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WWII Code Talker meets Marines at DLI

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO-HUNDRED-and-fifty U.S. Marines who are studying at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey met a living legend last Saturday — 98-year-old Peter MacDonald, one of just two surviving Navajo Code

Talkers whose linguistic abilities helped the Allies defeat Japan during World War II.

“The event brought together Marines studying foreign languages to hear MacDonald reflect on his service during World War II and the role Navajo Code Talkers had in creating an unbreakable code that helped Allied forces communicate quickly and securely in combat,” according to the Presidio of Monterey.

Beyond sharing wartime stories, MacDonald “emphasized the enduring power of language in military operations,” and encouraged the soldiers to “recognize the impact their own language training may one day have in support of missions around the world.”

Dramatic version

A 2002 film, “Windtalkers,” which dramatizes the story of the Navajo Code Talkers and stars actor Nicolas Cage, shows how a small band of Native American soldiers helped save lives and had a big impact on the effort to win the war.

Because very few non-Navajo people could speak or understand the language in the 1940s — and it lacked a written form — the Allies

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PHOTO/PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY

Navajo code talker Peter MacDonald meets with Marines at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey Saturday.

Restaurateur nabbed on multiple child-molest charges

By MARY SCHLEY

DEXTER SALAZAR — who opened a restaurant at San Carlos and Sixth in 2014 and remained part of its ownership until last year — was arrested by Marina police Friday for child molestation and other charges. The arrest came days after a woman requested a restraining order to keep Salazar, who lives on Lazarro Drive near the Carmel Mission, away from her and five children due to alleged emotional, physical and sexual abuse.

Detective Sgt. Chris Johnson said his agency received information from Monterey County Child Protective Services and the Monterey Police Department on March 3 regarding the sexual assault of a minor that occurred in Marina several years ago.

“Our investigations bureau took over the case, and after a thorough investigation, sought a warrant for the suspect,” he said. Salazar was reportedly at his mother’s house in Marina, so his vehicle’s license plate was entered into Marina’s license-plate-reading camera network.

On March 13, shortly after 10 a.m., the system, which

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Marina officers and detectives arrest Dexter Salazar after conducting a traffic stop on his car.

POLITICIANS HEAR PUBLIC’S CRY OVER PRICE OF GAS

IT’S HARD out there for a driver of an internal-combustion engine vehicle with gasoline prices topping \$5.61 a gallon this week in California. Crude oil prices hovered around \$100 a barrel this week, up around 40 percent since February, thanks to President Donald Trump’s war with Iran and the ensuing disruption to global trade. Nationally, the conflict has resulted in the highest gasoline prices since

Meanwhile, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is calling for the California Air Resources Board to place “an immediate moratorium on costly regulations overburdening California refineries,” which is already a hot potato of an issue in Sacramento.

In January, the air board updated its cap-and-invest program — formerly known as cap-and-trade — and in May, it’s set to vote on the new regulations, but lawmakers are sounding the alarm that the new rules will drive gas prices even higher.

Democrats push back

Cap-and-invest requires companies to limit carbon emissions or buy credits at auction to keep emitting. The updated rules released this year would slash the number of credits available for purchase in hope of reducing air pollution. However, fewer credits also mean higher costs for the oil, gas and electricity industries — which will, of course, be passed onto you.

Fifteen Democratic legislators wrote a letter to air resources board chair Lauren Sanchez earlier this month, asking her to reconsider the changes in light of soaring gasoline prices. The gist was that California’s climate goals should not come at the expense of those least able

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Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

2023, with drivers paying an average of \$3.88 per gallon.

Not to state the obvious, but we’re paying nearly \$2 more per gallon in the Golden State, a fact that now has the attention of politicians on both sides of the aisle.

On the list

This week, two moderate Democratic contenders for California governor added relief at the pump to their lists of campaign promises. San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan is suggesting a gas tax holiday — essentially suspending the additional 61 cents a gallon California drivers pay — until the war with Iran is over.

Parents irate over response to poisoning

By MARY SCHLEY

THE PARENTS of two of the three children who were hospitalized after suffering carbon monoxide poisoning during a choir practice at Sunset Center last week are incensed by how the Carmel Unified School District, the center’s staff and Carmel city officials handled the incident, which sickened at least a dozen more who were triaged and then sent back to school or home.

Carmel residents Molly Sand and Richard Olsen have 9-year-old daughters at Carmel River School who were taken to the hospital by ambulance after they fainted on the stage at the center.

One minute

“I got a call from the Carmel River School office at 11:19 a.m., and this was one minute before the first 911 call was placed,” Sand said.

The caller said her daughter had fainted at the center and that “the nurse is with her and she’s getting her color back, but you should come pick her up.”

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Mansion tax could be on November ballot

By KELLY NIX

A PROPOSAL to charge wealthy homebuyers a hefty real estate transfer tax for purchases in the unincorporated areas of Monterey County — which supporters say could generate funds to support housing initiatives for middle-income homebuyers — received full backing from county supervisors this week.

Levy could bring extra \$500K on sale of \$10M house

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to direct county staff to conduct preliminary work toward putting a transfer tax proposal on the Nov. 3 ballot. The measure, if it makes the ballot, would need two-thirds voter approval to pass.

Multimillion-dollar residential properties in unincorporated areas such as Carmel Valley, Carmel Highlands, Pebble Beach and Big Sur would be subject to the tax.

Fifth District Supervisor Kate Daniels proposed the fee, citing exorbitant housing prices on the Monterey Peninsula, which she said are largely driven by strong demand for second homes and retirement properties. While real

estate prices have long made it difficult for middle- and lower-income workers to live on the Peninsula and in other areas of the county, little has been done to change that.

Daniels presented a dire outlook for the region if supervisors do not act quickly.

“I believe that without intentional action, the Monterey Peninsula is unlikely to ever again see the production of housing that is affordable to the community,” she said at the supervisors meeting in Salinas. “It is simple: If left to market forces alone, developers will never produce units affordable to teachers, nurses, hospitality workers or public employees.”

Downpayment help?

The proposed measure is intended to generate a dedicated revenue source to address so-called “missing middle” housing, which the county defines as “small-scale, multi-unit housing types compatible with single-family neighborhoods, such as duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, cottage courts and small courtyard apartments that help bridge the gap between single-family homes and large apartment complexes.”

Funds from the tax revenue could, for instance, assist first-time homebuyers and support housing efforts to help the county meet its state-mandated regional housing

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Belle of the bar

Belle was born in New Orleans, a place renowned for its distinctive nightlife and friendliness augmented by alcohol. So it only makes sense that when her people brought her to their home by the sea – within walking distance from their nightly watering hole – their baby French bulldog would become the Belle of Sade's.

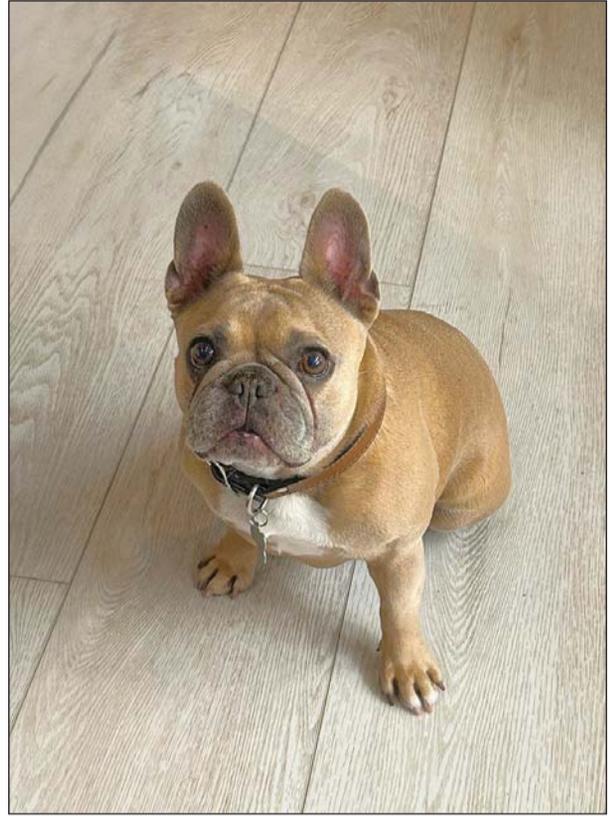
Some people called it a "dive bar." Others would tell you this local institution, which celebrated its centennial this year with a "last call" before shutting its doors in January, was a place to relax, watch sports, make friends, and sip an honest beverage.

And meet Belle. "While Belle, now 8, is very outgoing and loves people, she always made sure any other dogs who came into Sade's were kept in line," her person said. "She was security, the enforcer."

If Belle liked another dog, her person said, she was willing to make friends. If not, she raced right up to them and let them know it was her bar.

"But she welcomed all people in, because she loves to be petted and knew they would oblige," he explained. "People came in to Sade's, year after year, just to see Belle. She had her picture taken at least 500 times."

While she had a super-active nightlife, Belle hasn't been to the beach much. Her people are busy by day,



which is why they liked to relax at the bar by night. But they do provide a large yard in which she can play with toys, patrol the perimeter or sunbathe.

Her people have been thinking of bringing home a second Frenchie so Belle has a playmate, particularly since she lost her social status at Sade's.

"We love Frenchies," her person said. "They're very affectionate, they get along with most everyone and are so eager to please."



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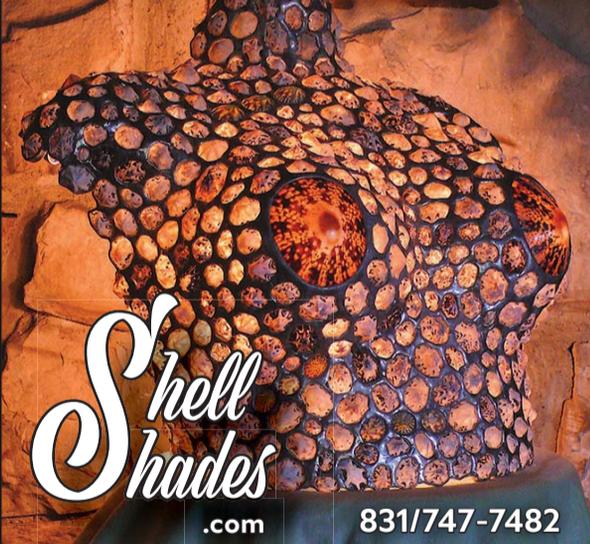


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County's 'environmental justice' plan

By CHRIS COUNTS

MOVE OVER EIRs — there's a new acronym making the rounds, and while its intent might be good, its ultimate impact on taxpayers and the practical reality of implementing it remain a mystery.

According to a county report, the passage of Senate Bill 1000 in 2016 requires each California county to adopt an environmental justice element — or EJE — when its general plan is updated.

"The county seeks to recognize the communities in Monterey County disproportionately affected by degraded environmental conditions that may lead to disparate impacts and adverse health outcomes, with the ultimate goal of ensuring a more just and improved quality of life for all residents," the report says.

'Help people'

After the Monterey County Planning Commission listened to a presentation on the environmental justice plan last week, planning commissioner Martha Diehl told *The Pine Cone* that she believes it won't have too much impact on parts of the county that aren't identified as disadvantaged communities.

But she said it could make it easier for those communities on the list to get help with funding for various projects.

"They would be eligible — or at least they wouldn't be rendered ineligible — for grants and programs that can help people," she said.

Diehl said she supports the intent behind the element, but she's unsure how realistic or expensive its goals will turn out to be. She also suggested it will likely be a long time before it goes into effect.

"We'd all like to see environmental

justice," she said. "We're all in favor of the concept, but how do you get there, and who's going to pay for it?"

According to the report, exposure to pollution and other health risks, along with lack of access to public facilities and services, healthy food, physical activity and recreation, and safe, sanitary and affordable homes, are all factors that determine if a community is "disadvantaged."

'How do you get there, and who's going to pay for it?'

The plan identifies actions the county needs to take in response to each category of concern. For example, it says more needs to be done to "promote inclusive civic engagement and expand opportunities for equitable and meaningful community involvement in county policies, services and resource allocation."

The plan also suggests many Monterey County residents lack access to healthy food, and to remedy that, "food security must be provided for all individuals, regardless of economic status."

As for creating better access to public facilities and services, they need to be expanded "to provide equitable access and benefit for all residents," the environmental justice report says.

Perhaps the loftiest of the element's goals is "providing access to safe, sanitary and affordable housing."

The county has identified 11 communities in unincorporated areas as disadvantaged, including Boronda, Bradley, Castroville, Chualar, Las Lomas, Lockwood, Moss Landing, Pajaro, Pine Canyon, San Ardo and San Lucas.

Broadband a concern

During Wednesday's presentation, Diehl — who represents Big Sur and Carmel Valley — observed that while Big Sur

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Police & Sheriff's Log

War breaks out over bushes and leaves

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report.

Carmel Valley: A vehicle check on Via Contenta resulted in the arrest of a 25-year-old male.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Pacific Grove: Pacific Grove Police officers were dispatched to the 600 block of Jewell Avenue for a domestic battery. The aggressor, a 53-year-old male, was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail for domestic violence, false imprisonment, attempted murder and other charges.

Pacific Grove: Medical on David Ave-

nue. Person detained on a 72-hour mental health hold.

Pacific Grove: Report of animal bite on Gibson Avenue.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a civil issue on Oliver Road.

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services report at Hacienda Carmel.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report.

Pacific Grove: No calls to report.

Carmel area: Suspicious circumstances on Clock Tower Place.

Carmel area: Suspicious circumstances on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

Carmel area: Child Protective Services referral on Morse Drive.

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Feb. 18 — Pamela Ferreyra, 61, of Watsonville, was sentenced to 13 years and four months in state prison for committing one count of voluntary manslaughter and one count of felony child abuse for the December 1994 death of her infant son. Ferreyra admitted an allegation that she caused great bodily injury to baby John Doe during the crime. Both of these offenses are serious and violent felonies and considered strikes under California's three strikes law.

On Dec. 3, 1994, the partial remains of a 2-to-3-day-old baby boy were discovered off Garin Road in Prunedale. An autopsy confirmed that the child was born alive, outside of a hospital setting, and that he had not been fed for approximately 24 hours prior to his death, though the child's exact cause of death could not be determined. No missing persons

report was filed, and a thorough investigation by Monterey County Sheriff's Office resulted in no viable leads as to the identity of Baby Doe's parents.

In July 2020, District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni created the district attorney's office cold case task force to investigate, solve and prosecute cold-case homicides in Monterey County. The task force and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office had DNA samples from Baby Doe's remains submitted for further testing, and in 2024, DNA analysis subsequently identified Ferreyra as the child's mother.

When interviewed, Ferreyra told the investigators that she hid her pregnancy from everyone around her, including her husband

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Men charged with sex assault, battery

By KELLY NIX

TWO MEN were arrested in separate incidents in Pacific Grove, including a 27-year-old man who police said raped a person on state property, which could mean Asilomar State Beach or the Asilomar Conference Grounds.

On the morning of March 8, officers with the Pacific Grove Police Department and California State Parks responded to a report that someone had been sexually assaulted. Kody Kramer was arrested at 9 a.m. on suspicion of rape and sodomy and was booked into Monterey County Jail in Salinas.

"The involved parties are from outside of our area and took a trip to the Peninsula

Dippel declined to specify the victim's name or gender, or where the sexual assault occurred.

"This is an ongoing sensitive investigation," Dippel said, "and we have shared all the information we can at this time."

While Kramer was being held in Monterey County Jail on a \$100,000 bond, jail records indicate he's bailed out.

Alleged abuse

On March 7, in an unrelated incident, P.G. Police officers were called to the 100 block of Forest Avenue after a neighbor reported an altercation inside a home. When officers arrived at 7:30 a.m., they "observed injuries consistent with a physical confrontation," police said.

A woman told officers that during an argument, Geoffrey Feusahrens, 46, assaulted her, "including strangling her multiple times." Officers found marks on her consistent with non-fatal strangulation. During an investigation, officers determined that Feusahrens was the primary aggressor in the dispute.

He was arrested and taken to Monterey County Jail, where he was booked on suspicion of corporal injury to a spouse or cohabitant in violation of

California Penal Code 273.5(a), police said. Online records indicate Feusahrens worked at Monterey Peninsula College.

Pacific Grove Police said they would forward the case to the Monterey County District Attorney's Office, which will determine if there's enough evidence to charge him.



Kody Kramer



Geoffrey Feusahrens

after meeting on a dating site," according to Pacific Grove Police Chief Casey Day. "I can confirm that the assault occurred in the early morning hours of March 8."

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DA says judges should have more power

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY'S district attorney is supporting a proposal to give judges more authority to deny mentally ill violent offenders a softer alternative to serving time behind bars.

District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni said March 12 that she supports Assembly Bill 46, which closes loopholes in California's mental health diversion law by allowing judges to put mentally ill offenders behind bars instead when public safety is at risk and other factors are present.

Under existing law, California judges have little discretion to deny diversion, even in cases involving attempted murder, child abuse and domestic violence.

But AB 46, legislation proposed by Assemblywoman Stephanie Nguyen, a Democrat who represents parts of Sacramento County, would give judges more say in deciding whether mental health treatment or jail is appropriate.

Pacioni said that while diversion was intended to help people with serious mental health issues, the system isn't working as it should.

"It shouldn't become a loophole that allows dangerous offenders to avoid accountability," she said.

Knife attack

The DA's office points to a July 2, 2024, case in which a married couple was driving through downtown Monterey when a man, later identified as Diego Viveros, ran toward their car and threw a knife at it, shattering the passenger-side window where the husband was sitting.

The blade "could easily have lodged in one of the victims or severely cut them," the DA's office said.

A judge granted Viveros mental health diversion and ordered him to follow a treatment plan that included taking prescription medication, attending psychiatric sessions, working with a care coordinator, participating in substance abuse meetings, and meeting other conditions.

However, the DA's office said Viveros — who also has domestic violence and felony vandalism convictions — remains out of jail and is not enrolled in any inpatient treatment program.

"Taken together, Viveros' repeated violent conduct, refusal to accept responsibility, and disregard for prior court-ordered intervention demonstrate a serious and ongoing threat to public safety," the DA's office said.

'Incredibly costly'

The California Public Defenders Association, American Civil Liberties Union and California Attor-

neys for Criminal Justice are among the groups opposed to the bill. They argue that mental health diversion has reduced recidivism by 30 percent.

They also say the bill would be "incredibly costly," imposing financial hardships on counties, the state hospital system, courts, prosecutors and public defenders. They also claim that incarcerating mentally ill people is "cruel and ineffective" and should be a last resort.

"The bill would increase costs, worsen public safety outcomes, and return California to the failed practice of mass incarceration of the mentally ill, while ensuring that noncitizens suffering from mental illness will be torn from their families and deported," the groups told the State Senate's Public Safety Committee.

But Pacioni said public safety also requires judges to carefully evaluate

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Widow sues driver in cyclist's death

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE NO criminal charges have been filed against Pebble Beach resident Dana Lauchlan since the California Highway Patrol identified her as the driver who struck cyclist Seth Pollack on 17 Mile Drive late last year, his widow, Naomi Pollack, is suing her for wrongful death and negligence.

Her account of the crash matches that conveyed by a nearby surveillance camera but contradicts the CHP's account, which blamed the bicyclist.

According to a report filed by CHP officer Jaskaran Bhaurla soon after the incident, Pollack, 66, was cycling westbound on Crespi Lane as Lauchlan was turning left onto the street from southbound 17 Mile Drive and "for reasons still under investigation, the rider of the bicycle crossed into the eastbound lane and crashed into the Toyota SUV."

But footage from a camera on a nearby house showed that's not what happened. While grainy, it depicts the driver approaching Pollack on 17 Mile Drive and then turning left onto Crespi, directly into the cyclist's path as he was riding straight ahead. The car strikes him, his bicycle flies up in the air, and Pollack lands on top of Lauchlan's SUV.

'Violently ejected'

The highway patrol reported Pollack was declared dead at the scene and that Lauchlan was transported to the hospital "for suspected possible injuries." The officer also said alcohol was not believed to be a factor in the crash.

In the wrongful death suit, which was filed by attorney Larry Beigel on the widow's behalf, Lauchlan is described as driving a 2011 Toyota Venza southbound on 17 Mile Drive while Pollack, "who was the beloved husband of plaintiff, was operating a bicycle traveling northbound on 17 Mile Drive."

"He was an experienced cyclist and had traveled this route on many occasions," according to the complaint, which was filed in Monterey County Superior Court Wednesday.

Lauchlan then turned left onto Crespi and "entered decedent's path in such a sudden manner that she collided head-on with the decedent's bicycle with the bumper of her vehicle."

The account that follows states he was "violently ejected from his bicycle and sustained catastrophic blunt force trauma" after his "body first struck the front windshield of the Toyota, shattering it, and was then propelled upward into the air, subsequently crashing through the glass moonroof of the Toyota before coming to rest in the back seat."

Medics pronounced Pollack dead at 9:33 a.m.

Damages sought

The complaint goes on to describe his background, accomplishments and personal life in language reminiscent of an obituary before outlining the damages his wife and family are suffering as a consequence of his death, "including but not limited to loss of financial support, loss of companionship, care, comfort and society, and other economic and non-economic losses."

She alleges wrongful death, as Lauchlan had a duty "to operate her motor vehicle with reasonable care and to keep a proper lookout for other roadway users, including bicyclists," and negligence for her failure to yield to oncoming traffic when she made the turn.

Pollack is seeking wrongful death damages, "including economic and non-economic damages recoverable by a surviving spouse," the costs of the suit and other relief.

The case has been assigned to Monterey County Superior Court Judge Julie Culver, with a hearing set for July 21.

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Soledad prison should be shuttered, state analyst says

By KELLY NIX

AN 80-YEAR-OLD prison in Salinas Valley is a “strong candidate” to close permanently, a move that could save taxpayers tens of millions of dollars, according to an analysis provided to the State Legislature.

In a report last month, the Legislative Analyst’s Office identified Soledad state prison as the leading candidate for closure for four reasons, including the need for about \$400 million in repairs at the facility, which is just off Highway 101 on the outskirts of the City of Soledad.

The report by analyst Gabriel Petek recommends that the State Legislature direct the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to start “planning to close another prison in 2027-28 or as soon as logistically possible.” Petek suggested that Soledad is the top choice of the state’s 31 prisons to be shuttered for good.

Closing a prison could save around \$150 million annually in operational costs and avoid the need for infrastructure projects at the closed prison, the report on the prison system’s 2026-2027 budget proposal says.

“This would help align the state’s prison capacity with the projected prison population and help reduce ongoing state general fund costs.”

Big repairs needed

The Soledad prison, which is officially called Correctional Training Facility, needs significant upgrades within the next decade, including kitchen replacements at an estimated \$296 million and a fire alarm system replacement at \$83 million. The facility also needs a \$10 million audio-video surveillance system and another \$1.1 million for preliminary plans for a new groundwater well system.

In addition to all the costly upgrades, the prison is ideal for closure, the analyst said, because it does not fulfill a unique function within the prison system — such

as providing specialized healthcare services — that would be difficult or costly to relocate.

It also “does not have modern housing facilities, which are generally considered safer and more flexible to house a wide range of populations as they offer greater visibility for officers,” and is not near hospitals where inmates could be transported to receive specialty care, the report explained.

It would not be cost effective to start any of the renovation upgrades. For example, the proposed well project at Soledad, the prison system said, would not be completed until February 2030.

If it was “closed around the same time, the state would have experienced little or no benefit from money spent on these projects,” the report said.

The analysis also found that California could close an additional prison “within the next few years and still retain a significant buffer to manage population increases.”

Prison population down

As of 2023, Soledad prison housed about 4,000 inmates.

The potential closure of the penitentiary comes after a significant decline in the state’s prison population, which the report said is “expected to remain low through June 2030.”

“The dramatic decline that occurred between 2020 and 2021 was primarily the result of temporary measures — such as the delay of intake from county jails — intended to reduce the spread of Covid-19,” Petek reported. “After these temporary measures ended, the population remained low and continued to decline primarily due to the impact of various sentencing changes enacted in recent years. This decline has allowed the state to reduce prison capacity.”

In 2011, then-Gov. Jerry Brown signed two bills designed to stop low-level inmates from cycling in and out of prisons.



Correctional Training Facility, otherwise known as Soledad state prison, has been identified as a leading candidate for closure, according to a state analysis, which cited repairs and other factors in a recommendation to state prison administrators.

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Under the “criminal justice realignment” plan, offenders who don’t have serious violent offenses serve their time in county jails instead of prisons. The legislation has largely been successful in reducing the state prison population.

Famous inmates

The Soledad prison was built in 1946 to ease overcrowding at San Quentin State Prison. Sirhan Sirhan, assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in 1968, was housed there in the 1990s. Other noteworthy prisoners have included Black Panther Party

leaders Eldridge Cleaver and George Jackson, mass murderer Juan Corona, and Donald DeFreeze, leader of the Symbionese Liberation Army, the radical group that kidnapped Patty Hearst in 1974. DeFreeze escaped Soledad in March 1973.

The facility is also where veteran Hollywood actor Danny Trejo — who was housed there in 1968 — said he decided to turn his life around.

“Using 12-step recovery, Trejo gave up booze and drugs and started helping others kick the habit,” the prison system says on its website.

Another dog attack in the valley

By KELLY NIX

A CARMEL Valley woman who claims she was left with scars and emotional distress after being attacked by a dog near her home late last year has filed a personal injury lawsuit against the owners of the pet.

In a civil complaint filed March 2 in Monterey County Superior Court, Amanda Vaughan, 44, alleges that she was on a public street near her home on Camino De Travesia on Dec. 12, 2025, when a “vicious dog” owned by David and Carlton Bernhard charged her for no reason and attacked her.

As a result, Vaughan suffered multiple bites and wounds causing “bleeding, puncture wounds and other injuries,” according to the complaint, which was filed for her by San Rafael attorney Paul Henry Nathan.

Vaughan said the attack left her with scars and severe emotional distress.

The dog owner’s negligence “caused

Amanda Vaughan severe personal injury” along with “economic and non-economic” damage, lawsuit claims.

Vaughan contends the owners of the dog are responsible per California Civil Code 3342, which states that dog owners are “held strictly liable for any damages resulting from a dog bite.” They’re seeking an unspecified amount exceeding \$35,000.

Horse attacked

Her lawsuit comes about a year after a woman filed a lawsuit in an incident in which she claimed she was on her horse in Garland Ranch Regional Park in February 2024 when three dogs off leash “viciously and violently” attacked her horse. She was seeking damages for wage loss, property damage, loss of earning capacity and hospital and medical expenses. In November 2025, the case was dismissed at the request of the plaintiff, likely because an out-of-court settlement had been reached with the owners of the dogs.

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CSUMB gets \$15M for nursing ed

By KELLY NIX

MONTAGE HEALTH has donated \$15 million to Cal State Monterey Bay to expand nursing education programs at the university.

Cal State Monterey Bay and Montage — the parent company of Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula — announced the gift Monday. The funding, they say, will help meet a growing need for healthcare workers, for which there is an ongoing shortage in Monterey County and elsewhere.

The gift will establish the Montage Health Helen Baszucki School of Nursing, named after a nursing instructor and practitioner who “brought diligence, caring, empathy and kindness as a caregiver until her death in September 2020.”

The funds will also support the development of a Master of Science in nursing and a four-year Bachelor of Science in nursing.

A first

“With the gift from Montage Health, we will be able to expand access to nursing education in our region, graduating about 40 more registered nurses in the first class,” Phillip Post, dean of CSUMB’s college of health sciences and human services told The Pine Cone.

The four-year bachelor’s program will be the first of its kind in the Monterey Peninsula area, Post said.

“In addition, the Master of Science in nursing program, another new program for our region, will add to the number of

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MPC expanding in Marina, Seaside

By LILY PATTERSON

A \$100 million investment will transform Monterey Peninsula College’s education center, located on former Fort Ord property just off Imjin Parkway in Marina. Construction is scheduled to begin February 2027, with the addition of classrooms, technology upgrades and larger, more modern facilities to serve students pursuing careers in nursing, medical and dental assistance, culinary services and hospitality.

“This news reaffirms what this Fort Ord campus is — a thriving hub for workforce preparation and economic mobility for northern Monterey County,” MPC Superintendent Marshall Fulbright said at a press conference in late February.

Marina operates as a satellite school

providing general education and English language classes, while its Public Safety Training Center in Seaside — located 2 miles south, near Cal State Monterey Bay’s campus — offers fire, police, community safety and emergency medical response training. Those buildings are also due for improvements to be funded by a bond voters approved in 2020.

“This is about us fulfilling a promise we have made over a long period of time. For MPC and this area, we are thrilled to start delivering,” said Fulbright.

Largest investment

An earlier bond — 2002’s Measure I — supplied \$145 million for projects including repairs to decades-old classrooms in

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Agency takes over senior housing

By CHRIS COUNTS

RESPONDING TO complaints from residents that care for them plummeted during a recent management shift, the Housing Authority of the County of Monterey announced Wednesday that it is “taking steps to stabilize maintenance operations and restore services” at the Pacific Meadows senior community in Carmel Valley.

The owner of the property, the housing authority recently took over management of the community from a private company, HumanGood, which had managed it since 2019. But some residents said the old management team had largely disappeared by late February, leaving them unaware of who was in charge and, at one point, without trash service. They said their calls went unanswered.

This week, the agency admitted the transition didn’t go as smoothly as it could have, and “service disruptions occurred that affected residents and onsite operations.”

More onsite help

In response, the housing authority “immediately assigned onsite management

staff, activated a dedicated phone line for resident communication, and retained maintenance personnel to help maintain continuity of essential services.” “Additional staffing and operational adjustments are now underway to strengthen day-to-day management at the property,” according to a press release.

Residents, meanwhile, were told that two managers and two maintenance technicians “will be assigned to the property.”

Conceding that “the transition from the previous management company did

not occur as planned,” housing authority executive director Zulieka Boykin said her agency “is committed to restoring the level of service residents deserve.” “Our priority is ensuring Pacific Meadows residents feel secure and supported in their homes,” she said Wednesday.

Boykin’s comments come six days after Monterey County 5th District Supervisor Kate Daniels met with management and residents at Pacific Meadows. The housing authority reported that its staff “answered questions, provided emergency contact information, and outlined next steps and a timeline” for completing the transition.

**Says it will
‘strengthen
day-to-day
operations’**

Roundabout opening pushed back

By CHRIS COUNTS

OFFICIALS HAD hoped to open the roundabout at Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade Thursday, but a week before the milestone arrived, the date of the opening was pushed back another month to April 20.

According to county spokesperson Maia Carroll, “crews will be using this additional time to complete marking and

striping.” She said previous plans included doing that work after the temporary signal light was removed.

Carroll urged motorists to be aware that the site is still a construction zone, and the speed limit of 25 mph will be enforced. “We want to remind everyone that reduced speeds and construction work zones will remain in effect,” she added.

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It's an election year, but really?

By KELLY NIX

GROUPS ADVOCATING for and against a ballot measure that will ask Pacific Grove voters in June to increase the pay for members of the city council are sharing wildly different figures on the cost of the special election. What's true? The Pine Cone asked the county's registrar of voters.

The P.G. City Council in February voted unanimously to hold an election June 2 to allow residents to decide whether to hike their monthly stipends from \$420 to \$897 for council members and from \$700 to \$1,645 for the mayor. If Measure C passes, the council will get its first pay raise since 1998.

The raise has divided residents. So has

the decision to put Measure C on the June ballot — where it will be the lone city measure in a statewide primary — versus placing it on the Nov. 3 ballot, which will include races for the city's mayor and several council members, not to mention the U.S. House of Representatives, the governor of California and numerous state offices.

'Same price'

A group calling itself P.G. Citizens for Sensible Government, started by former Mayor Bill Kampe to "promote facts, fairness and functional solutions," offers a "get the facts" page on its website. It contains

information on why it backs the council raise, along with numerous questions and answers intended to support its position, including this one:

"Will the June election cost more than the November election?" P.G. Citizens for Sensible Government asks.

"No," the group claims. "The city received estimates from the county elections department showing that the cost of placing a measure on the June ballot is very similar to the cost of a November ballot measure. There is no meaningful financial reason for the delay."

But Transparent Pacific Grove, a group former councilman Luke Coletti started to promote transparency in government, claimed in an email to members last week that P.G. Citizens for

Sensible Government's cost claims are false.

"The truth is that the June special election will cost \$50,000 for a single measure to raise the pay for seven elected officials," Coletti said, adding that in 2008, when the city last had a single measure on a June primary ballot, it cost taxpayers \$46,252.

Coletti also maintained that since the November regular election will already include municipal offices, adding a ballot measure represents only the incremental cost of including it on a ballot already being printed and administered.

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There are several factors that go into the cost of an election, including the number of pages in the voting guide and the number of jurisdictions sharing the costs.

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Disparate cost projections for P.G. ballot measure



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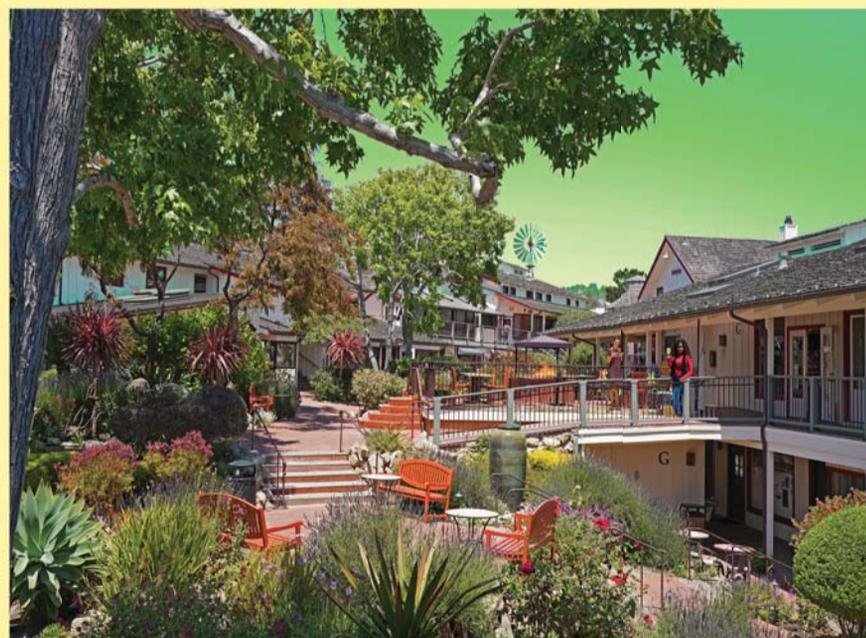


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Cameras that track license plates help cops find stolen cars

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE SOME communities have shut down license-plate-reading camera systems for fear they might be used to aid immigration authorities or spy on people, police officers in Carmel and Seaside earlier this month used them to track down stolen cars.

In Carmel, police learned the morning of March 5 that a silver 2023 Mercedes E450 had been stolen from the driveway of a residence at Dolores Street and Santa Lucia Avenue. The owner had left the car unlocked with the keys inside, according to CPD Sgt. Michael Bruno.

Surveillance cameras photograph and track the license plates of cars entering and leaving town and flag vehicles that have been reported stolen or involved in a crime. Carmel officers entered the Mercedes' information and found footage of the car leaving the city via Rio Road at 2:16 a.m., according to Bruno.

Handed over phone

They also entered the car's details into the stolen vehicle system, which automatically distributed the information to law enforcement agencies across the state that use the Flock camera system, which captures vehicle likenesses and plate numbers and uploads them to a proprietary database.

And the owner helped by handing over his phone, which contains an app that tracks the car's location through GPS.

"He literally handed us his cell phone and said, 'Find my car, please,'" Trayer said. "It was dynamic, and I kind of took a step back and watched my team do their thing."

Bruno said that by the time the theft was reported, the vehicle was already in Santa Barbara County, and the officers coordinated with California Highway Patrol in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. "Utilizing Flock cameras, along with GPS software in the vehicle, we were able to get the exact road the vehicle was traveling on," he said.

A Mercedes in Santa Barbara and a truck from Texas

With the help of a helicopter and with CPD officers providing information along the way, highway patrol officers tracked down the Mercedes on Highway 150 near Ojai and pulled it over. The driver, 19-year-old Monterey resident Noah Dominguez, and the passenger, Abel Montes-Roach, 20,

also from Monterey, were arrested. The car was returned to its owner.

"We are still investigating this case to determine if there was anyone else involved in the vehicle theft," Bruno said.

Nice work

Trayer commended his team.

"I want to personally congratulate our officers and detective for their outstanding work on this case and our amazing dispatchers," he said. "Their dedication, follow-through and collaboration with partner agencies helped bring this case to a successful conclusion."

While the Flock system was undoubtedly helpful, Trayer has restricted outside access to it because it in particular has generated recent controversy over its potential use by ICE agents to track suspected illegal immigrants. The company default is to automatically share data with all member agencies, but Trayer changed the setting

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logs the license plate numbers of vehicles and alerts police when there's a hit, notified Marina officers the vehicle was driving in the area of California and Carmel avenues, according to Johnson. A patrol officer who was nearby located the car and confirmed Salazar was at the wheel.

"Salazar was stopped and safely taken into custody," Johnson said, after which he was booked into Monterey County Jail on multiple felony charges of child molestation, rape, kidnapping, child abuse, false imprisonment and making criminal threats.

The Monterey County District Attorney's Office reviewed the file and is focusing on the alleged molestations, according to the complaint filed by deputy district attorney Billie Gibbons March 17. Salazar, 47, is accused of committing lewd and lascivious acts with three children under the age of 14 who were "particularly vulnerable," as defined by the California Penal Code, and of doing so with "planning, sophistication and professionalism."

He was arraigned in Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pam Butler's courtroom in Salinas Tuesday but did not have a lawyer, according to court records, so his entering of a plea was put off for a week. He's being held in jail on \$6.6 million bail.

Stay-away order

The request for a restraining order — filed by his former fiancée, whose name is being withheld by The Pine Cone to protect her and her children — accuses Salazar of yelling at and abusing her on multiple occasions, of threatening to beat the children, who range from 6 to 15 years old, and of sexually assaulting her daughters.

"My three girls told their school that they have been sexually assaulted by Dexter numerous times," she wrote, and the school notified Child Protective Services, which informed her of the "disturbing information." A Marina detective was

assigned to the case and issued an emergency restraining order after she engaged in a pretext call with Salazar.

"Dexter did admit to some of the accusations," she wrote in the March 12 filing.

The woman, whose oldest daughter is from a prior marriage, said Salazar sexually abused the girls, who are ages 10, 12 and 15, "several times," though she did not indicate when, and that they feel unsafe around him due to the assaults and "violent behavior from Dexter in the form of loud yelling and threats to 'beat the shit out of them.'"

The document also indicates Salazar keeps a handgun in his bedroom and requests the judge to order him to stay away from her and the children, as well as from her home, her job, her vehicle and their schools. She further wants the court to require Salazar to continue paying \$3,200 per month in child support and providing health insurance, to cover all attorney's fees, and to attend a 52-week batterer-prevention program.

She also asks the judge to give her sole custody of the children, and the court scheduled a hearing for April 2, which happens to be Salazar's 48th birthday.

Restaurant woes

While the allegations far outshadow past wrongs, Salazar has also encountered legal troubles at his restaurant over the years. While he is no longer a member of the company that owns Edwin's, which is named after his father and was formerly called Affina, that change occurred last October, according to the California Secretary of State, and the document indicates mail for the business was still directed to his Lazarro Drive address.

In 2016, two years after he and chef/co-owner Nicolas Iznard opened Affina, the Carmel Planning Commission called them on the carpet for 19 violations, including hosting wine tasting without a permit, after-hours parties with drawn curtains and loud music, noisy employees outside the business, large parties with intoxicated guests, yelling and amplified

music. While many of those reports were made anonymously, several violations were directly observed by police, at least one complaint came from a firefighter at the station half a block away, and the final report of unlawful live music came from a resident who agreed to sign a citation against the business.

At the time, Salazar defended the actions, saying they were necessary for business or had been overblown, and he asked for permission to keep it open until midnight. Commissioners denied his request and told them to follow the rules, or their permit would be revoked and they'd be forced to close.

But since then, Carmel P.D. has noted several California Alcoholic Beverage Control and permit violations, and in January, the city sent Salazar a warning letter that was followed up with an administrative citation Friday.

Carmel P.D. logs include alleged ABC violations in February 2023, August 2024, two in August 2025 and one in November 2025, though they don't indicate what the unlawful behavior was.

In the August 2024 incident, officers

working the graveyard shift cited Salazar for serving alcohol to customers at 2:15 a.m. and said he had been previously warned for the same violation.

On March 13, planning director Anna Ginette cited Salazar for "eight separate incidents occurring between November 2025 and January 2026 involving excessive noise," noncompliance with the restaurant's permit, "failure to maintain a current business license and unlawful activity."

The citation referenced two more violations for "loud amplified music audible off premises past 10 p.m." that occurred Feb. 5 and Feb. 7.

"These incidents constitute new and continuing violations of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Municipal Code and of the conditions of approval governing Edwin's Carmel," Ginette wrote. "The city views the post-notice violations as particularly serious because they occurred after explicit written notice of the applicable restrictions."

Ginette also noted that "as of Feb. 17, your current business license is still expired and fees and taxes remain unpaid."



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Group backs off plans for senior dog haven, seeks another site

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE THE idea of buying a multimillion-dollar property to house elderly dogs might sound ridiculous, executive director Carie Broecker of Peace of Mind Dog Rescue told The Pine Cone that her group's plan to establish a senior dog haven will do far more than just provide a forever home to 20 lucky senior dogs.

Peace of Mind Dog Rescue was set to pay \$3 million for a home at 8 El Caminito in Carmel Valley, but this week, the group called off those plans due to restrictions placed on the proposed facility by county officials.

"After nearly a year working closely with Monterey County planning staff, Peace of Mind Dog Rescue has made the difficult decision to withdraw from its agreement to purchase the property," the group said, citing the

county's strict planning guidelines.

"In the final stages of the process, Peace of Mind Dog Rescue was informed that the facility would require a kennel permit," the group reported. "Following consultation with Monterey County Animal Control, the organization learned that regulations would limit the property to no more than 12 cage-free dogs, or up to 20 dogs if half lived in one area and half in a separate area, and crates were provided for all the dogs."

The group was unable to sway county officials to approve its ambitious and somewhat extraordinary plans, which include a "vision for a cage-free, home-like environment where senior dogs could live together comfortably and with dignity."

The Carmel Valley property includes a 3,614-square-foot home with a four-car garage on a little less than a

half-acre. It's in a residential neighborhood — and a short walk from the shops, galleries and restaurants of Carmel Valley Village. It's uncertain how much opposition the facility might have faced if the group continued to pursue its plans. When the project was announced in October 2025, some neighbors expressed concerns about parking, property values, barking and smells.

Search continues

The Peace of Mind group is again searching for a site — but not in a residential neighborhood this time.

"We're looking for a large building that's already zoned for a commercial kennel where we can create a beautiful state-of-the-art living arrangement for dogs," Broecker said. "We need an adoption center where people can meet 20 dogs at once. Hundreds of dogs will cycle through — this is a long-term solution."

Broecker also noted that no taxpayers' money will go into the project, which is being funded by a donor, Ana Marie Weidner, who recently passed away. The facility will be named the OllieAna Senior Dog Haven as a tribute to Weidner and her senior dog, Ollie.

Peace of Mind Dog Rescue — which operates a clinic in Monterey and has a kennel in Pacific Grove — says its vision for the Senior Dog Haven remains unchanged, even after the setback with the property in Carmel Valley. "Peace of Mind Dog Rescue continues to believe in creating a peaceful, loving environment where senior dogs can live out their lives with comfort and dignity," the group said.

'We need an adoption center where people can meet 20 dogs at once'

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MONOXIDE

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“I didn’t realize the magnitude of the situation — the severity — you can imagine my shock,” she said.

Sand said she rushed to the center and found her daughter sitting in a chair in the lobby.

“She was right next to me when she passed out a second time,” she recalled. “I was panicking and crying.”

Olsen said his daughter suffered similar symptoms and was unconscious when she was loaded into the ambulance just as his wife, Courtney, arrived at the center — contrary to officials’ reports that the three children who went to the hospital were conscious when they left the center.

“Before being taken by ambulance, she fainted, was convulsing and, according to River School’s nurse, who assisted her during the ordeal, was having great trouble waking up,” he said.

Olsen said his daughter was still unconscious when she and the school nurse, who rode in the back of the ambulance, arrived at the hospital, and that without the emergency care she received she likely would have died.

The parents said they were also appalled that none of

the officials mentioned the dozen other children who complained of dizziness and were told to lie on the floor with their feet up. They suspected that was done to deliberately downplay the situation.

“I was told by Nurse Melissa that there were at least 16 kids on their backs,” Olsen said. “They were dropping like flies in Sunset Center.”

They pointed out their experiences hardly mesh with the narrative that everyone ended up being just fine, considering their daughters had suffered the traumatic experiences not just of fainting, but of being in the hospital.

“It is disturbing that you discuss the events in a way that minimizes the trauma and extent of the situation,” Sand told CUSD Superintendent Sharon Ofek in an email Friday.

Delays

Sand estimated it was 10 to 15 minutes after her daughter fainted that 911 was called and wondered why it hadn’t occurred sooner. She also noted it took two hours for the school district to send its first message to parents regarding the incident.

“It is so disappointing and disheartening that while I was in the hospital with my daughter, who was hooked up to oxygen to flush the carbon monoxide from her system,

getting an EKG, screaming because she was terrified to get her blood drawn, I received the first mass message from you with very vague information that was very alarming to many parents,” Sand said in her email to Ofek.

Sand and Olsen complained that no one from the center or the district office reached out to inquire whether their daughters were OK, nor did they acknowledge the severity of the situation.

And they were stunned that the district rescheduled the March 10 Choral Festival — for which the children had been practicing and which was canceled that night due to the emergency — for this week in the same venue.

“How tone deaf can you possibly be to assume that the trauma that these children experienced just last week has passed already, and that now it’s ‘appropriate’ to return the children to the scene?” Olsen asked Ofek in an email.

“My daughter said she never wants to go to Sunset Center again,” Sand said, which is particularly sad since she’s performed there many times and loves singing.

“Several parents were appalled that they were still holding it.”

Olsen mentioned the costs of the ambulance ride and treatment in the ER and said the district should cover them.

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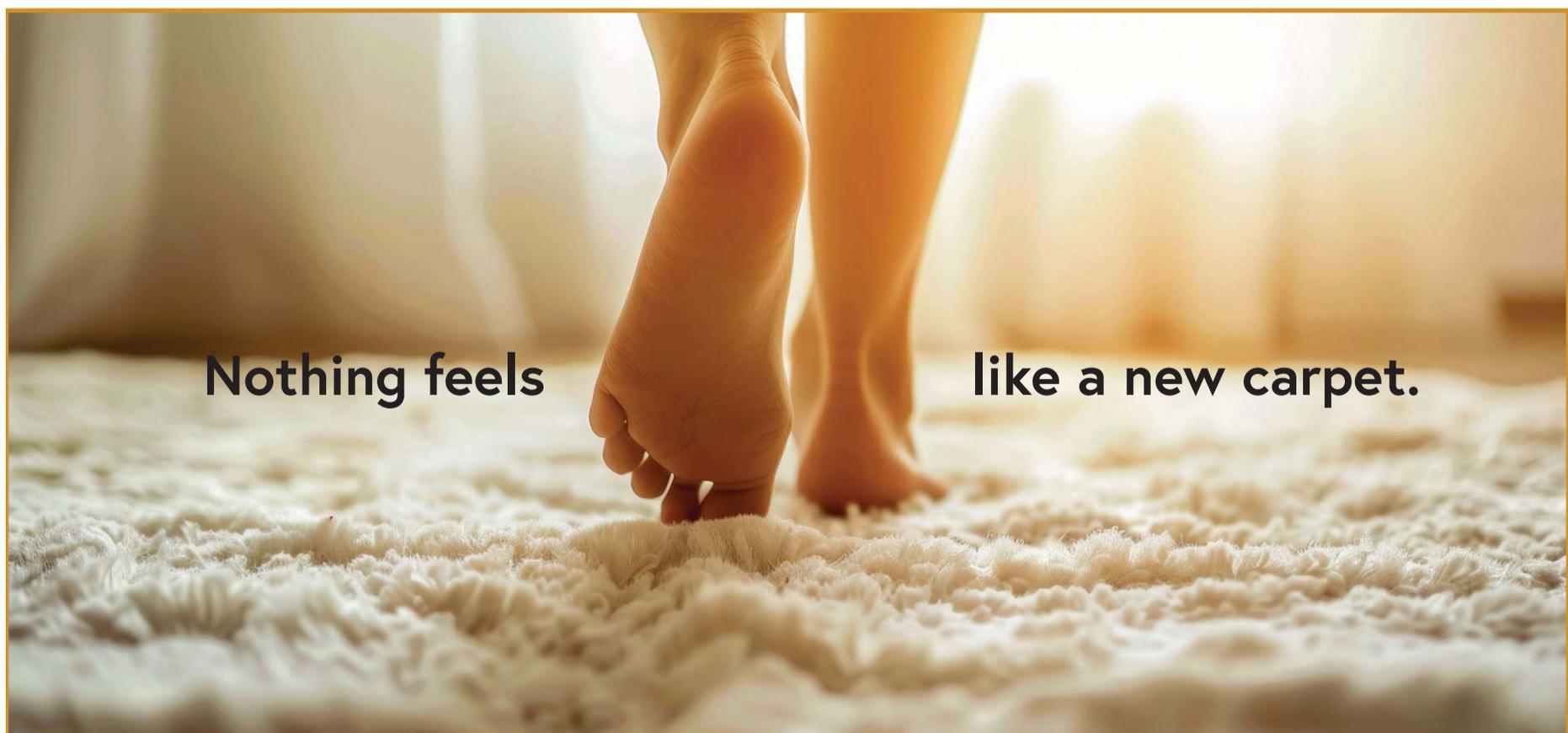
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GARRETT KNUTE LOTHE FRIEND AND EDUCATOR

Garrett Knute Lothe passed away on January 1st in Monterey. He was 89 years old.



After high school he joined the Army and taught typing and financial accounting/bookkeeping while stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas and Fort Benning, Georgia.

Garrett went on to college at California State University, Chico and graduated from UC Berkeley.

He taught at Tularcitos Elementary in Carmel Valley and finished his teaching career at Carmel River School teaching the fourth grade and focusing on being a reading specialist.

Garrett was a very friendly, intelligent, adventurous and competitive person who

loved to travel, dine out and watch classic movies. He was an absolute movie buff.

Garrett loved to travel and tell great stories.

Garrett is survived by his nephew, Scott; and niece, Lynn.

A Celebration of Life reception will be held this summer in Carmel, date, time and location to be determined. Contact Alain Ambrus at (831) 383 8021/ambrusmarketing@gmail.com for details.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a favorite charity in his name.

ROUNDTABOUT

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Carmel Valley traffic mitigation fees, a grant from Monterey Bay Air Resources District and Measure X funds. The contractor is Teichert Construction of Pleasanton.

“Please proceed with caution, as construction crews will continue to be present in the area.”

Work on the roundabout started last June. As construction shifted from one phase to the next at various stages of the project, motorists faced lengthy delays along Carmel Valley Road — and frequently expressed their frustration on social media.

The project is costing taxpayers about \$3.8 million, with funds coming from

Safety worries

In response to at least two accidents at the intersection that involved runaway trucks, then-Supervisor Mary Adams suggested a roundabout could address safety concerns. At public hearings, many residents agreed, while some expressed their opposition to the project or to roundabouts in general. A “corridor study” done by the county identified the roundabout as the “best option” to make the intersection safer.



GRACIE ELLEN PACK MEIGGS

1988 – 2026

The world lost one of its brightest lights on March 9, 2026, when Gracie Ellen Pack Meiggs passed away at the age of 37. Tragically, she was a passenger in a car hit by a drunk driver. She left behind two beautiful daughters, a loving family and a life that was in many ways just getting started.

Gracie had a gift that most people spend a lifetime hoping for: she never met a stranger. She had the uncanny ability to make everyone around her feel like her dearest friend. Her energy was unique, the kind that fills a room before she even walks through the door. Her laugh was filled with the kind of joy that makes you laugh even when you don't know what's funny.

Truly, there was no one like Gracie. Knowing Gracie was knowing what it meant to be larger than life. Texas has nothing on the size of the hole her loss has left in our hearts.

At the center of Gracie's universe were her two daughters, Stella and Lela. They were her greatest joy, her fiercest motivation and her proudest accomplishment. She treated motherhood and aunt-hood with the same wholehearted enthusiasm she brought to everything she loved. Whether horseback riding with Lela, tumbling with Stella or taking her nieces and nephew on secret adventures, Gracie always brought the fun. She taught by example what it means to be brave, to be kind and to persevere.

Gracie had recently celebrated one full year of sobriety, a milestone she wore with pride. Her journey was a testament to her strength and her deep commitment to being her best self for her girls and for everyone who loved her. Those who walked alongside her through that chapter know the courage it took and the woman it revealed.

Gracie was a woman of many passions, each one pursued with characteristic intensity. Her zeal for fitness encouraged her students and classmates. On the golf course, she was a natural, talented, competitive and endlessly fun to play alongside. She was a traveler at heart, drawn to new places, new people and new experiences with an open spirit that made every trip an adventure. She spent six weeks in Israel when she was 17, a week in Hong Kong in her early 20s, and her travels included Machu Picchu, Africa and many countries in Europe. Gracie's love of art history motivated her sense of exploration, bringing her to countries all over the world.

Gracie Ellen Pack Meiggs loved fiercely, laughed freely and moved through this world like someone who understood, better than most, that life is short and connection is everything. She is survived by her two beloved daughters, Stella and Lela Meiggs; her husband, Wyatt Meiggs; her parents, Ruthie and Jay Pack; her sister and brother-in-law, Lucy and Kyle Schanzer; her nieces, Nora and Sloane Schanzer; and nephew, Avery Schanzer; along with the many, many people who, having known Gracie, will spend the rest of their lives a little richer for it.

Her funeral service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 18th, 2026, at Temple Emanu-el, 8500 Hillcrest Road, Dallas, TX 75225. Friends and family are welcome to attend.

A Carmel area celebration of life will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Gracie Pack fund at First Tee – Monterey County firstteemontereycounty.org; Congregation Beth Israel in Carmel, CA or the charity of your choice.



JOSEPH SALVATORE ALIOTTI

April 5, 1970 ♦ Feb. 25, 2026

Joseph Salvatore Aliotti passed away peacefully in the early morning of Feb. 25 at the family home he shared with his parents. He was taken by the angels at the age of 55.

Joseph was born in Monterey, California, on April 5, 1970, to Gaspare and Carole Aliotti. He grew up in Monterey and Corral de Tierra, attending local schools and becoming well known in the community for his strong work ethic and friendly nature.

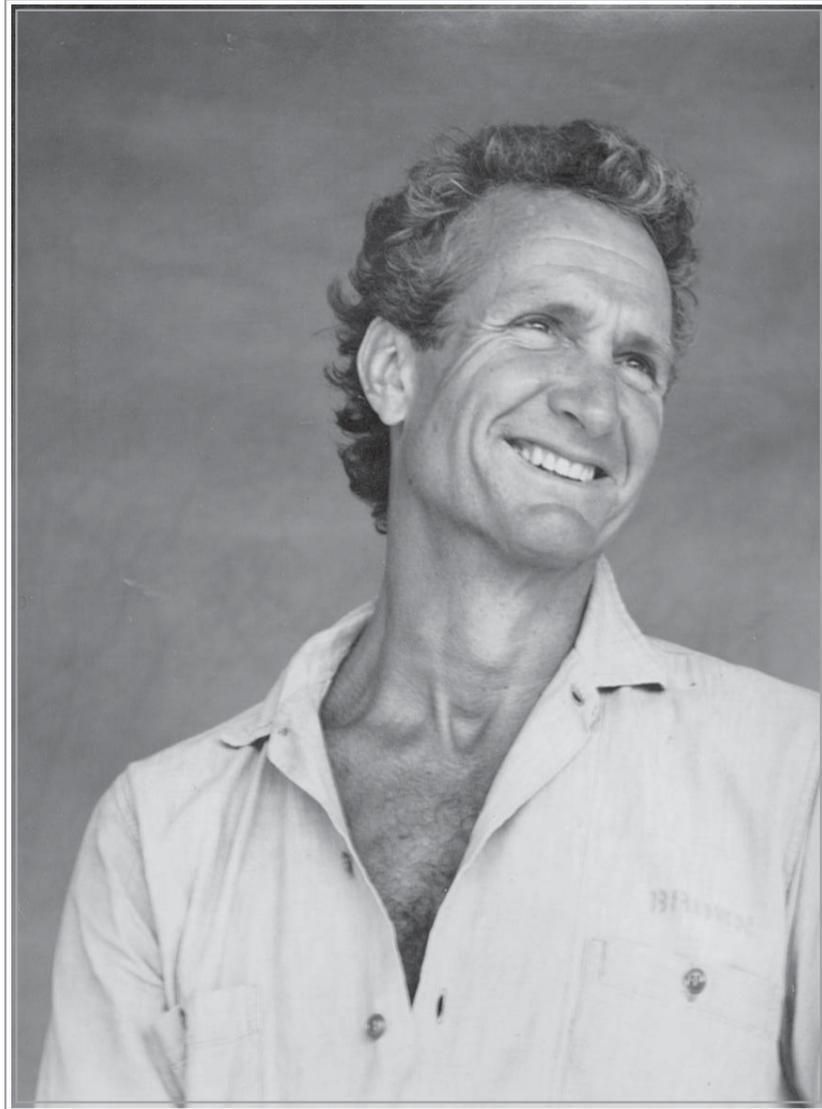
Over the years, Joseph held many roles and was truly a jack of all trades. He worked locally as a banker, bookkeeper, caretaker and driver. In 2010, he moved to Crescent City, California, where he worked as a truck driver and visited 36 states. In 2016, he returned to Corral de Tierra, where he continued serving his community as a caregiver for the elderly and most recently as a non-emergency medical transportation driver.

Joseph was a devoted member of San Carlos Cathedral, where he regularly volunteered his time helping to feed the homeless. He was also a proud and active member of the Monterey County Democrats, serving as executive secretary for nearly eight years.

Joseph had many interests and simple joys in life. He loved cars, Star Wars, James Bond, reading, music, animals and visits to Rosine's Restaurant. He especially enjoyed Christmas and the holidays, and collecting coins, stamps and other knick-knacks.

Joseph is survived by his loving parents, Gaspare and Carole Aliotti; his sisters, Janice Aliotti (Pavel) and Antionette Rodriguez (Ludwig); and his nieces and nephews, Philip Domanic, Alexis Domanic, Jessica Kerchner (Paz) and Kayla Rodriguez. He was also a proud great-uncle to Bobby Domanic and Hailey Kerchner. He was preceded in death by his older brother, Quinten Aliotti, who passed away in 1999.

A Mass in his honor will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 23, at San Carlos Cathedral.



MICHAEL BERNARD FORREST

June 1, 1935 – March 21, 2025

Michael Bernard Forrest passed away at home in Pacific Grove, California, surrounded by family and friends on March 21, 2025. He was predeceased by his father, Bernard Alexander Forrest, and his mother, Katherine Fudger Forrest. He was a poet, artist, athlete, bibliophile, husband, father, brother, uncle, friend, bohemian and our oak tree.

Michael was born at home on Crescent Drive in Beverly Hills and loved to say he was one of the very few people actually born in Beverly Hills — and at home, no less. In those days it was still a small, unassuming town, and he grew up roaming its streets and alleys with his father in search of abandoned plants, and with his friends in search of mischief. He often reminisced about the bridle path down Rodeo Drive and the old Beverly Hills Seed & Hardware store.

He loved the sea and sand and was never happier than at the family house on Broad Beach Road, where he could be found running on the sand, surfing, swimming, boogie boarding, or riding his bike in the Malibu hills. Michael attended Claremont College for his undergraduate degree, USC for his master's and Duke University for his doctorate.

Language delighted him, and literature was his lifelong passion. Though he loved to read, he was, above all else, a poet. It was his first love and his enduring obsession. He dedicated his life to writing and art, spending his days in his beloved “Shed” creating and editing. The arrival of the Apple computer was a revelation for him; he finally set aside his yellow legal pads and the many Selectric typewriters that had been driven up and down the California coast until no one could repair them and Eaton's Corrasable Bond paper disappeared. He hoarded those obsolete machines in the service porch, always keeping a few extras from yard sales stacked against the wall — his “ladies in waiting.”

When he wasn't writing or reading, he was on a bike — road, mountain, or stationary. The Spanish Bay gym was his second home, where he was a daily fixture, wildly riding his LifeCycle “to nowhere” while chatting with friends and acquaintances.

Michael was also a passionate and inventive gardener, very much in the spirit of his eccentric British father. If he wasn't writing, he was among his plants. His garden was a world of unusual and exotic species, whimsy and eccentricity — a place where one always expected the unexpected. His Pacific Grove garden was easily recognized for its bamboo and wild, exuberant growth. He favored invasive and exotic plants and wanted one of everything. He called himself Sisyphus, toiling year after year to build limestone paths, transplant specimens and water his ever-expanding collection. He loved enormous stones and used a come-along to coax them into meandering paths. He often said he gave not only his heart to his plot, but also his knees.

His philosophy about people was quixotic and endearing. He believed the world was divided into growers and cutters. He was a grower, and most people, sadly, were cutters. He couldn't abide trimming of any kind — even when it benefited the plant or was requested by public works or the fire department.

His view of the world, while singular, was central to his charm and lovability. Though fully of this world, he lived a rich and verdant internal life that animated his days.

Michael is survived by his beloved wife, best friend and partner of 45 years, Julie Yurkovich Forrest; their daughter, Tamsen Forrest (Kevin Stone); and three children from his first marriage to Sybil Chappellet, Michele Forrest (Francis Boudreau), Kira and Blake (Meadow). He is also survived by his brother, Peter; and his nieces, Susan and Sarah. He was the proud grandfather of his granddaughter Grace and eight grandsons — Rowan, Nandi, Remi, Isaac, Jules, Benoit, Joshua and Elijah — as well as his great-grandchildren, Asa and Pfeiffer, and many beloved nieces, nephews and in-laws. His constant office companion was his mini dachshund, Tilda, who provided amusement, devotion and endless material for stories.

The family would like to thank Emma Marquon, his friend and caregiver, whose love and devotion over the last few years allowed Michael to remain at home in the magical world he created. Deep thanks also go to Peter Stock, his dear friend who brought him joy and ice cream, and to his “Senior,” Sergio, his undergardener, who helped bring Michael's botanical visions — and his wonderfully odd ideas of beauty — to life.

The best way to remember Michael is by planting something wonderful and strange, writing a poem, or donating a book to the library of your choice. For plants, Gunnera, tiger bamboo and parrot fern come to mind; for books, classics, detective novels, or poetry.

BARRINGER NEWCOMB

May 2, 1942 - March 5, 2026

Barringer Newcomb passed away on March 5, 2026, in Carmel, California, at the age of 83.

Born on May 2, 1942, in Wisconsin, Barringer was raised in Tucson, Arizona, and La Jolla, California. He spent most of his life in Del Mar, California, where he raised his family. During those years, he and his wife, Victoria, owned an antiques and fine gift store, traveling to China and Europe to source distinctive pieces. In semi-retirement, he and his wife moved to Victoria, British Columbia, where they enjoyed several years sailing the San Juan Islands, meeting many new friends, and volunteering with the Maritime Museum and the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. Four years ago, they moved to Carmel, California.



Barringer attended the University of Arizona, where he earned his undergraduate degree, and later received a master's degree from Thunderbird School of Global Management.

He served in the United States Navy as a hospital corpsman. For much of his professional life, Barringer worked as a yacht broker and was deeply involved in the sailing community. A lifetime member of the San Diego Yacht Club, he also worked with Tall Ships and the America's Cup.

In addition to sailing, Barringer was an avid reader, enjoyed playing tennis and loved to travel. He especially cherished time spent with his family and grandchildren, teaching them to sail and sharing with them his lifelong love of the ocean. He spent many happy days traveling the California coast with his wife and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Victoria; his four children, Robert (Alison), Monnie (Carl), Jill (Tom) and Katherine; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He spent his final days under the loving care of Miriam Fickewirth and the dedicated staff at Agape Residential Home in Carmel.

A private ceremony to scatter his ashes at sea will be held by family.

The sea was a lifelong passion that brought him great joy and connection throughout his life.



Missy Lyn Parham

Missy Lyn Parham passed away on Feb. 11, 2026, at home surrounded by loved ones. She was born April 27, 1969, in Carmel to Judith Parham and the late William Brownlee Parham, Jr. Missy grew up in Carmel Valley and then lived in Pacific Grove for 20 years in supported living. She was a resident at Gateway Center. The last 18 months she resided in Carmel Valley with her mom. In her early days she enjoyed hanging with her dad at the Carmel Valley Fire Station, going duck hunting and salmon fishing in the Monterey Bay.

Growing up Melissa loved spending time with her big sisters Kim and Stefanie in such activities as riding horses and raising pigs and sheep in 4-H and FFA.

She loved collecting stuff — animals and bird feathers, doing puzzles and very much enjoyed playing lotto scratch-offs.

Missy loved all the holiday seasons she always enjoyed being with her family. She will be remembered for her infectious laughter. Everybody she met was her friend with sincerity.

We will miss her greatly. She enriched our lives with her beautiful child-like spirit forever.

She is survived by her mom, Judith Parham; sisters, Kim Domenighini and Stefanie (John Carminati); her aunt and uncle, Kristin and Kent Ernest; aunt Nanci Hubby and aunt Susan Hallen. She is also survived by two nephews, two nieces and two great-nephews; numerous cousins and her beloved dog, Tule.

May your soul be free now, with no limits.
Rest in peace, our beautiful Missy.

FRAYLNE RANDAZZO SAN FILIPPO

Fraylne Randazzo San Filippo, beloved mother, sister, grandmother ("Nani") and friend, passed away on March 11, 2026, after a long illness with Parkinson's Disease. She was born on Jan. 8, 1947, to Salvatore and Maryanne Randazzo in Pittsburg, Ca. Fraylne grew up living predominantly in Pacific Grove, attending Lighthouse Elementary and Pacific Grove Middle School. She went to Junipero Serra School for one year, and graduated from Pacific Grove High School, Class of 1964. In 1966, she married Robert Leonard. They had two sons: Russ, born in 1968, and a few years later, Matt was born in 1971. Fraylne and Robert divorced in 1974. A year later, she married Peter San Filippo. They moved to Fremont, Ca, where she was a stay-at-home mom for her two boys. Pete and Fraylne welcomed a daughter, Maryn, in 1978. From 1979 to 1989, Fraylne, Pete and their children lived in Santa Cruz before returning to the Monterey Peninsula, which she always identified as home. While living in Santa Cruz, Fraylne worked at Star of the Sea Church, and during this time, she and Pete were actively involved with Engaged Encounter.

In 1989, she began working as director of the Office of the Tribunal & Canonical Services of the Diocese of Monterey at San Carlos Cathedral where she became an icon as a wedding coordinator, attended Masses and was a eucharistic minister. After 30 years working for the Diocese, in 2019, she retired and enjoyed spending more time with her children, grandchildren and friends. Camping trips to Big Sur and winter trips to Tahoe were her favorite ways to spend time with her family. Fraylne enjoyed taking trips and chatting with her coffee group at weekly meetups. She was the doting Nani at Grandparent's Day events; she loved to spend time supporting her grandchildren at their school programs and sporting events. Fraylne will be dearly missed for many things, namely, her enjoyment of get-togethers with family and friends and her unwavering support through the highs and lows of life.

Fraylne's greatest achievements were her family and the relationships she built and shared with those she loved. She was always a shining example for her commitment as a caretaker for her younger siblings, mother, grandmother and her extended family. Those who knew her best will never forget her devout loyalty and infinite love. Throughout her illness, Fraylne faced each day with courage, dignity and grace. Her family is grateful to her caretakers (Joy, Lupe and Yaleyka), her doctors and Montage Health hospice nurses and staff for their support, guidance and compassion.

Fraylne is survived by her children, Russ San Filippo (Kelly), Matt San Filippo (Wendy) and Maryn Sanchez; sister, Russi Kissell; brother, Randy Randazzo and sister-in-law, Noel Randazzo; grandchildren, Tanner (Maya), Grayson, Sierra, Ethan, Aidan, A.J. and Emerson; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Peter; her parents, Salvatore (Sammy) and Maryanne Randazzo; and her brother-in-law, Michael Kissell.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. April 10, 2026, at San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey. A reception will follow at noon at the Monterey Elks Lodge. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Fraylne's memory to:

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POISONED

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According to the incident report filed by Monterey Fire Department, which responded to the scene alongside ambulances after the initial 911 call and subsequently requested two hazmat teams from Salinas Fire to investigate, the poisonous gas made its way into the theater from construction equipment operating outside.

“Ausonio Construction was conducting work on the Mission Street side of the structure using a gas-powered pressure washer and a diesel-powered boom lift,” it notes, and public works officials “arrived and stated the Sunset Center HVAC system periodically runs in reverse as part of a normally scheduled preventative maintenance program which coincided with the time of the event.

“As a result, a negative pressure was created inside the structure, which may have been a contributing factor unintentionally drawing exhaust fumes in,” the report said.

Another engine crew noted the equipment had been operating 10 feet from a door that had been propped open earlier.

Skeptical

After the hazmat teams cleared the center and the air was flushed with the HVAC system, the building was deemed safe. While MFD’s description of the incident makes no mention of CO detectors in the building, the fire department said that during a follow-up inspection Monday, two functioning detectors were found in the theater and that “the facility manager stated these detectors were in place during the event.”

Sand and Olsen, however, were skeptical and suggested the monitors had not been there when their children and the others were taken ill, since the report made no reference to them.

Also on Monday, city administrator Brandon Swanson sent an email stating the center remained safe to enter, with no more carbon monoxide detected, and that it had installed four more CO detectors and implemented a policy that, “No service technicians, contractors or maintenance work will be permitted onsite while rehearsals, performances or other activities are taking place in the theater. Any necessary service work will be scheduled outside of times when the facility is occupied by students

or audiences.”

On Thursday, the center’s executive director, Beth Bowman, issued a similar statement.

“The Sunset Center is providing an update regarding last week’s incident in which several attendees reported symptoms that raised concern about possible carbon monoxide exposure,” she said. “In coordination with the Monterey Fire Department and Salinas hazmat, the facility has undergone a comprehensive evaluation and multiple follow-up inspections. No carbon monoxide has been detected, all building systems have been thoroughly assessed and are functioning properly, and the facility has been cleared for occupancy.”

Foundation plans open house for wellness center

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN THE Carmel Foundation bought the Red Cross building at Dolores and Eighth for \$3.2 million in November 2023, its leadership wasn’t quite sure what it would be allowed to do to the building or how it would be used.

But the foundation has since figured that out and is hosting a ribbon cutting and open house for its new wellness center on March 31.

The post-adobe building was designed and built by Hugh Comstock for the Red Cross in 1955 and later expanded to include landscaping and parking on the 8,438-square-foot corner lot. When it was listed for sale, the asking price was \$3.5 million, and the foundation’s board of directors met several times to discuss the potential purchase and terms,

ultimately deciding to buy the property.

“That building has long been on our wish list — way before my tenure,” former president and CEO Holly Zoller said at the time. “As of yesterday, the building is now part of The Carmel Foundation campus.”

Ready for close-up

More than two years and a construction project later, the new center “expands the foundation’s commitment to helping older adults stay healthy, active and engaged,” said Kim Stemler, who replaced Zoller in 2024. “The project is nearly complete, and while the organization is still raising a small amount of final support, the facility is already fully operational and welcoming members each day.”

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ROBERT ALEXANDER LONG

Oct. 26, 1928 – March 7, 2026

Bob Long, a much loved and loving man, had the good fortune to enjoy 97 years of life in which he brought so much joy to Sherry, his wife of 50 years, and to his close friends and family, including his nephews John, Steve, and Rob, his namesake. Always ready in conversation to craft a joke or a pun (some good, some not, and many actually quite brilliant), Bob was also famously kind and generous.

Born in West Plains, Missouri, to John Hampton and Lewis Isabel Long, Bob grew up in Jefferson City and Columbia, Missouri, receiving his undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri in political science and education. His Army service in military intelligence during the Korean War (1951–1953) brought him to the west coast with assignments in Seattle and Portland. He never left the west, later discovering the allure of California, when he took advantage of the GI bill to earn a master’s degree in education at Stanford University.

At an early age, Bob discovered that he could do just about anything — from building a diving bell to see the bottom of the Missouri River to teaching middle and high school students to canning tomatoes at United States Products to excelling at management systems analysis at Lockheed. His curiosity and intellect led him to pursue all kinds of interests and challenges — skiing, woodworking, scuba diving, landscaping, flying airplanes, photography, golf, cheffing and more.

At age 36, Bob made a pivotal decision to return to Stanford for a Ph.D. in consulting psychology. Upon securing his doctorate in 1969, he joined CTB/McGraw-Hill where he again showed his versatility in contributing to the company’s success, first in product development with the publication of the California Achievement Test, a flagship product, and then to directorships in product management and sales and marketing, including the successful negotiation of several statewide testing contracts. Across his almost 20 years at CTB/McGraw-Hill, he earned the moniker “unflappable.”

Even after retirement in 1989, he was pressed into service to build a sales team for Hampton-Brown, a K-12 educational publishing company founded by his wife (that took courage). In his three years there, he made more friends, helped on everything from sales to trade shows to inventory, always contributing wisdom, perspective and humor. And finally, he really did retire and enjoyed going for breakfast daily at Jeffrey’s where he could take his dog and his time to read the news.

Bob and Sherry married in 1975 and, in their 50 years together, they enjoyed every single day, especially those that involved travel to Mexico, Central and South America, Africa and Europe. It was France that stole Bob’s heart, where his father served in WWI, and he visited there at every opportunity, eventually purchasing a home in St-Rémy-de-Provence. He relished walking into the village each morning, buying croissants, sacristans, the International Herald Tribune (carefully folded and carried home in his back pocket), and then enjoying them all on the back terrace. He named his home the “Friends’ House,” and his birthday parties there at age 80, 85 and 90 were the highlight — full of love, laughter and Van Gogh’s starry, starry nights.



Four dogs were part of those 50 years as well and each ever so lucky to have landed in Bob’s world, for he was a dog lover 24/7, 365 days a year. When the American Kennel Club rejected registration of his first dog because of his clever name — D for Dog — he outfoxed the organization by frenchifying the name: D’fuere D’auge. And for every pup thereafter, he always included D’Auge as the last name — Delilah D’Auge, Chulawula D’Auge and Beaucoup D’Auge.

Bob’s cleverness and his sense of humor made life so much fun for all of us who knew him, including his caregivers Alex, Coco, Socorro, Sydnee and the caring people at Hospice of the Central Coast.

Simply put — Bob Long was a wonderful man!

Photographs by Enrique Paraiso

Donations in Bob’s memory may be made to Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), Monterey County SPCA, or the Alzheimer’s Association.



RICHARD M. ELY

Richard M. Ely, known to most as Dick, passed away at the age of 82 surrounded by his loving family. Born in 1943 at Walter Reed Hospital, Dick was a fourth-generation Army brat who devoted his life to service — forging a remarkable career that spanned the military, local politics and deep involvement in the communities he called home.

After receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees from Duke University and the University of Southern California, Dick embarked on a distinguished and decorated military career. Rising through the ranks to become a Colonel in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, he embodied the values of courage, discipline and duty, earning several commendations and medals for his service. He was first and foremost an engineer, using his skills in construction and civil engineering to lead diverse projects in Europe, America and Southeast Asia. His final assignment was at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he served as facility and MACOM engineer.

Following his retirement from the Army in 1992, Dick moved to Carmel and turned his energy toward local public service. Over 14 years in elected office, he worked with dedication on issues that mattered deeply to the community, including water resources, thoughtful growth and economic vitality.

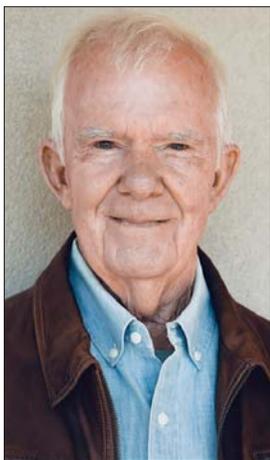
During these years, Dick and his wife Barb also built the Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Company together. What began with roasting beans in a popcorn popper grew into a beloved local business with multiple locations. The company reflected Dick's entrepreneurial spirit and his joy in bringing people together — something he did easily wherever he went.

In 2024, Dick and Barb moved to Paradise Valley in Fairfield, California, where Dick, true to his nature, quickly immersed himself in the community, meeting neighbors, joining committees and always looking for ways to help improve the world around him.

Dick loved golf, collecting things, and being around people. Over the years he amassed treasures ranging from rare marbles to space memorabilia. Gregarious, funny, and determined, he was rarely a bystander; if Dick was within a mile of a golf course or a local committee, he would find his way onto it. He respected rules — up until the moment he decided they needed bending.

But above all, he was a loving husband, father and grandfather who never wavered in his devotion to his family. He took great pride in creating lasting memories with them and offering unwavering support, guidance humor and wisdom. Dick is survived by his wife, Barbara; his children, Michael and Cara; his grandson, Maxwell; and his brothers, William and Robert.

He will be deeply missed. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Peace of Mind Dog Rescue in Pacific Grove, California.



GAS

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to afford it.

“Our communities are increasingly concerned that the cap-and-invest regulatory update scheduled for adoption in May will further destabilize California's fuel supply, economy and working families,” said the lawmakers. “This crisis is not a fallacy nor a thinly veiled threat. It is a reality borne by consumers today, who are historically and empirically least able to afford it.”

Amusingly, the letter came from 15 assemblymembers who all but one voted to pass the legislation giving the air board the okay to draft new rules. Assembly Bill 1207 came out of a backroom deal led by Gov. Gavin Newsom, former State Senate Pro-Tem Mike McGuire and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas. The last-minute vote happened in the final days of the last legislative session and approved an extension of cap-and-invest that was set to expire in 2030, but will now last through 2045, the year California hopes to achieve carbon neutrality.

‘Fall short’

On the other side of the fight are environmental groups arguing the air board's proposed regulations don't go far enough. A letter from the Environmental Defense Fund suggests the state pursue a tighter pollution cap through 2030 for a faster phase-out of the state's reliance on oil and gas.

“The air resource board's 2026 proposed cap-and-invest program amendments fall short of the near-term ambition needed for California to be on a consistent

and affordable path to achieve its 2045 carbon neutrality goals,” reads a letter from the Environmental Defense Fund.

Defense Fund's Katelun Roedner Sutter said by going farther than the minimum cap, the board would be cutting costs for low-income families. Environmental leaders often point to associated health care savings as an affordability bonus of reg-



Gasoline prices in California can be shocking to people in other parts of the country.

ulation, because life is cheaper if you're healthy.

Where the money will go

However, it's questionable whether the billions generated from the cap-and-trade auctions have made a difference for low-income California families. The sales have generated around \$31 billion since 2013 for clean energy and transportation projects. Of course, some of the money has gone to public transit, but a lot of it has gone to charging infrastructure, which only helps people who can afford electric cars, and the biggest recipient has been the state's bullet train to nowhere.

On the same day legislators wrote their letter, Chevron president Andy Walz told policymakers the proposed changes would

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It is with profound sadness that Kelly Daggett announces the sudden passing of her dearest friend and chosen family, Ryan Hadlock, on Feb. 19, 2026. Ryan and Kelly were each other's primary family, sharing a bond that spanned years and life's many chapters.



Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, Ryan dedicated his professional life to grade school education. He and his late partner, Stuart, were longtime teachers for the San Jose School District. Together, they shared a love for travel and bicoastal living, owning homes in Portsmouth, NH; Naples, FL; Los Gatos and Capitola, CA. During their summer breaks, they explored the world, always accompanied by their beloved Maltese, Angel. Their shared passion for animal welfare led them to be dedicated supporters of the SPCA and numerous rescue organizations.

Following Stuart's passing in November 2022, Ryan relocated to Pacific Grove in March 2023. He took great pride in his historical home on Caledonia Avenue. Through his neighborly circle, he became close friends with his contractor, Craig Bua, and neighbors Kathy and Kyle Frandle.

Ryan quickly became a cherished figure in Pacific Grove. He was a familiar sight two or three times a day, walking his loyal Chi-Poo, Jewel, to Lovers' Point and along Lighthouse Avenue. Always wearing a smile, Ryan's morning routine was a highlight of his day: a cup of mocha coffee for himself and a cup of whipped cream for Jewel at their favorite local café.

One of their most beloved stops was Spotted Duck on Lighthouse, where chef-owner Jerry Regester and his partner Gail Grammatico made them feel like family. Gail was often outside to greet them with a special treat for Jewel, and Ryan always had a "reserved" table waiting for him and Jewel for dinner.

In his final months, Ryan's life was enriched by the kindness of his Pacific Grove family. His neighbor Carrie became Jewel's full-time walker and a dear friend. Following Ryan's passing, his neighbors Kathy and Kyle Frandle have become the guardians of Jewel, ensuring she remains in a home filled with the love Ryan gave her. Ryan deeply cherished his friendships with Craig Bua, Carrie Shea, the Frandles, Danielle Cumberland, Xuanlan and many others.

Ryan was a "no-fuss" person who took immense pleasure in life's simple, kind moments. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him in Pacific Grove, Capitola, and Santa Cruz.

In honor of Ryan's memory, donations may be made to the Santa Cruz SPCA, (831) 465-5000, option 4.

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increase the price of gasoline by more than a dollar a gallon come 2030 and could drive even more gasoline production out of state.

"The proposed regulation will cripple the survivability of the state's remaining refineries, which will result in California losing the entire industry to this misguided program," said Walz.

Chevron operates two of California's remaining eight refineries. Phillips 66 closed its Los Angeles location in October, and Valero is phasing out its Benicia operations in time to close next month.

Iran conflict impacts

What happens around the world in Iran remains a factor in the decision-making this spring. When asked if the conflict could change the course of the air board's proposal, the chair told Politics 360 it's a factor in the discussion.

"We've built in time for some of these really important conversations," said Sanchez.

The conflict has had direct domestic impacts beyond gasoline prices in California. On Monday, under Trump's direction, oil flowed through the Santa Ynez pipeline off the coast of Santa Barbara for the first time in a decade.

The pipeline was closed in 2015 after it burst, causing one of the state's worst oil spills. Houston-based Sable Offshore Corporation took it over from ExxonMobil in 2024 but has failed to get the necessary permitting from the state to restore operations. However, on Friday the president and U.S. Energy Secretary Chris Wright invoked emergency powers in the Defense Production Act to get it flowing again, citing energy needs amid the war in Iran.

Monterey Peninsula area representatives

Assemblymember Dawn Addis and State Sen. John Laird, oppose the reopening and issued a statement alongside fellow members of the Central Coast legislative caucus on Tuesday.

"Make no mistake, no amount of California oil can compensate for Trump's reckless domestic and foreign policy decisions," read the statement. "We are seeing a rise in gas prices because of his administration's irresponsible and negligent attacks in the Middle East."

The pipeline transports oil from three rigs in federal waters that at full capacity can produce about 50,000 barrels of oil per day, which would replace about 1.5 million barrels of foreign crude a month. California goes through about 40.3 million barrels in a month.

That said, increasing production can drive down gasoline prices.

The national average, while 90 cents higher than it was before the conflict started, is notably lower than the historic highs reached under President Joe Biden's administration. In 2022, average gasoline prices topped \$5 in the United States amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Producing more

One reason the rest of the country isn't paying \$5 a gallon for gasoline is that America is producing more domestic oil than ever before. U.S. crude production reached a record high in July 2025, with over 13.6 million barrels per day recorded, bringing down the national average for gasoline from \$3.30 a gallon in 2024 to \$2.90 in early 2026.

California has been going in the opposite direction, with refinery closures accounting for a 17 percent decrease in fuel production and a greater reliance on foreign imports. Sacramento policymakers have single-mindedly plowed toward a carbon-neutral future over the last eight years — but as affordability catches on in Sacramento, it's possible a course correction is at hand.

RONALD EDWARD STEUDLER

Ronald Edward Steudler passed away peacefully on Feb. 28, surrounded by family in Anthem, Arizona. Ronnie, as he was known to friends and family, was born on Aug. 25, 1950, to Fred and Barbara Steudler at the former Carmel Hospital. He attended local schools in Monterey and Seaside and graduated from Monterey High School. He was proud to be part of the "Boys of '68," a group of classmates who continued to gather for lunch and Ronnie would always attend whenever he was in town.

In his late teens Ronnie discovered a love for boxing and competed in matches throughout the Monterey Peninsula and the Bay Area. He also had a lifelong love of sports. He played football for the Police Athletics League and baseball for the Seaside Bombers, and he remained a loyal supporter of the San Francisco 49ers through every season.

In the early 1970s Ronnie worked as a concrete mixer driver for Granite Rock Company before joining his father in the family business, Steudler Masonry. After the passing of his father, Ronnie earned his contractor's license and carried on the trade as a second generation masonry contractor.

Ronnie married Karen Romano in 1973, and together they welcomed their son, Santana. Ronnie took immense pride in his son and never missed a chance to talk about him. When the phone rang and he heard Santana's familiar greeting, "Popperdinks," Ronnie would answer with a smile and reply, "Bird." Their bond as father and son was unmistakable.

Ronnie loved watching Santana compete in golf tournaments, first as an amateur and later as a professional. Whenever he could, he would slip away from work to join Santana for a round of golf. Ronnie, Karen and Santana also spent many weekends on the lake house boating and skiing with friends.

Santana eventually joined the family business, becoming the third generation in Steudler Masonry. Together, father and son created Brick, Block & Stone and their work is portrayed across the Monterey Peninsula, from homes to commercial buildings, leaving a legacy that will stand for years to come.

In the summer of 2003 Ronnie married Robin and welcomed her daughter Lyndsey into his life. He loved her as his own and proudly traveled to support her at countless softball tournaments. Ronnie and Robin retired in May 2020 and moved from Monterey to Anthem, Arizona. In retirement they enjoyed traveling together throughout Europe, the Caribbean, Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska.

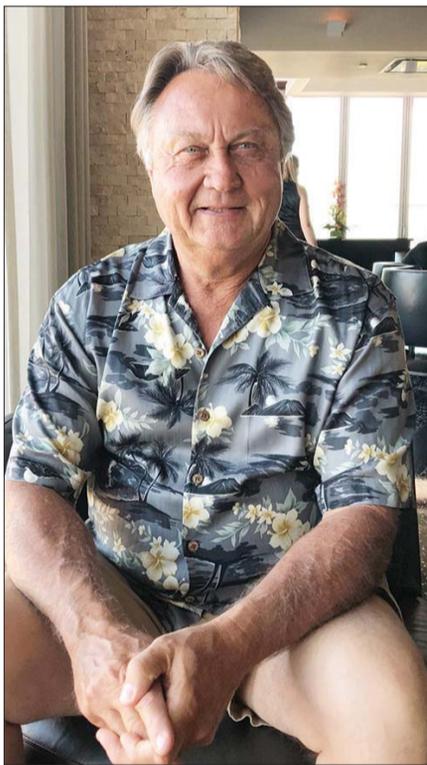
Ronnie was proud of his Christian faith and became a member of Christ's Church of the Valley in Anthem. In 2025 he was baptized by Pastor Jason Seeger.

Ronnie is survived by his wife of 23 years, Robin; his son, Santana Steudler; his stepdaughter, Lyndsey (Christopher Cedros); his sister, Carol Kienbaum (Curt Christy); his brother, Fred; and his grandchildren, Ford Ryan, Casey Scottlyn and Callaway Kennedy Cedros, who lovingly called him "Pop." He is also survived by his nieces and nephews, Danielle (William) Bethea, Tara (James) Cioffi, Brett Kienbaum, Jerrod Steudler, Matthew Romano and Jaymie (Jeff) Cecilio.

The family extends their sincere gratitude to Hospice of the Valley in Phoenix for the care and compassion they provided to Ronnie.

His celebration of life will take place 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 25, in the Seaside Room at the Monterey Fairgrounds.

To know Ronnie was to love him. He was a man with a generous heart and a kindness that everyone around him felt.



FLOCK

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so only his department can access them. As a result, other agencies searching for suspect vehicles must often directly inquire with CPD.

While that could lead to delays in finding and catching criminals, it stops the automatic sharing that some have worried about.

"There's a big layer of human beings looking at why someone else would be looking at our data," he said.

In Seaside a week earlier, Flock cameras alerted police to a truck that was possibly stolen.

"The officers located the vehicle, and after inspecting the VIN, it was found to be altered/fictitious to avoid police detection," Seaside P.D. said, and officers discovered it had been taken in San Antonio, Texas.

After the truck was towed, the owner went to the station and provided proof he had bought it "for an unusually low price online," according to police. "Sometimes, if a deal is too good to be true, it's probably too good to be true."

The truck was returned to its rightful owner in Texas.

Seaside P.D. also made a statement regarding its use of surveillance.

"We continue to use our camera program in a transparent and responsible manner as we have committed to our community," the agency said. "This would have never been discovered without such supportive technology."

Peggy Jean Pappageorgas

Peggy Jean Pappageorgas passed away peacefully at the age of 93 on Feb. 27, 2026.

Peggy was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Chris Pappageorgas; her granddaughter, Melissa Pappageorgas; and her sister, Gurly Tomanino.

Peggy was born in Turlock, California, on Oct. 16, 1932, and grew up in San Jose, California, where she met the love of her life, Chris Pappageorgas. They were married on Jan. 19, 1951, and soon began raising their family.

In 1963, Peggy and Chris moved to Pebble Beach, and they spent the rest of their lives on the Monterey Peninsula. Peggy devoted her life to her family and took great pride in raising her children.

She was instrumental in starting the Pacific Grove Little League Women's Auxiliary in 1968. For more than 30 years, Peggy also supported Monterey Peninsula College athletics by raising money through concession stands and repairing jerseys, pants and socks for the teams. During football season, she prepared a daily training table for the team during double sessions and hosted spaghetti dinners at her home for three to four players many nights during the football season. Her contributions to the community were countless.

Peggy is survived by her six children: Sharon (Greg) Puma, Deborah Allen, Chris (Lori) Pappageorgas, Bob Pappageorgas, Richard (Shawn) Pappageorgas and Ken Pappageorgas (Tony Martin). She is also survived by her brother, Clyde Henningsen; and her sister, Rebecca Alcorn.

Peggy was the loving grandmother of 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Peggy will be remembered for her deep love of family and for her unwavering support of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren throughout their lives. Peggy leaves behind a legacy of love, family and quiet generosity that will live on through the many lives she touched.

A private celebration of Peggy's life will be held by the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Living Breath Foundation, 2031 Marsala Circle, Monterey, CA 93940.

NURSING

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leaders and instructors who can train and manage future nurses,” he explained. “The new programs will complement our existing programs with community colleges, and together, we will strengthen the pipeline for skilled nurses in our region.”

‘Robust pipeline’

Montage and CSUMB said an aging population, increased demand for health-care, and the high cost of living “make recruiting nurses from outside the area increasingly difficult,” and that “expanding local education pathways strengthens the pipeline” of those “trained and retained in the community.”

Montage spokeswoman Monica Sciuto told The Pine Cone that the company does not have a shortage of nurses.

“We are fortunate that so many nurses want to work for Montage Health, and while we do not currently face a nursing shortage, our goal remains to elevate the level of care for all residents of Monterey County across hospitals, clinics, schools, skilled nursing facilities, and community practices,” Sciuto said. “Montage Health continues to lead efforts to build a strong local healthcare workforce through partnerships with

local education programs, scholarships, and community initiatives that help ensure Monterey County has a robust pipeline of highly skilled healthcare professionals trained right here at home.”

The Bachelor of Science in nursing program will have an initial class of 40 students. The \$15 million gift from Montage will also help more than 100 students in a pre-nursing major who are preparing to apply to and enter the bachelor’s degree program.

The master’s degree program will initially admit 25 students.

The funds will support the hiring of faculty and staff, including clinical lecturers, advisors and lab coordinators, and will help renovate a simulation and skills lab,



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Nursing graduate student Ann Lurati teaches a nursing class at Cal State Monterey Bay.

as well as cover accreditation costs for the two programs.

As the nursing program expands, CSUMB also plans to renovate a space within its college of health and human sciences building “into a simulation and skills

EXPANSION

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Monterey, new science labs, and upgrades at the existing Marina education center. 2020’s Measure V represents the largest facilities investment in the history of the district, to the tune of \$230 million between its central campus on Fremont Street in Monterey and the newly minted Marina and Seaside campuses.

MPC was founded in 1947 and was located on the Monterey High School campus before moving to Fremont Street. Its education center in Marina opened in 1971, offering evening classes to active military and families stationed at Fort Ord. When the base closed in 1994, the Fort Ord Reuse Authority granted several parcels of that land to the community college, including the site on Imjin Road.

Two concepts proposed by JKAE Design and Flint Builders promise significant new construction, parking and the addition of a service road. A “hub” option proposes one central teaching and

lab that will provide access to important clinical training at Cal State Monterey Bay, along with clinical rotation placements in regional healthcare settings,” Post said.

CSUMB’s nursing program has graduated 712 students since its inception.

administrative building to the east of current classrooms, while the “central” option envisions two separate structures divided by an outdoor plaza. A single-story structure would house the hospitality department and student services, and the two-story structure opposite would be devoted to nursing, dental hygiene and other health studies. District trustees will be involved in the decision between the two proposed layouts.

Economic activity

“As this campus grows, so does economic activity, sales and hotel tax revenue for better roads and services,” Mayor Bruce Delgado said. He pointed out that Marina High is less than a five-minute drive up the hill, and MPC’s campus will make dual-enrollment and career-preparation opportunities more accessible for those students.

“We’re talking about Marina’s economy, quality of life, the strength of our workforce, our long-term prosperity. Students can learn here, train here and build their futures without leaving the community they call home,” Delgado said.

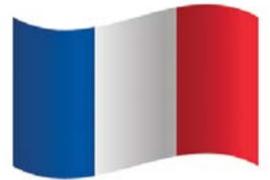


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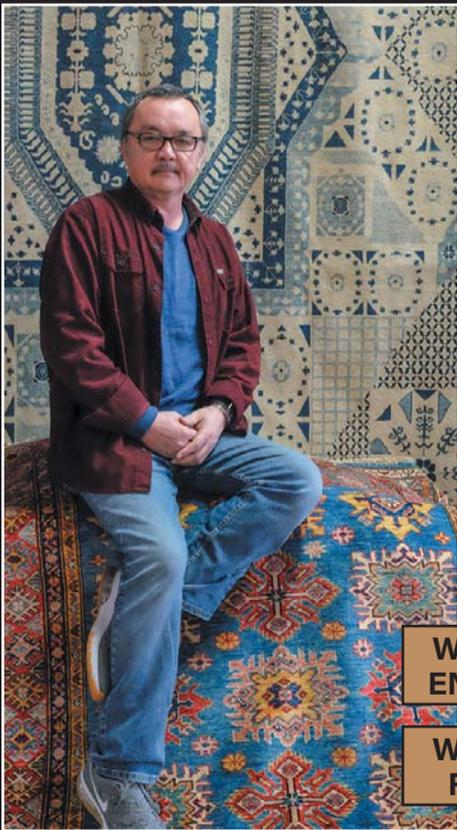
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TAX

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needs. The county's unincorporated areas must plan for 3,326 units across all income levels, the state said.

While the proposal seeks to levy a 1 percent to 5 percent tax on homes sold for more than \$10 million, supervisors — including Glenn Church, who represents District 2 — were open to lowering the threshold to include homes sold for more than \$5 million.

"I think whether you have \$5 million for a home or \$10 million for a home, it's not quite the same as shopping for a home for \$700,000 or \$800,000," Church said.

In 2025, 11 houses in unincorporated areas sold for more than \$10 million, compared with nine in 2024 and 10 in 2023. Using a three-year average home sales volume of \$174,528,333, a 1 percent transfer tax would generate more than \$1.7 million, while a 5 percent tax would generate more than \$8.7 million, according to a county report. For a \$10 million home, the tax would be \$100,000 to \$500,000, and come on top of the county's existing 1.1 percent transfer tax.

The future success of tourism in the region, Daniels warned, depends on "public intervention" in the housing market.

"In addition to agriculture and education, Monterey County has a robust tourism economy," she said. "And the county's general fund benefits from that economy. If we do not address the Monterey Peninsula's housing shortage, we will reach a point where our success undermines the

workforce needed to sustain that economy."

As the workforce is priced out of living in the area, Daniels said commute times would become longer and more expensive, and businesses would experience staffing shortages, shorter operating hours and reduced service levels.

"This will ultimately affect the visitor experience," she said. "Upholding the reputation of our region is of utmost importance in this industry."

A majority of the roughly 20 people who addressed the supervisors also supported the tax, including Christine Winge, CEO of Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula, who said many of the seniors the nonprofit serves are "hanging by a thread" due to low incomes, rising property taxes, utility costs and other factors.

"The crisis extends well beyond our senior population," Winge said. "The caregivers and staff who deliver meals — the drivers, the volunteers — many of them face their own housing hurdles. We have seen dedicated employees leave the Peninsula entirely because they simply can't afford to live here anymore."

Across finish line

Adam Pinterits, with the Monterey County Association of Realtors, told supervisors that the organization appreciated Daniels' proposal and that it addressed missing middle housing. However, the group also had concerns, including that the tax could cause a dip in local real estate sales.

"Economic conditions in years to come are uncertain, inflation may worsen, and prices may rise to the point that a threshold that seems high today may not seem so high in

a few years," Pinterits said, adding that the board should include a sunset date for the tax.

Daniels said she spent significant time researching the idea. She also acknowledged the challenge of securing 66.67 percent voter approval for the special tax if it reaches the ballot.

"How we get this across the finish line is by having everyone on board working with us," she said. "Not having specific entities — like, for example, the realtors — working against us. Everyone sees the need, so we are trying to frame this in a way that brings everybody along and helps get this across the finish line."

In 2023-2024, about 133,603 parcels accounted for \$1.05 billion in property tax revenue for Monterey County, cities, public schools, districts and services provided by the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

Supervisors directed staff to return with data, including a feasibility analysis and other information related to the proposal.



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Editorial

The infamous Cesar Chavez

AFTER MORE than 50 years as an American icon, Cesar Chavez has suddenly been revealed as a villain, thanks to a report published Wednesday in the New York Times.

The nearly five-year investigation alleges that Chavez (who died in 1993) groomed and sexually abused multiple girls and young women connected to the United Farm Workers movement, primarily in the 1960s and 1970s while he was in his 40s. Coming as it did from the New York Times, an authoritative left-wing source for news, the story was instantly accepted as truth, and in a flash, cities, counties and institutions of various types around the country moved to strip Chavez's name from streets, parks, schools, community centers, libraries, monuments and other locales. By one count, nearly 50 schools and dozens of streets and parks in California alone bear his name. And don't forget Cesar Chavez Day — a California holiday since 2000. Already legislation has been introduced in Sacramento to rename it Farmworkers Day. For years, schoolchildren have been taught to revere Chavez — it will take longer to undo that.

All this backtracking would have been unnecessary if people hadn't been in such a rush to turn Chavez into a saint, and it was an earlier report from a New York Times reporter that should have put the brakes on the idolatry.

Robert Lindsey died last year at his home in Carmel Valley after a long career as one of this country's foremost reporters, including a lengthy stint as the Times bureau chief in Los Angeles in the 1970s and 1980s, at a time when Chavez was big news. Lindsey covered him frequently. At the outset he joined the rest of the country in embracing Chavez's image as a "charismatic migrant farmworker who achieved near mythic status as the venerated cofounder of the United Farm Workers," as Lindsey put it in "Ghost Scribbler," his 2012 autobiography. "The press, including the New York Times, jumped on the story of this seemingly modest, nonviolent Latino taking on the forces of evil."

But then came a tip from a reporter at a local newspaper in Arizona that Chavez ran the farmworkers union with an iron fist. And even worse was a story that, during a melon strike in the mid-1970s, a Chavez lieutenant organized a violent campaign against potential strikebreakers by establishing "what they called a 100-mile-wide 'wet line' (as in 'wetback') at the border," Lindsey wrote. "Job-hunting newcomers from Mexico were met at the border and beaten by UFW-recruited thugs with clubs, chains and wire whips to discourage them from taking jobs. When that didn't work, there were bombings in Mexican border towns that destroyed homes and cars."

And that's not all. When Chavez learned that Lindsey was working on the story of the beatings and bombings, he scheduled an interview with the reporter in the border town of El Centro, but when Lindsey showed up for the interview, five "large Latino men" forced him into a car where Chavez was waiting. Against his will, Lindsey was taken on a long ride during which he was allowed to ask the labor leader a few questions, eliciting an admission that Chavez had ordered the creation of the "wet line," but a denial that he knew anything about violence.

"So much for the gentle, nonviolent darling of liberals," Lindsey wrote.

He was released, and the story of UFW goons mercilessly beating "wetbacks" along the border was published in the Times a few days later. But then it disappeared from the national consciousness, leaving Chavez on his journey to national hero — until this week.

BEST of BATES



Letters to the Editor

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Keep crowds controlled

Dear Editor,
With the new Car Week parking plan, the city of Carmel is playing a dangerous game, and our residents will pay the price. Closing downtown streets Thursday through Saturday will not tame the Car Week crowds. It will only scatter them into our quiet streets, where the risks are far greater.

In recent years, the city has tried to corral attendees with barriers and traffic diversions. It has not worked. Last year, noise and reckless behavior surged into residential areas. Drag racing tore through Carmel Point for the first time in memory. The police chief's comment that in closing the area and charging \$100-\$200 for parking "the area would be safer for pedestrians" is myopic. Pushing Car Week attendees out of the city center only moves the hazards into unlit, unpatrolled residential streets, dramatically increasing the likelihood of

serious injury or worse. This is essentially a whack-a-mole problem: Crowd behavior cannot simply be eliminated by closing streets; only moved. If the city's goal is to protect residents and maintain safety, the solution is to allow crowds to gather where they naturally congregate — downtown — and enforce proper behavior there. This keeps activity visible, policed and contained, rather than scattering it unpredictably outside our homes.

City council, please don't let us learn this lesson the hard way.

Albert Innocenti, Carmel

Election fraud is real

Dear Editor,
Gale Canepa is mistaken in her letter about "voter fraud." Unfortunately, it remains a major problem. Who says so? Journalist John Fund and former Federal Election Commission member Hans von Spakovsky. In their book, "Who's Counting? How Fraudsters and Bureaucrats Put Your Vote at Risk," they revealed many court cases that proved voter fraud is rampant.

Just one quote from this book encapsulates this problem:

Fund and von Spakovsky wrote, "The Department of Justice prosecuted its largest voter fraud case ever in Chicago. Prosecutors estimated that 100,000 fraudulent ballots were cast in the 1982 gubernatorial election. Tens of thousands of individuals had voted twice, and thousands of other

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Unusual jobs, exceptional research, and a legacy of her own

THEY EVENTUALLY went into practice together, but Nancy Rubin was not the type to ride her father's white coattails. The Carmel Valley-based oncologist distinguished herself well before his remark-

able career came to bear on her own. In fact, both Rubin parents were surprised when their oldest daughter, then a psych major at UC San Diego, decided to add chemistry to her course load. "They never pushed us one way or another," the 56-year-old Rubin said of her mother Suellen — then a psychologist and professor at Cabrillo College — and her late father, Jerry Rubin, who was among the first clinicians in Monterey County to treat HIV/AIDS patients. He also successfully campaigned with former Congressman Leon Panetta to include hospice in Medicare benefits, and inspired his daughter's eventual specialization.

Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

Published in 2021, "Mommies Are Never Gone" expresses a notion of the soul that Rubin has shared with many patients and families over the years. Illustrated by local artist Paul Richmond, the story encourages grieving children to consider that the beautiful things they see are signs that a parent is still "present" in their lives. From a

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PHOTO/PACIFIC CANCER CARE

Nancy Rubin, a senior clinician with Pacific Cancer Care, makes time in her schedule for meaningful artistic pursuits.

IT REALLY IS RATHER PLEASANT HERE, SAYS PAINTER FROM SIBERIA

SIX MONTHS after the passing of her beloved husband, Russian-born Tamara Selyangina is rediscovering her bliss as an artist on the Monterey Peninsula.

The atmospheric, soft-palette, impressionist-style watercolors she creates for three local galleries are deeply inspired by Monterey County: damp, foggy scenes from Moss Landing, Point Lobos, Big Sur and — her favorite subject — those working vessels in the placid waters of Monterey Harbor.

primarily a studio artist, working mostly from her own photographs. Watercolors and outdoor painting generally aren't compatible, but Selyangina definitely enjoys the weather.

She is a native of Siberia, a region of the world known for subzero temperatures and relentless snowfall.

"I have memories of times when the snow would be up to the windows, and we'd have difficulty opening the door," said Selyangina, who grew up in a small

village near Irkutsk, home of Lake Baikal — a body of water 30 miles long, 6 miles wide and more than a mile deep.

"It's the deepest lake in the world, and it's magnificent and beautiful," she said of "the Pearl of Siberia," which freezes so solidly in winter that cars can drive on the ice.

Selyangina graduated from high school in Siberia, then studied foreign languages at Irkutsk State Linguistic University, was married, had a daughter, Olga, and was widowed when her first husband died young from a heart attack.

Meeting Peter

Selyangina was working as a dean's assistant in 1995, when her university launched a collaborative program with the University of Maryland — which led to the arrival of Richmond, an American faculty member.

"Peter and I worked together for three years, formed a friendship, then fell in love and got married in Irkutsk," she said.

A 1998 financial crisis in Russia ended the program, leaving Peter without a job, and two years later they moved to Germany, where he taught for seven years on a U.S. military base.

"I had never touched a paintbrush before that time — I had no art training at all — but, by then, Olga was old enough to enroll at an American university in Germany, where she took an art class," she said.

Olga's teacher invited Tamara to join the class in the picturesque town square in Schwäbisch Gmünd, famous for crafts, architecture, design and culture.

"She said, 'bring a sketchpad and a pencil,'" Selyangina remembered. Properly equipped, she arrived for her first lesson.

'You have to continue!'

"I sketched something that day, and the instructor said, 'You have something ... you have to continue!'" Selyangina recollected. "She was the first person who inspired me to try art, and I'm very thankful to her. I went to an art store and bought brushes, paper and acrylics."

She and her husband enjoyed living in Germany,

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

"I am retired now — I'm an old person," laughed Selyangina, who shows her work at Venture Gallery in Monterey's Portola Plaza, Haute Enchilada Café, Gallery and Social Club in Moss Landing, and the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation Gallery on Cannery Row.

"My joy is that I don't have to rush off to work anymore. I can go to the wharf or wherever and enjoy the atmosphere, or just grab my brushes and paint all day without ever leaving the house, sometimes even without having dinner."

Caregiver

Creating art became a catharsis for Selyangina after her husband, Peter Richmond, a retired California State University Monterey Bay professor, passed away in September following a lengthy struggle with myasthenia gravis (an autoimmune disorder that affects muscle strength) and other health problems.

"He was wonderful — a very sweet guy," she said.

"It was a tough three years. I was his only caretaker, and it's all still sort of fresh, but I finally feel like my juices are flowing again, and it's a wonderful feeling."

A Peninsula resident since 2007, she is



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Watercolorist Tamara Selyangina, a native of Siberia, came to the Monterey Peninsula in 2007 to work for the DLI.

From the mayor's desk —

Learning from our neighbors

By DALE BYRNE

LOOKING BACK on my 33 Pine Cone columns, a few themes keep showing up: common sense, customer service, forward thinking, honest reviews of our progress, and encouraging resident engagement. I've also discussed how surrounding communities are approaching housing and long-term planning.

What other cities are doing

Scotts Valley issued a request for proposal for its Town Center Core, a city-owned site on the Skypark Airport property. The vision includes more than 300 housing units with 25 percent deed-restricted affordable, along with walkable retail, restaurants, public plazas and an iconic view tower.

The city has spent years preparing the site, including environmental review, retail analysis and formation of an enhanced infrastructure financing district. They are inviting the development community to bring resources, expertise, and creative vision.

In Marina, Mayor Bruce Delgado is hosting a community workshop. The city adopted a downtown vitalization specific plan in October 2024, a 20-year roadmap for the Reservation Road and Del Monte Boulevard corridor. The workshop brings in outside consultants to present market data, street design concepts and economic analysis. The community will then set priorities, including up to 1.38 million square feet of retail space and over 2,900 housing units.

Carmel's commitment

Both cities are doing what Carmel committed to in our approved housing element: Use city-owned and privately owned property strategically, engage outside expertise, and pursue public-private partnerships capable of delivering results at scale. While the state housing mandate is often framed as a problem, it can also be viewed as a positive nudge. Carmel does need housing for seniors, first responders, artists and teachers, along with market-rate

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One painter opens newest gallery, another celebrates ‘Rites of Renewal’

LOCATED ON Mission Street between Fifth and Sixth, the newest art gallery in town, the Dan Louth Gallery, will host a grand opening reception, free and open to the public, Wednesday at 5 p.m.

The gallery showcases the creative talents of Louth, an abstract artist who works mostly in acrylics and mixed media. After finding success as a software engineer and in business, he took up painting 15 years ago. His influ-

ences range from the early modernist Marc Chagall to the mysterious street artist Banksy. He emphasizes colors and spontaneity in his paintings, according to his biography. “I like to layer my paint and give it a lot of depth and texture,” said Louth, who describes his style as “eclectic.” “Abstraction allows me to capture the feeling of a place rather than its physical details.”

The gallery will be an exhibition space and a working studio, “allowing visitors to view original works — and gain insight into the artist’s process.”

For more about the gallery, visit danlouth.com.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

■ Art meets science

An exhibit opening Tuesday at Monterey Regional Airport explores the connection between art and science. The Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History teamed up with the airport to present the show, which opens with a reception Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

“This exhibit celebrates a tradition that began in 1881 with the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle in Pacific Grove and continues today at the museum, where curiosity about the natural world is expressed through various mediums of art,” the museum’s Maya Sosa said. “From Wesley Haack’s woodcuts, to the basketry of Linda Yamane and Violet Smith, the jade carvings of Don Wober and the science illustrations — these works invite us to look closely at the incredible facets of our county’s natural world and deepen our connection to its landscapes, plants, and wildlife.”

The exhibit will be on display for a year. The airport is located at 200 Fred Kane Drive.

■ Seaside art contest

The winners of the 2026 Seaside Youth Art Competition



Painter Elizabeth Murray has a new show at Sunset Center’s Marjorie Evans Gallery.

will be announced Friday at 6:30 p.m., the Weston Collective reported.

“We are thrilled to announce that 60 of our students will be represented at this year’s Seaside Youth Art Competition,” the group announced. “Join us at the Avery Gallery inside Seaside’s City Hall to celebrate and cheer on our talented students as they receive awards for their artwork — don’t miss this inspiring evening of creativity and community.”

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■ Sunset welcomes display

Sunset Center’s Marjorie Evans Gallery welcomes painter Elizabeth Murray’s new show, “Rites of Renewal — in Kinship with Earth,” with a free public reception Friday at 5 p.m.

Murray is perhaps best known for her work restoring painter Claude Monet’s garden in Giverny, France, and photographing the site, which is now a major tourist destination. The garden served as the inspiration for many of Monet’s masterworks.

Murray is also an author, lecturer and painter — and

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WELLNESS

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in 2024. “The project is nearly complete, and while the organization is still raising a small amount of final support, the facility is already fully operational and welcoming members each day.”

At the open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony, which will take place from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in partnership with the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, guests will be invited to tour the facility and learn more about the foundation’s programs, which serve members age 55 and older. In addition to low-cost housing and meals, the organization offers activities, classes, medical-equipment loans, a library and other activities and benefits.

Stemler said numerous donors and supporters, along with the chamber’s Leadership Carmel class of 2025, made the wellness center possible.

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hummingbird in the window, to a rainbow on the horizon, the evidence is everywhere that “after we’re gone, we’re still here,” Rubin explained.

Her first experience of nearly losing her father — she was studying psychology at UCSD when he had a heart attack — is what pushed her “to take the harder path” of specializing in cancer treatment, Rubin said. After graduating from UCSD, Rubin enrolled in the Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, specifically the college of osteopathic medicine.

Osteopathy can be described as a holistic approach to conventional medicine, and Rubin’s interest in treating the whole person — mind, body and spirit — was inspired by her parents. For years her mother, the psychologist, had led cancer support groups, while her husband inspired everyone with his sheer capacity for caring.

“He would see 30 to 35 patients in the time it took me to see 18 to 23 patients. He was a master of the art of being in a room for a short amount of time, and nonetheless having an impact,” Rubin said.

The whole person

By her own merits, Rubin earned numerous research and academic accolades from Western U. In the mid-1990s, she briefly returned to the Peninsula to intern for Dr. Geraldine Taplin who, assisted by specialists like Rubin’s father, had established the first HIV/AIDS outpatient clinic in Monterey County.

By the time Rubin applied for a fellowship at the University of Southern California, her experience belied her years. She’d continued to specialize in HIV treatment during residency at Oakland’s Highland General Hospital, which made her the standout candidate for the only remaining spot in the cancer center’s hematology program.

Unbeknownst to Rubin, the head of the Highland residency program had a friend in Dr. Sandy Levine, an expert in lymphoma and AIDS-related malignancies at USC, whom he told to keep an eye out for Rubin.

“Sandy was an amazing physician to learn from, so caring for the whole person. The way I practice is very similar to her,”

Rubin said.

Concluding that fellowship in 2003, she received two invitations: Return to Highland and lead their oncology department — a responsibility the 33-year-old Rubin felt nowhere near ready to assume. Or, she could join her father and oncologist Thomas Bradley in practice at Cancer Associates of the Monterey Peninsula.

“It was a seamless transition. Because he was my dad, I wasn’t too intimidated to ask questions, which just accelerated my learning curve,” she said.

In 2008, their practice merged with two other local specialists to become Pacific Cancer Care. Now under the Montage Health umbrella, Rubin still practices, focusing on breast cancer and OB-GYN patients.

Many doctors find it easier to treat the patients they’ve known the longest, but the same can’t necessarily be said for oncologists, even for someone so invested in the “whole person” approach to care.

“Because of how often we see them and their families, I think oncologists do get closer to our patients, even in a very short amount of time,” she said. “It’s very hard not to take your work home with you.”

To cope, she recommends aspiring doctors find a creative respite, just as she’s found hers. She only picked up guitar a few years ago and enjoys singing with her partner of five years, Craig. She hikes often at Garland Park with old friends from CHS, and she and her daughter make a point of trekking Big Sur at least once per month. Sienna, 18, a talented animator and Carmel

High senior, got Rubin’s artistic temperament, while Zachary, 20, is taking on the family trade as a pre-med student at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Jerry’s Place

Successful cancer research can be its own mood-lifter, too. Rubin and her colleagues have participated in significant trials over the years, and the results coming out of Pacific Cancer Care have helped shape global standards of care. In 2017, one of Rubin’s patients was the first person in the United States to test a new type of immunotherapy, which proved a success in deterring the aggression of Stage 3, triple-negative breast cancer. She is waiting to hear if the practice will open a new trial next month. International in scope, it will test a medication for early-stage breast cancer and will be open not only to her patients but countywide and into Santa Cruz. As with most trials, it’s a process of years — half a decade, in this case. But a lot of good can happen in that time.

“Everyone has done such an amazing

job carrying on his spirit,” Rubin says of the Jerry Rubin Foundation and Jerry’s Place, both founded in her father’s honor in 2021. The former provides financial aid to cancer patients, and the latter was established when a group of colleagues, notably Dr. John Hausdorff, approached Rubin with a plan to carry on her father’s legacy as an advocate for hospice care.

“As a cancer doctor, he was aware of this great need,” said Rubin of her father’s historic move to establish the first end-of-life home in Monterey County in the early ’80s. First set up in a six-bedroom bungalow he rented in Carmel Valley, it was eventually renamed Westland House, moved to Monterey, and is now operated by Montage Health.

For patients who have no place to go at the end of their lives, either for family or financial reasons, Jerry’s Place is a no-cost, grant-supported center in Seaside. Right now, they’re only able to fund two beds — but that looks to change as soon as this year. Rubin shared excitedly of plans to expand into Salinas and South County.

Researching cancer, writing a children’s book, learning guitar

POWER

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whether a treatment plan will work, while also considering facts that could indicate a substantial and undue risk to innocent people.

“AB 46 gives courts the discretion to look at the whole situation and make decisions that balance treatment with public safety,” she said.

A group of other district attorneys, police departments and sheriff’s offices also support AB 46.

On Tuesday, the State Senate Public Safety Committee approved the bill unanimously. It will next head to the Senate Appropriations Committee.



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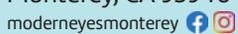
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MAYOR

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housing and civic investments, and we received approval for an approach capable of delivering those outcomes. The question is whether we gave that approach a fair opportunity to succeed.

■ **What is proposed**

The proposed revised housing element amendment would move us in a different direction. It would remove city-owned parking lots from the proposed sites and replace them with scattered, voluntary programs to disperse units around town, most without parking requirements. The theory is that many small projects, including ADUs, can add up to meet our mandated numbers.

At the same time, our planning and building department is working through a backlog of major projects, staff capacity is finite, and approving projects with “change of use” can be surprisingly complex. Expecting building

NAVAJO

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could send secret messages that were fast, accurate and secure. More than 400 Navajo Marines joined the effort.

MacDonald served in the Sixth Marine Division during the war. He later was tribal chairman of the Navajo Nation for four terms. Politically active, he gave a speech supporting President Richard Nixon at the 1972 Republican National Convention but also backed Democrat Raul Castro's bid for governor of Arizona.

MacDonald later was sentenced to federal prison for conspiracy, burglary, racketeering and corruption stemming from a 1989 riot and various bribery schemes. Following a 1992 conviction, he was sentenced to 14 years but was released in 2001 after President Bill Clinton pardoned him — making it possible for him to return to his role as a respected, if controversial, elder statesman of the Navajo people.

ELECTION

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Notwithstanding other benefits and drawbacks of Measure C, The Pine Cone asked Monterey County Registrar of Voters Gina Martinez for the total cost of placing the measure on the June ballot.

“The rough estimate for June's election for the city of Pacific Grove is \$63,000,” Martinez said. But it's a different story in November.

“The cost of Pacific Grove adding a measure to the November election, in which they have candidate contests, is negligible,” the registrar said.

owners to respond and the system to absorb hundreds of applications raises questions about whether this approach can deliver results at the required scale to avoid the builder's remedy.

■ **The tool at risk**

This approach could set aside the tool most likely to deliver on our commitments: a competitive request-for-proposal for city-owned sites that invites experienced developers to propose creative solutions. That is what Scotts Valley and Marina are doing. Their process invites the market to bring forward solutions that can deliver housing, retail, parking, and public amenities in a single development with solid financing.

Most of the creative programs already existed, and the enhanced versions of those tools, while pursuing a well-structured RFP under the city's control, would give Carmel multiple paths to success.

Common sense, forward thinking, and honest progress reviews have been key threads running through these columns. As we evaluate the proposed amendment, the question is whether the approach we choose can realistically deliver the housing we have committed to produce while maintaining the qualities that make Carmel special. Learning from our neighbors is only the first step. What matters now is choosing a path that turns those lessons into real results for Carmel.

To hear a podcast generated from this column go to carmelneighbors.com.

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

EJE

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isn't on the list, many people who live there would qualify as disadvantaged. She also said that lack of high-speed internet is an equity issue worth addressing.

Planning commissioner Jessica Hartzell, who also represents Big Sur and Carmel Valley, asked for more details about how the environmental justice plan would work.

“What I notice is there's a lot of why and not a lot of what,” Hartzell said. “It feels like the substance hasn't been developed yet — what's going to happen in these areas?”

Planning commissioner Christine Shaw, who represents Pajaro, had questions about the element's goals — and whether they could be enforced.

“The policies that we already have are not effectively enforced in all of these areas that are on the list,” she observed.

The county just released the plan, and people will have an opportunity to make comments about it through May 11. This summer, the county plans to finalize the environmental justice element, conduct a community meeting and planning commission workshop, and release some kind of environmental report. The planning commission will review it this fall and make a recommendation to the board of supervisors, who are also expected to weigh in on the element later this year.

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LETTERS

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bogus votes had been cast in the name of individuals who were dead, in prison, or whose registered addresses were vacant lots. Absent voters were impersonated, voters' signatures on ballot applications had been forged wholesale in many precincts." This 304-page book only reported on court-proven cases of voter fraud, not hearsay.

Lawrence Samuels,
Carmel

Homeless veteran

Dear Editor,

Carmel loves dogs. If a dog were abandoned on the street here, it would be rescued in less than 30 minutes.

Mark is an Army veteran in his 70s. My husband and I met him on Thanksgiving, and every day he sits at the bus station on Rio Road across from the Crossroads Shopping Center, exposed to the elements, with all his belongings around him, with no shelter, no bathroom and no way to care for himself. I know this location is in Monterey County and not the city of Carmel, but that does not change my desperation or my hope that others who love this community will join me in finding a way to stop his suffering. I cannot be the only one who sees this and feels it is unacceptable.

I called 911 when I saw him lying on the ground one evening, not knowing if he was dead. An ambulance came, but the next day he was back. I have called Monterey County Adult Outreach, Mobile Crisis, the VA Homeless Veteran Program and local nonprofits. Months have passed. And still nothing is done.

No competent adult would choose this life. To sit outside day after day, with no protection from the weather and no access to basic hygiene, is not a choice. It is cruelty. It is neglect. And yet, in 2026, as the state spends billions on the homeless, the answer remains that nothing can be done. Ridiculous.

We need an action plan. Someone, anyone, tell us what works, what agency, what caseworker, what law, what framework can finally remove a human being from this endless suffering. If Mark were an abandoned dog, he would already be safe, warm, fed and cared for. But he is not a dog. He is a human being. And he is left to rot in plain sight.

I don't know what else to do. My heart aches every time I see him. I feel helpless, frustrated and deeply sad that this is happening in the community I love. I am desperate for someone, anyone, to step forward and act. I cannot believe that I am the only one upset by this. I hope this letter can bring others who feel the same together. Please, it is time to act.

Renee Lambert,
Carmel

Monterey's deficit

Dear Editor,

The Monterey City Council is faced with a \$10 million to \$14 million budget deficit. The city is reviewing various options to balance the budget, including tax and fee increases, and cuts in expenditures. As with every municipality, the majority of the budget is personnel costs, including benefits plans and ever-increasing contributions to the CalPERS retirement plan.

According to councilmember Ed Smith, there are 62 vacant personnel positions in the budget for various departments. Perhaps this is an area that needs some attention? I realize nobody wants to be known for cutting jobs, but these are unfilled positions sitting vacant on the budget. If 25 of these 62 positions could be eliminated, it may translate into several million dollars of savings and an offset to the deficit.

Cutting phantom positions before looking at more taxes and fees for Monterey residents and visitors seems to make good financial sense. Clean your own house before you look to taxpayers for additional tax dollars.

Additionally, nonessential programs and services should also be reviewed. While the rental assistance program is a nicety, it is \$250,000 that benefits a limited number of residents. The rental registry is another expensive

program with an ever-growing number of staff required to manage it. Did it provide the "snapshot" of information the city council was looking for? If so, eliminate this expense.

And why would funds be set aside in the reserves account when doing so adds to the deficit?

Once the city balances its budget and hopefully realizes a surplus in the future, these positions and programs can be revisited — when we as a city can afford it.

Carmel Valley chess club to open with pizza party

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

OFFERING ENTHUSIASTS mental stimulation, friendly competition and a social outlet, the brand-new Carmel Valley Chess Club is announcing its arrival with a free grand opening celebration March 28, from noon to 3 p.m., at 9 Del Fino Place, Suite 201. The event will feature pizza, a raffle and free lessons.

"Dedicated to fostering strategic thinking and community connection, the club will host weekly meetups featuring youth, casual and competitive teams, casual match play, organized tournaments and expert-led instruction," the group said.

"By providing a welcoming space for both competitive players and those new to the game, the club aims to strengthen the local chess culture and make the 'sport of kings' accessible to everyone," it added.

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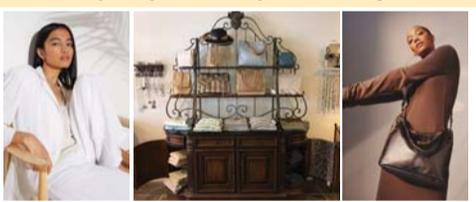

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Section 2

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THE CARMEL Padres couldn't help but wince a bit when Nate Campbell, last year's Gabilan Division Offensive Player of the Year, moved to Southern California before his senior year of high school volleyball.

But tears dry quickly for a team that has talent, leadership, and big-game experience to spare, and the 2026

on a varsity roster with six players who saw prime-time duty on the team that went 8-2 in the Pacific Coast Athletic League's toughest division, 20-12 overall, and beat Palma in the opening round of the Central Coast Section Division 2 tournament.

Castillon — a Carmel assistant for the previous three seasons — has nothing but positive feelings about the road ahead.

"The Gabilan is always tough, of course, but I'm going to be optimistic and say we're going to be the best," said the former CSU Monterey Bay setter/outside hitter, who led Central Catholic High to the Sac-Joaquin Section Division 3 crown and state semifinals in 2019, her junior year.

A catalyst of last year's division-title team, 6-foot-3 setter/opposite-side hitter Zack Speakman, was named Defensive Player of the Year and first-team All-Gabilan after a season in which he led the PCAL with 461 assists (6.7 per set), ranked second on the team to Campbell with 131 kills (56 percent) and 41 blocks, and amassed 137 digs (5.5 per match).

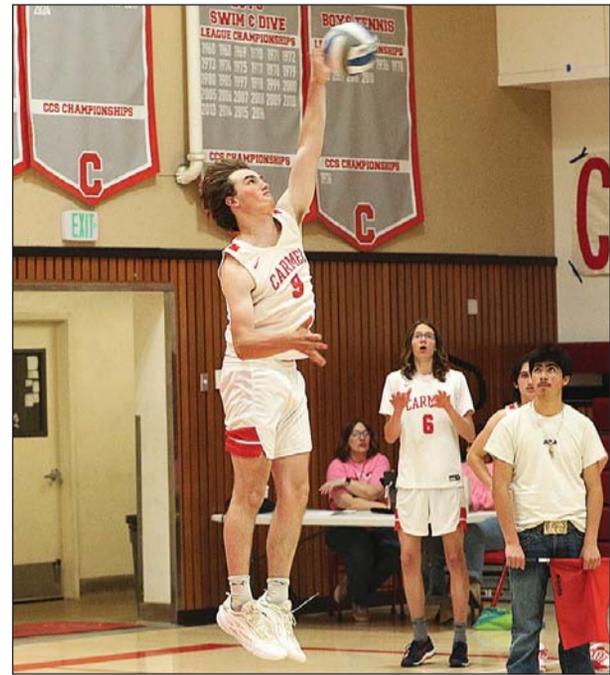
"Zack has developed his volleyball IQ over the past year, and he's really stepping into a leadership role. All of his teammates look up to him," Castillon said. "He comes to me this year and says, 'I think we should do this, or that,' and he's working hard on becoming a better communicator with his hitters."

Body on the floor

Other court leaders include second-team All-Gabilan honorees Drew Galy, the libero, and Nick Tonini, a middle blocker.

Galy, 5-7 and fleet afoot, topped the Padres with 185 service receptions (8.0 per match), ranked among the leaders with 105 digs (4.6), and also served 11 aces.

"Drew is amazing. He's not afraid to put his body on the floor, is always communicating with his teammates and is very coachable," Castillon said. "He's a role model for all the younger kids



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

In addition to being Carmel's top setter and a stellar outside hitter, senior 6-foot-3 Zack Speakman was Defensive Player of the Year in the Gabilan Division last season.

in our program."

Tonini, 6-4, is a force at the net, where he hammered 114 kills (45.2 percent), accrued 35 blocks, served 22 aces, and was a back-row standout with 177 serve receptions and 136 digs.

"Nick has really blossomed in the middle role and he's become a big threat offensively," Castillon said. "And that threat is his speed. He'll really open up our options on offense."

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

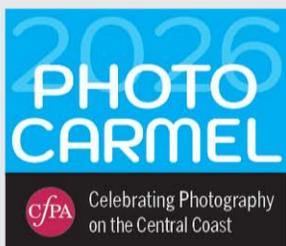
Padres check those boxes as they prepare to defend the division championship they shared with a powerhouse Monterey team last spring.

First-year head coach Hannah Castillon has 10 seniors



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Nick Tonini, a 6-4 senior middle blocker, earned second-team All-Gabilan plaudits for the 2025 Padres.



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SPORTS

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He also is excellent on the back row — his serve-receive is amazing, so we're pulling him back to pass whenever he can."

Henderson does it all

Tristan Henderson, a 6-footer, uses exceptional speed at the net, where he blasted 100 kills and registered 15 blocks from his outside hitter spot. His quickness also made him a vacuum on defense, where he piled up 116 serve receptions. Henderson also tallied 13 aces.

"Tristan is one of our powerhouses on the outside," said the coach. "We're really

working with his speed right now. We're trying to figure out his timing and improving his connection with our setters."

Jacob Tonini (Nick's twin), is a 6-2 outside hitter who served seven aces and recorded 41 kills — a statistic he shared with 6-4 Jacob Peterson, who also contributed 17 blocks.

Peterson — "JP" to his teammates — is a right-side weapon as a left-handed hitter, and "a quiet force who doesn't talk much," Castillon said.

"He has an instinct for when the set is slightly off — knows when he can't go full swing, which is really hard to teach," she added. "He can tip out, and he can roll his shots, which gives him a lot of options."

The other setter in Carmel's 6-2 offense is Chase Ford, who also plays a right-side

hitter spot for the Padres. Ford contributed 101 assists and 8 aces as a junior.

"Chase has a strong connection with his teammates, and an ability to push the ball wherever he wants," the coach said. "He also has a pretty good serve — a float serve that's very consistent. He just knows who to target in our opponent's defense." Others vying for playing time are 6-2 Jonas Buran, a vastly improved middle blocker ("This year, he came in with guns a-blazing," his coach said), plus two juniors — 6-2 lefty Austin Burton, who plays the right-side hitter position, and Donovan Nagai, a defensive specialist who isn't afraid to go horizontal on the back row.

Rugged non-division road

Carmel opened a challenging non-division schedule with back-to-back 3-0 victories over Scotts Valley and last year's CCS D-2 champion Harbor.

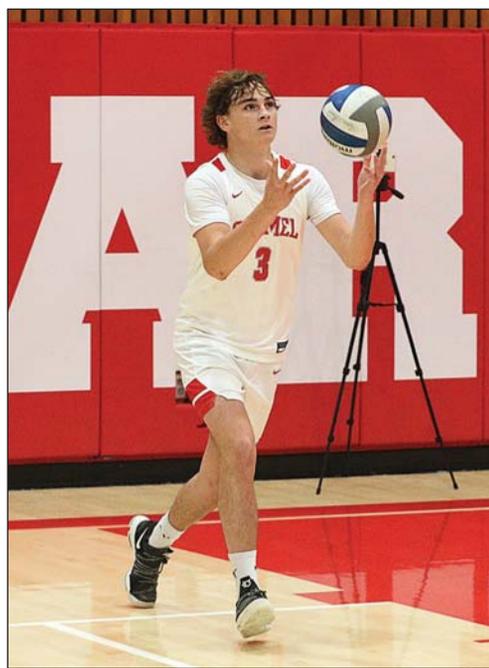
The Padres played traditionally strong Leland, a San Jose school, on Tuesday, and Morgan Hill's Ann Sobrato on Wednesday. They'll travel Saturday to San Mateo for the Aragon tournament, and will participate in the Harbor Surf City Invitational on March 27, and the Monterey Peninsula Classic on April 18.

Carmel's Gabilan Division opener is a 6 p.m. home match against 2025 co-champ Monterey on March 26. Palma, Alisal, and Salinas loom as other division threats this season.

'Enjoy every minute'

Carmel Youth Baseball held opening ceremonies for its 64th official season on Feb. 28 at Dampierre Park, where about 250 of the program's 311 registered players gawked at hometown celebrity Matt Maxon, a CYB alumnus currently starring in his senior baseball season for the Central Coast Section champion Carmel Padres.

"For me, that day was so surreal — it brought me back to when I was a little kid," said Maxon, who was 4 years old in



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Tristan Henderson, a quick, 6-foot senior, is a force at outside hitter, defense, and at the service line for Carmel.

his rookie season of CYB.

When he got his chance to speak to the wide-eyed audience, he imparted a seize-the-day kind of message.

"I told them I had played on a lot of baseball fields during my career — high school fields, college fields, even professional fields — but the best times of my life were as a little kid, playing youth baseball. I told them not to take it for granted, and enjoy every minute."

The day proved to be as enlightening to the celebrity guest as it was to the players, who will play in divisions ranging from 6-and-under to 14-and-under.

"It was a great honor for me," he said. "I knew some little kids in our community looked up to me, but I honestly didn't realize it was that many."

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ONE OF classical music’s most electrifying stars, violinist **Stefan Jackiw** joins the Monterey Symphony when it performs Tchaikovsky’s thrilling Violin Concerto

EEV — has played with the symphony or visited Sunset Center.

“I’ve watched his career over two decades,” symphony executive director Nicola Reilly told The Pine Cone. “He’s a rock star violinist — he performs with incredible intensity. I can’t wait to see the concert. He’s so much fun to watch.”

Saturday, but is sold out.

General admission starts at \$50, while tickets for students, teachers and active military are \$12. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. For tickets, call (831) 646-8511 or visit monterey-symphony.org.



Blending opera and pop music, Il Divo performs Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., at Sunset Center — and the concert will be lit by candles.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Saturday, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, 3 p.m., at Sunset Center.

The concert marks the first time that Jackiw — whose name is pronounced jack-

Besides the piece by Tchaikovsky, the symphony will play Sibelius’s Seventh Symphony and contemporary composer Marina López’s Moño. Conductor **Jayce Ogren** calls the former the composer’s “greatest tribute to nature, humanism and spirituality,” while the latter will be performed publicly for just the second time.

An hour before each concert, a pre-concert talk will introduce the audience to López and preview the program. A Q&A with Ogren, Jackiw and López will follow Saturday’s concert in the lobby. Also, the symphony’s principal horn **Dan Nebel** plays in the lobby before Sunday’s performance.

The symphony’s eighth annual Women’s Night Out is also set for

By candlelight

A vocal group famous for bringing together opera and pop music, **Il Divo** takes the stage Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., at Sunset Center — by candlelight.

The group was formed more than two decades ago by TV personality Simon Cowell.

“With more than 30 million albums sold, 160 Gold and Platinum records across 35 countries, and a string of standing ovations on the world stage — from the Summer Olympics and FIFA World Cup, to Queen Elizabeth’s Diamond Jubilee at Windsor and the Commander-in-Chief’s Ball — Il Divo sets the standard for classical crossover,” according to Sunset Center.

Tickets start at \$75. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit sunsetcenter.org.

We write the songs

Highlighting locals with a talent for writing music, the Monterey County Composers’ Forum presents a concert Sunday, 3

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Singer and guitarist Dan Frechette and singer and violinist Laurel Thomson play Sunday, 11 a.m., at the P.G. Meetinghouse.



Celebrate the arrival of Spring with our Easter Grand Buffet.

Sunday, April 5 | 11:00am - 2:30pm

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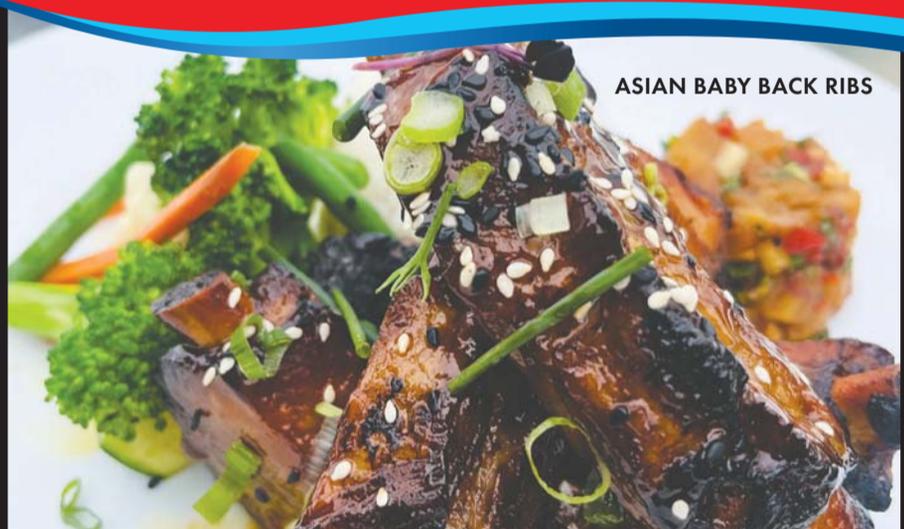
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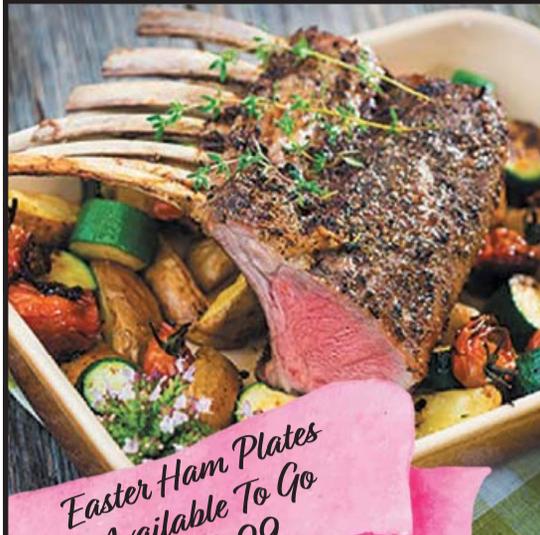


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New menus at Bud's and Brophy's, and baking and bartending champs

WITH A new chef at the helm for a few months, Bud's at La Playa in Carmel saw an overhaul of its menu, while Brophy's, the tavern in the sister property, Hotel Carmel, has a couple of new items after years without change.

With its dimly lit, well-appointed bar, comfortable lounge and outdoor terrace — the perfect spot for catching sunsets — Bud's is popular not just with hotel guests and other visitors, but with locals. Executive Chef José Mejía, who has 19 years of expe-

rience in the hospitality industry, took over the kitchen several months ago and holds a culinary philosophy “centered on authen-

Soup to Nuts

ticity, balance, and a deep respect for seasonal, locally sourced produce.”

While the comforting grilled cheese and tomato bisque (increased from \$20 to \$27) and the Bud's burger (also now \$27) have remained essentially untouched for a while, the rest of the menu continues to evolve. Classic favorites like oysters, a prawn cocktail and the cheese and charcuterie board remain, as do the Spain-inspired patatas bravas.

Caviar available

Among the new additions are deviled eggs (\$16), somewhat uninspiringly presented on a small metal platter — but they can be gussied up with white sturgeon caviar for an extra \$20. Said caviar is also available with house-made chips and traditional accompaniments for \$90, and offerings from the sea continue with salmon tartare (\$24), crab cake (\$32), pan-seared salmon (\$38) and shrimp and crab Louis (\$40). Other recently debuted items include truffle fries for \$28 and vegetarian mushroom Bolognese with rigatoni for \$32.

Bud's is open from 3-10 p.m. in La Playa at Camino Real and Eighth and is especially popular on Tuesday and



The Links Club's Matthew Salazar claimed the Carmel-by-the-Sea Championship on his home turf during this round of Battle of the Bartenders.

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Sunday nights, when Dave Morwood and his guest musicians are playing jazz, and during vinyl sessions DJ'd by FolkYeah! on Thursdays. Find more information at budscarmel.com.

Brophy's, its more casual sibling at San Carlos and Fourth with a tavern/sportsbar lean, made some recent alterations as well, evicting its Reuben calzone — which was delicious but apparently confused a lot of customers — the chicken sandwich, and two salads, in favor of a steak taco salad in a fried tortilla bowl (first impression suggests it needs a bit more seasoning, especially the beef), a chicken Caesar, and a tasty spicy Buffalo chicken sandwich with pepper jack cheese on a brioche bun. Brophy's prices are generally lower than Bud's, ranging from \$9 for a side of fries to \$30 for the almost-always-excellent fish and chips.

It's open from 11 a.m. daily until 9 p.m. for food and 10 p.m. for drinks. Visit brophystavern.com for more.

■ Bartender battles are back

The Links Club in Carmel Plaza last month kicked off another year of Battle of the Bartenders, with competitions held on Monday nights. Last week's second round of the competition focusing on Carmel

bartenders had Liz Brown of Il Fornaio defeating Matthew Caseiro of Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse in a tie-breaker, and this week, Brown lost to Matthew Salazar of the Links Club for the Carmel-by-the-Sea championship.

Organized by proprietor April Montgomery, each session allows competitors to make a signature drink, followed by a cocktail using the sponsored spirit — Whistlepig rye in last week's case — and another mandatory ingredient, and then a secret "surprise attack" final drink. Brown and Caseiro were tied after that, based on scores from a panel of judges and audience participation, so they had to prepare a cocktail while blindfolded, with Brown emerging as the winner.

Luck of the Irish

On Monday, Salazar and Brown were tasked with crafting a St. Patrick's Day cocktail using Teeling Small Batch whiskey. Salazar's entry, Liquid Gold, combined the Irish whiskey with orange juice, passionfruit purée and spiced curry biters and was topped with a playful Lucky Charms garnish.

The second challenge required competitors to use 818 Tequila, with Brown presenting a cocktail with lime, apple-pear juice and a toasted "lava" coconut rim, and Salazar creating a concoction featuring green chili, lemon and prickly pear, served with a spicy rim.

See WINE next page

The MEarth habitat project next to Carmel Middle School is offering summer day camps in which kids will learn about cooking and gardening — including organic practices like turning compost.



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The third, the surprise “pantry” round with a 15-minute limit, yielded Salazar’s Fun Time (Aspen Saint vodka, St. Germain elderflower liqueur, blueberry purée, lemon juice, thyme and ginger beer) and Brown’s Coffee à la Orange with coffee liqueur and orange bitters.

Montgomery noted Salazar’s victory “marks a celebrated win for the Links Club home court.”

The next regional competition, Carmel Valley & Beyond, begins April 13, and the victors in each will compete for the overall title later this year. Tickets to the competitions are \$35 in advance or \$45 at

the door and include six drink samples and snacks. For more information, visit linksclubgolf.com.

■ Go learn stuff

MEarth’s Hilton Bialek Habitat project next to Carmel Middle School is offering summer camps for kids of various ages that focus on gardening, cooking and the environment. Offered in June and July, the weeklong sessions will have students of various ages learning basic knife techniques and safety, cooking methods, kitchen hygiene and other skills as they are instructed how to chop, cook and bake using fresh produce harvested from the habitat’s organic garden.

Other activities include games, hik-



Molly Coen, pastry chef at Carmel Valley Ranch, is putting her skills to the test on the Food Network’s “Ultimate Baking Championship.” The Valley Kitchen’s weekly special features her entries, including this citrus olive oil cake.



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ing, outdoor exploration and activities, and in the sessions for older kids — ages 9 to 12 — a local professional chef “will join the camp to cook a delicious meal alongside the campers, sharing culinary skills and inspiration.”

Camps for children 6 to 8 years old cost \$499 and are set for June 15-19, July 6-10 and July 27-31, while those for tweens run \$549 and will be held June 22-26 and July 20-24. A 10% discount is available until April 1, and siblings also get 10% off.

MEarth offers partial scholarships for families that are eligible for or enrolled in Medi-Cal healthcare or SNAP benefits, or whose annual income is equal to or below the poverty line as indicated by the federal government. Those who meet any of those requirements can email the relevant documentation to mauricio@mearthcarmel.org before registering.

For more details and to sign up, visit mearthcarmel.org/mearth-school-break-camps. MEarth is located at 4380 Carmel Valley Road.

■ Baking star

Carmel Valley Ranch pastry chef Molly Coen has been charming audiences with

her bright personality and baking prowess on the Food Network’s “Ultimate Baking Championship,” and restaurant showcasing her star dishes each week.

Coen is a recent arrival at the ranch’s Valley Kitchen, “bringing a ‘sweet spot’ of refined technique and heartfelt tradition to the team.” She graduated from Johnson & Wales and was the pastry chef at the Four Seasons Hotel in Denver, Colo., before coming to the West Coast. In Carmel Valley, she’s been focusing on updating the menu with rustic breads, along with confections inspired by the property’s apiary and harvest.

Yuzu curd

In celebration of the Food Network gig, each week, Valley Kitchen is featuring her dish from the latest episode. Last week’s was miso caramel namelaka, a chocolate cream. In the March 17 session, Coen prepared citrus olive oil cake with yuzu curd, vanilla mousse, olive oil jam, blood orange sorbet and citrus.

Carmel Valley Ranch is located at 1 Old Ranch Road in the valley. For more information, visit carmelvalleyranch.com.

This week’s column was written by *Mary Schley*.

Library foundation hosts AI expert

A STANFORD professor emeritus of computer science will present “Artificial Intelligence: The New Language of Power and Possibility” as the next installment in the Carmel Public Library Foundation’s Power of Language series March 25 at 7 p.m. The talk will take place in Carpenter Hall in Sunset Center at Mission and Ninth.

Terry Winograd, a pioneering AI researcher with a Ph.D. from MIT, will lead a conversation about how “language, thought and technology intersect in the age of artificial intelligence,” according to the

foundation. His early work helped shape the field of natural language processing and inspired generations of researchers.

A fellow of the Association for Computing Machinery and the Stanford Human-Centered AI Institute, Winograd has served as president of Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility and consulted for many companies.

Registration is required, with a \$10 donation to benefit the Carmel Public Library. For more information, visit carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org.

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MUSIC

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p.m., at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley. The composers include **Dana Abbott, Benjamin Belew, Steve Ettinger, Paula Kaiser, Carleton Macy, Rolando Mejia, Julie Roseman, Karl Schmidt, Dale Victorine and Rick Yramategui.** The music will be played by a "virtual bouquet" of performers.

Founded in 2000, the forum puts on three concerts each year "featuring new music by local composers and songwriters."

Tickets are \$20. Hidden Valley is located at 104 W. Carmel Valley Road. Visit mccomposers.org.

Live music March 20-26

■ Big Sur

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

■ Carmel

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

Carmel Mission Inn — **Open Mic Night** (Wednesday

p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

Links Club — **The Katherine Lavin Band** (rock, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Octane** (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

O'Callaghan's — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Friday at 6:30 p.m.). The Barnyard shopping center.

■ Carmel Valley

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

Edgar's — **Evergreen** (pop and folk, Friday at 5:30 p.m.). At Quail Lodge, 8205 Valley Greens Drive.

Folktales Winery — singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Saturday at 4 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Sunday at 4 p.m.), singers and guitarists **Thomas Burks** and **Stephen Pavlik** (Monday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Tim Brady** (Thursday at 4 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Trailside Cafe — singer and guitarist **Tom Faia** and singer **Kate Miller** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

■ Monterey

Albatross Ridge Winery — singer and guitarist **Dan Cioper** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **RJ Demarco** (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 Course Road.

InterContinental Hotel — guitarist **John Sherry**

(rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Spanish, classical and jazz, Sunday at 9 a.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Melville Tavern — **Dr. T & The Remedy** (rock, Tuesday at 6 p.m.). 484 Washington St.

Midici Pizza — **Janice's Jazz Jam** with keyboardist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Joe Dolister** and drummer **Andy Weis** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Janice Perl** and keyboardist **Murray Low** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467

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CALENDAR

March 22 – The Monterey County Composers' Forum presents "A Musical Bouquet" at 3 p.m. A concert featuring voice, piano, guitar, recorder, clarinet, flute and bassoon composed by **Abbott, Belew, Ettinger, Kaiser, Macy, Mejia, Roseman, Schmidt, Victorine and Yramategui.** Hidden Valley Music, 104 West Carmel Valley Road. Admission \$20. Info: macy@macalester.edu

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

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

March 25 – Carmel Public Library Foundation presents Community Night with the Library, "Artificial Intelligence: The New Language of Power and Possibility," with **Professor Emeritus Terry Winograd, Stanford University,** 7 p.m., Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center, Carmel. Register on our website: carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. Questions: (831) 624-2811

March 26 – "B4Noon Community Recital," 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at Carmel Presbyterian Church, Ocean and Junipero, SE corner, every Thursday through April 30. Free. This week, March 26: **Broadway & Film Music** with jazz vocalist **Janice Pearl** and jazz guitarist **Adam Astrup.**

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.

March 27-May 2 – The Center for Photographic Art presents "PhotoCarmel: A Celebration of Photography on the Central Coast." This six-week long festival of photography is a community event involving galleries and venues throughout Monterey and Santa Cruz counties and beyond. Members' juried exhibition opens 4 to 6 p.m. at Sunset Center, Carmel. Free. For complete information visit photography.org

April 9 – SIR Monterey Branch monthly luncheon at Monterey Elks Lodge. Guest speaker is **Jean Perkins, Ph.D., Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy,** Marina. SIRMontereyinfo@gmail.com for more info on our luncheon meeting and membership.

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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.

La Playa Hotel — **The David Morwood Trio** (jazz, Sunday and Tuesday at 5 p.m.). In Bud's Bar, Camino Real and Eighth Avenue.

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



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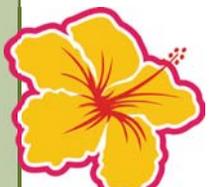
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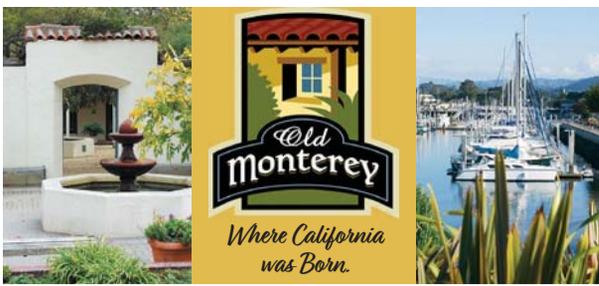
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Nami Restaurant — singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Thursday at 5:30 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

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

Puma Road at Portola Plaza — singer and guitarist **Dan Frechette** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell**

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Il Vecchio Restaurant — **The Cena Jazz Trio** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 110 Central Ave.

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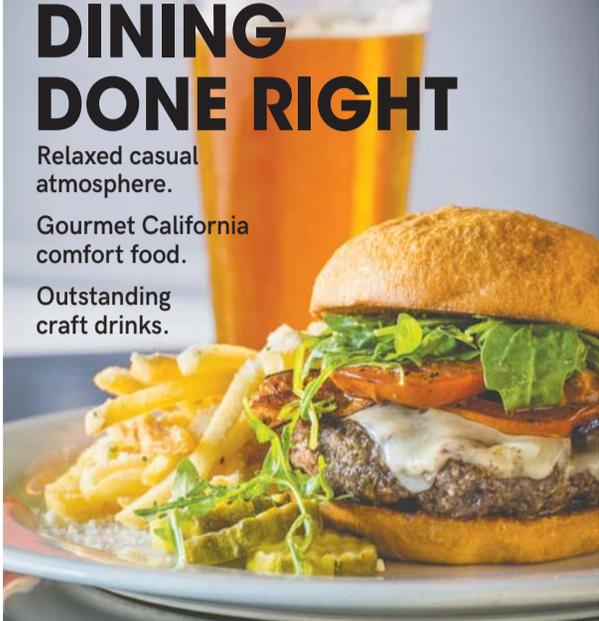
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ARTIST

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where, in 2004, Selyangina earned a master's degree in counseling, then began working with U.S. military personnel with substance-abuse issues.

"I began to feel like I might also need American credentials, so I started applying online for U.S. jobs. Then I forgot all about it until I got a telephone call from the Defense Language Institute," she said.

But after doing some rudimentary research into the Monterey Peninsula, she ruled the DLI out as a possibility.

"I started looking at real estate prices in Monterey and immediately said, 'Oh, no, no, no, we're not going there!'" she recalled.

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Fortunately, the DLI was unwilling to take "no" for an answer. They called again, and again, and in 2007, Selyangina and Richmond became Monterey residents.

"The scenery here is absolutely breathtaking," said the self-taught watercolorist. "Big Sur, Point Lobos, the wharf ... everything is just unbelievable. You just have to grab a brush and paint — the beauty is so motivating."

Selyangina enjoyed her linguistic jobs at the Presidio of Monterey, the DLI and Fort Ord until the Trump administration

started making cuts to the federal government, and retirement became the most attractive option.

"Retirement is wonderful, and painting nourishes my soul," she said. "I feel so thankful to God, or the universe, or whoever, that I have this hobby."

She's also thankful that her daughter, Olga Jerebtsova, Vera, 10, and Sasha, who turns 4 in June. They live in Aptos.

Images of Selyangina's work can be found at tselyangina.faso.com, venturegallery.com, and mpaf.org.

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GAVEL

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and children. She admitted Baby Doe was born alive in her home. After he was born, Ferreyra said she dressed him, put him in her car, drove him to the remote Prunedale location, and left him there. She never returned to the location or investigated what happened to him.

Ferreyra's guilty plea was the tenth conviction for a cold-case murder since the establishment of the cold case task force.

The case of Baby John Doe was investigated by multiple current and retired investigators with the district attorney's office and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

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Visit Maggie at maggiefinnegansoprano.com to learn more about her performances and stay tuned to her adventures on her blog. In the words of the great Roz Zandides, "see you on the ice."

PUBLIC NOTICES

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 10, 2026.
Publication Dates: Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 256)

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY
Petition of: DENISE TORRES, ISRAEL OROZCO FOR ABRAHAM AMMANUEL OROZCO MINOR for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: DENISE TORRES, ISRAEL OROZCO FOR ABRAHAM AMMANUEL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
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Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfer. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#d_5 Date: 03/16/2026 Law Offices of Richard G. Witkin APC 5805 Sepulveda Boulevard, Suite 670 Sherman Oaks, California 91411 Phone: (818) 845-4000 By: April Witkin, Trustee Officer NPP0486481 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 03/20/2026, 03/27/2026, 04/03/2026

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 REFNO. - 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 NOT SHOWN 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)

LIVE

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Chelew (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

PG's Meetinghouse — singer and guitarist **Frida Vossler** (Friday at noon), **Sean & the Skinwalkers** (rock and blues, Friday at 5 p.m.), **The Transducers** (funk and rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Frechette** and singer and violinist **Laurel Thomsen** (Americana, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Pop 'n' Hiss — **Ricketts' Folly** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 215 Forest Ave.

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

■ Pebble Beach

The Inn at Spanish Bay — **The Andy Weis Trio**

(jazz, Friday, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

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

■ Sand City

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

■ Seaside

Deja Blue — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Aki Kumar** (blues, Saturday at 3 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

To update these listings, email chris@carmelpinecone.com.



Singer and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickstrom plays Saturday, 4 p.m., at Folkale Winery in Carmel Valley.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260284
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
GOLDEN LAND STUDIO, 1095 Sawmill Gulch Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): JOY DENNINGER LONG
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 15, 2026.
S/Joy Long
Date signed: Feb. 1, 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 307)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260459
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JUJU HEALING ARTS, 26555 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Ste. 3, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: JUJU ACUPUNCTURE AND FUNCTIONAL MEDICINE, INC.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

listed above on Jan. 14, 2026.
S/YunJoo Kim, President
Date: Feb. 25, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 27, 2026.
Publication Dates: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2026 (PC 309)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260445
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
RONAL GLAMOUR & BEAUTY, 24 W. Curtis #A, Salinas, CA 93906.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): RONAL ALBER FIGUEROA CUCUFATE, 24 W. Curtis #A, Salinas, CA 93906.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 26, 2026.
S/Ronal Figueroa
Date signed: Feb. 26, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 26, 2026.
Publication Dates: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2026 (PC 310)

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement
Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act (BPC § 21700 et seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction the personal property including but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools, and/or other misc. items stored by the following tenants at the locations listed below to satisfy a lien.
Auction to be held at 4pm on April 8th, 2026 at www.selfstorageauction.com. Ad to be run on March 20th, 2026.
Property is stored at:
Leonard's Lockers Self Storage, 816 Elvee Dr, Salinas, CA 93901
Arnulfo Bernal Amezcua
Joshua Padilla
Roy Govea
Maria C Tovar Napoles
Paul Alfred Bignardi
Denee Krzyzanski
Rossi Self Storage, 10 Rossi Cr., Salinas, CA, 93907
Marian K Hiserman
David Ivester
Angela Garcia
Chrissy Rivera
Marina U-Store Self Storage, 475 Reservation Rd, Marina, CA 93933
Genieva Morales
Rachel Buchanan
Lindsay Kreslake
Arzadon Wenceslao
Bernabe Sanchez Munoz
Stacey Tibayan
Robert Noe
Coastal Storage, 575 California Ave, Sand City, CA 93955
Kevin Hagan
Michael Anthony Hillen
Enjoli Shannon

3/20/26
CNS-4020876#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Feb. 20, 2026 (PC 314)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260479
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Who Cut One, 16005 Meridian Rd, Prunedale, CA 93907
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): Marc Joseph Lucchesi, 16005 Meridian Rd, Prunedale, CA 93907
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

S/ Marc Joseph Lucchesi
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/03/2026.
3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10/26
CNS-4014220#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2026. (PC 315)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260471
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Patana Seed Co., 204 9th St, Marina, CA 93933, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s): Patana Seed Company LLC, 204 9th St, Marina, CA 93933
CA
This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable
S/ Andres Ovalle, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/02/2026
3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10/26
CNS-4021776#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2026. (PC 316)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260527
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BRIARWOOD INN, San Carlos NW of 5th Street, Carmel, CA 93921.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SAN CARLOS PROPERTY INC., P.O. Box 5245, Carmel, CA 93921.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Daniel W. Sturges, President

Date: March 10, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 10, 2026.
Publication Dates: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2026 (PC 317)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260466
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
TACOS EL ZARCO, 131 Buena Vista Park #31, Soledad, CA 93960.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): MARIA DEL CARMEN DIAZ SANDOVAL RICARDO MORALES MENDOZA
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Maria del Carmen Diaz Sandoval
Date signed: March 2, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 2, 2026.
Publication Dates: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2026 (PC 318)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260388
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LUTTRELL STAFFING GROUP, 1040 Tidewater Court, Kingsport, TN, 37660
County of Principal Place of Business: SULLIVAN COUNTY, TN
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in address of Inc.(s): CTNK, LLC, 1040 Tidewater Court, Kingsport, TN, 37660.
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. 10, 2026.
S/Marty Luttrell, member
Date signed: Feb. 10, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 20, 2026.
Publication Dates: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2026 (PC 320)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260563
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
OLD METAL GARAGE, 1341 Dayton St., Unit E, Salinas, CA 93901.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: OLD METAL GARAGE LLC, 1341 Dayton St., Unit E, Salinas, CA 93901.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 2, 2024
S/Robert Weindorf, President
Date: March 16, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 16, 2026.
Publication Dates: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2026 (PC 322)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260573
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
TOURS MONTEREY, 301 9th St., Apt. 228, Marina, CA 93933.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): SAKINA GLORY MUNSINGER, P.O. Box 1261, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 9, 2025.
S/Sakina G. Munsinger
Date signed: March 17, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 17, 2026.
Publication Dates: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2026 (PC 324)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 26CV001250
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, LACRESHIA LASHAE VILLAVICENCIO, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name: LACRESHIA LASHAE VILLAVICENCIO
Proposed name: APRIL LASHAE VILLAVICENCIO
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: May 5, 2026
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
Date filed: March 9, 2026
(s) Ian A. Rivamonte
Judge of the Superior Court
Publication Dates: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2026. (PC 325)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE PATRICIA A. MCCRARY CASE NO. 26PR000115

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PATRICIA A. MCCRARY, TRICIA MCCRARY.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CAROL CHAMBERS in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that CAROL CHAMBERS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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 29, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting

of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner:
SAMANTHA HART FARREN, ESQ.
Samantha Farren Law
2820 Porter Street
Soquel, CA 95073
(831) 688-2026
This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on March 5, 2026.
Publication dates: March 13, 20, 27, 2026. (PC313)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, April 6, 2026, on or after 3:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing via teleconference and in person at the City Hall Council Chambers located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Receive the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Fee Schedule for Administrative Services, Community Planning and Building, Public Safety, Public Works, Community Activities and Library services

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person ("hybrid") in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom, however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom. The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible. To participate via teleconference, click the following link to attend via Zoom (or copy and paste the link into your browser):

<https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/88134597723>
Webinar ID: 881 3459 7723
Passcode: 954379
Dial in: (253) 215-8782

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us>. The Council meeting will be broadcast live on the City's YouTube page, <https://www.youtube.com/c/cityofcarmelbythesea>, and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding City Council meetings, please contact the City Clerk's office at (831) 620-2016.

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

If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the city council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Nova Romero, MMC
City Clerk
Publication dates: March 20, 2026 (PC321)

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

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

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

LAB HVAC Replacement

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

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

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

Publication dates: March 13 & 20, 2026 (PC312)

BE PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES

Register your phone number at alertmontereycounty.org

SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.



Our Sales and Service Departments have temporarily relocated to 4A Heitzinger – formerly Premier Hyundai – ensuring a seamless and fully supported experience throughout construction.

Our Parts Department continues to operate at our current Lexus Monterey Peninsula location during this time.

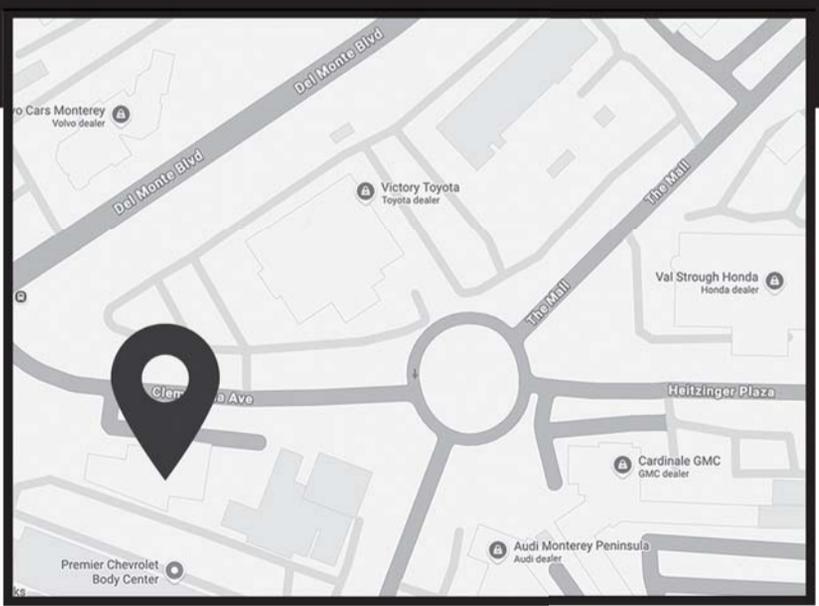
Thank you for your continued trust and for allowing us to serve Carmel, Monterey, and the Peninsula with the hospitality you expect from Lexus. We look forward to unveiling a space worthy of this remarkable community.

TEMPORARY RELOCATION

Sales & Service: Moved to 4A Heizinger Plaza (formerly Premier Hyundai)

Parts: Remain at Lexus Monterey Peninsula

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The Carmel Pine Cone

Real Estate



■ This week's cover, located in Pebble Beach, is presented by Canning Properties Group of Sotheby's International Realty. (See Page 2 RE)



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Real Estate Sales March 8 - 14

Escrows closed: 29
Total value: \$48,276,364

Big Sur

34862 Highway 1 — \$5,150,000
La Puesta LLC to Big Sur Cliff House LLC
APN: 418-111-005

Carmel

24703 Camino del Monte — \$1,425,000
Annette Peluso to Sergio and Maria Garcia
APN: 009-081-023

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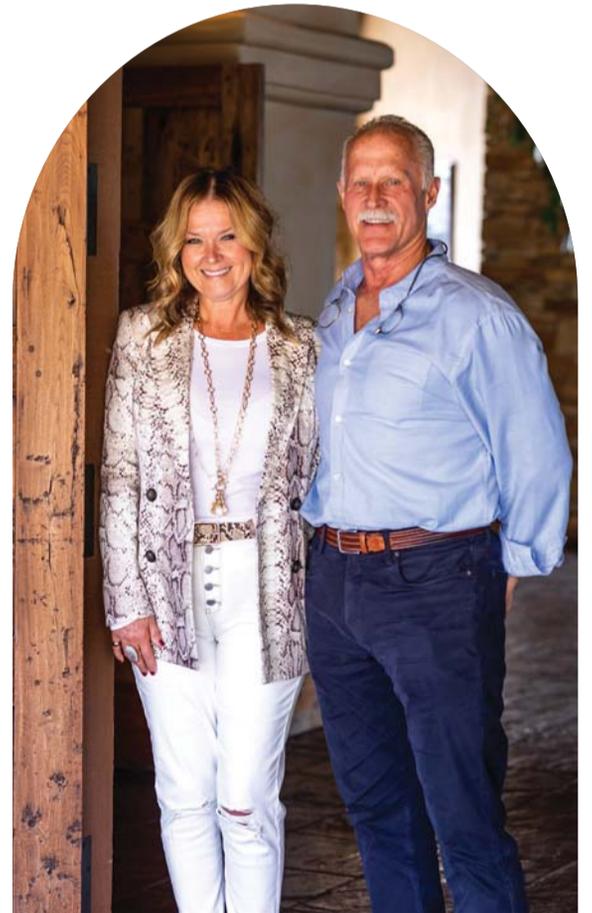
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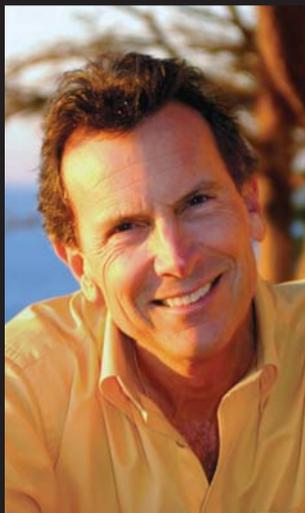
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Status	Address	List Price	Sale Price	DOM
Listing	Lopez 8 NE of 4th	\$4,200,000	---	0
Price Decreased	Oak Knoll 2 SE of Forest	\$3,488,888	---	37
Pending	Lincoln 6 SE of 13th	\$7,250,000	---	11
Sold	NE Corner of Dolores & 11th	\$4,999,950	\$3,000,000	6
Sold	Lopez 8 NE of 4th	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000	0
Sold	Santa Fe 3 SE of 4th	\$2,900,000	\$3,200,000	4
Listing Expired	Santa Fe 2 NW of 3rd	\$2,390,000	---	108
Listing Expired	Missioin 4 NE of 10th	\$4,295,000	---	331

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WHO'S WHO IN LUXURY REAL ESTATE

Who really keeps the world moving, a flagman, Elon Musk or Bill Gates?

AN ERRAND that was to take us to Fourth just west of Mission the other day got tangled up in street repairs. Fourth was barricaded, so I backtracked, and took Fifth to San Carlos, but that was also blocked at Fourth, so I parked while the lovelier and more capable half of our duo walked the short distance to her destination. I chose to remain in the car, windows open, to enjoy the balmy Mediterranean climate that descended on Carmel that day. I was surprised by the activity on San Carlos, specifically the amount of pedestrian traffic going north and south.

Less than 50 feet in front of me was a flagman. Traffic at the intersection of San Carlos and Fourth was down to one lane, so a flagman controlled the flow of cars with his "Stop/Slow" sign, which he

twirled to the proper setting after receiving information from his counterpart up ahead beyond Fourth, who I could barely see.

On his feet

I wondered how long the flagman had been on his feet with no place to sit or without anything sturdy to lean against to ease the burden on his feet. He was in constant motion, while remaining in one place. When he turned the sign to "Stop," he held his hand out, palm up, to give human import to the sign, while when "Slow" was indicated, he waved his arm with the authority of Moses directing traffic across the Red Sea. "Hurry," his wave said, "Pharaoh and his army are at Ocean and San Carlos."

I don't mean to cast the flagman as a

biblical figure, but his sign became a pendulum in my mind, swinging between "Stop" and "Slow" with the precision of a pulse oximeter taking the heartbeat of that neighborhood. He was a human semaphore, translating chaos into order with nothing but a metal sign and the authority of his outstretched palm.

This urban vignette occurred around 10 a.m. The thought that the flagman possibly faced another six hours of monotonous work reminded me of the times in my own life when I was subject to the tyranny of a time clock. Worse yet, at least in my eyes, is that, depending on his age, he faces decades more of doing some kind of manual labor.

This is not an attempt to disparage the dignity of labor. I, and many of my contemporaries, come from families where one or both parents were engaged in work far outside any executive suite, and perhaps without the flagman's immediate tan-

selling medical books one-on-one to individuals that I experienced the flagman's immediate tangible control. No, I couldn't control whether the customer bought, but I could influence the decision. Whether the outcome was positive or negative, I moved on to the next opportunity. I had both the freedom of movement and the ability to determine how long my workday was.

Immediate control

The flagman's work was a reminder that much of vital labor is often invisible. While Musk and Bezos shape the future with grand visions and global reach, the flagman shapes the present — one intersection, one wave of his sign, one prevented accident at a time. His work doesn't make headlines, but it keeps the world moving in ways we rarely stop to notice. It's a small act of connection.

There's a certain satisfaction in immediate control, where you can see the results of your labor unfold in real time. But more than that, there's a lesson in the flagman's work, that dignity isn't tied to the size of your office or the scope of your influence. It's showing up every day and doing what needs to be done.

Next time you encounter a flagman — or a janitor, a cashier, or a construction worker — take a moment to really see them. Their work is the foundation of our daily lives, the quiet force that keeps the world from unraveling. The flagman may not be a captain of industry, but he is a captain of something far more immediate — the order and safety of the streets we all share. And in that, he is every bit as essential as the titans we often celebrate.

With eyes wide open anyone can enjoy the amazing pocket documentaries being played out on Carmel's streets every day.

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Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

gible control. He stopped cars, waved them on, and prevented accidents. His impact was visible and local.

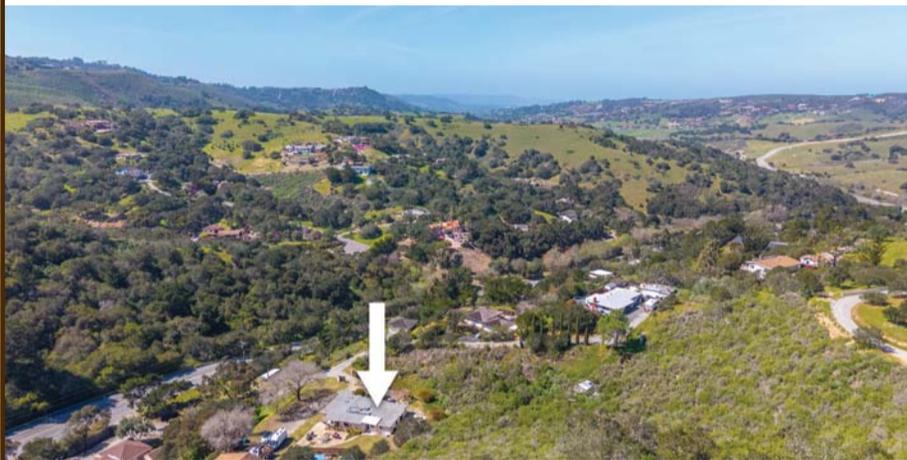
High-pressure jobs

Captains of industry like Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos operate in realms of abstract control — their decisions affect millions, but the consequences are often delayed or invisible to the average person. A software bug or a failed rocket launch feels distant, but a flagman's mistake could mean an accident in front of your eyes.

When I was a regional manager for a company in Southern California, I made decisions that usually had a delayed or invisible effect. It was only when I was

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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: No calls to report.

Pacific Grove: Found dog at large at Moreland and Piedmont was brought to the police department. Dog returned to owner.

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Pacific Grove: Report of a dog at large on Miles Avenue. Dog owner was contacted. The dog was released to the owner with a verbal warning.

Pacific Grove: Damaged property on Asilomar Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Report of check fraud for the amount of \$1,630.

Pebble Beach: Report of financial abuse involving a Sunridge Road residence.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle stolen from Santa Lucia Avenue and Dolores. The vehicle was located and two subjects — a 19-year-old male and a 20-year-old male — were taken into custody

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found card holder at Junipero and Sixth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog incident at Mission and Ocean. A server at a restaurant was serving a customer in their outside patio area when a customer's large husky-type dog bit her. The dog nipped at her left wrist and bit onto her Apple watch. The dog let go when the server moved her arm back. The server had no complaints of pain and declined any medical attention.

Pacific Grove: Physical altercation between family members on Ripple Avenue. No charges pursued. One of the males was transported to the hospital on a 5150 hold [danger to self or others].

Pacific Grove: Subject on Sunset Drive was placed on a 5150 hold.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile reportedly selling marijuana vape pens at Pacific Grove Middle School. The incident is being investigated.

Pacific Grove: Peace disturbance on Beaumont. A 41-year-old female found to be in violation of probation. Subject arrested and transported to the Monterey County Jail.

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

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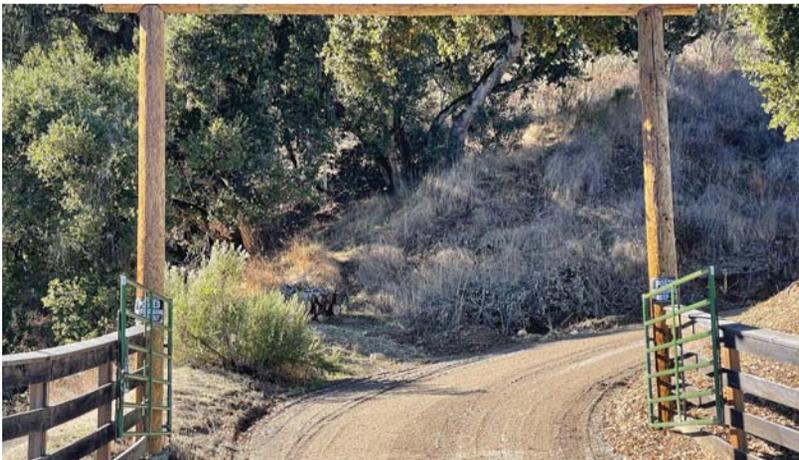
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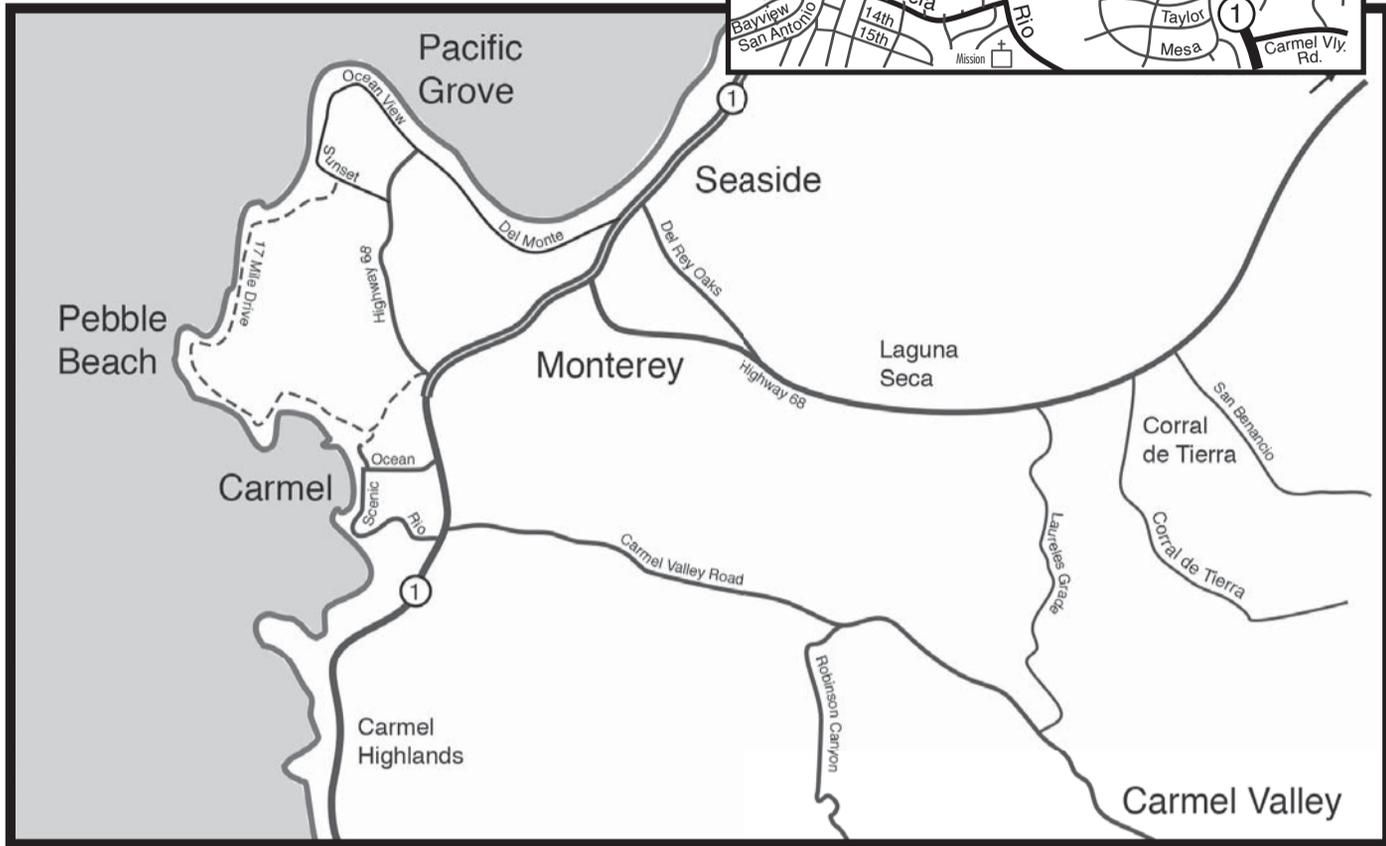
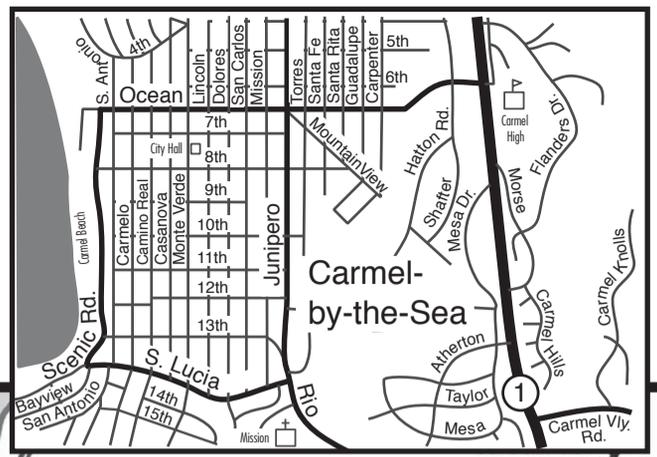
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FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle check at Rio and Ladera at 0108 hours led to a search and an arrest of a 54-year-old male for narcotics. Two priors for hard drugs.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious circumstances at Lincoln and 10th. A neighbor dispute about cleaning bushes, leaves, etc. allegedly escalated into a battery with no injuries, and no one was desirous of prosecution. One of the neighbors desired a restraining order. The parties live on Palo Colorado Road but got into the dispute in Carmel, and police were called.

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

Pacific Grove: Municipal code violation

at Alder and Gibson involving garbage.

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

Big Sur: Deputies responded to a report of a child screaming for help. Upon investigation, it was discovered no child was in distress.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Pacific Grove: At approximately 0730 hours, an officer responded to a report of domestic violence in the 100 block of Forest Avenue. Officer made contact with the residents. Both parties showed signs of visible injuries. It was determined that the 46-year-old male was the primary aggressor. He was arrested for domestic violence and transported to the Monterey County Jail.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog and person incident at Scenic and Ninth. A subject was bitten. No apparent injuries.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found dog at Monte

Verde and Seventh was brought to the station for safekeeping. Later returned to the owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 2106 hours, an officer responded to San Carlos and Seventh for a report of a bar fight. The bar manager explained that around 2040 hours, two individuals started to fight inside the business. The victim was identified and did not want to cooperate with prosecution. Witnesses explained that the victim was intoxicated and may have been agitating and even touching or pushing the other individual, who punched the victim and knocked him to the ground.

The victim declined fire/medical services and also declined to provide any further details on the assault.

Big Sur: Report of a drowning at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ongoing documentation of permit violations involving live/amplified music at restaurant at San Carlos and Sixth.

Pacific Grove: Property found on Sunset Drive near Pico Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles at Pico and Short marked for 72-hour parking.

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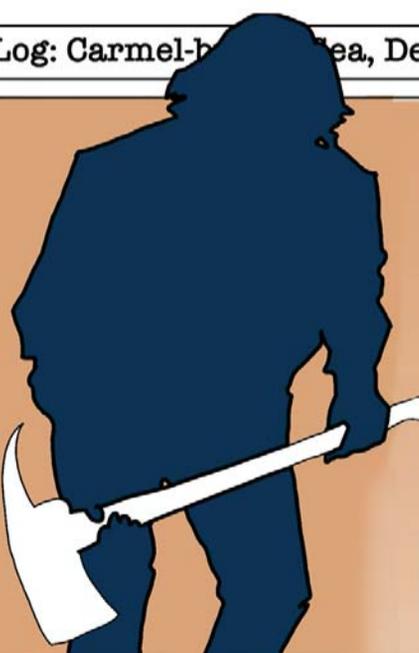
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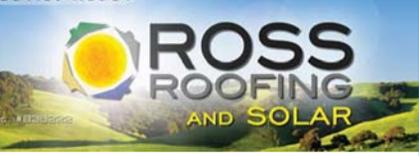
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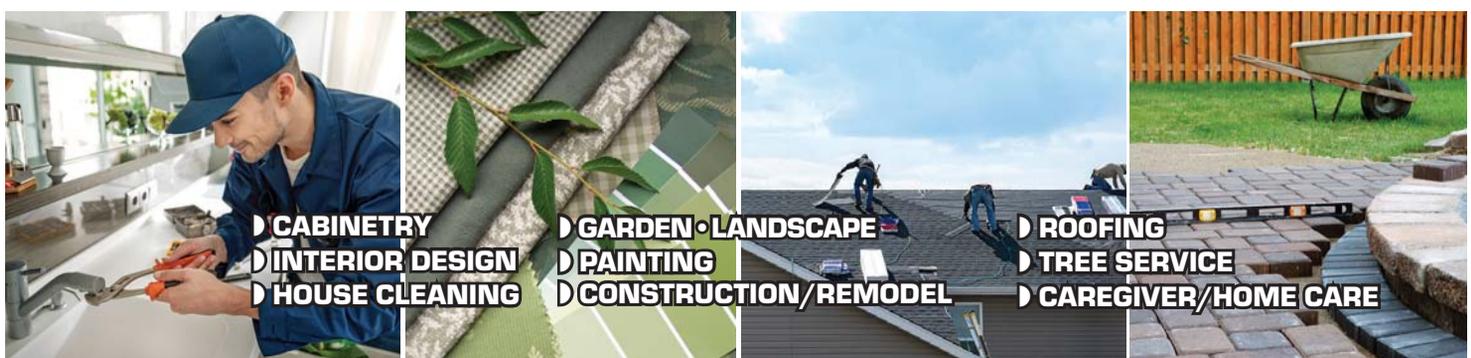
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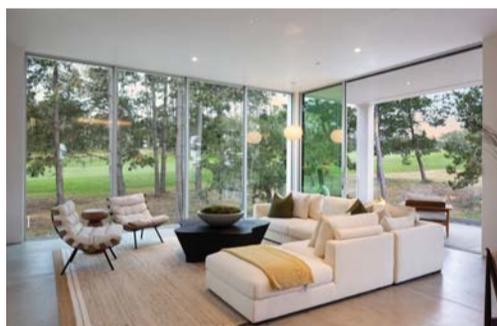
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