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STREET ADDRESSES ON TRACK FOR MAY ROLLOUT

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER WEEKS of resolving numbering issues and working on policies behind the scenes, the City of Carmel is preparing to hand its new street-address system over to Monterey County in April for review and implementation, city officials said this week, with everything set to go live

the following month.

“Our target date of May is still there,” said assistant city administrator Marisa Bermudez, who is overseeing the effort, while administrative analyst Emily Garay is the project lead and has over the past several years become the expert on street addresses. “Whether it’s the beginning, middle or end, we’re still targeting a rollout in May.”

That will mark the end of an era when some residents have argued, often loudly and passionately, for using descriptions like “Carpenter 3 SW of Third,” instead of giving each house a number.

Thing of the past

When it was settled 110 years ago, Carmel was sparsely populated, and poetic names on its cottages sufficed for finding a neighbor’s house or having milk delivered. The quirky tradition persisted as the city grew, and it was eventually codified in the Carmel Municipal Code, which stated, “Buildings and parcels shall be identified by a description of parcel location relative to the nearest cross-street intersection as determined by the community planning and building department.”

But long gone are the days of simply being able to explain to the uninitiated how to find what they’re looking for. Government agencies, shipping services, financial institutions, emergency services,

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Mayor argues for developing city land

Revised housing plan avoids it

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE CARMEL Mayor Dale Byrne last November supported submitting a revised housing plan to the state that would eliminate city-owned property as potential sites for affordable units, a column he wrote for last week’s Pine Cone states otherwise, instead favoring working with developers on large projects.

Meanwhile, the state appears to be on the verge of approving the amended plan, which has been in the works for nearly two years.

California law requires the city to identify sites for 349 potential new residences, including 149 affordable units, for possible construction by 2031. The city’s housing plan, which was certified in April 2024, identified a parking lot at Sunset Center and the Vista Lobos property as potential



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Emily Garay (left) and Marisa Bermudez are overseeing the seismic shift in the city’s street addressing system.

Orosco answers critics of C.V. housing plan

‘Someone else might try for 600 units’

By CHRIS COUNTS

ADDRESSING A crowd of roughly 250 mostly skeptical residents at Tularcitos Elementary School March 18, developer Patrick Orosco issued a stark warning: If his 90-home plan for the former Carmel Valley airfield fails, a future developer could build as many as 600 units on the same land.

Orosco also shared a detail that likely surprised many in attendance. The previous property owner, Ken Griggs,

had received an offer from an out-of-town firm for double the price of what Orosco eventually paid. In effect, Griggs provided Orosco with a substantial “hometown discount” to keep the land in local hands.

The builder’s comments came at a meeting organized by the Carmel Valley Association and hosted by its president, Marianne Gawain.

State pushing for new homes

Orosco said California officials — as part of an ambitious statewide mandate — initially wanted several thousand new homes in Carmel Valley, and credited county supervisors with negotiating that figure down to 468. He also pointed out that several hundred additional homes in the area are in various stages of development.

Of the homes Orosco wants to build, 70 will be market-rate, while 20 would be deemed affordable. The latter will be in 10 duplexes. The lots will measure between 10,000 and 12,000 square feet.

The water for the project will come from wells that Orosco says are not part of the Carmel River aquifer.

The developer said state officials are pushing densities

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Dale Byrne



Hans Buder

affordable-housing sites, over many residents’ objections.

As a result, in July 2024, a group of community members, public officials and city staff got together and hired a consultant to help them come up with alternative sites and programs to disperse low-income housing throughout the city. The group produced a plan that aims to meet the state’s demands via accessory dwelling units, creating a commercially viable program for converting underperforming hotel rooms into apartments, working with churches to build housing on their land, developing live/work spaces in lower-rent and underutilized commercial spaces, and providing incentives to developers to build mixed-income complexes.

When the council decided last fall to send the revised plan to the California Department of Housing and

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Newsom spending millions fixing California’s image

GOV. GAVIN Newsom is hoping to bring some California cool to your news feed with a \$19 million taxpayer-funded ad campaign to rebrand the state.

A February request-for-proposals from Newsom’s office of business and economic development asserts that California has been getting a bad rap and needs some good

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

PR to combat “negative narratives amplified online and in partisan media.”

The office wants to spend what equates to 5 percent of its \$373 million annual budget to polish the state’s profile, with a contract for the job awarded by March 31. The rebranding campaign will target a national audience with a website, social media content and paid advertisements.

Big talk

Expect to see a lot of talk about California being a hub of innovation and home to the world’s fourth-largest economy, but also more nuanced details like the fact that half the nation’s “unicorn” businesses — defined as \$1 billion startups — are headquartered here. Why is this worth \$19

See **IMAGE** page 23A

Farmworker day to replace Chavez

By KELLY NIX

ABOUT A week after allegations surfaced that the late civil rights labor leader Cesar Chavez had sexually abused girls and women decades ago, members of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors changed the name of an annual county holiday.

On March 18, the New York Times reported that two women claimed that Chavez for years sexually assaulted them starting when they were 12 and 13 years old. Dolores Huerta, who cofounded United Farm Workers with Chavez in 1962, reported that Chavez pressured her into having sex with him, and on another occasion forced himself on her.

The charges have sent cities and counties in California and around the nation scrambling to quickly rename holidays, streets and landmarks dedicated to Chavez.

On Tuesday, Monterey County District 1 Supervisor Luis Alejo asked that his colleagues support a proposal to

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Rattlesnakes on the prowl in Carmel Valley



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This grumpy snake rattled and tried to bite wildlife specialist Dan Burton when he was called in by a homeowner to capture it. See page 19A.

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Chosen family

Morgan, 8, is a majestic yellow Labrador retriever who lives with her person in Monterey. She is named after legendary California architect Julia Morgan. Wallen, now 5, is a Labradoodle, yet passersby tend to assume both dogs are yellow Labs and maybe even related.

"I used to live in Nashville, where I got Wallen, and I wanted a name representative of Music City," her person said. "I know Morgan Wallen's country pop music, so I thought Wallen would be unique and kinda cute."

She had no idea that she and Wallen would eventually relocate to Monterey and move in with her mom, pairing the two pups, Morgan and Wallen.

She also didn't imagine that the Labrador retriever and the Labradoodle would become best buds.

"Today, they are so bonded," she said. "Since Morgan is a little older, when Wallen came on the scene, she was unsure of this young pup, but now she's on board. And Wallen will lie in front of my mom's door in the morning, waiting to see Morgan."

If one has to go to the vet or the groomer alone, the other cries for its companion. Separation anxiety reaches an all-time high.

"Living together was never supposed to be a permanent plan," she said. "We feel lucky our dogs enjoy each other's company, but how are we ever going to

By Lisa Crawford Watson



separate the dogs when I move? I'll just have to build a guest house on the property or buy the house next door."

The dogs go on two walks a day, always together, unless Morgan balks at the idea. She simply lies down on the path and refuses to move.

"People passing by assume she's tired," her person said. "But since we know she'll chase a ball on the beach for 45 minutes, we also know she's just bored."



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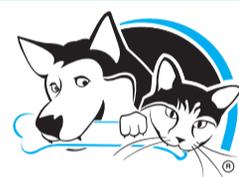
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CHP cites driver in fatal P.B. crash

By MARY SCHLEY

THE PEBBLE Beach woman who hit a cyclist with her car while driving on 17 Mile Drive last December has been cited for misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter, according to Monterey County Superior Court records. Last week, the widow of the victim sued her in civil court for wrongful death.

On Dec. 5, 2025, Dana Lauchlan was driving her 2011 Toyota Venza southbound on 17 Mile Drive while Monterey resident Seth Pollack was bicycling northbound. Lauchlan turned left onto Crespi directly in front of Pollack, who collided with the bumper and windshield and was thrown into the air before hitting the vehicle's roof.

The California Highway Patrol's initial report described the incident differently and blamed Pollack for the crash, alleging he was riding down Crespi and veered into the driver's path, but footage from a nearby security camera showed him riding on 17 Mile Drive with the clear right of way.

In a March 6 letter sent to Lauchlan at her home on Crest Road, Monterey County deputy district attorney Gregory Peterson advised her she's been charged with violating section 192(c)(2) of the California Penal Code, misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter, and ordered her to appear in court in Salinas on April 8 for her arraignment.

'Without gross negligence'

The brief complaint filed alongside the letter describes the allegation that she "did unlawfully and without malice kill Seth Pollack, a human being, while driving a vehicle in the commission of an unlawful act, not amounting to a felony, but without gross negligence, and while driving a vehicle in the commission of a lawful act which might have produced death in an unlawful manner but without gross negligence."

In other words, the fatal collision was an accident but was nonetheless a crime. Therefore, Lauchlan is charged with a misdemeanor, which carries a maximum penalty of 364 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Fire district needs board member

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE BOARD of directors of the Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District is again in need of a member, and the county is accepting applications for the role until April 24. Although the fire district is an independent entity that was created by the Local Agency Formation Commission after Carmel Valley Fire and Salinas Rural Fire combined in 2011, its directors are appointed by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and serve four-year terms.

The district was formed in 1934 on a vote of 87 citizens in favor and 42 opposed, and its original boundaries included the City of Salinas and the area following River Road to Pine Canyon. Over the years, annexations into the district have increased its

jurisdiction to about 400 square miles with a population of around 40,000 residents.

According to the county's rules, the five-member board is obligated to be "fair, fiscally conservative and protective of the interests of the people of the Monterey County Regional Fire District," decides who's chief and handles other responsibilities but is not involved in day-to-day operations.

To qualify, applicants must reside in the district — which includes Carmel Valley, Laureles Grade, parts of the Highway 68 corridor and other areas of Salinas — and be registered to vote.

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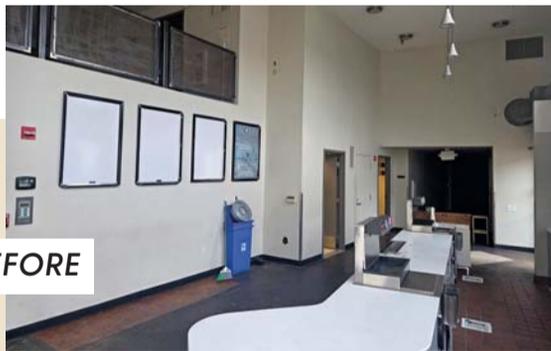
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Teen drives with suspended license

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 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vandalism at San Carlos and Ocean with no suspects or witnesses.

Pacific Grove: Pacific Grove Police were notified of an in-progress domestic violence restraining order in the 100 block of Forest Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Noise complaint regarding a restaurant at Junipero and Sixth. Suspicious behavior by reporting party. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found earring at Dolores and Fifth.

Pacific Grove: Report of suspicious circumstance on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Dog at large. Dog was released back to the owner with a municipal code citation.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Pacific Grove: At about 1113 hours, officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Eighth Street regarding a neighbor violating a restraining order. The 92-year-old female was contacted, and it was determined that the female violated the restraining order and also had an outstanding warrant for her arrest for a similar offense. The suspect was arrested and transported to Monterey County Jail for lodging.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on First Street and on Ocean View Boulevard were marked for 72-hour parking.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a complaint on Camino de Travesia.



The gavel falls

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

Feb. 18 — A jury convicted Devin Wolfgang Vanderhoef, 26, of North Vancouver, B.C., of two counts of willful, deliberate and premeditated attempted murder and one count of residential burglary. The jury also found that Vanderhoef personally inflicted great bodily injury and personally used a weapon during the commission of the crimes.

In November 2024, Vanderhoef flew from Canada to Monterey County, purchased knives, handcuffs and duct tape, and surveilled the home and workplace of a woman he had met through online video gaming. On the night of the attack, Vanderhoef pretended to be an Amazon driver with a package delivery and ultimately forced his way into the house, where he began stabbing the female victim's boyfriend, causing great bodily injury. Both victims were able to flee the residence. Vanderhoef followed them outside,

continuing his attack. During the struggle that ensued, the male victim was able to disarm Vanderhoef and stab him repeatedly. However, Vanderhoef then tackled the female victim as she attempted to run back inside the house, where he strangled her until she could not breathe. Vanderhoef confessed that he had been planning the attack for a month before flying to California. He said his plan was to "actually kill someone."

Vanderhoef and Darius Whyte, a friend who had accompanied Vanderhoef on the trip, were both arrested. Whyte, who later pleaded guilty to assault by means of force likely to cause great bodily injury and being an accessory after the fact to a felony, testified against Vanderhoef at the trial.

Vanderhoef will be sentenced April 7 by

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MAN ACCUSED OF KIDNAPPING SON, LEADING POLICE ON CHASE

By MARY SCHLEY

MONTEREY P.D. officers arrested a man Monday night after he kidnapped his son from a car in a hotel parking lot and fled, striking two pedestrians and instigating a high-speed chase, Lt. Ethan Andrews said.

Shortly after 7 p.m. March 23, several 911 callers reported a kidnapping in progress in the parking lot of El Castell Hotel on North Fremont Avenue and said the driver, who was subsequently identified as 40-year-old Daniel Hutchens, a resident of Atwater, hit two people with the car as he fled.

According to Andrews, Hutchens had rented a gray Nissan Sentra and was following his ex-wife and their two children, ages 4 and 1, as they visited Monterey. After watching them park, he donned a mask, got out of the car and assaulted his ex as she stood outside her vehicle. After forcing her watch off her wrist, he grabbed

their 4-year-old from inside the vehicle and ran to his car, according to Andrews.

‘Things that go ‘pop’

As the woman screamed for help, bystanders tried to prevent him from leaving. “The witness opened Hutchens’ car door, and Hutchens threatened the witness, claiming he had a gun and would shoot,” Andrews said.

Others also tried to intervene, and Hutchens “accelerated in reverse at a high speed through the parking lot,” hitting two people with the open car door, knocking them to the ground and injuring them in the process.

Monterey P.D. notified neighboring agencies to be on the lookout for Hutchens and used the city’s automated license-plate-reading cameras to help track him. Seaside P.D. uses the same system, and an officer



Daniel Hutchens

See **KIDNAPPED** page 23A

Converter crooks elude police

By KELLY NIX

IT WAS a lucky day for thieves stealing catalytic converters in Pacific Grove Monday after they successfully evaded two police departments and got away with their loot.

On Monday between 1:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., criminals targeted five Toyota Priuses in P.G., including on Park and Cedar streets and Monterey and Junipero avenues, police said.

“Additional attempted thefts were interrupted by alert community members in the areas of Spruce/Junipero, Laurel/Park, and Junipero/Fountain, prompting immediate calls to law enforcement,” they said.

One of the victims said police officers woke him up at about 2 a.m. to inform him of the crime.

“Someone tried to steal the catalytic converter from our Prius,” the resident told a Pine Cone reporter, adding that his neighbors scared off the thieves and called police. A surveillance video with a time stamp of 1:30 a.m. shows two people jacking up the Prius and fiddling around underneath before suddenly stopping and getting back in their car, which police said was a dark gray Infiniti sedan.

“They stole the wrong part,” the Prius owner said, adding that they took the

shield for the catalytic converter, which is intended to prevent thefts of the device. He said it might cost around \$200 to replace. Catalytic converters can cost several thousand dollars.

Threw fire extinguisher

After getting spooked, the crooks sped off, driving more than 90 mph “in the area where the thefts were occurring,” police said. An officer tried to stop the driver, but he kept on going, eventually crossing the border into Monterey, where Monterey police began pursuing the criminals.

“During the pursuit, occupants of the vehicle threw a fire extinguisher at pursuing officers, creating a significant public safety hazard before ultimately escaping,” P.G. police said. “Investigators believe this vehicle and its occupants are connected to the catalytic converter thefts.”

The law enforcement agencies are working together to catch those responsible, P.G. police said.

“Catalytic converter thefts are typically fast, targeted crimes that can occur in minutes. The Pacific Grove Police Department is increasing patrols in affected areas and actively pursuing investigative leads.”

Anyone with information is asked to call P.G. police patrol Cmdr. Dawn Delfino at (831) 648-3143.

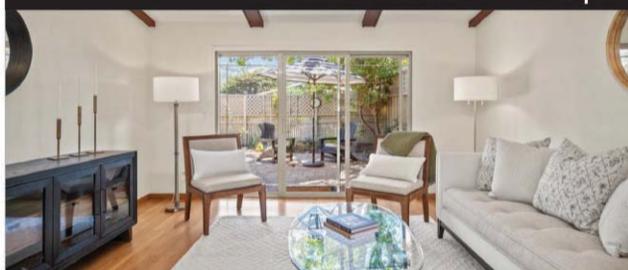


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Salazar enters not-guilty pleas

By MARY SCHLEY

THE FORMER Carmel restaurateur who was arrested in Marina March 13 on multiple counts of child molestation pleaded not guilty to all charges during his arraignment Tuesday. Dexter Salazar, 47, had appeared in court a week earlier but did not have an attorney, so the hearing was delayed.

Meanwhile, the restaurant he established at Sixth and San Carlos in 2014 that was first called Affina and then renamed Edwin's has closed. The flags and signs that previously adorned it are gone, as are many of the furnishings, and no reservations are available online. Salazar had been part of its ownership until October 2025, after which his brother, Jasper, replaced him on documents on file with the state.

Marina Detective Sgt. Chris Johnson said his agency launched an investigation after receiving 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. Marina police obtained a warrant, tracked him down, arrested him and booked him into Monterey County Jail on multiple felony charges of child molestation, rape, kidnapping, child abuse, false imprisonment and making criminal threats.

Salazar's arrest came days after a woman requested a restraining order to keep him away from her and five children due to alleged emotional, physical and sexual abuse.

Preliminary hearing next

The Monterey County District Attorney's Office charged him March 17 with 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 set to be arraigned in Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pam Butler's courtroom in Salinas that day but did not have a lawyer. This week, with Deputy District Attorney Cami Lisonbee and defense attorney Tom Worthington in the courtroom, Salazar pleaded not guilty to all counts.

He remained in custody this week on \$6.6 million bail and is next set to appear in court April 7 for the setting of a preliminary hearing. At the prelim, the prosecution will outline its case against Salazar, and the judge will determine whether there's sufficient evidence to proceed.

Fate unknown

The restaurant he founded has faced its own troubles over the years, including repeatedly running afoul of the law and its operating permits, generating complaints about noise, late-night parties and serving alcohol after hours. City records still listed Salazar as the owner and primary contact when the planning department sent a March 10 citation to his Lazarro Drive address listing numerous violations.

On March 11, Cheryl Rositano and Jasper Salazar filed an application with the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to convert their beer-and-wine license to a full liquor license purchased from a Salinas business, though they never posted the required state notice in the window.

They also offered \$2,500 "memberships" to support their cause.

"Join Edwin's Carmel exclusive annual membership program to support our efforts in obtaining a liquor license and enhancing our venue. Help sustain our team, our vision, and the experiences you love. Be a part of our journey toward success! Community support means everything to us," they say on their website. Offered perks included a 20 percent discount, a \$500 dining credit, two tickets to a private event, and reservation priority.

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Ex-school finance man files suit

By KELLY NIX

THE FORMER finance director of a Seaside school alleges in a new lawsuit that an official directed him to cook the books to hide a growing deficit, and that when he refused, the work environment turned “hostile” and “retaliatory.”

In a complaint filed Tuesday, Aleksandr Kopelevitch said that in December 2024, about a year and a half after he was hired by Chartwell School in Seaside, then-head of school Danielle Patterson requested that he produce a “zero-based budget,” in which every dollar of income and expenses is accounted for, so that the school’s income matched its expenses.

In a statement, Chartwell said, “We strongly reject these assertions and we will respond through the appropriate legal channels.” The school “recognizes its responsibility to be an ethical steward of the resources entrusted to it,” the statement continued.

But Kopelevitch claims in the civil complaint filed in Monterey County Superior Court that the numbers indicated the school had a significant deficit.

“Patterson took control of the entire budget process, unilaterally manipulating the data and presenting the first version of the budget to the school board,” Kopelevitch’s complaint alleges. “The budget Patterson prepared was not zero-based and showed an annual deficit of approximately \$320,000.”

‘Manipulated budget’

The former finance director, who was paid \$240,000 annually, said that Patterson made other “unilateral salary modifications” to the budget that resulted in an increased deficit of more than \$1 million. She also single-handedly decided to increase school employee salaries and then directed the plaintiff to manipulate the budget so that it would appear to meet the zero-based requirements, Kopelevitch

claims.

During the December 2024 finance committee meeting, he presented an updated budget “reflecting actual figures, which showed a further annual deficit.” Afterward, he contends that Patterson “became very upset” with him “about the deficit becoming larger.”

That led to Patterson’s behavior toward him becoming “increasingly hostile and aggressive,” the circumstances of which, he said, made it impossible for him to work.

In March 2025, he said Patterson sent an email message to Chartwell’s board of trustees outlining her intent to fire Kopelevitch, but accidentally included him on it. The email, he claims, showed the head of school’s “intent to retaliate” against him for refusing to fudge the budget numbers.

“After reading Patterson’s March 12, 2025, email, and coupled with Patterson’s continual and severe harassment, Kopelevitch experienced a nervous breakdown,” his complaint, filed by Lafayette-based Infinity Law Group, claims.

Whistleblower

The message prompted him to take medical leave. During that time, Kopelevitch sent a formal complaint to school board members, alleging that Patterson falsified and manipulated financial data, lacked transparency in budget reporting, harassed and retaliated against him, and made “false accusations” intended to damage his reputation. The allegations amounted to protected whistleblower activity under the law.

However, the finance director claims that the school board failed to act for weeks, offering no meaningful protection while the situation worsened. In April 2025, while Kopelevitch was still on medical leave and had filed his complaint, the school did not renew his contract, even

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Learning live theater from the pros

By ELAINE HESSER

HIGH SCHOOL theater departments deal with a diverse assortment of kids — some with changing voices and bodies that morph wildly over a three-month summer break — whose experience may range from years at the barre to one evening spent streaming “Wicked.” Spencer Williams, arts department chair, director of performing arts and experiential learning coordinator at York School in Monterey, said he enjoys the serendipity. “I always tell them my favorite thing is to be surprised” by a first-timer or someone testing their limits in a new way, he said.

‘Hairspray’

Last spring, the newcomers included some diminutive actors from All Saints Day School in Carmel Valley, who joined in York’s version of “Les Misérables,” which has several roles for younger children. Williams, who seems to thrive on collaborative energy, also invited five All Saints students to participate in “Hairspray” (April 24 through May 2), the Broadway musical about one teen’s pursuit of television glory in the early 1960s.

For the dance-heavy production,

Williams hired Geoff Alexander, a professional choreographer and teacher who recently moved here. His bio says he was a founding member of The Big Muddy Dance Company — now St. Louis Dance Theatre — and has spent nearly two decades performing, choreographing and working in education. “He’s got a really high standard for the kids, and the kids love him,” Williams said.

Life lessons

“Hairspray” deals with challenging concepts, including racism and assumptions about what makes an “ideal” body. Williams said that addressing those things with adolescents requires a thoughtful approach. For “Hairspray,” the frequent use of the word “Negro” was discussed. Although the word is now considered rude or offensive, the show is set during an era when it was in common usage — even among Blacks.

Williams said similar conversations about controversial content occur whenever necessary, as with “Les Misérables” last year and “Chicago” in 2019.

“That required a lot of education. It had

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York School students traveled to New York City to participate in a one-night performance of the music from “Jane Eyre,” based on the classic novel. The Lincoln Center outing is one example of opportunities they have to meet and work with professionals.

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OROSCO

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of homes at 20 per acre. He suggested that it would be possible to build 600 units at the airfield site by employing the builder's remedy, which would allow a firm to sidestep many land use rules.

"That's what the state would like to see," he said. "How do they fit 600 units into that site? Big, dense buildings."

Orosco, a valley resident, suggested that if he didn't step up with his plan, residents would be looking at a far larger project and a far less responsive developer.

"Someone else would have taken advantage of this opportunity with the sole priority being their pocketbook," he insisted. "Here I am, walking into the fire and committing political suicide in the place where I sleep, because I know that the way I look at that piece of land and the hub of this community is totally different than anybody else."

Orosco also noted his plans are constrained by a "very high land value," the cost of wells and private water systems, and \$3 million in traffic impact fees. Despite that, he wants to build "the best new neighborhood for families" in Monterey County. "I want to do this right," he added.

After Orosco spoke, 5th District Monterey County Supervisor Kate Daniels told the audience that what's missing in Carmel

Valley is the type of housing that nurses, firefighters, teachers and other workers can afford to buy.

Many residents spoke out at the meeting, with most expressing either concerns about the project or their outright opposition to it. It felt a little bit like a pep rally, with the audience erupting into applause after each comment.

The risk of wildfires, the scarcity of water and frustration over increasing traffic were among the chief worries raised.

More than one speaker urged Orosco to put impose restrictions requiring the homes be used as primary residences, and resident Ed Lake said he'd like to see homes sold only to first-time buyers.

Tough crowd

While most speakers were civil, a few questioned Orosco's motives. Several, though, praised his "courage" for facing a tough crowd.

After everybody had their say, Orosco took the microphone. Because of time constraints, he was unable to answer everybody's questions. "I would like to do a meeting like this again," he said. "Maybe I'm a glutton for punishment, but I actually would like to dig into each of these issues and give you a substantive response."

Orosco called concerns about fire and traffic "totally legitimate."

"I lived in Big Sur during the last three fires, and that was terrifying," he said. "I respect and understand the gravity" of the

risks wildfire poses in Carmel Valley. "I have a lot of ideas I'm willing to explore. I know many fire chiefs, and I'm going to delve into that."

As for traffic, Orosco conceded, "It's getting to a point where it's at saturation."

"Those two issues are totally legitimate," he added. "Traffic is a serious issue. Fire is a serious issue. Mass exit is a serious issue. You've got my commitment to look into them and come back with solutions."

After the meeting, Gawain complimented Orosco for meeting with project opponents and thanked the crowd for being polite and putting up with a heat wave.

"Feelings were intense, but public comments were overwhelmingly orderly and civil in tone," she said.

"The Carmel Valley Association

appreciates his choice to engage with the community at this forum."

"Mr. Orosco now faces the task of nailing down many technical and financial details of his project, and then demonstrating the feasibility of his plans," she said in the CVA's weekly newsletter.

"Critical matters include water production, wastewater treatment, drainage and fire egress. Meanwhile, community members will have to wrestle with a tough question — can they identify any plan changes that Mr. Orosco might embrace and that would meaningfully mitigate the project's negative impacts? Is there room for a discussion here? Communication channels remain open. For now, in this tough situation, we're going to call that a win, albeit a minor one."

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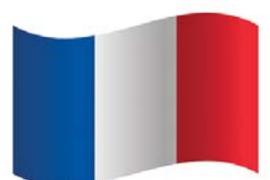
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HOUSING

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Community Development for review, Byrne recalled that “nobody” liked the original plan and said he was proud of the group’s efforts to develop alternatives.

“It was an incredible amount of work,” he said at the time. “The consultant they hired was incredible.”

He said they should “send it in and hope for the best.”

Wrong direction?

But last week, he questioned the changes.

“Carmel does need housing for seniors, first responders, artists and teachers, along with market-rate housing and civic investments, and we received approval for an approach capable of delivering those outcomes,” he wrote. “The question is whether we gave that approach a fair opportunity to succeed.”

The revised plan, which has been informally reviewed by the state and updated further following a comment letter sent by the state housing department in January, was most recently subjected to a seven-day public review and

comment period that ended March 20. That plan “would move us in a different direction,” Byrne wrote, by removing the city-owned sites in favor of “scattered, voluntary programs to disperse units around town, most without parking requirements.”

Byrne expressed doubt they will work. “Expecting building 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,” he said, referring to a provision in state law that allows developers to circumvent many of the public review processes when proposing projects in communities that lack certified housing plans.

“This approach could set aside the tool most likely to deliver on our commitments,” Byrne continued, namely, requesting proposals from developers that could “deliver housing, retail, parking and public amenities in a single development with solid financing” on public property.

Strenuous objections

His remarks sparked backlash from the members of the Affordable Housing Alternatives group that worked on the revisions and from others who support the amended plan.

Carmel Residents Association board members Tim

and Nancy Twomey, who were part of the housing alternatives group, argued that its programs would distribute “new affordable housing throughout the city, preserving Carmel’s character and charm, while replacing use of city-owned sites.”

“Last week’s column instead promotes a public-private partnership model relying on commercial uses like expanded parking for financial viability,” they wrote. “Any possible future use of these sites requires a rigorous, community-driven process, not on a rushed state timeline.”

Putting the Sunset and Vista Lobos sites back in the plan “has not been publicly vetted and would undermine both the process and community trust at this late stage,” they said, while the amended plan “reflects Carmel at its best: thoughtful, collaborative and committed to welcoming new neighbors while preserving what makes our village unique.”

Another letter signed by 13 residents and business owners argued the updated plan addresses “the social difficulties inherent in concentrating lower-income residents on a few parcels” and the complexities of developing “extremely scarce public lands zoned and reserved for cultural uses” by dispersing affordable units throughout the city.

“For all these reasons, we anticipate our newly amended plan accelerates the actual construction of new affordable units beyond what was previously targeted,” they wrote. “All the while, it maintains alignment with our general plan, preserving the town’s defining character and its economic health for current and future neighbors to enjoy.”

The letter’s authors include the Twomeys, former councilmembers Victoria Beach and Bobby Richards, Sunset Center head Beth Bowman, former Mayor Dave Potter, resident and Portola Hotel GM Janine Chicourrat, architect and historic resources board member Erik Dyar, restaurateur Rich Pepe, Inns-by-the-Sea GM Mark Watson, CRA Board President Graeme Robertson and others.

“This alignment has received strong community support that will deliver predictable and streamlined processes for developers, architects and property owners alike,” they said.

Next steps

Principal planner Marnie Waffle said this week that the city received just over a half-dozen comment letters during the March 13-20 review period and is working on its responses, all of which will be submitted to the state.

Among them was a 16-page letter from the nonprofit California Housing Defense Fund, which has consistently opposed the proposed amendments and accused the city of violating its approved plan and discriminating against lower-income people.

“The city is now four months overdue on its central commitment in its current, active housing element,” specifically, seeking proposals from developers for the city-owned sites, executive director Dylan Casey and director of planning and investigations James Lloyd wrote March 20. “Instead of working to follow through on the commitments made in the compliant housing element, the city is choosing to reinvent the plan in order to prevent the development of affordable housing.”

Failure to seek proposals by the December 2025

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deadline stated in the approved plan could expose the city to the builder's remedy, according to the group.

Further, "the public record makes it clear that an antipathy toward housing for low-income households underlies this sudden decision to amend the housing element," Casey and Lloyd wrote. "Basic affordable housing finance dictates that the most effective way to develop affordable housing is via projects of sufficient size

and composition to qualify for funding."

Amending the plan to exclude the city-owned properties "is transparently discriminatory toward lower-income households," they said.

The letter is similar to those the California Housing Defense Fund has submitted in the past, and Waffle said the city's response will reiterate its defense of the proposed amendments, which received "very positive" feedback from the state during a recent "informal check-in."

Assuming the state signs off on the revisions, the amended plan will return to the city for final adoption by the planning commission and the city council.

CHAVEZ

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change the name of Cesar Chavez Day — a Monterey County holiday established just last year — to Farmworker Appreciation Day. It will be observed annually on March 31, the same day as the state holiday named after Chavez.

"This referral is about recognizing that day as Farmworker Appreciation Day in our county to honor the tens of thousands of men and women who labor in our agricultural fields, food processing plants and coolers every day," Alejo said at the meeting in Salinas.

The five-member board of supervisors unanimously OK'd Alejo's proposal.

Members of the California State Assembly voted Monday to rename the state holiday Farmworkers Day. The State Senate was set to consider the idea Thursday. Gov. Gavin Newsom could sign the bill before the holiday next week.

District 3 Supervisor Chris Lopez said he hopes the holiday will be used as an "opportunity to lift up the names and histories of those people who were part of the farmworker movement that brought so much opportunity to families like mine."

District 2 Supervisor Glenn Church noted the Filipino, Japanese and Chinese communities, who, alongside Latino people, also played parts in early California

agricultural history. He suggested that Farmworker Appreciation Day would honor a diverse group of agricultural workers.

"It's not one person," he said. "It's a history of working people, men and women, and sadly, children as well, who labored under the sun and in difficult conditions."

Hesitant to report

In a statement, Huerta, 95, explained why she did not talk about the sexual assault until now.

"I am nearly 96 years old, and for the last 60 years have kept a secret because I believed that exposing the truth would hurt the farmworker movement that I have spent my entire life fighting for," she said.

Both encounters with Chavez led to pregnancies, which Huerta said she kept secret. She gave the children to families who "could give them stable lives."

District 4 Supervisor Wendy Root Askew addressed the hesitancy of women to report rape and other sex crimes, saying that "they know they stand to lose more," which is a "truth that women learn young" and "relearn" many times throughout their lives.

"I think it's important we talk about the systems of power that keep women from speaking up," Askew said.

Meanwhile, Salinas City Councilman Andrew Sandoval said last week that he would request that the city's Cesar Chavez library and park be renamed.

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utility companies and many other entities rely on the U.S. Postal Service's address management system to validate addresses, and Carmel's traditional format does not comply.

A committee that included Garay, city councilman Bob Delves and residents Kevin Ruess, Nancy Twomey and Paula Hazdovac spent months studying, interviewing and researching to understand how new address systems are developed and implemented, and came up with a model that has numbers increasing from the west and north as the streets run east and south. Odd numbers are on the north and west sides, and evens are on the south and east.

Last October, the Carmel City Council gave the proposed system the go-ahead, and two months later, the city rolled out a map showing how properties would be assigned addresses based on their assessor's parcel numbers. In addition, the council approved an ordinance amending its requirements for address identification so they comply with state laws.

'Boots on the ground'

In the meantime, the address group has held open houses to answer various questions and concerns, and, led by Garay, a group of city staffers and volunteers spent hours conducting site visits to trouble spots, such as corner properties.

"We always expected corner-lot issues," Garay said Tuesday, because it's not always easy to tell which street the front door faces, and that's the main factor in the assignment. Residents and property owners who questioned their proposed numbers were asked to fill out request-for-review forms, and Garay created a log to systematically deal with each one.

With those resolved — the northeast corner of Camino Real and Ninth is finally showing as 888 Camino Real on the map, for example — the group moved on to multi-unit buildings such as apartment complexes, condos and commercial properties. In those cases, units can be assigned letters or numbers, but not both.

"We're no longer accepting A1, A2, for instance," Garay said, based on direction from the county and the postal service. "Sometimes that confuses their system, or people forget the second digit, so they highly recommend using one or the other."

That represents a change for some, because the city guidelines asked for a letter along with a number indicating which floor a unit is on, according to Garay, so she and her group reached out to property management companies to work on those changes.

"I went and introduced myself to most folks," she said, adding that the more complex situations, such as commercial properties that have multiple doors and contain businesses that share spaces, are "where having boots on the ground really helps."

Questions expected

While the transition to standardized addresses hasn't been discussed much during recent public meetings, Garay and Bermudez said, a lot of work has been taking place behind the scenes in order to meet the May target.

In particular, staff from the planning and building department have been helping to draft long-term policies

for dealing with lot splits and mergers, undeveloped parcels — which will not be assigned numbers until they're built out — rules for the appearance and location of address numbers, and other regulations and requirements.

Residents and property owners can expect another round of community outreach and communications efforts, Garay and Bermudez said, and when the county finishes updating its systems, notifications will be sent from the assessor's office, the elections department and other agencies.

"We're basically giving the county the month of April to build their database and then do their push-out," Bermudez said. "Once we get the green light from them, then we can go live in May."

Utility companies have been warned to expect the new data and prepare for the update, according to Garay, who pointed out that people's billing addresses won't change.

The city will also send official notices to property owners — but not tenants — that can be used to validate and update their information with any agencies that don't implement the changes automatically.

"Property owners are going to be responsible for notifying their renters," Garay said, so tenants will need to obtain proof of their new official addresses from their landlords.

The USPS advised it will take three days to populate its address management system with the new numbers, which will then be available to financial institutions and others.

"And then we'll be fielding those questions that will inevitably come," Garay said. "We'll have guidelines, but we're always happy to talk to people."

Finally, while it might seem a bit after the fact, the city council will be asked in May to approve the entire program, Bermudez said.

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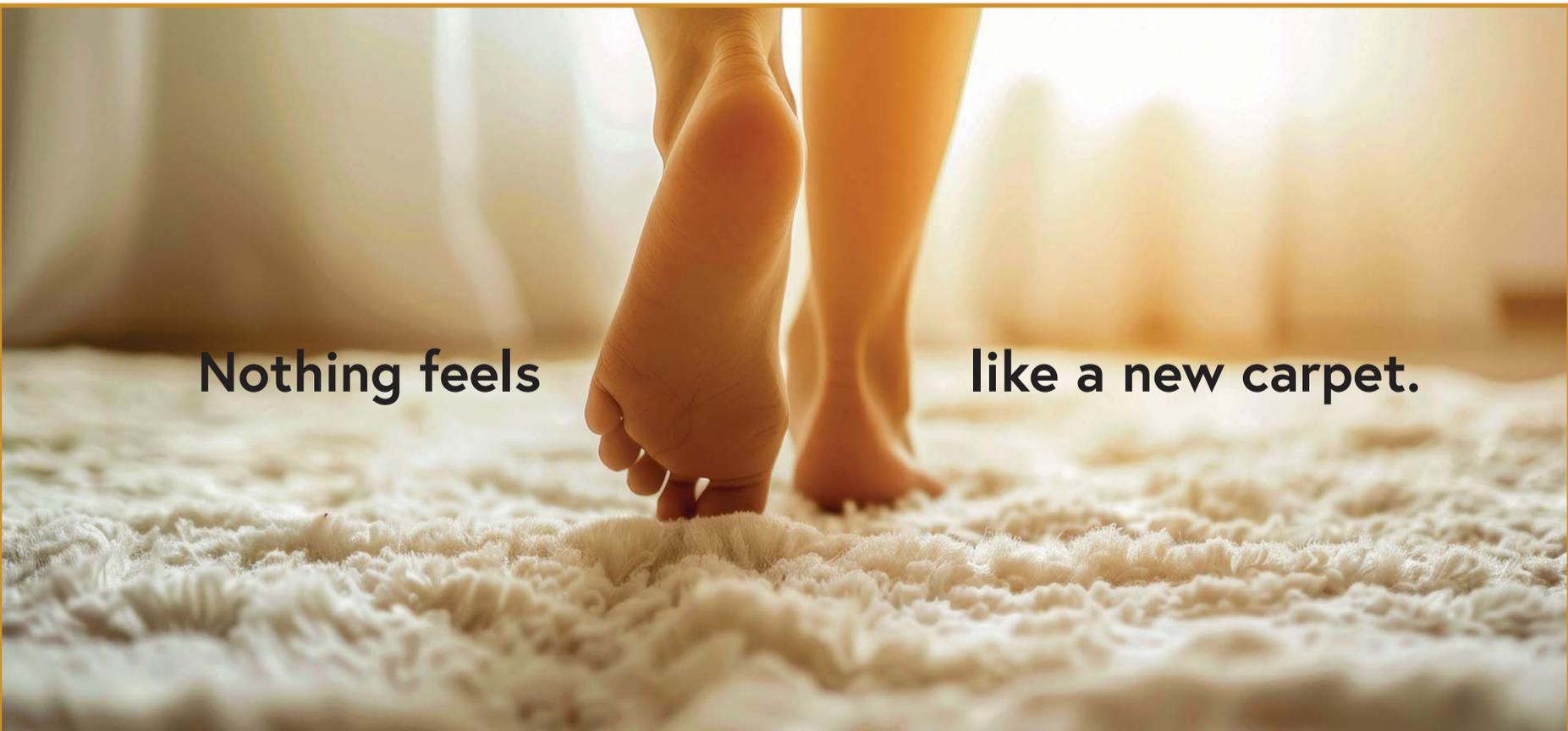
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State advances financial literacy courses for high school students

By KELLY NIX

PARENTS FOR decades have bemoaned that some essential life skills, including managing money, are not taught in schools. That's going to change in California starting next year, when high school students will start taking a standalone course on banking, credit card use and debt.

Gov. Gavin Newsom announced last week that California is moving forward with a one-semester personal finance class for high school students, which he said was a "major step toward ensuring every student graduates with the tools to manage money, avoid debt and build wealth." The course stems from a bill authored by Democratic Assemblyman Kevin McCarty that Newsom signed in 2024.

Real-world lessons about money for teenagers

"Financial literacy is a life skill," Newsom said. "We're making sure every California student graduates ready to earn, save, invest and build wealth — while also expanding access so more women and families can fully participate in our economy."

Pacific Grove Unified School District Superintendent Linda Adamson said the addition of the course will be "highly beneficial" for high school kids.

'Empowering'

"At PGUSD, we see this not as an added requirement, but as an opportunity to equip students with practical knowledge they will use for the rest of their lives," Adamson told The Pine Cone Monday. "The way I see it is that when students understand how to manage their finances, they are better positioned to make informed decisions about college, careers and their future overall."

Adamson added that the course is "about empowering students with real-world skills that support independence, confidence and long-term well-being, and we are excited to support this work in our schools."

The standalone class — for public schools, including charter schools — will be offered starting in the 2027-28 school year, with completion required for graduation starting with the class of 2030-31.

According to the curriculum reviewed by The Pine Cone, the course will include fundamentals of banking for

personal use, savings and checking accounts and managing to minimize fees, budgeting for independent living, employment and net income, and understanding loans.

For example, lessons about borrowing will teach students how to manage credit scores and analyze interest rates and repayment terms. There's also a section on

purchasing versus leasing a vehicle and how to identify predatory lending terms.

Another course, planning for independent living, will teach students how to create and revise a monthly budget

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Petite luxury homes available to those who qualify

By MARY SCHLEY

HOUSING IN Carmel is pretty tight — unless you're a bird. If that's the case, you can occupy a miniature city hall or a pair of tiny Hansel & Gretel cottages installed Friday in three choice locations. The songbird-scale abodes boast redwood construction with cedar shingles, copper chimneys (don't tell code enforcement, since copper is banned here), curved roofs, porches and even colorful glass windows. One has a second-story dormer, and the houses are decorated with metal geckos, butterflies, scorpions, and maybe a dragon.

"With entry holes sized for finches, swallows or woodpeckers, the treetop ADUs are open on a first-come, first-served basis," said their creator, who lives on the north side of town and has designed, built and distributed enough of the diminutive structures during the past two years that the neighborhood has been nicknamed Birdhouse Gulch. "For the birds of Carmel, the housing market just got unexpectedly fabulous."

The city hall replica — equipped with

a false floor to accommodate a nest 4 to 6 inches below the entry — was placed on a tree in front of the person-sized one on Monte Verde Street south of Ocean, while the fairytale cottages were affixed to trees in Devendorf Park downtown and Forest Hill Park.

Permits needed?

Anyone who's walked into city hall with a plan to redo something as minor as replacing a water heater knows how hard it can be to get things done when it comes navigating municipal government's multiple layers of planning review and permitting. The birdhouse creator, Paul Falworth — who's been in the news recently for making, donating and installing platforms designed to accommodate great horned owls as a means of natural rodent control — said the March 20 effort took a year to pull together.

For one, that timeframe straddled the departure of former city administrator Chip Rig and the ascent of his successor, Brandon Swanson, and officials from public works, the city forester's office and the

planning department had to weigh in on suitable locations, timing and logistics. And, of course, the city attorney needed to draft a liability waiver.

"I knew this would take time and was patient throughout the wandering journey," Falworth said.

Installation required three trucks — depending on the where and when — a very long folding ladder, tree-climbing gear, lots of tools, and adept members of the public works department.

"In Devendorf Park, one crew member climbed roughly 50 feet into a massive pine while the team below coordinated tools and maintained safety protocols for both the climber and curious onlookers," he said. "At city hall, the replica birdhouse had to be precisely leveled on an aging redwood to ensure a secure fit. In Forest Hill Park, an extra-long ladder was safely set on uneven ground through careful coordination and



A public works employee mounts a tiny replica of Carmel City Hall on a tree outside the real one, giving birds a choice of which to inhabit.

steady hands."

While he has focused on Hansel &

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Watch out for rattlesnakes during hot weather

By KELLY NIX

IT WAS angry and threatened to strike when it was approached by Dan Burton, but the wildlife specialist only wanted to relocate the rattlesnake that had coiled itself next to a Carmel Valley garage and scared the daylighters out of the homeowner.

On Tuesday at about 10:30 a.m., Burton, with Urban Trapping Wildlife Control, was called to a home on Loma Del Rey off Carmel Valley Road where the homeowner — while putting her garbage cans in her garage — spotted the reptile behind a potted plant near the garage door. When Burton arrived to remove the medium-sized Northern Pacific rattlesnake, it was clearly not happy to see him.

“Most of the snakes I’ve caught this week have been pretty well mannered, but this guy was the opposite,” Burton said. “He tried to bite me five or six times.”

Using a 4-foot “catch pole,” Burton positioned the device about 6 to 8 inches from the snake’s head, clamping down to safely pick it up and place it into a snake bucket without injuring it. Burton relocated the rattler away from the home. “Typically, we try to keep snakes we capture on the same property,” he said. “That is the baseline rule for all wildlife in California.”

Snakes galore

The rattler was the eighth in the past week he’d been called to remove, including two at Cal State Monterey Bay, which were gone by the time he arrived. Most of the snake calls he gets are in Carmel Valley. SPCA Monterey County and fire departments refer Burton to homeowners with reptiles and other potentially dangerous wildlife that get too close for comfort.

“We are seeing rattlesnakes earlier this year, and it has

to do with the heat waves,” Burton said. “These snakes are just out and about.”

On Sunday, he was called to a property across from Garland Ranch Regional Park, also for a report of a rattler, which was coiled up in iceplant alongside a walkway.

“It was rattling and the homeowner got scared and called me,” said Burton, who successfully relocated that snake, too. Tuesday night, Burton captured another one in Corral De Tierra.

BluePearl Pet Hospital in Monterey this week treated at least two dogs for rattlesnake bites, he said. CHOMP stocks rattlesnake antivenom in case a human is bitten.

“Community Hospital emergency department has treated one snakebite in the last year,” hospital spokeswoman Krysta Higuchi told The Pine Cone this week.

On March 20, a teenage girl in Thousand Oaks who fell off her bicycle was bitten by a rattlesnake and survived. On Feb. 1, an Orange County man was mountain biking in Irvine when he was bitten by a rattlesnake. He was taken to a hospital but died March 4.



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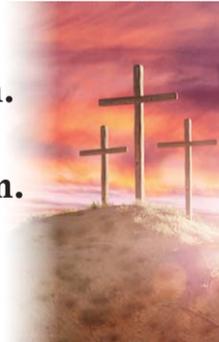
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EMMETT ANDREW LINDER

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Emmett Andrew Linder passed away peacefully at his home in Salinas on March 16, 2026, following a brief illness. He will be profoundly missed by his family and friends.

Emmett was born to James and Joan Linder on Nov. 30, 1958, and was the third of five boys. Born and raised in Salinas, he carried deep pride for his hometown throughout his life. Emmett attended Madonna del Sasso School, Palma High School and Hartnell College.



Emmett's remarkable career in agriculture was fostered by the foundation he built at Hartnell College, whose agriculture programs led him to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where he earned his bachelor of science in agricultural business management. While at Cal Poly, Emmett's natural gift for leadership was already on display as he managed the university's dairy facility responsible for producing milk, cheese and yogurt for distribution on campus.

After graduation, Emmett launched his career with the Kroger Company as a fresh produce field inspector,

experience that soon opened the door to an opportunity with Driscoll Strawberry Associates. Over his remarkable 40-year tenure at Driscoll's, Emmett held various leadership roles, including supply chain, quality, transportation, food safety and mission engagement. His most-recent role, which involved sharing his experiences with employees to ensure all were in alignment with Driscoll's shared values and to always strive to "Delight," was an ideal fit as these were all attributes he innately exhibited.

Emmett took great joy in raising his children, Matthew and Catherine, and watching them grow into thriving adults, now both with young families of their own. Although they lived out of state, he often gushed with pride over them and his granddaughters and looked forward to every visit.

After many years as a bachelor, he met Ana C. Toledo and the two were married in 2014. Emmett often spoke with great warmth of what a blessing she was and the immense joy she brought to his life. Spending time together, along with Ana's extensive family, was deeply meaningful and fulfilling. Emmett thoroughly enjoyed their annual trips abroad to destinations such as Brazil, Europe, Japan, Zanzibar, Egypt and Ana's ancestral home of the Azores Islands. Beyond the adventure and cultural richness these trips offered, they also gave Emmett the opportunity to do something he truly loved, sending postcards to friends and family. Characteristically, each card reflected his warmth and consideration for others, a small but meaningful gesture that spoke far more of his thoughtfulness than of any desire to boast about his travels.

Together, Emmett and Ana created a welcoming and comfortable home, taking great joy in hosting their many friends and families during holidays, special occasions and everyday gatherings. This same spirit extended to their cabin in Arroyo Seco, where many great meals were enjoyed and long, unhurried hours were spent basking in the sun floating on the peaceful river together, sometimes in quiet solitude and just as often in the company of the people they loved.

Community was deeply important to Emmett, and his passion for being of service to others was always a heartfelt priority. He generously gave his time and talent, leaving a lasting impact through his leadership and service. Most recently he was on the board of the Elkhorn Slough Foundation and was president of the Hartnell College Foundation. Emmett also served on the boards of numerous organizations such as the Natividad Medical Foundation, the Grower-Shipper Association of Central CA, Ag Against Hunger, Monterey County Farm Bureau and Monterey Bay Air Resources District. Among his happiest yearly rituals was taking his place as an announcer of the Colmo del Rodeo parade, an annual tradition he cherished all the more for sharing it side by side with his brothers. After retiring, he joined the Rotary Club of Corral de Tierra and the Haasis Hikers. He was also a member of the Pebble Beach Sports Car Club and the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Emmett's innate ability to connect with people and his gentle and compassionate soul touched many. He lit up a room with his smile, enthusiasm and contagious laughter. He was a tenderhearted and delightful son, brother, father, grandfather, uncle, husband and friend. Emmett will always be deeply loved, treasured, and remembered by his entire family. The void left by his passing is immeasurable, felt deeply by all whose lives he touched.

Emmett is preceded in death by his parents, James and Joan Linder; and his niece, Quincey Linder. Emmett is survived by his wife, Ana; son, Matthew Linder (Cassy); daughter, Catherine Dyk (Robert); his granddaughters, Riley, Aubrey, Hannah and Abigail; brothers, Tom (Patty) Linder, James (Vickie) Linder, Matt (Terry) Linder, Adam Linder and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Rosary Vigil: 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, Struve and Laporte Funeral Home, 41 W. San Luis Street, Salinas, CA, 93901

Funeral Mass: 11 a.m. Monday, March 30, St. Joseph's Church, 15 Railroad Ave., Spreckels, CA, 93962

Celebration of Life: noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at Main Street Center, 1 Main St., Salinas, CA 93901

Donations may be made to the following in Emmett's memory:

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CHRISTOPHER ALLEN CARR

Chris Carr, beloved brother and husband and dear friend to many, passed away on Feb. 2, 2026. He was free-spirited, kind-hearted, quiet and a rugged individual. He appreciated all genres of music, loved to play a wide assortment of instruments, but the guitar was his passion.

Chris was born on Jan. 17, 1956, in Corpus Christi, Texas, and spent his childhood in motion — Pacific Grove, Waipahu, Lafayette, Carmel, Ewa Beach, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Memphis, and finally back to Carmel in 1970. Each place left its mark, shaping the surfer, the athlete, the musician and the craftsman he became. He graduated from Carmel High School in 1974. He worked first as a carpenter, then a cabinet maker, and eventually built a life — and a home — with his wife, Patience, on their Arabian horse farm in Castroville.



Chris is survived by his wife, Patience Prine; sister, Cathy Burk; his brothers, Steven, TC and Peter; 13 nieces and nephews; three grandnephews; and one grandniece. He is preceded in death by his father, CDR Charles A. Carr; his mother, Edith L. Carr; and his sister, Mary Skelton.

Rest in peace, Chris. You were loved, deeply!

To place an obituary for your loved one, contact

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JAY MINER HUDSON

July 22, 1937 – March 18, 2026

Jay was born in Oakland and his life-long career in health care came naturally: his father was a pharmacist, his sister a nurse and his uncle a physician. When Jay attended UC Berkeley he became one of a small group of students studying hospital administration.

At Cal he met Kip Hansen and they worked together for the Oakland Recreation Department. After their graduation from Cal, the two were married in Oakland on Aug. 21, 1960, and soon embarked for Montgomery, Alabama, where Jay served 3½ years in the U.S. Air Force at Maxwell Air Force Base. They returned to California in 1963 with two small sons and Jay began the three-year Hospital Administration Masters' program at Berkeley. He was working at Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco when he was contacted about an opening at CHOMP (Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula). He was hired in 1968. The family moved to Monterey and he began his long career at the hospital, retiring in 1999 as CEO. (He was also a proud member of the CHOMP Tigers basketball team.)

Jay soon became involved in community leadership roles on the peninsula and he served in a variety of ways throughout the years including many efforts to support MPUSD and Monterey Peninsula College as well as state-wide organizations in health care. He was president of Monterey Rotary Club 1984-85.

Retirement offered the opportunity to spend wonderful time with the growing family: Bill and Kasey Hudson of Truckee and their two children, Brooks and Anna, and John and Jan Hudson of Mill Valley and their two daughters Jessica and Mahren. The family gathered together often, usually outdoors, often at Yosemite and Big Trees. Jay's childhood had included Boy Scout treks to Yosemite with home-made wooden backpacks (!) and he led the family to appreciate outdoor challenges. As the children and grandchildren grew, they cherished back-packing and hiking in the summer and skiing in the winter. Retirement also afforded Jay and Kip an opportunity to travel and have adventures near and far with dear friends.

Jay was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2012. He remained strong and active for many years, participating in the Power Over Parkinson's program in Monterey and both Kip and Jay benefited by participation with the local Parkinson's support group. Eventually his life was complicated with the challenges of lymphatic cancer. We are all extremely grateful for the loving care provided by Halo Specialized Home Care and Hospice of the Central Coast.

Jay's leadership was strong; his bond with family and friends was true; he was a loyal California Bear. He loved going to Berkeley for football games and he loved birthday cake (especially chocolate and carrot)! A celebration of his life is planned for later in the year.

The family suggests contributions to Power Over Parkinson's Monterey or Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula



School board targets Nov. 3 for new bond measure

By LILY PATTERSON

THE CARMEL school board is sold on a major borrowing program to modernize Carmel schools, and all but one of its members voted earlier this month to approve a \$150,000 consulting contract to decide what that bond will look like and how to land it on the ballot ahead of November's general election.

The district is hoping to convince taxpayers to back a 15-year facility plan exceeding \$450 million in repairs and new infrastructure across its eight pre-K-12 campuses, from the Cachagua Children's Center to Captain Cooper Elementary in Big Sur.

School districts are barred from financing their own bond campaigns, but they can hire consultants to help with homework. That involves deciding the total bond amount, how long will be needed to repay it, how often and how much cash will be issued over time, and which projects to fund first.

The consultant will also help Carmel Unified conduct public polling — which has the potential to halt a bond campaign before it even starts, since the No. 1 concern of Carmel voters is how all of this will impact their property taxes.

Didn't make it

Two years ago, voter sentiment sent a proposed \$190 million bond measure into the dustbin before it could reach the ballot, after a poll showed that only 47 percent of voters supported it. The district's urgency for a new campaign was palpable at the March 12 board meeting, considering the pitch from Eastshore Consulting followed a presentation of long-delayed facilities upgrades — including repairs to ventilation systems and utility lines, improvements to classrooms and playgrounds, cafeteria renovations, additional security features on campus, "flexible" learning spaces and expanded athletic facilities.

All agreed the need is apparent — some classrooms at Carmel High are 85 years old, while "portable" classrooms installed in 1997 at Carmel Middle have lingered for 30 years — and most supported the idea of leveraging the district's AAA credit rating and prodigious tax base to ensure Carmel Unified and its students remain at the top of California public schools.

"It's always cited in these high-end brochures about houses for sale, how great our district is. People come here and spend exorbitant amounts to send their kids to public schools here, instead of living somewhere else and sending them to private schools," board member Jason Remyse commented.

"I look at these project lists, and it's easy to get caught up in how big of a number this is, but we are looking to the community to support the advancement of this district. Being fiscally responsible to our taxpayers is also a priority, but to the end of educating students," said board president Matt Glazer.

Twelve-year cycles

Consultant Shin Green reminded board members that most school districts, not only the property-rich, depend on bond cycles every eight to 12 years for ongoing facilities improvements. Since general fund dollars are consumed by salaries and basic operational costs, it's common practice to fund long-term facilities repairs and improvements through a combination of bonds, grants and state taxpayer dollars.

Considering its last campaign took place in 2005, Green said CUSD should consider smaller, more frequent bonds, which help stabilize tax rates and tend to be more palatable to voters.

Green illustrated what a bond could look like, using a sample total of \$200 million and an ideal repayment term of 20 years, at an interest rate of \$1.70 for every \$1 borrowed. Should a bond be issued, for instance, the average Carmel taxpayer with his or her \$2 million in assessed property value would cover the interest at a cost of \$32.82 per \$100,000 in assessed value, or \$654 per year.

Set to expire in 2033, the district's current bond tax rate is only \$10.03, representing the dregs of a \$21.5 million sum voters granted in 2005, which helped fund new classrooms, athletic facilities and the performing arts center at Carmel High. By contrast, the tax rates in Monterey Unified and Pacific Grove — which issued bonds within the last five years — are several times higher.

The age of CUSD's bond is only one factor, Green said. "You've kept your promises and have been responsible with community investments in the past, including refinancing to reduce the burden to taxpayers," he said, adding that the district's AAA credit rating encompasses not just its bond history, but years of fiscal management and reserve cash policies. Meanwhile, property values within the district have increased at an annual clip of 4.85 percent, and CUSD's tax based is valued at \$26.2 billion.

All board members supported the consulting contract, with the exception of Rita Patel, who cast doubt on the idea that sentiment among Carmel residents has changed

since 2024, when polls caused the board to vote down the proposed facilities bond.

But Glazer argued in favor of hiring the consultant, because only after that work is done will the board "be able to make a fully informed decision based on professional advice and a data-driven study."

Yvonne Perez, CUSD's chief business official, argued further delays to the facility master plan — which the district has spent tens of thousands of dollars drawing and

redrawing since 2019 — would be more likely to undermine goodwill.

"It becomes fiscally irresponsible to continue to delay these projects that are desperately needed, because the cost of construction goes up every year, on average 4 percent a year," she said.

After the 4-1 vote to approve the contract with the consultant, the district's next steps will be to prepare a draft bond before June, when the board will vote on whether to move forward.

The final ballot measure would have to be filed with the county by Aug. 7, ahead of Election Day.

SAMUEL FINLEY BROWN MORSE III

1938-2026

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Sam Morse on Sunday, March 1.

Sam was born in San Francisco and passed away at his home in Arizona. He was the son of Samuel F. B. Morse Jr. and the grandson of Samuel F. B. Morse, founder of Pebble Beach.

Sam spent many years as a respected architect/contractor on the Monterey Peninsula, building numerous fine homes of his own design as well as those created by some of the area's most respected architects. Among the projects he was especially proud of were the clubhouse at Carmel Valley Ranch and the first condominiums at Spanish Bay, designed by architect Will Shaw, FAIA.

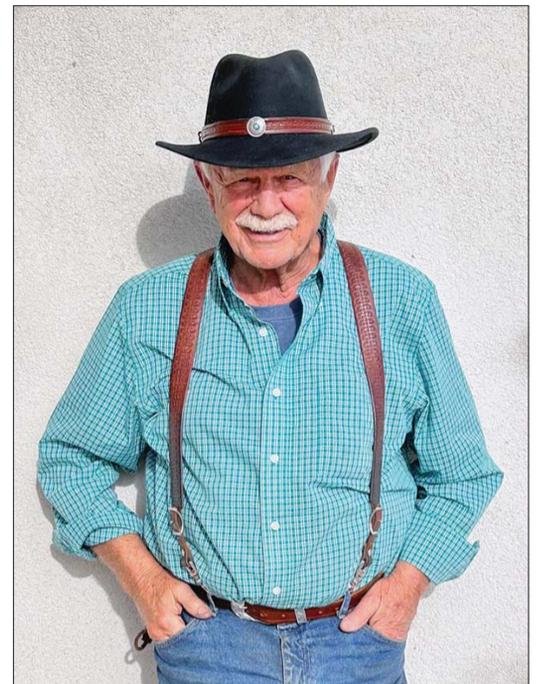
He attended Carmel High School and later California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly), where he earned a degree in architecture. Sam served his country and was honorably discharged from the United States Army.

An accomplished pilot, Sam flew out of Monterey Regional Airport and volunteered with the Civil Air Patrol and the Monterey County Aero Squadron.

Sam is survived by his wife, Joan; his daughters, Molly and Holly; and his grandsons, Conner and Charlie. He is also survived by his stepson, Matt; his stepdaughter, Jessie and his step-grandson, Parker.

Sam cherished his many years living on the Monterey Peninsula and later found great peace in the desert. For many years he hiked weekly to Snively's Ridge in Garland Ranch Regional Park. He will be remembered for his straightforward honesty, warm humor, appreciation for beauty and design and his thoughtful perspective on nearly every subject.

He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.



JEAN STALLINGS

Jean Stallings, 91, died March 11, 2026.

Jean was born Jan. 16, 1935, in Champaign, Illinois to Harris Dean Stallings and Harriet Louise (Pillsbury) Stallings. She grew up in North and South Dakota and moved to Pacific Grove in 1984.

She graduated from Stanford in 1957, majoring in social sciences. Her primary career was in the United States Army, where she served from 1963 to 1984, including a tour in Vietnam, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. Her military awards were numerous and included the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. She was a member of many military organizations, including WAC-AWU and VVW, serving as parliamentarian for both, and was a founding member of WIMSA, Women in Military Service for America.

An active volunteer after her retirement, she served in leadership roles in several organizations: the Monterey Peninsula Community



Thrift Shop, the Professional Women's Network, the National Association of Parliamentarians (Pi Gamma and Mu Alpha Units), International Training in Communication (Spirit of Speech Club, Council 2, and Founder's Region), the YWCA of Monterey County, the Monarch Auxiliary of the Pacific Grove Convalescent Hospital and the Cypress Garden Guild.

She was also very active with the First United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove, including the Church Mouse Thrift Shop, the PG Methodist Foundation, United Methodist Women, various committees and as a delegate to the Annual Conference. She co-chaired Planned Parenthood's annual campaign for several years. She prepared newsletters for several of these organizations. She received numerous awards for her volunteer work, including being named one of Monterey County's Outstanding Women in 1999; she was the Professional Women's Network Woman of the Year in 2002, and was recognized as Veteran of the Year of Monterey Bay, California in 2021.

The world is better because she was in it and she will be profoundly missed. Her friends all over the world will remember her capable leadership and generous heart.

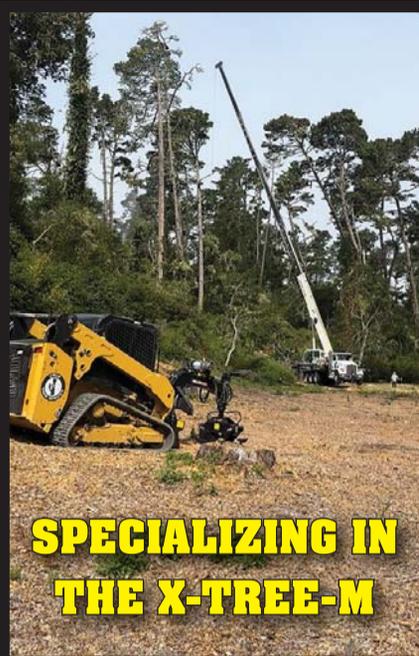
She is survived by her nephew, Daniel Stallings (Lynne) of Muncie, Indiana; her niece, Susan Stallings of Greensboro, North Carolina and her sister-in-law, Cathy Stallings of Cocoa, Florida. The family wishes to extend special thanks to the kind and caring staff of Canterbury Woods and the Central Coast VNA and Hospice.

Jean much preferred action to display, and has requested that in lieu of flowers, she be remembered by a contribution to the YWCA of Monterey County, the First United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove, or Planned Parenthood Mar Monte.

A memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 30, 2026, at the First United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove, Sunset and 17 Mile Drive.



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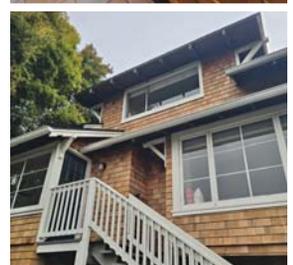
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million of your money? The short answer is because it's a narrative Newsom wants front and center as he mounts a campaign for the White House, and right now, that's not the headline.

Instead, America looks at California and sees that it is No. 1 in all the wrong categories: most homeless people, highest gas prices, biggest housing shortage and greatest number of people living in poverty. Newsom's business office dismisses these very real problems in its proposal as "myths driven by misinformation and political rhetoric." However, there's nothing mythical about being the least affordable state in the nation, and the exodus of Californians and their businesses over the last half-decade is all too real.

Moving out

The Golden State has experienced a net outward migration every year since 2018. In other words, more people are moving away than moving here, with the trend peaking in 2021 when 408,000 people left.

When they go, those people take their tax base with them, and according to the Legislative Analyst's Office, the state lost \$71 billion in tax revenue between 2020 and 2022 as a result of the pandemic exodus. It brings to mind an old quote from former Senator Everett Dirksen — "a billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking about real money" — yes, real money that could have been used to fund schools, public safety and infrastructure.

The outward migration has only been amplified in the media this year as California and blue states across the country see a flight of wealthy entrepreneurs over proposed taxes and regulations that make them the bull's-eye.

A smattering of the Golden State's estimated 200 billionaires have already relocated in reaction to healthcare union SEIU-UHW's proposed wealth tax. If it qualifies for the ballot and passes the proposal would tax 5 percent of their total worth. Obviously, those who have already left won't be taxed at all — but nor will their future earnings — which is significant, as California's top 1 percent account for nearly half of all income tax revenue in the state.

Capital fight

Other blue states are seeing capital flight as well. Washington is proposing a state income tax for the first time in its history. The 9.9 percent levy would only apply to those making \$1 million or more a year. As a result, Starbucks owner Howard Schultz announced he's moving out and taking his coffee with him. Schultz plans to live in Florida and relocate Starbucks' headquarters to Tennessee.

In New York, 1 million people have left

the state since 2020, and in 2023 alone, 1,837 millionaires relocated, according to the New York City Economic Development Corporation. The city's socialist mayor, Zohran Mamdani, is pressing the Empire State's legislature to impose higher taxes on wealthy New Yorkers, but he's running up against Democratic Gov. Kathy Hochul, who is opposed.

"I need people who are high-net-worth to support the generous social programs that we have in our state," Hochul said at a Politico event this month.

'Damaging'

Similarly, Newsom has called the proposed wealth tax in his state "really damaging" and "bad economics," but it hasn't prevented Google's Larry Page, Uber's Travis Kalanick or Palantir's Peter Thiel from blowing this popsicle stand.

Will an ad campaign bring them back? Not likely. It's also quixotic to think any amount of advertising might lure back businesses that have left the state.

People aren't the only ones moving out of California. Global Commercial Real Estate Services data shows that between 2018 and 2024 the San Francisco Bay Area lost 156 corporate headquarters, the Los Angeles metropolitan area said goodbye to another 106, and San Diego forfeited 14.

Meanwhile, Texas' major metros gained 194, Nashville added 35 and Phoenix captured 31. The moves articulate a point many in the media have made, that major economic hubs are being created elsewhere. Florida's Gold Coast is a good example. It's where Page and Thiel moved, and the latter brought his business with him, but they're not the only newbies on the block.

Wells Fargo is moving its wealth management division, which has been based in San Francisco, to West Palm Beach this year. It marks the first major U.S. bank to base such a headquarters in South Florida, but it may not be the last. This winter — just weeks before Newsom put out his request to rebrand California — the Florida 100 Council launched its own national ad campaign to convince CEOs and investors to bring their business to the Sunshine State.

'Regulatory clarity'

Unlike in California, "Ambition Accelerated" is being funded by \$10 million in seed money from billionaire CEOs Ken Griffin of Citadel and Related's Stephen Ross, not the public. The Gold Coast will be able to differentiate its ad campaign from the Golden State's by luring those to relocate with promises of "regulatory clarity," among other things.

Newsom and his business office are rightly concerned about financial ecosystems moving out and growing up in other states, but it's questionable if a rebrand will be enough to solve the problem. It's also hard to see past the positive impact a national ad campaign, paid for with public dollars, will have on his presidential aspirations.

KIDNAPPED

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in that city spotted Hutchens' rental car and notified others where it was heading.

When a patrol car near Fremont Avenue and Portola Drive in Seaside attempted to pull him over, Hutchens accelerated instead, prompting a chase that hit speeds in excess of 100 mph as he drove north on Highway 1, according to Andrews.

"At one point, Hutchens called 911 and made threats that he was armed and wouldn't surrender," he said. A group that monitors emergency radio traffic reported Hutchens' ex-wife had advised he might be armed with a handgun, and that when he called 911, he said he "has things that go pop" and "is not going down easily."

Wrong-way

At one point, Hutchens drove the wrong way on the highway before exiting into Castroville, where he ditched the car and fled on foot, witnesses told officers, who had lost sight of him. With assistance from multiple agencies, their search continued, and a shelter-in-place order was issued, since Hutchens was said to be armed.

"Multiple drones were deployed, and

officers used automated telephone calls through reverse 911, media resources and an Amber Alert to notify community members of the abduction and to gather their help," Andrews said.

Shortly after 10 p.m., community members called 911 to report seeing a man and boy walking in town, and they tried to follow the pair but lost them. Not long after, a drone spied them near the North Monterey County Middle School, and officers converged on the area and took Hutchens into custody "without incident."

Police and paramedics provided care to the 4-year-old, who "did not suffer significant physical injuries," Andrews said, and he was reunited with his mother after police detectives brought her to Castroville.

Hutchens was booked into Monterey County Jail on numerous felony charges, including kidnapping, robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, domestic violence, evasion and child abuse. His arraignment in Monterey County Superior Court in Salinas was set for Wednesday afternoon.

Andrews thanked the witnesses and bystanders who tried to intervene, the 15 agencies that got involved in the effort to track Hutchens down and rescue the little boy, and others for their involvement "in bringing this situation to a positive resolution."



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Padres and Pirates come out swinging after graduating veteran players

MATCHING THE magic of the 2025 boys high school golf season is the loftiest of goals for the Stevenson Pirates, whose accomplishments last spring included a

as a team.

Meanwhile, the Carmel Padres — Stevenson's traditional rival in the Pacific Coast Athletic League — made their own tough-to-equal memory with a third-place finish at CCS.

In the early stages of the 2026 season, those two teams are tasked with replacing seven of the 12 players responsible for creating that history a year ago.

Passing the torch

A remarkable transfusion of young talent has coaches at both schools glowing with enthusiasm — not only about the future, but also as they approach the coming weeks.

Battle-tested juniors Calvin Etcheverry and Zac Hawkins are the only returning veterans for a Stevenson team that graduated two-time CCS medalist Luke Brandler, now playing at Princeton University, Josh Chadha (Lehigh), Marc Sasetia (Bentley) and Steven Lai.

Brandler, Lai and Hawkins all shot under par at state, where all six Pirates placed among the top 29.

“The level of depth we have in our program this year is unlike anything I’ve ever had to deal with before,” said Justin Bates, who begins his 12th year as Stevenson’s head coach and his 19th with the program. “Choosing a six-player lineup for CCS will be the toughest decision I’ve ever had to make.”

Among Stevenson’s top 12 players are three freshmen and two sophomores — all immensely talented. The rest are juniors.

Meanwhile, Carmel’s 13-player roster is infused with eight

enthusiastic ninth-graders — five of whom look like contenders for spots on the Padres’ six-player postseason roster.

“It’s exciting to consider that those young kids are likely to be part of this team in the years to come,” said Carmel coach Ross Kroeker, whose Padres were PCAL Gabilan Division runners-up to Stevenson and narrowly missed qualifying the full team for NorCals.

Big finish

Three varsity players return for Carmel, led by postseason sensation Julien Cho, who tied Stevenson teammates Brandler and Hawkins for fourth place at the 67-player CCS tournament (each shot 3-under-par 69).

Cho, a senior this year, went on to take third place at NorCals and 21st at state as an individual qualifier for both tournaments.

He fired a shot across the bow of the state’s best players on March 9, shooting 1 under par at the De La Salle Invitational, where he tied for 12th place in a massive field.

Other returning veterans for Carmel are senior Carson Varney and junior Ethan Haas, who figure to be pushed this year by freshmen Dexter Merrill and Hudson Mendoza — both highly experienced tournament players at the junior golf level.

While those players are penciled into the top five lineup slots, the No. 6 spot appears to be a battle between freshmen Brooks Poncabare and Koa Downing, who both played on the Carmel Middle School team, and senior newcomer Luke Evans.

Pirates making waves

While Stevenson’s graduating losses were heavy, the defending state champions have already injected themselves into the statewide conversation.

On Feb. 23 at Corral de Tierra Country

Club, the Pirates obliterated three other teams, dusting second-place Bellarmine by 24 shots.

On Feb. 25, they hosted Southern California powerhouse Arroyo Grande at Spyglass Hill, where they prevailed by five strokes.

On March 2, Stevenson took 10 of its players — in two five-player teams — to the Central Valley Showcase at Cop-

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By DENNIS TAYLOR

third consecutive Central Coast Section team championship, a runner-up finish at NorCals, and an astonishing nine-stroke rout of their nearest rival, Santa Margarita, at the California state tournament at Poppy Hills, where they shot 2 under par



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Junior Calvin Etcheverry currently is the No. 1 player for the defending California state champion Stevenson Pirates this season. He’s one of two returning players who competed at CCS, NorCals, and state in 2025.



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Carmel senior Julien Cho was the Padres’ best player last season at CCS, where he tied for fourth, NorCals, where he placed third, and state, where he took 21st as the Padres’ only qualifier.

per River Country Club, a tournament loaded with many of the state’s top teams. Arroyo Grande won that tournament by two strokes over De La Salle, but Stevenson’s teams placed third and fourth in the 16-school field, ahead of perennial powers like Granite Bay, St. Ignatius, Buchanan, Valley Christian, Diamond Bay and all three Clovis schools.

On March 4, the Pirates hosted 20 of the state’s top teams at Black Horse Golf Course, shooting 3 under par as a team to finish second to De La Salle. And on

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Monday, virtually every CCS contender came to Laguna Seca for the Monterey Classic, where Stevenson (370 strokes) placed third as a team behind Gunn (362) and Arroyo Grande (366). Etcheverry, junior Anthony Qian and freshman Dylan Hirst all shot 71, and Hawkins scored 73.

The medalist, Rithvik Jayaraman of Gunn, scored a 6-under-par 65.

Carmel (403 strokes) placed 21st in the 38-school field.

Standout performances

Stevenson's early season success has been peppered with standout individual performances from multiple players.

Hawkins (3 under), Etcheverry (1 under), freshman Hirst (even par) and sophomore Ben Bolger (1 over) led the way in the season opener at Corral de Tierra. Two days later, Etcheverry shot 2 under, Bolger was 1 under and sophomore Chris Bordonaro scored 1 over in his varsity debut against Arroyo Grande at Spyglass.

Standouts at the Central Valley tournament were

Etcheverry (1 under), Hawkins (even par) and freshman Harry Xu (1 over). Etcheverry (3 under), junior Will Keszler (1 under), Hirst and Merrick (both even par) and Hawkins (1 over) led the second-place finish at the California Elite Invitational.

Freshman Michael Luan and junior Harry Ng also have seen varsity action this year.

And add one more significant name to Stevenson's gold rush: Junior Griffin Didier, a transfer student, finished second at the Colorado state championship tournament in 2024 as a freshman. He became eligible to compete on Wednesday.

"Winning a state championship is a really big deal, but it's almost crazier after you win it," Bates said. "You're under a microscope, bearing that burden with a new group of guys. Everybody's watching you ... now let's see how well you can play."

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Junior Zac Hawkins, who helped Stevenson to the PCAL, CCS, and state titles last year, returns in a leadership role for a young-but-talented 2026 team.

THEATER

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some pretty adult themes," he said of "Chicago," with its jailhouse setting and plot lines involving violence, murder and sex.

Parents were involved and informed beginning with the casting process, Williams recalled. Relevant program notes were included for the performances, and it should also be noted that although there are toned-down versions of hit shows for high schools, some material could still be considered "edgy." "They can take on big themes," Williams said of the students, noting that acting can also help develop empathy.

He predicts next fall's show, "Six," about the wives of King Henry VIII, will also engender some serious conversations — as anyone familiar with the monarch's marital track record might imagine. York is the first in the area to stage a high school production of the popular Broadway musical. Williams is bringing in Erin Caldwell, who played Jane Seymour in the show's UK/International tour, and Glain Rhys, another professional performer ("Phantom of the Opera"), for the occasion. They'll share their experiences and advice with students — and perform in a gala concert on Sept. 26.

Opportunities to mingle with the pros aren't confined to the campus. Fifteen York kids recently took the stage with hundreds of others from across the country in "Jane Eyre in Concert," a one-night performance at Lincoln Center's Geffen Theater in New York City. This is the third year York has participated in the annual student concert series

based on Broadway musicals. York's thespians learned from veterans who had worked on "Jane Eyre," and at the after-party, Williams said, they ended up sitting with John Caird, who wrote the book for the musical based on the Charlotte Brontë novel.

"It was crazy cool," he said. Junior Sofia Navarro-Macias said being in the show illuminated her academic experience. "It was such a great experience to be able to take part in 'Jane Eyre,'" which she'd just read in English class. "I loved all the symbolism that was written through every chapter. Seeing the book come to life in such a beautiful way was inspiring for all of us."

Emotions run high

While at Lincoln Center, Williams saw one of his former students, Rodd Cyrus, play Harry Houdini in "Ragtime." "It was his first big break," Williams said, still touched by the memory. "When he made his entrance, I burst into tears." It was the first former student he'd seen in a named role (as opposed to "waiter," for example) on Broadway. He, of course, introduced Cyrus to his students.

"We got an amazing opportunity to work with Broadway professionals and even have a talk-back (post-show discussion) with Rodd Cyrus about the professional world," said junior Maya Baharana. "We were able to bond while creating memories at amazing places." It fueled senior Elysha Kennedy's ambitions, too.

"Getting to work with and meet professional actors is an absolute dream because it's like looking into my future and watching people be everything I aspire to be," she said. "I learned so much from watching them and from talking with Rodd Cyrus. The whole experience was amazing and something I'll never forget."



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Freshman Dylan Hirst is part of an exceptional group of underclassmen vying for varsity lineup spots on a strong Stevenson team this season.



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Editorial

The Laffer curve strikes again

SOME PEOPLE never met a tax increase they didn't like, and that certainly applies to the "billionaires tax" that could be headed for the Nov. 3 ballot in California.

This tax, sponsored by two powerful unions and backed by some of the state's most influential Democrats, would impose a one-time 5 percent tax, payable over five years, on the assets of all California residents with a net worth greater than \$1 billion.

Proponents say the tax would produce revenue of \$100 billion for the state, even if a few billionaires leave to avoid paying it. But even before the billionaires tax has qualified for the ballot, so many have already departed for low-tax states like Texas and Florida, the real picture may be that the promised \$100 billion in new revenue will turn into a loss.

According to a study by Stanford economists, the confirmed departures of just six billionaires — Peter Thiel, Larry Page, Sergey Brin, Steven Spielberg, Don Hankey and David Sacks — removed more than \$550 billion in private wealth from the state, about a quarter of the estimated \$2.2 trillion held by the state's billionaires when the tax was proposed.

And these billionaires didn't just take most of their assets with them, they took their future earnings out of California, depriving the state of an estimated \$3.3 billion to \$5.8 billion each year in income taxes, the Stanford study said. And that's not to mention all the tax-paying jobs they will also undoubtedly be moving out of state. Billionaires have a lot of people working for them.

Which means that even if California's remaining billionaires willingly pay the next tax, the long-term impact could be a net loss of revenue for the state — something that was foreseen back in the 1970s by economist Arthur Laffer, who showed that an increase in income tax rates can reduce revenue by causing a decrease in the productive activity targeted by the tax. If taxes get too high, Laffer demonstrated, people stop trying to make more money because too much of it will be confiscated by the government.

Monterey County supervisors would be wise to heed this lesson, because a variation of the Laffer curve also applies to consumption taxes, which discourage people from buying things.

A notorious example of this phenomenon was the federal "luxury tax" passed by Congress and approved by President George H.W. Bush in the early 1990s as part of a budget deal. The intent was to raise revenue from "the rich" by imposing a 10 percent tax on the sale of yachts that cost more than \$100,000, private airplanes over \$250,000, cars over \$30,000, and jewelry and furs that cost more than \$10,000. But the tax quickly backfired in practice, as wealthy buyers delayed purchases or bought less expensive items to avoid paying it. According to congressional estimates, the sale of yachts dropped so much — from 9,100 units before the tax to 4,300 in 1991 — that thousands of workers who designed and built the expensive boats lost their jobs. Same thing with private airplanes.

By 1992, the damage from the luxury tax was overwhelmingly evident, leading senators Bob Dole, Republican of Kansas, a major center of private aircraft production, and George Mitchell, a Democrat from Maine, where many of the nation's yachts are built, to call for it to be repealed, which it was in 1993 — with Bill Clinton in the White House.

Laffer's insight — that when taxes get too high, economic activity declines — is true for all types of taxes on what people earn, buy or own. Thus, if Monterey County creates a steep new transfer tax on every home sold for more than \$10 million, the effect will be to reduce sales of these expensive homes, which will not only lower the value of real estate in the county, it will erode the long-term revenue from property taxes.

Supervisors say they want to use money from the new transfer tax to help working families find homes in the wealthy parts of the county, but this new tax is not the way to do it. Instead of using subsidies to offset the impact of high prices, the county should reduce the barriers to new construction by eliminating zoning restrictions and cutting permit costs.

Unleashing the free market is not only the most effective way to create affordable homes, it's the way that protects the taxpayers' wallets — and the economy.

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"My box number is 5025. Could you tell me where I live?"

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The right plan Dear Editor,

When the city unveiled its original housing plan in the spring of 2024, it generated widespread community opposition. The overriding sentiment was that it didn't feel like our plan. In particular, the proposal to build 149 units in large complexes that concentrated nearly all of the lowest-income units on city-owned property at Sunset Center and Vista Lobos felt like a one-size-fits-all solution and a concession to time constraints.

In response, a group of residents — myself included — began organizing to persuade the council to work with residents to amend the plan. It was the start of a grueling two-year effort, which showcased the potential of a resident-led, staff-supported initiative to tackle major civic challenges. Along the way, we've had help from nearly 40 resident volunteers — from retirees, to local architects, to high school kids.

We were repeatedly told that the effort was impossible, but inspired by the conviction that there was a better way, we left no stone unturned. We sought out the top housing element consultant in the state — initially paying her ourselves — researched every creative idea, and even created our own app so volunteers could inventory every downtown parcel and leaseable space. Above all, we kept looking for ways to create a plan tailored to Carmel.

The revised plan that we've put together is a dramatic improvement. While the original plan concentrated the lowest-income units on just two sites, the new plan calls for a mix of market-rate and affordable units integrated throughout the community. While the original plan called for the construction of city block-scale developments, the new plan ensures that new housing is human-scale. And while the original plan locked us into a rushed, state-imposed timeline and income mix for the city-owned lots, the new plan gives us the freedom to chart our own course. State reviewers have praised the new plan as "innovative" and pointed to it as a template for other communities.

That's why it was so disheartening to see Mayor Dale Byrne announce his opposition to the revised plan in his column last week — at the 11th hour, after voting to submit it back in November, and on the eve of expected state approval. Even more troubling is the mayor's submission of a five-page letter to the state on Friday night attacking the city's plan. Healthy debate at the appropriate time is one thing, but the

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Some clients were just more fun

PLAYING ROCK 'n' roll music at a jam-packed venue with a world-famous band was never really Stevie Heger's jam — but he's done that.

Fine-tuning records for drugged-out superstars in meandering, all-night studio sessions could be a trial of patience — but he made a name doing that, too. At 63, Heger, a master of syncopation, continues

gigs with popular local groups, including a three-year stint with The Wylie Band.

In his early teens, he volunteered as a drum technician at the Monterey Jazz Festival, setting up drum kits for guest stars, including jazz legend Buddy Rich.

And Heger has stories — some he can't yet tell, others he doesn't mind spilling.

"Buddy Rich showed up late, really drunk, verbally abusing the junior-college horn players he routinely hired and underpaid with cash," Heger said.

"He saw me and said, 'I remember you from last year, kid. Get my drums out, set 'em up, tighten everything down and don't forget my water!'" (It wasn't water.)

Heger worked as a "house guy," an engineer and musician-for-hire, at San Francisco's Wally Heider Studios, famous for producing albums between 1969 and 1982 for the Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, Van Morrison, the Doobie

Brothers, Tom Waits, Herbie Hancock, Curtis Mayfield, and Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.

Metallica and Santana

Predictably, some clients were more enjoyable than others.

"The speed-metal guys, believe it or not, were usually the most organized and focused of anybody," he said. "Metallica walked into the studio, did six songs in eight hours, and walked out with a finished cassette."

Less-than-fun was time spent with Car-



PHOTO/PAUL GOLDMAN

Stevie Heger, shown in the studio of his Carmel home, is a sought-after studio musician, engineer, and producer.

to live his best life in Carmel-by-the-Sea as he marches to his own beat.

He's a professional drummer, guitarist, keyboardist and singer who has performed onstage with the Beach Boys, David Bowie, Johnny Rivers, and Al Stewart.

He's also a sought-after studio talent who has contributed as a musician, singer, engineer or producer to albums by Santana, Neil Young, David Crosby, Tony Bennett, Steve Miller, Huey Lewis & The News, Metallica, Jesse Colin Young and countless others.

And he's been a studio drummer and engineer for Beach Boys original Al Jardine — "one of my best friends," Heger said — for 41 years.

Friday from 7 to 10 p.m., the Peninsula native and a manager of musical friends will debut his sixth album, "Stevie Heger: Songs for Smart Adults," at a concert and launch party at Monterey's Wave Street Studios. Doors open at 6 p.m., and ticket prices range from \$15 for outdoor seating to \$30 indoors.

Special guests will include bass player Dwayne Pate — who has performed with Tower of Power, Arturo Sandoval and many others — pianist Michael Hatfield (They Might Be Giants, The Drifters, Bud E. Love), guitarist Benjamin Andrews (Con Brio, Forrest Day), saxophonist Frank Maccia (Ella Fitzgerald, Chuck Mangione), vocalist Richard Bryant (White Album Ensemble) and percussionist Shaun Elley (Big Survivors).

'Big fish' to 'house guy'

For Heger, it's been a long, strange trip — and sometimes a bumpy ride.

He was a "big fish in a little pond" growing up on the Monterey Peninsula, playing

Great Lives

By DENNIS TAYLOR

los Santana and his band.

"He's got a shtick as the San Francisco Latino guy from the Mission, Woodstock legend, good businessman," Heger said. "He was a big star, and he was difficult — really loud and actually quite arrogant, even though he hadn't had a hit record in six or seven years."

Heger remembers disorganized, cocaine-fueled sessions recording "half-baked arrangements, usually from midnight to noon."

After four all-nighters, shelves at Heider Studios were stacked with reels of meandering music on expensive analog tape.

"Nobody was reviewing them, nobody was listening to them ... there was really no plan," he said.

After the fourth day, the band's producer ordered Heger, "the house guy," to erase all the tapes so they could be reused.

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He found his 'why' in the photos his parents never shared

WHEN JERRY Takigawa addresses his audience Wednesday at the Carmel Foundation, he'll draw upon his own life experiences to illustrate "the risks and rewards of being who you want to be."

At 80, the celebrated Monterey Peninsula photographer draws deeply upon his own history — and that of his Japa-

bearing the seemingly unbearable.

"Gaman is part of the culture, about pushing through truly horrible things with patience and dignity," said Takigawa, whose awakening came when, after his parents' deaths, he and his brother discovered photographs of them in the stark confines of the camp in Jerome, Ark.

"I realized that they shielded me from their trauma so I wouldn't have to feel their anger. They were trying to make me a good American citizen, without bitterness."

The discovery led to an epiphany for Takigawa and changed the direction of his photography.

'Speak for you'

"My parents were silent for so long, and I decided, 'I am going to speak for you,'" said the artist, who began creating works inspired by what he calls "intergenerational trauma" — pain passed on to children without a word being spoken.

"It was a moment of understanding what I decided was my purpose in life, and my art became a catharsis," said Takigawa, whose photography pivoted toward work inspired by his parents' grace in the wake of their internment.

After showing interest in graphic design, science and painting at Monterey High School, Takigawa studied at Monterey Peninsula College.

"I did graphic design from high school through junior college and got paid for it, which was nice," he said.

In 1966, he moved on to San Francisco State. In the city's Haight-Ashbury district, the peace-and-love hippie movement was in full bloom.

"Haight-Ashbury was a very heavy drug experience — everybody was basically stoned all the time — but it was also a feeling of being at the center of something pretty energizing," he said. "It felt optimistic, in a way."

He was becoming serious as a painter, too.

Discipline

"In San Francisco, noted modernist Ruth Asawa was my neighbor, and I spent my afternoons at her home, watching her work and asking questions," he recalled. "I witnessed her discipline as she drew the same kitchen chair every day for months."

After earning a bachelor's degree in painting with a minor in English, Takigawa detoured toward photojournalism.

"I liked that I could be with people while making art, instead of painting in a studio by myself," he said. "After I graduated, it also dawned on me pretty quickly that I wasn't going to make a living as a

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

nese-American parents — as he searches for meaning and inspiration for the fine-art images he is creating today.

"There's a quote from Mark Twain that says, 'The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why,'" said Takigawa, who grew up in Monterey and lives in Carmel Valley.

"My 'why' moment came when I learned how my upbringing in a Japanese-American household shaped my point of view," he said. "Among other things, I learned that beauty and virtue do not simply befall us, but are created through the very act of seeking them."

Takigawa's parents, James, a cabinet-maker and carpenter, and Clara, a hairstylist turned stay-at-home mother, were among the 126,000 Japanese Americans who were forced into U.S. internment camps during World War II. It was something they staunchly avoided discussing with their sons, Jerry and his younger brother, Marty.

Bearing the unbearable

"Our parents shielded us from the reality that 'camp,' as they called it, was an incredible political injustice. It was never part of the conversation," he said, attributing their silence to "gaman," a Japanese term meaning perseverance, patience and



PHOTO/PAM TAKIGAWA

Fine-art photographer Jerry Takigawa, 80, has been inspired in by his Japanese-American heritage and his parents' history.

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LETTERS

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spectacle of a sitting mayor intentionally undermining a plan painstakingly crafted by residents and his own government over a period of years is truly beyond the pale.

This plan is right for Carmel and has overwhelming community support. If approved — as once seemed all but certain — the city should move forward and adopt it.

Hans Buder,
Carmel City Council member

Mayor's dissent

Dear Editor,

In a town like Carmel, reaching broad agreement on housing is no small feat. It is one of the most complex and often contentious issues we face. And yet, through a long, public and inclusive process, our community did exactly that.

Residents engaged. Tradeoffs were debated. A plan emerged. And in the end, the city council majority voted — mayor included — to support it. The state even considers it a model worth emulating! That kind of alignment is rare.

Which is why it is so disappointing, and frankly unsettling, that our mayor has submitted a dissenting five-page letter that will be forwarded to the state, criticizing the very plan he previously agreed to support. In addition, because he commented personally as a resident as well as officially as mayor of Carmel, this may raise serious questions.

Disagreement is part of the process. But undermining council guidance after it has been made doesn't just

weaken the plan. It undermines the process that produced it — and the trust of everyone who participated in good faith.

To stand with your colleagues in public and then contradict them behind their backs to the state is not leadership. It's a betrayal of the mayor's colleagues on the council and of the citizens of Carmel.

Graeme Robertson,
Carmel

'Thoughtful, collaborative'

Dear Editor,

In last week's column from Mayor Dale Byrne, several points run counter to both the community's objections to the housing element's use of scarce city-owned sites and the city council's July 2024 commitment to pursue alternatives.

In response to those concerns, the citizens' Affordable Housing Alternatives team — of which we are core members — partnered with city staff to amend the April 2024 certified housing element. Over nearly two years of weekly meetings, public input and careful analysis, that collaboration has delivered a meaningful result. The amendment intentionally distributes new affordable housing throughout the city, preserving Carmel's character and charm while replacing use of city-owned sites.

Last week's column instead promotes a public-private partnership model relying on commercial uses (like expanded parking) for financial viability. Any possible future use of these sites requires a rigorous, community-driven process, not on a rushed state timeline. Complexities abound — for example, the Sunset Center's historic designation and the city's limited in-house capacity for such partnerships.

Reintroducing these sites into the housing element now was not the assignment, has not been publicly vetted and would undermine both the process and community trust at this late stage.

The draft amendment is now under final review by the state's Department of Housing and Community Development, with approval expected in the coming weeks. Under

Brandon Swanson's leadership, working with his staff and HCD throughout the process, the city has received strong verbal support and encouraging feedback in HCD's Jan. 13, 2026, preliminary review letter. Following approval, the amendment will return to the planning commission and city council for final adoption.

This amendment reflects Carmel at its best: thoughtful, collaborative and committed to welcoming new neighbors while preserving what makes our village unique. Mary Condry captured this perfectly in her Jan. 30, 2026, letter to the editor: "Our forebears did not purchase lands for the public to then have them usurped — and forever gone — for private gain."

Tim and Nancy Twomey,
Carmel

FINANCE

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though he had "consistently received glowing feedback from the board and finance committee." He was let go in June of that year.

"The board, with full knowledge of Patterson's misconduct, ratified her actions by failing to investigate, intervene and protect Kopelevitch," his complaint says.

He alleges retaliation, failure to investigate retaliation, wrongful termination, hostile work environment, failure to pay wages upon separation, and other causes of action. Kopelevitch is seeking an unspecified amount in damages, including punitive damages, exceeding \$35,000.

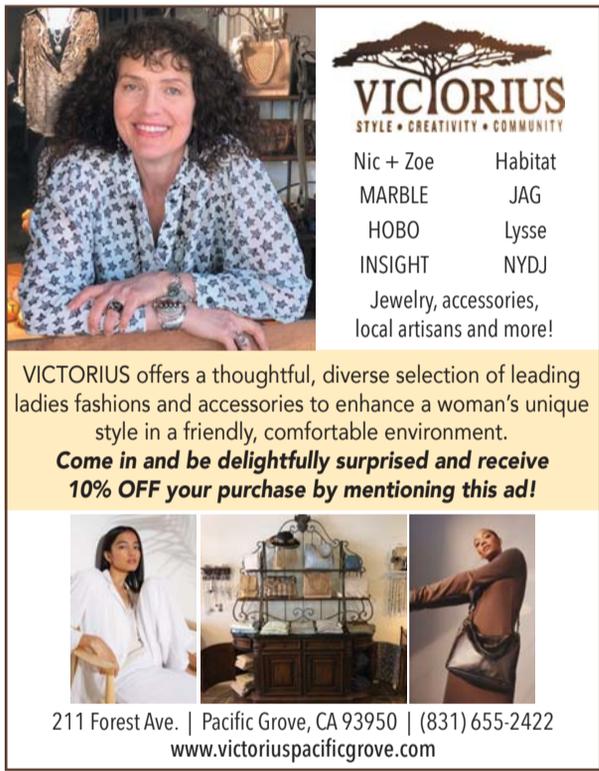
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that includes fixed, variable and periodic expenses, such as rent, utilities and groceries, and how to identify needs versus wants and apply strategies to reduce overspending.

Types and costs of insurance, including home, auto, health and life insurance, will be discussed, as well as the tax system, including its impact on personal income, the process to file taxes, and how to read tax forms and pay stubs.

In June 2024, the State Senate Appropriations Committee said the mandated course could cost taxpayers \$130 million to \$195 million per year.



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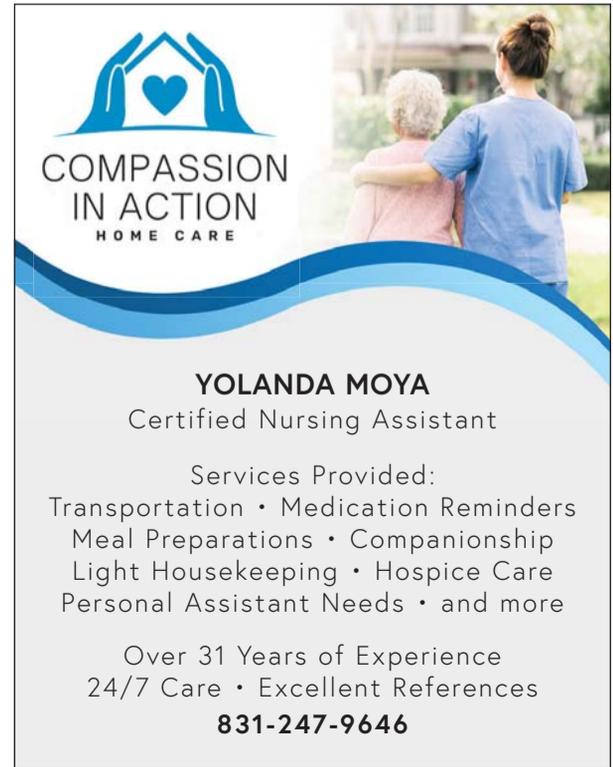
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Gretel birdhouses and given about 25 pairs of them to neighbors far and wide, “but mainly within sight of the Jane Powers Walkway, Palou, Fourth Avenue extension, Mary Austin park and the trestle area by Fourth and Lincoln,” he has another pair to

give away in the future and put the final set for sale on eBay and Etsy.

“If they sell, I’ll use the proceeds to start another series, Romeo & Juliet birdhouses, for which I have many sketches,” he said.

But since he’s in the thick of building platforms for the Peninsula’s great horned owls — visit carmelowls.org for more information on that endeavor — “if there are any deserving birds out there, they’re just going to have to be patient.”

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 4:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Commission will visit some or all the project sites in person as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend both the Tour and the Hearing.

This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. **To participate via teleconference, use this link:** <https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/86287177199?pwd=GwHlW4HciBil6Bd8Sbo5RGSTbhf pD.1> **To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171.** Webinar ID: 850 7527 4055. Passcode: 001916.

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

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

DS 24046 (Teresi) Bess Wiesema, Architect, Carmelo Street 5 northeast of Ocean Avenue, Block: GG Lot: 14, APN: 010-252-016-000

Consideration of a Final Design Study, DS 24046, (Teresi) and Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of an existing 1,818-square-foot, two-story single-family residence inclusive of an attached garage, 414-square-foot accessory dwelling unit, and 61-square-foot shed, and the construction of a 2,798-square-foot, two-story single-family residence inclusive of a 313-square-foot attached garage located on Carmelo Street 5 northeast of Ocean Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-252-016-000. The project additionally includes an attached 800 square-foot accessory dwelling unit.

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

DS 25019 (McWhorter), Eric Miller Architects, Architect, Carmelo Street 2 northeast of Ocean Avenue, Block: GG, Lot: 4 & 6, APN: 010-252-013-000

Consideration of a Final Design Study, DS 25019 (McWhorter), and Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of an existing single-family residence and the construction of a 1,555-square-foot two-story residence, inclusive of an attached garage, located at Carmelo Street 2 northeast of Ocean Ave in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-252-013-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

DS 25162 (5855 Junipero LLC) John Moore, Designer, 5855 Junipero Avenue, Block 128, Lot 4 APN 010-073-004-000

Consideration of a Final Design Study, DS 25162 (5855 Junipero LLC), and Coastal Development Permit for a 148-square-foot addition, a new 264-square-foot garage, and associated site improvements to an existing single-story single-family residence located at 5855 Junipero Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-073-004-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

DS 25206 (Diamond) International Design Group, Architect, Scenic Road 5 northwest of 8th Avenue Block: C2; Lot: 8, APN: 010-312-012-000

Consideration of a Track 1 Design Study Referral, DS 25206 (Diamond), and Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a new roof deck associated with the construction of a new 800-square-foot accessory dwelling unit located at Scenic Road 5 northwest of 8th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District, Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay District, Park (P) Overlay District, and Beach and Riparian (BR) Overlay. APN: 010-312-012-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

UP 25373 (Gelato-by-the-Sea), Danny Hala, Business Owner, San Carlos 2 northeast of 7th, Carmel, Square Unit 6, Block: 77 Lot: 16 & 18, APN: 010-141-005-000

Consideration of a Use Permit Amendment to change business hours from “12 pm to 7 pm daily” to “11 am to 11 pm daily”, located at San Carlos 2 northeast of 7th Avenue, Carmel Square, Unit 6, in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District. APN: 010-141-005-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

APP 26045 (Polito), Robert Polito, Property Owner, Monte Verde Street 7 southwest of 9th Avenue, Block D, Lot 13, APN 010-186-005-000

Consideration of an Appeal, APP 26045 (Polito), of a denial of Design Study, DS 25311 (Polito), for after-the-fact changes in site coverage that exceed what is allowed for a 4,000-square-foot lot located on Monte Verde Street 7 southwest of 9th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-186-005-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project statutorily exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15270 (Projects Which Are Disapproved).

UP 26053 (PRG Carmel LLC) & DR 26002 (PRG Carmel LLC), PRG Carmel LLC, Property Owner Northwest corner of San Carlos Street and 4th Avenue, Block 34, Lot 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, & 20 APN: 010-124-012-000

Consideration of a Use Permit Amendment, UP 26053 (PRG Carmel LLC), and Track 1 Design Review, (DR 26002 (PRG Carmel LLC), for the expansion of the approved mechanical equipment and screening on the roof of the existing hotel, and to amend UP 25192 (Svendsgaard Inn) to maintain the nonconforming parking and amend Special Condition of Approval #27 to remove the requirement for a manager’s unit located at the northwest corner of San Carlos Street and 4th Avenue in the Residential and Limited Commercial (RC) Zoning District. APN: 010-124-012-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

DS 26060 (Las Olas), Eric Miller Architects, Inc., Architect, Carmelo Street 5 northwest of Ocean Avenue Block: HH; Lot: 13 & 15, APN: 010-253-005-000

Consideration of a Track 1 Design Study Referral, DS 26060 (Las Olas), for the request to revise existing fence and retaining wall plan on the southern property line, restoration of previously existing trellis, installation of iron handrail in the right-of-way, and landscaping modifications located at Carmelo Street 5 northwest of Ocean Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-253-005-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

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

Publication dates: March 27, 2026 (PC342)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260355
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): Windsor The Ridge Rehabilitation Center, LLC, 9526 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035

This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
Windsor The Ridge Rehabilitation Center, LLC
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/13/2026.
3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27/26
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SUMMONS (Citacion Judicial)

CASE NUMBER: 25CV005942

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You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

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MONTEREY, CA 93940

The name, address and telephone number of the plaintiff’s attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado,es):

Sam Anton & Mary Dugom
11506 Bloomington Way, Dublin, CA 94568
(925) 968-5080

Date filed: Nov. 18, 2025

(s) Clerk, by Rosa Lopez, Deputy

Publication Dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026. (PC328)



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA NOTICE OF BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is accepting applications to fill ten (10) upcoming Board and Commission vacancies:

PLANNING COMMISSION — 2 seats (4-year term)

Eligibility: Carmel-by-the-Sea residents who are registered voters
Meets: 2nd Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. (Tour of Inspection 2:00 p.m.)

FOREST AND BEACH COMMISSION — 2 seats (4-year term)

Eligibility: Carmel-by-the-Sea or Sphere of Influence residents
Meets: 2nd Thursday, 2:30 p.m. (Tour of Inspection 1:30 p.m.)

HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD — 2 seats (4-year term)

Eligibility: Carmel-by-the-Sea or Sphere of Influence residents, or Monterey County residents with related professional experience
Meets: 3rd Monday, 4:00 p.m.

HARRISON MEMORIAL LIBRARY (HML) BOARD OF TRUSTEES — 2 seats (3-year term)

Eligibility: Carmel-by-the-Sea or Sphere of Influence residents who possess an HML patron card
Meets: 4th Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS — 2 seats (ongoing term)

Eligibility: Carmel-by-the-Sea or Sphere of Influence residents
Meets: At least annually, or as needed
Note: Members generally serve until resignation; the Board includes 3 primary members and 2 members focused on accessibility-related appeals.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- To determine if you reside within the Carmel-by-the-Sea Sphere of Influence (SOI), the map is available online: https://ci.carmel.ca.us/sites/main/files/file-attachments/sphere_of_influence_map.pdf
- To learn more about the roles and duties of each Board or Commission: <https://ci.carmel.ca.us/boards-and-commissions>

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are available online at <https://ci.carmel.ca.us/boards-and-commissions> or at City Hall.

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE CITY CLERK

Email: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us
Hand Delivery: City Hall, East side of Monte Verde Street, between Ocean and 7th Avenues, Carmel
Mail: Attn: City Clerk, P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Friday, April 10, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS

After the deadline, applicants will be contacted to schedule interviews with the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem (expected April/May, TBD). Recommendations will be presented to the City Council in May/June.

Questions: Contact City Clerk Nova Romero — cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us Phone: 831-620-2016

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Nova Romero, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: she is the duly appointed and qualified City Clerk for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and that on March 9, 2026, she caused the above Vacancy Notice to be posted in accordance with California State Government Code § 54974.

NOVA ROMERO
City Clerk, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Date: 3/9/2026

Publication dates: March 13 & 27, 2026 (PC311)

ARTIST

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painter.”

He became intensely interested in the day’s societal issues — the impact of industrial chemicals on wildlife, the devastating effects of plastics on the environment — and social-justice controversies like the Vietnam War.

In 1969, as a conscientious objector, Takigawa joined VISTA, the domestic version of the Peace Corps. He was trained as a campus-community organizer and stationed in Oakland.

“I started doing photodocumentary stuff at places like People’s Park,” said Takigawa, referring to the 1969 protest that became infamous as “Bloody Thursday,” when police in Berkeley used deadly force on protesters, prompting then-Gov. Ronald Reagan to send in the National Guard.

“Eventually, I got burned out on the political environment, moved back to Monterey and started doing things that I thought were aesthetic, along with experimental kinds of photography — blurry stuff, based on theories of quantum physics,” he said.

Off the grid

In the early 1970s, Takigawa moved to Oregon. He lived off the grid, but soon yearned to reconnect with the world. He came home and started doing design work that became a lifelong career.

“I’ve been moving out of my Cannery Row studio,” said the owner of 50-year-old Takigawa Design. “The business has been a very good experience overall and very rewarding in a lot of ways.”

On the Monterey Peninsula, where Ansel Adams and the Westons were photography royalty, he felt compelled to forge a different path.

“I always felt a little bit on the outside of the photography community on the Monterey Peninsula, where people were known for shooting landscapes and trees and dunes,” he said. “I kind of did whatever I wanted to do.”

He gravitated toward local photographer Wynn Bullcock, because “his work was about ideas and communication and trying to explore himself,” Takigawa said. “That appealed to me and inspired me.”

His beginnings as a photorealistic painter profoundly influenced his photography career. He was encouraged to find his “voice” — an identity of his own.

Putting feeling into art

Injecting feeling into art, he said, is a very personal act that exposes vulnerability.

“Artists want to be seen, but they also want to hide,” he said. “To find your voice, you have to be OK with being vulnerable.”

That kind of open-mindedness permeated his philosophy as he created unique brands and identities for companies such as Earthbound Farm, the Monterey Jazz Festival, recording artist Michael Nesmith and the Center for Photographic Art. And his philosophy continues to evolve.

“We humans spend our entire lives in search of meaning. Meaningful experiences bring value into our lives because they resonate with our emotional beliefs and ideas and create loyalty and trust.”

Takigawa’s innovative expression through the years has provoked thought and invited interpretation.

Cunningham Award

His approach to fine-art photography drew acclaim beginning with the Imogen Cunningham Award in 1982 and a Best of Show at the 1983 Northern California Competitive Exhibition at the Monterey Museum of Art.

That list now includes more than 140 notable awards, honors and solo or group exhibitions.

In 2025, he was part of the Monterey museum’s first-ever Biennial exhibition, celebrating notable regional artists.

Takigawa’s emotional exploration of his Japanese heritage has become a focal point and will be a centerpiece of his talk Wednesday. The presentation is part of Photo Carmel, a three-month initiative celebrating photography by the Center for Photographic Art. Visit carmelfoundation.org for additional information.

For more about Takigawa’s history as a photographer and to see images of his work, visit takigawaphoto.com.

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ELIZABETH ILENE WARD

MARCH 20, 1934 – AUG. 17, 2025

Elizabeth Ward was born on the first day of spring in Atchison, Kansas, but she spent almost all of her 91 years here in California — 59 of them on the Monterey Peninsula. Elizabeth died peacefully at her Corral de Tierra home on Aug. 17th, surrounded by her beloved animals, friends and family.

Spending much of her youth at her parents’ motel, the Cozy Auto Court, in El Centro, California, Elizabeth learned first-hand the ins and outs of hospitality and property management — skills she would benefit from later in life. Her father and mother, Jess and Eula Ward, eventually traded the motel for a very large tract of agricultural land, which her dad leased and managed until shortly before his death in 2003.

From a very young age, Elizabeth was a lover of play, adventure and occasional mischief. She grew up enjoying close-knit ties with friends and family, and riding her horse — a lifelong passion she continued for many years as an adult in Carmel Valley. She did a bit of modeling before graduating from Central Union High School as senior class secretary in 1952, then married in 1953 and started a family, moving throughout the state with her husband and two children until she came to Carmel Valley in 1966.

After her children were grown, Elizabeth truly gave rein to her entrepreneurial spirit, and for many years partnered with Ralph E. Erion to publish the “Carmel Valley Directory,” what longtime locals called the indispensable “Little Yellow Book.” In 1987, Elizabeth and her husband, Max Kelly, purchased the former de Lormier family residence, a 10-bedroom 1908 Victorian on the corner of Lighthouse Avenue and 17 Mile Drive in Pacific Grove. Together they turned the landmark mansion into a residential care home for the elderly called 17-Mile-Drive Manor. Elizabeth was closely involved in caring for residents as well as managing the day-to-day administration. The work was hard, but she always looked back with pride at the care she gave to those in her charge. The work also taught her insights into helping her parents through their last years and then her own eventual aging.

In 1997, Elizabeth sold her business and decided to “retire” on a three-acre property in Corral de Tierra. There she built a guesthouse for her father and managed his care. She and her dad built chicken houses, a huge shop for all of his tools, and a fence that surrounded the complete three acres so her dogs could roam safely. After her dad’s death, Elizabeth transformed her property into a thriving pet-friendly vacation rental business, Monterey Guesthouses. She welcomed people from all over the world — especially catering to race fans and participants because of the proximity of her property to Laguna Seca.

Dogs and horses were always close to Elizabeth’s heart, and she could often be seen with her cocker spaniels about town — her first, Goldie, even sat on her own barstool at the Cypress Inn in Carmel. Elizabeth did a lot of volunteer work: fundraising for worthy causes, presenting adoptable animals on the evening news for the SPCA and serving on the Board of Directors of the Monterey Cowboy Poetry & Music Festival from 2001 to 2005. But what Elizabeth most enjoyed was friends around her table with good food and lively conversation. She loved spending time with her dogs and pampered chickens, meeting new people and being hostess to all. Her garden parties were legendary and that is where she is best remembered by many.

Elizabeth was buried with a family graveside service in Los Osos Memorial Park, next to her sister, her parents, and her son, Daniel Ward Petree, who died in 1994. She is survived by her daughter, Ronni Ilene Sweet and husband Jeff Sweet of Corral de Tierra; three granddaughters — Julia Anne Sweet, Danielle Elizabeth Massey and Monica Rae Montgomery; four great-granddaughters; her longtime friend, Hermine Kay Singleton, who was like a second daughter; and her great-aunt, Jeannie Beuster, who will be 98 this August. She is remembered fondly by close neighbors, many of her repeat guests at Monterey Guesthouses, as well as those who were fortunate to gather around her table.

Elizabeth will be greatly missed and remembered — especially as springtime comes once again, marking new blossoms, and a birthday that will always be celebrated by those who knew her with her favorites — white cake, champagne, love and laughter.



KENNETH BURNELL WURZBURGER

Sept. 9, 1940 ❖ March 7, 2026

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Kenneth Wurzburger, a retired tax assessor for Monterey County, who died at his home in Pacific Grove, on March 7, 2026, after a period of failing health.

Kenneth was born on Sept. 9, 1940, in Bloomington, Illinois to the late Harvey Willard Wurzburger and Susan Jane (Hinshaw) Wurzburger. He earned a master’s degree in Russian language and literature from the University of Illinois, Urbana, where he met his future wife, Natalie.

Instead of a honeymoon the couple decided on adventure, joining VISTA, (Volunteers in Service to America) and were assigned to serve on the Seward Peninsula in Teller, Alaska. While there they worked with adults and children, held English classes, and assisted the village council in establishing a cooperative store to help the village artisans sell their crafts.

Later, while serving in the U.S. Army, Fort Ord, Ken decided to settle in Pacific Grove after falling in love with its beauty and cool weather. The family has resided in Pacific Grove for 57 years. A skilled craftsman and artist, Kenneth leaves behind many of his original creations — paintings, jewelry, wood furniture and stained glass.

Kenneth is survived by his wife of 62 years, Natalie; a son, Andrew Robert, of Pacific Grove; daughter, Nina and her husband, Patrick Falkenstine of Athens, Georgia; a brother, Nils Wurzburger; two sisters, Karen Ann (Don) Elfreich and Carla Haning, all of Bloomington, Illinois; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Kenneth was predeceased by four sisters and a brother.

Private services have been held with burial to take place at Monterey City Cemetery. The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to the donor’s favorite charity.

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LIVES

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“All of them? Every one of these?” Heger exclaimed. “You heard me,” the producer responded, then left to join the group for dinner.

Hours later, Santana and his bandmates saw the empty shelves and exploded.

“I took the hit for that one,” Heger said. “There’s always a fall guy.”

Another misfire: Twenty-five years ago, his friendship with saxophone player Richie Cannata resulted in an invitation to fly to New York City, all expenses paid, to audition for Billy Joel.

Heger was surprised to be greeted at the airport by a limo belonging to the Piano Man’s then-girlfriend, super-model Christie Brinkley.

“Her limo famously had a hot tub inside. It was the middle of winter, and I didn’t ask for any of that. I was expecting to take a bus from the airport,” Heger reminisced.

The VIP ride to the audition, arranged by Cannata, also surprised Joel — who had just written “Uptown Girl” for Brinkley — when it rolled up to the studio.

“Billy wasn’t happy,” mused Heger, one of several drummers at the audition. “When my turn came, I barely got past the ‘one ... two ... three’ countdown with my sticks before Billy yelled, ‘Next!’ So, that was the end of that.”

‘Players’

Heger “got kicked out of” Stevenson School in eighth grade, dropped out of Carmel High School after ninth grade, earned a GED, moved to Los Angeles at 16 and enrolled at the Musicians Institute of Technology to study percussion and theory under American jazz legend Joe Porcaro and session drummer Ralph Humphrey, while also engineering recording sessions and writing for L.A. bands.

“It was overwhelming, because Hollywood is a whole different animal than Northern California,” Heger reflected. “But I thought I had peaked at 14, playing the Italian Festival as a sideman for Mike Moratta Sr., and the old Gay 90s Club in Pacific Grove with pianist Bobby Phillips.

“I got to L.A., saw all that talent and said, ‘Wow, this is show business ... these are players!’” he reflected. “That’s when I realized I wasn’t going to be the best jazz drummer in the world.”

Heger returned to Monterey with skills, polish and knowledge, and got a career-altering break in his mid-20s, when his mom, Joan Sailer, collaborated with others to arrange a private fundraising concert starring Dinah Shore and the Beach Boys at The Lodge at Pebble Beach.

When Shore’s drummer missed his flight to Monterey, Sailer volunteered her son.

Heger stepped behind the drum kit and backed the international superstar with a professional beat, and Beach Boys producer Terry Melcher (son of Doris Day) took notice. Heger met the Beach Boys that day, launching a relationship that remains strong and active.

He’s performed onstage as a substitute drummer for the group on multiple occasions and did studio production with Beach Boys legend Brian Wilson (who died in 2025). He’s also been an engineer, producer, musician and performer with Jardine

The beat on the group’s 1988 hit, “Kokomo,” is Heger’s — a credit for which he gives thanks to Melcher.

Surfer, sailor, dad

Heger is a lifelong surfer and a sailor with a 36-foot French catamaran moored in Tahiti. He is the father of Hunter, 24, a ticket sales representative for the Golden State Warriors, and Garrett, 21, a sports management major at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Five years ago, he married longtime friend Marcy Straesser Heger, a Pilates instructor, “surfing star,” and drummer for a local all-female grunge group, Salty.

More information about Heger and his music, including his new CD, can be found at stevieheger.bandcamp.com.

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Plenty of thread might prevent the use of a needle

By SALLY BAHO

WE ALL know we need to floss our teeth — but are we doing it right? Healthy Lifestyles spoke with Vicente Carrazana, DDS, of Moonflower Dentistry in Pacific Grove, and Heather Serrano, a dental hygienist in Carmel, to get the skinny on the procedure. Both Carrazana and Serrano emphasized that it’s one of the most important things you can do for your oral health, playing a critical role in the prevention of decay, inflammation, and cavities.

Start with about 20 inches of floss, wrapped around your two index fingers, leaving 1 or 2 inches in the middle to work with. Holding it taut between your thumbs and index fingers, gently guide the floss up and down along the side of the tooth and between the “contacts” — the places where it touches other teeth. “It’s important to go along the tooth surface and un-

derneath the contact and the gum tissue,” explained Carrazana. “You want to hug the tooth in a C-shape so that the floss is accessing the sides, front and the back of the tooth,” Serrano added. “You’re also going to go on each side of the triangular papilla between each tooth — so it’s not just wiggling it in straight and popping it out.” (The papilla is the triangular section of gum between teeth.)

The bad stuff

The goal of flossing is to remove plaque and food debris so that nothing builds up to cause gingivitis or cavities. You’re not simply dislodging the stuff that gets stuck, but actually cleaning tooth surfaces that brushing doesn’t reach.

“Underneath the contact of the tooth is a very common area to get cavities because most toothbrushes don’t actually reach those areas,” Carrazana said. “You really need something mechanical removing the debris from the tooth’s surface.” For this reason, it’s best to floss before brushing so that the everything you dislodge can be brushed away and rinsed out.

“You want to floss once every 24-hour period, and it doesn’t have to be at night before bed,” Serrano said. “But that is the optimal time, since you’re going to sleep



It doesn’t take long, but regular flossing plays an important role in dental hygiene.

A critical role in preventing decay, inflammation and cavities

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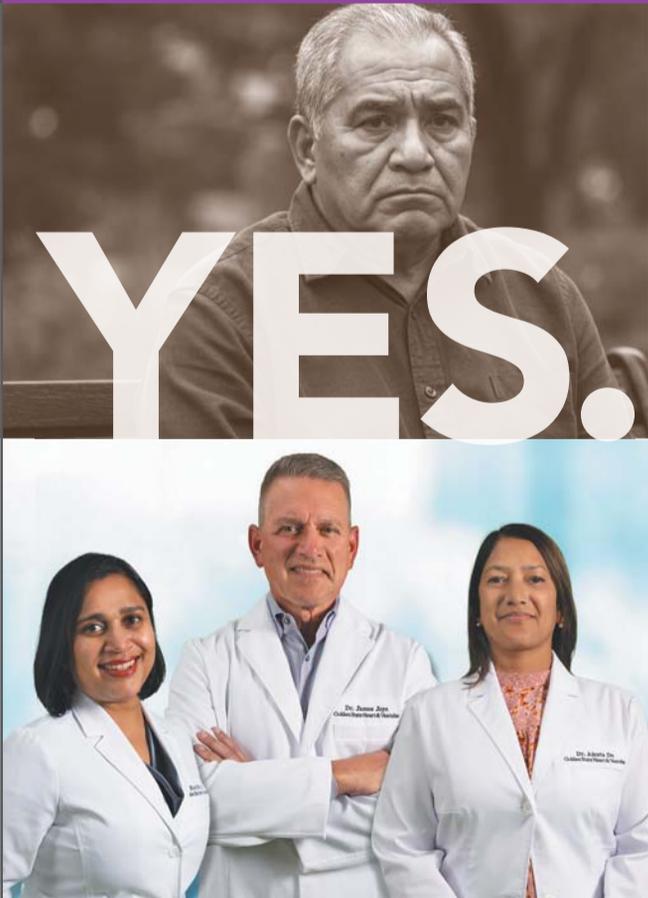
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Bites that help teeth thrive

By FUAD AL QUDSI

WE'VE ALL been told since childhood that eating sugar causes cavities. Some of us likely chalked this up to a fib our parents told to scare us into eating less candy. However, it's important to know that sugar — and many other foods we commonly eat — can have a significant impact on our dental health.

First, since teeth are made largely of minerals similar to bones, eating enough calcium, phosphorus and vitamin D can help strengthen teeth and reduce plaque buildup, lowering the risk of cavities. Foods rich in these nutrients include dairy products, egg yolks, fatty fish (particularly those with edible bones like sardines), nuts such as almonds, and fortified juices and cereals.

Research also shows that certain foods — such as dairy, apples, tea and cranberries — have properties that may help prevent cavities and tooth decay. Specifically, cranberries and apples contain antioxidants that help prevent certain bacteria, including *Streptococcus mutans*, from damaging tooth enamel and producing acids that lead to plaque buildup and decay.

In addition, eating high-fiber foods encourages more chewing, which increases saliva production. Higher saliva levels help wash away food particles, prevent plaque buildup, and reduce harmful bacteria from sticking to teeth.

The bacteria mentioned above, *Strepto-*

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From chewing on a crisp apple, to getting plenty of calcium, a healthy diet helps teeth last.



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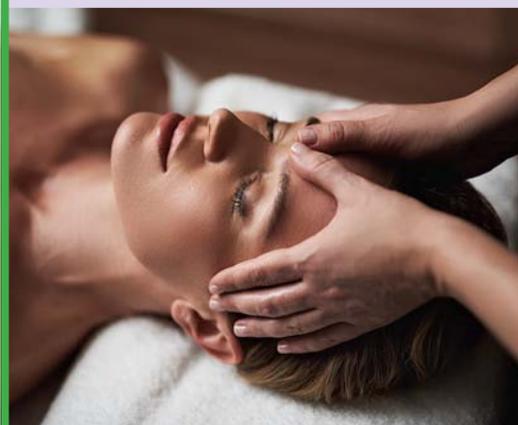
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By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

WE BRUSH our teeth, floss, stimulate our gums and rinse with mouthwash. We avoid peanut brittle, taffy and caramel corn (or should). And we make twice-a-year visits to the dentist for professional cleanings and checkups. That's all because we understand how important oral health is to overall health and well-being.

Yet when was the last time you brushed the teeth of your cat or dog? How often do you take them to the vet for a dental check-up and professional cleaning as a preventive health measure?

"The answer should be once a year," said Brynie Kaplan Dau, a small animal and exotics veterinarian who owns Pacific Grove Veterinary Hospital. "By the time

they are 3 years old, one in three pets will develop dental disease. This is the most common issue I see, so it's a big problem. The bacteria from the mouth can go up the periodontal ligaments on the sides of the root of the tooth. Once it eats away at the ligaments, it goes into the bone and can cause bone loss."

When cleaning teeth and resolving oral issues, Kaplan Dau — who follows the guidelines of the American College of Veterinary Dentists and UC Davis Veterinary Medical School — said she uses general anesthesia and takes full-mouth X-rays to make sure she and her staff catch oral

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If you like doggie kisses but not doggie breath, try brushing.



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T H E K I T C H E N

Make-ahead vegetable egg bites

Courtesy of Fuad Al Qudsi, registered dietitian and personal trainer

FOR MANY people, breakfast is the first meal sacrificed on busy mornings. Early commutes, tight schedules and limited time to cook often lead people to skip the meal altogether or rely on costly take-out options.

A simple homemade recipe for vegetable egg bites offers a practical solution. Easy to prepare and packed with protein and vegetables, these bite-sized breakfasts can be made ahead of time and stored in the refrigerator for up to a week.

The recipe requires just a handful of ingredients and about 30 minutes in the

oven. Once prepared, the egg bites can be reheated in the microwave for about a minute, making them a convenient option for people rushing out the door.

Unlike many grab-and-go breakfast items, homemade egg bites allow cooks to control the ingredients while keeping costs low. They can also be customized with different vegetables, cheeses or herbs depending on personal taste.

For anyone looking for a quick, nutritious start to the day, these make-ahead egg bites provide a simple alternative to skipping breakfast or buying something at

a drive-through window.

INGREDIENTS

(Serves 12)

12 large (AA) eggs

1 teaspoon salt

Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

1/2 cup cherry tomatoes, halved

1 cup baby spinach, chopped

1 cup broccoli florets, chopped

1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, shredded

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat a 12-cup muffin tin with non-stick

cooking spray.

In a large bowl, whisk the eggs. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Stir in the Parmesan cheese, cherry tomatoes, spinach and broccoli until well combined. Pour the mixture evenly into the muffin tin using a 1/3-cup measure.

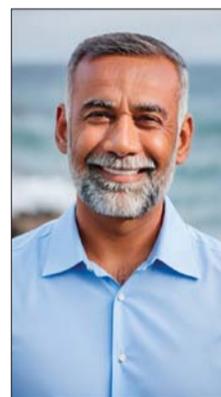
Bake for 25–30 minutes, or until the egg bites are fully set in the center.

Cool slightly before serving.

Tip: These egg bites can be refrigerated for up to one week. Reheat in the microwave for about one minute for a quick and healthy breakfast.

Chef Bio

FUAD AL Qudsi is a registered dietitian and nutritionist and a certified fitness trainer, but above all, he is a food enthusiast at heart. Growing up in Saudi Arabia in a family that loved to cook influenced his connection with what people eat from a young age.



Even though he was interested in food and nutrition, his professional path took a different turn when he obtained

a degree in geology and worked as an environmental engineer. More than 20 years ago, when he moved to San Francisco, he decided to become a certified personal trainer. His interest in healthy, tasty food grew, prompting him to pursue and acquire a degree in nutrition and dietetics, and he relocated here from the San Francisco area in summer 2020. He's the founder of FuadFit, a nutrition counseling practice.

Al Qudsi says he specializes in weight management for adults and older adults, as well as "sports nutrition, and all the nutrition-related diseases associated with undesirable body weight. This includes pre-diabetes, diabetes, elevated blood cholesterol, high blood pressure and coronary heart disease." Learn more at fuadfit.com.

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coccus mutans, are known to produce acids in the mouth that contribute to gum disease and dental caries (tooth decay). These bacteria thrive on sugar. When sugary foods and drinks are consumed frequently, the acid level in the mouth remains elevated for longer periods, increasing the risk of cavities. Similarly, highly acidic foods and beverages — such as soft drinks, carbonated water, coffee and citrus fruits — can weaken enamel when consumed often.

Use a straw

While many common and enjoyable foods can negatively affect dental health, the good news is that dentists recommend several strategies to reduce the potential harm without eliminating these foods entirely. These include:

■ Drinking acidic beverages quickly rather than sipping them slowly to mini-

mize tooth exposure

■ Using a straw when drinking acidic beverages

■ Choosing sugar-free beverages and sweets when possible

■ Brushing and flossing about 30 minutes after consuming sugary or acidic foods

■ Using fluoridated toothpaste

■ Avoiding sugary foods and drinks before bedtime

We only get one permanent set of teeth, so taking care of them is essential. As we age, bones naturally weaken, saliva production decreases, and enamel gradually erodes from years of use. For these reasons, maintaining good dental hygiene and making smart nutritional choices are key to preserving oral health. Fortunately, a balanced diet that is low in added sugars and rich in high-fiber foods, nuts, and low-fat dairy products can complement your oral hygiene routine and go a long way toward protecting your smile.



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problems below the gum line. They probe every tooth to identify deep pockets in the gums and to determine if there are abscesses or infections around the root.

“The animal is asleep, which is the only way to do this process,” said Kaplan Dau. “If we were to try to do the exam and cleaning with an awake animal — which is against the rules — there is no way we could do a thorough job. And by simply cleaning the surface of the teeth you’re missing all the pathology under the gum line. Dental cleaning can be traumatic and painful, so it is much less stressful for the pet if he’s asleep. We completely condemn anesthesia-free dentistry. It is not safe.”

While you can watch for signs and symptoms of oral problems, what is observable on the teeth is just the tip of the iceberg, she said, which is why it is so important to take X-rays every time, followed by a comprehensive oral health assessment followed by any necessary treatment, including cleaning.



Brynie Kaplan Dau

Pulling 20 teeth

There are four stages of dental disease, said Kaplan Dau, starting with mild gingivitis or gum inflammation, typically due to tartar buildup, resulting in redness and bad breath. If not treated, this can progress to early-stage periodontitis, which can cause sore gums and progress to mild bone loss, which can shift from mild to moderate deterioration.

“I always tell people, if you didn’t brush your teeth for five years, how clean and healthy would your teeth be?” said the vet. “That is what can happen with dogs and cats. People don’t look in their pet’s mouth. A lot of folks have no idea when I tell them their pet has dental disease. You really have to pull up the lip and look into the back of the mouth to the molars and premolars.”

Kaplan Dau and her staff use an ultra-

sonic scaler to remove all the tartar.

Some animals may require extractions, she said. “If they are abscessed, we remove the teeth to get rid of the infection. When patients come in with stage 4 dental disease, we end up having to take out 20 or more teeth. It happens all the time. We want to do a really thorough annual dental cleaning, so they don’t have to go through this.”

Yet dogs who do lose their teeth typically do not have a problem eating. They can manage well, she said, by eating soft foods or even kibble; they gum it and swallow it. Still, it is much better if they don’t have diseased teeth. Bacteria that moves into the bloodstream can cause liver failure, heart disease, and/or kidney failure.

“Sometimes the animal’s teeth look really bad but are just dirty,” she said. “Other times, they may look pretty good but have underlying disease. This is why X-rays are important.”

She added that the veterinarian may

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- Have three times the risk of falling²
- May be up to five times more likely to develop dementia³
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send some painkillers and antibiotics home with your pet.

When to begin dental cleaning really depends on the dog. Kaplan Dau suggests starting at a year old if it's a small breed — like a Chihuahua or Maltese — particularly if it's showing signs of gum disease. Some large-breed dogs can go four to five years without problems.

“Not as many people as one would hope are brushing their animal's teeth,” she said, but some manage to do it regularly. Some pets tolerate it well, too, “but with others, there's no way they will allow this. That's where we come in. It is good to start brushing when pets are puppies and kittens, so they grow up with it, learning it's normal. They do tend to lick the toothpaste, which is okay.” It's also nearly inevitable, since pet toothpastes come in poultry and peanut-butter flavors.

Even rabbits

All of this is relevant to cats as well, she said. Especially since they are prone to an autoimmune disease that results in oral resorption lesions, where their system attacks the teeth like foreign bodies. The saliva will eat holes in the teeth, exposing the nerves and requiring an extraction.

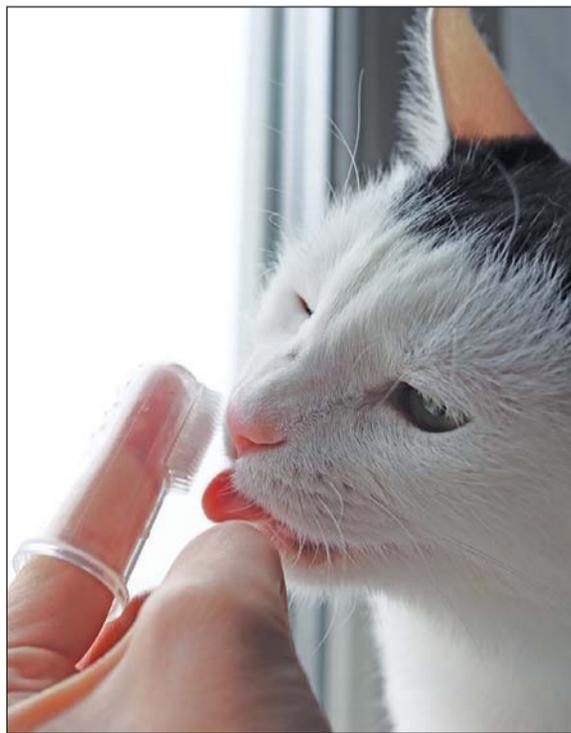
“We don't know what causes this, yet it happens commonly with cats,” Kaplan Dau said.

Even rodents, rabbits and reptiles sometimes need dental cleaning. And just like cats and dogs, they're anesthetized for the process.

“The gold standard of care is to brush your pet's teeth

every day, just like people,” the veterinarian said. “We have pet-specific toothpaste that's flavored and has enzymes to kill bacteria.” She added that plaque hardens into tartar in 24 hours, and you can't brush it off anymore. “We have to use an ultrasonic scaler to get it off. We also have a bactericidal water additive you can put in your pet's water, so when they drink, it kills bacteria in the mouth. It's like a mouthwash, only flavorless and odorless.”

Kaplan Dau also recommends prescription dental chews that are a little soft and have the antibacterial agent chlorhexidine. “We never want to let our pet chew on anything that's too hard, as they will risk fracturing their teeth. The Whimsies-brand chews do a little bit to clean teeth. I give them to my dog, but they don't replace good dental care.”



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You broke a tooth — now what?



IT CAN happen to anyone, really — a hiker mesmerized by wildflowers and views of the Big Sur coast trips and falls, a diner finds a gnarly bit of crab shell the hard way, or a golf cart hits a bump while a passenger was sipping water from a stainless-steel bottle — and suddenly, a tooth has chipped or broken.

If this happens to you, rinse your mouth immediately with warm water, the American Dental Association advises. That's primarily to clean the area and remove anything that could irritate tissues or increase infection risk.

Apply a cold compress to reduce swelling. The ADA recommends you save and gently rinse, but don't scrub, any broken pieces. Place them in milk — the nutrients and moisture help preserve the fragments. If you don't happen to have any handy, a damp washcloth or towel will also work.

“See your dentist as soon as possible,” the ADA says.

General dentists can help with many of these situations, but they might refer you to an endodontist if the damage is more serious. Both kinds of professionals often have same-day appointments available for emergencies. Treatments range from simple bonding for minor chips to crowns or a root canal if the pulp is exposed, the Cleveland Clinic notes.

One more thought: Healthy teeth don't break as easily, so regular checkups and cleanings can help prevent such damage — as can slowing down and paying attention to what's on your fork.

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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.**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.**, the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing on consolidated appeals 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:

APP 26071 (A.W. Shucks)
Appellant: Derric Oliver, Esq., Fenton & Keller for A.W. Shucks LLC

Location: Ocean Ave 3 SW San Carlos St, Carmel, CA 93921
APN: 010-146-017-000

CEQA: The proposed action is not a project, as defined in Public Resources Code section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines section 15378 and therefore is not subject to CEQA, and/or assuming arguendo it is a project, finding it is exempt under CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption), 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions listed in section 15300.2 apply in this case.

Consideration of an Appeal (APP 26071, Fenton and Keller, A.W. Shucks) appealing the Planning Commission Resolution No. 2026-04 determining that the “drinking establishment” use (UP 93-45) for A.W. Shucks has been abandoned. (Consolidated with Appeal by TSD Properties)

APP 26070 (A.W. Shucks)
Appellant: Hudson and Martin PC, for TSD Carmel Properties, LP.

Location: Ocean Ave 3 SW San Carlos St, Carmel, CA 93921
APN: 010-146-017-000

CEQA: The proposed action is not a project, as defined in Public Resources Code section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines section 15378 and therefore is not subject to CEQA, and/or assuming arguendo it is a project, finding it is exempt under CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption), 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions listed in section 15300.2 apply in this case.

Consideration of an Appeal (APP 26070, Hudson and Martin PC, TSD Properties) appealing the Planning Commission Resolution No. 2026-04 determining that the “drinking establishment” use (UP 93-45) for A.W. Shucks has been abandoned. (Consolidated with Appeal by A.W. Shucks)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: A public hearing on these consolidated appeals will be conducted during the City Council meeting on **April 7, 2026 at 4:30 pm** which 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):

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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 this matter. 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 in order 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

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

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and whatever is in your mouth will remain there until you brush in the morning.” The roughness or stickiness you feel on your teeth after not brushing for a while is called biofilm — a layer of bacteria that builds up and contributes to decay. To prevent this, it’s important to disrupt the biofilm every 12 to 24 hours. “That’s why we say to brush twice a day — about every 12 hours — and to floss once a day, every 24 hours,” Serrano explained.

If biofilm is not removed, it hardens into dental calculus, or tartar, which cannot be eliminated with brushing and flossing alone. “It can only be removed by a hygienist,” Serrano said. Carrazana agreed, noting that the removal of calculus often requires deeper cleanings, which can become more extensive — and more expensive — when left untreated.

Carrazana recommends flossing in the evening before brushing and going to sleep, though he added, “Ideally, after every meal.” He suggests using traditional string floss at night and keeping floss picks on hand for convenience during the day.

Make it a habit

For people who have trouble remembering or feeling motivated, Serrano advises pairing it with an existing daily habit, such as reading the news in the morning or watching a show in the evening. Carrazana suggests a more visual reminder — writing “FLOSS” on your bathroom mirror in large letters with a red dry-erase marker — anything that helps reinforce the habit.

As for what type of floss to use, both professionals agreed that the best one is simply the one you’ll actually use. Some people have very tight contacts — meaning their teeth are close together — so thinner floss or silk ribbon floss may be easier to maneuver, Carrazana explained. Like many aspects of healthcare and prevention, flossing is highly individualized, and find-



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ing what works best for you is key.

Some devices — like the popular Waterpik — use pressurized water to remove debris from the teeth and gums. However, Carrazana and Serrano emphasized that they’re not a substitute for traditional flossing. “It doesn’t necessarily clean the surface of the teeth,” Carrazana said. “It mainly clears out or flushes the space between your gums and teeth. You still need something that mechanically removes debris from the tooth surface.”

“There’s a lot of literature now linking poor oral health to systemic diseases, such as heart disease and even type 2 diabetes,” Carrazana added. In fact, a growing body of science highlights the fact that bacteria that infect the gums and cause gingivitis and periodontitis can travel through the bloodstream to other parts of the body, likely contributing to inflammation and damage in blood vessels and possibly increasing the risk of heart attack or stroke.

So be sure to floss those pearly whites — not just to maintain a healthy smile, but to support your overall health as well.

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FOR ITS fourth concert of the season, Chamber Music Monterey Bay welcomes one of the world’s most acclaimed string ensembles, the **Dover Quartet**, to Sunset Center at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Showcasing the talents of violinists **Bryan Lee** and **Joel Link**, violist **Hezekiah Leung** and cellist **Camden Shaw**, the quartet was named one of the greatest string quartets of the last 100 years by BBC Music Magazine. Besides sweeping the 2013 Banff International String Quartet Competition, the quartet has been nominated for two Grammy Awards.

“Renowned for their precision, emotional depth, and dynamic artistry, the Dover Quartet brings extraordinary insight

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

and vitality to this powerful program,” according to Chamber Music Monterey Bay.

The program includes Jessie Montgomery’s “Strum,” Haydn’s String Quartet in D major, Op. 20, No. 4, Szymanowski’s String Quartet No. 1, and Mendelssohn’s String Quartet No. 6 in F minor.

Tickets start at \$25. Discounts are available for college students and active military. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

Chamber Music Monterey Bay’s season wraps up May 2 when the **Calidore String Quartet** performs at Sunset.

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Considered one of the world’s great string ensembles, the Dover Quartet plays Saturday at Sunset Center.

■ Song, soul + storytelling

Also at Sunset Center is actor, dancer and singer **Matthew Morrison**, who takes the stage at 7 p.m. Friday.

Best known for portraying Will Schuester in the hit television show “Glee,” Morrison presents “a bold new musical revue that blends song, soul and storytelling.” He has been nominated for Emmy, Tony and Golden Globe awards.

Tickets start at \$45. For more details, call (831) 620-2048 or visit sunsetcenter.org.



Fleetwood Macrime, with guitarist Owen Adair Kelley, pays tribute to Fleetwood Mac Friday at Golden State Theatre.

■ Like the real thing

Celebrating a band that gave us timeless Top 40 hits like “Dreams,” “Go Your Own Way,” “Don’t Stop” and “You Make Loving Fun,” **Fleetwood Macrime** plays music by Fleetwood Mac at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

“What began as a simple exercise in fun has turned into an awe-inspiring live experience complete with show-stopping renditions of Fleetwood Mac’s greatest hits,” according to the tribute band. “If you close your eyes, you’ll think it’s the real thing.”

Tickets start at \$32. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

in Seaside is set for this Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

“Another epic Sunday afternoon is on the horizon,” suggested co-host **Lee Durley**. “Kicking things off will be the gifted vocal stylist **Janice Perl**, accompanied by an outstanding ensemble with **Gary Meek** on keys, **Adam Astrup** on guitar, **Dan Robbins** on bass and **Mike**

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FOOD & WINE

Easter parties — some with bunnies — and ASB's Castroville venture

AFTER A week of unusually warm weather, everything has flipped back to springtime, and it's time to get out the food coloring, faux grass, baskets and other Easter-themed doodads.

Meanwhile, we've got a smorgasbord of holiday brunches, some beer news and a good old-fashioned recipe exchange. Grab some Peeps (we see that half-hidden bag of yellow marshmallow chicks) and read on!

Don't let it sneak up on you

That hippity-hoppity-cotton-tailed candy distributor will be here April 5, so it's time to start thinking about Easter brunch reservations.

Pebble Beach has Stillwater restaurant's Easter Grand Buffet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., giving anyone who hasn't yet had a look at the recent redesign of The Lodge's bar and grill a chance to see it while enjoying an "elevated coastal spread" with crab claws and legs, jumbo shrimp, fresh oysters, along with classic brunch favorites including waffles, made-to-order omelets, deviled eggs, roasts and seasonal sides.

Prices are \$165 for adults (13 and over), \$77 for children ages 6-12, and free for kids under 5. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (855) 462-5161.

Families can also enjoy an Easter egg hunt, petting zoo, face painting, lawn games and photos with the Easter Bunny on the grounds of the Inn at Spanish Bay.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Pacific's Edge at the Hyatt Highlands Inn (about 4 miles south of town on Highway 1) will offer a special buffet highlighted by slow-roasted brown sugar brisket and New Zealand rack of lamb with red pepper

chimichurri. Broccoli cheese frittatas, bacon, and chicken apple sausage, chicken and waffles, and herb-roasted potatoes will be available along with made-to-order omelets. Cold seafood and salad displays, as well as fresh fruit, artisan breads, imported cheeses and a vegetable board, as well as desserts like macarons, pastries and festive Easter-themed sweets, will complete the holiday feast.

Brunch is priced at \$125 per adult and \$65 per child (ages 4-12), not including tax and a 20 percent service charge. Reservations are strongly recommended and may be made on opentable.com.

Valley brunch

Carmel Valley Ranch at 1 Old Ranch Road will serve a buffet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with prime rib, chicken and salmon



The Lodge at Pebble Beach is hosting a grand Easter buffet at the recently remodeled Stillwater Bar & Grill, while Spanish Bay will be the site of an egg hunt, petting zoo and photos with the Easter Bunny.



Soup to Nuts

carving stations, made-to-order omelets, waffles, dessert favorites and more for \$145 for adults and \$40 for children, exclusive of tax and gratuity. In addition, free egg hunts with the Easter Bunny are open to club members, hotel and brunch guests at 10 a.m. and 12:30 and 2 p.m. To reserve call (831) 275-1532 or visit carmelvalley-ranch.com/spring2026.

Lucia Restaurant & Bar at Bernardus Lodge will host its Easter Grand Buffet from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Guests can celebrate spring with traditional favorites such as eggs Benedict and cinnamon-brioche French toast, as well as fresh organic salads, grilled vegetables, prime beef, herb-roasted leg of lamb, West Coast oysters and an assortment of seafood, farmhouse cheeses, kid-friendly options and indulgent desserts.

Seatings are available from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Prices are \$165 for adults and \$75 for children ages 5-12, plus tax and 23 percent gratuity. Bernardus Lodge is at 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

In one of its first outings with Heidi Sebok as owner, Paradise Catering will serve an Easter brunch buffet at Holman Ranch Tasting Room at 18 W. Carmel Valley Road, with seatings at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Diners can look forward to brunch clas-

sics and seasonal dishes, freshly made pancakes and French toast. There will also be fruit platters, salad, charcuterie, eggs Benedict, spiral ham, mini chicken and waffles with Fireball syrup, vegetarian quiche, deviled eggs, crispy seasoned potatoes, bacon and breakfast sausage.

Adult tickets include one glass of Holman's 2022 Reserve Jarman Sparkling Brut Rosé, with additional wines available for purchase. Adults pay \$80 with bubbly or \$65 without alcohol, and it's \$30 for kids under 12. For reservations, visit holmanranch.com or exploretock.com.

Monterey feasts

The Sardine Factory — a true Peninsula classic — has an indulgent-sounding three-course prix fixe meal to be served from noon to 8 p.m. Starters of asparagus bisque or goat cheese pomegranate

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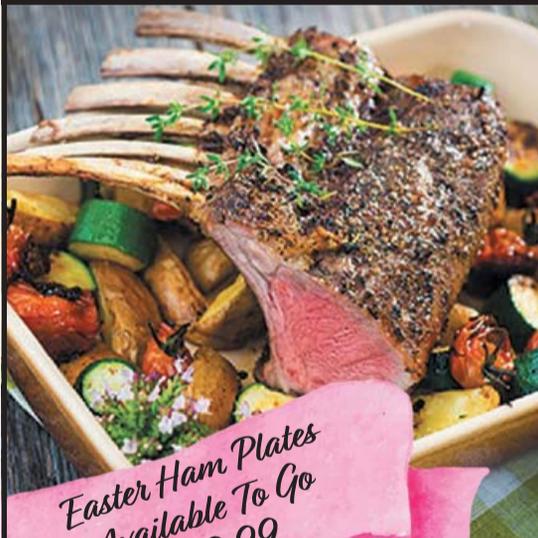
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salad can be followed by charbroiled swordfish, 10-ounce slow-roasted, 60-day aged prime rib or a 50-day aged filet mignon with Dungeness crab. Dessert options are cherries jubilee, Grand Marnier chocolate mousse cake, and strawberry shortcake. It's \$98 for adults, \$95 for those 62 and older, and there will also be a limited a la carte menu and a children's menu. The restaurant is at 701 Wave St. in Monterey. Visit sardinefactory.com or opentable.com for information and reservations.

Monterey Plaza Hotel chef Michael Rotondo is cooking up a lovely buffet to be served in the hotel's Cypress

Ballroom. It's priced at \$130 for adults, \$49 for children 6-12, and free for those 5 and younger. Prices do not include tax or gratuity. Reservations are available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at exploretock.com; Monterey Plaza is at 400 Cannery Row.

Executive chef Steven Patlan's Spanish spin on Easter brunch at Estéban in the Casa Munras Garden Hotel goes from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A special a la carte menu lists French toast featuring bread from Otto's Bakery in Salinas and topped with vanilla whipped cream, fresh berries and maple syrup, plus avocado toast, omelets, yogurt parfait, steak and eggs and other breakfast dishes.

Tapas and entrée highlights include Kumiai Pacific oysters, crispy Spanish octopus, braised pork empanadas, Moroccan spiced lamb and an Estéban burger. The build-your-own bloody mary bar lets guests pick their favorite combinations, and there's a bottomless mimosa bar with a variety of flavor options. To see the full menu, visit estebanrestaurant.com/menus/easter-brunch-menu.

Casa Munras is located at 700 Munras Ave. in Monterey. Reserve your table at (831) 375-0176 or email info@estebanrestaurant.com.

■ In beer news ...

Alvarado Street Brewery is building a new production facility and tasting room in Castroville, and it's expected to open later this year. Owner and brewmaster J.C. Hill said the plan is to focus on sustainable growth and small-batch experimentation. That includes traditional lagers and expanded nonalcoholic offerings, including nonalcoholic brews and the house root beer that debuted at ASB restaurants for Oktoberfest in 2025. Oh, and they're going to have space and hookups for food trucks, too, with a goal of operating seven days a week.

"We're in the hospitality business. We love taking care of people and seeing the community come together over a few beers and a meal," said Hill.

The project, underway since August 2025, includes a five-vessel, 50-barrel German brewhouse purchased at auction that will eventually allow production of up to 45,000 barrels annually — about three times the brewery's current output.

Hill said capacity was a driving factor in opening the

Castroville facility.

"We reached a crossroads back in 2024 and had to decide which direction to take the production side of the business," Hill said. "We were running out of room." He added that limited operations will continue in ASB's Salinas brewery, and the tasting room there will stay open, as well.

Meanwhile, Post No Bills announced it's closing its craft beer pub and eatery in the Barnyard shopping center at the end of this month, and the Sand City 21-and-over



Monterey Plaza's Easter plans on Cannery Row include fun activities for kids as well as great food for grownups. Although the menu hasn't yet been announced, it's safe to say chef Michael Rotondo will pull out all the stops.

craft bottle-and-tap mecca is set to shut its doors at the end of May, after about 15 years in business.

Fieldwork Brewing Co., which owns four other taprooms in Northern California, wrote in a social media post that it was closing its Monterey location at 560 Munras Ave. and turning the beer garden over to Out of the Barrel taproom, which also has four other spots in the San Francisco BAY area and Fresno. No date has yet been announced for the change.

■ Like social media, but old-school

Café Carmel (on Ocean west of Mission Street) is inviting home bakers to a recipe exchange on April 7 from 5

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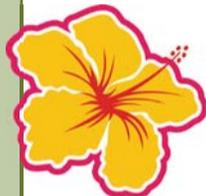
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to 6:30 p.m. The event is being held in partnership with the Carmel Chamber of Commerce in celebration of National Bake Week, April 6-12.

Participants should each bring a baking recipe to share so that everyone leaves with new ideas to try out at home. Light bites and a welcome beverage — coffee, tea or a selected wine — will be provided.

Organizers say the gathering will focus on “baking traditions, storytelling, meaningful conversation and authentic community connection.”



With its gorgeous blue-ocean views, Pacific's Edge at the Hyatt Highlands Inn is a lovely spot for any occasion — including Easter Sunday, when it continues its tradition of elegant, over-the-top holiday buffets.

GAVEL

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Monterey County Superior Court Judge Mark E. Hood. He faces life in prison. The case was investigated by Detective Arras Wilson of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

Feb. 18 — A jury found Daniel Martinez, 43, of Salinas, guilty of possession and transportation of methamphetamine for sale, possession of alprazolam (Xanax) for sale, evading an officer and resisting an officer. After the jury returned a guilty verdict, Judge Carrie Panetta found additional aggravating factors, determining that the methamphetamine-related offenses were committed with planning, sophistication or professionalism, and that they involved a large quantity of contraband. Panetta further found that the defendant's prior convictions were numerous and increasing in seriousness, that the offenses were committed while the defendant was on probation, and that the defendant's prior performance on probation was poor.

On Aug. 12, 2025, Salinas police officers pulled over Martinez for driving the wrong way and failing to stop at two different stop signs. Martinez initially pulled over but quickly evaded the officers in a high-speed pursuit. Later, officers located Martinez's unoccupied vehicle parked on a nearby street and conducted an inventory search of the vehicle. During the search, officers located a backpack containing 15 ounces of methamphetamine, 20 bars of alprazolam, a digital weight scale, individual plastic baggies, \$38,190 in cash, and a wallet containing the identification card of Daniel Martinez. The next day, officers were able to locate Martinez. When they arrested him, officers located 55.52 grams of methamphetamine in his pocket and an additional 1.08 pounds of methamphetamine in his backpack.

The currency was seized subject to California's asset forfeiture laws, which are designed to disrupt criminal enterprises and deter future illegal activities. The civil asset forfeiture proceedings are still pending.

Martinez faces a maximum sentence of five years and four months in state prison.

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FOOD & WINE

MUSIC

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Shannon on drums. Following the featured set, the afternoon opens into a lively jam session where available pros are warmly invited to sit in."

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Live music March 27-April 2

■ Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Saturday, 12:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Victor Veysey** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

Fernwood Resort — **Wildflower & the Bees** ("hippie pop," Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 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 — **The Brad Wilson Band** (rock and blues, Tuesday at 5 p.m.), **Open Mic Night** (Wednesday at 5 p.m.). In the Shearwater Tavern, 3665 Rio Road.

Carl Cherry Center for the Arts — singers and guitarists **Jewel Arianna** and **Sabelle** (Friday at 7 p.m.). Tickets are \$25. carlcherrycenter.org

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 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

Links Club — **The Sea Dogs** (rock and folk, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Semi-Reactive** (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

■ Carmel Valley

Bernardus Lodge — 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 — singer and guitarist **Dan Cortes** (Friday at 5:30 p.m.). At Quail Lodge, 8205 Valley Greens Drive.

Folktale Winery — singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Friday at 4 p.m.), **The Monterey String Quartet** (classical, Friday at 8 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Saturday at 4 p.m.), **The Paul Contos Trio** (jazz, Sunday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Monday at 4 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Trailside Cafe — singer and guitarist **Scott Fenton** ("acoustic alternative," Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

■ Monterey

Albatross Ridge Winery — singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (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.



Santa Cruz's Wildflower and the Bees play "hippie pop" Saturday, 10 p.m., at Fernwood Resort in Big Sur.

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

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

Melville Tavern — **The New Wave Band** (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 484 Washington St.

Midici Pizza — singer **Akina Miyata** and keyboard-

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ist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel — pianist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Friday and Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Jewel Arianna** (Monday and Tuesday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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 **Linda Arceo** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Nick DeSalvo** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Sardine Factory — singer and guitarist **David Conley** (Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Tuesday through Thursday at 6:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St.

Sly McFly's — **Bazooka Jones** (classic rock, Friday at 9 p.m. and Thursday at 8:30 p.m.), **Mad About You** ('80s and '90s pop hits, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The Rod Wilson Band** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), **Sean &**

the Skinwalkers (rock and blues, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **Johnny Tsunami** (Rock, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

■ Pacific Grove

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

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

The Côte Bleue — singer **Andrea Carter** and guitarist **Darrin Michell** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.). 209 Forest Ave.

PG's Meetinghouse — **The Rod Squad** (rock, Friday at 5 p.m.), guitarist **Cat Broz** (classical, Sunday at 11 a.m.), Open Mic (Tuesday at 6 p.m., sign-ups start at 5 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Pop 'n' Hiss — **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Saturday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Matt the Electrician** (Americana, Sunday at 7 p.m.), **Sweet Thursday** (Dixieland jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m., dance lessons start at 6 p.m.). 215 Forest Ave.

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Singer and guitarist Brad Wilson plays rock and blues Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., at Carmel Mission Inn.

CALENDAR

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

March 30 - Deadline to order Baum & Blume's "Color Me Springtime" Easter takeout! Stay IN for Easter, Stay OUT of the kitchen! Order our Easter Feast full of spring flavors & colors! View menu at www.baumandblume.com. Prix-fixe option also available. Baum & Blume Catering, 4 El Caminito Road, Carmel Valley. (831) 659-0400.

April 2 - "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, April 2: **Music for Maundy Thursday** with **organist/pianist Eun Ha Chung** & highlights with student musicians.

April 2 - Urologist Dr. Harsha Mittakanti will be giving a talk from 3 to 4:15 p.m. on the current status of prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment for the **Prostate Cancer Self Help Group of the Central Coast**, held at the Peninsula Room of Shoreline Church, 2500 Garden Road, in Monterey. To attend, please RSVP to Dr. Larry Lachman at (831) 915-6466.

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

April 6 - "The Art of Ikebana Floral Design" - Nancy Bryson and Karen Hewitt from **Ikebana International Monterey Bay Chapter** will demonstrate the Japanese art of Ikebana. 2 p.m. Carmel Woman's Club, San Carlos and Ninth. Members only for this event.

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.

April 11-12 - Don't miss the 16th Annual Whalefest Monterey on Saturday and Sunday, April 11-12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at and around Old Fisherman's Wharf. This free, fun and educational event for all ages includes a fascinating two-day symposium, interactive marine-themed exhibits, live music and dance performances, hands-on educational activities for all ages, plein air painters and public tours of research and rescue vessels. www.whalefest.org

April 14 - The Carmel Woman's Club will host "The Creatives - Artists of the CWC" featuring artworks by members. Thirteen participating artists will display and discuss their work which will include a variety of mediums. Come join us at the corner of San Carlos and Ninth in Carmel from 5-7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

Through 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. For complete information visit photography.org

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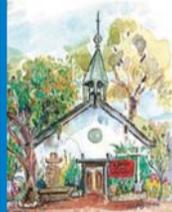
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Center for Photographic Art welcomes juried show, kicks off five-week festival

IT'S A big weekend at the Center for Photographic Art, which unveils its 2026 Members' Juried Exhibition and welcomes the second PhotoCarmel festival.

The juried show features 45 images that were selected from more than 2,300 entries submitted by photographers as far away as Norway and Scotland. The images were chosen by Rebecca Senf, chief curator of the Center for Creative Photography in Tucson.

The gallery will hand out awards when it hosts a reception for the juried show at 4 p.m. Saturday in its Sunset Center gallery.

"This is a great selection of photography

PhotoCarmel, meanwhile, is a six-week-long celebration with receptions, book signings and talks at dozens of sites between Carmel and Santa Cruz — including salons, bookstores and even bakeries. It runs through May 10.

"Following our kick-off weekend, we are thrilled with the number of galleries, museums and venues partnering with us across the Central Coast of California in this celebration of photography," said Jastrab, who added that the festival "strengthens our collective efforts in fostering a deeper appreciation and understanding of photography as an art form and its place in today's culture."

PhotoCarmel starts at 1 p.m. Friday in Sunset Center's Carpenter Hall with a talk by art dealer, curator and gallery director Daniel Miller on the rapidly evolving marketplace for fine art photographs.

The kick-off continues when Senf and artist Kelli Connell present a talk about the latter's work at 6 p.m. Friday in Carpenter Hall. Connell will also sign copies of her book, "Pictures of Charis," which was inspired by the life of Charis Wilson and the time she spent with photographer

Edward Weston in the years before World War II.

Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. For more details, visit photography.org.

■ A fresh look at flowers

Just in time for nature's spring bloom, photographer Carol Henry offers a fresh perspective on flowers in her new exhibit, "La Petite Fleur," which opens with a reception at 3 p.m. Saturday at Photography West. A one-time local, Henry now lives in Kentucky.

"Inspired after viewing the floral paintings of Georgia O'Keeffe, Carol worked for well over a decade to develop a unique photographic technique that would allow her to explore the internal spirit and essence of flowers," according to the gallery. "She discovered a way to reproduce the warmth and beauty of her subject by projecting light through the cells of the flower directly onto archival Ilfochrome photographic paper — because no film is involved in



Carol Henry's extraordinary images of flowers are featured in a show that opens Saturday at Photography West gallery, with a public reception at 3 p.m.

her photographic process and the flowers can be photographed only a single exposure, each 'florachrome' is a one-of-a-kind work."

The show is on display through May 20. The gallery is located on Dolores just south of Ocean.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

from our members, many of whom will be in attendance on opening night," executive director Ann Jastrab told The Pine Cone. "Without them, we couldn't keep our doors open, so we are thrilled to honor them with our annual members' show." The public is invited to stop by and vote for their favorite in the People's Choice Award.

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Trustee Sale No. 187621 Title No. 250563810 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/08/2013. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On 04/21/2026 at 10:00 AM, PRIME RECON LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 08/14/2013, as Instrument No. 2013051307, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of MONTEREY County, State of CALIFORNIA, executed by JAMES E RASLER, AN UNMARRIED MAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), 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 Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 012-354-004-000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1074 HARCOURT AVE, SEASIDE, CA 93955. The undersigned Trustee 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 remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$174,272.65 IF THE TRUSTEE IS UNABLE TO CONVEY TITLE FOR ANY REASON, THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY SHALL BE THE RETURN OF MONIES PAID TO THE TRUSTEE, AND THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 3/20/2026 PRIME RECON LLC By: Josh Bermudez, Authorized Signer PRIME RECON LLC 27368 VIA INDUSTRIA, STE 201 TEMECULA, CA 92590 (888) 725-4142 PRIME RECON LLC MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. 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Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) require specified information to be reported on non-financed title transfers of residential real property to covered entities and trusts. 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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

Case No. 26CV00187

VALIDATION SUMMONS (C.C.P. § 861 & 861.1)

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER OF THE CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02: RE: ADOPTION OF ADU SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND METHODOLOGY.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed by Petitioner Hunter Leighton in the above-entitled Court seeking to determine the validity of Resolution No. 2026-02 and the underlying methodology for ADU sewer service charges.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person interested may appear and contest the legality or validity the matters sought to be determined in the Petition by filing a written answer to the Petition on or before the date of 10 days after the completion of publication of the summons, and by serving a copy of the answer upon Petitioner.

IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER within the time allowed by law, your default will be entered and you will be forever barred from contesting the validity of the matters alleged in the Petition.

Dated 3/18/2026

Clerk of the Superior Court By: Jose Lopez (Deputy)

Hunter Leighton

3603 Eastfield Rd., Carmel, CA 93923

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This summons was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 18, 2026.

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MORE MUSIC

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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.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

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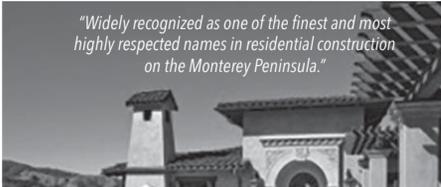
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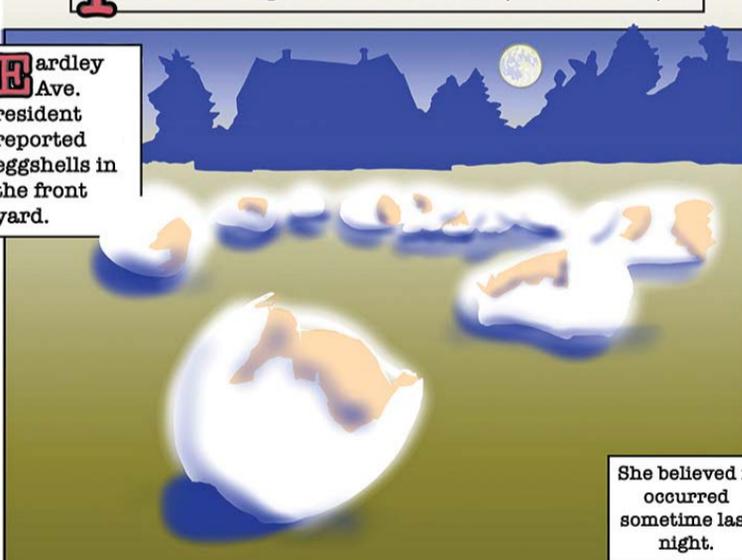


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Escrows closed: 30
Total value: \$87,459,500

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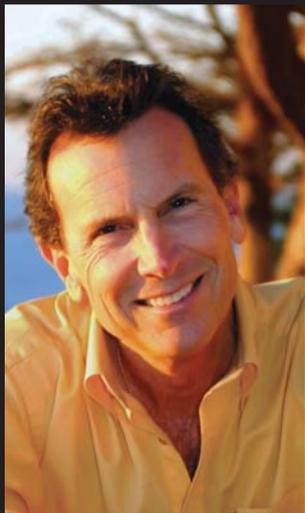
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The beauty of making life up as you go along

“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”
 — **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

WHEN I was born, I didn’t care that the nation was in the middle of an economic depression. If I had a clean

diaper and enough to eat, things were just fine. I didn’t know that I had boundless potential, and I certainly couldn’t anticipate the life I was going to live.

Now, looking back two decades beyond my allotted “three score and 10,” I see that my original potential did have limits. From my point of view, much of my life was

absolute chaos, even though it may have seemed organized to others. Hindsight — being long in the tooth — tells me that we create our lives as we go according to what we see around us and apply whatever talents we have to those circumstances. Life is rarely linear. It is mostly organic — changing, progressing, regressing, adapting — a series of choices. At 15, I never imagined I’d have these responsibilities, this job, be among these people, in this place. The world may see me as completing some strategic plan, but the truth is, I made the whole thing up as I went along.

My early circumstances as a small child enmeshed me in fighting a world war. No, the United States was not conscripting children to storm the beaches at Normandy or

Scenic Views

By **JERRY GERVASE**

Okinawa, but the whole country was participating in the war effort. We had scrap-metal drives, rationing, blackouts, air-raid drills and the dreaded reality of seeing a banner with a Gold Star hanging in a neighbor’s window, indicating a family member had given their last full measure. Parents tried to hide their anxiety about how the war was going. Historically, had Japan won the Battle of Midway, or had Germany’s Battle of the Bulge been successful, it could have significantly altered the timeline and geography of the war’s outcome.

Lessons learned

When I graduated from high school, I quickly discovered I was not ready for college. Working more than a year in the cacophonous hell of a steel mill thrust upon me the value of continuing my education, and I was ready to knuckle down and be a successful student. It was the first time I lived away from home, in another city, where I met a skinny coed in a Pendleton skirt and rolled-up bobby socks. I dragged her all over the country, three times moving her into houses she hadn’t seen until we arrived. Yet, she transformed all of them into home sweet home.

On a whim, I let a nice man convince me to travel half of Michigan and Indiana selling medical books, not knowing anything about selling or medicine, and being young enough to be intimidated by doctors. At 53, I wasn’t supposed to be packing up my life into cardboard boxes. I wasn’t supposed to be staring at a map of California, tracing the route from the familiar to the unknown, wondering

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POLICE LOG

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SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Pacific Grove: The Pacific Grove Police Department was requested to respond to the 800 block Asilomar Avenue to assist California State Parks with a report of an in-progress sexual assault.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: E-bike stolen from a business at Ocean and Mission and recovered. A 31-year-old male was arrested in Monterey and booked into Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: No calls to report.

Big Sur: Burglary reported on Highway 1.

Carmel Valley: Property was found on West Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services referral at a Via Milpitas residence.

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services referral on East Carmel Valley Road.

Carmel Valley: A verbal domestic dispute was documented on Schulte Road.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult Protective Services report at Junipero and Fourth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hazardous materials call at Sunset Center that resulted in a medical emergency.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft from a business at Junipero and Sixth. Under investigation.

Pacific Grove: A vehicle damaged a city fence on Ocean View Boulevard. No injuries.

Pacific Grove: A 32-year-old male was

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\$695,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 2-4:30
9500 Center Street #4 Carmel Monterey Coast Realty 277-1040		
\$825,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
114 Hacienda Carmel Carmel Compass 915-9710		
\$995,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 12-2
3600 High Meadow, #9 Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 404-401-8647		
\$1,150,000	2bd 2ba	Su 1-4
3850 Rio Rd 63 Carmel Coldwell Banker Realty 206-0129		
\$1,178,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
148 Del Mesa Carmel Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 293-3391		
\$1,195,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 11-4 Su 2-4
249 Del Mesa Carmel Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 277-5971 / 915-0265		
\$1,240,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 1-3
83 High Meadow Ln Carmel Coldwell Banker Realty 809-0158		
\$1,550,000	3bd 2ba	Su 11-1
9805 Carmel Valley Road Carmel Monterey Coast Realty 206-9969		
\$1,675,000	3bd 2ba	Su 12-2
3610 Oliver Rd Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 574-9393		
\$1,750,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 2:30-4:30 Su 2-4
9542 Maple Court Carmel Compass 236-5290		
\$1,950,000	2bd 1ba	Sa 12-2
Palou 8 NW of Casanova Carmel Compass 597-2240		
\$2,395,000	3bd 3ba	Fr 2-5 Sa Su 11-4
SE Corner of 4th Ave and Torres St Carmel The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams 224-0020		
\$2,395,000	4bd 4ba	Sa 11-2
28069 Heron Court Carmel The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams 837-5437		
\$2,995,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
8022 River Place Carmel Carmel Realty 717-7156		
\$3,600,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 12-2
Palou 9 NW of Casanova Carmel Compass 597-2240		
\$3,975,000	3bd 4ba	Sa Su 1-4
26181 Valley View Avenue Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 238-7559		
\$4,950,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 1-3 Su 12-3
26334 River Park Place Carmel Carmel Realty 236-2940		
\$6,950,000	4bd 4.5ba	Sa 12-3
228 Lower Walden Road Carmel Coldwell Banker Realty 272-2172		

CARMEL VALLEY

\$1,650,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 11-1 Su 12-2
26135 Laureles Grade Carmel Valley Sotheby's Int'l RE 521-5682		
\$1,690,000	3bd 2ba	Su 12-2
42 Upper Circle Carmel Valley Sotheby's Int'l RE 915-6391		
\$1,995,000	2bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 12-3
9 Story Road Carmel Valley Sotheby's Int'l RE 402-4394		
\$2,195,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 2-4 Su 12-2
19 El Caminito Carmel Valley Sotheby's Int'l RE 277-5971 / 277-9250		
\$2,195,000	4bd 2.5ba	Sa 11-1
929 W Carmel Valley Road Carmel Realty 521-4855		
\$2,200,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
320 El Caminito Road Carmel Valley Sotheby's Int'l RE 915-8217		
\$2,375,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 11-1
25390 Tierra Grande Drive Carmel Valley Sotheby's Int'l RE 236-7363		
\$2,795,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
13369 Middle Canyon Road Carmel Valley Sotheby's Int'l RE 601-4934		
\$3,250,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 12-4 Su 11-4
15475 Via Los Tulares Carmel Valley Sotheby's Int'l RE 277-9250 / 915-0265		

CORRAL DE TIERRA

\$1,275,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 12-2
397 Corral de Tierra Road, #B Corral de Tierra Sotheby's Int'l RE 915-2800		

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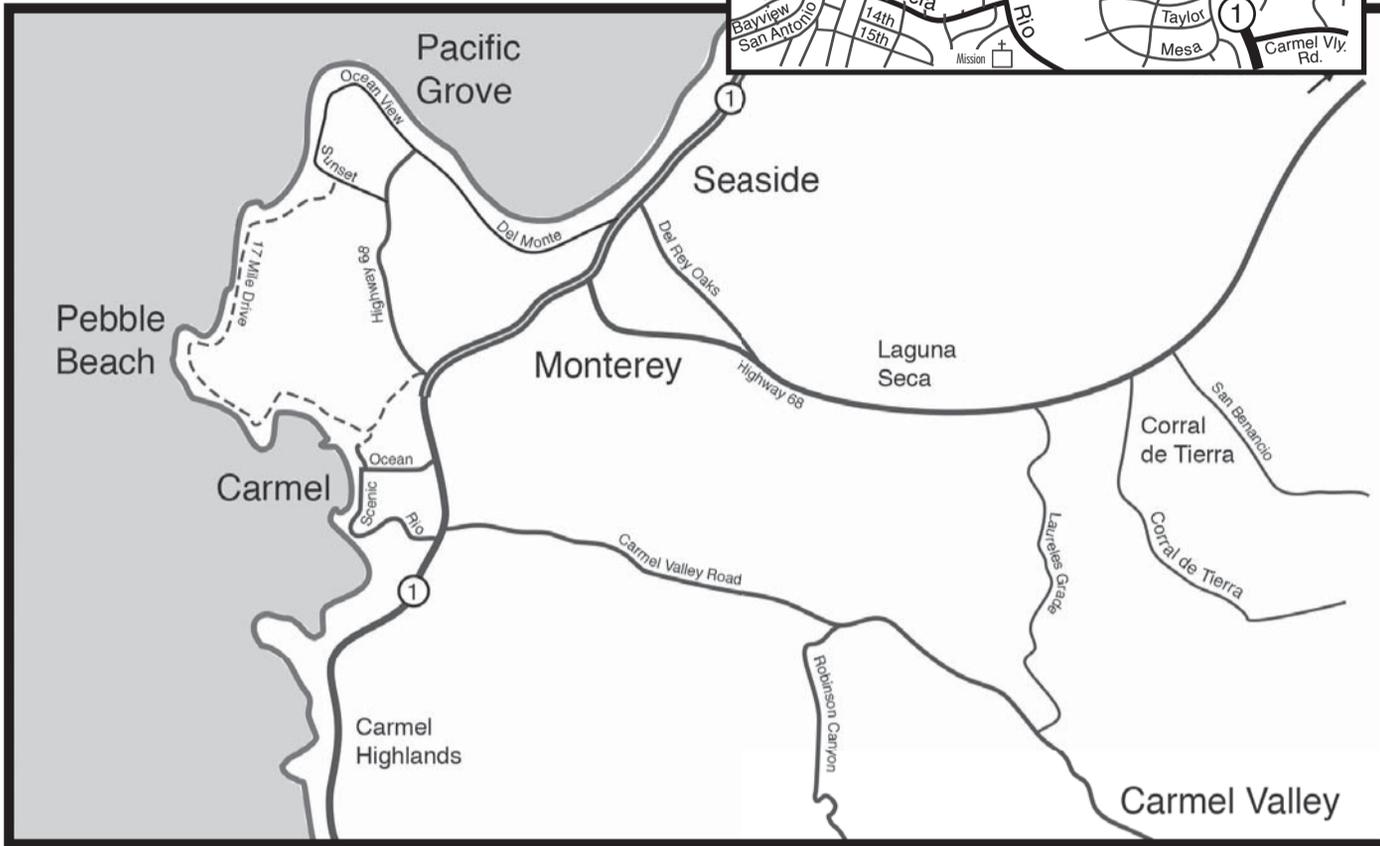
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831 Arlington Pl Del Rey Oaks Sotheby's Int'l RE 277-8622		
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810 Altura Pl Del Rey Oaks Sotheby's Int'l RE 601-9038 / 510-589-6892		

MARINA

\$699,000	3bd 1ba	Sa Su 12-3
3139 Lelia Place Marina Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 530-400-7593		
\$987,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 2-4
2785 Telegraph Blvd Marina Monterey Coast Realty 238-0653		
\$989,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
5003 3rd Avenue Marina Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 277-3371		
\$1,015,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 1-3
3218 Tallmon Street Marina Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 521-0680		
\$2,499,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa Su 11-2
2409 Schooner Avenue Marina Monterey Coast Realty 277-1224		

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\$2,589,000	5bd 3.5ba	Su 1-3
3007 Bluffs Drive Marina Carmel Valley Sotheby's Int'l RE 200-5007 / 293-3668		
\$965,000	3bd 3ba	Fr 11-1
15181 Breckinridge Ave Marina, East Garrison Monterey Coast Realty 737-2732		
\$1,200,000	4bd 3ba	Fr 2-4
14454 Lee Ave Marina, East Garrison Monterey Coast Realty 737-2732		

MONTEREY

\$665,000	2bd 1ba	Sa 1-3
300 Glenwood Circle #265 Monterey Monterey Coast Realty 717-7959		
\$825,000	2bd 2.5ba	Sa 2-4
70 Forest Ridge Road #30 Monterey Monterey Coast Realty 317-6336		
\$849,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
1360 Josselyn Canyon Road #40 Monterey Monterey Coast Realty 717-7959		
\$969,000	3bd 1.5ba	Sa Su 12-3
22 Melway Circle Monterey Keller Williams Coastal Estates 220-5186		
\$995,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 12-2
748 Alice St Monterey Coldwell Banker Realty 594-6158		
\$1,120,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 11-1 Su 2-4
1201 Hoffman Ave Monterey Sotheby's Int'l RE 601-9038		
\$1,149,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 12-2
779 Alice Street Monterey 415-810-8810		

\$1,595,000	4bd 3ba	Sa Su 9:30-2
721 Oak St Monterey The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams 595-9242		
\$2,249,000	4bd 2.5ba	Su 12-2
22 Deer Forest Drive Monterey Sotheby's Int'l RE 925-216-0647		

PACIFIC GROVE

\$875,000	2bd 2ba	Fr 2-4 Sa 1-3
700 Briggs Avenue, #84 Pacific Grove Sotheby's Int'l RE 238-1984 / 277-8622		
\$925,000	1bd 1ba	Fr 3-5 Sa 12-2
418 Fountain Avenue Pacific Grove Sotheby's Int'l RE 869-6117		
\$950,000	3bd 1.5ba	Sa 12-2
1321 Shafter Avenue Pacific Grove Sotheby's Int'l RE 521-4118		
\$1,198,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 11-2
1321 David Avenue Pacific Grove Sotheby's Int'l RE 238-8116		
\$1,750,000	4bd 2.5ba	Sa 11-1
990 Sinex Avenue Carmel Realty Pacific Grove 915-0790		
\$2,499,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 2-4 Su 11-1
494 Grove Acre Pacific Grove Sotheby's Int'l RE 915-8989		
\$2,950,000	3bd 4ba	Su 1-3
127 16th Street Pacific Grove Sotheby's Int'l RE 318-3808		
\$3,888,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 1-3
131 7th St Pacific Grove Sotheby's Int'l RE 402-2017 / 318-3808		

PEBBLE BEACH

\$935,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 12-2
21 Shepherds Knoll Pebble Beach Compass 236-5290		
\$949,000	2bd 2ba	Su 1-4
17 Shepherd's Knoll Pebble Beach Carmel Realty 320-6801		
\$1,849,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 12-2
1318 Chamisal Way Pebble Beach Coldwell Banker Realty 277-3914		
\$2,350,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 2-4 Su 1-4
1171 Chaparral Road Pebble Beach Monterey Coast Realty 521-4855 / 277-5821		
\$2,695,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-4
1091 Laurel Lane Pebble Beach Sotheby's Int'l RE 620-2936		
\$2,795,000	4bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-4 Su 1-3
1043 Mission Road Pebble Beach Sotheby's Int'l RE 320-1109		
\$6,780,000	4bd 4.5ba	Fr 3-6 Sa 1-4 Su 12-4
3937 Ronda Road Pebble Beach Carmel Realty 333-6325		
\$9,500,000	5bd 5.5ba	Sa Su 1-3
3159 Stevenson Dr Pebble Beach Coldwell Banker Realty 356-8123		

SALINAS

\$537,000	2bd 1ba	Fr 3-5
1051 Riker St 7 Salinas Sotheby's Int'l RE 261-1120		
\$895,000	4bd 2.5ba	Sa 12-2 Su 1-3
330 Homestead Avenue Salinas Sotheby's Int'l RE 915-2800 / 261-1120		
\$1,050,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 1-3
17669 River Run Rd Salinas Sotheby's Int'l RE 915-8217		

SANTA CRUZ

\$1,749,000	1bd 1.5ba	Sa Su 1-4
121 Anchorage Ave Santa Cruz Sotheby's Int'l RE 428-3617		

SEASIDE

\$765,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
1313 Harding St Seaside Sotheby's Int'l RE 277-0971		
\$850,000	3bd 1.5ba	Su 12-4
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SHERIFF

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arrested at Dewey and Sloat and booked for a warrant for failure to appear in court on a misdemeanor.

Big Sur: Deputies documented a missing person, who was later found.

Carmel area: A concerned parent reported bullying at Carmel High School.

Pebble Beach: Online report of vandal-

ism on 17 Mile Drive.

Carmel area: Child Protective Services report at a residence on Sycamore Place.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: PG&E line at Torres and Second was slightly damaged by a semi-truck off route.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Property damage to an e-bike at Junipero and Sixth.

Pacific Grove: A vehicle stop in the area of Cypress Street and Prescott Avenue result-

ed in the juvenile driver being cited for driving on a suspended license. The juvenile's father was also cited for allowing the juvenile to drive on a suspended license. Both were released at the scene.

Pacific Grove: A bike was stolen from the side of a residence on Fifth Street. No suspect information is known.

Pacific Grove: Paraphernalia taken from a juvenile student on school property on Sunset Drive.

Carmel Valley: Report of contractor fraud on Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur: Highway 1 resident reported trespassing.

Carmel area: Child Protective Services report at a residence on Morse Drive.

Carmel area: Lost property report on Wild Turkey Run.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Seaside: An officer was on patrol near the

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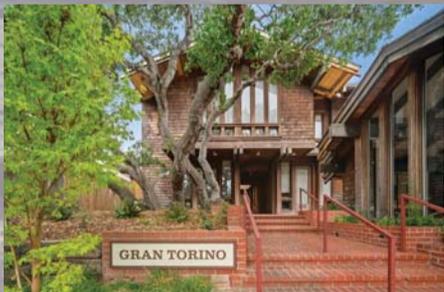
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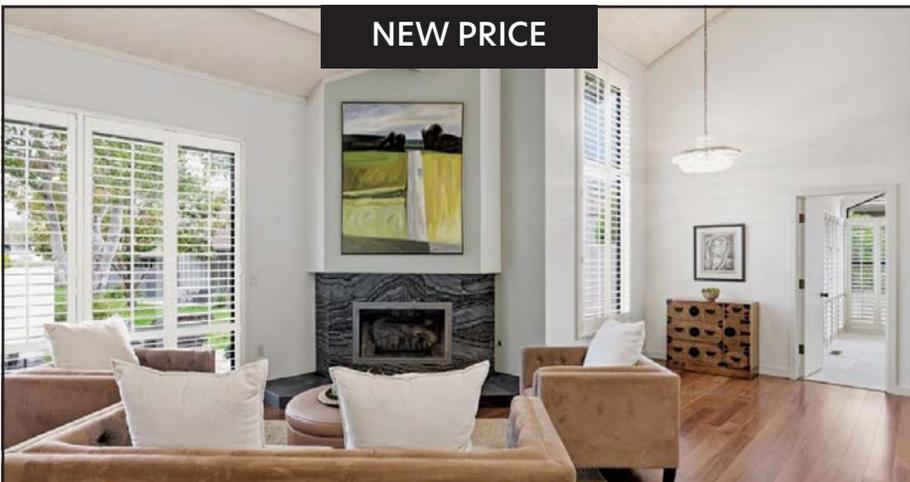
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if I'd made a colossal mistake. Two years later, I realized I had made a colossal mistake, bailed out, and moved to Northern California to start my own sales rep company — something even chancier than the first decision.

And then came the chutzpah of thinking I could write a newspaper column every week. These are some elements of my own unscripted chaotic adventures and misadventures. As you can see, it was life created on the run. I'm sure the people around me at those times thought I was as organized as Eisenhower planning D-Day. Your "how-you-got-here-from-there" journey was probably quite different from mine. But what we have in common is the quiet understanding that life isn't something we control — it's something we navigate.

We all stumble, adapt, occasionally leap without a net — and sometimes land

on our feet. It was exactly that kind of leap that led to a chance introduction to a songbird who now fills my life with music, love and laughter.

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List Price Decreased	SW Corner San Carlos & 10th	\$2,250,000	---	61
Contingent	Dolores 3 NE of 10th	\$3,250,000	---	46
Sold	Lincoln 6 SE of 13th	\$7,250,000	\$7,250,000	11
Sold	San Antonio 3 SE of Ocean	\$3,700,000	\$3,495,000	163

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David and Marissa Cannon, Alexander Abad and Christie Verdadero to Greg and Martha Miller
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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./Ronald 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)

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)

DEPT: 15 The address of the court is 1200 Aquajito 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)

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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260581 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CARS MECHANICAL & COLLISION LLC, 245 Front St., Salinas, CA 93901. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: CARS MECHANICAL & COLLISION LLC 245 Front St., Salinas, CA 93901. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 3, 2026 S./Henry Macias, Managing Member Date: March 18, 2026 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 18, 2026. Publication Dates: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2026 (PC 327)

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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST T.S. No.: 25-0183 Loan No.: Sutton Other: 2739132CAD APN: 007-561-044-000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/19/2025. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that Law Offices of Richard G. Witkin APC, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee, or as agent for the trustee, pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by STACEY F. SUTTON III, TRUSTEE OF THE STACEY F. SUTTON III LIVING TRUST DATED OCTOBER 30, 2017, recorded 03/25/2025 as Instrument No. 20250090170 in Book n.a., Page n.a. of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of MONTEREY County, State of California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 12/12/2025 as Instrument No. 2025046270 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 04/14/2026 at 10:00 AM At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901 AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust, The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1327 Lawton Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$564,161.34 * *The actual opening bid may be more or less than this amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a 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 this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust including advances authorized thereunder and also including, without way of limitation, the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust together with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus the fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. THIS PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD IN AN "AS-IS" CONDITION. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Website WWW.NATIONWIDEPPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 25-0183. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website WWW.NATIONWIDEPPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 25-0183, to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION AND STATUS 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, GO TO: WWW.NATIONWIDEPPOSTING.COM OR CALL (916) 939-0772. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, DISCLOSURES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE: (1) At the time of sale, the opening bid by the beneficiary may not represent a full credit bid. The beneficiary reserves the right, during the auction, to increase its credit bid incrementally up to a full credit bid. The beneficiary may also bid over and above its credit bid with cash, cashier's checks or cash equivalents. (2) The Trustee's Deed Upon Sale (TDUS) will not be issued to the successful bidder until the bidder's payment has been deposited in the trustee's bank and cleared (all holds released). The bidder may have to take additional actions as required by trustee's bank in order to facilitate the deposit and clearance of bidder's funds. (3) If, prior to the issuance of the TDUS, the trustee shall become aware of any deficiency in the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure sale, then, after consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may decline to issue the TDUS and return the bidder's funds, without interest. If, subsequent to the issuances of the TDUS, the trustee shall become aware of any deficiency in the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure sale, then, after consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may rescind the TDUS pursuant to Civil Code Section 1058.5(b) and return the bidder's funds, without interest. (4) When conducted, the foreclosure sale is not final until the auctioneer states "sold". Any time prior thereto, the sale may be canceled or postponed at the discretion of the trustee or the beneficiary. A bid by the beneficiary may not result in a sale of the property. All bids placed by the auctioneer are on behalf of the seller/beneficiary. (5) NEW - SEVERAL CITIES IN CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES (GOOGLE "MEASURE ULA"), HAVE IMPOSED VERY LARGE, NEW TRANSFER TAXES ON SALES OF CERTAIN HIGH VALUE PROPERTIES. THESE TAXES CAN AMOUNT TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OR EVEN MORE. AS A CONDITION OF THIS SALE, THESE TAXES WILL NOT BE PAID BY THE FORECLOSING LENDER NOR BY THE FORECLOSURE TRUSTEE. THESE TAXES, IF AND WHEN CHARGED, ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUCCESSFUL PURCHASER AT THE FORECLOSURE SALE. This communication may be considered as being from a debt collector. To the extent that your original obligation was discharged or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy under Title 11 of the United States Code, this notice is for compliance and/or informational purposes only and does not constitute an attempt to collect a debt or to impose personal liability for such obligation. However, a secured party may retain rights under its security instrument, including the right to foreclose its lien. 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 Publication dates: March 20, 27, April 3, 2026 (PC323)

TS No: CA08001452-22-6 APN: 243-131-006-000 FKA 243-131-006 TO No: 250650190-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED November 21, 2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On April 28, 2026 at 10:00 AM, at the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on December 10, 2003 as Instrument No. 2003149174, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, executed by JOSE L. BATTO, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST 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: 18 YANKEE POINT DRIVE, CARMEL, CA 93923 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$93,251.49 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. 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If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwidedeposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA08001452-22-6 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70,258) will impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers Date: March 13, 2026 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001452-22-6 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.nationwidedeposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0486475 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 03/27/2026, 04/03/2026, 04/10/2026 Publication dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 2026 (PC333)

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Monterey (cont'd)

920 Roosevelt Street — \$1,000,000
 Hazdovac Embree Trust to John, Nicholas and Marilyn Hazdovac
 APN: 001-342-016

5 Stratford Place — \$1,150,000
 Ellenjan Taylor to Toney and Tina Mycka
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206 Cypress Avenue unit B — \$1,500,000
 Verena Boylan to Paul and Angelee Brockmeyer
 APN: 006-316-003

Pebble Beach

1029 Broncho Road — \$2,660,000
 Glynis Ablon to Bearded Dragon LLC
 APN: 007-271-010



26212 Valley View Avenue, Carmel — \$7,125,000



3426 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach — \$24,500,000

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 Cedros 2017 LLC to Villa del Verde LLC
 APN: 008-381-007

Seaside

1609 Darwin Street — \$735,000
 Dolores Sudduth to Blaz Lugo
 APN: 012-711-009

1663 Vallejo Street — \$735,000

Margarito Chavelas to Alejandro Venegas
 APN: 012-721-018

2675 Bay View Drive — \$2,021,500
 Shea Homes LP to Rami Nimri
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LOG

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1600 block of Broadway when he attempted to conduct a traffic stop, prompting the vehicle to flee and leading to a pursuit that was quickly terminated due to high speeds. Following the pursuit's end, reports came in from citizens about a crash in the rear alley of 1575 Calaveras St., where a gas meter had been damaged, causing a gas leak, and a male suspect fled the scene on foot. Responding units located the abandoned vehicle in the alley and established a perimeter with the assistance of several surrounding police agencies. Shortly thereafter, a sergeant encountered a male in the 700 block of Palm Avenue who

confessed to being involved in the pursuit. Officer confirmed the 32-year-old male was the driver and arrested him. He was found to be on post-release community supervision. He had an outstanding felony warrant and was driving with a suspended license. Due to the gas leak, evacuations were carried out until PG&E arrived to shut off the gas, allowing residents to safely return to their homes.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found guitars at Fifth and San Carlos.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Grand Avenue for registration expired over six months.

Carmel Valley: Esquiline Road resident turned in weapons for destruction.

Carmel area: Adult Protective Services reports at two residences on Outlook Drive.

Carmel Valley: Report on Village Drive

of lost property, a wallet.

Carmel Valley: Child Protective Services report at a residence on Tassajara Road.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Carmel Valley: Report on Village Drive of lost property, a wallet.

Pebble Beach: Suspicious circumstances were investigated on Los Altos Drive.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found headphones at Del Mar and Scenic were returned to their rightful owner.

Pacific Grove: Medical call on Cypress Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Violation of a court order on Eighth Street. Information only, negative prosecution desired.

Pacific Grove: Non-injury collision at

Forest and Syida involving wildlife.

Pacific Grove: Found property turned in to the Pacific Grove Police Department.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Carmel area: Online report of a lost ring at the Crossroads.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officers dispatched to a report of domestic violence incident that was heard at Monte Verde and Ocean at midnight. The dominant aggressor, a 31-year-old female artist from Glendale, was identified and arrested. She was booked into Monterey County Jail for felony infliction of corporal injury on a spouse and was held on \$20,000 bail.



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