television caught Arnold Palmer "on the rocks" at the 17th hole where he overshot the green and wound up with a nine on the par-3 hole. Palmer finished with a 76 and missed the cut by one stroke. Jack Nicklaus shot 77 and missed by two.

Lema sloshed through the wind and rain on Sunday for a 76 and 284 total to win the tournament and \$5,800. Rain fell throughout the day and 25-30 mph winds made Pebble Beach even more difficult. Best score of the day was a 73 by Gay Brewer, which vaulted him from 16th place to a tie for second.

Balding had an 88 to drop from a tie for the lead to a tie for 34th place.

Mike Fetchick and Charlie Seaver won the pro-am competition with a score of 258 to edge Lema and Fr. John Durkin by one stroke.

■ 1965

Winner: Bruce Crampton
75-67-73-69 (284)

Bruce Crampton became the first foreign player to win the Crosby tournament when he shot a closing round of three-under-par 69 and a total score of 284, topping Tony Lema by three strokes and Jack Nicklaus and Billy Casper by four. Crampton's victory was worth \$7,500.

He credited his victory to a tip Nicklaus had given him on the practice tee on Wednesday. Nicklaus wound up in a third-place tie when he three-putted the 18th green the final day.

Lema shot a 79 Saturday at Pebble Beach in conditions he called "the worst I've played in since 1964," when he won the British Open at St. Andrews.

The opening day drew a record crowd of 11,000 and Doug Ford set a Monterey Peninsula Country Club Shore Course record of 66. Perfect weather conditions existed until afternoon, when rain pelted late starters. Players at Cypress Point and Monterey Peninsula were allowed to lift, clean and place their golf balls, but not those at Pebble Beach.

George Archer and golf writer Nelson Cullenward had a 66 Sunday to tie George Bayer and Morgan Barofsky at 260 for the pro-am title.

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■ 1966

**Winner: Don Massengale
70-67-76-70 (283)**

This was proclaimed the "Silver Anniversary" of the Crosby tournament, but it really was the 26th. Larry Crosby thought there had been five tournaments held at Rancho Santa Fe when there actually were six. But rather than cause confusion after the programs already had been printed, it was left that way.

It turned out to be an exciting tournament with Don Massengale holing a 5-foot birdie putt on the 18th to register his first tour win with a final round of 70 and a 283 total. The first-place money was up to \$11,000.

Massengale, who had started the final round four strokes behind Al Geiberger, needed the final birdie to fight off a challenge from Arnold Palmer and win by one stroke. Palmer finished strongly, notching birdies on three of his last four holes. Geiberger shot 75 to finish in a tie for third place with Billy Martindale.

More than 25,000 fans turned out for Thursday's opening round, and Saturday's attendance was estimated at 32,000, the largest third-day turnout in the history of the tournament.

Jack Nicklaus, among the leaders going to the 18th tee, watched his first drive bounce off the left side of the fairway, hit the rocks and disappear. His second effort

also went over the bank. While helping to look for the ball, PGA official George Walsh stumbled and fell into the water. Nicklaus took a 9 on the hole and finished with 76 for a 295 total.

Chuck Courtney and Dr. John Moler shot a final round of 62 to tie Martindale and Bob Roos at 255 in the pro-am. Courtney and Moler won the title in a playoff.

■ 1967

**Winner: Jack Nicklaus
69-73-74-68 (284)**

1967 marked the first year the newly built Spyglass Hill Golf Course would become part of the tournament.

Jack Nicklaus birdied five of the last seven holes in the final round, shooting a 31 on the back nine en route to a 68 to beat Billy Casper and Arnold Palmer for the championship. Nicklaus needed only 13 putts on the final nine as he claimed his first Crosby victory, and a check for \$16,000, with a 284 total.

Casper, who had started the round with a one-stroke lead over Nicklaus and Palmer, shot 74 for 289 while Palmer had 75 for 291. Nicklaus never was in the lead until he birdied the 12th hole. Palmer took a 9 on the 14th hole, hitting two balls out of bounds. His second shot hit a big pine tree on the right of the fairway and bounced out of bounds. He then hit another out of bounds. The big tree fell down during the night.

Nicklaus was 5 under par after 14 holes

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at Cypress Point in the second round and wound up with a 73, 1 over par, but still leading with 142. The day started with a threat of rain and finished with gale winds of 45 mph.

Saturday's round was postponed as savage winds threatened life and limb. Only two foursomes had completed play when action was suspended at 12:30 p.m. It was the third one-day suspension of play in the history of the Crosby. In 1952 a round was postponed because of rain, and in 1962 because of snow.

Mike Souchak and his brother Frank won the pro-am division with a score of 259, shooting 67 the final day.

■ 1968

Winner: Johnny Pott
70-71-71-73 (285)

Johnny Pott chipped in from 26 feet on the first playoff hole (No. 15) to defeat Billy Casper and Bruce Devlin after the three had tied at 285. Pott had started the final round with a three-stroke lead over Casper and Devlin, but shot 73 while the other two shot 70. Pott's winnings were \$16,000.

On the playoff hole Casper's second shot was seven feet from the cup, while Pott was right of the green. "I thought I had to make 2 and was aiming right for the flag on my approach," Pott said. "But I pushed the 8-iron shot to the right and stopped between the two sand traps. Man, I hit a good chip. The ball was going a little bit hard, but it hit the cup and went in." Casper missed his birdie putt. "I played it 2 inches to the left of the cup and it stayed there," Casper said.

On Friday Pott had tied the course record of 71 at Spyglass Hill set by Francisco Lopez the previous year in the Northern California PGA Match Play Championship.

Pott and Virgil Sherrill won the pro-am division with a score of 253.

■ 1969

Winner: George Archer
72-68-72-71 (283)

The sun came out for the final round as George Archer shot a 1-under-par 71 to win by one stroke over Bob Dickson, Dale Douglass and Howie Johnson. It rained the rest of the tournament. Thursday's round was canceled because of rain. It was cloudy on Friday and the courses were soggy. It was cloudy and rained in the afternoon on Saturday and Sunday. Johnny Pott shot a 5-under-par 67 Saturday at Spyglass Hill to better the course record of 70 set the year before by Bob Murphy.

However, the mark was "unofficial" because the pros were "bumping" the ball on the soggy fairways, and also were teeing off well ahead of the blue tee markers.

Sunday, at Spyglass Hill, Archer played the back nine first and shot 39. On the 17th hole, he dumped his second shot into the front left bunker. Normally a good sand player, Archer had trouble with the wet and muddy sand in the Spyglass traps and left his first attempt in the sand. He came out weakly on the second and then two-putted for a double bogey 6.

On the 18th, Archer put his second shot in another bunker. Again he left his first effort in the trap, and then blasted 20 feet past the cup. He three-putted for a triple-bogey seven.

But he came back on the front nine (his second) for a round of 72.

He hit only one bunker on Monday, the 17th at Pebble Beach, and this time came out three feet from the cup and saved his par 3. Archer's performance netted him the first-place check of \$25,000.

Jack Nicklaus four-putted the 14th green at Spyglass and Bob Lunn four-putted the 11th, had four other three-putt greens and still shot 73.

Bob Dickson and Jack Ging won the pro-am division

with a score of 257.

■ 1970

Winner: Bert Yancey
67-70-72-69 (278)

Heavy rains soaked the three tournament courses in the week prior to play, but the weather cleared up for the opening round. "Bumping" the ball through the greens, Ron Cerrudo, Bob Murphy, Bert Yancey and Bob Goalby tied for the first-round lead with 67s.

Yancey gained sole possession of the lead after the second round, held it through the third and finished with a 3-under 69 on Sunday for a one-stroke win over Jack Nicklaus, who had closed with a 65. Yancey's 278 won the tournament (and \$25,000), but Nicklaus' 279 earned him \$14,300, which was enough to make him only the third pro golfer to pass \$1 million in earnings, after Arnold Palmer and Billy Casper.

Bob Rosburg and 49ers quarterback John Brodie won the pro-am with a best-ball 252.

■ 1971

Winner: Tom Shaw
68-71-69-70 (278)

Tom Shaw, whose victory was worth \$27,000, beat Arnold Palmer and his Army on a glorious Sunday afternoon.

"This was the calmest I've ever seen it here in January," Palmer declared. "It was unbelievable."

Arnie's Army believed its leader was on his way to the victory when he mounted a typical charge in the final round. Palmer chipped in for an eagle 3 on the second hole to gain a tie with Shaw. But bogeys on the fifth, seventh and ninth holes cost Palmer dearly as Shaw played the front nine in 32 for a four-shot advantage. The University of Oregon product faltered coming in, with bogeys at the 17th and 18th, but his round of 70, to Palmer's 71,

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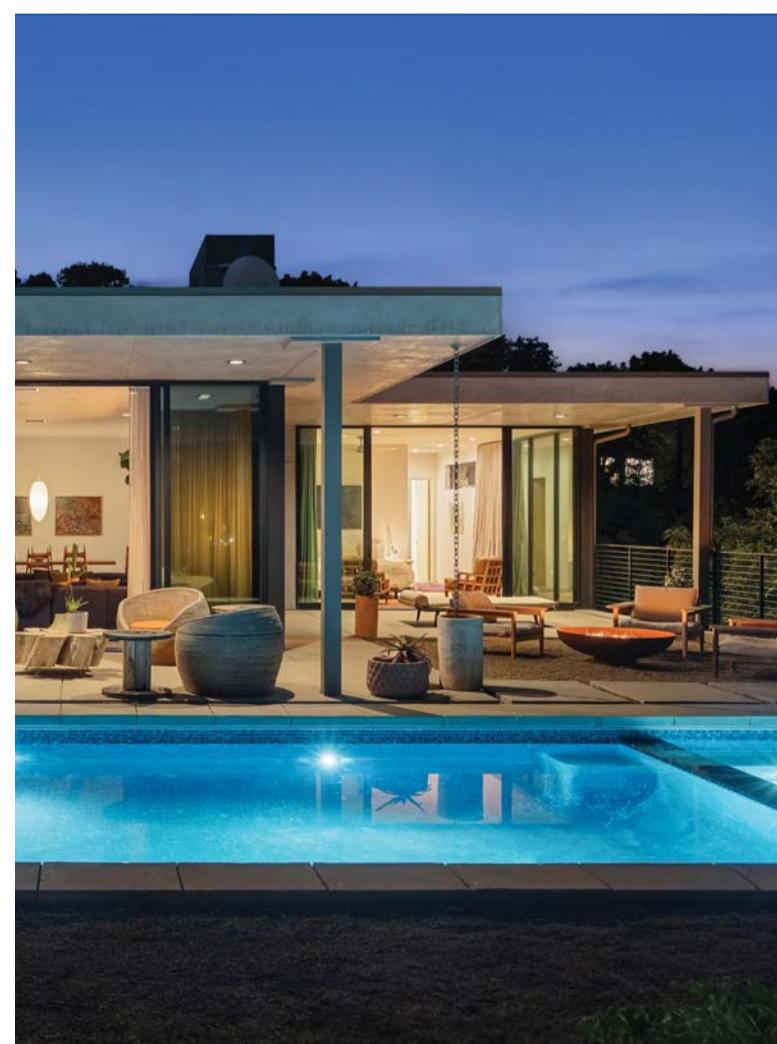
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was enough for a two-stroke victory.

Jack Montgomery, a pro from Fort Worth, Texas, took a 15 at Pebble's 10th hole after going over the edge of the fairway onto the rocks.

■ 1972

**Winner: Jack Nicklaus
66-74-71-73 (284)**

A 25-foot birdie putt on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff gave Jack Nicklaus the Crosby title and a \$28,000 first-place check. He beat Johnny Miller after both had poor rounds on the final day — hitting bad tee shots and missing short putts all over the course. Miller even hit a ball into the ocean on 10. Nicklaus, who three-putted on 17 to set up the playoff, earned his fifth tour victory in six events. Lee Trevino took third place, as well as the pro-am title with partner Don Schwab.

According to a newspaper account, Clint Eastwood, then at the height of his "Dirty Harry" fame, playing in his seventh Crosby, missed the cut and spent Sunday watching the Super Bowl (Dallas 24, Miami 3) and playing tennis.

■ 1973

**Winner: Jack Nicklaus
71-69-71-71 (282)**

Despite back-to-back bogeys on 7 and 8 at Pebble during the final round, Jack Nicklaus won the tournament for the sec-

ond straight year in a sudden-death playoff — and again with a birdie putt on the first sudden-death hole, 15. Robert Moody appeared to have the tournament won in regulation but missed an easy 2 1/2-foot putt on 18 that knocked him back into a tie with Nicklaus and Ray Floyd. "I missed a \$20,000 putt," Moody said. Not only that, he shot 76 on the final round, while Nicklaus and Floyd both shot 71. Instead of the top prize of \$36,000, Moody had to settle for second-place money, \$16,650. Lanny Wadkins and Bill Satterfield won the pro-am title.

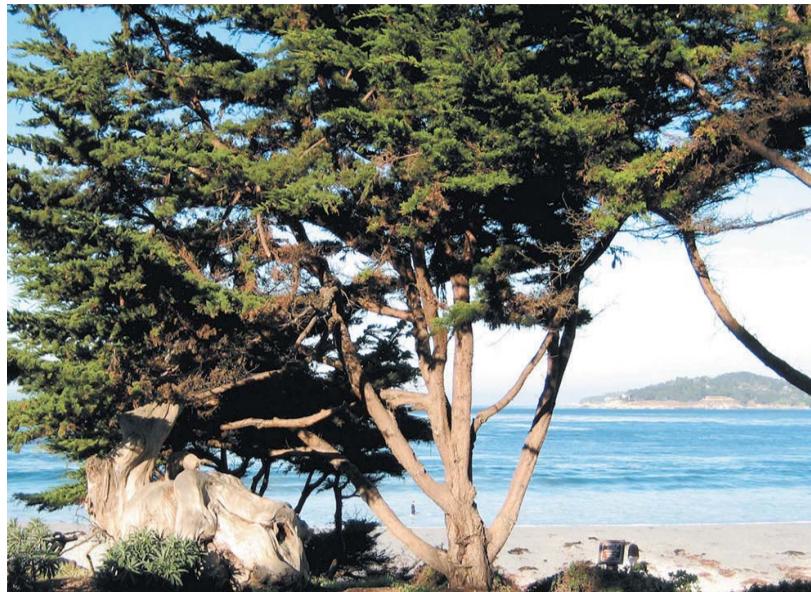
■ 1974

**Winner: Johnny Miller
68-70-70 (208)**

After six straight days of rain, sleet and hail, and with Pebble Beach looking more like ocean than land, the final round of the Crosby had to be canceled after being delayed from Sunday to Monday (Jan. 8). With everyone in a miserable mood, tournament officials threatened not to hold the event again unless it could be moved later in the year. "If we don't get the third or fourth weekend in January next year, I'd say there won't be a tournament," said chairman Don Searle. Originally, the 1974 tournament was scheduled for Feb. 14-17, but Crosby officials and local business people were unhappy with the prospect of playing over Washington's Birthday weekend, when tourists would flock to the Monterey Peninsula anyway. So they negotiated a date switch with the

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Glen Campbell Los Angeles Open, but that still left everybody unhappy. After Sunday's round was postponed, defending champion Jack Nicklaus withdrew. He was suffering in the wet weather from back pain and had fallen 10 strokes behind leader Johnny Miller. When Monday's round was canceled, Miller got a reduced winner's check of \$27,500, but he also picked up \$2,250 for winning the pro-am side, with partner Locke de Bretteville.

■ 1975

Winner: Gene Littler
68-71-68-73 (280)

A former amateur boxing champ and winner of the 1961 U.S. Open, 44-year-old Gene Littler dented the aura of invincibility that had surrounded youthful Johnny Miller during the first two weeks of the 1975 PGA Tour. A final round of 73 gave him a total of 280, enough for a four-stroke victory over Hubert Green. Miller double-bogeyed 15 on the final round, played in frigid temperatures and gale-force winds, and finished with 289, along with Jack Nicklaus. Tom Watson shot 81 on the final day, including two triple bogeys. Littler's winning purse was \$37,000, and it came after 20 years of playing the Crosby, with his previous best finish having been second in 1959. Pro-am winners were Bruce Devlin and former NFL quarterback Jackie Lee. The tournament was boycotted by Lee Trevino, who said he didn't like playing in the rain on the Monterey Peninsula. Perhaps because of his comment, it didn't rain a drop.

■ 1976

Winner: Ben Crenshaw
75-67-70-69 (281)

The 35th Bing Crosby Pro-Am featured a rare melt-

down by Jack Nicklaus, who shot 45 on the back nine at Pebble Beach in the final round, including a double bogey and two triple bogeys, clearing the way for 24-year-old Ben Crenshaw to claim the \$37,000 first prize.

With a record crowd on hand, Nicklaus led the field going into Sunday's play but ended up tied for 18th place. Already out of the big money and in a hurry to catch a flight to Japan, Nicklaus tried to get to the 18th green in two but pulled his wood shot into Carmel Bay and finished, in front of a national TV audience, with a triple-bogey 8. Johnny Miller, suffering through two rounds with the flu, tied with Nicklaus at 291. Pro-am winners were Hale Irwin and Pebble Beach resident Darius Keaton, who was then chairman of Charter Oil Company.

■ 1977

Winner: Tom Watson
66-69-67-71 (276)

Tom Watson picked up the first prize of \$40,000 with a dramatic one-stroke victory that included rounds of 66 at Pebble Beach on Thursday, 69 at Cypress Point on Friday, 67 at MPCC's Shore Course on Saturday and a 71 in the final round at Pebble on Sunday, breaking the tournament record set by Billy Casper in 1958 by four strokes. Saturday's gallery of 28,000 was also a then-record — helped by sunny skies and mild temperatures. Former President Gerald Ford, playing in the pro-am for the first time, had a birdie on 14 at Pebble Beach on Friday. Leonard Thompson and Jim Vickers, an oil man from Wichita, won the pro-am side.

■ 1978

Winner: Tom Watson
66-74-71-69 (280)

Becoming the fourth man to win back-to-back Crosbys, Tom Watson beat Ben Crenshaw on the second hole of sudden death on the final day of play, which was pushed back to Monday by rain. Shooting a torrid 6-under-par 30 on the front nine at Pebble on the final day,



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Jack Nicklaus during the 1972 Crosby, which he won in a sudden-death playoff.

Watson finished with a 69, bringing him into an unexpected tie with Crenshaw, who shot a seemingly unbeatable 67. Watson's first-place finish was worth \$45,000. Pro Gibby Gilbert and Richard Gelb, chairman of the board of Bristol-Myers, won the pro-am team title.

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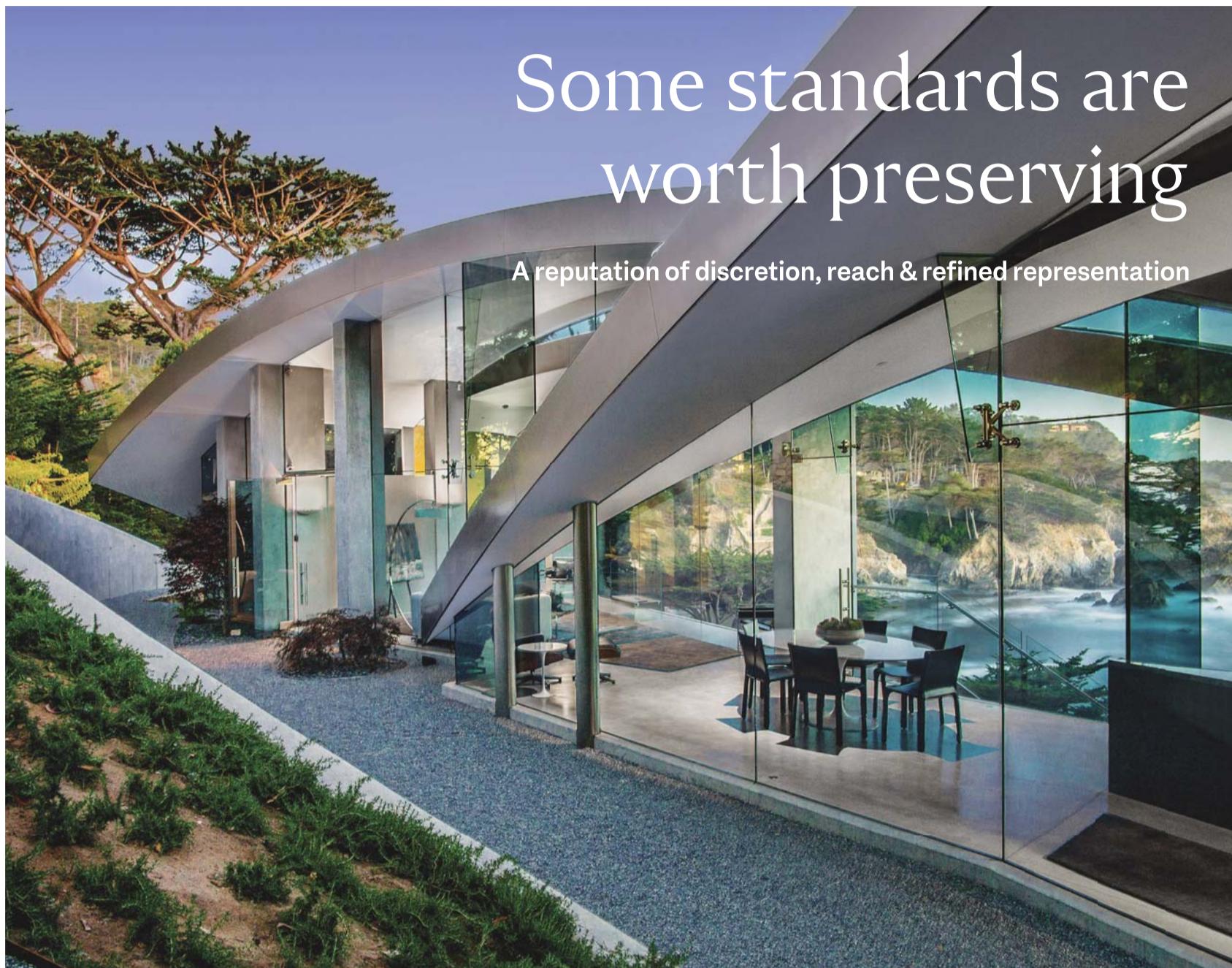
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■ 1979

Winner: Lon Hinkle
70-68-69-77 (284)

After Andy Bean missed a 20-foot putt on 18, a three-way tie forced a playoff between Bean and fellow PGA youngsters Mark Hayes and Lon Hinkle — a playoff ultimately decided in Hinkle's favor when he sank a 12-foot birdie putt on 17. The winner's purse was \$54,000.

Hinkle's dramatic finish wasn't seen by TV viewers, however, when CBS decided to end its coverage after 72 holes in favor of "60 Minutes" and "Rocky."

Jack Nicklaus missed the Crosby in 1979 for the first time in his career, and Hale Irwin broke his string of making the cut in 87 straight tournaments.

Pro-am winners were Bean and Florida real estate developer Bill Bunting.

■ 1980

Winner: George Burns III
71-69-71-69 (280)

Under crystal-clear skies, a record gallery of more than 10,000 watched Sunday's final round of the Crosby, when George Burns (no relation to the comedian) overcame a big lead by Jack Nicklaus to win. Nicklaus was at one point 10 under (including a 5-under performance on the first six holes Sunday) but faded on the back nine. Burns, meanwhile, was steadily making difficult putts, including a monster 40-footer on 16.

"It surprised the hell out of me," said Burns who, at 30, had won almost \$500,000 in five years on the PGA Tour without a victory. He added another \$54,000 with his win at Pebble Beach. Pro-am winners were George Cadle and Whizzer Farish of Pebble Beach, a pilot for Pan Am in his 22nd Crosby.

■ 1981

Winner: John Cook
66-71-72 (209)

A dramatic five-way playoff, the first ever on the PGA Tour, ended in a stunning victory for unknown pro John Cook over 20-year-old Bobby Clampett, Hale Irwin, Ben Crenshaw and Barney Thompson.

Cook won by making par on the third playoff hole after lapses by his opponents (including a bogey by Irwin) left the door wide open. Rain delayed the start of the Crosby to Saturday, and icy winds made things miserable throughout the weekend. Nevertheless, record crowds turned out to watch the tournament, which was shortened to 54 holes and ended on Monday.

Clampett, who lived in Carmel Valley, missed the victory when he couldn't sink a 3-foot par putt on his final hole at Cypress.

Cook's winning purse was \$40,500 (reduced by 25 percent because the tournament was shortened). Pro-am winners were again George Cadle and Whizzer Farish — the first pro-am team to repeat.

Farish, who grew up on the Peninsula, said of the three Crosby courses, "I've played them a thousand times — each."

■ 1982

Winner: Jim Simons
71-66-71-66 (274)

Blowing a five-stroke lead with 10 holes to play — and foreshadowing the 2000 AT&T Pro-Am when Tiger Woods overcame an even bigger deficit — Craig Stadler let Jim Simons win the 1982 Crosby and its first prize of \$54,000. But Simons was no patsy; his final round of 66 was one of the finest finishes to date in the tournament, and he set a Crosby record with his total of 274, 14 under par.

The great Jack Nicklaus might have won but ended up in a five-way tie for third (with Johnny Miller and three others) after missing several key putts.

■ 1983

Winner: Tom Kite
69-72-62-73 (276)

It rained all day during Sunday's final round, but play continued anyway as Tom Kite took the tournament despite a final round of 73. Saturday, when Kite also played

Pebble, he set a course record of 62. The \$58,500 first prize was Kite's fifth PGA crown in 12 years.

Despite four birdies on the back nine, Jack Nicklaus finished in sixth place — which earned him \$11,700 and made him the first golf pro to earn more than \$4 million in a career. Cal Peete was in second place, two strokes back. The pro-am winners were Gilder and Clark.

■ 1984

Winner: Hale Irwin
69-69-68-72 (278)

With the most improbable shot in Pebble Beach history, Hale Irwin captured the 1984 Crosby title and the \$72,000 check that came with it. Even Tiger Woods couldn't hope to pull off the shot Irwin made on 18 at Pebble during the final round Sunday. Irwin's tee shot was headed out into Stillwater Cove when the ball improbably caromed off a rock and bounced back onto the fairway.

"The entire tournament evolved around that tremendous break I had on 18," Irwin said. Mark O'Meara, with two eagles on the front nine, nearly caught Irwin. Even after Irwin birdied 18, Jim Nelford did catch him, forcing a playoff.

But on the second playoff hole — 16 — Irwin made a tremendous second shot from a bunker 200 yards onto the green and just 9 feet from the cup.

When Nelford missed his birdie putt on the hole, Irwin calmly nailed his tournament-winning shot. O'Meara, paired with J.P. Diesel of Houston, won the pro-am team crown.

■ 1985

Winner: Mark O'Meara
70-72-68-73 (273)

The final year of the Crosby saw the tournament begin under frosty skies with winds at 35 mph. But in the end, Mark O'Meara warmed up the crowd with clutch putting that, despite a final round of 73, gave him the \$90,000 first-place check and a then-record 72-hole low Pebble Beach Pro-Am score of 273. Larry Rinker, Kikuo Arai and Curtis Strange were all just one shot behind.

Playing in the final group, O'Meara missed a birdie putt on 18, but so did Strange, ending any chance of a playoff. Dean Spanos, who lived in Stockton and was part owner of the San Diego Chargers, and pro partner Hubert Green captured the pro-am crown.

■ 1986

Winner: Fuzzy Zoeller
69-66-70 (205)

The first year with its new corporate sponsor was nearly a washout for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. Friday's round was canceled after heavy morning rains drenched the three courses. And so was the rescheduled final round on Monday, leaving Fuzzy Zoeller the winner of the \$108,000 first prize after just 54 holes. Crowds were sparse, but the event still generated a hefty sum for charity, with AT&T contributing \$750,000 in its first year backing the tournament.

Zoeller, who was on Pebble Monday before play was suspended, called the weather, "the worst conditions I've ever played under." He was also winner of the pro-am team title, partnered with Corral de Tierra golfer Mike Evans.

■ 1987

Winner: Johnny Miller
72-72-68-66 (278)

Taking advantage of a bogey on 17 by third-round leader Payne Stewart, Johnny Miller won the Pebble Beach Pro-Am for the second time. On a perfect Sunday at Pebble Beach, he shot a 6-under 66, including seven birdies, for the \$108,000 first prize. "I can't believe I won," Miller was overheard to say to his caddy as the day wrapped up. Stewart finished just one stroke back. This was Miller's 19th appearance at the tournament he continued to call the Crosby.

In 1968, he launched his career with a victory at the California State Amateur, also at Pebble Beach, which he often referred to as his home course. And Miller wasn't through. He came back and won the pro-am again in 1994.

The team victory went to Fred Couples and baseball great George Brett, who capped the title with a 3-inch putt on 18.



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Clint Eastwood, then at the beginning of his international movie-star fame, playing in the 1963 Crosby.

■ 1988

Winner: Steve Jones
72-64-70-74 (280)

With an 18-foot birdie putt on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff, Steve Jones capped a dramatic victory at Pebble Beach over a field that included five or six players with a shot at the title. Jones, a relative unknown, triumphed over 1988's top players, including Bob Tway, Greg Norman and Craig Stadler.

Jones had a three-stroke lead as Sunday's round began, but bogeys on 15 and 17 opened the door for Tway, who tied the leader with a birdie on 18. But in the playoff, it was Jones who out-putted the veteran for a \$126,000 first-place check. The pro-am winners were Dan Pohl and Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino.

■ 1989

Winner: Mark O'Meara
66-68-73-70 (277)

With a dramatic 10-foot birdie putt on 18, Mark O'Meara edged out Tom Kite — who missed his chance for a tie on 18 when his 15-foot putt for birdie fell short — for the 1989 first prize of \$180,000. "I knew that whoever birdied 18 would win," Kite said. He finished just one stroke back.

After the match, O'Meara sharply criticized the slow play during the tournament, saying it took his group three hours to finish the first nine holes during the final round. Pro-am winners were Steve Jones and Carmel Valley doctor Jim Rheim, who birdied 18 with a 9-foot putt.

■ 1990

Winner: Mark O'Meara
67-73-69-72 (281)

Winning for the second year in a row, Mark O'Meara became the first player to win back-to-back titles since Tom Watson in 1977 and 1978. Nicklaus also won consecutive titles; Cory Middlecoff was the first to do it here, back in 1955 and 1956. O'Meara won the \$180,000 first prize with a final round of 72 at a windy Pebble Beach.

Kenny Perry finished in second place, two strokes back. Payne Stewart seemed like the favorite to win until he bogeyed 12, 14, 16 and 18.

Four groups had to finish their third round Sunday morning, after high winds at Cypress curtailed play on Saturday.

Dean Spanos, co-owner of the San Diego Chargers, teamed with Hubert Green for the pro-am team title.

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