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County on 'places to avoid' list after STR crackdown

By CHRIS COUNTS

AN ONLINE travel publication is telling tourists to avoid Monterey County because of its tough rules regulating vacation rentals.

According to Travel Off Path, "Your dream vacation can quickly turn into an expensive logistical nightmare" if you visit places that are "buckling under the weight of their own popularity." The article specifically targets

"aggressive new caps on tourists and massive short-term-rental bans specifically designed to keep you away."

The publication warns it's going to be hard to find a place to stay in Monterey County. The advice was included in an article, "Seven Destinations Americans Should Not Visit This Summer," which was published on Facebook and other social media sites.

See **STAY AWAY** page 20A

Design guidelines slog continues

■ Nestle in the trees, but keep them away

By MARY SCHLEY

FOUR YEARS into the effort to revise Carmel's two-decade-old design guidelines, after reviewing an official first draft Tuesday, city council members expressed their frustration with the protracted process — and then established an ad hoc committee to try to push it along.

Their decision followed the planning commission's review of the document last week, following more revisions by a committee to incorporate the state's increasing mandates for fire-resistant construction and other changes requested by the council in January. The guidelines include dozens of edicts on everything from arbors to roofs made of zinc, and must be approved by the planning commission and the city council, incorporated into the municipal and zoning codes, and ultimately certified by the California Coastal Commission.

No detail is too small to be dictated by city hall

At the March 3 meeting, some council members said they want the whole process finished before the November election, and the mayor called for disbanding the committee, putting the document back in the hands of professionals and getting it done.

Long, winding road

The effort to revise the guidelines began with Noré Winter, the consultant who helped draft the originals, coming out of retirement in spring 2022 to oversee the effort. To assist, councilmembers created a steering committee, with each appointing a representative. The group included former councilwoman Victoria Beach, former planning commissioner Don Goodhue — who died recently — former city administrator Doug Schmitz, Flanders Mansion preservationist Melanie Billig and architect Mary Ann Schicketanz.

Years and dozens of meetings later, the effort yielded two versions: Winter's update, which some said was unwieldy and off-base, and a document created by the steering committee in response. In January, the city council reviewed the two versions and sent them back to the commission with a request for feedback on which would

See **DESIGN** page 16A



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An online travel publication is telling tourists to avoid visiting Big Sur (left) due to the recent crackdown on vacation rentals in Monterey County — as well as other popular destinations like Reggio Calabria, Italy (right), which has a water shortage.

Pacific Meadows residents: We've been abandoned

■ Senior housing owned by the county

By CHRIS COUNTS

HOME TO hundreds of seniors, the Pacific Meadows retirement community in Carmel Valley was thrown into chaos two weeks ago when the company that had been running it since 2019, HumanGood, departed without a word — leaving residents with worries ranging from who's picking up the trash, to who's actually in charge.

But Monterey County 5th District supervisor Kate Daniels told The Pine Cone Thursday that she and her staff have been working with the county housing authority, which owns the property, to solve the situation. The agency provides affordable housing and rental assistance

for low-income residents throughout the county.

Daniels reported the housing authority is taking over management of the site, and said she's confident it will be responsive to residents' needs. She noted the senior home's office is staffed again after it went dark in recent weeks, and a maintenance company that had been let go was rehired.

Daniels said she and her staff have fielded many calls from residents about the disappearance of onsite management. "We were on the phone with people with plumbing problems," she said.

Meeting set for March 12

To get the word out to residents about management changes, Daniels announced that a meeting is set for Thursday, March 12, at 10 a.m., in the Pacific Meadows community room.

Residents learned last March that HumanGood would

See **ABANDONED** page 22A

Coyotes skulking, hunting on P.G. golf course

By KELLY NIX

A KEENLY focused coyote hunting at Pacific Grove Golf Links last weekend failed to catch its prey, but a golfer was successful in capturing the theatrical moment on video.

Armida McDowell and her husband, Jimmy, were playing at the golf course March 1 at about 5:30 p.m. when they spotted the coyote, which was intent on catching a gopher or ground squirrel.

"It was really close to us," McDowell, who co-owns

Adara Salon on Forest Avenue, told The Pine Cone. "It was on the hunt and didn't care we were there. I decided to take a little video because Jimmy said it appeared like it was going to do something crazy."

Hungry leap

Shortly after McDowell started recording, the coyote raised its left paw, drew its head back, then suddenly leapt up and nosedived into the grass — burying its snout

See **COYOTES** page 20A

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

— should be enough to qualify, as 875,000 are needed.

If passed, voter ID in California would require individuals to present government-issued identification at polls or provide ID numbers on mail-in ballots. The initiative would also require elections officials to verify citizenship using federal tools like the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements program, administered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Voters in California are asked to self-affirm that they're eligible, but no verification is done.

See **VOTER ID** page 18A



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This wily coyote did all it could to capture a creature below the Pacific Grove Golf Links, but it came up short. The entertaining wildlife moment was caught on video, though.



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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

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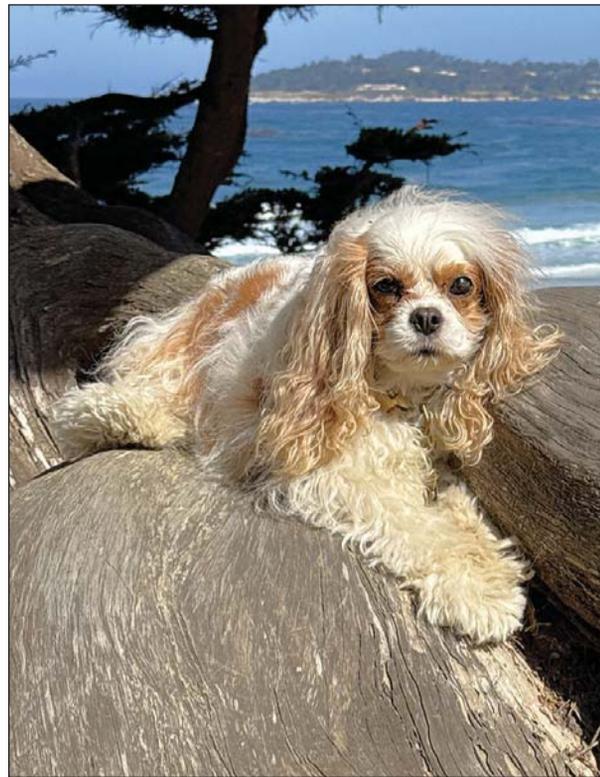
Eight months later, they were looking online for the only thing that might assuage them — another Cavalier — when they came upon the cutest little face, a baby Cavalier born to a show-dog breeder in San Diego. She was beautiful but had no interest in being told what to do, which would never work in the show arena. So, she was available for adoption.

The couple, who live near the mouth of the Carmel Valley, got in the car.

“She came right to me and sat in my lap,” her person said. “She claimed us and became our baby dog. We named her Charlotte and brought her home.”

Now 10 years old, Charlotte is still not interested in commands. Super smart, fearless and full of attitude, she has her own mind, her person said. But she’s also sweet.

“She gives us this darling but intense look that lets us know how she feels,” her person said. “And when she doesn’t want to do something, she digs in her



heels and puts her tail up in the air. If she doesn’t want to go somewhere, she’s not going.”

Charlotte often visits Carmel Beach, where she runs along the shoreline, sniffing everything while making sure her feet don’t get wet. And she always keeps a close watch on her family.

“People typically take their dogs on walks,” her person said. “We take Charlotte on a ‘sniffing adventure,’ with a few steps in between.”

Charlotte sleeps on her couple’s bed and snores through the night — the only one allowed to do so.

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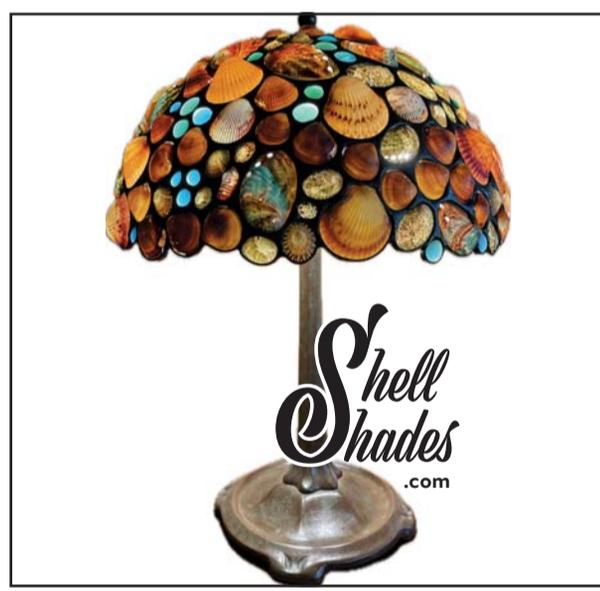


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A.W. Shucks, landlord challenge commission decision on bar permit

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL Planning Commission erred in declaring the “drinking establishment” permit for an Ocean Avenue restaurant abandoned and ordering its owners to apply for a new operating permit, according to appeals filed by the business owners and their landlord last Thursday. They are asking the city council to overturn the commission’s Feb. 11 decision and let them continue operating as they have for years.

The Carmel Municipal Code limits the number of drinking establishments in the city to three. In 2015, the planning commission confirmed that the three businesses holding those permits were Sade’s on Lincoln Street, Barmel on San Carlos, and A.W. Shucks on Ocean. Sade’s closed at the end of January and is set to be replaced with a bar, Bashbar, owned by Dametra owner Bashar Al Sneeh.

The owner of Sade’s, Parker Logan, has argued that Shucks has not been operating in accordance with its permit, which was issued in 1993 and identified the business as a bar with limited food service, and should therefore be stripped of its designation as a drinking place. If that happens, the bar permit would be freed up for another property owner to request.

‘Never abandoned’

Following hearings late last year and early this year, the planning commission decided A.W. Shucks is operating as a restaurant in a way that doesn’t match its permit, and therefore its owners should apply for a new one to define their business as a full-line restaurant. Full-line restaurants are allowed to sell alcoholic

beverages as long as they have the appropriate state liquor license.

Because A.W. Shucks has morphed into a restaurant over the years, as its kitchen was fully built out and food sales came to dominate its business, its bar designation should be considered abandoned, commissioners ruled.

That was wrong, according to attorneys representing A.W. Shucks owners Karen and Randy Basi and their landlord, TSD Carmel Properties.

“We respectfully request that the city council overturn the abandonment resolution because we never abandoned the drinking place use permit,” reads the letter

sent to the city on behalf of TSD Properties. While A.W. Shucks serves more food out of a larger kitchen than its 1993 permit allows, it has done so with the express permission of the city for many years.

Not a ‘different use’

“The planning commission also erred by concluding that the current food service at A.W. Shucks constitutes a ‘different use’ triggering an abandonment of the drinking place use permit, as the city repeatedly approved the addition and expansion of the food service under the use permit over the last several decades,” the letter says.

They want the city council to uphold the planning commission’s determination in 2015 that A.W. Shucks is one of three drinking places in Carmel — a determination made “with full knowledge of its expanded food service,” according to TSD Properties. Then-planning director Brandon Swanson also confirmed in August

See **PERMIT** page 21A

Restaurant’s owners say city’s promises should be kept



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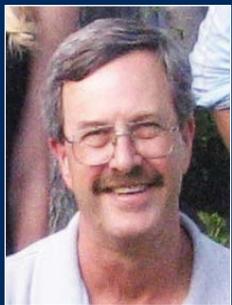
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Fake IT tech attempted candy fraud

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.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found wallet and ID at Casanova and 10th were turned in.

Pacific Grove: Report of graffiti to a public structure at Ocean View and 12th.

Pacific Grove: A 52-year-old Arkwright Road resident was cited and released for public intoxication and disobeying a court order.

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office had no calls on the Monterey Peninsula.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found ring at Carmel Beach.

Pacific Grove: Person on Lighthouse

Avenue reported a male who vandalized his truck.

Pacific Grove: Suspicious circumstances on Forest Avenue. Information only.

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office reported no calls on the Monterey Peninsula.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult Protective Services report about possible fraud at a residence at Mission and Ninth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found wallet at San Carlos and Fifth. Returned to owner.

Pacific Grove: An Adult Protective Services report was reviewed regarding a resident on Sinex.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Junipero Avenue was marked for 72-hour parking.

See **POLICE LOG** page 6RE in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

Jan. 30 — Judge Pamela Butler sentenced Washington state resident Anthony Harvey, 39, to six years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation after he pleaded guilty to one count of vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and one count of felony driving under the influence causing injury, with a great bodily injury enhancement. These charges constitute one strike under California's three strikes law.

On Feb. 4, 2025, shortly before midnight, CHP officers were dispatched in response to a report of a solo vehicle collision on U.S. 101 near Jolon Road in King City. Officers arrived to find a Ford Transit van rented from U-Haul with significant damage to the front end, roof and rear axle, indicating the vehicle had rolled off the road. CHP identified two rear passengers, who were being extricated from the vehicle by fire personnel, as Sequan Taylor and Kayla Smith. The group was driv-

ing to Lompoc from Seattle, Wash. Taylor and Smith died from their injuries sustained in the crash.

The driver, identified as Anthony Harvey, stated he lost control of the vehicle while avoiding a deer in the road. During a search of his person, officers discovered a small bag of a white powdery substance in his pocket, suspected to be fentanyl. Due to the presence of fentanyl, CHP officers conducted a full DUI and drug recognition evaluation on Mr. Harvey and determined he was driving under the influence of multiple drugs. A toxicology analysis of his blood by the California Department of Justice confirmed the presence of methamphetamine, fentanyl and marijuana in his system.

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Surveillance cameras help catch trio in theft of Coach purses

By MARY SCHLEY

THREE MEN ended up in Monterey County Jail after stealing five purses from a downtown Carmel store and fleeing toward King City, where they were arrested by the California Highway Patrol Thursday evening, according to Carmel Police Chief Todd Trayer.

At around 5:45 p.m. Feb. 26, two people walked into the Coach store on Ocean

Figuring the drive to that city takes a little over an hour, the chief told officers they had that long to catch the thieves.

"And they laughed, but they actually did it in an hour and two minutes — with help from the CHP," he said.

A highway patrol officer out of the King City station pulled the getaway car over on southbound Highway 101 in Soledad and arrested the three alleged burglars: 18-year-old Cruz Perez, 19-year-old Erick

systems have been key in solving crimes like this one, according to Trayer.

Critical technology

"It's a big deal," he said. "I would honestly say that without the technology, this would have taken a lot longer, and there probably would have been more incidents throughout the area before we were able to put them together."

He's also well aware that Flock cameras have generated recent controversy, and some jurisdictions have discontinued

the system due to allegations and fears they are being used for mass surveillance and allowing ICE agents to track down undocumented immigrants. To allay any community concerns, soon after he took over as chief, Trayer blocked all outside access to the cameras and their data.

"Months ago, I changed it over to just being an internal system," he said. "I turned off all the sharing. It still works great for what we're doing."

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Marcelino Bernabe



Cruz Perez



Erick Matadamas

Avenue, stole the items and ran.

"It was all captured on video. They walked in and grabbed what I'd call clutch purses — smaller purses — and ran through Devendorf Park to a car that was waiting for them," Trayer said. "It took off out of town, fortunately past our Flock cameras."

Tracking a vehicle

Using information provided by witnesses, surveillance footage and data from the Flock license-plate-reading system, Carmel police were able to identify the suspect vehicle, which is registered to a King City resident. Dispatch spread the word to other agencies to be on the lookout for the car, which was likely heading in that direction.

Matadamas and 25-year-old Marcelino Bernabe, all of King City. The patrolman, who is new to the job, also recovered all the stolen merchandise.

"I'm writing a commendation for him right now," Trayer said.

The chief sent his detective and two officers down to collect the men, who were booked into Monterey County Jail on multiple felonies, including grand theft, conspiracy and possession of stolen property. Misdemeanor charges included shoplifting and violation of a court order.

This week, the department issued a flier advising other agencies of the arrests, in case they have any similar cases in their jurisdictions that could be connected.

Flock cameras and other surveillance

Man arrested for trying to smother

By KELLY NIX

A PACIFIC GROVE man who police say tried to smother his girlfriend last weekend has been charged with attempted murder.

On March 2, at about 5:50 p.m., Pacific Grove police officers were called to a home on Jewell Avenue for a report of a battery. When they arrived, they found a woman who said she'd been beaten up by her boyfriend, Anthony Ray Ramirez, 53. The woman had visible injuries.

"She reported that during the assault, Ramirez placed his hand over her mouth and nose in an attempt to smother her and, in a separate act, placed both hands around her neck and applied pressure, restricting her ability to breathe," according to Pacific Grove police.

The woman also said Ramirez would not let her leave the home and threatened

to kill her.

"She told officers she believed she was going to die during the assault," police said, adding that she had abrasions to her neck, a cut on her face and complained of pain.

Officers spoke to Ramirez at the home, but he declined to talk to them. He was arrested and taken to Monterey County Jail, where he is being held without bail.

Alcohol

Pacific Grove Police Chief Casey Day told The Pine Cone that "it was determined that Ramirez had, in fact, been drinking alcohol."

The woman obtained a restraining order against Ramirez, who, in addition to attempted murder, is facing charges of felony domestic violence, false imprisonment and criminal threats.

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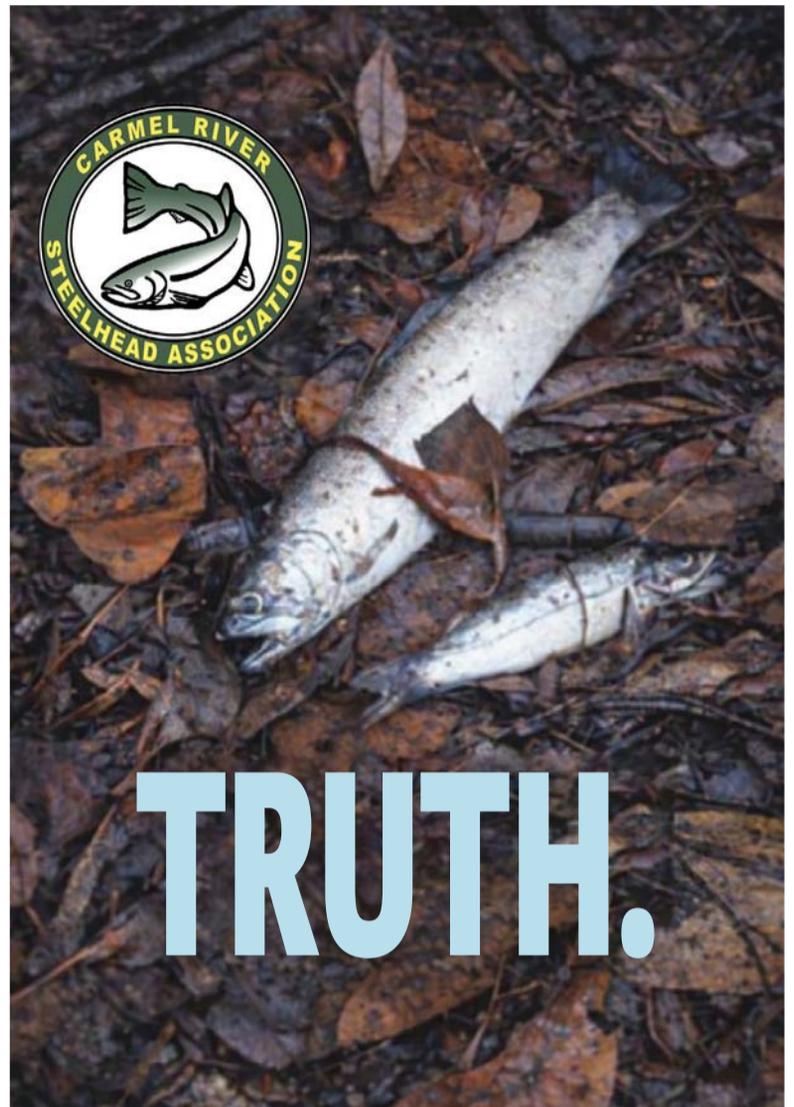
Multiple population assessments by the National Marine Fisheries Service over the past decade have characterized the Carmel River steelhead population as declining. Historically, adult steelhead returns have been estimated to be as high as 8,000 to 12,000 fish annually. Nowadays, we are lucky to get between 200 to 300 returning adult steelhead, just a small percentage of the historic numbers. Over the last decade, Carmel River steelhead returns have been among the lowest since monitoring and records have been maintained. The reality is stark: we are far closer to losing this population entirely than to achieving a thriving population.

Celebratory messaging built around a single large fish does not substitute for transparent reporting of the actual situation. Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) is well aware of the peril this steelhead population faces. As a primary manager of the river system, MPWMD has a responsibility to communicate accurately about its condition. Presenting a declining steelhead population as “thriving” is irresponsible, misleading, and inconsistent with that duty.

While we wish the news were different, the Carmel River steelhead population is not thriving. That said, we remain hopeful about what the future can hold. CRSA deeply appreciates the public's continued investment in protecting this unique resource, as well as the mitigation and restoration efforts carried out by MPWMD on behalf of the community. Meaningful progress is possible — but only with sustained commitment. Our community efforts, such as restoration projects, monitoring, advocacy, and hands-on volunteer work, have undoubtedly slowed the decline of the population and created an opportunity to work toward recovery. Those efforts matter. They demonstrate that local action can make a difference. But we are not there yet.

Every year, tens of thousands of juvenile steelhead are at risk of perishing from stream dryback, poor water quality, and predation from non-native species. To combat this CRSA implements restoration projects, conducts annual fish population monitoring, and completes stranded juvenile steelhead rescues. We are currently ramping up for 2026 steelhead rescues and monitoring efforts. Find more information on getting involved at: carmelsteelhead.org.

We urge the community to remain engaged and determined so that together we can move beyond stabilization and toward a truly thriving steelhead population.



PANETTA BLASTS TRUMP'S IRAN ATTACK

By KELLY NIX

PRESIDENT DONALD Trump's punishing airstrikes on Iran — which killed its supreme leader and dozens of top officials and largely wiped out its navy and air defense systems — prompted Democratic Rep. Jimmy Panetta to warn the administration that wars are easy to start but much more difficult to end.

On Feb. 28, the same day the United States and Israel waged a joint attack on Iran, the Carmel Valley congressman conceded that Iran has long been a bad actor in the Middle East.

"There is no doubt that Iran has blood on its hands and must be aggressively confronted for its human rights violations, nuclear ambitions, regional missile attacks, support of terrorism, and the threat it poses to our allies in the region, like Israel and Jordan," he said.

But Panetta said Trump's airstrikes marked the "eighth time" during his presidency that he's attacked a country without informing the American people and getting congressional approval to do so.

'Approval needed'

"The Constitution gives Congress the sole power to debate and declare war, as the branch of government closest to the American people," he explained. "Absent exigent circumstances, the Trump administration must seek authorization for the use

of military force that constitutes an act of war."

Trump has said the strikes were intended to defend the United States and its military personnel, assets and bases from "imminent threats" from the Islamic country.

"For 47 years, the Iranian regime has chanted 'death to America' and waged an unending campaign of bloodshed and mass murder, targeting the United States, our troops and the innocent people in many, many countries," Trump said, recalling when the country took 52 American hostages in 1979 for 444 days after militants stormed the U.S. embassy in Tehran.

Done before

Other U.S. presidents from both political parties have ordered numerous major attacks and invasions without getting the green light from Congress — a list that includes the Korean War (1950-1953), the Vietnam War (1961-1973), the 1983 invasion of Grenada, the 1986 bombing of Libya, the invasion of Panama (1989-1990), Operation Desert Storm to repel Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait (1990-1991), the Bosnia intervention (1994-1995), the 2024 airstrikes on Houthi territories in Yemen, the 2011 bombing of Libya, and airstrikes on Iraq and Syria from 2014 to 2016.

World War II was the last time the

See **IRAN** page 19A

Gov threatens to pull funding from MoCo for mental health

By KELLY NIX

GOV. GAVIN Newsom this week issued a stern warning to Monterey County if it does not make more use of a state program aimed at treating residents with severe mental illnesses.

On Monday, Newsom warned the county and others that he would rescind state funding for the county's CARE Court program — which provides court-ordered treatment for people with severe schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders — if they didn't use the program to help more individuals.

"I'm happy to redirect every damn penny in these programs to the counties that are getting things done, period, full stop," Newsom told reporters at a press event. "Don't make any more excuses."

While CARE Court programs were fully implemented in all 58 counties by December 2024, Newsom contends that Monterey County and nine others are "underperforming" and "haven't gotten it done." He put the counties on an "improvement" list to "strengthen implementation and ensure communities see results to get chronically mentally ill individuals off California's

streets and into support and housing."

"Through CARE Court, we have seen inspirational stories of recovery and resilience, but many counties continue to lag behind their peers," Newsom said. "Local leaders have a moral and legal obligation to deliver this transformational tool for those who need it most. We will not accept failure and excuses when lives are on the line."

Money for mental health could be rescinded

'Caseload doubled'

On Tuesday, Monterey County defended its use of the program, saying it has seen "steady growth in participation."

"Our CARE caseload has doubled since October 2025 — and our petition rate of 7.3 per 100,000 res-

idents exceeds the statewide average of 6.2," according to a statement issued by county spokesman Nick Pasculli on behalf of the behavioral health bureau. "These outcomes reflect proactive outreach and strong partnerships across local systems."

The county went on to say that it did not see a surge in family-filed petitions when the CARE Court program debuted and claimed it's because "most families

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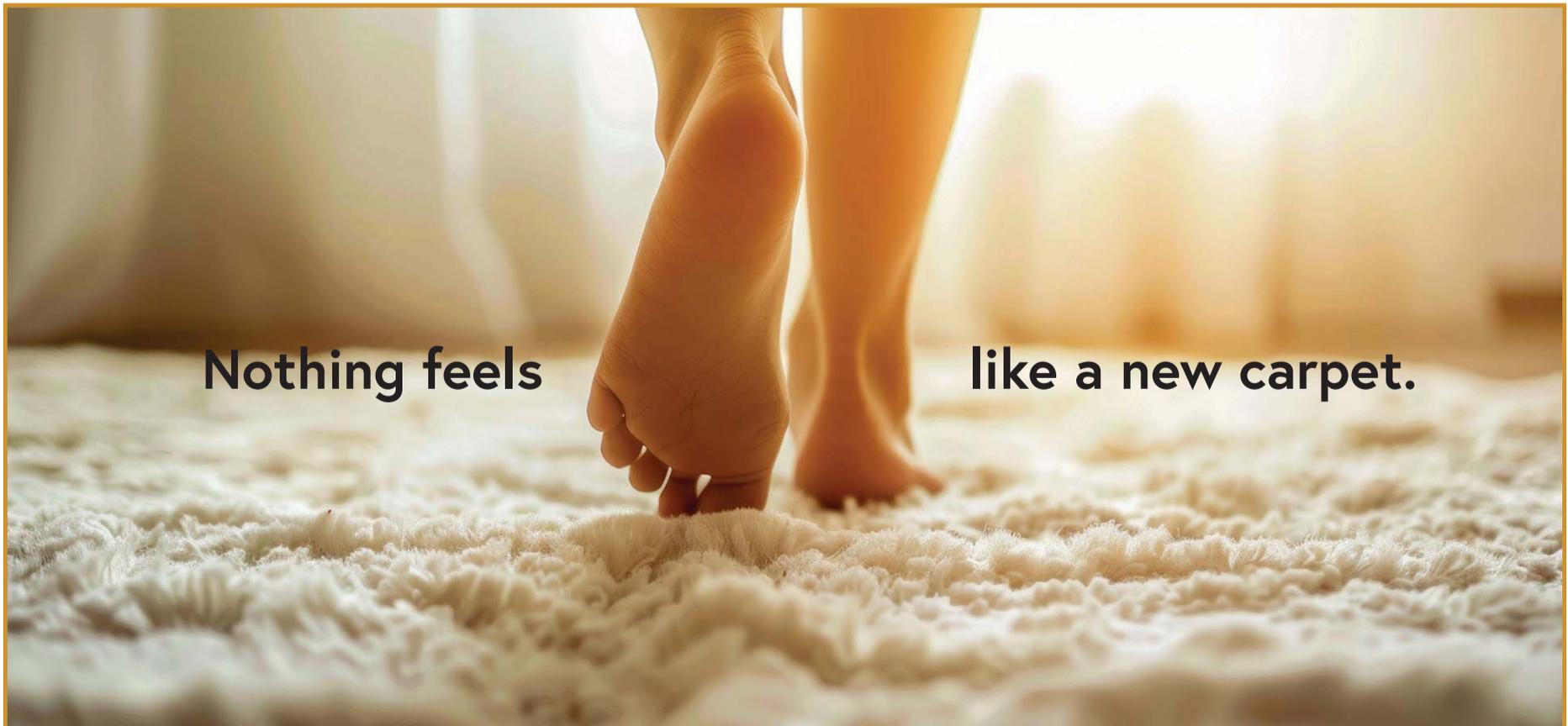


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CHS student wants AI transparency

By LILY PATTERSON

THE INTERNET is a highway of information, and keeping users safe and well-informed could be as simple as installing a traffic light, according to Carmel High School student Emily Kim, who is campaigning for social media platforms to adopt a simple, universal method of signposting content generated with artificial intelligence.

“I started thinking seriously about AI transparency after my dad told me about a singer he was following online, who turned out to be completely AI-generated. He had been listening to the music and watching the videos without realizing it wasn’t a real person. Seeing his confusion made me realize how easy it is for anyone to be misled,” Kim told The Pine Cone about the genesis of her petition, which is hosted on change.org.

But there are greater harms than finding out that new song you like was composed by a computer. Kim cited the proliferation of uncanny phone and email scams and “deepfake” videos — since, with something as simple as a yearbook portrait, AI can take a person’s face and place it in explicit and compromising circumstances that appear all too real. Kim said she’s aware of deepfakes being circulated among students as young as elementary school to cyberbully and harass their classmates.

‘Bullying and misinformation’

What galvanizes Kim is the slew of statistics to back up what she’s observed among her peers — more than 75 percent of Americans ages 18 to 29 get their news entirely via social media, as opposed to digital publications, let alone print or television.

Of course, legacy news outlets like The

New York Times and BBC break headlines across social media platforms. But those verified accounts aren’t necessarily arbiters, since independent “news influencers” and alternative platforms like Substack and TikTok have exploded in popularity among young people. One-fifth of adults in the U.S. say TikTok is their primary news source, according to the Pew Research Center.

“Even for my generation, it’s increasingly difficult to distinguish ‘real’ content from AI-generated media, and it becomes easier for scams, bullying and misinformation to spread online,” Kim said.

Petitions TikTok, Meta to combat ‘digital deception’

Red and green

Her solution is to call on three major platforms — TikTok, YouTube and Meta, which owns Instagram and Facebook — to combat what Kim calls “digital deception” by agreeing on a universal AI content key, as recognizable as a stoplight.

A green dot would correspond to minimal AI use — to generate closed captions on a video, for instance. Orange would mark AI enhancements such as voiceovers, small animations or slightly altered visuals. Red would indicate that whatever places, faces or voices depicted in a post were entirely AI-generated.

“AI content isn’t inherently bad. The issue is transparency, and my ultimate goal is for every platform to clearly indicate the degree of AI use,” said Kim, who added that she uses the technology for proofreading emails and for entertainment.

Kim is urging fellow Carmel High students as well as community members to sign the petition at change.org. She’s also posted information at the Carmel Drug Store, Harrison Memorial Library and

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MPUSD board approves staff cuts

By LILY PATTERSON

DESPITE A \$16 million deficit, the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Board of Education took a restrained approach to layoffs at this week's meeting when it cut \$3.7 million from next year's budget and eliminated a mere 1 percent of MPUSD's workforce — 46 positions total, of which 30 are already vacant.

While the first draft presented to the board on Jan. 27 sought to restore staffing to "pre-Covid levels" — the district has added more than 200 new jobs to its payroll since 2019 — a proposal to cut some of those jobs was met with immediate controversy. The heavily scaled-back version approved Tuesday promises to maintain many programs MPUSD added in response to the pandemic.

Even with the cuts approved Tuesday, MPUSD will maintain at least one dedicated mental health therapist at every school, as well as current numbers of campus safety officers and community liaisons, who help families access translation, student support, housing and social services.

'Not a little amount'

Tuesday's vote was celebrated by staff, parents and students as a watershed moment between the public and the schools, after administrators and trustees went to uncommon lengths to seek their input on an urgent cost-cutting decision.

"Cut programs that don't work, cut consulting contracts, ask educators what actually helps their students, and cut what does not. Keep the cuts away from the people who keep our students safe, healthy, and ready to learn," Rosalyn Book, president of the Monterey Bay Teachers' Association, urged the board last month.

A win for collaboration, perhaps, but

the district remains in dire straits. Superintendent PK Diffenbaugh cautioned that more layoffs are imminent, considering 85 percent of MPUSD's budget goes toward personnel.

"The district is in an unbalanced situation where expenditures are outpacing revenues, and it's not a little amount," Diffenbaugh reminded the board in late February.

"Over the next three years, if the rate of spending and revenue continue as-is, MPUSD would fail to meet the minimum reserve required by the state and would have to submit a negative general fund balance to the Monterey County Office of Education," Diffenbaugh informed board members in January. Worst-case, MPUSD could find itself in "a kind of state-run system when the school board and superintendent no longer have the authority to make local decisions."

Special education costs

As for how the district got in this position, Diffenbaugh pointed to declining enrollment — which accounts for a \$7 million drop in state funding since 2019 — and a dramatic increase in MPUSD's special education population, which now accounts for 20 percent of the student body. The district's overall enrollment has fallen by several hundred students since 2019, but special education numbers have nearly doubled in that time. So has the cost of that program, Diffenbaugh said.

"This is not an MPUSD problem, but a statewide problem," he told the board in January, naming several other California districts which have made more drastic staff cuts in response to fewer students and rising costs.

But at core of the district's urgency,

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The budget's in the red, but vacant positions will be first to go



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Makeover of key Big Sur trail complete

By CHRIS COUNTS

MAKING IT easier for people to walk or run between Big Sur and Arroyo Seco — and travel deep into a part of Big Sur few ever see — the Ventana Wilderness Alliance recently completed a year-long effort to repair the Marble Peak Trail.

A little over 13 miles long, the path runs from Coast Ridge Road to Arroyo Seco-Indians Road, winding its way through steep and spectacular scenery.

The work began in early January 2025 and wrapped up one year later. Along the way, 27 volunteers joined 26 separate trips to work on the path.

“Thanks to our incredible trail crew volunteers, we now have access into the heart of the Ventana Wilderness,” executive director Carol Olson said. “The reopening of the entire Marble Peak Trail offers increased opportunities for hikers, trail runners and backpackers to do an amazing thru-hike and connect to additional trail networks. These are public lands, and we are thrilled that the public will have the opportunity to enjoy them.”

The project was done at the suggestion of trail volunteer Nick Crescimanno, who called the path “stunning” and

“picturesque,” as well as relatively level, given the steep terrain it passes through. “If this section of trail is reopened, it would allow access to much of the interior from the Tassajara Zen Center and open up new loop-hike possibilities throughout the wilderness,” Crescimanno said.

Area burned badly

The Marble Peak Trail suffered extensive damage during a 2021 wildfire that burned nearly 3,000 acres, downed countless trees and threatened the nearby Zen center.

In 2024, the U.S. Forest Service restored some sections damaged by the blaze. In 2025, the Ventana Wilderness Alliance improved upon the repairs made by the Forest Service and extended the repairs over a longer stretch of trail.

Now that it’s back in operation, the VWA urges hikers and runners to proceed cautiously while traveling in the wilderness and to be aware of risks, which include fast-flowing streams following rain.

“Accessing the Marble Peak Trail from Arroyo Seco will require river crossings,” the group said. “We remind people that crossing streams in the backcountry can be dangerous, when flows are strong.”

Volunteers donated their time and considerable energy to make repairs along the Marble Peak Trail in Big Sur, which had suffered considerable wildfire damage.



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Work underway on Monterey airport access road roundabout

By KELLY NIX

CONSTRUCTION CREWS this week started building a \$4 million roundabout at the entrance to Monterey Regional Airport, a feature that will be completed this summer and is expected to make the Olmsted-Garden Road intersection safer.

The traffic circle is part of a multiphase program to enhance safety and improve the facilities at the airport that also includes the construction of a 62,000-square-foot passenger terminal. The contractor, Monterey-based Otto Construction, is expected to work on the intersection weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Airport executive director Chris Morello told The Pine

Cone that the roundabout was a requirement identified in the environmental impact report for the airport construction project. Construction began Monday, with crews largely staging at the site earlier in the week.

“The construction of the roundabout is scheduled to be completed by the end of July,” Morello explained.

‘Minimal impacts’

Monterey Regional Airport said traffic during construction will move through the intersection as before, with flag personnel regulating and directing drivers on Highway 68, Olmsted and Garden roads, and Fred Kane Drive. Parking along the first 500 feet of Garden Road west of Olmsted Road will not be permitted, though.



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This rendering depicts a new roundabout on Garden and Olmsted roads at the entrance to the Monterey airport. The roundabout is supposed to be completed by July.

“The project prioritizes the safety of workers and motorists and aims for minimal impacts to motorists driving to, from and through the airport and on roadways located adjacent to the airport,” a release from the airport said.

The first construction phase, from March 2 to April 10, will involve underground utility work. Phase 2, from April 13 to May 22, will involve roadway construction on the east side of Olmsted Road. Phase 3, scheduled from May 26 to July 31, will involve roadway construction on the west side of Olmsted Road and Garden Road adjacent to the roundabout.

Part of bigger project

When it’s finished, drivers will use the roundabout to access the existing passenger terminal and airport parking. When the replacement passenger terminal becomes operational — anticipated in early summer 2027 — the roundabout will also connect to the new roadway that supports the new facility and parking areas.

While Morello said Monterey Regional Airport did not survey residents about their thoughts on the traffic circle, it will likely improve the intersection, which can sometimes be a bit precarious for Garden Road drivers making left turns onto Olmsted toward the airport.



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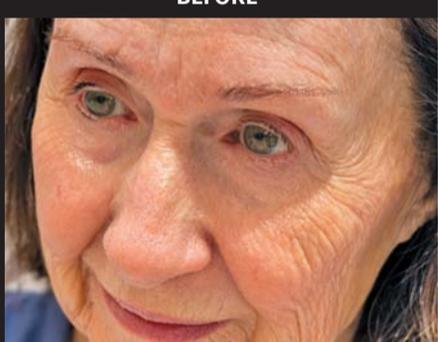
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Out-of-control car crashes through fence, hits former mayor's house

By MARY SCHLEY

A MONTEREY woman who was trying to parallel park at the corner of Casanova and Eighth Saturday hit the gas instead of the brakes while maneuvering and ended up in former Carmel Mayor Ken White's front yard, with her BMW up against the wall of his house. No one was injured, but everyone was quite shaken up, according to White.



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An elderly woman who was attempting to park inadvertently hit the gas and crashed through former Mayor Ken White's fence.

Irene Carol, 78, had her car in reverse and accidentally accelerated, Police Chief Todd Trayer said. That sent the car crashing into White's fence and through his front yard before it came to rest with one tire on a bottom step and the rear bumper against the house. "The impact caused the car to spin around, and the back of the car struck the house," Trayer explained.

Big boom

The accident startled White, who was sitting in the kitchen with his caregiver at the time. Had the crash occurred a few minutes later, it could have been far worse. "We were getting ready to go out into the yard to do some cleaning up," White said Tuesday. "And we heard a big boom."

The impact shook his house, toppling a lamp and

knocking several pictures off the wall. It caused minor damage to the exterior, but the fence and yard suffered the most harm.

"My poor fence," he said, adding that he's having an engineer examine the residence to ensure it's structurally sound.

Police arrived quickly and interviewed everyone involved, according to White. He got the woman's insurance information, and her husband came to pick her up and take her home. No one was injured, Trayer said, but due to the nature of the crash and her age, he has ordered Carol to undergo a DMV reexamination.

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Giesen murder trial delayed again

By MARY SCHLEY

THE JURY trial of a Carmel man accused of stabbing his wife to death in their bedroom last July has been delayed again, though neither the Monterey County District Attorney's Office nor the defense is saying why.

Donel Geisen, 79, was set to be put on trial for the alleged murder of his 78-year-old wife, Barbara, this week, but at a Feb. 11 court hearing, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler agreed to postpone proceedings for another month. A pretrial conference is set for March 11, with the trial scheduled to begin April 13.

Geisen was arrested July 24, 2025, at their home near Highway 1 and Carpenter Street after he dialed 911 in the early morning hours to report he'd murdered his wife. He has been held in Monterey County Jail on \$1,015,000 bail ever since.

Thirteen punctures

In a preliminary hearing a month after his arrest, investigators said Geisen told them he'd hit his wife in the head with a

small dumbbell as she was sleeping and then stabbed her before stabbing himself in a plan he devised to leave money to their son, Loch. The autopsy revealed 13 puncture wounds, an injury on the right side of her head, and a broken hand. The coroner concluded she died from multiple stab wounds.

Initially, Geisen opted not to waive his constitutional right to a speedy trial, and proceedings were scheduled to begin in early November 2025. But a few days before jury selection was set to begin, his public defender requested that date be vacated due to receiving more information than he could adequately review and process in such a short amount of time.

"Mr. Geisen's intent was to swiftly handle this case, with the hope of a reasonable resolution," Monterey County deputy public defender Jigar Patel wrote in an Oct. 29, 2025, brief. "Over the last two weeks — including today — I have been receiving copious amounts of digital discovery that I still need time to review in order to be prepared for trial."

Patel, who is defending Geisen at the taxpayers' expense, said he also wanted to

have Geisen "seen by a psychologist/psychiatrist to determine his mental state at the time of the alleged incident," since the trial could hinge on the issues of premeditation and deliberation. Prior to his arrest, Geisen had no criminal record or history of violence.

Deemed fit

Shortly after he was charged with second-degree premeditated murder with an enhancement for using a knife, Geisen was subjected to a mental health evaluation to determine his competency to stand trial. Butler subsequently deemed him mentally

fit. In response to Patel's request and over no objections from the prosecutor, the judge agreed to postpone the trial until March 2. But during the Feb. 11 pretrial conference attended by Patel and deputy district attorney Rebecca Garcia, Butler again took the trial off the calendar and rescheduled it for next month, with jury selection set to begin April 13. She also set another pretrial conference for next week.

No documents in the court file indicate the cause for the delay, and neither attorney responded to inquiries from The Pine Cone.

Judge OKs an April date for jury selection in stabbing case

Officials warn 'supplement' is deadly

By CHRIS COUNTS

COUNTY OFFICIALS raised the alarm Wednesday over the local availability of kratom, an herbal substance that is addictive and potentially deadly.

Derived from a tropical evergreen tree native to Southeast Asia, kratom works like a stimulant at low doses and a sedative with opioid-like effects at higher doses. It is commonly sold in smoke shops, gas stations and other retail locations as a supplement — often with advertising that claims it can elevate moods, increase energy and relieve pain.

According to Dr. Casey Grover of Montage Health, who treats kratom patients, the substance contains a molecule, 7-hydroxymitragynine, that "is actually more potent at the opioid receptor than morphine." He also noted that kratom is often poorly labeled and is being sold as a supplement "all over the place."

To learn more about how it is marketed and sold, Grover visited a local smoke shop and started asking questions about kratom. He was handed literature touting its benefits.

"There was no mention that it acts like an opioid, that a person can overdose on it, and that regular use leads to dependence — meaning that a person gets sick when they

stop, and that when a person does stop, they get withdrawals," he said.

Grover said kratom users can quickly become addicted to the substance. "We treat it very similarly to how we treat opioid addiction," he said.

It is unknown how severe the problem is in Monterey County because its coroner does not test for the compounds in kratom that would show up in an autopsy, Grover said. "They do track that in Santa Cruz County," he noted.

Not worth the risks

Also speaking out was Armando Gonzalez of the Monterey County Environmental Health Bureau, who noted that the county does not have the authority to prohibit the sale of kratom. He said the county documents sales of it, requests voluntary removal of the product from retailers, and forwards any data it collects to the California Department of Public Health.

Grover said he is hopeful federal authorities will declare 7-hydroxymitragynine a Schedule I controlled substance with too high a risk of addiction to be sold by retailers. In the meantime, he is trying to get the word out that it is not worth the risks, which are not commonly understood, even by many healthcare providers.

'We treat it very similar to how we treat opioid addiction'



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THE MONTEREY County Historical Society is accepting applications for two college scholarships with a deadline of May 1.

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The Jess Tabasa Fund for Filipino Studies Scholarship offers awards for advanced undergraduate students. Eligible applicants must be California residents, with preference for Filipino undergraduates from Monterey County high schools. Graduate students in Northern California pursuing Filipino heritage or historical studies are also encouraged to apply. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA and 12 units per term and demonstrate membership in the Filipino community or commitment to Filipino studies. The award provides \$3,000 per semester for undergraduates — as much as \$6,000 per academic year — and \$5,000 per semester for graduates with a maximum of \$10,000 per year. To apply, visit mchsmuseum.com/jess-tabasa-scholarship.

Creative gathering set

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

SARAH BOYLE of The Boyle Design Group is launching Meeting of the Makers, a monthly gathering aimed at fostering “community, creativity and quiet inspiration among makers” and those who live thoughtfully, Boyle said in a press release. The free event begins March 27 and will recur on the last Friday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. at Boyle’s office, 210 17th St., Suite 3.

Participants are encouraged to attend when they can and stay as long as they like. They may bring a small personal project to work on, something to share — such as a book, good news or a favorite recipe — or simply enjoy coffee and tea with other like-minded folks.

The gathering is meant as a way to reconnect with community, take a breath, share inspiration and “fill one’s creative well,” according to Boyle.

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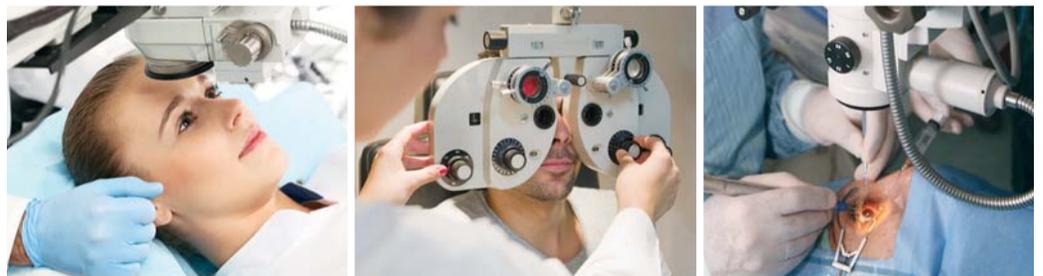
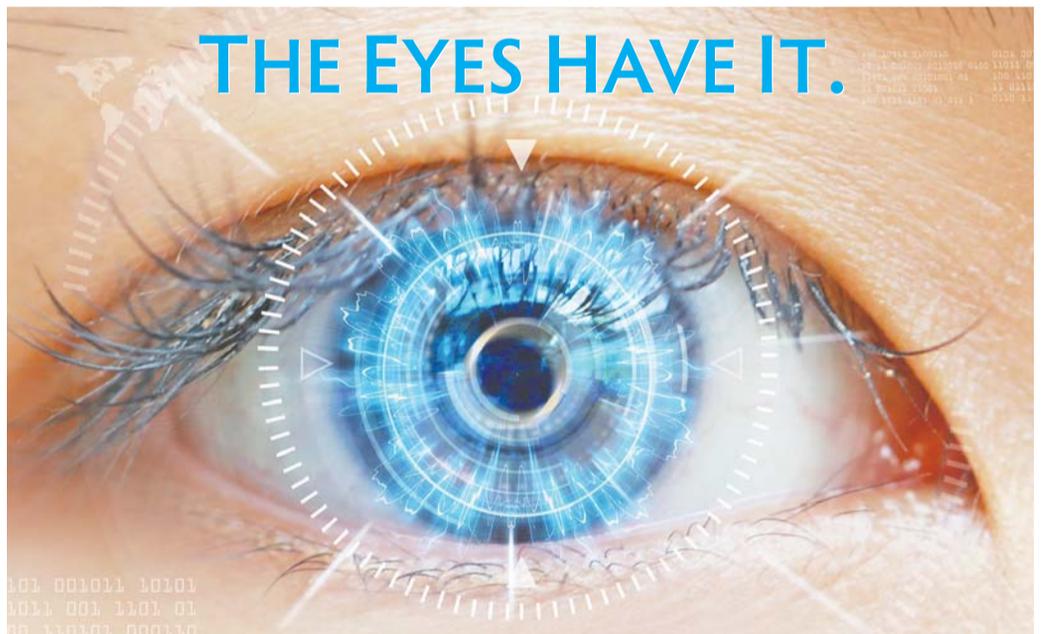


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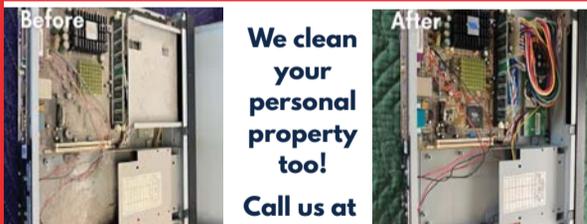
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DESIGN

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be better to work with. The council also asked commissioners to weigh in on the “form, function and usability” of the guidelines, which were again revised after the council meeting to improve their format, content, graphics, and references to other codes and laws.

The draft presented to the planning commission Feb. 11 was the first to acknowledge the state’s increasingly strict rules on fire prevention, with a blanket statement made up front: “When beginning any residential design or remodel in Carmel-by-the-Sea, fire resilience must serve as the premier guide for the proposed project to ensure long-term sustainability and community safety.”

‘Fire alert’

The “Fire Alert” goes on to state, “Because significant portions of the city are classified as an extreme fire danger area, wildfire represents the single greatest threat to both the natural environment and architectural character of the community.” Therefore, designs should prioritize ignition-resistant materials, roofs and detailing, and use products listed by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Designs should also include “defensible space to ensure proper distance between structures and flammable materials such as vegetation, fences, etc.,” it says. “By making fire resilience the primary driver of a design, homeowners can harmonize Carmel’s unique aesthetic heritage with the objective regulatory standards required to make the built environment both beautiful and survivable.”

At the same time, property owners must also follow the six “core principles” espoused in the guidelines, many of which emphasize preserving and expanding the forest:

- “Enhance, restore and preserve the forest in all private and public projects,” by designing it “as an extension of Carmel’s native forest.”

- “The upper and lower canopy should remain the primary site feature, with buildings visually secondary,” the document says. “Projects should retain significant trees, supplement the forest with new planting and reinforce continuity of the forest character across the site and surrounding area.”

- “Subordinate every built structure to the character and continuity of the forest, natural environment and to the natural features of its own site,” by ensuring they “are clearly secondary to the site’s natural features and topography.”

- “The design should feel woven into the landscape rather than imposed upon it,” the guidelines say.

- “Fit every built structure within its neighborhood context,” in terms of scale, massing, setbacks and open space.

- “New construction should protect neighbors’ privacy, views and access to light while maintaining Carmel’s informal streetscape, natural slopes and forested foreground,” the document says.

- “Retain and build upon Carmel’s architectural heritage,” by drawing from its “tradition of individual expression and eclectic architectural styles.”

- “Use forms, materials and detailing that convey human scale, craftsmanship and a natural patina, while remaining compatible with the village-in-a-forest setting,” the guidelines say.

- “Design every built structure with modesty and restraint,” which means keeping mass appropriate to the site and reflecting “traditional proportions,” breaking “larger volumes into realistic components” and avoiding “oversized or speculative expressions that dominate the street or surrounding landscape.”

- “Detail every property authentically and consistently” by using “architectural details and materials that are genuine, functional and consistently applied on all sides of the building,” avoiding “applied or faux elements,” and ensuring that “craftsmanship, materials and detailing reflect authenticity throughout the entire property.”

Applicants will be required to fill out a “core design principles narrative form” explaining how their projects comply with each.

Under the trees

The guidelines state in great detail how owners and builders must accomplish those objectives, though some



PHOTO/CITY OF CARMEL

This house is shown in the draft design guidelines as a great example of a design that fits the forest — but would the State Fire Marshal think it’s OK?

directly contradict the state’s fire-prevention edict, such as the directive to “nestle a building in the trees to minimize the mass visible from public view.” A photographic example shows a house for which the architect “laser scanned existing tree branches and computer-positioned roof planes precisely beneath them,” even though fire regulations call for removing branches that overhang roofs and keeping tree canopies away from structures.

Lots of wood

When it comes to siding, the guidelines call for “traditional, natural building materials,” including “untreated, rough wood shingles.” Wood appears frequently in the document, relative to roofs, fences, siding, rafters and other components.

They accommodate metal roofs, though only if they are “carefully detailed and handcrafted,” with narrow flat panels, “genuine, field-installed, standing or flat seams or horizontal lapping,” are “unreflective,” and are made of “integrated, non-coated, earth-toned color such as anodized aluminum, matte galvanized raw steel, or natural metal such as pure zinc.”

A few residents weighed in at the planning commission meeting. Kevin Ruess said he’d like to see the guidelines prominently note that they “can never override a superior document,” such as the state fire code, and he worried the

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GUIDELINES

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guidelines and the planning process “seem designed to make it hard to do things in Carmel.” He admitted, however, that he wasn’t sure whether that was good or bad.

Architect Adam Jeselnick commended the addition of the “Fire Alert” section but said it “falls apart” in certain places, such as what materials can be used on the ground close to structures, and architect Erik Dyar complimented the efforts but said there is more to be done, including improving clarity, removing contradictions, and perhaps better emphasizing “the

importance of diversity and creativity in Carmel.”

Most of the commissioners were supportive of the steering committee’s draft guidelines, preferring them over Winter’s, with some reservations. The sole dissenter was commissioner Mel Ahlborn, who was unhappy about the process.

“Most consequential has been the exclusion of input from the document’s primary users,” she said, including the planning commission, staff and the public. “No credible regulatory document revision process in any profession, especially government, excludes its primary users.”

to having an independent committee in charge.

Mayor Dale Byrne said he was “confused about how we got here,” in terms of the years spent on a process that has so far yielded just a first draft.

“But let’s just get this done,” he said. “It’s really important to get the planning department and the planning commission to give us some real feedback, fast.”

Councilmembers Hans Buder and Alissandra Dramov favored having acting city administrator Brandon Swanson — who has been shepherding the project since he was the planning director — and Beach continue to work on it, but the rest disagreed.

“I think it’s time to turn this over to staff,” Byrne said. “We’re taking a lot of time with something that shouldn’t take a lot of time.”

“There is no planet where I’m going to assign this job to Brandon,” Baron agreed, because the city administrator has too much other work to do.

Ultimately, Baron and Delves agreed to take on the short-term assignment of getting the process on track and the document approved, which will require buy-in from the planning commission and the city council, amendments to the municipal code and an OK from the California Coastal Commission.

Driver who complimented girl sought

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE Police are seeking a man they say followed a student to school, asked her if she wanted a ride and commented on her appearance.

On Feb. 27, at about 8:10 a.m., a Pacific Grove High School student told school officials that while she was walking to school, an Asian adult male driving a small white SUV-type vehicle on the 1100 block of Buena Vista Avenue “complimented her on her outfit and then asked if she wanted a ride,” police said.

The girl, who declined, continued walking to school and told teachers that she saw the man and his vehicle two or three more times during her walk. School staff contacted police, who searched the area but did not find him.

“Officers are actively investigating and are working directly with the student and her family,” police said, adding that they are also checking available surveillance video in hopes that he was caught on camera.

While many adults would label the driver’s behavior inappropriate, it’s not entirely clear it was illegal. Pacific Grove Police Chief Casey Day said whether it’s a crime depends on the circumstances, since complimenting and offering a ride to

someone under 18 years old are not crimes.

“Section 647.6 of the California Penal Code speaks to motivation — unnatural or abnormal sexual interest in children,” Day told The Pine Cone Tuesday. “In this incident, since the responsible adult has yet to be identified, the motivation is unknown and would be speculative.”

Asking for help

In any event, Pacific Grove Police said they would increase patrols in and around school campuses in the morning and afternoon when kids are dropped off and picked up. The department is also asking for help from the public to identify the man.

“Anyone who may have witnessed this incident, observed a vehicle matching this description in the area between approximately 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., or who may have relevant video footage — including residential doorbell or security cameras — is encouraged to contact the Pacific Grove Police Department at (831) 648-7200.”

Day recommended that children walk in groups when possible, maintain awareness of their surroundings, avoid engaging with people they don’t know, and immediately report suspicious or concerning behavior. He praised the female student for doing “exactly the right thing.”

Her outfit looked nice ... and did she need a ride?

‘More oxygen’

At the March 3 council meeting, only one member of the public commented on the guidelines, and the council focused more on the process, though a couple said the blanket “Fire Alert” section falls short.

Councilman Bob Delves described the absence of a red-lined version showing additions and deletions as “a big problem.”

He also decried the lack of public input along the way.

“It just needs more oxygen,” he said.

Councilman Jeff Baron argued for shifting to a more typical process in which the city hires a project manager who directs staff and seeks feedback from those who will use the document, as opposed



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VOTER ID

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Trump-aligned Republican Carl DeMaio led the effort to put the issue before voters. The former Assembly member from San Diego argues voter ID is needed to prevent election fraud and restore balance to California politics.

"They know that once we get voter ID enacted in California, once we clean up the voter rolls, once we require citizenship verification in order to be on the voter rolls, that it is game, set, match," DeMaio said in a video posted on his YouTube channel.

The "they" DeMaio was referring to were Sacramento Democrats, a group opposed to voter ID in near-unanimous fashion, in no small part because preventing non-citizens from voting has been a top priority of President Donald Trump.

Reform California's announcement came just a week after Trump urged lawmakers in his State of the Union address to pass legislation that would tighten voter registration requirements nationwide.

"Cheating is rampant in our elections. It's rampant," Trump said. "It's very simple: All voters must show voter ID. All voters must show proof of citizenship in order to vote."

According to polls, voter ID

requirements are supported by a solid majority of the public. A 2025 Pew Research survey found 83 percent of people think all voters should have to show government-issued photo ID to vote.

Evidence of widespread voter fraud is slim. The conservative-leaning Heritage Foundation has kept an election fraud map since 2017, documenting 1,615 cases nationwide where an individual engaged in wrongdoing or where results of an election were sufficiently questioned to be overturned. Proponents of voter ID would argue there could be many more cases, but people just haven't been caught.

"I've always said it's probably a small amount, but it's enough to change the outcome of elections and could change the numbers we have in Congress," Rep. Ken Calvert told the Los Angeles Times.

Just 187 votes

Calvert, a Riverside County Republican, won his last election with 51 percent of the vote but has since seen his district redrawn by Prop 50, making his path to re-election uncertain. He's right about slim margins, too: In 2024, Republican John Duarte lost his congressional race to Democrat Adam Gray by just 187 votes.

Predictably, the voter ID SAVE Act sailed through the Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives but has come to a halt in the Senate, where it has

little chance of overcoming a filibuster. That makes it all the more surprising that deep-blue California is now the battleground for voter ID.

Initial polls also show requiring ID to vote has popular support among Californians, with a Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies survey finding a majority in favor of requiring proof of citizenship when people register and cast ballots.

Opposition

Voter ID in California is facing opposition from various groups, including the League of Women Voters, the American Civil Liberties Union and Common Cause. Those against requiring proof of citizenship argue it would disadvantage the elderly, people of color, those with disabilities and people who've recently moved or changed their names. They point to surveys like a 2023 inquiry from the Brennan Center for Justice that found 8 percent of U.S. adult citizens do not have proof of citizenship readily available. Brennan also found racial disparities, with 8 percent of White Americans without documents and 11 percent of Americans of color.

The documents included in the survey were birth certificates, passports and naturalization or citizenship certificates, which are not the only options under either the SAVE Act or the California voter ID initiative. If it passes in California, voters could show their driver's license or another form of government-issued ID to vote, and the state would be required to provide eligible voters with free ID cards.

Those cards and administrative costs for county elections offices and the Secretary of State's office wouldn't be free for taxpayers. The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office estimates one-time costs in the tens of millions of dollars, plus ongoing costs in the tens to hundreds of millions, if voters say yes to the measure.

Democrats could pull any number of levers to make it harder to pass voter ID laws in California, the first of which is giving it a bad ballot title. Despite being a partisan position, the state's attorney general

has the privilege of picking ballot titles and summaries, and all too often they are slanted.

A prime example is the 2018 gasoline tax repeal attempt. In the lead-up to the election, polls showed a majority of voters opposed being taxed more to drive, but when it came time to vote, many got confused. Understandably so, as then-Attorney General Xavier Becerra described the measure in his summary as: "Eliminates certain road repair and transportation funding. Requires certain fuel taxes and vehicle fees to be approved by the electorate." Accurate, but misleading.

So don't be surprised if, instead of "Requires voters to present identification," Rob Bonta put "Increases requirements for voters to participate in statewide elections" on your ballot.

Another potential tactic is putting up a competing initiative. The 2022 statewide ballot saw two sports betting initiatives, both backed by special interests — one to allow betting tied to tribes and another for mobile betting — and both failed. In 2016, voters had to decide whether to repeal the death penalty or speed up the appeals process. Because the two measures conflicted and the latter received a larger share of the vote, it superseded the former.

Cash on hand may be short this year for Democrats opposed to voter ID, as the list of initiatives headed to the ballot continues to grow, as does the cost to campaign for them. Labor giant Service Employees International Union is in the early stages of mounting an opposition campaign; it was heavily involved in promoting California's gerrymander in November.

DeMaio and Reform California have raised \$10 million so far, and the GOP activist has proved himself capable when it comes to ballot initiatives. In 2018, he successfully campaigned to recall an Orange County state senator over support for a tax increase. Pushing through voter ID in deep-blue California is a bigger ask, though — almost as big as asking for ID to board a commercial flight or enter a federal building.

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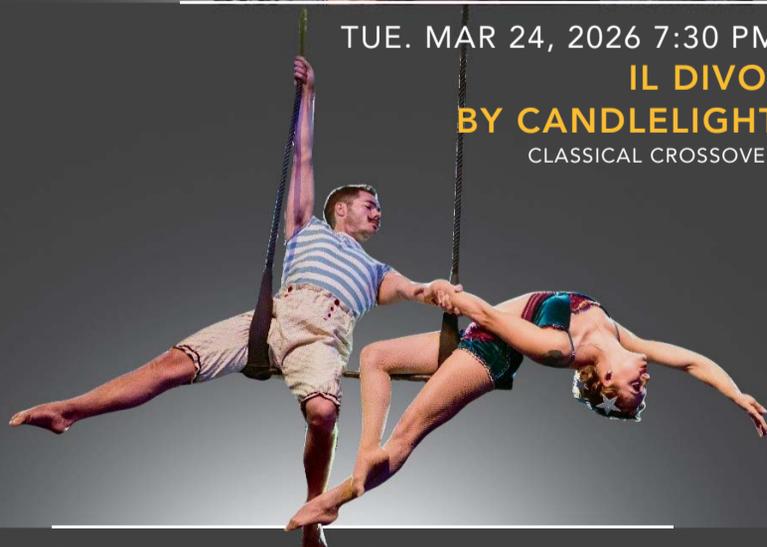
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already feel well supported by the county’s strong voluntary behavioral health services.” The program, it noted, prioritizes voluntary treatment — over court-ordered treatment by a third party — when necessary.

More homeless

Behavioral health said it closely coordinates with other county departments, including Monterey County Superior Court, the public defender, and county counsel regarding the program.

“This collaboration ensures that each individual receives care in the most appropriate and least restrictive setting — whether through CARE Court or another treatment pathway,” the department said. “This approach prevents duplication of services, improves patient outcomes and provides strong oversight within the existing system of care.”

Newsom didn’t specify how much in funds Monterey County and the others on his underperforming list are at risk of losing. Pasculli said the county received \$328,604 in “startup costs” in November 2022, but has not been given any more money since then. The public defender’s office has received a total of \$304,414.69 for court proceedings, he said.

An investigation by CalMatters found that CARE Court served far fewer Californians than the state initially anticipated, and that “many families who had counted on the program to help loved ones with a severe mental illness have been disappointed.”

Newsom also announced at the press event that

Monterey County received \$2.8 million as part of Round 6 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program, which Newsom announced in 2019.

The county said the funds would be used to support a “range of homelessness interventions, including sustaining and operating existing low-barrier navigation centers to provide shelter, case management and housing navigation.”

The governor said the counties that received the money, including Monterey County, demonstrated they would use the funds to “make tangible impacts on homelessness.”

The announcement came as Newsom touted what he said was a 9 percent statewide decline in “unsheltered homelessness” — those sleeping in cars, parks or on the streets — in nearly two decades.

But the state website accountability.ca.gov, which allows residents to track how their counties are addressing mental health, homelessness and housing, indicates that Monterey County saw a 46.4 percent increase in people living on the streets.

\$500 million more

Asked about the increase, county homeless services director Roxanne Wilson said the figure is somewhat misleading since San Benito County is also included in the data.

Monterey County’s 2024 census of homeless people showed a “27.93 percent increase in unsheltered homelessness but a 19 percent increase in overall homelessness compared to 2022,” Wilson told The Pine Cone, adding that the reported increase is largely due to changes in the way the county’s housing inventory for homeless people is counted, rather than a “dramatic surge” in newly homeless individuals.

Wilson added that the website dashboard also does not

show that “between 2017 and 2022, Monterey County reduced overall homelessness by 28 percent.”

The funds the county received were part of \$159.3 million that Newsom said this week would be distributed to 20 cities and counties.

Wilson said Monterey County has been given a total of about \$15 million since the program began.

Another \$500 million is set to be disbursed in Round 7 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program, the state said.

IRAN

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United States fought a war declared by Congress.

Nevertheless, to curtail Trump’s attacks on Iran, Panetta urged House Speaker Mike Johnson to hold a vote on a War Powers Resolution, which the House was set to do Thursday. On Wednesday, Senate Republicans shot down an attempt to block the Trump administration from further military action in Iran.

‘Hard to end’

“This administration is finding that wars are easy to start,” Panetta went on to say. “But the history of our nation proves that wars are hard to end. That is why, now more than ever, Congress must do its job and fulfill our responsibilities under the U.S. Constitution and for the American people.”

Six American troops have been killed during operations against Iran, including four killed in Kuwait by a drone.

Trump has indicated that what he calls Operation Epic Fury could last several more weeks.



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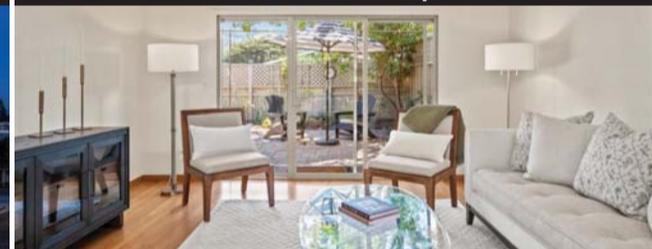
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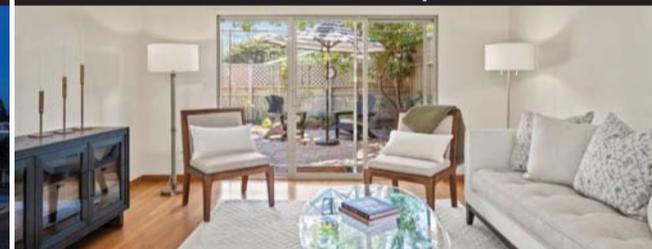
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STAY AWAY

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“A classic California Highway 1 road trip is a summer staple, but finding a place to sleep just became incredibly difficult,” Travel Off Path said. “If you were planning to book a quiet coastal Airbnb near Big Sur or Carmel Valley

this summer, your options just dwindled. The remaining legal stays in the commercial zones are operating at absolute maximum capacity, with prices skyrocketing to match the sudden lack of inventory.”

More welcoming?

Instead, the publication recommends that visitors turn their attention to Monterey County’s less-famous-and-flashy neighbor, San Luis Obispo County, which it

contends offers a “highly welcoming, laid-back Central Coast vibe” with “a stable, easily accessible accommodation market.”

But San Luis Obispo County appears to be reaching its limits for tolerating short-term rentals, as well. Many popular places there have their own bans, including the city of San Luis Obispo, which prohibits “non-owner-occupied, whole-home rentals.”

Pismo Beach has a moratorium on new short-term rental licenses, while Paso Robles has a waiting list for new applications for “non-hosted, whole-home permits.” Arroyo Grande has a cap of 90 vacation rentals, while Los Osos has a cap of 55.

The six other places the publication doesn’t like are Maui, Hawaii; Bar Harbor, Maine; Juneau, Alaska; Reggio Calabria, Italy; Athens, Greece, and the Mount Fuji area of Japan.

Listing a Glenville, Pa., address as its headquarters, Travel Off Path has just shy of 100,000 followers on Facebook, 28,000 followers on Instagram, and more than 2,000 followers on X. It says it specializes in international tourism, aviation industry news, and visa policies for “digital nomads.”

COYOTES

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into the hole to capture the subterranean creature.

“I was thinking it might come out with something,” said McDowell, adding that they kept their distance and did not approach the animal.

The canine started digging into the grass a little before giving up, shaking its head a bit. Interestingly, the healthy-looking animal — which hung around the area for 15 to 20 minutes — was the second coyote the McDowells spotted on the golf course. Minutes before, at another spot, they saw a larger one that the people they were golfing with first thought was a wolf.

“He was just walking across the green and sniffing around a bit,” McDowell said.

A golf course worker told the McDowells that he often sees coyotes on the greens.



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CASES

PERMIT

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2023 that its operations were kosher when he told the property owner that even though the original permit “sets a limit on the type of equipment and menu, the city took an official action to approve the updated kitchen and the menu it was meant to prepare, thereby creating a legal nonconforming situation that is allowed to continue.”

Planning commissioners at last month’s meeting concluded those past approvals and Swanson’s determination did not obligate them to agree, but the owners of the complex in which A.W. Shucks is located object. “The planning director is a senior official within the building and planning department who has authority to make decisions regarding use permits,” and therefore, his determination constituted an official decision to which the city is bound, they say.

Stripping the property of its bar permit would also make the A.W. Shucks space far less marketable to future possible tenants and damage the value of the whole Doud Arcade, they go on to claim.

“The economic harm to TSD’s established business operations cannot be understated,” they say.

It’s ‘a bar’

The owners of A.W. Shucks filed a separate appeal claiming their restaurant is lawfully entitled to retain its “drinking establishment” use.

“The commission’s action violates constitutional principles of due process, equal

protection and taking private property without just compensation,” they say in their appeal.

The business should keep its bar permit because it contains more bar seats than a full-line restaurant can under the municipal code, and its cocktail menu and extensive liquor list mean its “food service is subordinate to its ‘drinking establishment’ use and business operation.”

And just as their landlord relied on the city’s previous approvals and determinations, they did, too, when they bought the business in 2023.

“The city is legally precluded and estopped from now denying those admissions,” the restaurant owners maintain.

Future threatened

“Prior to and during the more than three decades since the city issued the permit, A.W. Shucks and its predecessor business owners successfully operated a ‘drinking establishment’ at the premises and, over time, made minor additions to its food service capabilities pursuant to city-issued permits without issue, objection or complaint,” their letter says.

Then the city suddenly and unilaterally decided to strip the business of its bar permit, “threatening the economic viability and future of a business that has long been a vibrant gathering and drinking place enjoyed and beloved by residents, workers, business and property owners, and tourists alike. For these reasons, A.W. Shucks urges the city council to reverse the commission’s action.”

City clerk Nova Romero said this week a date has not been set for the council to consider their appeals.

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Eileen Anne Lang

SEPTEMBER 9, 1956 – SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Our beloved Eileen Anne Lang passed peacefully on 14 September 2025 at the Maui Memorial Medical Center in Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, after a long and courageous battle with leukemia; she was 69.

Anne was born and raised on the Monterey Peninsula, where she attended Monte Vista Elementary School, Walter Colton Junior High, and The York School in Monterey. She was a top student and talented artist and was a skilled sailor, often crewing in the weekly races. She was a problem-solver from a young age. Unable to afford the latest fashions as a teenager, she became expert at cutting and sewing her own clothes, eventually filling her closet with beautiful and stylish dresses, skirts, and blouses.



For the past 30 years, Anne was a substance abuse counselor on Maui. Drawing on her own harrowing and near-fatal battle with addiction, she made it her life’s work and vocation to help others find recovery. Her impact on countless lives over the years is impossible to estimate. She never saw anyone as hopeless and was a tireless advocate for the most vulnerable and the forgotten. She knew when to show patience, tenderness, and compassion; and when to dole out a brutal “reality check.” She had a rapier wit and a disarming sense of humor which were essential in such a serious business. She saved many lives and wept bitterly over those she lost. Along the way, she proudly earned a number of professional certifications and licenses reflecting her experience and expertise, including becoming a licensed clinical social worker and earning a Master’s degree in Social Work from the University of Hawai’i. In the small closely-knit recovery community on Maui, Anne and her work are legendary.

While Anne never amassed material wealth in this life, her huge heart, commitment, and giving nature assured her a bounty of riches in Heaven. She leaves behind a rich legacy in the lives of countless men and women around the world who are living hopeful lives in recovery due to her love and dedication. Her life was important and consequential because it was driven by her love of humanity. It was a life very well lived.

Anne is missed terribly by her loving family who were extremely proud of her and saw her as an incredible example of faith, resilience, and integrity. She is survived by her loving daughter, Elizabeth Lang; her brothers, John and Steve, and Steve’s wife, Kathy; her nieces, Maggie (Jon) Wisner and Colleen (Nathan) Sues; nephews, Aidan (Rachel) Lang and Wyatt Lang; and her beloved puppy, Honi. Her family extends their sincere thanks to Wesly DeCoite and Craig Rowe among her many dear friends on Maui who filled her life with warmth and took such great care of her during this last, very challenging, and difficult year. Aloha.



Carol Wilhelm

Carol Wilhelm was not only a beautiful person; she was the embodiment of beauty itself. In her words and actions, and in the unwavering kindness with which she treated everyone, she brought grace into every room she entered. She passed away peacefully at home on Feb. 2, the gentle conclusion of a life lived with intention, generosity and elegance.

She is survived by her sister, Julie Tetel Andresen; her adoring husband of 54 years, Phil Wilhelm; her son, Phillip Wilhelm and his wife, Heather; her daughter, Julia Wilhelm Kazul and her husband, Tim; and her cherished grandchildren, Graham, Henry and Cal Wilhelm and Maxine, Doyle and Vivian Kazul.

Carol was born on Aug. 6, 1948, in Glenview, Illinois. From an early age, she was known as a dedicated student, a kindhearted friend and a talented performer. As a swimmer, ballerina, ice skater and dancer, she expressed both discipline and artistry — qualities that would define her life. A member of the inaugural class at Glenbrook South High School, she excelled in every respect. In her senior year, she was elected Homecoming Queen, named Outstanding Student, and selected by Marshall Field’s as the school’s summer representative — honors that reflected not only her accomplishments but the deep admiration of those around her.

She went on to study history at Duke University, graduating in 1970. It was there that she met Phil, beginning a partnership that would span more than five decades and anchor her life in enduring love. Duke also became a treasured family connection: her sister, two nephews and both of her children would follow in her footsteps, creating a lasting family bond with the university.

Teaching was a natural extension of Carol’s love of learning and devotion to children. She worked as a sixth grade teacher in Lake Forest, Illinois, before turning her full attention to raising her own family. Her commitment to education never wavered. She served in leadership roles within the PTA throughout her children’s school years and later on the board of The York School in Monterey, California, after she and Phil settled on the Monterey Peninsula.

Carol’s curiosity about the world led her to a career in the travel industry, where she inspired others to explore with the same enthusiasm and reverence that she did. With Phil, family, and dear friends, she traveled to Africa, Asia, Europe, South America, and extensively throughout the United States, especially cherishing the majesty of the national parks. She delighted in experiencing different cultures, art and landscapes. An avid adventurer, she especially loved climbing mountains — whether in the American West, Nepal, Bhutan, Peru, Europe, or New Zealand — meeting each ascent with determination and quiet courage.

Her homes of 25 years in Northfield, Illinois, and 27 years on the Monterey Peninsula were havens of warmth, beauty and hospitality. She was an exceptional cook and gracious host. Fresh flowers adorned her tables, home-baked desserts welcomed guests, and every visit carried a sense of thoughtfulness and care. Nothing brought her more joy than gathering her family — reading to her grandchildren, cooking alongside them, encouraging their academic, athletic and theatrical pursuits and sharing her love of the outdoors.

Above all, Carol lived with extraordinary personal integrity. She was steady in her values, courageous in adversity and determined in the face of challenge. She met life’s summits and valleys alike with grace and strength. Those who knew her understood that her beauty was not merely outward, but deeply rooted in character — expressed through loyalty, moderation, kindness and an unwavering commitment to doing what was right.

At the center of her life was her great love story with Phil. Their marriage was a partnership of equals, built on admiration, shared adventure, deep respect and abiding devotion. Together they created a family grounded in love and enriched by curiosity and joy. Their five decades together were not simply measured in time, but in the countless moments of tenderness, laughter, generosity and shared values.

Carol’s life was a testament to the power of grace in action — to strength alongside gentleness, to determination guided by integrity and to a love that endures. Her legacy lives on in the family she nurtured, the friendships she cherished and the beauty she so naturally brought into the world.

JAMES J. MARTIN

James J. Martin passed away peacefully on Feb. 24, 2026, at his home in Pacific Grove, CA.

Born on Feb. 27, 1931, in Clinton, OK, he had an adventurous farming childhood. He hauled the milk to market, jumped the rail cars and it was really true when he said he walked to school through the snow.



He then entered the Army where he met Mom, Helen. One story is that it was when she was working at the Office of the Post Engineer, whereas the other story told that it was in the officer's lounge where she was sipping a grasshopper. He was shipped to Germany and convinced Mom to marry him via a love letter. Married on April 24, 1954, in Boeblingen, Germany, they began their life together.

Leaving the service as the ADC to General Guest in 1957, he returned to UC Berkeley, ultimately earning an MBA. Dad went on to have a very successful and long career with Kaiser Aluminum. Upon retiring, he continued working and consulting on his own schedule until 2007, which allowed him to travel the world, bringing mom along whenever possible.

Both being only children, they switched that up by building a large family: Linda married to Rob Mullaney, Pam married to Richard Shekell, Susan (d), Bev partner to James Mitchell and Brad, married to Wendy Martin.

Grandchildren include Spencer Mullaney (Laura), Shannon (Kenny O'Shea), Lucas Mullaney (Amanda), Rachel Shekell (Matt Troppe), Max Martin and Violet Martin.

His great-grandchildren include Patrick and Abby along with numerous four-legged children.

Dad was preceded in death by Mom, but they celebrated 66 years together! They shared a sometimes-quirky sense of humor with Mom's final words being, "Send in the Clowns" and Dad's being, "Send out the clowns and let the party begin!" So, lift a glass and celebrate both Mom and Dad's wonderful life.

Dad will soon be happily resting next to mom at El Carmelo Cemetery.

ABANDONED

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soon be leaving. But after the company left with little fanfare two weeks ago, residents were startled that no management team was ready to pick up the slack. Calls to the housing authority went unanswered.

Several tenants said services have declined over the past two weeks, including trash pickups.

"Residents could not put any more garbage into the overflowing garbage cans," resident Helene Constant reported. "They were forced to pile bags in the garbage disposal chutes and out onto the floor."

The woman said she tried to contact the housing authority but didn't receive a response. She noted that many residents have needs that require coordination with facility staff, such as food bank drop-offs and clogged toilets.

"No resident here has any idea if or when you will appear to help us with a system that is falling far behind," she told the housing authority in an email. "Our maintenance crew has largely disappeared. Office staff has stopped showing up. The hallways have rugs that are stained and need vacuuming at least, if not shampooing."

Declining service

Another resident, Gordon Bartram, said services at Pacific Meadows have been declining over the past year as HumanGood's staff dwindled away. He said in early February, he and others received word from the housing authority that it

would be taking over Feb. 20. But he said nobody showed up after HumanGood left.

Bartram said it's essential to have responsive management at the facility.

"If anything happens here of any severity, who do you call?" he asked. "There's only so much fire and police can do — they're not caregivers. Nearly half of us can't get around or use walkers. There are people who never leave their apartments. This is not your typical building."



PHOTO/GOOGLE

A 200-unit senior community, Pacific Meadows is going through a management transition that has left some residents with more questions than answers.

Another resident, Jackie Kirkpatrick, said she spoke with a new staff member this week, and she reported that "it's calming down" at Pacific Meadows.

"I've been through a lot with this place," Kirkpatrick said. "I feel we're finally under an umbrella that is going to benefit the residents — I think going forward, we have an ally in the housing authority."

Daniels provided several ways for residents to contact management in case they have questions or concerns. Phone messages can be left at (831) 624-9355, while emails can be sent to riley@hamonterey.org (maintenance) and cshoffner@hamonterey.org (office).

AI

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CHS.

"I want to make sure the conversation includes people of all ages, not just my generation," she said, adding that there will be printouts available at Murphy's Lumber and other locations soon.

She doesn't have a deadline, but her aim is "as many signatures as possible" and a direct line to stakeholders at TikTok,

YouTube and Meta. Kim said she's interested in collaborating with elected representatives, as well as faculty at Carmel High — where students and teachers are struggling to handle a very new tool.

"It's complicated things at school. Almost all of our essays are in-class now, because teachers are worried about AI being used to compose our work. As someone who doesn't really use AI for academic purposes and takes a lot of time when I'm writing, it's made it harder to get my best scores on essays, but I understand it's a good solution for authenticity," Kim said.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF JANE BEERY

Jane Beery, 84, beloved spouse, mother, grandmother and friend to many, passed away Feb. 19th 2026, after a two-year battle with cancer. She passed away peacefully at Westland House surrounded by loved ones. She was born on April 13th 1941, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Jack and Maxyn Schriell Lawrence and was a graduate of Bayview High School.

Jane relocated to Monterey County in the early '60s and eventually started employment in the communications field, first as a mobile operator when phones in vehicles were actually two-way radios and then into pagers. Jane was instrumental in bringing paging to the Salinas Valley and the Monterey Peninsula. Upon retiring from the telecommunications field, Jane's love for wine took her into the wine industry where she began a second career as a tasting room manager. She then retired for the second and final time. Throughout her career Jane was always very civic-minded. She was a member of the Salinas Soroptimist Club and volunteered at various nonprofits in Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula throughout her life.

Jane is survived by her significant other, Joseph Robello; son, Scott (Jennifer); her grandson, Jack and granddaughter, Lauren.

Jane was blessed with many close friends who visited faithfully and the family is so grateful to Hospice of the Central Coast for their compassion, care and dedication in keeping her comfortable in her final days.

As per Jane's final wishes no formal services will be planned,

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Central Coast, 2 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Suite D120, Monterey, CA 93940, or a charity of your choosing.



Five-day student job fair starts Sunday

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

CAL STATE Monterey Bay's spring career fairs start this weekend, the university announced this week.

On March 9-13, more than 240 employers are expected to participate in five career fairs over five days. Organizations will recruit for internships, service-learning placements, and full- and part-time positions. Students and members of the public are invited to attend.

The event includes specialized fairs in natural sciences, agriculture, education and a general career fair, all of which will be held at the University Center, along with a graduate school fair in the Tanimura &

Antle Family Memorial Library on the campus.

Rhonda Mercadal-Evans, executive director of the Center for Experiential Learning and Innovation, said bringing the fairs together in one week strengthens the university's role in supporting regional workforce development.

"By concentrating these events into one week, we're making it easier for students and community members to explore career pathways and connect directly with local employers," she said.

"This effort supports our region's workforce needs while helping job seekers turn education and experience into meaningful careers."

ROBIN SHERWOOD HAMELIN

Robin Sherwood Hamelin, 78, was the son of Rolland Woodrow Hamelin and Helen Sizer Hamelin of Honolulu, Hawaii, deceased. He died of complications of Alzheimer's disease, which he bravely and uncomplainingly endured for more than eight and one-half years.

Robin was born into a military family and moved from place to place in Europe, Vietnam and America. The family settled into their horse ranch in mid Carmel Valley where he excelled at English horseback riding. Robin was a graduate of the Carmel High School class of 1966.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era, and won numerous awards for excellence. He won the National Defense Service medal, and the M-14 Rifle Marksman badge. His specialty was seaman courses: harbor craft boatswain and piloting tug boats. He attained the highest academic average in the Transportation Corps.

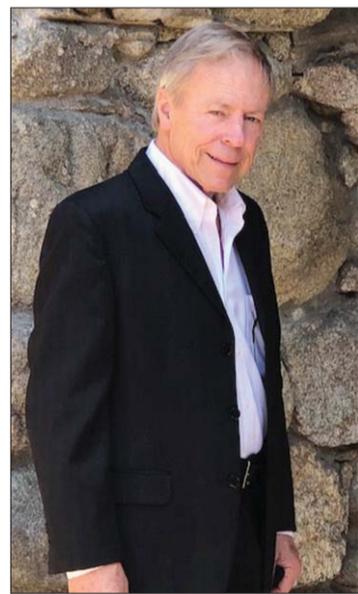
After the military, he began taking college semester hours of forestry, which eventually led him to a 34 year career with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, now called CAL Fire. He worked over the state of California before permanently stationing in Carmel Rio Road station, then Pebble Beach Fire Station. He rose from firefighter, to captain, to engineer, and finally battalion chief. He loved



his CAL Fire co-workers and referred to them as family. He was a trusted mentor to many. He took great delight in working with the "goat program" which successfully munched through and eradicated fire fuels within Del Monte Forest.

After Robin's retirement, he worked diligently on the management team at Squaw Valley Lodge as president of the Homeowner's Association for many years.

At Squaw Valley, Robin was a world class Telemark skier, as anyone who has ever seen him dance down a steep snowy mountain would attest. Skiing was a sport that he enjoyed every winter of his life until recently. He was also a strong and avid hiker, enjoying rugged trails high in the Lakes Basin of the Sierra Nevada mountains, where he lived every summer for 45 years. Mountain biking was another sport



he took to and loved, and rode from the tough trails of Moab, Utah to the rocky trails of the Sierra Nevada. He loved his mountain town of Graeagle, California and the golf courses where he would joyfully hack away every year. He particularly loved the bird heaven of Sierra Valley where he was an avid and experienced birder.

He is survived by his companion, wife and friend of 45 years, Cheri, who solitarily walked with him during his journey through Alzheimer's disease; and his sister-in-law and "bestie," Debra McCarty of Blairsden, California. Debbie went through extraordinary lengths to make him feel happy and loved. He adored her and she spoiled him with countless trips to Sierra Valley, fondly called "Happy Valley."

He leaves behind his sister-in-law, Pattie Powers of Lincoln and Larry Quinn; his niece, Sheila Bridges and adopted nephew, Todd Bridges and his great-niece, Simone Bridges of Boston, Massachusetts. He also leaves his nephew, Herschel Daniel Beail of Quincy, California; his niece, Jordan Lynn Powers of Bordeaux, France and her son Yohan. Additional survivors include Aaron Charles Powers of Oslo, Norway and his wife, Monica and two sons, Leo and Joe; his aunt and uncle, Mary and Peter Schulze of Shingle Spring; sister-in-law, Ingie Franberg and brother, Rol of Vail, Colorado and numerous cousins.

The family would like to thank Dr. Dana McDermott, his extraordinary neurologist for being the most loving, intelligent and caring member of Team Robin, and her assistant Stephanie. Special thanks to Hospice of the Central Coast nurses and volunteers Colin, who showed up unselfishly for his careful and gentle end of life care. Robin patiently endured early onset Alzheimer's disease as he lost his memories, his friends and his bodily skills, but he never lost his adventurous spirit and every morning, in his own way, wanted to know "Where are we going today?"

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Sierra Valley Preserve Nature Center at the Feather River Land Trust or the Historic Garden League of Monterey California.

In order to honor Robin's request, there will be no services.

JACK LAWRENCE SEAL

Sept. 17, 1936 ❖ Feb. 15, 2026

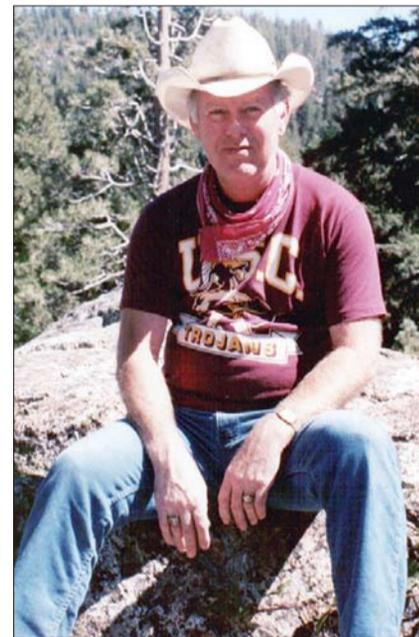
Jack Lawrence Seal, age 89, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026, in Folsom, CA surrounded by family in the comfort of his home.

Jack's incredible life story began on Sept. 17, 1936, when he was born to Julia S. (Quinn) Seal and Thurman L. Seal, in Tupelo, MS, where he spent his early childhood. An only child, he spent his formative years in South Pasadena, CA, where he was raised by his mother. He regularly attended Baptist and Presbyterian churches, both of which played a significant role in shaping his early life, and instilled in him a lifelong faith and devotion to Christianity. He attended Marengo Grammar School, South Pasadena-San Marino Junior and Senior High and Pasadena Junior College.

Chasing the dream of becoming a professional baseball player, Jack was a pitcher for the USC baseball team and a member of Phi Sigma Kappa. He graduated from USC in 1958. After graduation, facing the risk of being drafted, Jack chose to enlist in the Army, and was assigned to Fort Ord for basic training as an Army infantryman in 1958. He continued his service until 1965, finishing as an Army Reservist.

Making Monterey his permanent home, Jack had a storied, 41-year career as an insurance investigator, and owned his own business for many of those years. Eventually, he became a private investigator as well. His diligent work and impeccable ethics earned him widespread respect among his colleagues, and throughout his career he helped hundreds of people recover and move on from oftentimes heartbreaking loss and injury.

In this chapter of his life Jack also raised four children, sharing with them his passion for the outdoors. He took them on frequent camping trips while introducing them to the gift of the Sierra. Always a fisherman at heart, he caught countless steelhead and trout along the Carmel



and Big Sur rivers, but the streams and lakes of the Sierra were what captured his heart. He was often accompanied by his lifelong friends, Ed Puccinelli and Cecil "Skee" Riggs. Their combined catches during annual two-week vacations at Feather River Park Resort resulted in fish fries that Jack would host each year, legendary events among the entire resort – Jack always invited everyone!

The second half of his life's story took a remarkable turn when he met the love of his life, Anne Sheck, whom he married in 1986. Together, they relocated to Folsom CA, where their home was always open to their blended family, friends and neighbors, and where decades of celebrations of milestones and life events took place. Jack and Anne also had the time of their lives traveling to places near and far – tropical destinations being among their favorites. One of Jack's proudest moments took place in Mazatlan,

Mexico, where he fought and landed a 240-pound marlin, the exact likeness of which still graces one entire wall of the family room!

In a plot twist that was hardly surprising given his obsession of all things sports, Jack discovered a new passion for golf after retirement. Over his golf career, he earned numerous awards with the Springfield Seniors Golf Club in Rocklin CA, including Iron Man, Points Champion, Match Play, Most Improved and Most Single Round Points. He took immense pride in his hole-in-one, recognized by Golf Digest in 2002. In 2015, his ultimate golf dream came true when he got to play a round at Pebble Beach under epic, bluebird conditions rare for the Central Coast – a forever memory he cherished and recounted to anyone and everyone who would listen, right up through his final days.

Jack was known for his unwavering loyalty. The friends he made were friends for life. Intelligent, yet humble and unassuming, he was a great storyteller, often recalling minute details of events that escaped others' memories. His extraordinary memory was especially remarkable when it came to sports; He was arguably the most comprehensive walking encyclopedia of sports statistics the world has ever known! Most importantly, Jack had a unique ability to find humor in the daily absurdities and frustrations that are often out of our control. This gift brought laughter and light to those around him, especially during the challenging final years of his life.

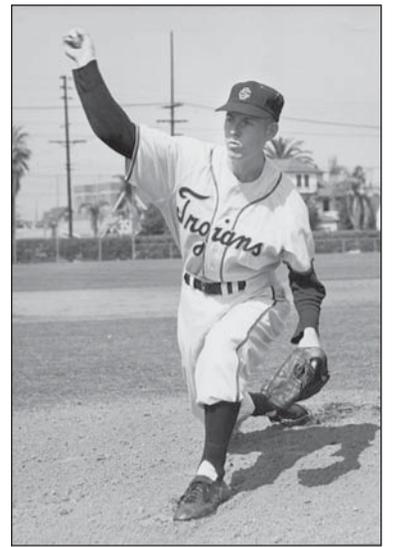
Loving husband, Dad, Grandpa, Papa – Jack was so many things to us, his family, and he loved us fiercely. His was the advice we always sought, and gave the most weight to. We never tired of his stories, no matter how many times we had heard them. He was famous for his pecan pies made from scratch. He often wrote hilarious, tongue-in-cheek reviews of products – both good and bad – to various companies, which almost always elicited entertaining responses from those companies – and, sometimes free products to regain or maintain his goodwill. We will sorely miss exchanging daily texts with him, including real-time play-by-plays during any given baseball, football, or golf games being televised at that moment, as well as next-day analysis of every Survivor episode.

Jack was predeceased by his mother, Julia (Quinn) Kay; father, Thurman L. Seal and stepfather, James B. Kay.

The spin-off of Jack's story continues by those he leaves behind: beloved wife, Anne Seal; sons, Keith Seal (Sarah), Kent Seal; daughters, Wendy Lang (Tom), Kelly Miller (Mark) and Cynthia McEwan (Rob); grandchildren, Travis Lang; Tyler, Zachary and Nicole Seal; Kasey and Colby Miller and Kerra and Lindsey McEwan.

In the final chapter of his story, on his 89th birthday Jack was presented with the first edition of the hardback book which chronicles his life – all 430 pages of it – which he co-authored with his daughter, Cindy. It's only fitting that the title of the book sums up how he felt about his remarkable life: "It Was All Worthwhile."

A memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. March 27, 2026, at Henry Wells Chapel, Fair Oaks Church, Fair Oaks, CA.



Last year's bad hop is on Pirates' minds as they jump into 2026 season

'NOBODY TRIPS over a mountain ... it is the small pebble that causes you to stumble.'

Philosopher/poet Ralph Waldo Emerson is credited with writing those prophetic words sometime in the 19th century, probably without ever fielding a ground ball in a high-stakes baseball game.

Eleven players on this year's varsity baseball roster at Stevenson School were members of a 2025 squad that won the Central Coast Section championship for the second time in three years and came within a bad-hop grounder of winning the NorCal Division 5 crown.

Stevenson won a school-record 21 games in a season that concluded with a 6-5 loss to the Etna Lions, who scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning when a routine grounder struck a pebble and bounced diagonally into the outfield for an RBI single.

That's a scab Pirates are likely to pick all spring as they strive to return to the NorCal finals — the scene of the crime.

"I'm not seeing any complacency in our guys. Almost all of our seniors showed up a little bit bigger, stronger and faster than they were last year," said head coach Nick Wilcox, who has eight seniors on his 13-player roster.

Bound for UC Davis

Veteran players who return this spring to the defending champions of the Pacific Coast Athletic Association's Mission Division include Reggie Bell — the division's co-MVP — and fellow first-team all-Mission selections Phinn Thomas and Jacob (J.J.) Hall.

Bell and Thomas are seniors with scholarships in hand to play at UC Davis, an NCAA Division I school. Hall,

triples (5), home runs (3), on-base-plus-slugging percentage (1.306), and stolen bases (32), while batting .446, with eight doubles and 30 RBI.

"Reggie is an unbelievable talent, both offensively and defensively. He's a lead-by-example kind of guy who is going to set the tone for us," Wilcox said of the fourth-year starter.

Thomas is a catcher and infielder who went 10-1 on the mound in 2025, with a 1.47 ERA. He allowed just 32 hits in a team-high 57.1 innings and led Stevenson pitchers with 73 strikeouts.

He also led the Pirates in batting (.466) and RBI (48), with eight doubles, two triples and two homers for a .670 slugging percentage and a 1.229 OPS. His 19 stolen bases ranked second.

"Phinn is a guy who gives his all on the field and a player who always found a way to get a big hit when we needed it," the coach said.

'He'll be a force'

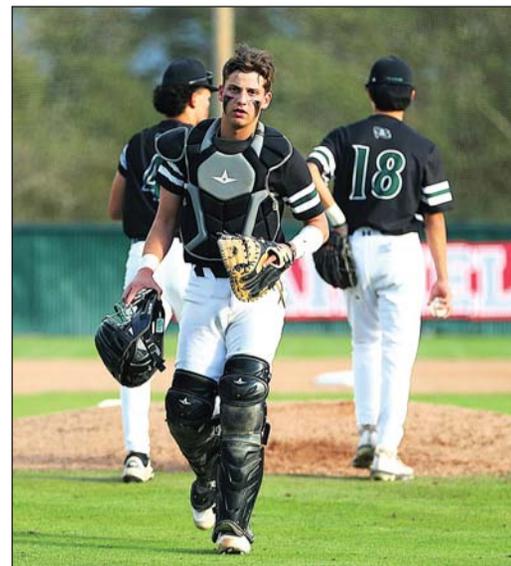
As a pitcher, Thomas throws a fastball (mid- to upper-80s), curveball, and changeup.

Hall earned 2025 all-division honors in his sophomore season as a third baseman, outfielder, and Stevenson's hardest-throwing pitcher (fastball in the high 80s). He throws a slider and changeup.

"I'm seeing more intensity in him on the mound and at the plate. He'll be a force, whether it's pitching or hitting, and he'll probably be our cleanup hitter throughout the year," Wilcox said.

As a pitcher, Hall went 4-0 in nine games (seven starts), with a team-best 0.67 ERA and 33 strikeouts over 31.1 innings.

He led the team in hits (42) and doubles (14), was the co-leader in homers (3), ranked second in batting (.447),



PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

Graceful shortstop Reggie Bell (left) led the 2025 Pirates in seven offensive categories, including on-base and slugging percentage, triples, homers and stolen bases. Senior Phinn Thomas led the 2025 Pirates in batting (.466) and RBI (48) as a catcher and infielder and was 10-1 as a pitcher. They'll both play next year at UC Davis.

slugging (.734), and OPS (1.257), and was among the leaders in stolen bases (14).

Senior Tono Borgomini is a middle infielder and outfielder with exceptional speed and the ability to bat at the top of the order or in an RBI spot.

"We moved him up and down the lineup last year, and wherever I put him, he found a way to be productive," Wilcox said. "This year he's super focused — just locked in — and I think he's going to have a really big year."

Borgomini batted .375, posted the team's third-best on-base percentage (.535), and ranked third in stolen bases with 17.

Unfazed

Brady Mugan, who will play Division III college baseball next season in Beloit, Wis., is a senior who hit .271 in 102 plate appearances in 2025, driving in 20 runs with 23 hits. He's an outfielder who also figures to see action as a starting pitcher.

Senior Alex Wang evolved into a big-game pitcher by

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

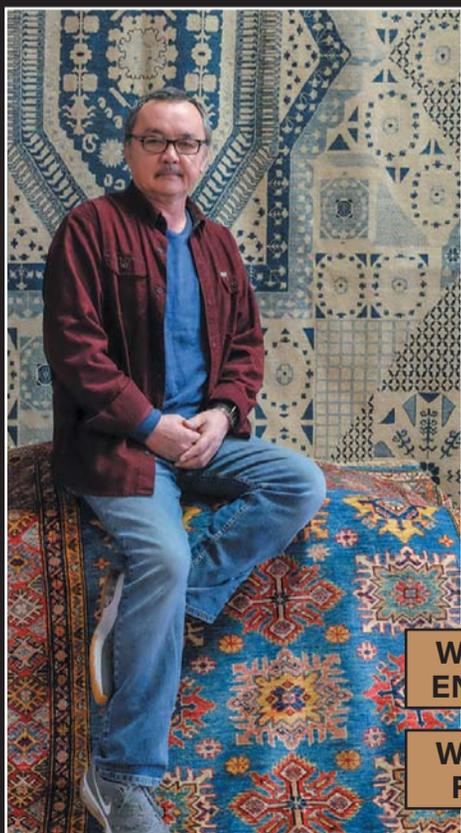
a junior, is likely to bat cleanup in the Pirates' explosive lineup.

"We probably have to go back about 15 years to find the last Stevenson team that had two Division I players on the roster," reflected Wilcox, whose 2012 squad sent Tucker Forbes to UCLA and Nick Halamandaris to UC Berkeley.

Bell, a slick-fielding shortstop, led the 2025 Pirates in on-base percentage (.567), slugging (.739), runs (45),



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the end of the year, getting the final out in the CCS semi-finals, CCS championship game, and one of the NorCal victories. He also was the starting pitcher in the NorCal championship game.

“He wasn’t predominantly a pitcher at the beginning of the year, but he really worked hard,” Wilcox said. “Nothing seemed to faze him by the end of the season, so we put him there in big situations.”

Versatile senior Soren Hillman can play catcher, infield, outfield or pitch, and also emerged as a clutch hitter in the playoffs, with five hits in the postseason, three of those in the CCS championship game.

Senior Jack Rice is expected to be a prominent pitcher (nine appearances, including two starts a year ago) and solid defensive outfielder.

Outfielder-pitcher Jack Dalhamer, a senior, is one of four players who were on the 2023 postseason roster as freshmen, along with Bell and Thomas, who were starters, and Mugan, who was a reserve that year.

He saw action in 22 games last year, seven on the mound, where he had a 4.20 ERA in 10 innings.

Strong team, big goals

Others vying for playing time on a competitive roster include hardworking sophomores Jonah Krasa (catcher and outfielder), left-handed hitter Ozaze Djehuti-Mes (infield) and power-hitting junior Ben Sachermann (first base and pitcher) — all letter winners in 2025 — plus junior transfer student Kai Shohtoku (middle infield, outfield, pitcher) and freshman Luke Potter (pitcher, catcher,

infield, outfielder), who arrives on the varsity team with a lot of baseball experience.

“I think this is probably the most talent and the deepest roster we’ve ever had here,” Wilcox said.

“That friendly competition at practice lifts everybody to higher levels, and confidence is really high, not only among the players, but with the coaching staff,” he said. “Our goal is to play for the NorCal championship again.”

To that end, Wilcox loaded this year’s schedule with a gauntlet of high-level non-division opponents, including CCS Division 3 champ and NorCal semifinalist Carmel, Nevada 3A state champion Tahoe-Truckee, Monterey (CCS D-5 finalist), Scotts Valley (CCS D-4 qualifier), Christopher (CCS D-3 semifinalist), and University of San Francisco (23-2 last year).

Postseason honors

Boys basketball, Gabilan Division — Second Team: Sebastian Reiser, Carmel. Sportsmanship: Don Desai, Carmel. **Mission Division** — First Team: Cooper Olin, Stevenson. Sportsmanship: Jack Dalhamer, Stevenson.

Girls basketball, Gabilan Division — Second Team: Kobie Crutcher, Stevenson. Sportsmanship: Jessie Chen, Stevenson. **Mission Division** — Second Team: Ella Cleary, Carmel. Sportsmanship: Ella Cleary, Carmel. **Santa Lucia Division** — Offensive Player of the Year: Lydia Ostos, Santa Catalina. First Team: Lydia Ostos and Cristina Vogel Martin, Santa Catalina. Second Team: Chloe Wigdal, Santa Catalina. Sportsmanship: Minh Vy Le, Santa Catalina.

Boys soccer, Mission Division — First Team: Zach DaSilva, Stevenson. Second Team: Soren Hillman, Stevenson. Sportsmanship: Blake Jones, Stevenson. Team Sportsmanship: Stevenson.

Girls soccer, Mission Division — Offensive Player of the Year: Mika Ureta, Stevenson. First Team: Mika Ureta and Vivi Broughton, Stevenson; Eva Sedillos, Carmel. Second Team: Georgia Bonifas and Charlotte Schipper, Stevenson; June Emerson, Carmel. Sportsmanship: Sydney Holland, Stevenson; Ashley Graham, Carmel. Team Sportsmanship: Stevenson. **Santa Lucia Division** — Offensive Player of the Year: Delilah Fujita, Santa Catalina. First Team: Paloma Reyes, Delilah Fujita and Isabel Fujita, Santa Catalina; Barbara Castelo, Stevenson. Second Team: Emmy McHugh, Annie Beasley and Jessica Urtusuastegui, Santa Catalina; Andrea Fernandez, Santa Catalina. Sportsmanship: Adele Ramirez, Santa Catalina.

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PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Jacob ‘J.J.’ Hall, unbeaten on the mound as an All-Mission Division junior, throws a fastball in the high 80s and is likely to bat fourth in Stevenson’s lineup this season as a third baseman who led the 2025 team in hits, doubles and homers.



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Senior Tono Borgomini is a solid middle infielder, fleet base runner, and clutch hitter who can hit at the top of the lineup or in an RBI slot for the Pirates.

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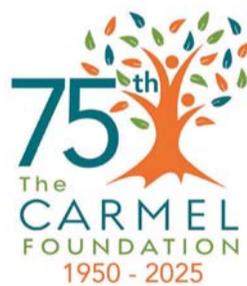
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The Carmel Foundation Celebrates 75 Years of Community



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

You're Invited to The Carmel Foundation Open House and Ribbon Cutting

The Carmel Foundation invites the community to celebrate the opening of its new Wellness Center with an Open House and Ribbon-Cutting on March 31 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The event is presented in partnership with the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and will offer an opportunity to tour the new facility and learn more about the programs offered at the Foundation.

where you live. Annual membership begins at \$60 and provides access to a wide range of programs, activities, classes, and now the new wellness facilities.

This project would not have been possible without the generosity of many donors and supporters. We are also grateful to the Leadership Carmel Class of 2025 for their partnership in helping bring this vision to life.

Located on the southeast corner of Dolores and 8th Street, the Wellness Center expands the Foundation's commitment to helping older adults stay healthy, active and engaged. The project is nearly complete and, while we are still raising a small amount of final support, the facility is already fully operational and welcoming members each day.

Along with opening the Wellness Center, we have added numerous new programs and activities to our March schedule. From fitness and movement classes to social gatherings and learning opportunities, we are continually working to ensure the Foundation remains vibrant and relevant for our members.

Membership at The Carmel Foundation is open to anyone age 55 or older, regardless of

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Editorial

Have they heard?

IN THE last 10 years, California has suffered a series of devastating wildfires that have killed more than 100 people and caused hundreds of billions of dollars in property damage. Amid the destruction have come dire warnings about a future of even more deadly wildfires due to climate change, dry conditions and harsh weather.

“We are living in a new reality of extremes,” said Gov. Gavin Newsom when he signed an executive order on wildfire prevention last year. “Believe the science — and your own damn eyes. Mother Nature is changing the way we live, and we must continue adapting to those changes.”

“The California fires were supercharged by climate change, and we have to act now to prevent even worse disasters in the future,” said President Joe Biden during a January 2025 briefing on the fire that destroyed Pacific Palisades.

“The climate crisis is here, and these wildfires are a stark reminder,” echoed Vice President Kamala Harris. “We need urgent action to build resilience before more communities are devastated.”

Are the good people of Carmel aware of any of this?

Reading the proposed “design guidelines” for the city, you’d have to think they aren’t — or they are trying to make the fire problem worse.

As Mary Schley reports on this week’s front page, among the “core principles” of the proposed residential design guidelines — which, if adopted, will be mandatory for all future projects in Carmel — is that all new homes must be designed “as an extension of Carmel’s native forest” with the “upper and lower canopy as the primary site feature.” Landscaping, the guidelines continue, must “supplement the forest with new planting that reinforces continuity of the forest character across the site and surrounding area.” All new buildings “should feel woven into the landscape rather than imposed upon it” and should “nestle in the trees,” the guidelines stipulate, while offering a photographic example that shows a house for which the architect “laser scanned existing tree branches and computer-positioned roof planes precisely beneath them.”

Oh, and houses in Carmel must be constructed with “natural materials” as much as possible.

Meanwhile, the state has imposed guidelines that require property owners in severe fire hazard zones — which includes most of Carmel — to do the exact opposite. For starters, trees cannot be allowed to overhang a roof at all, much less form a nest for the house to snuggle in. And building decks out of wood and using wood shingles and shakes on roofs? Guess again.

Not all the state’s new wildfire rules are in effect, but they soon will be, and their basic requirements are unequivocal:

All homes in wildfire zones must be protected by 100 feet of “defensible space,” which means no combustible materials, including trees, bushes, mulch and wood fences in the first 5 feet; a “lean, clean and green” zone from 5 to 30 feet with minimal vegetation and all trees pruned to keep them at least 10 feet away from other trees; and a “fuel reduction zone” from 30 to 100 feet, including strict limits on the height of grass, horizontal and vertical spacing between shrubs and trees, and 10 feet of bare soil around woodpiles and outbuildings.

We understand the urge many Carmel residents feel to keep the town just the way it is. But Carmel is not immune to the wildfires plaguing the rest of the state. And what’s the point of preserving something if it’s only going to burn to the ground?

BEST of BATES



Letters to the Editor

The Pine Cone encourages submission of letters which address issues of public importance. Letters cannot exceed 350 words, and must include the author’s name and home town. We reserve the right to determine which letters are suitable for publication and to edit for length and clarity.

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‘Affording housing can’t wait’ Dear Editor,

In a letter last week responding to my commentary, “Affordable Housing Requires Affordable Water — Now,” realtor Jeff Davi argues that desal is a necessary leg of a three-legged stool our community agrees on. He’s wrong on both counts.

Desalination was once considered part of a broader portfolio, but plans evolve as circumstances change. What has changed is performance. Recycled water and aquifer storage and recovery are not theoretical — they are operating successfully. Meanwhile, Cal Am’s desalination plant remains costly, energy-intensive, environmentally controversial and years away, with no guarantee it will ever be built. Data show the Monterey Peninsula’s water supply without desal is sufficient for at least 20 to 30 years.

In 2022, a majority of voters approved public acquisition of Cal Am in large part

because of outrageously expensive water bills, among the highest in the country.

Since then, Cal Am’s water has only gotten more expensive, and the community has come to understand that its desalinated water will make already costly water bills astronomically expensive and unaffordable to local working families. On the other hand, a desalination plant will enrich Cal Am’s shareholders because they are rewarded for “capital investments” rather than cost-saving measures.

Tying housing to a speculative, expensive future project does not create certainty. It creates paralysis. The real historical lesson is this: Withholding housing approvals when legal water is available drives up prices, worsens overcrowding and displaces workers.

Affordable housing cannot wait for perfection. The Peninsula has plenty of water today — enough for the foreseeable future. We should use it responsibly to house people now.

Michael De Lapa, Carmel

Point Lobos lawsuit Dear Editor,

The \$19 million judgment in the lawsuit over the woman seriously injured in a crosswalk at Point Lobos shows that State Parks should exclude the Point Lobos Foundation from all operations within Point Lobos and any other state parks, ensuring that volunteers and activities are managed solely by trained state employees to prioritize public safety and fiscal accountability.

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A steady business

There's no slow season, Gobel said. Clients can typically expect a month's turnaround, since materials are ordered from a few premium suppliers he's relied on for decades and because every frame is hand-built. Still, Gobel and his team pull off rush jobs every week, especially for longtime customers.

Many followed Gobel from the art



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Local framer Glenn Gobel and his loyal ambassador, Mick, run the show at P.G.'s only framing studio.

yellow Lab, Mick, earns his kibble just being his adorable self.)

When he left Searle Art Supplies and Framing in 2007, Gobel didn't take a client list with him. There are no shortcuts in the über-precise work of framing, and he didn't want to take any in business, either.

His mentor, a veteran of the paint supply industry, assured Gobel he wouldn't regret taking the high road.

"I can't say enough about Nick," Gobel

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Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

supply and framing business he ran in Monterey for more than a decade. And daily, without fail, someone reads "Glenn Gobel Custom Frames" on the awning and decides to check it out. (Curled in full view of the front windows, Gobel's 2-year-old

From the mayor's desk —

Before we lock in the next century

By DALE BYRNE

IN RECENT weeks, I have seen firsthand how two local institutions made bold decisions about their futures. Both offer lessons worth carrying into Carmel's next chapter.

In 2023, the Carmel Foundation purchased the former Red Cross building, transforming a quiet administrative office into a vibrant wellness center. Today it hosts exercise equipment, yoga classes and welcoming spaces for coffee and conversation. Foundation leadership saw opportunity where others might have seen risk. With support from donors, they invested and created a resource that will serve Carmel for decades. They did not wait for a perfect moment. They created one.

■ Creating the future

At the Naval Postgraduate School, I witnessed another decisive move. Facing potential funding constraints, NPS has not been standing still. Its leadership energized its foundation and forged partnerships with industry leaders, including a collaboration with NVIDIA to develop a first-of-its-kind, state-of-the-art AI capability for the Navy and broader U.S. military establishment. Rather than reacting to pressure, they are

positioning themselves ahead of it.

In both cases, the lesson is clear: Strong institutions act to create their future rather than letting outside forces do it for them.

Carmel-by-the-Sea stands at such a moment. We have restarted the process of replacing our aging police station and public works facilities, buildings that have long exceeded their useful lives. This is not just a construction project. It is a generational decision. What we build, where we build it and how we finance it will shape our city's operations and character for the next century.

That is why we should pause before finalizing scope and direction.

■ Replace or rethink?

Should we simply replace what is worn out? Or should we step back and examine how our public assets, including city hall, Sunset Center, Vista Lobos and parking lots, might work together more strategically? This includes asking whether our mix of facilities, spread across several locations — all long past their useful lives — still serves employees and residents as well as it should.

This moment also arrives as expectations

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Finding meaning in the lives of convicts and unsung heroes

'LIFE'S BEEN a gift — even the hard parts. Maybe especially the hard parts," mused Harvey Schrum, a Carmel Valley oil painter who, at age 82, uses his art to celebrate people in history who selflessly made a difference in the lives of others.

Most of the paintings Schrum will exhibit March 6 through April 23 at Pacific Grove Art Center are portraits of heroic women, many of whom went unrecognized during their time:

■ Elizebeth Smith Friedman, known as "America's first female cryptanalyst," who cracked spy codes in both world wars.

■ Rosalind Franklin, whose groundbreaking DNA photograph was used — some believe stolen — by male colleagues who did not adequately credit her for her discovery.

■ Buffalo Calf Woman, the Cheyenne warrior said to have thrown Custer from

survivor who developed logotherapy.

"Freudian therapy asks what's wrong. Frankl asks what matters," Schrum said of the psychological theory he introduced to the California prison system and used at Folsom Prison and High Desert State Prison in Susanville.

"At least 40 percent of the inmates released from California's prisons wind up coming back," he said. "Only 5 percent of the men who went through my program — using logotherapy — have returned to prison."

Set free

Schrum, who earned a Ph.D. from the Viktor Frankl Institute, has authored four books, including "Search for Meaning at the Broken Places," a synthesis of logotherapy that addresses critical life issues, providing opportunities for healing, growth and strength.

Frankl taught that human beings can endure almost anything if they can find meaning in it.

As a prison therapist, Schrum emphasized reha-

bilitation through purpose.

"I told them, 'You can't rewrite your past, but you can give it meaning,'" he explained. "Meaning is the thing that sets you free."

Long before he listened to inmates, Schrum listened to languages. Born in Phoenix and raised in Loomis, a small Northern California town near Roseville, he grew up in an industrious family of builders and makers.

Linguist

His father, a World War II ball-turret gunner in a B-24, became a professional architect who designed a Phoenix hospital and also created art with wood. Schrum's mother was a tireless foster parent and filled the house with children who needed shelter.

When Schrum graduated high school, he applied to become an Air Force pilot but instead ended up learning Russian, Bulgarian and Romanian at Syracuse University, and served as an interpreter in Istanbul.

At 40, he turned to psychology, and in

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

his horse at the Battle of Little Big Horn just before he was killed.

■ Virginia Hall, who, despite having a wooden leg, became a spy who organized Allied resistance in France.

■ Irena Sendler, who smuggled Jewish infants from a Warsaw ghetto in coffins and boxes to save them from the Nazis.

"Women made history every day," Schrum said, "but history erased them. I paint to put them back."

Other portraits that will be part of the exhibition are depictions of men Schrum, a psychologist, befriended during the 30 years he spent counseling inmates in California's prison system. Among them are former Alcatraz inmate Whitey Thompson — a bank robber — and one-time San Quentin prisoner David Lewis, an early Crips gang member.

Paintings will be donated

Most of the Holocaust paintings hanging in PGAC's Boyer Gallery will be donated to the Holocaust Center in San Francisco. Two are destined for the Viktor Frankl Museum in Vienna, Austria, named for the neurologist, psychiatrist and Holocaust



Carmel Valley portrait artist Harvey Schrum, 82, is a retired prison psychologist whose work is on exhibit through April 23 in a multi-artist show at Pacific Grove Art Center.

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LAYOFFS

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Diffenbaugh said, is a decision MPUSD made years ago, when it spent one-time Covid-19 recovery funds to hire additional staff, knowing those funds were a \$60 million collage of grants and government funding that had to be spent by a certain date.

The district has added more than 200 new positions since before the pandemic, including 112 special education personnel and 16 licensed mental health therapists, who are separate from traditional guidance counselors.

Diffenbaugh said while some districts chose to invest in ventilation systems or new computers, "What we did with Covid funding is we invested in our people, because we felt they would make the biggest difference for our students. That comes with a challenge — what do you do when the money goes away?"

Big changes

In January, the initial downsizing plan called for more than 50 personnel cuts, and a proposal to halve mental health and family support staff was met with immediate protest. Faculty and students insisted that those services are critical to students' academic success and overall well-being, especially since the pandemic.

The 46 jobs that will be cut include 13 vacant teaching positions. The actual layoffs will affect two administrative roles at the district office, four clerical positions, two arts teachers, and four accelerated learning specialists, who tutor small groups of students struggling to keep up with grade-level curriculum. In addition, full-time enrichment and afterschool

program coordinators will be reduced to part-time employees.

Six of 19 school psychologist positions will also be cut — though four are currently vacant — and some will be asked to split their time between school sites. Campuses with larger special education populations will retain a dedicated psychologist.

"We're very confident we can continue to meet the needs of our students," Diffenbaugh said, before adding that near-future reductions "will be required" in light of the district's financial situation. Nevertheless, numerous staff and students came forward to commend the effort to involve them in the process.

'This conversation is ongoing'

"When this plan was first presented, it felt rushed and harsh. This feels like we're really working together, and I want to thank the board, the community, and students. I'm happy we're eliminating less than 1 percent of staff, but I do understand this conversation is ongoing," said Erin Banik, a school psychologist at Marina High and president of the local chapter of the California School Employees Association.

"I was really impressed with this effort, but it does feel like we're kicking the can down the road. I am a little worried about future financial impacts, but I hope when we come back, we can repeat this community process," said Jaden Khan, a student representative from Monterey High.

Tuesday's vote on budget cuts, which was unanimous, came just in time for a March 15 deadline, when state law requires school districts to notify employees slated for layoffs the following academic year. Affected employees can appeal to the school board, and tentative reductions might be rescinded if retirements or other staff departures open up jobs before final notices are sent on May 15.

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LETTERS

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Continuing or renewing this partnership in light of the recent judicial findings would compound the negligence already adjudicated and further erode public trust in State Parks' management.

Steve Knovick, Carmel Highlands

Bad lawyering

Dear Editor,

The City of Carmel (or more precisely whatever risk management entity handles its large claims) recently agreed to pay \$2 million to settle a wrongful death lawsuit over the police shooting of a man on Monte Verde Street in which the city should have owed zero dollars. No Monterey County jury was ever going to award a dime in that

case.

In the lawsuit over the woman hit in a Point Lobos crosswalk, Roger Dreyer is one of the most formidable personal injury lawyers in California. The video of the accident tells the whole story. The injuries were catastrophic. The defense ("We're not responsible for volunteers that are driving our vehicles, serving our public, saving us resources.") was laughably implausible. And yet our attorney general's office evidently chose a scorched-earth, see-you-in-court strategy.

In both cases, if you put in place decision-makers wishing the worst possible outcome, you could not do much worse.

Andy Lauderdale, Aptos

Big Sur lilies

Dear Editor,

When I heard that the flowers in Calla Lily Valley had been vandalized, I felt

genuinely sad. As a local, visiting the blooms each year with my family has become a simple but meaningful tradition. It's part of what makes living here special. How lucky are we to live somewhere where each season brings different magical landscapes for us to enjoy? Because of the destruction, we won't have that experience this year.

What surprised me most, however, were the reactions suggesting that perhaps this was somehow "good." That the plants are invasive, or that maybe this will deter tourists from stopping in the area and "save the environment." Are we really comfortable reframing vandalism as a public service?

If the concern is invasive species, there are established, lawful channels to address that. Destruction carried out by individuals is not environmental stewardship — it is vandalism.

More broadly, we seem to be having two conflicting conversations at once. One moment we worry that tourism is down (whether that be from Covid, Highway 1 being closed, cruises no longer stopping in Monterey, etc.) and local businesses are struggling. The next, we lament that there are too many visitors and our infrastructure cannot handle them.

We cannot meaningfully address either issue if we are unwilling to agree on basic principles — including that destroying shared spaces is unacceptable.

We live in an extraordinarily beautiful place. Part of the responsibility of living here is protecting it, not just from ecological harm, but from the erosion of basic civic standards.

This was vandalism. We should be able to say so clearly.

Taylor Rahnavard, Carmel

MAYOR

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placed on local governments continue to grow while the ability to expand staffing and facilities does not. Across California, the era of simply growing city government to meet new demands is largely behind us. Efficiency, coordination, and smarter use of public assets are becoming the new standard.

These are not radical questions. They are responsible ones.

Before the concrete is poured

My recommendation is straightforward: Convene a community-wide town hall before high-level design decisions are finalized and development pathways effectively locked in. The goal is not to promote a predetermined outcome or bypass formal process, but to surface ideas while we still have flexibility to consider them.

Carmel is fortunate to be home to architects, financial professionals, developers, civic volunteers and engaged residents

who care deeply about this village. A structured public forum would allow that collective wisdom to be heard. Concepts could be presented clearly, trade-offs discussed honestly, and assumptions tested. At this stage, there should be no impossible ideas. Let the best ones rise to the top.

We may determine that straightforward replacement is the best path. But if broader opportunities exist to improve efficiency, strengthen financial sustainability, address housing obligations, or rethink how civic spaces serve the community, we should examine them while the window is open.

The Carmel Foundation did not wait for necessity to dictate its future. NPS is not waiting for external pressures to define its direction. Both chose preparation over drift. Carmel deserves that same discipline.

Before we commit to investments that will define the next century of our city's life, let us gather, listen carefully and think boldly together. The moment to ask big questions is before the concrete is poured.

To hear a podcast generated from this column, visit cli.re/before.

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

TRIO

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Speaking of cameras, Carmel Police Department recently resurrected a program for property and business owners to register their surveillance cameras with the department.

"A lot of our cases are solved with community cameras," Trayer said.

The idea arose when he met with some residents in the area of Monterey and First who requested the city install a surveillance camera, "and we started talking about their cameras."

With so many people using Ring and other systems at their homes and

businesses, having a database would allow investigators to quickly reach out to those with cameras in the area that might have captured something useful.

Someone who chooses to help could upload the footage or share it through other means.

Registration doesn't allow Carmel police to access the equipment, and the information will be kept private, according to Trayer.

"The list is protected, because of course it would create quite an environment for a burglar if he knew where all the cameras are," he said.

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LIVES

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said of his late father-in-law, Nick Frazee, who not only provided operational wisdom but gave him a push in the right direction.

“Nick told me, ‘Don’t take anything from them. We’ll put your name on the awning, do everything above board, and people will find you,’” Gobel recalled.

The business partners rented both levels of 562 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove, converting the downstairs into a fabrication shop, and the former First Noel Christmas shop upstairs into a stylish 2,000-square-foot showroom. In back, Gobel’s office features two framed portraits by Jerry Van Megert — a “highly collectible” local artist — who painted Gobel’s beloved yellow Labs, Wes and Gus. They were shop dogs before Mick came along.

The rest of his team — Lucas, Evan, Brandt and Bryce,

“all exceptional craftsmen” — are surprisingly young for their Old World trade. Evan, his first employee, was just a local middle school student and aspiring painter when he started buying materials from Gobel at the now-shuttered Searle, then on Lighthouse in New Monterey.

There isn’t another framing outfit quite like it on the Peninsula. Nor is there another Glenn Gobel. And in light of the need for “professional generalists” — heaven forbid the owner of a plumbing company lacks social media skills — Gobel’s success makes the case that the world will always need its specialists.

He’s still doing the same job he had when he was 14.

Point Loma to P.G.

“I learned from an old guy who took me under his wing,” Gobel, 65, recalled. And it was certainly an unusual hobby for a high school kid from the surfside town of Point Loma, the youngest of four boys and the son of a retired Naval officer. He took to art classes at school like fish to water, but framing struck a different chord. He opened his first studio in his garage while attending community college, and a job with Delta Airlines filled the space in between.

Gobel came to the Peninsula in 1992, following his girlfriend. “Then I married her,” he smiled, referring to Kimberly, who recently retired from her three-decade career as a special education teacher with the Monterey County Office of Education.

For the first couple of years, he framed by day while Kimberly taught, and at night, the couple met up at their second job, waiting tables at the Chart House. In 1994, Gobel was hired by Searle Art Supplies & Framing. Even when he was promoted to management, he never strayed from the workbench.

Thirteen years later, Gobel had an intuition — plus a lot of encouragement from family and a growing list of clients — he should set out on his own. With his father-in-law as a business partner, they quickly decided the terms

for buying Searle from its then owners were unfavorable. But it wasn’t long before Gobel found himself walking through his current spot with a measuring tape, discussing the specs of his vision with designer John Matthams of International Design Group in Carmel.

Looking back, Gobel feels he “took the lion’s share” of the high-end framing business with him. Pebble Beach Company is his primary corporate client, and art-world regulars include Trotter Galleries off the street, the Pacific Grove Art Center and Carmel Art Association, the Weston Gallery, and an extensive roster of interior design firms. His two children attended All Saints Day School before Jackson — who now works for Bonhams’ fine art auction house in New York City — went on to Stevenson, and Leslie to Santa Catalina School in Monterey. Gobel has done framing work for all three schools. Nor has he forgotten the support of fellow All Saints parents as he got his studio off the ground almost two decades ago.

“Our location is key, and the town really embraced us — I think partly because of how we transformed the space,” said Gobel.

Inside, a fraction of more than 5,000 framing materials cover the walls in three-dimensional chevrons. The showroom includes three workstations, so clients have plenty of light and space to inspect materials — from pale silk to colorful paper — and weigh the difference between museum glass and UV polycarbonate. Gobel even installed a camera system above one table, so artwork can be photographed and rendered in various options, like a virtual fitting room. The camera is helpful for insurance purposes, too, and it’s a big assist with unconventional jobs — for instance, when a client in her 90s wants to see whether an elaborate molded frame or something more minimalist will complement her favorite bathing suit from the 1930s.

Paying it forward — at a discount

And that’s the heart of it, for Gobel. He’s spent three-quarters of his life in the business, and he’s still surprised by who — and what — comes through his doors.

“I love our clients and, of course, all the diverse art we handle. A child’s drawing to canvases hundreds of years old — that’s why I love what I do,” he said.

And to the painters and photographers — especially those coming and going from the art center upstairs — Gobel gives back however he can. Since raw framing material arrives in standard 9-foot measures, “We offer the falloff at a good price to artists looking to frame smaller pieces,” Gobel said.

More than premium scraps, Gobel and his team provide discounted glass, mat board and framing sticks for local artists. And with the dozens of jobs they’re turning out every week, Gobel said he and the team are happy to share their expertise with anyone interested in learning the art of framing.

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Museum celebrates youth baseball in Carmel Valley

By CHRIS COUNTS

INSTEAD OF exploring the colorful cowboy and ranching culture the region is famous for, the Carmel Valley History Center's latest exhibit is celebrating something very different — nearly seven decades of Little League baseball played in Carmel Valley.

Titled "More Than Just a Game," the Carmel Valley Little League exhibit starts this weekend at the museum,

which is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

Little League in Carmel Valley got its start in 1957, when local firefighters and other volunteers cleared and leveled an empty lot on Via Contenta to create a baseball diamond that soon became a hub of youthful energy.

The first season opened in May 1958 — at a time when baseball and ceremonies played a much larger role in American life, and a bumper crop of baby boomers were discovering the country's national pastime.

"Early seasons featured local teams such as the Kiwanis, Red Sox, Volunteers and Merchants," volunteer Crissy Huston said. "Opening days were marked by civic pride and ceremony, with dedications made by community leaders and the raising of an American flag once owned by Gen. Joseph Stilwell."

In 1967, Little League moved to its location on Paso Hondo that became Dampierre Field. The first season saw

more than 100 kids participate, leading to the construction of a second field next door.

Along the way, Little League baseball became an institution in Carmel Valley, with numerous adults lending a hand.

"From the beginning, it seemed everyone in this rural community was involved in the local Little League program, either personally or by knowing someone who was," according to the museum. "Parents and neighbors became coaches, umpires, groundskeepers and snack bar attendants. Others announced games or cheered from the stands. The ballpark provided a place of belonging and introduced newcomers into the valley's tightly knit community, where lifelong friendships were forged on the field — and in the dugouts and bleachers."

The property was donated to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District in 1987, "ensuring that Carmel Valley Little League's tradition of volunteerism, sportsmanship and youth development would continue for generations."

The science of language

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"From the structure of sentences to the rhythm of conversation, Dr. Miller will illuminate the neural pathways that make language possible, revealing how speaking and understanding are deeply tied to memory, creativity and our sense of self," the foundation said. "Discover how the brain brings language to life and how this extraordinary ability shapes the human experience."

Miller holds a distinguished professorship in neurology at UCSF, cofounded the Global Brain Health Institute and is a leading expert in the neurological and genetic mechanisms underlying language, behavior and brain function.

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Fifty years later, ‘everything old is new’

By CHRIS COUNTS

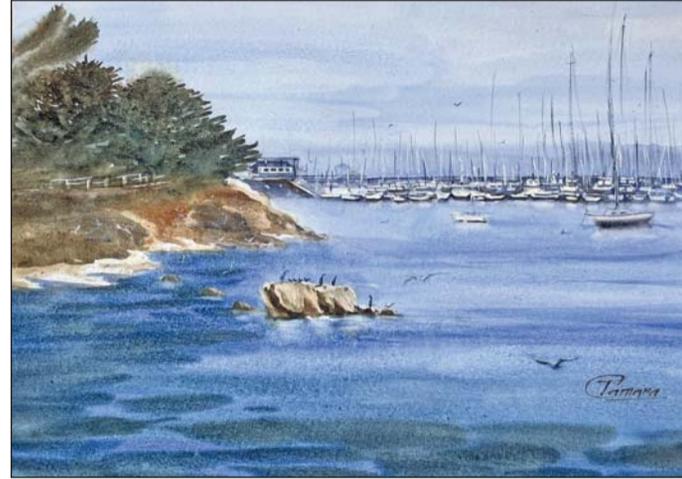
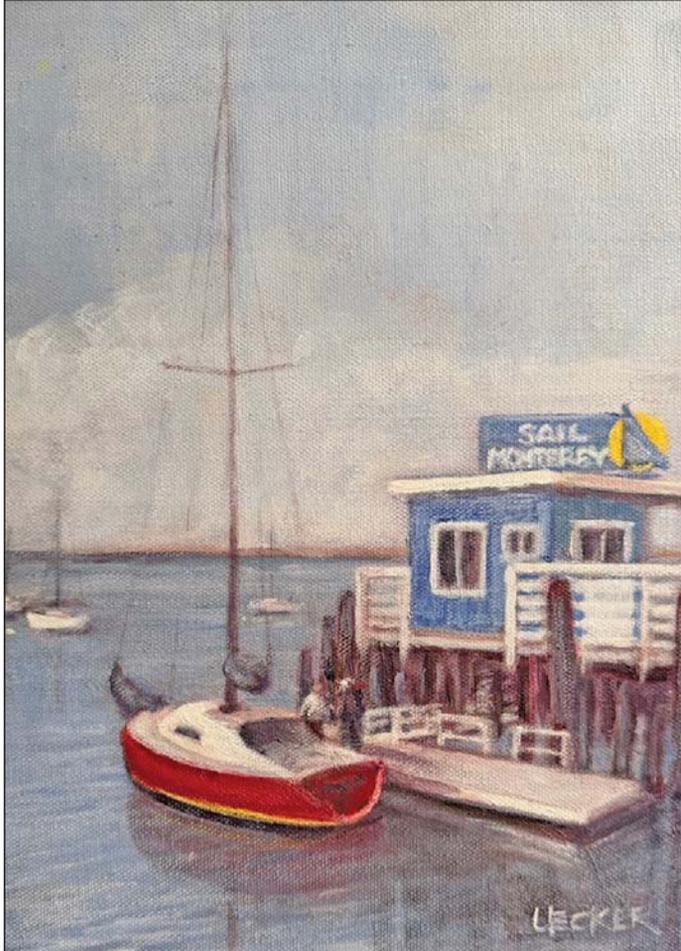
AN ENDURING local art organization — which has a group show on display at Pacific Grove Art Center through April 23 — is going through some big changes.

Once known as Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation and operated as a nonprofit for 50 years, the group is now calling itself the Monterey Peninsula Art Forum and is operating as a for-profit business.

The exhibit at the P.G. art center, titled “Everything Old is New Again,” showcases the forum’s 70 member-artists. Its roster features many familiar local names, including Dick Crispo, Deborah Russell, Richard Cannon, Lesley Ann Spowart, Mary Lee Sunseri, Jim Lambert, Kathleen Tarp and others.

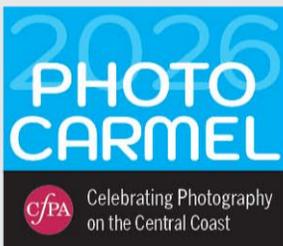
The group got its start in Crispo’s living room in the mid-1970s. But after becoming a nonprofit in 1981, it went dormant, only to be revived in the late 1990s. Besides presenting events, shows, classes and lectures, its members opened a co-op gallery at 425 Cannery Row in Monterey in 2003, giving them an opportunity to display their work. Soon, 30 artists were showing their creations in the gallery — which has become a local institution.

“In late 2002, Dick (Crispo) found the present Cannery Row location,” according to the group’s website. “The board figured 30 people paying \$50 a month gallery rent would pay the expenses. Renovation mon-



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Shown here are Sandra Uecker’s “Let’s Sail Monterey,” Tamara Selyangina’s “Monterey Blues” and Noelle Nichols’ “Robe on the Bed.”



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A photographer, a llama and an impressive career

by LILY PATTERSON

RICHARD GREEN once had to hike seven hours out of Los Padres National Forest because a severely maimed llama took his seat on the rescue helicopter.

A family had run into trouble on a backpacking trip, and Green and two other photographers had been choppered in to cover the airlift operation. The people were fine, but their pack llama had stumbled off the trail and was in critical condition.

Everything was fine getting in. Once the llama was loaded aboard on his stretcher, however, the crew announced that the eight-passenger craft was too heavy. They'd have to hike out.

"We asked, 'Which way do we go?' And they pointed at the trail and said, 'We'll have a car pick you up at the end.' That was a long walk," Green reminisced.

A friend to strangers

He admits he has "a pretty good eye," but talent alone wouldn't have sustained a three-decade career in news photography that threw Green into raging forest fires and medical operating theaters, not to mention the foot of Pope John Paul II's pulpit.

"I've always been good at going into strange places, meeting strangers and making them feel comfortable," Green said.

It's also pretty good work for a Navy brat, who developed those skills as the family moved every couple of years. The younger of two brothers, Green was born in Honolulu while his father was stationed at Pearl Harbor. The family spent a few years in Arlington, Va., before moving to the San Francisco Bay area.

As a high schooler in Oakland, Green took a photography elective, then darkroom workshops at a local community college, and an afterschool job at a camera store. In 1978, he graduated from San Jose State University with a journalism degree, and celebrated with a road trip to "five or six states" to hand-deliver his resume to local newspapers.

The decision between The Salt Lake Tribune and The Salinas Californian, fate made for him. His mother had just been diagnosed with cancer — Green was 11 when his father died — so he chose to remain close to home.

He's lived and worked in Salinas since 1978, with the



Photographer Richard Green once studied under Ansel Adams, then put his refined eye to the task of breaking news for The Californian.

exception of a few months in 1987, when he had a temporary assignment to Washington D.C. as an editor for USA Today (owned by the same company as the Californian). He photographed the AIDS Memorial Quilt on the National Mall that October. Just weeks before, he'd captured Pope John Paul II celebrating Mass with 50,000 spectators at Laguna Seca Raceway. It was the county's largest recorded gathering, and while the rest of the media needed telephoto lenses, Green was the lone photographer permitted on the island in the middle of the track, feet from the pulpit.

A devout Catholic, Green had called in a favor.

"I was going to church at Madonna del Sasso (in Salinas). The priest there vouched for me, saying, 'I have this photographer, a former altar boy, a good Catholic...'" Green smiled.

Conflict zones

Green was one of two staff photographers at The Californian, accustomed to covering stories countywide. He'd squatted on the front lines of forest fires from Big Sur to

Arroyo Seco, but his first job on an actual firing line came in 1990.

Packed in with Fort Ord's 7th Infantry Division, Green was flown to cover the U.S. invasion of Panama. From the open door of an Apache helicopter, he photographed Operation Just Cause, which culminated in the surrender of Manuel Noriega, Panama's military dictator, and the permanent dissolution of the country's army.

The following year, he accompanied Fort Ord's troops to Saudi Arabia, photographing a country on the eve of conflict in the weeks leading up to Operation Desert Storm.

And yet "the greatest assignments in the world" weren't enough to occupy the prolific Green. At 70, he jokes he's "still too busy taking pictures to take pictures."

He retired from The Californian in 2010, when higher-ups insisted he choose between the paper and his side hustle as a freelance photographer. Green wasn't too bent out of shape. Thirty-two years in local news had introduced him to plenty of new friends, and many became clients.

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ey was used from savings and gradually paid back.”

The gallery was such a success that its walls soon filled up with art.

“Now everybody wanted to be a member,” the group said. “A members-only waiting list was started and folks waited years to get in.”

Nonprofit no longer

For the next quarter century, the organization continued to welcome new members and operate its Cannery Row gallery, but over the years, through some kind of paper-work glitch, it found itself in a precarious spot.

“Somehow we lost our nonprofit status,” artist and member Diane Grindol told The Pine Cone. “We spent the last year and a half working with an attorney and a certified public accountant to get the organization back on its feet.”

Along the way, the former nonprofit became a for-profit organization. But by changing only one word in its name — from foundation, to forum — it was able to keep its initials, which are prominently displayed above the entrance to its Cannery Row gallery.

Breaking sales records

Aside from the hiccup with the name, the group and its gallery are thriving.

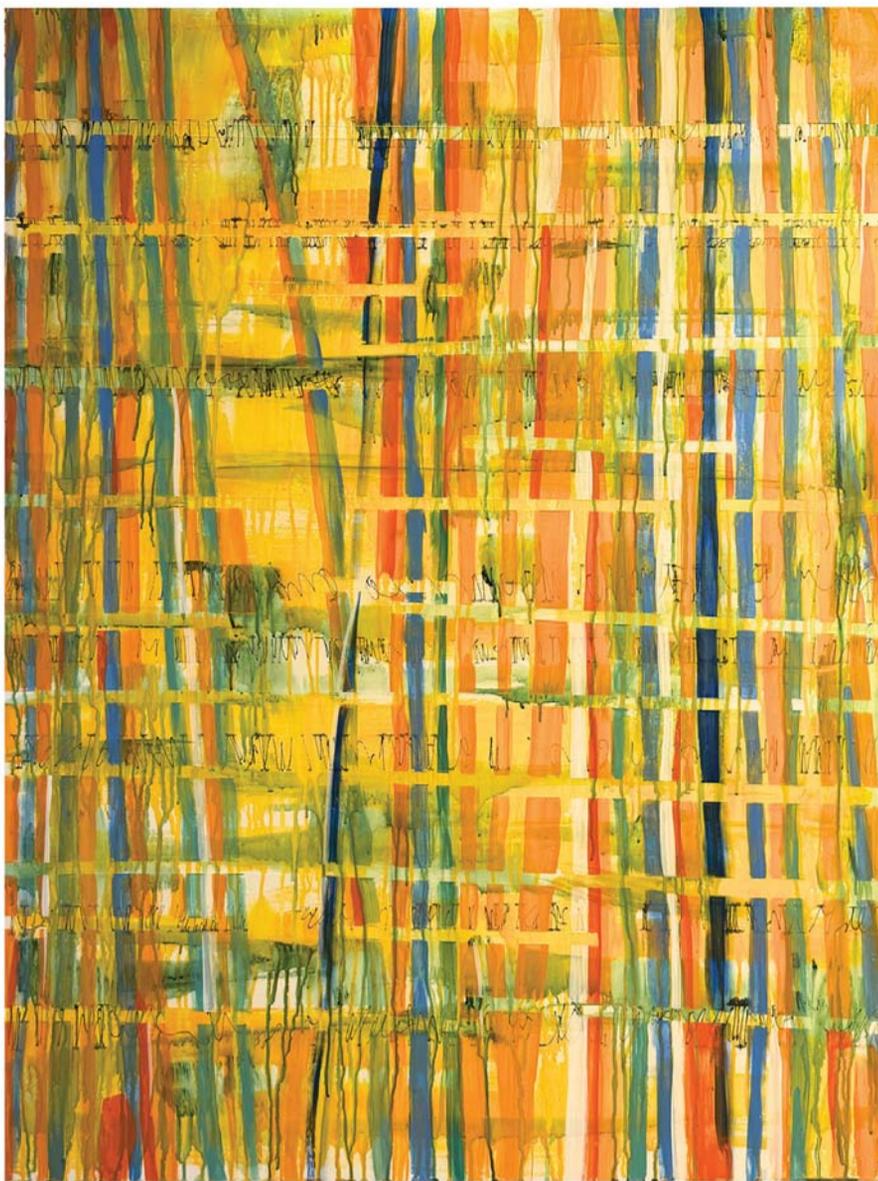
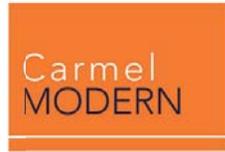
“It’s going so well,” Grindol explained. “We’ve been breaking monthly sales records. We’ve recently added six artists, bringing the total to 33. It’s still a co-op gallery, and we all work one shift each month. Our space is limited, and we’re maxed out.”

The gallery is on the first floor of an historic redwood building that was once used as a carriage house during the heyday of the sardine-canning industry in the early- to mid-20th century. In fact, the metal tank in its parking lot was once filled with fish oil.

Grindol said packing so much creativity into such a small place can be a bit chaotic at times. “It’s a little bit like herding cats, but there are a lot of rules that make it work,” she added.

The P.G. Art Center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave., and is open Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. The MPAF Gallery is located at 425 Cannery Row and is open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more details, call (831) 655-1267 or visit mpaf.org.

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Sunday jam sessions began as tribute to a Pine Cone reporter

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

STEVE SMABY sits at a table for two toward the back of the room, finishing his sandwich. Around 75 guests fill the Embassy Suites in Seaside, much like the days when he and his late wife would arrive there on the last Sunday of each month, settling in at their favorite table to savor "Lee Durley Presents Jazz at Embassy Suites." These days he comes by himself, yet he always reserves the chair next to him for her.

"You know, when I got my cochlear implant," he said, tapping a portion of the device above his left ear, "they told me to listen to jazz. The sound is a little electronic, but I love it. To think that my hearing had gone bad, and now here I am — listening to jazz and tapping my toe."

Lee Durley, also widely known as "The Maestro," is a

composer, vocalist and multi-instrumentalist, primarily on keyboards and percussion, who has performed all over the country. A fixture on the Peninsula scene, Durley traced the jam's origins back to a bittersweet moment.

Celebration of life

He launched "The Last Sunday Jam Session" in summer 1996, after The Pine Cone's beloved reporter and jazz writer, John Detro, passed away. A celebration of Detro's life was held at Monterey's Bay Park Hotel — now the Red Lion — and a large cadre of jazz musicians was invited to play.

"It was such an amazing event, but there were so many interested musicians, we couldn't get them all involved,"



Local Sunday jazz jams have been going on for 30 years.

said Durley. "So we said, 'Let's do this again on the last Sunday of the month,' and it became a tradition."

People come to listen from local communities and from out of town, said Durley, as do world-class musicians who come to play, often alongside homegrown artists. Among the locals is the popular Andy Weis Trio, a staple on the Peninsula scene, often appearing at venues like the Inn at Spanish Bay. The group includes Steve Uccello on bass, Gary Meek on keyboards, and Weis on drums, and they gathered to play on the last Sunday in February.

"The trio's playing today," announced Durley, who took the mic to introduce each artist. "But I'll play myself a little later."

Music and motion

As soon as the music started, conversation simmered down while the audience took in jazz standards as they were meant to be played. Listeners danced in their seats and sometimes sang along.

Durley spoke about the excitement of playing music throughout his legendary career, which began in Colorado when he was 15 and continues on the Peninsula to this day.

"Lee Durley is a great guy," said Pacific Grove's Sandy Shore, cofounder of internationally renowned Smoothjazz.com. "He is honest, deeply talented, and has been an integral part of our jazz community for years."

Nothing captures the magic better than watching these musicians at work: Uccello's hands gliding up and down the bass neck, Weis' sticks or brushes flashing from snare

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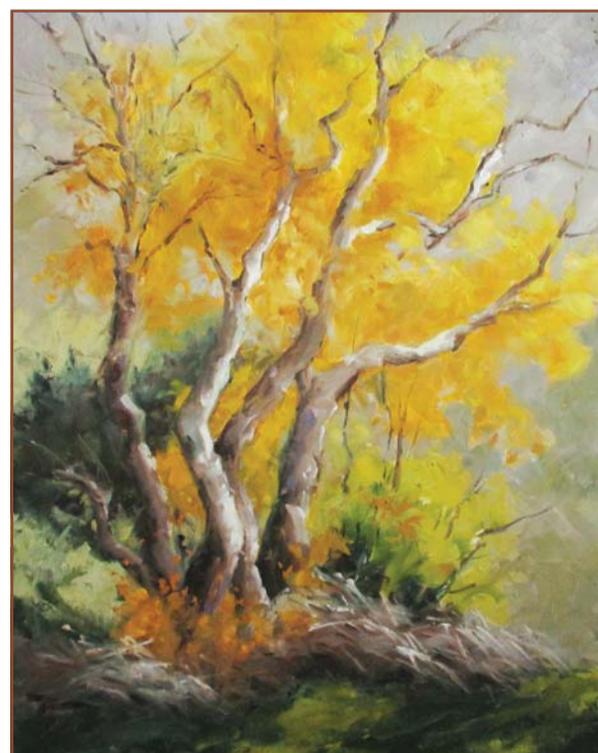
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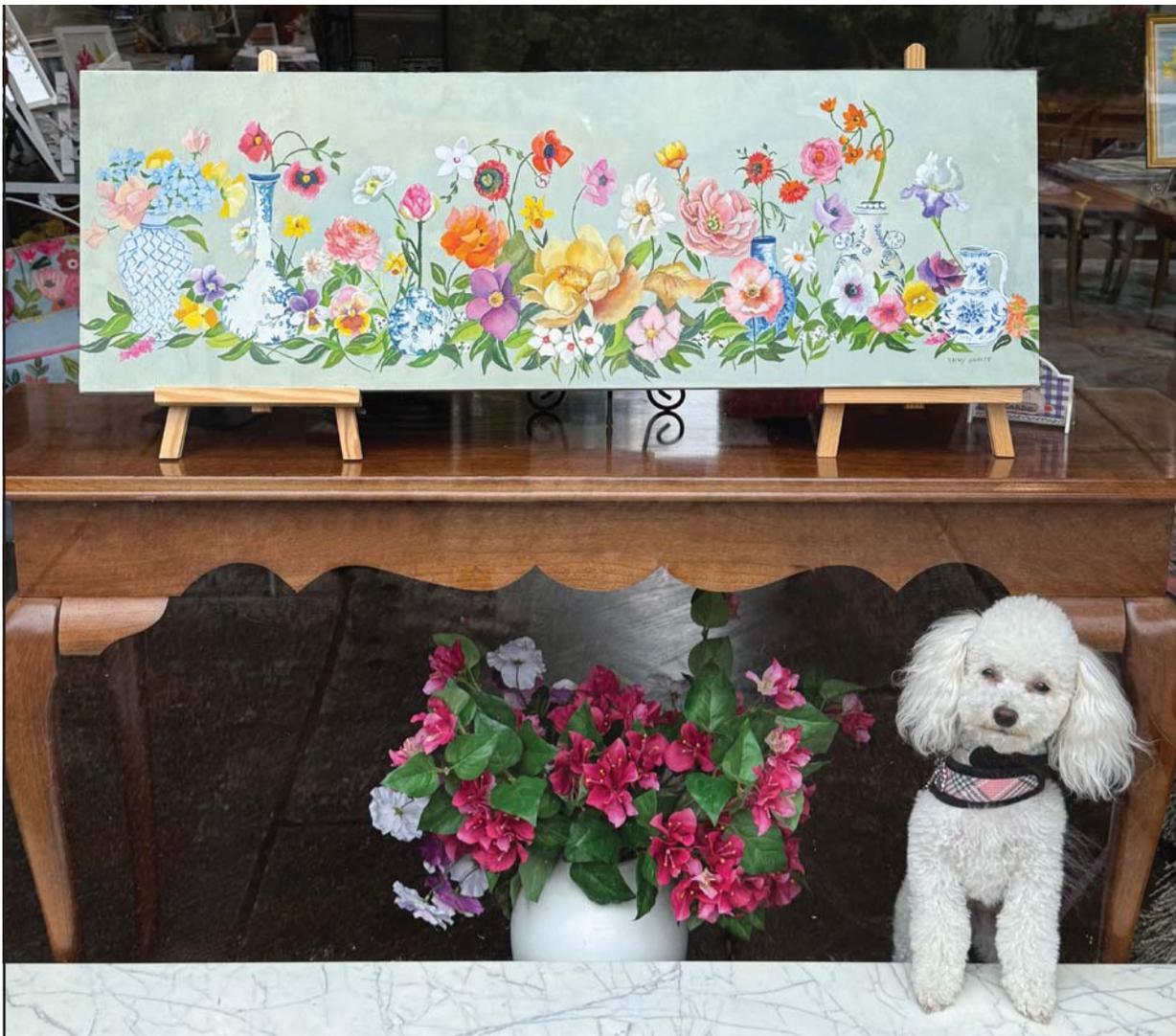
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“It started out with people approaching me saying, ‘Hey, you took a photo of my business one time, would you photograph this event for us?’ Every job has come by word of mouth,” said Green.

Of Monterey County’s ag giants, he’s captured many harvests for Tanimura & Antle, and Taylor Farms, and midnight grape-gathering in the Santa Lucia Highlands for Roar Wines and Pisoni Vineyards. For Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, perhaps his longest-standing client, Green has handled everything from fundraisers to major surgical procedures and was the only photographer who volunteered to capture the Covid-19 ward at the outbreak of the pandemic.

His nonprofit portfolio is just as rich, with clients including The Community Foundation for Monterey County, Alliance on Aging, and United Way. Many clients now

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The artistic legacy of **Joseph Jacinto “Jo” Mora** continues to enthrall those whose paths cross his – even **150 years** after his birth – October 22, 1876.

Read about his lasting impact on Monterey County in the new issue of *Carmel Magazine* and toast him with his signature cocktail – “More Mora” – Three dashes Curacao; one-fourth orange juice; one-fourth Italian Vermouth; one-half Dry Gin.

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to cymbals, Meek's fingers darting across the keys — all weaving into music that emerges alive and electric. The drums are like a heartbeat, the keyboard sparks in nimble frenzy, and the bass sways in a vertical swing dance — and audiences members rise and move to the beat.

As one listener put it, the room feels transported to a 1950s jazz club — where the crowd knows those rhythms as instinctively as the band riffs on them.

Monterey plastic surgeon Dr. David Morwood, a skilled jazz drummer who's performed at the Hyatt Regency, frequently joins Durley for impromptu sessions. So does retired local meteorologist and weatherman Jim Vanderzwaan. Whether he's on a traditional kit, congas, or bongos, Durley said, "Jim is quite a drummer."

"I call Jim to talk about music," Durley said. "And I still ask him what the weather's doing."

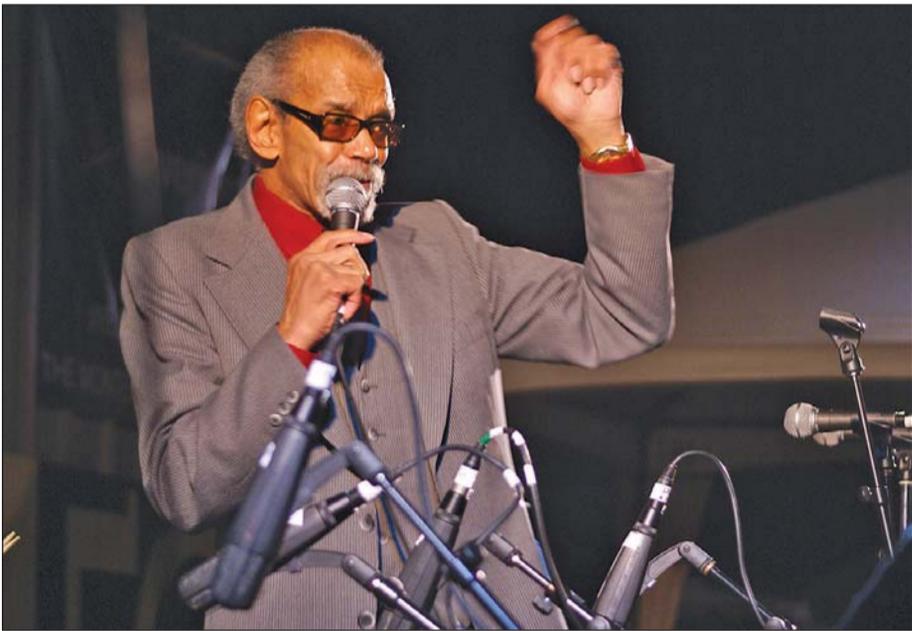
Vanderzwaan was playing jam sessions at the Monterey Hyatt some 25 years ago when Durley suggested they put a band together and perform for listeners on the now-defunct AM radio station, Magic 63.

"It kept growing from there, and I started filling in for Andy Weis at Spanish Bay," said Vanderzwaan in his baritone voice — familiar from his 32-year gig at KSBW — that practically exudes smooth jazz vibes. "We got to be good friends, and I started going to the jam sessions at Embassy Suites."

"I'm just out there making a living and making a life in music," said Durley, who also performs throughout the week for senior audiences at local assisted living facilities.

"This area has been so special to me. I'm blessed to get up every day and make music for people.

"Wherever I am, it's the same. I see a toe tapping, hear people singing — music connects us."



Lee Durley — aka "The Maestro" — presents monthly jazz sessions at Embassy Suites.

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consider Green a family photographer, snapping the action at their baby showers, anniversaries and family reunions.

Commercial jobs cover the mortgage, but it's not lost on Green that the home he shares with his wife, Diane, in Salinas is mere miles from Carmel-by-the-Sea — mecca for fine art photographers. And when Green was 25 and barely a year into his newspaper job, he studied under one of the greatest.

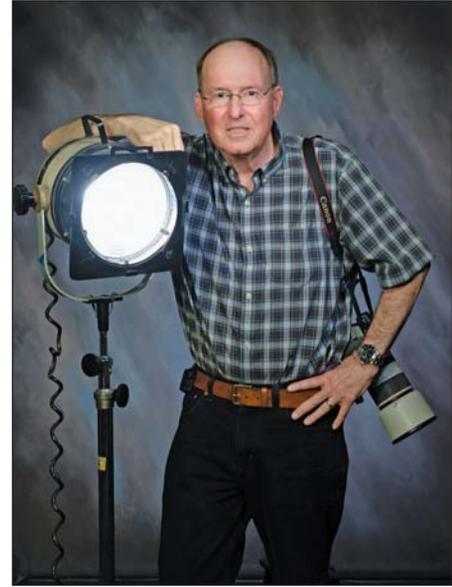
An assignment to shoot Ansel Adams at his Carmel Highlands home led to an invitation to join him and some photographers in Yosemite National Park. For several days, Adams took small groups up to a vista where they set up tripods and shot for hours at a time. It had a major impact on Green's career.

"Black-and-white photography was my first love, but that was the beginning of my love for large-format photography. I've really tried to bridge the gap between news photography and fine art," he reflected. Among his other influences — several of them friends — he numbers the Weston family, Wynn Bullock, Ryuijie, Martha Casanave, "and lots more."

New technology

The local scene also introduced him to Pepe Jimenez, who has become Green's business partner. They met when Jimenez was working at a camera store in Salinas, and again when he was a student in a photography class Green taught as an adjunct professor at Hartnell College. Then there's Jason Cook, Green's longtime studio mate and the fourth-generation owner of Cook's Photography in Salinas. Established on Main Street in 1879, it's reportedly one of the oldest portrait studios in the world.

With all due respect for the old masters, Green isn't a darkroom dogmatist. In 1998, his boss handed him his first digital camera, a cumbersome Kodak DCS 520



PHOTO/JASON COOK

Richard Green in the studio at Cook's

that captured images in "golf-ball-sized pixels," Green recalled. He reckons he was among the earliest adopters of Photoshop, but software hasn't replaced his mobile studio. He still shows up to every job with a trunk full of lighting rigs, lenses, tripods, even video equipment.

Video is his latest creative experiment — partly inspired by his oldest son, Weston, who runs a state-of-the-art production studio in Dubai. The move to video also fits with certain facts of modern life. Nowadays, even the Diocese of Monterey needs something to post on Instagram. Two weeks ago, Green and Jimenez documented the installation Mass for Bishop Ramon Bejarano.

It was an unmissable opportunity, especially for a Catholic. But since Diane's retirement from her 39-year career in special education, Green said he's trying to be more selective about the jobs he takes on.

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Mann was a complete unknown in 1985 when her band, 'Til Tuesday, rose to fame on the success of the single, "Voices Carry." The song became a new wave staple and earned the MTV Video Music Award for Best New Artist for the group. Along the way, Mann's spiked white hair

turned into a fashion statement.

While MTV and spiked hair fell out of fashion, Mann launched a career as a solo artist, earning critical praise and enjoy-

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

ing modest success in the 1990s. She also earned Academy Award and Golden Globe nominations in 1999 for her contributions to the soundtrack to the film, "Magnolia." Her career gained steam in the early 2000s with the release of six albums that made the Billboard indie album charts' top 10. But it would be another decade before she finally received a Grammy Award for her LP, "Mental Illness," which won "Best Folk Album" in 2018.

Tickets start at \$65. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth in Carmel. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit sunsetcenter.com.

Country music gold

Two-time Grammy Award-winning country music singer **Rodney Crowell** takes the stage Friday, 6

p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey. After more than a decade on the music scene, which included a stint in singer Emmylou Harris' band, Crowell achieved success in 1988 when his album, "Diamonds and Dirt," became a top 10 country hit, and spawned a string of five No. 1 songs, including "After All This Time," which earned him a Grammy for Best Country Song.

Since his debut in 1978, Crowell has released 20 studio albums, including his most recent, "Airline Highway," which came out last August. Tickets start at \$49.

Also, at Golden State this week is mariachi legend **Jose Hernandez** and **Sol de Mexico**, who appear Saturday at 8 p.m., and the **Silversun Pickups**, who perform Monday at 8 p.m.

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Country music star Rodney Crowell plays Friday at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

667. Soloists include soprano **Lori Schulman** and oboist **Peter Lemberg**.

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attended college. Their 2017 wedding at Holman Ranch featured lavender prominently in decorations, boutonnieres, and the bride's bouquet, as well as scented soaps the couple made for their guests.

Before returning home to L.A., they explored Carmel Valley Road, driving to its southeastern end. Along the narrow, winding roads leading to Arroyo Seco, they spotted a realtor's "for sale" sign with fliers for a 70-acre parcel of "raw land," as Ryan described it, sloping down a hill to a seasonal creek.



Ryan Hopkins and his wife found their happy place at Lavender Creek Co.'s farm in South Monterey County. Their business grows lavender and sells products to consumers and healthcare organizations. The harvest can also be used in cooking and cocktails.

They purchased it in 2019 and moved to Monterey County with their newborn baby the next year. Meanwhile, Ryan had been researching and reading about things to do with the land — with memories of the wedding — "zeroed in on lavender," a perennial with more than 400 varieties that live from seven to 15 years.

He and Myriah visited lavender fairs all over California. In Paso Robles, a man who propagates the plants professionally told Ryan, "It's like a weed," and it grows almost anywhere in well-drained soil, even poor soil.

"I probably can't mess that up," Ryan responded.

A year after a 416-foot well with a solar-powered pump (no PG&E) was installed, along with irrigation lines, Ryan started putting in thousands of Royal Velvet lavender plants — an English variety that can be used in cooking. After planting about half of them by himself (with some assistance from his father, who lives in Seaside and loves visiting the farm), he realized the season was slipping away and got some help.

That was 2021.

Cooking with flowers

Now, Lavender Creek Co. supplies two health systems with a total of 24 hospitals and is working on adding a third with 16 more. Other healthcare facilities across the country order wellness and relaxation products from the firm.

When Myriah went into labor with her second child in 2022, she insisted that Ryan bring along samples for Community Hospital's gift shop. Before they even checked out, the purchaser for the volunteer-run outlet called about selling their products and including them in tote bags handed out to new parents.

Culinary Cam — aka chef Camilla Mann — posted several lavender recipes on her website (culinarycam.com/post/lavender) after visiting the farm for the first time last June. Just like last year, Lavender Creek will host some weekend "you-pick" events that also include demonstrations of making lavender syrup and instruction in drying the harvest at home for decoration or culinary use. Yoga/sound bath classes are also held right in between the blooming rows, Ryan said.

He added that the buzzing bees — which are apparently far too busy gathering pollen to bother anyone — also contribute to the vibe. He said he's never had to



An upcoming wine dinner at Bud's at La Playa will feature bottles from New Zealand's Saint Clair Family Estate — shown here — as well as Tornatore wines from Sicily.

rent beehives as some farms do. The insects just found the place on their own and now hang out among the wildflowers on the perimeter, "waiting for harvest like it's Black Friday," he said.

Learn more and watch for upcoming events on the calendar at lavendercreekcompany.com.

If you want to meet Ryan, he'll be at Quail & Olive at 14 Del Fino Place in Carmel Valley Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. for a members-only event — but the olive oil, vinegar and culinary gift shop will be open for everyone — and he'll talk to anyone about his family-run enterprise.

■ Bud's hosts wine dinner

Sunny Shour, who managed The Pocket restaurant for several years before moving to La Playa Hotel and Brophy's in a management position for Marc & Rose Hos-

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WINE

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pitality, is hosting his first wine dinner at Bud's at La Playa March 12.

Collaborating with Maze Row Wine Merchants to showcase the wines of New Zealand's Saint Clair Family Estate and Tornatore winery on the slopes of Sicily's Mount Etna, the crew at Bud's has lined up a five-course dinner. Maze Row represents "a curated collection from world-class artisan wine producers who share our vision for crafting wines that epitomize terroir." The wineries distributed by Maze Row "have been making wine for generations with uncompromising devotion to their craft, and we seek to foster their work and share their stories."

Chocolate gelato

The March 12 dinner will start with Point Reyes oysters and Wairau Reserve sauvignon blanc, followed by tuna carpaccio with capers, shallots, lemon and grilled bread served with Etna Bianco carricante, the Etna DOC's most widely grown grape. The third course will feature braised Iberico pork and mushroom ragu accompanied by Etna Rosso nerello mascalese, while the fourth will be Pietrarizzo Etna Rosso poured to enjoy alongside roasted lamb saddle filled with merguez sausage. Tiramisu and chocolate gelato will round out the feast.

The cost is \$185 plus tax and tip. Bud's

is located in La Playa Hotel at Camino Real and Eighth. To reserve, contact Shour directly by cell at (909) 222-8750.

Talbot closing tasting room

E&J Gallo, the wine giant that acquired Talbot Vineyards from Robb Talbot a decade ago, is shutting the downtown Carmel tasting room it opened in 2021, so opportunities for tasting and buying are dwindling as the March 22 closure date approaches — though online purchasing will remain an option, of course.

Gallo filed worker adjustment and retraining notifications — commonly known as WARN notices — with the California Employment Development Department this month regarding the layoffs of a total of 138 employees at The Ranch Winery and Louis M. Martini in St. Helena, J Vineyards & Winery and Frei Ranch in Healdsburg, and E&J Gallo Winery in San Miguel, but nothing regarding its Monterey County operations.

Nonetheless, the crew in the downtown Carmel tasting room — the only venue in the city to be approved with permanent outdoor seating, incidentally — announced the closing.

"Like your favorite bottle or a beautiful dinner, all things must eventually come to an end," read the email sent to members by "Charlie, Grace, Madison, Mark, Ty and Vicky, Your Talbot Family."

"After much reflection, we have made the difficult decision to permanently close our tasting room, with our final sunset on March 22," the announcement reads.

The room is offering special deals on bottles during its final weeks and is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., with reservations highly recommended. For more information, go to talbotvineyards.com. The tasting room is located on the east side of Lincoln between Fifth and Sixth next to The Pocket restaurant.

Juice and Java reboot

The PG Meetinghouse — formerly known as Juice and Java — at 599 Lighthouse Ave. in downtown Pacific Grove, will celebrate its "relaunch" and ribbon-cutting Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. Scott Soifer, a former business executive, bought the café about two-and-a-half years ago when the original owner retired.

Soifer, a guitarist and singer,

See **REBOOT** next page



PG Meetinghouse — formerly Juice and Java in Pacific Grove — is having a "relaunch" Friday evening to showcase its updated décor and new beverages that complement a full schedule of evening entertainment.



Parent company E&J Gallo is closing Talbot Vineyards' Carmel tasting room on March 22. The room opened in 2021 and has been the scene of many enjoyable events.

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Tickets are \$60 for general admission, \$50 for seniors, \$20 for students and \$10 for kids. The church is at 501 El Dorado St. For tickets, go to ensemblemonterey.org.

Live music March 6-12

■ Big Sur

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

Fernwood Resort — **Kentucky Mule** (alt-country, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

■ Carmel

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

Carmel Mission Inn — singer and guitarist **Matt**

Masih (Tuesday at 5 p.m.), **Open Mic Night** (Wednesday at 6 p.m.). In the Shearwater Tavern, 3665 Rio Road.

Church of the Wayfarer — organist **Cathryn Wilkinson** plays music by Bach (baroque, Wednesday at noon). Seventh and Lincoln

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

Cypress Inn — singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, r&b and dance music, Friday at 6:30 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and pop, Sunday at 11 a.m.), **The David Morwood Jazz Band** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

Links Club — **Dan Cioper & The Jokers** (rock, Friday at 6 p.m.), **The Jay Middleton Party Band** (pop and rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

■ Carmel Valley

Bernardus Lodge — pianist **Joe Indence** (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.

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



Grammy Award nominee Jose Hernandez and Sol de Mexico perform Saturday, 8 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Folktale Winery — **Two Rivers** (pop and rock, Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Saturday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Monday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Tim Brady** (Thursday at 4 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Trailside Cafe — singer and guitarist **Dave D'oh** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

■ Monterey

Albatross Ridge Winery — singer and guitarist **Talmon Owens** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

Bulldog Sports Pub — **Tribe in the Sky** presents a weekly jam (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 611 Lighthouse Ave.

Hyatt Regency Monterey — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Reija Massey** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 1 Old Golf

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CALENDAR

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

March 6 & 7 – Soapbox StageWorks presents "Romance with a Twist," three incredible plays, **"Broken Yolks"** by **Jeff Westfield**, **"Wormwood"** by **Babara Blatner** and **"Hemlock Haven"** by **Karen Devaney**. Curtain is at 7 p.m. at the Stanton Centre Theatre, Monterey. For information and tickets, visit <https://www.soapboxstageworks.org>

March 6-8 – Jazz Bash By The Bay – classic jazz festival in Monterey at Portola Hotel & Spa with 20+ bands, 8 venues, swing, ragtime, blues, dancing.

March 11 – Carmel Public Library Foundation presents Community Night with the Library, "How the Brain Speaks: Unlocking the Neuroscience of Language," with Dr. Bruce Miller, Distinguished Professor of Neurology, UCSF, 7 p.m. at Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center, Carmel. Register on our website: carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. Questions: (831) 624-2811

March 12 – "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, March 12: **music of Schubert and jazz hymns.**

March 14 – The Monterey Elks Lodge, located at 150 Mar Vista Drive overlooking Monterey Bay, invites the Monterey Peninsula community to attend our **OPEN HOUSE** between 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to celebrate the **Lodge's 62nd Anniversary.** Families are welcome! Come learn about Elks USA and meet our Committees who will be available to answer questions about membership and the Elks Charities and Community Support Programs we sponsor e.g., Veterans Services, Youth Programs, Social Events and more. We will have music; food and drinks for purchase; a Kids Game Zone, and guided tours of our facility including the pool and our gym. For more information about this event, contact our Office Monday – Friday between 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at (831) 373-1285. Visit www.elks1285.com to learn more about our Lodge.

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Thursdays – Live jazz with The David Morwood Jazz Band, 6 to 9 p.m., at Terry's Restaurant + Lounge, inside Cypress Inn, Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel-by-the-Sea. For more information, please contact Cypress Inn, (831) 624-3871.

March 16 – "What's Happening at CSUMB?" – Dr. Vanya Quinones, president of CSUMB, will share her career-focused learning philosophy and her dedication to creating an engaging and connected community on campus for all. 2 p.m. Carmel Woman's Club, San Carlos and Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Open to the public. \$10/guests/members free.

March 26: The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) will present a luncheon lecture at the Monterey Marriott Ferrantes Room. Professor Mohammed Hafez of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) will present "The Great Unraveling? Iran's Islamic Republic on the brink". Visit <http://www.wacmb.org> for event registration and information.

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Oboist Peter Lemberg joins Ensemble Monterey when it plays Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in Monterey.

REBOOT

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used to perform at open mic nights there. When the chance to purchase it arose, he said yes without hesitation — and hasn't regretted it once.

Soifer remodeled "to swank the place up a little while holding onto the P.G. vibe," he explained. The redesign was led by his dedicated crew, whom he credits endlessly for their work on the decor as well as their ongoing energy and commitment.

"We changed the name from morning stuff to all-day stuff," Soifer said. With far more than coffee and pastries, it's truly a community gathering place. The adorable mascot, "Ralph Waldo Otterson," is a bespectacled, smartly dressed otter.

'All about community'

Soifer has continued what Juice and Java established — a living room, so to speak, for locals. Writers' groups, knitting circles, and everything in between meet there regularly.

The space is big, well-lit and welcoming, with a fire burning in the fireplace most mornings. It serves traditional coffee drinks — the French toast latte is a must-try — along with pastries, snacks and savory foods. In the evening, guests can enjoy an adult beverage while taking in live entertainment.

"We're all about community," Soifer said. His vision is to build a space centered around connection — particularly through music — and it seems he has done just that. Learn more at pgmeetinghouse.com or visit them on Instagram @thepgmeetinghouse.

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

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InterContinental Hotel — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Spanish, classical and jazz, Sunday at 9 a.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Midici Pizza — singer **Lee Durley** and keyboardist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Lauri Hofer-Romero** and keyboardist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel — pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Tuesday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Wednesday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

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

Sly McFly's — **Phil 'n' the Blanks** (classic rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The Pacific Jack Band** (classic rock, Monday

at 8:30 p.m.), **Blue Fire** (classic rock and modern funk, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **5 Star** (rock and soul, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.), **Bobby & Friends** (funk and soul, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

■ Pacific Grove

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.

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

PG's Meetinghouse — pianist **Michael Martinez** will play for a ribbon-cutting reception (Friday at 4 p.m.), **The Mystic Souls** (Latin r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Olaf Sciappacasse**, violinist **Elijah McCullar**, bassist **Antony Bianchini** and drummer **Alexis Olsen** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **The Rod Wilson Duo** (rock, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

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



Guitarist John Sherry plays rock and blues at three venues on the Monterey Peninsula this week.

■ 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 — multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Saturday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). In the Ter-

race Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

■ Sand City

Courtyard by Marriott — guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.). 800 Morgans Way.

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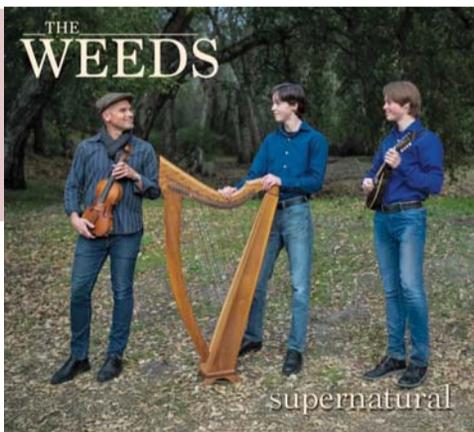
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ARTIST

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1988, Schrum found his career at California's Department of Corrections, working with men society had discarded.

"They'd been through hell," he says. "Some were molested as kids, chained to walls, abandoned. They didn't know what 'trauma' was — only that it followed them."

Schrum treated them not as cases, but as human beings seeking meaning. He built programs where inmates practiced journaling and learned to speak honestly about pain and guilt.

His compassion earned unusual respect from the inmates and prison staff.

"If there was a riot, the wardens sent me in to help negotiate a peace," he said.

He was simultaneously dealing with tumult at home, where he was the father

of two babies.

"My first wife suffered from borderline personality disorder and tried to kill me and the kids, so I became a single parent, raising two infants," Schrum said.

A four-time author

Lessons from fatherhood led Schrum to write two books related to parenting. One was sparked when his daughter, Lori, came home as a second grader with a surprising complaint.

"She said, 'They're only teaching us the ABCs in school, but I already know my ABCs ... I want to read!'" reminisced Schrum, who sat down and wrote a phonetic book for his firstborn child.

"Within a few weeks, she was reading, and within a short time, she was reading at a fourth-, fifth-, sixth-grade level," he said.

He later authored, "Old Woman in the Shoe Rethinks Parenting," asserting that spankings don't work.

"If you want your kids to do the right

thing, pay attention to those things they're doing right," he advised.

His fourth book, "The Ex-Offender's Guide to a Responsible Life," is described by Schrum as "a survival guide for people getting out of prison."

In 1997, Schrum married his second wife, Denise, whom he met while lecturing on how to have a positive relationship, whether you're married or not.

"After my presentation, a young woman approached me and said, 'I'd like to talk to you more about this subject,'" he remembered. "We went to a coffee shop and continued to talk. That's how we met, and we were married 23 years."

In 2010, the couple bought the home in Carmel Valley where Schrum still lives. In 2020, Denise died from an undiagnosed cancer that had spread to other organs.

"She was brilliant and competitive — really challenged me in chess and backgammon," he reminisced. "In the final year of her life, she actually became fluent

in both Hebrew and Spanish. When she passed away, I was pretty much broken."

In 2022, seeking a new outlet for his time and energies, Schrum — who had never painted — signed up for lessons with local artist Romanos Mattonen. Four years later, his progress will be on public display in P.G.

Schrum's son, David, is a correctional officer at High Desert Prison in Susanville. His daughter, Lori, is retired from a career in the Air Force and living in Alaska. Schrum has nine grandchildren, including two of Denise's grandkids.

The artist reception at Pacific Grove Art Center is scheduled for Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Other exhibitors will include Amanda Menefee, Diana Vernon, Christine Chatwell, Guna Hebbar, Bob Selin, Gordon Dill, Eva Bernstein and Robynn Smith.

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This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 23, 2026.

S/Timothy James Yee
Date signed: Feb. 24, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 24, 2026.

Publication Dates: Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 265)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260417

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
EVERY CADENCE STUDIOS, 10 Victoria Vale, Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
TIMOTHY JAMES YEE, 10 Victoria Vale, CA 93940.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 23, 2026.

S/Timothy James Yee
Date signed: Feb. 24, 2026
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Publication Dates: Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 266)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260355

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
The Ridge of Salinas, 350 Iris Drive, Salinas, CA 93906 - 3514
County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s):
Windsor The Ridge Rehabilitation Center, LLC, 9526 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035

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.
Windsor The Ridge Rehabilitation Center, LLC
S/ AVROHOM TRESS, MANAGER,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/13/2026.
3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27/26
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Publication Dates: March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026. (PC 301)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260441

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JM PAVING, EXCAVATING & UNDERGROUND ENGINEERING LLC, 1787 Judson St., Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
JM PAVING, EXCAVATING & UNDERGROUND ENGINEERING LLC.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 26, 2026.

S/Jason Maldonado, Member
Date: Feb. 25, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 25, 2026.

Publication Dates: March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 302)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260455

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LUQUIN BROS PARTY RENTALS, 18410 Van Buren Ave., Salinas, CA 93906.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
LUQUIN BROS 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 Feb. 14, 2026.

S/Jeremy Edward Mora, President
Date: March 3, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 3, 2026.

Publication Dates: March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 306)

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 27, 2026.

S/Ismael Luquin Jr., CEO
Date: Feb. 27, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 27, 2026.

Publication Dates: March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026. (PC 303)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260282

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE M. CONNECTION, 471 Wave St., Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
MARABEE KAY BOONE, 1118 Piedmont Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
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/Marabee Kay Boone
Date signed: Feb. 5, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 5, 2026.

Publication Dates: March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 304)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260476

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

1. CROP QUALITY PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT
2. EARLY RANCHO CALIFORNIA
25371 Markham Lane, Salinas, CA 93908.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
VISTA DEL MAR PRODUCE LLC, P.O. Box 405, Camarillo, CA 93011.
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 Feb. 14, 2026.

S/Jeremy Edward Mora, President
Date: March 3, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 3, 2026.

Publication Dates: March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 306)

Batch 45 Ref. No.: <SEE EXHIBIT "A"> APN: <SEE EXHIBIT "A"> **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER ASSESSMENT LIEN YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER ASSESSMENT LIEN. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On APRIL 7, 2026 at 10:00A.M., Vacation Ownership Title Agency, Inc., Authorized Agent under and pursuant to the Notice of Delinquent Assessment recorded on November 3, 2025 as Document No. 2025041010 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, in cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, state or federal credit union, state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in the State) AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT 168 W. ALISAL STREET, SALINAS, CA 93901, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said assessment lien in the property hereinafter described: Association: Pacific Grove Plaza Vacation Resort Association a California non-profit corporation Name of Reputed Owner(s): <SEE EXHIBIT "A"> EXHIBIT "A" PACIFIC GROVE PLAZA - BATCH 45 REF.NO. - APN - REPUTED OWNER(S) - UNIT NO. UNDIV.INT. - SEASON - USAGE - PARCEL II UNDIV. INT. - PARCEL IV UNDIV. INT. - ESTIMATED OPENING BID: BA0708 902-007-008-000 Rodney M. Erickson and Sandra A. Erickson, husband and wife as joint tenants R7C 1/51st WHITE ANNUAL 7.938% 5.160% \$3,269.56 AO1538 902-015-038-500 Eugene William Peterson, Trustee and Barbara King Peterson, Trustee of the Peterson Revocable Trust, dated March 19, 1987 R15CD 1/102nd RED BIENNIAL ODD 2.74% 1.78% \$1,812.56 BA1037 902-010-037-000 Albert W. Langevin and Claire M. Langevin, husband and wife as joint tenants R10CD 1/51st RED ANNUAL 6.221% 4.044% \$1,918.86 BA0319 902-003-019-000 Judith D. Haggerty, a married woman, as her sole and separate property, including interest of any current spouse R3BC 1/51st NOT SHOWN NOT SHOWN 7.075% 4.599% \$1,965.75 AA0819 902-008-019-000 Noreen D. Hermance, Trustee of the Hermance Family Trust dated June 21, 1990 R8C 1/51st NOT SHOWN NOT SHOWN 5.963% 3.876% \$2,925.11 AA0112 902-001-012-000 Lola Rich Shearer, an unmarried woman, including interest of any current spouse R1BC 1/51st RED NOT SHOWN 3.993% 2.594% \$3,065.56 Said Assessment Lien describes the following real property: <SEE EXHIBIT "B"> The property heretofore described is being sold "AS IS". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: A TIMESHARE ESTATE LOCATED AT 620 LIGHTHOUSE AVE., PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950 The undersigned Authorized Agent disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the unpaid Assessments secured by said Assessment Lien, with interest thereon, as provided herein, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Assessment Lien. At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above-described Assessment Lien and estimated costs and expenses is: <SEE EXHIBIT "A"> The Association under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned, written Declarations of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Assessment Lien. The undersigned caused the Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Notice of Delinquent Assessment and Claim of Lien to be recorded on December 3, 2025 as Document No. 2025045129 in the county where the real property is located and more than three (3) months has elapsed since such recordation. DATE: February 26, 2026 AUTHORIZED AGENT OR PARTY CONDUCTING SALE: VACATION OWNERSHIP TITLE AGENCY, INC. 7898 Mission Grove Parkway South #100 Riverside, CA 92508 By: Deborah Macias, Foreclosure Officer Vacation Ownership Title Agency, Inc. NPP0485667 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 03/06/2026, 03/13/2026, 03/20/2026

Publication dates: March 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC305)

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GALLERIES WELCOME NEW SHOWS, 2026 OPEN STUDIO TOUR SEEKS ARTISTS

FEATURING WORKS by more than 60 painters, sculptors, printmakers, mosaic artists, weavers and illustrators, the Carmel Art Association's annual Catalog Show opens this weekend and continues through the end of the month. "Each Artist Member will present two of their latest and greatest artworks, with every artwork showcasing

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

that artist's signature style and medium," the CAA's Lili Mendez said. "This exhibition, boasting a total of 132 artworks, captivates visitors with a display of individuality, beauty and exceptional quality."

The art association is on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth. An opening reception is set for March 14 at 4 p.m.



Painter Emily Hull-Parsons' "Popcorn Clouds" is featured in an exhibit at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

Old is new

Timed to coincide with downtown Pacific Grove's March 6 First Friday celebration — which celebrates its 16th anniversary — five new shows open at the Pacific Grove Art Center, including the Monterey Peninsula Art Forum's "Everything Old is New Again," which showcases the creative talents of its 70 artist-members who operate a co-op gallery on Cannery Row in Monterey. Once a nonprofit, the group recently celebrated its 50th anniversary by becoming a for-profit business.

Also new at the P.G. art center are shows by artists Robynn Smith & Eva Bernstein ("Emerging Narratives"), Gordon Dill, Guna Hebbar and Bob Selin ("The Common Thread of an Artist"), Christine Chatwell, Amanda Menefee, Harvey Shrum and Diana Verno ("Rhapsody in Brushstrokes"), and a group show by students from the Big Sur Charter School ("From the Oceans to the Trees").

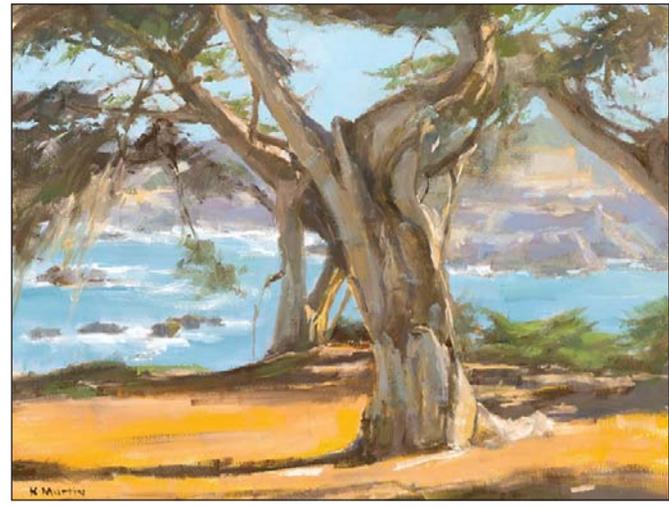
The exhibits will be on display through April 23. The art center hosts a reception Friday from 6-8 p.m. The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave. Go to pgartcenter.org.

Three sisters

Illuminating the lives of three sisters who helped shape the local art scene a century ago, librarian and author Wendy Van Wyck Good presents a free talk Saturday, 2 p.m., at California's First Theatre.

Educated at art schools in New York and Paris, Margaret, Esther and Helen Bruton were described by contemporaries as creative "geniuses" who "experimented boldly," "pushed boundaries" and "excelled in a wide variety of mediums and styles."

"Although celebrated for their achievements during the 1920s and 1930s, the Brutons cared little about fame, failing to promote themselves or their work," according to a description of the talk. "Over time, they and their impressive art careers were nearly forgotten."



Painter Kate Martin's "Morning Splendor" is included in a show that opens this weekend at the Carmel Art Association.

The First Theatre is located at Pacific and Scott streets in Monterey.

Early bird discounts

Registration is open to anyone who wants to participate in the 2026 Monterey County Open Studios Art Tour, which is set for Sept. 12-13 and Sept. 19-20.

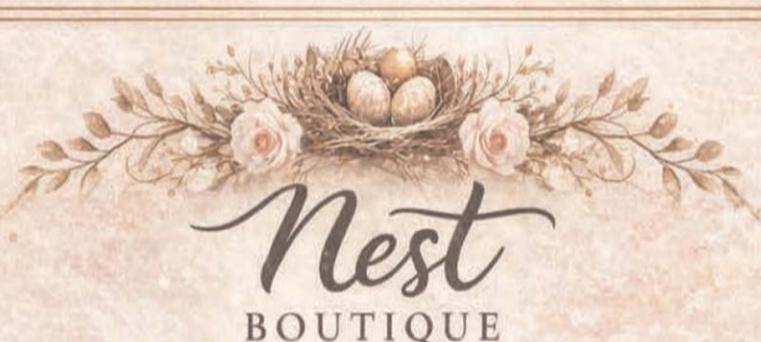
"Starting March 1, artists, galleries and arts organizations can secure their spot in one of the Central Coast's most anticipated cultural events," announced the Arts Council for Monterey County, which runs the yearly gathering.

The nonprofit encourages local artists to open their creative spaces and join the tour. "It is an invitation to pull back the curtain and share the creative journey, allowing neighbors and art lovers to connect directly with the hands and stories behind the work," the group said.

Individual artists signing up before March 15 save \$50, while groups doing the same can save \$100. For more details, visit arts4mc.org/open-studios-art-tour.

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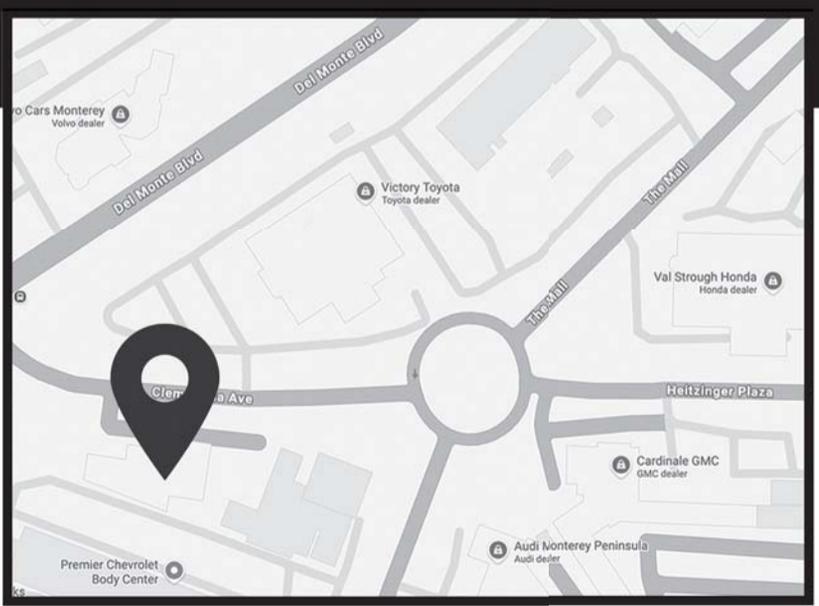
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■ This week's cover property, located in Pebble Beach, is presented by Christine Handel & Sarah Bouchier of Carmel Realty Company (See Page 2RE)



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417 San Carlos Street — \$9,250,000
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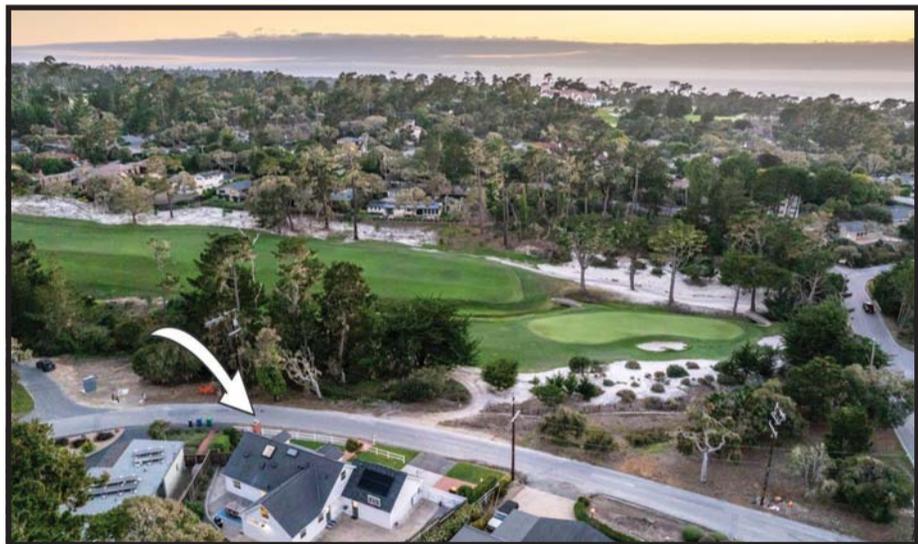
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New Listing	Palou 9 NW of Casnova	\$3,600,000	---	5
Contingent	NE Corner of Dolores & 11th	\$2,900,000	---	6
Sold	NE Corner 11th & Camino Real	\$4,500,000	---	182
Listing Canceled	8 & 9 Palou NW of Casnova	\$5,850,000	---	225

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The physicist and the columnist, both smart enough to know we're dumb

LITTLE KIDS are question-asking machines. “Why is the sky blue?” “How do fish breathe underwater?” “Why do I have a belly button?” “Why can't I see the wind?” And after getting the answer, they still ask “But why?” Kids are endlessly curious, and their questions often lead to fun, sometimes exasperating, but always revealing conversations.

So here's my question: Why do they stop when they get to school?

Richard Feynman, the legendary physicist, once asked, “What did you ask in school today?” It's a question that cuts to the heart of why so many of us lose that instinct to question as we grow up. Feynman also said, “I'm smart enough to know that I'm dumb” — a reminder that true wisdom starts with admitting what we don't know. Both ideas have stuck with me, especially as a columnist who's spent decades pretending to have answers.

School is more structured than a kid's freewheeling curiosity. Teachers guide discussions and lessons, so kids

focus on absorbing information rather than questioning everything. As we grow, we learn what's “cool” or acceptable. Constantly asking “why” might not fit in with peers, so we adapt. We start to self-edit, worried about sounding “silly” or “wrong.”

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

Teachers are authority figures, and the classroom isn't always a safe space for unfiltered wonder.

I was a curious kid, but I was the third child, and my parents stopped answering endless questions after my older brother was born. Besides, my father's formal education ended in the sixth grade. He wasn't a storehouse of academic information. But ask him about Whirlaway's

time in the 1941 Kentucky Derby and he'd rattle it off down to a fifth of a second — Eddie Arcaro was the jockey, Ben Jones the trainer for Calumet Farms, and Whirlaway, out of Dustwhirl by Blenheim, won the Triple Crown. He would've crushed “Jeopardy.” (“I'll take Derby Winners for \$800, Alex.”) Dad knew his lane. He was smart enough to know what he didn't know — just like Feynman.

Questions wanted

Looking back at my 16 years of formal education, I can remember only two teachers who challenged me by asking questions rather than delivering lectures. Decades later, I still remember them as the best instructors I ever had. I've even kept their textbooks: “Readings in Western Civilization” (1951), which spans from the Code of Hammurabi to Julian Huxley, and “A Treasury of the Theater,” from Ibsen to Arthur Miller. No, I wasn't a theater major, but I

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POLICE LOG

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Pacific Grove: A 69-year-old female was arrested at Congress Avenue and Short Street for DUI with a blood alcohol content over .08 percent. Cited and released to a sober adult.

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office reported no calls on the Monterey Peninsula.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Candy store on Ocean Avenue reported an attempted theft over the phone. An unknown male disguised as an IT technician called the business. He convinced the employee to send money (over \$1,000) to the caller via credit card.

Pacific Grove: No calls to report.

Seaside: Seaside P.D. was called to a vehicle rollover on Gen. Jim Moore Boulevard. The sole occupant and driver, a 32-year-old male, was found to be intoxicated. He was not seriously injured, and no other vehicles were involved. He was arrested on DUI charges.

Carmel Valley: Report of juvenile assault on Carmel Valley Road involving an unknown suspect and a 12-year-old male victim.

Carmel Valley: A Tassajara Road resident was placed on a 5150 W&I hold [danger to self or others].

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Pacific Grove: Peace disturbance.

Pacific Grove: Stolen personal property. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle marked for 72-hour parking.

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enjoy reading a play before or after seeing it. Those teachers turned their classrooms into places where questions mattered as much as answers. Feynman would've approved.

Most classes, though, were about memorization and regurgitation. The message was clear. Know the right answers, not the right questions. But Feynman's approach — both as a scientist and a teacher — was the opposite. He thrived on "I don't know." He saw curiosity as the engine of discovery. His famous investigation into the Challenger disaster began with a simple, childlike question: "What happens to the O-rings when it's cold?" He dropped one into ice water and watched it fail. His question led to the truth.

When I was interviewed for a job as a columnist for The Monterey Herald more than 20 years ago, the editor asked why I believed I could write a column. I told her I thought I was Andy Rooney. But if she'd

asked what made me think I could write a column every week, I probably would've bolted from her office.

Feynman's, "I'm smart enough to know I'm dumb," isn't about self-deprecation. It's about intellectual honesty. I didn't have all the answers — still don't — but I had questions and a willingness to explore them publicly. That's all a columnist really needs. I don't think readers want omniscience. They want someone who's curious enough to dig, humble enough to admit confusion, and brave enough to ask "why?" in print.

Hold on to the wonder

So why do we stop asking? Somewhere along the way, we learn to fear the response more than we fear not knowing. We'd rather nod along than risk looking foolish. But the best learners — whether they're scientists, teachers, or columnists — never lose that childlike curiosity.

I think of my dad, with his encyclopedic knowledge of horse racing. He never pretended to be an expert on Shakespeare

or calculus. He knew his limitations. None of us is as smart as we'd like to think. But if we're smart enough to know we're dumb — if we hold onto that childlike wonder — we keep learning.

So, here's my Feynman-inspired challenge. Next time you're in a conversation, ask a question instead of offering an answer. Admit when you don't know

something. Rekindle that curiosity. Read a play. Watch the Derby in May. Drop an O-ring into ice water. Write a column. The world needs more people who are brave enough to ask the questions — and smart enough to know they don't have it all figured out.

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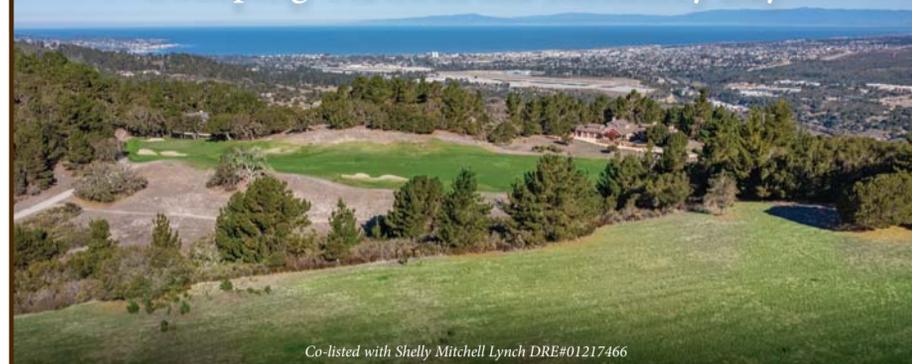
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3850 Rio Rd 63 Carmel
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\$1,178,000 2bd 2ba Sa 12-2
148 Del Mesa Carmel
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\$1,240,000 3bd 3ba Sa Su 12-2
83 High Meadow Lane Carmel
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\$1,550,000 3bd 2ba Sa 3-4:30
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Monterey Coast Realty 650-759-4193

\$1,675,000 3bd 2ba Su 11-1:30
3610 Oliver Rd Carmel
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\$2,395,000 3bd 3ba Fr 11-1 Sa 10-12, 1-3 Su 10-12
SE Corner of 4th Ave and Torres St Carmel
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\$2,395,000 4bd 4ba Sa 12-6 Su 11-3
28069 Heron Court Carmel
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\$1,235,000 2bd 2.5ba Sa 11-1
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\$2,485,000 3bd 4ba Sa Su 12-3
13370 Middle Canyon Road Carmel Valley
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\$2,795,000 3bd 2.5ba Sa 1-3
13369 Middle Canyon Road Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE 601-6271

CORRAL DE TIERRA

\$1,299,000 3bd 3.5ba Sa 1-3
274 Corral De Tierra Road Corral de Tierra
Sotheby's Int'l RE 277-8622

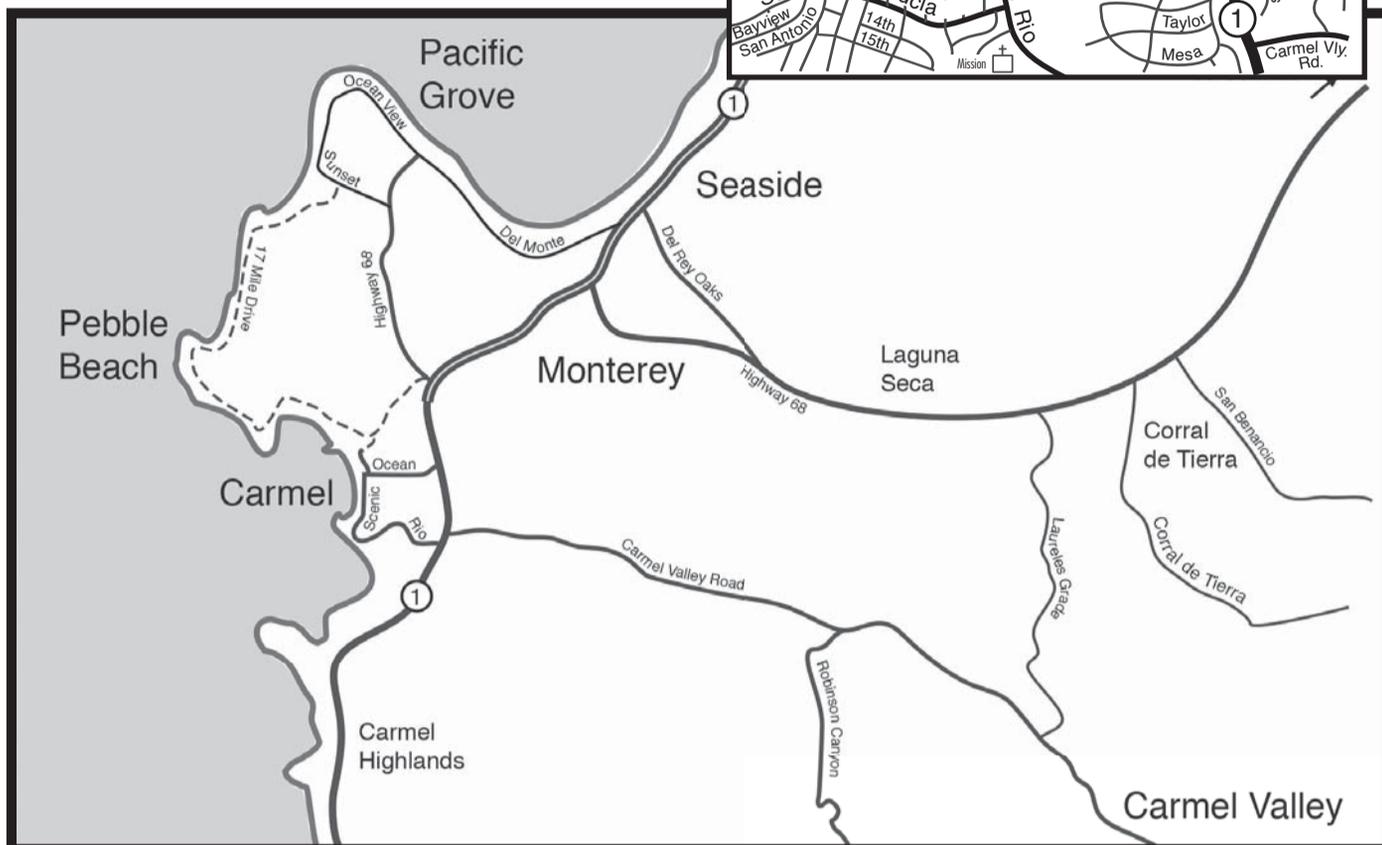
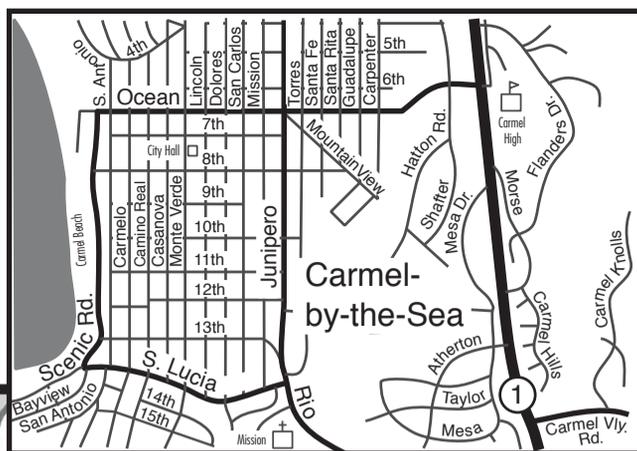
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\$2,100,000 5bd 4.5ba Su 2-4
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\$999,000 3bd 2ba Sa 2-4
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Monterey Coast Realty 277-6728

\$1,049,000 4bd 3ba Su 2-4
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642 Cypress Street Monterey
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\$1,049,000 3bd 2ba Sa Su 12-2
748 Alice St Monterey
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\$1,120,000 3bd 2ba Sa Su 11:30-1
1201 Hoffman Ave Monterey
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\$1,199,000 3bd 2ba Sa Su 1-3
779 Alice Street Monterey
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150 Shady Lane Monterey
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\$1,350,000 2bd 2ba Fr 3:30-5 Sa Su 2-4
691 Fernwood Ave Monterey
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\$1,595,000 4bd 3ba Fr 2-4 Sa 10-12, 1-3 Su 11-3
721 Oak St Monterey
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\$1,599,000 3bd 1ba Sa 12-3 Su 1-3
272 Clay Street Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE 214-2545

\$1,650,000 4bd 2.5ba Su 1-3
1100 Castro Rd. Monterey
Compass 238-1380

\$1,198,000 3bd 2ba Su 1-3
1321 David Avenue Pacific Grove
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\$1,525,000 2bd 2ba Sa 1-3
311 Lobos Avenue Pacific Grove
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\$1,650,000 3bd 2ba Sa Su 11-1
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SALINAS

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the Monterey Peninsula.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman in the area of Junipero and Vista was heard screaming for help at 0612 hours. Medical.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found cell phone at Carmel Beach.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Ocean and Carpenter at 2336 hours led to an arrest for fentanyl and other narcotic charges. Officer initiated a vehicle stop on a Ford F-150 for vehicle code violations. The 29-year-old male subject driving the vehicle was on searchable probation. The ensuing probation search yielded narcotics that were concealed in a backpack.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle stuck in the sand at Ocean and Del Mar at 2358 hours. The 43-year-old female driver from Watsonville was contacted and arrested for DUI. She was released on a citation.

Pacific Grove: At about 1709 hours, an officer was dispatched for possible harassment at a business in the 100 block of Central Avenue. The reporting party requested PGPD admonish the subject for trespassing and completed a trespass arrest authorization letter. The officer has not made contact with the subject. Attempts will continue until contact is made.

Pacific Grove: A 41-year-old female David Avenue resident was arrested on multiple charges and taken to county jail. She was booked on charges of vandalism, fondling,

false imprisonment, public intoxication, obstructing/resisting arrest, and contempt of court.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism to a sprinkler system and a rodent abatement trap at a property on 12th Street. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Medical call on Lighthouse Avenue. Dead body found. Monterey County Coroner was notified.

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office reported no calls on the Monterey Peninsula.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Exhibition of speed at Highway 1 and Rio Road at 1248 hours. When the light turned green, the 23-year-old male driver of a white Ford Mustang quickly accelerated, revved his engine and peeled out while losing traction on his rear tires — in front of the officer. He was cited and released at the scene.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Assault with deadly weapon (vehicle) at Dolores and First. Domestic issue. Case forwarded to the district attorney's office for review.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigated a hit-and-run against two parked vehicles at Dolores and Fourth. One of the involved victim vehicles captured the incident on a dash camera. Through this video and Flock cameras, the investigating officers were able to track down the driver, who was in a 2008 blue Mercedes, and he admitted to colliding into the vehicles. Case forwarded to the district attorney's office for prosecution.

Pacific Grove: Felony vandalism on Asilomar Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle at Ocean View and Seventh was marked for 72-hour parking.

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25603 Creekview Circle — \$1,730,000

Stephen Church to Divine R and C LLC
APN: 161-554-015

Marina

292 Quebrada del Mar — \$918,000

Amanda and Fred Wehling to Sean Mikawa and Ly Nguyen
APN: 032-553-018

605 Santa Ynez Way — \$1,193,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Pacific Time Homes LLC
APN: 031-313-005

2741 Ocean Bluff Avenue — \$1,293,000

Shea Homes LP to Jin and Keishun Jung
APN: 031-298-007

3084 Arroyo Drive — \$1,574,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Ravindran and Dhanalakshmi Sankaran

APN: 031-311-050

611 Santa Lucia Way — \$1,596,500

The Sea Haven LLC to Parivash Bevalian
APN: 031-312-053

3019 Bluffs Drive — \$1,797,000

Steven and Margaret Spector to James and Ilona Bate
APN: 031-275-037

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250 Forest Ridge Road — \$630,000

Kenneth Doerr and Tali Freed to Barbara McGaughey
APN: 014-141-045

1178 Del Monte Avenue — \$745,000

Jane Lewis to Javier and Rosa Ramirez
APN: 001-823-006

167 Eldorado Street — \$760,000

Amy Martinetto to Blair Cushing
APN: 001-672-034

4 Sierra Vista Drive — \$800,000

Laurie Classen to Brent Waldman
APN: 001-902-010

542 English Avenue — \$850,000

Marie Maggiore to Richard and Alice Nutt
APN: 013-143-004

926 Roosevelt Street — \$1,048,000

Bozidar Horn to Anthony and Thalia Jones
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443 Watson Street — \$1,600,000

Caren Clay to 443 Watson LLC
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 26CV000545
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, DEBRA STEPHENS, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: DEBRA STEPHENS
Proposed name: DEBRA LEDGER

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

NOTICE OF HEARING:

DATE: April 7, 2026
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DEPT: 14

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

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

(s) Ian A. Rivamonte
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Feb. 3, 2026
Publication Dates: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026. (PC 222)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260224
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

IL FORNAIO, Ocean Ave. at Monte Verde, Carmel By The Sea, CA 93921.
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.: DE
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 16, 1995.
S/Michael Beatrice, CEO
Date: Jan. 27, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 29, 2026.
Publication Dates: Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026 (PC 225)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260121
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. WURIMAL SARANG
2. WURIMAL
935 Lighthouse Ave., Apt. 19, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
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This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 12, 2026.
S/Yun-Hee Rhoades-Ko
Date signed: Jan. 16, 2026

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE CHANNAORAH MEIR, aka CHANNA ORAH MEIR, and WENDY MILLER CASE NO. 26PR000061

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CHANNAORAH MEIR, aka CHANNA ORAH MEIR, and WENDY MILLER.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by NICOLE MILLER ROBINS and LISA DANIELLE MILLER in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that NICOLE MILLER ROBINS and LISA DANIELLE MILLER 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: April 1, 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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 16, 2026.

Publication Dates: Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026 (PC 227)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260062
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

PEQUENOS MILAGROS DAYCARE, 209 La Mesa Dr., Salinas, CA 93901.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
CAROLINA DE LOS SANTOS-LAINEZ, 209 La Mesa Dr., 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 Dec. 13, 2025.

S/Carolina de Los Santos-Lainez
Date signed: Jan. 8, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 8, 2026.
Publication Dates: Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026 (PC 228)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260095
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

R & R HEATING AND SHEET METAL SERVICE, 1637 Del Monte Blvd. #B, Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

R & R HEATING AND SHEET METAL SERVICE LLC, P.O. Box 271, Marina, CA 93933.
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. 14, 2026.
S/Rudy Lionel Lopez Canchola, Managing Member
Date: Jan. 14, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 14, 2026.
Publication Dates: Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026 (PC 230)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260323
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

HABIBI'S KABAB, 223 Reindollar Ave., Suite A-1, Marina, CA 93933.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
MAY SAID ALSHAIDAT, 152 Via Vaquero Sur, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045.
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/May Alshaidat
Date signed: Feb. 11, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 11, 2026.
Publication Dates: Jan. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026 (PC 231)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260326
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

CENTRAL COAST MARKETING STRATEGIES, 620 Lighthouse Ave. #165, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
BRENDA DE LA PAZ ESTRADA MADRANO, 1157 San Rafael St., Soledad, CA 93960.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 11, 2026.

S/Brenda de la Paz Estrada Maadrano
Date signed: Feb. 11, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 11, 2026.
Publication Dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 2026 (PC 236)

Registered Owner(s):
SELINA SAHBA.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 11, 2026.

S/Selina Sahba
Date signed: Feb. 11, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 11, 2026.

Publication Dates: Jan. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026 (PC 232)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260324
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

TERIYAKI MADNESS, 1606 N. Main St., Salinas, CA 93906.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

AZASA INC., 1674 Noreen Dr., San Jose, CA 95124.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Avez Bashadi, CEO
Date: Feb. 11, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 11, 2026.
Publication Dates: Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026 (PC 233)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260050
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. LUMINOUS BEING
2. GOLDYIN
3. GOLDEN LIGHT HEALING CRYSTALS
4. SYMBOLIC MEANING OF A FLOWER
5. HARMONY WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY
6. HARMONY BOUDOIE PHOTOGRAPHY
7. TSAR IMPERIA
45560 Carmel Valley Road, Greenfield, CA 93927
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

ROYAL GOLD STAR 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.
S/Morningstar Faiada, Manager
Date: Jan. 8, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 8, 2026.
Publication Dates: Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026 (PC 234)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260335
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

LUNA ROSE & ESENCIA, 1157 San Rafael St., Soledad, CA 93960.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
BRENDA DE LA PAZ ESTRADA MADRANO, 1157 San Rafael St., Soledad, CA 93960.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 11, 2026.

S/Brenda de la Paz Estrada Maadrano
Date signed: Feb. 11, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 11, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260336
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

FLOR DE LA MONTANA TRIQUI, 1600 Monterey St., Apt. 12A, Soledad, CA 93960.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
IRAIS HERNANDEZ GUZMAN.
This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 11, 2026.

S/Hernandez Guzman Irais
Date signed: Feb. 11, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 11, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260338
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

OWL STEAM ACADEMY, 222 Katherine Ave., Salinas, CA 93901.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
ROBERTA KATHERINE CHATMAN, 222 Katherine Ave., Salinas, CA 92901.
This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 12, 2020.
S/Roberta Chatman
Date signed: Feb. 12, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 12, 2026.
Publication Dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 2026 (PC 240)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260341
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

NEST NUTRITION, 25770 Partridge Pl., Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

DENISE KLEIN NUTRITION LLC, 25770 Partridge Pl., Carmel, California 93923.

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 Feb. 12, 2026.

S/Denise Klein, Manager
Date: Feb. 12, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 12, 2026.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260276
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

COASTLINE JUNK REMOVAL, 39 Navajo Dr., Salinas, CA 93906.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

SALINAS VALLEY APPLIANCE REPAIR, INC., 1628 N. Main St., Salinas, CA 93906.
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 Oct. 20, 2025.
S/Frank Jacobo, President
Date: Feb. 3, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 3, 2026.
Publication Dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 2026 (PC 243)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260253
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

America's Tire, 75 Iron Point Circle, Suite 180, Folsom, CA 95630, County of Sacramento

Registered Owner(s):
Southern California Discount Tire Co., Inc., 20225 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255.

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 12, 2013.

S/David Scott Fehrmann, Secretary
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/02/2026.
2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13/26
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Publication Dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 2026. (PC 246)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260366
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

ANTHEM CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING, 577 Powell St., Salinas, CA 93907.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
TIMOTHY MICHAEL OXENDINE.
This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 18, 2026.

S/Timothy Oxendine
Date signed: Feb. 18, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 18, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260360
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MYCARD.GOLF, 21112 Country Park Rd., Salinas, California 93908.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

KINGMAN TECHNOLOGY GROUP LLC, 21112 Country Park Rd., Salinas, CA 93908.
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/John Thomas Kingman, CEO
Date: Feb. 17, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 17, 2026.
Publication Dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 2026 (PC 248)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260102
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

ALL GOOD THINGS, 58A Calera Canyon, Salinas, CA 93908.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
THOMAS JOSEPH SILVA.
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/Thomas Silva
Date signed: Jan. 13, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 14, 2026.
Publication Dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 2026 (PC 249)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 20260243
Filing type: ABANDONMENT:
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: April 2, 2025
File No.: 20250628

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **R & R ROOFING, 15032 Del Monte Farms Rd., Castroville, CA 95012.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

R & R CENTRAL COAST LLC, 1418 S. Main Street, Ste. 203, Salinas, CA 93908.
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. 13, 2026.
S/Ryan Roche, Manager
Date: Jan. 23, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 30, 2026.

Publication dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 2026. (PC250)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260272
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. NATURE SPIRIT
2. BIG SUR HANDWORKS
3. BRIGGA'S GARDEN
46190 Clear Ridge Road, Big Sur, CA 93920.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
BRIGGA MOSCA CRIPE, 46190 Clear Ridge Road, Big Sur, CA 93920.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 3, 2026.

S/Brigga Mosca
Date signed: Feb. 3, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 3, 2026.
Publication Dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 2026 (PC 251)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 20260372
Filing type: ABANDONMENT
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: Dec. 20, 2023
File No.: 20232269

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **RODDERS ON DUTY, 3325 Abdy Way, Marina, CA 93933.**
Registered Owner(s):
STEPHEN CARL OLSON, 3325 Abdy Way, Marina, CA 93933

This business is conducted by an individual. S/Stephen Carl Olson
Feb. 17, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 18, 2026.
Publication dates: Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, 2026. (PC252)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260203
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. THE JOY OUTPOST
2. JOY OUTPOST
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.:

ENGELMAX, 655 Jewel Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: FL
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb

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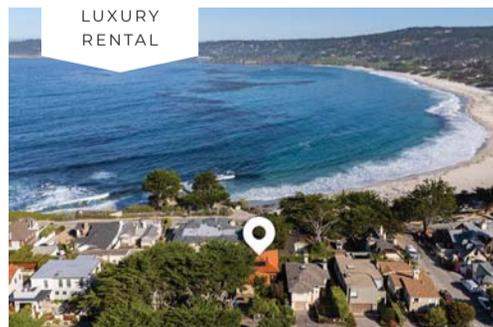
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