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Moss Landing battery cleanup almost finished

By KELLY NIX

THE ARDUOUS process of removing thousands of battery modules from the destroyed Vistra Moss Landing Energy Storage Facility should be finished in about two months, a county official said this week.

Monterey County emergency management director Kelsey Scanlon informed the county Board of Supervisors that work to remove the lithium-ion batteries is progressing at a “steady pace.”

“More than 30,400 intact battery modules have been de-energized for recycling out of a total estimated 35,772 intact modules,” Scanlon said Tuesday.

Damage, evacuations

The process to remove the batteries at the Vistra facility follows a large fire there on Jan. 16, 2025, which broke out in a building that housed about 100,000 lithium-ion modules. About 55 percent of them were damaged. The blaze prompted the 24-hour evacuation of about 1,200 people, reports of health problems and environmental concerns. Numerous lawsuits have been filed by nearby residents who claim to have suffered adverse health effects from the fire.

There have been no flare-ups or fires associated with the cleanup, which Scanlon said should be completed soon.

“Removal of the intact battery modules for de-energization and recycling is expected to conclude within the next two months,” she explained. “After that process

See **BATTERIES** page 28A

‘I’LL TRADE YOU TWO HAMILTONS FOR A TIFFANY’

By ELAINE HESSER

SURE, YOU might have a 1958 Topps baseball card with Willie Mays, but how about the 2026 Hamilton or Lucy editions? No, they’re not sports figures, although they are good sports. Montage Health recently issued collectible cards featuring 16 of the 24 therapy dogs that, with their handlers, roam the halls of Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Westland House skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility in Monterey, and Ohana,



Of course therapy pups have celebrity status — they brighten everyone’s day — and you can collect your favorites on trading cards.

the youth mental health facility in Ryan Ranch. They’re around every day, lowering stress levels and spreading good cheer.

Grooming matters

Hamilton, a bichon frise, looks oh-so-chic and freshly groomed, while border collie Cassie is all eyes and ears, alert as can be. In addition to photos on the front and back, each card also has the sort of stats you’d expect. After all, you can’t say you’re a fan of Tiffany, an elegant Sheltie with immaculate fur, if you don’t know her favorite activity is “scent work and walks on the beach.” If you want to

See **CARDS** page 29A

Pastor fights bid to make Stonehouse ‘historic’

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH THE California State Historical Resources Commission a week away from its May 7 decision on whether the Stonehouse Terrace complex on San Carlos



PHOTO/PAUL FALWORTH

While debate continues over a Patrice Pastor project on Dolores Street near Seventh, work is underway on his retail and residential complex at Dolores and Fifth, and crews were working with a large crane this week to prepare the site. “One day people will forget it was ever nicknamed ‘The Pit,’” said Esperanza Carmel managing director Chris Mitchell. “The level of interest we have had from people looking to register to rent the apartments demonstrates the demand for high-quality apartments in downtown Carmel.”

south of Seventh should be added to the National Register of Historic Places alongside significant buildings like the Carmel Mission and the Frank Lloyd Wright House, the owner of a neighboring property, Patrice Pastor, came out swinging in a letter to city attorney Brian Pierik Wednesday, objecting to the listing and accusing the city and the property owner of bias against him.

Pastor — who also owns the Scenic Road home designed by Wright — doesn’t want the Stonehouse Terrace complex added to the list of the nation’s most important buildings because of the impact the designation could have on the mixed-use development he wants to build next door. Stonehouse co-owner Kristi Reimers, who lives and has a business there, has fought Pastor’s proposal tooth and nail.

An ‘expedited process for a well-connected neighbor’?

50-year debate

Last week, the Carmel Historic Resources Board voted to support Reimers’ application to add the complex, which was designed by the late architect Olaf Dahlstrand and built 49 years ago, to the national register.

“It’s well known the reason I chose to have a home and invest in Carmel is because I love the place. Especially the historic integrity of the town,” Pastor said Wednesday. “The meeting last week was not in the interests of protecting a genuinely historic building. It is about allowing an expedited process for the well-connected neighbor who has objected to our proposed J.B. Pastor project at every single juncture.”

Since it isn’t 50 years old, Stonehouse Terrace is not eligible for historic designation by the city, and associate planner Katherine Wallace recommended it be deemed

See **STONEHOUSE** page 31A

California tries again to ban phones in schools

WHAT DO New York and Texas have that California doesn’t? Bell-to-bell bans on cell phones, requiring students in class to put their phones away for the entirety of the school day.

The mandates have earned both states passing grades on the Phone-Free Schools State Report Card — California, on the other hand, received a D.

The Golden State’s 2024 Phone Free Schools Act was really more of a suggestion. With full implementation coming in July, the act only requires districts to write a policy restricting phone use, not banning it. The result has been a patchwork of guidelines throughout the state, with many districts choosing to do the bare minimum.

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

“When I text my 10th grader during the day, I get a quick response every single time, despite the cell phone policy in place at her school,” said Assemblymember Josh Lowenthal, a father of three who hopes to change things.

Phone police

In practice, a policy that only limits use during instructional time means kids can still pull out their phones between classes, at lunch and, of course, anytime they say they need to use the bathroom.

“Between classes, during lunch and any unstructured moment, students are pulled back into their feeds instead of engaging with the people and the environment around them,” said Lowenthal.

The lackadaisical approach has also turned teachers into phone police — trying to enforce policies riddled with exceptions — instead of drawing a clear line: no phones during the school day. As University of California, Davis, computer science professor Martin Hilbert put it, restricting use rather than banning it is like a restaurant that

allows smoking between courses but not during the meal.

In a rare show of bipartisanship, a small group of lawmakers is trying to change this by passing Assembly Bill 1644, calling for phones to be stowed for the entire school day.

See **PHONES** page 30A

Ready to conquer hills



PHOTO/COURTESY RACHEL DALTON

Three-year-old Andy Dalton of Marina prepares for a race at a “pump track” in Capitola. An effort is afoot to build a similar track in Carmel Valley. See page 9A.

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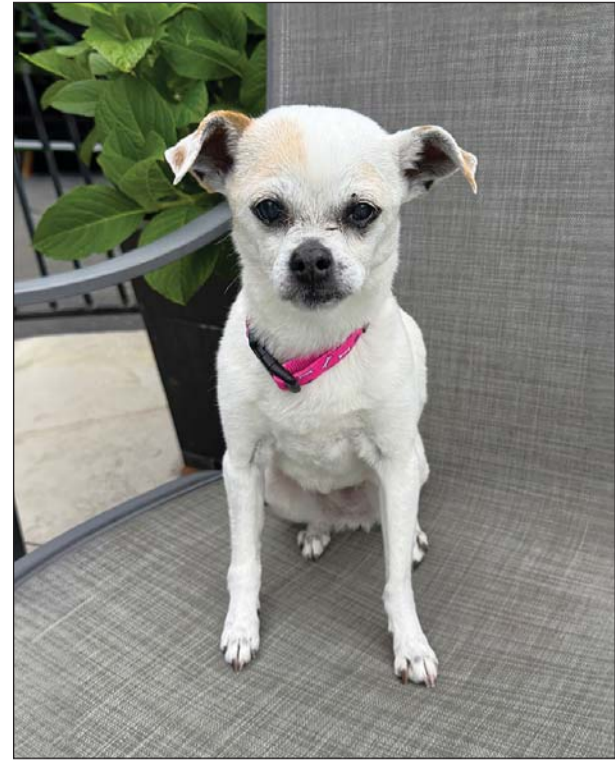
Puddin' has been to Carmel Beach, but she's not crazy about it. Which is understandable for a 16-year-old Chihuahua rescue who is easily overwhelmed by waves rushing onto the sand. She's much more comfortable sunbathing on the wraparound deck at her family's Carmel Valley home, where she lounges in the warmth, eyes closed and little face lifted toward the sun.

"Puddin' has a bit of prima donna going on," her person said. "She doesn't seem to like the feeling of sand on her paws."

Puddin's people adopted her through Peace of Mind Dog Rescue in Pacific Grove when, at 7 months, the pup was waiting to heal from a broken leg, a broken home and a broken heart.

"I will always remember, when we went to Hollister to meet this little dog in her foster home," said her person. "The foster mom, who was doing such great work, said to Puddin', 'You're going to your forever home now.' It still makes me tear up. Puddin' is the best dog we've ever had. She never barks or yaps. She's so calm, which is unusual for a Chihuahua."

Puddin's favorite place to visit is Carmel Valley Community Park near Tularcitos School, her person said, where she can run around among other pups and their



people — most of whom know her — and just about all bring little treats. This has become a regular get-together within the canine community.

Puddin' is also a regular at Carmel Valley's Sunny Bakery & Cafe, where the staff welcomes the little pup while her people order home-baked goods and coffee.

"The owner of the cafe came from Mexico, which is Puddin's heritage," her person said. "She's comfortable there and can sit on my lap as I eat. She never tries begging for food."

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Cherry Center to get new art studio

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARL Cherry Center — the tiny nonprofit at Guadalupe and Fourth that promotes the arts through exhibitions, film screenings and performances — can build an expanded art studio, the Carmel Historic Resources Board decided last week. The 775-square-foot, L-shaped building will replace a deteriorated 360-square-foot studio that was torn down last year.

The 20,000-square-foot corner property was among the first in the city to be developed when one of Carmel’s early master builders, Delos Goldsmith, constructed a two-story Queen Anne cottage in 1894, associate planner Katherine Wallace told

shed for meditation added at some point, and an art studio designed by Pallard Keating Clay built on the west side in 1952 that remains intact. The since-demolished studio on the north property line was constructed at an unknown date and had double carriage doors, suggesting it was originally a garage, according to Wallace.

Would they recognize it?

While its architecture is not significant and its structures have changed over the years, the Carl Cherry Center was added to the historic inventory in 2001 because of “its major contributions in developing and supporting experimental fine arts in Carmel,” historical consultant Kent Seavey wrote in his analysis at the time, and for the couple’s contributions to science and the arts. After Cherry died, D’Orge established the foundation in his memory, and she died 16 years later.

“Per National Register Bulletin 15, ‘A basic integrity test for a property associated with an important event or person is whether a historical contemporary would recognize the property as it exists today,’” Wallace explained. Consultant Meg Clovis, hired to review the foundation’s proposal, determined a person from that era

would, due to the spacing of the buildings on the site, the natural setting, the grape-stake fence surrounding the lot, the buildings’ wooden construction, the pathways and gardens, and the Pallard Keating Clay studio building.

The board previously approved the

See **STUDIO** page 22A

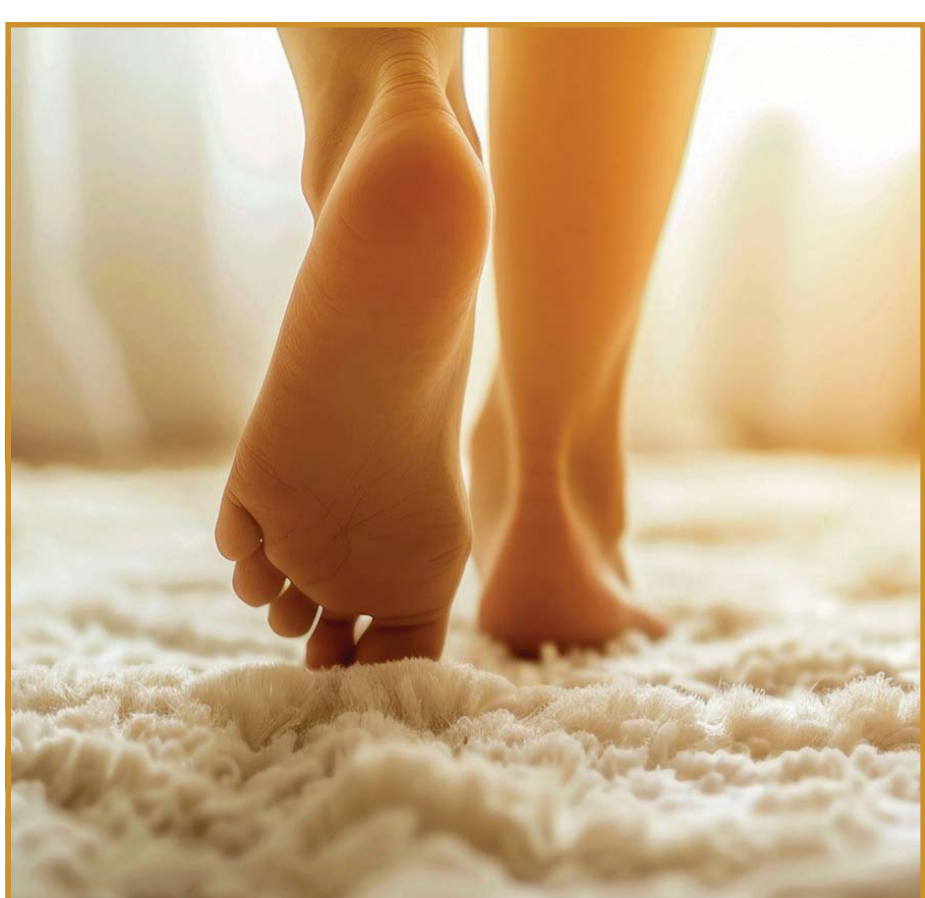


PHOTO/CARL CHERRY CENTER

This old studio was torn down last year to make way for one that will be more than twice as large. The historic resources board approved the plans last week.

the board April 20. Carl Cherry’s mother bought the house and then sold it to him and his wife, Jeanne D’Orge, for \$1 in 1937. They “immediately started altering the house to accommodate a painting studio for Jeanne.”

The complex has been continually used as a center for the arts since 1948 — the year after Cherry died — with a wooden



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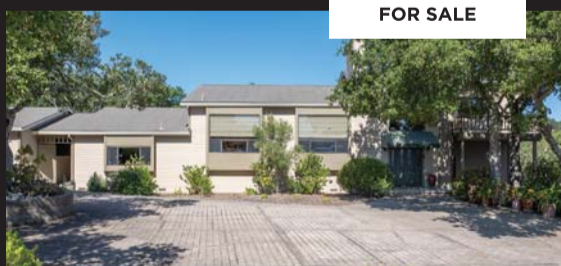
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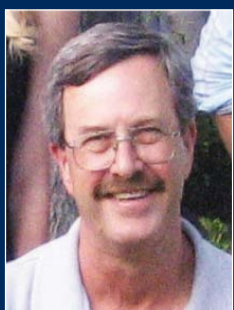
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Neighbors, landscapers don't agree

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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Ocean View Boulevard for registration expired over six months.

Pacific Grove: Court order violation on Ransford Avenue. The 27-year-old male subject was arrested and transported to Monterey County Jail.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious person at Ocean and Mission.

Pacific Grove: A 13-year-old female re-

ported being fondled by her mom's ex-boyfriend.

Pacific Grove: Subject reported to be vandalizing property at Ocean View Boulevard and Esplanade. The 32-year-old male was taken to Monterey County Jail on multiple charges, including felony violation of probation, vandalism causing \$400 or more in damage, public intoxication and possession of an open container.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism on Lawton Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Civil issues between roommates at a residence on Sunset Drive.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a bicycle from a driveway on 16th Street.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a disturbance on Rio Road that resulted in a 36-year-old male being arrested for battery on a peace officer.

See **POLICE LOG** page 15RE in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

March 23 — Superior Court Judge Jennifer O'Keefe sentenced Noel Aguilera Ledesma to 25 years to life in prison for the 2010 murder of his ex-girlfriend, Yvette Martinez. A jury convicted Ledesma, formerly of Soledad and Yuma, Ariz., of first-degree murder in February 2026.

In early 2010, Martinez and Ledesma dated, but they subsequently broke up. Despite the breakup, they remained in contact. For months, Ledesma attempted to persuade Martinez to get back together with him. In mid-September, Martinez began dating someone else.

On Oct. 9, 2010, Martinez went out with friends and her then-boyfriend. She went out drinking in Salinas and later visited a corn maze with her boyfriend. She also saw another friend at a Salinas restaurant before head-

ing home. Throughout the night, Ledesma was calling and texting Martinez' cell phone, but she largely ignored his messages. As the night progressed, Ledesma became angrier that Martinez was not responding. He told her his friends were ridiculing and laughing at him.

A little after midnight on Oct. 10, 2010, Ledesma went to Martinez' home in Greenfield and waited there for hours. At 3:11 a.m., Martinez arrived home but did not make it inside. She was never seen alive again.

That morning, Martinez' phone was disconnected from her cellular network for the entire day — the only time in the prior six months her phone was ever meaningfully disconnected. For a brief period in the after-

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Driver uses phone, gets pulled over

By KELLY NIX

USE OF a cell phone while driving led to the arrest of a Pacific Grove woman for several drug related charges, including possession of methamphetamine, according to police.

Friday morning about 12:15 a.m., police officers stopped Sara Phungglan, 48, at Eardley and Central avenues after spotting her using a cell phone while driving. That led to a search of her vehicle.

“Officers determined that Phungglan was currently on bail stemming from a prior drug-related arrest and was subject to a warrantless search condition as part of her release terms,” P.G. Police said.

During a search of the car, they found about one ounce of meth, more than an ounce of marijuana and a glass smoking pipe. Phungglan, who was also in violation

of her court-ordered release terms, was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail. By Monday, she was no longer in custody, jail records show.

Phungglan was not issued a ticket for using a cell phone, an infraction that carries fines.

“It would have been a lesser included offense as compared to the totality of the charges against her,” P.G. Police Chief Casey Day told The Pine Cone.

As of Wednesday, Phungglan had not been charged for the alleged crimes, Monterey County Superior Court records indicate.

In late December 2025, she was charged for possession of methamphetamine and possession of an injection device, paraphernalia which can include syringes

that are used to inject illegal drugs. She pleaded not guilty to the charges, and the case is still open.



Sara Phungglan

‘Making History’ talk at Foundation

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A RETIRED nuclear engineer from the San Francisco Bay area who relocated to Carmel will offer a free talk May 6 at 2:30 p.m. in The Carmel Foundation’s Diment Hall at Lincoln and Eighth. Terri Lee will describe “the remarkable life of Tye Leung Schulze, a California pioneer who broke barriers as the first Chinese American woman employed by the U.S. government” when she began serving as an interpreter at Angel Island.

Schulze was raised in San Francisco’s Chinatown and overcame discrimination to

help rescue women from human trafficking, according to Lee. In 1912, she became the first Chinese American woman to vote in a U.S. election.

Lee’s talk is free and open to the public. It’s hosted by The Carmel Foundation, a nonprofit that serves members age 55 and older via low-cost housing and meals, free medical-equipment loans, Saturday movies, and dozens of classes and activities each week. It also recently opened a wellness center in the former Red Cross building at Dolores and Eighth.

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Pee Wee offers laughs, kisses and high-fives

By CHRIS COUNTS

LIFE ISN'T easy for an exotic bird outside the safe confines of a cage or a living room — something a small but spirited white-fronted Amazon parrot named Pee Wee recently discovered.

A family in Carmel Woods is fostering Pee Wee for Mickaboo Companion Bird Rescue, which found her on the streets of Oakland a few years ago. At the time, she was being attacked by crows.

Since her family began fostering Pee Wee about eight months ago, she's been afraid of going outdoors.



PHOTO/MEARTH

After local parrot named Pee Wee escaped from her Carmel Woods home, she was found a day later after landing on Stewart Gardner at MEarth about three miles away.

"If I take her outside in her travel cage to give her some light and fresh air, she will look visibly uncomfortable and not calm down until I take her inside," foster parent Meg Grundy told The Pine Cone.

But even a fear of the outdoors couldn't keep Pee Wee inside Feb. 23, when a repairman entered the family's home and spooked her. She escaped out the front door.

"She shot up like a rocket into a redwood tree, probably 150 feet tall," Grundy recalled. "I was told that's what birds do when they're scared — they fly up, sometimes as high as they can."

Getting Pee Wee to come down proved to be no small challenge.

"She was calling to us, and we were calling back to her," Grundy said. "She couldn't seem to figure out how to get down to us, though, which I understand can be normal. When birds are scared, they go up and stay up."

"She flew even higher, way up in the sky and away from our neighborhood," Grundy continued. "She was like an eagle — it was crazy how high she went. And then we lost sight of her."

Search begins, bird found

After searching for Pee Wee for hours, the family started asking others to keep an eye out for the missing bird. Grundy said she was heartened by the response. Friends and neighbors joined in.

"I was touched by how many people were so

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'Pump track' seeks home in C.V.

By CHRIS COUNTS

LOOKING TO create a fun and challenging course for young bicyclists, Carmel Valley resident Rachele Baker is leading an effort to establish a pump track somewhere in the valley.

"We're collaborating on plans, ideas and features we'd love to see included in a future community pump track," she said.

A pump track is a bicycle course that features a continuous, looping circuit of small hills and banked turns that allow riders to create momentum by using a "pumping" motion with their bodies instead of pedaling. Baker said such courses have been established in Prunedale and Marina and "are popping up all over the United States," and she suggested one would be ideal for Carmel Valley. It would not only give local youngsters an outlet for recreation, but offer them a place to come together.

"Every generation of kids grows up with a place where they learn confidence, friendship and independence," Baker explained. "For some of us it was a ball field. For others it was a playground, a trail, or a basketball court. For many of the

kids growing up in Carmel Valley today, it's a bike."

Baker said the proposed pump track will be a place where "confidence is built one lap at a time."

Matter more

"These kinds of places matter more than we sometimes realize," she said. "Years from now, the kids who ride there won't remember the meeting when it was approved — but they will remember the feeling of riding with their friends in their hometown park."

At first, Baker brought up the idea of establishing the pump track at Carmel Valley Community Park, and it was discussed at three meetings. But concerns were raised about noise, safety and maintenance, along with its impact to the existing parking lot. Ultimately, the park's board rejected the idea, but Baker is still hopeful an appropriate site in Carmel Valley can be found. She and other advocates have formed a non-profit group to find such a site and move the plan forward.

"We hope our community will rally together to help make this dream a reality for our children," she added.



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DEER KICKS RUNNER AND HER DOG

By KELLY NIX

A PACIFIC Grove resident out for a jog last weekend was attacked by a deer, which injured her hand and repeatedly kicked her dog.

On April 25, Tracy Travaille was running on the sidewalk on Gibson Avenue between 18th and 19th streets with her dog Sam, an English springer spaniel mix, just before 8 a.m. when the attack by the doe — which was on the other side of a fence — occurred.

“She jumped over the fence and immediately started kicking us,” Travaille told The Pine Cone. “I didn’t know what was happening but started screaming.”

A woman across the street who was also walking her dog began yelling, while another neighbor tried scaring off the deer.

“After about a minute of this deer attacking us and Sam getting his leash wrapped around my legs, he broke out of his collar and ran, but the deer was still coming toward me.”

“So, I kept screaming and tried backing up, but the other walker’s dog then got loose, too,” Travaille explained. “Somehow, we all were able to back away after a couple more minutes of yelling, and the deer retreated.”

Large bruise

Sam, who weighs about 75 pounds, was kicked about eight times but did not suffer any cuts or other obvious injuries.

“He’s the best dog,” Travaille said. “He didn’t even try to bite or fight back. He just wanted to get away.”

She suffered a large bruise that resembles a hoof mark on the top side of her hand — no broken bones, though.

“I didn’t notice the hoof kick to my hand until I got home,” Travaille said. “If it’s not better tomorrow, I may go get it X-rayed just to be sure she didn’t break it.”

The pair run together every week and had never had an issue with deer until last weekend.

“We were leashed to each other, jogging slowly and watching our surroundings,” Travaille explained. “The deer came out of nowhere.”

Another woman walking her large dog told The Pine Cone last week that they were cornered by a doe on two separate occasions.



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Tracy Travaille and her loyal dog, Sam, were on a jog in P.G. recently when an aggressive deer attacked them.



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Shared services for library users

By KELLY NIX

CARMEL PUBLIC Library patrons will soon be able to use their cards at Pacific Grove and Monterey libraries, place holds on items from their websites, and get materials delivered to their library of choice.

Starting May 6, Pacific Grove Public Library and Monterey Public Library will expand their shared catalog and courier services to include Carmel Public Library. The partnership means patrons will have a lot more materials to choose from.

“Through the shared catalog — accessible from each of the three libraries’ websites — users will be able to place

holds on materials using their card from any of the three libraries,” Pacific Grove library director Rachel Gaither told The Pine Cone last week.

Cards for the three libraries are, of course, free for residents.

“Whether you’re looking for the latest bestseller, a hard-to-find title, or specialized materials, this expanded network significantly increases what’s available to you,” according to a press release on the partnership. It goes on

to say that “with just a few clicks, your local library card now opens the door to three collections instead of one, saving time and offering more choices than ever before.”

Patrons will specify the library where they want materials delivered and will be notified when they are ready for pickup, Gaither said.

Monterey and Pacific Grove have had shared services for roughly three decades. She said the response to the inclusion of Carmel has been positive.



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CSUMB to offer classes on AI

By KELLY NIX

CAL STATE Monterey Bay is offering two new courses to help students and professionals navigate a job market increasingly influenced by artificial intelligence.

"Responsible AI for the Workplace" and "Applied AI for Working Professionals" are intended to "provide accessible, flexible learning opportunities focused on ethical, strategic and real-world applications of artificial intelligence," CSUMB says of the two five-week classes, which start May 25 and July 6.

The online courses, offered by CSUMB's College of Extended Education and International Programs, will focus on leadership, strategy and how artificial intelligence programs are used. Students will receive certificates of completion.

"As AI continues to shape how we work and make decisions, there is a growing need for education that is both practical and responsible," interim dean James Bezerra said.

Results of a Goldman Sachs economist study released in early April found that artificial intelligence eliminated about 16,000 jobs per month, Fortune reported.

"Put simply: AI is destroying some jobs, creating others, and making many workers

more valuable — all at the same time," the article said. "The problem for Gen Z is that the destruction is hitting first, faster and harder in the roles they're most likely to hold. The creation of new opportunities, if history is any guide, will take longer to materialize and may require very different skills to access."

The first CSUMB class on AI in the workplace, from May 25 to June 28, is an introduction to the foundations of artificial intelligence emphasizing responsible business practices, a description says. The courses cost \$399 each.

"Participants explore AI tools, examine their impact across industries and engage with leadership, communication and ethical considerations. The course culminates in the creation of a responsible AI playbook, a personalized toolkit for applying AI responsibly in professional settings."

Efficiency improved

The applied AI class, from July 6 to Aug. 9, focuses on hands-on applications of AI tools in real-world contexts. Participants, the university says, will learn how to automate workflows, improve efficiency and integrate AI into their daily work while "maintaining ethical and responsible practices."



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Japanese landmark turns 100 Saturday

By CHRIS COUNTS

A CORNERSTONE of local history and cultural resilience, the Japanese American Citizens League Hall in Monterey turns 100 Saturday with a celebration that is free and open to all.

“This celebration honors not only the Japanese American Citizens League Hall, but the generations of families and community members whose dedication has preserved this important cultural landmark,” said historian Tim Thomas, a board member of the local chapter of the league and the hall’s museum curator. “Through a full day of performances, demonstrations and presentations celebrating Japanese arts and traditions, we’re proud to share this rich cultural heritage and invite everyone to join us in commemorating 100 years of community.”

Located at 424 Adams St., the hall was built in 1926 as a hub of support for the Monterey Peninsula’s Japanese community, which played a key role in the

Monterey Bay fishing industry. It hosted social events and language classes and “served as a critical touchstone for civil rights, community and history.”

Hard work and success

“Many of the original families were drawn to the region by the abalone industry, and it was through their hard work and success that funds were raised to construct the hall,” according to the Japanese American Citizens League. “Prior to World War II, Japanese-Americans operated many of the businesses along Old Fisherman’s Wharf, including abalone canneries and fish markets, playing a vital role in the area’s economic and cultural development.”

The celebration starts at 10 a.m. with an array of cultural performances, demonstrations and presentations highlighting Japanese arts and heritage — including taiko drumming (9:45 a.m.), traditional dance (11:15



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In 1929, local Japanese-American students posed in front of what is now known as the Japanese American Citizens League Hall in Monterey.

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Veteran water agency employee retires, ex-P.B. water pro to take over

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY Peninsula Water Management District's longest-serving

employee has announced her retirement. The water district was only about a decade old when Stephanie Locke began working for the public agency. After 38

years, the water demand manager has decided to step down.

"I've truly enjoyed my time at the district — there was never a dull day," Locke told The Pine Cone this week. "There was always something important to tackle and plenty of interesting challenges along the way. I'm especially proud of the conservation programs I helped establish, and of the fact that today's water use remains as low as it was in 1958 — despite significant population growth and a thriving tourism industry."

Locke said she plans to stay in the area and will continue to serve on the Carmel Planning Commission.

"It's been a remarkable 38 years," she said.

Her replacement will be Mollie Wooden, whose role, like Locke's, will be to manage water conservation, permitting, demand forecasting, and allocating water to cities. As the water district says, Wooden will "be the face of the district interacting with local planning directors, developers, and business organizations."

"I also look forward to welcoming Mollie next week and helping her get acclimated to everything the district has to offer," Locke said.

'Deep understanding'

Wooden, who was most recently the compliance manager for Pebble Beach Company and has lived on the Peninsula for more than 15 years, has a deep understanding of the region's unique water challenges and the importance of responsible resource management, according to the water district.

"Mollie's local knowledge and strong critical thinking skills make her an excellent addition to our team," water district general manager Dave Stoldt said. "We are confident she will bring a fresh perspective to the water demand division while building upon the important work

Stephanie established." Wooden's salary and benefits will be about \$206,000, water district spokesman Mike McCullough told The Pine Cone.



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Condor survived fire, found a mate

By CHRIS COUNTS

A HEARTWARMING story about a resilient California condor in Big Sur comes full circle with the news that Iniko — the condor chick that made headlines after miraculously surviving the Dolan Fire in August 2020 — now has a nest of her own with, hopefully, a chick on the way.

The Ventana Wildlife Society, which reintroduced wild condors to Big Sur in 1997, shared the good news April 15.

“As you may know, Iniko has reached breeding age and our biologists have been keeping an eye on her to see if she would pair up and nest,” the Monterey-based group reported.

“We are excited to let you know that Iniko has found a mate in 9-year-old male Tyrion, and the two have an active nest in a remote canyon in Big Sur. A chick was expected to hatch last week and we’ll give more updates as information unfolds.”

A wall of flames

The young condor’s story went viral after a remote camera captured a wall of

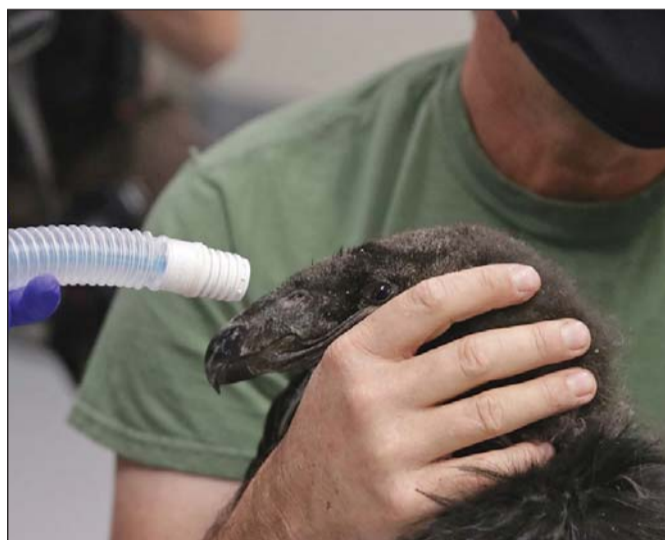
flames swiftly approaching her nest on Aug. 20, 2020.

Her father, Kingpin, died in the fire, and she was feared dead as well. Somehow, though, she and her mother, Redwood Queen, survived but were separated in the chaos. Thankfully, the Ventana Wildlife Society was able to recover the injured Iniko, who was sent to the Los Angeles Zoo for rehabilitation before being released back into the Big Sur wild in December 2020.

New generation?

Now, just days after celebrating her 6th birthday, Iniko appears to be doing her part to bring her endangered species back from the brink.

“We are thrilled to watch as she extends the lineage that her amazing mom and dad, Redwood Queen and Kingpin, have passed on,” the condor group added. “From watching her as a chick on our nest cam during the pandemic shutdown to tracking her nesting movements this breeding season, we are excited to celebrate and continue sharing about her life and incredible journey.”



After miraculously surviving the Dolan Fire in August 2020, a condor chick named Iniko receives medical care at Los Angeles Zoo.

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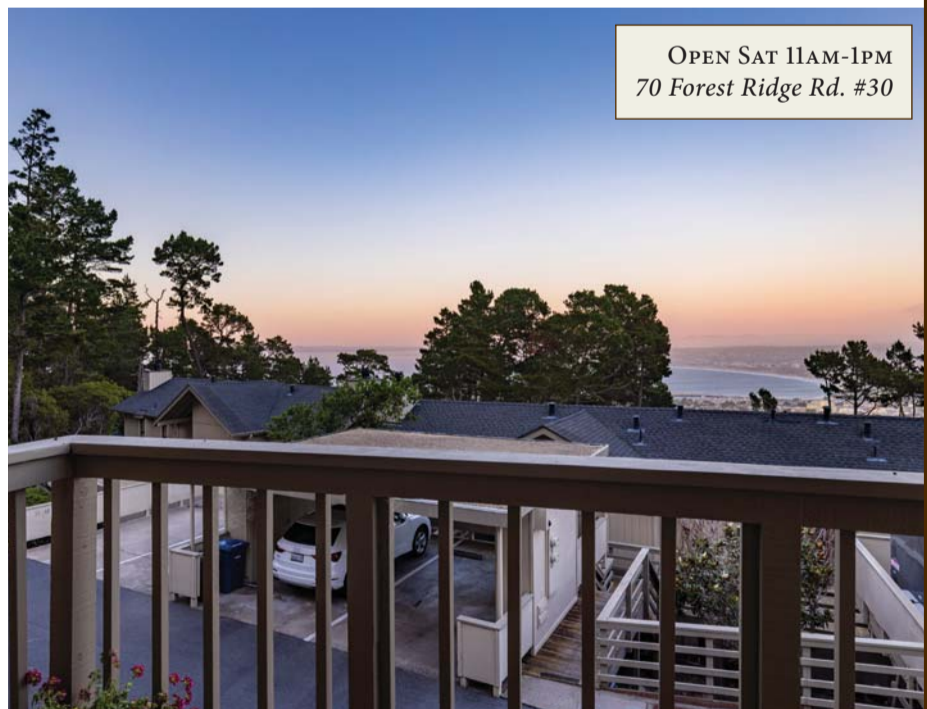


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Acting locally, thinking globally

By LILY PATTERSON

CARMEL HIGH School junior Patrick Reeves has been visiting classrooms at River School and Carmel Middle, armed with a slideshow presentation and a mission to inspire students to care for one another and the broader Carmel community. Unlike the rhetoric of anti-bullying and just-say-no campaigns, Reeves is putting a positive global spin on the idea that meaningful change is the result of many small actions.

Reeves, whose father is a professor of military strategy and South Asian geopolitics at the Naval Postgraduate School, moved to Carmel from Vancouver, B.C., before his freshman year. He had attended a French immersion school in Canada, where one eighth grade project involved choosing a non-governmental organization, studying its model, and writing an essay about it. Reeves chose Médecins Sans Frontières, better known in the United States as Doctors Without Borders.

‘More interactive’

“I was very inspired by its mission to provide humanitarian aid to everyone, regardless of their political and religious backgrounds,” Reeves said of the organization, which sends emergency medical aid around the world to extremely underdeveloped communities and regions in crisis, where a single water filter or seemingly minor procedure can save lives.

Reeves has since established the Doctors Without Borders club at CHS, which he said has attracted a handful of students interested in careers in medicine,

humanitarian aid and nonprofit work. Fundraising is one component, as is education — and in early March, Reeves had the idea to share the work of Doctors Without Borders with much younger students.

“I realized that a speech or a presentation would’ve been too formal for them, so I decided to make it more interactive,” he said.

Big questions

For the past several weeks, he’s visited four elementary and middle schools throughout the district with a colorful slideshow. It includes information about Doctors Without Borders but also asks questions ranging from “Why do you think



PHOTO/COURTESY PATRICK REEVES

Junior Patrick Reeves founded the Doctors Without Borders club at Carmel High — and wants other students to take similar initiative.

some places have less access to health-care?” to “What’s one way you could help someone this week?”

The point he’s trying to make, Reeves said, is that you don’t have to be all grown up to address the problems you see in your community.

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Is State Parks' volunteer program in peril?

By CHRIS COUNTS

RESPONDING TO a local resident who expressed concerns over liability stemming from a nearly \$19 million judgment against California State Parks for its role in an accident that severely injured a visitor to Point Lobos State Reserve, a state parks official confirmed the agency is "reviewing" its volunteer program statewide.

Started more than 100 years ago, the program boasted more than 27,000 volunteers by 2023. State parks says that number translates into a staggering 780,000 hours of volunteer work — no small benefit to an agency that doesn't get the funding it says it needs. The tasks included working as docents, interpreters, campground and park hosts, working in visitor centers, and doing maintenance.

'Thorough review'

Responding to a March 4 letter from Carmel Highlands resident Steve Knovick, State Parks Division Chief Carlene Croisdale confirmed that her agency's partnerships division "will be participating in a detailed review" of the California State Parks Volunteers in Parks program and "relevant partner programs" associated with it.

Croisdale told Knovick the assessment could take some time to complete.

"To conduct a thorough review of the Volunteers in Parks program following the verdict of this case, California State Parks needs to be allowed the time required to develop a detailed plan for the review and to then conduct that review," she explained. "The program is both a large statewide program and an integral part in maintaining visitor services throughout the entire state park system."

Knovick and Croisdale were contacted for this story but didn't respond.

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State reports record voter registration in advance of June 2 primary

■ Carmel sees a drop

By MARY SCHLEY

OF THE record 23,112,854 people registered to vote in California as of the beginning of April, 2,432 live in Carmel-by-the-Sea — and four of them are in the Peace and Freedom Party — according to California Secretary of State Shirley Weber's latest 60-day report of registration, released last week. It indicates a drop in the number of Carmel residents registered two weeks before the November

2024 presidential election, when the Secretary of State's report showed 2,562 people on the books.

The report is based on information collected from elections offices in the state's 58 counties and includes voter registration by political party, county, city, congressional district, state Senate district, state Assembly district, state Board of Equalization district, county supervisorial district and political subdivision. Registration by age group and by county is also available, as is voter registration by "political bodies attempting to qualify as political parties,"

including the Purple Party.

While Weber's office reported the number of Californians eligible to vote in the June primary set a record, in Carmel the number has declined. Democrats outnumber Republicans in Carmel by a significant margin — 1,158 to 616 — and the next highest category is "no party preference" at 504.

Eleven Carmelites affiliate with the Green Party, 22 are Libertarians, four are members of the Peace and Freedom Party, seven fall under "other," and nine under "unknown."

Mistaken identity?

The far-right American Independent Party, founded in 1967 and based in Freedom, has 101 registered voters in Carmel. The party is best known for its nomination of former Gov. George Wallace of Alabama — a Democrat and segregationist who ran on a populist, hardline anti-communist, pro-law-and-order platform in the 1968 presidential race. The party has since abandoned its segregationist stance and now espouses ideologies of American nationalism, anti-communism, ultra-conservatism and right-wing populism.

As it has in the past, the American Independent Party represents the third-largest political party in California, with 959,354 voters, or 4.15% of the total electorate, according to the Secretary of State's report. But there has long been speculation that the party's numbers reflect voters mistakenly believing they are registering as "independent," as was the case with Mayor Dale Byrne and his wife, Margaret, in 2024.

When The Pine Cone printed the political affiliations of all the candidates — as it routinely does, regardless of the fact the council and mayoral positions are non-partisan — Margaret Byrne responded in a letter to the editor that she had mistakenly registered herself and her husband as American Independent Party members.

"I thought I was registering as

'independent' and had no idea that I made this mistake until we saw the article announcing Dale's candidacy for mayor in The Carmel Pine Cone and started getting hurtful comments from people that didn't make any sense to us," she wrote.

After learning of the American Independent Party's history and Wallace's racist views and realizing the error, she re-registered them.

Clearly, the error had little impact on Byrne's campaign, as he bested councilman Jeff Baron and incumbent Mayor Dave Potter at the polls, taking 38.34% of the votes, compared with their 32.82% and 28.84%, respectively.

Carmel's mayor serves a two-year term, and Byrne has said he will not run for reelection.

Other Peninsula cities

According to Weber's report, Monterey County has 219,535 registered voters — up from 214,883 in the run-up to the November 2024 presidential election — including 64,917 in the unincorporated areas: 28,955 Democrats, 18,102 Republicans, 13,095 with no party affiliation, 2,933 American Independents, 706 Libertarians, 344 Green Party registrants, 326 Peace and Freedom Party members, and 456 in the "other" and "unknown" categories.

In Pacific Grove, 10,572 residents are registered, with 5,961 Democrats. No-party-preference voters outnumber Republicans 2,127 to 1,751, followed by 429 American Independents, 108 Libertarians, 89 Green Party members, 23 Peace and Freedom members, and 84 other/unknown.

Of the 16,145 people registered in the City of Monterey, 8,474 are Democrats, 3,300 have no party preference, 3,067 are Republicans, 762 are affiliated with the American Independent Party, 118 are Green, 197 are Libertarians, 78 are Peace and Freedom, and 149 are other/unknown.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF CAROL JANE BLATTMAN

1937 — 2026

Carol Jane Blattman, 88, of Carmel, California, passed away peacefully at Carmel Valley Manor on Jan. 12, 2026. A woman of keen intellect and generous spirit, Carol leaves behind a legacy of professional achievement and unwavering devotion to her family and community.

Early Life and Education

Born in Elgin, Illinois, to Carl and Elizabeth (Hovey) Wester, Carol was the youngest of three children. Her early years were spent on the family farm in Illinois before the Westers moved to Southern California. It was there, on a small ranch, that Carol developed a lifelong love for horses, riding her beloved horse, Star, at every opportunity.

Carol attended Wayland Academy and later graduated from Northwestern University, where she was a proud member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and earned her B.A. in English. Following her family to the Monterey Peninsula, she began her professional journey at the Salinas Californian newspaper.



Family and Career

In 1960, Carol married William (Bill) Hodgson, a surveyor and construction superintendent she met through her brother, Don. The couple moved to Santa Barbara to pursue opportunities in heavy construction. Together, they built a thriving life and a family business. After Bill started his own land surveying and construction firms, Carol became an integral part of the operations alongside their two sons, Don and Phil.

Following Bill's passing in 1987, Carol moved to Pebble Beach. Demonstrating her characteristic tenacity, she furthered her education, obtained her CPA license, and established her own successful accounting practice. She continued to manage the accounting for the family business even after its relocation to Northern California.

A Season of Adventure

In 1988, Carol made a trip to Sweden with her brother Jim, and she also visited Africa. As part of the Hope Unlimited board, she made numerous trips to the City of Youth complex outside São Paulo, and the Hope Mountain facility near Vitoria, Brazil.

In July of 2014, Carol found love again and married H. Eugene (Gene) Blattman. Together, they shared a decade of exploration, traveling extensively through Europe and the Mediterranean, embarking on scenic train journeys across Canada, cruising to Alaska and Cuba, and returning frequently to their favorite shores in Hawaii. After Gene's passing in 2023, Carol remained part of the Carmel Valley Manor community, making many friends.

A Legacy of Service

Carol's heart for service was evident in her volunteer work. She combined her professional expertise with her compassion, assisting numerous local and international charities with non-profit accounting. She was particularly dedicated to Friends of the Sea Otter, her local church and Hope Unlimited in Brazil.

She will be remembered most for her cheerful greetings and her intentionality; she was the "connective tissue" of her family, frequently checking in on relatives with a phone call just to let them know they were in her thoughts.

Family

Carol was predeceased by her husband, Bill Hodgson; her parents, Carl and Betty Wester; her brother, Don Wester; her second husband, Gene Blattman and her beloved grandson, Eric.

She is survived by her brother, Jim Wester (Sandi); her sons, Donald Hodgson (Aren) and Phillip Hodgson (Teresa); and her grandchildren, Carl, Kyra and Bill. She also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly.

Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 9, 2026, at Monterey Calvary Church..

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to one of the many charities Carol supported, such as Hope Unlimited or the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Josefa Maria Lambert

Josefa (Jody) Maria Lambert passed peacefully on April 12, 2026. She was 90 years old. Jody was a resident at Carmel Hills Care Center in Monterey, California. She had lived there for the past several years.



Jody was born on July 24, 1935, to Josef and Theresia Dantele of Augsburg, Germany. Jody married William (Bill) Gregory Lambert on June 1, 1955, in Augsburg, Germany.

Jody worked in the hospitality industry for more than 40 years on the Monterey Peninsula. She and Bill owned the Kaffee Klatch Restaurant in Pacific Grove for five years, until Bill died in 1973. Jody then worked in the catering department at the Del Monte Hyatt House in Monterey for several years before retiring.

Jody loved to read and play games, including bingo, Yahtzee and gin rummy, with gin rummy being her favorite. She had a great sense of humor, and her German accent made for a lot of teasing from us kids! She was a very social person, loved people and animals, especially dogs and cats.

Jody is survived by her five children, Anita (Mark) Madison, Michael "Buddy" (Cris) Lambert, Glenda (Jeff) Gibson, Tammy (Ernie) Nanney and Jacqueline Shortt.

Jody is survived by six grandchildren, Derek Gibson, Jason Brewer, Steven Shortt, Jr., Jessica Lambert, Courtney Elvira and Ryan Nanney, and five great-grandchildren, Chloe and Hunter Gibson, Cason and Stassi Elvira and Elijah Nanney.

Jody was preceded in death by her parents; her two sisters, Theresia and Aloisia; her granddaughter, Ashley Madison and son-in-law, Steven Shortt, Sr.

The family would like to thank Carmel Hills Care Center nursing home for the amazing and compassionate care they provided to our mother. Our family would also like to thank Montage Supportive and Palliative Care, which supported and directed us through the passing of our beloved mother.

A memorial service will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 7, 2026, at Mission Mortuary & Memorial Park, 1915 Ord Grove Ave., Seaside, California.

CONTENTS IN NEARLY HALF OF CASANOVA APARTMENT COMPLEX DESTROYED

Residents still looking for new homes

By MARY SCHLEY

ALMOST TWO months after a fire broke out in a third-floor apartment of a Monterey senior housing complex — destroying a half-dozen units, displacing more than 80 residents, injuring seven and killing one — most have found new places to live, but none have been able to retrieve any of their belongings. The entire building remains inaccessible.

Nearly a dozen evacuees haven't moved into their new homes yet, and one of them, Cameron Burnett, said those who remain displaced were told the assistance and temporary housing provided by the nonprofit Housing Authority for Monterey County, which owns and manages the complex at 880 Casanova Ave., would end this week.

"April 30 remains the firm deadline by which Casanova evacuees must be physically in their new housing — and seemingly without any further services of any type, since according to executive director Zulieka Boykin's perspective, any evacuees who are not permanently housed at that time have only themselves to blame," Burnett wrote in an April 22 email to city and county officials and local media.

But a spokesperson for the agency said that as of Wednesday afternoon, 10 people remained at the hotel, for which the housing authority is paying, and all of them have found places to live.

"Of those, six residents are scheduled to move by Tuesday, May 5," Elizabeth Diaz said. "Two residents have

been approved for move-in, with units expected to be ready by May 16 or May 17. The remaining two residents have selected units and are awaiting final approval."

Getting back in

Temporary hotel lodging will continue for them until they move into their new places, according to the agency. A \$105,000 taxpayer-funded donation from the city of Monterey is helping to cover the costs, Diaz told The Pine Cone, with another \$20,000 given to the nonprofit All-In Monterey, which stepped up right after the March 9 fire and has continued to rally support and supplies for the victims.

"Our priority remains meeting directly with each resident, providing clear information, and helping every household move forward with housing and support as quickly and thoughtfully as possible," Boykin said in an

April 29 statement.

Burnett also complained of not being able to get back into the complex to recover belongings, including vital records and other important items, and said residents are worried about looters.

"Other than securing our housing, this is the one question all of the evacuees keep asking," Burnett said.

On Wednesday, the housing authority said its inspection company has completed its inspection and investigation, and remediation work is underway, with an expected completion date of May 15.

But the results did not offer good news for nearly half of the victims.

"Based on inspection findings, 47 units have been identified where residents will be able to access their apartments

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THOMAS J. SAUNDERS

Aug. 28, 1937 - March 27, 2026

Thomas J. Saunders, a master craftsman, respected builder and devoted partner and father, passed away peacefully at the age of 88 on March 27, 2026, in Sacramento, California.



Tom was born in Los Angeles to Theodore Joseph Saunders and Florence (Burke) Saunders. His career life was shaped by a family legacy of skill and quiet determination. As a young child, he began working alongside his father, a master plumber, learning a lifelong standard of excellence.

When Tom was 11 years old his father died, but he continued honing his craft learning from his mother, Florence — the first licensed female plumber in California — whose pioneering spirit left an indelible mark on his life.

Tom lived in the Monterey area in his early years before moving from New Monterey to the Cachagua region of Carmel Valley in his later years. As a general contractor and master plumber, he was known for his meticulous attention to detail and commitment to environmentally thoughtful design. His work still stands in areas of the Peninsula as a testament to his integrity and craftsmanship.

Beyond his professional life, Tom found great joy being with his partner of more than 40 years, Patty Gaglioti. Together, they traveled the West Coast and Alaska with their loyal dogs, Anton and Tevy. Tom was also a steady and devoted supporter of Patty's passion for long-distance trail riding.

Tom was preceded in death by his first wife, Marianne Saunders; their children, Jeffrey and Pamela Saunders and by his second wife, Mildred Saunders.

He will be lovingly remembered by his partner, Patricia Gaglioti; and by his son, Theodore "Ted" Saunders and daughter, Julie Saunders Frost; and grandchildren, Daphne and James Frost; and by Tom's sisters, Marilyn Jackson, Madonna Laurence and Barbara Cady.

A Memorial Service will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 16, 2026, at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel, California 93923.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites donations to be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2 Lower Ragsdale Drive, Suite 150, Monterey, CA 93940

Claire Murray

Claire Murray passed away on April 15, 2026, in Pacific Grove, California, surrounded by family, after a brief and sudden illness.

Claire was raised on the Olympic Peninsula of Washington State, where she developed an early and enduring connection to the sea and the natural world — an influence that would guide her creative life. After beginning her family in the Midwest, she moved in the early 1970s to New York City with her husband and young daughter. There, she studied sculpture and fine arts at the National Academy of Fine Arts, laying the artistic foundation that would shape her career.

Later that decade, Claire and her daughter settled on Nantucket Island, where she purchased and restored an historic sea captain's home, transforming it into an eight-room bed and breakfast in the heart of downtown. It was during a winter ferry crossing that Claire discovered rug hooking, a traditional craft that would become the cornerstone of her artistic expression.

Drawing on Americana traditions and her own whimsical, coastal sensibility, Claire began creating hooked rugs using her signature palette of wool on jute. Her designs were inspired by the places she lived in and loved — coastlines, gardens, folklore and maritime life. During Nantucket's quieter seasons, she hosted intimate craft seminars, welcoming students from across the country to study needle arts, weaving and traditional handcrafts.

When her local yarn supplier faced closure, Claire stepped in to purchase the business — an act of practicality that led to something far larger: the founding of her namesake brand, Claire Murray. What began at the worktable grew into a nationally recognized lifestyle company, expanding into home textiles, apparel, ceramics and accessories. She traveled widely, both at home and abroad, working directly with local artisans to ensure every piece reflected her deep commitment to craftsmanship and integrity.

At its height, the Claire Murray brand included nearly two dozen retail locations across New England, the Eastern seaboard, Florida and California. She also published the award-winning quarterly magazine, *La Vie Claire*, admired for its beauty and originality, and authored a DIY needle arts book. In later years, she worked on a coffee table book, "Women and the Sea," celebrating women artists and entrepreneurs whose creative lives are shaped by their relationship with the ocean.

After more than 35 years rooted on Cape Cod, Claire eventually made her home in Pacific Grove to be closer to her daughter. She quickly became part of the rhythm of the Monterey Peninsula, finding daily pleasure in simple, well-lived routines. She rarely missed the Monday farmers market, where she delighted in the music and local produce, and she savored her regular brunches at Toasties and Aliotti's Victorian Corner. Special occasions were marked with fireside dinners at Fandango, a place she loved for its classic charm and sense of occasion.

In her final years, Claire found deep contentment with family and friends, live music and frequent visits to her son-in-law's brew pub, Hops & Fog, where there was always a seat waiting for her — and her own wine glass behind the bar.

Claire was known for her remarkable drive, creative vision and occasional stubbornness, but above all for her warmth, humor and joy in living well. She had an abiding ability to notice beauty and bring it into everyday life. She is survived by her loving daughter, Kari; son-in-law, Mike; brother, William; sister-in-law, Bettye; brother-in-law, Stan and many nieces and nephews who loved her dearly. She will be greatly missed.

Claire was passionate about supporting women entrepreneurs and preserving the beauty and protecting the wildlife of coastal environments. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to local organizations that reflect these values.

A Celebration of Life and memorial service will be held in Washington State in June.



HALL

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a.m.), koto music (11:30 a.m.), bonsai (noon), Japanese flower arrangement, (1 p.m.) and martial arts (1:30 and 2 p.m.).

The celebration continues past sunset, with the hall hosting a swing dance starting

at 7 p.m., featuring dancers from Cannery Row Jump and live music by The Moon Glow Jazz Band. Lessons will be available for beginners.

For those interested in learning more about the history of the Monterey Peninsula's Japanese American community, the hall's Heritage Museum offers a wealth of information, along with photographs and artifacts.

BARNEY JEROME BELLECI

Barney Jerome Belleci passed away peacefully in the early morning of April 12, 2026, at the age of 88, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on Nov. 22, 1937, in Monterey, California, to Joe and Mamie Belleci, Barney's life began with both joy and hardship. After the loss of his mother just three days after his birth, he and his siblings – Marie, Billy and Agnes – were raised by their Aunt Josephine and Uncle Vincent Russo. Their care and devotion shaped the foundation of Barney's lifelong commitment to family.



A lifelong resident of Monterey, Barney attended Walter Colton Elementary School and later Monterey High School (Class of 1955), where he distinguished himself as a three-sport athlete in football, basketball and baseball. It was there that he met the love of his life, Margaret Lorca – a partnership that would define the rest of his life.

After a brief time at Monterey Peninsula College, Barney and three close friends – Vince Torrente, Sal Aiello and Vito Spataro – entered the U.S. Army in 1956. Stationed first at Fort Lewis, Washington, and later in Orléans, France, Barney served his country with

pride. While overseas, he continued to pursue his passion for sports, playing on Army baseball, basketball and football teams. He was honorably discharged on Aug. 6, 1958.

On April 19, 1959, Barney and Margaret began a marriage that lasted nearly 67 years.

Barney began his professional career in 1959 with Seaboard Financial, where his talent and work ethic led to a series of promotions and relocations – from Chico to Modesto, to Sunnyvale, and eventually to Denver, where he served as assistant vice president overseeing operations across the Northwest. Despite his success, Barney felt a calling to build something of his own. As he often said, "I wanted to look in the mirror and see my boss."

In 1970, he returned to the Monterey Peninsula and opened a State Farm Insurance agency in Carmel Rancho – starting with no clients and building it into a thriving business serving more than 5,000 policyholders. Over nearly 56 years, Barney became one of the top-performing agents in the country, consistently ranking among the top 50 out of more than 18,000 agencies. He earned numerous honors, including the Lifetime Achievement Award, Million Dollar Round Table recognition and lifetime membership in the President's Club. Perhaps most meaningful to him, however, was the opportunity to mentor more than 100 agents and work alongside a dedicated and loyal team, many of whom became like family.

In 1980, Barney and his brother-in-law, Michael Kucher, opened Kasey's in Carmel Valley Village, a beloved local business that continues to serve the community today.

Barney was deeply rooted in the Monterey Peninsula community. He was an active member of numerous organizations, including the Amici Club, the Italian Catholic Federation, the Compari Club, the Monterey Elks (for more than 40 years), and the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce. He gave generously to countless local charities and causes, always putting others before himself.

Beyond his professional and community life, Barney embraced life fully. He and Margaret traveled to more than 35 countries, including Egypt and Kenya. He was an avid golfer and a longtime member of Monterey Peninsula Country Club, and he achieved the rare feat of 12 holes-in-one over 53 years. A lifelong sports enthusiast, Barney also fulfilled a dream by attending New York Yankees Fantasy Camp, where he played alongside – and dined with – baseball legends including Yogi Berra.

Barney was also known for bringing people together. For more than 40 years, he and Margaret hosted legendary Super Bowl parties for family and friends – gatherings that became the highlight of the year for many. With a full halftime buffet, plenty of desserts and his beloved squares game, where Barney personally paid out winnings, these celebrations reflected his generosity, joy and love of community.

He had a special love for his Scottie dogs, delighting in morning walks and sharing biscotti with them at breakfast, a small ritual that brought him great joy.

Barney is survived by his beloved wife, Margaret; his daughter, Christina (David); and his granddaughter, Bailey, along with many nieces, nephews and more than 30 godchildren.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to his caregivers – Tess, Dale, Angel and Christopher – and offers special thanks to longtime family friend and nurse Josephine (Jody) Compagno, whose compassion and presence meant so much in his final days.

Barney Belleci lived a full and generous life. He cherished his family and will be remembered for his warmth, his work ethic, his love of people and sports, and his unwavering devotion to those closest to him. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 14, at St. Angela Merici Church in Pacific Grove.

C.V. Flower Show set for May 2-3

JUST IN time for spring's yearly display of color, the Carmel Valley Garden Club presents its 55th annual Flower Show Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hidden Valley Music Seminars.

Part marketplace and part classroom, the free and family-friendly gathering features a plant sale, garden-inspired art, a flower contest, activities for kids and more.

"Begin in the big barn, where the flower display and competition offer plenty of inspiration for your summer garden," the Carmel Valley Association suggested in

its newsletter Thursday. "Then explore the plant sale, where you can pick up vegetable starts lovingly tended by garden club members — it's a chance to branch out with tomato, pepper, and bean varieties rarely found in nurseries. Browse the silent auction for irresistible treasures, then visit kiosks featuring distinctive garden wares and crafts. Enjoy food from Woody's and bring younger family members to Buzzy's children's garden." Hidden Valley is located at 104 W. Carmel Valley Road. For more details, visit cvgc.clubexpress.com.

DONN LOUIS TRENNER

With deep sorrow, Donn Louis Trenner, 78, of Monterey, passed away at home on April 18, 2026, surrounded by his loved ones.



Born in Carmel on May 20, 1947, Donn lived in Monterey most of his life. He attended Monterey Peninsula College, earning two degrees, and was among the 1965 MPC football Lettuce Bowl champions. Donn was a man of honor and integrity who served both his country and his community.

Donn served as a firefighter for the City of Monterey for five years before joining the Monterey Peninsula Airport District as a firefighter. He worked his way up to fire chief, police chief and assistant general manager of the

airport. Donn also served 27 years on the board of directors of the Salinas Rural Fire District. His passion was ensuring public safety.

He loved vacationing with his second family at Big Canyon Ranch in Nevada and enjoyed traveling, from hunting trips in Nevada to New Zealand. He also took many trail rides in New Mexico.

Most of all, Donn enjoyed spending time with his family and loved ones. His most important accomplishment was raising his son, Brian, who sadly passed away eight years ago.

Donn is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Stephanie; his siblings, Diane Ledger, Bonnie Snyder and Craig Trenner; and his cousins, John Trenner and Pam Nelson.

A celebration of life honoring Donn will be scheduled at a later date.

Lisa Carlisle Protsman

Lisa Carlisle Protsman, 63, of Carmel, passed away on March 28, 2026, after a courageous battle with a rare form of bladder cancer diagnosed in February 2025.

Born on June 14, 1962, in Oradell, New Jersey, Lisa lived a full and vibrant life defined by her energy, warmth and deep connections with others. She built a diverse and successful career, initially working in the technology industry, later becoming a landscape designer, and ultimately investing in and actively fixing up homes in need of rehabilitation before retiring in 2013.

In retirement, Lisa embraced her passions wholeheartedly. She became an avid golfer and a familiar presence at the Quail Lodge & Golf Club community, where she won multiple club championships. She also served as captain of the Quail women's team, competing with other clubs throughout the region. Deeply committed to her community, Lisa was an active participant at Quail Lodge, serving for many years on the HOA board and leading the Architectural Review Committee. Lisa and TJ, her husband of 25 years, also loved to travel to many destinations in California, Hawaii, Idaho, Ireland, Arizona, Montana and British Columbia to play golf, hike and sometimes fly-fish.

Lisa had a profound love for animals and dedicated many years to volunteering with the SPCA of Monterey County. At home, she found joy in tending her beautiful garden in Carmel Valley and caring for her beloved dog, Luna, and her cats, Bogie and Birdie.

She had a remarkable gift for connecting people. Lisa formed friendships easily and brought others together, creating lasting bonds among those fortunate enough to know her. She will be remembered as a vibrant, compassionate and beautiful woman whose presence enriched countless lives.

Lisa is survived by her loving husband, George "TJ" Protsman; her son, David Cannon of Ketchum, Idaho; her stepdaughters, Jennifer Protsman Huhn of Heber City, Utah, and Jacqueline Protsman Rohr of Thousand Oaks, California; and many extended family members and dear friends.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

A celebration of life has been planned for June 14, 2026, at Quail Golf Club in Carmel, California, from noon to 3 p.m. Please RSVP to tjpra@aol.com by June 1.

Contributions can be made to the SPCA of Monterey County in her name.



COMMUNITY

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Speaking to middle schoolers, he also hopes his visits will inspire them to volunteer, join clubs and take advantage of all the enrichment opportunities that will open up to them in high school. Many students consider what they do outside of the classroom as seriously as the classes they choose — thinking not only of college

Council tackles taxes, Car Week parking

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL City Council is set to tackle some meaty issues May 4-5, with a special meeting Monday scheduled for 3 p.m. and its regular session on the calendar for Tuesday at 4:30 p.m., including tax increases and parking. It will also get its first look at the proposed 2026-27 budget.

Items on Monday's agenda include a proposed \$350,000 contract with GA Technical Services to update the electrical panel and EV charging stations in the Vista Lobos parking lot and a five-year, \$333,000 contract with Bright Building Maintenance for janitorial services, followed by the postponed update of the city's residential design guidelines.

Council members will then discuss how to distribute their annual grants to local nonprofits and schools before moving on to decide whether to put a proposed sales-tax increase of 0.375% — which would be added to the local tax voters approved in 2012 and 2020, bringing the rate up to 1.875% for a total of 9.25% — on the ballot.

admissions committees, but how today's extracurriculars might open doors to possible careers.

Reeves, who also volunteers at CHOMP, said he plans to go to medical school and then join the U.S. Army Medical Corps as a doctor. That's a few years off, so in the near term, he's doing what he can here in Carmel.

"I wasn't able to develop a real bond with the community I used to live in, but Carmel has a way more connected vibe. I really want to contribute to that," he said.

Carmel's sales tax rate is already 9.25%, including 7.25% assessed by the state, 1.5% by the city, a few additional county levies and a Monterey-Salinas Transit tax. A change in the California Revenue and Taxation Code last year reclassified one of the special taxes, freeing up another 0.375% for local jurisdictions to grab. The proposed ballot language the council will discuss Monday also removes a sunset date on the local tax "so that it remains in effect until ended by voters."

A proposed 2 percentage point increase in the transient occupancy tax paid is also ballot-bound and is on the agenda as well. The new tax rate would be 12%.

The finance department will wrap up the Monday meeting by presenting the second 2025-26 budget report.

More money issues are set to be handled Tuesday, with the council asked to adopt a resolution increasing its fees for services — which has become an annual practice — and receiving the proposed 2026-27 budget.

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VOTERS

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Ballots for the June 2 primary are set to go out next week and include candidates for U.S. Congress in two local districts, along with a hotly contested race to succeed Gavin Newsom as governor. Also on the ballot are lieutenant governor, secretary of state, controller, treasurer, attorney general, insurance commissioner, Board of Equalization Member; and Assembly districts 29 and 30.

Other offices include state superintendent of public instruction, Monterey County superintendent of schools, county supervisors in districts 2 and 3, county clerk/recorder, auditor/controller, and treasurer/tax collector.

Local ballot measures include the City of Pacific Grove's bid to boost the monthly stipends for councilmembers from \$420 to \$987 and for mayor from \$700 to \$1,645, and the City of Monterey's effort to increase its sales tax rate by 0.375 percentage points for a nine-year period, with expected additional revenues of \$4.5 million annually.

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DEBORAH M. FORTUNE

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Debbie passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family, after a very brief but devastating illness — just six months after her cherished husband of 57 years, David Fortune Sr., was called home to heaven. She was 76. Debbie had recently moved back to her hometown after Dave's passing, hoping to heal her broken heart and be closer to loving family members who welcomed her with open arms.

Debbie was born and raised in Fresno, California. She was a Girl Scout, loved swimming in the family pool, adored her pets and spent summers camping and boating at Bass Lake with her sister, Nancy, and extended family.

She met David, the love of her life, in junior high. They attended the junior high prom together and remained devoted to each other for 61 years.

Debbie attended McLane High School and then Fresno City College, where she studied business. At age 17, she began her career as a typist, receptionist and assistant.

Dave and Debbie were married in 1969 and had their first child, David Jr., before moving to Monterey, California, in 1972. Debbie proudly left her hometown to support her husband's dream career in law enforcement for 31 years. Their daughter, Kristen, was born in 1975.

Debbie was amazing in the kitchen. Her chocolate chip cookies and cream cheese pie were just a couple of the favorites we all looked forward to whenever she felt inspired. She truly enjoyed preparing delicious meals for her family and friends, especially her husband. Although she was a strict vegetarian, she always made the things he loved most, like her famous meatloaf.

She began her passion for baking and cooking at age 10, while volunteering at the Edison Social Club in Fresno with her sister and grandmother. She helped in the kitchen, preparing many types of foods for community fundraisers. Many people from the "old German Town" would attend. It was there that she learned how to make many of the recipes we use today to honor her German heritage.

Beginning in 1977, Debbie worked for the Monterey County Court as a transcriber.



She worked from home and was known to often have her headphones on while typing, day or night, depending on Dave's shift at the police department. In 1983, after five years as an administrative assistant at the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, she started the final chapter of her professional career at the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency as the executive assistant to the general manager. The MRWPCA newsletter in 1996 described Debbie as the "nicest person in the world," which all who knew and loved her would agree. She retired in 2004.

For the majority of her 54 years living on the Monterey Peninsula, Debbie's love and devotion to her church was just as important as her love for her own family. Her Christian faith guided her to serve many years at Cypress Community Church alongside her husband and dear friends. Debbie valued her friendships deeply. She made time for each person and created lifelong "sisterhoods" with special people

who meant so much to her.

She traveled with family and friends to many beautiful places, including Scotland, Ireland, Pismo Beach and Yosemite, as well as renewing her wedding vows with Dave and family in Hawaii on their 50th anniversary.

Debbie will always be remembered as a loving, generous, fun, kind and devoted wife, mother, nana, aunt, sister and friend. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Dave; her mother, Norma; her father, Danton McCoy; and her stepfather, Barry Berg.

Debbie is survived by her son, David Fortune Jr. (Kaja); her daughter, Kristen Uikelotu; her grandsons, Evan (Belle) and Kash Uikelotu; her great-grandson, Makaeo David Uikelotu; her sister, Nancy Patrick (Larry); her sister-in-law, Kathy Fortune; her recently departed brother-in-law, Alan Fortune Sr.; and many extended family members.

In accordance with Debbie's wishes, no formal service will take place. Instead, gather with friends and family, whenever possible, to celebrate the life Debbie lived and loved with so many.

STUDIO

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center's application to demolish and replace the studio in June 2024, but the foundation applied for changes that required another review.

The height and floor area didn't change; "however, the footprint is no longer rectangular," Wallace said. Instead, it's an L-shaped building set 3 feet from the property line, as called for in the code. The studio that was demolished had a 1-foot setback.

She also noted the original plans called for preserving and reusing the wood boards and batts from the old studio, but that turned out to be infeasible, so the nonprofit proposed using Hardie Board, a cement-and-fiber composite, for vertical siding. The previously approved shed roof and two skylights remain, but windows were added to the other walls, and the garage door was converted from carriage style to a tilt-up version. Two pedestrian

doors on the south side were changed from solid wood to glass, and an ADA-accessible parking pad and path were added.

Fake wood OK

Clovis concluded the revised plans are consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, since they preserve the use as an art studio, won't negatively impact the spatial relationships of buildings on the lot, and honor its integrity.

She also approved the switch from wood to Hardie Board, considering the National Park Service updated its guidance on the use of substitute materials in historic preservation a few years ago.

"This includes recognizing fiber cement siding as a suitable replacement for wood siding for additions and new construction on a historic site," she said.

"Using materials that evoke, without matching, the historic material can be an effective means of achieving the needed balance between compatibility and differentiation for new additions and new construction," she added.

Hardie Board is also more fire-resistant than wood.

Wallace recommended approval, but a neighbor, Bernice Hanczak, complained the new studio would be too tall and too modern.

"The height is greater than existing buildings and blocks considerable sunlight for homes beneath the structure," she continued. "This is meant to replace a much smaller art studio and is making a far bigger visual impact on adjacent neighbors and offers my backyard visual access to five buildings," which will make it "feel like a high-density-housing area."

Architect Polly Osborne and board member Ron Baxter represented the Cherry Center, and another neighbor, Todd Fujinaga, said he and his wife have been working with them and other representatives of the nonprofit.

'Absolutely wonderful'

"They've accommodated us in some modifications for the structure," he said, including shifting the higher side of the shed roof away from them toward the south, "which allows a little more of a view to the woods or the sky rather than

of a wall."

But he wanted assurance the design reviewed by the historic resources board promised the same.

"We lowered that part of the roof and sloped the higher part toward the south so you would get more light and trees, so we hope you get what you like," Osborne responded. "That part of the design was specifically after talking to you."

Lifelong resident Cindy Lloyd liked what she saw. "The reenergizing of the Carl Cherry Center has been absolutely wonderful in the last few years, so I think the board is to be commended, and I support the project," she said.

The three members of the historic board — chair Jordan Chroman was absent — agreed, with member Kathryn Gualtieri quickly moving for approval and Bobbie Voris seconding it.

Vice chair Erik Dyar chimed in.

"I definitely agree this is in the tradition of Carmel being an artist colony," he said. "It's been slowly dwindling over time, and the Carl Cherry is one of the places which really tries to enhance that, with artists actually practicing within the city limits, so I totally support the project in every way."

SHARON MANSUR SADLER

Sharon Mansur Sadler, 81, most recently of Chicago's Andersonville neighborhood, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on April 19, 2026.

Born on Feb. 8, 1945, in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and raised in Springfield, Massachusetts, as the eldest of four children, Sharon grew up to become a woman of remarkable warmth, curiosity, and love — someone who had a gift for making people feel at home wherever she went.

It was at Classical High School in Springfield that Sharon met the great love of her life, Robert (Bob) Sadler, Jr. What began as a high school romance became one of those rare, enduring love stories — the two were devoted partners for 62 years, traveling the world, building a life together and rarely straying far from each other's side.

Sharon earned her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Massachusetts in 1966, and she married Bob soon after. They began their life together in the Hartford, Connecticut area, where Sharon taught fourth grade. She and Bob were anti-racism activists during the civil rights era, with a particular focus on fair housing practices in Hartford, where their children were born. After moving to Middletown, Connecticut, Sharon earned a bachelor's degree in horticulture from the University of Connecticut and founded Sharon Sadler Interiorscapes, a thriving business that brought large-scale plant installations into commercial spaces. Her abiding love for plants and flowers was a thread woven through her entire life. Before moving from Middletown, Sharon also worked in the Alumni Office at Wesleyan University.

In the years that followed, Sharon and Bob embarked on one of the great adventures of their marriage — three years living in London, where Sharon took French lessons, volunteered at Kew Gardens, and the two explored Europe widely, from Paris to the far corners of the continent. It was a chapter that deepened her love of the world and her sense of adventure.

They next enjoyed life in sunny San Carlos, California, where Sharon taught adult ESL classes in nearby Palo Alto. The couple eventually settled in Pacific Grove, where they spent many years taking long walks and never tiring of the ocean views. Sharon volunteered generously at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula. A watercolor enthusiast and tireless explorer, she and Bob continued to travel — back to Europe, to Australia, Hawaii and beyond.

In her final year of life, Sharon made her home in Chicago with her daughter's family, where she found her way into yet another community and made it her own. She joined the Unitarian Church of Evanston and became involved there. Wherever she landed, Sharon had a way of drawing people in — strangers became friends, and friends became family. She was quick to laugh, and her humor was part of what made her presence so easy to love.

Beloved wife to the late Bob Sadler Jr., loving mother of Jordan Sadler (Robert Margolis) and Joshua Sadler (Erica Johnson). Cherished grandmother of Ava Sadler-Gordon and Lyle Gordon, and step-grandmother of Samuel and Joseph Margolis. Devoted eldest sister of Joyce Duxbury (Edward Bright), Jon Mansur (Patricia Hanrihan), and Roy Mansur Jr. (Robin Demetrius). Preceded in death by her parents, Doris and Roy Mansur.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the Unitarian Universalist Association or the Trevor Project, two causes that reflected Sharon's lifelong values.

The family will host a Celebration of Life at a later date. Please contact Inclusive Funeral Care, (773) 318-1305 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com.



JOHN D. HICKEY

The night of March 24, 2026, John (Jackson) D. Hickey passed away in Monterey, California at age 86. While Parkinson's disease felt a horrible prison for him, now, Jackson begins his newest adventure, free to dance eternally! In his own words: "I've lived a wonderful life."

Jackson lived in this wonder, defined by creativity, service and deep connection to others. He was a poet and photographer, a devoted patron of the arts and an avid traveler and explorer. Beyond these attributes, Jackson gave much of himself in service to others as an activist, Army veteran and a dedicated social worker. In his personal life, he was a fitness enthusiast, sports fan, and lifelong music aficionado.

Above all, Jackson was a loving brother, father, grandfather, uncle and partner. He was also a cherished friend to many whose lives were enriched by his presence.

He is survived by Shannon Ashley (daughter), Jessica Badiny (granddaughter), Marianne Purvis (niece), Susanne Wasserboehr (niece) and Francesca Davi (loving partner).



KEVIN L. MILLIGAN

Kevin Milligan, a beloved Carmel artist and cherished member of the Monterey Peninsula's creative community, passed away peacefully on April 15, 2026, at the age of 71 after a courageous battle with Parkinson's.

A longtime resident of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Kevin was known for his distinctive artistic voice and deep connection to the natural beauty of the California coast. His work, often inspired by the landscapes, light and spirit of the region, reflected both technical mastery and a profound emotional depth. In his paintings he captured moments that resonated with collectors, fellow artists and friends alike.

Kevin was an active participant in the local arts community, exhibiting at the Kevin Milligan Gallery, and supporting fellow artists with generosity and encouragement. His presence in Carmel's historic art colony will be deeply missed.

Kevin obtained his master of fine arts from the University of North Carolina in 1979 and a bachelor of fine arts from the Kansas City Art Institute in 1977. He is a fourth-generation artist and has been painting since age 7. Kevin's works have been exhibited at regional and national levels, where they received awards and highly favorable reviews. Over his career, Kevin has operated art galleries in Mendocino, Danville and most recently Carmel, California. Kevin has authored two books, "Mendocino: A Painted Pictorial," which was selected for the Smithsonian Portrait Gallery of Literature by the chief curator of American Art, and "Big Sur to Mendocino." Kevin shared a special bond as a twin with his brother, Kris Milligan, a highly accomplished tennis playing and teaching professional. Their lifelong connection was a defining part of Kevin's life — one of shared roots, individual paths and enduring brotherhood.

He is survived by his father, Guy; twin brother, Kris; older brother, Gary (Susan) and sister, Lisa; as well as nieces and nephews, Sarah (Carl) Friedel, Julie (John) Rhoades, Greg (Kai) Milligan and Ben (Dolly) Milligan. Kevin was predeceased by his mother, Jacquelyn.

Beyond his artistic accomplishments, Kevin was known for his kindness, humor and thoughtful spirit. He formed lasting friendships and touched many lives through both his art and his personal warmth. His work and spirit will continue to inspire all who knew him and those who encounter his art for years to come.

Please join us in honoring and remembering Kevin Milligan from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19 at 4 SW San Carlos and Seventh (Carmel Court). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation.



PEE WEE

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compassionate and willing to help,” she reported. “It seemed everyone I told really cared. It was very moving.”

The next day, SPCA Monterey County called with the news that someone had found Pee Wee — or rather, Pee Wee had found someone, about 3 miles away.

What’s so funny?

“She had flown all the way to Carmel Middle School from Carmel Woods,” Grundy said. “There was an outdoor class, and she landed on the teacher’s shoulder while he was teaching. The kids didn’t believe the teacher when he said it wasn’t his — they thought he was joking.”

Grundy and her family foster an array of pets, including kittens and rabbits. She’s hoping to find a home for Pee Wee, who she described as “very personable.”

“She’ll fly in and hang out with us, and follow us throughout the house,” she added. “She wants to be with us all the time. She comes when she’s called, and she gives kisses and high-fives. She can sense when you’re about to laugh, and she laughs before you.”

If you’re interested in meeting Pee Wee, and maybe even adopting her, visit mickaboo.org.



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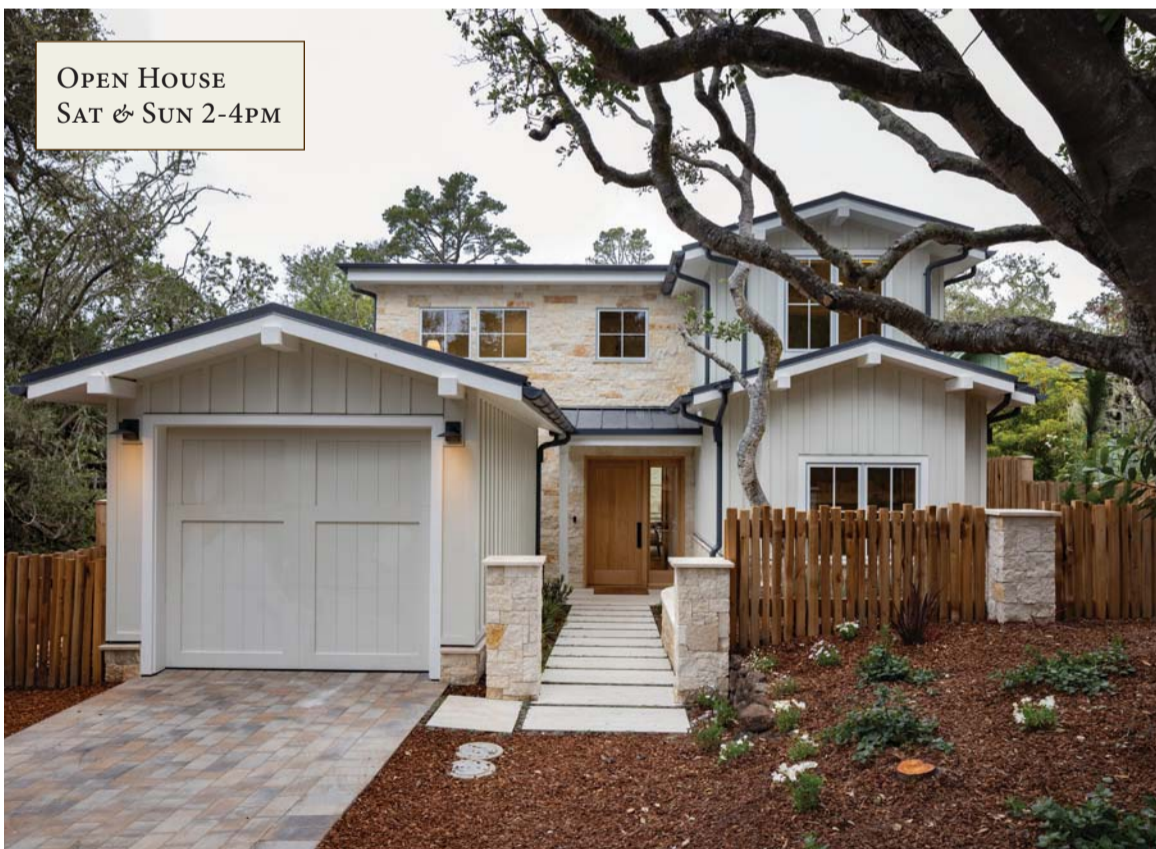
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Hartnell pool to team with Padres, Pirates and Cougars next week

CARMEL'S BOYS and Stevenson's girls are solid favorites to win team trophies at the Pacific Coast Athletic League Swimming and Diving Championships on Friday at Hartnell College.

Stevenson's talent-rich girls team brings six of the PCAL's top 13 swimmers — including four of the top five — into the meet, where 580 athletes from two dozen schools will compete.

The league's roster of top-scoring boys features three Carmel swimmers among the top eight.

Based on times and results accrued this season by Swimcloud.com, the top five boys with the highest individual point totals are Salinas senior Clark Apuada (654.00), senior Mateo Rosales (560.05) and sophomore Kyle Van Dyke (521.55) of Hollister, Stevenson senior Chris Yang (506.00), and Carmel senior Landon Onitsuka (500.70).

Other Padres with lofty PCAL rankings are senior Marc Kalman-Zulik (No. 8) and freshman Austin Lin (No. 11).

Stevenson girls dominate

Stevenson dominates the top of the girls rankings with sophomore Emily Lee (556.70) at No. 1, seniors Franki Derby-Brown (471.27) and Jacqui Powers (469.10) at Nos. 3 and 4, and junior Gabi Rodriguez (468.65) in the No. 5 slot, just ahead of Carmel points leader Annabeth Holz (467.70), who is in sixth place.

"To be honest, I came into this season wondering if it was going to be a rebuilding year for us because we grad-



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Stevenson's Chris Lang (above) and Carmel's Landon Onitsuka (left), both seniors, ranked No. 4 and No. 5 in the PCAL in overall points this season.

uated several outstanding seniors from last year's team," said Stevenson girls coach Allen Garner. "Turns out, our talent per capita this year is probably as high as I've ever had. We don't have a lot of them, but our top girls really pack a punch."

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Lee set Stevenson's school record in the 200-yard individual medley (2:02.56) on April 2 during a dual meet with Carmel, and Rodriguez lowered the standard in the 50-yard freestyle (25.35, a CCS qualifying time) on April 18 at the Robert Booth Memorial Invitational.

Rodriguez's season-best times make her a contender for podium spots today in the 50 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 100 breaststroke and 100 butterfly.

Lee's time in the 200 individual medley makes her the pre-meet favorite in that event. She and Rodriguez are expected to challenge top-seeded Morgan Avila of Monterey in the 100 butterfly, and Lee and Avila are expected to push top-seeded Derby-Brown, a Stevenson co-captain, to the wall in the 100 freestyle.

Powers — also a co-captain — is the favorite in the 200 and 500 freestyles. Powers will play water polo next season at Villanova University, and teammate Charlotte Morrow, still a junior, has committed to play in 2027 at University of the Pacific.

Pirates fastest in relays

The Pirates also arrive at the pool with the fastest qualifying times in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays, and second to Monterey in the 200 medley relay.

Another sophomore, Caymus Maxson, is likely to battle Monterey's top-seeded Myla Avila (1:07.41), Carmel's Annabeth Holz (1:08.63) and Rodriguez (1:09.00) in an exceptionally competitive backstroke.

Maxson is No. 9 in the league in overall points, and another Pirate, senior Kate Solomon, is No. 13.

Holz arrives at the PCALs with the fastest qualifying

time in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.61), where Hollister's Leila Day (1:12.15) and Monterey's Elli Parigi (1:12.93) figure to be rivals.

Carmel junior Riley Nothhelfer (No. 11 in points) is a podium contender in the 50 and 100 freestyles, and Hallie Crabbe, a junior, and Isabella Moet, a junior, qualified first and second for the 1-meter diving competition that was held Wednesday.

Pegula, Connolly lead Catalina

Santa Catalina's young team was led this season by sophomores Isis Pegula (50 free, 100 back, 100 fly, 200 IM), Taylor Connolly (100 and 200 free) and Reagan Brooks (100 back); junior Violet Bradley (freestyles and backstroke); and senior co-captains Eva Bradley (100 breast, 50 free) and UC Davis-bound water polo standout Quinn Connolly (200 and 500 free).

"This is my first year at Catalina, and I couldn't have asked for a better group," said coach Eva McIllwaine, who set school records in the breaststroke and IM at College of the Sequoias and coached the Tule Nation Tritons, a high-level club team, for more than 10 years. "This group has great chemistry, and their personalities and support for

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each other make grueling meets and practices much more bearable.”

Carmel's high-scoring trio of Onitsuka, Kalman-Zulik and Lin helped the Padres to an undefeated dual-meet season that included a 97-89 victory over archrival Stevenson on April 2.

Onitsuka's qualifying times make him a PCAL medal contender in the 50, 100, 200 and 500 freestyles, and the 100 butterfly.

Kalman-Zulik is the favorite in the 100 breaststroke and figures to be in the hunt in the 100 free and 100 butterfly.

Lin, the ninth-grader, is Carmel's fastest qualifier in the 200 IM, and second-fastest in the 100 breast and 200 free.

Other scoring leaders for the Padres this year include seniors Jack Balas (freestyles), Ryan Lin (freestyles), and Dylan Chhor (freestyles, butterfly, IM), junior Bradley Lander, and sophomores Holden

Larsen (back, breast) and Oliver Cogley (freestyles, breast, IM). Carmel divers River Mello, a sophomore, and Myles Will, a junior, were PCAL medal contenders this week.

Yang in 100 free, fly

Stevenson senior Chris Yang ranked No. 4 in overall points among 280 PCAL swimmers and is a medal contender in the 100 free and 100 butterfly.

Junior Herzei Horvath, second overall among Pirate scorers and No. 14 in the PCAL, has contributed points in the freestyles, backstroke and IM.

Others high in the league rankings include senior Alan Qian (No. 17), freshman Brooks Honegger (No. 18) and sophomore James Maiorana (No. 29).

Yang will swim next year at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, and Qian plans to compete for Hong Kong's national water polo team.

Stevenson's 400-yard relay team



Senior Marc Kalman-Zulik, one of the highest-scoring swimmers in the PCAL, was a catalyst in Carmel's undefeated Gabilan Division dual-meet season.

PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

already has achieved a CCS qualifying time (3:27.92 against Carmel), and diver Ali Liddle, a sophomore, was expected to qualify for CCS on Wednesday.

CCS swimming trials are this coming

Thursday and Friday, and the championships will be Saturday, May 9.

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Swimmers who helped power Stevenson to an undefeated PCAL dual meet season included (from left) freshman Emily Lee, senior Jacqui Powers, and junior Charlotte Morrow.

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A new restaurant on Lovers Point is just the cream on top

THE FINAL days of The Grill at Point Pinos were uncharacteristically bitter for Tamie Aceves, but something sweet took its place. The seasoned chef, caterer and restaurateur — a dealer in all things but-tery and delightful — didn't let the closing

of those doors spoil the opening of others. "I've walked past this spot practically every day for 25 years! In fact, I walked through it in 2016," she said of what is now Crema, her Lovers Point restaurant in Pacific Grove. "I was desperate to find an investor for it, but the timing wasn't right," said Aceves.

The spiked seltzer company that most recently occupied 631 Ocean View Blvd. never quite lived up to the location's potential. But Aceves has a knack for making unlikely businesses sing, starting when she opened the first Crema in an old Victorian house on Lighthouse Avenue. (She and her staff spent eight years jogging pastries and award-winning huevos rancheros up the staircase and around whimsical, impractical corners.) Months after Covid forced its closure, Aceves submitted a winning bid to the City of Pacific Grove to operate the restaurant on the municipal golf links by Point Pinos lighthouse. After five years, she said, the increasing rent was one patch of rough she couldn't hack.

As she contemplated the end of her lease on The Grill last fall, her thoughts drifted back to Lovers Point. "It occurred to me to approach the owners and offer to partner with them. The next morning, I went in to work and was telling the team about this big idea. I kept getting these funny looks from my manager, Karren, who finally said, 'Tamie, they moved out yesterday. I think there's already a sign out front!'"

And that's how Crema found its new home. The espresso bar and cafe opened April 1, and in poured the long-lost regulars, fans of The Grill, and visitors curious about all the fuss. "I just love creating spaces that make people happy," said Aceves, 59, who years ago began referring to Crema's daily patrons as "Cremlins."

"I feel like we spent the last four months between here and Home Depot, trying to open as soon as possible. We had locals coming by every day, knocking on the door — I was giving tours to anyone who asked!" Aceves exclaimed.

A whole other wing
She brought nearly all of her 25-person team from The Grill — among them her right hand, Karren Vidales, who managed the original Crema — to the lovingly remodeled building that for 50 years had housed The Tinnery restaurant. With 6,000 square feet to let her imagination run wild, there's still a whole other wing to tackle. Aceves envisions a romantic wine bar — her liquor license will transfer next month

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PHOTO/COURTESY TAMIE ACEVES

A celebrity chef in Pacific Grove, Tamie Aceves is the creative hand behind local favorite Crema, which reopened in April.

Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

HE'S GOTTEN A LOT OF MILEAGE OUT OF SOME EXPERT ADVICE

A GLEAMING gem in the treasure chest of lessons Kenneth Shue has learned during his career — which included 27 years as a Disney creative executive — was this unpolished diamond from two of the famed animators known as Walt Disney's "Nine Old Men":

"Frank Thomas and Ollie Johnston would walk into my office, look at my character drawings and say, 'You need more pencil mileage — keep drawing,

he likes what he sees, he'll memorialize it with a photograph. Otherwise, it's just an exercise.

Then, he moves to a drawing station to add to the "pencil mileage" that the Disney legends prescribed more than 30 years ago.

The third station is the easel where Shue creates enthralling, vibrant oil renderings of the scenic Monterey Peninsula: waves exploding against rocks, foamy tides lapping onto the shore, early-morning light silhouetting a purse seiner on the horizon.

"Ken's background in animation gives him a firm foundation in drawing, which is the backbone of all fine art of high quality, whether it be Guy Rose or Picasso," said Lorelei Gabel, owner of Carmel Fine Art Modern. "And his exposure to cinematography gives his work a sense of motion — kinetic energy which is very evident and distinctive."

Painting nature, for Shue, is a celebration of the beauty he finds throughout the Peninsula. Selling a painting is exciting, but it's never been a primary goal.

"A woman walked into the gallery one day, looked at everything, then stared at one of my pieces for at least 10 minutes without saying a word," he remembered. "I didn't say anything to her — tell her I was the artist — and she didn't ask."

"And she didn't buy anything but had a huge smile on her face," he said. "That makes the daily practice worth it."

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

keep drawing." The Disney legends' credits included "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," "Pinocchio," "Bambi," "Cinderella," "Peter Pan," "Lady and the Tramp," and "Sleeping Beauty."

The advice remains in Shue's heart as he draws and paints the extraordinary landscapes and seascapes he exhibits at Carmel Fine Art Modern.

'Sense of motion'

The discipline he developed as an illustrator remains a ritual. At 73, Shue steps into his Monterey studio and every morning, starting at 5, visits three workstations.

The first is a tray filled with water. "There's no ink, there's no pigment," said Shue, who brushes the water onto paper, wood or even cement.

"The idea is to create some kind of image or design that you know won't last," he explained. "If it winds up looking like something, it's a happy accident. If it doesn't, that's just as good." Those water drawings evaporate, of course, so if

Protest music

In his youth, drawing gave a feeling of liberation and solace during what he recalls as a tense household in "a very rough, underprivileged neighborhood" in San Diego.

"As a kid, I loved cartoons, and loved to draw, so drawing became an escape for me," he said.

He credits Bob Dylan's protest lyrics for imbuing him with empathy for underserved communities during his formative years in the 1960s and early '70s, which coincided with unrest on U.S. streets.

"I actually joined the United Farm Workers Union when I was in high school, even though I never worked on a farm in my life," he said.

But finding one of his inspirations took a little shoe leather. "Our TV didn't get the channel that Walt Disney was on, so I had to go to a neighbor's house to watch 'Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color' on Sunday nights," he reminisced.

After high school

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PHOTO/JANICE SHUE

Kenneth Shue, who enjoyed 27 years as a Disney illustrator, paints seascapes and landscapes for Carmel Fine Art Modern.

From the mayor's desk —

Getting projects unstuck

By DALE BYRNE

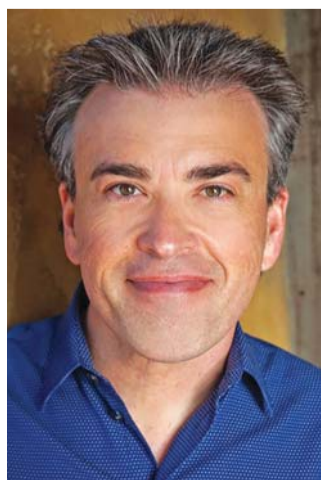
was the title of a column I wrote last year.

■ The mayor's role

My role in those moments is not to decide outcomes or bypass process. It is to make sure the process actually works. That means helping people get clear answers, aligning departments and working through the city administrator and department directors to give things a nudge when they stall. Most of the time, that's all it takes.

Projects rarely get stuck because

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Scam Watch: The Power of a Family "Safe Word"

In our years serving our community, we've seen scams evolve, but they are now changing more rapidly than ever. 2026 has brought a challenging new twist: AI Voice Cloning. Scammers can now take a short clip of a loved one's voice from social media or even a video posted online and use it to mimic them perfectly.

Imagine answering the phone to hear your grandchild's exact voice saying they've been in an accident or are in legal trouble and need money immediately. It is terrifying, and it's designed to make you act out of fear before you have a chance to think.

The Strategy: Establish a Family Safe Word The best defense isn't high-tech; it's a simple conversation. Sit down with your children and

grandchildren (and/or close friends) this week and agree on a "safe word" or "secret phrase" that only your family (and/or close friends) knows. It should be something unique and easy to remember (e.g., "Blueberry Muffin" or "Cabo 2012").

If you ever receive a frantic call for money, even if it sounds exactly like your loved one, ask for the safe word. If they cannot provide it, hang up immediately and call your relative back on their known, trusted number.

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BATTERIES

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concludes, Phase 2 demolition will begin to address the heavily burned sections of the building."

That phase involves crews removing and disposing of "any battery material that cannot be recycled," she said. The material will go through a "waste characterization" sorting process to identify where it should be taken for disposal.

"The waste characterization sampling results will be made publicly available," Scanlon said.

District 2 Supervisor Glenn Church asked why some of the batteries "are still energized after almost a year and a half when they're not going to be used," suggesting they could be a fire hazard.

Heat gun used

Scanlon said the process involves first removing them from the remains of the building and taking them outside to de-energize them. Phase 2 of the process involves stabilizing the damaged structure so crews can access the remaining batteries.

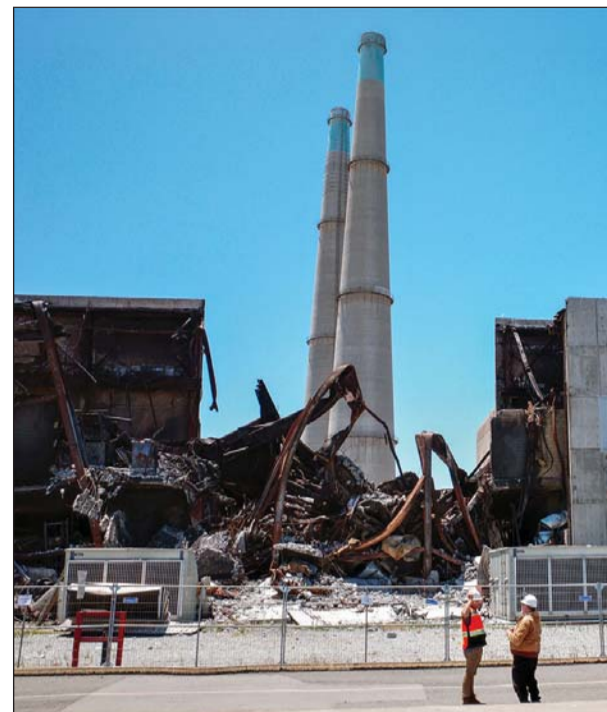
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said in January that there were about 110 officials and contractors in Moss Landing supporting battery removal operations. It's the largest battery cleanup the federal agency has been involved with, officials have said.

The EPA recently released three videos about the Moss Landing operation.

EPA onsite coordinator Katherine Hull explains in one of them that while lithium-ion batteries can be unstable and catch fire when damaged, the agency has tools to

prevent that from happening.

"We use a heat gun to monitor battery temperatures at each step of the process, ensuring that they remain stable," she said. "A battery isolation box is designed to contain any batteries that heat up and catch fire. To date, we have had no fire incidents during our battery handling efforts."



PHOTO/EPA

Officials stand near the Vistra Energy building in Moss Landing after a battery fire destroyed it in January 2025.

VOLUNTEER

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Park, has a robust volunteer program.

Visiting from Rhode Island, Helen Anthony was walking in a crosswalk inside the park June 10, 2023, when she was struck by an electric vehicle driven by 82-year-old docent Jack Arnold, a participant in the Volunteers in Parks program. Anthony was hospitalized with major head and chest injuries, including 22 rib fractures. She was in ICU for more than two weeks. Arnold told investigators he accidentally pressed the accelerator instead of the brake. A Monterey County jury awarded Anthony \$18.8 million Feb. 25.

DESTROYED

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to retrieve personal belongings," the agency said in a statement. "In the remaining units, belongings were determined to have been either destroyed or contaminated, and the units will not be accessible."

Details of when and how former tenants will be able to access their units are still being worked out, according to the housing agency.

"HACM staff will meet one-on-one with each resident to deliver letters explaining the status of their unit and belongings, answer questions, and provide individualized guidance on next steps."

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CARDS

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bribe Daffodil, a toy poodle shown prancing on her hind legs, you'll need some chicken treats. She also "has her own cat."

According to Montage's volunteer and retail services manager Kelly Lepai, the cards were initially issued before Covid when Michele Young, director of Montage Health Foundation, saw some baseball cards and thought, "Wouldn't it be fun to do this with dogs?" Like many other things, the project fell by the wayside during the pandemic and its aftermath but has now been revived, tickling staff members-turned-collectors.

Lepai said she sees the cards "tucked under mats on people's desks" and taped to computers.

Good citizens

The pups' handlers each get about 250 cards a year, and they're in high demand, Lepai said. Pediatric patients — and any patients who look forward to seeing specific dogs — can get the pocket-size tributes. They're also popular with Alzheimer's patients who come in for surgery or other services.

Photos were shot in-house by the marketing and communications department, which also supplied the questions for the handlers about favorite treats, toys and other items of interest.

"It helps people put a name with a face, gives them some 'insider knowledge' about the dogs, and it's a conversation starter," said Lepai, who added that the staff and community love the canine caregivers.

Montage is always on the lookout for new four-legged therapists.

"Dogs can't just walk in off the street and do this," Lepai explained. "There's a lot of training involved." After earning their Canine Good Citizen certificates through the American Kennel Club and completing training with Therapy Dogs International, the four-legged scholars and their human counterparts receive one-on-one in-house



Montage's therapy dog trading cards are a hit with staff and patients alike. After all, who could resist that face?

training at the hospital. They learn to work near IVs, bedpans and other equipment, not to be startled by loud noises, and how to navigate around wheelchairs — among other things — while brightening days and providing a comforting presence for patients and staff alike.

"People can't get enough of these animals," Lepai said.

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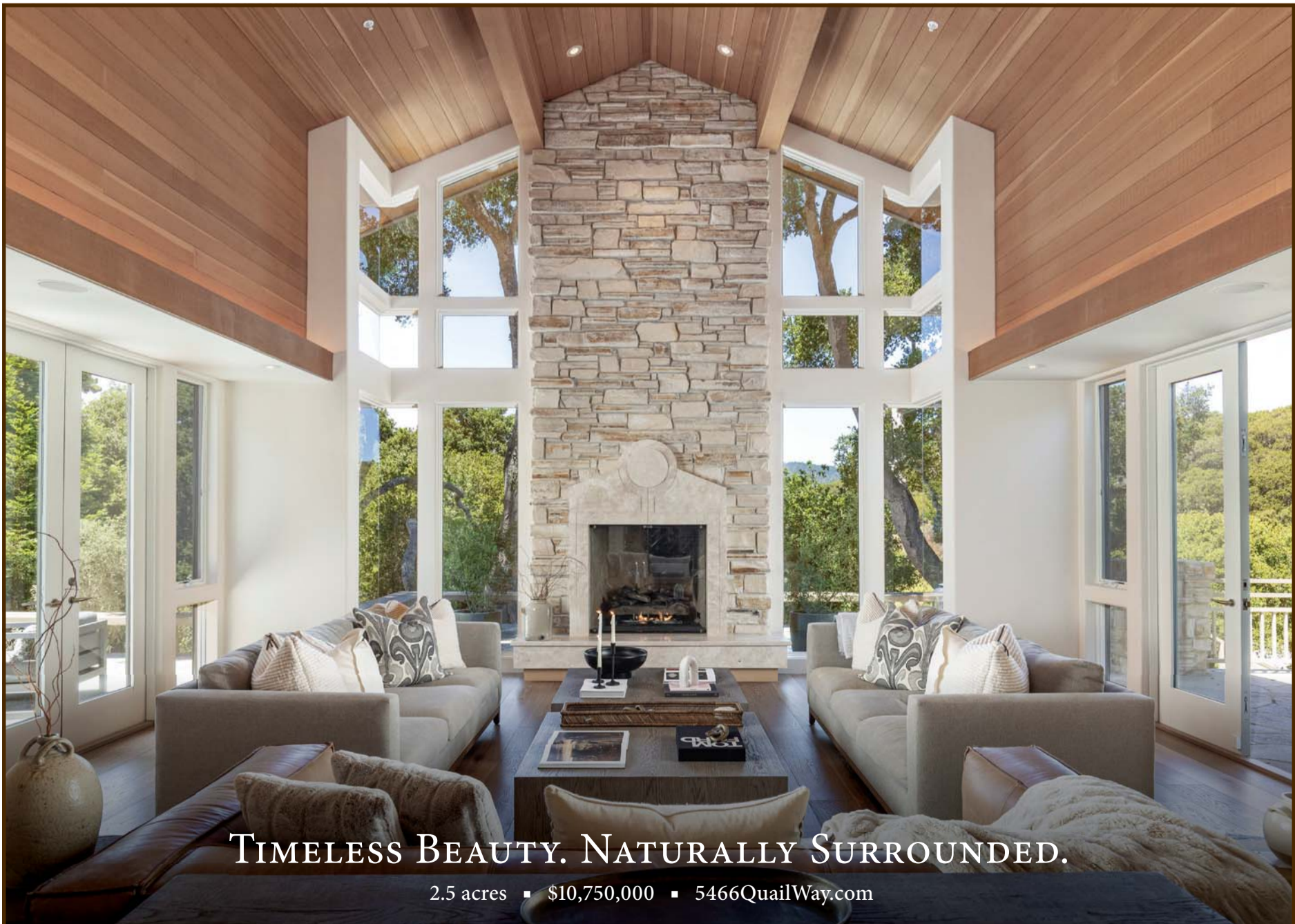
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PHONES

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“We are parents before we are Democrats or Republicans,” said Oakland Democrat Buffy Wicks about the coalition.

The group of far-right and far-left lawmakers have found common ground on a number of issues related to kids and technology, including banning phones in schools and social media for under-16s.

Assemblymember Josh Hoover, a Folsom Republican, authored the first Phone-Free Schools Act, which was watered down in the legislative process and is part of the alliance pushing for a full statewide phone ban this session.

“While I think that bill is critically important, I think it is time to go one more step forward and join the many other states that have taken action to enact a full prohibition,” Hoover said.

Local control

Unfortunately, the group was thwarted this month by the lawmaker tasked with improving schools in California, Assembly Education Committee Chair Darshana Patel. The San Diego Democrat objected to the bill because the current Phone-Free Schools Act will not be fully implemented until July and she wants school districts to retain local control.

According to AB 1644’s lead author, Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, Patel forced his coalition to amend the bill to cover only elementary and middle schools before allowing a hearing on it. Muratsuchi, a Democrat from the South Bay, “reluctantly” accepted the amendments at the Education Committee hearing last week but brought along a ninth grader to make the case for extending the bans to high schools.

Rishaan Marwhaha, an Orange County freshman and an advocate for the student-led lobbying group GENup, told the committee smartphone use at schools has corroded his education. The teen detailed how his peers spend their time “doom-scrolling” rather than learning.

“Students say they need to use the bathroom — they don’t — they go on their phones, sit there scrolling, completely disengaged for minutes at a time. Minutes turn into learning that we never recover,” Marwhaha said.

Diluting the bill to cover only kindergarten through eighth grade makes it much less impactful, as high schools are where cellphones are used the most but policies are most lax.

According to an October Rand report, two-thirds of principals nationwide have enacted bell-to-bell bans in their schools. However, high schools are less restrictive, with half of principals reporting they allow students to use phones when not in

class, and a quarter reporting phone use is allowed during instructional time.

Case in point: Carmel Unified, where elementary schools students must keep devices off and out of sight during the day, but at the high school, teachers decide when and how phones can be used.

Why bell-to-bell is better

Even if students are able to follow the rules and store phones during class time, their use during passing periods is detrimental.

Common Sense Media reports the average teenager receives 273 notifications daily, roughly one every five minutes during the school day, which shows they are using phones quite a lot in the hallways. In schools where use is allowed during lunch and passing periods, kids spend an average of 43 minutes of those breaks on their phones.

“Time meant for recovery and socializing, an important part of education, is being consumed by addictive feeds,” said Hilbert, the UC Davis professor who studies the benefits and harms of digital technology.

Phone use during breaks isn’t just bad for social skills. It can also distract students in the classroom, even when their phones are in their pockets or in a caddy on the teacher’s desk. According to a 2023 Global Education report, students can take as long as 20 minutes to refocus on their lessons after using their phones.

A National Education Association poll in 2024 found that 83 percent of teachers supported an all-day ban, and schools that have implemented them are seeing positive results.

“In under a year, we’ve seen meaningful improvements — reductions in bullying, increased attendance and gains in student performance,” said Las Virgenes School Board member Dallas Lawrence.

Lawrence was instrumental in passing an “away for the day” policy in his district

and said the culture inside the school has changed, too, most notably with laughter returning to the lunchroom. The father of three said the stiffest opposition to Las Virgenes’ all-day phone ban came from parents who wanted constant contact with their children, even during class. The same dispute is playing out at the state level this spring, and it comes from a generation whose own parents had to call the front office to get a message to them.

The same parents also express the understandable desire to reach their kids in the event of an emergency, despite the fact experts say doing so can make children less safe. The consulting firm National School Safety and Security Services points to research showing phone use during an emergency distracts students from following directions and can impede response time when parents flock to the scene.

Test scores

The primary purpose of schools is to provide students with an education, and now that “away for the day” policies are becoming the norm, we have data showing they improve academics. In October, the National Bureau of Economic Research released a study of bell-to-bell bans in Florida and found student test scores went up and chronic absenteeism went down two years after the change.

The Golden State should be pulling all the levers it can to improve what can only be described as dismal academic performance. Its latest standardized tests show that fewer than half of California students are proficient in literacy, and only 37% pass math.

Schools are one of the single largest line items in Gov. Newsom’s proposed budget, receiving \$149 billion in total funding, \$88.7 billion of which comes from the general fund. At \$27,418 in per-pupil spending, we ought to be getting our money’s worth; schools should be for learning, not scrolling.



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STONEHOUSE

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ineligible for designation until it hits that milestone in October 2027. To be listed now, it would have to be “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.” The taxpayer-funded consultant hired to evaluate the property, Meg Clovis, “did not find the subject property to be of exceptional importance,” according to Wallace.

Federal standards are similar, but Reimers’ historian, Barbara Lamprecht, concluded Stonehouse Terrace meets the “exceptional importance” standard, and the board voted 3-0 in agreement at its April 20 hearing.

Pastor questioned Reimers’ motives. “They are not looking to list their building as historic because they care about the historic integrity of the town. They are trying to disrupt our process next door for their own purposes,” he said.

The board’s decision undermines its mission, according to Pastor.

“Carmel’s historic register carries weight because it is applied rigorously and consistently,” he said. “When it is used to route around the very standards that give it meaning, the process itself is diminished.

“Carmel’s historic designation process carries weight because it is built on consistent, fact-based criteria applied equally to everyone who comes before it. As stewards of the Frank Lloyd Wright House, Esperanza Carmel has a direct stake in that integrity,” commented managing director Chris Mitchell. “That integrity was not present in the recent proceedings surrounding the Stonehouse Terrace building, and this community deserves to know why.”

In his April 29 letter, Pastor’s attorney, Jeremiah Reynolds, head of litigation at the Eisner law firm in Beverly Hills, condemned the historic resources board’s decision as being “orchestrated in a manner that unmistakably

reflects a continuing pattern of institutional bias and targeted prejudice against our client.”

“The city’s conduct in this matter — when viewed alongside its longstanding obstructionist treatment of Esperanza’s development applications — compels the conclusion that certain city officials and community actors are abusing governmental processes to advance a coordinated campaign against Mr. Pastor and his company,” he wrote.

Mitchell noted the quick turnaround of Reimers’ application, which the city learned of in February and acted upon two months later. “By comparison, our J.B. Pastor project has been in the planning process for more than six years,” he said, including numerous historic board and planning commission meetings, along with city council appeals. “One of those appeals was filed by a sitting city council member, something we have never encountered in any other jurisdiction.”

Pastor’s local development company bought three lots west of Stonehouse — the southernmost in 2018, and the two north of that in 2020.

‘Prejudicial treatment’

After Pastor applied for his mixed-use project, “what followed was six years of escalating requirements: retention of an annex building with no architectural significance, prohibition on relocating that building, a mandate to preserve a section of wall, and then a full project redesign to build 5 feet from that wall,” Mitchell recounted.

“After all of that, we received planning approval, only to face another city council challenge. The final plans now before the city incorporate every request made of us, including additional landscaping and underground parking as directed by city council last year.”

In his letter, Reynolds called the attempt to get Stonehouse Terrace declared historic “a transparent attempt to manufacture yet another obstacle to Esperanza’s lawful development rights, weaponizing the historic-preservation process to achieve what the project’s opponents have been unable to accomplish through legitimate planning channels.”

He pointed out Reimers’ cousins, who own half the complex, were not aware she had submitted the application. “Had it been our client filing such an application under similar circumstances, we are fully confident that the city would have seized upon the ownership dispute as grounds to delay or refuse to process the matter entirely,” Reynolds speculated.

Esperanza’s applications “have been met with relentless



RENDERING/ESPERANZA CARMEL

The project proposed by Patrice Pastor’s company, Esperanza Carmel, for Dolores Street near Seventh Avenue.

delays, obstructionist procedural demands, and a level of hostile scrutiny that no other applicant in recent memory has been forced to endure,” he wrote.

And it’s not just Reimers behind the effort to thwart Esperanza’s project, according to Reynolds, but “the same small group of community members who have opposed every one of Esperanza’s applications,” including Ian Martin, Victoria Beach, Cindy Lloyd, Kent Seavey and Doug Schmitz.

“The persistent involvement of this same cadre of opponents at every turn, combined with the city’s extraordinary willingness to fast-track this application while simultaneously subjecting Esperanza’s projects to grinding delay and hostile scrutiny, leaves no reasonable doubt that our client is the target of systematic, prejudicial treatment,” he wrote.

‘See you in court’

The letter demands that the city withdraw or amend its supportive comments before next week’s California State Historical Resources Commission hearing “to accurately reflect that the city’s own consultant found the property not to be of exceptional importance, that the HRB did not take a formal vote on eligibility, and that half the property’s ownership opposes the application,” and to “cease and desist from any further actions that prejudice Esperanza’s pending development applications or that confer preferential treatment on parties opposed to Esperanza’s projects.”

Reynolds wrapped up with a threat to sue the city “to halt what has become a persistent and escalating pattern of unlawful bias.”

LETTERS

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revenue the county would lose by eliminating STRs, the board replies they don’t know, since the county didn’t separately track these revenues before 2024. But they’re happy to suggest a new transfer tax on property sales!

As a retired doctor, I guess I’m used to trying to sort out the facts before recommending treatments. Apparently, local government doesn’t recognize the need for such piddly details.

Mark C. Mammel, Carmel

Concern for birds

Dear Editor,

Sitting here outside listening to a fledgling hawk overhead and the sound of a woodchipper in the distance, I have deep concern about what will happen to nesting birds and other critters when PG&E begins its planned tree work in Carmel.

Residents have been told that nearly 100 trees will be removed and another 546 “trimmed.” This is nesting season, when our trees are home to birds raising their young. The toll on hawks, songbirds, owls and other wildlife would be severe. Raccoons, opossums, squirrels and many other animals also depend on these trees for shelter.

While responsible tree maintenance and fire mitigation are necessary, there must be a way to balance safety with humane timing and protection for wildlife.

For residents already dealing with constant construction — the tearing down and rebuilding of our town — the additional gauntlet of cherry pickers and chippers on nearly every street will be not only disruptive but haunting.

Anne Mitchell, Carmel

Before the income tax

Dear Editor,

I agree with letter writer Donald Butts. Like him, I am also disappointed over a proposed stiff tax surcharge on more expensive homes. Americans fought a bloody war with England over a very small tea tax and paper documents, including newspapers, legal documents and playing

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MOTHER'S DAY GUIDE

GIVING, DINING AND CELEBRATING

(Tiny) hats off to Mom

By DENNIS TAYLOR

MY DEPRESSION-ERA mother made a lot of stuff out of next to nothing, including tiny hats — each completely different from all the others — for every kid in my classroom and my little sister's class. They added colorful fun to every cupcake-and-punch elementary school party.

Each tiny hat was hand-sewn from cloth salvaged from my mother's closet and dresser — old garments she decided she really didn't need anymore. She cut them into pieces that became miniature bonnets, ball caps, berets, beanies, bridal veils, church hats, cocktail hats, fedoras, fascinators, headdresses, sombreros, turbans, derbies, stovepipe hats, safari hats, pint-sized 10-gallon cowboy hats

She accessorized them with sparkles, lace, stars, lightning bolts, feathers, butterflies, and bugs. And some had colorful hatbands.

Each was about the size of an orange, with an elastic strap or pretty ribbon to attach it to our heads.

Ice and galoshes

Mom really had no time for such playful crafts, but she found it anyway during days otherwise crowded with breakfast-making, lunch-packing, housecleaning, weed-pulling, dinner-cooking, bedtime story-reading

— all the mom stuff.

Every frigid morning, she shoveled the sidewalk, scraped the windshield of our '56 Dodge, warmed up the car, strapped my sister and me into our galoshes, then drove us to school — swerving to pick up every neighbor kid she saw trudging through the tundra, whether we liked them or not.

Used bricks

Mom worked as a lunch waitress every November and December for several years, usually walking to work, and saved every penny of her tips to provide a spectacular Christmas for our family. She never, ever made a list for herself, no matter how many times we asked.

Mother's Day at our house was an occasion for handmade cards, breakfast in bed, an unintentionally grotesque dinner cooked by my father — then gifts we personally picked or constructed. We kid-wrapped them ourselves, reusing years-old paper and ribbons, wrinkled and frayed, with comically well-intentioned results.

One year, our wiry 4-foot-10, 85-pound Polish mom parked the Dodge alongside a building that was being knocked down. She charmed the worker into loading his

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M O T H E R ' S D A Y G U I D E

She's got a lot on her mind, so give her a break

By SALLY BAHO

Editor's note: Sally Baho is the mother of two kids less than 2 years old.

WHAT MOM really wants is not another picture frame. It's a day to herself, enjoying all the pampering the Monterey Peninsula has to offer. Even in the 21st century, mothers are still the primary caregivers in most American families. According to a recent Federal Reserve survey, more than half of moms with young children say they shoulder most of the responsibility for daily care — even when both parents work full time.

After all those school runs, doctor visits, homework sessions, and everything else they quietly manage, moms have more than earned some pure indulgence with zero responsibilities. That means someone else should do the calling and planning ahead to prepay for a spa session or buy her a gift card with enough to cover lunch, tax, tip and a cocktail.

The Pine Cone has ideas for some experiences she is sure to love, although it might be nice if you can arrange her schedule so they're not happening on the uber-busy holiday, which has earned its reputation as the busiest restaurant day of the year. Put an itinerary and gift cards into a nice greeting card — with a personal note — and present it with coffee, a mimosa and flowers on the big day, and the family can stay home and chill while everyone else is out driving and looking for parking.

Lavender latte

When it's her turn to relax, Mom can start with a proper, unhurried breakfast at Stationery on San Carlos Street, 3 NE of Sixth Avenue. Options include the



SHHHHH *cont. page 41A* This Mother's Day, after the cards and hugs, our reporter (shown here) says what Mom really needs is a day off.

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Gifts from the heart of town

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

WITH MOTHER'S Day approaching, Annee Martin wanted to get something for a friend she worried might feel left out of the celebration. So, the Marina resident stopped by her own lifestyle boutique, Ami Carmel (Dolores between Fifth and Sixth), to pick out gifts for her. She chose a Lafco candle in Dutchess Peony fragrance and set in a pink glass, pairing it with a "Dogs are my love language" sweatshirt to remind her friend of unconditional affection. She3 added a bottle of pink champagne, a dozen pink roses, and a card. It totally did the trick.

The concept of Mother's Day reportedly was conceived by Ann Jarvis (1832-1905), who bore more than a dozen children, most of whom died from diseases like diphtheria or measles. Her vision, inspired a few years after the Civil War, was to create a "Mother's Friendship Day" to encourage families from both sides of the conflict to rebuild a sense of community. It was her belief that women, especially mothers, were best suited to bring people together in the spirit of peace.

After Jarvis' death, her daughter, Anna Jarvis (1864-1948), was inspired to honor her mother's legacy by establishing a national holiday on the second Sunday in May, the day her mother had died. She encouraged people to write heartfelt letters of gratitude to their mothers, perhaps accompanied by flowers — she was partial to white carnations. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first national Mother's Day.

It can be special — even exciting — for those whose children show love and gratitude. The holiday can dawn as something quite different for those who have loved and lost the dream — a child, a mother,



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Anna Jarvis, the mother of Mother's Day.

or the relationship. Yet there are so many ways we "mother" ourselves and others through kindness, all of which warrant celebration.

Lavender sprig

Carmel visitor Linda Stutzman wandered into "Big Little Boxes" — a boutique carrying gifts and artisan-inspired, curated gift boxes on San Carlos — in search of a Mother's Day gift for her daughter. According to owner Linda Persall, after

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PACIFIC'S EDGE

Mother's Day Brunch

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026
10AM-3PM

Menu

CHEF ATTENDED STATIONS

- Build your own Omelette Bar
- Carved New York Striploin with balsamic red wine reduction
- Salmon en Croute with pink brandy sauce

BRUNCH ENTREES

- Mushroom and Red pepper Frittata
- Bacon and Chicken Apple Sausage
- Avocado Toast Bar
- Chicken & Waffles with maple syrup and hot honey
- Roasted potatoes with sauteed vegetable hash
- Spinach artichoke ravioli with parmesan cream sauce
- Seafood paella

SALADS & SEAFOOD DISPLAY

- King Crab legs with clarified butter
- Poached Prawns & Smoked Salmon with cocktail sauce accompanied by capers, red onion, cream cheese, and lemons
- Seared Ahi Tuna, soy sauce, wasabi cream
- Grilled vegetable board
- Caprese Salad
- Build your own Salad Bar

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truck full of bricks, hauling them to our house and dumping them in our gutter in a huge pile.

She spent endless hours chipping old mortar off those bricks with a claw hammer and screwdriver, then hours more transporting them to the backyard, one wheelbarrow load at a time. She used them to single-handedly construct a patio in a patch of mud and weeds.

At some point during her hard labor, she snapped our rickety shovel in half. That's the year Dad secretly took my sister and me to the hardware store, where we proudly pooled our piggy bank savings to buy her a new shovel for Mother's Day. She cried with joy when she saw the gift leaning in the corner of our living room, adorned with a big red bow.

Happiness returns

Mom got sick when I was a sixth grader and my sister was in fourth grade. Two years later, our small-town doctor finally sent her to an oncologist, who determined she had been suffering with breast cancer and lymphoma the whole time.

In the years that followed, chemo thinned her hair, surgery took her breasts, and medieval radiation treatments burned a silver dollar-sized hole through her chest. Through it all, she never stopped mothering — until she passed away two days before Christmas during my senior year of high school.

I don't remember crying when Mom died. I remember feeling relief — but my depression, admittedly, was crippling.

Sometime that spring, I recall sitting alone in the high school library, still scabbing up, staring across the room at a happy-go-lucky classmate laughing with his friends.

And I vividly remember the epiphany: Feeling miserable for another minute of my life was the very last thing my mother would have wanted.

That's the instant I felt my grief lift and gave myself permission to smile and laugh again.

Like each of us, I've navigated other difficult times but never allowed myself to feel unhappy for any extended length of time. All these decades later, I consider that to be my mom's enduring gift.

Life is good. Happy Mother's Day.

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We will answer that question in our May 22nd edition —

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wandering the shop, Stutzman chose the Chaos and Spa Bliss box filled with self-care items to help a busy woman unwind with a cup of tea in her "Chaos Coordinator" mug while writing in her mindful journal. This would be accompanied by the soothing scent of a eucalyptus spa candle. The box was topped with a bit of lavender.

"Our daughter loved her present," Stutzman said. "She loved the candle, the tea, and the journal, and she loved the touch of the lavender sprig. She also felt the mug described how she feels most of the time, since both kids are in grammar school and juggling sports, school and work is a challenge."

When Kiran Gaind Mukkamalla was visiting Carmel from her home in Palo Alto, she wandered into Carmel Drug Store and discovered a bottle of lotion that took her back to her teenage daughter's childhood, when her first-grade class invited mothers in to enjoy a sip of tea and a hand massage with lotion the children had made for Mother's Day.



Whether it's a whimsical, cozy top or a luxe scented candle from Ami Carmel, or a fragrant lotion from Carmel Drug, you can find plenty of things to make Mom happy, right here in town.

Perfume, lotion

Upon the shelves at Carmel Drug Store, she discovered Rainbow Scent, a company that makes roll-on perfume lotion, body wash and a body scrub, all in various scents. The one that most reminded Mukkamalla of her young daughter's elementary-school concoction was called Carmel Beach, which also seemed like a lovely reminder of her visit by the sea. She probably didn't know she was purchasing an echo of things past.

"Established in 1976, Rainbow Scent was a store on Ocean Avenue where customers could choose an essential oil fragrance and have it made into these different skin products," said store manager Megan Hohler. "Once the owner closed the shop,

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another woman continued to provide the product online. We saw this as a perfect fit for our store. While there are different scents, Carmel Beach is our bestseller.”

Mukkamalla wasn't looking for anything fancy or

expensive in that Mother's Day celebration at her daughter's school. "I think all of us moms love the thoughtfulness of homemade gifts and true sentiment from our kids. And to be fair to both kids, my elder daughter has made me a painting on a few Mother's Days. She is such a talented artist. I have them hanging up in my home and

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Caitlin Chappell (left) takes a walk with her mom, Lisa.

writing office to inspire me.”

Lauren Cesare, who divides her life between San Jose and her home near The Carmel Foundation, cherishes the coffee mugs her daughters made for her, each embossed with photos of her girls. She's also received a couple special pairs of socks, one printed with "I heart Mom" and a picture of each daughter, and the other printed with "Keep Calm and Call Mom.”

Socks of love

“The mugs are so special to me that we are still using them 20 years later,” Cesare said. “The socks were quite a surprise. I love them to pieces, and I wear them when my girls are home because we all get a kick out of them. I also wear them to show them I love them and how much they matter.”

Cesare's daughter reported that she went to sockologie.com to order the “personalized custom photo socks, including custom dog socks, face socks, and more.”

When Lisa Chappell's daughter, Caitlin, was in middle school, the pair departed their Carmel Woods home in the late afternoon and took the long walk to Ribera Beach, where they looked for whales cruising by.

“It felt like our own private heaven. Then we walked over to Carmel River Beach, passing the Portola Crespi Cross, where we paused to say ‘hello’ to her Bubbe,” she said. There, Chappell would “exhale the pain” from losing her mother, “and inhale the coastal air” to feel her continuing presence. “In that moment, the sadness and longing for my mom slipped away. She was a wonderful little girl who was fully invested in my having the best day ever.”

From there, the mother-daughter duo went to Rio Grill for dinner.

“Since my child was paying with her pocket money,” said Chappell, “we ordered an appetizer, followed by their amazing bread pudding.”

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Breakfast Plate (chive scramble, Baker's bacon, buttermilk biscuit, jam and avocado), the yogurt bowl (yogurt, fruit, pumpkin seed granola and honey), or — if she's really indulging, which she should — the lobster roll (Maine lobster, Ad Astra brioche bun, fingerling potato salad). The coffee is excellent, whether it's a classic capuccino, a mocha or the seasonal lavender latte. Dessert with breakfast? Sure. Tell her to try the butterscotch budino, a warm, comforting brown-sugar custard. Learn more at thestationaery.com, where you can also purchase gift cards.

Next, how about a walk at Point Lobos, the "crown jewel" of the State Parks system? If she arrives early on Monday through Thursday, she has a better chance of beating the crowds and finding decent parking before strolling among the trees and breathtaking coastline.

On her way back into town, Mom can stop for a snack at Lafayette Bakery — just a little something to tide her over until lunch. Perhaps a strong cup of coffee and a traditional French pastry would do the trick.

Rooftop soak

Afterward, she will want some suitable pampering with a facial, a massage or both at Vista Blue Spa on the rooftop of the Monterey Plaza Hotel and Spa. Its outdoor sundeck offers spectacular views of Monterey Bay, with space to relax in a hot tub or read a novel by the outdoor fireplace. There's a steam room and sauna for her enjoyment, too. See all the options at montereyplazahotel.com/spa/vista-blue-spa.

Alternatively, she could visit the spa at Bernardus or Pebble Beach. If Mom prefers the warm sunshine of Carmel Valley, Bernardus Lodge at the foot of the Laureles Grade is for her. It offers a wide range of treatments, including a



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If a serene seaside golf course vibe is more her style, she may prefer the Spa at Pebble Beach. In fact, if she plays, a round at Pebble Beach — consistently ranked as the best public golf course in the country — wouldn’t be a bad idea. For a relative bargain, she could play The Hay, the 9-hole short course designed by Tiger Woods.

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Pasta and wine

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Lobby Lounge while watching the bagpiper, who plays daily at 5:45 p.m. For the full menu, visit pebblebeach.com/dining/the-lobby-lounge.

She can then saunter into Pèppoli for an Italian dinner. Chef Angela Tamura serves up killer pastas like the pappardelle Bolognese: slow-simmered Durham Ranch boar ragu with tomato, sage, rosemary and

pecorino stagionata cheese. If fusion food is more her vibe, Roy’s is always a good choice, too.

Finally, you could book her a room at Spanish Bay so she won’t have to drive. At least tidy up so Mom doesn’t face a to-do list after all that unwinding. You’ve gone to all that trouble for her — wrap it up with a great finish.



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MAYOR

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someone isn't doing their job. More often, it's priorities colliding, communication gaps, rules applied out of context, or simply the volume of work moving through the system. A quick check-in or a reset on next steps can often get things moving again.

Right now, I'm working with a homeowner on a long-delayed remodel, another trying to get final approval, a small business owner who has invested their life savings and is waiting to open their doors, and nonprofits caught in layers of process. In one recent case, progress on multiple properties valued at roughly \$80 million came down to drilling into the details and getting alignment with PG&E.

Consistency matters

In every situation, the focus is the same: clarity, accountability and forward movement. I show up, ask questions and work to get people the answers they need. I don't decide approvals, cut side deals or pick winners and losers. I help make sure the system functions the way it is supposed to.

Stepping in case by case helps move individual projects forward. But the real goal is a city hall that works without anyone needing to call the mayor. That's why the city administrator, with support from the city council, is developing a new customer experience program. It will establish

clear, consistent service standards centered on proactive problem-solving and meaningful engagement with every resident and business.

The program will set practical expectations for response times, regular updates and solution-oriented conversations — keeping the focus on outcomes, not just process. It is also designed to strengthen a culture of accountability, recognition and continuous improvement across all departments. You'll start to see this roll out over the coming months.

None of this is complicated. It is simply the standard Carmel — and the businesses in it — hold themselves to, now applied deliberately to how city hall serves those who fund it, supported by better systems and technology.

Looking Ahead

As you've likely heard, I've decided not to seek another term as mayor. That allows me to focus the months ahead on helping make sure we get this right. I'm also continuing work on ways to strengthen business vitality and infrastructure delivery that will carry forward after I leave office.

City hall should work for the people it serves. If your project is stuck, you deserve clear direction, a real response and a path forward that doesn't require hiring an attorney.

If you need help, send me an email.

To hear a podcast generated from this column, go to cli.re/stuck.

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

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FOG AND CLIMATE CHANGE



Along the California coast, fog forms when warm, moist air from the ocean moves over the cold sea surface close to shore. **Dr. Daniel M. Fernandez**, CSUMB professor of applied environmental science, is one of the "Fog Five," as they call themselves, a group of interdisciplinary researchers who have been awarded a grant to establish the Pacific Coast Fog Research Project. They study how fog patterns shape life along the Pacific coast and how those patterns are impacted by climate change. Their work will also help identify how we can best harness our beloved fog as a natural resource, plus its importance to coastal ecosystems.

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ARTIST

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graduation, Shue earned money by painting houses and spent evenings taking classes in art, art history and graphic design at San Diego State.

In 1974, at 21, he became a full-time artist with a company that developed industrial training films.

Three years later, he moved to Palo Alto, where he won trade awards for designing and illustrating children's math, science and reading textbooks.

Shue spent the next two decades in Silicon Valley's rapidly evolving tech industry as a graphic designer and illustrator for clients that included Apple and the Stanford Heart Disease Prevention Program.

He also illustrated a children's book, "Hiawatha Passing," one of the New York Times' 10 Best Picture Books of 1995.

That same year, everything changed for Shue, who was a single parent to his son, Jonathan.

Disney calls

"I was broke, almost belly-up, worrying about the future," he remembered. "Then the phone rang. And it was The Walt Disney Company."

Disney offered him a job. Shue immediately said yes.

"Aren't you going to ask how much we want to pay you?" the recruiter asked.

"I don't care," said the 40-year-old Shue. He soon found himself overseeing a team of elite artists who drew and painted Disney characters and background scenes entirely by hand for a demanding number of children's books.

"I kept an easel in my office and began a daily practice of drawing at work — I'd find reasons to draw even when I didn't have any," he recalled.

"I kept pinching myself, thinking, 'Y'know, I don't belong here!' But the artists at the studio were completely encouraging and genuinely interested in my team's book

illustrations."

Shue and his wife, Janice, have been married since 1996 and have two daughters: Olivia, 28, works in marketing in Connecticut. Katie, 26, earned a Master of Education degree from Stanford and is a first-year teacher in Oakland. Jonathan, 43, earned a Master of Fine Arts at the University of Washington and is a working musician and arts educator in Los Angeles.

"And Janice had a very successful career as a book designer, which was a good fit for Disney," he said. "She often collaborated with Frank Thomas and Ollie Johnston on high-end, limited-edition books that celebrate classic Disney character drawings."

The digital revolution

As digital art began to revolutionize filmmaking, Walt Disney Animation began to collaborate with Pixar, Marvel and Lucasfilm studios. As Disney's vice president of global art and design development, Shue conferred with former CEOs Michael Eisner and Bob Iger while managing teams of illustrators in the United States, Europe and Japan who created picture books, comics and graphic novels published in conjunction with forthcoming big-screen films. Fun fact: One of his U.S. team members was Carmel painter Eyvind Earle, a Disney artist who painted most of the backgrounds for "Sleeping Beauty."

"My job was to get these books designed, illustrated and in print before the films came out," explained Shue, who was honored with a Disney Publishing Worldwide Leadership Award and a Walt Disney Inventor Award.

When the Covid pandemic created a work-at-home opportunity in 2020, the Shues moved to Monterey.

Since retiring from Disney in 2022, the artist fills his days volunteering in the community and savors time spent creating drawings and oil paintings.

"I'm deliberately trying to make art without any kind of narrative, ideology or dogma," he said. "I'm trying to make a still image that you can feel as well as see."

Shue's art can be viewed on the walls of Carmel Fine Art Modern (Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln), and images of his paintings can be seen at carmelfineart.com or kennethshue.com.

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LIVES

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— and dinner service is on the near horizon. Meanwhile, the daytime menu is dialed in. House favorites like a crackly lemon scone, generously dolloped cinnamon rolls, and cookies the size of salad plates, plus fresh and surprising sammies and soups are available alongside inventive coffees and funky lemonades to wash everything down.

The huevos rancheros and pork-and-chili verde breakfast burritos — Crema classics — are an homage to Aceves' rambling affair with Monterey County restaurants.

"I grew up in Salinas. My stepdad is Hispanic, and he would take my brother and me to the gnarliest dives to find out who had the best chili verde, pozole, huevos rancheros," Aceves reminisced.

When she was old enough to read restaurant reviews, she became the family's self-appointed Zagat guide. Though Peninsula dining was only for special occasions, Aceves would snatch up the food and wine section of the paper every week, "constantly" on the hunt for their next spot.

Perko's

Fine food was only half the intrigue. She had the best at home, frankly — the way her aunts and grandmother would make Saturday breakfast while rolling gnocchi for dinner. But restaurants offered something that even a household of Italian women could not: A radiant spectacle.

"I loved going out and watching what was happening, to see people enjoying themselves. I don't care about jewelry, purses, that stuff. Eating out is my greatest indulgence," said Aceves.

The ultimate takeaway from all that dining out was more than leftovers. The then-owner of Rio Grill and Tarp's, now-re-

tired restaurateur Tony Tollner, became her personal hero.

"I seriously remember telling my parents, 'I want to be him when I grow up,'" she laughed.

Aceves never attended culinary school; instead, she'd take any job inside a restaurant. Her first was at Burger King, followed by a Perko's Koffee Kup — "like a Denny's, where these grizzled older women taught me how to carry four dishes at once. That's really where I learned the flow of a restaurant," Aceves said.

In 1995, when Tollner announced the opening of Montrio Bistro in Monterey, Aceves got a call from her mother, who couldn't wait to tell her.

In her final interview with Tollner, she declared that soon, she'd be running one of his restaurants.

There was a long pause. He narrowed his eyes and said that no, she wouldn't.

"He said, 'You're going to run your own,'" she recalled, smiling.

Mountains of biscuits

She started as a server and bartender, and she enrolled at CSU Monterey Bay, pursuing a social-behavioral sciences degree while raising her then-5-year-old son. After three years working under Tollner, who's a mentor to this day, her decision to leave Montrio was simply about getting her Sundays back. Coty was a tiny, familiar face at staff meetings — small comfort, considering Aceves spent all weekend on the clock.

After a few years of running the after-school program at his elementary school, she became general manager for a local catering company. Six years primed her to establish La Crème in 2012, which has since become the exclusive caterer for weddings at Holly Ranch in Carmel Valley. That same year, Aceves opened Crema on Lighthouse Avenue, initially as a catering kitchen.

Soon she was pulling espressos crowned with light-brown coffee foam, or crema,

and turning out breakfast specials inspired by the mountains of buttermilk biscuits she made for her son and his P.G. High football teammates on Saturday mornings.

Despite her successful return, she hasn't forgotten that the impossible hours that cause many promising culinary professionals to abandon the industry. She posted a video message to Crema's Instagram account, announcing that the new restaurant would be open six days per week and closed on Sundays.

"I know it's a kind of controversial decision, but I have a lot of staff with school-aged kids. If they're working Saturdays and Sundays, they don't get to spend any fun family time during the weekend.

It's a bit of a social experiment, but I feel it will lead to longtime employees," she explained.

No surprise, Aceves has plans for Crema's day off. Ten years on the board of Meals on Wheels taught her the importance of giving back, so Sundays are reserved for community events. Fundraisers and other gatherings are much easier to achieve when organizers don't have to buy out a restaurant, which can be extremely expensive.

Instead, she said, she'll offer her venue at a reasonable rate.

"People have been so kind and generous in spirit. We get a lot of juice from that," she said.



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MORE LETTERS

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cards. After the Revolutionary War, the United States had no federal taxation for more than 80 years.

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Lawrence Samuels, Carmel

NOTE:

The run of the play **LEAR** scheduled for performances in Carmel's Cherry Theater is

CANCELED

Nice roundabout

Dear Editor,

Kudos to Supervisor Kate Daniels, former Supervisor Mary Adams, Monterey County Public Works and Teichert Construction for a fabulous job in completing the new roundabout at Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade. Traffic is flowing smoothly, and the intersection will be much safer than before. Construction delays will soon be forgotten and, for years to come, the intersection will enhance travel along Carmel Valley Road. Thanks to all who made this improvement possible.

Joseph Hertlein, Carmel Valley

Making pickleball quieter

Dear Editor,

Technology can be a blessing, and in the case of pick-

leball, there is some new information and new technology available.

Whereas formerly pickleball paddles were made out of hard, brittle and durable fiberglass, which produces a loud "ping" when a ball is struck, that is no longer a concern due to advances in materials.

There are pickleball paddles available on Amazon for \$50 that are made with a felt covering that absorbs much of the ping sound. Not only that, but innovation has produced new balls that are manufactured to be "quiet" and to absorb sound.

In Los Gatos, we play with the new quiet paddles and quiet balls, and the sound from pickleball is hardly detectable.

The park department here has been measuring the decibels regularly with the new soft paddles and balls. They have determined that the decibels have declined so much with the new technology that the sound is now minimal and only mimics ambient noise.

As a former Carmel resident and with my extended family still living in Carmel, I would like to ask the city to consider allowing pickleball when the players use the soft equipment.

Please consider allowing the courts to be open again to everyone who uses the new paddles and balls. There is 100% compliance here with no enforcement.

Mary Holford, Almaden Valley

More money, less work

Dear Editor,

Pacific Grove's part-time council members volunteered

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to run for office, promising “public service” to our community. They made no mention of converting their public service positions to employee status. But soon after being elected and appointed, they voted themselves a triple-digit pay raise and California Public Employees’ Retirement System pension spike.

Over 1,800 PG residents signed a petition to stop this self-serving move.

It appears that our part-time council considers raising their compensation as urgent, as they’re spending over \$60,000 of the taxpayers’ money to place Measure C on a special election ballot (June 2) to increase their pay by 135% with a pension spike. Yet, no justification for this pay increase has been presented to residents based on their performance.

Can they expect the people of Pacific Grove to justify more pay for less work? The city council canceled 17% of its meetings this year. With district elections in November, each member will have 83% fewer constituents — fewer than 2,000 voters. The argument that a 135% pay raise and pension spike is necessary to encourage more people to run for office has no basis. Public service in P.G. is alive and well. In the last seven council elections, there have been more than twice the number of candidates for seats available.

I’m voting NO on Measure C until I see our council

prioritize providing cost-effective city services to benefit all residents.

Maggie Delay, Pacific Grove

Opposition to Measure C

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Pacific Grove ballot measure, Measure C, that will appear on the June primary election ballot. According to Gina Martinez, the Monterey County Registrar of Voters, Measure C will cost the city of Pacific Grove roughly \$63,000.

If passed, this measure would provide increased compensation for the mayor and city council at a rate of 135%, with future raises or benefits to be self-imposed.

There is an initiative I support that will appear on the November general election ballot.

This initiative would amend the city charter to require voter approval for any changes to mayor and council salaries or benefits.

According to Martinez, the cost for this initiative appearing on the November ballot is “negligible.”

This initiative would restore an essential check and balance and ensure that compensation decisions are made

openly and with public consent, reinforcing confidence in local government. It would ensure that any adjustments are justified, transparent and supported by the community.

Public service is built on accountability and trust. Allowing elected officials to determine their own compensation without input from the public they serve undermines both.

Measure C fails to provide sufficient transparency or safeguards against potential conflicts of interest. It places too much authority in the hands of a few, rather than ensuring decisions reflect the will of the community.

When taxpayers fund these salaries or benefits, they deserve a direct voice in how those funds are allocated.

For these reasons, I urge fellow residents to reject Measure C and support the initiative to amend the city charter, which will be on the November general election ballot.

Together, we can promote greater accountability, transparency and trust in our local government.

Carmelita Garcia, Pacific Grove

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GAVEL

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noon, Martinez's phone reconnected to the network, and several messages were sent to friends that they suspected were not actually from Martinez. Her friends and family tried calling her all day, but her phone was never answered, despite her reputation for being extremely responsive.

At 8 p.m., Martinez's vehicle was found burning on the side of Highway 198, a few miles from Priest Valley Road, an extremely rural stretch of highway. Martinez's body was found in the trunk of her car. Someone had attempted to push the vehicle into a canyon, but it got stuck on a berm. A later autopsy determined that Martinez died of strangulation. Her body was so badly burned that she had to be identified by dental records.

In 2010, Monterey County Sheriff's Office detectives suspected Ledesma due to suspicious behavior in the days following the killing, his history of domestic violence against another partner, and the content of his text messages with Martinez that night. Ledesma claimed he was home the day she disappeared and was at a family party when the car fire was set. One of Ledesma's brothers vouched for his alibi. At the time, investigators were unable to disprove it.

In July 2020, District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni created the district attorney's office cold case task force, representing the largest and most comprehensive countywide effort to investigate, solve and prosecute cold-case homicides in Monterey County. The task force has actively collaborated with the sheriff's office on multiple unsolved homicide cases, including Martinez's.

In January 2022, the cold case task force received a \$535,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The grant,

"FY 2021 Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA," provides funding to support forensic testing and investigative activities in cold cases where DNA from a suspect has been identified. Funding from the grant enabled the cold case task force to seek justice in this case.

In 2024, using grant funding, the task force hired Jason Riechers of Hawks Consulting to re-examine the cell phone data. Riechers processed the 2010 cellular data and provided powerful visual evidence that demonstrated Ledesma's alibi was false.

His analysis showed that Ledesma was at or near Martinez's home in Greenfield for hours before she arrived. It also showed that Ledesma's phone was in the same part of Salinas as Martinez's phone when her phone was briefly turned on to send messages pretending to be her. The data further showed that Ledesma was not at the family party at the time Martinez's vehicle was found burning.

Seven members of Martinez's family provided victim impact statements at sentencing about how her murder affected them. More than 40 people attended the sentencing to support Martinez's family. They were assisted by victim assistance advocate Mayra Sandoval.

The original homicide investigation was led by former Detective Bret Speirs from the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, with Cal Fire Battalion Chief Richard Lopez overseeing the arson investigation. The lead investigators since 2024 were district attorney investigators Oliver Minnig, Justin Bell and Bill Clark.

Since the creation of the cold case task force, seven defendants have been convicted of cold-case murders at jury trial, and three defendants have pleaded guilty to cold-case murders. Three other homicides were closed due to the death or mental incompetency of the identified suspect. Ten previously unidentified decedents have also been identified through DNA testing.

April 2 — The district attorney's office warns the public

that scammers are posing as bank and government officials to defraud consumers.

Recently, a Monterey County resident was contacted by phone and text messages from scammers posing as bank officials, claiming that the consumer's account had been compromised. The scammers provided the name of a district attorney investigator to legitimize their story. They told the consumer that they must transfer their savings to a new account and provided a fraudulent account number. The caller ID 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 claim to be. Fraudsters are becoming increasingly sophisticated and can impersonate individuals using information readily available online. If you are contacted by someone claiming to be a representative of a business or agency, independently verify their identity. Ask for the person's name and affiliation, then look up the entity's public number online or in the phone book and call directly. Scammers may present some 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 simply 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 callers will not ask you to transfer money, purchase gift cards, or buy cryptocurrency to resolve a warrant, bill or collection over the phone.

Anyone who has been the victim of a scam should file a complaint with their local police agency. Additionally, the public can alert the district attorney's office to scams by completing the consumer complaint form on the Monterey County District Attorney's website and emailing it to consumer-complaints@countyofmonterey.gov, or by calling the district attorney's office at (831) 647-7770.



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Rising bluegrass star visits Golden State, Good Old Days rocks downtown P.G.

MORE THAN 50 musical acts play on four stages Saturday — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. — and Sunday — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — when the Good Old Days street fair returns to downtown Pacific Grove for its 67th year. The event is

national food, vendors, unique shopping and family-friendly fun,” organizers announced. Saturday’s lineup includes **Scarlet, The Stu Heydon Band, Jam & the Buttered Biscuits, The Katherine Lavin Band, Samba Legal, Neon City Lights** and many others, while Sunday’s music features **The Money Band, Sidehustle, The SAMZ School of Rock, Red Beans and Rice, The New Wave Band, The Al James Band** and more. Pacific Grove’s largest annual event, the street fair brings thousands of people to downtown P.G. “Each year, this free event draws a festive crowd of locals and visitors, rain or shine,” organizers said. “Vendors from multiple states display their arts and crafts alongside a wide variety of food booths stretching along downtown historic Lighthouse Avenue.” For more details, visit pacificgrove.org.



The Money Band, featuring guitarist Steve Moseley (above), plays Saturday, 12:30 p.m., at Good Old Days in Pacific Grove. The New Wave Band, with singer Lola Christina (right), performs Sunday, 2 p.m., at the same street fair.



On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

free. “This iconic weekend celebration draws thousands of residents and visitors to the heart of Pacific Grove for an unforgettable experience filled with live music, inter-



Jam & the Buttered Biscuits play bluesy funk-rock Saturday, 11 a.m., at Good Old Days in Pacific Grove.

■ Molly visits Monterey

A California native who has injected fresh energy into bluegrass, two-time Grammy Award-winning singer and guitarist **Molly Tuttle** takes the stage Saturday, 8 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey. Raised by a family of bluegrass artists, Tuttle joined her father, bluegrass multi-instrumentalist Jack Tuttle, on stage when she was

just 11. When she was 13, the pair released an album. After studying at the Berklee College of Music and playing in several ensembles, Tuttle launched a solo career in 2015. Her debut record came four years later, and her past three LPs have all reached No. 1 on the bluegrass charts. The most recent, “So Long Little Miss Sunshine,” came out last August and was nominated for a Grammy for Best Americana Album. When she plays Golden State, Tuttle will be joined by her fiancée, singer and multi-instrumentalist **Ketch Secor**, who is a co-founder of Old Crow Medicine Show and co-wrote their biggest hit, “Wagon Wheel.” Tickets start at \$44. The theater is located at 417

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Giving Mom the love (and the brunch) she deserves — with caviar on the side

AS MAY 10 approaches, we have a few more suggestions for treating Mom.

Anton & Michel in the Court of the Fountains has a prix fixe menu on Mother's Day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with starter of Caesar salad or lobster bisque, an entrée — wild mushroom risotto, braised lamb shank, filet mignon, seafood fricassee,

4229 for more info.

Bernardus Lodge's Lucia Restaurant (415 W. Carmel Valley Road) still has openings for its grand buffet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. No menu is available, but the announcement notes that the \$165 price tag for adults and \$75 for those ages 5-12 includes complimentary family photography in the hotel's lovely gardens. Visit bernarduslodge.com for more information or to reserve.

Woody's at Del Mesa Carmel in Carmel Valley will have its regular brunch, then honor Mom starting at 3 p.m. with specials including prime rib, mushroom risotto, roast pork loin, halibut and a surf-and-turf with a New York steak and jumbo prawns. Reservations can be made at (831) 624-1854.

Asilomar Hotel and Conference Center in Pacific Grove is serving a brunch buffet from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Crocker dining hall. There will be live music and a flower cart from which to "build your own

bouquet." It's \$95 for adults and \$25 for kids 5-11, plus tax and fees at Eventbrite.com.

As usual, Estéban in the Casa Munras Garden Hotel (700 Munras Ave., Monterey) is putting its own spin on things, thanks to executive chef Steven Patlan. The a la carte brunch scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. will have everyone's favorites — omelets, benedicts, French toast and more — but there's also a touch of decadence in the form of an 8-ounce wagyu flat iron steak and eggs, as well as pork shoulder empanadas, and Moroccan spiced lamb. Call (831) 375-0176 for additional information and to reserve.



(From left) Brock Bill, Brooks Crumley, Andrew Rose and Wade Caswell of Alvarado Street Brewery pick up a second straight World Beer Cup gold medal for its Howzit Punch.

Soup to Nuts

ahi tuna, or chicken breast — a mimosa, bloody mary, glass of Champagne or OJ, and a selection of desserts for \$75 for adults and \$40 for those 12 and younger. To make a reservation, call (831) 624-2406 or visit opentable.com.

In Carmel Valley Village, Plaza Linda (27 E. Carmel Valley Road) has a buffet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with items like turkey avocado benedict, chicken enchiladas, prime rib, and much more for \$60 for adults and \$25 for kids. Call (831) 659-

Lucia Restaurant at Bernardus, led by executive chef Gus Trejo, is planning a lavish grand buffet to celebrate Mother's Day. In addition, the lodge has a new food and beverage manager who was once the world's youngest master sommelier.



Too good to be true?

Only caviar lovers know for sure. Foray restaurant in downtown Carmel at San Carlos and Fifth is offering an unbeatable Happy Hour deal 5 to 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. to close Wednesday through Saturday.

Grab your paramour, your bestie — or a stranger off the street, for that matter — and head directly to the bar for two martinis and 1 oz. of Tsar Nicoulai caviar with house-made blinis and classic caviar accoutrements for \$100. While that price is far from typical \$7 mozzarella sticks and \$5 Happy Hour beers, it's not bad for a couple of frosty cocktails and a prized delicacy.

Tsar Nicoulai, founded in 1948, farms sturgeon in Northern California and adds nothing but salt to its roe. The company says it's "committed to responsible aqua-

culture and environmental stewardship," and takes pride in "supporting ethical practices and the preservation of sturgeon populations." (Side note: Tsar Nicoulai's caviar cafe in the Ferry Building in San Francisco is always worth a visit.)

Plus, eating caviar is said to be good for you, supporting heart and brain health with omega-3 fatty acids, boosting energy with vitamin B12, and aiding the immune system and thyroid via selenium.

While vodka is a traditional pairing with caviar, it's likely the debate over whether a martini can be made with anything but

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gin will arise at the Foray bar during this Happy Hour offering. Let's just hope it doesn't lead to a food fight.

Foray restaurant — owned and operated by the husband-and-wife team of executive chef Michael Chang and Caroline Singer, a sommelier who runs the front of the house — offers a sophisticated seasonal three-course prix fixe, a chef's tasting menu, and bites a la carte.

But on May 14, Burgers & Burgundy will be the order of the day, with a burger

Carlos and Fifth. For more details, visit forayrestaurant.com.

ASB takes gold

Alvarado Street Brewery has picked up its second straight gold medal for its tropical Howzit Punch in the Fruited American-style Sour Ale category at the World Beer Cup.

The passionfruit-orange-guava sour ale reportedly impressed judges with bright, juicy tropical punch, clean acidity and dangerously easy drinkability. "Back-to-back victories at the event sometimes called the 'Olympics of Beer' underscore ASB's ability to compete against the world's best brewers," said a spokesperson for the company.

Howzit Punch is pouring on draft and available in limited packaged formats at Alvarado Street locations across Monterey County. You can also order it at the brewery's website, asb.beer, where it's priced at \$17.20 for a four-pack of 16-ounce cans.

More sips

In other booze news, Alvarado Street Brewery also recently released Raft, a 5.2% West Coast pilsner made in collaboration with the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

With a name meant to evoke the groups of otters that cling and float together as they sleep among the kelp, Raft is going for sustainability — the six-packs come in compostable holders, offering an alternative to traditional plastic packaging and helping reduce the risk of ocean-bound waste. And, according to the company, "Raft supports ongoing ocean conservation efforts, reinforcing the shared mission behind the collaboration."

Peter B's in Portola Plaza Hotel has a new head brewer, Alvarado alum Cody Leano. He worked his way up to the head brewer position there in 2020 after starting as a busser in the restaurant four years earlier.

In 2024, Leano helped open P.G.'s Hops and Fog Brewery, where he was the head — and sole — brewer.

Brian Hein, food and beverage director at Portola Hotel, hinted at what to expect from Leano. "I look forward to seeing how his expertise — especially with hazy styles

and other varieties — builds on our signature beers and helps shape the next chapter for Peter B's."

Finally, we suspect management at Bernardus Lodge is happy to have the roundabout construction crews get off their lawn, so to speak, but they seem even more delighted about the hotel's new director of food and beverage, Roland Micu.

The restaurant said Micu — with 20 years of experience — was once the youngest master sommelier in the world. He passed the exam at 28 in 2012.

Among his duties will be maintaining the 5,000-bottle wine cellar with more than 280 labels. He'll be working alongside executive chef Gus Trejo to create memorable moments for guests at the hotel and Lucia Restaurant.

"True luxury lies in the details, in cre-

ating culinary and wine moments that feel effortless, yet intentional," said Micu. "I look forward to shaping experiences that resonate with guests long after they depart."

A spirited feast

Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse in Carmel will host the next session of its Master Makers dinner series May 7 with a five-course feast "celebrating the vibrant flavors of modern Mexican cuisine, thoughtfully paired with Flecha Azul tequila and Aspen vodka."

Each course is "designed to highlight balance, contrast and craftsmanship, guiding guests through a progressive tasting

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Master sommelier Roland Micu is the new head of food and beverage at Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley. He'll manage a 5,000-bottle wine cellar and work to create "intentional" dining experiences.

that features a 70/30 blend of Foray's house-aged American wagyu striploin and short rib on a house-made bun with little gem lettuce, heirloom tomato, red onion and special sauce. It's priced at \$40, fries included.

A flight of wines from Burgundy offered as an accompaniment for \$60 includes Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey chardonnay from Saint Aubin, Caroline Morey pinot noir Les Greves Premier Cru from Beaune, and Francois Feuillet pinot noir from Morey Saint Denis. Individual glasses can be purchased, as well.

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■ Season finale

Chamber Music Monterey Bay's 2025-26 season wraps up May 2 at 7:30 p.m. when **The Calidore String Quartet** performs at Sunset Center. Founded by students of the Colburn Conservatory of Music in Los Angeles in 2010, the ensemble features violinists **Jeffrey Myers** and **Ryan Meehan**, violist **Jeremy Berry** and cellist **Estelle Choi**. They've won numerous awards, including winning the prestigious Fischhoff National and Coleman national chamber music competitions. The program includes Haydn's String Quartet No. 65 in D Major, op. 76 no. 5, Dmitri Shostakovich's String Quartet No. 8 in C Minor, op. 110, and Beethoven's String Quartet No. 14 in C-sharp Minor, op. 131. Chamber Music Monterey Bay called the quartet "an extraordinary ensemble," and described the concert as "a powerful closing" to its 59th season. A pre-concert talk begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$30. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call 625-2212 or visit chambermusicmontereybay.org.

■ Playing in the park

To raise money to make improvements to its facilities, the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center hosts a Playground Party May 2, 6 p.m., at Tatum's Treehouse

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experience that celebrates both tradition and modern expression," according to the restaurant, starting with tuna crudo tostadas paired with a vodka cocktail.

Charred heirloom carrots with corn purée and epazote will be served alongside Flecha Azul's reposado, followed by kampachi tiradito verde — a Japanese-Peruvian fusion dish featuring amberjack with green apple, jalapeño,

cilantro, olive oil and lime — and a sip of blanco.

Duck carnitas tacos will come next, paired with cristalino — aged tequila that has been filtered to remove its color — and wagyu mole negro will accompany an añejo (aged tequila).

The evening will wrap up with the distillery's extra añejo, Mexican chocolate and chile.

Dinner will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and costs \$150 plus tax and tip. For reservations, call (831) 309-9463 or visit 7dsteakhouse.com.

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



Foray, owned by Caroline Singer, a sommelier who runs the front of the house, and executive chef Michael Chang, has added a serving of Tsar Nicoulai caviar with ice-cold martinis to the restaurant's Happy Hour menu.





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playground — with live rock music by **Mike Mahoney & the Undecided**. Besides music, there will be small bites, games for all ages and a silent auction, along with beer and wine from local makers. “Relive your childhood with playground and carnival games while helping us improve and maintain our wonderful hall and pool,” the youth center said. Tickets are \$75. The park is located at 25 Ford Road. Visit cvcyc.org.

Live music May 1-7

■ Big Sur

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

■ Carmel

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Saturday and 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.

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 Transducers (rock and funk, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Octane** (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

Gennady Loktionov (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St.

■ Carmel Valley

Bernardus Lodge — Andrea’s Fault (jazz and pop, Saturday at noon), singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Trailside Cafe — singer and guitarist **Dan Cioper** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.



Grammy Award-winning bluegrass singer and guitarist Molly Tuttle plays Saturday in Monterey.

■ 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 **Scott**

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CALENDAR

May 1 – Semi-retired and retired men welcome. **Monterey SIR Golf Club** hosts weekly Monday tournaments across 12 courses plus bocce, bowling, book club, wine tasting, luncheons and social events. Contact: SIRMontereyinfo@gmail.com.

May 1-9 – Mother’s Day Gifts at Baum & Blume! Crystal earrings, spring scarves, hats & bags, scented candles, fragrance oils, Mother’s Day cards and mailable paper bouquets! Plus: gourmet treats and surprises at every turn! Mon.-Sat. 11:30-7. Baum & Blume and The Carriage House, 4 El Caminito Road, Carmel Valley (831) 659-0400.

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

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



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 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 9 – Carmel Valley Lodge’s Spring Makers Market from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 8 Ford Road, Carmel Valley Village. Food and drink, local artists, craftspeople and more! Admission is free. Bring Mom and have a fun day in the sun. See you all there!

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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.

May 15-17 – 33rd Carmel Art Festival and Plein Air Competition. Opening reception set 6 to 9 p.m. May 15 in Devendorf Park, Carmel. Pre-purchase tickets online for \$75 or \$100 at the door. Live entertainment, fine wine and food by Nora’s restaurant to be featured. For tickets and event information, visit www.carmelartfestivalcalifornia.com

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Pair 'captures' wild horses, Sunset gallery welcomes artist-volunteers

A WEEKLONG series of events at **Patricia Qualls Contemporary Art** is raising money for a Native American group that seeks to preserve a population of wild horses that roam the Eastern Sierra. A free public reception is set for Friday at 4 p.m.

The show, "**Free and Wild: The Horses of the Numu**," features a display of photographs by Marni Grossman and Sheila Georis that capture "the raw majesty of a herd at a crossroads."

The exhibition takes viewers into the "heart of the Eastern Sierra, where the high desert meets the horizon and a sacred legacy still roams free," according to the gallery. "As these herds face federal plans to uproot them from their ancestral lands, every image serves as a witness to their grace and a plea for their right to remain at home."

Proceeds benefit the Indigenous Wild Horse Society. Based in the tiny town of Benton near the Nevada border, the group is seeking to purchase property to one day establish an **Equine Healing & Gentling Center**, which would provide "rehabilitation space for injured horses, trauma-informed equine therapy programs, veteran and youth healing programs, and training in traditional gentling practices," which involve building trust with horses through patience and respect.

"These funds directly support Indigenous-led stewardship and the legal and environmental efforts to keep the spirit of the Eastern Sierra wild, protected and

free," the gallery added.

Other related events include **Stewardship and Science Night**, which features a talk by rock climber **Ron Kauk** (Saturday

Art Roundup

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at 4:30 p.m.), a talk by wild horse advocate **Stephanie Sherman** (Sunday at 2 p.m.), and a closing reception and silent auction (May 8 at 4 p.m.).

The gallery is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

■ 'Illustrating Nature'

Done in collaboration with Cal State Monterey Bay — and showcasing the talents of graduates of CSUMB's science illustration program — the 16th annual **Illustrating Nature Exhibition** opens Friday at 6 p.m. with a free public reception at the **Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History**.

"This show is our most popular annual exhibit," said Maya Sosa, the museum's exhibitions coordinator. "The art these graduates create showcases their talent and creativity and reminds us of the many ways beauty can be found in nature."

Complementing the show will be a series of events, including artist demos (May 16 at 11 a.m., May 30 at noon) and a

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Capturing the mood along the coast, painter Al Shamble's "Foggy Day at Moss Landing" is included in a new show at Pacific Grove Art Center.

Celtic Music Series at St. Mary's

KALOS RETURNS!

Kalos is a highly creative folk trio whose name comes from ancient Greek meaning "beautiful" or "praiseworthy." Their music is deeply inspired by maritime traditions from Scotland, Ireland, Scandinavia, and North America, often focusing on themes like the sea, shorelines, and seafaring life. While rooted in tradition, they constantly reinvent their sound, never performing a song the same way twice and blending lively Irish dance rhythms with more reflective Scottish influences.

The group—Ryan McKasson, Eric McDonald, and Jeremiah McLane—comes from different generations, cities, and countries, and first connected through folk music gatherings across North America. Since recording together in 2016 and touring from 2019, they've become known for immersive, dynamic live performances that feel spontaneous, expressive, and almost trance-like, emphasizing collaboration, creativity, and musical interplay.



Sunday, May 3rd at 3pm

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marketplace of art (May 22 at 6 p.m.).
The museum is located at 165 Forest Ave.

■ **More than just volunteers**

Showcasing the creative talents of the volunteers who keep the **Center for Photographic Art** humming, Sunset Center's Marjorie Evans Gallery will be the site of a show displaying their fine art photographs. The gallery hosts an opening reception Thursday at 4 p.m.

The exhibit includes work by more than 50 artist-volunteers.

"The artists in this show are more than talented photographers," the gallery said. "They are devoted members of the thriving photography community in Monterey County."

The show is curated by Ann Jastrab,

and many others.

Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

More art May 1-7

■ **Monterey**

Monterey Museum of Art — The museum hosts its monthly First Fridays gathering (Friday at 5 p.m.). "Enjoy free after-hours access at the museum and explore it's newly renovated Miller Adobe Garden, with beer and wine available for purchase and live music by singer and guitarist Peter Barnes Martin," suggests the museum, which is located at 559 Pacific St.

■ **Pacific Grove**

Pacific Grove Art Center — The art center hosts an opening reception Friday at 6 p.m. for four shows: "Central Coast Reflections" by the Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association, "As We See It" by Susann Cate Lynn, Joy Colangelo, Cheryl Kampe and Marybeth Rinehart, "The Hopefulness of Herons in the Third Watch of the Night" by Elizabeth Wrightman, and a show of art by Pacific Grove High School students. On display through June 25, at 568 Lighthouse Ave.

Many shops and galleries in downtown Pacific Grove will stay open after sunset for the latest **First Fridays** celebration. Participants

include the Pacific Grove Art Center, the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History and Artisana Gallery — all of which have new art on display.



Painter Cheryl Kampe's "Harvest" is featured in an exhibit that's now on display at Pacific Grove Art Center.

executive director of the Center for Photographic Art. The photographers include **Debra Achen, Rick Murai, Susan Hyde Greene, Jerry Takigawa, Patrice Taylor**

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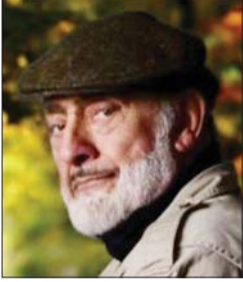
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Slaughter (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

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.

Midici Pizza — multi-instrumentalist **Paul Contos** and keyboardist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl-Astrup** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

The Monterey Peninsula College Theatre — **The Monterey Peninsula College String Ensemble** (classical, Monday at 7:30 p.m.). The program includes music from the movie "Psycho," "Gabriel's Oboe" from "The Mission," Bach's Cantata 42 "Sinfonia," and more — performed by a 37-piece orchestra. Tickets are \$10 at the door for general admission and \$5 for students and active military. The college is located at 980 Fremont St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel — singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Satur-

day at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

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■ Pacific Grove

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

PG's Meetinghouse — **Myami Phivoh** (rock and blues, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Michael Martinez** (Saturday at 11 a.m.), **Nice Device** (rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The Adam Astrup Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **Dan Cioper & the Jokers** (rock, Sunday at 11 a.m.), **Open Mic** (Tuesday at 6 p.m., sign-ups start at 5 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse.

Pop 'n' Hiss — **The Dining Dead** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **Sweet Thursday** ("old-timey jazz," Thursday at 7 p.m.). 215 Forest Ave.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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 MONTEREY
 Registrant(s):
 SPAZZMATIC ADVENTURES LLC, 16660 Meridian Rd, Salinas, CA 93907
 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.
 SPAZZMATIC ADVENTURES LLC
 S/ JASON OWEN, MANAGING MEMBER,
 BER,
 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)

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 MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 STORY ROAD PHARMACY, INC., 3074 STORY ROAD SAN JOSE, CA 95217, CALIFORNIA
 This business is conducted by A CORPORATION
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
 S/ ABDULRAHMAN MOSAD, PRESIDENT
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/20/2026
 4/10, 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)

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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 93923
 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/ 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 Monterey
 Registered Owner(s):
 JK Moore Ventures LLC, 19014 PESANTE RD B, SALINAS, CA 93907, CALIFORNIA
 This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable
 S/ Jordan Moore, Manager
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/23/2026
 4/17, 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
 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, 2026. (PC 426)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260464

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE CARMEL VALLEY COLLECTIVE, 13766 Center Street G1A, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 ERIN MASSEY, 13766 Center Street G1A, 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 March 1, 2026.
 S/Erin Massey
 Date signed: March 2, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 2, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026 (PC 427)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260743

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Optimum, One Court Square, Long Island City, NY 11120, County of Queens
 Registered Owner(s):
 Calbridge Telecom CA, LLC, One Court Square, Long Island City, NY 11120; State of Incorporation/Organization Delaware
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 1, 2026
 S/ Michael Olsen, Secretary
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/06/2026
 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8/26
CNS-4031444#
CARMEL PINE CONE
 Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026. (PC 428)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260691

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. CARMEL VALLEY RANCH HAND
2. THE BUCKLE BARON
38625 Oak Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 PATRICIA MICHELLE GLASS, 38625 Oak Rd., 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 N/A.
 S/Patricia Glass
 Date signed: March 26, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 30, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 429)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260744

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Optimum, One Court Square, Long Island City, NY 11120, County of QUEENS
 Registered Owner(s):
 CSC Wireless, LLC, One Court Square, Long Island City, NY 11120;
 State of Inc./Org./Reg. Delaware
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 1, 2026
 S/ Michael Olsen, Secretary
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/06/2026
 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8/26
CNS-4031440#
CARMEL PINE CONE
 Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026. (PC 430)

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 STRAUSSER 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, 2003.

S/March 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/Hearth 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 LITLEDORVE.
 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 Littledorve
 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#
CARMEL PINE CONE
 Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026. (PC 437)

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.
 Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 438)

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.:
 LIVE YOUR LEGACY LLC.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
 S/Alexa G. Hardegree, Manager
 Date: March 11, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 18, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 439)

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.:
 INDIAN SUMMER, 2601 Bluewater Ct, Marina, CA 93933.
 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, 2024.
 S/Navin Thapa, President
 Date: April 9, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 9, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 440)

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Publication dates: May 1, 2026 (PC501)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT OF YOUR OBLIGATION UNDER YOUR DEED OF TRUST. 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. Date of Sale: **05/15/2026 at 9:00 AM.** Place of Sale: **At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 West Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901.** NOTICE is hereby given that First American Title Insurance Company, a Nebraska Corporation, 1 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA in care of: 400 S. Rampart Blvd, #290 Las Vegas, NV 89145 - Phone: (702) 304-7509 as the duly appointed Trustee, Successor Trustee, or Substituted Trustee of Deed(s) of Trust executed by **Trustor(s)** and recorded among the Official Records of **Monterey County, California**, and pursuant to that certain **Notice of Default ("NOD")** thereunder recorded, all as shown on **Schedule "1" which is attached hereto and a part hereof, will sell at public auction** for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, (a cashier's check payable to said Trustee drawn on a state or national bank, a state or federal credit union, or a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank as specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) **all that right, title and interest** conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State to wit: Those certain Timeshare Interval as shown on Exhibit "A-1", within the timeshare project **H.I. Resort, a Leasehold Condominium located at 120 Highlands Drive, Carmel, CA, 93923. The legal descriptions as set forth on the recorded Deed(s) of Trust shown on Schedule "1" are incorporated by this reference.** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, as to title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the unpaid balance due on the note or notes secured by said Deed(s) of Trust, as shown as Note Balance on **Schedule "1"**, plus accrued interest thereon, the estimated costs, expenses and advances if any at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale, together with estimated expenses of the Trustee in the amount of \$475.00. Accrued Interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. First American Title Insurance Company, a Nebraska Corporation. APN: **See Schedule "1"**. Batch ID: **Foreclosure DOT 161589-HVC82-DOT. Schedule "1"**: Contract No., Trustor, APN, DOT Dated, DOT Recording Date and Reference, NOD Recording Date and Reference, Note Balance; 0080006742, Leoaugustus Santos Calaunan and Jacqueline Rillera Calaunan, 241-351-004-000, 07/19/2015, 11/12/2015 Inst: 2015065067, 01/21/2026 2026001823, \$1,246.32. **Exhibit "A-1"**: Contract No., Undivided Interest, Unit No., Fixed Week No., Frequency; 0080006742, 1/102, 61, 23, even year.

Publication dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC452)

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260762
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CHI COUNSELING, CONSULTING & COACHING, 200 Clock Tower Place, Ste. E204, Carmel, CA 93923.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
 INNER AXIS CORPORATION, 200 Clock Tower Place, Ste. E204, Carmel, CA 93923.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 3, 2026.
 S/Sapna Shobna Nair, President
 Date: 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 441)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260783
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
OLD FIREHOUSE MARKET, 387 Blohm Ave., Aromas, CA 95004.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
 HARRYAMAN CORP, P.O. Box 523, Aromas, CA 95004.
 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/Harinder Shahi, President
 Date: April 9, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 9, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 442)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260503
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. BARMEL
2. BARMEL SUPPER CLUB
San Carlos E/S 7th Ave., Carmel, CA 93921.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
 BARMEL LLC, 1209 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.
 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.
 Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026. (PC 445)

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 Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registrant(s):
 JOSE ALFREDO GOMEZ AMAYA, 674 E MARKET ST, APT A, SALINAS, CA 93905
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
 S/ JOSE ALFREDO GOMEZ AMAYA
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/06/2026.
 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15/26
CNS-4026329#
CARMEL PINE CONE
 Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026. (PC 446)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260822
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE GALERIE ATELIER, Carmel Center Plaza, Suite 209, Carmel, CA 93923
 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
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 15, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 (PC 447)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260818
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
4A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, 8 Estrella Cir., Salinas, CA 93905
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 ALEYDA D. ZERON, 8 Estrella Cir., Salinas, CA 93905.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 14, 2026.
 S/Aleyda Zeron
 Date signed: April 14, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 14, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 (PC 449)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260819
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ALLAN MCDONALD STUDIOS, 8 Estrella Cir., Salinas, CA 93905.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 NORMAN A. SAUCEDA, 8 Estrella Cir., Salinas, CA 93905.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 14, 2026.
 S/Norman Allan Saucedo
 Date signed: April 14, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 14, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 (PC 450)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260805
 Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ACCURATE PAYROLL & ACCOUNTING SERVICES, 26080 Carmel Rancho Blvd. #202C, Carmel, CA 93923.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 JEFFREY SCOTT SCHROEDER, P.O. Box 222402, Carmel, CA 93922.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1, 2021.
 S/Jeff Schroeder
 Date signed: April 7, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 13, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 (PC 451)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260825
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
NORDON, 25891 Rancho Alto Dr., Carmel, CA 93923.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
 VINCI DIGITAL MARKETING LLC.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 10, 2026.
 S/Gerald D. Vinci, CEO
 Date: April 10, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 15, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 (PC 453)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260858
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. DEVINE & CO.
2. DEVINE & CO. PRIVATE JEWELER
3. DEVINE & CO. PRIVATE JEWELER & APPRAISER
6th Ave. 2 NW of Dolores St., Suite 6, Carmel by the Sea, California 93921.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
 SHELLY DEVINE, INC., 200 5th Ave. #744, Carmel by the Sea, California 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 March 10, 2026.
 S/Shelly Devine, President
 Date: April 20, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 20, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 (PC 454)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260737
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SWEDES CUSTOM METAL AND DESIGN, 26771 Old Stage Rd., Gonzales, CA 93926.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 CHRISTOPHER STEPHEN BLOMQUIST.
 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/Christopher Blomquist
 Date signed: April 6, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 6, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 (PC 456)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260802
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
VAL'S ANYTIME MOBILE NOTARY, 1177 Raven Ct., Salinas, CA 93905.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 VALERIE PALMENO, 1177 Raven Ct., Salinas, CA 93905.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 11, 2026.
 S/Valerie Palmeno
 Date signed: April 13, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 13, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 (PC 458)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260802
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
VAL'S ANYTIME MOBILE NOTARY, 1177 Raven Ct., Salinas, CA 93905.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 VALERIE PALMENO, 1177 Raven Ct., Salinas, CA 93905.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 11, 2026.
 S/Valerie Palmeno
 Date signed: April 13, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 13, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 (PC 458)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260873
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SUR GIRL, 38246 Palo Colorado Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 GABRIELE MIA HINTON, 38246 Palo Colorado Rd., 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 N/A.
 S/Gabriele Mia Hinton
 Date signed: April 21, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 21, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 (PC 459)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260860
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
831 HAULING DELIVERY & JUNK REMOVAL, 2176 Brutus St., Apt. A, Salinas, California 93906.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 RICARDO GARDEA, 2176 Brutus St., Apt. A, 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 N/A.
 S/Ricardo Gardea
 Date signed: April 20, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 20, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 (PC 460)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260882
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. COASTVIEW CELLARS
2. COASTVIEW WINERY
35127 Chualar Canyon Rd., Chualar, CA 93925.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
 THE COAST VIEW VINEYARD LLC, P.O. Box 223701, Carmel, CA 93922.
 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/Julie Allen, CEO
 Date: April 21, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 21, 2026.
 Publication Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026. (PC 502)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260807
 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
CENTER OF THE SPIRAL PSYCHOTHERAPY, 112 11TH ST, PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950, County of MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 MADELYN CASSERLY, 112 11TH ST, PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950
 This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
 S/ MADELYN CASSERLY
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/13/2026
 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22/26
CNS-4036479#
CARMEL PINE CONE
 Publication Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026. (PC 503)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260833
 Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CHEZZA JEWELRY, 26080 Carmel Rancho Blvd. Suite 201, Carmel, CA 93923.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 OLIVIA DORA KROGSGAARD SAN-CHEZ.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 10, 2021.
 S/Olivia Sanchez
 Date signed: April 13, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 15, 2026.
 Publication Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026 (PC 504)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260867
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
TACOS ESTILO TIJUANA, 600 Bishop St., Apt. 27, King City, CA 93930.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 DANIEL ZAVALA CHAVEZ, P.O. Box 1224, King City, CA 93930
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 20, 2026.
 S/Daniel Zavala Chavez
 Date signed: April 20, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 20, 2026.
 Publication Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026 (PC 505)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260849
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
GRANDMA'S DAYCARE, 1459 Tecopa Way, Salinas, CA 93905.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 GLORIA ORTIZ AYALA, 1459 Tecopa Way, Salinas, CA 93905
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 17, 2026.
 S/Gloria Ortiz Ayala
 Date signed: April 17, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 17, 2026.
 Publication Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026 (PC 506)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 20260877
 Filing type: ABANDONMENT:
 County of Filing: Monterey
 Date of Original Filing: Oct. 25, 2022
 File No.: 20222154
 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SALINAS ENDODONTICS, 130 E. Romie Ln., Suite B, Salinas, CA 93901.**
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
 BRYAN F. MANSOUR DDS INC., 130 E. Romie Ln., Suite B, Salinas, CA 93902.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
 This business is conducted by a corporation.
 S/Bryan Mansour, President
 Date: April 21, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 21, 2026.
 Publication dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026. (PC509)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 4:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Commission will visit some or all the project sites in person as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend both the Tour and the Hearing.

This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. To participate via teleconference, use this link: <https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/86287177199?pwd=GwHlW4HciBil6Bd8Sbo5SRGStbhfPjU1> To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171. Webinar ID: 850 7527 4055. Passcode: 001916.

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

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

Design Guidelines Update Report Citywide

Receive an update on the workplan for the Residential Design Guidelines.

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the consideration of a Concept Review is not a project under CEQA as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

CDP 16-155 (Mission Trail Nature Preserve)

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Public Works
 Mary Bilse, Environmental Programs Manager
 Mission Trail Nature Preserve
 APNs: 010-061-006-000; 010-061-008-000; 009-341-001-000; & 009-341-008-000

Consideration of a five-year extension of a Coastal Development Permit (CDP 16-155) for invasive species removal and maintenance activities in Mission Trail Nature Preserve

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources) and 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment). None of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

DS 24046 (Teresi)

Bess Wiessema, Architect
 Carmelo Street 5 northeast of Ocean Avenue
 Block: GG Lot: 14
 APN: 010-252-016-000

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

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

DS 25172 (Munoz)

Danwei Wang, Architect
 4th Avenue 3 northeast of Monte Verde Street
 Block 32, Lots 17, 19
 APN: 010-222-014-000

Consideration of a Concept Design Study, DS 25172 (Munoz), for substantial exterior alterations and a 407-square-foot addition to an existing 1,141-square-foot, one-story single-family residence, and the demolition of an existing 181-square-foot studio to be replaced with a new 250-square-foot detached garage located on 4th Avenue 3 northeast of Monte Verde Street in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District and Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay District. APN: 010-222-014-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the consideration of a Concept Review is not a project under CEQA as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

DS 25363 (Mardani)

Azadeh Mardani, Property Owner
 Ocean Avenue 4 northeast of Guadalupe Street
 Block 64, Lot 6
 APN: 010-033-011-000

Consideration of a Track 1 Design Study Referral, DS 25363 (Mardani), for the addition of a 156-square-foot front staircase and entry deck, and associated site improvements on an existing single-family residence located at Ocean Avenue 4 northeast of Guadalupe Street in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN 010-033-011-000

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

DS 25393 Michie-McLevis

Alan Lehman, Designer
 Mountain View Avenue 3 northwest of 8th Avenue
 Block: 86, Lot: 2
 APN: 010-044-003-000

Consideration of a combined Concept and Final Design Study, DS 25393 (Michie-McLevis), for minor addition to the lower floor and substantial alterations on the exterior to an existing single-family residence located at Mountain View Avenue 3 northwest of 8th Avenue in the Single-family Residential (R-1) District. APN 010-044-003-000

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

DS 26055 (Stewart)

Patrick LeMaster, Architect
 Santa Fe Street 4 southwest of 4th Avenue
 Block 47 & RW, Lot 9
 APN: 010-091-020-000

Consideration of a combined Concept and Final Design Study, DS 26055 (Stewart), for the replacement of all windows and doors, replacement of the wood and stucco siding, partially replacement of the tar and gravel roof, and associated site improvements to an existing single-family residence located at Santa Fe Street 4 southwest of 4th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN 010-091-020-000

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

DS 26081 (P&T 2024 LLC)

Cindi Scarlett, Architect
 11th Avenue 2 northeast of Torres Street
 Block 102 & 104, Lot 25
 APN: 010-331-008-000

Consideration of a Concept Design Study, DS 26081 (P&T 2024 LLC), for the demolition of an existing single-family residence and construction of a new 3,530-square-foot residence inclusive of a 529-square-foot attached garage, located at 11th Avenue 2 northeast of Torres Street in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District, Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay, Beach/Riparian (BR) Overlay, and Park (PO) Overlay. APN: 010-331-008-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the consideration of a Concept Review is not a project under CEQA as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

DS 26130 (Newman)

Holdren-Lietzke Architecture, Agent
 Carmelo Street 3 southeast of 4th Avenue
 Block GG, Lot 22
 APN: 010-252-020-000

Consideration of a Track 1 Design Study Referral, DS 26130 (Newman), for the request to install glass railings on a single-family residence located at Carmelo Street 3 southeast of 4th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-252-020-000

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

DS 26146 (The Golden Mean, LLC)

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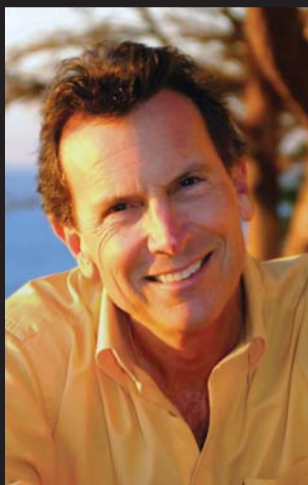
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Don't play the horses. But if you do, take your tips from Big Al.

THEY'RE OFF! Derby Day at Churchill Downs is upon us. My family's history with horse racing goes back to when Man o' War was a rawboned, four-legged recruit. There were no breeders, owners or trainers in my family. There wasn't even a jockey among my short-statured relatives, but we bred bettors the way Calumet Farm breeds thoroughbreds.

We also had my cousin, Phil Ranallo, who covered horse racing for the Buffalo Courier-Express. Phil knew horses like Heinz knows ketchup. In the 1964 Derby, Phil was the only sportswriter in the country who correctly predicted the first three finishers in order: Northern Dancer, Hill Rise and The Scoundrel.

I wasn't into betting on horses. Betting is the Rolls-Royce of hope meeting the Yugo of reality. Still, there were times when racing proved to be a convenience to me. In the late 1950s, I was attending the University of Detroit. I made the 260-mile drive to Buffalo for holidays or when I needed to tie on a feedbag full of mother's good cooking.

Getting off track

I enjoyed the company of my many aunts and uncles. Most of my visits were unscheduled, so it was difficult to plan a gathering. New York State's Off-Track Betting solved that problem. I could see most of my extended family by dropping in at the neighborhood OTB. Sometimes I would run into a couple of uncles (a daily double) or an aunt, an uncle and a cousin (a perfect trifecta).

Fast-forward several racing seasons down the road. I was out of school, married and living in Northville, Mich., a small town north of Ann Arbor. Northville is noted for two things: the Michigan

State Asylum for the mentally afflicted and Northville Downs, a racetrack for trotters.

Anyway, I was suddenly the favorite son in my father's stable of five boys because I was smart enough to live within walking distance of a racetrack. When my father visited, we went together.

One race day, we run into Big Al Hen-

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVAISE

person. Al owns a small ad agency that does sales promotion work. I know Al from a stint I put in at his place right out of college. He's the kind of guy who'd bet on a three-legged horse if the odds were right.

Cab logic

So my old man leans in and asks Big Al, "Who do you like in the next race?" Big Al, who's got a face like a bulldog chewing a wasp, glances around like he's got the combination to Fort Knox, cups his hand to his mouth and whispers, "The four horse, kid. He's a cinch. A mortal lock. You could bet your last nickel and sleep like a baby."

Dad looks at Al like he's a mullah offering a sweetheart of a no-nukes deal. Al picks up on the skepticism and says, "Really! I know a guy, who knows a guy, who knows the trainer. It's the horse's day. He's going off at 12-1. I'm laying a hundert on him."

Dad figures, "Why not?" He decides to put a double sawbuck on No. 4, a nag named Dinty's Stew. "Besides," he says, "I once drove a cab with a guy named Dinty." How can you argue with reasoning like that?

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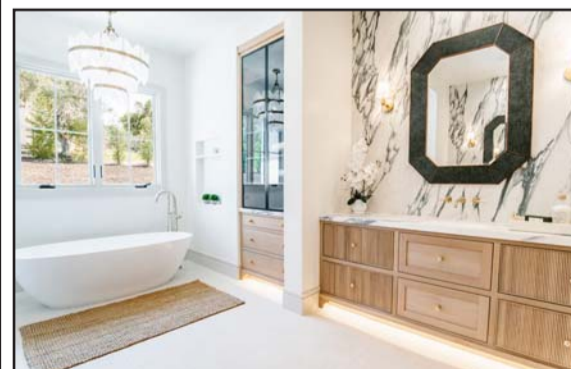
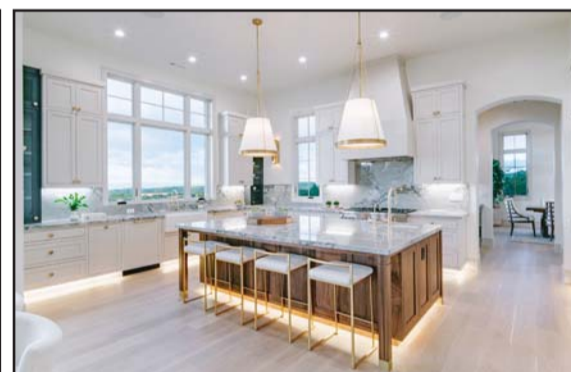
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There are seven sulkies in the race. At the first turn, the four horse is firmly ensconced in the seven hole. But surprisingly, he starts to move up. In the

backstretch, Dinty's Stew is running fourth. I get excited, but Dad doesn't think he has enough track left to make up the distance. Suddenly, in the last quarter-mile, the lead horse breaks stride and begins to gallop. This spooks the horse in second place, who veers toward the horse running third. Not only do they both slow down, it opens up a sprint lane into which sails Dinty's Stew.

Without so much as a by-your-leave to the other horses, he crosses the finish line first, making my father a multi-hundredaire.

Act of God

Now here comes Big Al, glowing like Miss Liberty's torch. He claps my father on the back and says, "Did I tell you, or did I tell you? I hope you were on him."

"Are you crazy?" my father says. "Yeah, I was on him, but it took an act of God for that horse to win." Big Al is still all smiles.

"What number horse won the race?" he asks.

"Four," says Dad.

"What number is on your ticket?"

Dad gets the point, shrugs, and off they go to collect their winnings, walking arm in arm like Rick and Louie in "Casablanca."

I haven't a clue about which horse will win this year's Derby. I am leaning toward Fulleffort. Why? I like the line from the old song "Camptown Races." It goes, "bet my money on a bob-tailed nag, somebody bet on the bay." Fulleffort is a big bay colt. I think the perfecta of my father, Big Al and Cousin Phil would like him, too. Oh, doo-dah day.

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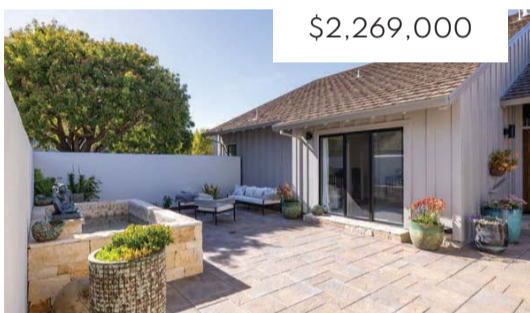


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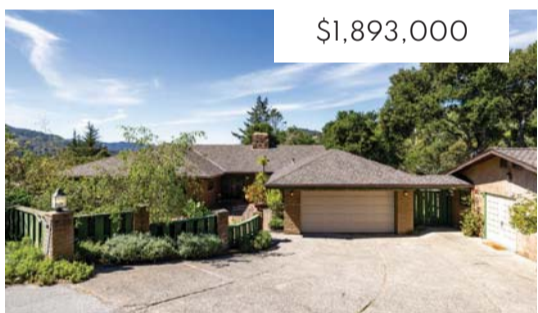


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 130 Del Mesa Carmel Carmel
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 7026 Valley Greens Circle 17 Carmel
 Sotheby's Int'l RE 596-0573

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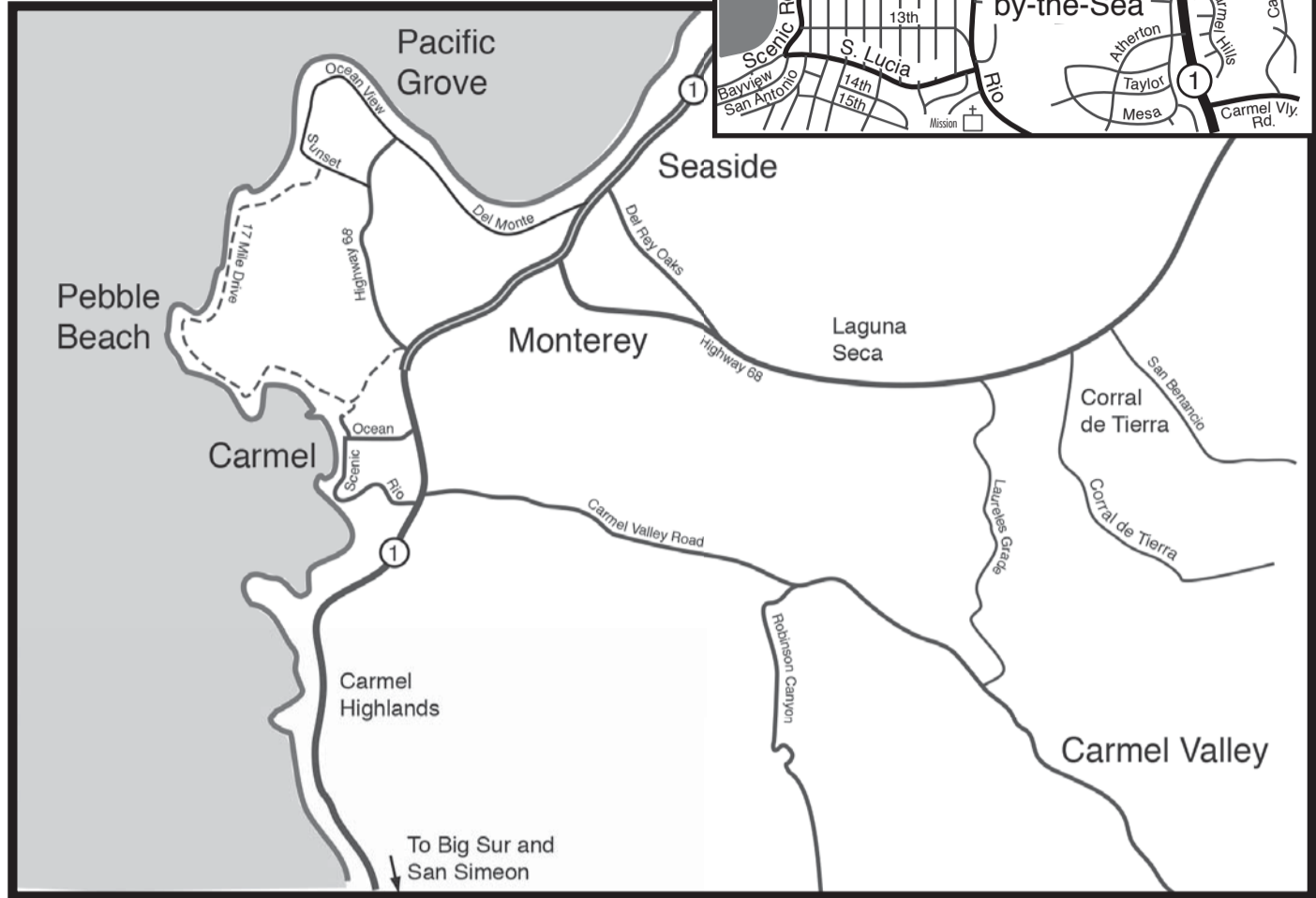
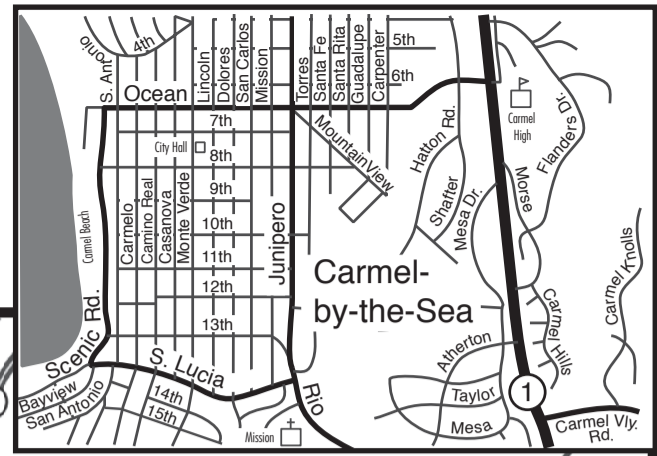
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\$2,890,000 4bd 2.5ba Sa 1-3
 31499 Via Las Rosas Carmel Valley
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\$3,250,000 3bd 3ba Sa 12:30-3 Su 1-3
 15475 Via Los Tulares Carmel Valley
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MARINA

\$775,000 3bd 1.5ba Su 11-2
 3009 Jean Street Marina
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\$1,250,000 3bd 2ba Su 1-4
 482 Lassen Way Marina
 Sotheby's Int'l RE 682-0126

\$949,000 3bd 3ba Sa Su 2-4
 15181 Breckinridge Avenue Marina, East Garrison
 Monterey Coast Realty 277-6728

\$960,000 3bd 2ba Su 11-1
 13102 Chamberlain Avenue Marina, East Garrison
 Monterey Coast Realty 277-6728

\$1,200,000 4bd 3ba Sa 11-1
 14454 Lee Avenue Marina, East Garrison
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MONTEREY

\$449,000 2bd 1ba Su 2-4
 820 Casanova Avenue #69 Monterey
 Monterey Coast Realty 915-9726

\$500,000 1bd 1ba Su 1-3
 820 Casanova Avenue #108 Monterey
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\$665,000 2bd 1ba Su 1-3
 300 Glenwood Circle 265 Monterey
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\$849,000 3bd 2.5ba Sa 1-3
 1360 Josselyn Canyon Road 40 Monterey
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 642 Cypress Street Monterey
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\$939,000 3bd 1.5ba Sa 12-3
 22 Melway Circle Monterey
 KW Coastal Estates 220-5186

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\$1,375,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 12-2
564 Mar Vista Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$2,225,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 12-2 Su 11-1
6 Wyndemere Vale Compass		
\$2,250,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 1-4 Su 12-3
471 El Dorado Street Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$2,450,000	3bd 3ba	Su 2-5
150 Littlefield Road Sotheby's Int'l RE		

PACIFIC GROVE

\$925,000	1bd 1ba	Fr 2:30-4 Sa 11-2
418 Fountain Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$995,000	2bd 1ba	Sa 1-3
235 Chestnut Street Sotheby's Int'l RE		

\$1,749,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 11-1
1136 Del Monte Boulevard Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$1,780,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 11-1 Su 1-3
61 Companion Way Coldwell Banker Realty		
\$3,100,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 12-3 Su 1-3
956 Seapalm Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$3,295,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
25 Coral Street Compass		

PEBBLE BEACH

\$985,000	2bd 2ba	Su 12-2
8 Shepherds Knoll Compass		
\$1,325,000	2bd 2ba	Fr 12-2
4 Ocean Pines Lane Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$1,995,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
4083 Los Altos Dr Coldwell Banker Realty		
\$2,350,000	4bd 3ba	Sa Su 1-3
1171 Chaparral Road Monterey Coast Realty		
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1043 Mission Road Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$2,695,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1:30-3:30
1091 Laurel Sotheby's Int'l RE		

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2905 Bird Rock Rd Compass		
\$4,995,000	4bd 5.5ba	Su 1-4
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\$9,500,000	5bd 5.5ba	Sa 1-4
3159 Stevenson Dr Coldwell Banker Realty		
\$10,900,000	4bd 5.5ba	Su 1-4
31 Poppy Ln Coldwell Banker Realty		

SALINAS

\$665,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 12-3
12805 Rogge Village Loop Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$998,000	5bd 2.5ba	Su 2-4
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\$765,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
1313 Harding St Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$829,999	3bd 1.5ba	Su 1-3
1233 Hilby Avenue Monterey Coast Realty		
\$870,000	3bd 1ba	Sa 12-2
1915 Grandview St Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$895,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 11-1, 2-4
1626 Darwin St Coldwell Banker Realty		

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POLICE LOG

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SUNDAY, APRIL 12

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

Pacific Grove: Vehicle and trailer on Rosemont Avenue marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Call on Pine Avenue regarding a subject in possession of illegal narcotics. The 22-year-old male was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Report of two signs taken from the 100 block of Ocean View Boulevard. No suspect information.

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

Pacific Grove: A male and female were contacted because they were parked on Sunset Drive in violation of a PGMC section. The 32-year-old male was found to be breaking the terms of his probation and was cited.

Carmel area: Sheriff's deputies documented an assault on Garrapatos Road with no prosecution desired.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Trespass warning after peace disturbance inside a business at Ocean and Lincoln.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost/stolen rear license plate reported.

Pacific Grove: Financial elder abuse re-

ported on Stuart Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Lobos Avenue towed for expired registration over six months.

Pacific Grove: Male subject on Grand Avenue was placed on a W&I 5150 hold.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision on Fifth Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Mental health hold on subject at Sixth and Mission.

Pacific Grove: No calls to report.

Pebble Beach: Elderly woman on Middle Ranch Road was placed on a 5150 mental health hold.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a disturbance between neighbor and landscaper on Ocean Road.


ers on Ocean Road.

Seaside: Felony hit-and-run arrest. A white Jeep was involved in a collision resulting in injuries to two individuals, who were subsequently transported to a nearby hospital for treatment of facial injuries. The driver fled the scene in his vehicle. Following the crash, the front license plate broke off, but utilizing Flock license-plate readers, officers rapidly tracked the Jeep to the City of Salinas. The driver was apprehended and taken into custody.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Verbal dispute at Del Mar. Counseled; information only.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 31-year-old subject was cited at Junipero and 12th for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Pacific Grove: Subject passed away in her residence on Egan Avenue. Coroner released body to family.

Pacific Grove: A report of fraud was made by a Spazier Avenue resident.

Pacific Grove: Dog at large at Country Club Gate Center. Dog released back to owner with a written warning.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle at Grove Acre and Lighthouse marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Jewell and Lighthouse for registration expired more than six months.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of a suspicious person on Rio Road

Pacific Grove: Vandalism on Fountain Avenue with no suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on Pacific and on Central marked for 72-hour parking.

Pebble Beach: Male on Indian Village Road fell and was later found to be deceased.

Pebble Beach: Suspicious circumstance on 17 Mile Drive was documented.

Pebble Beach: Suspicious circumstance documented on Cypress Drive.

Carmel area: Parental custody dispute on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

Carmel area: Report of suspicious circumstances on Upper Walden Road.

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services report on Scarlett Road.

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which resulted in the person being placed on a 72-hour metal health evaluation hold.

Pebble Beach: Deputies documented a report of a battery on Ocean Road involving an 82-year-old female, an 85-year-old male and a 75-year-old female victim.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Missing person report taken for an out-of-jurisdiction agency. Be on the lookout placed and outside agency notified.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found watch at San Antonio and 10th. Returned to owner.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Pacific Grove: Vehicle at Central and 19th marked for 72-hour parking.

Carmel area: Adult Protective Services

report involving an Outlook Drive resident.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Domestic dispute on Mission Street. A 42-year-old male was arrested but later released pursuant to 849 PC (insufficient evidence).

Pacific Grove: An incident involving a vehicle on Central Avenue being damaged was reported. After investigation, it was determined it was a civil issue, and the officer was unable to determine if a crime had occurred.

Big Sur: Theft on Highway 1.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Carpenter and Highway 1 at 0239 hours. A 49-year-old female was arrested for narcotics and found to have two-plus priors for hard drugs.

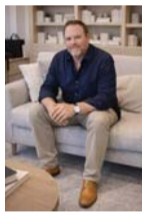
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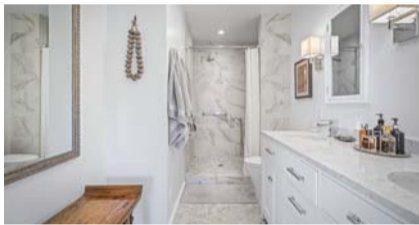
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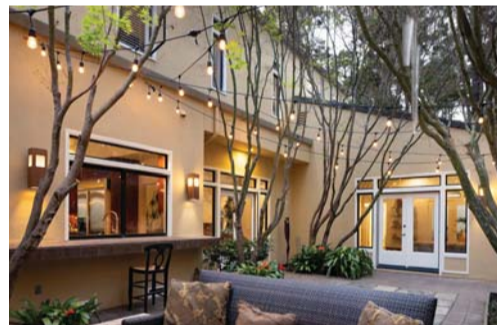
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