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30-foot cypress gets prime Pebble Beach location

By KELLY NIX

THE 18th Fairway at Pebble Beach is graced with another majestic cypress tree after a storm in 2014 toppled its predecessor.

About two dozen employees from the Pebble Beach Company and a contractor were involved in the tree relocation effort last week, which included digging up a 30-foot cypress at Spyglass Hill Golf Course, staging it behind the 18th Green of Pebble Beach Golf Links, and

planting it in the fairway the next morning. The tree is about halfway between the tee and the green.

“We used to have two trees in the 18th Fairway, in the landing area between 270 and 300 yards,” Pebble Beach Co. CEO David Stivers told The Pine Cone. “We lost one a number of years ago and replaced it.”

The recycled cypress was taken from Spyglass Hill’s 17th Hole. Crews carved a circular base for the tree,

See CYPRESS page 29A

Turned down a decade ago, bigger project gets OK

By CHRIS COUNTS

NINE YEARS after a smaller project on the same site was rejected — and more than two decades after housing was first proposed there — the Monterey County Planning Commission begrudgingly approved a plan April 29 to build 59 single-family homes and 15 affordable townhomes on 12.5 acres on Val Verde Drive at the end of Rio Road behind the Carmel Rancho shopping center.

Under what’s called the Builder’s Remedy — a powerful California law that allows developers to bypass local zoning rules when a city or county has failed to meet its state-mandated housing targets — the planning commission didn’t have the option of stopping the Val Verde project.

And while the vote approving the housing was unanimous, commissioner Martha Diehl made it clear she’s not happy about reviewing projects that rely on the Builder’s Remedy to sidestep regulations and limit local oversight.

“I don’t quite know why there is even a hearing if none of our concerns or evidence can be addressed,” said Diehl, who represents Carmel Valley. “The Builder’s Remedy was meant to help us make housing, but it doesn’t sit well that we use up our scarce resources.”

‘Builder’s Remedy’ turns 31 units into 74

Flood worries

She and other commissioners expressed concern about traffic, emergency access and flood risk at the new project, but “apparently, the concerns we have about health and safety, especially related to flooding, are not relevant,” Diehl said.

In the end, she voted for the housing, explaining that she doesn’t think there’s “any point in delaying anything if there’s nothing you can do about it.”

Builder’s Remedy projects can only be denied if they pose a “specific and adverse” risk to public health and safety, and county counsel Robert Brayer told planning commissioners he is “doubtful” the county could make a successful legal argument to deny the project on those grounds.

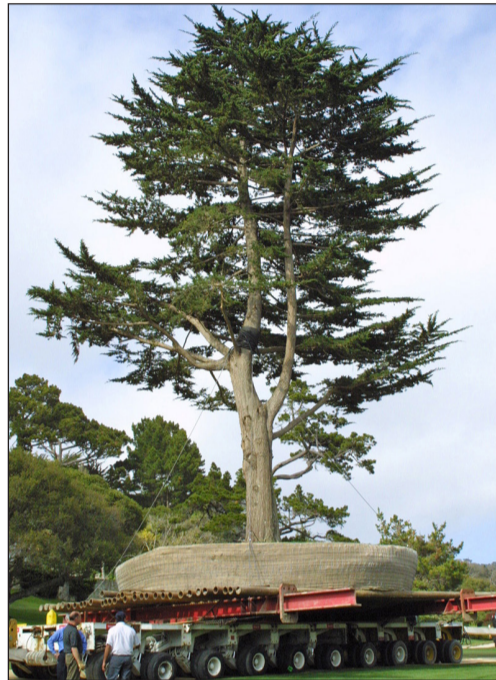
“I don’t believe that traffic congestion is generally

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PHOTOS/(ABOVE) KERRY BELSER, (RIGHT) HANS BUDER

A large cypress that was moved from Spyglass Hill gets settled in its new location on the 18th Fairway at Pebble Beach (above). It joins a larger cypress that was moved with great fanfare to the 18th Green in 2002 (right).



Council ditches pricey Car Week parking plan

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER SEVERAL discussions and a slight lean in favor of a proposal to turn Ocean Avenue and side streets into a spendy paid-parking lot during the busiest nights of Car Week, the Carmel City Council on Tuesday nixed it in favor of Police Chief Todd Trayer’s suggestions for increasing downtown enforcement and control.

\$200 for a spot

Nile Estep, whose company, Good Roots, organizes the farmers market near Devendorf Park and the Concours for a Cause event during Car Week, and who is also the owner of Hacienda on Carmel Valley Road, had put together a plan that would have people paying \$200 to park on the

main drag and \$100 to park on side streets between 5 and 10 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Drivers would be directed to their spaces by Good Roots employees and sent up Ocean when they leave.

The theory was that doing so would benefit businesses and protect pedestrians while preventing the cruising, revving and other show-off shenanigans that have erupted into major problems over the last seven years. While the community activities commission encouraged the council to try it, and three of the five councilmembers expressed openness to the idea during a March discussion, when Mayor Dale Byrne asked Trayer if the Good Roots plan was his preferred option, the chief demurred.

Plan B

“It is not my No. 1 choice,” he said, explaining that the parking proposal was developed from the community listening sessions he held during the winter and the council’s direction to “come up with a plan.”

“That plan is an option — it’s feasible, I do think it would work — but our plan, the police department’s plan, is to do better enforcement and increased enforcement

See PARKING page 30A

HIGH-SPEED RAIL’S LATEST BUSINESS PLAN GOES OFF TRACK

THE DREAM of hopping on a train in San Francisco and zipping south at 200 mph to Los Angeles is wonderful, but realizing it has become nothing short of a nightmare for California.

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

In 2008, voters approved high-speed rail on the promise that it would cost between \$33 billion and \$45 billion, with service beginning in 2020.

Nearly two decades later, the price tag has ballooned to between \$126 billion and \$231 billion, with trips between the San Francisco Bay area and Southern California projected to begin in 2040 — a promise that, at this rate, is unlikely to become a reality.

Since Gov. Gavin Newsom took office in 2019, the primary goal of California’s high-speed rail project has been completing a nearly useless line between Merced and Bakersfield. To date, the California High-Speed Rail

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County sounds alarm over welfare cuts

By KELLY NIX

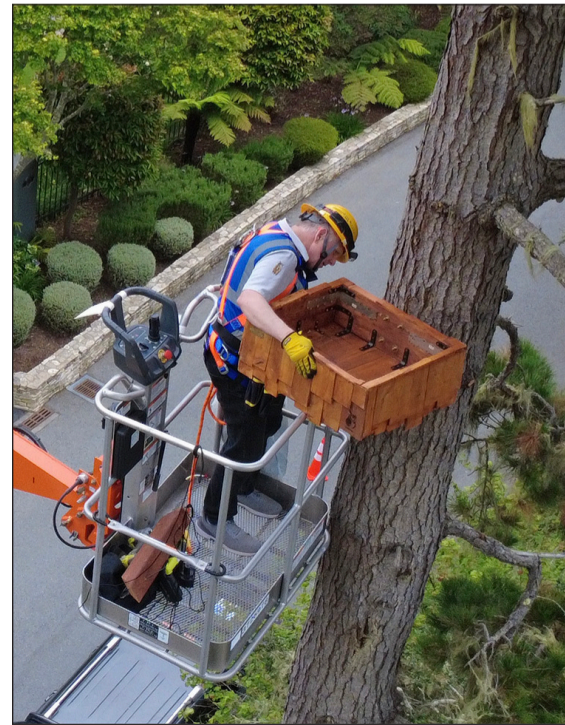
MONTEREY COUNTY health officials this week offered dire predictions for low-income residents because of a federal law that imposes new requirements for food stamp and healthcare programs, though officials said the county will continue to provide free medical care to anybody who needs it.

Healthcare and food

The so-called One Big Beautiful Bill Act, approved by Congress and signed into law by President Donald Trump in July 2025, made sweeping changes to Medicaid and Medi-Cal, its California counterpart. The programs provide free or low-cost medical care, including dental and vision, for hundreds of thousands of county residents. The law, also known as H.R. 1, means a loss of tens of millions of federal taxpayer dollars to Monterey County, strain

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Owls on the way



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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

The beat goes on

I didn't want a dog. Yet I was raised by people who felt a family wasn't complete without one. My father trained German Shepherds like they were a hybrid of show dogs and military companions. My mother and grandmother addressed them with a style they called "doggie talk," the way one might speak to a toddler. My older sister adored them and created a bond I could see in both just by looking at their eyes.

I was scared of them. My family always said I'd do best with a toy dog – one that didn't jump, bark, bite, drool or shed.

Still, when my 11-year-old daughters showed me a photo of an Irish terrier mix sheltered at the SPCA, I secretly saved the photo to my phone. As I looked into his beseeching brown eyes, I found a familiarity there.

I stopped by the SPCA on my way to work. As soon as I saw the dog with the soulful eyes sitting quietly behind the glass, my eyes welled up. I petted him with both hands, laid my cheek against his face and said, "Can I call you Toby?" Names that end in "y" are more easily said with tenderness.

Our household – and my heart – have never been without a dog since.

In January 2011, celebrated journalist Margot Petit Nichols, who had launched the "Sandy Claws" column in July 1997 by profiling pups she met on Carmel Beach or along the strand flanking Scenic Road, died of congestive heart failure. Her beloved column went dark.

Four months later, I was given the opportunity to "rise to the occasion" and contribute a Sandy Claws



column. Or two. It's never easy to follow a legend. But the canine community was waiting. After my first column, about a young greyhound, I was invited to give it a month and submit three more stories. My husband, photographer Philip Geiger, agreed to four photographs.

They say one should never start a column unless they have enough material to sustain it. This month marks 15 years that Philip and I have had the honor of presenting "Sandy Claws." That's nearly 800 dogs. He even managed to convince four Chihuahuas to face front all at once.

To celebrate our anniversary, we commissioned celebrity Philippe Costa, who bakes for Patisserie Bois-siere, to create a cake in the form of a dog. He named him Fido and placed the Carmel Pine Cone, turned to Sandy Claws, in his mouth.

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Housing plan open for public comment — again

By MARY SCHLEY

FOLLOWING MINOR revisions to the latest draft of a plan to accommodate 349 new residences — 149 of them designated as affordable — for construction in Carmel by 2031, the document is open for another round of public comments, which are due by close of business May 13.

When public input was last sought in March, the letter Mayor Dale Byrne submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development caused a small firestorm due to his criticism of the amended plan and his support for potential development at city-owned sites — the properties the revised plan aims to remove.

He also expressed doubt in his Pine Cone column that the amended plan would succeed, and his comments drew swift rebuke from a fellow councilmember and some residents.

Certified plan

Unlike a few local jurisdictions, Carmel has an approved housing plan, which was certified in April 2024.

But many residents objected to the parking lots at Sunset Center and Vista Lobos being named as possible locations for affordable housing, and in July 2024, a group of community members and public officials hired a consultant to help them come up with a way to disperse low-income housing throughout the city.

Their plan aims to meet the state's demands by using accessory dwelling units, converting underperforming hotel

rooms into apartments, working with churches to build housing on their land, developing live/work setups in underutilized commercial spaces, and providing incentives to developers to build mixed-income complexes.

State review almost over

After the amendment was sent in for an informal review, the state responded in January with comments and requests for changes, and the updated plan was released in March with a seven-day public comment period that closed March 20.

Following another round of tweaks, a second seven-day comment period opened Wednesday.

The revisions, as well as everything else about the housing element, can be found at ci.carmel.ca.us/post/housing, and comments may be made by emailing mwaffle@ci.carmel.ca.us or

housing@ci.carmel.ca.us, or by delivering them to city hall on Monte Verde south of Ocean, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

"Staff will address all public comments received during the public comment period and submit the revisions to the state housing department before the completion of its 60-day review period," which is scheduled to end May 29, principal planner Marnie Waffle said.

After state officials confirm the document complies with California law, it will return to the city for approval by the planning commission June 10 and the city council July 7, tentatively. It would then go back to the state for final certification.

Minor revisions offer another bite at the apple

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**Police & Sheriff's Log****Did they think they were microlooting?**

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Pacific Grove: Vehicle reported stolen in the 600 block of Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Animal bite on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Alder Street marked for 72-hour parking.

Carmel Valley: Sheriff's deputies admonished a 20-year-old male for trespassing on Valley Greens Drive. The man was arrested when he trespassed again a few hours later.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to Carmel Rancho Boulevard for a report of a custody dispute.

Pebble Beach: A 78-year-old female

Hopi Road resident reported a burglary.

MONDAY, APRIL 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property at Junipero and Fifth.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Grove Acre Avenue for expired registration more than six months.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision into a parked unoccupied vehicle at Mission and Sixth. Parties were contacted and information was exchanged.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision at Junipero and Ocean.

See **POLICE LOG** page 12RE
in the Real Estate Section

**The gavel falls**

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

April 7 — Judge Jennifer O'Keefe sentenced Raymundo Huazo, 43, a resident of Salinas, to 40 years in prison for committing three counts of forcible lewd acts upon a child under the age of 14 and five counts of lewd acts on a child under the age of 14. These offenses are serious and violent felonies and considered strikes under California's three strikes law. Huazo will also be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

Jane Doe 1, Jane Doe 2 and Jane Doe 3 reported that Huazo, a relative, had been sexually assaulting them for many years at different times during their lives when they resided with him. Doe 1 reported that Huazo began touching her intimate areas when she was approximately 9 years old and continued until she was 12 years old when she disclosed

to her family that Huazo was molesting her. After Doe 1 reported the abuse, Doe 2 and Doe 3 also disclosed Huazo abused them when they were younger. Doe 2 reported that Huazo began touching her intimate areas when she was approximately 8 years old and continued until she was 10 or 11 years old. Doe 3 reported that Huazo began touching her intimate areas when she was approximately 10 years old and continued until she was 15 years old. Huazo would touch the Does both over and under their clothing numerous times a week. According to research into sexual assault victim behavior, it is very common for victims to delay reporting the sexual abuse, especially when the victim is a minor and has a close relationship with the

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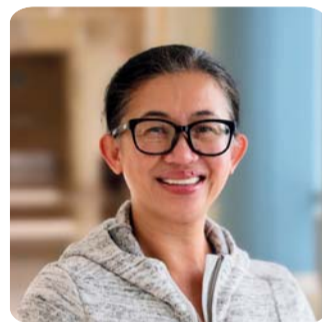
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Seaside P.D. cracks down on loud cars

By MARY SCHLEY

IN AN effort to curtail the reckless driving, sideshows and other dangerous activities that have become especially problematic during Car Week each August,

local law enforcement agencies are going after loud cars, with citations issued and vehicles towed in Salinas, Seaside, Marina and elsewhere. The same efforts are in the works in Carmel, Police Chief Todd Trayer said this week.

“Each year, the vast majority of visitors are respectful. However, there are consistently a small number of individuals, usually during Car Week evenings, who disregard the impacts of their actions,” he said Wednesday. “This training and equipment simply give us an additional, objective means to maintain the balance our communities expect and deserve.”

Trayer said that since last August, he’s been working with a company called PipeDown Solutions, which sells decibel meters designed for enforcement and trains officers to use them. The tool will be especially useful in dealing with drivers who rev their engines in response to crowds on the streets and end up setting off car alarms, destroying nighttime quiet in neighborhoods and causing other problems.

“Our entire department will either attend the training or be trained internally so personnel can properly use the device and consistently identify obvious violations,” Trayer said. “Several agencies

across the Peninsula are coordinating this effort, as it provides a clear, data-driven approach to addressing excessive vehicle noise.”

Seaside Was First

In January, a few months after mobs took over parking lots at In-N-Out Burger, Home Depot and other locations during Car Week, Seaside P.D. announced it was ramping up its capabilities “to effectively address street racing and modified vehicle-related incidents throughout the year.”

To gain expertise in inspecting vehicles and identifying illegal modifications, officers from Seaside and numerous other departments in Monterey, Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties collaborated with the California Highway Patrol training team

and the Bureau of Automotive Repair, which handles illegal exhausts and other unlawful modifications.

And in April, Seaside P.D. became the first agency on the Monterey Peninsula to obtain the PipeDown Solutions sound detectors. In the weeks since, officers have identified, cited and occasionally impounded vehicles with illegal exhausts.

Gas-powered cars typically generate between 70 and 90 decibels of sound — 5 decibels below the legal limit for most vehicles — and Seaside P.D., “in the interest of fairness,” is focusing on issuing citations to drivers of vehicles exceeding 100 decibels and/or operating in an unsafe manner. While some online commenters

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PHOTO/SEASIDE P.D.

As a way to curb illegal sideshows and dangerous driving, police are using devices designed to detect loud exhausts.

Redwood falls, crushes two vehicles

By CHRIS COUNTS

A MASSIVE redwood tree came crashing down during the early morning hours of April 15 on a motorhome while its inhabitants slept at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, Sally Peterson of Surprise, Ariz., reported on Facebook.

Peterson said the tree landed on top of her son and daughter-in-law’s brand-new motorhome, narrowly missing those inside.

“I was in the back, and if it would’ve hit differently — 5 inches closer to where I was sleeping — I wouldn’t be here to tell you the story,” Peterson said.

Peterson’s son and daughter-in-law were in a bed above the cab of the truck when the tree struck the vehicle.

Peterson said rangers told her recent rains “probably caused the giant tree to fall.”

She said the tree also crushed another nearby vehicle, but its owner wasn’t in it. “A man in a tent about 15 feet from the giant redwood was saved, but the vehicle he was driving was smashed like a

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A woman inspects the damage inside an RV that was crushed by a redwood.



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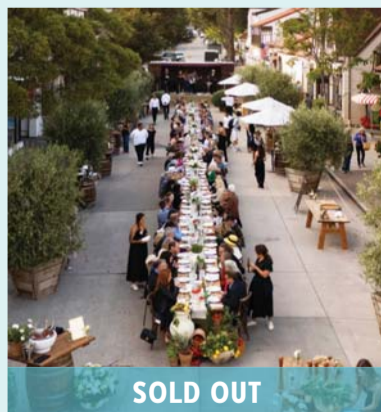


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Body found in river identified

By CHRIS COUNTS

A DAY after a kayaker called 911 to report that a vehicle had plunged into the Arroyo Seco River and was partly submerged, a body was found April 13 about one-half mile downstream from the crash.

The victim was identified by the Monterey County Sheriff-Coroner as 38-year-old Jacob Decarli of Salinas.

“The sheriff’s office extends its condolences to the Decarli family and all those affected by this loss,” the agency said.

The kayaker’s call came in around 4:30 p.m.

Drone deployed

“Deputies from the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office responded to the scene and located the vehicle down an embankment and in the river,” the sheriff’s office reported. “The California Highway Patrol’s air unit and the Greenfield Police Department assisted with an aerial drone search of the surrounding area.”

After darkness ended the

search April 12, it was resumed the next day.

“Monterey County Search and Rescue personnel established a rope system to safely access the river below,” the report continued. “Members of the sheriff’s dive team and search and rescue team conducted

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Rescue workers search for the body of a driver whose vehicle was found in Arroyo Seco River.

Driver sues CHP over accident in C.V.

By KELLY NIX

THE CALIFORNIA Highway Patrol and one of its employees, Scott Anthony, are being sued by a man who claims he was seriously injured last year when Anthony plowed into him while driving a CHP vehicle on Carmel Valley Road.

In a lawsuit filed Monday, plaintiff Jonathan Coffman says he was driving on Carmel Valley Road near Brookdale Drive when the accident happened.

Coffman was traveling westbound

when “defendant Scott Anthony negligently and carelessly collided with the rear driver’s side of his vehicle,” according to the complaint filed in Monterey County Superior Court. “Anthony’s reckless conduct caused severe injuries to plaintiff and damage to plaintiff’s property.”

The lawsuit — which names the CHP, Anthony and the State of California as defendants — does not indicate what type of vehicle Anthony was operating or

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State coastal agency is still powerful — but not quite as much as it was

By KELLY NIX

IN ANOTHER example of lawmakers trying to limit the power of the once-almighty California Coastal Commission, the state Senate last week voted unanimously to set hard timelines for the agency to handle appeals of coastal development permits.

The agency, which regulates construction and other activities along the coast, is required to quickly determine whether an appeal raises a “substantial issue.” However, there are no deadlines for the steps that follow. Senate Bill 963, authored by Sen. John Laird, who represents the 17th Senate District, including Monterey County, intends to fix that by establishing a timeline for review and final decisions on contested projects.

The bill “is about making sure the process works clearly and predictably for everyone involved,” according to Laird. “With the Senate’s passage of this bill, we’re taking an important step toward providing greater certainty for local governments, project applicants and community stakeholders while continuing to uphold the protections and values of the Coastal Act.”

Assembly next

The legislation would require the coastal commission to provide applicants with a “complete list” of any additional information the agency needs within 30 days of finding that an appeal raises a “substantial issue,” require the agency to review details submitted by the applicant within 30 days, and ensure it conducts a new hearing and issues a final decision within 180 days.

It’s next headed to the state Assembly

for consideration.

By setting timelines, Laird said his bill aims to make the permit process “more predictable for applicants, local governments and communities” while also maintaining oversight by the coastal commission.

‘No concerns’

The Pine Cone asked the state agency about Laird’s bill.

“The commission has not taken a position on SB 963, but it has been reported to the commission in our monthly legislative report, and we have no concerns” about it, coastal commission legislative director Sarah Christie said this week.

While appeals of locally approved coastal development permits are relatively uncommon — fewer than 4% of them are appealed to the commission, and more than half of those are dis-

missed — Christie said that “the timelines created by the bill would increase certainty for those few projects that do raise significant coastal policy issues.”

The proposed deadlines outlined in the bill, she added, “are reasonable,” and the commission is confident that it could comply with them with existing staffing levels.”

Laird’s proposal is the latest example of state lawmakers, the courts and the governor trying to limit the influence and authority of the coastal commission.

In April, justices with the California Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the agency unlawfully overrode an approval of a building permit for a Los Osos housing project that was OK’d by San Luis Obispo

Deadlines for action on appeals will benefit all sides

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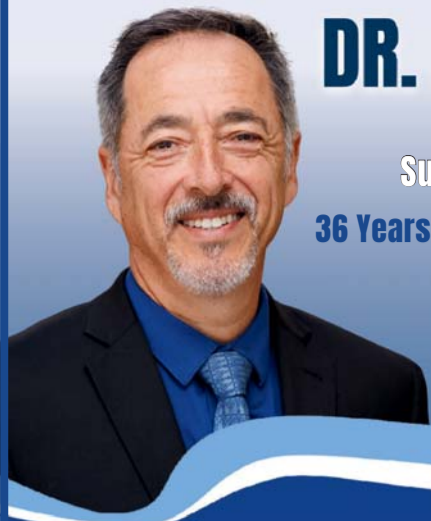
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SCENIC TO CLOSE TO ALL TRAFFIC

By MARY SCHLEY

SCENIC ROAD will be closed to all drivers next week — including people with homes along the oceanfront drive — while the Carmel Area Wastewater District wraps up its replacement of the sewer main and resurfaces the highly traveled road. Crews will be at work repaving the road May 14-15 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Closures will be in effect between Eighth and 13th avenues Thursday, and between Ocean and Eighth and 13th and Ocean View Friday. On those days, cars will be prohibited on Scenic for eight hours so the asphalt has time to set.

“We ask that you plan to not drive in and out of your driveway or on the road during resurfacing,” representatives of the agency said. There will also be no parking on Scenic during that time, though the beach will remain accessible. Parking will be available on San Antonio and other

nearby streets, as usual.

A few winter storms forced CAWD to reschedule some phases of its \$5 million sewer-replacement project, most of which has involved pipe-bursting, with the old clay pipe expanded or broken in place as a high-density plastic liner is inserted and pulled through. The sewer district used a second construction crew “to complete this critical portion of the overall project without delay.”

Bigger plan

The work is part of a multiyear, \$75 million effort to overhaul the decades-old system, and is being funded by ratepayers via charges on their twice-a-year property tax bills.

For more information and updates, go to cawd.org/scenic-road-pipeline-replacement. Homeowners can contact CAWD via email at hotline@cawd.org or by phone at (831) 877-1010.

Supes to weigh in on Bixby chaos

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO ELIMINATE the persistent traffic quagmire that happens at Bixby Bridge in Big Sur — which reached a fever pitch over the recent spring break — the Monterey County Board of Supervisors on May 19 will consider establishing a year-long moratorium on parking near the bridge.

Driven by the rising popularity of social media platforms that have dramatically boosted tourism in many of the world’s most beautiful places, the bridge has increasingly become a magnet for visitors who are willing to create traffic hazards and risk life and limb to take photos of themselves standing next to it.

The chaos at Bixby Bridge is a public safety issue that needs an urgent solution, according to 5th District supervisor Kate

Daniels, who introduced the idea of the year-long moratorium at the April 28 board of supervisors meeting.

“It is out of exasperation that I am offering this over the next 12 months,” Daniels said. “What we saw over spring break was beyond the pale — we simply could not manage the level of visitation.”

Local hands are tied

Daniels is calling for a state agency to manage the site. “This is an opportunity to turn this situation over to someone at the state level, whether it’s the coastal commission or our state legislators or Caltrans,” she suggested. “This situation has become untenable.”

When the board of supervisors meets

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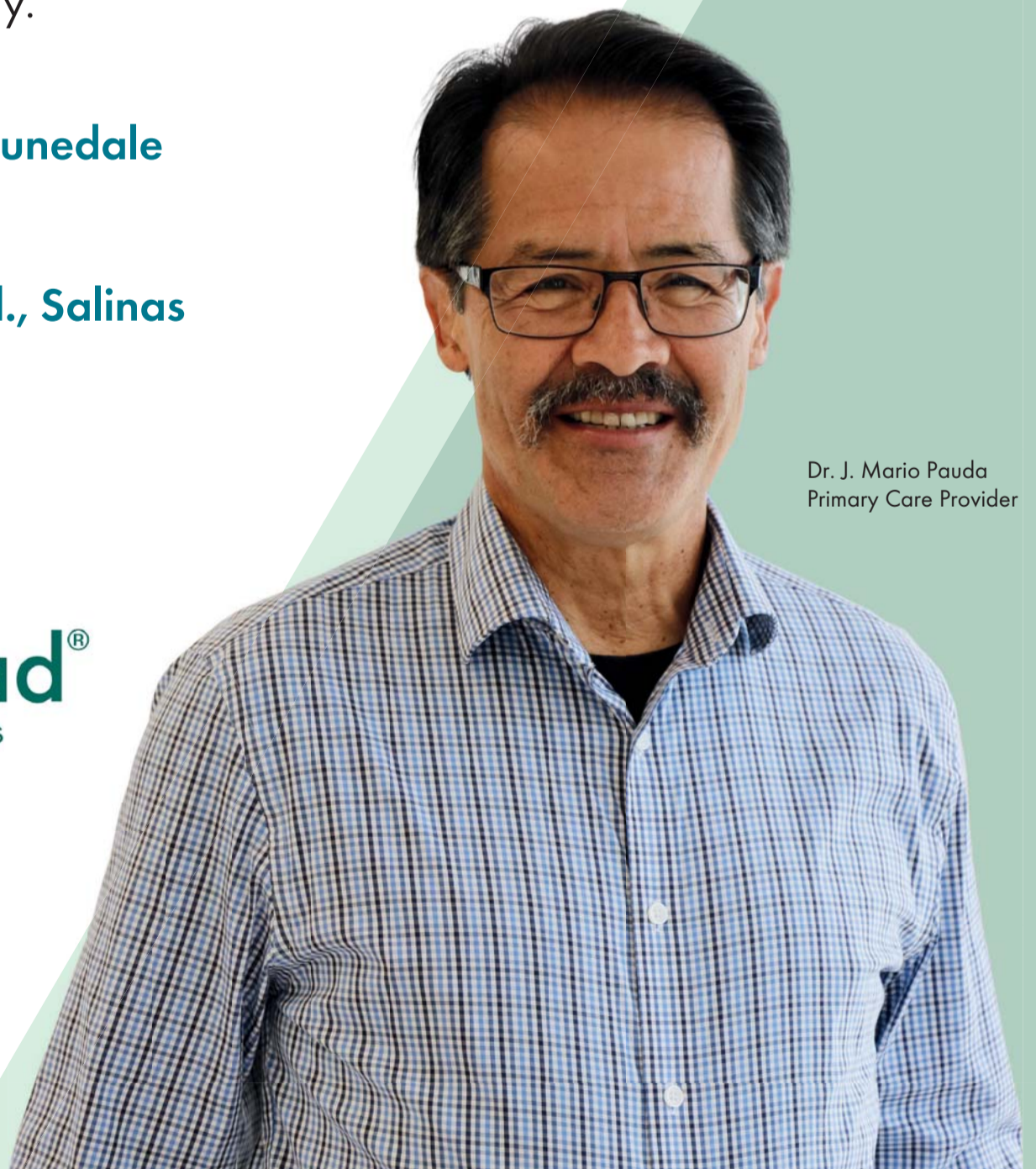
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Housing deals get better and better — if you're great and have horns

By MARY SCHLEY

RESIDENT PAUL Falworth's efforts to draw more great horned owls — which are highly regarded for their rodent-hunting abilities — to Carmel and beyond have yielded a high demand for the platforms that can accommodate them. Last week, he reported 16 volunteers built 14 platforms for the stately owls "without even a splinter," and on Tuesday, seven were installed in the Carmel Highlands, Carmel Point, High Meadows, Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove and Monterey.

"Owl families with owlets can consume up to seven rodents each night for at least two months, helping to naturally reduce rodent populations without the use of hazardous rodenticides that can cause secondary wildlife poisoning and death," he often points out.

The May 5 operations were "highly technical and inherently dangerous," he said, considering they required towing a 21-foot cherry-picker to the sites — "including a challenging Highway 1 U-turn" — controlling traffic, leveling the large vehicle, and extending it three or four stories aloft while avoiding power lines and other hazards.

For the kids

The new platforms followed the half-dozen that were mounted on trees in and around Carmel in January and required the coordination of nine volunteers. Sites included Wildcat Cove on a massive cypress, the uppermost part of the High Meadows neighborhood near Carpenter Street and Highway 1 (thanks to the Talbot Foundation), Stevenson School in Pebble Beach for its ornithology department, and

an area bordering the Presidio of Monterey.

Falworth used a battery-powered chainsaw to remove dead branches before installing the wooden platforms, which contain a cushion of inviting moss, and said the day's only incident involved losing a drone in a tree.

It wasn't all bad, though, since "the aerial footage was successfully recovered via the associated iPad app."

Wooing raptors

Carmel Owls, the grassroots effort he launched several months ago with the idea of reducing the rat population without poisons and traps by wooing raptors, has evoked a lively response from residents who believe trees on their properties would be ideal for owl habitation. A viable site must check a lot of boxes, though, including being free from power lines and having a level area that's large enough for a cherry-picker to be maneuvered and operated.

"We have a backlog of homes across the Monterey Peninsula, with 24 prequalified sites — photos of trees on file, cross-referenced with Google Maps street view — with only 12 spots available for September," he said. "Tree suitability and a territorial radius of about 350 acres are key factors. I'm visiting these potential sites in parallel with the ongoing installations as we build platforms. Quite busy."

And while some have said they have suitable trees, they don't, really. "They do, however, love owls and meeting the Owl guy," he said. All told, he's received 369 inquiries from people interested in having

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'They love owls and meeting the Owl guy'

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County: House numbers in two weeks to two months

By MARY SCHLEY

CARMEL RESIDENTS and business owners who can't wait to begin using their new street addresses might have to take a deep breath. The Monterey County departments that need to integrate the data into their systems could complete the process in a couple of weeks — which would bring the change online before the end of May, in keeping with the city's schedule — or it could take a couple of months, Carmel City Councilman Bob Delves revealed at Tuesday's meeting.

Either way, it will mark the end of the century-plus-old, quirky tradition of using phrases like "San Antonio 2 SW of Ocean" to identify buildings. And it will come after decades of discussion and debate capped by a committee's in-depth, two-year effort to research the issue and collaborate with utility companies, public safety officials, government agencies, the U.S. Postal Service and other entities, leading to the Carmel City Council's history-making buy-in on the concept last October.

Google wants to know

At the May 5 meeting, Delves — a member of the aforementioned committee — said a local who works for Google wants to help get the new street addresses incorporated into the company's maps and inquired about the timing. Administrative analyst Emily Garay, who is the committee's staffer and has become the resident expert on the development and implementation of a standardized addressing system, said the city is "on track to send the final data set to the county for review and integration by May 8," according to Delves.

The county has already received the primary addresses assigned to individual parcels. The system calls for odd

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numbers on the north and west sides of the street, and evens on the south and east sides, with the lowest digits beginning at the western and northern edges of the city and increasing as the streets run east and south. Garay said the last batch of data focuses on unit numbers for apartments, condos and mixed-use complexes.

"Three departments will conduct a review, and the city will receive the official 'go' after they have assimilated the data into their system," Delves said. The principal agencies that must assimilate the new addresses are elections, the assessor's office and emergency services, which handles dispatching.

And while county officials have been involved in the process for months and are well aware of the plan to switch

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Inn seeks zoning change

By CHRIS COUNTS

ONE HUNDRED years after opening its doors, the Lincoln Green Inn on Carmel Point is seeking a zoning designation to match its mission.

The Monterey County Planning Commission voted unanimously Wednesday to recommend changing the inn's zoning from medium density residential to visitor serving commercial, along with recommending after-the-fact approval for the conversion of a garage into a visitor-serving unit about 30 years ago, and a plan to add five parking spots onsite to comply with county rules.

The parking plan became necessary after the inn received complaints about guests parking along Carmelo Way.

The inn, which is restricted to five rooms, is well known for its beautiful English garden. During the hearing, several speakers expressed concerns about it. Owner Joe Walter told The Pine Cone that the garden measures about 8,400 square feet, and the parking spaces could

impact a portion of it.

Located in the heart of a residential neighborhood, the inn had been in operation for nearly four decades when it was zoned residential in 1963.

When the Carmel Area Land Use Plan was adopted in 1982, the property's land use was designated visitor-serving/commercial to reflect its historic use of hosting visitors, but it was rezoned medium density Residential. According to a county report, "this was done in error," but nevertheless, "this erroneous zoning continues to apply to the property today."

Fixing it

To correct the mistake, county staff suggested changing the zoning. "Rezoning the property visitor serving commercial would bring the zoning into compliance with the underlying land use designation and better align with the historical and current use of the property," the report added.

Representing the inn, planner Joel Panzer said the land use plan supports the zoning change — and California requires it. "State law says zoning must be consistent with the land use plan designation," Panzer said.



PHOTO/LINCOLN GREEN INN

Well known for its beautiful English Gardens, Lincoln Green Inn has never been properly zoned in its 100-year history.

The zoning change, approval of the garage and parking plan will move on to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors for review.



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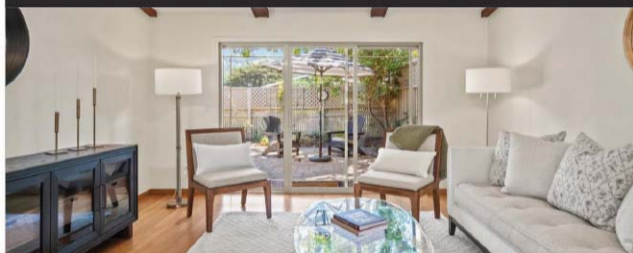
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Panetta's IRS bill passes House, next to Senate

By KELLY NIX

EVEN IN highly polarized political climates, there's a general bipartisan skepticism of the taxman. A bill authored by Democratic Rep. Jimmy Panetta and a Florida Republican puts some limits on the Internal Revenue Service's ability to investigate taxpayers.

On April 27, the House of Representatives unanimously passed the Taxpayer Notification and Privacy Act, which would require the IRS to identify what it's seeking and give taxpayers reasonable time to respond before the agency reaches out to third parties, such as banks, employers and even neighbors, to gather information on them. The bill has been referred to the U.S. Senate for consideration.

While federal law requires the IRS to notify taxpayers

before contacting third parties, Panetta and the bill's co-author, Rep. Greg Steube, contend that in many cases, the IRS notices lack meaningful details about what information the agency is seeking.

"These notices are often vague, they fail to specify what exactly they want, and at times they don't give taxpayers

any opportunity to defend themselves or for the taxpayers to provide the information themselves," Panetta said in a speech on the House floor.

The act would require the IRS to "clearly state" what information it needs and exactly from whom, and give taxpayers 45 days to provide the information to the IRS, the congressman from Carmel Valley said.

See **IRS** page 31A

Rep invokes federal law to try to halt Iran war

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A RESOLUTION to end the war with Iran was introduced this week by several democrats in the House of Representatives, including Carmel Valley Rep. Jimmy Panetta. He joined Rep. Seth Moulton from Massachusetts and Rep. Jason Crow from Colorado in introducing a War Powers Resolution designed to end President Donald Trump's "unauthorized, prolonged war in Iran and ensure the administration remains answerable to the American people and their representatives in Congress."

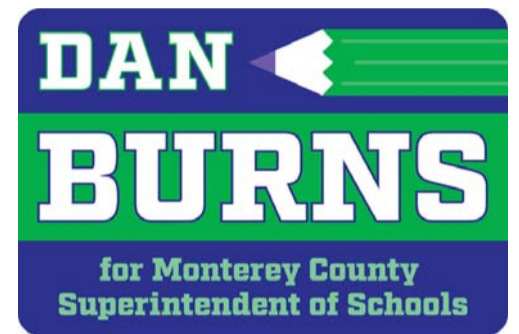
The War Powers Resolution of 1973, sometimes called the War Powers Act, is intended to limit the president's authority to wage war without congressional consent. Panetta claimed Trump's "war of choice" in Iran lacks a long-term strategy, is raising costs for working families and has killed 13 American servicemembers.

No president, he said, should be allowed to lead the country into a prolonged conflict without the consent of the American public and Congress.

"Congress must reclaim its constitutional responsibility when it comes to war," he said. A coalition of six other House Democrats who are backing the resolution "will force Republicans to go on the record repeatedly on this failing war of choice for as long as it continues."

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TRAIN

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Authority has spent \$14.6 billion trying to complete the route, yet not a single piece of track has been laid.

"I think the California high-speed rail nightmare is probably the quintessential example of government waste and mismanagement," Republican Rep. Vince Fong told the CBS News program "60 Minutes" in a recent segment detailing California's epic flop.

Latest gaffe

In April, the project hit another bump when the California High-Speed Rail Authority board delayed a vote on its proposed business plan. The board hit the pause button after lawmakers and officials raised concerns that the plan violates state law, lacks transparency and omits key cost information.

Sen. Catherine Blakespear bluntly called the plan "a disaster" during a Senate Transportation Committee hearing days before the scheduled vote. The Encinitas Democrat and high-speed rail supporter also said the plan "definitely appears deceptive" in comments to the authority.

The Legislative Analyst's Office agreed. The nonpartisan office released a report stating it not only "lacks transparency," it is not useful for lawmakers because it assumes the downtown Merced and Bakersfield station locations will change without explicitly stating they will do so or specifying how the proposed modifications would affect costs.

In January, the rail authority floated moving the downtown Merced station outside city limits to a site several miles south along Highway 99 and shifting the "Bakersfield interim station" north of that jurisdiction, but the shift is not reflected in the plan.

The idea would shave 9 miles off the route and reduce costs. However, the proposal would also violate a 2022 state law

defining high-speed rail's Central Valley focus as "a 171-mile electrified dual-track segment that is usable for high-speed rail service in the Central Valley from Merced to Bakersfield, with a new combined station in downtown Merced, and connections to the Amtrak San Joaquins and the Altamont Corridor Express."

The undisclosed modifications also call for single tracks instead of dual tracks — another violation of the 2022 law — at least until ridership catches up. Setting aside the possibility that increased ridership may never materialize because few people want to take a train from Merced to Bakersfield, it's gaffes like these that have turned California's high-speed rail project into a national punchline.

Newsom pivoted high-speed rail's focus from a connector between Northern and Southern California to a Central Valley route when he took office in 2019. The goal was to prove California could deliver the project by building it in a part of the state where the terrain is more amenable and land acquisition is easier.

But negotiating rights of way has not been painless.

In total, about 3,000 parcels have been fought over for the Merced-to-Bakersfield route, and some of those fights have resulted in major scope creep — most notably a roughly \$1 billion reroute around the gravesite of now-disgraced labor leader César Chávez.

Avoiding Chavez

The quickest way to run a bullet train through Tehachapi Pass would be to build tracks parallel to the freight rail corridor through the mountains. The problem is — or was — that those tracks run alongside the César E. Chávez National Monument. Lawyers representing the monument and the Chávez Foundation pushed for a reroute, arguing the train would be too noisy — even though 36 freight trains already pass it daily.

Those lawyers prevailed, and in 2020

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the California High-Speed Rail Authority proposed a reroute that would send the tracks in a wide arc around the monument. The plan includes two tunnels each more than a mile long, to navigate over existing viaducts and access roads, and a colossal 1,700-foot berm to shield the tracks from the monument's viewshed.

Now that The New York Times has reported on evidence that Chávez sexually abused children, the rail authority could undo the planned reroute, but that appears unlikely. Democratic Sen. Alex Padilla is working to remove Chávez's name from the monument; no word if he plans to clear out the man's remains too. Regardless, conservationists have expressed concerns high-speed rail would still undermine the monument's focus on Latino and Asian-American farmworker history.

Mountains in the way

Regardless of what happens, the reroute illustrates how political predilections and the threat of lawsuits have pushed high-speed rail off course. If it costs \$1 billion just to get the train through a rural mountain pass that already has a freight line, how will the state negotiate its way through the densely populated San Francisco Bay area and mountainous Los Angeles region to complete the project it set out to build?

The only concrete evidence there may one day be a bullet train between the Gateway to Yosemite and Nashville West is, quite literally, concrete. Central Valley residents have likened the vacant high-speed rail structures — built to one day function as overpasses — to their own Stonehenge. The comparison may be humorous, but Stonehenge likely served a purpose. It remains unclear whether a train

will ever cross the concrete bridges that now dot the landscape through the Central Valley.

The business plan on hold estimates that \$34.8 billion will be needed to bring the Bakersfield-to-Merced segment online, but the rail authority has only \$24.5 billion available for future construction. Much of that funding is expected to come from the roughly \$1 billion allocated annually through the state's cap-and-invest program, formerly known as cap-and-trade.

Borrowing ahead

Rather than relying solely on a pay-as-you-go approach, Ian Choudhri, CEO of the California High-Speed Rail Authority, has proposed financing construction by borrowing against future cap-and-invest revenue, a strategy that carries risk and irony.

California's cap-and-invest program functions as an indirect tax designed to make carbon-intensive activity more expensive by requiring companies to purchase allowances through a state-run auction system. The cost of those allowances is passed on to consumers through electricity bills, gasoline prices, food, retail goods and other expenses, contributing to the state's sky-high cost of living.

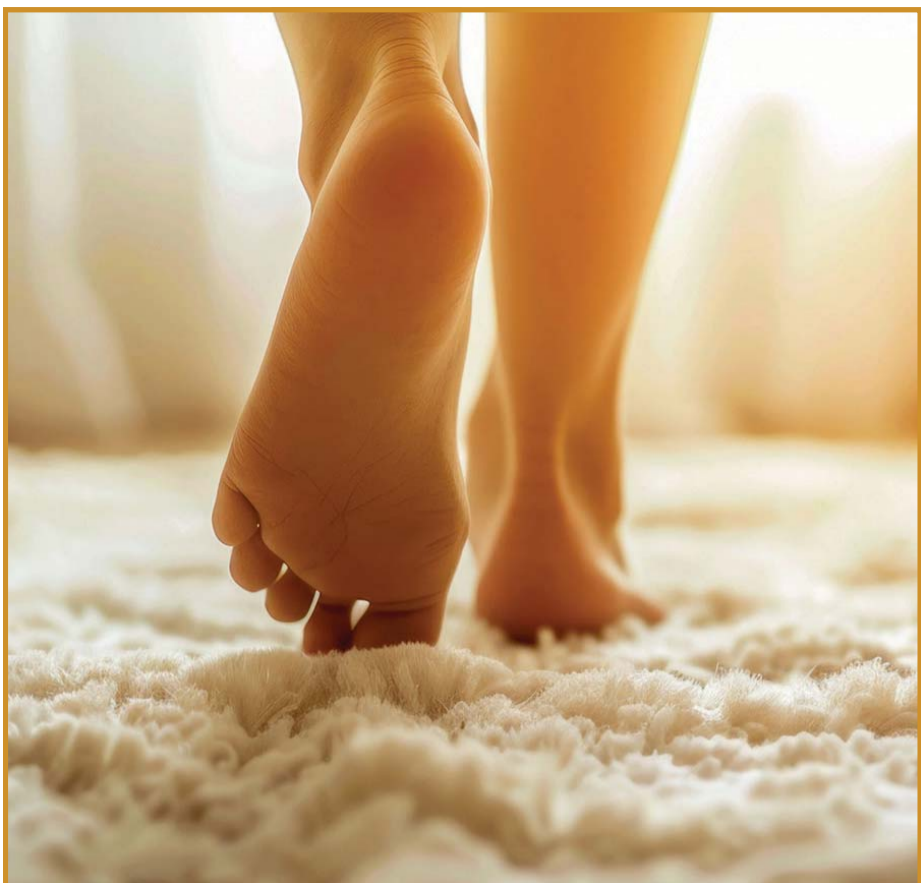
Since 2014, the rail authority has received 25 percent of cap-and-invest auction proceeds but has yet to deliver a usable service for the public.

The authority is expected to return the plan to its board May 20, with a final version slated for the Legis-

lature in June.

Critics such as Fong and others on the right argue the state should pull the plug on high-speed rail altogether — advice Sacramento is unlikely to heed. Instead, despite its many flaws, the plan appears destined for approval in some form, allowing California's long-troubled rail dream to continue lumbering forward.

Costs balloon but nary a track has been laid



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REMEDY

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considered to be a health and safety impact in the context of the Builder's Remedy," Brayer said. "The constraints of the Builder's Remedy are quite significant, and you

need really strong and robust findings to deny a project."

Despite the seeming futility of the effort, a few speakers questioned whether the property has sufficient emergency access, particularly during flooding or heavy traffic.

Resident Tim Broadman expressed concerns about surface flooding in the

neighborhood, which he said happened in 2024.

There was considerable discussion about how much traffic the housing would create, but Brian Clark, who has been a partner in the project since 2008, suggested it won't be as bad as some predict because it's located so close to shopping in The Barnyard and Crossroads.

"From this site, if you had no car, you are less than a block to the post office," Clark observed. "You have 100 public-serving businesses — you literally don't need a car if you live at this site."

As a mitigation measure for traffic, the county wants the builder to make some road improvements where Carmel Valley Road meets Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

No middle ground

According to Pamela Salas Nieting, who represented builder City Ventures at the hearing, the single-family homes would sell for around \$3 million, while the townhouses would sell for \$100,000.

The hearing delved into the details of the project, which relies on three onsite wells for water.

According to the builder, the property has a right to 35 acre-feet of water annually but only needs 15.72 acre-feet per year — making it possible to dedicate 19 acre-feet of water to "beneficial in-stream uses" in the Carmel River.

Regarding new traffic generated by the housing, county staff conceded it would impact "seven local roadway segments" that already operate "at an unacceptable level of

service."

Butterflies and bones

To match Carmel Valley's "rural character," the homes would be offered in three architectural styles — Spanish Colonial, Transitional and Traditional — and painted with earth tones.

A total of 3.85 acres would be used for roads and open space.

Three "special status" animal species were identified as at risk due to development, including the Monterey dusky-footed woodrat, the California red-legged frog and the monarch butterfly.

While there is no "surface evidence" of "significant" archaeological resources, a tribal monitor will be on site whenever the ground is disturbed at greater depths.

In 2017, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 to reject a plan from Rio Road LLC to build 31 homes, including seven that would be affordable.

Since then, the state has changed numerous laws to remove roadblocks to new housing.



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"Carmel Owls hopes to complete seven additional platform installations in late May throughout Carmel Valley using donated services and a crew from Signs by Van, who will operate their 71-foot crane," Falworth said. "Another seven platforms have already been built by volunteers for Phase 4 installations scheduled across the Monterey Peninsula in September."

He anticipates the next platform-building session in August "for a final October installation blitz," again ideally with help from Signs by Van using a crane that's usually deployed for billboards.

If all goes well, 35 platforms will have been mounted on trees throughout the Peninsula before the end of the year, just in time for the February 2027 nesting season, when he hopes they'll all be discovered and occupied by beautiful — and hungry — great horned owls.

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NUMBERS

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from directional addresses like Monte Verde 4 SE of Ocean to 662 Monte Verde St., Delves said they “estimated it could take between two weeks and two months” to get the new data online.

“We are victims of bureaucracy,” he said. “We’re hoping it will take two weeks, not two months.”

Do not buy a mailbox

Whenever it happens, property owners and residents want to be ready. Mayor Dale Byrne said he’s received a lot of questions regarding how and where numbers should be placed on buildings, especially those that are not visible from the street. He said Garay is drafting a document to address those types of questions.

In the meantime, a brief Q&A on the city’s webpage (ci.carmel.ca.us/street-addresses) speaks to some common questions. For one, “Mail delivery options will not change. You will still visit the post office to collect your mail.”

And, no matter what, “Please do not purchase or install a mailbox.”

LOUD

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have criticized the department for not focusing on higher-level crimes, sideshows frequented by illegally modified cars have resulted in damage, injuries and deaths.

Last week, responding to calls about an illegal sideshow and videos turned over by witnesses, Salinas P.D. announced multiple arrests and vehicle impounds that involved participants from Monterey, Contra Costa, Santa Cruz and Alameda counties.

The agency noted that recent changes to the law allow police to arrest spectators, too.

Marina P.D. is similarly on board with enforcing noise limits and other car-related violations.

“This is not about vehicle enthusiasts — it’s about sideshows and reckless behavior that put our community at risk,” the agency said. “We are committed to protecting our neighborhoods impacted by this activity and will continue focusing on street racing, speeding, and enforcement efforts that improve safety and quality of life.”

What, then, is the point of having a standardized address?

“The numbers are for safety, providing a verifiable physical address, and logistics,” the document explains. “They are intended for emergency services (911), utility companies, financial institutions, government agencies, and will help with private delivery services,” such as UPS, FedEx, Uber, process servers and your favorite pizza

place. They will also make it easier for your friends and family to find your house — assuming that’s a good thing.

Finally, it says the city will let residents and property owners know via an official notice sent to their post office boxes or other mailing addresses of record when they can begin using their new numbers. The owners of multi-unit properties, however, will be responsible for informing their tenants.

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CUTS

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resources and mean poorer health for some residents, county officials said this week.

At a press event Tuesday moderated by Monterey County spokesman Nick Pasculli, health director Elsa Jimenez, social service director Roderick Franks and Dr. Chad Harris, the CEO of county hospital Natividad Medical Center, answered questions on the impacts of the new law.

“Elsa, what about the impacts of H.R. 1 on the county’s workforce?” Pasculli asked the county health director. “Are they at risk of becoming less healthy?”

Jimenez said the law will have “significant impacts,” and she predicted that “chronic conditions will worsen, preventative care will decline, and overall population health will deteriorate, specifically among our most vulnerable, low-income residents.”

They will also be “stressed, they’ll experience burnout and reduced capacity,” she said. “As you can imagine, as people lose coverage, they might be accessing care very late, meaning they have unmet needs.”

Jimenez said it could also force some people to put off getting treated for communicable diseases like

tuberculosis, HIV, mpox, syphilis and salmonella, increasing the possibility the diseases could spread to others, “which would only increase the workload to our public health bureau.”

Strain on resources

About 175,000 people in Monterey County — which has roughly 435,000 residents — are Medi-Cal beneficiaries, Franks said. Most of the costs of the program are borne by federal taxpayers.

“On a monthly basis, we issue benefit amounts for the Medi-Cal program in excess of \$50 million,” Franks said. “And so, it’s a very, very significant program with a big impact.”

Undocumented residents are already ineligible for federal food and medical care programs. In addition, starting in January 2027, people who qualify for Medi-Cal will be subject to twice-yearly “re-determinations,” or benefit eligibility checks, which he suggested would mean more work for county employees. Medi-Cal recipients have to qualify for benefits once a year.

“Not only will that be an extra burden on those customers,” Franks said, “it will also create a significant burden on our county workforce that now has to do twice the amount of work for issuing the same type of benefits.”

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And because many of those who lose Medi-Cal coverage will shift into the county's indigent care program, the county's costs will skyrocket.

Monterey County operates about a dozen health centers in Salinas, Marina and Seaside, and Jimenez estimates they'll be hit with a \$12 million to \$15 million shortfall next year.

'No matter what'

Despite the funding challenges, the officials indicated that nobody would go without free medical care and that the county had planned for the cuts.

Besides the federal changes, California in January froze new enrollments for Medi-Cal for most undocumented adults 19 and older.

"We will continue to serve them because we want them to access preventative care and avoid urgent care, emergency department visits and hospitalizations and amputations" due to conditions like diabetes, Jimenez said.

Similarly, Harris said that Natividad would take care of low-income patients "no matter what."

"We are going to make sure they receive the highest quality care," he said. "A lot of this could have been avoided."

Harris complained that, starting in 2028, Natividad Medical Center — which the California Office of

Healthcare Affordability in 2025 identified as one of the most expensive hospitals in the state — is expected to lose \$76 million in Medi-Cal reimbursement payments.

"And that puts Natividad and the fantastic services we provide at risk," he said.

To offer some relief for those who can't afford health-care, Jimenez said the county in July is set to launch Esperanza 2.0, a program that will provide medical services for up to 500 undocumented immigrants who are not eligible for Medi-Cal. Recipients will be entitled to outpatient primary care services through the health department, as well as pharmacy benefits.

Proof of work

Beginning in June, beneficiaries of CalFresh, California's version of food stamps, are subject to new community engagement and work requirements to work or do community service at least 80 hours per month.

Because of the county's high unemployment rate, those mandates are waived until October, Franks said.

About 50,000 of the Medi-Cal recipients will be subject to the requirements, and only about half of those will likely be found in compliance with the federal mandates.

"We are anticipating that between 12,500 and 19,000 people will lose their benefits for being noncompliant with the new work and community engagement requirements," Franks said.

"And that puts a tremendous amount of pressure on the system overall," Pasculli offered.

California's Welfare and Institutions Code, section 17000, written in 1933, requires counties to provide basic medical care to "incompetent, poor, indigent persons, and those incapacitated by age, disease or accident."

"We are all trying to figure out how we are going to make sure we are caring for folks the way that we want to and the way that we can," Harris said.

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to discuss the topic, Daniels said she'd like to hear feedback from representatives of the California Highway Patrol, Big Sur Fire, Mid-Coast Fire, Cal Fire, Caltrans, California State Parks and the California Coastal Commission.

Participation by the latter is critical because the powerful coastal watchdog agency in recent years has pushed for increased visitor access along the coast — and has the authority to reject the moratorium.

"I've been in touch with the coastal commission and shared with them why I believe it's time for us to hand this over to them," she reported. "There is simply nothing more I can do as county supervisor to address this issue."

Opened in 1932, the picturesque bridge has become

one of the most famous on earth — and since the rise of social media two decades ago, it has experienced hordes of visitors who often block traffic with their vehicles near the site, or jaywalk across busy Highway 1, to take photos. Even Wikipedia makes note of the gridlock — its page about the bridge quotes a local who compares the site to a Safeway parking lot. The same article suggests the site has become a mess, with "toilet paper, human waste, and trash littering the roadside."

Patte Kronlund, executive director for the Community Association of Big Sur, told The Pine Cone that her group supports Daniels' efforts. Kronlund also suggested that to "fully prohibit parking" along Highway 1 near the bridge, "law enforcement management" is needed.

She said the group backs efforts to solve issues "at this hot spot, not only for the traveling public, but for the residents, employees, contractors and first responders."

REDWOOD

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pancake," Peterson said.

Sgt. Tom Cunningham of California State Parks confirmed the incident and told The Pine Cone that a 911 call came in at 2:30 a.m. reporting that a redwood had fallen. Cunningham said there were no injuries. "We responded with Big Sur Fire and stayed with everyone until medics cleared them."

Cunningham noted that it was actually two trees that fell — a redwood, and a laurel that the redwood took out. He said state parks workers cleaned up the two campsites, which are temporarily closed. "Hopefully, we can get the sites open by the end of the week," he said.

The fallen redwood, meanwhile, will be cut up, and its wood will be repurposed in a variety of ways throughout the park, Cunningham added.

COASTAL

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County. In January 2025, Gov. Gavin Newsom issued an executive order suspending requirements under the Coastal Act for repairing or replacing damaged or destroyed structures if the location remained "substantially" the same as before and the new building does not exceed 110% of the prior footprint and height.

In March 2025, Sacramento-area Rep. Kevin Kiley, an independent, introduced a bill to limit the coastal commission's power to delay infrastructure and safety projects, including SpaceX rocket launches.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2026-01 APPROVING INFORMAL BID PROCEDURES PER THE CALIFORNIA UNIFORM PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING ACT (PCC §22000)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District has approved Ordinance 2026-01, which provides informal bid procedures under the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act, as contained in Public Contract Code (PCC) Section 22000, for public projects as defined by the Act and in accordance with the limits listed in Section 22032, et seq., of the PCC. Board President Siegfried and Directors Cole, Weiland, and White voted AYE. No Board members voted NO or abstained. Director Urquhart was absent. The ordinance goes into effect upon publication of this notice.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District duly held on April 30, 2026.

Robert Siegfried, President of the Board
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GAVEL

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perpetrator.

The case was investigated by Salinas Police officer Luis Dorantes and detective Ciro Barboza. The Jane Does were assisted by the district attorney's office victim advocate Mayra Sandoval. District attorney court facility support dogs Armani and Norma Jeane provided the Does with support during the criminal process.

April 15 — Judge Jennifer O'Keefe sentenced Filberto Santiago Martinez to 93 years to life in state prison. On March 2, 2026, a jury convicted Martinez, age 34 and a resident of Greenfield, of three counts of sexual intercourse with a minor age 10 or under in violation of California Penal Code section 288.7(a), one count of forcible lewd or lascivious act on a child under the age of 14 in violation of California Penal Code section 288(b), and one count of lewd or lascivious act on a child under the age of 14 in violation of California Penal Code section 288(a). All five offenses are serious and violent felonies and are considered strikes under California's three strikes law. Martinez will also be re-

quired to register as a sex offender.

In June 2024, Jane Doe and her mother reported to the Greenfield Police that Martinez, Doe's family member, had molested Doe when she was 7 to 9 years old. Martinez would touch Doe's intimate areas under the clothing multiple times a week. He would also force Doe to touch him under the clothing. The touching stopped when Martinez moved out of the home when Doe was 10 years old. Doe waited years to bravely report the sexual abuse. According to research into sexual assault victim behavior, it is very common for victims to delay reporting the sexual abuse, especially when the victim is a minor and has a close relationship with the perpetrator.

Greenfield Police officer Maria Martinez and detective Federico Tinoco investigated the case. The prosecution was also assisted by district attorney investigator Joe Hernandez. Jane Doe was assisted by the district attorney's office victim witness advocates Mayra Sandoval, Kristin Peterson and Ana Galvez. District attorney court facility support dog Norma Jeane provided Doe with support during her testimony at trial.

INJURED

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whether he is an officer or works in another capacity for the agency.

In any case, Coffman said Anthony was "working under the scope of employment" with the CHP.

Coffman accuses the defendants of reckless driving, following too closely and driving too fast.

He claims he suffered wage loss, loss of property, hospital and medical expenses, loss of earning capacity and other damages because of his injuries.

Coffman "believes that defendants California Highway Patrol and the State of California negligently entrusted defendant Scott Anthony with the safe operation of their vehicle," according to the suit, which was filed for Coffman by Culver City attorneys Sara Ghafari and Ali Fesharaki.

CRASH

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a thorough search of the vehicle, confirming there were no occupants inside."

The body was found several hours later.

"After searching along the river and surrounding area, a deceased adult male was located approximately one-half mile downstream from the vehicle," the sheriff's office said.

"With the assistance of CHP's helicopter, the decedent was recovered."

On social media, locals expressed astonishment that the accident happened. "How did that vehicle get in the river from the road?" one asked.

The case remains under investigation.



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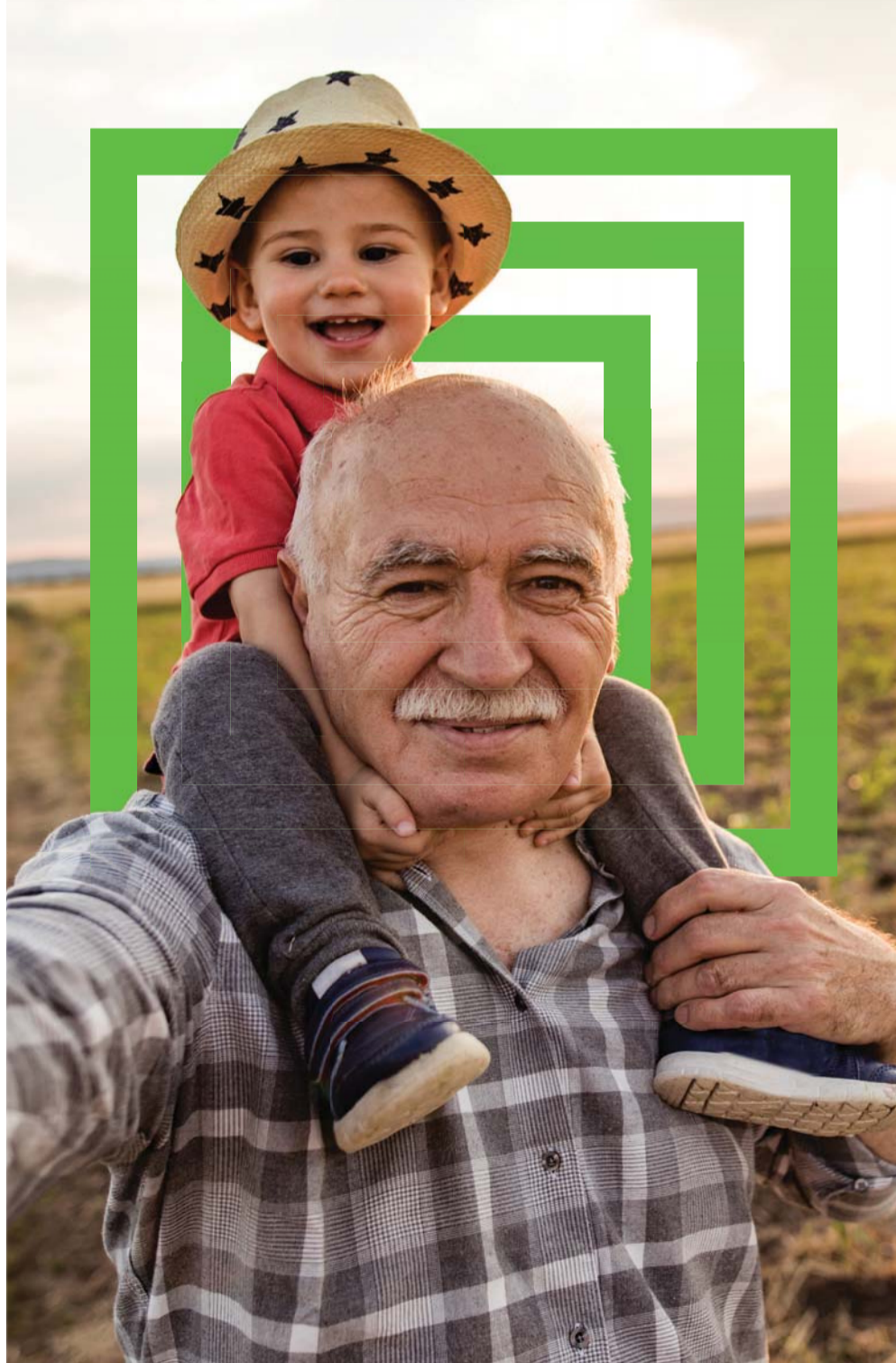
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Library unveils mural, daughter gives perfect Mother's Day gift

YEARS IN the making, a mural filled with characters from beloved children's books will be unveiled with a public reception at noon on Friday at **Carmel Valley Library**.

In the works since 2022, the mural,

created by local students, marks a collaboration between the Carmel High School art department and the Friends of the Carmel Valley Library, whose president, Lisa Allison, said it "reflects the spirit" of the library.

"What began as a dream to bring more color, creativity and connection to our library became a wonderful collaboration between local students, their teacher, and the library," Allison said. "Carmel High School students helped design and create the mural — bringing their talent and imagination to a public space that will be

grounding experience that brings lightness and clarity," she explained. "I often listen to jazz while working, and the improvisation feels similar to moving freely through an abstract painting. I am inspired by expressionism and the freedom it allows."

Perlmutter is thrilled to see her mom's creations on the walls of her gallery.

"She has always been an inspiration, and when she began painting, we had even more ways to connect with each other," she added. "I hope you can come join us to celebrate our moms and

to raise a glass to art."

As part of the Carmel Art Walk, the Perlmutter Gallery will have a free public reception Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

enjoyed by families, children and visitors for years to come."

According to Allison, the mural "celebrates reading, storytelling, childhood imagination and the role the library plays as a gathering place for the community." She noted it includes more than 20 characters from children's books, including "Charlotte's Web," "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "Winnie the Pooh." Some are easy to spot, while others are hiding in plain sight — making the mural a scavenger hunt for young visitors.

The reception follows the latest offering in the library's monthly speaker series.

This Saturday's free talk at 10:15 a.m. features local chef Analuisa Béjar.

The library is located at 65 W. Carmel Valley Road.

■ 'Hub' for the arts turns 10

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, **Palenke Arts** in Seaside will be the site of a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and a reception on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Since opening the Palenke Teen Arts Center at 530 Elm Ave., the group has

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RICHARD LOUIS SAYLOR

Feb. 22, 1941 ♦ April 28, 2026

Richard Saylor, 85, of Monterey, passed away peacefully in the early morning of April 28, 2026.

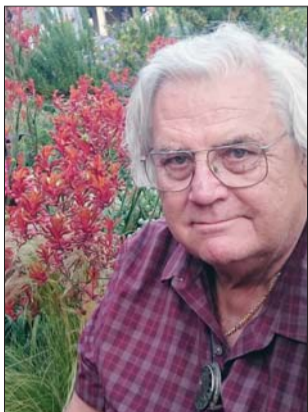
Richard's father, Louis, was a doctor in Patton's Third Army during WWII. Thus, a self-proclaimed "Army brat," Richard grew up all over the world, eventually returning to his birthplace of California. After graduating from Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo, he fulfilled his childhood dream of becoming an architect. A colleague introduced him to Martha, also an architect, and they were married in 1980. Richard practiced architecture in many places, including Saudi Arabia, where he met many lifelong friends. He and Martha eventually returned to Monterey to start a business and build their dream home, where they spent the rest of their lives.

In addition to architecture, Richard had many passions and hobbies. He loved restoring classic British cars, and was a member of the Morgan Sports Car Club of Northern California. He also put his skills to work to restore a WWII L-5 observation plane, which he flew with his private pilot's license. He was a member of the Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral Society, where he served as bulletin editor. He learned silver smithing and lapidary work and made his own jewelry; he also displayed his ammonite collection every year at the Gem Show. He was a member of the Sierra Club, where he played concertina and penny whistle at the club sing-alongs. He also donated his skills with architecture and construction to the Berkeley Tuolumne Family Camp, going to the annual "work weekend" to repair and build structures for the camp for many years, before the Rim Fire in 2013. He loved cooking and listening to classical music. He is preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Cecilia Saylor; and his wife, Martha Crow Saylor. He is survived by his son, Basil, and many beloved cousins and friends.

Viewing will take place 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, May 13, at Mission Mortuary in Monterey.

Burial will follow, with a small graveside ceremony, at Monterey City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Sierra Club or the Classical California KDFC public radio station.



BARBARA MAY JAMISON

Dec. 16, 1927 - April 12, 2026

Barbara May Jamison, 98, of Carmel, California, passed away on April 12, 2026, after a short illness. Barbara was born in San Jose, California, on Dec. 16, 1927, to Howard and Gertrude (Tuthill) Curry.

She attended San Jose schools and college at San Jose State University, graduating with a B.A. in 1949. Barbara was a charter member of the school's Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and served as president of the group. After graduation, and for a time, she lived and worked in San Francisco.

After meeting on a blind date, Barbara married John Jamison in June 1953, at the Church of The Wayfarer in Carmel. They resided in the Bay Area until 1977, when they moved from Palo Alto to the Monterey Peninsula.

Barbara spent many years as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society Discovery Shop, the Monterey History and Art Association Adobe Tours program, and the Carmel Bach Festival. Barbara was an active member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae, Monterey Bay Alumnae Panhellenic and Commodore Sloat Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Tennis was a lifelong passion for Barbara. She played as a member of the University Club in Palo Alto and then, for more than 40 years, at the Beach and Tennis Club in Pebble Beach. She enjoyed playing the game with friends several times a week, and into her 80s. Also, favorite pastimes for Barbara were playing the piano and bridge.

Barbara and John enjoyed their travels in the U.S., Canada and Europe. As a lover of Impressionist paintings, a favorite destination for Barbara was Provence, and other towns and villages of southern France, with their majestic landscapes. They also made many trips to the Ashland Shakespeare Festival.

Gatherings with friends and family were an important part of Barbara's life. She was the consummate hostess who delighted in preparing homemade entrees and desserts for her guests.

Barbara was preceded in death by her sister, Dorothy Kurz; brother, Douglas Curry; John, her husband of 67 years, who died in 2020; and daughter, Nancy Jamison, who tragically died of brain cancer in 2021, at the age of 66.

Barbara is survived by her son, Thomas Jamison of Monterey, and four grandchildren, Mal Jamison, Olivia Jamison, Alec Paul and Susanna Paul. She is buried at El Carmelo Cemetery in Pacific Grove, CA. The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at Hospice of the Central Coast for their support of Barbara and Thomas throughout her illness. Memorial donations may go to the donor's favorite charity.



■ 'Flowers for Mom'

Painter and gallery owner Jennifer Perlmutter found the perfect gift to give her mom for Mother's Day — an art show of her very own.

Titled "Flowers for Mom," a pop-up display of Rita Flynn's paintings opens Saturday at **Perlmutter Gallery** at Dolores and Sixth in downtown Carmel and continues through Sunday. "It's a joy to have her works in the gallery for this Mother's Day weekend," Perlmutter told The Pine Cone.

Flynn didn't start painting until she was 62 and retired.

"When I paint, I feel most like myself. It is an emotional and

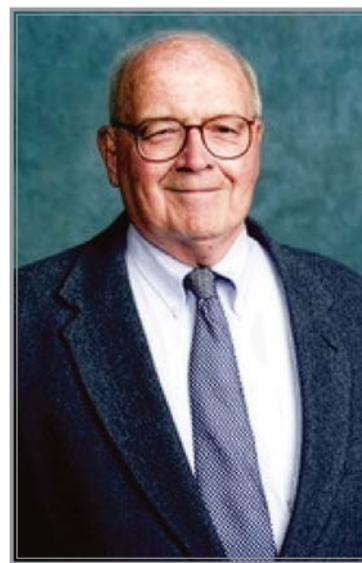


Carmel High School students create a mural that will be unveiled Friday at Carmel Valley Library.

CRAIG E. CHRISTENSEN, M.D.

March 11, 1938 - April 27, 2026
Carmel, California

Craig E. Christensen, M.D., passed away leaving a legacy of kindness and service. A physician specializing in internal medicine and gastroenterology, Craig embodied the spirit of a dedicated healer and was honored for 50 years of service at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.



He carried a great sense of pride in his Midwestern roots, from his upbringing in Plentywood, Montana, to his formative years at St. Olaf College and medical training at the University of Minnesota. Throughout his life, he maintained close ties with friends from these early chapters, a testament to his loyalty and the value he placed on shared history. Following his education, he served as a physician in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Goose Bay, Labrador.

He was a pillar of quiet strength for his wife, Linda, and daughter, Amy. He was a constant supporter of Linda's horse and dog activities and ensured the highest quality of education for Amy throughout her life.

A man of devoted Lutheran faith all his life, Craig was a dedicated member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church since 1972.

Craig was an avid news reader who stayed deeply informed on all levels, from national headlines to his hometown Plentywood Herald. A former high school and college intramural basketball and baseball player, he spent his later years golfing around the Monterey Peninsula with friends and following professional sports on TV.

He will be remembered for his integrity, his gentle nature and the meaningful way he dedicated himself to the well-being of others.

In honor of Craig's lifelong connection to his alma mater, the family suggests that memorial gifts be made to St. Olaf College.

Donations can be made online at stolaf.edu/giving or by mail to the Development Office, 1520 St. Olaf Ave., Northfield, MN 55057.

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“grown into a regional hub for Latin American, Afro-Caribbean and global cultural arts programming,” and “has presented performances, youth programs, workshops and community events that bring generations together through music and the arts.”

“This anniversary is a reflection of the community that has supported and grown with us,” said founder and executive director Juan L. Sánchez. “Palenke Arts exists because of the artists, families and partners who believe in the power of culture to connect and inspire.”

More art May 8-16

■ **Carmel**

Carmel Art Association — The gallery will have a reception Saturday at 4 p.m. for three shows: painter **Melissa Lofton’s** “Living in Color”; painters **Benjamin Anderson** and **Bryce Elischer’s** “Duality of Light”; and a display of art by CAA board members. The shows continue through June 5. On Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, carmelart.org.

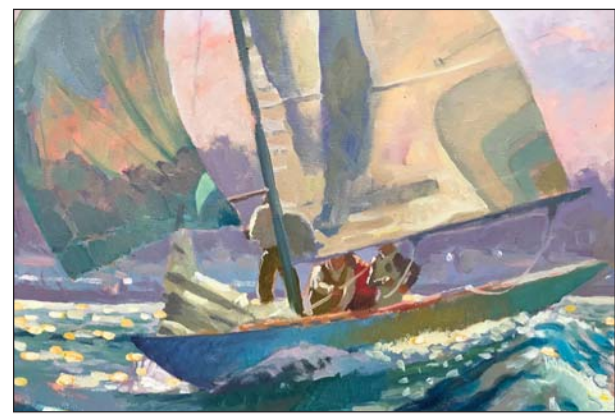
Carmel Art Walk — More than a dozen galleries are participating in this Saturday’s free and family-friendly art walk, which showcases artist-owned galleries downtown. Participants include **Edi Matsumoto Art & Design**, **Joquin Turner Gallery**, **Patricia Qualls Gallery**, **Lisa’s Studio** and many others. Many are hosting receptions from 4 to 7 p.m. — look for the green lanterns hanging in windows. Tour maps are available at participating galleries.

Carmel Modern — As part of Saturday’s Carmel Art Walk, the gallery hosts a reception from 4 to 7 p.m. for **Elizabeth Hale’s** exhibit, “Polyrhythm,” which runs through June 1. The gallery also presents a book signing for poet **Veronica Kornberg**, along with a talk between Hale and Kornberg at 2:30 p.m. On Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln, carmelmodern.art.

Oficino Uno Photography Gallery — The gallery hosts an opening reception Saturday at 3 p.m. for photographer **Alli Wood’s** first solo show, which “celebrates the beauty and sensuality of a woman’s body.” On Ocean between San Carlos and Dolores, oficinouno.com.

■ **Monterey**

Monterey Museum of Art — Photographer **Jane**



Painter Gerard Martin’s striking “Sleigh Ride” is included in a new show that’s on display at Carmel Art Association.

Olin’s show, “Some Trees,” opens Saturday and continues through Aug. 23. Olin is known for her pinhole photography and alternative silver-gelatin processes. Curated by **Cydney Payton**, the exhibit “invites the viewer to speculate on trees’ kinship with humankind.” 559 Pacific St., montereyart.org.



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DAVID BERNHARD

David died suddenly on March 3 from complications of Type 1 diabetes, something he fought from childhood.

David left behind his two daughters, Isabelle and Sophie; his brother, Joey and his two kids, Valentina and Ethan; as well as his father, Carl. His mother, Pam, died a year earlier.

Despite the limitations of his disease, David’s dream was to become a Major League pitcher. He loved pitching, even when he was 9, facing the big kids and getting bombed. He played both baseball and basketball at Carmel High and MPC.

He played at USF and then was drafted by the Houston Astros where he played in their Minor League system for a couple of years. There his diabetes caught up with him and his dream ended.



David became a financial advisor in San Diego, and a bank manager, but his disease eventually made it impossible to work efficiently and he came up back to Carmel Valley to live with his parents.

Baseball fosters lasting relationships, and David had many friends and kept in touch with even his earliest teammates, and those from school and work. People did look up to him. They admired his journey and his personality. Also, he was 6-foot-8!

An informal celebration will be held at the Running Iron restaurant from 2 to 4 p.m. on May 16. Snacks will be provided, and there is the actual menu to order from. Pizza can be ordered after 4.

People will be coming in from the East Coast and all over. Stories will be shared. Some will be new to his father ...

We are trying to get a half-way accurate head count, so if you wish to attend please contact me at carlos.bernie@icloud.com.



PAUL MARSH PITMAN, JR.

Paul Marsh Pitman, Jr., better known as Marsh Pitman, was born on Nov. 14, 1927, in San Francisco, the son of Paul Marsh Pitman Sr. and Martha Fugate Pitman. He grew up in the greater Bay Area and attended San Jose State College, where his father served as dean of men. He interrupted his studies to join the Army and was stationed in Japan in 1946-1947, then graduated with a B.A. in biological science.

He joined the 1950 class of the Yosemite Field School of Natural History run by the National Park Service to train future staff, then went on to attend Stanford University, where he earned a master’s of education and a teaching credential and spent summers working as a seasonal naturalist in Yosemite Valley and studying at the Hopkins Marine Station in Pacific Grove.

In 1954 he began teaching science at Hayward High School and married Carolynn (Carol) Zumwalt, an occupational therapist. He was involved in the early management of Camp Unalayee, one of the first intentionally interracial and interdenominational summer camps, which had been founded in 1949 by Quakers in Ben Lomond and moved in 1960 to the Trinity Alps in Northern California, where it still operates. In 1966, he took a position as botany and life science instructor at Merced College and moved the family to Merced, where he became active in the Sierra Club, leading outings in the High Sierra and promoting environmental awareness.

In the 1970s and 1980s, while continuing to teach at Merced College, he organized and led educational trips to Alaska, Hawaii, British Columbia, Baja California, the Galapagos Islands, Peru, Switzerland, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Nepal, China and New Zealand, for UC Extension, Nature Expeditions International, Betchart Expeditions, Merced College Community Education, and private groups. At their home in Merced, he and Carol hosted foreign exchange teachers from China and students from the Marshall Islands and Indonesia.

Marsh retired from Merced College in 1988 and turned his attention to the practical side of the ecological challenge. He worked as consultant for the pioneering Merced-based Soil Stabilization Products Company and served as a founding board member and supporter of Restore Hetch Hetchy, a nonprofit that advocates dam removal, watershed restoration and ecologically sound water management. He helped spearhead the effort to revise the original proposed location of the UC Merced campus in order to protect ecologically sensitive Vernal Pool wetlands.

His wife, Carol, passed away in 2006, and in 2007 he married their long-term mutual friend, Mary Beard, and moved to her home in Monterey. He and Mary had 19 years together, traveling to Yosemite and the Trinity Alps, enjoying their grandchildren and great-grandchildren and cultivating a beautiful garden. At age 98, Marsh chose to enter hospice care, and he died peacefully at home on Feb. 28, 2026.

He is survived and greatly missed by his wife, Mary Beard; his son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Dianne Pitman; his daughter and son-in-law, Myra and Hank Ratzesberger; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, step-children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. on May 9 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula.

Editorial

The Builder's Remedy

WITH THE Monterey County Planning Commission's approval last week of a 74-unit housing complex on Val Verde Drive near the Carmel Rancho shopping center, many Carmel Valley residents have to be asking themselves how they lost control over development in the scenic, semi-rural valley.

Not long ago, new units in Carmel Valley were limited to a fixed ceiling of 266, a cap that was supposed to be permanent. Once those houses and apartments had been built, no more could be added. Ever.

Not only that, but no-growth advocates occupied all the positions of power in county government. Any time a would-be developer showed up at the county planning commission or before the board of supervisors hoping to build some of the allowed units, they knew they were going to get a hostile reception — similar to what happened when an earlier, much smaller version of the Val Verde project was presented to the planning commission in 2017. "There is nothing good about this project," one anti-housing activist proclaimed, to wide agreement.

Similar anti-development policies existed in the coastal parts of California, inspired by state laws like the Coastal Act and CEQA — laws that, in many respects, were passed to halt the pro-development ethos that prevailed in the 1960s in many of the state's cities and counties. Having identified urban sprawl as the state's Public Enemy No. 1, the Legislature in the 1970s and 1980s set about to stop it, and stop it they did. But in the process, they strangled the supply of new housing that was desperately needed to accommodate California's booming population. As decades went by, this housing shortage became so severe that even the state's Democrats and environmentalists took notice.

Thus, beginning in 2019, a series of drastic pro-housing laws were enacted, once again overriding local control over housing policies — only this time in the opposite direction. This new, pro-housing process culminated with the passage of AB 1983 in 2024. One of the changes it introduced was to formalize the "Builder's Remedy" — a term that had been idly kicked around housing circles for 30 years, but was now to be given teeth.

Under AB 1983, which went into effect in January 2025, the Builder's Remedy is triggered when a city or county is not in compliance with its state-mandated housing requirements, and once it is invoked, housing projects can bypass most local zoning and planning rules.

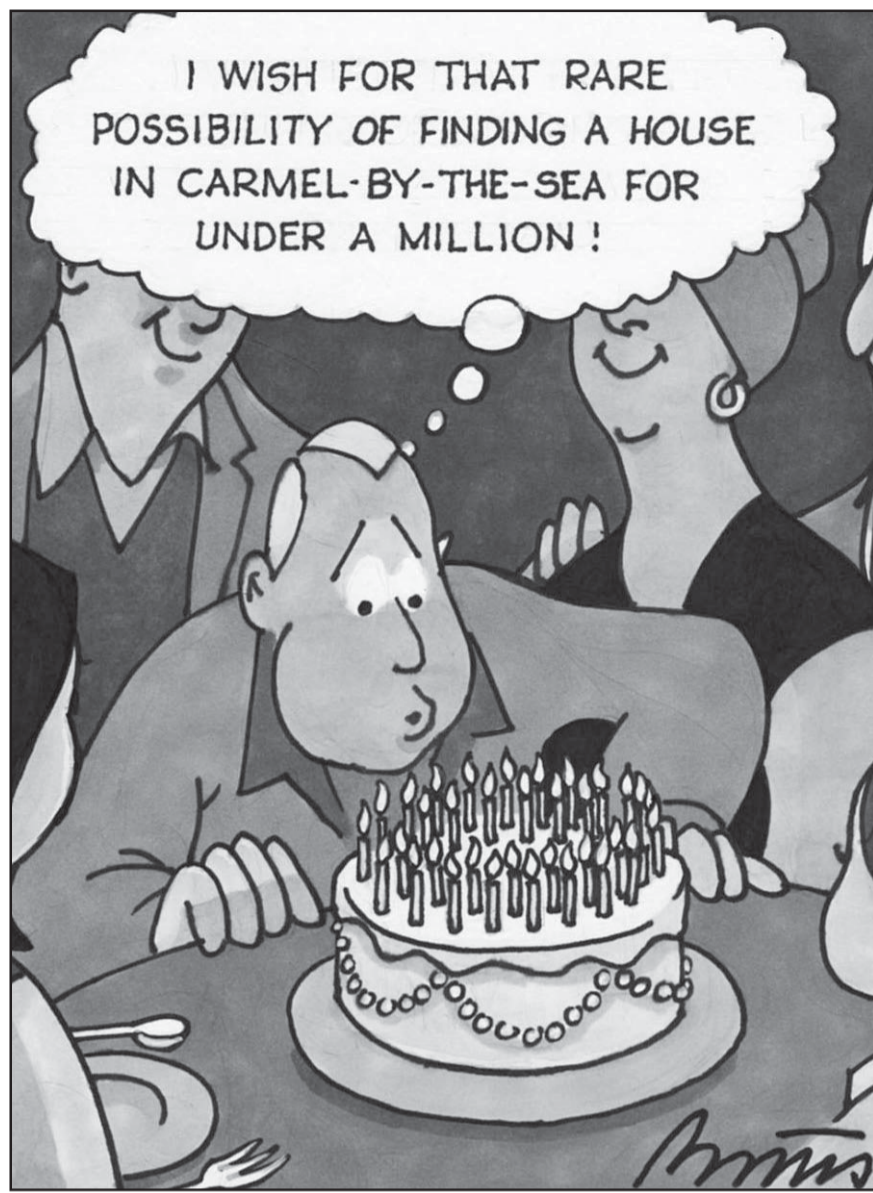
Even when the remedy is triggered, the project must include a minimum percentage of affordable housing and meet development standards for height, density, setbacks and other criteria set by state law. It also must not endanger public health or safety. But all that is as easy as falling off a horse while trying to look cool on Instagram, compared with what it used to take to get a housing project through the Monterey County planning process.

County officials have recently submitted the latest version of their housing plan and hope to get it approved soon. But even if they do, it will be more than two years late.

Why has it taken so long? Bureaucratic inertia has something to do with it. So does the controversy inherent in trying to figure out where to put new housing in communities that have long been addicted to the idea that they don't have to allow any. Another factor, we think, is the temptation to let the Builder's Remedy go into effect as a way of forcing upscale, exclusive neighborhoods to accept new housing.

Whatever the reason, the result was on full display when the planning commission approved the Val Verde project, and we're sure the board of supervisors will approve it, too.

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Letters to the Editor

The Pine Cone encourages submission of letters which address issues of public importance. Letters cannot exceed 350 words, and must include the author's name and home town.

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'No bias' Dear Editor,

As a former Carmel Historic Resources Board member and planning commissioner with a combined 15-year city volunteer commitment, please know that it is the obligation of Carmel's boards and commissions to scrutinize all applications for adherence to the general plan, ordinance and design guidelines. Patrice Pastor's recent accusation in The Pine Cone that there is bias against his projects is disingenuous when he has previously received numerous planning approvals for his various properties.

Regarding the Stonehouse National Register nomination, and the source of Pastor's obvious outrage, to put it simply, it is what it is. Carmel has a potential national register property (Stonehouse) located next to three lots owned by Pastor. If accepted for national register prominence, Pastor can still build on his property in accordance with applicable regulations. The California Historical Resources

Commission in Sacramento will review the Stonehouse National Register nomination. Surely, Pastor does not think they will show bias against him as well?

To clarify, the HRB was asked by the State Office of Historic Preservation to "review and comment" on the Stonehouse national register nomination, which it did. The HRB and the city were not asked that Stonehouse be added to Carmel's Inventory of Historic Resources because that is not a requirement for a National Register nomination. The city overstepped its authority by issuing a determination of ineligibility for Carmel's inventory and asked the HRB to sign a resolution affirming the ineligibility to Carmel's inventory. In my opinion, that unsolicited and unauthorized maneuver by the city seems prejudicial against the Stonehouse National Register nomination, not Pastor.

Lastly, calling out individuals by name and accusing a "cadre" of Carmel citizens of plotting against Pastor can only be described as bullying. The cadre referred to includes two former planning commissioners, a former city council member, a former city manager, an historic consultant, and a born-and-raised 70-year Carmel resident, all of whom treasure the town's humble character and want to protect it by adhering to Carmel's governing principles.

Julie Wendt, Carmel

Eyes, ears and brain

Dear Editor,

I understand how a town like Carmel can find itself divided over the actions of an

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A truly remarkable living room

THE VENUE Michelle Djokic refers to as her “living room” — located on the ground floor of her Sand City loft — is more than the sum of its uncanny acoustics and hypermodern architecture. Sticking out like a red-varnished thumb on an industrial block, the SandBox is “a warehouse for live music and cultural events, offering intimate performances of jazz, classical, and world music.” It should belong in Los Angeles or Berlin, not on Ortiz Avenue — which is the whole idea.

“If it’s good, I’m going to bring it. I want everything in there to be great. And I’m humbled by the fact that people leave Carmel to come to the SandBox. It’s a tribute to the cultural knowledge base that exists here,” said Djokic.

She would know. A prodigious cello talent, Djokic earned a full scholarship to The Juilliard School, giving her access to virtuosity she never took for granted. There, in the late 1970s, she performed under Leonard Bernstein and learned from another

piece of chamber music, passage by passage. As they stopped intermittently to talk, conflicts among the players would reveal themselves — including disagreements over how to perform, language barriers, elitism and clashing egos, even rude phone behavior. They’ve since replicated the social experiment several times over, engaging thousands of students throughout Monterey County.

“At the end, we ask the kids how we could resolve each of the disagreements. They’re basically teaching each other, it’s so valuable for them to hear one another’s thoughts. Then we play through the whole piece, and they’re absolutely riveted,” Djokic explained.

‘Every kid got an instrument’

Though her talent surfaced early — she debuted with Philadelphia Symphony at 12 — life as a professional soloist never held much appeal. “It’s a very lonely journey,” said Djokic, who travels enough as it is. A member of the New Century Chamber Orchestra in San Francisco for nearly two decades, she’s also the founder and artistic director of the Concordia Chamber Players in New Hope, Pa., a

kind of retreat for urban musicians. Carnegie Hall is as grand as they say — she’s played it as a member of the prestigious Orpheus Chamber Orchestra in Manhattan — but no stage is quite like the SandBox.

She and her husband, legendary squash player Mark Talbott, moved to Sand City in 2021. Nothing felt certain, but what was stopping them? The pandemic had closed concert halls, and Talbott was suddenly

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Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

great Leonard — Rose, the formidable American cellist best known for tutoring Yo-Yo Ma, who was a few years ahead of Djokic at the school.

Conflict resolution

“I’m so nostalgic for the sense that anything is possible. When you’re in the moment, you don’t fully realize you’re in the midst of greatness,” said the 65-year-old classical cellist, who draws world-class talent to an otherwise ordinary corner of Sand City.

The SandBox is the home of Musikiwest, the nonprofit Djokic founded in 2017, inspired by her desire to expose kids to great music, and by a difficult period her two children experienced as teenagers. Their friends would gather around her kitchen table to talk through what was going on at school. The stakes were vastly different, but the constructive dynamic reminded her of a group of chamber musicians working through a complicated piece.

Djokic and a rotating ensemble of colleagues she’s met throughout her career — including the principal clarinetist for the San Francisco Opera and a highly renowned Venezuelan violinist — began staging rehearsals at local middle and high schools. They would practice a



PHOTO/CONCORDIA CHAMBER PLAYERS

Classical cellist Michelle Djokic owns, operates, and often performs at Sand City’s buzzy multidisciplinary arts venue, SandBox.

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

Plein air presents difficulties, but this painter has seen worse

IN HER youth, Suzanne Elliott ran mostly feral through the tropical heat and humidity of Malawi — a southeastern African nation — watching for hyenas, leopards and other native creatures that likely were watching her.

Back then, her birthplace was under the thumb of self-declared “president for life” Hastings Kamuzu Banda, a dictator with a fondness for threatening to feed his political enemies to the crocodiles.

Wasn’t every kid growing up in a place like that? She had little reason to believe otherwise.

“The hyenas would come pretty much every night — I’d hear them outside, cack-

exhibited her work for the past year-and-a-half at Salinas Valley Art Gallery, showing impressionist-style oil paintings of vistas such as Point Lobos, Moss Landing, Big Sur, Salinas Valley farmlands, Yosemite National Park and wherever an airline, car, bus or pair of hiking boots can take her.

An island paradise

In 2015 — the year after her husband, Dennis, died — Elliott promised herself she would paint in all 50 states, a quest that was more than halfway complete when the pandemic struck in 2020.

“Covid stopped me in my tracks, but I plan to start again this year,” said the artist, who has produced paintings in 27 states and is eyeing a pilgrimage to the Midwest — possibly Michigan’s Upper Peninsula — with artist Cyndy Davis.

Her adventures to the Grand Canyon, Devils Tower, Mount Rainier, Akaka Falls in Hawaii and other wonders have been reliably eventful.

She battled ravenous mosquitoes and heard alligators grunting while she was painting in the Florida Everglades.

In Yellowstone National Park, she parked near her pre-scouted painting spot, where she was greeted by a fresh pile of grizzly scat. “I considered finding a different location but decided to paint there anyway,” Elliott recalled. “I just stayed on hyper-alert, very close to my car.”

Leaving Malawi

In Alaska, she hiked solo, vigilant for bears the entire time, and returned to her car to find her husband right where she’d left him — lounging comfortably in a chair, legs crossed, peacefully reading a book. “Not too far away, a huge bear was grazing on berries,” she recounted. “I said, ‘Dennis, do you know there’s a bear over there?’ And he said, ‘Yeah, I’ve been watching him for a couple of hours. He’s fine.’”

And in South Dakota, she painted alongside a companion who was a local. Her friend said, “If we hear bison snorting close by, we’re getting in the car.” The animal showed up — and snorted robustly — but from a safe-enough distance.

She was already prepared for all of that by the time her father, who built roads and bridges for Banda’s government, moved the family out of Malawi for a better situation.

“My mother was British, my father was French, and we moved to the Seychelles,” she said. “That’s where he grew up, and where my parents met.

“The Seychelles are a thousand miles off the coast of East Africa, in the middle of nowhere,” Elliott said. “They’re just amazingly beautiful, and it was an incredible

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

ling, and they terrified me,” she remembered. “When I was 5 or 6, I’d crawl down the corridor to the bathroom at night, underneath the windows, so I didn’t have to look out and see them.”

Leopards v. chickens

Around the same time, her father trapped a leopard that was making nightly visits to their property, taking a mouthful of two or three dead chickens at a time.

“That leopard skin was on our floor in Africa for years,” she mused.

In retrospect, none of that mattered much to a young girl who knew no other world. She lived there until she was 16.

“By that time, I was more interested in boys,” said Elliott, who left Africa with her family in 1966. She took with her a deep fascination for the natural world and a growing love of art — she drew incessantly — which still feeds her as a plein air painter.

Elliott, a Monterey resident, has



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Suzanne Elliott was born in Malawi, Africa. She’s painted in 27 states with a goal of reaching all 50.

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LETTERS

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uber-wealthy newcomer buying and developing numerous properties, historic and otherwise. Some of us think this is a wonderful development (pun intended), while others wonder what lies ahead. Maybe if the newcomer had a more recognizable surname like, say, Musk or Bezos, it might help those who are still on the fence to remember that billionaires never take their eyes off the bottom line. No one amasses wealth by keeping things as they are. I'm not saying making money is a bad thing. I'm saying that developers don't invest a nickel until they've calculated the return on their investment. No one buys up a town simply because they think it's charming, as Larry Ellison will tell you from his privately owned Hawaiian island.

I have no idea if Patrice Pastor is here to honor and protect the history and quaintness of Carmel. But I have eyes, ears and a brain. And what they tell me is The Forge in the Forest is now gone — a beloved locals' hangout for more than half a century relegated to the town's very history it once represented. I know that the construction at the site known as The Pit is destabilizing adjacent structures. I know, too, that the person behind these things has referred to the town as "strange." I get it, he was frustrated, but what we say is a window into what we think.

And now I know that Mr. Pastor will turn his ire on anyone who's lived here long before he ever heard of Carmel simply because they're trying to protect their own historic property from his overzealous plans. And I haven't even mentioned his plans in Big Sur, one of this country's most sacred places.

Anyone creating this sort of "everything, everywhere, all at once" situation might do well to temper their response to the pushback.

Christopher Armen,
Carmel Valley

'Astonished and hurt'

Dear Editor,

I was astonished and hurt by the assumptions made about me in last week's editorial. There are many reasons why I want the Stonehouse Terrace on the National Register of Historic Places. Mainly, it's for the memory of my father, Gunnar Reimers, whose dream it was. He had the incredible good fortune to know Olof Dahlstrand, who was an amazing architect, as various historical experts have said, including the historic resources board. My uncle Niels joined in this effort and together they saw it through to completion.

It saddens me that Esperanza has hijacked something that could have been an opportunity for the whole community to come together around and feel good about. Of course, I've never tried to get a building on the National Register before. It's a complicated process and unfortunately, there's been a glitch in that my uncle, who owns the building with me, wasn't officially noticed by the State of California, so this will be continued. I've attached a photo of myself with my father in front of Stonehouse Terrace while it was under construction.

Kristi Reimers,
Carmel

'Don't understand the fuss'

Dear Editor,

I read The Pine Cone story last week about the hullabaloo caused by the Stonehouse Terrace getting nominated for the National Register of Historic Places. I have to say I don't understand the fuss.

It is a beautiful building and Olof Dahlstrand was a first-rate architect, a brilliant man who understood and loved Carmel deeply. I knew Olof well. We served together on the Planning Commission under Mayor Eastwood. I was always impressed with his keen insights and understanding of our village. Olof brought all of that knowledge to bear when he designed Stonehouse Terrace. It is a quintessential Carmel building and a credit to our community.

It deserves to be on the national register. Our historic resources board certainly thinks so, and so do I.

Ken White,
Carmel

Historic process

Dear Editor,

Your article, "Pastor fights bid to make Stonehouse historic," correctly states most facts. The owner nominated her Stonehouse Terrace building for inclusion in the

National Register of Historic Places. In a puzzling decision, the administration decided to intervene in the nomination-review process and asked the HRB to find that the building is ineligible for inclusion in the city's inventory of historic properties. A city-commissioned, professional evaluation of the property found the building is, in all substantive respects, eligible for listing on the city's inventory. A parallel evaluation presented in support of the national listing came to the same conclusion. But based on a rather shallow analysis in its evaluation, the administration maintained that the Stonehouse Terrace isn't important enough to skip a year of a 50-year age criterion.

This decision is puzzling because the general plan states that the C is committed to the "preservation of its important historic resources." The plan continues: "It is also important that decision-makers have the discretion and ability, based on the recommendation of a qualified professional, to determine that resources less than 50 years old are historic." So, we could have expected deference to preservation rather than an arbitrary 50-year life.

In a more robust analysis prepared for the national nomination, the evaluator explained why a similar national 50-year criterion could be waived. The HRB agreed with this analysis and instructed city staff to inform the state commission that the HRB supported this evaluation as well as the nomination for listing on the national register. The administration followed these instructions but included a caveat: The HRB's opinion was appealable, and the state should delay its evaluation of the nomination until its August meeting when the results of any potential appeals are known. We should hope that the commission ignores this suggestion.

Between now and August, the planning commission will likely review the JB Pastor development, which abuts Stonehouse Terrace. If the state delays its decision, the planning commission will proceed without assessing how Pastor's development will impact the building's historic integrity.

Steve Hillyard,
Carmel

No unfair treatment

Dear Editor,

I disagree that Patrice Pastor and his development company Esperanza are being treated unfairly or singled out in Carmel, as was asserted in last week's Pine Cone. Large developments seldom receive quick approval here. The Stilwell Hotel went through major redesigns before getting approved, for example, and I doubt former city council member Carrie Theis would say it was easy getting her Carmel Legacy Hotel approved. And of course, it's Carmel history 101 that Clint Eastwood was so frustrated with his experience getting his office building approved that he ran

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for mayor. In these instances, the property owners eventually won approvals. Esperanza has been down this winding road too and has prevailed with The Pit, which is now under construction.

Regarding the historic and beloved Seventh and Dolores restaurant building, it should be no surprise that so many have turned out to protect and buffer it from recent Esperanza designs, myself included. This opposition was wholly foreseeable. There was a tremendous outcry when the building was threatened in 2006, long before Esperanza acquired part of it. Various people with various motivations have had their issues with numerous Carmel developments over the years and have opposed them. As for me, I will continue to support developments that agree with the general plan and municipal code and constructively challenge those that don't, no matter who brings them forward. This isn't about Esperanza or any given developer. This isn't personal. This is about preserving the fragile character of our village.

As for Reimers' Stonehouse Terrace, we should all be proud to see this excellent building elevated to the National Register of Historic Places. Here again, this has nothing to do with Esperanza, but everything to do with the love and preservation of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Ian Martin, Carmel

Fire victims

Dear Editor,

I read the article in the May 1 Pine Cone regarding the status of the Casanova fire victims. It broke my heart.

What broke my heart even more, and made me livid, is that they have been forgotten.

Having firsthand information from a victim who is a lifelong friend since elementary school, battling cancer and getting radiation during this entire fiasco, was deposited in a place where people have been evil to them.

Leaving hateful notes on their doors and on their cars saying they are not welcome! Even yelling at them when they are having new furniture delivered, saying "keep your smoky furniture out!"

But the most horrendous act is them not being able to get back into their home. This same individual who lost her daughter years ago to a texting driver. All of her daughter's photos and memories are in that apartment.

This was long before "the cloud," so nothing is stored anywhere. Her father's ashes! Her entire life's memories. Can't the fire department assist these individuals in retrieving any of their personal items? Some apartments are just water damaged.

They recently told them they are not allowed to go back, by letter and in person.

Is no one going to bat for these individuals?

I work for Meals on Wheels and we are still delivering meals to individuals who are still living in a hotel. When will they be housed?

More organizations need to step up and aid these individuals whose lives will never be the same.

Susan Elwood, Monterey

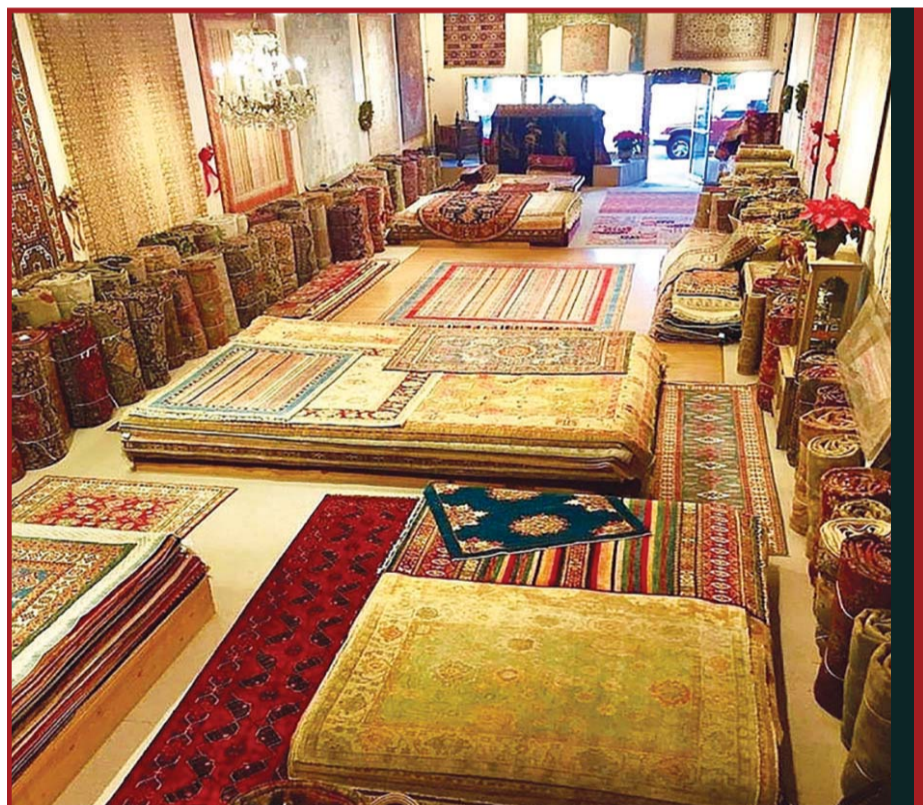
CYPRESS

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removed it, and hauled it to the 18th fairway at Pebble Beach, where it was placed in a cleanly cut hole.

The relocated cypress, which has a trunk diameter of 18 inches and a crown width of 28 feet, was planted at Spyglass in 2005 and replaces a cypress on the 18th Fairway that was taken down by strong winds in 2014.

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PARKING

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with better tools,” he said.

Specifically, Trayer’s “Plan B” includes using social media to spread the word there will be more enforcement in town, including of noise limits, and that police will have “zero tolerance for observed revving of vehicles, speeding and reckless driving.”

Speed bumps

Car Week is typically an all-hands time for Carmel P.D. and other city departments, and the chief said the police department will have more employees — including a new commander, two more officers and two new parking/animal control officers — on staff by then. Community Emergency Response Team volunteers also want to help, and Trayer estimated seven or eight would assist each night.

The city will again place temporary speed bumps on Ocean east of Junipero, but they’ll also be installed in a new location at San Carlos and 11th, and Carmel Towing owner Andy Hill agreed to park two of his large trucks at Junipero and Ocean during the evenings.

“That just shows we’re ready for rapid response for enforcement and disabled or obstructing vehicles,” Trayer said.

The chief said he’s planning to route drivers through town in a way that will keep bad behavior to a minimum and will protect pedestrians, and he’ll have a “quick response team” of a sergeant and two officers “available to address any congestion, unsafe driving or other issues that pop up.”

Enforcement could be upped further by hiring off-duty officers — which one management firm he contacted

said would cost \$6,475 per day for three people — and/or by seeking help from outside agencies that might have on-duty staff to spare.

And he said he hopes to wrap up the week with more data, including decibel readings and vehicle and pedestrian counts, which could be useful in planning for 2027.

‘Make me nervous’

Councilman Jeff Baron, one of those who was open to the Good Roots plan, was concerned about the use of volunteers. “It’s certainly a shit show, especially on Friday and Saturday nights,” he said. “It would make me nervous to have trained, but not really trained, volunteers” trying to control crowds.

“It’s not my intention to have my CERT team doing crowd control, but they are phenomenal at being eyes and ears,” Trayer responded. “If they see a problem, they know how to communicate on the radio with the police department.”

Paid parking could create de facto nighttime car shows

Speaking for the Carmel Residents Association’s board of directors, Nancy Twomey said the group appreciates the effort that went into developing the paid-parking proposal but is opposed to it.

“We fear it is too much too soon,” she said, and that it would become a de facto event that would compound the problems of crowds and cars rather than alleviating them.

“Plan B is our preference,” she said. CERT captain Scot Smythe told the council his group has experience with assisting at events, including Pacific Grove’s Good Old Days, and is capable of doing so during

Car Week.

Rob O’Keefe, the CEO of tourism group See Monterey, said he would do whatever he can to spread Carmel’s message. After Car Week last year, 5th District Monterey County Supervisor Kate Daniels asked him “to do what we can from a communications standpoint to turn the community frown upside-down relative to Car Week.”

“I’m very eager to make sure potential visitors coming in for Car Week understand the changes and the penalties for misbehavior,” he said.

While the council had been set to also discuss, and possibly approve, the Good Roots contract, councilman Bob Delves jumped in with comments, “in the interest of brevity,” since the meeting had already run more than five hours. “I was one of those in favor of the Good Roots plan,” he said. “Having heard Plan B, I’m really in favor of going in that direction.”

He lauded Estep’s effort “to turn lemons into lemonade, but there are just so many unknowns.”

‘Puts residents last’

Council members Alissandra Dramov and Hans Buder have objected to it from the start and restated their positions.

“I have great trust, faith and confidence in our police chief that they can manage and control what has become an out-of-control situation,” Dramov said, adding that many constituents had approached her about the proposal, with none in favor.

“My feeling is the Good Roots plan is wrong for Carmel,” she said. “This plan places business and commerce first and foremost and puts the interests of the residents who make up this community last.”

“What she said,” Buder commented.

The council voted unanimously to pull the plug on the parking proposal and direct Trayer to pursue his plan.



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Thank you, Mary, for making our community a better place! We love you!

LIVES

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without a squash program to run, having established Stanford University's varsity team 16 years prior. (He's since returned with their son, Nicolas, as his assistant coach.)

Besides, their kids were grown and the family already loved the Monterey Peninsula, visiting frequently since moving to Palo Alto in 2004. So, when Djokic toured the former Sand City home and office of minimalist architect Jerrold Lomax, it struck a perfect chord.

"I didn't see it coming. It's insane, the coolest building ever. The former owner told us he hoped it would become a kind of performance space. I saw it as a way to stay seen

IRS

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The idea for the bill, staff with his office told The Pine Cone, originated from conversations he had with constituents in the 19th Congressional District who were concerned about their privacy amid investigations by the IRS.

Panetta noted that the independent advocacy group, the National Taxpayer Advocate, said the current law falls short, leaves taxpayers blindsided, and can put people's reputations at risk in close-knit communities "where a whisper about the IRS investigations can chill businesses and damage livelihoods."

The bill would allow families and business owners to resolve their tax issues privately with the IRS, which Panetta said would protect relationships with local banks and other vendors.

"Taxpayers who have followed the law shouldn't fear the IRS soliciting sensitive information behind their backs, and I'm glad, and it's understandable, that my colleagues overwhelmingly passed this bipartisan legislation," he said.

and give my colleagues a place to play when everywhere else was shut down," said Djokic.

Moving into the artist's loft soothed any lingering homesickness for Manhattan, where the first several chapters of her life took place.

By age 9, Djokic was taking the subway alone from her parent's home in Trenton, N.J., with a pint-sized cello on her back, heading to practice with Juilliard's pre-college program. She became the third Djokic sibling to earn a scholarship there.

"We had almost no money, but my parents scoured flea markets so that every kid got an instrument. They both loved music, and they were always homesick. Classical music brought them back to Europe," Djokic said.

A beautiful sound

Her Serbian father spoke multiple languages and fought in the French resistance during World War II. He also supplied information to the OSS, the predecessor of the CIA, before he was captured by Nazis and sent to a concentration camp. Following liberation, he began working as a cultural attaché. After several more years in France, where he met Djokic's mother, the American government helped the couple relocate to New Jersey, where he worked three jobs to support their seven children.

"One day, someone my dad worked with at the steel mill said they knew a guy selling a cello, but it was only half-size. Since I was the smallest of my siblings, I got it," Djokic laughed.

"If you can make a beautiful sound on this, you can play anything," her father told her.

At 21, she auditioned for the Denver Symphony

orchestra and became the youngest female principal cellist in the country, still playing on borrowed instruments. Ten years passed — by 25, she was teaching at Brown University — before she bought a cello of her own. She considers the purchase the most terrifying decision of her career, since professional-grade cellos can cost as much as luxury cars.

She's still a borrower. In fact, interdependence is what she loves about the chamber ensemble, her preferred format of two to six musicians.

"It's a spirit of sharing, a team feeling. And when the chemistry is great, the audience is inspired. Magic is happening," said Djokic.

That spirit persists in SandBox. The 105-seat venue offers room for interpretation and improvisation, even after the show is over.

Within 15 months of opening in 2021, SandBox had put on 49 events. Jazz, bluegrass, and Irish music are on the docket this year, as well as film screenings, book readings, and parties showcasing visual works — like those of Carmel artist Lucas Blok, whose paintings are on permanent display. Occasionally, the lauded musicians who volunteer with Musikiwest also stage free concerts for students.

Parking is still a small nightmare, and a demanding touring schedule means Djokic can only host one or two events per month. "It's like a speakeasy," she laughs, considering she doesn't have the interest or energy to advertise. So far, her approach is working.

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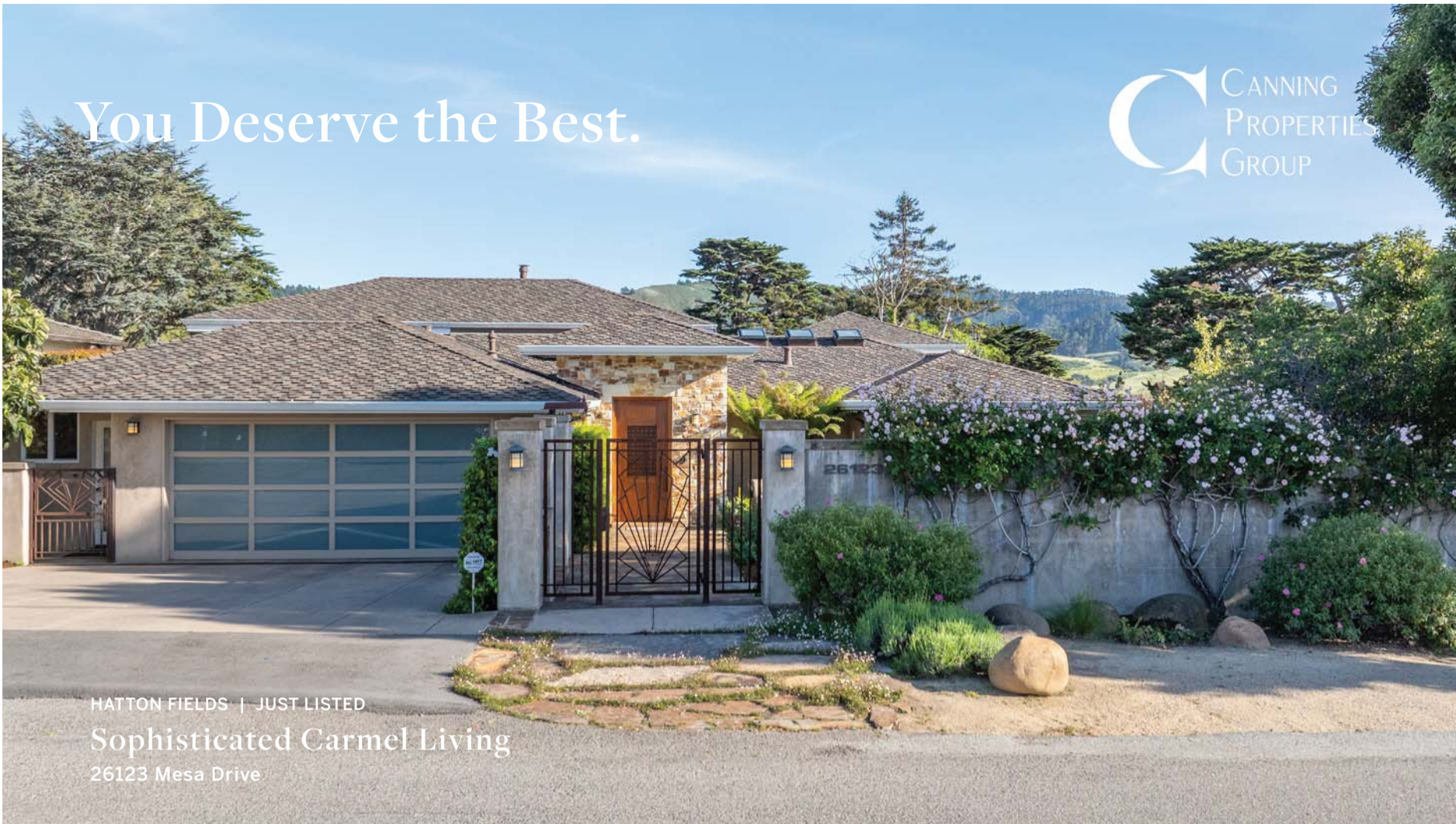
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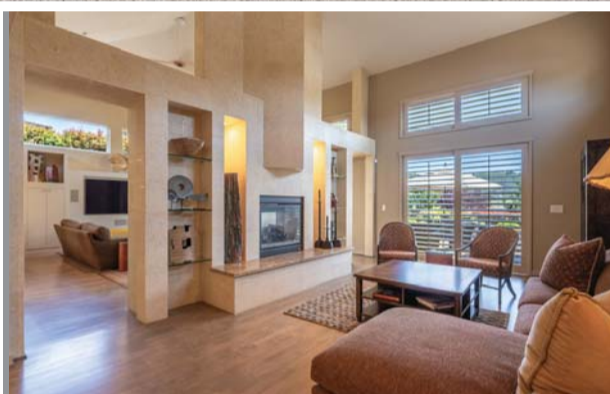


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Section 2

CHS, Stevenson and Catalina stars to shine at PCAL track championship

TWO CARMEL distance aces are pre-meet favorites to win their events Friday and several other locals will be podium contenders at the Pacific Coast Athletic League Masters Championship at Monte Vista Christian School.

Other Carmel and Stevenson athletes are top-five contenders at the meet, which will be held on the Monte Vista campus at 2 School Way in Watsonville. Field events begin at 4 p.m., with the first track event at 5 p.m.

Several Santa Catalina athletes also qualified, but schedule conflicts will prevent all but one from competing.



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Stevenson sophomore Belle Kenton (above), with Coach Ron Provost, is ranked No. 3 in the PCAL in the girls shot put, and Carmel junior Carl Weigel (left) is No. 3 in the boys event entering the Masters Championships Friday at Monte Vista Christian.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Carmel junior Jasper Bolante arrives as the defending Masters champion in the 3,200 meters, an event he won in 9:42.24 on King City's track. He's this year's top seed after running 9:37.65 a week ago at the PCAL Mission Division Championships, but figures to be pushed to the finish line by Alisal senior Fernando Herrera, who qualified last week in 9:38.92 at the Gabilan Division finals. Bolante's quickest time, 9:35.79, came March 20 at the Dublin Distance Fiesta.

Herrera ran his personal-best time, 9:24.24, on April 18 at the CCS Top 8 Invitational.

Bolante should also contend for a podium spot in the 1,600, where his qualifying time (4:23.23) ranks third, behind Hollister's Andrew Parra (4:22.57) and Salinas' Tomas Rey-Avila (4:23.17).

Melton ranked No. 1

Bolante's Padres teammate, senior Bodhi Melton, ran the PCAL's fastest 800 of the year (1:56.24) at last week's Mission Division meet, earning the No. 1 seed over Monte Vista Christian's Conor Gilliam, who qualified in 1:59.99. Melton was the 2025 Masters runner-up in that event.

That qualifying time is nearly a minute faster than the

PCAL's second-fastest half-miler, Tomas Rey-Avila of Salinas, who recorded his season-best 1:58.28 on April 4 at the King City Invitational. Monte Vista Christian's Conor Gilliam (1:59.29 on April 11) ranks third. All are seniors.

Stevenson senior Mary Zewart was the No. 2 qualifier in the pole vault, clearing 8-6 to win the Mission crown. Gabilan champ Isabella Sando is No. 1 with a 10-foot leap.

Carmel's Gianna Kemmerly, a sophomore, qualified in a three-way tie for second place in the high jump with a leap of 4-10, a height she shares with Hollister's Daniela Orsetti and North Salinas' Eleanor Parker. The top qualifier, Calista Neves of Monterey, has cleared 5-0.

Santa Catalina's lone competitor at the Masters, freshman Hadley Adamski, has a height of 4-8 and shares the

No. 6 qualifying slot. She'll also run in the 100-meter hurdles.

On the boys' side, Stevenson's Harry Shi and Barak De La Rosa are among 12 PCAL athletes who have cleared 5-8 — the third-best qualifying height. No. 1 in the high jump is Pacific Grove's Trenton Maciel, who won the Mission Division at 6-1, and No. 2 is Hollister's Jordan Nelson, the Gabilan champ at 6-0.

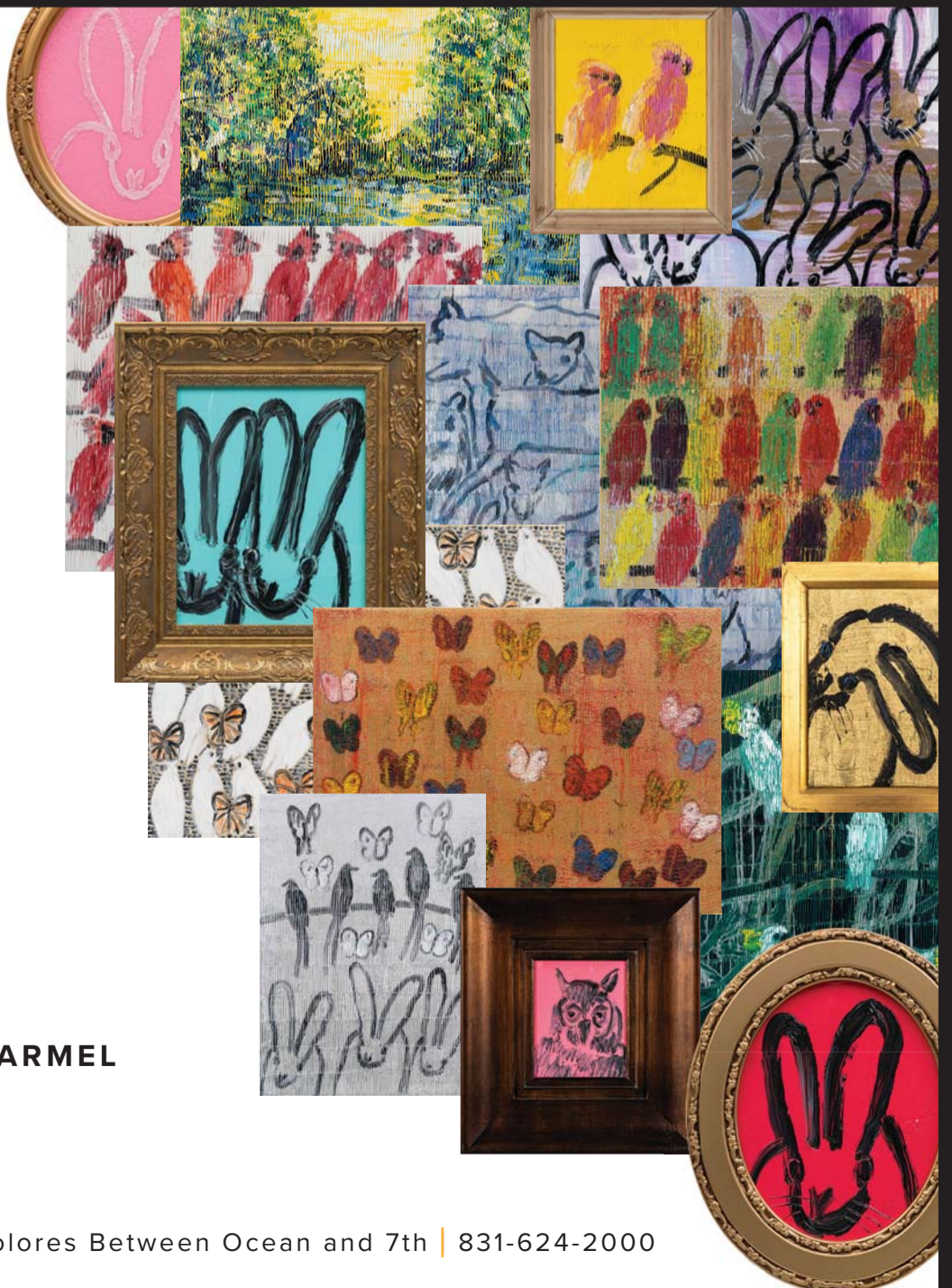
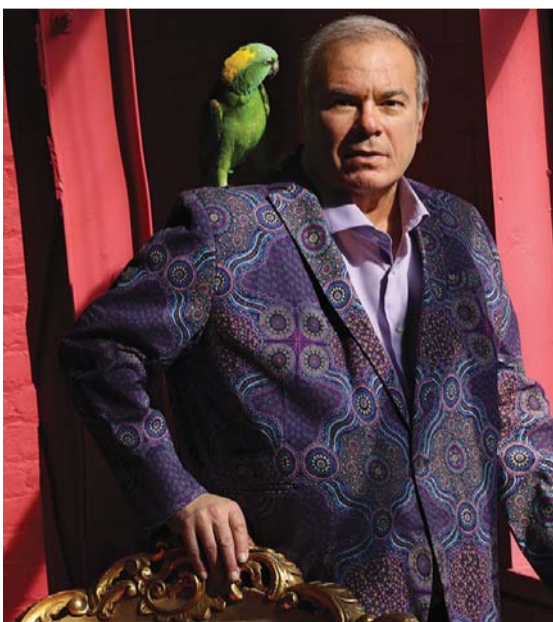
Weigel, Kenton No. 3 in shot

Carmel junior Carl Weigel qualified No. 3 in the shot put with a heave of 44-2. Ranked ahead of him are Monterey's Kitiona Taufolo (49-2) and Palma's Michael Ochoa (46-8).

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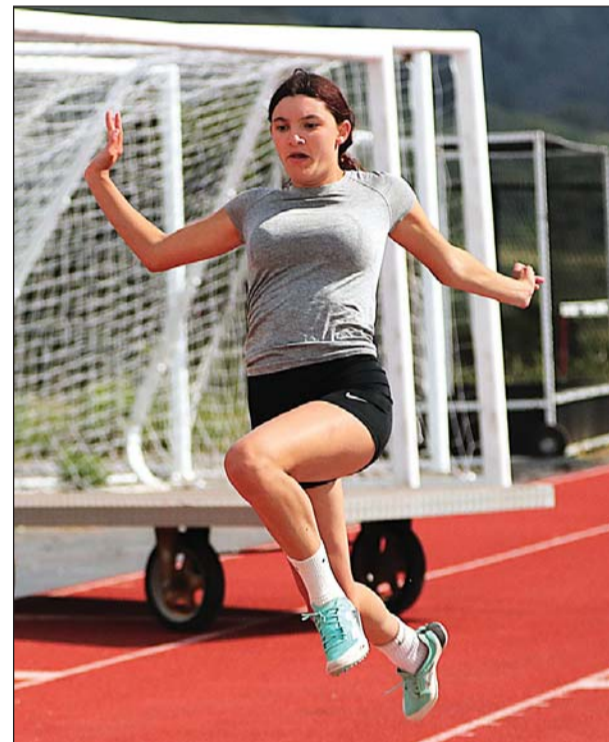
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Carmel's Belle Kenton, a sophomore, won the Mission Division with the PCAL's third-best distance in the girls shot put (31-3), where she expects to contend with Gabilan champ Carolina Lorca (33-7, No. 1) of Palma, Hollister's Nola White (32-11, No. 2), and Pacific Grove's Molly Selfridge (31-1, No. 4). Kenton also has the PCAL's seventh-best discus throw.

Carmel's boys 4x400 relay team qualified No. 4 (3:31.48), close behind Hollister (3:28.59), Alisal (3:30.30) and Salinas (3:31.03).

Additional Carmel qualifiers — Boys: Sky Becker (100), Connor Bone (200), Matthew David (400), Charles Guzzi (800, 1,600), Miles Blum (3,200), Samuel Costa (high jump), Don Desai (discus), Carl Weigel (discus), 4x100 relay (Nico Cobb, Sky Becker, Max Goldsmith, Connor Bone). Girls: Vivian McIntyre (long jump), Alissa Abma (800), Choice Muivah (pole vault), 4x400 relay (Alissa Abma, Vivian Lander, Elizabeth McDonald, Lauren Galicia).

Additional Stevenson qualifiers — Boys: Harry Hansen-Higgins (800), Nate Gregory (1,600), Barak De La Rosa (triple jump), Michael Mills (triple jump), Aaron Eagle (pole vault), 4x400 relay (Harry Hansen-Higgins, Michael Mills, Nate Gregory, Logan Law). Girls: Jannah Sow (200), Sonya Taran (400), Landyn Martis (800, 1,600), Julianna Cullers (800, 3,200), Ree Allen (300 hurdles), Amaya Chadha (long jump), Mackenzie



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Carmel freshman Vivian McIntyre will compete Friday in the long jump at the PCAL Masters track and field meet at Monte Vista Christian School in Watsonville.

Thomas (triple jump), Erica You (triple jump), 4x100 relay (Amaya Chadha, Jannah Sow, June Park, Sonya Taran), 4x400 relay (Sonya Taran, Marley Heller, Julianna Cullers, Landyn Martis).

Other **Santa Catalina athletes** who earned spots in the Masters but will not compete due to scheduling conflicts include junior Kristen Wong (fifth in the discus, 14th in the shot put), freshman Hana Wong (high jump), and twin sisters Delilah and Isabell Fujita, seniors. Delilah qualified as an individual in the 300 hurdles, and with her sister on the 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams, which also included sophomore Hope Yoshiyama and junior Abri DiRanieri.

Visit athletic.net to find results from Friday's Masters meet.

The Central Coast Section Championships are scheduled for May 16 (semifinals) and May 23 (finals) at Gilroy High School.

■ Stevenson golfers take regional

The defending state champion Stevenson Pirates routed the competition Tuesday at the CIF-CCS Regional Golf qualifying round at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch, where their top four golfers carded sub-70 scores.

The Pirates, as a team, finished a stroke under par, out-running their nearest competitor, Gunn, by a whopping 17 strokes.

Stevenson's six-man contingent was led by medalist Zachary Hawkins, who shot 67 on the par-74 Monterey course, followed in second, third and fourth place by teammates Griffin Didier (68), and Calvin Etcheverry and Dylan Hirst (both at 69).

Following Stevenson and Gunn in the team battle were St. Francis of Mountain View (368), Valley Christian (383), Harker (384), Carmont (388), Los Gatos (393), Archbishop Mitty (394), and Burlingame (395).

The Pirates play Tuesday in the CCS finals at the same venue.

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ARTIST

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place to live.” It’s also where Suzanne met Dennis, her future husband, who worked for a U.S. government-run satellite tracking station.

In 1970, when she was 20, his job brought the couple to the United States, where they were married.

“We lived in New Hampshire for three years, but 30-below-zero winters didn’t resonate well with a girl who was born in the tropics of Africa,” she said.

Fortunately, her husband was reassigned in 1973 to a post in Silicon Valley, where she quickly found employment in the exploding tech industry at a video-game startup called Atari.

“I was their international sales and marketing manager, flying all over the world,” said Elliott. She met Atari’s 30-year-old co-founder, Nolan Bushnell, along with an 18-year-old job applicant named Steve Jobs — who, of course, co-founded Apple Computer Co. three years later.

“My husband’s job also required a lot of travel, and we were basically ships passing in the night,” she said. “So I changed careers and became a mortgage broker for the next 25 years.”

In 1990, at 40, Elliott wandered into a San Jose art center and signed up for her first painting class. That decision reignited a spark that had been mostly dormant for decades.

Discovering plein air

“I immediately became completely addicted,” she said. “When somebody introduced me to a French plein air artist, Brigitte Curt, I started going outdoors and painting with oils.”

Plein air painting — not for everybody — requires a tolerance for capricious weather, an ability to paint quickly (before the light changes and shadows shift), and, occasionally, a willingness to seek out hard-to-reach locations.

“I enjoy the adventure of plein air painting, and I love the immediacy,” she said. “There has never been a time when I haven’t felt better after I’ve been outside painting. It’s always uplifting.”

Logistics can be challenging for newcomers, said Elliott, who frequently sees novice painters trudging along with 20-30 pounds of gear.

“Carrying too much stuff can make the experience into a chore,” she said. “I don’t carry a lot with me — just a small easel and tripod, brushes, and a stripped-down palette of paints — only primary colors, warm and cool, and whites. And, of course, I have my sunhat.”

The paintings she made during her first five years were “mostly pretty awful, which could be frustrating,” she said, but words of wisdom from Colorado artist Michael J. Lynch changed her mindset.

“Those of us who have been painting for 20 to 30 years know that only one out of 10 paintings is a keeper, and only one out of 100 will sell,” Lynch told Elliott and fellow students at a New Mexico workshop. “The more you paint, the more opportunities you’ll have to do something good. Get over being upset with yourself if a painting doesn’t sell.”

Since then, the plein air experience has been its own reward. She never paints with the expectation of a sale.

Growth through education

Elliott has grown through workshops and interaction with plein air veterans such as Peggy Kroll-Roberts, Elizabeth Tolley, Paul Shapiro, Richard McDaniel, Morgan Stanley-Price, Marta Szobozlay, David Gallup, Lynch and Curt, her original guru.

Images of her art can be viewed at fineartamerica.com/profiles/1-suzanne-elliott, on Instagram at [suzanneelliott595](https://www.instagram.com/suzanneelliott595), on Facebook at [paintinginnature](https://www.facebook.com/paintinginnature), and at salinavalleyartgallery.com.

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

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FOOD & WINE

A Food Network champ, a victorious bartender, and excellent moms

CARMEL VALLEY Ranch pastry chef Molly Coen this week was crowned the winner of Food Network's "The Ultimate Baking Championship." Judges praised her "ability to balance innovation with precision while delivering bold flavors and striking presentation throughout the competition," according to the resort, where she reigns over baked goods, pastries and desserts in its Valley Kitchen.

The May 5 finale featured her trio of desserts inspired by a "Rock 'N' Roll After Party" theme — an homage to her father, who grew up in Denver attending concerts at Red Rocks. A dark chocolate stout cake with cocoa, coffee, white chocolate mousse and molten white chocolate crêmeux was complemented by a yuzu bonbon and a cigar-shaped cake.

Throughout the competition, Coen tapped into her sense of tradition and a passion for pastry that began with baking alongside her grandmother and was further

Denver, Colo., before coming to the West Coast. At Carmel Valley Ranch, she has focused on updating the menu with rustic



Say hi to Jake. He can be adopted from Peace of Mind Dog Rescue and is one of many dogs that could benefit from a wine reception at Hofsas House on May 8.

bread, along with confections inspired by the property's beehives, organic garden, olive trees and onsite salt production.

Encore series

One of her latest creations incorporates Watsonville strawberries in a cheese-cake ice cream sundae with strawberry sauce, vanilla sponge cake and house-made graham cracker crumbs, and she's sharing her Food Network creations in an Episode Encore series that will allow guests to enjoy her featured desserts throughout the summer. The Carmel Valley

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Soup to Nuts

shaped by time spent in the kitchen with her brother.

After graduating from Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte, N.C., she was the pastry chef at the Four Seasons Hotel in



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For more information and reservations, visit carmelvalleyranch.com or call (855) 687-7262.

More for Mom

In case you still haven’t settled on Mother’s Day dining, here are a few more options:

The Sardine Factory at 701 Wave St. in Monterey is serving a three-course prix fixe dinner for Mom from noon to 8 p.m. Start with a choice of lobster bisque or a salad of poached pear and spring mix with dried figs, candied walnuts and whipped lemon ricotta. For the entrée, you can select a dish featuring petrale sole and Dungeness crab, a 14-ounce Maine lobster tail, a 10-ounce 50-day-aged prime rib with au jus, or a 50-day-aged filet mignon. Dessert requires diners to choose among iconic cherries jubilee, traditional Sachertorte or a blood orange panna cotta. Dinner is \$79 per person, or \$75 for seniors 62 and older.

A limited à la carte menu will also be available, along with the full selection of cocktails, wines, beers, children’s menu, and complete dessert offerings. Go to sardinefactory.com to reserve or to read the full menu in all its glory. (Seriously, go look at it.)

great choice when everyone wants something different. After Mom collects her complimentary mimosa, everyone can turn their attention to things like seasonal fruit, smoked salmon, eggs Benedict, charcuterie and chilled prawns. Carving stations will feature salmon, prime rib and eggplant parmesan. Don’t worry, there are plenty of sides, too.

Kids can get mac and cheese, grilled chicken fingers and other favorites, while desserts include scones, pastries, truffles, petit fours and “Death by Chocolate” cake.

Prices are \$89.95 for adults, \$74.95 for those 65 or older, \$29.95 for kids ages 6-12, and those 5 and younger eat free. Prices do not include tax and a 20 percent service charge. Required reservations can be made by calling (831) 649-7870 or



Dot Findlater is the owner of Rosemary & Thyme High Teas, a specialty catering service that’s offering an elegant but relaxed afternoon of tea, snacks and sweets at historic Casa Serrano in honor of Mother’s Day.

emailing sgarcia@portolahotel.com.

Tea and prose

Maybe a relaxed afternoon tea is more your mother’s speed. Specialty catering company Rosemary & Thyme High Teas is presenting a special outing on Mother’s

Day from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at historic Casa Serrano (512 Pacific St., Monterey). Proprietor Dot Findlater’s lovely assortment of mismatched vintage china adds elegance and a touch of whimsy to the classic

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The afternoon is priced at \$90 per person including gratuity, and reservations can be made at rosemaryandthyme-highteas.com.

Fisherman's Wharf

Of course, it wouldn't be a holiday roundup without news from Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf, where folks are preparing to judge the annual “For the Love of

Mom” essay contest. Entries should be no more than 200 words “sharing a special memory” of your mother, and no matter how strong your feelings, you can only enter once. Email your masterpiece to brickman@brickmanmarketing.com with the subject line, “Wharf Mother's Day Essay Contest,” by midnight, May 11. Awards of \$25 to \$100 in Wharf Dollars will be announced by May 18. Some restaurants will feature Mother's Day specials, and the shop owners want to remind you the Wharf is a great place to find gifts, too.

Luxury tasting

Grasing's restaurant at Mission and Sixth will host Wilson Daniels' Spring Luxury Tasting in its rooftop garden Monday, May 11, at 5:30 p.m., for \$35 per person.

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Local baker does exceptionally well: Molly Coen, pastry chef at Carmel Valley Ranch, was the winner of Food Network's “Ultimate Baking Championship.”

Biondi-Santi and Romano Dal Forno, with Bergström from the Willamette Valley and Domaines les Monts Fournois from Champagne making an appearance,” the restaurant's wine director and sommelier, Eric Ewers, said of the May 11 event. “Executive chef Mario Garcia will provide a tasty respite from all the drinking.”

The attendance fee will be refunded with a purchase of \$100 or more, and guests can sign up via grasings.com or directly at pci.jotform.com/form/261096983747170.

Wine, snacks, paws

On May 8, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., the historic Hofsas House will host a reception to benefit Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, a local organization dedicated to helping senior dogs and senior people.

For \$15 per person, guests receive one complimentary glass of wine and light nibbles. Additional glasses of wine may be purchased for \$5 each.

One hundred percent of the evening's proceeds will go to Peace of Mind Dog Rescue.

Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Carrie at (831) 624-2745 or carrie.theis@hofsas-house.com. Hofsas House is located on San Carlos Street between Third Avenue and Fourth Avenue. Learn more about Peace of Mind at peaceofminddogrescue.org.

Another victor

The winner of the Battle for the Valley round in Links Club owner April Montgomery's Battle of the Bartenders was crowned last week and will vie for the championship later this year. Brian Martinez from Bernardus Lodge defeated David Hufford from Shearwater Tavern in the Carmel Mission Inn.

“The competition was super close and only decided in the final round,” Montgomery said. “Martinez will advance to the Battle of the Champions Top Shelf round

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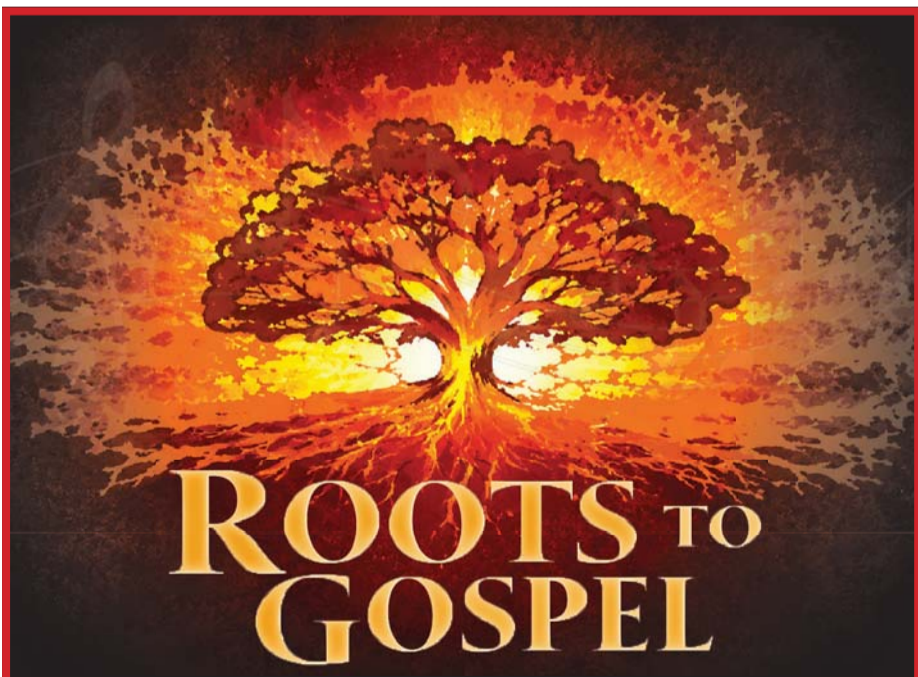


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Live music May 8-14

■ Big Sur

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■ Carmel

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

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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

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this fall."

During Round 2 last month, Martinez beat Daniel DeLappe of O'Callaghan's Irish Pub in the Barnyard shopping center. The bout was sponsored by Jack Daniel's blackberry whiskey, and the round's surprise ingredient — which each competitor had to include in a cocktail — was fig syrup. The evening also featured a surprise round highlighted by Herradura blanco tequila.

Audience is key

"Judges praised both competitors for creativity, technique and showmanship," Montgomery said, with Martinez's final cocktail, Trouble in Paradise, narrowly securing his win.

With his April 27 victory the following week, he was awarded \$500 and a keepsake shaker trophy, along with



The Sardine Factory's conservatory is a wonderful spot for a festive Mother's Day dinner. An indulgent three-course prix fixe menu — with lobster, filet mignon and more — will be on offer from noon to 8 p.m.

the opportunity to compete for even larger prizes and bragging rights in November. Carmel-by-the-Sea champion Matthew Salazer of the Links Club will be in that fight, too.

Meanwhile, the Pebble Beach rounds begin May 11. Audience participation is key, and tickets, which cost \$35 in advance, are available at linksclubgolf.com. Links Club is located in Carmel Plaza at Mission and Ocean.

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

CALENDAR

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

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 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!

May 13 - Join us for Hands and Hearts, to support local cancer patients through Healing Touch (HT) energy therapy. Event is set 5:30 to 10 p.m. at Hidden Valley, 104 W. Carmel Valley Road and features live music from The Money Band, silent and live auctions, delicious food, wine, beer and other beverages. Admission is \$135 and tickets are available online at Eventbrite.

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

May 18 - "Healthy Cognitive Aging" - Dr. Quinn Kennedy, Ph.D., of Stanford University, explains and shares studies that demonstrate ways to stave off and maintain good cognitive function as we age. 2 p.m. Carmel Woman's Club, San Carlos and Ninth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Open to the public. \$10 guests/members free.

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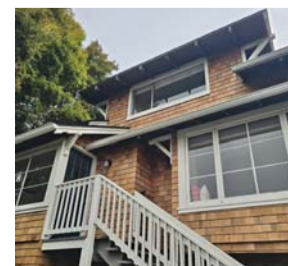
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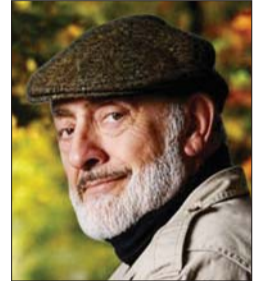
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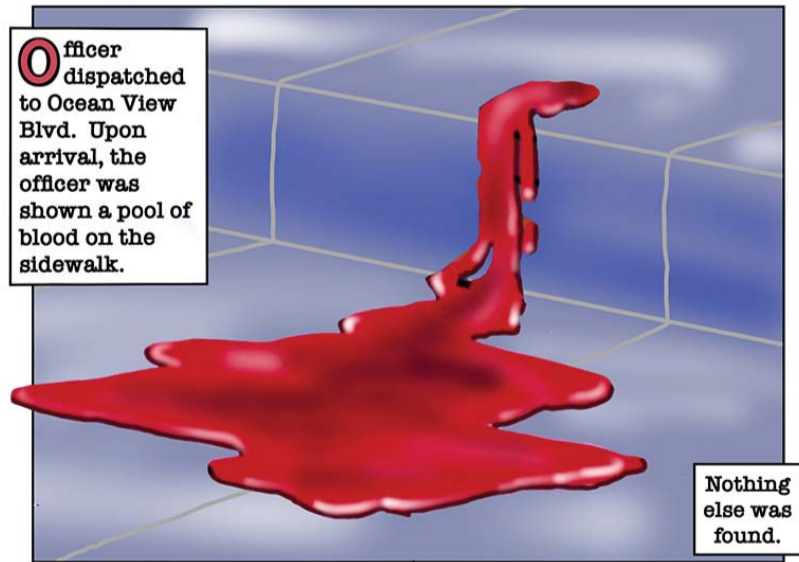
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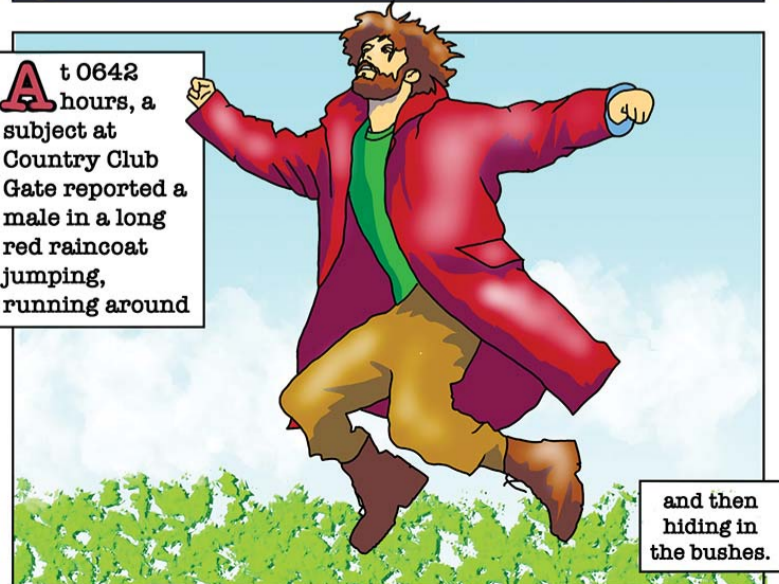
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 S/Patricia Glass
 Date signed: March 26, 2026
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 S/Barbara French, President
 Date: April 7, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 7, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 433)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260750

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
WOODWORKS FROM THE HEART, 24625 Avenida Principal, Salinas, CA 93908.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 HEART DOMINGUEZ MICHELLE ARNOLD DOMINGUEZ.
 This business is conducted by a married couple.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 1, 2026.
 S/Heart Dominguez
 Date signed: April 7, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 7, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 434)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260478

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
DANCING BIRD SOAPS, 13746 Center St., Ste. A, Carmel, CA 93924.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 ZOE ANNE LITTLEDOVE.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
 S/Zoe Littlelove
 Date signed: Feb. 25, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 3, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 435)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260758

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
KLB DESIGN LLC, San Carlos 3 SW of 11th, Carmel by the Sea, CA 93921.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
KLB DESIGN LLC, 807 Lori Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 1, 2026.
 S/Kiersten Bahcall, Manager
 Date: April 1, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 7, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 436)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 26CV001938

Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY
 Petition of LAURENT RUESSMANN AND XIA CHAI, ON BEHALF OF THEIR MINOR DAUGHTER, JINYI CHAI for Change of Name
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner LAURENT RUESSMANN AND XIA CHAI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 JINYI CHAI to VIRGINIA CHAI RUESSMANN
 The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing:
 Date: 6/2/2026, Time: 10:02 A.M., Dept.: 14, Room: N/A
 The address of the court is 1200 AGUAJITO ROAD, MONTEREY, CA 93940
 (To appear remotely, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the court's website. To find your court's website, go to www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.)
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE CARMEL PINE CONE
 Date: APRIL 9, 2026
 IAN A. RIVAMONTE
 Judge of the Superior Court
 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15/26
CNS-4033250#
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)

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)

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/Harwinder 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 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 April 15, 2026.
 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 Sauceda
 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

CARMEL HIGHLANDS PROTECTION DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PRELIMINARY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 20, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. the Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District, Board of Directors will meet to consider adoption of the Preliminary Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget is available for inspection at the District's fire station located at 73 Fern Canyon Road, Carmel, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. after May 20, 2026.

DATED: April 23, 2026
 Leslie Baek, Secretary of the Board

Publication dates:
 May 8 & 15, 2026
 (PC507)

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

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

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

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

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

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: June 24, 2026
 Time: 9:00 a.m.
 Dept.: 13
 Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
If you object to the granting

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)

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

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner:
 SAMANTHA HART FAREN, ESQ.

Samantha Farren Law
 2820 Porter Street,
 Soquel, CA 95073
 (831) 688-2026
 This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on April 29, 2026.

Publication dates: May 8, 15, 22, 2026. (PC515)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20260737

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

SWEDS 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. 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/Gabrielle 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. (PC 509)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20260803

Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.

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

HARRIS COURT PARTNERS, 25425 Knoll Lane, Carmel, CA 93923.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):

MICHAEL STEPHEN TONTI, 25750 Paseo de los Robles, Salinas, CA 93908.

DENIS PEAVY, 25425 Knoll Lane, Carmel, CA 93923.

EVENSON FAMILY 2006 REVOCABLE TRUST, 12747 Sundance Lane, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

This business is conducted by a general partnership.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 1990.

S/Michael Tonti

Date signed: April 10, 2026

This statement was filed with the County

Clerk of Monterey County on April 13, 2026.

Publication Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026 (PC 510)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20260796

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

PROTINUS, LLC, 136 EL HEMMORRO CARMEL VALLEY, CA 93924,

County of MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):

PROTINUS LLC, 11 VIA CONTENTA UNIT 1094 CARMEL VALLEY, CA 93924, CALIFORNIA

This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 01/01/2025

S/ CARY TAMURA, MANAGING MEMBER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/10/2026

5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22/26

CNS-4037111#**CARMEL PINE CONE**

Publication Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026. (PC 512)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20260838

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

Extra Space Storage (#6654), 1 Bridge St, Salinas, CA 93901

County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s):

Extra Space Management Inc, 2795 E Cottonwood Pkwy Ste 400, Salt Lake City, UT 84121

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Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

Extra Space Management Inc

S/ GWYN GOODSON MCNEAL, SEC-RETARY ,

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/15/2026

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Publication Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026. (PC 513)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20260904

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

THE GROVE AT POINT PINOS, 79 Asilomar Blvd., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:

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State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

S/Jerauld Register, Managing Member

Date: April 24, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 24, 2026.

Publication Dates: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026 (PC 514)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20260852

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

Norman Naylor's Kitchen & Cabinet Design Center, 815 Broadway Ave, Seaside, CA 95955

County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s):

Monterey Cabinetshop LLC, 815 Broadway Ave, Seaside, CA 95955

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.

Monterey Cabinetshop LLC

S/ Rossario Catania, Managing Member

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5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29/26

CNS-4038071#**CARMEL PINE CONE**

Publication Dates: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026. (PC 516)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**COUNTY OF MONTEREY****ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Case No. 26CV002298

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, MICHAEL JAMES MAGUIRE & SOQUEL ANNETTE CROW, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A Present name: CRUZ CROW-MAGUIRE**Proposed name:** CRUZ CROW MAGUIRE

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: June 23, 2026

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

DEPT: 14

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

Date filed: April 29, 2026

(s) Ian A. Rivamonte

Judge of the Superior Court

Publication Dates: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026. (PC 517)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20260834

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

SETRINI RANCH, 250 Natividad Rd., Salinas, CA 93906.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):

ANITA LOUISE SETTRINI

CELESTE LOUISE SETTRINI

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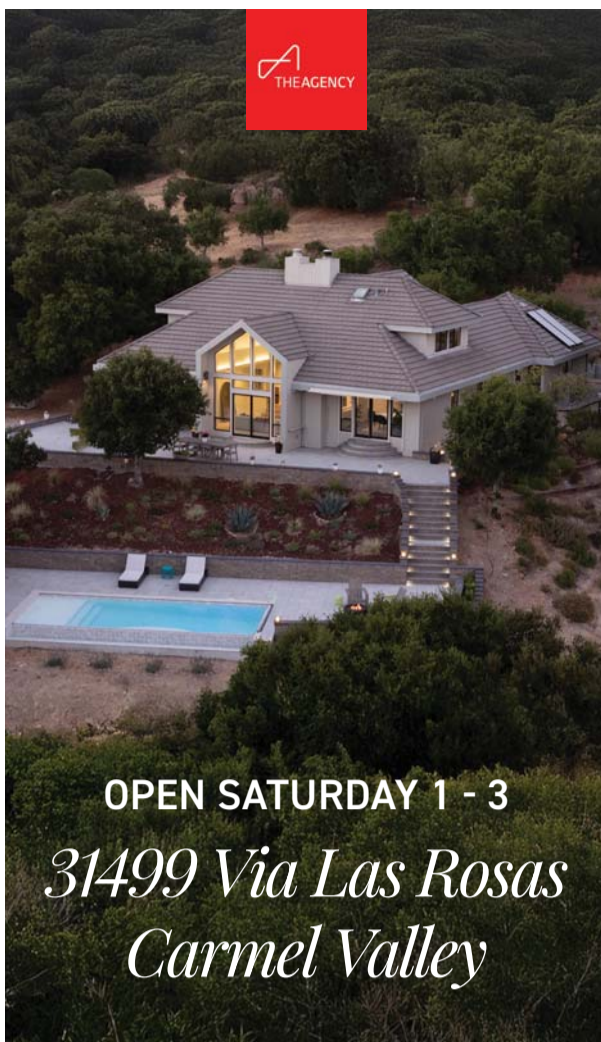
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Brett Hitchman to Kathryn Picetti
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28092 Barn Way — \$1,995,000

Mary Acquazzino to Max, Susan, Alex and Melissa Farbman
APN: 416-541-056

17094 Cachagua Road — \$2,000,000

Patricia Shepard to Dustin and Sarah Hurd



28092 Barn Way, Carmel Valley — \$1,995,000

APN: 197-161-031

300 El Caminito — \$2,795,000

Vincent and Julia Hunt to Blake Forrest
APN: 187-591-051



58 La Rancheria, Carmel Valley — \$3,175,000

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Kyley and Elizabeth Rhodus to Nicholas and Jessica Petronijevic
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10450 Saddle Road — \$2,250,000



2914 Colton Road, Pebble Beach — \$1,750,000

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same longing often befalls me as Mother’s Day approaches. Though my mother has been gone 30 years, lyrics such as, “It’s just enough to see a shooting star / To know you’re never really far,” capture those unpredictable, undeniably vivid

moments when I can feel her presence.

Hearing the song makes me wonder what I would say to my mother if I were granted that “one moment more.”

In the 60 years we had together, I probably never thanked her for the gift of life. So I would do that. I was born deep into July, so she must have been uncomfortable during summer’s humidity. Home or hospital air conditioning was a rare commodity back in the ’30s. It’s easy to appreciate her for good food, clean clothes and all the necessities she provided.

But while any good mother can provide those things, mine did it with panache bordering on Cyrano de Bergerac.

Flying meatball

In 1983 she was living in a senior citizen complex in Burke, Virginia, a suburb of Washington D.C. One stretch of road between her residence and a small shopping center didn’t have sidewalks, so my mother drove her motorized wheelchair into the street to get to the store.

Once, she was pulled over by the police, who claimed she was a traffic hazard. They gave her a warning. You really can’t arrest a blue-haired 76-year-old woman who took safety precautions by strategically

placing a bright red flag on her wheelchair. The incident generated a story in the local paper, which prompted the area’s Agency on Aging into action. Within weeks of the news story, a sidewalk extension from the complex to the shopping center was constructed.

The police discovered Mom was a

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

world-class baker. She would turn out scrumptious confections for them with ingredients they shopped for and delivered to her apartment. Mom knew how to sweeten the pot.

Surprises? Mama was a walking box of Cracker Jacks. Once, at Sunday dinner, I casually asked her to toss me a meatball — the family vernacular to pass a dish. But she did toss the meatball, hitting my friend, Bill, who sat there like a wounded deer, wearing his red badge of courage.

I brown-bagged my lunch in high school. The opening of my lunch bag drew a crowd, since many of my classmates wanted to see how my mother “enhanced

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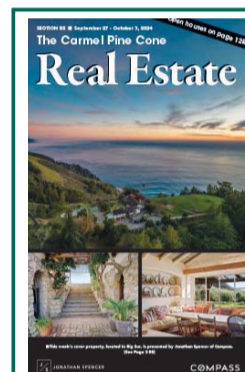
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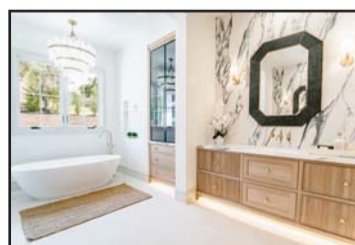
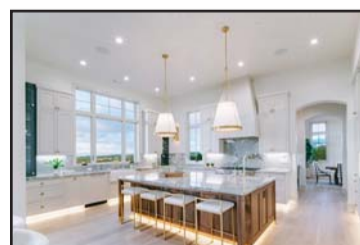
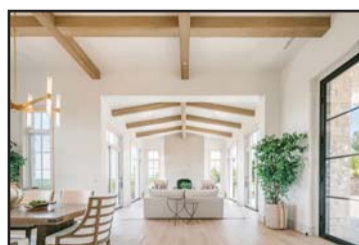
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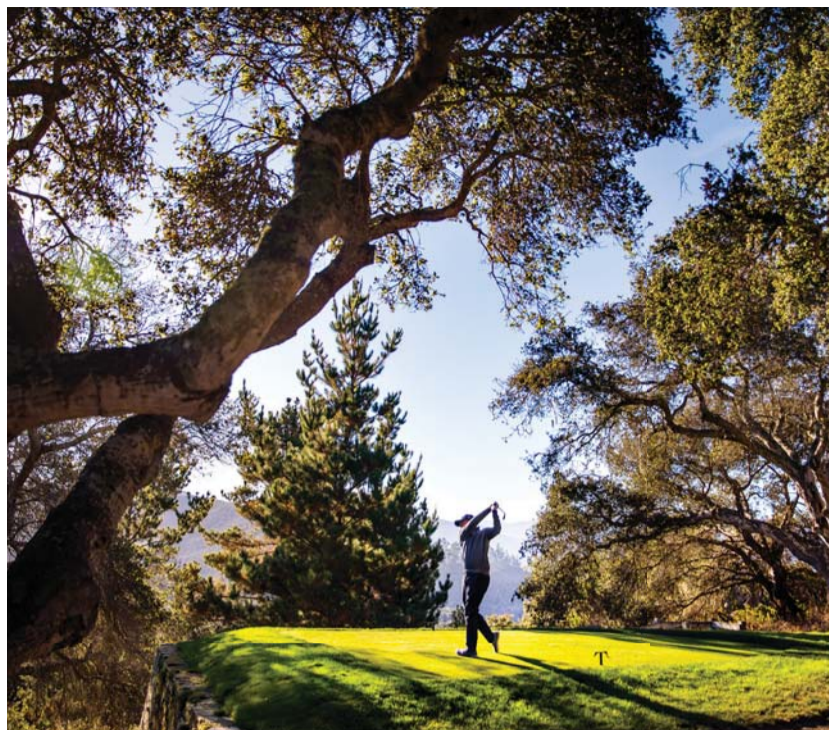
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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Pacific Grove: The victim of a burglary on Asilomar Avenue called in to report that they had noticed more items missing. They believed these items were stolen at the same time as the original burglary.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle at Marino Pines Road and Ruth Court was marked for 72-hour parking.

Carmel area: A welfare check was documented on an elderly male at the Crossroads shopping center.

Carmel Valley: Report of mental abuse at a Carmel Valley Road residence.

Carmel area: Sheriff's deputies documented a civil child custody issue at a residence on Eastfield Place.

Marina: Two individuals were arrested for stealing over \$500 worth of merchandise from Walmart. Officers located and arrested the suspects a block away from the store. One of the individuals had prior arrests for shoplifting, possession of a knife, and outstanding warrants. The second individual also had active arrest warrants. Both were transported to the Monterey County Jail.

Marina: Marina police, Marina fire and American Medical Response ambulance responded to a report of a male choking on a trail near the 300 block of Reservation Road. On arrival, officers located a male who was displaying signs consistent with a drug overdose. Officers began lifesaving measures and administered naloxone. The male regained consciousness and was responsive.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 33-year-old male was cited at Junipero and Eighth for driving on a suspended license.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident at Ocean and Junipero.

Pacific Grove: Female found unresponsive on Park Street was transported to CHOMP for medical attention.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on Forest Hill

Boulevard and at Ocean View Boulevard and Seventh were marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Bentley Street was towed for expired registration over six months.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of fraud at a residence on Hacienda Place involving a 79-year-old female victim.

Marina: Marina P.D. night shift officers conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of Reservation Road for a traffic violation. During the stop, officers discovered the driver was in possession of over 40 grams of methamphetamine. The driver was arrested and subsequently booked into the Monterey County Jail.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident at Ocean and Mission.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 36-year-old male driver was stopped at Ocean and Carpenter for a traffic violation. The driver, found to have a suspended license, was cited and his vehicle released to a licensed driver.

Pacific Grove: A 57-year-old male at Ocean View Boulevard and Carmel Avenue was found to have a warrant for failure to appear in court on a misdemeanor. Subject was cited and released at the scene.

Carmel Valley: Suspicious circumstances on El Cuenco.

Carmel Valley: A report of molestation at a residence on Via la Estrella involving a 72-year-old male suspect and a 29-year-old female victim is under investigation.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

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

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found wallet at Torres and First.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 21-year-old male was arrested at San Carlos and Sixth for driving under the influence, possession of an open container and failure to stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk. The Los Banos resident refused a test and was subjected to a blood draw. He was cited and released.

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GERVASE

From page 10RE

my fine dining experience.” On Valentine’s Day, my sandwiches were heart-shaped. She dyed the sandwich bread green on St. Patrick’s Day.

Once, she packed two slices of bread with nothing between them except a note that read, “Out of lunch meat. Pick some up on your way home.”

She was self-educated, ravenous for knowledge, devouring books, newspapers and magazines on art and literature. I cannot remember ever having any children’s books around the house. I didn’t know who Pooh was, but I knew what Polonius advised Laertes.

I didn’t know who Little Lord Fauntleroy was, but I knew that Lady Macbeth tried to shout out a damned spot. Yes, Mama loved Shakespeare and had me

memorize the soliloquies of Portia, Hamlet, Marc Antony and, of course, Romeo, because that was her favorite Shakespearean play.

She took up painting in her 60s sixties. No lessons, yet with a minimum of brushstrokes she could stop a wave in mid-break or make a ballerina pirouette out of the frame. For holidays and birthdays, I received hand-painted cards.

‘Dish night’

I learned politics and civics accompanying her while she worked in voting booths during elections. She knew all the local pols and twice got me summer jobs with the city by calling in favors.

She began taking me to movies when I was in the first grade. While my classmates were into Dick and Jane, I was more interested in William Powell and Myrna Loy and their “Thin Man” movies. We never missed Friday “Dish Night,” when our neighborhood movie house gave out

dishes. You could collect a whole set.

Speaking of dishes, Mama owned a lovely set of Japanese cloisonné pieces that she had my brothers and me smash to smithereens against the bumper of our 1937 Nash the day after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, a symbolic act of defiance as we entered the war.

She lives now in the photos of a

lifetime, but if I had that one moment more, I would thank her for the fun, adventure, and excitement, and for raising me in an unconventional manner that made my life an endless discovery.

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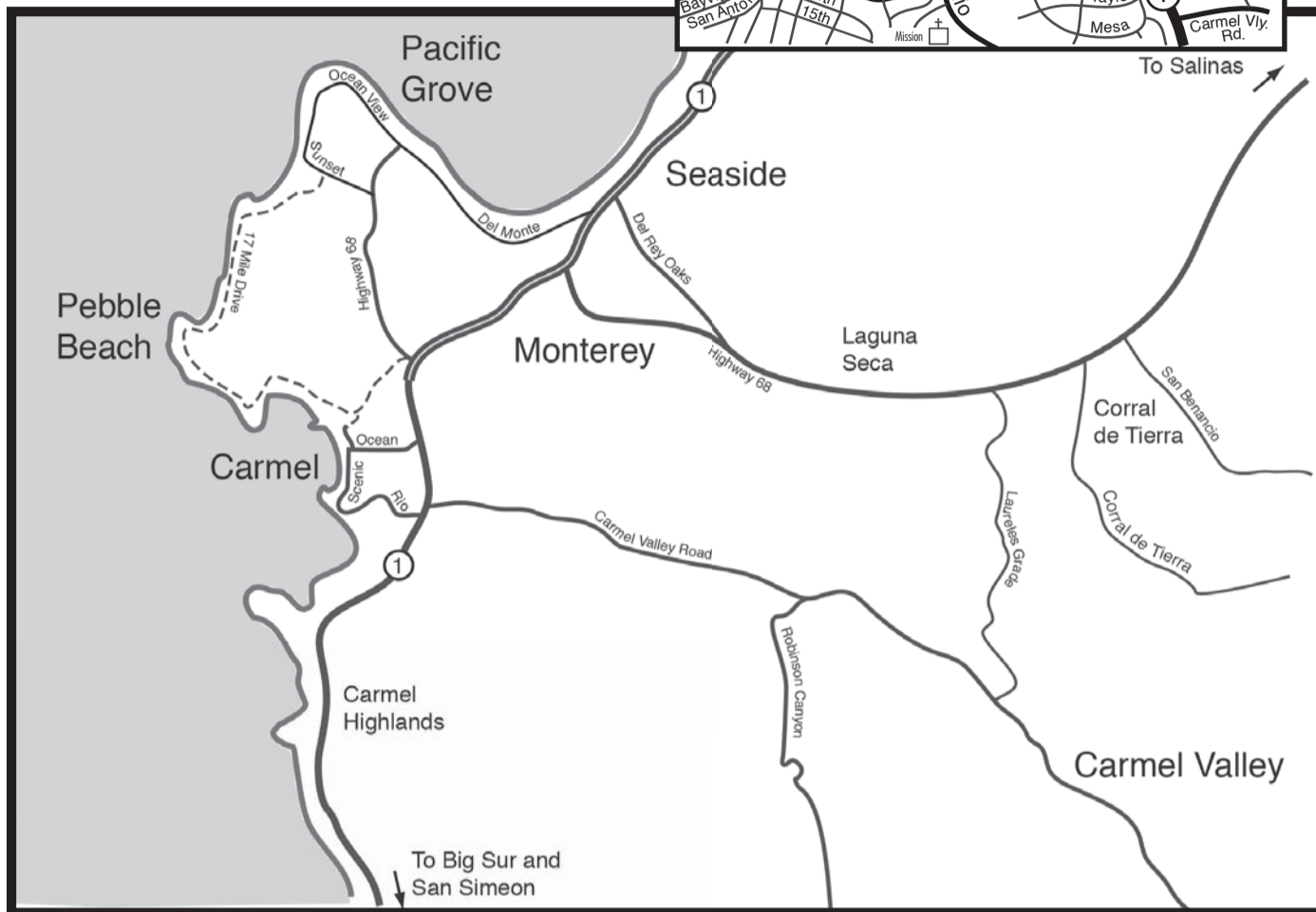
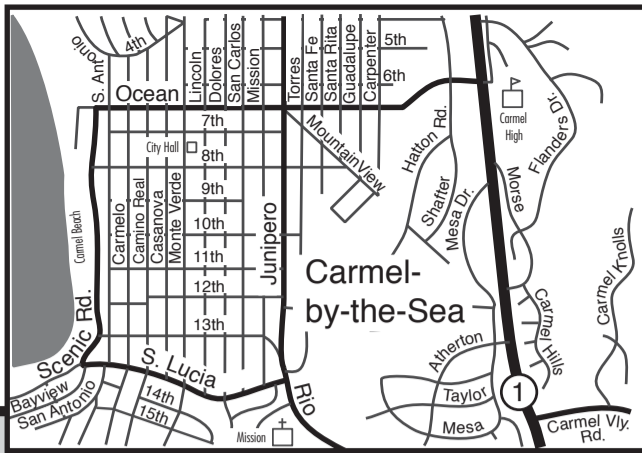
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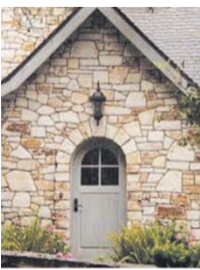
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Peninsula Housing Market Opens 2026 Strongly, Led by High-End Sales

As 2026 begins to unfold, the real estate market both nationally and on the Monterey Peninsula continues to adjust to a shifting economic environment. Volatility in financial markets, along with ongoing uncertainty surrounding interest rates and broader policy decisions, has led many buyers and sellers to move cautiously. Even so, the Peninsula market remains supported by long-term fundamentals, with many recognizing the enduring value of owning property along this unique and beautiful stretch of coastline.

The Monterey Peninsula recorded a strong start to the year, with the first quarter marking the most active opening period in the past four years. A total of 246 properties sold, with an average sales price of \$2.02 million and total volume reaching \$499 million. Carmel-by-the-Sea saw increased high-end activity, with about 35 percent of sales closing above \$5 million, driv-

ing gains in average price and volume. Pebble Beach also saw the return of ultra-luxury sales, including two transactions above \$20 million, the first at that level in more than three years. Greater Carmel experienced higher activity, supported by sales in communities such as Del Mesa and Hacienda Carmel, while several slower-to-sell properties in Carmel Woods closed during the quarter. Carmel Valley remained steady, with consistent volume and a balanced mix of sales, and saw activity increase toward the end of the quarter.

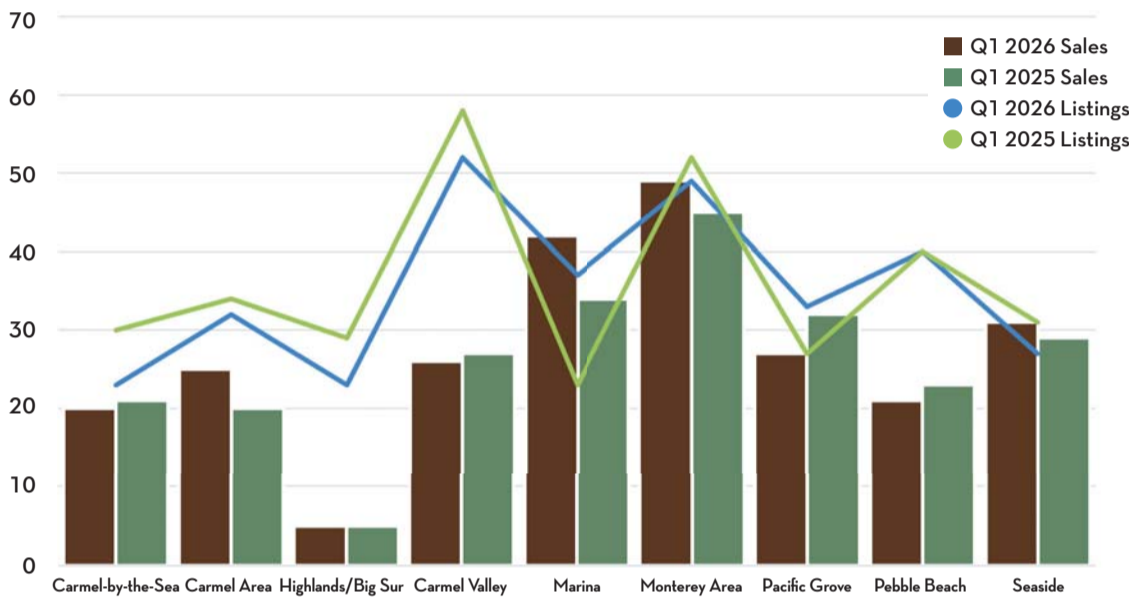
Across the broader Peninsula, market conditions varied by community but remained generally stable. Monterey recorded a modest increase in sales, supported by available inventory, though a higher share of lower-priced transactions brought the median price below \$1 million for the first time in more than a year. Pacific Grove experienced a slower quarter following a strong finish to 2025, with homes averaging 38

days on market and inventory increasing heading into the second quarter. Seaside remained consistent, with stable pricing and steady sales activity. Marina continued to show strength, with rising prices, increased sales, and the fastest average days on market on the Peninsula at 31 days. In Carmel Highlands and Big Sur, a limited number of transactions still produced solid pricing, reflecting continued demand for properties stretching down the coast.

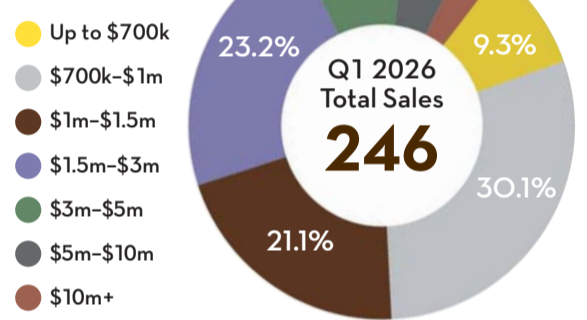
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Closed Sales vs. Available Listings Year Over Year



Q1 2026 Sales by Segment



	SALES BY SEGMENT							TOTAL VOLUME SOLD			AVAILABLE LISTINGS QUARTER END		
	Up to \$700K	\$700k-\$1M	\$1M-\$1.5M	\$1.5M-\$3M	\$3M-\$5M	\$5M-\$10M	\$10M+	Q1 2026	Q4 2025	Q1 2025	Q1 2026	Q4 2025	Q1 2025
Carmel-by-the-Sea	0	0	2	2	8	7	1	\$97,360,000	\$85,636,075	\$66,568,000	23	31	30
Carmel Area	2	8	3	7	5	0	0	\$44,625,400	\$46,128,900	\$45,855,400	32	34	34
Carmel Highlands/Big Sur	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	\$18,515,000	\$43,119,725	\$17,420,827	23	19	29
Carmel Valley	1	2	5	15	3	0	0	\$52,334,150	\$53,435,500	\$58,679,000	52	56	58
Marina	6	21	12	3	0	0	0	\$40,271,853	\$34,688,591	\$30,657,773	37	31	23
Monterey Area	9	16	12	12	0	0	0	\$55,370,165	\$81,252,222	\$54,607,500	49	60	52
Pacific Grove	0	4	13	9	1	0	0	\$38,605,350	\$81,994,125	\$54,302,000	33	27	27
Pebble Beach	0	0	2	6	6	4	3	\$126,090,500	\$95,660,250	\$65,445,250	40	28	40
Seaside	5	23	3	0	0	0	0	\$25,900,460	\$34,586,717	\$24,315,937	27	20	31
Totals	23	74	52	57	23	13	4	\$499,072,878	\$556,502,105	\$417,851,687	316	306	324

	MEDIAN SALES PRICES			AVERAGE SALES PRICES			DAYS ON MARKET			NUMBER OF SALES			
	Q1 2026	Q4 2025	Q1 2025	Q1 2026	Q4 2025	Q1 2025	Q1 2026	Q4 2025	Q1 2025	Q1 2026	Q4 2025	Q1 2025	
Carmel-by-the-Sea	\$4,450,000	\$2,600,000	\$3,195,000	\$4,868,000	\$3,723,308	\$3,169,905	64	45	85	20	23	21	
Carmel Area	\$1,290,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,262,500	\$1,785,016	\$1,397,845	\$2,292,770	80	47	58	25	33	20	
Carmel Highlands/Big Sur	\$2,950,000	\$6,237,500	\$2,879,465	\$3,703,000	\$7,186,621	\$3,484,165	127	94	124	5	6	5	
Carmel Valley	\$1,925,000	\$1,400,000	\$2,050,000	\$2,012,852	\$1,723,726	\$2,173,296	90	137	88	26	31	27	
Marina	\$902,000	\$967,500	\$856,250	\$958,854	\$963,572	\$901,699	31	50	42	42	36	34	
Monterey Area	\$998,500	\$1,125,000	\$1,013,000	\$1,130,003	\$1,289,718	\$1,213,500	60	73	49	49	63	45	
Pacific Grove	\$1,339,600	\$1,212,500	\$1,465,000	\$1,429,828	\$1,576,810	\$1,696,938	38	44	36	27	52	32	
Pebble Beach	\$3,400,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,600,000	\$6,004,310	\$3,298,629	\$2,845,446	84	84	53	21	29	23	
Seaside	\$843,000	\$804,500	\$799,000	\$835,499	\$910,177	\$838,481	48	43	40	31	38	29	
Totals											246	311	236

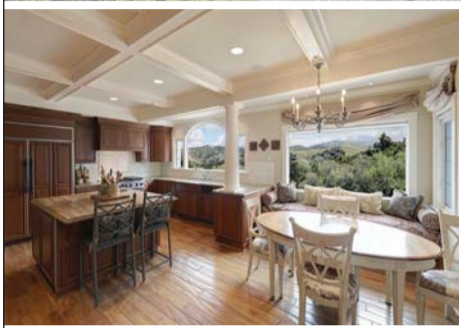
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	TEN-YEAR MEDIAN SALES PRICE										1-Year Change	10-Year Change
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 YTD		
Carmel-by-the-Sea	\$1,700,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,875,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,750,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,007,500	\$3,450,000	\$2,995,000	\$4,450,000	48.6%	161.8%
Carmel Area	\$837,475	\$936,250	\$836,500	\$1,100,000	\$1,175,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,340,000	\$1,290,000	-3.7%	54.0%
Carmel Highlands/Big Sur	\$1,937,500	\$1,597,500	\$1,775,000	\$2,645,000	\$2,375,000	\$3,709,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,640,000	\$2,879,465	\$2,950,000	2.4%	52.3%
Carmel Valley	\$1,065,000	\$1,225,000	\$1,141,500	\$1,525,000	\$1,650,775	\$1,607,500	\$1,823,000	\$1,950,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,925,000	10.0%	80.8%
Marina	\$537,200	\$599,000	\$639,000	\$675,000	\$792,000	\$849,000	\$875,000	\$930,000	\$895,000	\$902,000	0.8%	67.9%
Monterey Area	\$722,500	\$772,000	\$740,000	\$850,000	\$930,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,074,000	\$1,054,500	\$1,150,000	\$998,500	-13.2%	38.2%
Pacific Grove	\$886,500	\$889,750	\$958,000	\$980,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,390,000	\$1,497,500	\$1,490,000	\$1,325,000	\$1,339,600	1.1%	51.1%
Pebble Beach	\$1,575,000	\$1,557,500	\$1,767,950	\$2,100,000	\$2,795,000	\$3,150,000	\$2,690,000	\$2,612,500	\$2,625,000	\$3,400,000	29.5%	115.9%
Seaside	\$495,000	\$525,000	\$540,000	\$593,500	\$700,000	\$757,000	\$750,000	\$817,500	\$786,000	\$843,000	7.3%	70.3%

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Pacific Grove: Subject on Arkwright Court was placed on a mental health evaluation hold.
Pacific Grove: A 48-year-old female on Central Avenue was found in violation of her bail terms by being in possession of drugs/paraphernalia. She was transported to Monterey County Jail.
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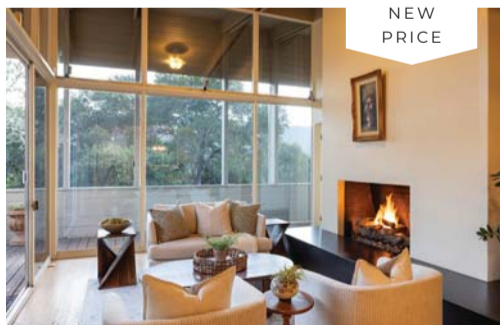
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