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Owner wants Stonehouse Terrace declared historic

■ Another attempt to block Pastor's project on adjacent property?

By MARY SCHLEY

THE STONEHOUSE Terrace complex on San Carlos south of Seventh should join the short list of Carmel



PHOTO/PINTEREST

The oldest part of the Stonehouse Terrace is a former cottage that was expanded and incorporated into a larger complex by architect Olaf Dahlstrand.

buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, according to the city's historic resources board, which voted Monday to support co-owner Kristi Reimers' application for the national designation. The California State Historical Resources Commission is set to vote on the application May 7 and, if it agrees, will send its nomination to the Keeper of the National Register, who will have 45 days to decide whether the property should be included.

Short list

If it is, the commercial building designed by the late architect Olaf Dahlstrand and built in 1977 will join the Carmel Mission, Flanders Mansion, Sunset Center and the Frank Lloyd Wright house, formally known as Cabin on the Rocks or the Mrs. Clinton Walker House, on the list. Robinson Jeffers' Tor House is also on the register but is just outside the city limits.

The city initiated an evaluation of the property after receiving notice in February that the state would be considering Reimers' application for a place on the national register. She did not request listing on the city's inventory, but associate planner Katherine Wallace said the historic resources board's action and comments at the April 20 meeting would be forwarded to the state in advance of its vote.

See **STONEHOUSE** page 31A

Montage pays \$37.5M for shopping center

■ Plans to 'expand services' at mouth of valley

By KELLY NIX

COMMUNITY HOSPITAL of the Monterey Peninsula's parent company spent nearly \$38 million last week for a large property just off Highway 1 where it plans to build a medical complex to offer patients a range of services, from rehabilitation and laboratory testing, to diagnostic imaging.

Montage Health Properties paid seller BRFII Carmel LLC \$37.5 million for the full stretch of property at 26135 Carmel Rancho Blvd., spanning from the shuttered Prim's Carmel General Store to Carmel Valley Road. The company made the acquisition so it could combine several out-patient services in one "convenient location for the community," a Montage Health spokeswoman told The Pine Cone Thursday.

"The vision is to create a unified medical campus that will eventually include Montage Medical Group, laboratory services, outpatient imaging, rehabilitation, and urgent care at the mouth of Carmel Valley," Monica Sciuto explained. "Consolidating these services will make care easier to access, reduce costs, and create a more seamless experience for patients, which is central to Montage Health's mission."

At the Crossroads shopping center, less than a mile away from the property, it operates a Montage Medical Group office and laboratory.

'The vision is to create a unified medical campus'

Design underway

When asked if Montage is planning to shutter those offices after the Carmel Rancho property is open for business, Sciuto said, "We are still working through our long-term plans, and as we evaluate how to best serve patients, we may consolidate services in locations that offer the greatest convenience and access for the community."

Montage plans to use empty and underused spaces on the property so it can "bring more services together and improve access to care for residents."

"Design and planning work is already underway," Sciuto said. "We do not anticipate demolishing

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County slaps Hacienda with citation, partial closure

By LILY PATTERSON

MONTEREY COUNTY ordered Hacienda — formerly Hacienda Hay & Feed — to shut down most of its operations last week because the business doesn't have permits to operate a café or host events like line dancing, a petting zoo, and pottery workshops. The county says it also illegally built several structures.

On April 13, the Carmel Valley business received a citation from Monterey County Housing and Community Development alleging a dozen violations and allowing its

owner one month to obtain the required permits or cease unauthorized operations. The feed store is still up and running, but the café is closed, and the venue won't be hosting any of its popular weekend events until further notice.

Longstanding violations

Though the violations were identified during an inspection in November 2025, "the county had not taken action on this until a complaint was lodged and code enforcement visited the site" early last week, county planning director Craig Spencer said.

The news wasn't made public until Saturday, when owner Nile Estep posted a message to Hacienda's Instagram.

"After five unforgettable years of gathering, celebrating, and building something truly special together, we're taking a moment to process what this means for our future," Estep wrote.

To qualify what many read as a goodbye, another post

See **HACIENDA** page 20A

Newsom aims to go out in the black

GOV. GAVIN Newsom is preparing to unveil his May budget — and he doesn't want it to show a deficit.

The \$349 billion budget the governor put forward in January was more of a placeholder as he waited for solid revenue numbers to arrive. The numbers are here — and they are up, but not enough, leaving Newsom with no real alternative but to raise taxes or make cuts. During a closed-door meeting with members of his party's caucus, Newsom warned fellow Democrats to brace for more of the latter in an effort to rein in years of overspending.

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

"My obligation is to also have the back of the next governor and the next Legislature," Newsom told the news website Politico following the meeting.

Emergency funds

California has run deficits totaling \$125 billion over the past four years and has pulled from emergency funds and loans to balance the books. Last November, the non-partisan California Legislative Analyst's Office forecast "alarming" multiyear deficits ranging from \$20 billion to \$35 billion annually unless major changes were made.

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Roundabout opening ends construction misery

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER 10 months of traffic delays that frustrated drivers, the roundabout at Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade opened to motorists April 20.

"They always say, 'There's nothing like the first time,'" commented Zack Schneider of Carmel Valley, who shared a video on Facebook that he took Monday from a camera mounted on his dashboard as his vehicle cruised through the intersection.

Two days earlier, county officials had sent out word on social media urging motorists to drive slowly through the roundabout and pay attention to bicyclists and pedestrians.

"Yield to traffic already circulating," they said. "Yield to vehicles in all lanes, not just the one closest to you. Give large vehicles like trucks and buses extra space."

No light, no problem

Local attorney Christine Kemp reported that her car was one of the first through the intersection Monday morning after the temporary signal light was switched off. It had been regulating traffic at the

intersection since construction began in June 2025.

"I was in the first line of cars," she told The Pine Cone. "I saw the lights go down. It was interesting — all the

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The roundabout at Laureles Grade and Carmel Valley Road, which cost taxpayers nearly \$4 million, welcomed its first motorists April 20.



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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Cavalier courtship

Augustine's people admit they don't have the words for what drew them to their dog. But after discovering the Cavapoo breed online, something told them this was the one. After all, this cross between a Cavalier King Charles spaniel and a miniature poodle is known for looking like a teddy bear, imbued with a loving, gregarious disposition and a drive to please.

How could they not?

Although the Carmel Valley couple flew to Spokane, Wash., to retrieve their puppy, they named her Augustine after the Le Monastère des Augustines in Quebec City, Canada, where they met.

"She's my first dog, and I had no idea how much I could love her," said her person. "She unlocked love I didn't know I could feel."

"Auggie," now 4, has been to all the local beaches but prefers the north end of Carmel Beach early in the morning. There, she can chase shorebirds with neither hope nor intention of catching them.

"We are also hikers," her person said. "We head out pretty early. Auggie is great off leash, and she has the stamina to go a long way, super fast. She's a very active, athletic dog."

When the sun's out, that is.

On a rainy day, she'll tuck into the couch and sleep



through the storm. But once the clouds clear out, she's ready for a walk or to find a sunny spot in the yard.

"Auggie tends to be shy around other dogs and with people she hasn't met," her person said. "She's best with her people. Whether we're working or sitting on the couch, she lies alongside us, wanting to be a part of things, not separate. Which is why she abandoned her crate for our bed."

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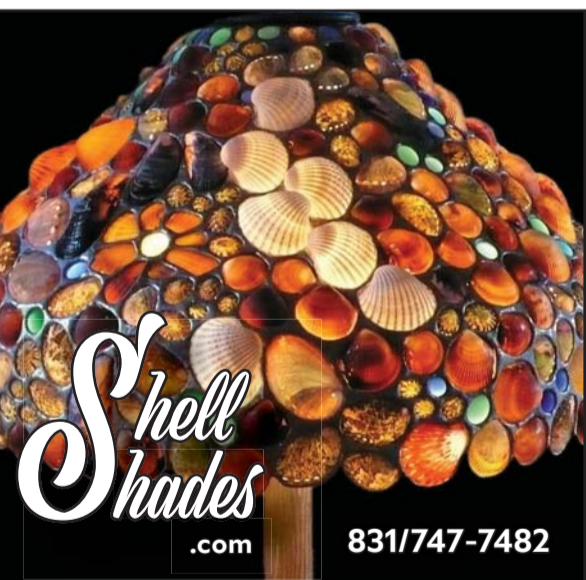
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PG&E PLANS TO REMOVE NEARLY 100 TREES, TRIM HUNDREDS MORE

By MARY SCHLEY

MORE THAN 90 trees of various types will be cut down and another 546 pruned in order to mitigate wildfire risks and reduce power outages, according to applications submitted to the City of Carmel by PG&E. In January — just weeks after the city and much of the rest of the Monterey Peninsula spent the Christmas holidays in the dark, thanks to storms that downed trees and powerlines — the public works department issued a temporary encroachment permit to allow its crews to work in public rights of way, but the utility company said several other permits have yet to be issued.

“We submitted a total of eight permits and are still awaiting the city’s response,” communications representative Stephanie Magallon said this week. “Once the permits are approved, we estimate the work will take one to two months.”

Trees on more than 40 streets will be toppled or trimmed in accordance with state rules and company policy, according to Magallon.

High fire threat

The California Public Utilities Commission requires a minimum of 4 feet of clearance around distribution lines in “high-fire-threat districts,” like much of Carmel, “with 12 feet recommended at the time of pruning to maintain the clearance year-round.” The minimum is 18 inches in areas where wildfire risk is minimal.

Near transmission lines, vegetation can’t stand taller than 10 feet when fully grown, while trees can’t exceed 15 feet in the “border zone,” and in the area beyond, “all trees with the potential to fall into powerlines need to be cut down,” according to PG&E’s vegetation-management program.

In jurisdictions where Cal Fire handles

suppression and prevention, as opposed to city fire departments, crews also work to remove vegetation in a 10-foot radius around the bases of poles and towers, cut grass and remove brush in excess of 8 feet tall, according to Magallon.

She said safety is the utility company’s “most important responsibility.”

“One of the most significant risks to public safety and electric reliability is vegetation — particularly trees — that come into contact with powerlines or electrical equipment,” increasing the likelihood of outages and wildfires, she said. “As part of our routine vegetation-management program, we inspect approximately 100,000 miles of overhead powerlines systemwide and trim or cut down approximately 1.5 million trees that are dead, dying or hazardous” each year.

Thirty hazards

But last December’s storms caught the company flatfooted. Despite claims they were prepared to handle the incoming bad weather and its aftermath, 811,000 customers throughout the state found themselves without power. Carmel City Council members Hans Buder and Jeff Baron made a mission of getting the utility company to address the outages in Carmel, where some 4,700 people were affected.

“In some instances, needed repairs are extensive. In Monterey County alone, crews identified dozens of snapped poles and trees on power lines — there were over 30 different hazards identified in the Carmel area,” the company said at the time. “The storms had major impacts on the entire Central Coast, including Carmel. Top gusts were recorded at 69 mph on the coast at Pebble Beach and 44 mph inland on Dec. 24.”

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Free-range canines in Pacific Grove

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.

Boulevard. In collaboration with the public works team, officers successfully cleaned up several areas exhibiting signs of blight.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 0020 hours at Ocean and Dolores, an 18-year-old male U.S. Army employee from Shreveport, La., was taken to Monterey County Jail for public intoxication.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision at San Carlos and Eighth. Information exchanged between parties.

Pacific Grove: Found property on Ocean View Boulevard was turned in to the police department and is being held for safekeeping.

Carmel Valley: Deputies investigated a report of a lewd and lascivious act on a child at a Cachagua Road residence.

See **POLICE LOG** page 45A

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Carmel Valley: On March 16, an employee from a restaurant on Del Fino Place sold an alcoholic beverage to minor decoys (age 16 and 18). The 52-year-old male employee was issued a citation.

Pacific Grove: A 35-year-old male at a residence on Arkwright Court was cited and released for misdemeanor traffic warrants.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle at Patterson Lane and Benito Court marked for 72-hour parking.

Seaside: Seaside P.D.'s patrol team encountered excessive debris, abandoned property and shopping carts near Del Monte



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March 23 — Judge Mark E. Hood sentenced Gisela Romero Serrano, 39, of Salinas, to four years in state prison for evading a peace officer with willful disregard for public safety. Serrano admitted she had previously been convicted of a strike under California's three strikes law.

On Nov. 9, 2025, a Salinas woman had her gray Honda Odyssey stolen from her driveway overnight.

A few days later, a Salinas police officer on patrol observed Serrano driving the Honda, which had been reported stolen by the owner. The officer activated his lights to pull the car over. Instead of stopping, Serrano made a U-turn and sped away. She ran three red lights and a stop sign, reaching speeds between 30 and 50 mph. She drove 60 to 70 mph in a residential area and made an abrupt left turn in front of several cars that had to

brake quickly to avoid a collision. Serrano then unintentionally drove the car into a dead end.

Serrano and her passenger immediately got out of the stolen car and ran on foot from the officer. Serrano ignored several commands by the officer to stop, as well as his warning that she could be bitten by a police canine if she did not stop. She began climbing a wooden fence into a stranger's backyard when police canine Tyson made contact. Serrano ignored the officer's commands to get on the ground and instead tried to pin Tyson between herself and the fence. Officers were then able to gain control of Serrano and placed her in handcuffs. Serrano had the key fob to the stolen vehicle on her when she was apprehended.

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Hearing delayed in molestation case

By MARY SCHLEY

DEXTER SALAZAR, the former restaurant owner who was arrested in Marina March 13 on multiple counts of child molestation, remained in Monterey County Jail this week on \$6.6 million bail as the scheduling of a preliminary hearing in the case was put off until next week.

The 48-year-old Carmel resident pleaded not guilty to a half-dozen counts of committing lewd and lascivious acts with three children under the age of 14 who were "particularly vulnerable," as defined by the California Penal Code, and of doing so with "planning, sophistication and professionalism."

Each count could carry a sentence of 25 years to life in prison.

Restraining order

A decision was also delayed in a request from a Monterey woman for a restraining order against Salazar to keep him away from her and her five children. Salazar's attorney, Tom Worthington, requested the ruling be put off "due to a criminal matter pending." The woman filed for a temporary

restraining order just days before Salazar's arrest to keep him away from her and her children due to alleged emotional, physical and sexual abuse, and a judge was supposed to rule April 2 on whether the order should be made permanent.

With Salazar absent and the woman present, Judge Pro Tempore Katherine Stoner extended the temporary restraining order until another hearing scheduled in late May and in the meantime granted her "sole legal custody and sole physical custody of the children."

"The respondent shall have no visitation with the children," she said, nor can he access their school, health or other information.

The judge also ordered Salazar to surrender a black handgun, but Worthington filed a form saying his client does not "own, possess or have under my custody or control any firearms, firearm parts or ammunition."

Meanwhile, the restaurant he established at Sixth and San Carlos in 2014 that was first called Affina and then renamed Edwin's has closed. A pending application to the state for a full liquor license has been on hold since March 11.

Lewd acts with 'planning, sophistication and professionalism'

CPD wants your unwanted drugs

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

TO KEEP prescription medications out of the hands of kids and others who shouldn't have them, and to prevent them from polluting waterways and oceans, National Drug Take Back Day is organized by local law enforcement agencies across the country in collaboration with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. On Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m., Carmel P.D. is joining the effort and asking community members to drop off all unwanted meds, including those prescribed for pets.

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Is airfield housing heading to court?

By CHRIS COUNTS

AS A plan to build 90 homes at the former Carmel Valley Airfield moves forward, the Carmel Valley Association announced Thursday that it is “raising money to pay for technical assessments and legal advice,” suggesting that a lawsuit could be in the project’s future.

While the association initially took a more neutral stance on the project — and even hosted a public forum with builder Patrick Orosco last month — the group is now making its opposition to the project clear.

“The Carmel Valley Association is actively collaborating with the concerned citizens group — Friends of the Village Airfield — to evaluate and resist the ill-conceived proposal for a 90-unit subdivision on the historical airfield in the heart of our valley village,” the group said in its weekly newsletter.

Specifically, the group is seeking to raise \$100,000 to pay for “an independent technical analysis” of issues related to water, wastewater, traffic and wildfire risk, a CEQA review and expert input, and “legal advice and support, if necessary, to ensure compliance with the law.”

“To be effective, we must be more than just angry or concerned, we must be prepared — and that requires resources,” the group said. “Your contribution will help ensure that the project is rigorously and independently evaluated, real risks are identified and addressed, and the community has a credible, fact-based voice that cannot be dismissed in this process.”

The group added that it is “committed to working constructively with all parties — including the developer — to explore alternative solutions.”

New rules

It’s uncertain how much impact local opposition to the project will have. In the past, land use activists torpedoed many development plans, but recent changes to state law might make it possible for Orosco to sidestep local land use regulations.

The project is located at 65 El Caminito. Seventy homes will be market-rate, while 20 will be deemed affordable. The latter will be in 10 duplexes. The lots will measure between 10,000 and 12,000 square feet. The site comprises 17.44 acres, and besides building 90 units, the work includes 6.36 acres of street improvements and 5.5 acres of improved open space.

Bill to help veterans’ mental health

By KELLY NIX

LEGISLATION TO provide peer programs for military veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental health conditions has the backing of Democratic Rep. Jimmy Panetta and other members of the House of Representatives’ Problem Solvers Caucus.

On April 3, the caucus — a bipartisan group of lawmakers — endorsed the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program Act, which is meant to complement mental

health services offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The bill, led by 19th District Rep. Panetta and a New York congressman, would provide state and local entities with funds to connect veterans who have PTSD, brain injuries and other mental health conditions with other veterans.

Panetta — who served in the U.S. Navy Reserve as an intelligence officer from 2003 to 2011 and was deployed to Afghanistan — said there are too many veterans fighting “invisible battles.”

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Monterey asks residents about taxes

By KELLY NIX

ARE MONTEREY taxpayers willing to give more of their hard-earned money to city hall? To answer that question, the Monterey City Council this week decided to poll voters on their appetite for new taxes — though a controversial charge for watching Netflix, ESPN, Disney Channel and other streaming services will not be considered.

Facing a \$10 million to \$12 million budget deficit in the next fiscal year, the council in September 2025 decided to hire a consultant to poll and analyze public support for several possible tax measures. For a second phase of polling, the council decided Tuesday to ask residents their thoughts on a parking lot tax, which would be paid by people who park, and the renewal of Measure S, a half-cent tax originally passed in 2014 and extended in 2018, that pays for infrastructure. The special sales and use tax, set to expire in March 2027, needs two-thirds voter approval to pass.

After a request by Mayor Tyller Williamson, the council also decided to poll the idea of a vacancy tax. Such a charge could penalize rental property owners for leaving their structures unoccupied for extended periods.

Depending on the polling results, the council could place one or more measures on the Nov. 3 general election ballot.

'Monumental scale'

City Manager Dante Hall said costs are rising faster than revenue and that the city needs to make "hard decisions." Monterey's biggest expense is staffing, and there are "other ongoing costs that are outside of our control," like pensions, health insurance, fuel, and goods and services, all of which he said are rising.

"Addressing a gap of this scale is monumental, and it will probably not happen without us adjusting some service levels," Hall told the city council. "We need to renew some of our existing revenue measures so that we don't lose ground. And we need to identify some new stable revenues for the future — something we can depend on."

The council, however, opted not to poll voters about a tax on residents for using online streaming services. District 2 Councilman Ed Smith and District 3 Councilwoman Jean Rasch opposed the idea.

The city's polling efforts will cost taxpayers about \$90,000.

'Grumbling'

Apart from the polling process, which will take place over the next few months, the city is asking voters in the June 2 primary election to pass Measure D, a 0.375% sales tax it says will "protect the City of Monterey's financial stability and quality of life by maintaining services such as police, fire, 911 emergency response and preparedness, and other unrestricted general fund expenditures." If it passes, it will raise about \$4.5 million annually.

During public comment, resident Kevin Dayton said there is "grumbling" in the community over the idea of new taxes.

"I do think you have to be careful," Dayton said. "Some people are saying, 'You know what, I'm not sure the city is really showing me that they're taking a serious look at spending reductions [before asking for] more taxes.'"

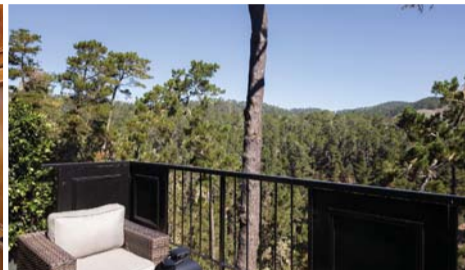
Rick Aldinger said people's "tolerance for new taxes, higher taxes, is wearing thin."

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New spot for P.G. dog park explored

By KELLY NIX

THE LOCATION of a proposed dog park in Pacific Grove has changed, but the drive behind it seems just as strong.

Members of the P.G. recreation board's dog park subcommittee, formed a couple of months ago, have suggested putting one at Hayward Park, which is next door to Hayward Lumber.

When the recreation board first endorsed the idea of a play area for dogs in January, there was talk of putting it at Arnett Park between David and Forest avenues. Several residents in that area complained it would cause parking, noise and other problems.

That led the subcommittee, composed of board member Alex White and chair Jay Tulley, to explore other options.

"The committee agrees that Hayward Park could be a good location for a potential dog park," according to their report to the other members of the recreation board, which was set to discuss the location at Thursday night's meeting.

An architectural illustration of the Hayward location indicates a 14,500-square-foot area for big dogs and an 8,200-square-foot area for smaller ones. The separated areas would be surrounded by a chain-link fence and have double-gated entrances to help prevent pets from getting away from their owners. Garbage bins for dog poop would be installed, and parking

would be on the street.

While the report doesn't indicate possible costs, the subcommittee points to an unnamed financial backer.

"There is a private donor working in partnership with the Community Foundation for Monterey County who has created a 'dog park fund,'" it said, "and it is substantial enough to cover build and ongoing maintenance for the near future."

'Activated'

White and Tulley added that "the community is very activated on this project," and that they've been informed that the "Pacific Grove High School Youth Ambassadors program is involved, people are getting support from dog-friendly businesses in town, and Hayward Lumber has been notified about the project idea."

The group behind the effort calls itself PGDog.

While Tulley and White met with residents to discuss the proposal, they said the recreation board also needs "proper engagement with the people that live around Hayward Park as well as possibly doing a table at the farmers market."

One of the questions members of the recreation board were set to discuss at Thursday's meeting was whether they needed "further community input before elevating" the proposal to the P.G. City Council.

More delays for cannabis lottery

By LILY PATTERSON

A LOTTERY intended to pick the winner of Pacific Grove's single marijuana business permit is tangled in controversy after complaints from residents that the city bent regulations in favor of a Southern California company, whose owner and employees paid nearly \$80,000 in fees to file a series of applications — giving them a significantly better shot at cornering the local market.

After city officials rejected a formal complaint about the process in January, the P.G. City Council intervened, requesting a "formal ownership and control analysis" to determine whether one owner is behind eight of the 10 applications. Originally set for March 31, the lottery has been postponed while city staff prepares a report for the May 20 council meeting.

It's the latest turn in a six-year saga to open a dispensary in Pacific Grove. A previous council's attempt to fast-track permitting failed in 2020, leading to a 2022 public vote where 70% of

residents approved measures M and N. Measure M legalized one retail permit for the city, and Measure N set a 6% sales tax on cannabis products, at the time projected to generate \$300,000 annually.

"We're in a pivotal moment for the cannabis licensing process, and this item is just to ensure the process is fair and legally sound," said council member Chaps Poduri, who brought the issue to the council's March 18 agenda.

Residents say city contradicted its own marijuana ordinance


Several appeals

The council's move follows months of appeals from Nug, an Oakland-based canna-

bis business co-founded by Pacific Grove resident Nico Enea. Since October 2025, Enea and his attorney have fought the city's approval of eight nearly identical applications linked to Off The Charts, a company operating 32 locations in California, including one in Monterey.

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City won't get legal fees, judge rules

By KELLY NIX

A FEDERAL judge has rejected a request by the City of Marina to recoup more than \$140,000 in attorneys' fees to fight a lawsuit filed by a tourism business.

Handcar Tours, which offered guided, 6-mile tours on the old railroad line adjacent to Highway 1 and the Pacific Ocean, filed a lawsuit in federal court in December 2024 against the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and Marina after the parties informed the business the lease to operate on the land was not being renewed.

The train tracks have since been removed, and the county's transportation agency is building a transit bus lane on the property.

Handcar Tours settled its civil dispute with the county in October 2025 for \$325,000, about six months after Marina was dismissed as a defendant in the lawsuit.

City requests refund

Despite no longer being a party in the civil complaint, Marina tried to recoup the money it spent defending itself from the handcar business, alleging the lawsuit was "frivolous."

"The city requests that the court order Handcar Tours to pay the city's attorneys' fees in the amount of \$146,440 plus any reasonable fees incurred following this

filing," according to Marina's January filing with the United States District Court Northern District of California.

In a three-page ruling issued March 9, United States District Judge Eumi K. Lee rejected Marina's characterization of the lawsuit, saying Handcar Tours' claims against the city "were not frivolous, unreasonable, or without foundation." She also denied Marina's request for attorneys' fees, saying the award "may chill the legitimate exercise of First Amendment rights."

Todd and Mason Clark, the owners of the Museum of Handcar Technology, which operated Handcar Tours, claimed in the lawsuit that the county unlawfully retaliated against them after they exercised their First Amendment rights to publicly oppose the proposal to establish the bus lane. Lee initially granted an injunction preventing the county from evicting the handcar business from the Monterey Branch Line, which Monterey County purchased from Union Pacific in 2003. At the time, the judge also rejected a request by the agency to dismiss the lawsuit.

New chapter

Todd Clark said that after the business on the Monterey Peninsula shut down, his crew began rehabilitating the cars for their

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HIKER'S DOG RESCUED

By CHRIS COUNTS

A HIKER and his dog have been reunited six days after rescuers were forced to leave the dog behind while rescuing his injured owner from deep in the Big Sur wilderness.

After receiving a report April 10 that a hiker was injured and couldn't walk out, the fire brigade sent volunteers to Cienega Camp, a remote destination 15 miles east of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.

Once the victim was located, he was hoisted to a California Highway Patrol helicopter with the assistance of a firefighter and transported to receive medical care.

But the helicopter scared away the hiker's dog, who had to be left behind. Food and water were left for him. In response, Big Sur Fire asked people to keep an eye out for the pup.

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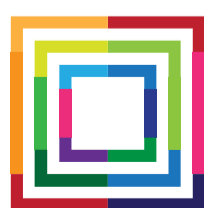


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Cops catch suspected car thieves hiding at hospital

By MARY SCHLEY

TWO MEN who stole an early-2000s-era convertible Ford Mustang in Salinas after finding it unattended with the engine running and later led officers on a high-speed chase were arrested while hunkered down in the parking lot at Community Hospital the morning of March 27, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Gerald Maldonado. The suspects, 30-year-old Shaunne Katoa from Marina and 46-year-old Jason Turner from Salinas, are convicted felons and were booked into Monterey County Jail on multiple charges but have since been released.

The saga began in Salinas when the Mustang was reported stolen and the police department issued a be-on-the-lookout for the car and its occupants to neighboring agencies. After the vehicle's license plate began hitting surveillance cameras as they headed toward the Peninsula, "several agencies coordinated to share information," Maldonado said, and at one point, the pair engaged in a pursuit on surface streets in Seaside that reached speeds of 90 mph.

After Carmel P.D. was notified the Mustang was traveling in the direction of the city, Maldonado and officer Marc Chacon set up in positions where they could monitor major access points. When the vehicle failed to materialize, they got to thinking about where they might be hiding.

A hunch

Operating on a hunch — which Maldonado described as "more of an, 'If I were a bad guy who just stole a car, got into a chase, and every agency was looking for me, what would I do?'" — it occurred to them the CHOMP parking lot would be a good place to blend in. Their surveillance confirmed it.

With the day shift coming on, officers Tim Ament and Joe Martis joined Chacon in "a high-risk takedown" of the duo, who were taken into custody without incident, according to Maldonado. Katoa and Turner "were also found to be in possession of suspected crack cocaine."

According to Monterey County Superior Court records, Turner, who also goes by Donald Joseph Turner and Ronald Henderson Turner, had two outstanding misdemeanor warrants for stealing from Target when Carmel P.D. arrested him.

In August 2020, Turner was arrested by Salinas P.D. on three felonies for threatening to commit crimes resulting in death and attempted robbery. Two of the three counts were dismissed when he pleaded guilty in March 2022 to one of the threat charges and was sentenced to probation, county jail and other penalties.

Katoa's criminal history runs deeper, with 15 cases going back to 2014, among them a half-dozen felonies, and he has four active cases, including a December 2024 charge filed by Seaside P.D. for obtaining a stolen Kia SUV.

Both men appeared in court earlier this month and have been released on bail.

LUAC to review plan to build 93 homes

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE DESIGN of a long-talked-about plan to build 93 market-rate homes on land that was once part of the Rancho Cañada Golf Club in Carmel Valley will be reviewed May 4 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Philip's Lutheran Church by the Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee.

The hearing comes five months after the Carmel Valley LUAC reviewed a plan to build 40 inclusionary units on the same land. All 133 homes are part of what's called Rancho Cañada Village.

The market-rate houses will be available "with three variations and accessory dwelling unit options — and additional minor design variations for three exceptionally shaped lots," according to builder Carmel Grand Avenue Partners. "Colors and materials consist of cream, khaki, peach stucco with tan stone veneer or dark gray, brown or black metal or wood siding accents, brown or black appurtenances, and charcoal composite roofing."

'Needed forever'

The project dates back more than two decades to when the late Nick Lombardo proposed building 280 homes on land in Carmel Valley where Rancho Cañada's West Course once operated, including 140 affordable units. Lombardo died in 2005.

With builder Alan Williams taking over, a scaled-back version of the project was finally approved by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors a decade ago — after years of public hearings.

Besides providing housing that Williams said has been "needed forever," the development includes flood control measures to help protect hundreds of businesses and homes, along with acreage for a habitat restoration project and an acceleration lane to be installed along Carmel Valley Road near Village Park Road.



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EATON FIRE SURVIVORS TO SHARE STORIES DURING EMERGENCY WORKSHOP

By MARY SCHLEY

THE EVENING of Jan. 7, 2025, a fire sparked in Eaton Canyon that would go on to devastate the Southern California city of Altadena, killing at least 19 people and destroying more than 9,000 buildings. Three people who lived through the nightmare and have dedicated themselves to the recovery will speak during a disaster- and wildfire-preparedness workshop Saturday, April 25, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center in Carmel.

“Deb Halberstadt and Jon Hainer, long-time Altadena residents, will be sharing their experience of evacuation and loss. Their story is both heartbreaking and incredibly moving,” said Wanda Vollmer, founder of Peace of Mind Preparedness and organizer of the Carmel Prepares series. “They hope that others can learn and better prepare. Their message is one I truly believe our community needs to hear.”

They will be joined by fellow Altadena

resident and artist Alejandro M. Lopez, who will display some of his works and “will speak about processing loss, resilience and community through art.”

Vollmer, who also heads Carmel’s Community Emergency Response Team, met Halberstadt and others when she and fellow CERT captain Scot Smythe visited Altadena in February 2025 to turn over more than \$23,000 in gift cards and cash they and Carmel Rotary had raised to help the victims. The funds were used to jumpstart the Eaton Fire Recovery Fund.

Not unique to So Cal

Halberstadt, who oversees the Altadena CERT, formerly worked for AP and NBC as a photographer. “She drove us around — for hours — pointing out the neighborhoods that were taken out by the fires, telling us stories of neighbors, schools wiped out, a visit to the sheriff’s office — where she volunteers as well — and more,” Vollmer said shortly after they returned. “The people we met were so warm and kind despite their losses.”

Fifteen months later, they are traveling to Carmel to talk about their experiences and the lessons they learned.

“What makes their stories especially impactful is that the conditions and challenges these residents faced are not unique to Southern California,” Vollmer said. “Their experiences offer real-world lessons that can help communities here on the Monterey Peninsula better understand their own wildfire risk, and how preparation can truly make a difference before an



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The Eaton Fire destroyed thousands of buildings and killed at least 19 people. Survivors will offer advice and stories April 25.

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EMILY GRIFFITH
 1932-2026

Emily Griffith, a woman of boundless spirit and curiosity, passed away on Feb. 28, 2026, in Pacific Grove, California. Born on Sept. 9, 1932, in Amarillo, Texas, Emily cultivated a life defined by adventure, service and a deep connection to the natural world. Her journey took her across the globe, most notably aboard her beloved boat, Meander, where she found solace and excitement sailing the world's waters. A dedicated practitioner and teacher of yoga for more than three decades, Emily deepened her practice by studying directly under Pattabhi Jois in India, bringing a profound sense of discipline and mindfulness to her students.

Beyond her maritime and yogic pursuits, Emily was a pillar of her community.



She generously volunteered her time at St. Mary's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, the Monterey Bay Aquarium and the Monterey Museum of History and Art, reflecting her lifelong commitment to education and preservation.

Her civic engagement was further evidenced by her membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution and her active role at the Sausalito Yacht Club, where she was a respected leader in the sailing community. A proud alumna of Kappa Alpha Theta, Emily maintained a zest for life that was infectious to all who knew her. In her later years, she found great joy in her garden, specializing in succulents and delighting in sharing her rare cuttings and horticultural wisdom with friends and neighbors. Emily leaves behind a legacy of love, survived by her daughter, two granddaughters and a wide circle of friends who will remember her fondly over a glass of Chardonnay.

Her memorial will begin at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 26 at St. Mary's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 146 12th St. and Central Avenue in Pacific Grove.

In lieu of flowers, please go out and take a yoga class in Emily's honor.



MONTAGE

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buildings; instead, we plan to upgrade and retrofit existing structures to meet modern clinical needs and provide a welcoming environment for patients."

A Pine Cone reader who heard about the purchase and contacted the newspaper was in favor of Montage's plans to offer more medical options for residents of Carmel and Carmel Valley.

"I think it would be great to the community to have more medical services available so people wouldn't have to go to Ryan Ranch" where Montage has several medical offices, "and the hospital," they said.

The acquisition and plans for more services could also be part of Montage's strategy to counter Kaiser Permanente's move into Monterey County, which began in January 2025 with the opening of a large medical clinic on Davis Road in Salinas near a Montage Wellness Center. Several months after that opening, Kaiser purchased a \$9 million property in Marina that it intends to use for a medical facility.

Kaiser has been clear that its move into the county was based in part on the "lack of market competition," which it maintained has caused healthcare prices to rise here.

Serves as landlord

In April 2025, California's Office of Healthcare Affordability board voted to cap spending growth at seven hospitals in the state it deemed disproportionately expensive, including Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. The agency has directed the hospital to limit spending growth this year to 1.8% to 1.6% in 2029.

Montage's purchase means that it's become a landlord for numerous businesses, including Cornucopia market, Subway, Chopstix restaurant, Wells Fargo Advisors, Keller Williams, Carmel Hearing Aids, The Dance Center and Monterey Credit Union. Sciuto said that a property management team will handle landlord-tenant relationships to ensure tenants' "needs are met and the property is well maintained."

The car wash next to Prim's was not part of the sale.

Considering the substantial acquisition, The Pine Cone asked if Montage had plans to purchase other property this year.

"Montage Health continually explores opportunities that allow us to expand access to care for the community," Sciuto said. "This may include purchasing or repurposing properties when it helps meet local healthcare needs."

ROUNDABOUT

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workers were standing around, taking pictures and smiling."

Another local gave a cautiously optimistic report after driving through the intersection.

"I just went through," he said on Facebook. "No lights. No problem. If people obey the yield signs, it should work fine."

Some expressed their aversion to roundabouts, and a few chided them for whining.

While others made comments about the roundabout opening, Carmel Valley resident Kathy Wylie shared a limerick she wrote about the milestone.

"There once was a junction of dread, At the Grade where tempers ran red, 'Till a roundabout came, Now folks play a game — Do I yield ... or just charge on ahead?"

The project was expected to cost taxpayers about \$3.8 million to complete, with the money coming from Measure X funds, Carmel Valley traffic mitigation fees and a grant from Monterey Bay Air Resources District. A study determined it was needed to improve safety at the intersection, where at least two accidents in recent years involved trucks losing control — including "a three-axle truck hauling a load of sod and a forklift," which crashed in 2017.

ROBERT G. GARD, JR.

Robert Gard graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1950, and was assigned initially to the 82d Airborne Division before commanding a separate 155 mm field artillery gun battery during the Korean War. From 1962 to '65, he served a three-year tour in Germany, where he commanded the only airborne field artillery battalion in the theater.

Following graduation from the National War College in 1966, he was assigned to the Pentagon, serving as military (executive) assistant to two secretaries of Defense. He then commanded the 9th Infantry Division Artillery in Vietnam prior to serving as the Division Chief of Staff.

In 1971, he was the first in his year group to be promoted to brigadier general. Following a two-year assignment on the Army staff in Washington, D.C., Gard was promoted to major general and assigned as Commander of Fort Ord, then a training center before Gard re-activated the 7th Infantry Division. Convinced that he had found his preferred retirement location, he purchased a lot in Pebble Beach before being reassigned to Washington, D.C. He was promoted coincident with an assignment of almost five years as president of the National Defense University, retiring from the Army as its senior lieutenant general in 1981 after more than 31 years of service.

After his retirement he married his forever life partner, Janet Wall, a Monterey resident, and then launched a 17-year post-military academic career. Following a five-year appointment as director of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies Center in Bologna, Italy, he and Janet returned to their beloved Monterey Peninsula where they built a house in Pebble Beach. He served for 11 years as president of the Monterey Institute of International Studies, exceeding his goal of increasing enrollment 50%, doubling the number of resident faculty and doubling the size of the physical plant in his first five years. From 1998 to 2015, he consulted on national security issues with non-government organizations in Washington, D.C., and Monterey and participated in a wide variety of media programs. He and Janet enjoyed many adventures together both domestically and internationally, eventually settling in Arlington, VA.

Gard's academic credentials include an M.P.A. and a Ph.D. in political economy and government, both from Harvard University; he received Harvard's university-wide Charles Sumner Prize for his doctoral dissertation. Other honors include the Global Citizen Award, presented in 2015 by the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey; designation as chair emeritus of the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation in Washington, D.C.; and president emeritus of the Monterey Institute of International Studies in 1998. He was a trustee of the local Chapman Foundation and former member of the Old Capitol Club.

His military awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star; Legion of Merit with Cluster; Distinguished Flying Cross; Bronze Star V, with three clusters; Meritorious Service Medal and Air Medal V with 12 clusters.

He died peacefully on April 6, 2026, and is survived by his cherished wife and partner of 42 years, Janet E. Wall; two daughters, Linda Burchfiel and Susan Barstow; six grandchildren and soon-to-be eight great-grandchildren.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Center for Non-Proliferation Studies at MIIS or to the charity of your choice. Burial services will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.



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RESCUED

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“Anyone hiking in the area is being asked to keep an eye out for a medium-sized brown and white German shepherd mix named Ruger,” Big Sur Fire added. “The dog is friendly and will likely follow commands from anyone who approaches him. If you find Ruger, please contact Big Sur Fire, California State Parks or the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office for assistance.”

On social media over the next few days, several reports indicated that volunteers, including two teams from the Ventana Wilderness Alliance, were searching for the dog. Then on April 16, Big Sur Fire shared the happy news that Ruger had been located and returned to his owner.

“The missing dog from last week’s rescue has been found,” the fire brigade reported on Facebook. “This is the reunion we were hopeful for. Thank you everyone who assisted in the search.”

Hundreds of people followed search updates on social media, with many expressing concern for the dog. Worry turned to elation when Ruger was found — one woman suggested the dog had earned “a big steak, a vet check, a bubble bath and a nice long nap.”

TAXES

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need for a sunset provision for the half-cent tax, suggesting it should be “permanent,” Smith said he and other voters support its renewal only if it has an end date.

“I know people who would work vehemently against it if it doesn’t have a sunset” provision, Smith said.

Empty home tax

While Rasch asked that pollsters not query residents about a vacancy tax, Williamson said that was the levy he is most interested in pursuing, despite a lawsuit in San Francisco over a similar tax voters approved in 2022. A trial court found it unconstitutional, and the case is tied up in the appellate court.

“The vacancy tax litigation doesn’t preclude us from moving forward to putting it on the ballot,” Williamson said, drawing immediate opposition from Rasch and Smith, who questioned why it should be pursued if it could eventually be deemed illegal.

An 8% parking lot tax, which the city proposed in March, would apply to privately owned parking facilities, such as lots at the Sardine Factory, El Torito and Heritage Harbor. Parking lot customers would pay the fee.

In the end, the council, with councilwoman Kim Barber absent, decided to ask voters about the three possible tax proposals, with the caveat that Williamson withdraw his proposal to also ask voters about funding a public safety facility bond for a new fire and police station.

TRIM

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Buder asked PG&E officials to return to the city after the storms “to do a postmortem, to face our residents and answer our hard questions, and to discuss how we can enhance the reliability of our power grid.”

This week, he said those conversations have continued and that PG&E leadership has been “good partners in the aftermath of the storm, and they appear ready to back up their commitments with significant investment” in hardening the city’s power grid against multi-day outages.

“The bottom line is that the residents of Carmel deserve reliable access to power,” he said.

All over town

Ideally, the tree work PG&E expects to undertake this year will reduce the risk of such widespread outages recurring. Streets where the company is planning to prune or remove trees include every numbered avenue except Sixth, as well as Camino Real, Camino del Monte, Carmelo, Carpenter, Casanova, Crespi, Dolores, Flanders Way, Forest Road, Guadalupe, Junipero, Lincoln, Lobos, Lopez, Mission, Monte Verde, Monterey Street, Mountain View, Ocean, Perry Newberry Way, Pine Ridge Way, Ridgewood, San Antonio Avenue, San Carlos, Santa Fe, Santa Lucia, Santa Rita, Scenic, Torres, Valley Way and Vizcaino. She did not provide specific locations.

City forester Justin Ono provided a little information about the project last month but said he needed to learn more. “The city reviews and approves this work within the public right of way to ensure it is performed safely, coordinated with city standards and mindful of our urban forest,” he said. “While PG&E has authority under state regulations to maintain required clearances, we work collaboratively with them to minimize impacts wherever feasible.”

He said the company’s crews will be responsible for “removing smaller debris and restoring work areas upon completion.”

“I am trying to get someone to walk through each circuit with me to describe what’s happening,” he said Thursday.

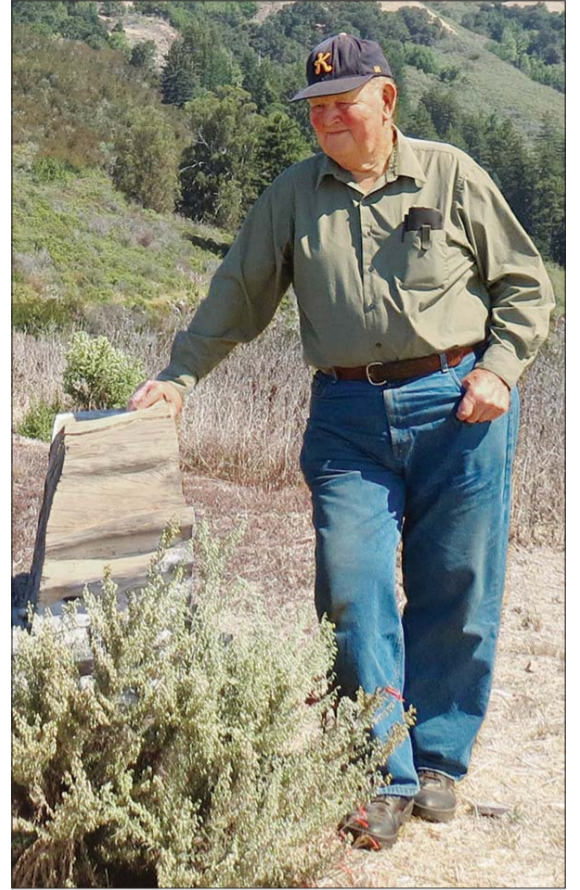
STANLEY VERNON HARLAN

Nov. 11, 1927 ❖ Feb. 25, 2026

Stanley Vernon Harlan, a member of Big Sur pioneering Harlan and Dani families, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at his home in Monterey, California, on Feb. 25 at the age of 98. With the grit of that pioneering spirit, he lived life on his own terms and dedicated much of his energy over the past 40 years to documenting the history and lore of Big Sur’s south coast.

The youngest of three brothers, Stanley was born to George Harlan and Mary Esther (Essie) Smith in San Jose, California. Stanley was fond of recounting his first trip home to the family’s cattle ranch at Lopez Point in Big Sur at the age of one week. Given he was born nearly a decade before the opening of Highway 1, this trip involved a train ride from San Jose to King City, a buckboard wagon ride from King City to a cave in the eastern foothills of the Santa Lucia Mountains where the family camped overnight before he was swaddled in a repurposed kerosene can to make the final leg of the journey crossing the Santa Lucia Mountains by mule.

The three brothers, Eugene (Gene), Donald and Stanley, were exposed to a unique childhood on the south coast where they experienced everything from the construction of Highway 1 as heavy steam-powered equipment moved through their front yard to attending a one-room schoolhouse with their mother as their teacher. Prone to mischief, Stanley made lifelong friends who recalled assorted incidents involving lizards, gopher snakes and the schoolhouse outhouse which often resulted in Stanley being sent out to select his own switch as a punishment.



Life on a cattle ranch was not without hard work – with the rugged Big Sur terrain making the work harder. Stanley grew up without the convenience of a hardware store or Amazon a click away so he learned to always save bits and pieces in case they were needed later. You could always go to him for a spare part – even if it took awhile, he could usually come up with the missing piece or fabricate a replacement.

For high school, Stanley followed as his brothers had done and lived “in town” with his maternal grandmother, Lucy Smith, and aunts, Ada and Marian Smith. Stanley attended Pacific Grove High School and graduated with the class of 1946. Between classes and as a member of the football team, Stanley formed friendships and experiences that would influence the rest of his life. His friendship with Bob Richerts was particularly important to him.

Stanley served in the Army during the United States occupation of Germany following World War II. While in Germany, he met Irene Marus, a native of Poland who had been relocated by the German government to work in a school for the blind. After receiving the requisite written permission from his parents, Stanley and Irene were married in Germany in 1948, before returning to California at the conclusion of his military service. As newlyweds, they first lived at Rose Cottage (on the property that is the present day New Camaldoli Hermitage) and Stanley tried his hand at lumber jacking. Much of the timber that went into Big Sur’s developing tourist industry was felled by Stanley, including local redwood used to construct Nepenthe Restaurant.

In pursuit of a career that would be less prone to accidents, Stanley took advantage of his GI Bill benefits to attend the University of California, Santa Barbara. While in Santa Barbara, Stanley and Irene grew their family with the birth of their daughter, Carmen Mary Harlan. Following in the footsteps of his high school teacher, football coach and close friend, Ralph (Pappy) Johnson, Stanley studied industrial arts and earned both a bachelor’s degree and teaching credential while at UCSB. From Santa Barbara, the family relocated to Watsonville where Stanley started his career with the Industrial Arts Department at Watsonville High School. In addition to becoming a well-respected educator, Stanley also served as the department chair prior to his retirement in 1984. Over the years, a number of his students went on to own successful businesses in the community – although most of those students are now enjoying retirement as well!

In 1968, Stanley and Irene purchased a vacant lot in Monterey and shortly thereafter started construction of a new home. With the exception of a few things like pouring the concrete foundation and tile work, Stanley completed most of the work on the home himself on weekends and over summer breaks from teaching. As a consequence, the house is filled with many of Stanley’s engineering marvels and assorted recycled materials including redwood beams that were once part of the original timber bridge on Highway 1 at Big Creek before it was replaced by the current concrete version. Much of the furniture and turned wood bowls found inside were also made by Stanley.

Following his father’s death in 1985, Stanley realized how much family and local history was also lost. With Irene’s support, they began work on comprehensive family genealogy projects researching Stanley’s maternal and paternal family lines in California as well as Irene’s family lines in Poland. Done long before Ancestry.com, this work entailed countless trips to dusty, disorganized records offices and countless correspondence to compile what would eventually become three family genealogy books.

Once the family genealogies were recorded, Stanley went on to record information about the Big Sur coast that his family had called home for more than a century. In more recent years, he was proud of several publications, including, “Redwood School: A History and Fond Memories; My Mom and Dad on the South Coast of Big Sur” and “Stories from My Childhood in Big Sur.” As a result of his publications, he also remained active with various speaking engagements through organizations like the Big Sur Historical Society and Carmel Valley Manor.

Stanley was predeceased by his parents, George and Esther Harlan; his brothers, Eugene and Donald; and his wife of 67 years, Irene. He is survived by his daughter, Carmen Harlan-Wood; his grandsons, David Wood (Fritzi) and Adam Wood (Julie Ross); his great-grandchildren, Connor Wood and Allegra Wood; his niece, Beverly Grillo; his nephew, Michael (Sue) Harlan; as well as extended family across the United States and Poland.

Stanley will be interred at El Carmelo Cemetery in Pacific Grove, California. At his request, no services will be held. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Big Sur Historical Society in Stanley’s memory.

CANNABIS

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marijuana in 2018, the California Department of Cannabis Control has enforced state regulations, which allow local governments to decide how many retail licenses to award and how to select permit holders. Monterey, for example, created a selection committee to award four retail permits in 2024, including one to Off The Charts. Pacific Grove instead opted for a pass/fail review of applications, followed by a lottery to award the single permit.

“The city promoted the lottery as a fair and transparent method for selecting a single cannabis operator, yet allowed one company to stack the lottery so heavily that it holds an 80% probability of winning,” Enea told The Pine Cone in early March. “Why is the city bending over backward to allow this?”

P.G.’s cannabis licensing ordinance was last amended in June 2025, setting procedures and guidelines for the application process. In July, officials set nonrefundable fees of \$9,272 per submission, not including background checks and zoning verification. Applicants had to propose a retail location within a permitted commercial “green zone,” at least 1,000 feet from schools and childcare centers.

‘Preserve the integrity of the process’

Between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15, 2025 retailers submitted forms to the city. On Jan. 5, officials announced that all 10 applications received would advance to the lottery. City manager Matt Mogensen confirmed that all 10 were found compliant with municipal code and state law, according to staff and a consultant that the city last year paid \$50,000 to assist with the permitting process.

City records show that one application was filed by Off The Charts founder and CEO Norman Yousif, another by his wife and co-founder, Darline Yousif. Six more came from their chief development officer, operations officer, real estate broker, attorney, and the Yousifs’ sons, both regional managers with the company.

The two other companies vying for P.G.’s cannabis business are Nug, which operates 17 locations throughout the state, and Embarc, a Sacramento-based dispensary.

In January, a public records request filed by Enea and his attorney confirmed what they had alleged since

the close of the application window. Off The Charts had filed multiple applications — “in all material respects, the same application submitted eight times, with identical formatting, plan structure, and order of presentation,” a formal appeal filed Jan. 9 argued. The applications also contain identical notary and intent-to-lease letters, and all proposed 1157 Forest Ave. (across the street from Trader Joe’s) as their prospective location. Enea and his attorney requested that the city pause the lottery and conduct a second review of applications “to preserve the integrity of the process.”

In response, Mogensen said the city’s regulations “do not prohibit any individual or entity from being affiliated with multiple applications.”

State agency has questions

But Enea’s attorney, in a March 3 letter to council members, pointed out that the city’s own ordinance defines an “owner” as “an individual who will be participating in the direction, control, or management of the person applying for the license.” The letter noted that all eight applicants disclosed “long-term and current employment” with Off The Charts, and four were immediate family.

“What I’m hearing from people is the process doesn’t seem fair. So I see it as being prudent to take an extra couple of weeks to protect us from challenges later,” council member Lori McDonnell said at the March 18 meeting.

City attorney Alex Lorca countered that he and other officials had consulted with the Department of Cannabis Control only days before. Emails later obtained by The Pine Cone showed the department’s general counsel was inquiring into P.G.’s permitting process based on local news coverage of the controversy.

“The nature of the call was inquiry into the lottery system. Once we explained what happened, the Zoom meeting we had scheduled for an hour lasted about 10 minutes, and that was that. They did not have a concern,” Lorca informed council members, though few seemed convinced.

Only Tina Rau and Cynthia Garfield voted against the proposal to pause the lottery and subject all 10 applications to further scrutiny.

“The only thing I’ve heard from the community on the cannabis piece is the frustration of why this takes so long. They’ve been waiting for years for this,” Rau began.

“I’m thinking about the fiscal issues, the refunds of application money, and more delays. I’ll be voting no,”

she said.

Following the vote, Enea commended the council for acting in favor of “a fair, transparent, and legally sound process.” And despite six years of delays and controversy, he insisted, the city stands to gain from the marijuana business — once it finally opens.

“In March, Monterey city staff reported that two operating dispensaries are generating about \$20,000 per month in cannabis tax revenue,” Enea said. “A meaningful portion of that revenue is likely coming from Pacific Grove residents currently shopping in Monterey.”

HACIENDA

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appeared on Wednesday.

“Hacienda Hay and Feed intends to work in good faith with the county to promptly move forward. We are working on details regarding our market, as we have always obtained and been in good standing with our health permit,” the post said.

“We have been blown away by all the comments of love and community support,” Estep added.

Historic uses

The violations alleged in the letter include a smattering of unpermitted development and land uses, such as new “accessory” structures in front of and behind the main building, the placement of several shipping containers connected to utilities, hosting events and “paid experiences,” as well as operating Radici Market, the coffee shop and mini-grocery inside the venue.

It also lists several “expired or incomplete” permits.

Communications between Estep — whose company, Good Roots Events, also runs the downtown Carmel farmers market — and the county housing department date to 2022, a year after he bought Hacienda and was denied a special event permit.

At the time, Estep told the county, “We believe the uses we propose simply reflect the past uses at the Hacienda property. We seek to revitalize the seasonal events and weekly farmers markets to start. Events of this type have been happening on the property for over 50 years.”

Hacienda is a nostalgic site for many. The mid-valley landmark was opened in the 1940s by the Wolter family,

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Laurel Katherine Johnson

On a warm spring day, while the sun beckoned wildflowers to bloom, Laurel Katherine Johnson quietly went to be with the Lord on March 10, 2026, joining her beloved mother, Doloris Johnson, and her beloved son, Chet Miller, in the afterlife.

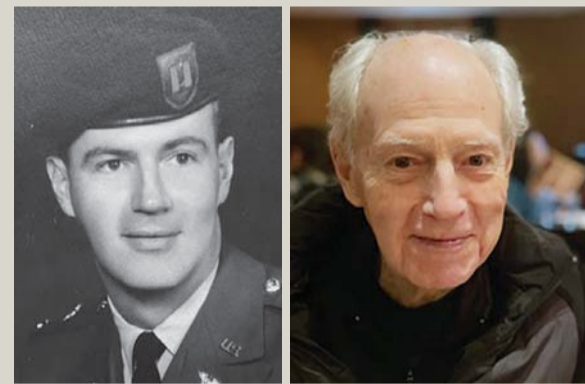
A deep Carmel Valley local, Laurel was born in Oakland, California, on Nov. 4, 1950. In 1957, Laurel’s family moved to the Monterey Peninsula, settling in Pacific Grove for a short while. There, Laurel attended Pacific Grove schools before graduating from California State University, Chico. She was a wonderful soul and social butterfly who strove to be positive through many trials and tribulations. She made lasting friendships, so close to her heart that those who knew her were lucky to know and love her. Settling in Carmel Valley more than 50 years ago, she thoroughly enjoyed great times by the river, at Rosie’s and at the Running Iron.

A keeper of friendships, she also worked as a paralegal, helping many through life’s trials and tribulations with true empathy. A lightweight of spirit, her soul and her heart were intertwined in the life of her son, Chet, who preceded her in death, integrating the loss into her identity. Laurel spoke often of her pride in Chet for overcoming many barriers and achieving sobriety in the years before his sudden departure. Laurel acknowledged her son’s determined progress to live life sanely and responsibly, with commitment to abstain from any vices.

Laurel, which also symbolizes glory and knowledge, loved all of her animals all her life, loved all her friends who stayed a part of her life, and loved very much her best friend, ride-or-die partner in crime and lifelong soulmate, Rudy Rosales, who will especially and tremendously miss her.

Laurel took God’s hand, which was also holding Chet’s hand, and left the earth, leaving behind her soulmate, Rudy; her cats, Maverick and Goose; and Chet’s cattle dog, Dixie, who was a great comfort for Laurel in the aftermath of Chet’s death, and who will now be Rudy’s comfort. Laurel will be greatly missed.

So, when in walks the quiet of the evening, Laurel will be with us, in spirit. Upon daybreak, the blessings will flow, all in the name of love.



ALFRED M. ALLEN

Alfred M. Allen died on April 15, 2026, at home in Monterey at age 88. Showing his characteristic wit, much of the obituary that follows was written by him more than 10 years ago.

“Al was born and raised near Cincinnati, Ohio, but was a Californian in his adult years. He was a medical doctor, specialist in preventive medicine and public health, medical researcher, public health administrator, career Army officer. After retirement, he became a stone sculptor and partial expatriate who spent six months a year in his stone cottage in southwest France.

It should also be noted that Al was a U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Beret) officer and therefore a parachutist. Although terrified of heights, he survived 12 jumps from airplanes and helicopters.

Some things Al didn’t do at the time of his death: pass away, get welcomed into heaven, join the angels, lose a long and valiant battle against cancer, or succumb to a massive heart attack. He simply died. In keeping with his belief that charity begins at home, donors to his memory are requested to use the proceeds to enjoy a fine meal and an even finer bottle of wine.”

He is survived by his wife, Florence Whitmire Allen; his brothers, Tony and Jack Dryak; his sisters, Jeannie Yager and Marsha Allen; six nieces and nephews and his daughters, Jewelie Hoxworth and Louise Aronson; and his son, Frank Santana. The family wishes to thank the VNA/Hospice and the Lavender Lane Home Care for their exceptional services.

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who sold what produce they grew on the property and organized a pumpkin patch in the fall.

Another family had owned the hay and feed for 20 years by the time Estep took over the business in 2021 — though it had been closed two years before that, to the disappointment of all who braved the hairpin turn off Car-



PHOTO/HACIENDA

For years, the old hay barn at Hacienda has served as an outdoor venue and dance floor — for unpermitted events, the county says.

mel Valley Road to buy newly hatched chicks or attend beloved seasonal gatherings.

“The county is on record as acknowledging those historic uses,” Spencer said, but “the property doesn’t have permits as an event space. It is a hay and feed store which offered some seasonal activities over decades which have been grandfathered into the property’s use.”

After the event permit was denied, Estep began working with the county to expand the scope of permitted land

use and development, but never completed that process, according to Spencer.

‘Not financially viable’

“The property owners are aware of what permits are needed. Unfortunately, structures and uses of the property have expanded,” Spencer said.

Estep feels “the county may be understating the historical uses of the site while overstating the current uses and structures in place,” and has reached out to the Carmel Valley Historical Society and Carmel Valley Association to help make his case.

“Additionally, the county’s recommendation to pursue

a general development plan, an effort that would require significant time and cost, is not financially viable for Hacienda Hay & Feed,” he told The Pine Cone.

Nonetheless, shipping containers have already been removed from the property and, based on productive conversations with the housing and community development department, Estep said he’s confident they will devise a plan within the week.

So far, the county has billed Estep for administrative costs of \$720. If the full suite of corrections outlined in the citation aren’t addressed by May 14, fines starting at \$100 per violation per day will kick in, rising to \$1,000 per day by May 17.

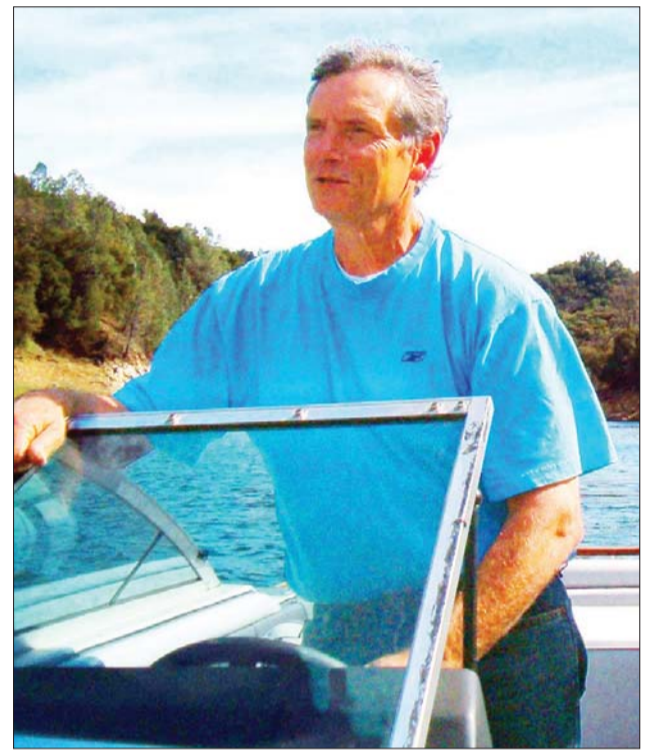
JOHN RICHARD WOOD

Nov. 12, 1945 – Feb. 15, 2026

John passed away peacefully on Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026, following complications related to pancreatic cancer which he had been diagnosed with a year earlier. A quiet man, John had what one close friend described as a “parched” sense of humor — if you were listening carefully, you soon realized that his words were artfully chosen. His keen sense of humor and thoughtful approach to life are already missed by his friends and family.

Born Thomas (Marquis)Kovach in Washington, D.C., John was adopted by Lois Campbell and Carlton Wood as an infant. He adored his parents and lived a fascinating childhood abroad. His father’s work as a development economist with the U.S. State Department and later the Ford Foundation took the family to places like India, Pakistan and Peru. A true citizen of the world, John embraced different cultures and cuisines while developing lifelong friendships along the way.

The embodiment of a Renaissance man, John was a lifelong learner. His formal education focused on cultural anthropology beginning with an undergraduate degree as a member of the inaugural class at UC Santa Cruz. He started his graduate education at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, after purchasing a Honda 250 motorcycle to travel across the three states and western Canada to get there. Once there he realized a Honda 250 might not be the most sensible pairing for the muddy, dirt roads and extreme climate of Alaska so he traded the bike and many fond memories for a used Ford pickup. Before finishing his master’s, he was drafted for service with the U.S. Army as a lab technician in Thailand during the Vietnam War. With the disruption in his graduate studies, he ultimately returned to Pacific Grove to complete his master’s at the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS). It was also here in Pacific Grove that he met Carmen Harlan — wooing her with glorious Chinese and Indian cuisine.



On a whim (and with his mother’s delight) Carmen joined John for a cross-country road trip to North Carolina in his new Ford pickup. There was less mud and snow than his trip to Alaska but they did encounter their fair share of mosquitoes along the way — explaining why the campground at an otherwise picturesque lake was completely empty! Carmen returned to California while John completed his doctorate at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Although John may have completed his formal education at UNC, he continued to pursue lifelong interests in the arts, fine woodworking and music.

After receiving his Ph.D. in 1981, John returned to California and Carmen. They married and two sons followed, David and Adam. Holding David after his birth, he uttered that he now had a true family — someone who carried his true DNA.



On the Monterey Peninsula, John’s professional career included graduate teaching and research engagements at MIIS and the Naval Postgraduate School. With his paintbrush he explored watercolors and oil paints on canvas before branching out to hand-painted ceramic tiles. As a result of his interest in ceramic tile murals, he also attained his general contractor’s license allowing him to install the tile murals once they were kiln-fired. In addition to painting, he also enjoyed fine woodworking and metal work — often melding his crafts together to form pieces like his wood and tile-top tables or a carved wooden horse for one of

Carmen’s hand-made teddy bears. It didn’t hurt that his father-in-law, Stan Harlan, was a retired industrial arts educator and always happy to share some guidance or ideas when John was tackling a new project. John, in turn, mentored Adam and evidence of their work together is scattered across the Monterey Peninsula in numerous home renovation and restoration projects.

John loved all forms of music and played the recorder, flute and guitar. For him, of course, it was not enough to just play guitar — later in life he decided that he wanted to make his own guitar. Under the tutelage of his good friend and master artisan, David Anderson, he learned to build guitars and ukuleles while developing a deep appreciation for how materials, finishes and minute details all influence the tone of an instrument. His latest project, a tenor ukulele intended for Carmen, is waiting unfinished in the basement. Also unfinished is his desire to learn to sing. A testament to his widespread interests and love of learning, John often mused what he would “grow up to be.”

John was predeceased by his parents, Lois and Carlton Wood; and his older brother, James. He is survived by his wife, Carmen Harlan-Wood; his sons, David Wood (Fritzi) and Adam Wood (Julie Ross); his grandchildren, Connor Wood and Allegra Wood; his sister-in-law, Marie-Paule Wood and his nieces, Paula Franzman (Kevin) and Rita Villasenor (Alfonso).

John will be interred at El Carmelo Cemetery in Pacific Grove, California.

At his request, no services will be held. In lieu of flowers, please consider setting aside some time to explore a new passion in memory of John.



WARREN HABER

Warren Haber, age 77, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Carmel Valley on April 9, 2026.

Warren was born in Carmel and spent most of his life in Carmel Valley. He attended Tularcitos School, graduated from Carmel High School in 1967 and from Foothill College in 1969.

He loved the valley and was cherished by many dear friends. Warren was personable and charming, with a gift for making friends wherever he went — even with total strangers. He loved fishing, swimming in the rivers, hiking the trails and mountain biking. A lifelong fitness enthusiast and passionate runner, he completed the Big Sur Marathon numerous times and was always ready for a new adventure. He will be deeply missed by many, including his beloved dog, Kya.

Warren is survived by his brother, John Splittorf; his sisters, Anne Haber Isaacson and Marilyn Haber; his nieces and nephew, Darsie, Marilyn, Alyssa, Heidi and Cari; and his great-nieces and great-nephews, Griffin, Carver, Mina, Ben, Jasper, Silas, Johnny, Hannah and Brooke. He was a fun and loving uncle to them all.

A celebration of life for Warren will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Carmel Valley Community Center, 25 Ford Road in Carmel Valley. It will be a potluck so please bring something to share.

For more information, please contact Anne Haber Isaacson at aissacson@charter.net

Donations can be made the local SPCA.

GAVEL

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The case was investigated by Salinas police Officer Jose Fletes Jr. and Officers Kor, Diaz, Tuiolosega and Nolte.

April 2 — The Monterey County District Attorney warns the public that scammers are posing as bank and government officials to defraud consumers.

Recently, a Monterey County resident was contacted through phone and text messages by scammers posing as bank officials and claiming the consumer's account had been compromised. The scammers then provided the name of a district attorney investigator to legitimize their story. The scammer told the consumer that they must transfer their savings to a new account and provided a fraudulent account. The caller identification was spoofed to make it appear the call was coming from a bank, even though it was not.

Consumers must be vigilant and take steps to confirm that anyone contacting them is who they purport to be. Fraudsters

are becoming increasingly sophisticated and can impersonate actual individuals based on information readily available online. If you are contacted by someone claiming to represent a business or agency, take steps to independently verify their identity.

Ask for their name and affiliation, then look up the entity's public number online or in the phone book and call directly. Scammers may use legitimate information, such as a name or badge number, to confuse you, so it is important to independently confirm a call's legitimacy. It is not enough to do a quick internet search. Instead, hang up and call the entity directly. Official government agencies should not stop you from hanging up and calling back. Banks, government employees, utilities or any other legitimate caller will not direct you to transfer money or purchase gift cards or cryptocurrency to resolve a warrant, bill or collections issue over the phone.

Anyone who has been the victim of a scam should file a complaint with their local police agency. Additionally, you can alert the district attorney's office to scams by completing the consumer complaint form on the Monterey County District Attorney's website.

Laguna, SPCA team up for fundraiser

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

TO KICK off the 2026 race season — which starts with the IMSA Monterey SportsCar Championship May 1-3 — WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca is hosting “a signature fusion of style, sport and community” at Estéban restaurant in the Casa Munras hotel April 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. WAGS on the Runway is being billed as “a one-of-a-kind fashion show and luncheon” featuring the series' drivers, along with their wives and girlfriends, who will model in support of SPCA Monterey County.

Guests will enjoy a three-course lunch, and rescue dogs will accompany the day's stars on the runway. Tickets are \$75 plus eventbrite.com fees, and 20 percent of the proceeds will benefit the SPCA. The restaurant is located in the hotel at 700 Munras Ave.

Bill n' Edy Loorz

George William “Bill” Loorz was born June 30, 1928, to Grace Catherine (Sullivan) and George Carl Loorz at home in Berkeley. He died Aug. 3, 2025, at age 97, alongside his bride of 75 years, Edy, who also passed shortly thereafter at age 94. It was a true blessing that their separation was punctuated by days after so many successful years together.

They were married Jan. 28, 1950, in Alameda and spent the last seven years comfortably ensconced in a residential facility overlooking the Alameda/Oakland Estuary. They enjoyed great adventures and a successful life together, raising their three children (Chris, Tom and Scott) in Fremont (Centerfield), with subsequent homes in Brentwood (West Los Angeles), Dallas, Texas, Durango, Colorado, and Danville, before returning to Alameda, where they first met and began their journey.



Bill's early life during the Depression and Dust Bowl years took a different turn when his father, George Carl, was hired as superintendent of construction for Julia Morgan at Hearst Castle in San Simeon in 1933. His father had worked with Morgan — the first licensed female architect in California — in the Berkeley and Oakland hills during the 1920s, and she recommended him to William Randolph Hearst for the job when the Depression finally caught up with Hearst's publishing empire.

The family has shared many stories from those days, along with a vast collection (more than 3,300 items) of correspondence, letters, and telegrams between his father, Hearst and Morgan. These were donated to the San Luis Obispo County Historical Society and served as background for two published (now out-of-print) books by Taylor Coffman: “The Builders Behind the Castles” and “Building for Hearst and Morgan: Voices from the George Loorz Papers.” The books offer a unique perspective on that era, with Bill spending his K-5 years in the famed one-room schoolhouse on the ranch.

With brothers Don and Bob, the family moved to Pacific Grove in 1938, near the zenith of the sardine industry. They settled at 205 Pine Ave., just three blocks from Cannery Row, where his father managed the Monterey branch of the S.C. Stolte Construction Co., and where Bill would eventually become president until 1978. Bill graduated from eighth grade in 1942 at Pacific Grove Elementary School and would parachute into occupied Japan a mere five years later. The family moved to Alameda in 1943, next door to Arthur C. Oppenheimer, then owner of Rancho San Carlos Ranch in Carmel. Bill worked for the construction company before joining the Army in 1946. Projects in the Monterey area included construction of the building now home to the Mercedes-Benz dealership on Fremont Street in Monterey, the residence at 1450 Manor Road, small jobs for John Steinbeck at his cottages on Eardley Avenue in Pacific Grove, and the Park Lane retirement residence complex. The alley now behind the Trader Joe's site in Monterey, Carl's Alley, was named in honor of his father, George Carl, as well as local contractor Carl Daniels.

He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1953 with a bachelor's degree in engineering and rowed stroke seat for Cal's varsity 8 rowing teams in 1951 and 1952, enjoying national and international success and never losing a race on their home estuary.

Bill became president of Stolte Inc. in 1971. Notable projects included part ownership of the Oakland Raiders, construction of the first hotel on San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf (the Villa Roma) and the nearby Holiday Inn, development and construction of the Ontario Motor Speedway, the GE Building and Lawrence Welk Plaza in Santa Monica, the Las Vegas Hilton (International Hotel), Bear Valley Lodge, Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton, the Ritz-Carlton in Laguna Niguel, the Crowne Plaza in New Orleans.

International projects included Nike anti-aircraft missile facilities in Korea, the Singapore Convention Center, Chosun Beach Hotel in Pusan, Korea, the Jakarta Convention Hall in Indonesia, the U.S. Post Office in Honolulu and the Al Hada Hospital in Taif, Saudi Arabia.

Given the ups and downs of the construction business, the company's model changed in 1977, when Stolte Inc. partnered with National Medical Enterprises (NME). Bill served as senior vice president overseeing construction and design, accumulating more than 100 hospitals and medical facilities nationally and internationally over the next 14 years, continuing in a similar position when NME was absorbed by Tenet Healthcare Corp. He retired in 2005 in Durango, Colorado. He was the consummate developer, builder, business executive, student, father and husband.

Edith “Edy” Dyrell Copeland was born Sept. 22, 1931, in Oakland to Ernest Winslow and Meta Beryl (Stoute) Copeland and died Oct. 31, 2025. Her love for animals began early in their marriage with duties at both the San Francisco and Los Angeles zoos, where she became a lecturer and later served on the board of trustees. Her dedication to animals inspired four safari trips to South Africa and Botswana, which the couple cherished.

It was a joy and honor to witness the enduring love and affection they had for each other, a bond still felt today. Though they never lived on the Monterey Peninsula, their many visits, family history, and love for the area led to their decision to be interred together in the City of Monterey Cemetery.

No services are planned. Messages or blessings may be sent to billnedylloorz@gmail.com.

God bless.

STANA JAKOMIN OVEN

NOV. 14, 1927 – APRIL 5, 2026
MONTEREY

Born in a small village near Ljubljana, the capital city of Slovenia, Stana was the third of four children born to Janez and Maria Jakomin. She aspired to be a schoolteacher, but World War II disrupted her dreams and propelled her, at age 17, to a displaced persons camp in Austria, where she met and, in 1949, married Louis Oven. They immigrated to the United States, eventually settling in Monterey in 1955, where Louis had secured a teaching position at the Defense Language Institute.

A woman of deep faith, humility and generosity, Stana inspired all with her remarkable resilience in the face of numerous challenges through nearly a century of life. She competently anchored the home front, and with Louis raised a family of nine children, imbuing in them the values of a good education, hard work, integrity, love of God, love of neighbor and love of song. Always active in her parish at St. Angela Merici, she sang in the choir for many decades and was part of the Mothers' Guild and the Altar Society.

Preceded in death by her husband, Louis (1991), Stana is survived by her sons and daughters, Mark, Maria (William), Katherine, Anna, O.P., Andrew (Martha), Helen (Jeff), Teresa, Veronika (Phil) and Kristina, as well as 19 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Visitation and rosary are set for 5 to 7 p.m. April 29 at Bayside Community Mortuary, 1610 Noche Buena St. in Seaside. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. April 30 at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church, 362 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove. Burial services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Stana's memory to the Carmelite Monastery, 27601 CA-1, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93923.

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Speed limit lowered in Big Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

CONTINUING ITS push to slow traffic along Highway 1 in Big Sur to increase safety, Caltrans announced this week that it has reduced the speed limit along about 5 miles of the scenic route.

The latest section to have its speed limit lowered runs from just south of Old Coast Road to just north of Garrapata Creek Bridge — one of the busiest stretches of pavement down the coast. Along that section, the speed limit will be reduced from 55 mph to 45 mph. The signs were just updated, and motorists are expected to comply or face citations.

‘Prioritizing safety’

According to Caltrans, the speed was lowered “to encourage the safe and orderly flow of traffic.” The action “demonstrates a department-wide commitment to prioritizing safety and achieving zero fatalities and serious injuries.”

“Establishing safe and appropriate speed limits is a key component of this

approach,” the agency said.

Caltrans recommended the change after conducting an engineering and traffic survey which “evaluated the existing speed limits, collision history and roadway conditions that drivers may not always notice,” including the presence of pedestrians and cyclists sharing the road, the configuration of horizontal curves, direct driveway access, vehicles parked in pull-outs and pedestrian crossings.”

The California Highway Patrol backed Caltrans’ stance.

“By implementing the recommended lower speed limits, we can effectively promote the orderly movement of traffic while creating a safer environment for all users of Highway 1,” CHP Capt. Erica Elias said. “Slower speeds will afford motorists greater reaction time in navigating the roadway, reducing the likelihood of collisions and enhancing overall road safety.”

The action comes two years after Caltrans lowered the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph along 44.5-miles of Highway 1 in Big Sur.

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emergency happens.”

Vollmer also wrote about her visit to Altadena and advice Halberstadt offered:

“Know your neighbors. ‘You don’t have to like them, but in a disaster, you may need to depend on them,’” she summarized. People should know how to care for themselves and others, and they should be prepared.

“Do it or die. Have a go-bag. Have your papers ready. And don’t forget your cars — many people left theirs behind,” Vollmer quoted her. “Situational awareness is critical. Know your escape routes.”

Along with their compelling stories, the April 25 Carmel Prepares session will include officials from Monterey Fire Department talking about preparedness, city councilman Hans Buder providing an update on his newly formed Firewise Community initiative, and Police Chief Todd Trayer discussing the citywide evacuation drill planned for May 30.

“Our goal with Carmel Prepares is always to make preparedness accessible, welcoming, and grounded in real experiences,” Vollmer said.

“This event is open to all communities across the Monterey Peninsula, and we’re offering a free breakfast and a raffle to encourage participation.”

Carpenter Hall is located in Sunset Center at Mission and Ninth.

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Pirates on winning streak as the end of lacrosse season approaches

‘FOLLOW THE Leader’ is an easy game on the Stevenson School girls lacrosse team. Follow almost any teammate, and she’s unlikely to steer you wrong.

Among the 19 Pirates listed on the 2026 roster are 11 players who were varsity-letter winners two years ago. Three of the team’s senior captains — Molly McAfee, Georgia Bonifas and Brogan Dolata — are four-year starters, and the fourth captain, Sydney Holland, is a third-year starter.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

“For sure, this is the most depth we’ve had since I’ve been here,” said Jerry Gilbert, who took over as Stevenson’s head coach in 2023 and guided the Pirates to back-to-back 10-0 seasons in the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s Gabilan Division in 2024 and 2025.

Their division winning streak stands at 25 straight as the Pirates enter the stretch run of the current season with a 5-0 division record, 9-2 overall. (Stevenson hosted winless Santa Catalina on Thursday.)

Carmel also is positioned for a postseason bid with a 7-1 division record going into its Gabilan finale at Monterey

on April 27.

Santa Catalina’s young team was 0-7 going into its season finale, which the Cougars were scheduled to play Thursday at Stevenson.

The big-game experience accrued over the past four years by Stevenson’s veteran squad is one reason the Pirates feel optimistic about escaping the first round of the playoffs for the first time since the 2022 team made it to the semifinals of the first CCS-sanctioned tournament.

But that’s still a tall task for any PCAL team in a section dominated by San Jose-area teams.

“We’ve only played three games against really high-end San Francisco Bay area teams,” said Gilbert, whose team was missing multiple starters for its Feb. 28 season opener, a 14-10 loss to Burlingame. They were also short-handed a month later for a 15-4 loss to traditional powerhouse Menlo — the school that ended Stevenson’s 2025 season 23-7 in last year’s CCS quarterfinals.

Plenty of talent

But the Pirates haven’t lost since, reeling off eight straight victories, including wins over Carmel, St. Francis of Mountain View, and two against Los Gatos.

With just five regular-season games remaining, Gilbert sees his team moving toward its peak.

Stevenson’s attack line is led by senior captain Dolata, a fourth-year starter, whose 19 goals and nine assists rank second on the team.

But scoring balance comes from sophomore Sam Rianhard (17 goals) and juniors Tatum Le Towt (14) and Charlotte Schipper (11), both returning starters.

Sophomore Raina Patel and junior Scout Davenport-Grosse also have seen significant playing time up front.

“Brogan is one of those naturals — tremendous hands, a true nose for the goal, a pure scorer in every way,” Gilbert said.

“Sam transferred from a school in San Diego, so we didn’t get to see her play until April, but she’s very savvy and probably has the best overall stick skills on our team,” he said.

“Tatum has good dodging ability, especially behind the goal, which is a vulnerable place for the opposing team,” the coach added.

A talent-stacked midfield features co-captains Bonifas (20 goals, 24 groundballs, 43 draw controls — all team bests) and McAfee (22 groundballs, second on the team, 11 draw controls),



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Senior midfielder Georgia Bonifas, a four-year starter, has become Stevenson’s ‘most complete player,’ said coach Jerry Gilbert. She’ll play next year at Rhodes College in Memphis.

and lefty Holland (14 goals, 23 assists for a team-high 27 points, 16 groundballs) — all seniors.

“Sydney, our center midfielder, is probably our most dynamic and explosive athlete,” Gilbert said of Holland, who will play next season at Rhodes College in Memphis.

“Georgia has an incredible upside and is way faster than pretty much any opponent we’ve played, which is why she’s headed to Kent State, a Division I program,” he said of Bonifas.

“And Molly McAfee, who’s going to play at Oberlin College in Ohio, is a quintessential example of leadership,” the coach said. “She doesn’t worry about her own accolades or stats, but she’s really an all-around solid player.”

Le Towt and Rianhard also see action in the midfield.

The defense centers around junior Zola Ducker, a second-year starter, who, Gilbert said, “has matured into the best goalie in our area, by far.”

Ducker has 105 saves for the Pirates, stopping an astonishing 58 percent of shots on goal.

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PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Carmel junior attacker Anna Rasmussen, No. 23, attracts Stevenson defenders Ember Sanborn (15), Anna Bates (16), and Ella Bradford (4), during a March 30 clash between the two Gabilan Division rivals.



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“She’s also become instrumental in transitions and has basically emerged as the quarterback of our defense,” Gilbert said.

A young athletic defensive line includes junior Ember Sanborn (“a physical presence who’s locked in every day”), sophomores Carol Bufkin (“high energy, aggressive”), Gabi Tite (“tremendously athletic”) and Ella Bradford (“exceptional motor, a chaos-maker for our defense”) and freshmen Anna Bates (“showing a lot of poise and maturity”) and Crete Rosenau (“good athlete, learning the speed of varsity lacrosse”).

Padres eyeing postseason

A talented Carmel team, with a veteran core of eight seniors and six juniors, is likely playoff-bound.

The only blemishes on the Padres’ record are a 20-6 loss to traditional powerhouse Menlo on March 27 and an 18-12 setback against first-place Stevenson three days later.

They tied Live Oak 8-8 in a non-division game in mid-March.

With a 6-1 league record and just one division opponent left to play (3:30 p.m. Monday at Monterey), the Padres stand on firm ground as the PCAL’s No. 2 seed.

The only other PCAL team with one loss, Monte Vista Christian, lost 10-5 to Carmel on March 23 — a tiebreaker if those teams tie in the standings.

And Monte Vista Christian still has to face unbeaten Stevenson on May 4.

The Padres have strong leaders in captains Leah Sibley, Norah Strawser and Violet Frew, but the team’s top scorer, Lola Voss, is a junior.

Voss is Carmel’s tone-setter with 41 goals, along with three assists and a team-leading 36 draw controls in a midfield that also includes Sibley (12 goals, nine assists, 22 draw controls), juniors Kehlani Sagin and Siena Shillinger, and sophomore Alexis Ghio.

The attackers are led by junior Anna Rasmussen (13 goals, 20 assists) and Strawser (seven goals, two assists), with an ensemble that includes seniors Skylar Schlenker, Claire Profeta, Sidney Beverly and Lucia Valdez, juniors Naomi Foudy and Leana Collins, and junior Ruby Iranmanesh.

First-year goalkeeper Jena Silveira, a junior, has amassed 49 saves with support from senior defenders Grace

Zodiacal, Claire Bonyng and Frew, the captain, plus juniors Ella Grahl, Cammie Roxas and Naima Nascimento.

Strong seniors lead Cougars

Second-year Santa Catalina coach Mckenna Edwards applauds the example set by the only two seniors on her roster, midfielder Olivia Vasquez and defender Jojo Castro.

“It’s been great to have senior leadership on both sides of the field,” Edwards said.

“Olivia works hard all over the field,” Edwards said of Vasquez, who leads the Cougars with 12 goals and has forced opponents into 17 turnovers, a team best.

Linda Pacheco, a junior, is the team’s second-leading scorer with 10 goals, with standout performances against Aptos and Santa Cruz, scoring four times against each.

Freshmen Avery Mazzuca (team leader in draw controls) and Dahlia Borges — both starting midfielders — have made an impact, along with junior Evie Wright, who had a solid season in her first year as a lacrosse goalie. (Wright also plays goal on Santa Catalina’s field hockey team.)

Stevenson has a nonleague game in Concord on Tuesday against Carondelet and remaining PCAL games at Aptos on May 1 and at home against Monte Vista Christian on May 4 and Salinas on May 5.

Carmel’s season finale is Monday’s road game at Monterey.

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Santa Catalina coach Mckenna Edwards works on technique with senior standout Olivia Vasquez during a recent practice.

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Arguing about land is a cherished Peninsula tradition

SOME OLD-SCHOOL Monterey Peninsula residents distinguish themselves from “newcomers” by mentioning that they were born in Carmel Hospital, the forerunner of Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, placing their entry

When you look at it, though, that “luck” wasn’t just being in the right place at the right time, but knowing what needed to be done and working hard to accomplish it.

After law school, Heisinger returned home and hung out a shingle. Thanks in part to his local roots and name recognition, business started coming in. He said attorneys like Brian Finegan — “a wonderful guy” — and Peter Coniglio, who later became mayor of Monterey, referred clients to him, too. At first, he did “a lot of estate work,” setting up trusts and wills, but his passion lay elsewhere.

In 1980, Heisinger represented a group of residents along Scenic Road and San Antonio who were unhappy with a proposed building project at Scenic and Eighth. He said he was drawn to land use cases in part because he’d been around it through his father’s architectural work and the people his family knew in the building trades, and because he was interested in the rising prominence of environmental concerns.

Supreme Court

After working as a solo practitioner for a couple of years, Heisinger said he joined forces with Bob Buck and a couple of other attorneys. “Gerard Rose joined in the early 1990s, and they merged with Sidney Morris’ and the Millard firm in Carmel in 1996,” he said.

One of the highlights of his career came in 1987. At 35, he was co-counsel on a case that went to the U.S. Supreme Court. In *California Coastal Commission v. Granite Rock Company*, Heisinger was part of a team that defended Granite Rock’s mining facility at Pico Blanco. They argued that the commission had no jurisdiction over the mine, which the company said was outside the coastal zone on U.S. Forest Service property. Although he did not speak during the hearing, he said he remembers the late Justice Antonin Scalia — who had taught at Stanford and was familiar with this area — saying, “It’s not nice to mine limestone in Big Sur.” Heisinger’s side lost 5-4, but it was a memorable experience.

At the time, he told *The Pine Cone*, “It’s a pinnacle of any professional lawyer’s career to take a case to the Supreme Court,” but that peak is the tip of a rather large iceberg.

Opening Costco

He said the gig in growth-minded Sand City involved a great deal of collegiality and teamwork among city council members, Mayor David Pendergrass, director of

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PHOTO/COURTESY JIM HEISINGER

Attorney Jim Heisinger and Pamela, his wife of 47 years, enjoy sailing together. It’s a nice break after an impressive career.

into the town sometime before 1962.

Attorney James Heisinger Jr. lays claim to those local roots, and more.

His father graduated from Carmel High School in 1945 and became an architect, and his mother, Rosemary, was part of the Smith family of Westmere Ranch in Big Sur. His paternal grandmother, Pauline, was, by all accounts, a much-loved school-teacher and later a children’s librarian at Harrison Memorial Library.

As for young Jim Heisinger, he, like

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

his father, was student body president at Carmel High School. He also worked as a “printer’s devil” (assistant) for *The Pine Cone*, keeping the presses and everything else in the pressroom clean, assisting with various tasks and even operating the press used to print the newspaper, along with smaller presses used for detailed work like posters. In addition, he had a paper route.

‘Lucky’ guy

He said he loved living here and wanted to do “something productive.” His grandfather had been a carpenter, but that work was too hard on the body. Besides, his mother had other ideas.

“She wanted me to be a lawyer,” he said. So, after two years of undergraduate work at Monterey Peninsula College and a bachelor’s degree in political science from UC Santa Cruz in 1974, he earned his degree at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Ore., in 1979.

When he talked about his career, which included 30 years as city attorney for Sand City, he repeatedly said that he was “lucky.”

Don’t miss “Scenic Views” by Jerry Gervase — every week in the Real Estate Section.

A scavenger, maker, and preserver

MICHAEL RYAN sees things — things that aren’t there ... not yet.

That’s why he drew a few side-eye glances from fellow hikers a few years back while trudging around Lake Berryessa in the Vaca Mountains, lugging a gnarly piece of wood that weighed about as much as your average kindergartner.

“I carried it for more than a mile — maybe closer to 2 miles — and had to keep putting it down for a few minutes at a time so I could rest,” Ryan remembered with a laugh.

“I’m sure people were thinking, ‘What the hell?’ because it was big and bulky and

with reclaimed steel bridge beams — with wood and glass cubicles aglow with tiny blue lights.

■ A tiller wheel, found in a Salinas Valley field, converted by Ryan into a stunning — and very heavy — wall clock.

■ A large bookcase, fashioned from distressed redwood (once part of a fence), mounted on antique tiller wheels that match the clock.

■ Miniature, handcrafted, Victorian-style wooden “smoke houses,” 5 inches tall, with chimneys that release incense smoke.

■ A shapely piece of redwood, 4 feet high, tattooed with holes made by a woodpecker, made into a sultry lamp with luminescent bulbs — whatever color suits your mood — lighting the holes.

■ A long, thick, shiny, ultra-heavy coffee table

built from repurposed California (claro) walnut.

■ A sturdy children’s bunk bed worthy of a fairytale, built from dark-stained redwood, and a matching adult bed crafted from reclaimed deck boards.

Many of his pieces — like long, thick, shapely wooden door handles — are adorned with patterns that Ryan inflicts with a voltage device he built with found parts that include an old microwave motor and a welding pedal.

The contraption shoots 10,000 to 15,000 volts — “electrocution,” he ominously calls it — into the wood through hand-held leads wrapped with black electrical tape.

He cleans the residue of soot out of the patterns, which vary in width depending upon the hardness of the wood, then adds color by refilling the meandering valleys and corridors with pigment-laced resin.

Four Corners

Ryan grew up in Dolores, Colo., a town with fewer than 1,000 residents in the state’s southwest corner, about 45 miles from the historic Four Corners Monument — a place where visitors can touch the intersecting borders of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah.

“I left home when I was 17. I think I was a creative kid, but I didn’t really see a path there where I could create much of anything,” said Ryan, who spent a year in Las Vegas, then relocated to the Monterey Peninsula to pursue opportunities in construction.

His son, Jake, is an architecture student at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, and his daughter, Lucie, a business major, is on scholarship at Santa Clara University.

Ryan is in a long-term relationship with fine-art photographer Michelle Summers, who brought her sons, Waylen and Hutson, from Alabama to join him

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

probably weighed 45 or 50 pounds,” he said. “But the minute I saw it, I said, ‘I’m taking that. There’s a lamp in there.’”

So Ryan hauled it back to his truck and transported it to his Pacific Grove garage — a workshop overcrowded with a skill saw, chop saw, table saw, band saw, two jigsaws, a drill press and a lot of hand tools — where he crafted it into a rustic electric work of art that somebody bought for \$3,000.

Rusted, busted, bent

He pays his bills as an independent contractor but satisfies his creative instincts by repurposing old wood and found items — rusted, busted, bent stuff — into eye-popping décor and functional art. A side mirror that fell off an old Chevy truck is waiting to learn its destiny.

His two-bedroom Pine Avenue apartment is furnished almost entirely with things he made with his own hands and a hyperactive muse:

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PHOTO/COURTESY MICHAEL RYAN

Michael Ryan uses repurposed wood, antiques and found objects for the rustic, ornate creations he makes in his P. G. workshop.

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LIVES

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community development Kelly Morgan, and others. And it was right up his alley.

"Eighty percent of the work local governments do is associated with land use," he said.

Although it seems as if Costco and the accompanying Sand Dollar Shopping Center have been there forever, there was a time when that entire area was occupied by industrial concerns, including a sand-mining operation. As you might imagine, Heisinger and Sand City had to navigate the vicissitudes of the California Coastal Commission and deal with cleaning up after previous occupants, not to mention concerns about traffic and other issues raised by neighbors. The city weathered it all, and Costco opened in 1989. It was followed in the mid-1990s by the Edgewater Shopping Center, which became home to Target,

Lucky, and, at one time, a Borders bookstore and café. And Heisinger was part of that, too.

He also had a rather large hand in the opening of the Sand City desalination plant, which became operational in 2009-2010 and provides water to the city's residents and businesses.

Heisinger represented the Odello family in 1995-1997 after county breached their levee — without permission — during the March 1995 El Niño storms, flooding the property's famed artichoke fields.

The Big Sur Land Use plan has a few of his fingerprints on it, as does the luxury home and golf course community at Rancho San Carlos. And all that time, he and his firm helped hundreds of clients with cases that weren't headline fodder but nevertheless had the potential to change lives, fortunes and the local news business.

'Marvelous friend'

In 1997, he provided invaluable encouragement and advice to Pine Cone publisher Paul Miller when he acquired the newspaper, and he helped bail Miller out of trouble the next year when California Attorney General

Dan Lungren recommended he be prosecuted after a series of articles, "Voter Fraud, easy as 1, 2, 3," demonstrated that the state would let anyone register to vote without making any attempt to verify that they were eligible.

"Jim has always been not only a great lawyer but also a marvelous friend," Miller said.

Somehow, Heisinger has found time to volunteer with numerous local organizations, including the Carmel Red Cross, Carmel Valley Rotary, Carmel Heritage Society, the Forest Theater Foundation and Carmel Public Library Foundation. He was general counsel for the Doris Day Animal Foundation from 1989 until 2006. Monterey College of Law has counted him among its faculty.

For 47 years, he's been married to Pamela Heisinger, and he has two sons, Michael and Alex, and three grandchildren.

The Hatton Fields resident is still part of Walker & Reed, where his longtime clients include at least one who's more than 100 years old. Yet, Heisinger seems to be easing into retirement after a long and happy career.

"Having a small-town law firm was wonderful, and I've had wonderful partners."

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ARTIST

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in Pacific Grove.

"Michelle likes to find old, abandoned buildings — places from the 1700s and 1800s — and photograph them. That's her thing," said Ryan, who custom-builds the frames for her pieces.

"She's been a big part of my creative and personal growth," he said. "We go to antique stores regularly, and we find a lot of treasures through our clients."

Learning the trade

Construction experience inspired his foray into art, and a local friend, the late Chris Harrison, taught him the electrical side. While self-employment as a contractor is his occupation, Ryan consciously sets aside time to satisfy his artistic urges.

"I'd love to focus more on the artistic part of my life — design, then build — but I also have to make a living," he said.

His search for interesting wood and quirky items for his art is a relaxing diversion.

"I like to hike with a friend on his property in Palo Colorado. I visit salvage yards or antique shops ... I walk the beach ...

"I found some old metal piping on the beach, with barnacles all over it," said Ryan, who scraped off some of the barnacles but left others to preserve the charm of his find. "I incorporated that with part of a 1920s-era fan that I got from an antique shop and turned it into a cool lamp."

Ryan, like many artists, is still trying to solve the business side of the puzzle: how to market his work, how to effectively pitch his products to hotels, restaurants, shops and other businesses where his work might be a good fit, and, of course, how to generate word of mouth.

Ryan exhibits his work in Pacific Grove at 480 Light-house Ave. and Studio 171 at 171 Forest Ave. and in Carmel-by-the-Sea at Carmel Cutlery on Dolores between Sixth and Ocean. Multiple images of his work can be viewed at [instagram.com/michaelryan_designs](https://www.instagram.com/michaelryan_designs). To inquire about commissions or to see his art by appointment, email michaelryan393@yahoo.com.

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HANDCAR

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next assignments.

"Every car was taken apart and bearings replaced, brake and electric assist systems reworked, and wheels resurfaced," Clark told The Pine Cone last week. "We installed new features like water bottle holders and electric lighting for night touring. We are currently finishing up that project with the final four cars undergoing work."

The company, he said, is working with a railroad in the Pacific Northwest and is set to begin a new business this summer.

"It is a remote location with an assortment of wild animals including moose, bald eagles, and porcupines," he said. "At least those are the animals that we came upon during an inspection visit in the dead of winter. The location will not require the huge fleet of equipment we had built for our Marina location, so we have approximately half of our railcars up for sale."

The company operated 25 vehicles, each of which racked up more than 15,000 miles on the Monterey Branch Line.

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LETTERS

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Too expensive

Dear Editor,

If I'm reading page 8A of the April 20 edition correctly, in their 2024 Ridership Forecast Report, MST expects to save passengers an average of 12 minutes of commute time when taking the bus between Marina and Sand City in 2027, while doing nothing for drivers in cars. I just don't see how that justifies spending \$100 million.

Joe Snyder, Pacific Grove

Better use of money

Dear Editor,

The way that the MST leadership thinks, the \$100 million that their 5-mile-long Surf Busway project is costing taxpayers would be better spent as a contribution to Gov. Gavin Newsom's high-speed train to nowhere.

Vince Tuminello, Pacific Grove

'Near-empty buses'

Dear Editor,

I've been a witness to the death of the handcar ride here in Marina and the birth process of the road to Sand City for some time now, as I walk by it all the time, and I would like to suggest that the handcar ride carried more people per day than the bus to Sand City will anytime soon.

It was said the bus could go down the bus lane faster than cars on the freeway at rush hour. This is correct, but nearly all those cars are taking people to Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel, and points south. All Sand City has are stores, such as Costco, no medical facilities, no schools. If the new road ended in Monterey I believe there would be more riders. You could get off at the transit station and walk to banks, doctors' offices, etc.

I have pointed out the construction site to others and told them how much this project costs; and they shake their heads or laugh. Or both. Some wonder what could have been done for the community with all

that money.

After all this spending and all this work, those buses won't carry enough passengers to even cover the route's operating costs, much less the development costs. This money could have been better spent, or better yet not spent at all, reducing the burden on us taxpayers who will ultimately pay the price for those quiet, near-empty buses going back and forth between Sand City and Marina.

Michael Markovitch, Marina

Water storage does exist

Dear Editor,

Last week, The Pine Cone editorial bemoaned the lack of water storage to help us through bleak times in the future. However, there actually is water stored and it will likely grow in the years to come. As of April 20, the Cal Am service territory has access to 8,682 acre-feet of stored water. This is almost one full year of customer demand on the Peninsula. This derives from water stored by the aquifer storage and recovery program (5,215 AF), Pure Water Monterey reserves (2,553 AF), and stored water available from the Seaside Basin carried over from prior years (914 AF).

Current supplies exceed current demand, so as a result, stored water has not been needed for the last several years and is likely to increase in the years to come.

Even nature's own storage creates a drought resilient situation — The Carmel Valley alluvial aquifer, the storage available under the Carmel River has two unique characteristics: (i) It refills almost every year, irrespective of water year type, and (ii) on average the aquifer stores almost eight years of Cal Am's basic legal water right on the river established by Order 95-10.

As a result, the Peninsula is well positioned to weather some drought years, should they occur.

Dave Stoldt, General Manager, MPWMD

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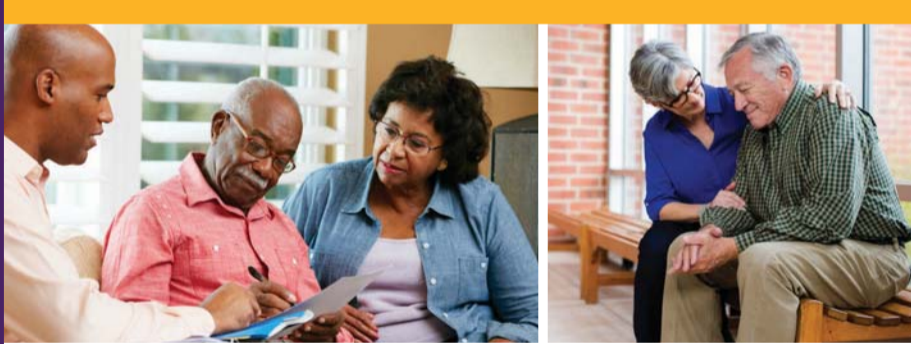
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SPENDING

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Revenue in the first nine months of the current fiscal year is coming in higher than projected, to the tune of an extra \$7.9 billion. But in years past, even massive increases have not been enough to cover escalating spending at the state Capitol. Ten years ago, the state budget was \$167 billion, less than half this year's figure. Over the same period, the state's population grew less than 2 percent.

Gavin Newsom has been resistant to raising taxes as he nears the end of his governorship, but his Democratic peers are not feeling the same pressure. Instead, lawmakers are pushing to "close tax loopholes" — Sacramento speak for raising taxes on businesses — as a way to bridge what's shaped up to be a \$23 billion funding gap.

A prime example is Marin County Assemblymember Damon Connolly's bill to eliminate California's "water's-edge" rule. If approved, the bill would sharply increase taxes on multinational corporations that do business in the Golden State.

During a February informational hearing on Connolly's bill, an attorney for the Council on State Taxation, Marily Wethekam, said the water's-edge rule "doesn't fall into the definition of a loophole by any stretch of the imagination."

Wethekam, whose organization represents taxpayers, went on to explain that the state's corporate tax system was designed to prevent double taxation on foreign business activity. She also gave lawmakers a lesson on what would happen if global income were taxed.

Big companies are complicated. Multinational corporations don't just have one U.S. company and one foreign company; they often have hundreds of subsidiaries around the world, and not all of them are profitable, which could result in a smaller share of the tax base for California.

In the Senate, lawmakers are advancing their own new tax on business with the Fair Share Contribution. The proposal would force California's top 1% to 2% of corporations to pay into a Medi-Cal fund to cover the cost of healthcare for employees they do not insure.

State Sen. John Laird, who chairs the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, was an architect of the plan. "We're taking a balanced approach to the state's long-term deficit by pairing targeted spending reductions with new revenue, including asking large corporations to help cover costs they've shifted onto taxpayers," he said.

According to Senate Democrats, 42% of Medi-Cal enrollees work full time but are not covered by a company health plan, often because their wages are low enough to qualify them for state-subsidized care.

Only companies with several hundred employees would be required to contribute to the fund, but it is expected to cost those businesses \$5 billion to \$8 billion. The colossal estimate has opponents concerned it will lead to higher consumer costs, fewer business expansions in the state and job losses.

Job growth sluggish

The employment market in California is lagging behind the rest of the nation. With the exception of the District of Columbia, the state has the highest unemployment rate in the nation, at 5.4%. A new study from the conservative Pacific Research Institute shows that the number of private-sector jobs in the state, outside of health care, is lower today than before the Covid recession.

According to the Public Policy Institute of California, 1.3 million people have left the state since 2020 in part because "job growth has fizzled out" and in part because of the sky-high cost of living.

California Taxpayers Association President Robert Gutierrez says taxes have a lot to do with the trends.

"Choosing the path of higher taxes means a higher cost of living, more migration of people to lower-cost states, and more long-term damage to the economy, while

choosing fiscal responsibility would pay huge dividends by making it possible for Californians to afford to stay in the state they love," Gutierrez said.

A statewide survey this year from the Public Policy Institute of California found that a majority of residents hold a similar view when it comes to state budget solutions, with 55% reporting they want lower taxes and fewer government services, while 44% want higher taxes and more services.

California's spending problem

Sacramento hasn't proved to be the best steward of revenues in recent years.

During his tenure, Newsom managed to turn a \$97.5 billion surplus into a major deficit. Since he took office in 2019, the state has taken in 60% more revenue, but over the same period it has spent 72% more — and not all of those dollars went to worthy or even legal causes. We're looking at you, unemployment insurance fraud.

In 2024, the U.S. Senate Finance Committee found that California lost at least \$32 billion in federal funds to unemployment insurance fraud during the Covid shutdown. The real amount could be even higher, but the State Controller reported it had "inadequate control over its financial reporting for federally funded unemployment insurance benefits, and is unable to provide complete and accurate information."

Around the same time billions went missing in unemployment insurance, the state spent \$24 billion on homelessness without adequately tracking the results, according to State Auditor Grant Parks. As a result, the crisis worsened, and California became home to 30% of the country's unhoused population.

Hospice fraud is another grotesque example. This month, the California Department of Health Care Services reported a "large-scale identity theft and hospice fraud scheme" targeting Medi-Cal dollars that has drained \$267 million from state coffers. Transnational criminal networks used stolen identities to enroll people in Medi-Cal and bill for hospice services that were never provided. The scheme involved 14 fraudulent providers, some of which used the same address, which you'd think would have raised red flags.

Newsom knows the optics on the budget aren't good, and that's not a great place to be when you're contemplating a run for president. His revision is due May 14, and whatever the governor and the Legislature decide between then and June 15, when the budget is finalized, will be crucial for Newsom, because he will have to run on it.



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STONEHOUSE

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The property has been in Reimers' family since the late 1930s, when it contained a small cottage, and in the mid-1970s, Dahlstrand was hired to design the expanded mixed-use complex, which remains largely unchanged. Its defining characteristics include a low-pitched hipped roof with wide overhanging boxed eaves over an L-shaped multilevel complex, chalk rock, vertical redwood and cement stucco siding, a central courtyard, planters and paths, Wallace said in her report.

Dahlstrand graduated with a degree in architecture from Cornell University in 1939 and went on to design buildings in the San Francisco Bay area in the "Wrightian Organic idiom," according to the city's historic context statement, which lists him as a significant local architect. He came to Carmel in 1960 and is known for designing the Mid-Valley Shopping Center in Carmel Valley, the Wells Fargo Bank building on San Carlos and Nielsen Bros. Market, among others, though none are on the historic inventory. He also served on the planning commission and the city council.

Reimers and the city each hired historians to evaluate the property since it hadn't been analyzed before. While their analyses concluded the complex is historically significant for its architectural style and the man who designed it, Wallace recommended the board issue a "determination of ineligibility" for listing on the city's inventory because it's not 50 years old, having been completed in 1977.

'Exceptional importance'

The Carmel Municipal Code states that a resource less than 50 years old "may be eligible if it is of exceptional importance to the city, state or nation based on its unusually strong contribution to history, architecture, engineering or culture, or because it is an integral part of a historic district," Wallace said, and the taxpayer-funded consultant "did not find the subject property to be of exceptional importance."

Wallace identified the complex's half-century mark as Oct. 21, 2027, at which time it would be eligible for listing on the Carmel inventory "as a good local example of the Organic style designed by significant local architect."

"Federal standards for listing on the National Register of Historic Places are similar in that 50 years is usually necessary to develop a historical perspective," she continued, though it can include "a

property achieving significance within the past 50 years if it is of exceptional importance."

Reimers' historian, Barbara Lamprecht, concluded Stonehouse Terrace meets that standard as "an excellent example of Dahlstrand's expertise in integrating a work of his design to harmonize with an existing and much older building."

"The property exemplifies a skillful synthesis of Dahlstrand's organic Modernism with the vernacular rusticity of an older Carmel, demonstrating a respect for the city's urban scale and precedents," she wrote. The consultant called out its "simple palette of natural materials, deep overhangs and lush planting and landscaping," and said the architect's design "also recalls Carmel's older allegiance to nature, simplicity and rusticity."

"The property's contribution to Carmel's history, architecture and culture has the necessary exceptional significance within the local context" to meet the federal government's criteria, she said.

'Primarily honorary'

Reimers said the property has been an important part of her family for generations. "I'm especially honored and excited that two experts have found this building significant," she told the board.

She explained she did not apply to the city for local designation because she understood the age requirement and pursued the national listing at the encouragement of a historian. Reimers said the board's support would be very much appreciated.

But the other owners of the complex — her cousins, Neils and John Reimers and Kari Parsons — were blindsided by the application, having only learned of it when they received the public notice of the city's historic resources board meeting.

"My siblings and I represent half the ownership of Stonehouse Terrace and are not aware of any 'owner-sponsored' nomination," Neils Reimers wrote in an email to the city.

They all live out of the area, and none of them spoke at the hearing, while several community members backed the listing.

Some also accused the city of overstepping by initiating the historic resources board hearing, though Wallace later explained that the hearing was the means by which the board could provide feedback to the state.

"The property owners have not asked you to determine the historicity of Stonehouse Terrace," and neither has the state, which simply provided the city the opportunity to comment, resident Ian Martin

said, and "declaring the building ineligible because of its age seems picayune."

Regardless, he argued, "Stonehouse Terrace is more than worthy of being included in our village's historic resource inventory right now," because Dahlstrand "was a master architect who had a deep familiarity with our village."

Other supporters included architects Polly Osborne and Victoria Beach, lifelong resident Cindy Lloyd, preservation consultant Kent Seavey and resident and former city administrator Doug Schmitz, who suggested the HRB make no ruling on the eligibility issue and instead simply support Reimers' application.

Headache for Pastor?

The only one to challenge the designation was attorney Jason Retterer on behalf of Esperanza Carmel, Patrice Pastor's local development company, which has been trying for years to get approval for a mixed-use project on three lots adjacent to Stonehouse Terrace, with Reimers — who has a store on the property and lives in one of its apartments — being one of the project's most vocal opponents.

After learning of the hearing on the plan to make Stonehouse Terrace historic, Esperanza hired a consultant who "didn't have the opportunity to do a detailed assessment" due to the short notice but concluded "the basis for the national listing appears to be flawed," Retterer said.

"I'm not convinced this project is an exceptional example of his work," he said, adding that "it's hard to conceive this structure has the same historical significance" as the Carmel Mission, Sunset Center, the Frank Lloyd Wright House and Flanders Mansion.

With chair Jordan Chroman absent, board members Erik Dyar, Katherine Gualtieri and Bobbie Voris briefly discussed the application and generally agreed Stonehouse Terrace should be on the register.

"I believe the Stonehouse Terrace meets the criteria for the local inventory and support listing on the national register," Gualtieri said. "I think it's time we recognized his work, beginning with this property."

To maintain respect for the municipal code's age requirement, Dyar suggested not voting one way or the other on the eligibility and instead agreeing on forwarding supportive comments to the state.

"One of the most important character-defining features of the building is its relationship to the cottage, to the landscape, to the typology that is very specific to Carmel," said Dyar, who is an architect. "It is a particularly well-executed project, an adaptive use that integrated the old and the new in such a sensitive way."

The trio unanimously voted to do as Dyar recommended, and Wallace said she would submit their comments in time for the state's May 7 meeting, which will be held in Riverside.



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The first quarter in the Carmel Highlands reflects a continuation of a more selective market environment. Five sales closed totaling \$14.47M, down from both 4Q's \$38.5M (9 sales) and 1Q of last year (\$23.87M, 6 sales), with the majority of activity concentrated at the lower end of the pricing spectrum. Notably, 3200 Redwolf stood apart—an elevated ocean-view property that traded at \$5.5M after receiving multiple offers, reinforcing that well-positioned homes continue to attract competition.

Inventory has expanded to nine active listings ranging from \$1.5M to \$91M, with average days on market increasing to 175 (up from 104 last quarter), signaling a slower absorption pace. Five new listings came online during the quarter, though no properties went under contract and no sales occurred along the oceanfront or beachfront. Buyer activity has skewed more inland, with pricing overall holding steady. The dynamic remains consistent: buyers are deliberate, but will move decisively when quality, positioning, and pricing align.

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HEALTHY *Lifestyles*

Has Ocean Avenue always been this steep?

By ELAINE HESSER

SOME HUMOR doesn't age well. People in their 30s chuckle at a parent who can't thread a needle. They look askance at the white-haired gent using enough salt to raise five people's blood pressure, and they vow that when they get old, they will rise gracefully from their chairs in utter silence. Then they learn that the grunts and groans come right along with the 15 percent AARP discount at Denny's.

Once those changes begin, it's hard to tell whether they're part of normal aging or something more ominous. Healthy Lifestyles asked Montage Medical Group's Dr. Kinza Sultan, who recently completed a geriatrics fellowship through UC Davis, for her thoughts.

"Every person is different. That's the biggest thing to remember," she said. "What's 'normal' is unique and individualized," depending on factors including how well someone's taken care of themselves, heredity, and conditions and diseases such as diabetes. Not only that, but Sultan underscored the truth that almost nothing in the body happens in isolation, and cause and effect are sometimes hard to untangle.

Of course, there's also an array of diagnostic tools and treatments most people couldn't have imagined 40 years ago to help pinpoint specific causes and offer relief for things people once assumed were "necessary evils." Imagine telling your

22-year-old self that one day you might have artificial joints like "The Six Million Dollar Man."

Unsurprisingly, then, Sultan recommends that you discuss your concerns with your doctor. Here are some common issues, along with good reasons to have that chat.

Sleep and mood

Let's start when you wake up. With age, circadian rhythms — think of it as the internal clock that nudges you to sleep or eat — begin to change. Sultan said, "You have more difficulty falling and staying asleep. Sleep cycles shorten as we get older," along with the amount of time spent in deep sleep necessary for proper functioning. "Our circadian rhythm advances as we get older, meaning we feel sleepier earlier than we used to and get up earlier than we might want to." Ignoring those changes and staying up later doesn't help, and modern science has dispelled the myth that people need less sleep as they age. Those deficits can aggravate many diseases and conditions, cause memory problems and increase the risk of a fall or accident.

Inadequate rest may also be attributed to sleep apnea, bad bedtime habits, and prostate problems that send men to the bathroom several times a night — to name



If your first thought upon seeing this photo was, "How is she still comfortable sitting like that?" this story is for you.

just a few possibilities.

Others include mood disorders like depression, which Sultan said sometimes surfaces or worsens as social networks are diminished, kids move away, or a spouse dies.

"Loneliness is very prevalent" among seniors, she said. Financial pressure or illnesses can lead to anxiety, and far from be-

ing "all in your head," that can have effects on relationships and physical health.

Pass the salt?

Are you feeling a little stiff? Sultan said seniors' aches and pains owe a lot to how well they've taken care of themselves. It

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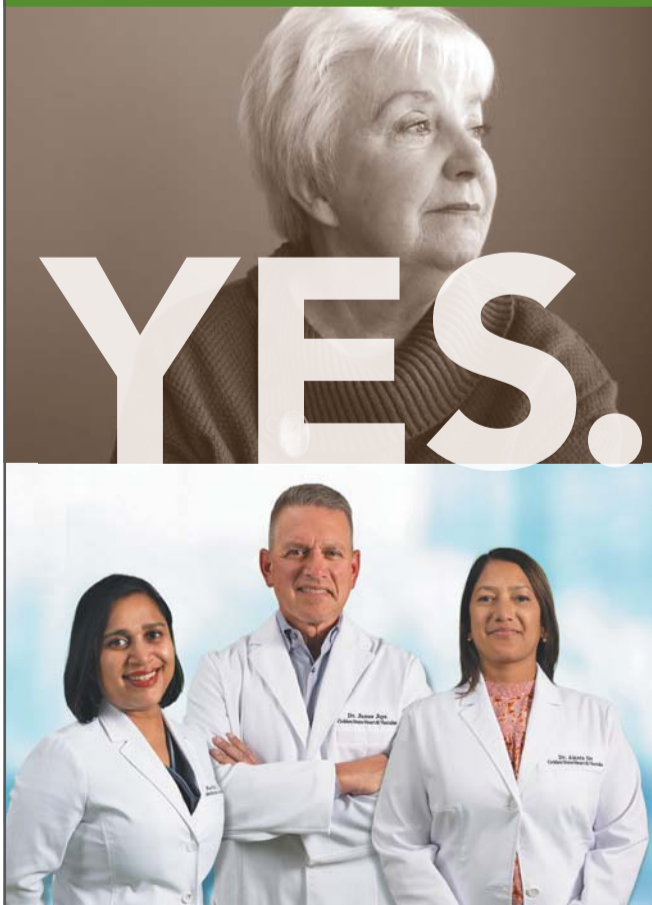


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When dying at home isn't an option, there's always Jerry's Place

By LILY PATTERSON

JERRY'S PLACE is the only social model hospice home in Monterey County — meaning patients don't have to pay for the peace they find there in the last days of their lives. It is a peaceful place: a two-room wing opening onto an interior garden courtyard at About Care Assisted Living Center, itself a refuge set back from the noise of Fremont Boulevard in Seaside.

Dr. Jerome "Jerry" Rubin, an oncologist who died in 2018 of complications from leukemia, would have loved the idea. And Jerry's Place residents would have appreciated him, because their care is covered by the federal government — a benefit that Rubin, working with then-Congressman Leon Panetta, successfully campaigned for in 1982 through the federal Medicare hospice benefit initiative.

Three years earlier, Rubin and a local nurse had opened the first certified hospice facility in Monterey County. It was a six-bedroom bungalow in Carmel Valley and eventually moved to Monterey, where it operates today as Westland House.

"Everybody loved and respected Jerry. He was an amazing guy, totally wrapped up in cancer treatment and advocating for end-of-life care," said Valeria Wareham, executive director of the Jerry Rubin Foundation for Cancer Care. The foundation was formed in 2021 by a group of the doctor's former colleagues at Pacific Cancer Care. Last year, it provided \$19,786 to support cancer patients countywide, including paying grocery and utility bills, covering transportation to appointments, and even paying emergency rent to prevent evictions. But the heart of its mission is Jerry's Place.

The group's tribute to their late colleague was to carry on his work — as do some hospice nurses, pharmacists, volunteers and oncologists, including Dr. John Hausdorff, Dr. Zach Koontz, and Rubin's daughter, Nancy, all still employed by Pacific Cancer Care. With \$200,000 in seed money from the Hospice Giving Foundation, they established the home in late 2021.

"Everyone had these grandiose ideas, until Dharma — a devoted pharmacist who's been at CHOMP forever — suggested we get two rooms in an established assisted living facility, so we wouldn't have to hire staff or wait to get it licensed," said Hausdorff. "We went over to look



at About Care, and we liked what we saw. So we asked, 'What if we give you money for two beds, and we'll pay for them no matter what?' And both beds are almost always full."

Finding a bed

You might be surprised by who has stayed at Jerry's Place — a pastor, several teachers, and a former Green Beret, among others, whom most would imagine surrounded by a safety net, be it loving family or a decent pension. But when a person is dying and 24-hour care becomes necessary, what happens if they can't afford a bed?

"Where do you receive care when you don't have anywhere to go? The only requirement to stay at Jerry's Place is that you've got to be a hospice patient," said Hausdorff.

Since 2022, Jerry's Place has served more than 50 residents, whose average length of stay is one month. Pro-

gram coordinator Connie Riley is supported by more than a dozen volunteers who play music, read stories or bring a certified therapy dog to cheer patients — though some just want to watch television and enjoy the quiet of a private room.

Their hospice care is covered by Medicare, but the rent, which includes meals and a shared bathroom, is covered by the Jerry Rubin Foundation, which last year paid \$192,000 (\$8,000 a month per room). Jerry's Place has served patients from 53 to 96 with terminal diagnoses including cancer, heart disease and neurodegenerative disorders like Parkinson's.

"As soon as there's a bed, word goes out to our network of nurses, social workers, referral agencies like Hospice of the Central Coast and Veterans Affairs, Montage and other

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Your therapy team will see you now — probably outdoors

By ELAINE HESSER

THERE'S A senior community in a setting that would be bucolic if not for cars zipping to and from Salinas on nearby Highway 68. It's pretty much like other such facilities — residents get up each morning to a routine of personal grooming, medications and breakfast, with plenty of special diets to be tended to. Unlike those in most senior communities, however, all these oldsters are gainfully employed and don't seem to want to retire. But please, don't try to ride them.

The Equine Healing Collaborative employs 47 rescued horses — most well into their “golden years” — plus goats, donkeys, miniature donkeys, miniature horses, pigs, chickens, cats and dogs that assist licensed clinicians in providing mental

health care. Equine therapy for all sorts of ailments from the physical — Parkinson's Disease, multiple sclerosis — to mental and emotional health, is strongly supported by scientific literature, and founder and executive director Jennifer Fenton said it's frequently covered by medical insurance, including Medi Cal, Medicare and private companies.

She also explained the difference between a rescue group and a sanctuary, which is how she describes the Collaborative. “Any horse who comes here, stays here,” she said, while rescuers typically rehome the animals they save.

Peer counseling

What's a day in a therapy horse's life

like?

“Absolutely splendid,” said Fenton.

After they finish their morning routines, horses hang out in the fields until it's time to clock in. Each is partnered with a specific human therapist, who fetches their four-legged partner when it's time to meet a client. The place is “open when the sun's out,” with appointments available seven days a week and after usual business hours.

From Fenton's descriptions, it sounds like it's not always clear who's helping whom. Whether they're former race horses, farm animals, or companions whose families could no longer afford them, they come to the nonprofit from “kill pens,” where unwanted horses are either sold cheaply at auction to individuals and res-

cue groups or sent to slaughterhouses in Mexico or Canada. There's no telling how good or bad their lives were before that, Fenton said, although signs of neglect and abuse are not uncommon. And, she said, sometimes that helps with clients who feel “broken.”

“We tell them, ‘We're so glad you're here. We need help with this horse,’” she said, adding that humans and animals who come from difficult pasts relate to each other well.

Like other experienced healthcare providers, each horse seems to be able to tell which people will benefit most from their presence, she explained.

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The Equine Healing Collaborative also has goats, pigs, chickens and other animals that participate in therapy under the direction of Jennifer Fenton (center photo, right, with her daughter) and her staff.

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T H E K I T C H E N

Cauliflower Steaks with Herbs

Courtesy of Chef Aron Rayor, the Caledonian

THESE CAULIFLOWER steaks are a showstopper and hearty enough to be served as a main dish. They're also vegan, but don't worry — tahini, a Middle Eastern sesame-seed paste — provides richness and depth in a sauce that has a deep green color, thanks to spinach, cilantro and parsley.

You can find tahini at the International Market & Deli at 580 Lighthouse Ave. in Monterey and in most grocery stores. It's a bit pricey but lasts quite a while in the fridge and can be used in hummus and salad dressings, to drizzle on roasted vegetables, or to make grilled chicken. You can also add it to chocolate-chip cookies, banana bread and brownies, and it works well in smoothies and oatmeal.

Chef Aaron recommends Marcona almonds — often referred to as the “queen of almonds” — for serving, but the dish wouldn't fail if you use another kind. They hail from Spain and are typically sold roasted and salted. Frequently used in cheese boards, they're available at the Cheese Shop and Nielsen Brothers Market, as well as major grocery stores.

You probably don't think about lemons much, even though California grows more than 90% of those sold in the United States. The ones you normally buy are likely either Lisbon or Eureka, and they'll work here, but Meyer lemons are sweeter and less acidic, with a lovely floral aroma. You can usually find them in your grocer's produce section or at the farmers market. It's also entirely possible there's a Meyer lemon tree in a friend's yard in Monterey or Pacific Grove — the fruit grows like zucchini, and there's always much more than most people can use.

In case you're wondering, the near-universal recommendation when you need both zest (the flavorful colored portion of the rind without the bitter white pith) and juice is, “Zest first, then squeeze.”

INGREDIENTS

(Serves 4)

Green tahini

- 1/2 cup tahini (see notes)
- 1 cup packed fresh spinach
- 1/2 cup packed fresh parsley
- 1/4 cup packed fresh cilantro
- 2 garlic gloves, roughly chopped
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 - 3/4 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1/2 small jalapeño, seeded if you want less heat
- 1 1/2 teaspoon agave syrup

Gremolata

- 2 cloves garlic

2 teaspoons freshly squeezed Meyer lemon juice (see notes)

1 packed cup fresh parsley leaves (about 1 1/2 ounces or 40 grams), tough stems removed

2 teaspoons lemon zest

1/2 teaspoon coarse salt

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Roasted cauliflower

4 large heads of cauliflower

Olive oil

Salt

Pepper

Meyer lemon juice, for serving

Marcona almonds, chopped, for serving

Extra virgin olive oil, for serving

INSTRUCTIONS:

For the green tahini:

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the parsley, cilantro and spinach for 15–30 seconds to blanch, just until bright green and wilted. Immediately transfer the greens to a bowl of ice water to stop the cooking and keep the hue vibrant. Don't skip this step — it preserves that pretty color for serving.

Once the greens are cold, drain well and squeeze out as much water as you can using your hands or a clean kitchen towel. If possible, keep all the ingredients chilled, or add a few ice cubes to the sauce to keep everything cold.

Add the blanched greens and all remaining ingredients except the tahini to a blender and process until completely smooth. Add the tahini and blend again until fully incorporated. If the sauce warms up in the process, place the blender jar or container in an ice or cold-water bath and stir until fully chilled.

For the gremolata:

Finely mince the garlic. To mellow its sharp bite, let it sit for a few minutes in the lemon juice after chopping. Stack the parsley leaves, roll them tightly, and slice thinly with a knife into fine ribbons. (Called “chiffonade,” this is a neat — if slightly fussy — way to cut herbs so they mix evenly.) Add the garlic, parsley and remaining ingredients to a bowl. Mix well. Sample the mixture and adjust seasoning as needed — add more salt, lemon juice, or pepper — until it tastes balanced and fresh.

To roast the cauliflower:

Heat the oven to 425 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or foil. Remove the outer leaves from the cauliflower heads and trim the bottom of the stem, keeping the core intact. Slice the cauliflower into “steaks” 3/4 to 1 inch



thick. Any smaller pieces that fall off can be roasted, too. Lay the steaks on the baking sheet in a single layer. Brush both sides generously with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and black pepper. Roast for 20 to 30 minutes, until golden brown on the outside and tender when pierced with a knife.

To serve:

Spoon the green tahini on a warm plate

and spread it out slightly with the back of a spoon. Place the cauliflower steak on top of the sauce.

Squeeze a Meyer lemon evenly over the cauliflower, then sprinkle with the gremolata and chopped Marcona almonds. Drizzle lightly with finishing oil — a “nice olive oil you wouldn't cook with but instead pour over your food at the end to enhance the flavor,” according to Rayor.

Chef Bio

AARON RAYOR, who helms the kitchen at The Caledonian restaurant inside Pacific Grove's new Kimpton Mirador hotel, took an unexpected



path into a culinary career. After serving his country as a Marine, he returned home with a curiosity for food. Inspired early on by his mother's cooking and later by his step-

mother, who introduced him to Chinese cuisine, Rayor began hosting dinner parties for friends. It was a hobby that quickly grew into a true love for cooking and a career in hospitality.

He started working in the kitchen at a family-owned restaurant, gaining line-cook experience before attending the Culinary Institute of America. An internship at the acclaimed Blue Hill at Stone Barns in New York was particularly influential, deepening his appreciation for seasonality, sustainability and the vital relationship between chef and purveyor. He later worked in the kitchen at Post Ranch Inn and briefly in the front of the house — just until he re-

alized his true passion was behind the scenes, cooking.

Over the years, Rayor has worked in some of California's most notable kitchens, including Bestia in Los Angeles, Manhattan House in Manhattan Beach, and Carmel's own Cantineta Luca, where he first assumed the role of executive chef. His experience spans multiple restaurant openings and menu development. He has held leadership roles at Rise & Roam Bakery and Stokes Adobe, where he most recently headed the culinary team before joining The Caledonian.

Rayor's cooking style reflects a modern approach to French-Italian and American cuisine, influenced by the diverse food culture of Southern California. Known for his love of local ingredients, his philosophy centers on simplicity, seasonality and nostalgia, creating dishes that make guests feel both inspired and at home.

At The Caledonian, Rayor says he celebrates regional bounty through close collaboration with local farmers and purveyors, while building a kitchen culture rooted in curiosity and care.

When he's not the kitchen, Rayor enjoys spending time outdoors with his dog, hiking and — rarely — preparing meals at home. For him, the joy of cooking lives in the shared experience.

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can create a vicious circle — it hurts to move, but being sedentary makes it worse, so the person wants to move even less.

Simple wear and tear, not getting enough exercise or just pushing too hard might all be factors. Among other causes commonly cited in studies are pinched nerves, drug side effects, or an autoimmune disorder like rheumatoid arthritis.

OK. You're out of bed, reasonably well rested, cheerful — and hungry. Olfactory (smell) and taste buds sometimes "start to dwindle off" in seniors, Sultan said. In other words, that spicy breakfast burrito you're used to might become mysteriously bland. Interestingly, she noted, dentures seem to reduce wearers' sense of taste. Some scientific literature on the subject says that's because the upper plate covers part of the soft palate (the back of the roof of the mouth), where some taste buds are located, and other sources suggest they may also interfere with airflow

between the mouth and the nose — aroma is a remarkably large component of taste. Don't jump to conclusions, though, since many medications can also throw those senses off, as can diseases such as Covid and Parkinson's.

Meds and some illnesses affect the gastrointestinal system, too, so although some older people experience a slowdown in digestion and more frequent constipation, it's important to rule out other possible causes, including taking a good look at diet. (Statistically, there's about a 1 in 3 chance you're overdue for a colonoscopy anyway.)

Slow going

Ready to run some errands? Changes in vision, depth perception, reaction time and balance can infamously lead to difficulty driving, as well as falls. A 2003 study published in *Visual Psychophysics and Physiological Optics* found that only 25 percent of participants 70 to 79 years old had normal depth perception. That's problematic for activities from driving to playing tennis, and several sources suggested that underlying causes could include

— among other things — impairment from cataracts or glaucoma.

Reaction times also slow in seniors — although that can be caused by a host of other issues, from medications to Parkinson's disease — and sense of balance might be hindered by changes in the inner ear, vision and numerous other factors.

What if you woke up feeling like death on a Triscuit? Maybe you caught a cold, and instead of jumping back into your routine on Day 3, you're still under the covers on Day 10.



Dr. Kinza Sultan

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“The horses pick the clients,” she said. “They do exactly what that person needs,” in a collaboration that’s as mysterious as it is effective. For example, while a therapist was talking with one person about boundary issues — difficulty saying “no,” excessive people-pleasing — a large pony sidled up and began “pushing itself into them,” Fenton said, until the person finally had to push back. The horse’s maneuver seemed to simulate the emotional “bigness” of the people the client had trouble dealing with.

Each horse sees one or two clients a day, and, just like their human counterparts, they often need to “process” after a session. A therapist might sit down with a colleague to discuss their thoughts and feelings. The horses return to the herd, where Fenton said that their body language signals that they’re doing something similar with the other horses.

Some clients may participate in grooming the animals as part of their therapy, and might be told to imagine they’re “brushing away” problematic circumstances or thoughts. However, there is no horseback riding. Among other things, that keeps animals and people safer, and it eliminates any need for clients to have experience with horsemanship.

No softies

It’s not all warmth and fuzziness, said Fenton. As with the pony mentioned earlier, these four-legged clinicians can use their bodies to test limits without injuring their clients. They’re smart and can be as tough as they are big, too.

“You can’t bribe or trick a horse with food. They demand that we be 100 percent honest with ourselves,” and if they sense



This therapist can really keep things under his hat.

the client’s not doing that, they’ll “give feedback” by “disconnecting or shutting down,” she said.

Fenton said that horses are prey animals, which is why their ability to sense deception is well-honed. It also accounts for the primacy of the herd in their lives. “They seek connection as a form of safety,” she said.

Although they have a strong side, “they’re very good-natured,” in general, she said. Kids love them. They even play a version of the childhood “red light/green light” game together. Youngsters get a “green light” and can move toward the animal if they make eye contact, said Fenton, since horses look directly at people only when they feel completely safe.

Clients have been as young as 3 and old as 80. Sometimes Fenton brings a few horses to schools to meet fourth through sixth graders and talk about mental health at an age-appropriate level. At the other

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hospitals,” said Wareham.

The Hospice Giving Foundation continues to help Jerry’s Place by recruiting donors and providing grants, contributing \$75,000 last year to keep it operational. The Jerry Rubin Foundation, meanwhile, is gaining ground on plans to expand the community-supported hospice model as far as South Monterey County. This year, Jerry’s Place will grow by one, possibly two beds, this time in Salinas. The organization is searching for an assisted living or other facility to lease from.

‘Dignity and care’

“We really want it to be in Salinas — not Monterey, not Toro — and we’re conducting site visits and talking to hospice nurses, because they really see facilities for how they are,” Wareham said.

To accomplish all of this, she and other fundraisers will have to get donors focusing as keenly on death as they do about cures.

“It should be easy to talk about — because it’s the one thing we all have in common — but it’s not. We celebrate birth, so why shouldn’t we celebrate a peaceful

death?”

Indeed, the foundation’s impact report at jerryrubinfoundationforcancercare.org includes testimonials from families and friends of patients who found peace at Jerry’s Place.

One woman recently wrote to the foundation and said, “My 73-year-old mother was battling Stage 4 lung cancer, and, during her final days, the incredible team at Jerry’s Place cared for her — and for us — with extraordinary compassion. This hospice center was like no other I have ever experienced. The environment was calm and welcoming. My mother’s room was always clean, thoughtfully maintained and comforting, and it truly felt like a place of dignity and care.”

Wareham said the organization has also received significant donations from Rubin’s former patients, and assistance from former Congressman Sam Farr and his wife, Shary — who was among the Community Hospital volunteers Rubin recruited back in the 1970s when he opened the county’s first hospice home.

She said the couple has offered their home in Big Sur to host the Jerry Rubin Foundation’s first fundraiser, slated for some time in September.



Jerry’s Place was started by a grassroots team of local oncologists, hospice nurses, pharmacists and volunteers from various local hospitals and community health organizations.

“It’s a big deal trying to raise \$200,000, \$300,000 a year. But Jerry’s Place was driven by a vision that wouldn’t go away, despite the fact that we initially had no

money and no ability to execute it. Really, this is driven by a handful of personalities relentlessly asking, ‘What do we need? What more can we do?’” said Hausdorff.

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“Recovery from illness can take longer because our immunity isn’t as strong as it was in our youth,” Sultan said. “It wanes as we get older. Getting the cold or flu can knock us down a little more because our immune system takes longer to react or there are fewer immune cells helping battle the illness.” Still, if it feels like you’re languishing, something else may be going on.

Along the same lines, Sultan said, “Injuries can also take longer to recover from,” depending in part on how well you functioned beforehand.

“For those who exercise and maintain their muscle mass, range of motion and functional reserve, we can expect them to bounce back faster and hopefully get back to

where they were before. However, for those who aren’t as robust, we expect a longer journey back to their baseline — or even a new baseline.” Slow healing may also be a sign of serious conditions like diabetes.

The gist of all this is that while age causes many physical shifts, the signs and symptoms you’re chalking up to being “over the hill” might be part of a bigger picture that requires or could benefit from medical attention.

Finally, Sultan noted, while any changes are worth a mention, those that come on gradually are “not usually as sinister” as those that arrive abruptly — the latter should send you to see the doctor sooner, rather than later.

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end of the spectrum, seniors who come to the Collaborative are often dealing with grief and loss, pondering their pasts, and facing their mortality.

As anyone who's lost one pet while another lives on can tell you, animals experience grief. Fenton recounted the recent death of one of the horses, describing it through some tears as "a beautiful experience," despite her sadness.

"They're intricately intertwined in the herd," she said, noting that most of them have a "best friend," and the humans always try to include them in saying goodbye so that the surviving horse has a sense of what happened — that

their buddy didn't just vanish — and they can process the loss.

Finally, being around all of those animals is therapeutic for the people who work at the Collaborative. Counselors who need a break are encouraged to go hang out with the horses. And it's hard not to smile at Eddy and Penny —

two large and vocal pigs — or to feel alone around Fodin, a giant great Pyrenees who seems to want to herd anything that breathes.

All in all, it doesn't seem like a bad way for the senior residents of the Equine Healing Collaborative to live — and work — during their long and healthy sunset years.



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MORE LETTERS

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Worker protections

Dear Editor,

As a resident of Carmel and student at Carmel High, I have watched our village grapple with a "new normal." Over the last couple of years, we've seen an increase in sudden heat spikes and wildfire smoke events that impact everyone. While these conditions affect us all, they are particularly challenging for the outdoor workforce that maintains our gardens, streets and restaurants.

I have submitted a proposal to the city council for a cost-neutral outdoor worker safety ordinance. This is not a request for new spending or a massive new department. It is a simple, trigger-based system designed to protect people's health without hurting our local economy.

The plan is simple: When the temperature hits 85°F or the air quality index reaches a dangerous 151, a local safety trigger activates. Employers would provide basic protections for outdoor workers, like extra water, shaded breaks and N95 masks. These measures are often already required by state law but can be difficult for small businesses to track.

By using existing systems like Alert Monterey County to notify business owners when these triggers are hit, Carmel can provide a clear safety checklist that takes the guesswork out of compliance.

This ordinance is about three things: protecting the people who keep our village running, helping small businesses stay on the right side of state regulations, and ensuring Carmel remains a leader in climate resilience.

I hope the city council will consider this proposal. We don't need a massive budget to be a prepared community; we just need a plan.

Patrick Reeves, Carmel

MPC woes

Dear Editor,

My daughter is a high school senior who took dual enrollment courses at Monterey Peninsula College. Her grade was entered incorrectly by the admissions department last fall. Her instructor has been trying to correct it since December. She needs that corrected transcript to graduate and complete her college applications. No one answers the phone. The office is locked when we show up. The appeal deadline for her dream college passed this week.

We pass MPC's bond measures. We pay extra taxes to support this college. And it cannot do its most basic job: process transcripts and award degrees. When we ask faculty what is going on, they seem frightened to answer.

On MPC's Yelp page, a reviewer wrote that the college's failure to verify their nursing degree left them homeless in a new city. A Santa Cruz resident posted on Facebook that they assumed MPC had closed because no one responds. This week, MPC changed its website from a 10-day transcript turnaround to 20 days, at the exact moment students need transcripts to hold their college seats. We have been waiting since December. No timeline fixes that.

Families like ours were encouraged by counselors to move our children out of AP courses and into dual enrollment. We trusted MPC. Now our kids are paying for that trust.

The board of trustees has received detailed reports of student harm. Their response has been silence and a glowing performance review for the college president, who, from my understanding, doesn't even live in our community. We are the voters and the stakeholders, not the president. Our bond money meant for campus improvements has been mismanaged over his four years in this role to the point that construction is now unaffordable, while the Monterey campus bathrooms are an embarrassment and buildings remain inaccessible to wheelchair users. My son uses a wheelchair. My daughter has to go with him and hold doors open for him on that campus.

Who is running MPC? Why is the board doing nothing? I would hate to see a college that has served this community since 1947 destroyed by one short-term president making very bad decisions. Who is the leader in charge of admissions there? Where are they while this is going on?

For local parents: Students can dual-enroll at Hartnell or Cabrillo right now. Both are functioning colleges that answer their phones. The instructors at MPC are wonderful, but if you cannot get your child's transcript, you cannot send them there. Until this gets fixed or we get new leadership, students and parents beware.

Susan Fowler, Carmel Valley

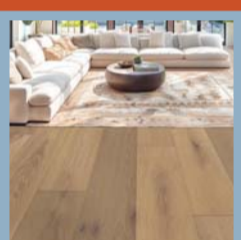
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Batch 46 Ref. No.: <SEE EXHIBIT "A"> Assessment No.: <SEE EXHIBIT "A"> **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER ASSESSMENT LIEN YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER ASSESSMENT LIEN. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On MAY 5, 2026 at 10:00A.M., Vacation Ownership Title Agency, Inc., Authorized Agent under and pursuant to the Notice of Delinquent Assessment recorded on December 3, 2025 as Document No. 2025045157 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, in cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, state or federal credit union, state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in the State) AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT 168 W. ALISAL STREET, SALINAS, CA 93901, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said assessment lien in the property hereinafter described: Association: Pine Acres Lodge Homeowners Association, Inc., a California non-profit corporation Name of Reputed Owner(s): <SEE EXHIBIT "A"> EXHIBIT "A" PINE ACRES LODGE BATCH 46 REF.NO - ASSESSMENT NO. - REPUTED OWNER(S) - UNDIV. INT. - UNIT NO. - WEEK - ESTIMATED OPENING BID: 0101 901-001-001-000 Ronald Bradley and Nancy Bradley, husband and wife, as joint tenants, with full rights of survivorship 1/663RD 1 COTTAGE 1 SWING \$3,662.75 1305 901-013-005-000 Ron Bradley and Nancy Bradley, husband and wife, as joint tenants 1/663RD 13 TOWNHOUSE 5 SWING \$5,328.66 1311 901-013-011-000 William Hart and Medeleine A. Kilgariff husband and wife, as joint tenants 1/663RD 13 TOWNHOUSE 11 HIGH \$2,273.56 0220 901-002-020-000 Ronald W. Kelly, sole Trustee of the Ronald W. Kelly and Darlene O. Kelly restated Kelly Family Revocable Trust, dated 9/19/2016 1/459TH 2 COTTAGE 20 HIGH \$6,387.55 0631 901-006-031-000 Claudia Wren Stokes, including interest of any current spouse 1/459TH 6 COTTAGE 31 HIGH \$3,662.75 Said Assessment Lien describes the following real property: <SEE EXHIBIT "B"> The property heretofore described is being sold "AS IS". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: A TIMESHARE ESTATE LOCATED AT 1150 JEWELL AVE., PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950 The undersigned Authorized Agent disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the unpaid Assessments secured by said Assessment Lien, with interest thereon, as provided herein, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Assessment Lien. At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above-described Assessment Lien and estimated costs and expenses is: \$<SEE EXHIBIT "A"> The Association under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned, written Declarations of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Assessment Lien. The undersigned caused the Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Notice of Delinquent Assessment and Claim of Lien to be recorded on January 5, 2026 as Document No. 2026000161 in the county where the real property is located and more than three (3) months has elapsed since such recordation. DATE: April 2, 2026 TRUSTEE OR PARTY CONDUCTING SALE: VACATION OWNERSHIP TITLE AGENCY, INC. 7898 Mission Grove Pkwy S #100 Riverside, CA 92508 Phone: (951) 610-0810 By: Deborah Macias, Foreclosure Officer Vacation Ownership Title Agency, Inc. NPP0487487 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 04/10/2026, 04/17/2026, 04/24/2026

Publication dates: April 10, 17, 24, 2026 (PC418)

POLICE LOG

From page 4A

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Pacific Grove: A 62-year-old female was arrested on Fifth Street for public intoxication and battery on a peace officer.

MONDAY, APRIL 6

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

Pacific Grove: Pacific Grove P.D. was notified regarding a verbal altercation on Alder Street which turned physical. The 58-year-old female suspect was cited and released for elder abuse.

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury hit-and-run collision at Carpenter and Second.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property at Lincoln and

Seventh due to a medical-related incident.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision at Ocean and San Carlos. Information exchanged prior to police arrival.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog-vs.-dog at Ocean and Del Mar.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost cell phone reported at Ocean and Del Mar.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Possible hit-and-run at Ocean and Lincoln.

Pacific Grove: Found property at Country Club Gate Center was turned in to the police department and is being held for safekeeping.

Carmel area: A 36-year-old male was warned about trespassing at a Carmel Rancho Boulevard property.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult Protective Services report at Dolores and Fifth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property at Ocean and Casanova.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident at Dolores and Fourth. Information exchange.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of a cell phone at Del Mar.

Pacific Grove: Property was found near the 600 block of Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Firearms surrendered for destruction.

Pacific Grove: An attempted check fraud was reported on Lighthouse Avenue. No funds were lost by the victim.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury traffic accident on Monte Verde Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 46-year-old female was arrested at Ocean and Monte Verde for an outstanding shoplifting warrant. She was booked and released on a citation to appear.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident at Casanova and Seventh. Information exchange.

Pacific Grove: Alleged stalking on Ocean View Boulevard being investigated.

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

Pacific Grove: Stolen personal property from a locked vehicle on Sunset Drive. Burglary resulted in damage to the vehicle.

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PacRep's 'Beetlejuice' opens Friday

By CHRIS COUNTS

A DECEASED couple, desperate to reclaim their former home, enlists a "bio-exorcist" with a big personality to scare away its new inhabitants in PacRep's "Beetlejuice," which opens Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Golden Bough Playhouse.

Based on the 1988 cult classic film that found both critical and commercial success, "Beetlejuice" was adapted into a musical that opened on Broadway in 2019 and was nominated for eight Tony Awards. According to PacRep, the musical "struck a chord with young theater lovers who adored its unabashed humor and emotional honesty."

A dark comedy that offers an

imaginative and irreverent perspective on the afterlife, the story centers on a teenager still grieving the loss of her mother and obsessed with death.

"Her father moves her to a new house haunted by a recently deceased couple and Beetlejuice, a demon with a zest for life," PacRep said. "Lydia calls on Beetlejuice to scare away anyone with a pulse, leading to a series of chaotic events as Beetlejuice shows his true colors."

Cast of more than 50

"Beetlejuice" is directed and choreographed by Palmer Davis, with musical direction from Christiana Meeks. Showcasing students from PacRep's Garner-Whitt School of Dramatic Arts, the cast features "a standout ensemble of over 50 of Monterey County's finest young performers — with the title character shared by Maksim Blatt and Ty Ortega."

The musical runs Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through May 17. All performances start at 7:30 p.m., except Sunday matinees, which begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$31 for general admission, \$16 for students and \$11 for children.

The theater is located on Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth. For tickets or more information, call (831) 622-0100 or visit pacrep.org.



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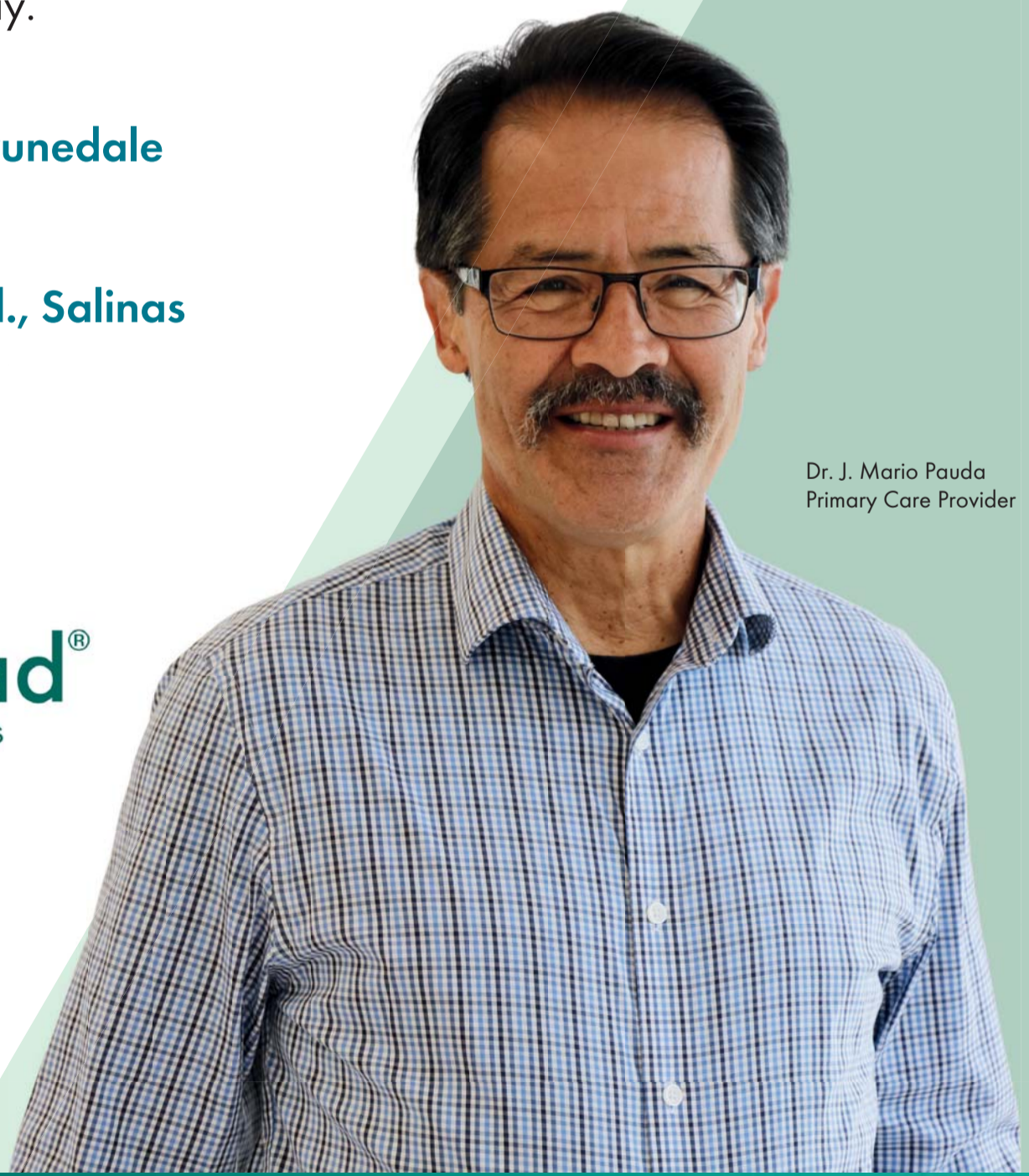
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Wallflowers play Golden State, Sand Box hosts fundraiser for violinist

THIRTY YEARS after “6th Avenue Heartache” skyrocketed up the charts and made the band famous, **The Wallflowers** take the stage Saturday, 7 p.m. at Golden State Theatre.

Formed by singer-songwriter **Jakob Dylan** and guitarist **Tobi Miller** in 1989, the Wallflowers had a break-

popular single, “One Headlight,” which peaked at No. 2 on the pop charts.

Tickets start at \$54. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

Also at Golden State, **Journey USA** pays tribute to the rock band Journey, Friday at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$35.



Award-winning pianist Ilya Yakushev plays music by Beethoven, Chopin and others Saturday, 7 p.m., at Sunset Center.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

through hit with “6th Avenue Heartache” in 1996. The album it was featured on, “Bringing Down the Horse,” was not only a Top 10 hit, but it spawned an even more



The Wallflowers, featuring singer and guitarist Jakob Dylan, play Saturday, 7 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

■ Pianist plays Sunset’

In the latest concert presented by Carmel Music Society, award-winning Russian pianist **Ilya Yakushev** performs Saturday, 7 p.m., at Sunset Center.

The program includes Beethoven’s Sonata No. 14 in C-sharp minor, Opus 27, No. 2, “Moonlight;” Franz Liszt’s Vallée d’Obermann; Mephisto Waltz No. 1, S.514; Chopin’s Nocturne No. 20 in C-sharp minor; and Earl Wild’s Grande Fantasy on Gershwin’s Porgy and Bess.

Tickets start at \$45. A limited number of free tickets are available for children accompanied by an adult. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-9938 or visit carmelmusic.org.

Also at Sunset, cabaret singer **Alan Harris** performs Friday, 7:30 p.m., in Sunset’s Studio 105. According to Sunset, Harris “presents an innovative show that reimagines literary masterpieces through his soulful vocals and powerful recitations.”

Tickets are \$65.

■ ‘St. John Passion’ at All Saints

Presenting a piece that’s filled with drama, emotion and raw storytelling, **I Cantori di Carmel’s** chamber ensemble presents Bach’s “St. John Passion” Saturday, 7:30 p.m., at All Saints’ Episcopal

Church.

Featured as soloists are tenor **Steven Caldicott Wilson**, soprano **Morgan Balfour**, mezzo-soprano **Gabriela Estephanie Solís**, and baritone **Matt Peterson**.

“Performed with a chamber choir and an ensemble on period instruments, this concert brings Bach’s dramatic retelling of ‘The Passion’ story into a more immediate and human scale,” the choral group said. “The result is direct, present and deeply sincere.”

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There are two options there for Mother's Day. Starting at 11:30 a.m., they'll serve an a la carte brunch menu that includes assorted omelets and smoked salmon crepes, perhaps washed down with bellinis or Champagne. From 2 to 8:30 p.m., there's a three-course prix fixe menu priced at \$60 for adults and \$35 for those 12 and younger. That includes a dessert from the tempting pastry case, but as a responsible adult, you should take things in order. For starters, there's a choice of lobster bisque, mussels with saffron, a kale salad, or crabcakes with mango chutney. Entrée options are prime rib, rack of lamb, a double-bone pork chop, or cioppino. Reserve a table by calling (831) 624-5008.



Located on Mission Street, Pâtisserie Boissiere has been serving French cuisine and pastries in a casual, friendly atmosphere for more than 60 years. Mother's Day menus include a la carte and prix fixe options.



More for Mom

The folks at Coastal Roots, which owns Rio Grill in the Crossroads shopping center and Tarp's and Montrieo in Monterey, are opening the restaurants at 10:30 a.m. for Mother's Day brunch. "Celebrating Mom honors the quiet love that has shaped us to who we have become — rooted in grace, patience, and faith. That spirit is what inspires us at Coastal Roots every day," president Ken Donkersloot told The Pine Cone.

They're still tweaking the menu at Rio, but if it's as special as what's planned at Tarp's — salmon crepes, crab cake benedicts, fried chicken and waffles, and much more — it should be exceptional. Visit riogrill.com or tarpys.com to make reservations.

The Kimpton Mirador in Pacific Grove created a fusion holiday — Cinco de Mama — to be celebrated May 3 from 6 to 10 p.m. Calling it "fiesta flair with Mother's Day elegance," the crew at the new hotel hopes to entice diners who want something different. For \$85 per person, guests can enjoy a complimentary welcoming margarita or mocktail, live mariachi music, live sketch art, professional pho-

tography and — we're not making this up — "playful mini burros for the perfect photo op." That's just the beginning; the hotel has other treats in store. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.com.

Cypress Inn redux

The historic Cypress Inn in downtown Carmel continues its reinvention following the passing last year of patriarch Denny LeVett, who partnered in the dog-friendly

Soup to Nuts

hotel with actress and animal activist Doris Day until her death in 2019. Terry's Restaurant + Lounge underwent a refresh with new paint all around and a trompe l'oeil mural, and the menu has been updated to match.

For the regulars, several classics — like the delightful endive salad, seared sesame tuna and Monterey Bay

sand dabs — remain untouched, but the kitchen recently debuted several offerings, among them a spring salad (fried carrots, diced garbanzo, grilled asparagus, charred avocado, radishes, berries and goat cheese over greens with honey lemon dressing), a lobster roll on a toasted brioche bun, and a pork loin chop with roasted marble potatoes, green beans and apple cider butter sauce. The menu isn't cheap, but nothing's higher than \$50, so it's not beyond the pale by Carmel standards.

Of those new dishes — with plenty of items on the menu to please a wide range of guests — the pork chop shined the most: succulent, flavorful and well balanced. The lobster roll is decadent (no butter is spared) and the salad is beautiful and aims high but falls a little short in execution, with chewy strips of carrot and similarly textured garbanzos.

On the cocktail side, a pair of spring-friendly tequila drinks please, with refreshing juiciness and balanced sweetness. Take Me to Jalisco features blanco with pomegranate liqueur, lemon juice, fresh cucumber and agave,

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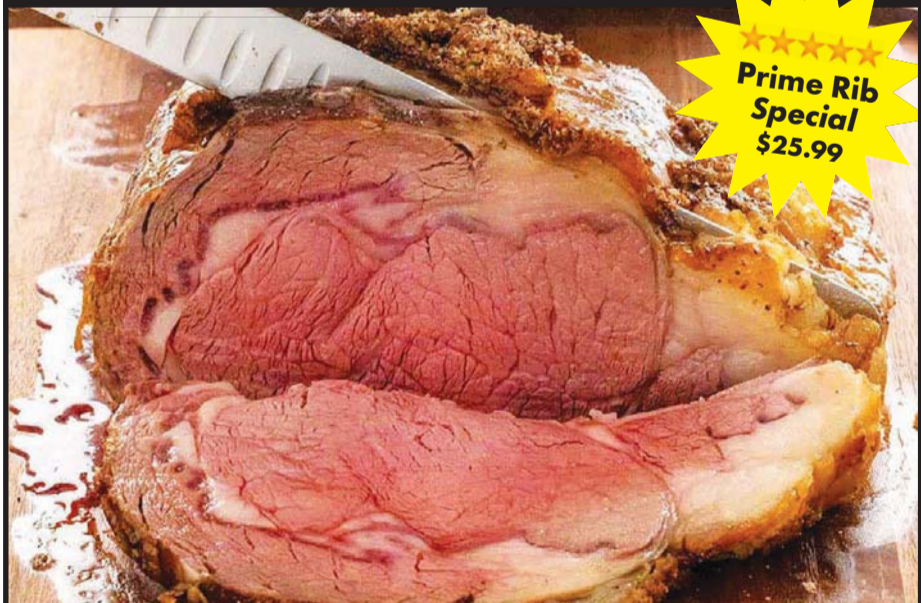
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while Honey Bee offers mezcal, chile liqueur, honey syrup, pineapple juice and fresh lime. Each is delightful.

For dessert, consider the classic carrot cake, the molten chocolate chip cookie with vanilla gelato and caramel sauce (our server's favorite), a brownie a la mode or a mixed berry crumble. Gelatos and sorbets are options, too.

Lunch, a bar menu and dinner are available daily at the long bar and the restaurant (no dogs allowed) and in the short bar, where canine companions are welcome, as well as in the patio. There are a few tables in the walkway between the two, but be sure you have a sweater if you choose one of those, because they can be quite drafty whenever the lobby doors are open.

Cypress Inn is located at Seventh and Lincoln. For more information, visit cypress-inn.com.

■ Folktale exec chef crowned, 7D gets new GM

Chef Julia Sachs, most recently of Monterey Peninsula Country Club in Pebble Beach, is the new corporate executive chef for Folktale Group. She will oversee all of its culinary operations, including Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse in Carmel and its Carmel Valley winery.

"And any new projects in the future," Folktale founder Greg Ahn added.

"Her experience cooking around the world and in several Michelin-starred/Beard-awarded kitchens brings an imaginative perspective and is elevating our culinary operations across the board," he said.

Born and raised in the British countryside, Sachs kicked off her culinary career studying the French classics before landing jobs in Spain, the Caribbean, Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand.

Stateside, Sachs settled in the San Francisco Bay area, first working under chef Nancy Oaks at her Boulevard restaurant in San Francisco, and then spending seven years at the award-winning Ritz-Carlton. She studied under chef Suzette Gresham at Acquerello, which obtained its first Michelin star in 2007 and earned a second in 2015. After working as banquet chef in Silicon Valley, she headed south to cook at Monterey Peninsula Country Club.

Before all that, she spent some of her

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Sardine Factory co-founder Ted Balestreri will receive an honorary doctorate degree from CSUMB. It's a nice recognition of his largesse toward education and hard-won experience.

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formative years working on a small farm in England, where she learned the importance of humanely and sustainably raising animals and growing produce. Ahn said her culinary experience, along with her strong values, make her ideal for her newest post.

“Seventh & Dolores has been wonderfully successful, but we are not content to keep the status quo,” Ahn said. “We want fresh ideas and perspectives. For instance, I want 7D to not just offer the best steak experience, I want it to be an amazing place to eat for pescatarians, vegetarians, vegans, etc.,” he said. “The best ingredients make the best food, in our opinion — and Julia’s commitment to quality and local sourcing will continue to drive that ethos.”

‘Perfect fit’

Further, Folktale Winery is undergoing a remodel that includes new event spaces, gardens and two new kitchens, “so we are

naturally reimagining the culinary offerings,” Ahn said, and Sachs’ background in banquets at high-end properties “was a perfect fit to rebuild a world-class banquet operation for all our events.”

“Her experience cooking in Europe and around the world in Michelin-starred kitchens is making our heads spin with the creativity and technique she is bringing to the new menu,” he said.

And speaking of 7D, Ahn said the downtown Carmel restaurant has a new GM, Nadeem Aldawahreh, who formerly headed Dametra, Catch and Porta Bella.

“He only joined us a couple weeks ago, but he is already bringing the warm, friendly hospitality that is our brand back to 7D,” Ahn said. “Elevating service and



Nadeem Aldawahreh (right) is the new general manager of Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse (above). Said Greg Ahn, founder of Folktale Group, which includes the popular Carmel restaurant, “Elevating service and creating a memorable experience is his mission.”



creating a memorable experience is his mission, and the positive effects have been immediate. He is so passionate, I’m finding I have to hold him back — and I’m usually the one pushing.”

■ CSUMB celebrates

Cal State Monterey Bay’s Sustainable Hospitality and Tourism Management program will mark its 10th anniversary with “Making Waves,” a student-run fundraising event at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at the Kimpton Mirador hotel in Pacific Grove.

The fundraising event will showcase the program’s impact, including experiential learning, professional development and industry certifications, and will recognize luminaries including hospitality leader Ted

Balestreri, who will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at graduation May 16.

Five local chefs from restaurants including the Kimpton, Post Ranch Inn and Pebble Beach will serve signature dishes alongside wines from I. Brand & Family, Joyce and Caraccioli. Coastal Grooves will perform live jazz.

A silent auction will feature spa packages, dining experiences and local attractions.

Since launching in 2015, the program has graduated 170 students, many of whom stayed in the region to work in hospitality and tourism. Tickets start at \$125 per person and may be purchased at Eventbrite.com.

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



Rio Grill’s plans for Mother’s Day are still under wraps while the menu is being fine-tuned so it’s just right. One thing is certain — the staff is preparing for a crowd by opening an hour early, at 10:30 a.m.

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MUSIC

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■ For a good cause

To help raise funds for violinist **Edwin Huizinga**, who is battling cancer, the Sand Box in Sand City hosts a benefit concert Thursday at 7 p.m.

Romanian pianist **Alina Bercu** joins cellist **Michelle Djokic** to present a program that explores a rich musical spectrum — from “the elegant lyricism of George Enescu,” to “the luminous stillness of Arvo Pärt,” and “the romantic charm of Sergei Rachmaninoff.”

Djokic told The Pine Cone she met Huizinga during the Covid pandemic — the two musicians formed a duo and offered free “porch” concerts in downtown Carmel. She invited everyone to “join us in support of the ongoing recovery of our friend.”

The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz Ave. For more about the fundraiser, visit sandboxsandcity.com.

Live music April 23-29

■ 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.

■ Carmel

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Saturday at 7 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Tony Burciaga**

(Thursday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Square on San Carlos north of Seventh.

Carmel Mission Inn — Open Mic Night (Tuesday at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 5 p.m.). Shearwater Tavern, 3665 Rio Road.

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



Journey USA, featuring singer Stu Saddoris, rocks Golden State Theatre in Monterey Friday.

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 Mighty Maple (rock, Friday at 6 p.m.), **The New Wave Band** (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

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CALENDAR

Fridays – Dino Vera, 6:30 to 9:30 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.

Saturdays – Soulful blues with Debbie Davis and Gennady, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Terry’s Restaurant + Lounge, inside Cypress Inn, Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel-by-the-Sea. For more information, please contact Cypress Inn, (831) 624-3871.

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

April 28 – Carmel Public Library Foundation presents The WE THE PEOPLE Edition, “The Pursuit of Liberty and America’s 250-Year Battle Over Power,” with **Jeffrey Rosen**, author, professor and CEO emeritus of the **National Constitution Center** in conversation with **Amanda Tyler**, professor of Constitutional Law at UC Berkeley. Event set at Sunset Center, Carmel. Register at www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org/featured/. Questions: (831) 624-2811

April 30 – B4Noon Community Recital, 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at **Carmel Presbyterian Church**, Ocean and Junipero, SE corner. **Free.** This week, April 30: Music of **Breval, Bach & Beethoven** with cellist **Brynn Dally** & pianist **Eun Ha Chung**.



May 3 – Annual Spring Garden Party, 2 to 5 p.m., at **Tor House 26304 Ocean View Ave., Carmel Point.** Enjoy food, refreshments, docents, poetry, music, painting at this National Historic Landmark property. \$30 general/\$15 student. Buy tickets at www.torhouse.org. For more information, please contact Susie Joyce, (831) 624-1813.

May 3 – St. Mary’s-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 3 p.m. – **KALOS Returns!**

May 4 – The Monterey Peninsula College String Orchestra, directed by **David Dally**, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Monterey Peninsula College Theatre. Program will feature the suite from the movie “Psycho,” Gabriel’s Oboe from “The Mission,” Bach’s Cantata 42 “Sinfonia,” Holst’s “A Fugal Concerto,” Albinoni’s Concerto in F, and Fuchs’ Serenade #2. Tickets at the door: \$10 general/ \$5 students and military.

May 7 – The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) presents a luncheon to celebrate the success of this year’s **High School Academic World Quest (AWQ) competition** that resulted in an all-expense-covered Greenfield High School four-person plus coach team traveling to Washington D.C. to compete against multiple other high school teams at the national level involving knowledge of current international affairs. Visit World Affairs Council Monterey Bay - Home

May 8 – 19th Annual Community Foundation for Monterey County Women’s Fund Luncheon: “Standing Strong for Women and Girls.” This uplifting event features an inspiring program with journalist and political commentator **Christina Bellantoni** to benefit local women and girls. Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel & Spa, 1 Old Golf Course Road, Monterey. Reception 11 a.m., Luncheon 12-1:30 p.m. Tickets: give.cfmco.org/WomensFund2026

May 14 – SIR Monterey Branch monthly luncheon at Monterey Elks Lodge. Guest speaker is **Richard Holmboe** on “My Submarine Life or Living on a Pig Boat during the Vietnam War.” SIRMontereyinfo@gmail.com for more info on our luncheon meeting and membership.

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■ Carmel Valley

Bernardus Lodge — pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault** (jazz and pop, Saturday at noon), singer and pianist **TJ Kuenster** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Big Sur Vineyards Tasting Room — singer **Kate Miller** and singer and guitarist **Tom Faia** (rock and blues, Friday at 6 p.m.). 1 Del Fino Place.

Edgar's — singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Friday at 5:30 p.m.). At The Quail, 8205 Valley Greens Drive.

Folkale Winery — singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Friday at 4 p.m.), **Two Rivers** (pop and rock, Saturday at 4 p.m.), **Monterey Jazz Regional All-Star Combos** (Sunday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Al James** (Monday at 4 p.m.), an ensemble of local musicians presents "Serenata Italiana" (an intimate evening of Italian music, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Trailside Cafe — singer and banjoist **Banjer Dan**

(Americana, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

■ Monterey

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

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

InterContinental Hotel — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Terrance Farrell** (Spanish, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

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

Midici Pizza — flutist **Kenny Stahl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Janice Perl**, keyboardist **Evan Wiederanders** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel — pianist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Sunday 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 **RJ DeMarco** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Nick DiSalvo** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (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.), singer and pianist **TJ Kuenster** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.). 701 Wave St.

Sly McFly's — **Bazooka Jones** (pop, country and



Pianist Alina Bercu performs at a fundraising concert Thursday at the Sand Box in Sand City.

R&B, Friday at 9 p.m. and Thursday at 8:30 p.m.), **The Speakeasy Band** (pop and rock, Saturday at 9 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.

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

PG's Meetinghouse — **The Commission** (pop and rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), **Open Mic** (Tuesday at 6 p.m., sign-ups start at 5 p.m.), guitarist **Cat Broz** (Spanish, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Pop 'n' Hiss — **Slim Checkers** (rock and blues, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **Ricketts Folly** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 215 Forest Ave.

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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 (In the Terrace Lounge) — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Fred McCarty** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kip Allert** (Saturday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). 1700 17 Mile Drive.

■ Sand City

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

■ Seaside

Cal State Monterey Bay — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Wednesday at 5 p.m.). On the lawn by the Student Union at 3118 Inter-Garrison Road.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260530

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

The Cord Confectionals, 885 Alice St., Apt B, Monterey, CA 93940, County of MontereyRegistered Owner(s): Stephanie Shepherd
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 02/02/2025S/ Stephanie Shepherd
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/10/20264/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24/26
CNS-4026895#**CARMEL PINE CONE**
Publication Dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026. (PC 454)**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20260498

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:**REMEDIOS ANTIGUOS, 490 Calle Principal, Monterey, CA 93940**, County of MontereyRegistered Owner(s):
KATARINA ISABELLA RUIZ, 1030 Carson St., Seaside, CA 93955.This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.S/ Katarina Ruiz
Date signed: March 2, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 5, 2026.

Publication Dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026 (PC 404)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 20260618

Filing type: ABANDONMENT
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: Jan. 9, 2023
File No.: 20230042The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CC, VENDING, 17595 Winding Creek Road, Salinas, CA 93908**.Registered Owner(s):
LEONARD CHABIEL, 17595 Winding Creek Road, Salinas, CA 93908This business is conducted by an individual.
S/ Leonard Chabiel
March 23, 2026

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

Publication dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026. (PC405)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260662

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:**MARINA STATION HOME SALES TEAM, Dolores 3 SW of 7th, Carmel, CA 93921**.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
MONTEREY PENINSULA REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, P.O. Drawer C, Carmel, CA 93921.State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 1, 2012.S/Jennifer Menke, Vice President
Date: Feb. 27, 2026

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

Publication Dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026 (PC 406)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260649

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:**1. CLINKENBEARD TOYS & GAMES
2. CLINKENBEARD TOYS AND GAMES
3. CG&T****3170 Kona Cir., Marina, CA 93933**, County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREYRegistered Owner(s):
DREW ALEX CLINKENBEARD, 3100 De Forest Rd. #18, Marina, CA 93933.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/ Drew A. Clinkenbeard
Date signed: March 26, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 26, 2026.

Publication Dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026 (PC 407)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260578

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

NW Construction, 1250 La Mirada Dr, Salinas, CA 93901, County of MontereyRegistered Owner(s):
Nick And Son's Handyman Services Inc., 1250 La Mirada Dr, Salinas, CA 93901 CAThis business is conducted by: a corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not ApplicableS/ Nick White, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/12/264/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24/26
CNS-4028223#**CARMEL PINE CONE**
Publication Dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026. (PC 408)**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20260567

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

Carmel Pro Drywall Solutions, 585 Calaveras Dr, Salinas, CA 93906
County of MONTEREYRegistrant(s):
Omar Allende Cruz, 585 Calaveras Dr, Salinas, CA 93906This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.S/ Omar Allende Cruz
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/16/2026.4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24/26
CNS-4022421#**CARMEL PINE CONE**
Publication Dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026. (PC 409)**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20260605

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:**MONTEREY GOLD AND COIN EXCHANGE, 153 Country Club Gate****Center, Pacific Grove, CA 93950**.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
DAVID NEWELL JOHNSON.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/ David Newell Johnson
Date signed: March 20, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 20, 2026.

Publication Dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026 (PC 412)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260634

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:**GALDINOS LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE, 13770 Center Street, Carmel Valley, CA 93924**.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
GALDINO OSORNIO, P.O. Box 498, 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 May 31, 2012.S/ Galдино Osornio
Date signed: March 24, 2012
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 24, 2026.

Publication Dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026 (PC 413)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260624

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

GRANNYBEAR BAKES, 16660 Meridian Rd, Salinas, CA 93907
County of MONTEREYRegistrant(s):
SPAZZMATIC ADVENTURES LLC, 16660 Meridian Rd, Salinas, CA 93907This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.S/ JASON OWEN, MANAGING MEMBER,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/24/2026.4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1/26
CNS-4022000#**CARMEL PINE CONE**
Publication Dates: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026. (PC 414)**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20260701

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:**GENTRY PSYCHIATRIC, 26362 Carmel Rancho Lane, Suite 204, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93923**.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
TRANSFORMATIVE PSYCHIATRY, INC., 4160 Temescal Canyon Road, Suite 202, Corona, CA 92883.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/ Preston Gentry, President
Date: April 1, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 1, 2026.

Publication Dates: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026 (PC 415)

legals@carmelpinecone.com

**PUBLIC NOTICE****NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Community Meeting on **Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 4:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible. Interested members of the public are invited to attend.****This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person at Carpenter Hall in the Sunset Center** located on San Carlos Street between 8th and 10th Avenues. **To participate via teleconference, use this link:** <https://www.google.com/url?q=https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/86551006446?pwd%3D3D3omHclBQ4lYWw0A9Qy3yT0RfdzPK3K2.1&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1776630315383309&usg=AOvVaw1L2xdDlFVpxuur65qTOLHP>. **To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171.** Webinar ID: 865 5100 6446. 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 mwaffle@ci.carmel.ca.us prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 24 hours before the meeting.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 Community 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, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.**Community Meeting on Objective Design and Development Standards (ODDS) Citywide**

This is the third in a series of community meetings on objective design and development standards (ODDS) for accessory dwelling units, multifamily housing, and mixed-use residential. This meeting will introduce the administrative draft ODDS for ADUs and solicit input from the community on the draft standards and diagrams for site design, building form, and architectural design. The meeting will primarily be in person, with a Zoom option also available.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Marnie Waffle, Principle PlannerPublication dates:
April 17 & 24, 2026
(PC443)**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20260601

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

KING CITY PHARMACY, 110 N RUSS ST KING CITY, CA 93930, County of MONTEREYRegistered Owner(s):
STORY ROAD PHARMACY, INC., 3074 STORY ROAD SAN JOSE, CA 95217, CALIFORNIAThis business is conducted by a CORPORATION
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLES/ ABDULRAHMAN MOSAD, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/20/20264/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1/26
CNS-4029803#**CARMEL PINE CONE**
Publication Dates: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026. (PC 416)**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20260694

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:**LIFE CARE ASSISTANT, 1086 7th St., Apt. 9, Monterey, CA 93940**.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
JO ANNE BARRON, P.O. Box 525, Monterey, CA 93942.This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 5, 2021.S/ Jo Anne Barron
Date signed: April 1, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 1, 2026.

Publication Dates: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026 (PC 417)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260625

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

OWLS CLEANERS, 261235 CARMEL RANCHO BLVD. E - 102, CARMEL, CA 93923

County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s):
HAEIL PARK, 261235 CARMEL RANCHO BLVD. E - 102, CARMEL, CA 93923This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.S/ HAEIL PARK,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/24/2026.4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1/26
CNS-4030653#**CARMEL PINE CONE**
Publication Dates: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026. (PC 420)**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20260738

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:**SHALOM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 588 Yreka Dr, Salinas, CA 93906**.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
LEONARDO RUIZ DIAZ, 588 Yreka Dr, Salinas, California 93906.This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 6, 2026.S/ Leonardo Ruiz Diaz
Date signed: April 6, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 6, 2026.

Publication Dates: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026 (PC 421)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260679

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:**STORELOCAL STORAGE PRUNEDALE, 17645 Vierra Canyon Road, Salinas, CA 93901**.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
COASTAL INVESTMENT ENTERPRISES, LLC, 4920 Campus Drive, Ste. A, Newport Beach, CA 92660.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 16, 2026.

S/ Paul B. Parker, Manager
Date: March 16, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 30, 2026.

Publication Dates: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026 (PC 422)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260752

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:**1. THREAD FRESH
2. THREAD FRESH CO.
3. THREAD FRESH COMPANY
907B Walnut Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93950**.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
DROR MANOR, 907B Walnut Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.S/ Dror Manor
Date signed: April 7, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 7, 2026.

Publication Dates: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026 (PC 424)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260612

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

Scrubtechusa.com, 19014 Pesante Rd Unit B, Salinas, CA 93907, County of MontereyRegistered Owner(s):
JK Moore Ventures LLC, 19014 PESANTE RD B, SALINAS, CA 93907, CALIFORNIAThis business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not ApplicableS/ Jordan Moore, Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/23/20264/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8/26
CNS-4031530#**CARMEL PINE CONE**
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026. (PC 425)**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY****AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**Case No. 25CV005558
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner, MARINA RICO, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name:
PAOLA HERNANDEZ-RICO
Proposed name:
PAOLA RICO**B. Present name:**
AARON HERNANDEZ-RICO
Proposed name:
AARON RICO

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 19, 2026
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15

LEGALS DEADLINE: Tuesday 3:00 pm

Call Irma (831) 274-8645 or email:

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*Se Habla Espanol*SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY
Case No. 26CV001187**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

831-620-6630

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

Publication dates: April 10, 17, 24, 2026 (PC338)

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

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

(s) Ian A. Rivamonte
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Jan. 13, 2026

Publication Dates: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 202

Monterey artist explores the big city at 1/64th scale

IN A pop-up show this Saturday at Reflections Elegante Fine Art Gallery in Monterey, artist Nikki Hoff uses pieces of wooden boxes to create miniature versions of what San Francisco looked like at night during the 1960s and 1970s.

The show, “Decades,” runs from noon to 6 p.m. Besides capturing the famous city by the bay at 1/64th scale — and populating its streets with Hot Wheels toy cars and other surprises — Hoff has created a series of charcoal sculptures and illustrations to complement the miniature cities.

A watercolorist, sculptor and charcoal artist, Hoff describes the show as an

through layered textures, cultural sayings and striking visual storytelling,” she adds.

The event is free. The gallery is located at 271 Portola Plaza and its website is reflectionselegantgallery.com

■ No mere hobbyist

Opening Thursday at the Monterey Museum of Art is a retrospective show of Mary DeNeale Morgan paintings — the first in eight decades.

Fascinated by the elegant Monterey cypress that’s so common here, Morgan first visited Carmel in 1903 and bought a home there in 1909. She became the first artist to sell a painting when the Hotel Del Monte opened a gallery in 1907.

Morgan died in 1948 after leaving her mark on the Monterey Peninsula. “She devoted her career not only to artistic exploration, but also to the early cultivation of the Carmel Art Colony — notably in her roles founding the Carmel Arts and Crafts Club, Forest Theater, Carmel School of Art and Carmel Art Association,” according to

the museum. “At a time when women painters were routinely dismissed as hobbyists, DeNeale Morgan’s commitment to being recognized as a professional artist affirms her role in shaping California art history.”

Curated by art historian Robert W. Edwards, the show will be on display through August 16. The museum is located at 559 Pacific St.

■ ‘Tiny treasures’ sought

The Pacific Grove Art Center is asking local artists to donate small paintings for its annual Tiny Treasures fundraising raffle, and the deadline is June 20. The exhibit will open July 4, and run through August 28.

“Donations of original artwork are limited to a maximum of 3 pieces, and each should be no larger than 8 inches by 10 inches including the frame,” the art center announced. “3D art should not exceed 7



The Monterey Museum of Art is hosting a show of early 20th century painter Mary DeNeale Morgan’s art.

inches in depth. All 2D artwork should be ready to hang.”

Raffle tickets will cost \$5, with purchasers indicating their favorites by depositing tickets in boxes next to each piece. Winners will be drawn at the end of the show.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

“immersive art experience” that offers the viewer a chance to “explore dynamic, dimensional environments where history, memory and expression collide.”

Blending environmental installations with eclectic charcoal works, “each piece captures the essence of past decades

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260590
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CARMEL VALLEY CHESS CLUB, 9 Del Fino Pl. #201, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
CARMEL VALLEY CHESS CLUB LLC, 20775 Cachagua Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
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 1, 2026.
S/Justin Bradley, Managing Member
Date: March 19, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 19, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 431)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260769
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CARMEL PILATES & PERSONAL TRAINING, 124 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
MARCY LYNN STRAESSER HEGER, 3260 Rio Road, Carmel, CA 93923.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 1, 2023.
S/Marcy Lynn Straesser Heger
Date signed: April 8, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 8, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 432)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260754
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CASTROVILLE SELF STORAGE, 10520 Tembladera St., Castroville, CA 95012.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
CASTROVILLE SELF STORAGE LLC, P.O. Box 1134, Carmel, CA 93921.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 7, 2026.
S/Barbara French, President
Date: April 7, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 7, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 433)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260750
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
WOODWORKS FROM THE HEART, 24625 Avenida Principal, Salinas, CA 93908.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
HEART DOMINGUEZ
MICHELLE ARNOLD DOMINGUEZ.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 1, 2026.
S/Heart Dominguez
Date signed: April 7, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 7, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 434)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260478
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
DANCING BIRD SOAPS, 13746 Center St., Ste. A, Carmel, CA 93924.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ZOE ANNE LITTLEDOVE.
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/Zoe Littlelove
Date signed: Feb. 25, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 3, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 435)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260758
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
KLB DESIGN LLC, San Carlos 3 SW of 11th, Carmel by the Sea, CA 93921.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
KLB DESIGN LLC, 807 Lori Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.
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 1, 2026.
S/Kiersten Bahcall, Manager
Date: April 1, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 7, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 436)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 26CV001938
Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY
Petition of: LAURENT RUESSMANN AND XIA CHAI, ON BEHALF OF THEIR MINOR DAUGHTER, JINYI CHAI for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner LAURENT RUESSMANN AND XIA CHAI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: JINYI CHAI to VIRGINIA CHAI RUESSMANN
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: 6/2/2026, Time: 10:02 A.M., Dept.: 14, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 1200 AGUAJITO ROAD, MONTEREY, CA 93940
(To appear remotely, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the court’s website. To find your court’s website, go to www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.)
A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE CARMEL PINE CONE
Date: APRIL 9, 2026
IAN A. RIVAMONTE
Judge of the Superior Court
4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15/26
CNS-4033250#
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260792
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CHOCOLATES AND CHEERS, 381 Cannery Row, Suite N, Monterey, CA 93940
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
CARRIE FRANCES GRIFFIN, 698 Grove St., Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 28, 1976.
S/Carrie F. Griffin
Date signed: April 10, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 10, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260586
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ALCHEMY PROPERTIES, 1705 La Salle Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
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State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Alexa G. Hardegree, Manager
Date: March 11, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 18, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260776
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
COASTAL TASTE LOUNGE, 220 Olivier St., Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
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This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 1, 2024.
S/Navin Thapa, President
Date: April 9, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 9, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260762
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
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State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
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S/Sapna Shobna Nair, President
Date: April 8, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 8, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260783
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
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State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
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S/Harwinder Shahi, President
Date: April 9, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 9, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260503
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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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 2, 2026.
S/Bret Bair, Member
Date: March 6, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 6, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260742
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
AG GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, 674 E MARKET ST, APT A, SALINAS, CA 93905
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
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S/JOSE ALFREDO GOMEZ AMAYA
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260822
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
MATTHEW EVAN PORGES, P.O. Box 7293, Carmel, CA 93921.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 15, 2026.
S/Matthew E. Porges
Date signed: April 15, 2026
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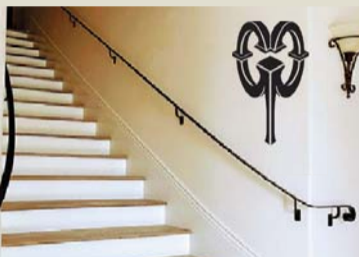
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Point Pinos restaurant to open

By KELLY NIX

THE OPERATORS of a downtown Pacific Grove restaurant will take over the eatery at the city's golf course clubhouse.

At a meeting earlier this month, the P.G. City Council voted to OK a 5-year concession lease agreement with Fortunate Fork LLC, a company started in late March by Jerry Regester and Gail Grammatico, the owners of Spotted Duck restaurant in the Holman Building. They will operate the old Point Pinos Grill at 79 Asilomar Blvd. The new restaurant will be called The Grove at Point Pinos.

Fortunate Fork will pay the city of Pacific Grove \$13,500 in monthly rent, along with 7 percent of the restaurant's gross monthly sales, according to the contract.

Former Point Pinos Grill vendor, Tamie Aceves of La Crème Hospitality, operated the grill from late 2020 until November 2025. It has been closed since then.

The Grove at Point Pinos should be open by mid-June or early July, a city official told the council.

Resident Paul Dyson, who said he and his wife recently moved to Pacific Grove, told the council that the \$11,000 security deposit was too low to cover the kitchen equipment that the city provides the concessionaire.

'Supportive'

"To me, that seems like an indirect subsidy to the new operator, but perhaps I'm missing something," said Dyson, who added that he thought the \$3 million in commercial general liability insurance the city requires the vendor to carry is also too low.

Mayor Nick Smith that city staff and the council reviewed the agreement in closed session.

"I'm fully supportive of this proprietor, who has received a lot of awards for the current restaurant they run, and I'm sup-

portive of the contract as is written," Smith said before the council voted 5-0, with councilwoman Tina Rau absent, to OK the lease agreement.

The city opened the lease proposal in December 2025 and received proposals from two potential operators, including Fortunate Fork.

"As a result of the selection process, the proposal submitted by Fortunate Fork, LLC was selected as the highest rated pro-

posal for their unique qualifications and vision for the premises," a report to the city council said, adding that the vendor will also serve alcohol.

The lease for the Point Pinos Grill will also include the operation of a snack bar, banquet and dining rooms, outdoor patio, and vending machines. The new tenant will be responsible for paying for utilities and services, including electric, cable, internet, and sewer fees.

Point Pinos Grill at the Pacific Grove golf course will reopen under a new name and with new operators this summer.

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APN: 009-351-001

Carmel Valley

350 Via Tulares — \$330,000

Par and Elizabeth Botes to Sean O'Brien
APN: 197-132-006

207 Hacienda Carmel — \$969,000

Jayne Moore to Kelly Burke
APN: 015-347-003



24911 Outlook Terrace, Carmel Valley — \$3,600,000

Carmel Valley Road — \$1,500,000

Dessie, James and Kenneth Reed to Wytanbo LLC
APN: 418-301-075

Old Ranch Road — \$1,600,000

Bee Epstein to Daniel and Jennifer Fessler
APN: 416-541-059

25435 Via Cicindela — \$1,748,000

Mark and Connie Welch to John and Nina Francetic
APN: 169-353-002

24911 Outlook Terrace — \$3,600,000

Mark and Bridget Howard to Christopher and Stacy Pacheco
APN: 015-521-016

Carmel Rancho Blvd. — \$37,500,000

BRFII Carmel LLC to Montage Health Properties LLC
APN: 015-012-074

Highway 68

14105 Mountain Quail Road — \$800,000

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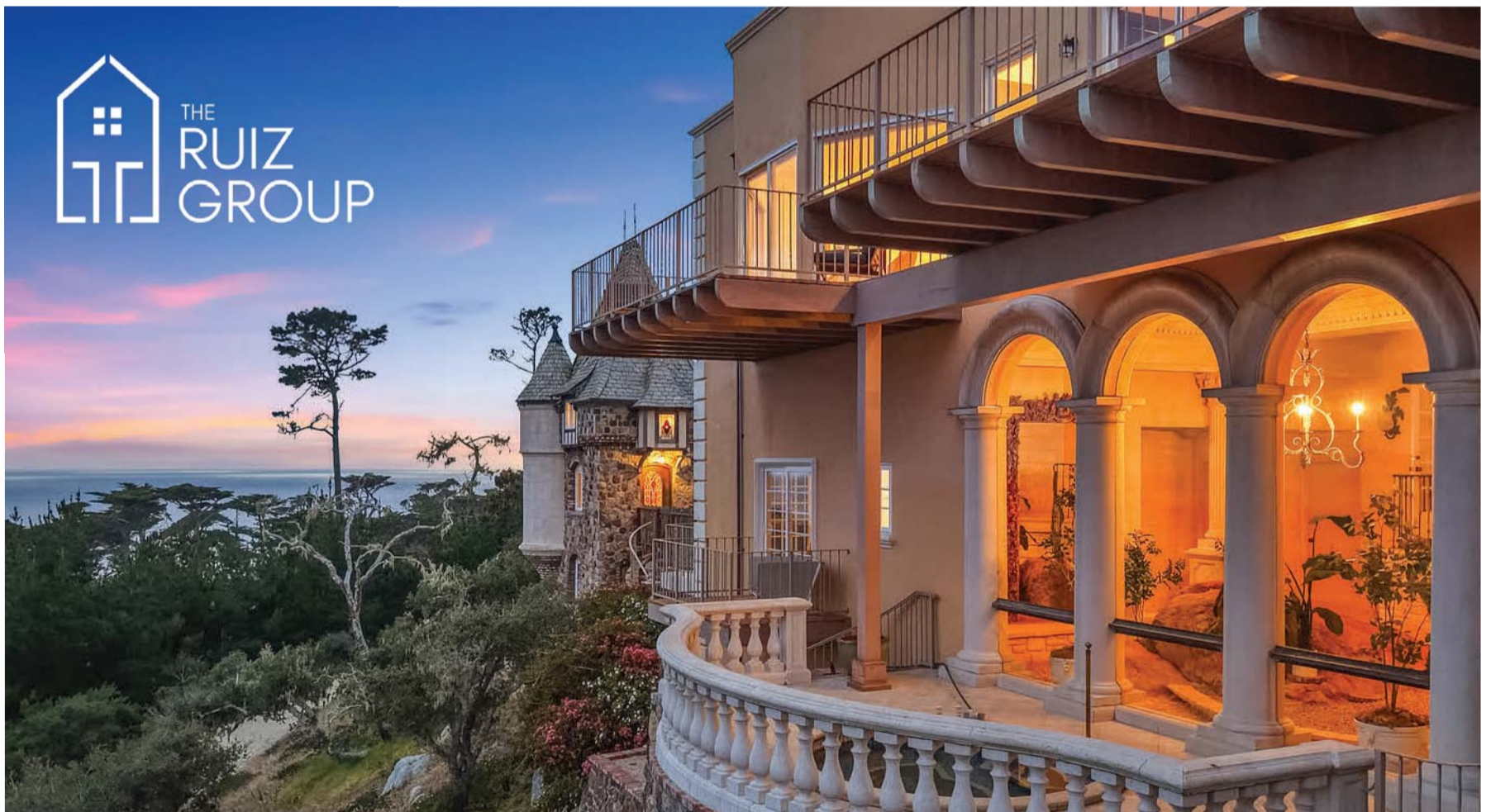
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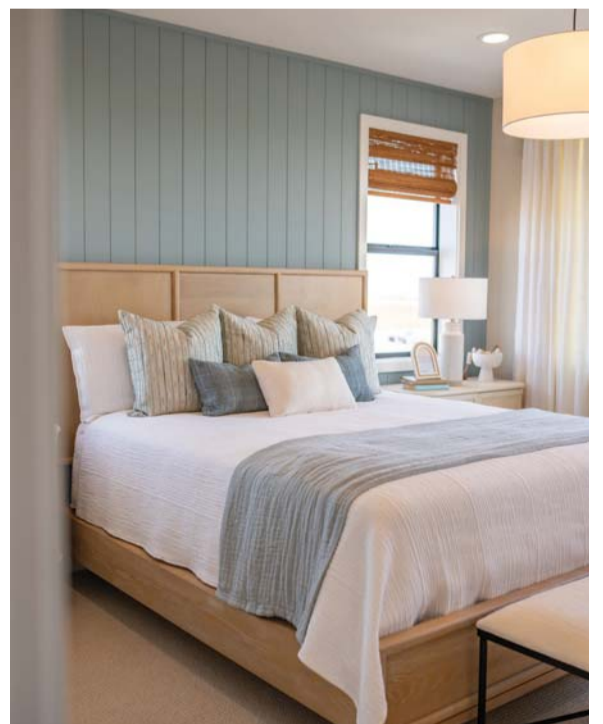
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Why answering questions should give way to questioning answers

“We don’t grow into creativity, we grow out of it. Or rather, we get educated out of it.”

— Sir Ken Robinson

WHEN I was a child, I parroted much of what I saw and heard. My views and opinions were shaped by my

parents, the nuns at school and the priests at church.

Catholic indoctrination begins early. This is not a criticism of Catholicism. It’s a process practiced by any faith, perhaps more so by one that runs its own school system. I remember when one of the priests who taught at a Catholic high school in Buffalo, N.Y., asked me and my freshman

classmates why we were Catholics. None of us really understood the question beyond the simplistic answer: “We were born and raised that way.” That wasn’t the answer he was looking for. Later, I understood that he was leading us into the uncharted universe of critical thinking. This may have been when my education really began.

I was reminded of this when I read Robinson’s quote about creativity. He an expert on education in the arts, with a wry sense of humor and a resemblance to the actor Michael Caine. I speak of him in the past tense because he

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By JERRY GERVASE

died in 2020 at 70. His words resonated with me because they echoed my own experiences — moments when I felt the weight of education pressing down on my creativity and others when it lifted me up.

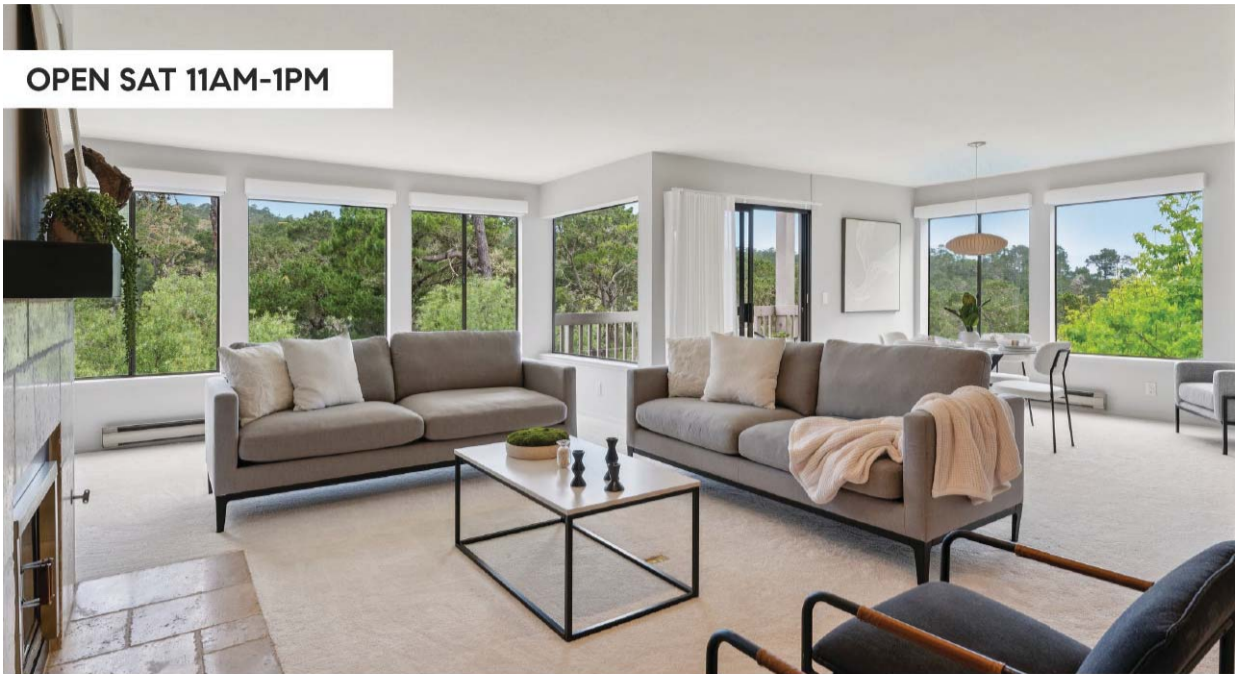
One of those moments came in seventh grade, the year all students had to take the New York State Regents Exam. The year before, eighth graders had started worrying us with ominous warnings: “Just wait until you take the Regents,” they’d say, as if we were little Hansels and Gretels about to be fattened up for a witch’s dinner. The dread they instilled was palpable.

Critical moment

But when test day arrived, I opened the *booklet and found the easiest set of multiple-choice questions I’d ever seen. Even at a young age, I realized that widespread testing of students from diverse backgrounds had to be general. There had been a common complaint that the Regents exams were a “straitjacket on what teachers and schools can teach.” And it was true. The test didn’t ask us to think — it only asked us to recall.

But the priest’s question was different. It wasn’t about memorization or regurgitation. It was about “why” — why we believed what we believed. It was an invitation to think critically, to step outside the framework of indoctrination and consider our own perspectives. That moment stuck with me. It was the first time I felt education could be more than just absorbing information. It could be about questioning, exploring and creating.

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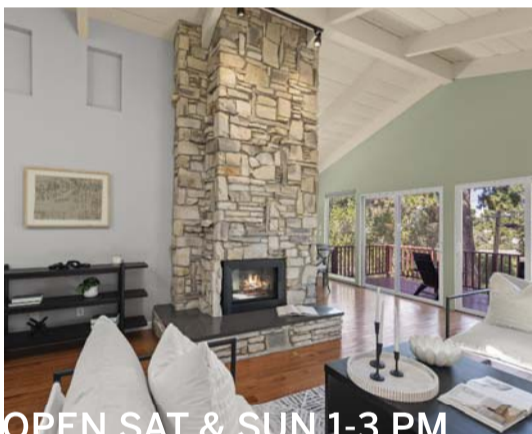
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ESCROWS

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Highway 68 (cont'd)

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APN: 161-421-015

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Daneen Gunter to Laurie Balcerzak and Stephen Eakle
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Kristin Minnich to Michelle Fortnam
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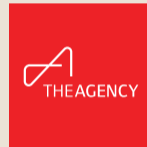
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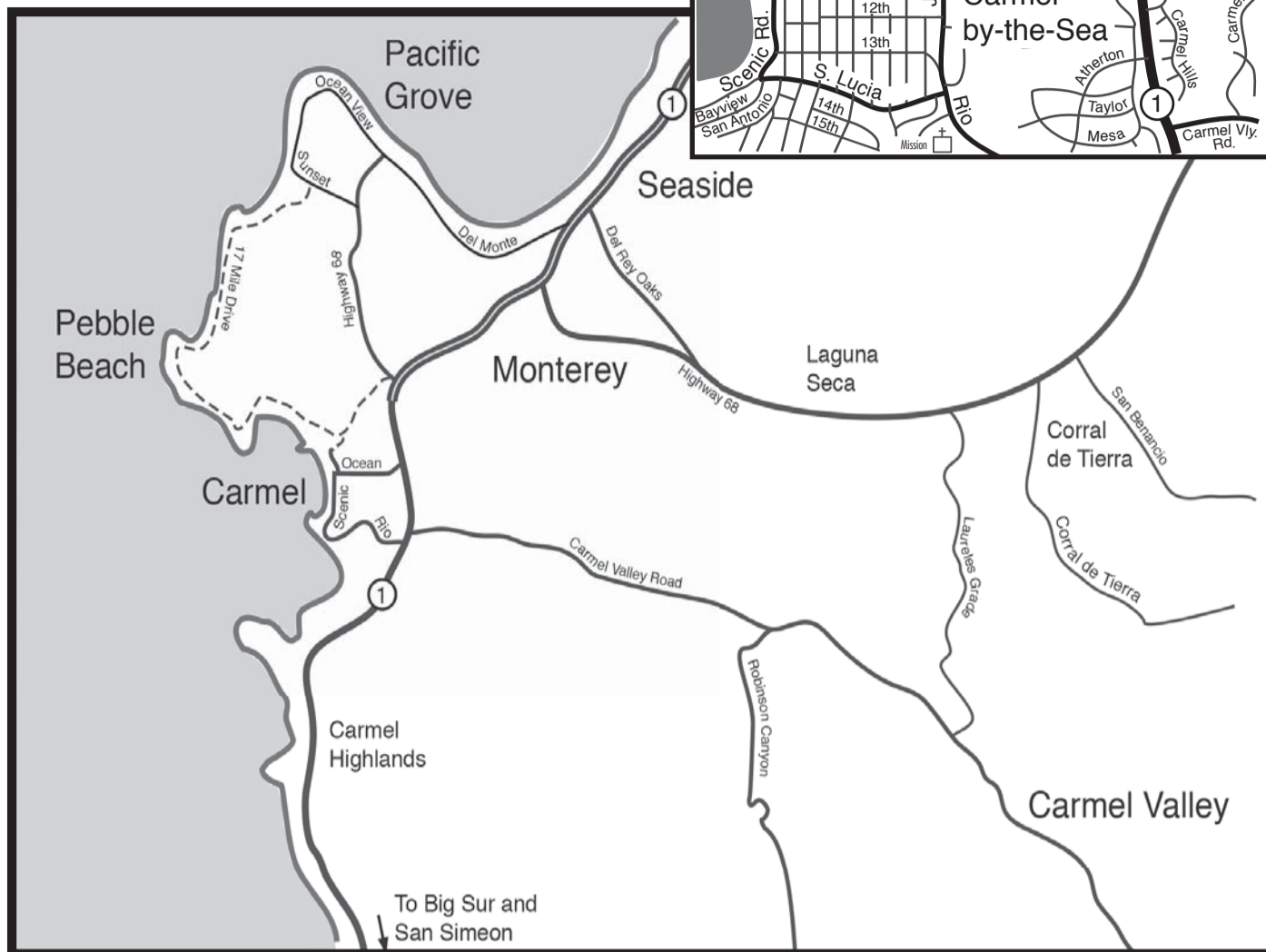
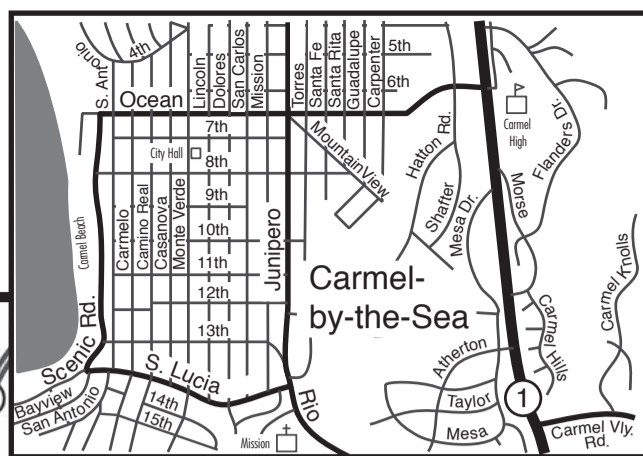


CARMEL

\$825,000	2bd 2ba	Su 1-3
114 Hacienda Carmel Compass 915-9710		
\$955,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
24501 Via Mar Monte #77 Compass 915-6394		
\$1,178,000	2bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
148 Del Mesa Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 293-3391 / 521-0680		
\$1,499,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 10:30-12:30 Su 10-13
9805 Carmel Valley Rd Monterey Coast Realty 650-759-4193		
\$1,750,000	2bd 2ba	Sa Su 2-4
9542 Maple Court Compass 236-5290		
\$1,825,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3 Su 12-2
25636 Morse Dr Compass 238-2022		
\$2,450,000	4bd 4ba	Su 1-4
3640 Via Mar Monte Coldwell Banker Realty 277-7700		
\$2,595,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1-4
Vizcaino 3 NW of Flanders Way Sotheby's Int'l RE 521-5024		
\$2,895,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
8022 River Place Carmel Realty 241-8900		
\$2,899,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-4 Su 2-4
3017 Lasuen Dr Coldwell Banker Realty 884-3919		
\$3,479,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 1-4 Su 2-4
Crespi 2 NW Flanders Compass 915-6187 / 915-8010		
\$3,495,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 11-4
26140 Mesa Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE 915-0265 / 915-6391		

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April 24-26



\$3,595,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1:30-4 Su 11-1
Monte Verde 3 SE of 12th Ave Carmel Realty 521-4855		
\$3,599,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
Guadalupe 5 SE of 3rd Coldwell Banker Realty 356-8123		
\$3,975,000	3bd 4ba	Sa 1-3
26181 Valley View Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE 238-7559		
\$4,595,000	5bd 5ba	Sa 1-5
25286 Hatton Road Carmel Monterey Coast Realty 460-6864		
\$4,950,000	3bd 3ba	Su 1-3
26334 River Park Place Carmel Realty 594-8767		

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\$7,280,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 11-1 Su 1-3
San Carlos 3 SE of 1st Avenue Carmel Realty 521-4855		
\$6,450,000	3bd 3ba	Sa Su 2-4
Santa Fe 2 SW Mountain View Carmel Realty 915-7415		

CARMEL VALLEY

\$1,225,000	2bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 12-2
13330 Middle Canyon Road Sotheby's Int'l RE 404-401-8647		
\$1,690,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3 Su 2-4
42 Upper Circle Sotheby's Int'l RE 293-3030		
\$1,995,000	2bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 1-4
9 Story Road Sotheby's Int'l RE 402-4394		
\$2,080,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 2-4
760 Country Club Dr Compass 597-2240		
\$2,375,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 12-3
25390 Tierra Grande Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE 277-9022		
\$2,540,000	4bd 4ba	Sa 12-2 Su 2-4
26245 Rinconada Dr. Compass 236-5290		
\$2,890,000	4bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
31499 Via Las Rosas The Agency Carmel Valley 293-4879		
\$3,250,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 11-1 Su 2-4
15475 Via Los Tulares Sotheby's Int'l RE Carmel Valley 915-8688		

DEL REY OAKS

\$558,000	1bd 1ba	Sa 2:30-4:30
121 Quail Run Court Sotheby's Int'l RE Del Rey Oaks 917-1631		
\$1,425,000	4bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
810 Altura Place Sotheby's Int'l RE Del Rey Oaks 238-1984		

HOLLISTER

\$887,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1-4 Su 1-3
1181 McClellan Street Monterey Coast Realty Hollister 747-7620		

MARINA

\$949,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 2-4
5003 3rd Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE Marina 915-0265		
\$987,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 2-4
2785 Telegraph Boulevard Monterey Coast Realty Marina 238-0653		
\$995,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 1-3
3218 Tallmon St Sotheby's Int'l RE Marina 521-0680		
\$1,395,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 2-4
266 Sandy Gulch Drive Monterey Coast Realty Marina 238-0653		
\$2,399,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 11-1
2409 Schooner Avenue Monterey Coast Realty Marina 277-1224		

MONTEREY

\$449,000	2bd 1ba	Sa Su 1-3
820 Casanova Ave #69 Monterey Coast Realty Monterey 915-9726		
\$599,000	1bd 1ba	Sa Su 11-1
300 Glenwood Circle, #258 Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 915-0265		
\$665,000	2bd 1ba	Su 1-3
300 Glenwood Circle 265 Monterey Coast Realty Monterey 717-7959		
\$799,000	2bd 2ba	Fr 4-6
345 Sequoia Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 915-2109		
\$800,000	2bd 2.5ba	Su 11-1
70 Forest Ridge Rd #30 Monterey Coast Realty Monterey 317-6336		
\$849,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
1360 Josselyn Canyon Road 40 Monterey Coast Realty Monterey 717-7959		

\$925,000	3bd 1ba	Fr 3-5 Sa 11-1
662 Oak St Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 915-8989		
\$1,398,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
710 Woodcrest Lane Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 214-2545		
\$2,225,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 11-3 Su 11-1
6 Wyndemere Vale Compass Monterey 236-5290		
\$2,250,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 1-3
471 El Dorado Street Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 277-2782		
\$2,450,000	3bd 3ba	Su 10-2
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PACIFIC GROVE

\$925,000	1bd 1ba	Fr 2:30-4:30
418 Fountain Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 869-6117		
\$995,000	1bd 1ba	Su 12-2
313 14th Street Compass Pacific Grove 238-1380		
\$995,000	2bd 1ba	Fr 3-5 Sa 11-1 Su 1-3
235 Chestnut Street Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 262-2301		



\$1,140,000	1bd 1ba	Sa 1-4
141 Caledonia Avenue Carmel Realty Pacific Grove 303-502-6477		
\$1,148,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 12-2
1321 David Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 277-3371		
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360 Central Ave Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 402-2017 / 318-3808		
\$1,780,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 12-3 Su 12-2
61 Companion Way Coldwell Banker Realty Pacific Grove 277-3914		
\$2,950,000	3bd 4ba	Su 1-3
127 16th Street Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 318-3808		
\$3,400,000	3bd 2ba	Fr 1-3 Sa 1-5 Su 1-3
683 Ocean View Blvd Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 318-3808		
\$3,498,000	4bd 2.5+ba	Su 1-3
131 7th Street Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 402-2017		
\$5,999,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 2-5
1273 Surf Avenue Carmel Realty Pacific Grove 596-2570		

\$985,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 11-1
8 Shepherds Knoll Rd Compass Pebble Beach 238-1380		
\$1,695,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 2-4
4058 El Bosque Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE Pebble Beach 869-6117		
\$1,995,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-4 Su 2-4
4083 Los Altos Drive Coldwell Banker Realty Pebble Beach 206-0129		
\$2,350,000	4bd 3ba	Su 1-3
1171 Chaparral Road Monterey Coast Realty Pebble Beach 206-9969		
\$2,495,000	4bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 1-3
1043 Mission Road Sotheby's Int'l RE Pebble Beach 238-8029 / 320-1109		
\$2,695,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 11-4 Su 2-4
1091 Laurel Sotheby's Int'l RE Pebble Beach 277-9250 / 200-5007		
\$3,295,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 2-4
2905 Bird Rock Rd Compass Pebble Beach 238-1380		
\$3,650,000	4bd 2.5ba	Sa 12-2
3035 Sherman Road Carmel Realty Pebble Beach 241-1434		
\$4,995,000	4bd 5.5ba	Su 1-4
3198 Del Cierro Rd Coldwell Banker Realty Pebble Beach 238-6189		
\$9,995,000	4bd 2.5ba	Sa 2-5 Su 1-4
1651 Crespi Lane Carmel Realty Pebble Beach 277-5544		
\$10,900,000	4bd 5.5ba	Su 1-4
31 Poppy Lane Coldwell Banker Realty Pebble Beach 206-0129		

PEBBLE BEACH

\$899,000	2bd 2ba	Su 1-3
17 Shepherd's Knoll Carmel Realty Pebble Beach 320-6801		
\$935,000	2bd 2ba	Su 1-3
51 Shepherds Knolls Unit #51 Sotheby's Int'l RE Pebble Beach 277-1169		

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New Listing	Lobos 4 NW of 3rd	\$4,950,000	---	3
Withdrawn	Camino Real 4 NW of 11th	\$4,950,000	---	7
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THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Pacific Grove: Attempted fraud on Balboa Avenue. No funds or property were lost.

Pacific Grove: Stolen private property on Asilomar Boulevard without suspect information.

Pacific Grove: A woman was reported running naked on the sidewalk on Ninth Street and was transported to the hospital for

a medical check.

Carmel area: A 43-year-old male was admonished for trespassing on school grounds.

Carmel Valley: Deceased male at an East Carmel Valley Road address.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found dog at Ocean and Lincoln returned to its owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found wallet at Ocean and Junipero.

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Robinson's idea that "anything involving human intelligence is a setting for possible creative achievement" speaks to this. Creativity isn't confined to the arts. It's a way of engaging with the world. It's the ability to see connections, ask questions and challenge assumptions. And yet, so much of our education system seems designed to do the opposite — to train us to follow rules, color within the lines and be taught what will appear on a standardized test.

The Regents Exam was easy because it didn't require creativity. It required compliance. It was a microcosm of so much of what we experience in school, a system that rewards conformity over originality. But the priest's question was a reminder that education doesn't have to be that way. It can be a tool for liberation, a way to invite exploration rather than enforce limits.

Now, years later, I understand what my seventh-grade self didn't. Creativity isn't something you either have or don't, it's something that's either nurtured or suppressed. The Regents Exam was easy because it asked for memorization, not thought. But the priest's question — that was the real test. It demanded something riskier — that we

think for ourselves. Robinson was right. We don't grow into creativity. We are coaxed out of it by systems that tell us we aren't creative. Maybe the first step to reclaiming it is to ask the questions no one else will.

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So where does that leave me? I've come to believe that creativity isn't just about painting or writing or inventing. It's about living a life that's authentically yours. Winning the prize of your own life doesn't have to be grand. It can happen unexpectedly. Education, at its best, should help

us win. Often, it does the opposite.

The challenge, then, is to recognize those moments when education is stifling rather than liberating — and to push back. To ask questions, take risks and trust that creativity isn't something you lose. It's something you choose to keep. Whether you're digging a ditch or ditching archaic systems of learning, human intelligence is involved. Creativity is achieved.

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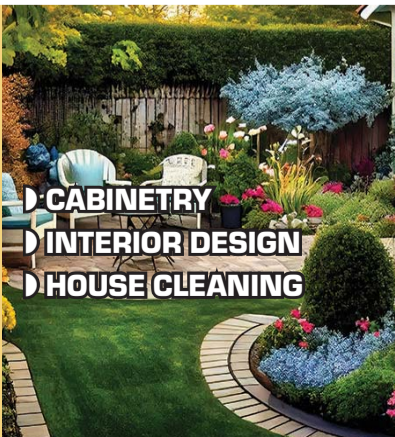
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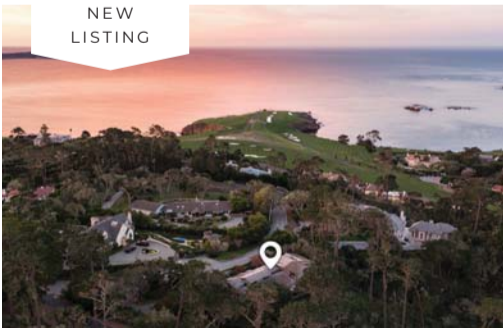
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