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New technology is coming to the composting area at the Marina landfill by the end of this year, and it's going to put monsters like this out of work. See page 41 A.

Stonehouse pulled from state's agenda

By MARY SCHLEY

KRISTI REIMERS' bid to get her family's San Carlos Street complex, Stonehouse Terrace, added to the National Register of Historic Places alongside Carmel Mission, Sunset Center and Flanders Mansion hit a roadblock last Thursday, when the California State Historical Resources Commission pulled the application from its agenda.

At its quarterly meeting in Riverside May 7, the commission was set to vote on nominating a half-dozen properties, including Stonehouse Terrace, for listing on the National Register. But just prior to the decision, Julianne Polanco, the state historic preservation officer, said Reimers' item was being removed.

Blindsided

"In this instance, we found out late last week that there's a second property owner. The property owner was not notified per the regulation, so we're pulling the agenda item so that we can properly notice the other owner," she said. "And they have the right, under the regulations, to comment and understand the nomination."

The other owners of the complex — namely, Kristi Reimers' cousins, Niels and John Reimers and Kari Parsons — only learned about the effort when they received a public notice that the Carmel Historic Resources Board would be discussing it at its April 20 meeting. The state had sent a letter to the planning department in February inviting its staff to comment on it, and the topic was placed on the board's April agenda.

City's vote

"My siblings and I represent half the ownership of Stonehouse Terrace and are not aware of any 'owner-sponsored' nomination," Niels Reimers wrote in an email to associate planner Katherine Wallace. "Can you please fill us in on this proposed action? Where it came from and what the process is for historic designation?"

Regardless, the historic resources board proceeded to consider the historical significance of the property, which has been in the family since the late 1930s, when it contained a small cottage. In the mid-1970s, late architect Olof Dahlstrand was hired to design the expanded mixed-use complex, which remains largely unchanged since it was completed in 1977. Its defining characteristics include a low-pitched hipped roof with wide overhanging boxed eaves, chalk rock, redwood and stucco siding, and a central courtyard.

Do all the owners want it, or not?

'Significant' architect

Dahlstrand graduated with a degree in architecture from Cornell University in 1939 and went on to design buildings in the San Francisco Bay area in the "Wrightian Organic idiom," according to the city's historic context statement, which lists him as a significant local architect. He came to Carmel in 1960 and is known for designing the Mid-Valley Shopping Center in Carmel Valley, the Wells Fargo Bank building and Nielsen Bros. Market on San Carlos, and other structures. He also served on the planning commission and the city council.

See **STONEHOUSE** page 19A

CARMEL RANCHO POT SHOP ASKS DEA FOR APPROVAL

By CHRIS COUNTS

ONCE THE bogeyman of marijuana enthusiasts, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration is now approving medical cannabis dispensaries nationwide, and the first one in California to apply with the agency was Synchronicity Holistic, owner Valentia Piccinini told The Pine Cone. The business has operated in the Carmel Rancho shopping center since 2019.

The idea that an agency that once targeted marijuana growers would grant permits to retailers might have seemed incomprehensible just a couple of decades ago. But today, it is reality.

Not only would federal approval grant Synchronicity Holistic credibility as a medical provider, it would allow Piccinini to save thousands of dollars per year in federal taxes.

Federal approval for dispensaries became possible when President Donald Trump announced April 23 that he was

issuing an executive order reclassifying marijuana as a Schedule III drug under the Controlled Substances Act.

Medical vs. recreational

The directive splits dispensaries into two categories — medical and recreational — and those focused on providing medical marijuana are being reviewed first. While it's likely the federal government will ultimately legalize all recreational dispensaries, that won't happen until after a June 29 hearing at the earliest.

Sticking to the health benefits of using marijuana

When California legalized medical marijuana in 1996, dispensaries could only sell products for medical uses, including relieving pain, anxiety, depression and seizures, along with improving cancer patients' appetites — all of which have been documented in some scientific studies. But when the state legalized recreational cannabis in 2016, nearly all dispensaries turned their focus to recreational use, touting its euphoric, energetic or relaxing qualities over the alleged health benefits. Synchronicity Holistic, however, continues to emphasize the plant's medical properties, even hiring a licensed pharmacist. Its clients are

See **DEA** page 17A

Prop could nullify county's mansion tax

A STATEWIDE initiative headed for the November ballot could thwart the Monterey County Board of Supervisors' efforts to pass a Los Angeles-style mansion tax.

In late April — just a week after supervisors voted to hire a consultant for "polling and strategic guidance" on a property transfer tax for luxury homes in Monterey County — the California Secretary of State's Office said a ballot initiative to eliminate such a tax had qualified for the midterm election.

The Local Taxpayer Protection Act to Save Prop. 13 would limit property transfer taxes to 0.11 percent, the maximum

Illegal construction in former Sade's bar stopped

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL building department slapped a stop-work order on the door of the storefront formerly occupied by Sade's Cocktails Monday after an official discovered unlawful construction occurring inside.

According to the red tag, the violations include "demolition of a bathroom that requires a building permit" and approval from the Monterey Bay Air Resources District. It also notes that the fire sprinklers will require verification, an accessible restroom is required, and the hardware on the entry door, the threshold and signage must be ADA compliant.

"I was coming back to the office after picking up lunch that day. I saw sheetrock and a toilet through the open door as I passed by," building official Jermel Laurie said Wednesday. "Giving the contractor the benefit of the doubt, I returned to the office to verify that no permits had been issued."

'Jumping the gun'

Once verified, he asked building inspector Duane Dauphinee to issue the order, which lists the owner as Marliz Estate Ocean LLC and Hare Construction as the contractor.

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Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

allowed under the state's landmark constitutional amendment, and, if approved, sunset any existing taxes above that mark in two years.

Tough test for local taxes

The ballot measure would also fully restore Proposition 13's requirement that local special taxes receive approval of two-thirds of voters. Both protections are enshrined in the California Constitution under the long-popular Proposition 13, but court decisions over the past 40 years have created loopholes around those limits.

The Taxpayer Protection Act comes as a growing number of cities and counties have used the loopholes to raise transfer taxes. The highest-profile example is Los Angeles, where

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Getting ready for the big switch



PHOTO/COURTESY KENNETH HOFER

With Carmel's changeover to street addresses just weeks away, Kenneth Hofer shows off the new number on his Carmelo Street house. "As a physician, I have been waiting for house numbers for life-threatening emergencies for more than 30 years," Hofer says. "When the city's map showed that my house would be 305 Carmelo St., I reacted enthusiastically. My old designation was Carmelo 7NW of Fourth."

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Lap dog

Rufus weighs 51 pounds. Which wouldn't be that much if he were, say, a bullmastiff or Great Dane. But he isn't. He's an 8-year-old English bulldog with a broad chest, short legs, soft folds at the neck, and a face only his mother could love – and his forever family.

Sired from a famous Bulldog lineage – his father, Cowboy, won Westminster – Rufus is gorgeous, as bulldogs go.

"When I saw the online posting one morning that Rufus was available," his person said, "I thought, 'That's a great-looking bulldog.' My wife was surprised that we'd adopted him before she woke up. Then our son and I flew to New York to pick him up."

You see, she had wanted a lap dog.

"His claim to fame was getting posted on Alabama A&M College social media in a rivalry with The Crimson Tide," she said.

The family, who moved from Denver to Carmel Valley in 2022, has not taken Rufus to the beach.

"If he made it down the stairs to the beach, he'd probably sink into the sand and stay there," his person said. "If we were to take him on an extended walk, he'd need to ride in a wagon. He doesn't venture far from home."



His person does persuade Rufus to accompany her to the mailbox for his daily constitutional. As soon as they get home, she says, "Shake your face!" to which he responds with a vigorous spray of slobber.

"Rufus is super sweet, a really good dog," his person said. "He'll cuddle at night for a little couch time and watch TV with us. We do have to sit a certain way on the couch so he can snuggle in and sit where he needs to."

Turns out he's kind of a lap dog after all.

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Commission undoes approval it didn't have authority to give

■ Refuerzo resigns in protest

By MARY SCHLEY

IN ONE of the odder proceedings at Carmel City Hall, the community activities commission on Tuesday voted to rescind its April approval of Carmel By The Glass, an event planned for Carmel Beach in September to raise funds for a nonprofit that combats human trafficking. Not only would the event violate portions of the municipal code preventing commercial uses on the beach, the commission didn't have the power to OK it in the first place, according to city attorney Brian Pierik.

Which begged the question: If the commission's approval wasn't kosher, why would a formal vote be needed to undo it?

Ultimately, he acknowledged, it wasn't. Bringing it before commissioners at their May 12 meeting was a courtesy, apparently so they would understand what had occurred. At that meeting, they also learned their acting community activities director is acting assistant city administrator Marisa Bermudez, who was appointed to the post last week. She's replacing the former director, Ashlee Wright, who quit last fall to work for an events company.

In light of that — and with the realization the commission "has no authority over basically anything" — commissioner Judy Refuerzo tendered her resignation that afternoon.

Sandcastle Day

Tuesday's vote was not insignificant to winery owner Jack Galante and restaurateur Rich Pèpe, who said they have been planning the wine tasting for nearly two years. An event by the same name was held in Devendorf Park in 2012, 2013 and 2014, and they proposed resurrecting it but holding it at the beach.

Set to take place in the 13th Avenue cove from 2 to 5 p.m. Sept. 19, the tasting would feature local wineries sharing their products with an expected 300 to 350 people. Tickets would be sold in advance, and guests would wear wristbands indicating they're allowed to partake. No food would be served.

The Great Sandcastle Contest is scheduled to take place earlier in the day but wouldn't present a conflict, according to last month's staff report, since it would be over before the wine event starts.

"This event does not require city council approval since alcohol is permitted on the beach, there are no road closures, and tents are not being erected on public property," the report said. "Carmel By The Glass qualifies as a temporary event, exempt from a coastal development permit."

In the application, Galante said it would showcase "Carmel as a premier wine and lifestyle destination," and "support local businesses, attract responsible visitors and generate positive media attention, all while remaining in harmony with Carmel's traditions and values."

It makes no mention of Set Free Monterey Bay, the benefiting nonprofit, but Galante talked about it at the April 14 meeting when the commission approved his permit.

Challenged

After a city council member and two residents questioned the decision, Pierik recommended it be brought back to the commission and rescinded.

The Carmel Municipal Code says the "review authority" for special events is the community activities director — a position that's gone unfilled for eight months — not the commission, he said. And regardless,

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Arrested man reports suspicions

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.

Pacific Grove: Report of a dog at large on Patterson Lane. The dog was released to the owner, who received an administrative citation.

Pacific Grove: Identity theft involving a Spruce Avenue resident.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a domestic violence incident on Old Ranch Road. A 45-year-old male was arrested.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Carmel Valley: Theft reported at Mid-Valley Center.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Pacific Grove: At approximately 1848 hours, a vehicle stop was conducted for vehicle code violations in the area of Highway 68 and Syda Drive in the City of Pacific Grove. The 42-year-old male driver was determined to have a warrant for his arrest for failure to appear in court on a misdemeanor. While being booked at Monterey County Jail, it was determined the suspect concealed suspected crystal methamphetamine on his person.

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

Pacific Grove: Dog at large at Central Avenue and 11th Street was turned in to the police department and returned to owner.

Pacific Grove: Found keys were turned in to the police department.

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

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in the Real Estate Section



The gavel falls

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

April 15 — James Xiong was convicted by a jury of possession of a firearm by a felon and receiving a stolen motor vehicle. Judge Stephanie E. Hulsey presided over the trial.

On May 13, 2024, Xiong escaped from a state prison in Solano County. After 12 days on the run, Xiong was apprehended by law enforcement in the area of Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey. At the time of his arrest, Xiong was in possession of a stolen 2005 Honda Odyssey and a loaded .380-caliber handgun.

Xiong faces a maximum term of nine years and four months in state prison.

This case was investigated by special agents Joshua Peffley and Tramaine Williams of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

April 20 — Monterey County District At-

torney Jeannine M. Pacioni and 10 other district attorney's offices in California have resolved a misleading advertising case against Venus Laboratories Inc., which does business as "Earth Friendly Products" under the brand name "ECOS." As part of the settlement, the company will pay \$176,110 in civil penalties and costs to resolve the alleged violations.

ECOS manufactures, markets and sells cleaning products to California consumers, including through retail stores and online platforms. ECOS also advertises its products through its website, www.ecos.com.

This action arises from allegations that the company marketed and sold laundry and dishwasher detergent sheet products labeled as "plastic free" and "zero plastic," when the

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Teen accused of trying to rob woman

■ Got caught, asked for his mom

By MARY SCHLEY

A WOULD-BE purse snatcher was chased down and caught by a Carmel Police officer after allegedly accosting a woman near a marijuana dispensary at the mouth of Carmel Valley Saturday morning. The 15-year-old boy faces felony charges, according to Monterey County Sheriff's Cmdr. Andy Rosas.

At around 10:30 a.m. May 9, multiple people dialed 911 "to report that a juvenile had attempted to steal a purse and other personal items from a woman" in the 26300 block of Carmel Rancho Lane, Rosas said. "It was also being reported that the juvenile was being chased by another witness."

The kid led the bystander and pursuing deputies on a chase through businesses in the Carmel Rancho Shopping Center before losing them, and California State Parks rangers and Carmel P.D. responded to assist with the search.

'Clifford was faster'

Carmel Police Chief Todd Trayer said Sgt. Jacob Clifford and officer John De Leon responded and that Clifford's "body-worn camera shows him driving, then walking through the last known area where the subject ran."

"He jogged through the bushes and was guided by a group of kids to where the subject last ran," he said. "Clifford spotted the

subject, who took off running. Clifford was faster."

When the sergeant caught him, the teen "immediately started apologizing and asking for his mom," Trayer said.

The officers turned the suspect over to the sheriff's office, but by then, the 39-year-old woman he's accused of trying to rob had left the area, according to Rosas, so the kid was released to his father rather than taken to juvenile hall.

"Because of the fact that we didn't have a victim, we ended up releasing him to an adult," Rosas said. "But we were able to get ahold of the victim after the fact."

The woman contacted the department the next day and confirmed the chain of events, and the case against the 15-year-old for attempted robbery — a felony — and resisting/delaying a peace officer was forwarded to the Monterey County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

Don't pursue

Rosas thanked the other agencies for their help and the witnesses for noticing what was going on, dialing 911, and offering descriptions of the teen and the direction in which he ran, but he cautioned people against chasing perpetrators.

"We're very, very grateful that people stepped up to help, but we don't encourage that, because you just never know who you're chasing," he said. "You see these stories where someone thinks they're doing a good thing and then gets a gun pulled on them. We want safety first for our residents out here."

A chase through bushes, help from some kids, and a takedown

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Lawsuit filed over leg amputation

By KELLY NIX

A MAN who says he had to have one of his legs amputated because of an infection alleges that Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula and its parent company are responsible for the limb loss because they did not correctly diagnose and treat the problem.

Paul Harrison alleges in a civil complaint filed May 4 that he went to a Montage Medical Group clinic in Ryan Ranch on multiple occasions in June and July 2025 for treatment of a "serious condition," including an infection "of his foot and/or lower extremity." Dr. Martha Blum, the hospital's director of antimicrobial stewardship, was tasked with diagnosing, treating and monitoring Harrison for the infection, according to the complaint.

But Harrison alleges that Blum, Montage Health, Montage Medical Group and CHOMP — all named as defendants

— failed to properly identify the nature and severity of the infection and did not have him undergo "appropriate" diagnostic testing or antibiotic therapy.

'Negligence'

The defendants "failed to timely recognize that Harrison's infection was not adequately responding to the chosen antibiotic regimen and failed to timely change course when his symptoms, repeated presentations, and clinical condition showed that the treatment plan was not controlling the infection," the complaint alleges, citing professional negligence and medical malpractice.

While being treated, Harrison says the infection in his leg worsened because the problem remained untreated or improperly treated.

He said he eventually sought care at a

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MASSEUR DENIES POLICE ALLEGATIONS

By KELLY NIX

THE OPERATOR of a Monterey massage business accused by police of "sexually battering" a client late last month denied the accusations this week.

The Monterey Police Department said that on April 26, Keshawn Robinson, operator of Intuitive Touch on the 200 block of Foam Street, was giving a massage to a client when the alleged incident occurred. Police also contend Robinson was running an unlicensed massage business.

But Robinson — who as of Wednesday night had not been charged with a crime — told The Pine Cone the allegations are unfounded.

"I respectfully deny the allegations against me," Robinson said in an email. "This was a professional therapeutic

massage session, and at no point did I intend to act in a sexual or inappropriate manner."

On May 5, Monterey police said detectives served a search warrant at Intuitive Touch.

"Detectives contacted Robinson and arrested him for 243.4(c) PC — sexual battery," police said in a May 8 news release.

California law defines sexual battery as touching "an intimate part of another person while that person is unlawfully restrained by the accused or an accomplice, and if the touching is against the will of the person touched and is for the purpose of sexual arousal, sexual gratification, or sexual abuse."

The Pine Cone also asked Robinson

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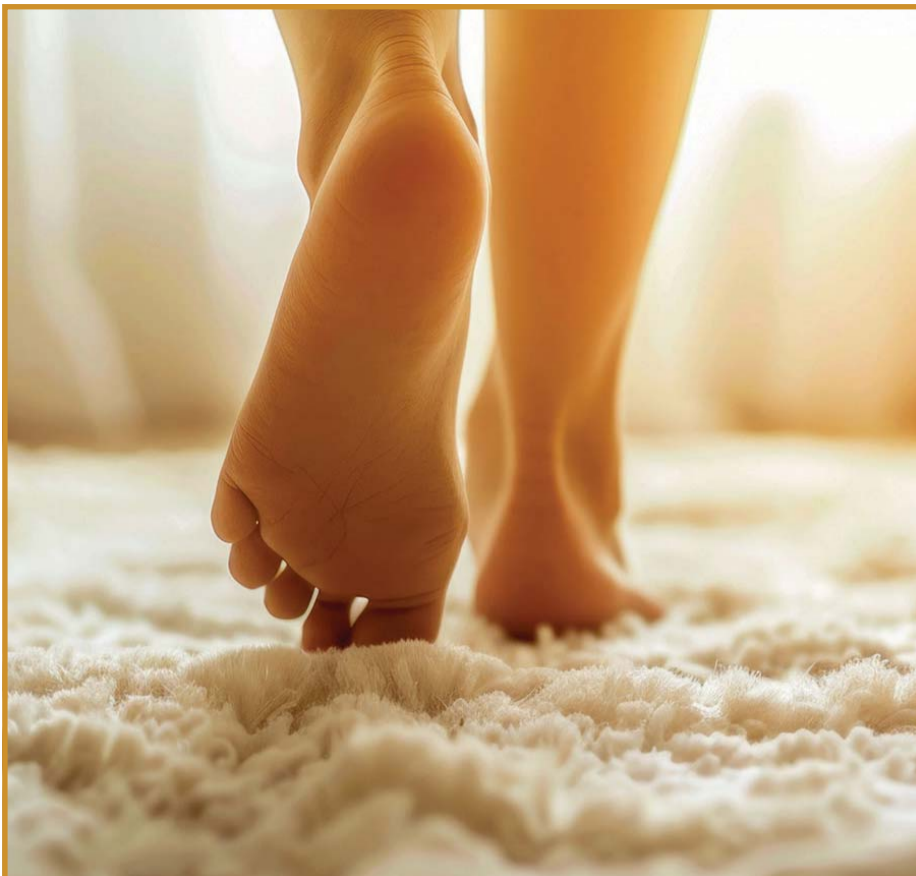
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University poised to take over MIIS

By KELLY NIX

A SMALL liberal arts college in Southern California is negotiating with officials at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey to acquire its campus following the announcement last year that it would shutter the school by 2027.

On Monday, Middlebury announced it is in “exclusive negotiations” with Aliso Viejo-based Soka University of America for the potential purchase of the property. Middlebury said Soka is closely aligned with MIIS’ mission and values.

“As part of the agreement, Soka University will assume ownership of the Monterey campus real estate and begin administering select programs that they wish to continue under Soka’s purview using the name the Monterey Institute of International Studies at Soka University of America,” Middlebury said.

If the deal goes through, Soka — founded in 1987 — said it plans to continue programs in nonproliferation studies and threat intelligence; translation and localization management; and international policy and development/global governance, which Middlebury teaches.

The boards of trustees of Middlebury

and Soka have approved the move, and the schools said they will “now enter a period of due diligence to finalize the details to ensure a smooth transition.” Middlebury is not disclosing the purchase price.

Soka University of America President Ed Feasel said purchasing the Monterey campus would allow the university to advance its mission and expand its graduate program offerings.

“Soka University founder Daisaku Ikeda believed that education was humanity’s most powerful instrument for peace and global citizenship,” Feasel said. “MIIS shares a similar belief and ethos. Bringing these two institutions together honors and strengthens us both.”

Collaboration

The school was founded “upon the Buddhist principles of peace, human rights and the sanctity of life,” and offers “a non-sectarian curriculum that is open to top students of all nationalities and beliefs,” according to its website.

Middlebury and Soka began collaborating three years ago to give Soka undergraduates accelerated pathways into

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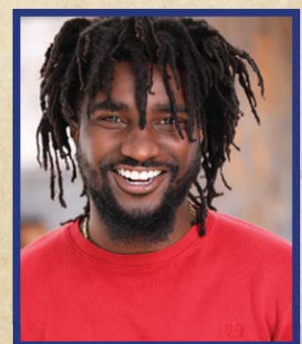
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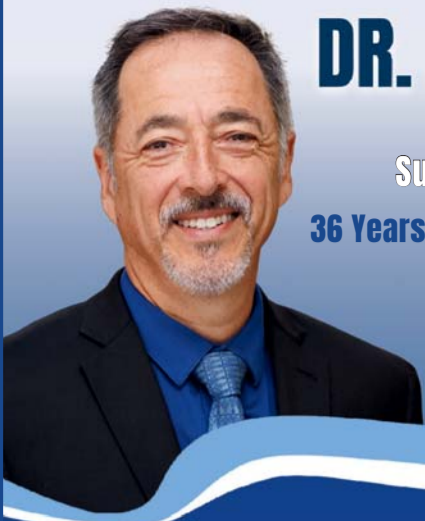
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Major makeover at Carmel Valley Manor gets the OK

By CHRIS COUNTS

ADDING 16 residential units to a senior home with a two-year waiting list, the Monterey County Planning Commission voted 8-0 Wednesday to approve plans for a major makeover at Carmel Valley Manor. The community is home to more than 200 seniors and employs nearly 150 local residents.

Located on 28 acres at 8545 Carmel Valley Road, the retirement community plans to demolish three residential units, seven guest units, a wood shop and four carports, and replace them with 19 residences, eight guest units and a 12-bed memory care facility. The project also includes additions to the fitness center and meeting house, and the creation of an additional 60 parking spaces.

The project requires the removal of 61 protected oak trees and planting of 43 new oaks, and includes development on slopes exceeding 25 percent.

'Desperately needed beds'

Jay Zimmer, president and CEO of Carmel Valley Manor, told the planning commission the project will provide desperately needed beds for residents with Alzheimer's disease and dementia. "There's a critical shortage of memory-care beds in the county, and having these additional 12 beds will help to increase that capacity," Zimmer said.

According to a county staff report, the community has adequate water credits,

which it purchased from Clint Eastwood's Malpasco Water Company.

The staff report notes a historian determined the manor "is historically significant under California and local register criteria." But it also notes that most of the



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Carmel Valley Manor, which has a long wait list for new residents, this week received permission to expand its capacity.

original structures were destroyed in a fire in 1962.

A transportation study concluded the manor generates 715 vehicle trips daily on Carmel Valley Road, and the project would add 65 daily trips.

During the public comment period, nearby resident John Anzini thanked the manor for working with neighbors to help preserve "the rural character" of the area by not tearing down several buildings on Los Arboles Road. He also noted that the lower portion of that road is vulnerable to flooding.

Responding to a question about the

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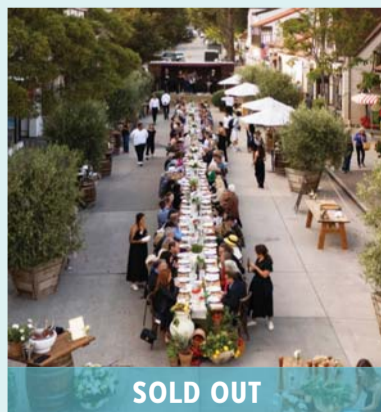


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WITH BIG-TICKET ITEMS ON THE WAY, COUNCIL CONSIDERS PAIR OF TAX HIKES

By MARY SCHLEY

SAYING THE city needs more money to pay for an estimated \$100 million in deferred maintenance and other rising costs, the Carmel City Council is poised to ask voters in November to approve an increase in the local sales tax and a bump in the transient occupancy tax. At a meeting earlier this month, councilmembers unanimously decided to proceed with both measures, which they'll discuss again in June.

The proposed sales-tax increase of 0.375% would be added to the local tax voters approved in 2012 and 2020, all of which goes into the general fund, bringing the levy on purchases made in the city to 1.875% to raise an estimated total \$9,437,087 annually. For comparison, that tax is expected to bring in just over \$7 million in the 2026-2027 fiscal year, according to the draft budget released May 5.

Carmel's sales tax rate is already 9.25%, including

7.25% assessed by the state (with the city's share expected to be just over \$4.1 million in 2026-2027), 1.5% by the city, a few additional county levies and a Monterey-Salinas Transit tax. A change in the California Revenue and Taxation Code last year reclassified one of the special taxes, freeing up another 0.375% for local jurisdictions, including cities and the county, to grab. Monterey and Pacific Grove are pursuing identical increases.

No more sunset

The proposed measure also removes a sunset date on the local tax "so that it remains in effect until ended by voters," rather than expiring in 2040 as voters approved in 2020.

And a proposed two percentage-point increase in the transient occupancy tax paid by visitors would bump the rate to 12%, raising an estimated additional \$1.9 million per year. The draft 2026-2027 budget, which does not contemplate the increase, estimates TOT revenues will come

in at just under \$9.77 million.

Neither proposal provoked much in the way of public comment, though resident Andi Carr repeated her support for raising the hotel tax, and hoteliers reiterated their opposition to it.

Will voters OK two tax increases? Or one or none?

Representing the Carmel Innkeepers Association, Mark Watson said operators accounting for more than half of the hotel rooms in the city unanimously voted to oppose the hotel-tax hike but

support asking voters to up the sales tax.

The group contends that enabling owners to invest more in their properties — and raise their room rates as

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sellers pay as much as 5.5 percent when they buy a property worth more than \$10 million, and 4 percent on sales between \$5 million and \$10 million.

In March, Monterey County Supervisor Kate Daniels proposed a real estate transfer tax ranging from 1 percent

to 5 percent on homes selling for \$10 million or more in unincorporated areas of the county — far above the 0.11 percent rate allowed under Proposition 13.

The territory Daniels has in mind encompasses some of the most expensive real estate in the nation, including Pebble Beach, Carmel Highlands and the Big Sur coastline. Her hope is to use tax revenue generated from the sales of luxury homes to create a fund for “missing middle” housing.

The proposal has received support from leaders in the

nonprofit and public sectors, who argue their employees need housing, and pushback from the Monterey County Realtors Association, which argues the tax would depress home sales and harm property values. Points from both sides could be moot if Californians as a whole decide they’re done with more taxes.

That’s a big if, especially considering how the proposition’s title is set to appear on the ballot. While the initiative’s given name from its sponsor, “The Local Taxpayer Protection Act to Save Prop 13,” is catchy, if it goes to print this fall it would appear as “Limits Ability of Voters to Raise Revenues for Local Government Services. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.” Why the name change and subtle obfuscation of the issue?

Proponents of a measure do not get to choose its title. Instead, that responsibility falls to the Office of the Attorney General, and the title assigned doesn’t poll well.

An April survey by the Public Policy Institute of California found 57 percent of likely voters opposed the initiative when shown the title as it would appear on the ballot. A separate poll conducted by the institute the same month found 55 percent of Californians favored lower taxes and fewer services.

The organization behind the initiative, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, isn’t worried — citing Californians’ longstanding support for Prop. 13.

“We think it is very strong. The public is very fond of the two-thirds vote requirement for raising special taxes, and protecting Prop. 13 also does very well,” said Susan Shelley, vice president of communications.

Many cities

Passed by California voters in 1978, Proposition 13 strictly limits how much property taxes can be charged and how fast they can grow, shielding homeowners from tax hikes caused by rapidly rising home values.

The proposition continued to allow the pre-existing “document transfer tax” at the 0.11 percent mark, or \$1.10 per \$1,000 of a property sale, as a way to pay the county recorder to transfer documents when a sale is recorded. However, in 1982 the Upland loophole was created when the California Supreme Court ruled that a real estate transfer tax is not a property tax but instead an excise tax. In subsequent years, courts also ruled local transfer taxes counted as municipal affairs, allowing charter cities to adopt much higher tax rates, and that transfer taxes counted as general taxes, opening the door for them to be passed without two-thirds voter approval.

How much are we talking about?

Los Angeles’ mansion tax may be the biggest talker on the transfer tax front, but it’s not the only one. A number of San Francisco Bay area cities — including San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley and San Jose — have added their own transfer taxes on property sales over the years, taking significant sums out of sellers’ proceeds, and not just on mansions.

In Berkeley, homes below \$1.6 million are hit with a 1.5 percent transfer tax, while sales above that mark are subject to a 2.5 percent tax. As a result, selling a \$1 million home in Berkeley costs \$15,000 — compared to somewhere like San Diego, where the rate is limited to 0.11 percent and the seller pays only \$1,100.

“We view real estate transfer taxes as equity theft,” said Howard Jarvis President Jon Coupal, speaking on the California politics podcast “So, Does It Matter?”

Making headlines

The taxes Angelenos are paying on high-dollar property sales are making headlines because of the chilling effect they’ve had on real estate transactions. On the low end, the Los Angeles mansion tax skims \$200,000 off the top of a \$5 million sale, and it doesn’t apply only to luxury homes. Commercial spaces, industrial property, vacant lots and apartment buildings are all subject to the tax.

According to a study from UCLA’s Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies, the tax has reduced the number of high-value property sales, resulting in an initial tax revenue loss of \$25 million a year. Researchers also found the measure lowered the odds of a sale meeting the threshold by 50 percent.

Similar to Monterey County’s proposal, revenue from LA’s transfer tax is supposed to fund affordable housing construction. But by reducing turnover of higher-priced, non-single-family parcels, the measure has thwarted its own mission to build new homes.

During the April Board of Supervisors meeting, Daniels insisted Monterey County’s proposal is not the same as LA’s tax. “I think this is very different. It is single-family residential homes over a threshold that I also believe Brad Pitt is still going to buy the James House, the Butterfly House is still going to be sold, folks want these properties,” Daniels said.

Actor Brad Pitt paid \$40 million for his Carmel Highlands home in 2022, and Daniels is right — he might do it again, even with a real estate transfer tax.

Monterey County supervisors voted unanimously to spend \$83,500 in contingency funds to pay a consultant to gauge public opinion. If the board moves forward with putting it on the November ballot, only voters in unincorporated Monterey County, where the tax would apply, will be eligible to vote on it.

Every voter in California will get to decide on The Local Taxpayer Protection Act to Save Prop. 13, and just those last three words in the title could be all it takes to shut down a transfer tax in Monterey County.



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older than those of its competitors, and many are seeking relief from long-term health issues.

Piccinini, who was confined to a wheelchair in 2010 due to multiple sclerosis, credits non-intoxicating cannabis byproducts with making it possible for her to walk again without assistance — and some medical studies suggest these products can help patients like her with mobility.

While the idea that the plant effectively treats a variety of medical conditions remains controversial — and the risk of abusing recreational marijuana is real — medical research continues to find benefits from the plant. Consumer demand, meanwhile, is clearly rising according to multiple market research firms, which estimate that people are spending more than \$3 billion per year on marijuana products that don't get them high but have perceived health benefits, with the market growing at a pace of about 15 percent each year.

While Synchronicity Holistic does sell cannabis with intoxicating properties, Piccinini urges her clients to wean themselves off it in favor of what she sees as the more beneficial byproducts.

'I've been validated'

Because it is so important for Piccinini to validate the medical benefits of the plant, she jumped at the chance to receive federal approval — unlike nearly every other pot shop in the state. She said she's been judged and even shunned by some who question her belief that something beneficial could come from what many people view as a street drug.

"I've been validated," she added. "This is a historic shift. Cannabis was viewed in the early 1900s as medicine, and now, for the first time in 99 years, it is again."

Piccinini wants to see medical marijuana gain enough acceptance so senior patients can get reimbursed through Medicare.

In April, the federal government launched a pilot program allowing some Medicare patients to be reimbursed for up to \$500 per year for such products.



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Panetta seeks national historic recognition for Lower Presidio park

By KELLY NIX

AN HISTORIC Monterey park that features monuments to St. Junipero Serra and the man who claimed California for the United States could receive a national designation.

On Thursday, Rep. Jimmy Panetta, a Democrat from Carmel Valley, announced the introduction of the American Sovereignty and Monterey Historic Military Site Study Act, which directs the U.S. Department of the Interior to evaluate Lower Presidio Historic Park in Monterey for potential designation as a national historic park.

National parks and national historic parks are part of the National Park System and managed by the Park Service. National historic parks, however, are “specifically designated to preserve and interpret sites of significant historical and cultural importance to the United States.” Traditional national parks are primarily designated to protect significant natural landscapes and ecosystems.

“The Lower Presidio’s designation as a potential national historic park reflects the depth and breadth of its significance in our cultural history,” Panetta’s office said.

Rich history

The park, open to the public, is inside the U.S. Army Garrison Presidio of Monterey. Panetta said it holds “one of the most storied histories of any site on the West Coast.” The land was stewarded by Esselen and Rumsen peoples for millennia.

The property saw the arrival of European explorers, the founding of the Spanish Presidio of Monterey in 1770, Monterey’s time as the capital of Alta California, the construction of the first major U.S. Army fort on the West Coast, service by the Buffalo Soldiers of the 9th Cavalry Regiment, and the establishment of what would

become the Defense Language Institute, a cornerstone of American national security.

“Lower Presidio Historic Park holds over 12,000 years of history, from a tribal village for Indigenous peoples to the landings of Spanish explorers, to the location where Commodore Sloat planted the flag of the United States, to the training site for the Buffalo Soldiers and many others who served in the United States military, yet it has never received the national recognition that it deserves,” Panetta said.

Monuments

The bill would direct the U.S. Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special study and submit a report to Congress with findings and recommendations on how best to preserve, protect and interpret the site for future generations.

“The American Sovereignty and Monterey Historic Military Site Study Act would take the first step toward designating the site as a national historic park to provide the proper federal support to ensure that the land is preserved for generations to appreciate its historic significance,” Panetta added.

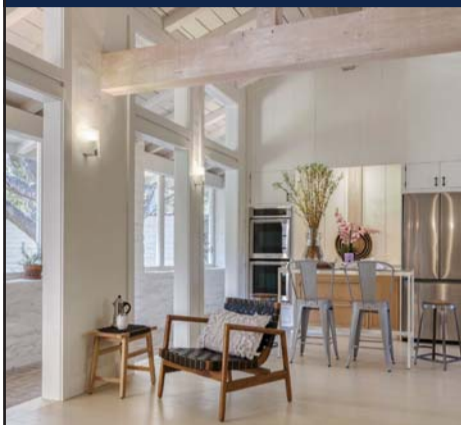
Lower Presidio Historic Park features monuments to Commodore John Drake Sloat, who claimed California for the United States in 1846, and St. Junipero Serra, the controversial 18th-century Catholic priest and missionary. Vandals decapitated the Serra monument in Lower Presidio Park in 2015, about a week after the Catholic Church canonized him. Native American groups protested the move.

Monterey Mayor Tyler Williamson said the designation of Lower Presidio Park would ensure “public access and preservation of the diverse history of this land, from its Indigenous roots and Spanish and American military eras, to its role as a sacred ancestral homeland.”



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The city and Reimers, who lives in one of the apartments on the property and owns a business there, each hired a historian to evaluate it. While their analyses concluded the complex is historically significant for

its architectural style and the man who designed it, Wallace recommended the board issue a “determination of ineligibility” for listing on the city’s inventory because it’s not 50 years old.

To be listed now, it would have to be “of exceptional importance to the city, state or nation based on its unusually strong contribution to history, architecture, engineering or culture, or because it is an integral part of a historic district.” The taxpayer-funded consultant, Meg Clovis, “did not find

the subject property to be of exceptional importance,” according to Wallace.

Federal standards are similar, but Reimers’ historian, Barbara Lamprecht, said Stonehouse Terrace meets the “exceptional importance” standard, and after receiving public comments from several residents who support the listing, the board voted 3-0 in agreement at its April 20 hearing, without weighing in on the issue of local eligibility.

Objections

A week later, Patrice Pastor, whose local development company, Esperanza Carmel, has been trying to build a complex with retail space and apartments next door to Stonehouse Terrace — over Reimers’ objections — sent a letter demanding that the city withdraw or amend its supportive comments to the state “to accurately reflect that the city’s own consultant found the

property not to be of exceptional importance, that the HRB did not take a formal vote on eligibility, and that half the property’s ownership opposes the application.”

The letter further orders the city to “cease and desist from any further actions that prejudice Esperanza’s pending development applications or that confer preferential treatment on parties opposed to Esperanza’s projects.”

The state commission’s decision to pull the Stonehouse nomination from the agenda due to the lack of notice to the complex’ other owners means a delay of at least three months, since it only meets quarterly.

Meanwhile, the commission voted to nominate five properties for the National Register, including the Raymond Hotel Apartments in San Francisco, Los Angeles County General Hospital, and the Bungalow Courts, Elm Courts and El Cantorral Court, all in San Diego.

SADE’S

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The onsite contact is Hare project facilitator Jayson Hansen. “The owner’s contractor reached out and apologized for ‘jumping the gun,’” Laurie said. “They have since contacted the Monterey Bay Air Resources Board and the health department. The permit submittal package is currently being assembled, and the project is on hold until the permit is issued.”

BashBar

The red tag comes nearly five months after bar owner Parker Logan shuttered Sade’s for good due to his landlords’ refusal to renew his lease. The city limits the number of bar permits to three, and they run with the land. (The others belong to the buildings housing A.W. Shucks and Barmel.)

Logan’s landlords decided they’d rather let the space to Bashbar Alsneeh, an owner of Dametra, Catch, PortaBella and other restaurants. He applied in February to convert a liquor license obtained from the Lucia Lodge — where a fire destroyed a restaurant and store in 2021 — into the type of license he needs to operate a bar without food.

According to the application filed with the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, which is pending with the state, he would call his new business BashBar and would be its sole owner.

The city approved his application for a business license in April.



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Many a day drinker or night owl sat at this Lincoln Street bar during its decades as Sade’s. The city halted illegal improvements for a new tenant this week.



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TAX

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a result — has generated and will continue to generate more money for the city's coffers. Watson asked the council to consider the innkeepers' position and perhaps put

off the TOT increase for another two years.

The election timeline for the measures calls for a final decision from the council at its July 7 meeting, followed by public outreach and engagement July through October.

Ballot arguments and rebuttals, along with Pierik's impartial analysis, would be submitted in August. Election Day is Nov.

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During their discussion of the measures, councilmember Jeff Baron questioned the wisdom of putting two tax increases on the ballot but did not want to eliminate one. He said he's received questions on that topic from a few constituents and suggested more will chime in during the coming weeks.

"We should have staff move forward with both ballot measures until we get to July so we can continue to hear from the community and see what happens, and then make a final decision," he said, on whether to go for the sales tax, the hotel tax or both.

Not neither

"I'm in support of either or both, I'm not in support of neither," said councilman Bob Delves, a member, along with councilman Hans Buder, of the city's financial stewardship committee.

"If we are serious about addressing our monumental deferred maintenance problems before they tank us completely, we

need revenue, and this is one of the levers we've got."

Buder and councilmember Alissandra Dramov were similarly open to proceeding with both, while Mayor Dale Byrne wanted a firmer decision.

"I really would like to get a better feel for how many of us think we could do two, because I think we need to start thinking about that now, not wait until June," he said.

Byrne also proposed simpler ballot language for both measures and making them look more similar, and Pierik said he would work with Buder and Delves on their wording, as well as on the arguments and rebuttals.

In separate motions, councilmembers unanimously decided to bring back updated ballot language and resolutions for another vote next month, when they will either commit to one or both, or defer again until the July deadline. The vote on the TOT measure marked the first time Byrne has come out in support of it.



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SCHATZI HERRON JOY

APRIL 1, 1932 – MAY 8, 2026
CARMEL, CALIFORNIA

Schatzi Joy, age 94, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2026. Schatzi was born in Carmel-by-the-Sea in 1932. Her parents, Jack and Shari Herron, had moved to Carmel in the 1920s and were active members of the local artist community. They operated The Viennese Shop in the Court of the Seven Arts on Lincoln Avenue for more than 50 years.



Schatzi graduated from Carmel High School in 1951. The 1951 yearbook quite accurately described her as "petite, chatty and well-dressed." After high school, Schatzi attended Pine Manor College in Wellesley, MA. During a spring break trip to Bermuda, she met Leonard Joy, who was on break from Yale. They were married in June, 1953.

The couple settled in Glen Ridge, NJ, where they raised their three children. Schatzi was an active member of the Montclair-Newark Junior League and the Glen Ridge Historical Society. She also

served as the executive secretary of the Glen Ridge Women's Club for many years.

Schatzi was an avid sports fan, and particularly enjoyed watching golf and tennis tournaments as well as her beloved NY Mets. She was thrilled to attend the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach twice.

Upon Leonard's retirement in 2010, the couple moved from NJ back into Schatzi's childhood home in Carmel. She redeveloped a community of friends, neighbors, old high school classmates and All Saints Church parishioners. Though she was an excellent cook, Schatzi much preferred eating out. She would often be seen walking in town to her favorite local restaurants.

Schatzi is survived by her three children, Christopher Joy, Linda Baines and Elizabeth Joy; along with six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Her family enjoyed visiting her in Carmel, particularly when all would come together at Thanksgiving. This past year all 21 members of her extended family were able to enjoy the holiday with her.

A private memorial service is being planned for a later date.

Candida Michelle Zealear

Candida Michelle (Salontay) Zealear of Carmel Valley passed away on Oct. 26, 2025, in Austin, TX. Candida was a mother to many, friend to many, and remembered by all who knew her.

Candida was born Feb. 26, 1953, in Fresno to Candida Maria Juanita Irola Salontay and Frank Salontay Jr. There, she attended Boullard High School ('71) before graduating from Santa Barbara City College in 1974.

She worked for Frank Zappa for much of her early career. After reuniting with her future husband, Brian Goodspeed Zealear (Boullard '69), in Los Angeles, they settled in Napa. There she bore three children, Colin Wilson, Morgan Ladd and Blake Goodspeed. They would later relocate to Moraga before landing in Carmel Valley. There, she raised three extraordinary gentlemen and played a crucial part in caring for the many friends her sons brought to the house consistently. Nothing made her happier than cooking a larger dinner for guests.

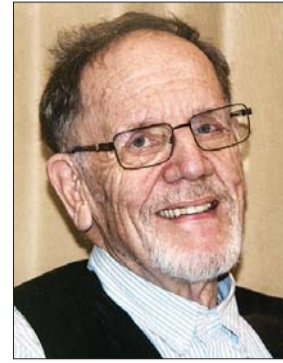
Candida lived to love. Tragedy befell her in 2010 when her husband passed away suddenly. Ever the fighter, she held multiple jobs and volunteer engagements until she retired in 2021 while caring for her sons and grandchildren, Dorian Samuel, Leona Jade and Londyn Aaliyah. She is survived by her children, grandchildren, sister, niece, nephew and grandnieces.

Her memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 17, on the sand dunes at Fourth Avenue. Friends are welcome to stop by and pay their last respects.



PHILIP EUGENE HAWTHORNE

Philip Eugene Hawthorne died Feb. 28, 2026, in Pacific Grove, CA, at the age of 91. He was born July 20, 1934, in Sidney, NY. He was the son of Philip Eugene Hawthorne Sr. and Hilda (Peggy) Hawthorne née Justin.



He was preceded in death by his wife, Miriam Hawthorne; his son, Dwight (Aidan) Hawthorne; and his brother, Richard Hawthorne.

He is survived by his partner, Katie Goff; his children, William (Bill) Hawthorne and wife Ellen Carrico, Julie Hawthorne and husband Steven Coughran, and Maia Stavney-Jones and husband Randal Jones; and his grandchildren, Avery Roth-Hawthorne and wife Jessica Gruenstein, Carl Stavney, and Linnea Stavney and husband Camilo Acosta.

Phil was known as "a man of many hats." He collected and wore a variety of hats and he held a variety of jobs, from radio broadcaster as a youth, to emergency services director for the city of Fremont, CA. He was proudest of his consulting work with nonprofit organizations and city and county governments, using a systems approach to help them increase their effectiveness.

Phil was a talented craftsman whose skills included wood turning and wood carving. He and his late wife Miriam shared a love of Japanese art and culture, and together they built Japanese gardens and tea houses. He was well known for storytelling and readers' theater; he had a voice made for radio.

Phil spent his life in service of others, including storytelling for the Monterey County Historical Society and Monterey State Park, teaching woodcarving for the Carmel Foundation, providing pastoral care through the Unitarian Universalist Church and coordinating a group of volunteers to read to their bed-bound neighbors.

Phil was a lifelong learner. He and his partner Katie enjoyed discussing the many books they read together. He especially enjoyed reading poetry to her.

You are invited to a celebration of Phil's life at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 23, in the auditorium at Canterbury Woods, 651 Sinex Ave., Pacific Grove. For questions, please contact Julie Hawthorne at julieannhawthorne@gmail.com.

In lieu of flowers, please honor his memory by reading a poem or story to someone in need of company, comfort or a laugh.

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NANCY MARY D'ANGELO

Nov. 7, 1929 - April 15, 2026
Carmel, California

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother and grandmother.

She was born Maria Annunziata Calabretta on Nov. 7, 1929, in Midland, Pennsylvania to Italian immigrants, Nazzarena and Salvatore Calabretta.

Nancy met the love of her life, Dr. Thomas "Bud" Carmen D'Angelo. They married on June 13, 1948, and relocated to Carmel in 1956. Nancy and Bud maintained a loving and supportive marriage of 70 years up until Bud's passing in 2018.

She was a member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas and supported many charities and was an amazing caretaker to friends and family. Nancy worked early on in her husband's dental office and owned and operated her shop, The City of Florence, in Carmel. She loved art, Italian music, crafting, dancing, reading and creating wedding veils and arrangements for family and friends. Our mom and grandmother especially

enjoyed cooking and baking many of her favorite Italian recipes.

Christmas was always very special to her as she would recreate her father's Nativity scenes and would adorn her home with many decorative angels.

Our mom and grandmother taught us the value of kindness, manners, respect and hospitality. She was known for being nurturing, caring and compassionate to all. She was the heart of our family and will be loved and cherished forever.

She was very close to her many nieces and nephews on the West Coast, as well as the East Coast.

Nancy is survived by her daughter, Paula (Bill) and son, Thomas; grandchildren, Christen, Michelle, Benjamin, Andrea, Alicia, Thomas and Enzo. and great-grandchildren, Kendal, Sawyer, Luca, Avianna, Isabelle and Oliver.

Her funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 19 in Carmel Mission Basilica with reception immediately following at Carmel Mission Crespi Hall.

Burial will take place at 1 p.m. at San Carlos Cemetery, Monterey.



CYNTHIA (CINDY) ALICE BAKER OVENS

Jan. 21, 1958 – April 30, 2026

Cindy Ovens died April 30 after a brief and sudden battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born in Milwaukee to Morris "Mike" Baker and Ingeborg "Inga" Gruber. Her father's Army service meant Cindy grew up in various places around the United States and Europe, including Texas, Indiana, Kansas, Hawaii and Germany.

Her family moved to Pacific Grove in 1968, when she was in elementary school. She attended local schools and graduated from Pacific Grove High School in 1976. She attended San Francisco State University, where she studied music (piano) and German, and met her future husband, Douglas Ovens, a fellow music student. They married in 1979 at the Naval Postgraduate School.

She continued her studies at UC Santa Barbara, where she completed a bachelor of arts in music with honors. Her academic interests included the music of Arnold Schoenberg and Gustav Mahler.

While in Santa Barbara, the couple welcomed two sons, Michael and Thomas.

Her husband's career took the family to Asheville, North Carolina, and then to Allentown, Pennsylvania, where they lived until returning to Pacific Grove in 2018 upon retirement.

Cindy was a sensitive piano accompanist and teacher, a doting mother, and a loving and strong partner. She appreciated a good martini and a fine meal, though she sometimes asked her husband to remind her to order "medium rare." She was a loyal friend who inspired loyalty in return. Cindy was inquisitive, insightful, resourceful, organized, witty, politically engaged and talented.

She loved to travel, visiting Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, Ireland, England, Italy, France and Austria, as well as traveling throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Music defined a large part of her life.

Cindy's playlist: anything by Luther Vandross; Brahms' Piano Quartet in G minor, op. 25, no. 1; "Short Skirt/Long Jacket" by Cake; "Centerfield" by John Fogerty; Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 (which the family called "the Street Gang Concerto"); "She's Crazy for Leaving" by Rodney Crowell; anything by Douglas Ovens; "Criminal" by Fiona Apple; Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring"; Sibelius' "Finlandia"; "What's New Pussycat?" by Tom Jones; and Beethoven's Symphony No. 7.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Doug; and her two sons, Mike, of Pittsburgh, and Tom, of Chicago.

Elizabeth Ann 'Petie' Helfrich

Nov. 18, 1922 ❖ April 14, 2026

Elizabeth Ann (Petie) Helfrich passed away peacefully at her beloved home on April 14, 2026, at the age of 103. She would have described her life with characteristic humility as simply a wonderful one, filled with dear friends, cherished family, valued legal colleagues, civic purpose, and, above all, a 60-year marriage to the love of her life, Robert A. Helfrich, M.D.

Mrs. Helfrich was born on Nov. 18, 1922, in Norfolk, Virginia, the second of three girls born to Vivian and Helen (Hamm) Haggood. Her father served in the U.S. Navy, and her mother was an Irish immigrant who had arrived at Ellis Island alone at the age of 16. Both parents shaped in her an exceptional strength of character that would define her throughout her long life.

Her childhood followed the cadence of her father's 35-year naval career, moving with her family from station to station across the country. One of those assignments brought them to Honolulu, Hawaii, where she graduated from Maryknoll School in 1940.

The family later moved to Seattle, Washington, where Mrs. Helfrich began her college education at the University of Washington. When her parents subsequently relocated to Mountain View, California, she transferred and completed her bachelor of arts degree in political science at Stanford University.

Before turning to the law, Mrs. Helfrich worked in the private sector for the female chief executive of a shipping company with offices in Wisconsin and San Francisco — an early and formative encounter with professional life led by a woman, at a time when that was far from ordinary. That chapter ultimately brought her back to the Bay Area, where she enrolled at the University of San Francisco School of Law, earning her J.D. in 1958 and being admitted to the California State Bar the following year. Her first position as an attorney was as a deputy district attorney in the Alameda County District Attorney's office — a role that, in the late 1950s, was exceedingly rare for a woman. She delighted in telling stories about her experiences there.

The nickname "Petie" had been bestowed by college girlfriends at Stanford, the precise origins of which, as she would cheerfully acknowledge, were lost to history. What is known is that one of those friends was the sister of her future husband, Robert, and that it would be years before his sister finally introduced them. Bob and Petie were married on Dec. 28, 1963, in Mountain View, California. Their life together was a rich and joyful partnership — they shared a love of travel with family and friends, a passion for the outdoors, a deep commitment to community, and a shared faith that sustained them through every season of life. After their honeymoon, Mrs. Helfrich joined her husband in Salinas, where he was on staff at Salinas Valley Hospital, and she quietly set about making her mark on the local legal community. Before long she had become a partner at Pioda, Bryan, Ames, Helfrich & Wills, Attorneys at Law, where she practiced until her retirement in December 1990.

From the moment she settled in Salinas, Mrs. Helfrich set about building not just a career but a community. She was among the very first women to practice law in Monterey County, and in 1988 she became the first female president of the Monterey County Bar Association. She was also the first woman admitted to membership in the Salinas Rotary Club. Her civic service was, by any measure, extraordinary. She served on the boards of Savawork, Inc. (a program serving individuals with disabilities); the American Cancer Society; the Monterey County Symphony; the YMCA; the Medical Auxiliary of Monterey County; the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital Foundation; Salinas Valley Hospice; the Junior League of Monterey County; the Visiting Nurses Association; the Salinas City Beautification Committee; the Steinbeck House; and Palma High School, among many others. Her professional honors included the Gibson Award — the Monterey County Bar Association's highest recognition for distinguished community service — and the Lady Justice Award, presented by the Monterey County Women Lawyers Association in recognition of legal achievement and commitment to service.

To those who knew her, Petie was far more than her remarkable résumé. She had a rare and luminous gift for seeing the best in people and for making each of them feel genuinely valued. She was a loyal, steadfast, and irreplaceable friend — to many, and over many decades — and she treasured those friendships with a particular and abiding warmth that was entirely her own.

Mrs. Helfrich was predeceased by her beloved husband; her parents; and her two sisters, Kathleen Buckley and Vivian LaMont. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express their profound gratitude to Cynthia Navarro Lee, whose professional care and warm friendship over more than nine years allowed "Miss Petie" to enjoy family, friends, travel, and life in her final years with grace and dignity.

The Funeral Mass is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 5, 2026, at Palma High School, and will be officiated by the Rev. Michael A. Volk, the pastor of the Helfriches' long time parish of St. Joseph's Catholic Church located in Spreckels, CA.

Inurnment shall take place at the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery, Seaside, CA.

In lieu of flowers, donations would be suggested to Palma High School, Salinas, CA, or St. Joseph's Parish, Spreckels, CA.



PACREP SEEKS CAST FOR 'RUDOLPH'

YOUNGSTERS ARE sought for roles in an upcoming PacRep production of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer — The Musical," and auditions are set for Monday, starting at 4 p.m., at the Forest Theater. Students ages 7 through 18 are encouraged to try out. The musical opens Nov. 28, with Saturday night shows and Sunday matinees, continuing through Dec. 20.

"This year's audition will be held in a group format," according to PacRep. "Director and choreographer Christiana Meeks will teach a song and choreography from the show. Christiana will also spend time working on acting with the group. Following auditions, selected performers will be invited to callbacks for specific characters the following week."

Those auditioning need to bring a headshot and a resume, and wear clothing they feel confident in, along with jazz or tennis shoes.

Everybody will be notified about their status via email within 72 hours.

Rehearsals begin Oct. 19, and all cast members must be available from Nov. 21-26.

To schedule an audition, call (831) 622-0100. Forest Theater is located at Santa Rita and Mountain.

House awards event in P.G.

THE HERITAGE Society of Pacific Grove will host its annual Heritage House Awards ceremony later this month.

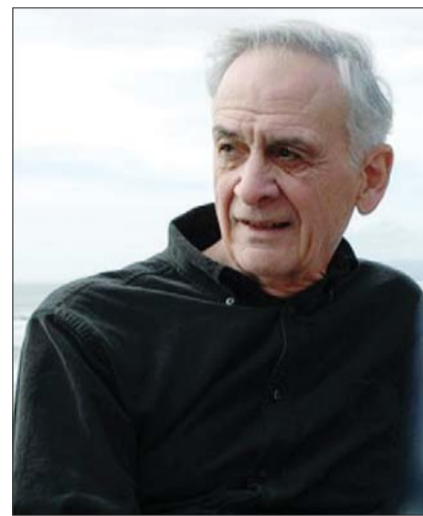
On May 17 at 2 p.m., the organization will hold the ceremony at Chautauqua Hall, 159 17th St. Eight properties will receive awards, and owners, architects and contractors will be featured. Author Patricia Hamilton will give a brief talk on potted plants that enhance interior spaces.

The public is invited, and there is no admission charge.

CHRISTOPHER CURTIS HUSSEY

After 96 full years, Curtis Hussey, 20-year resident of the Monterey Peninsula, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2026, at the Carmel Valley Manor. He moved to the area for love, marrying Lyde, a longtime resident, bridge master and teacher, in 2006. In addition to his passion for family, travel, bridge and the Boston Red Sox, Curt came to love Carmel for its natural beauty, culinary and cultural offerings and community.

Born on July 10, 1929, in Winchester, Massachusetts, Curt's wanderlust started early — he was awestruck as a kid by the landscape on a cross-country trip with his mother, particularly the Grand Tetons and Jackson Hole, Wyoming. He was educated at Brooks School and Colgate University, receiving a B.A. in political science in 1952. One summer, he lived with a family in Normandy through the Experiment in International Living program, a defining life experience, which inspired a love of France and international travel.



At Colgate, he received a commission in the U.S. Air Force and after graduation was sent to supply school and assigned to K-18 where the Koreans were flying P-51s as low level support. He oversaw supplies and the Officer's Club, which gave him early management and personnel experience, and a first-hand view of war. After the service, he was a Harriman Scholar at Columbia Business School, earning his M.B.A. and beginning his career in 1956 at the Torrington Manufacturing Company, in addition to teaching in the Air Force Reserve. At the company, he met his first love, Caroline Fogarty. They were married in the First Congressional Church of Litchfield, Connecticut, on July 27, 1957.

Their family grew when first child Anita was born in 1958. Two years later, after relocating to Columbus, Ohio, where Curt took over the Westinghouse account, their first son, John (Jay) was born. With two small children and a wife willing to do extra duty, Curt expanded his education in Ohio State University's Ph.D. program. After completing the general exams, he was promoted to sales manager of the machine division, enhancing his career but dashing any hopes of finishing his dissertation.

Moving back to Connecticut, now as corporate director of marketing, the family grew again in 1963 with the birth of Christopher. After years of corporate life, Curt felt it was time for something new and formed Viscom International with friend and colleague Frank Hohmeister, specializing in advertising consulting services and high-quality printing imported from Europe, which later evolved into international trade, creating a sales network for high-end French marine products.

After selling Viscom, Curt and Caroline retired to Mt. Sunapee, New Hampshire, until the snow got too deep and they found sunnier climes in Henderson, Nevada. Life in the desert was great until Caroline passed away after a cancer diagnosis in 2004. It was after this very sad turn of events that Curt got an unexpected chance at another chapter.

Over the years, Curt fulfilled his travel goals of visiting seven continents, more than 100 countries and all 50 states; a safari in Africa was his most cherished memory. For almost a century, he also relished the chance to see so many innovations, particularly in technology, inspiring him to keep up with all the latest devices.

Curt is survived by his beloved family: wife, Lyde; three children with Caroline — Anita, Jay and Christopher, their spouses Martin, Gail and Patti, respectively, and four grandchildren — Erin, Sean, Carrie and Jenny — and Lyde's family from her marriage to Lee Mink: Jeff and spouse Corine, Jennie, Jody and spouse Paul (Lyde's daughter Jill passed away before Curt joined the family) and nine grandchildren — Channing, Owen, Finley, Katy, Jason, Haley, Rayna and McKenzie (Curt was predeceased by step-grandson Ryan in 2006) and one great-grandchild — Cayden. Curt's family is particularly grateful to Jennie, who not only became his "second daughter" but was also a loving and devoted caregiver during the last years of his life.

A Celebration of Life party is planned for the end of the month.

LINDA C. JULIAN

I am ever so saddened to announce that my wife, Linda C. Julian, passed away suddenly on Easter, April 5, 2026, surrounded by her family. Linda was born on June 29, 1947, in Los Angeles County.



Linda and her husband, Richard E. Julian, were married for 36 years. They were married on March 24, 1990, and have been lucky to live on this Monterey Peninsula. They met at the Highlands Inn back in the '80s, where Linda worked as an auditor at night and a part-time shuttle driver during the day. Richard was a busboy. He continued to work there for another 17 years.

Linda was known for her exceptional hospitality towards neighbors and friends as she would invite them for evening dinners or entertain them at local restaurants. Linda was, in her own way an entrepreneur caregiver to others in need. She cared for elderly couples during winter storms. She offered babysitting assistance for out-of-town families and their children, while the parents were at friend's weddings. Linda was an au pair for a local family for more than five years. Linda was always compassionate to others and wanted to

offer love whenever it was needed. Linda is and will always be greatly loved and missed.

Linda is survived by her sister, Denise Staggs; her brother, Michael Sosa and her cousins, Judi Masuda, Lizzie Sosa, Karla Stephen and Gary Sosa. Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Armeda and Alfonso Sosa; as well as her brother, Craig Sosa.

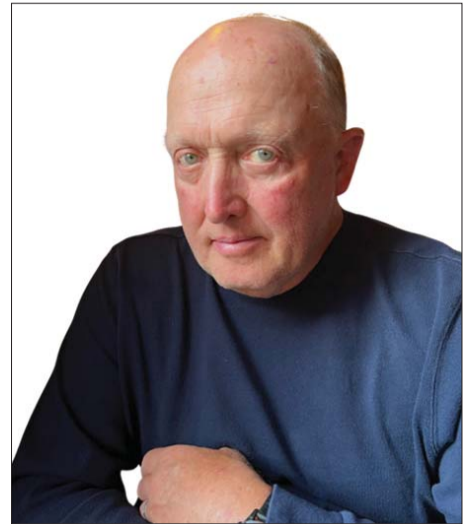
There will be a celebration of life for Linda later in the month. The family expresses a sincere appreciation for the heroic efforts to all the staff at Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula.

Donald Cole Erskine

Donald Cole Erskine, 65, loving husband, son, brother and uncle, died Thursday, April 23, 2026.

Cole was born Dec. 21, 1960, in Odessa, Texas, to Donald Louis and Sharon Ferguson Erskine. His father's career in the oil and gas industry required frequent relocations, and at a very early age, Cole moved to Durango, Colorado — beginning a childhood that would include 16 moves in 18 years.

Back in Texas for high school, Cole attended Cy-Fair in Houston. In high school, Cole was fearless and formidable. He was the guy who bench-pressed 325 pounds and lived for the moments of hurtling head-first as a tackle on the football kickoff team. He was captain of the high school wrestling team, disciplined and relentless in making weight before matches. In calculus class, he was so intensely focused



that he likely wouldn't have heard a bomb go off during a test. Upon graduating from a high school that even had its own rodeo, he spent the \$400 his grandmother gave him on a blue box he called a computer. Cole named the computer "VAL" and spent the next four years building it, opcode by opcode, while at Rice University.

By his junior year at Rice, Cole was not just a student, but was helping to teach. He continued to wrestle and was president of the Rice Wrestling Club, driving himself to matches. Cole's interest in music synthesis intersected with a special program for a new science, digital signal processing. Cole graduated with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1983.

He graduated the month after Texas Instruments introduced a groundbreaking processing chip, and Cole joined a small, pioneering team there, becoming its first lead applications engineer. At just 22, Cole became the person who showed the world how to program and use it. Then, at age 23, he became the lead architect of the second-generation chip, the TMS32020. The success of the TMS320 DSP was legendary at Texas Instruments. It transformed the company and, without a doubt, the entire industry.

Cole's career took him from Houston to Boston, Austin, Phoenix and eventually to the Bay Area. It was in Boston, while working at Analog Devices, that he met his future wife, Mary Beth McEachern. Together, they built a life filled with love, adventure, growth and deep companionship.

Cole possessed an intense curiosity about both technology and business that drove him to open every door, take things apart and then rebuild them in entirely new ways. He continued pioneering innovations, from a 23-bit accelerometer to early Dolby AC-3 algorithms and chips, and into the emerging world of VoIP. Cole's fearlessness led him to found VoicePump, specializing in speech coding and telecommunications algorithms for VoIP and Voice over Packet (VoP) applications. In 2001, the company was acquired by DSP Group.

Though digital signal processing had become widespread, Cole — at the suggestion of his wife — made a bold pivot into mobile gaming. He founded Penultimate, his clever name for a company that would lead him to his ultimate retirement. As an early pioneer in the field, he developed a mobile version of chess that became one of the top 10 games for a few years with Verizon, often ranking just behind Tetris. In 2005, the company was acquired by Superscape. This left Cole immersed in a new hobby and challenge — playing chess.

In the years that followed, Cole engrossed himself in his new passion. When he wasn't playing chess or traveling to tournaments, he was teaching. He taught at the Avenidas senior center in Palo Alto while living in Portola Valley, where he made his home for 22 years. After moving to Carmel Valley, he continued playing and teaching at the Carmel Foundation. Not only did he love to teach, but he was also intellectually engaging and passionate. For a period, Cole taught with an after-school tutoring program, Star Education. He had a gift for making complex ideas accessible and engaging. In one memorable lesson, he brought flowers from his own garden to illustrate the Fibonacci sequence to his students. They adored him — so much so that they often invited him to join them at recess.

Cole was an extraordinary man — brave, fearless, kind and deeply compassionate. He loved life and lived it with intensity and purpose. He faced cancer with remarkable courage, grace and determination, never losing his sense of humor or the deep love he had for his family.

It would be remiss not to mention his love for his Ridgebacks throughout the years: Rex, Chili, Sammy, Ginger, Zippy, Maple and Benny.

Cole was preceded in death by his father and is survived by his wife, Mary Beth; his mother, Sharon; his brother, Keith Hall Erskine; and his niece, Kendra Nicole Toner, and her husband, Ian.

To place an obituary for your loved one, contact
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LOUIS PELAYO ALDANA

Feb. 14, 1934 – April 28, 2026

Louis Aldana, of Carmel, beloved husband, father, grandfather and retired naval captain, passed away with family by his side at the age of 92.

Born in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on a snowy Valentine's Day in 1934, Louis was brought home by a horse-drawn sleigh. He grew up with three brothers in a handsome log cabin built by his family, albeit without modern conveniences like running water. His early life, rural and idyllic, was shaped by hard work and responsibility in his Basque father's hide and wool business. It laid the foundation for a life defined by resilience and achievement.

A strong student with a talent for math and science, he attended the University of Colorado, where he earned dual degrees in aeronautical engineering and business. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy.

During his naval career, Louis served aboard destroyers and minesweepers and held leadership roles that took him around the world. His assignments included service in Europe, the Mediterranean and Southeast Asia during a period of significant global tension. He commanded a minesweeper in the 1960s on the Bosphorous and an amphibious landing ship with a marine task force in Vietnam and elsewhere in the Pacific in the 1970s. He was nicknamed "Beano" as he was fond of making announcements to the sailors and marines that there would "be no" misbehavior allowed on the ship. Later on he served in advisory and staff roles, including time connected to operations in Vietnam, running a Naval Weapons Testing Center in California and finally serving in the Pentagon.

While stationed in Hawaii, he met Sue Lynn Clardy, whom he married in 1960. Together they built a life that included travel, overseas assignments and the raising of their children. A particularly meaningful chapter was their three years in Istanbul, Turkey, where they immersed themselves in the culture and formed lasting friendships.

After his military service, Louis worked in the private defense industry in California for 15 years, finally settling in Carmel in 1994. He continued to pursue intellectual interests and remained an avid student of history, math and world affairs. He was known for his thoughtful perspective, dry wit and remarkable ability to recall and share stories from a life well lived. In his last years he really enjoyed the friendships made at the men's discussion group he led at the Carmel Foundation.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; his son, Tye Aldana and Tye's wife Theresa of Portland, Oregon; daughter, Christen Morell her husband Tom and his grandchildren, Eve and Ben Morell of Santa Cruz, California.



'Here, hold our root beer,' say 2026 Stevenson School golfers

THE BEST high school golf teams in California's Central Coast Section descended this week like a swarm of aggressive moths upon Laguna Seca Golf Ranch, where, for the second time in eight

Two Pirates — juniors Calvin Etchevery and Zac Hawkins — played on the Stevenson team that won the California state championship last spring. The other four graduated (three now play NCAA golf), leaving a mammoth challenge for this year's roster, which doesn't have a single graduating senior.

Could they win state again?

"Hold our root beer,"

say the 2026 Pirates, who, it turns out, are legitimate contenders to repeat.

"I have six players in my lineup, each of whom is capable of shooting in the 60s on any given day. That's a new experience for me," said Justin Bates, who has coached golf at Stevenson for 19 seasons, seven as head coach.

Upward trajectory

On Tuesday, Stevenson's Dylan Hirst — a 15-year-old freshman — carded a 6-under-par 65, edging Etchevery, his teammate, by a single stroke.

The top five Stevenson players combined for 351 strokes — an astounding 4-under-par team score — thanks to depth provided by Hawkins (72), Will Keszler (73) and Ethan Merrick (75).

For the Pirates, depth has been a superpower.

The previous Tuesday, on the same course, they were even better at the 11-school CCS qualifying tournament, where their team score of 348 was 7 under par — 17 strokes ahead of runner-up Gunn.

More jaw-dropping: Hawkins (67), Griffin Didier (68), Etchevery and Hirst (both 69) finished first, second and tied for third.

Four scorecards in the 60s?

"That's never happened before," said Bates, who faces the most

difficult challenge of his coaching career each week: choosing six starters for postseason tournaments from a roster teeming with talent.

"It's almost like last year's team set the expectation for this year's guys by winning state," said Bates, who entered two lineups (a five-player varsity and a five-player junior varsity) in one of the toughest tournaments of the season and saw those teams take third and fourth in a talent-laden field.

"I think we've only had one bad tournament all year — at Laguna Seca, right after spring break. I don't think our headspace was quite right that day, and we still placed second," Bates said. "Since then, it's just been an upward trajectory. Right now, we're peaking at the time when we really want to be peaking."

Good thing, because the road gets tougher Tuesday at the Northern California Championships, where the Pirates won't have the home-turf advantage they've enjoyed the past two weeks at Laguna Seca.

NorCals in Livermore

This year's NorCals will be played at Poppy Ridge in Livermore — a public golf course likely familiar to many golfers in the San Francisco Bay area and Sacramento.

"That's very different from Berkeley Country Club, a private course most kids didn't have an opportunity to play beforehand," Bates said.

"Kids from De La Salle (Stevenson's top NorCal rival) play Poppy Ridge all the time," said Bates, who plans to take the Pirates 167 miles to Livermore for at least one practice round before the tournament.

The state tournament will be played

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

days, they ran into a bug-zapper known as the Stevenson Pirates.

Stevenson outpaced its nearest competitor, St. Ignatius, by 10 strokes Tuesday to win the Central Coast Section boys golf championship for the fourth straight year.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Calvin Etchevery, Stevenson's top golfer, carded a 66 in the CCS finals, 5 under par, for a second-place overall finish in the tournament, which the Pirates won by 10 strokes.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Stevenson's Dylan Hirst, a 15-year-old freshman, shot a 65 to capture medalist honors at Tuesday's CCS Golf Championships at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch.

June 3 at San Gabriel Country Club in suburban Los Angeles.

Carmel's only CCS qualifier, senior Julien Cho, shot 73 on Tuesday and tied for 13th place but failed to qualify for NorCals as an individual.

Cho was a stellar performer at last year's CCS (fourth place), NorCal (third place) and state tournaments (21st place).

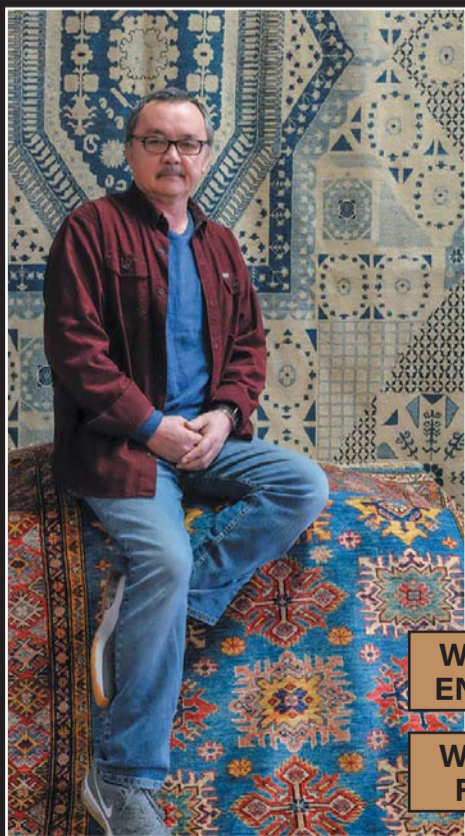
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Boys lacrosse: Quin Russell and Topher Moan scored five goals each to spark top-seeded Stevenson to a 15-5 victory over Priory School in Tuesday's Division 2

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quarterfinals. Connor Aeschliman dealt three assists, and Moan and Derek Diniz had two each, helping the Pirates to a semifinal berth against No. 4 Palo Alto on Thursday. The Pirates are slated to play a home game Saturday if they reach the finals. Time TBA.

Girls lacrosse: No. 2 Stevenson won Monday's Division 2 quarterfinals 13-7 over Castilleja, powered by four goals apiece from Brogan Dolata and Sydney Holland, plus three from Georgia Bonifas.

The Pirates earned a semifinal showdown with No. 3 Woodside on Thursday. The finals are scheduled Saturday at the venue of the high seed, time TBA.

Carmel was eliminated 21-4 in its quarterfinal against No. 1 Palo Alto.

Boys volleyball: Top-seeded Carmel swept Saratoga 25-16, 25-19, 25-21 in Tuesday's Division 2 quarterfinals, setting up a Thursday clash with No. 4 Mt. Madonna in the semis. The finals are scheduled Saturday at St. Francis High School in Mountain View, time TBA.

Track and field: CCS semifinals will be held Saturday at Gilroy High, with field events beginning at 9:30 a.m. and track events at 10. Athletes who placed among the top six finishers at last week's PCAL Masters meet are qualifiers.

The finals are May 23 (3 p.m. field, 4:45 p.m. track), also at Gilroy.

Boys tennis: Bellarmine defeated Stevenson 6-1 in the opening round of the CCS team championships. The Pirates completed their season with a 13-3 record.

Stevenson's Lyke Yoon and Vincent Pierre will compete at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the CCS doubles tournament at Imperial Courts Tennis Club in Aptos.

Yoon and Pierre, singles players during the regular season, are scheduled to face Woodside's Jordan Lee and Lucas Kuo in the opening round.

Baseball: CCS baseball tournaments begin May 23 at home sites.

Pacific Coast Athletic League Gabilan Division champion Carmel and Mission Division champion Stevenson are



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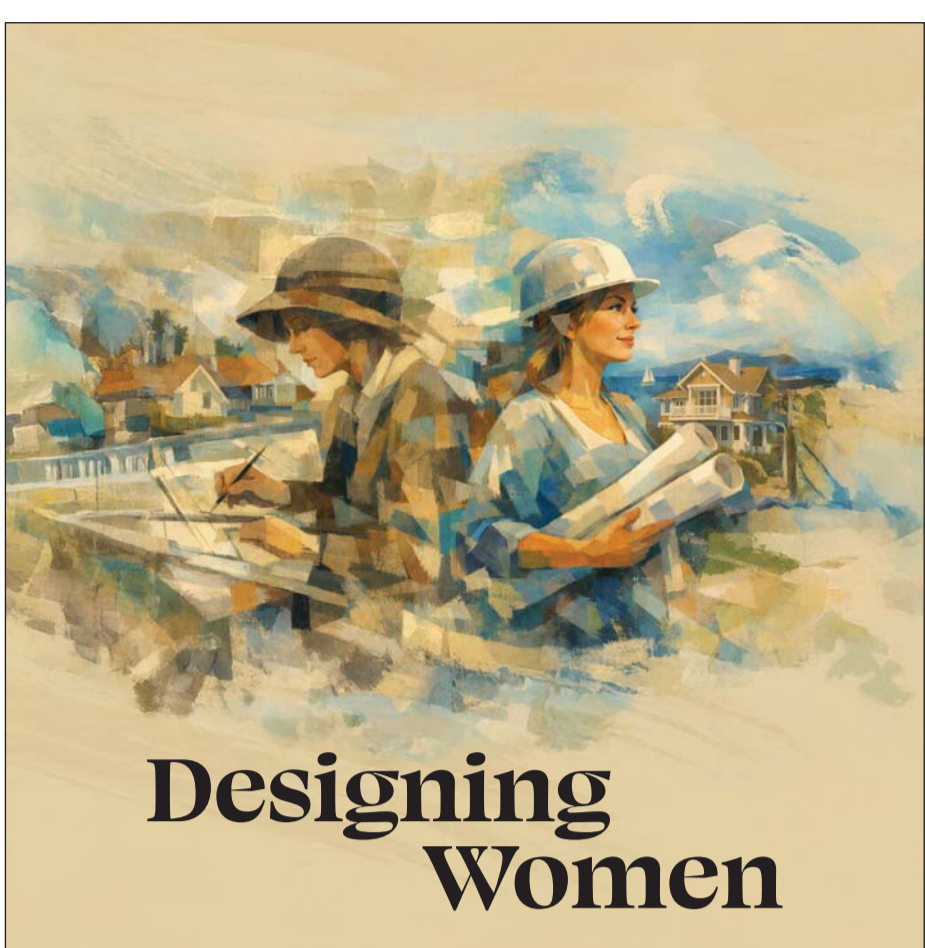
Zac Hawkins, dubbed "Mr. Consistency" by his coach, was 1 over par at CCS, tying for 11th place as the Pirates won their fourth consecutive sectional championship.

qualifiers.

Softball: CCS softball tournaments begin May 23 at home sites. Mission Division co-champion Carmel is an automatic qualifier.

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Don't touch that dial — here's some old-time radio drama

SOME KIDS hung out on the playing field and others were at the malt shop. Chris Edwards White was 14 when he started spending his time in radio stations. His Fresno neighbor was Gene Chenault, half of the well-known syndicated on-air duo, "Drake and Chenault," with DJ Bill Drake. They went on to produce the critically acclaimed "rockumentary" titled "The History of Rock & Roll," which chronicled popular music from the early 1950s forward. "My dad played golf with Chenault, but I was more interested in his radio career," said White. "I started hanging around KYNO Fresno, and all through my high school years, I was involved in radio."



PHOTO/COURTESY DENISE AND CHRIS WHITE

Chris White (right) owns local radio station KMBY, and runs the Monterey Tequila Festival with his wife, Denise.

Owned by Bing

White graduated in 1968 and went to UCLA, where he majored in electrical engineering because his dad told him he'd never make it in radio. Nevertheless, Chenault was doing programming in Los Angeles for KHJ-AM radio, so White helped out any way he could there, sweeping floors and even doing a little on-air work, just to be

rebuilt the entire facility there. I wanted it like it used to be."

"We added an FM signal, so now we have the most powerful signal on the Central Coast, at Mt. Toro," he said. "The AM signal goes with the curvature of the earth and sits low, whereas FM is at the line of sight. We're at 3,800 feet."

White recognizes that his passion for radio was instilled first by a love of

music and next for the interaction with people — in the station, on the air and among those listening.

"In the old days," he said, "I always loved to answer the request lines. I wanted to know where people were listening to us from."

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Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

around it.

Nearly 60 years later, White owns 11 radio stations — including local KMBY — and three television stations. But it didn't happen overnight.

"I bought KMBY, which turns 90 this year, knowing it is quite famous because it was owned by Bing Crosby for 27 years," he said. "I moved it to Cannery Row and

From the mayor's desk —

A week that shifted the conversation

By DALE BYRNE

AT THIS week's well-attended budget workshop, two developments signaled something important about where Carmel is headed.

The first was the continuation of a budget process unlike any the city has seen. Staff came in having done the hard work of examining every line of spending. Some of those reductions, as councilmember Hans Buder noted with his usual directness, went past muscle, past bone, and into marrow. We added some funding back where it made sense but encouraged staff to keep their eyes open for savings.

The process itself was exactly right, and this change in culture at City Hall is healthy — a standing expectation to look hard at what we spend, what we get for it and whether we can do better. That is a real

shift, and it is happening quickly because this council and staff understand something fundamental: Time is not on our side.

The second development was just as significant.

■ A remarkable turn

Former Mayor Ken White, who had a front-row seat to the Eastwood administration and was involved in the last serious but ultimately unsuccessful effort to build an underground parking garage, came forward with news of a new tourism task force. The group includes the Carmel Residents Association, the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, Visit Carmel, and See Monterey.

This follows one of the most thorough

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HER CREATIVE ZONE IS PEACEFUL AND OCCASIONALLY LIFE-ALTERING

PACIFIC GROVE sculptor Lynda Reed spent almost a decade of her professional life introducing the healing power of art to psychiatric patients, helping them pursue their own inner peace through self-expression. Today, the retired neuropsychologist explores her own bliss, merging her scientific brain with her creative side by shaping clay into emotional three-dimensional expressions of the human form.

"I'm very tactile," Reed said of her garage studio — her "oasis," she calls it — filled with a prolific body of work and an

Bay, where she had 15 pieces on exhibit.

Last year, one of her works was included in the Monterey Museum of Art's Biennial exhibition, a diverse showcase of multiple genres by local artists.

"That was a big deal for me — I was so excited," she said. "I mean ... a museum, right? What a fabulous experience."

Reed grew up in a Philadelphia suburb, where her high school art teacher was quite popular and given to pushing the boundaries of the school's rules.

Reed recalled, "He was a big fan of Andrew Wyeth and super-realism, and I was a person who couldn't draw in a class full of students trying to build portfolios to get into the Rhode Island School of Design. I always knew that wasn't going to be me."

She also remembers a teacher who considered her talentless — a waste of his time. "I loved being around art, but he was rude and insulting — just awful to me. I felt pretty lacerated after three years with him."

She went off to Beloit College in Wisconsin and pushed creativity aside to concentrate on earning a degree in psychology.

But Reed reignited the spark as a graduate student when she discovered an intriguing new program at Goddard College.

Healing blend

"This was the 1970s, when art therapy was just emerging. It sounded like a really cool way to blend my background in psychology and counseling with art," she said.

Reed earned a master's degree in art therapy, then began teaching art as a healing process at psychiatric hospitals.

"I was working with folks with pretty significant mental-health problems — victims of trauma and abuse, dissociative disorders, memory issues," she said.

"It was exciting to collaborate with a psychiatrist and also a movement therapist," Reed said. "As I was doing that, I realized that art doesn't necessarily have to be about the product — it can be about emotions. It could help a person deal with pain and suffering."

While guiding people toward breakthroughs in their mental health, Reed made a personal discovery about herself as an artist.

"I was just shaping clay one day, with no real direction in mind, when all of a sudden a woman emerged between my hands. And she

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

electric kiln that fires her clay and ceramics at about 1,800 degrees.

"When I'm in here, I don't think about work, I don't think about bills, I don't think about government. I'm in my zone, which is very meditative. I didn't know that zone existed until I met clay."

'A museum, right?'

Since 1999, Reed's work has been featured in at least 19 exhibitions in the San Francisco Bay area, on the Monterey Peninsula and elsewhere.

In 2023, she won first prize in 3D Sculpture at the Walter Lee Avery Gallery Fall Art Competition in Seaside and second place in the same category at the Monterey County Fair.

In 2024, she earned second place at "Anything Goes," a juried all-media show by the Coastal Arts League in Half Moon



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Sculptor Lynda Reed is a retired neuropsychologist who worked in psychiatric facilities as an art therapist.

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APPROVAL

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the gathering shouldn't have been approved, because the code prohibits "commercial activity" on the beach and the bluff pathway, and in the Del Mar parking area west of Scenic Road.

While tickets would only be available ahead of time, he said, "selling the tickets in advance of the event is still a sale in that money is being paid and, in return, the person attending the event takes that ticket to Carmel Beach and receives wine," Pierik said. The code doesn't exempt advance ticket sales, nor does it exempt events in which the organizer donates the proceeds to a nonprofit.

Galante, who said he and Pèpe were not told their approval was set to be reconsidered by the commission this week, defended it and decried the process.

"Over the last two years, we've worked diligently, transparently and responsibly at every step," he said. "We did not attempt to circumvent procedures, we did not attempt to exploit loopholes, we repeatedly sought direction from staff on how this event should properly be structured, permitted and reviewed. We followed those directions carefully."

Galante said that at no point did anyone from the city tell him their event would be considered "prohibited commercial activity."

He accused Pierik and other city officials of "selective interpretation" of the code and speculated bias exists against wineries and tasting rooms here.

Not transparent, fair

"Had we not independently learned that this item was moving forward today, we would not have been present to answer questions and defend the event," he added. "That is not how a transparent and fair process is supposed to function."

Galante pointed out that the Surfabout takes fees, charity races like the now-defunct Run in the Name of Love that ended in the Del Mar lot accepted entry fees and sponsorships, and weddings, while they're private, involve a lot of people getting paid for their products and services.

Further, Tira Nanza Winery is holding Rosé by the Bay from 2 to 5 p.m. May 30, offering wine and small bites for \$40-\$50 per person on the beach alongside the Surfabout.

Regarding Carmel By The Glass, resident Cindy Lloyd said she is "not in favor of an event of that scale on Carmel Beach," and that scheduling it on the same day as the sandcastle contest is "inconsiderate."

She also read a statement from resident and former city administrator Doug Schmitz, who said it is "in direct conflict with the general plan, the Carmel Municipal Code, our values as a community and our heritage."

"Like Cindy and like Doug, I do not support Carmel By The Glass on Carmel Beach," added resident Ian Martin. "But that being said, I am concerned about how this whole thing went down."

Judith Schultze, who owns Windy Oaks Winery with her husband, urged the commission to consider the wine industry's contributions to the community.

Somewhat perplexed by why they were being asked to undo an action the city attorney said they had no authority to make in the first place, commissioners briefly discussed their options before voting 3-1, with Refuerzo dissenting, to withdraw their approval. Commissioner Jeff Meacham, who owns De Tierra Vineyards, had to recuse himself because he has a tasting room in Carmel and participates in events like Carmel By The Glass.

A decision on the permit by Bermudez is the next step.

Assuming she denies it, Galante could appeal it to city administrator Brandon Swanson, with the city council potentially having the final say.

Afterward, Galante told The Pine Cone the whole ordeal was "a completely targeted event against us," even though they'd followed all the rules. He described it as "a very sad blemish for the City of Carmel," and said Pierik "permanently undermined the community activities commission, basically saying that they have no authority over events."

Refuerzo out

Following the vote, Refuerzo emailed Bermudez to defend the event.

"I was shocked to learn that a community activities director was appointed last week," she added, having been told the position wouldn't be filled.

Bermudez responded that neither she nor city administrator Brandon Swanson realized the commission "continued acting on special event applications during a period when administrative responsibilities and approval authority were not clearly understood."

"During that time, several events were approved by the commission that, under the municipal code, required action by the director," Bermudez said, but no one was "aware that the commission had been acting outside the authority established in the municipal code."

Refuerzo said she'd repeatedly asked who would replace Wright and was "told more than once that a director wasn't needed," since the commission and department were "set up, streamlined and running."

Obviously, no one had read the code section regarding permit approvals, she continued. Otherwise, someone would have noted the need to step in immediately so event permits could continue to be approved.

The commission "wasn't acting outside its authority established by the municipal code," she argued. "We were given that authority when told that we didn't need a director."

But, she said, it turns out the commission "has no authority over basically anything."

"We can review and comment, but a unanimous approval of an event obviously doesn't mean anything to the staff or city council," she concluded.

She signed her resignation letter, "Judy Refuerzo, Disgusted Citizen."

Correction

Last week's story, "County sounds alarm over welfare cuts," stated that "hundreds of thousands" of Monterey County residents receive free or low-cost medical care from taxpayers. The actual figure, according to county officials, is 175,000.



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about the allegation that he was operating without a license.

“Regarding licensing, I was operating a legitimate massage business with professional and liability insurance coverage, and that issue is separate from the criminal allegations currently being made,” he said.

Instead of taking Robinson to Monterey County Jail in Salinas, officers booked him into the Monterey Police Department’s small jail, where he posted \$30,000 bail and was released.

Monterey police did not indicate whether the alleged victim is male or female. The department said Robinson is the sole employee of Intuitive Touch.

‘Personalized massage’

The Intuitive Touch website indicates it has a “licensed and insured” massage therapist with experience serving more than 1,500 clients. The business offers Swedish and sports massages, advanced lymphatic drainage and other services.

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your well-being,” the website says. “Our trained therapists are committed to delivering a professional and rejuvenating experience tailored to your unique needs.”

According to Monterey County Superior Court records, Robinson has not been charged with any crimes in Monterey County.

MAKEOVER

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intended build-out of the manor, planning consultant Joel Panzer noted the original 1960 permit anticipated a total of 172 units — three more than the community will have once the project is complete.

After buying the land for the manor in the early 1920s, architect Reginald D. Johnson built a two-story home there. Philanthropist Noël Sullivan purchased the property in the mid-1930s and hosted celebrities such as Charlie Chaplin, Duke Ellington, Douglas Fairbanks, Cole Porter and others.

Northern California Congregational Retirement Homes, Inc., bought the property in 1960, began building in 1962 and opened Carmel Valley Manor in 1963.

will continue teaching its degree programs through summer 2027.

“We will honor the commitments we have made to our students, faculty and staff,” Middlebury said this week. “We also have been in touch with our accreditors, city officials in Monterey, and other partners about our plans and will work closely with all of them to fulfill our obligations to our community.”

Soka officials said that if the sale goes through, the agreement “would establish its presence in both Southern and Northern California, making the school one of the few private liberal arts institutions with a footprint spanning both regions.”

MIIS

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MIIS master’s programs, Middlebury said. Both schools have enrollment sizes of roughly 500 students, with Middlebury employing about the same number of staff.

New presence

Middlebury had planned to hold a town hall meeting Thursday to answer questions from students and staff about the short- and long-term implications of the possible sale. As stated last year, Middlebury said it



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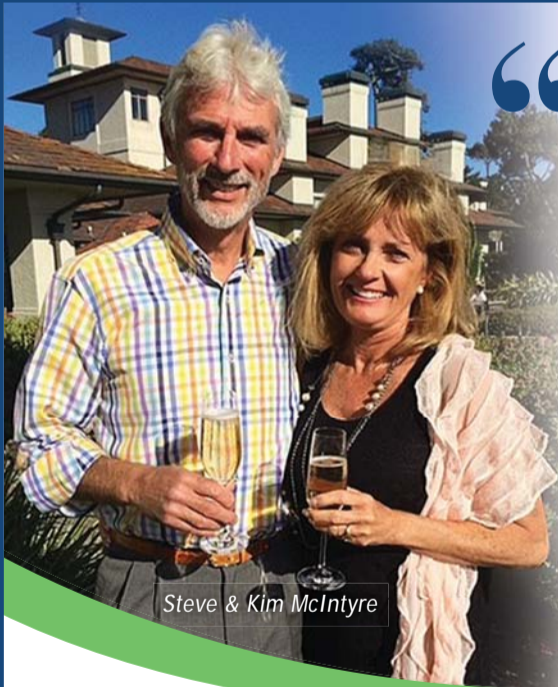
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LETTERS

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in the previous week's issue.

Concerns we have with the six letters in last week's Pine Cone:

The city's determination that the Stonehouse Terrace not be eligible for a National Register historic nomination was sensible. Do you think the Stonehouse commercial and residential building is comparable to the Carmel Mission and Sunset Center? Of course not! Further, what is the rush for a historic ruling if not to try to dissuade the city from approving the J.B. Pastor building, which partially blocks Kristi Reimers' view from her apartment in the Stonehouse? Otherwise, the historic designation could certainly wait a year for the 50-year-old designation. The Pastor building will sit west of the east-facing Stonehouse, so it would not impact the building.

Regarding the issue of discrimination against Pastor, the Hofsas House Hotel was approved in two commission meetings and one HRB meeting, when it was questionably determined not historic — but the house on the site was deemed historic! The residents never saw a comprehensive view of the west elevation "wall of glass." The whole project was approved within six months.

In contrast, The Pit project near the post office has been in process for six years, and Esperanza Carmel is still waiting for a building permit from the city!

The J.B. Pastor building on Seventh has been under the microscope for almost seven years, through five appeals, five HRB meetings, and seven planning meetings and redesigns, as more demands are made — and is yet to get approved. Demands have included retention of an architecturally insignificant annex, prohibition on relocating it and a section of a concrete wall that was deemed historic well into the process, and then two full additional

project redesigns to build 5 feet from that wall and re-address parking and landscape plans. Esperanza's lawyer summed it up well: "... relentless delays, obstructionist procedural demands, and a level of hostile scrutiny that no applicant in recent history has been forced to endure."

Pastor has said he wants to design something that will please the residents and maintain Carmel's character. When he posted that survey on the pit fence, more than 80% of Carmelites told him they wanted a traditional, not a modern, design. He is the only reason the Pit did not end up a modernist's nightmare that would have destroyed the historic ambiance of Carmel's downtown. Residents, please know that Patrice Pastor is a great friend to the Carmel-loving residents who want to maintain the traditional character of the town.

Neal Kruse, Carmel

Car Week dangers

Dear Editor,

I write about Car Week as a car collector and enthusiast.

I enjoy the car shows, the races at Laguna Seca, and the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. Yet, I agree with so many members of our community that Car Week has gotten out of control.

Cars racing on the streets, loud revving cars at all hours of day and night, and the dangerous gang takeovers of parking lots and streets are unacceptable. If they're not brought under control, Car Week will eventually destroy itself.

I applaud the stepped-up law enforcement efforts in our city and on the Peninsula. However, what is overlooked and has become dangerous is 17 Mile Drive. Particularly on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, it becomes a racecourse.

Our home in Carmel Woods overlooks 17 Mile Drive, so I can attest to the continuous racing up and down it late at night. Last year, I finally called 911 around

midnight on Friday and Saturday to report it. I told them someone is going to get killed if they don't get it stopped. The CHP must have responded, because soon after, the racing stopped.

At the speeds these cars were driving, they must have been crossing the double yellow line. Some unsuspecting resident is going to be driving home one night, only to have a wannabe race driver come around a blind corner on their side of the road, causing a head-on collision or launching someone into Pescadero Canyon.

Rather than waiting for it to get out of control, why not have the CHP regularly patrol it, particularly on those three nights? Also, why not set up temporary speed bumps, like Carmel is doing, to slow and discourage dangerous driving?

Responding to prevent someone from getting killed is far better than responding after they die.

Doug Armey, Carmel

Wildfire safety

Dear Editor,

At a recent wildfire preparedness meeting in Carmel, a city councilmember referenced a "Covid-era mindset." I actually agree with the comparison — but not in the way he likely intended. The language itself is revealing and raises concerns about how decisions are being made and how they may be enforced.

He described working with a small group of "approved" officials — the police chief, fire chief and planning director — while excluding broader public input and independent perspectives. This group appears to be developing wildfire strategies behind closed doors, with the expectation that those strategies will eventually be applied across the entire city. He began by praising voluntary, neighbor-driven mitigation, which I fully support. But he then shifted, saying he is applying to designate the entire city as a Firewise community and that, like Covid, what your neighbor does directly impacts you.

That shift matters. It suggests moving away from voluntary cooperation toward a framework where individual choices are treated as collective risks that justify mandates or social pressure. That approach risks imposing blanket policies on a community with diverse properties, varying levels of risk and different priorities.

There is no clear historical precedent for catastrophic wildfire in Carmel, but that doesn't mean preparation isn't important. It absolutely is. The question is how to do it thoughtfully. I'm looking for solutions that have a high likelihood of success while maintaining a low visual impact. People value Carmel for its unique character — we should focus on protecting what exists, not reshaping it through one-size-fits-all rules.

I take wildfire risk seriously, but I also believe in the freedom to assess that risk individually and adopt mitigation strategies that fit each property. A uniform approach can overlook important differences and may not be effective in every situation.

Involving fire professionals and planners is essential. But excluding residents, alternative ideas and broader input creates a narrow process. When combined with enforcement or social pressure, it begins to feel less like collaboration and more like imposition.

Wildfire preparedness should be built on open dialogue, transparency, and voluntary participation. The best solutions will come from inclusive conversations where residents can weigh options and decide what works for their homes and neighborhoods — not from closed-door decisions followed by mandates.

Matthew DeMars, Pacific Grove

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LIVES

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White graduated from UCLA in 1974. He also completed six months of active duty in the Air National Guard, followed by officer candidate school.

He said he left military service as a captain in 1980. "I had been a communications officer for the 144th Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard in Fresno. Yet through it all, I never lost my love of radio."

He returned to the airways and worked for RKO General, the movie company that owned KHJ radio.

"When CBS bought us in 1982, I got off the air and shifted to sales," he remembered. "I worked my way up through the ranks and went to KFRC in San Francisco, first in sales and then in management." That was also an RKO-owned station.

'It worked'

By the time he retired in 2005, White was a vice president at CBS radio, with his territory including "everything west of the Mississippi" — 421 stations, all of which, he said, reported to him.

"I loved every minute of it," he said. "I was 55 when I retired. I stayed home for three months and got bored. I wanted to get back into it, so I bought a radio station and then another one, which is how it grew to 11 stations."

After acquiring KMBY, White's primary quest was to hire back as many of the original professional crew he could find.

"I brought back the very talented Mark Carbanaro, who started with the station 30 years ago, as well as Don Brooklyn, who was there in 1983," White said. "David Marzetti, my V.P. of operations, was my first hire. We call him Mr. Monterey because he emcees all the local events."

In 2009, White lost his wife, Katrina, to a heart attack. She seemed fit and healthy, he said, and then was gone at 57. Three years later, he met Denise, whom he married on Carmel Beach just outside the door of the house belonging to their late friend, John Madden. The reception was held in town at American Legion Post 512.

Said Denise, "We met online and it worked, and I entered his life. I used to sell health insurance. Prior to that, I spent 10 years in the grocery bakery industry, so I know my way around cake decorating. I have three kids, a boy and two girls, and Chris has one son. Between the two of us, we have seven grandchildren."

Hit the jackpot

She devotes a lot of time working on the couple's other passionate pursuit, the nearly 18-year-old Monterey Tequila Festival. After one of their radio salespeople learned that the event's owner, Crystal Murphy, had announced it was her last year, the Whites bought it.

"We are now in our third year with the festival. It's a lot of fun," she said. "I didn't know there were so many tequilas. I also didn't know how much I liked it."

October's one-day event kicks off with a sponsored tequila tasting and more at the Hyatt Regency. Around 8 p.m., music and dancing will begin in the ballroom. There are also a raffle and auction, and, according to the festival website, a portion of the proceeds goes to Rancho Cielo youth campus, an alternative high school in Salinas.

"I never imagined we'd get involved in this," White

said. "It's a lot of work; I'm on the move. I do in one day what others might do in three days. But it's a lot of fun."

When not working on the festival, she heads to Chukchansi Gold resort and casino near Yosemite National Park once a week for her favorite outlet, an afternoon of gambling. On New Year's Eve 2023, she hit a \$96,000 jackpot.

"I grew up in a gambling family — my parents were always going to Reno or Tahoe," she said. "I find it

relaxing. The other day, I played in a slot tournament, which was fun. After the tequila festival, I'm going on a players invitational cruise to Hawaii with Chris."

KMBY is one of only nine radio stations in the United States approved by the FCC as a 501(c)(3), said White. That enables him to reinvest 20% of revenue in the community — including Rancho Cielo — because, he said, "It's so important."



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different, undisclosed medical facility, where doctors told him he needed intravenous antibiotics during the period when he had been under Blum's and the defendants' care.

But by the time his new physicians recognized the problem and began treating it, Harrison says, "the infection had progressed to such an advanced stage" that his leg could not be saved and had to be amputated.

Asked about the lawsuit, a Montage Health spokesperson said, "Because this involves an ongoing legal matter, we're not able to discuss specifics. What we can share is that our organization is committed to delivering safe, high-quality care and supporting our teams and patients every day."

As a result of the defendants' alleged breaches of the standard of care, Harrison says he suffered injuries and damages "including loss of limb-preserving treatment, amputation of his leg, permanent disability, pain, suffering, emotional distress, medical expenses, loss of earnings and earning capacity," according to the lawsuit, filed in Monterey County Superior Court.

Harrison's lawsuit, filed by North Hollywood attorney Omar Hamed, seeks an undisclosed amount in damages, including for rehabilitation, medical costs and prosthetic expenses, in excess of \$35,000.

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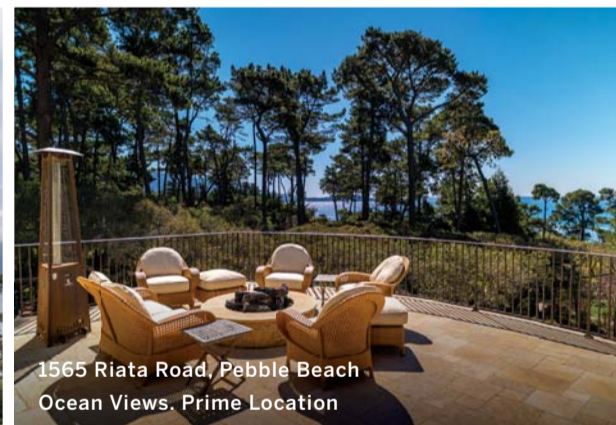


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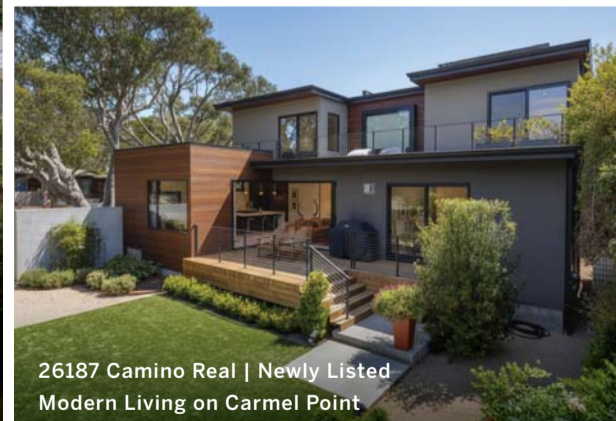
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wine, beer and craft canned cocktails will be available for purchase on site. The series continues Fridays through June 12. For a complete schedule, visit sunsetcenter.org.



The Rjae Haas Band rocks the Carmel Art Festival's opening gala Friday evening.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Star-Spangled Banner," the **Monterey Symphony** celebrates the country's 250th birthday Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at Sunset Center.

Musicologist **Christopher Anderson-Bazzoli** presents a free pre-concert talk an hour before Saturday's show, while Ogren offers the same an hour before Sunday's matinee.

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

Jammin' in the park

The Rjae Haas Band plays rock and blues Friday at 6 p.m. at the 33rd annual Carmel Art Festival's opening gala in Devendorf Park. Tickets for the party are \$100 at the door.

The art festival also offers free music in the park throughout the weekend, with **The Nick Williams Trio** performing Friday at 11 a.m. and **Dan Levitan** playing the harp at 2 p.m. **The Stu Heydon Blues Band** takes the stage Saturday at 11 a.m., while local singer **Sofia Lavering** makes her debut Sunday at 10 a.m., and **The Rotary Club Band** performs Sunday at noon.

The park is located at Junipero and Ocean.

Free and outside

Offering free outdoor concerts, Sunset Center's Terrace Hour music series is back Friday at 5:30 p.m. with a performance by **The Maak Band**. The group blends "Moroccan melodies with Latin, reggae and rock influences," serving up "dance grooves that tell stories of love and global unity."

While guests are welcome to bring their own food and nonalcoholic drinks,

Just Wow

A familiar face and voice on local stages who now lives in Missouri, singer, guitarist and music promoter **Kiki Wow** is back in town for shows Friday at 5 p.m. at the Links Club and Sunday at 6 p.m. at Chamisal Tennis and Fitness Club in Corral de Tierra. "There's never a dull moment when she's in town," said Wow the promoter about Wow the musician.

Wow will be joined by guitarist **Brad**

Wright, keyboardist **Pamma Jamma**, bassist **Mark Whittington**, drummer **Greg Edenfield** and the Wowettes, singers **Amber Guzman** and **Kimb Massey**. The setlist includes a "mixed bag" of classic rock hits.

The Links Club is in Carmel Plaza at Mission and Ocean, while Chamisal is at 185 Robley Road, off Highway 68.

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As part of the Carmel Art Festival, singer and guitarist Stu Heydon plays the blues Saturday, 11 a.m., in Devendorf Park.



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Speaking of traditions, graduation is coming. Take it from us, parents, this is no time to be heroes. Unless it will bring you joy, putting out a big spread for friends and family should be the last thing on your mind. Make reservations, hire a caterer or order what makes you and your offspring happy. The kids will remember the time they spent with you, not the fact that you spent hours twirling prosciutto into roses for a charcuterie board.

Now then, whether you want to pour yourself a strong cup of Italian coffee from beans roasted in Carmel Valley, pop open a German-style pilsner from a nearby brewery or just squeeze a fresh glass of California orange juice, hop on the bus for a whirlwind culinary tour.

Where's Cal now?

Highly regarded longtime chef Cal Stamenov, who for years was the mind behind all things culinary at Bernardus Lodge in

France.

Stamenov was getting itchy feet at Cella when he found himself doing a little private catering for hotelier David Fink, whose newest project, Maison 1896, is located in Beaune, France. The recently restored 16-room hotel in what's widely considered the wine capital of Burgundy in the Cote-d'Or contains late chef Charles Phan's newest Slanted Door restaurant, and Fink asked Stamenov if he'd be willing to spend a few months as the chef there.

Good friends

"That was kind of a bucket-list item for me," Stamenov said from France Monday, so he decided to go for it. He prepared by working a few days at Slanted Door in Napa and acknowledged the ingredients and cuisine were "completely different from what I'm used to."

He arrived in the country three weeks ago and was living in the hotel but is now in an apartment in the small town. Stamenov's main tasks are developing a new menu to transition the restaurant into a California-French style and finding the purveyors and staff to make that possible.

He's tapped into the farmers market right outside the hotel. "It's one of the most beautiful ones I've been to — outside of Paris and Carmel," he said.

Stamenov's French connections include Christophe Grosjean, who worked as his executive sous chef at Bernardus years ago and was executive chef at Aubergine



Longtime local chef — and mentor to many more — Cal Stamenov (above) was tapped by Carmel hotelier David Fink to take on a project at Maison 1896 in Beaune, France. The restaurant in the recently restored boutique hotel was home to one of late chef Charles Phan's Slanted Door locations, and Stamenov is tasked with developing a new menu to transition the place into a California-French style, including sourcing products and hiring staff.

before returning to Europe and setting up in Biarritz, where he has since earned two Michelin stars. He and other friends are helping Stamenov with leads on culinary talent and resources.

Change at Cella

And he extolled the area's legacy in wines. The hotel, in fact, is owned by the Drouhin family, which has formidable wineries by the same name in France and Oregon.

"It just got its five-star rating, and I'm looking to get some kind of Michelin mention one day," Stamenov said.

But Carmel Valley is his home, and he's

intent on returning and seeing what's next.

Meanwhile, back at Cella — which is arguably deserving of Michelin recognition, too — chef Tyler Eaves has taken charge. A native of Maryland, Eaves trained at the Culinary Institute of America and went on to cook in some impressive kitchens, including Pineapple & Pearls in Washington D.C., Sierra Mar at the Post Ranch Inn in Big Sur, and Michelin-starred Chez Noir in Carmel.

He's already overhauled the menu. Gone are Stamenov classics like beef tartare, along with staples like the scallops

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Soup to Nuts

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and the steak. In their place are Monterey Bay abalone, caramelized onion and kalamata tart, black cod en papillote, squab, lamb shoulder, and striploin with sweetbreads, vegetables and blackberry Bordsaise. The Monterey Bay halibut crudo, even if a bit odd looking, is delicious, as are the tart and the cod, which comes with pepper stew, cranberry beans and grilled squid salad. Eaves' talent shows across the board and is, of course, complemented by mixologist Joshua Perry behind the bar.

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Mezzaluna becomes Alfredo's

Alfredo Ortiz, longtime general manager of Mezzaluna Pasteria & Mozzarella Bar at 1188 Forest Ave. in Pacific Grove, has purchased the restaurant from founding owners chef Soerke Peters and Amy Stouffer.

Before opening Mezzaluna, Peters, a native of Germany, helmed three Carmel restaurants — Basil Seasonal Dining, the 70-year-old Village Corner, and Lafayette Kitchen & Café, which he was transitioning to Etats-Unis French American Bistro when the Covid pandemic forced its closure.

Mezzaluna has been renamed Alfredo's Pastaria & Mozzarella Bar. The change was announced May 4.

Ortiz plans to retain the menu, operations and staff.

"This restaurant has always been about more than food — it's about community, consistency and care," Ortiz said. "Having been part of Mezzaluna for so many years, it is an honor to carry forward what chef Soerke and Amy created."

Being green

The partners opened Mezzaluna in 2019 with a focus on handcrafted pastas, house-made mozzarella and seasonal California ingredients. In addition to its from-scratch offerings, it had the distinction of being the first eatery in P.G. to be certified by the Green Restaurant Association.

Soerke and Stouffer also own Mezzaluna Pasteria & Mozzarella Bar in Bentonville, Ark., and are pleased with the transition.

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The longtime general manager of Mezzaluna Pasteria and Mozzarella Bar, Alfredo Ortiz, has purchased the Pacific Grove restaurant from its founders, Soerke Peters and Amy Stouffer. Ortiz says it's an honor to carry on their work.

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Mezzaluna Pasteria and Mozzarella Bar was purchased by GM Alfredo Ortiz, who plans to keep the menu, which features house-made specialties like burrata cheese served with fresh spring peas.



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“We are happy that Alfredo will carry on the California legacy that defines this restaurant under its new name, while we continue to grow our operations in Bentonville,” the couple said in a joint statement. “We truly love our customers and this community.”

■ Bakers — and eaters — wanted

The Carmel Jewish Food Festival returns to Congregation Beth Israel, 5716 Carmel Valley Road, on Sunday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The free event is open to the public with no tickets required.

Let's talk about the menu.

“Jewish food” is distinguished by adherence to biblical dietary rules, but it has roots in many cuisines and finds its expression in even more. From the colder climates of central and eastern Europe — Germany, Russia and Poland, for example — come things like matzo ball soup, latkes, and kugel, a noodle dish that can be made sweet or savory. “Lighter” bites like bourekas — flaky pastry stuffed with spinach and feta — come from North Africa, Turkey, Italy and elsewhere along the Mediterranean.

The festival offers those goodies, along with chopped liver, knishes (potato and/or buckwheat wrapped in pastry), hummus, blintzes, smoked whitefish, corned beef, and that distinctly Brooklyn contribution, the egg cream, a sweet, frothy beverage that contains neither eggs nor cream.

No-man's-land

From the hearts and kitchens of professional bakers and volunteers (see below) come beautifully braided loaves of challah, mini loaves of apple cake, strudels, rolls of rugelach with chocolate walnut or cinnamon walnut filling, and chocolate or cinnamon babka, which occupies a sort of no-man's-land between cake and bread. There's more, and you can salivate over all of it and pre-order many items at jewishfoodfestivalcarmel.org.

In addition to having what's possibly the best meal or nosh of the summer, visitors will enjoy live music, activities like storytelling, Israeli folk dancing, a sanctuary tour, Jewish food films, and a gift shop booth.

Pre-orders for a limited menu of festival favorites will be available online from June 28 through July 19 for pickup on Saturday, July 25.

Organizers are seeking volunteers for advance baking starting this month, food preparation the week before the event, and help on festival day. No experience is necessary and volunteers do not need to be Jewish, organizers said.

Details for those interested in signing up can be found at jewishfoodfestivalcarmel.org.

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

Senator's proposal to help wine producers

By KELLY NIX

A STATE Senate bill to allow small winemakers to sell their products and offer tastings at certified farmers markets received unanimous support from politicians. The bill is next headed to the state Assembly for consideration.

California rules only allow winemakers to sell their products at farmers markets if their beverages are produced exclusively from “estate grown” grapes, or grapes grown onsite — a law that excludes many smaller and boutique wineries that source grapes from California growers.

Senate Bill 917, authored by District 17 Sen. John Laird, would allow non-estate wineries to offer their products at farmers markets, which he said would mean “more equitable access for small producers.”

“California's wineries are hurting, and SB 917 delivers real relief,” Laird said. “I'm proud to see this bill pass the Senate — cutting red tape, opening new markets, and helping small producers get their products directly to consumers.”

The proposal also encourages consumers to support locally made wine, strengthening small businesses and regional economies, he said.

A large oversupply of grapes in the state, lower demand for wine and other market conditions have led to a severe economic downturn in the industry.

Laird's bill has no recorded opposition, it has the support of the Family Winemakers of California.



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MUSIC

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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.

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

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

Eighth Avenue.

Cypress Inn — singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, R&B and dance music, Friday at 6:30 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and pop, Sunday at 11 a.m.), **The David Morwood Jazz Band** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

Links Club — Kiki Wow and Fields of Eden (pop and classic rock, Friday at 6 p.m.), **The Money Band** (pop and rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

Yoga Shala by the Sea — singer and guitarist **Peter Konikowski**, singer and bassist **Etienne David Franc** and drummer **Shaun Elley** (reggae, Saturday at 5 p.m.). At Sunset Center, Cottage No. 18, San Carlos and 10th.

■ Carmel Valley

Bernardus Lodge — pianist **Michael Culver** (Friday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault**

(jazz and pop, Saturday at noon), singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

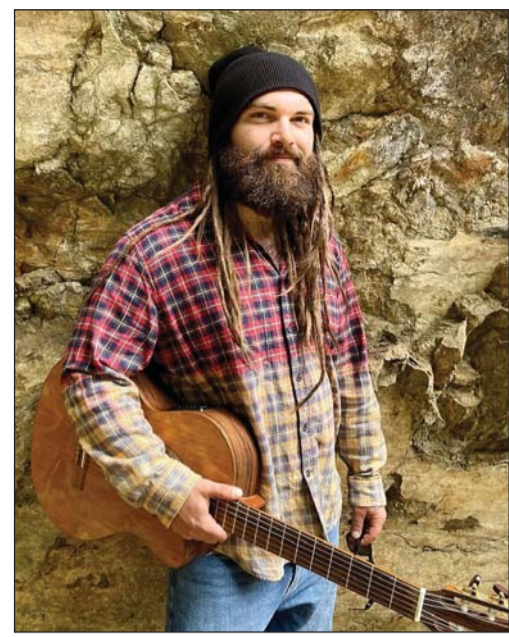
Edgar's — Evergreen (soft rock, Friday at 5:30 p.m.). At Quail Lodge, 8205 Valley Greens Drive.

Folktales Winery — Two Rivers (pop and rock, Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Saturday at 4 p.m.), **Jesse DeCarlo Funk Trio** (Sunday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Al James** (Monday at 4 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Thursday at 4 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Rd.

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

■ Monterey

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



Singer and guitarist Peter Konikowski and friends play reggae Saturday, 5 p.m., at Yoga Shala by-the-Sea.

InterContinental Hotel — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday and

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Midici Pizza — singer **Lauri Hofer-Romero** and guitarist **Bob Basa** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Paul Contos**, keyboardist **Evan Wiederanders** and bassist **Jesse DeCarlo** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel — pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Tuesday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Jewel Arianna** (Wednesday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

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

Sly McFly's — **The Joint Chiefs** (funk, acid jazz and classic r&b, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Mad About You** ('80s and '90s hits, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The Pacific Jack Band** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), **DC & the Jokers** (rock and blues, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **5 Star** (rock and soul, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.), **Bobby & Friends** (funk, soul and r&b, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

■ Pacific Grove

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



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

Lucy's on Lighthouse — **Wharf Rats** (rock, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

PG's Meetinghouse — **DC & the Jokers** (rock and blues, Friday at 5 p.m.), **Sean & The Skinwalkers** (rock and blues, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **Vista Point** (Americana, Sunday at 11 a.m.), **Open Mic** (Tuesday at 6 p.m., sign-ups start at 5 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Pop 'n' Hiss — **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 215 Forest Ave.

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

■ Pebble Beach

The Inn at Spanish Bay — **The Andy Weis Trio** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

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ARTIST

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was singing,” she recalled. “It wasn’t planned — it was an accident. And for me, it was an ‘aha’ moment: ‘Oh my God, I’m spatial in my thinking — I think in 3D!’”

The sculpture, “Woman Emergent,” launched an exciting new direction for Reed, whose nude figures became central to the art she has created since.

“I’ve realized that three-dimensional, spatial thinking is one of my strong suits,” she said.

In 1990, Reed earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. In 2000, she opened a private practice as a clinical neuropsychologist in Albany, Calif., embarking on a journey that included seven years (2002-2009) as chief psychologist at St. Mary’s Medical Center in San Francisco and two years (2009-2011) as assessment director at Palo Alto University’s Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, where she taught and supervised Ph.D. candidates.

After retiring in 2019, she and her wife, Dr. Jill Dougal MacKinnon (a neuromusculoskeletal specialist who treats acute and traumatic spinal cord injuries), moved from the San Francisco Bay area to Pacific Grove.

‘Friendly’

“We sold our houses up there, bought one here, and moved during the pandemic, which probably took us eight or nine months, moving more stuff every three weeks or so,” Reed said.

“Neighbors would wave at us from across the street and yell, ‘Welcome to the neighborhood!’ because everything was shut down.”

The friendliness of the Last Hometown and a welcoming artist community have been pluses as Reed focuses more intensely on her art.

“It’s something I care a whole lot about. I can put hours and hours into a piece,” said the artist, who prefers to sculpt her figures from live models whenever possible.

“I have loved clay since first touch,” she wrote in an artist statement. “I feel connected to all of the elements — earth, air, fire and water — plus the mineral world, and I continue to find tremendous beauty and emotion in figurative work.”

Images of her sculptures, and additional information, can be found at lyndareedsculptor.com. Email Reed at lrbear@sbcglobal.net to see her work by appointment.

Dennis Taylor is a professional freelance writer in Monterey County. Contact him at scribelaureate@gmail.com.

LIVE

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The Lodge at Pebble Beach — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (Saturday at 5 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

■ Sand City

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

■ Seaside

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

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MAYOR

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council reviews and village debates on tourism marketing in recent memory, as we look to redirect more resources toward capital projects and bring the overtourism discussion into sharper focus.

Mayor Pro Tem Delves asked the group to return in June with goals and a progress report.

That task force represents exactly the kind of alignment this moment calls for. Instead of separate organizations each advocating for their share of the marketing budget, we may now have a coordinated effort working toward shared goals. With the Carmel Residents Association and Chamber at the table, the conversation broadens beyond reach and impressions to how tourism is actually experienced by the people who live, work and run businesses here.

Putting numbers to it

Shared goals only work if tied to clear measures of success, commonly called key performance indicators, or KPIs. At their core, KPIs are agreed-upon outcomes that tell us whether a strategy is working. Two examples worth starting with: Is the gap between our busiest weekend days and quieter midweek periods getting smaller? And on peak days, when every parking space is taken and overflow fills residential

streets, is that trend improving? Both are measurable. Neither is currently tracked.

A task force with four strong partners and a clear council mandate could be well positioned to propose a range of meaningful KPIs and hold itself accountable. The same is true for city staff.

Putting time on our side

Carmel is not alone in facing these challenges. Other coastal communities are investing aggressively, and nearby jurisdictions are building infrastructure designed to attract the same visitors we depend on. The decisions we make now — how we spend, how we measure, and how we manage — will shape this village for a generation.

What gives me confidence is the pace of change. The budget discipline we demonstrated this week and the task force that stepped forward that same night are not separate developments. They are two expressions of the same understanding: The old ways of doing business are no longer sufficient, and Carmel is ready to adapt.

The new tourism task force has important work ahead. We will be watching and rooting for its members as the city moves into the final stretch of this budget cycle with important ballot measure decisions pending.

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

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products contained plastic in the form of polyvinyl alcohol. ECOS further represented that these products were biodegradable when prosecutors allege that they are not likely to break down during wastewater treatment processes in sewer or septic systems before entering the ocean or other waterways.

As public concern over plastic pollution continues to grow, consumers are increasingly seeking to purchase products that they believe offer environmental benefits. Misrepresenting or overstating such environmental attributes misleads consumers and violates California law.

This case was resolved by a team of California prosecutors, including the district attorneys of Monterey, Alameda, Fresno, Napa, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Francisco, Santa Cruz, Shasta and Sonoma counties.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.**, the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing via teleconference and in person at the City Hall Council Chambers located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Item Title: Resolution Adopting Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Appropriations Limit
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Adopting Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Appropriations Limit

Item Title: Resolution Adopting Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Operating and Capital Budget
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Operating and Capital Budget

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person ("hybrid") in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom, however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom. The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible. To participate via teleconference, click the following link to attend via Zoom (or copy and paste the link into your browser):

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

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

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

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Landfill embraces high tech with \$8.7 million composting upgrade

By LILY PATTERSON

RECENTLY REBRANDED as ReGen Monterey, the agency that runs the Marina landfill this week announced another shiny improvement: an \$8.7 million composting system that promises to turn the contents of your green bin into agricultural gold in a fraction of the time, while significantly cutting labor and rotten emissions.

Just off Del Monte Blvd., the 315-acre landfill and waste management facility includes 50 acres dedicated to compost production. In 2022, the state of California man-



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A bird's-eye view of ReGen Monterey's composting operation, which organizes the Peninsula's yard trimmings and food scraps into neat piles, where microbes and bacteria begin the decomposition process.

dated that residents and businesses use green bins for their food scraps and yard waste, which are collected by haulers like Greenwaste and brought to ReGen's facility. There the contents are turned to compost, which is sold to local farms and home gardeners as a natural fertilizer. Last year, ReGen turned 90,000 tons of green waste into approximately 150,000 tons of compost, according to director of communications Zoe Shoats.

The new operation won't exceed the footprint of the current system, Shoats said, but it will look (and smell) somewhat different.

From months to days

At the ReGen facility, organic waste is laid out in long, raised piles called windrows. On a schedule, the windrows are mechanically turned to increase oxygen flow and distribute moisture, which encourages bacteria and other

microbes to break down the waste, resulting in compost. From food scraps and yard trimmings to finished product, the current windrow process can take up to six months.

The new CASP system — which stands for Covered Aerated Static Pile — will introduce a large pipe network into the windrows. Once the waste is piled, the process is essentially automated. There's no turning required, since fans attached to the pipes provide a continuous, controlled supply of oxygen. Composting generates a surprising amount of heat — there's a fine line between decomposing and rotting, so the internal temperature can't exceed 160 degrees Fahrenheit — and sensors will be installed to monitor temperature and oxygen levels, ensuring higher-quality output and limiting smelly methane emissions.

But the biggest upgrade is speed, since "the constant availability of airflow allows the microbes in the piles to do their work more efficiently," Shoats explained. Other waste management districts that have implemented the CASP system, including Napa Valley's, report a start-to-finish process of just 40 days.

Tidy business

Composting is a tidy business for ReGen. Commercial customers are charged \$69 per ton of green waste, partly because those plastic-looking "compostable" cups and to-go containers require additional processing to remove contaminants. Self-haulers, whose loads are weighed at the landfill gate, pay \$49 per ton. Curbside customers pay subscription rates according to the size of their trash bins (32, 65 or 95 gallons), with recycling and green waste collection bundled into that fee.

ReGen's on-site contractor, Keith Day Company, is responsible for the production and sale of compost. Nearly 100 percent of output is bought up by the ag business, according to the agency, though individual customers can purchase the nutrient-dense fertilizer for \$39 per cubic yard.

ReGen began composting commercial food waste in 2008, but it wasn't until 2022 that all Californians were

required to self-sort their trash. SB 1383 went into effect that year, directing citizens and businesses to separate the green stuff from other garbage, with the aim of cutting organic waste in landfills by 75 percent by 2025.

The state didn't hit its target — but Shoats said ReGen has seen "visible increases" in the amount of green waste diverted from its landfill. (Year-over-year tonnage is hard to estimate, she said, due to factors like wet weather that can cause significant variations in weight.)

"Some community members were quick to adopt separation of food scraps for composting if they'd done it elsewhere, participated in backyard composting, or appreciated the environmental benefits. Others are slower to adopt. We recognize that it's a significant behavior change to sort differently in your kitchen," Shoats said.

As Californians adjust to the mandate, which the state says will reduce greenhouse gas pollution, local agencies are being incentivized to expand their compost operations with bigger facilities and better technology.

ReGen Monterey will cover \$5.7 million in costs to install the new system, with \$3 million coming from state taxpayers via CalRecycle.

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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

Fridays - Dino Vera, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Terry's Restaurant + Lounge, inside Cypress Inn, Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel-by-the-Sea. For more information, please contact Cypress Inn, (831) 624-3871.

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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.

May 18 - Got home equity? Curious about reverse mortgage? A free seminar for homeowners age 55 and up is presented 1 p.m. at The Carmel Foundation, Seideneck Room, SE corner, Eighth and Lincoln, Carmel. Open to Carmel Foundation members and others can attend as guests. Must call to register: (831) 624-1588.

May 19 - The Monterey Bay Chapter of Ikebana International will present an Ikebana (Japanese Flower Arranging) Demonstration at 12:30 p.m. at the PBCSD (Pebble Beach Community Services District) on 3101 Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. Guests are welcome with guest fee of \$5. Light refreshments will be served. Mention "Ikebana Meeting" at the gate and gate fee will be waived.

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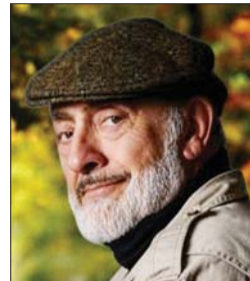
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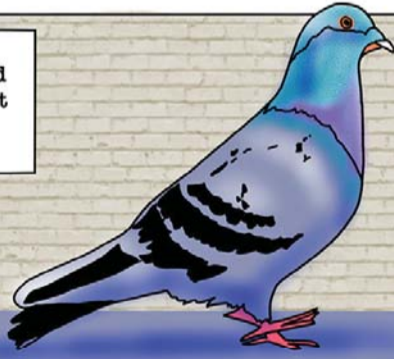
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ART FESTIVAL TURNS 33, STUDENT-ARTISTS HONORED AND SIBLINGS REUNITE

JUST AS they've done for more than three decades, plein air painters from near and far will vie for awards and bragging rights at the 33rd annual Carmel Art Festival's plein air competition.

Starting this past Wednesday, painters can be seen setting up their easels in scenic turnouts around the Monterey Peninsula — or huddled on the edge of a field of flowers in Big Sur, with the fog swirling around them. All pieces must be turned in by Friday at 1 p.m.

The judge of this year's contest is Nathan Lutz, executive director of the Carmel Bach Festival. Lutz said plein air painting shares a "quiet kinship" with music. "Art, whether heard or seen, has the power to attune us more deeply to the present moment," he said.

In Devendorf Park, awards will be handed out starting Friday at 4 p.m. At the same time, paintings go on sale.

The park will also be the site of an Opening Night Gala at 6 p.m., with food from Nora's, wine from local makers, and rock and blues from the Rjae Haas Band. Tickets to the gala are \$100 at the door.

On Saturday and Sunday, the park

becomes a hub of activity with live music and an assortment of family-friendly art events and activities. New this year is Saturday's Paint-Off at 2 p.m., which features two teams of five artists — each team sharing just one canvas.

For more details, visit carmelartfestivalcalifornia.art.

■ P.G. High artist wins prize

Pacific Grove High School student Adelaide Strom took home first prize in the latest Congressional Art Competition, Congressman Jimmy Panetta announced. As a result, Strom's winning piece, "Adelaide in Aubergine," "will be proudly displayed in the United States Capitol alongside winning submissions from across the country," according to Panetta's office. Strom and a family member have been invited to Washington D.C. for a ceremony honoring the winners.

"This contest also illustrates the importance of arts education and programming for our youth as a means of self-expression and of opening students to new skills, ideas and interests," Panetta said. "I look

forward to seeing Adelaide's artwork on display in the U.S. Capitol, with a deep sense of pride for all the young people that I have the privilege of representing."

■ 'Three Sisters, Three Visions'

An aptly titled art exhibit that showcases the creative talents of a trio of siblings, "Three Sisters, Three Visions," opens May 16 in the Gallery at Del Mesa in Carmel Valley. The gallery will host a free public reception at 4 p.m.

The sisters — Susan Sward, Charlene Sward McNally and Cheryl Sward — were raised on the East Coast, but Charlene and Cheryl now call Carmel home. According to the gallery, each of the sisters "explores the natural through a distinct lens." "Together, their work offers three perspectives on the same impulse — to look closely, to notice, and to translate those experiences into visual form."



Plein air painters, including many from far away, are in town for the Carmel Art Festival.

The show continues through July 5. The gallery is located at 500 Del Mesa Drive.

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The Carmel Pine Cone

Real Estate



■ This week's cover, located in Carmel, is presented by David O'Neil of Sotheby's International Realty. (See Page 2 RE)

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Escrows closed: 29
Total value: \$56,410,000

Carmel

26363 Scenic Road — \$20,000,000
2514 San Antonio a Texas LLC to Widesky Ventures LLC
APN: 009-442-017

Carmel Valley

3600 High Meadow Drive unit 9 — \$925,000
Aaron and Carly Olson to Brian and Rhonda O'Connor
APN: 015-471-016

See **HOME SALES** page 4RE

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Pebble Beach ■ 3 beds, 2 baths ■ \$3,100,000 ■ www.4017LosAltos.com



Pebble Beach ■ 4 beds, 3 baths ■ \$2,400,000 ■ www.2962ClubRoad.com



Carmel Valley ■ 4 beds, 2.5 baths ■ \$2,195,000 ■ www.929WCarmelValleyRoad.com



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Carmel Valley (cont'd)

27415 Schulte Road — \$1,175,000

Megann Watkins to Sergio and Erlinda Lopez
APN: 416-023-018

25855 Rancho Alto — \$2,500,000

Sidney Clark to Katherine Uyeda
APN: 169-261-009

56 W. Garzas Road — \$2,750,000

Dean Landoli and Catherine Trifilo to George Azar
APN: 189-562-010

Highway 68

67 Montsalas Drive — \$699,000



302 Park Street, Pacific Grove — \$1,950,000

Jennifer McEvoy to Patricia Venza
APN: 101-261-052

25399 Markham Lane — \$1,215,000

Jennifer Richardson to PTP Holdings Inc.
APN: 161-553-017

12 Mesa del Sol — \$1,380,000

Allison Robinson to John and Laura Worden
APN: 161-191-006

Marina

3137 Seacrest Avenue unit 6 — \$530,000

Gary Stern to Niya Hassemer
APN: 032-461-006

13305 Warren Avenue — \$798,000

Jeffrey and Stacie Anadon to Malcolm and Rosanna Isley
APN: 031-163-052

18831 Sedgwick Lane — \$830,000

Matthew and Mindy Ryan to Young and Changhwan Kim
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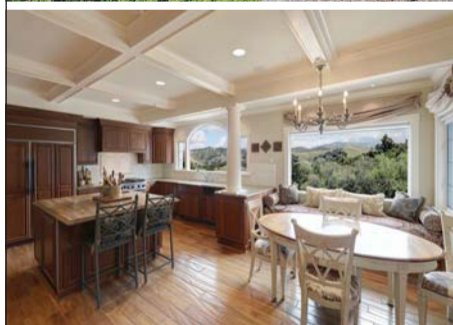


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3053 Berney Drive — \$920,000

Lara Home Investments LLC to Sasha and Timoty McBrian
APN: 032-341-018

3218 Tallmon Street — \$990,000

Mark Miller to Leigh Avilla
APN: 032-541-002

Marina (cont'd)

17102 Morgan Street — \$832,000

Casey Ortiz and Tamrynn Clegg to Raymond and Cheryl Johnson



25855 Rancho Alto, Carmel Valley — \$2,500,000

2704 Sand Dune Avenue — \$1,043,000

Shea Homes LP to Oscar and Adelaida Manalo
APN: 031-285-014

3086 Arroyo Drive — \$1,601,500

The Sea Haven LLC to Ricardo and Mayra Wassmer
APN: 031-311-051

3051 El Capital Drive — \$1,701,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Mourad and Sirine Abdennadher
APN: 031-311-017

2815 Bay View — \$2,325,500

Shea Homes LP to Richard Morf
APN: 031-055-027

3129 Bayer Street — \$2,535,000

Dominick Veliko to Seaside Bay Investments LLC
APN: 032-131-043

Monterey

820 Casanova Avenue unit 85 — \$585,000

Thomas and Phyllis Schmaedake and Michelle Moss to Sarah and Thomas Brocato
APN: 013-254-030

724 Cypress Street — \$870,000

Huey and Patrick Dodson to Afonso and Clorete Almeida
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Carmel-by-the-Sea Real Estate Activity This Week:

Status	Address	List Price	Sale Price	DOM
New Listing	Mission 4 NE of 10th	\$4,290,000	---	6
New Listing	Casanova 3 SE of 4th	\$3,950,000	---	6
New Listing	Dolores 4 SE of 13th	\$5,195,000	---	2
New Listing	Monte Verde 2 NW of 4th	\$3,195,000	---	2
New Listing	13th 2NE of San Antonio	\$7,950,000	---	3
List Price Decreased	Santa Fe 3 SW of Mountain View	\$6,250,000	---	19
List Price Decreased	Guadalupe 5 SE of 3rd	\$3,495,000	---	37
Contingent	Lobos 4 NW of 1st	\$2,945,000	---	16
Contingent	Monte Verde 3 SE of 12th	\$3,595,000	---	14
Pending	Vizcaino 3 NW of Flanders	\$2,595,000	---	13

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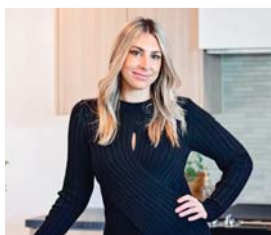
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A rite of passage and social initiation disguised as a foxtrot

WHEN I was 14 years old, if I wanted to dance with that cute little blonde girl in the pale blue cardigan, I couldn't text or instant message her. I had to cross the room and politely ask her to dance. My buddies watched as I tried to look cool sauntering across a dance floor that suddenly seemed wider than a soccer pitch, my shoes slowly becoming mired in mucilage.

"She's going to say no!" pounded in my ears as I struggled to figure out what to say. Finally, I stood in front of her. She didn't speak, but her blue eyes seemed to ask, "Oh my, what are you doing here?" I wondered the same thing while feverishly trying to untie my tongue.

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

"Would you like to dance?"

Hours seemed to pass as sweat formed in the small of my back and I struggled to stand upright on legs made of Jell-O.

"Yes. I would love to."

Then, there I was, holding 4 feet, 11 inches of weightless cashmere fluff. With arms extended — her right hand in my left, her left on my shoulder, my right hand lightly touching the small of her back — with the requisite space between us, we swayed to Nat King Cole's "Mona Lisa." Thus began my introduction to Conversation with a Girl 101. In the space of a three-minute song, we went from strangers to friends. I learned that courage — even the shaky, sweat-inducing kind — could lead to connection. And that, sometimes, the simplest gestures, like asking someone to dance, could open doors to unexpected joy.

Terrible swift nun

Such were the parish dances I attended back in the early 1950s, invaluable rehearsals for life. The dance of the day was the foxtrot, a slow shuffle that taught young boys and girls how to touch each other in a nonsexual way. There was no hip-shaking, pelvic grinding or twerking. Had there been, the guilty party learned that the Lord wielded a terrible swift sword in the form of a nun or chaperone with a stare that could turn you into Lot's wife. But these dances were more than just fun — they were a training ground for adulthood. In a world where boys and girls were often segregated, the foxtrot taught us how to interact, to converse,

to risk rejection. It was a safe space to stumble, to learn that connection could be as simple as a shared song.

In Buffalo, N.Y., most of our Catholic high schools weren't coeducational. Not only did I have my own prom to attend, but I also received invitations from girls at the all-girls schools.

I wasn't exactly Fred Astaire on the dance floor, but I could shuffle through a foxtrot without breaking my partner's toes, and since my mother would cut off my supply of homemade pasta sauce if I refused an invitation from one

See **GERVASE** page 11RE

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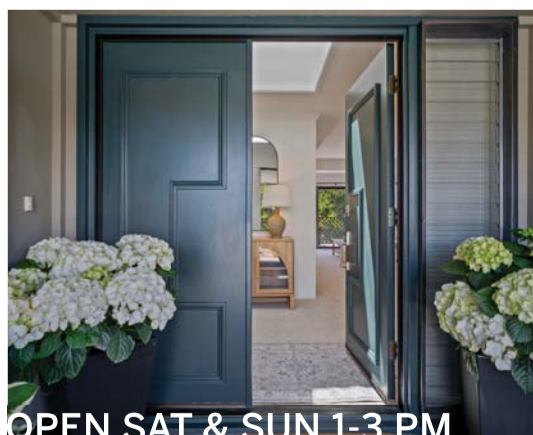
17 Loma Vista Place, Monterey

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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. 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 N/A.
S/ JOSE ALFREDO GOMEZ AMAYA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/06/2026.
4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15/26

CNS-4026329# CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026. (PC 446)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260822
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
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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 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. PRIVATE JEWELER & APPRAISER

3. DEVINE & CO. PRIVATE JEWELER & APPRAISER
6th Ave. 2 NW of Dolores St., Suite 6, Carmel by the Sea, California 93921. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
SHELLY DEVINE, INC., 200 5th Ave. #744, Carmel by the Sea, California 93921.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 10, 2026.
S/ Shelly Devine, President
Date: April 20, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 20, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 (PC 454)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260737
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SWEDES CUSTOM METAL AND DESIGN, 26771 Old Stage Rd., Gonzales, CA 93926. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
CHRISTOPHER STEPHEN BLOMQUIST.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 6, 2026.
S/ Christopher Blomquist
Date signed: April 6, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 6, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 (PC 456)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260802
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
VAL'S ANYTIME MOBILE NOTARY, 1177 Raven Ct., Salinas, CA 93905. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
VALERIE PALMENO, 1177 Raven Ct., Salinas, CA 93905.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 11, 2026.
S/ Valerie Palmeno
Date signed: April 13, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 13, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 (PC 458)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260873
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SUR GIRL, 38246 Palo Colorado Rd., Carmel, CA 93923. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
GABRIELE MIA HINTON, 38246 Palo Colorado Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

listed above on N/A.
S/ Gabriele Mia Hinton
Date signed: April 21, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 21, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 (PC 459)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260860
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
831 HAULING DELIVERY & JUNK REMOVAL, 2176 Brutus St., Apt. A, Salinas, California 93906. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
RICARDO GARDEA, 2176 Brutus St., Apt. A, Salinas, California 93906.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/ Ricardo Gardea
Date signed: April 20, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 20, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 (PC 460)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260882
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. COASTVIEW CELLARS
2. COASTVIEW WINERY
35127 Chualar Canyon Rd., Chualar, CA 93925. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
THE COAST VIEW VINEYARD LLC, P.O. Box 223701, Carmel, CA 93922.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/ Julie Allen, CEO
Date: April 21, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 21, 2026.
Publication Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026. (PC 502)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260807
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
CENTER OF THE SPIRAL PSYCHOTHERAPY, 112 11TH ST, PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
MADELYN CASSERLY, 112 11TH ST, PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
S/ MADELYN CASSERLY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/13/2026
5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22/26
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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 SANCHEZ.
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 TUJANA, 600 Bishop St., Apt. 27, King City, CA 93930. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
DANIEL ZAVALA CHAVEZ, P.O. Box 1224, King City, CA 93930
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 20, 2026.
S/ Daniel Zavala Chavez
Date signed: April 20, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 20, 2026.
Publication Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026 (PC 505)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260849
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
GRANDMA'S DAYCARE, 1459 Tecopa Way, Salinas, CA 93905. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
GLORIA ORTIZ AYALA, 1459 Tecopa Way, Salinas, CA 93905
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 17, 2026.
S/ Gloria Ortiz Ayala
Date signed: April 17, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 17, 2026.
Publication Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026 (PC 506)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 20260877
Filing type: ABANDONMENT
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: Oct. 25, 2022
File No.: 20222154
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
SALINAS ENDODONTICS, 130 E. Romie Ln., Suite B, Salinas, CA 93901. County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
BRYAN F. MANSOUR DDS INC., 130 E. Romie Ln., Suite B, Salinas, CA 93902.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
S/ Bryan Mansour, President
Date: April 21, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 21, 2026.
Publication dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026. (PC509)

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)

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 3250924284 Title Order No. 95532382 APN: 013-253-010-000
Property Address: 820 CASANOVA #35, MONTEREY, CA 93940 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT DATED 11/13/2025. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 06/09/2026 at 10:00 AM At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, As the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded on 11/14/2025 as Instrument No. 2025042945 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of MONTEREY County, California, property owned by: Marcia A. Hellam WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a State or national bank, a check drawn by a state of federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.) At: At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901. All right, title and interest under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment in the property situated in said County, describing the land therein: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID RECORDED NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT The street address and other common designation, if any of the real property described above is purported to be: 820 Casanova #35 Monterey, CA 93940 A.P.N.: 013-253-010-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee, to-wit: \$11,809.80 Estimated Accrued Interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Homeowner's Association, CYPRESS PARK CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION, under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE §5715(b), THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO A RIGHT OF REDEMPTION WHICH MAY BE EXERCISED ON OR BEFORE THE END OF THE 90TH DAY FOLLOWING THE FORECLOSURE SALE. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_5 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 3250924284. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 3250924284 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. When submitting funds for a bid subject to Section 2924m, please make the funds payable to "Total Lender Solutions, Inc. Holding Account". If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. SUNRISE ASSESSMENT SERVICES, INC. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: 05/05/2026 Sunrise Assessment Services, Inc. 7844 Madison Avenue, Suite 145 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 Phone: (916) 961-0374 Sale Line: (916) 939-0772 Wendy Palacios, Assessment Lien Specialist NPP0489011 To: CARMEL PINE CONE PUB: 05/15/2026, 05/22/2026, 05/29/2026

Publication dates: May 15, 22, 29, 2026 (PC532)

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 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
If you object to the granting

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

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner:
SAMANTHA HART FARREN, ESQ.
Samantha Farren Law
2820 Porter Street,
Soquel, CA 95073
(831) 688-2026
This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on April 29, 2026.
Publication dates: May 8, 15, 22, 2026. (PC515)

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of her friends' daughters, the girls knew I was available.

Attending three or four proms meant shelling out a few bucks. The girls paid for the prom tickets and post-prom refreshments, but the guys had to rent tuxedos and spring for corsages. A full tux — starched shirt, French cuffs, bow tie, the works—rented for less than \$10. Wrist corsages were the practical choice, sparing us the awkwardness of pinning a flower where a boy wasn't supposed to go.

Sharp-eyed nuns chaperoned the dances, ensuring there was always air between the dancers. We slow-danced to the popular songs of the day, each three-minute sway a lesson in vulnerability. In an era before social media, these dances were one of the few places where teens could practice the art of face-to-face connection — a skill that feels almost quaint today.

I wasn't sure high schools still held proms until I read a well-written article by Olivia Ford in The Carmel Sandpiper about Carmel High School's 2026 dance, accompanied by a photo of girls wearing wrist corsages. Our prom tickets cost about \$10, so I was stunned to read that tickets for the CHS prom were \$180 — until I realized

that my \$10 in 1954 would be equivalent to about \$120 today. Back then, we could hire a six-piece band for around \$100, and the venues were local and reasonably priced.

Not so different

The CHS gala was held at the Corinthian Grand Ballroom in San Jose. The \$180 tickets and ballrooms of today's proms seem like a far cry from our dances in the parish hall. But I suspect the essence is the same: a night when teens step out of their everyday selves, learning — through awkwardness and triumph — that growing up isn't about being perfect. It's about showing up, even when your legs feel like Jell-O.

From a social perspective, proms were a big deal. They were a rite of passage, a marker of the transition from high school to adulthood. Looking back, they produced precious memories and friendships I still treasure.

"For golden friends I had,
Many a rose-lipt maiden and many a
lightfoot lad.

By brooks too broad for leaping,
The lightfoot boys are laid,
The rose-lipt girls are sleeping
In fields where roses fade."

—A.E. Housman

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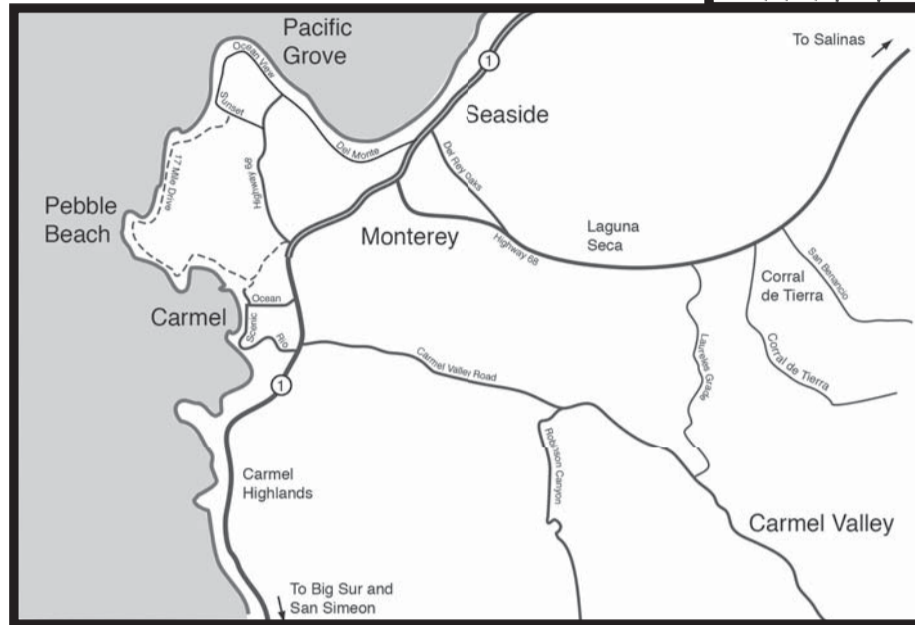
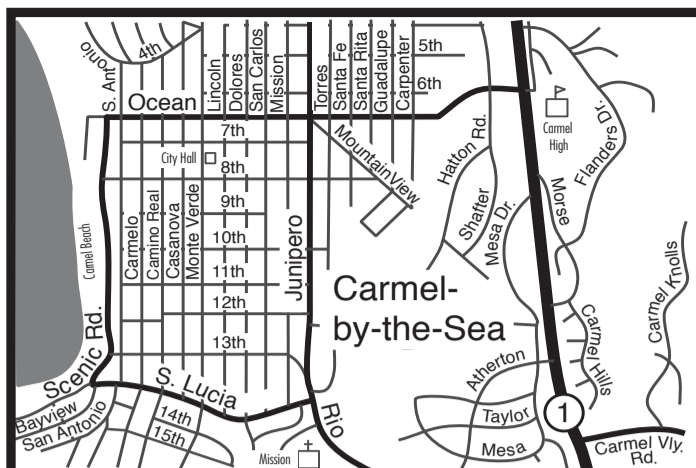
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58 Del Mesa Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 521-0680		
\$955,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 2-4
24501 Via Mar Monte, Unit 77 Compass 312-6005		
\$1,119,000	2bd 2ba	Su 1:30-3:30
183 Del Mesa Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 293-3391		
\$1,178,000	2bd 2ba	Su 11-1
148 Del Mesa Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 293-3391		
\$1,195,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
249 Del Mesa Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 737-0046		
\$1,249,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 12-3
130 Del Mesa Carmel Coldwell Banker Realty 238-6189		
\$1,647,500	3bd 2ba	Sa 12-3
3610 Oliver Road Sotheby's Int'l RE 601-6271		
\$1,699,000	4bd 2ba	Sa Su 11-1
25950 Via Margarita Sotheby's Int'l RE 277-0689		
\$1,750,000	2bd 2ba	Sa Su 2-4
9542 Maple Court Compass 236-5290		
\$1,825,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
25636 Morse Dr Compass 262-7768		
\$1,849,000	4bd 3ba	Su 11-1
27460 Loma Del Rey, The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams 620-2243		
\$2,395,000	3bd 3ba	Sa Su 12-2
SE Corner of 4th Ave and Torres St The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams 224-0020		
\$2,895,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
8022 River Place Carmel Realty 574-0240		
\$2,899,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 2-4
3017 Lasuen Dr Coldwell Banker Realty 884-3919		
\$3,495,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 11-12:30
Guadalupe 5 SE of 3rd Coldwell Banker Realty 356-8123		
\$3,700,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
26305 Camino Real Sotheby's Int'l RE 277-3371		
\$3,950,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 12-2 Su 1-3
Casanova 3 SE of 4th Compass 320-0719		
\$4,290,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 10-2
Mission 4 NE of 10th Sotheby's Int'l RE 877-0389		
\$4,950,000	3bd 3ba	Su 1-3:30
26334 River Park Place Carmel Realty 594-8767		
\$5,195,000	4bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 1-3
Dolores 4 SE of 13th Street Sotheby's Int'l RE 521-5024		
\$6,250,000	4bd 4ba	Sa Su 2-4
Santa Fe 3 SW of Mountain View Carmel Realty 915-7415		
\$7,280,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 12-4 Su 12-3
San Carlos 2 SW of 1st Avenue Carmel Realty 521-4855		
\$7,950,000	4bd 4ba	Sa Su 12-4
13th, 2 NE San Antonio David Lyng Real Estate 277-1834		
\$10,999,000	3bd 4ba	Su 1-4
104 Yankee Point Dr Coldwell Banker Realty 206-0129		

This Weekend's OPEN HOUSES May 15 - 17



PACIFIC GROVE

\$995,000	1bd 1ba	Sa 2-4
313 14th Street Compass Pacific Grove 915-8010		
\$1,400,000	2bd 1ba	Sa 12-4 Su 1-3
215 Lobos Ave Coldwell Banker Realty 596-6118 / 717-7815		
\$1,439,000	2bd 1ba	Sa Su 1-3
315 Willow St Coldwell Banker Realty 915-4754 / 596-6118		
\$1,750,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 11-1, 1:30-4:30
512 12th Street Sotheby's Int'l RE 277-9250 / 238-1984		
\$2,999,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 12-2
25 Coral Street Compass Pacific Grove 915-9710		
\$3,498,000	4bd 2.5+ba	Sa 1-3 Su 2-4
131 7th Street Sotheby's Int'l RE 402-2017 / 318-3808		
\$5,999,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 1-3
1273 Surf Avenue Carmel Realty Pacific Grove 333-6325		
\$7,495,000	7bd 4ba	Sa 12-3
888 Del Monte Blvd Coldwell Banker Realty Pacific Grove 277-3914		

PEBBLE BEACH

\$899,000	2bd 2ba	Su 11-2
17 Shepherd's Knoll Carmel Realty Pebble Beach 747-7620		
\$935,000	2bd 2ba	Su 11-1
21 Shepherds Knoll Compass Pebble Beach 236-5290		
\$985,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 11-1:30
8 Shepherds Knoll Compass Pebble Beach 574-9470		
\$2,350,000	4bd 3ba	Sa Su 1-3
1171 Chaparral Road Monterey Coast Realty Pebble Beach 277-5821		
\$3,100,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
4017 Los Altos Drive Carmel Realty Pebble Beach 277-5544 / 333-6325		
\$3,295,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 1-3
2905 Bird Rock Rd Compass Pebble Beach 238-1380		
\$6,780,000	4bd 4.5ba	Sa 12-4 Su 12-3
3937 Ronda Road Carmel Realty Pebble Beach 747-7620 / 460-6864		
\$10,900,000	4bd 5.5ba	Sa 1-3
31 Poppy Ln Coldwell Banker Realty Pebble Beach 915-1004		

SALINAS

\$998,000	5bd 2.5ba	Sa 2-4
17554 Sugarmill Rd Sotheby's Int'l RE Salinas 236-7251		
\$1,475,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 11-1:30
14390 Mountain Quail Road Sotheby's Int'l RE Salinas 236-7251		

SEASIDE

\$600,000	3bd 1.5ba	Fr 2-4 Sa 11-1
1186 Trinity Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE Seaside 915-8989		
\$765,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
1313 Harding St Sotheby's Int'l RE Seaside 277-0971		
\$785,000	3bd 1.5ba	Sa 2-4
1425 Luxton Street Monterey Coast Realty Seaside 596-2570		
\$799,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 12-2 Su 1-3
1626 Darwin St Coldwell Banker Realty Seaside 884-3521 / 220-9817		
\$829,999	3bd 1.5ba	Sa 1-3
1233 Hilby Avenue Monterey Coast Realty Seaside 277-5256		
\$1,113,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
660 Trinity Avenue The Agency Seaside 288-1995		
\$1,375,000	7bd 3ba	Su 12-2
1484 Sonoma Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE Seaside 261-1120		

CARMEL VALLEY

\$1,385,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1-3
134 Laurel Drive Coldwell Banker Realty Carmel Valley 915-0903		
\$1,995,000	2bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 12-3
9 Story Road Sotheby's Int'l RE Carmel Valley 402-4394		
\$1,998,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 1:30-3:30
20 Marquard Rd Coldwell Banker Realty Carmel Valley 801-4027		
\$2,050,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 11:30-1:30
31315 Via La Naranga Coldwell Banker Realty Carmel Valley 801-4027		
\$2,540,000	4bd 4ba	Sa Su 2-4
26245 Rinconada Dr Compass Carmel Valley 236-5290		
\$2,695,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 11-3 Su 11-1
46 Middle Canyon Road Sotheby's Int'l RE Carmel Valley 915-6391 / 404-401-8647		
\$3,250,000	3bd 3ba	Su 12-3
15475 Via Los Tulares Sotheby's Int'l RE Carmel Valley 917-9886		

DEL REY OAKS

\$558,000	1bd 1ba	Sa 2:30-5
121 Quail Run Court Sotheby's Int'l RE Del Rey Oaks 917-1631		

MARINA

\$929,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 2:30-4:30
5003 3rd Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE Marina 915-0265		
\$1,150,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 1-3
13514 Warren Ave The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams Marina 837-5437		
\$1,239,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1-4
482 Lassen Way Sotheby's Int'l RE Marina 682-0126		
\$2,800,000	5bd 4.5ba	Sa 1-4
2967 Garnet Way Monterey Coast Realty Marina 277-6728		

MONTEREY

\$498,000	1bd 1ba	Sa 1-3
820 Casanova Avenue #108 Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 277-8622		
\$535,000	2bd 1ba	Fr Sa Su 1-3
820 Casanova Avenue 69 Monterey Coast Realty Monterey 915-9726		
\$800,000	2bd 2.5ba	Sa 11-1
70 Forest Ridge Road 30 Monterey Coast Realty Monterey 317-6336		
\$899,995	2bd 1ba	Sa 12-2
642 Cypress Street Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 297-9805		
\$939,000	3bd 1.5ba	Sa 12-3
22 Melway Circle KW Coastal Estates Monterey 220-5186		
\$990,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 11-1
336 High Street Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 601-2200 / 277-9250		
\$1,375,000	3bd 2ba	Su 12-2
564 Mar Vista Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 595-9291		
\$1,495,000	4bd 3ba	Fr 2-6 Sa Su 12-4
668 Alice St The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams Monterey 224-0020		
\$1,600,000	5bd 3.5ba	Sa 12-2 Su 12-5
32 Via Ventura Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 915-8688 / 277-9250		
\$2,175,000	4bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-4 Su 1-3
22 Deer Forest Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 333-6060 / 277-8622		
\$2,225,000	4bd 4ba	Sa 11-1 Su 12-2
6 Wyndemere Vale Compass Monterey 236-5290		
\$2,250,000	3bd 3ba	Sa Su 1-3
471 El Dorado Street Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 238-4462		
	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-4 Su 11-3:30
777 Parcel St The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams Monterey 620-2243		

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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

MONDAY, APRIL 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Verbal domestic dispute at Junipero and 11th.

Pacific Grove: A 21-year-old male on Arkwright Court was arrested for a probation violation. He was booked into Monterey County Jail for burglary, DUI and probation violation and held on \$50,000 bail.

Pacific Grove: Ammunition was turned in for destruction.

Pacific Grove: Property was found in the 600 block of Ocean View Boulevard.

Pebble Beach: Online report of a property-related issue on Sloat Road. No further information.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a report of unwanted firearms at a residence on Customs Road that were relinquished to deputies.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of an unwanted firearm at a River Park Place residence. It was surrendered to deputies.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of a deceased male at a Highway 1 location.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unattended death at Mission and Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: In-custody subject at Monterey County Jail reported suspicious circumstances at a business at Ocean and San Carlos prior to his arrest.

Pacific Grove: A broken window was reported on Glen Lake Drive with suspicious circumstances, unknown cause of damage. Information only, no suspect information.

Pacific Grove: Weapons were surrendered for safekeeping after a 5150 hold [danger to self or others].

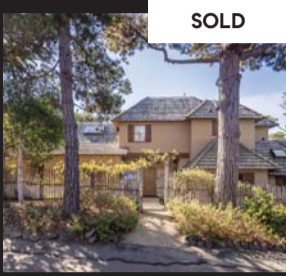
Pacific Grove: Two handguns were surrendered at Pacific Grove P.D. for destruction.

Big Sur: A vehicle burglary was reported on Highway 1.

Carmel Valley: Child Protective Services report involving a residence on Center Street.

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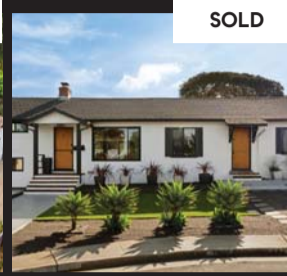
SOLD

SE MONTE VERDE/10th
CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
3 BD | 2 BA | \$4,500,000



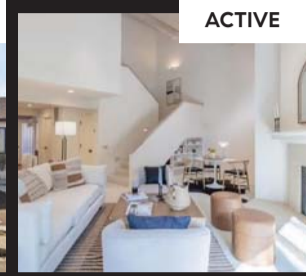
SOLD

1425 OLEADA ROAD
PEBBLE BEACH
4 BD | 4 BA | \$5,860,000



SOLD

5 BUSH STREET
MONTEREY
3 BD | 2 BA | \$1,200,000



ACTIVE

9542 MAPLE COURT
CARMEL VALLEY RANCH
2 BD | 2 BA | \$1,750,000



ACTIVE

21 SHEPHERDS KNOLL
PEBBLE BEACH
2 BD | 2 BA | \$935,000



CONTINGENT

12167 SADDLE ROAD
CARMEL VALLEY
5.11 ACRES | \$825,000



ACTIVE

26245 RINCONADA DR
CARMEL VALLEY
4 BD | 3.5 BA | \$2,540,000



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6 WYNDEMERE VALE
MONTEREY
4 BD | 4 BA | \$2,225,000



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

This business is conducted by a Corporation
 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, SECRETARY
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/15/2026. 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29/26
CNS-4028828#
CARMEL PINE CONE
 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.:
 FORTUNATE FORK LLC, 4000 Rio Rd. #28, Carmel, CA 93923.
 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 Regester, 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)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
DOMINIQUE GALLET-SHANKLIN
CASE NO. 26PR000172

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DOMINIQUE GALLET-SHANKLIN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SOPHIA DOZIER and BIANCA SHIVER in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that SOPHIA DOZIER and BIANCA SHIVER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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: May 20, 2026
 Time: 9:00 a.m.
 Dept.: 13
 Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your ob-

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 Cabinetryshop 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 Cabinetryshop LLC
 S/ Rossario Catania, Managing Member
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/17/2026. 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 MONTEREYORDER 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 Aguajito 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

JOHN AUGUST SETTRINI, 250 Natividad Rd., Salinas, CA 93906

This business is conducted by a general partnership.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 30, 2020.

S/Anita Louise Settrini

Date signed: March 30, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 15, 2026.

Publication Dates: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026 (PC 518)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260911

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

1. Polish By The Sea
2. Polished By The Sea
26544 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Carmel, CA. 93923.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

Polish Nail in Carmel, LLC, 26544 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Carmel, CA 93923.

This business is conducted a limited liability company.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4-21-2026.

S/Tony Guy Ho, CEO

Date signed: April 21, 2026

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

Publication Dates: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026 (PC 519)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260657

Filing type: NEW FILING — with changes from the previous filing.

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

SALT HOUSE, 2000 Sunset Drive A1, 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.:

Salt House Collective LLC, CA.

This business is conducted a limited liability company.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 26, 2026.

Stacey Sarenity, Manager

Date signed: March 26, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 26, 2026.

Publication Dates: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026 (PC 521)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260932

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

GLOBAL BATH MARKET, Lincoln 5 SE 3RD, Carmel, CA 93921.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):

VIRGINIA MARIE STEBBINS, P.O. Box 228, 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 1, 2026.

S/Virginia Stebbins

Date signed: April 28, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 29, 2026.

Publication Dates: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026 (PC 522)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260951

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

1. Trailside Cafe
2. Polished By The Sea
26544 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Carmel, CA. 93923.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

Trailside Cafe LLC., CA

This business is conducted a limited liability company.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above in 1998.

S/Sean C. Allen, Managing member

Date signed: April 30, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 30, 2026.

Publication Dates: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026 (PC 523)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260931

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

FIRST CLASS AFRICAN DONE RIGHT TRAVEL, 507 Warrelman Ct., Marina, CA. 93933.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):

RENIE RONDON JACKSON

Business mailing address (if differs from the business address) 565 Hartnell St., #1161, Monterey, CA 93940.

This business is conducted by an individual.

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

S/Renie Rondon Jackson

Date signed: April 28, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 28, 2026.

Publication Dates: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026 (PC 524)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260746

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

CARMEL GARDENS INN, NW Corner 4th Ave Torres St., 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.:

Sea and Oak LLC, PO Box 5547, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921.

This business is conducted a limited liability company.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 13, 2017.

Curtis Lederle, Managing member

Date signed: April 30, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 6, 2026.

Publication Dates: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026 (PC 525)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260947

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

TOVAR ART, 17380 Cachagua Rd, Carmel Valley, CA 93924

County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s):

MEDIA PRO LLC, 21705 ENTRADO DR, TOPANGA, CA 90290

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.

MEDIA PRO LLC

S/ NAOMI TOVAR BEDOLLA, MANAGING MEMBER,

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/26/2026.

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