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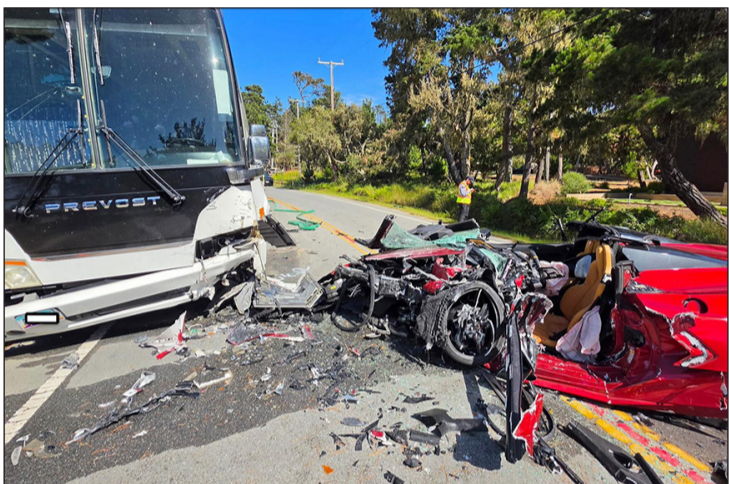
P.G. man injured in DUI head-on with tour bus

By MARY SCHLEY

A 38-YEAR-OLD Pacific Grove man was drunk and speeding in his Corvette in Pebble Beach Saturday afternoon when he hit a tour bus head on, according to the California Highway Patrol. The driver, identified by CHP as

Victor Smith, suffered major injuries and was taken to the trauma center at Natividad Medical Center for treatment but is set to be charged with a felony.

The crash occurred near Spanish Bay at around 3 p.m. May 16, when Smith was driving toward Pacific Grove on 17 Mile Drive “at a high rate of speed” and lost control of the sports car, which crossed the double-yellow lines and collided with the front of a tour bus going the other way, according to the CHP.



PHOTO/CHP

A mangled Corvette and a heavily damaged tour bus on 17 Mile Drive after what law enforcement said was a DUI head-on collision Saturday.

Helicopter rescue

One of the 48 passengers on the bus, which was being driven by a 61-year-old man from Hesperia, reported minor injuries, while everyone else was unharmed.

Cal Fire engines and ambulances responded along with CHP and requested a medevac to pick up the badly injured driver at a landing zone on the 11th Hole at Spanish Bay. After extricating Smith from the crushed Corvette, they canceled the rescue helicopter and instead sent him to the trauma center at Natividad Medical Center via ambulance.

At the scene, one of the CHP officers radioed to the dispatcher to send another officer to

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Supes OK Bixby Bridge parking ban

By CHRIS COUNTS

SEEKING AT least a temporary fix to a hazard that’s been getting worse in recent years, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved a 12-month ban on parking at or near Bixby Bridge in Big Sur. The vote was 3-0, with supervisors Luis Alejo and Chris Lopez abstaining.

The push for the ban was led by District 5 Supervisor Kate Daniels, who represents Big Sur. Daniels told her colleagues that something needs to be done to manage the hordes of visitors who frequently descend on the site for selfies with the iconic bridge, causing gridlock and jaywalking, with many motorists parking in the roadway. The



GRAPHIC/CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

The California Coastal Commission is exploring improvements to eliminate the gridlock at Bixby Bridge, including parking, trails and overlooks on the south side.

traffic jams have even delayed fire trucks and ambulances. “The county acknowledges the increasing public demand for access to the Big Sur coast and wishes, in the spirit of the Coastal Act, to accommodate this legitimate desire,” Daniels said. “But in doing so, the county recognizes an ever-greater commitment to preservation of the fragile natural environment.”

Physical or visual?

While some argue that the right to access public highways and parklands trumps every consideration, Daniels said the access guaranteed in the Big Sur Land Use Plan is

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Newsom says budget is balanced, but analyst disagrees

GOV. GAVIN Newsom and the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst’s Office are at odds over whether California is facing a structural deficit. On Monday, the state’s legislative analyst, Gabe Petek, released his initial comments on Newsom’s May revision, and the picture he painted is far less rosy than the governor’s version.

Last Thursday, Newsom gave an hour-long monologue on his plan for the state budget, touting a revision that he

The governor’s eighth and final budget weighs in at \$349 billion, making it the largest spending plan in state history. Newsom claims its minor cuts to spending and modest tax increases will solve California’s fiscal woes by next January, when he’s likely to launch a bid for the White House. But the legislative analyst clearly disagrees.

Blessed with revenue

In his initial comments on the revision, Petek wrote, “Despite the current revenue boom, the state now faces a structural budget imbalance — meaning ongoing revenues are insufficient to support ongoing expenditures.”

In other words, under Newsom’s May revision, California will continue to spend more than it brings in. According to the legislative analyst, a budget is only balanced when “revenues collected in a given fiscal year are sufficient to cover expenditures planned for that same year,” and as he points out, “the administration’s estimates show operating deficits of roughly \$10 billion annually through 2029–30.”

Newsom has been blessed again this year with a surge in revenue. Last week, the state reported \$16.5 billion more in income tax revenue over a three-year period compared to its estimates. The gains are driven, in large part,

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Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

said would leave his successor in good shape, with a zero deficit between now and July 2028.

“I’m not trying to get out of Dodge,” Newsom said. “This is a balanced budget structurally for the next 18 months after I’m gone.”

During his time in office, Newsom has had the good fortune of overseeing a 60 percent increase in revenue, but spending during the same period has swelled 72 percent, creating general fund deficits totaling \$125 billion over the past four years.

Panetta faces crowded ballot in June 2 primary

By KELLY NIX

WITH A half-dozen challengers hoping to unseat him, Democratic Rep. Jimmy Panetta has more competition in the June 2 primary election than ever.

Panetta, who was elected in 2016 and took office in early 2017, represents a largely safe, heavily Democratic district that stretches from South San Jose in Santa Clara County into the hills of Santa Cruz, down the coastline of Monterey County and into northern San Luis Obispo County.

This year, though, he faces six challengers: two non-partisan candidates, two Republicans, a Libertarian and a Democrat. In California’s so-called jungle primary, voters can choose any candidate, no matter their political party. The top two vote-getters advance to the general election

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Whale watchers rescue capsized fishermen

By CHRIS COUNTS



PHOTO/MONTEREY BAY WHALE WATCH

Two fishermen were fortunate a whale watching boat was nearby when they capsized Friday afternoon.

AFTER THEIR boat capsized in Monterey Bay about 6 miles west of Moss Landing Friday afternoon, a pair of fishermen were rescued by a whale-watching boat.

Nancy Black of Monterey Bay Whale Watch was captaining a boat filled with people at the time.

“We were on an all-day trip to look for killer whales and other whales,” Black told The Pine Cone. “There were like 40 humpbacks around.”

Around 11 a.m., Black heard the radio crackle with a message from the U.S. Coast Guard station in San Francisco. “I didn’t hear the whole transmission — I heard there was a boat overturned and there were two fishermen in the water. It sounded threatening,” Black said.

She called the Coast Guard to say her vessel was just a few miles away. The agency was also preparing

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Pearl is a 5-year-old pug, whose variegated merle coat suggests, somewhere along the line, another breed may have been introduced, as pugs typically are black, fawn, silver fawn, or apricot colored. Yet, in comparison to the two pugs who preceded her in the family, Ruby and Samson, she seems just as "pug" as they were.

Particularly in personality.

"Pearl, whose name refers to the white on her paw that looks like a little pearl, is really nice and very funny, friendly, and good with kids," said Mom, "which makes her a wonderful family dog. We got her when my twins, a boy and a girl, were 8, so she's grown up with them."

Pearl, who lives with her family in Pacific Grove, loves the beach, so she spends a lot of time at Asilomar, where she tears around in the tidepools. Sometimes she sees a dead seal, which prompts her to roll around in it which, said her person, is not so fun for her family.

"Pearl is quite quirky," she said. "She thinks she's a big dog, which makes her bold, but mostly she's just funny. She tries to hide her toys in our bed all the time, so I constantly find slobbery surprises under the covers."

The family also has three cats, and Pearl plays well

By Lisa Crawford Watson



with them – well, two of them – her person said. One cat, not a fan, hisses as he passes by her.

"Pearl sleeps in a little bed inside her crate. She used to sleep under the covers with us," said her person, "but she woke up my husband all night long. She loves her crate, with all her toys, so she's all set in her little den. She also has beds all over the house, which our cats love to curl up in. Well, except one."

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No spirits dampened over wet art

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL Art Festival’s annual display of plein air paintings in Devendorf Park got an unexpected drenching early Saturday morning when the sprinklers activated, but most of the works survived, according to the fest’s president, Hella Rothwell.

Held May 15-17, the festival, now in its 33rd year, had artists from near and far bringing their works to display in the park. A gala took place that evening, and while some buyers retrieved their pieces soon after judging that afternoon, many were left on display throughout the night for further viewing and selling the next day.

“There was some damage, and the city worked with those artists to come to a resolution,” Rothwell said Tuesday. “From my standpoint, it looks like it was all worked out, and, I believe, the public was not aware of any problems.”

‘No liability’

Mayor Dale Byrne said he received a text from Rothwell about the unexpected irrigation early that morning.

“After getting a text from Hella, I was there at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday,” Byrne said. “I went back on Sunday to take care of any issues, and everything ended up fine with no liability for the city.”

Despite the sprinkling, Rothwell said the festival, which included a quick-draw competition Saturday morning, a team painting contest that afternoon, and artists having the opportunity to sell one of their studio paintings on

Sunday, constituted a win. Live entertainment was offered at the park throughout the weekend.

“The festival was an absolute success as to attendance, sales and visitor satisfaction,” Rothwell said. “We received nothing but compliments, that I am aware of. I’ve been involved with it for 26 years and leading it since 2019, and I have not seen such a good turnout before.”

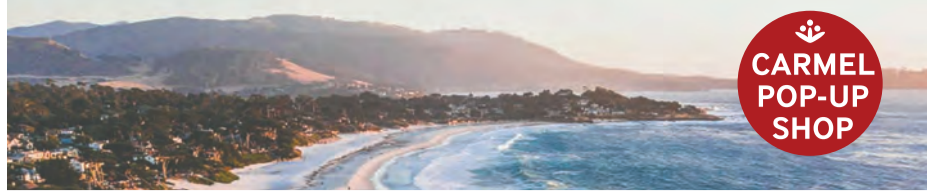
She also said visiting buyers told her they plan their vacations around the festival.



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Automated sprinklers soaked numerous paintings in Devendorf Park Saturday morning.

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Throwing things and banging on walls

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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Marina: On April 17, Marina Police were dispatched to a burglary at a storage facility in the 400 block of Reservation Road. Officers reviewed hours of surveillance footage and were able to identify the suspects' vehicle and worked to identify the suspects. On April 28, an officer spotted the suspect vehicle, a black 2007 Mercedes four-door. A traffic stop was conducted, and the occupants were positively identified as the two burglary suspects seen in the surveillance footage. Also in the vehicle were numerous burglary tools and items associated with ID theft. The 39-year-old female driver and 53-year-old male passenger were taken into custody.

One of them initially provided a false name, and both were discovered to also have Santa Clara County warrants for similar crimes. A search warrant was served on a storage locker they had access to, and vast amounts of identity documents and mail of other people were discovered, as well as evidence of check and U.S. currency forgery.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Pacific Grove: Report of a dog at large on Presidio Boulevard. Owner was contacted, and the dog was released to the owner with an administrative citation.

Carmel area: Grand theft on Corona Road.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Rio and Atherton found the 21-year-old male driver to be on probation for evading and DUI. Cited and released. Vehicle impounded.

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The gavel falls

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

April 15 — Judge Stephanie E. Hulseley sentenced Peter Matus, 38, to 30 years to life in state prison for the 2023 attempted murder of a correctional officer at Salinas Valley State Prison. Matus also admitted having a prior strike conviction.

On May 10, 2023, Matus, a life prisoner at Salinas Valley State Prison, was being escorted from his cell when he used a manufactured handcuff key to free himself from his restraints and began stabbing Correctional Officer David Leon with an inmate-manufactured weapon. Matus stabbed Leon once in the shoulder, causing a significant laceration.

At the time of this offense, Matus was serving two separate life sentences.

This case was investigated by the investigative services unit at Salinas Valley State Prison in Soledad.

April 27 — Miguel Angel Espino, 33, was convicted by a jury of willful, deliberate and premeditated murder of a fellow inmate at Salinas Valley State Prison. Judge Stephanie E. Hulseley presided over the trial.

On Aug. 19, 2024, Espino stabbed a wheelchair-bound inmate 42 times on a recreational yard at Salinas Valley State Prison using an inmate-manufactured weapon. Prison medical staff attempted life-saving measures, but the inmate succumbed to the injuries, which caused extensive hemorrhaging, and was pronounced dead on site.

The jury also found true allegations that the crime involved a high degree of cruelty, viciousness and callousness.

The court found true that Espino has three

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Marina fisherman identified after body found floating off Big Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

RESCUE WORKERS recovered the body of a man from the ocean at the north end of Garrapata State Park in Big Sur Saturday. The Monterey County Sheriff's Office later identified the man as Alberto Hernandez, 25, a fisherman from Marina.

"Lifeguards and emergency personnel from Cal Fire and California State Parks were able to bring the individual to shore," the sheriff's office reported later that day.

"Despite immediate lifesaving efforts, he was pronounced deceased at the scene," the sheriff added.

Grim toll

The report said that a tourist spotted him floating in the ocean and alerted rescuers. After resuscitation failed, Hernandez was carried to the roadway above, where he was released to the Monterey County Coroner's Office.

According to the sheriff's office, Hernandez had been fishing from a rock near China Vista Point when he fell into the surf.

Heavy surf made conditions along the

coastline exceptionally dangerous last weekend.

The National Weather Service had issued a warning that "hazardous ocean conditions" were forecast, cautioning the public to prepare for high winds, dangerous surf, strong rip currents, rough shore breaks and elevated waves.

In light of the tragedy, the sheriff's office strongly urged visitors to stay away from the water's edge, rocks and coastal cliffs.

"Large waves and sneaker waves can unexpectedly surge onto shore with tremendous force," the report added. "For your safety, never turn your back on the ocean."

Hernandez' death is the latest in a long line of fatalities that have plagued the Big Sur coast due to people getting too close to big waves.

Yuji Hu of Alberta, Canada, drowned Nov. 14 at Garrapata Beach trying to save his 7-year-old daughter, who also died. Defense Language Institute student Amanpreet Thind drowned near Soberanes Point Nov. 22 after a wave pulled him into the water.

Emergency responders launch a rescue effort for a man floating in the ocean near Garrapata Beach Saturday. He was later found to be deceased.



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CANTINETTA LUCA LANDLORD SUES, CLAIMS BROKEN LEASE AND UNPAID RENT

By MARY SCHLEY

RESTAURATEUR DAVID Fink's former Dolores Street landlord is suing him for breaking his leases for Cantinetta Luca and the long-closed deli, Salumeria Luca, and is demanding he pay more than \$4.1 million in rent

owed through 2038.

Filed last month in Monterey County Superior Court by landlord Diane Goodhue, the lawsuit states Fink and former business partner Jason Balestrieri — who subsequently filed for bankruptcy — in 2023 signed 15-year leases for the restaurant and the deli. The base rent for

Cantinetta Luca was \$17,956.40 per month, with an annual increase of 2.5% through April 30, 2038, while the fee for the salumeria was \$4,081.20 per month, with the same annual increase and term.

Fink and Balestrieri also signed a contract for each space that "absolutely, irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed" the "full and punctual payment of all sums of rent and other amounts payable," according to the complaint. That promise "is continuing and unconditional and, by its terms, terminates only upon full and complete payment and performance of all guaranteed obligations."

Restaurant owner denies allegations, says, 'I'll be suing back'

No matter what

The agreement also means that regardless of whatever tenant is in the space, the landlord can go after Fink first, the lawsuit says. Further, he agreed that "a default under either lease constitutes an event of default under both leases."


So when Cantinetta Luca, including the space formerly occupied by the deli, closed last year, the tenant "defaulted under each of the restaurant lease and the salumeria lease by, among other things, failing to pay base rent, additional rent and other sums due and owing thereunder as they became due," Goodhue said in the suit filed for her by Lafayette attorney Justin Schnitzler.

And even though Fink found a new tenant for the space — Bashar Alsneeh is planning to open an Italian steakhouse there, he told The Pine Cone this week — Goodhue retains "the right to recover all past-due rent and other charges, as well as damages for the balance of the respective lease terms as provided for in the California Civil Code," and the guarantees for each lease "remain in full force and effect."

The suit demands damages in excess of \$500,000, all rents and other sums under the leases guaranteed by Fink — at least \$4.1 million — plus interest, legal fees and costs, and other relief.

Fink said he was not surprised by the lawsuit and that Balestrieri was forced to file for bankruptcy because Neil Goodhue — who died last year, according to Fink

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Public warned about pertussis

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY health officials are sounding the alarm over pertussis — commonly known as whooping cough — which they say is on the rise in the county.

Since Jan. 1, the county health department has received 43 reports of pertussis infections among residents, compared with 11 reported infections during the same period in 2025, officials said.

Health department spokeswoman Karen Smith told The Pine Cone this week that among the 43 whooping cough patients, four were hospitalized and nobody died. The ages of people infected this year range from 3 months to 78 years, with nearly half of the cases affecting those between 5 and 17 years old.

“The 43 pertussis infections reported during the first five months of 2026 exceed the 36 infections reported during the entire 12 months of 2025,” the department said.

Health officials urge residents to “stay up to date with their pertussis immunizations.”

Even adults

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend pertussis vaccines for infants and children, adolescents and pregnant women. The agency also recommends a dose of pertussis vaccine for adults who did not receive one as an adolescent or child.

A typical case of pertussis in children starts with a cough and runny nose for one to two weeks. The cough then worsens, and children may have rapid coughing spells that end with a whooping sound. Young infants may not have typical pertussis symptoms and may have no apparent cough, the health department said. Parents have reported episodes in which the infant’s face turns red or purple and when their infant stops breathing.

“I strongly encourage women to get

vaccinated during weeks 27 to 36 of each pregnancy,” county health officer and public health director Dr. Ed Moreno said. “Immunity developed by mothers during pregnancy is passed to newborn infants. I also encourage parents to vaccinate their babies on time, which helps babies strengthen their own immunity to pertussis.”

Infant care

Adult health care workers and individuals who care for infants should make sure they have received at least one dose of the pertussis vaccine called Tdap, which can also prevent tetanus and diphtheria, so they do not infect vulnerable individuals.

Santa Cruz County also reported an uptick in whooping cough cases, with 15 in 2024, 35 in 2025, and 55 cases so far this year, but the local upswing in cases doesn’t seem to reflect national trends, according to CDC data.

“Preliminary data show that fewer cases of pertussis have been reported in 2026 compared to the same time in 2025,” the federal agency reported. “Reported pertussis cases last peaked in November 2024. Pertussis is a cyclical disease, which means after a peak in reported cases, a decrease is expected.”

Immunizations are available at pharmacies and medical provider offices throughout Monterey County. Most insurers, including Medi-Cal, cover the cost of pertussis immunizations, the health department said.

“If your child is entering childcare, kindergarten or seventh grade this fall, make sure to contact your medical provider early to confirm their immunizations are up to date and meet school entry requirements,” the agency said.

The CDC said increases in the number of pertussis infections usually occur every few years.

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Carmel Plaza sells for \$77 million

N.Y. firm invests in small-town luxury retail

By MARY SCHLEY

CARMEL PLAZA shopping center was sold last week for \$77 million, according to Monterey County property records. Escrow closed May 11, with the seller and buyer linked to the same New York investment firm.

O'Connor Capital Partners — which bought the shopping center from Macerich in July 2012 for \$52 million — sold it to the newly formed Carmel Retail Property Owner LLC, which is also affiliated with O'Connor Capital Partners, headquartered at 535 Madison Ave. in New York City. Thomas Huth, managing director of investments and capital markets at O'Connor Capital, signed the documents registering the new company with the California Secretary of State.

In an article on his company's website, Huth outlined his strategy for investing in "luxury brands" in smaller cities.

"Traditionally, iconic corridors such as Fifth Avenue in New York City and Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills defined prestige and attracted affluent foot traffic," Huth wrote. "Today, luxury retail is naturally expanding into new markets. As someone engaged

in retail real estate investment and capital markets, I have observed how consumer behavior, demographics and strategy are reshaping where luxury stores are located. And the strongest, experience-driven shopping centers are poised to outperform the broader market as luxury brands seek environments that deliver both sales and brand prestige."

Central role

Acquisition of Carmel Plaza, designed by late architect Olof Dahlstrand and opened in 1960, seems to be part of Huth's strategy. The center, which occupies a full city block at Ocean and Junipero and contains multiple levels, was developed on a site formerly occupied by the M.J. Murphy lumberyard, a movie theater and a soda fountain. It has long held a central place in Carmel's retail landscape.

The shopping center underwent a full remodel — from modern to a "Tudor neo-Spanish" design by architect Bill Brigham of San Francisco-based Field Paoli — in 2005 and 2006 that included the removal of its courtyard fountain and locally famous outdoor escalators.

During that period, the then-owners also tried to change its name to The Courtyard at Carmel, but the planning commission

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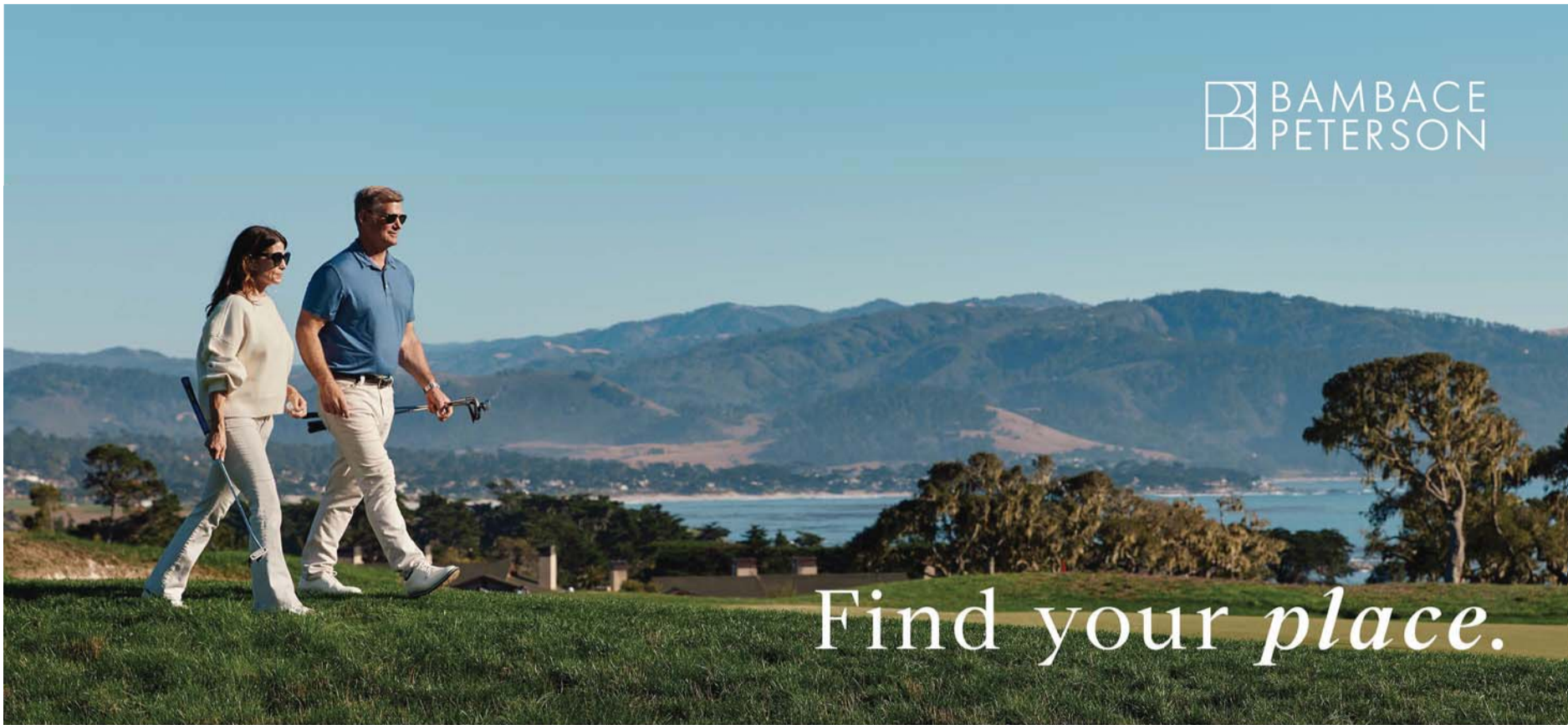
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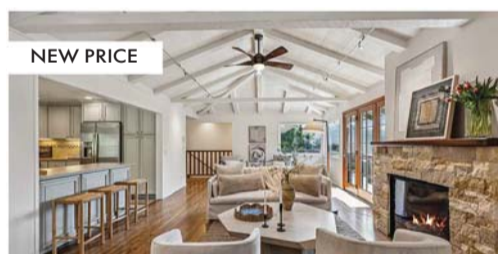


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Final Casanova fire victim housed

By MARY SCHLEY

THE LAST of the residents displaced when their Monterey senior-housing complex caught fire March 9 has found a new place to live, according to the Housing Authority of the County of Monterey, the government agency that owns the complex on Casanova Avenue. But no one has been able to return to the building to recover their belongings.

The blaze, which killed one, injured seven and left dozens more without homes, led to the full closure of the three-story, 86-unit complex. Late last month, the housing authority told former tenants 47 apartments would eventually reopen for people to recover their belongings, while in the rest, “belongings were determined to have been either destroyed or contaminated, and the units will not be accessible.”

But the May 15 date former occupants had been told they could access their units was abandoned after cleanup crews realized their refrigerators and freezers contained items left to rot inside them for more than two months.

Everyone has a home

The housing authority announced that the last of the residents who had been staying at a Marina hotel was set to move into long-term housing Tuesday, and the executive director said the effort to relocate the 80-plus people who had lived in the Monterey complex “required extensive coordination and collaboration” among residents, staff, nonprofits, the City of Monterey and community organizations. The former occupants found new homes in Monterey, Carmel Valley, Salinas, Pacific Grove, Seaside, Soledad, Greenfield and King City.

The effort cost \$315,000, according to the agency, including \$105,000 in taxpayer

funds donated by the City of Monterey. The money paid for temporary lodging, housing-related assistance and additional staffing. Housing authority employees were onsite at the Country Inn and Suites in Marina daily to assist victims in coordinating with partner agencies and nonprofits.

The agency also refunded residents’ March rents and security deposits and assisted with security deposits and first month’s rents for their new homes.

“For many displaced residents, the housing authority was able to secure affordable placements with monthly rents comparable to, and in many cases lower than their previous housing costs at Casanova,” the agency said.

Waiver worries

But while they’ve found new places to live, they haven’t been able to get anything out of their old apartments. The day before they were supposed to be able to return, residents received a letter telling them the date was off.

“As you are aware, qualified professionals retained by the owner are currently performing remediation work in the affected units. We appreciate your continued patience as this work proceeds,” it said. “While we hoped to allow you entry to retrieve your personal belongings this week, we must postpone that,” because the site is “not yet safe to enter.”

When the fire started in the early hours of March 9, all the occupants were rushed out of their apartments and were forced to leave most of their belongings — including food — behind. With the power shut off since then, those perishables have rotted inside their appliances for months.

“Among other things, the refrigerator/freezer in each unit must be removed for

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CUSD seeks \$250M for improvements

By LILY PATTERSON

CARMEL RESIDENTS received a mailer last week from Carmel Unified School District featuring unpleasant photos of leaky ceilings, damaged roofing and flooded classrooms, intended to stir their sympathy for its aging buildings, outmoded technology, and a long list of backlogged infrastructure projects.

Last Wednesday, the Board of Education decided \$250 million is the minimum necessary to fix up Carmel's schools, a critical step toward landing a general obligation bond on the ballot for the Nov. 3 general election.

"Twenty-one years with no significant amount of funding, just doing a few small projects at a time, it does add up. We have had to close school because of infrastructure failures. The facilities we have are not supporting 21st-century learning. And we are 26 years into the 21st century," Superintendent Sharon Ofek said at a school board meeting last Wednesday, pointing out that the district hasn't passed a bond since 2005.

Deferred maintenance

In April, board members, staff and the public got together and reviewed a district-wide inventory of needs — the sum of a sweeping 10-year plan for facilities improvements, a long list of deferred maintenance, and requests from site directors and students across the district. The grand total is \$444 million, a hefty chunk of which would be addressed by the proposed bond, with the district expecting \$18 million in matching funds from the state. The workshop last month identified \$258 million in top-priority projects, and the remaining \$185 million in less-urgent

facilities needs would be addressed with "future funding options," according to CUSD's chief business official Yvonne Perez, who presented at the meeting.

85 years old

Of those top-priority projects, Perez outlined \$22 million to update safety and security infrastructure, \$33 million for utilities fixes, \$58 million for building repairs including roofing, ventilation and restrooms, \$22 million for "student support spaces" including nurses' offices and cafeterias, and \$127 million to improve and expand learning facilities. For instance, playgrounds need upgrading, some classrooms at Carmel High School are more than 85 years old, and teachers at Carmel Middle and Tularcitos have been using "portable" trailer classrooms installed more than 30 years ago. Since spending most of the \$21.5 million from its 2005 bond measure on new projects at Carmel High — including the performing arts center and swimming pool — the district has allocated one-time grants and a fraction of its general fund to maintaining its nine pre-K through 12th-grade campuses.

"Annually, we're spending \$3 million to maintain all of our facilities, and it's not enough," Perez said. "We're a small district, but it's a large amount of square footage."

According to Prop. 39, the district is eligible for a bond of up \$400 million, Perez explained, but staff opted not to recommend the maximum. CUSD's tax rate is currently one of the lowest in Monterey County — other school districts have taken out bonds on a more regular basis, every 8 to 10 years — but, after a failed attempt to

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Despite the influx of cash, the governor's budget proposal includes \$20 billion in reserve withdrawals, as well as \$4 billion in borrowing, bringing total borrowing during his tenure close to \$30 billion — a big red flag.

"The underlying budget condition is not sound. First, the existence of any operating deficits during a revenue boom of this magnitude is itself a warning sign," Petek wrote. "Further, given the state's diminished reserves and already accumulated wall of debt, California is ill-prepared for even a slip-up in revenues."

And Petek is worried a slip-up is coming, comparing AI-driven equity valuations to stock market highs last seen right before the dot-com bubble burst. The

legislative analyst's initial comments continue the tough-love approach Petek has taken with the governor and Legislature over the last year, advising them, in essence, to get their financial house in order.

Fiscal mirage

Newsom and lawmakers started digging their budget hole back in 2022, when he announced a \$97 billion surplus. The windfall turned out to be a fiscal mirage, based on what the administration later admitted was a \$165 billion overestimate of revenues. By that time, the governor had already signed on to massive social service expansions.

Since 2019, general fund spending has grown by \$100 billion, to \$246.5 billion in the May budget revision. According to the legislative analyst's Office, 70 percent of spending growth has gone toward sustaining services that existed in 2019 but have been driven up by cost-of-living adjustments and expanding numbers of recipients. The other 30 percent has gone to new services added in

the last seven years.

The biggest recipients of that \$100 billion increase in spending have been schools and community colleges, which received \$37 billion more than in 2019. The money was used in part for new services, including the expansion of kindergarten to all 4-year-olds and health insurance for part-time faculty at community colleges.

Medi-Cal was the second-biggest recipient of increased general fund spending, with an additional \$25 billion. Much of it went to cover the rising cost of enrollees, but discretionary dollars were spent, too, including offering free healthcare to undocumented immigrants.

Newsom's latest version of the budget does little to rein in spending, shaving just \$1.8 billion off general fund expenditures. But his refusal to offset federal cuts to healthcare may be a hard pill to swallow for the Democratic-controlled Legislature.

President Trump's Big Beautiful Bill will tighten eligibility requirements for subsidized healthcare, affecting hundreds of thousands in California. Backfilling federal cuts would require a major tax increase, which wouldn't sound great on the campaign trail. Instead, the governor is proposing to increase monthly premiums for undocumented immigrants from \$30 to \$50 and to add work and paperwork requirements for other Medi-Cal recipients.

As for new taxes, the May revision calls for \$2.5 billion in increases targeted at businesses, including a new levy on software licenses and a permanent limit on small business tax credits of \$5 million, or 50 percent of tax liability, whichever is greater.

All of this is a far cry from the \$24 billion Petek says is needed to put California on sound financial footing.

Long list

The legislative analyst's list of recommendations is long, but among them is to keep the current reductions in Newsom's latest budget revision and to reject all new discretionary spending proposals. The Legislature currently has proposals totaling \$1.3 billion, much of it coming from small projects, like broadband infrastructure and utility replacement at Los Angeles' Exposition Park.

The biggest chunk of Petek's \$24 billion in recommendations is a \$20 billion deposit into the state's reserves, which seems overly ambitious given that the governor's current budget revision would reduce reserves from \$47 billion a year ago to \$19.5 billion by June 2027.

When Newsom reached the question-and-answer portion of his stump speech-style presentation, one reporter asked about the surplus Jerry Brown left him in 2019.

"The spirit of Jerry Brown is reflected in this — I'm serious," Newsom said of his own final budget. "I think it is deeply part of his legacy, and I want it to continue."

The comments were a bit audacious, considering Brown left Newsom what Petek described as a "remarkable surplus" in his 2019–20 California Spending Plan.

Claiming he's leaving having solved the fiscal quandary he created may be politically advantageous to a 2028 Democratic frontrunner, but the numbers suggest we shouldn't believe everything we hear.

DUI

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the hospital to question the driver, if possible.

"The transported party is going to be the at-fault party," he said over the radio. He questioned whether the driver would regain consciousness but asked that someone go and "see if the party is alert enough to provide a statement" at the hospital.

The bus and the Corvette were towed. Smith remained hospitalized this week.

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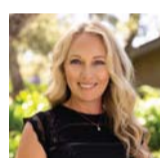
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in November.

Ana Luz Acevedo-Cabrera, 38, an adjunct professor at Hartnell College with a bachelor's degree in geophysics and master's degrees in science and engineering from UC Berkeley, is running on a platform of housing affordability, healthcare accessibility and "infrastructure resilience."

Not affiliated with a political party, she said affordable housing can be achieved at the federal level by doubling down on "supply-focused solutions such as reducing fees and regulatory barriers to build more workforce housing and restricting institutional investors from investing in single-family homes."

Addressing the 2025 Moss Landing Vistra Power Plant fire, she said hazard analyses and fire suppression technology to capture thermal runaway — the primary cause of battery fires — are necessary to help protect the community and environment.

"This will likely move us away from large high-risk energy infrastructure projects and into low-risk small-scale

energy infrastructure projects that reduce the risk of catastrophic failures and strengthen energy resilience," Acevedo-Cabrera said.

Tom Coxe, 35, a landscape contractor from the Watsonville area who is not affiliated with a political party, wants to prohibit candidates for federal office from accepting money from individuals, committees or groups. Instead, he wants the federal government to pay for political campaigns.

"Candidates will receive funding directly from the United States Treasury, and funds will be held in an account managed by the Treasury," Coxe's website said.

The candidate is proposing a constitutional amendment that would ban political contributions, and he points to the 2010 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, in which justices ruled that laws preventing corporations and labor unions from supporting political advertising violated the First Amendment's free speech protections.

'Tax the rich'

Santa Cruz Democrat **Sean Dougherty**, 46, a software engineer, is running on a progressive agenda, with a platform that includes abolishing ICE, ending Israel's

"genocide," cutting the country's military spending by 50 percent, creating publicly owned banks, and housing for all, which among other things calls for establishing "a robust social housing program with income-based rent" and reallocating "military spending to community programs for fair housing solutions."

"We will build a democratic economy by taxing the rich, supporting unions, and moving essential infrastructure like energy into public ownership," Dougherty says. "We must protect our coast through climate action and replace war profiteering with a foreign policy centered on human rights."

Dougherty, a former Green Party member who garnered 6.4 percent of the vote in the 2024 primary election against Panetta — a race which also included a Republican candidate — claims that since President Donald Trump was elected, the congressman "has utterly failed to be the opposition voice our moment demands."

One of two Republicans on the ballot, **Tuka Gafari**, 56, a businessman from Scotts Valley, is running on the economy, public safety, the Moss Landing Vistra Power Plant fire, and several other issues. Addressing the latter, Gafari — whose Iranian parents immigrated to the United States — said the fire should have never happened.

"The damage to our crops and to the people is having a negative impact all in the name of 'green technology,'" he said. "When something is safe, then and only then can we start with such projects. Let the industry push this and not the government."

The Republican favors increasing the housing supply in the 19th Congressional District, wants voter identification laws and says immigrants who want to live in the country should go through the proper legal channels. Gafari also believes that transgender athletes should not be allowed to compete against girls.

'Chaos in communities'

In his bid for reelection, Panetta, 56, said he's working on reducing the cost of living, "with more affordable housing and accessible health care" and rescinding Trump's tariffs "to lower prices." He also tackles the president's efforts to deport undocumented immigrants.

"I'm holding this administration accountable for its overreaching mass deportation policy that creates chaos in communities, harms American citizens and hurts our economy," Panetta said. "I'm working on immigration reform, including legalization for law-abiding working families, while supporting a secure border."

The Carmel Valley congressman said he's also promoting jobs and small businesses, helping protect the coastline from offshore oil drilling, standing up for women's reproductive rights and securing federal funding for law enforcement agencies to fight crime.

"I'll continue to fight for the people and values of California's 19th Congressional District with hard work, new ideas and the will to work together to get things done," he said.

'System is broken'

Businessman **Lars Mapstead**, a Libertarian who was born in Carmel and raised in Big Sur but now lives in Aptos, wants to "unrig the system."

"If politicians are getting rich off their offices while you struggle to pay rent, the system is broken," Mapstead's campaign materials say, adding that he would seek congressional term limits, an immediate ban on "congressional insider trading," and an end to what he calls the "revolving door between Congress and K Street."

He doesn't mention the war in Iran, but Mapstead reminds voters that the Constitution gives Congress the power to declare war, not the president.

"The military exists to defend American soil," he said. "I oppose all foreign military aid funded by taxpayer debt. Every dollar sent abroad to fund a conflict is a dollar taken from the people of the 19th District without their consent."

Santa Cruz Republican **Peter Coe Verbica**, 65, calls himself a "common sense, fiscal conservative" who believes in small government, lower taxes, transparency, immigration reform, school choice and a strong national defense.

"Pete believes the federal government must focus on its core duties: protecting national security, securing borders, safeguarding election integrity, and preserving the value of the U.S. dollar," his campaign materials say. "Inflation acts as a hidden tax on working families, and responsible fiscal policy is essential to restoring stability and opportunity."

Verbica, a certified financial planner, backs the idea of expanding water infrastructure, energy reliability, wildfire mitigation, competitive health care reform and "practical immigration solutions that respect the rule of law and economic realities."

He ran for the California State Board of Equalization District 2 seat in the 2022 general election and garnered more than 900,000 votes, but lost to Democrat Sally Lieber.

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Boys & Girls Clubs waive fees for Seaside, Salinas summer camps

By LILY PATTERSON

ON THE Monterey Peninsula, where a single week of summer camp can run upwards of \$1,000, city and nonprofit-run programs are a godsend for energetic kids and their parents. Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County offers eight-week sessions packed with sports, arts, and field trips — and the organization has announced it will waive the usual \$300 fee for all campers this summer.

“With families paying more for basic necessities, we want to provide some relief by offering parents a safe, structured and enriching experience for children. We believe that doing so will further the Clubs’ mission to equip our young people with the personal qualities and skills that will enable them to succeed,” Ron Johnson, the Clubs’ president and CEO, announced this week.

From June 8 to July 31, the organization’s clubhouses in Seaside and Salinas

will offer sports and recreation, grade-specific educational activities, field trips, and programs designed to prevent summer “learning loss,” like guided reading practice. There’s even a graduation ceremony, as the program wraps up with “a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) showcase highlighting student achievements,” according to the group.

Various programs

The all-day program begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, with breakfast, lunch and snacks included. Registration is also open to morning- and afternoon-only campers. Both clubhouses will be closed on Friday, June 19, as well as Friday, July 3, and the Salinas location will be closed for the annual rodeo on Thursday, July 16 and Friday, July 17.

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Education vets vie for chief of county schools

By KELLY NIX

THE SECOND-IN-COMMAND of Monterey County schools will face off against another seasoned educator for the county superintendent role in the June 2 election.

Voters will be asked in the statewide primary to decide whether Deputy Superintendent **Ralph Porras** or **Dan Burns** — both of whom have several decades of experience in education — should succeed Monterey County Superintendent Deneen Guss, who is retiring after serving in the role since 2019. Guss was paid more than \$370,000 in salary and benefits in 2024.

Porras, 58, who was superintendent of Pacific Grove school district until March 2023, has been Guss' right-hand man since July 2023.

Having served as a teacher, principal in elementary and high schools, assistant superintendent and superintendent, Porras said his priorities include expanding career technical education pathways, strengthening mental health support, improving early literacy and math achievement,

promoting safe and healthy schools, and recruiting and retaining teachers.

"I believe that all students deserve to succeed in a diverse, technology-driven world that demands creativity, critical thinking and strong academic skills," Porras said.

His endorsements include Guss, former Rep. Sam Farr and Pacific Grove Unified School District Superintendent Linda Adamson.

Like Porras, Burns, 56, has several decades of experience. He's been a campus supervisor, guidance technician, teacher, principal and superintendent of Salinas Union High School District.

Burns said he's worked on the front lines to support students and educators.

"My purpose is clear. Every child deserves a safe school and strong early literacy leading to college, career and life readiness," Burns said.

His endorsements include former county superintendent Bill Barr, 5th District Monterey County Supervisor Kate Daniels and Salinas Mayor Dennis Donohue.

College student receives accolade from MPC

A STUDENT at Monterey Peninsula College this week received the inaugural Teresa Del Piero Award for Theatre Excellence.

The board of directors of the Monterey Peninsula Theatre Trust announced this week that theatre arts student Teddy Hall was presented the award, which included a \$750 grant, during a Tuesday ceremony.

Hall — who is completing his AA degree — has been a part of four productions at MPC, including its most recent, "Dancing at Lughnasa."

Del Piero, who died in March, was instrumental in rebuilding the theatre arts department after budget and staffing cuts were enacted in 2014.

"We felt it was only proper and fitting that the recipient be someone dedicated not just to their own pursuits in theatre, but the overall vitality and quality of the program," board president Gary Bolen said about Hall.



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visual — not physical.

“Visual access should be emphasized throughout Big Sur as an appropriate response to the needs of visitors,” the supervisor said, quoting the plan that was certified in 1986. “We can take this opportunity over the next 12 months to really show visitors what the experience of visiting the Bixby Bridge is — it’s a trip across an iconic bridge. It’s not a destination.”

Pitching alternatives

Not surprisingly, some speakers — including Alejo and Lopez — questioned how the California Coastal Commission would respond to the temporary parking ban. Alejo noted that the powerful watchdog agency has issued hefty fines to various entities for blocking coastal access. The agency in recent years has prioritized public access over resource protection, which was its primary focus throughout most of its history. Lopez, who serves on the commission, said he would like to see parking made available.

An April 28 letter from Coastal Commission planner Breylen Ammen to Daniels didn’t specifically address the 12-month moratorium, but it does illustrate the agency’s

focus on keeping parking available near the bridge.

“The ability for visitors to stop and view the bridge, the canyon it traverses and the dramatic coastline it parallels holds enormous value,” Ammen said. “We believe now is the moment to invest the time and effort necessary to identify potential alternatives.”

He said the coastal commission staff has been looking at “potential parking and access improvements along the highway on the north end of the bridge and along Old Coast Road — which we view as more medium term — and at Brazil Ranch on the south end of the bridge, which we view as more long-term.”

The all-dirt Old Coast Road offers an alternate route for motorists to travel between Bixby Bridge and Andrew Molera State Park. It’s typically open to the public during the dry months, although parking alongside it to access the bridge is prohibited.

Located just south of the bridge, the 1,226-acre Brazil Ranch was bought by the U.S. Forest Service in 2002 with \$23 million of taxpayers’ funds. The deal was made to keep the land from being developed, although the expense was controversial at the time, with some accusing the feds of wasting money on open space that didn’t offer much of a public benefit.

According to several sources, limited public access is available at Brazil Ranch, although a call to the forest service for details wasn’t returned.

On its website, the agency notes that it is “working closely with the Big Sur community and other stakeholders to craft a vision for future public enjoyment of the Brazil Ranch.” Could the improvements Ammen described be this vision?

Several speakers at this week’s meeting, including Mike Dipple, chief ranger of Monterey State Parks, and

Dan Perlstein, a volunteer firefighter who lives near the bridge, described how gridlock at the bridge has slowed emergency response times. Other speakers said the gridlock at Bixby slows their commutes, including chef Reylon Agustin of Post Ranch Inn, who drives along the scenic route five days a week to work. “This is definitely affecting our local workforce,” Agustin said. “Employees are experiencing growing frustration due to stress and unreliable travel times just getting to work safely.”

Damaged desirability?

Rick Aldinger of the Monterey County Hospitality Association suggested that the chaotic scene at the bridge “hurts the hospitality industry by reducing the enjoyment and increasing the frustrations of travelers, ultimately leading to visitors choosing not to visit Big Sur.” Others echoed Aldinger’s view that the site is damaging Big Sur’s desirability as a tourist destination.

Daniels said she hopes to get the temporary ban enacted by Memorial Day weekend, although county Public Works chief Randy Ishii and others suggested it would take longer to get all the necessary approvals.

Illustrating the extent of the problem at Bixby, Ishii reported that over Labor Day weekend in 2025, a survey found that during the busiest time, 325 pedestrians crossed the highway at the north end of the bridge each hour. Meanwhile, vehicles stopping in the roadway to take photos peaked Sept. 4, 2025, with 70 complete stops per hour. Ishii called the circumstances near the bridge a “long-standing and well-documented safety hazard.”

Ishii said traffic along the Big Sur coast “reached unprecedented levels” during the recent spring break. He said traffic was heaviest at three chokepoints: Bixby Bridge, Point Lobos State Reserve and Soberanes Point.



Janice R. Gardner

Janice R. Gardner, beloved mother and grandmother, passed away on May 6th at the age of 94.

Born in Utah, Jan later moved to Los Angeles and then to New York City at the age of 19, where she began her career after signing with the Foy Modeling Agency. Her beauty and poise opened doors, but it was her artistic vision, determination and unmistakable eye for design that ultimately defined her life’s work.

She later started a family in the U.S. Virgin Islands before discovering Carmel-by-the-Sea. In 1972, she founded her interior design firm, Gardner & Associates, and led the business until her retirement in 2011, passing the torch to her daughter, Julie Gardner, who continues the firm’s legacy today.

Jan was known for her visionary work on some of California’s most iconic hospitality destinations, including The Lodge at Pebble Beach, The Inn at Spanish Bay and Quail Lodge & Golf Club, along with numerous private residences throughout the United States.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Jan was known for her charisma, generosity, wit and larger-than-life presence. She cultivated lifelong friendships and carried herself with grace and confidence through every chapter of her life.

She is survived by her daughter, Julie Gardner; her son-in-law, Zeke Valdez; her grandchildren, Dylan and Ashley Chesney and her two great-grandchildren, Hunter and Forrest Fernandez, who will forever cherish her love and strength.

A celebration of her life will take place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 13th at 304 Country Club Drive in Carmel Valley. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to www.setfreemontereybay.org.

Her legacy lives on in the spaces she transformed, the people she inspired and the timeless elegance she brought into the world.



ALEXEA (LINDA) MARIE BERCHEM (1959 - 2026)

After battling liver cancer, Alexea Berchem died peacefully on April 21, 2026, at the age of 66. She faced her cancer as she lived her life, authentically, openly and generously. Alexea was beautiful inside and out, had an easy laugh and sense of humor, a kind and open heart. She was a bright light and a force of love that surrounded and inspired all who were lucky enough to know her.

Alexea was born at the Air Force base in Wiesbaden, Germany. Upon returning to the States, her family settled in Madison, WI. She attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where she earned her B.S. in education and a minor in dance. Alexea’s passion for caring for those in hospice led her to earn her M.S. in social work. During her studies she met hospice pioneer Elizabeth Kubler-Ross which profoundly impacted Alexea and further solidified her career choice.

Over the years, Alexea lived in Aspen, Minneapolis and Santa Fe.

She eventually moved to SF where she continued her career in social work and then moved into the pharmaceutical industry. She became a sales manager and enjoyed helping her sales team reach their full potential.

Always one to challenge herself, Alexea joined Toastmasters and took Improv where she developed her storytelling prowess and met a lifelong circle of friends. It was in Improv she honed her “Yes, and...” approach to life that inspired and captivated her many friends. One of her companions at that time was her beloved dog, Nami, who gave her much joy and comfort.

After buying a home in Oakland, she took up tennis and joined Chabot Canyon Racquet Club. There she met more lifelong friends, including Phil Mitchell, who she would eventually marry years later. She had marvelous times, both on and off the courts, even touring Italy and attending Wimbledon. She took up yoga where she connected with a special group of friends that continued to meet every year for their own weekend retreat.

She helped remodel three homes where she flexed her love of interior design. Rekindling her career passion, she returned to hospice social work and patient care in the latter part of her professional life.

She married Phil during the pandemic, outdoors on their Carmel home deck. Their honeymoon was a three-month RV trip around the US and Canada, visiting family and friends along the way. It was the trip of a lifetime. In 2022, Alexea and Phil left Oakland and moved to Carmel full time. Alexea made more close friends, both in the neighborhood and at tennis. Already a piano player, Alexea also took up drumming by joining a local drumming circle. Alexea was also a lover of fashion and clothing design.

Throughout her illness, she was surrounded with an incredible circle of family and friends who generously gave their love, support, and massages to ease her pain. Alexea’s rock star “Special K” health care team at Pacific Cancer Care, UCSF, and Hospice of the Central Coast guided her care, including her three clinical trials and her amazing end-of-life care.

Alexea is predeceased by her parents, Phyllis and James; and survived by her husband, Phil; her siblings, Mike, Steve and Margaret; her step-children Scott, Tracy and her husband Craig; step-grandchildren Kylan and Rynn; her dog, Charley and her numerous friends and extended family.

A Life Celebration is scheduled in September at the Carl Cherry Art Center in Carmel.

In her memory, donations may be made to Planned Parenthood and Jerry Rubin Foundation.

CUSD

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land a measure on the ballot in 2024, the district is proceeding with caution, careful not to startle wallet-weary voters.

“The way most districts operate, they’ll run a bond program on a schedule. Our last bond was in 2005, and now it’s time to look at addressing this,” Perez said.

With interest, it will cost \$1.70 to repay each dollar borrowed, and the district is proposing taxpayers cover that with annual payments of \$41.02 per \$100,000 in assessed property value. It’s a leap from the current rate of \$10.02, which covers the dregs of the 2005 bond, but is well below Monterey Unified (\$97.23) and Pacific Grove (\$59.93).

“Our last bond was managed quite well. We’ve refunded some debt, which helps us save money for taxpayers, and we’ve done some refinancing over the years for a better rate. And I just want to mention again — the rate that we’re charging right now is considerably less than any of our surrounding districts,” Perez added.

Few doubts

The board expressed near-unanimous support for the bond amount and timeline, though all acknowledged tax fatigue among voters.

“I know there’s a need for a bond. We haven’t had one in 20 years, but the amount to me is huge,” said board member Rita Patel, who cast the only vote against the \$250 million asking price.

“With gas prices going up, taxes going up, the 1% here, 1% there — it all adds

up. It’s tough for families, so while I am supportive of going out for a bond, I’m still not supportive of the amount,” Patel said.

Board member Jason Remyense argued that the district isn’t asking all that much.

“People talk about excess taxes, but the person that has a house assessed at \$3 million, they’re already paying \$30,000 in property taxes. To me, when we talk about \$1,200 in addition to the \$30,000, I don’t see it as a big deal,” Remyense said.

“Monterey High School has that big, beautiful science building that overlooks their football field. I know that building wasn’t cheap. And I think we owe it to our students, our teachers, our staff and our community to also invest in our facilities and build them up to that standard,” he added.

Polling underway

Several agreed that the district is in need of a “course correction.”

“It’s a little bit of a risk, a little bit of a leadership moment — \$250 million is a course correction to address a large portion of our facilities program. There are kids here who are in kindergarten that will reap the benefits. There are children that are not born yet that will reap the benefits,” board President Matt Glazer said, before casting his vote in favor of the amount.

Public polling is underway to gauge support for a possible bond. Before deciding whether to put the measure in front of voters on Nov. 3, the board will also have to approve a draft resolution and an itemized list of projects by June 17. At that point, the district isn’t permitted to fund its own bond campaign, which leaves teachers, parents, and voters to drum up support for the measure.



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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Joanna Haymes Campbell, a resident of the Monterey Peninsula for 32 years.

Joanna took great joy in her family. She was married to Douglas Campbell (who died in 2023) for 25 years. She is survived by two children, Jason Knopinski of Los Angeles and Dru Mattimoe (Gerard) of Carmel and three step-children, Adam Campbell, Emily Campbell and Zak Campbell. (The oldest, Josh Campbell died in 2023).



She was also blessed with two beloved grandsons, Ian Mattimoe (Juliet) and George Mattimoe. They brought her enormous happiness and she took much pride being their Mormor.

Joanna loved to cook, and in her early years owned three restaurants in the Mendocino area. She also worked at the Hyatt in Monterey as a catering manager in the mid 1990s. Often, she spent her days experimenting in the kitchen. Joanna baked and decorated custom birthday cakes for family and friends. She enjoyed gardening and created her own “Secret Garden” at her home, filled with roses, fruit trees and succulents. Joanna was fortunate to have had a strong circle of close friends with whom she enjoyed playing bridge, going on walks and hunting for antiques.

Her dogs, Lollipop and Bon Bon, were her best buddies and great company, especially as her health declined. She called them her little sentinels.

Joanna served as a volunteer in the local hospital auxiliary for 20 years. She found fulfillment in giving comfort and support to others.

Through her entire life, Joanna was a strong person who faced challenges with courage and grace. She had great faith in her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

A celebration of her life will be held in June. Please contact the family for details.

Mom, we miss you terribly. We miss your beautiful smile, your infectious laugh and your wry sense of humor. Mom, you will always be in our hearts. Thank you for the time we had together.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent in her name to the Carmel Foundation.

Pirates and Padres ready to exorcise the demons of playoffs past

T'WOULD BE cruel and unusual punishment to describe, yet again, how the 2025 baseball season ended for the Carmel Padres and Stevenson Pirates. Much kinder to summarize in yada-yada-yada form.

Stevenson's school-record 21-win season ended 250

about the past. Both schools learned Monday that they've been bumped into tougher divisions for the postseason this spring.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

miles from home when a routine grounder struck a pebble, causing the bad-hop single that gave the Etna Lions a 6-5 victory over the Pirates in last year's NorCal Division 5 championship game.

That same day, Carmel held a three-run lead over Rohnert Park's Rancho Cotate High through five innings of the NorCal Division 3 semifinals but gave up four runs in the sixth, suffering a season-ending 6-5 loss in front of a home crowd.

The good news: The Pirates and Padres are reigning Central Coast Section champions as the 2026 playoffs get underway Saturday, and neither has time or need to fret

Tough schedules

Carmel is this year's No. 1 seed in the CCS Division 2 bracket, where the Padres (20-6) drew No. 8 Menlo-Atherton (14-13) for a quarterfinal game at 1 p.m. Saturday at Carmel High. They've already played each other this season, a game won 4-0 by the Padres.

Stevenson (17-7) is seeded No. 6 in the CCS Division 5 bracket and will travel Saturday to Morgan Hill for a 10 a.m. game against No. 3 Ann Sobrato (18-8).

The Padres would host either fourth-seeded Sacred Heart Prep or No. 5 Archbishop Mitty in the semifinals. Stevenson's semifinal foe would be either No. 2 Half Moon Bay (a road game) or No. 7 Homestead (at Pebble Beach) if the Pirates advance.

Semifinals are scheduled Wednesday, with the title game set for May 30.

Carmel, champion of the Pacific Coast Athletic League's Gabilan Division, has 11 returning players from last year's CCS title team, including Stanford-bound senior Matt Maxon, who leads the team in batting (.500), on-base percentage (.609), slugging (1.093), doubles (9), home runs (14) and RBIs (35) — which probably explains why he's walked 20 times in 26 games, also a team best. He also leads the Padres with 25 stolen bases and has been thrown out once.

But Maxon figures to be a right-handed pitcher at Stanford after a regular season in which he went 6-1 with a 2.10 ERA in 11 games, allowing 47 hits in 60 innings, with 96 strikeouts and 12 walks.

Carmel's starting pitching staff also includes sophomore Kenny Sanchez (5-0, team-best 2.03 ERA in 13 games) and junior Lucas Rocha (5-0, 2.54). Together, they are 16-1 with a 2.19 ERA. The Padres have a formidable bullpen led by Carter Lloyd (2-2, team-leading four saves) and Jesse



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Stevenson junior JJ. Hall takes an 8-0 record, with a 0.68 ERA into the CCS playoffs along with a .435 batting average, six doubles, five homers and a team-leading 30 RBI.

Watts (2.10 ERA in 10 innings).

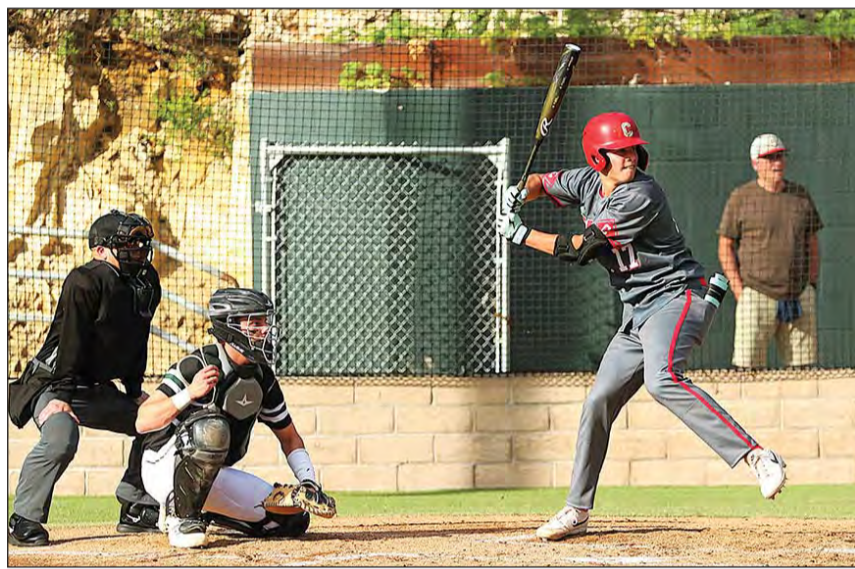
Carmel's batting order has far better numbers than last year's Division 3 championship squad, with a team batting average of .339 (.303 last year), .464 on-base percentage (.406), .544 slugging (.434), 45 doubles (34), 3 triples (same) and 32 home runs (23).

Heavy hitters

Offensive standouts for Carmel have included Michael Melnick (.389, seven doubles, one homer, 23 RBIs), Dean Briant (.377, seven extra-base hits, 19 RBIs), Alex Hirschfield (.361, six doubles, 19 RBIs), Sean Carr (.333, 13 extra-base hits, including five homers and 26 RBIs) and Jon Beretti (.310, 7 homers, 26 RBIs).

Stevenson likely will play the postseason without its best hitter, senior Reggie Bell, who sustained a leg injury

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Matt Maxon has a .500 batting average and a school-record 14 home runs going into the postseason. He's expected to be a pitcher next season at Stanford University.

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May 5 in a regular-season game against North County and isn't likely to return. Bell led the Mission Division champions in batting (.492), doubles (nine), triples (two) and stolen bases (15), and wielded a slick glove at shortstop. He's expected to be a middle infielder next year at UC Davis.

But six other front-line Pirates batted .345 or better, including another UC Davis-bound senior, Phinn Thomas (.462, nine extra-base hits, 24 RBIs, 10 stolen bases), J.J. Hall (.435, six doubles, five homers, team-best 30 RBIs, 10 stolen bases), Jonah Krasa (.397, 27 RBIs), Alex Wang (.370, 30 RBIs), Soren Hillman (.358) and Tono Borgomini (.345, nine stolen bases).

Hall, a junior, leads a deep pitching staff with an 8-0 record, 0.68 ERA in 10 starts and just 26 hits allowed in 51.1 innings. Thomas (4-0, 2.94, 19 hits in 31 innings) and senior Brady Muga (1-0, 3.10 in five starts) have been other mainstays of the rotation, with junior Kai Shohtoku (2-4, five saves, 2.37 ERA) leading the bullpen.

Padres softball is top seed

After earning the Mission Division co-championship this season, Carmel (22-6) is the top-ranked team in the CCS Division 2 softball bracket, earning a quarterfinal home game at Carmel Middle School at 1 p.m. Saturday against No. 8 Woodside (15-9).

A young but stellar Carmel team depends heavily on freshman right-hander Olivia Tringali, who has compiled an 18-4 record and 1.51 ERA in 25 appearances, allowing 101 hits in 139.1 innings.

A high-powered lineup is led by sophomore Lily Beals (.448 batting, .604 slugging, .495 on-base, 10 extra-base hits, 30 RBIs, 20 stolen bases), freshmen Stella Becker (.430, 16 RBIs, .515 on-base), Tringali (.387, 30 RBIs), and Anna Schroeder (.386, nine extra-base hits, 20 RBIs), sophomores Avery Houston (.325, six doubles) and Claire Stephens (.284, 11 RBIs), junior Delilah Herro (.381, eight extra-base hits, 23 RBIs), and seniors Sydney Ozel (.360, 24 RBIs) and Ava Staehle (.295, 23 RBIs).

CCS updates

Lacrosse

Stevenson boys win CCS: The top-seeded Pirates captured the school's first sectional crown in lacrosse Saturday, defeating second-seeded Menlo-Atherton 8-7 in overtime in the CCS Division 2 finals with an ensemble effort at Menlo High.

Menlo staged a late comeback, rallying

from a 4-2 second-half deficit to extend the game, but Stevenson's Fin Mink scored the deciding goal with 3:16 left in overtime, with an assist from Derek Diniz.

Mink, Quin Russell and Topher Moan

all scored twice for the Pirates, and Diniz and Grady Roth got one goal each.

Connor Aeschliman was credited with

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Sophomore shortstop Lily Beals leads top-seeded Carmel into the softball playoffs with a .448 batting average, 10 extra-base hits, 30 RBI and 20 stolen bases.

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If Hollywood is a machine, she runs an honest engine.

JOANNE STORKAN would chase an interview to the edge of the Earth, so long as she's asking the questions. A three-time Emmy-winning documentary filmmaker, Storkan is adamant that other people do the talking, which may account for her passage into lands as sacred and exclusive as the Kahnawake Mohawk Territory that borders Montreal, not to mention the men's locker room inside the Pebble Beach Pro Shop.

"I don't know too many people who have been able to get Wayne Gretzky to talk about lacrosse on camera. She gave him a voice. She gives individuals a voice," according to Chris Carpenter, a film professor at Cal State Monterey Bay and the vice president of Honest Engine, Storkan's production company.

the film festival circuit — hates the idea of asking friends to gamble on her projects. Nor is she interested in coming up with fictions necessary to seduce major investors.

"What people do to raise money for films, the stories that they tell... If I can't afford to fund something myself, I won't do it," Storkan said.

Top of the pile

Besides, she always preferred nonfiction. As a teenager, Storkan dreamed of working for Newsweek, but wound up teaching journalism and English literature at a community college in Milpitas, near her childhood home of San Mateo. In 1991, Storkan and her then-husband, a lawyer, decided to raise their son and daughter somewhere quieter.



Documentary producer Joanne Storkan (right) and CSUMB professor Chris Carpenter have brought numerous local film students into the fold at Honest Engine, including Andre Sitolini (left) and Francesca Dysart, posing with their Emmys inside the office on Foam Street.

PHOTO/KELLI UDALL, CARMEL MAGAZINE

Storkan operates close to home, with an editing studio on Foam Street in Monterey. She's known for hiring graduates straight out of CSUMB, where Carpenter has taught media production for more than 20 years. Honest Engine has produced comedies, animated short films, and more than 25 documentaries.

'Amazing kids'

Storkan personally co-directed three documentaries about lacrosse. "Dirt McComber: Last of the Mohicans" (2018), "The Roots of Lacrosse" (2020), and an Emmy award-winning short film, "The Rules of Lacrosse and The Men Who

When they moved to the Monterey Peninsula, Storkan was playing around with a few movie ideas. Unlike most people, she turned them into scripts and even landed an agent through an acquaintance from the gym at Spanish Bay — a professional screenwriter who forwarded one of Storkan's scripts to a friend. A newly represented Storkan did the "water-bottle tour," industry slang for the blur of get-to-know-you meetings with studios, directors and the like.

After a few years, she realized her scripts weren't going to make the top of the pile. "Even my agent was warning me about the deals I was taking. I took people at face value, and because of that, I dealt with some really dishonest people. That's where the name came from — I decided I wanted to be the Honest Engine," Storkan said.

At the moment, she's busy with "Wilderness ER," a reality show inspired by her daughter's work as an emergency room doctor and wilderness medicine specialist. That tracks for Storkan, for whom inspiration, like charity, starts at home.

A financial supporter of CSUMB's film school since 2002 — and a mentor to numerous graduates — Storkan also co-founded the International School of Monterey. Her son and daughter attended Stevenson School, where she was a trustee.

She knew nothing about lacrosse until her son's first game on the junior varsity team. Neither did he, apparently, because

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Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

Break Them" (2024), were all self-funded. Storkan founded her company in 2004 because she wanted a straight-shooting alternative to Hollywood, and she brought friends and local students along for the ride.

"I've had some amazing kids to help. They're an invaluable resource," Storkan said.

Her affinity for documentaries is personal and practical: They're relatively cheap to make. "My parents taught me never to take money from anyone," Storkan said of her mother and father, Italian immigrants who built a trucking business in San Mateo. Storkan — who admits that countless documentaries are shelved after

HOLDING, MOLDING AND MAKING PIECES OF HISTORY BY HAND

FOUR YEARS into a harrowing leap of faith, Casey Starks feels increasingly comfortable about a soft landing for the profession she boldly decided to remake in pursuit of artistic bliss.

In 2022, Starks opted to leave the career she chose during her college days — landscape architecture — to sign a lease and

from 2 to 6 p.m., Saturdays noon to 5, and by appointment.

The back is where magic happens.

"It's really satisfying to feel clay in my hands, because I can do so many things with it," she said. "As I'm working with it, I'm sometimes thinking about where it came from, wondering about the history that I'm holding: Were there glaciers that chipped away and made these clay particles? Am I holding dinosaur DNA? Maybe, in a thousand years, somebody will find one of my little bowls a riverbed and wonder who made it. I think it's so cool that pottery is a marker of civilization."

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

convert a naturally luminous space in New Monterey into a dream come true.

That is the untethered freedom she feels whenever she unlocks the door at Casey Starks Studio, plunges her hands into clay and shapes her own future — one sculpture, vase, serving dish, lamp, or piece of wall art or jewelry at a time.

"My favorite thing in the world is having a space where I can work uninterrupted. I turn on my music or a podcast and just disappear into my art," she said. "There's a zone, a flow state that makes you feel really satisfied, excited, energized. You don't want to take a break. For me, there's no better feeling."

Backroom magic

The long, pristine venue (550 Lighthouse Ave.) is brightened by large windows that bathe her studio space in sunshine. "I don't even have to turn on the lights," she boasted.

The front is a gallery, open Fridays

Fourth generation
Starks takes pride in her own piece of cultural history — her heritage as a fourth-generation Californian.

Her paternal great-grandmother immigrated from Ireland, married a native Californian and settled in Aptos. Their son was the longtime band director at Watsonville High School, and his wife taught piano lessons. Casey's maternal grandmother, a logger's daughter, was born in a tent on Mount Shasta.

"There's a lot of music and art in my family," Starks said. "My mom, Marky Starks, had an interior design and drapery business for a while and also created handmade soaps and candles.

Her dad, Tom Starks, is a welder. "He built the big table that's in my studio now for my mom's drapery work." Her uncle,

Richard Starks, a retired industrial arts teacher, "is a Gilroy steel sculptor who does a lot of public art — very large-scale, abstract pieces," she said.

Much of her creativity was spawned by her mom, who kept her busy with a lot of "weird little projects."

Careful

"She'd say, 'Here, Casey, teach yourself how to do this.' Then she'd hand me a lamp that needed rewiring," reminisced Starks, who does the electrical work on the lamps she sculpts. "I was probably 8 years old, but she knew I was a careful kid who would read the instructions."

She grew up in Watsonville and Royal Oaks and discovered ceramics and clay at North Monterey County High School, then moved on to UC Davis after graduating with the Class of 2000.


"At Davis, they designated dorm floors according to your



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Sculptor and ceramicist Casey Starks left a career as a landscape architect to open her own studio and gallery.

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the referee flagged him repeatedly for tackling his opponents

“Son, this isn’t football! This is lacrosse!” Storkan recounted in a mock bellow.

That night, she began writing. She was angling for a coming-of-age story — “‘The Karate Kid’ meets lacrosse” — but as Storkan learned about the spiritual cradle of the oldest team sport in the Americas, she found a millennia-old narrative populated by wild and undeniable characters.

The first was Eric “Dirt” McComber, a Mohawk hunter, fisherman and lacrosse player Storkan encountered while tracing the sport’s history north to Quebec. There, she planned to interview members of the Mohawk Nation whose ancestors

had passed down the game — an exhilarating, war-like competition that once involved hundreds of men per side — as a means of honoring their Creator. She met McComber, for whom lacrosse is essential to a traditional way of life that he and his family often struggle to maintain.

Wayne Gretzky

“He was so much more than a coach, but he really started the lacrosse documentary. Frankly, the only reason we could cross the border into Canada with our film stuff was because we were escorted by Mohawks,” Storkan recalled.

After putting out McComber’s story — co-directed and produced by Stevenson graduate and CSUMB film lecturer Ryan White — Storkan kept plugging away at her ultimate lacrosse project, which sought to marry the sport’s popular history with lesser-known lore.

Outdoor lacrosse is a mainstay at prep

schools and American colleges, while indoor, or box lacrosse, is a brutal contest with a cult following. The world’s best-known hockey player, Wayne Gretzky, quit the sport he pursued obsessively until age 15, calling it “the roughest” game he ever played.

That was a lesser known detail in Gretzky’s history, until a chance encounter with Storkan got the typically buttoned-up Canadian to speak at length about his first love.

They were at the same bar on the weekend of the 2015 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, and word of her interest found its way to Gretzky — one of the amateur golfers — who demanded to talk to the other lacrosse aficionado in the room.

“At first I didn’t want to talk to him. He almost seemed mad, and I didn’t want to get into some debate about sports. But then I realized he wasn’t mad — he’s just that passionate,” Storkan reminisced.

Gretzky even agreed to repeat their conversation on camera the next day, which is how Storkan, holding a list of “admittedly brilliant” questions, ended up in the men’s locker room with a three-man crew as Gretzky came off the 18th Green. The interview lasted about 40 minutes, even after Gretzky nearly took out a cameraman while demonstrating the virtues of a traditional wooden lacrosse stick.

As Storkan can attest, it’s possible — even preferable — to tell a powerful story

with no script, two cameras and a tight crew. “The Roots of Lacrosse” got help from a Salinas High School student and a handful of production interns and graduates from CSUMB.

One of them was Elena Nuñez, an assistant producer on that project, who has gone on to become a post-production supervisor for companies like Netflix and Lionsgate.

“Joanne is amazing. She’s truly an advocate for young people and getting us into the business,” Nuñez said.

“When I was working with her, I’d never made a documentary. We were figuring out the story, how to shape that narrative while being respectful of the voices in that film. The final project did touch a lot of people — and Joanne’s voice came through.”

GAVEL

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panned the idea, because Carmel has lots of courtyards and people already knew it as “The Plaza.”

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Longtime tenant

One of the few tenants who has lived through all of the ownership and physical changes at the Plaza is Kent Torrey, whose Carmel Cheese Shop is its longest-running tenant.

“We’ve been 53 years in business — 51 in this location,” said Torrey, who started working for the shop nearly 40 years ago and subsequently bought the business. “I’ve seen a lot of iterations of it over time.”

He’s watched the likes of I. Magnin, Saks Fifth Avenue, Wilkes Bashford and numerous other chain stores, boutiques and restaurants come and go, survived the 2015 flooding of his store after a pipe ruptured in the space above it, and worked with several general managers.

“It seems like they have a good management team in place,” he said of GM Kristin Torrice, who replaced former general manager Gayle Speare in 2021, and her staff. “They are really taking good care of the Plaza.”

Torrey said he doesn’t know anything about the new owners but looks forward to eventually meeting them “and having a relationship that will continue.”

“I think we’re kind of a fixture,” he said. “I think they like us, and I think we add something different from everything else.”

CAPSIZED

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to send a boat to search for the fishermen and their flipped-over vessel.

“We were the only whale watch boat to call back,” she said. “They asked us if we were able to respond, and I said yes.”

While Black didn’t have an exact location for the overturned boat, she soon saw a white speck on the horizon. The fishermen, meanwhile, were sitting on top of the underside of the boat — wearing life jackets. As she approached the vessel, she noted that both men were quite calm, considering their predicament. The entire rescue lasted about 10 minutes.

“We tossed them a rope and a life ring and hauled them in one at a time,” she recalled. “They were cold, so we gave them some blankets and dry clothes.”

Searching for rockfish

Black estimated that one fisherman was in his 40s, while the other was in his 30s. She didn’t have their names. She and her boat soon met up with a Coast Guard boat, which took the shivering fishermen aboard.

Before leaving the men with the Coast Guard, Black learned the circumstances of the boating mishap.

“They left from Moss Landing, and they were planning to fish for rockfish,” she said. “The bilge alarm went off, so they opened the hatch and saw it was filling with water so fast there was nothing they could do. Eventually, the boat flipped, and they scrambled to its underside.”

While the two fishermen seemed to take the ordeal in stride, Black said they could have died. “They were very lucky,” she said. “A lot had to go right to get them back safely.”

Thanks to the efforts of Black and crewman Evan Brodsky, the passengers on the whale watch boat got more than they bargained for on their trip — but none of them were complaining. “They were all amazed and shocked,” Black added. “I’m happy that it all worked out.”

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three assists, Diniz had two and Laird Welch had one.

Welch and Logan Lund combined for nine ground balls, and Lund played a key role in the midfield, winning multiple faceoffs.

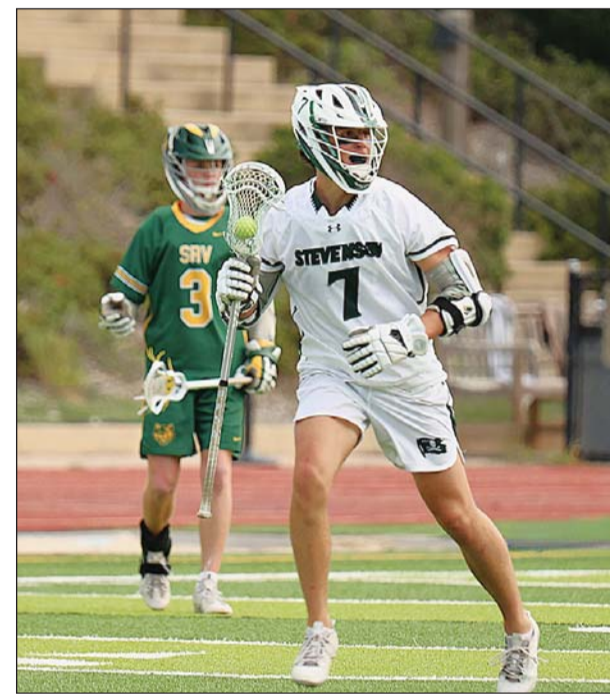
Goalkeeper Aaden Ornelas made multiple saves between the posts, including a game-saver in the final seconds of regulation.

The Pirates reached the finals via a 14-7 win over Palo Alto in the semis and downed Woodside Priory School 15-5 in the quarters.

Pirates fall in girls finals: Stevenson's fourth-quarter rally fell short in the Division 2 girls finals, a 10-9 loss to Palo Alto, despite three goals from sophomore Sam Rianhard and two by senior Georgia Bonifas. Tatum Le Towt, Brogan Dolata, Sydney Holland and Charlotte Schipper scored once each.

Rianhard also was credited with four ground balls and three caused turnovers, Brennecke Daley and Molly McAfee collected three ground balls each, and goalie Zola Ducker had nine saves.

Stevenson reached the finals by beating Woodside 16-9 in the semis and Castilleja School 13-7 in the opening round.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

An overtime goal by senior Fin Mink lifted top-seeded Stevenson to its first CCS lacrosse championship, 8-7, over No. 2 Menlo School on Saturday at Atherton.

Boys volleyball

Santa Cruz stops Carmel in finale: The Padres' quest for the CCS Division 2 title concluded with a 25-15, 25-18, 25-21 loss to Santa Cruz on May 16 at St. Francis High.

Santa Cruz and Carmel qualified for the CIF Division 3 Northern Regional Championships, which began Tuesday, when the seventh-seeded Padres (23-7) upset second-seeded Urban (25-2) 25-21, 19-25, 25-19 and 25-21 in the quarters.

The Padres, PCAL Gabilan Division champs, played a road game against No. 3 Mountain View in the semis. Results of that match were unavailable at press time.

Regional finals are scheduled at 6 p.m. Saturday against either No. 1 Santa Cruz or No. 4 Beyer — another road game for the Padres, if they advanced.

Top-seeded Carmel fell short in the CCS title match despite nine kills from Jacob Peterson, and five each from Tristan Henderson and Zach Speakman.

Speakman also was credited with 16 assists and three blocks.

Track and field

Zewert 10th in pole vault: Stevenson senior Mary Zewert tied for 10th in the girls pole vault, and teammate Barak De La Rosa, a junior, was 14th in the boys triple jump — the highest finishers of any Stevenson or Carmel athletes May 16 at the CCS semifinals.

Zewert qualified for Saturday's finals at Gilroy High by clearing 9 feet in the preliminaries. De La Rosa narrowly missed qualifying for the finals with a best jump of 43 feet.

Carmel's highest placers were junior Carl Weigel, who was 17th in the shot put (47-4.5), and junior Matthew David, 19th in the 400 (51.07). The best finish among Carmel girls was Gianna Kemmerly, 22nd in the high jump (4-8).

Boys tennis

Stevenson pair falls in quarters: Lyke Yoon and Vincent Pierre won their first-round match in the CCS doubles championship, defeating Woodside's Jordan Lee and Lucas Kuo 6-4, 1-6, 10-8 on Tuesday morning.

But the Pirates were eliminated 6-1, 6-1 in the afternoon quarterfinals by Menlo's Arki Tamsamani and Yanye Ma, the tournament's No. 3 seed.

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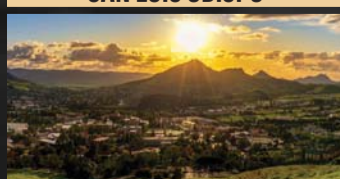
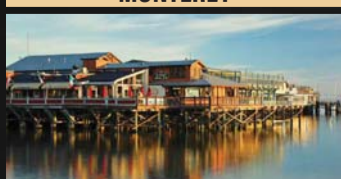


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the health and comfort of the remediation personnel, and to allow the work to continue without disruption,” the letter said. “After May 19, the refrigerators/freezers will be removed and their contents disposed of. Once done, we should be able to expedite your ability to enter the site.”

The letter also stated the complex’s owner “remains committed to supporting you through this difficult time” and is “working with a nonprofit in order to assist you with the recovery.”

But one resident, Cameron Burnett, has found the process concerning. The housing authority offered two options — retrieval or abandonment of personal property — and provided related releases to sign.

Those opting to pick up their belongings are responsible for collecting and bagging them, hauling them away and getting them professionally cleaned, since they have all been contaminated by smoke and other fire-related toxins. Residents choosing to abandon their possessions will have them gathered and discarded by contractors working for the housing authority at no cost. Former occupants are also entitled to request the results of post-fire environmental testing for contaminants.

Burnett ran the waivers through AI and said the process

revealed some “major issues and renter rights concerns to watch for,” including requiring signers to waive current and future claims, including any involving concerns that have yet to come to light or involving negligence committed by the housing authority or its contractors. The analysis also flagged as “high risk” the waivers’ indemnification clauses, which require the signer to defend the housing authority and cover damages should a legal dispute arise regarding recovered or destroyed belongings.

“This is unusual in residential tenant paperwork and is strongly against tenant interests,” Burnett’s review stated.

Contamination risk

Further, “they are requiring you to waive rights instead of providing reasonable supervised access,” and “are shifting all contamination risk to you,” including toxins like asbestos that are the property owner’s responsibility.

“They disclaim all responsibility for unsafe conditions,” even though California law states landlords have non-waivable duties regarding hazardous materials and tenants “generally cannot waive habitability rights or health/safety protections.”

Further, residents should have more options, such as having insurance adjusters or other public agencies conduct inspections, or inventorying losses for claims without assuming liability. The forms also give the owner or contractors the authority to decide what can be salvaged, what will be thrown away and how disposal will be handled.

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— “failed to address his misrepresentations about the square footage of the premises and didn’t handle the water pressure issues that made the premises illegal to occupy, according to the Carmel fire marshal.”

“The landlord did nothing to address these issues, and I fixed and paid for the water pressure problem, brought in a new tenant, and had the premises remeasured to verify the correct smaller footprint,” he said. “As the guarantor of the lease between the previous tenant and Neil Goodhue, they’re suing me, and I’ll be suing them back.”

He said Diane Goodhue, “has been stuck with the messes her husband, Neil, created, including his cash shortfalls.” Mediation is currently scheduled, and “I look forward to addressing the issues and recovering the money they owe me related to Neil’s misrepresentations and failures to fix the water pressure issues, among other things,” Fink said this week.



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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 26CV002647

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, VERONICA FUENTE aka MARIA VERONICA DE LOS ANGELES FUENTE aka MARIA VERONICA CASADO-FUENTE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name:
A. VERONICA FUENTE
B. MARIA VERONICA DE LOS ANGELES FUENTE

Proposed name:
VERONICA FUENTE

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: July 7, 2026
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DEPT: 14

The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
(s) Ian A. Rivamonte
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: May 15, 2026
Publication Dates: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026. (PC 547)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 26CV002671

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, SETH AUSTIN AYALA-SANDERS, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name:
SETH AUSTIN AYALA-SANDERS

Proposed name:
SETH AUSTIN AYALA MORALES

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: July 14, 2026
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DEPT: 14
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
Date filed: May 18, 2026
(s) Ian A. Rivamonte
Judge of the Superior Court
Publication Dates: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026. (PC 548)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261057

Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

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S/Justin Douglas Bates
Date signed: May 15, 2026
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Publication Dates: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026 (PC 550)

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(PC 551)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SANFORD LEE EDELSTEIN Case No. 26PR000221

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SANFORD LEE EDELSTEIN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Robin Stacey Edelstein in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Robin Stacey Edelstein 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 on June 17, 2026 at 9:00 AM in Dept. No. 13 located at 1200 Aguajito Rd., 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 ob-

jections 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.

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May 22, 29, Jun 5, 2026 (PC546)

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

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

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

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

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

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

If you object to the granting

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.

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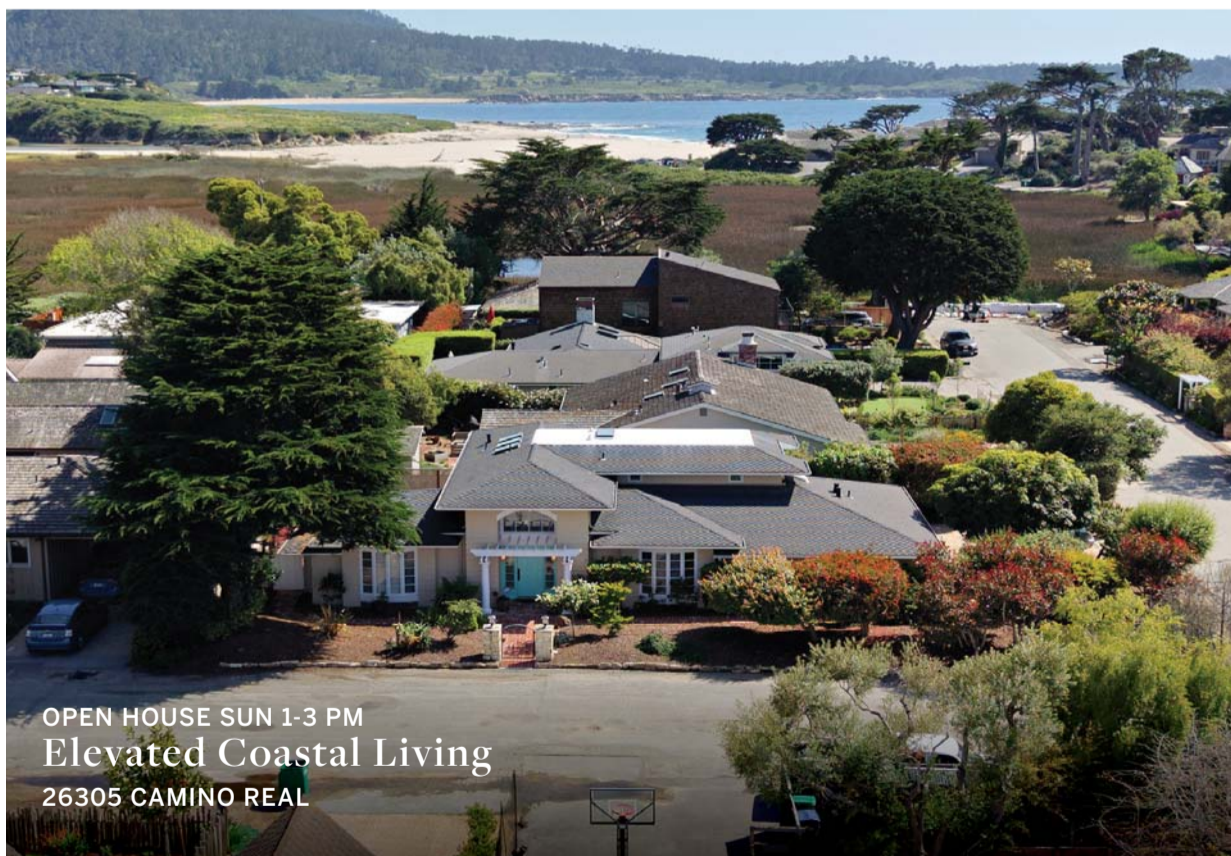
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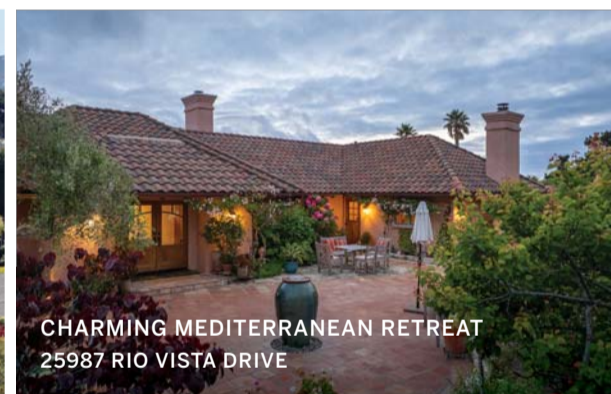
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PENINSULA BUSINESSES

Equipping everyone to enjoy the great outdoors

By LISA LAPIN

IT WAS a sunny winter day in December 2008 when Chris Cleary got off a plane at Monterey Regional Airport, arriving to help his sister Cathy build out a clothing store on Ocean Avenue in Carmel. A master carpenter fresh from frigid Toronto, Cleary said, “It blew my mind how beautiful this place was, with winter sunshine and the ocean and forests. I didn’t know places like this existed.”

Fast-forward nearly two decades, and he is a longtime Carmel retail business owner devoted to the Peninsula community and its outdoor-oriented culture. He and his wife, Janice, have operated The Treadmill, the athletic and outdoor clothing store in the Crossroads shopping center, for the past 14 years. They also co-own the Coast Carmel clothing store on Ocean Avenue with Chris’ sister, Cathy, and her husband, Mike Hearst.

The Clearys say Carmel is the ideal place to own a business that’s integrated into the fabric of a community placing a high value on both the environment and active lifestyles.

“The people in our community appreciate and patronize small business, and understand the woven interconnectedness of supporting a community that in turn can support them. It’s cyclical,” Chris said.

“Blend that with a population that is very thoughtful, educated and active. Our customers are high-functioning people — going places, seeing the world and spending time outdoors. They care about the land we live on and are caring for it, too.”

The blend makes for an ideal customer for The Treadmill, which has specialized in selling running, walking and hiking shoes and clothing since 1983.

The Clearys had already decided to settle in Carmel, working together with the Hearsts, when they saw an ad in a 2012 issue of The Carmel Pine Cone saying The Treadmill’s founding owners were retiring and selling the shop.

Chris, an outdoor enthusiast, had operated a carpentry business. Janice, a former competitive figure skater and skier, had a degree in fashion communication. “We understood the customer side, and my sister-in-law helped us with the retail business side,” Janice Cleary said. “It was sort of jumping on a speeding train, learning how to drive it at the same time.”

It helped that a seasoned staff came along with the purchase. “We inherited an amazing team of employees,” Janice said. “We were very, very fortunate. They know the merchandise and our customers. And the staff is still with us.”

Teaching the kids

When the Clearys arrived from Ottawa, Canada, they immediately made Carmel home. They bought a house in Mission Fields, where they can walk to work. They had two girls, now 12 and 14, who have literally grown up with their parents’ stores.

As local business owners, the couple appreciate the flexibility and family lifestyle of “having everything within 3 miles” — work, schools and home.



Janice and Chris Cleary have owned The Treadmill in the Crossroads shopping center for 14 years.

“We can put our full energy into our business and family,” Janice said. They can experience their daughters’ extracurricular activities and after-school sports, taking in a game in the late afternoon and then returning to their retail business work in the evenings.

“And our kids get to see firsthand, from a young age, what’s involved in

being dedicated, hardworking and having responsibilities,” Chris said. “They see that the effort you put in is reflected in what you get back.”

Togetherness

At times, the couple admits, it can be

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They get by with a little help from their friends

By SALLY BAHO

“WE HAD all these men retiring who had not planned out what they were going to do for social interaction,” explained Gary Parker. It sounds like a wave of baby boomers hitting Social Security age, but he was referring to the 1958 roots of a group called Sons In Retirement, which today is known simply as SIR.

In a world where women have been admitted to all sorts of once-male domains from Rotary Clubs to fraternal lodges, the Monterey Peninsula still has a couple of organizations specifically for men. SIR of Monterey County is a social club, while Breakthrough for Men sponsors workshops for peer counseling, support and community. Whether you — or your spouse — think you need to get out more, or you want to dig a little deeper and break some habits that you — or your spouse — find unproductive, one of these organizations may be just the thing.

Adding years

SIR a nonprofit, volunteer-run organization in California dedicated to enhancing the lives of men through social activities, luncheons and events, said Parker, the local branch president. The group used to require members to be retired, but now its website states that “membership is open to all men regardless of age, race, ethnicity, national origin or religion.” The average age in the Monterey County branch is in the low 80s, Parker said.

The mission of SIR is “to enhance the lives of our members through social activities and events.”

The motto is “friends for life,” and Parker said that it has two meanings: The first is men making friends for the remainder of their lives, and the second is that

friends extend your life.

“It has been shown in studies that for seniors, one of the factors that can add to longevity is social contact,” Parker said. As people age and their social circles shrink, they may find themselves lonely or isolated. SIR provides a space for men to socialize, either at a monthly luncheon at the Elks Lodge or at one of many other regular activities, such as golf, book club, wine tasting, bocce ball, board games at Asilomar and more. In addition, there are special events like whale watching, a tour of the Steinbeck Museum and an eco-tour of Elkhorn Slough. All are voluntary, and there is no minimum number that a member must attend to be considered active.

While SIR is for men, wives can and do join them for some events. Parker shared that once, some wives came to a wine tasting and “broke off and had a riot. Now they insist their husbands go, so they can come along and see their friends.”

Annual dues for SIR are \$35, and you can learn more on their website, sirinc2.org/branch/28.

Villains, victims

Breakthrough Men’s Community has offered workshops for men for nearly 40 years. They provide an apolitical, non-spiritual, nonreligious, nonclinical nonprofit for men. Arnold Westphal, the executive director, explained that the group “gives



Breakthrough for Men provides opportunities for its members to share their struggles and find support from peers.

men a place to be vulnerable, show their humanity, talk about struggles they’re having and receive the support and esteem of other men.” Ultimately, it’s about getting in the right relationship with themselves, Westphal said, so that they can have meaningful and productive conversations in their relationships, even when there are challenges.

“It can be something as simple as going quiet and shutting down as a defense mechanism versus learning how to communicate that upset,” he said. It’s about moving through life’s challenges as they arise without making anybody the villain or the victim.

Breakthrough offers a comprehensive curriculum, taught in cohorts of about 25

men over six months with weekly meetings and a few all-day sessions. Each program progresses from the last, creating continued skill and practice development, explained Westphal.

You know that stereotype that says male drivers often don’t stop for directions? Westphal said they don’t ask for directions in life, either, or so they’re conditioned. Breakthrough advocates “Healing men, healing the world. In community, Breakthrough offers proven tools and resources to men who are hurting, stuck or longing for more. Because everyone deserves a fulfilling life.” A good number of participants hear about the nonprofit from a friend or

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It's like a chef's pantry, but quite a bit larger

By ELAINE HESSER

IT WASN'T that Jerome Viel disliked being a chef so much as the fact restaurants aren't exactly "family friendly" for those who work there. Large operations, like those in hotels, can run nearly around the clock, from pastry chefs' pre-dawn efforts to the late-night moment when the kitchen is cleaned and ready for the next morning's shift.

Many places are open on holidays, taking employees away from their families on Christmas, Mother's Day and Father's Day — to name a few.

Viel, owner of Jerome's Carmel Valley Market, had been living that life for decades, ever since he was a teenager in Brittany, France. His daughters, Layla and Anaïs, were in school until 3:30 p.m., just when Viel was leaving to start the dinner shift as chef de cuisine under highly regarded executive chef Cal Stamenov at what was then Will's Fargo Dining House and Saloon. The late Ben Pon — then-owner of Bernardus Winery and Lodge, where Stamenov helmed the kitchen — bought the steak house in 2002, and Viel started working there the following year.

"It was a local place where people came to have their special moments," celebrating anniversaries, birthdays and other occasions, said Viel's wife, Jessica.

Sleeping kids

Unlike many people who land here after living in other parts of the United States, Viel came directly from France to Carmel Valley for a job at Stonepine Estate, where the general manager had helped him obtain his visa. The chef had learned of the beautiful venue from a friend in the South of France. In short order, however, he landed at Bernardus Lodge just a few months after its August 1999 opening.

Viel recalled, "I didn't speak English. I was taking English classes at MPC in the morning and then going to work at Bernardus," where he and Stamenov figured out how to communicate. When Viel moved to Will's Fargo,



Jerome and Jessica Viel found family time more easily once he left the restaurant business to take over the neighborhood grocery market.



he said, he learned how the front of the house worked and got acquainted with human resources and what he called "the business side" of food service.

But he didn't like getting home after the kids were in bed.

300 feet

In 2016, on a visit to Carmel Valley market, he struck up a half-joking conversation with the owner, and fancy rapidly turned into something that seemed do-able.

"I asked, 'Is it for sale?' and the owner said, 'no,'" Viel laughed. After a short pause, however, that changed to, "Maybe for you."

It didn't sound like Viel had to think too long, or that he worried about whether he was qualified for such an undertaking.

"It's pretty much the same as hospitality. People have a choice to go elsewhere. You have to have good customer service, order the right amount of stock, find a balance,"

he said.

But Jessica had a few doubts. Not about her husband's ability — not at all. She worried about whether he'd miss the community of regulars. As it turned out, they had no problem following their favorite chef the 300 or so feet to the store.

"They all came to the market," she said. "Our friends shop here; the customers have become our friends." Jerome added that he actually began seeing more of the customers after he left.

"They might spend an hour and a half at a table. From 6 to 8 p.m., you couldn't see the customers," because it was too busy in the kitchen.

Now he can stop and chat. On top of that, he hires local kids to work in the store, where Jessica said she's seen many of them blossom as cashiers, going from

Best of all, he spent more time with his family.

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‘Winter Paradise’ to weekend destination: a city shaped by its chamber

By LILY PATTERSON

IT’S DIFFICULT to talk about the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce without mentioning Moe Ammar. He, on the other hand, is eager to display artifacts of the nonprofit’s 110-year history, including the 78 years leading up to his time. There’s a black-and-white photograph of a distant predecessor leaning casually against the rotunda that housed the chamber prior to 1935 and billed the city as a “Winter Paradise.” There’s a map of Pacific Grove from 1919, commissioned especially for the chamber. City hall is visible at its signature location, 300 Forest Ave., and downtown is anchored by the iconic Holman’s. Once the largest department store between Los Angeles and San Francisco, it was a welcome amenity for city-worn weekenders arriving to the Southern Pacific railway station amid the cypresses at Lovers Point.

A century later, the Del Monte Express is history, while the chamber remains the vital connector of trade, tourism, and the powers that be in Pacific Grove.

“That’s the beauty of it — bringing together business development, lobbying, and tourism,” according to Ammar.

“What is good for residents is good for business, and the chamber has a unique position in between, making sure it’s all compatible and working in harmony,” he added.

Achingly cute

Ammar moved to Monterey in 1986, fresh out of the hospitality program at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and hired to manage the Sheraton (now Marriott) hotel. Ammar served as president of the Pacific Grove chamber from 1993-2022 — and he was often its primary tour guide, driving prospective business



The original rotunda that housed the P.G. chamber (left) and another city fixture: Moe Ammar and family on his 2022 retirement as chamber president.



owners around town for a personalized tour of available commercial spaces, making warm introductions to potential landlords and neighbors. His successor, Christi Metzner, has since taken over the official beat, joined by the chamber’s director of membership, Michael Fusste.

“It’s a face-to-face business. We’re constantly dropping in, calling, connecting members with other members,” said Fusste.

Add to that, advertising and lobbying on behalf of more than 300 businesses, managing two tourist centers, maintaining a citywide calendar, coordinating events tied to Car Week and the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro Am, and hosting time-honored traditions like the Good Old Days and the

Butterfly Parade.

It’s a tall order for a lean team of four, including the chamber’s director of operations and its tourist center manager. They rely on a dozen volunteer ambassadors — local business owners who make calls, send emails and go door-to-door to check in and see how they can help other members.

The chamber is independent of local government, and dues go directly to promotions like tourist brochures, print ads, a newsletter, and the chamber’s social media pages, nearly 40,000 followers combined. Members can choose one of six membership tiers and exposure increases with the cost of dues, capped at \$1,800 annually for the “Prestige” package.

The chamber’s achingly cute residence at 584 Central Ave. hasn’t moved since 1935. When businesses need attention, their owners know where to go and who to call.

Best friend

“We’re like a best friend. They will walk into the office, sit down, and just start talking. Everyone has my cell phone number, and they know they can text me day and night,” said Metzner, who Ammar first hired in 2022 to manage marketing and member relations.

The association’s 340 businesses are listed in a searchable online directory,

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Fit to sell

By ELAINE HESSER

REAL ESTATE agents — the successful ones, anyway — are a pretty energetic bunch. It's not surprising, then, that a lot of them have active lifestyles even when they're not running up and down stairs to show off a classic Pebble Beach mansion.

Carmel Realty's Ben Zoller, an avid golfer, Mark Peterson of Compass Realty's Bambace Peterson team — which he leads with his sister-in-law, Dana Bambace — and Pete Ruiz, who leads the Ruiz Group with Keller Williams Luxury International, all took some time to share the connections between competitive sports and the Monterey Peninsula's competitive real estate market.

If you want to absorb local history and fit in on the Monterey Peninsula, golfing isn't a bad place to start. Zoller was raised here and played for Stevenson School back in the day. (Although he's often asked about it, he's not related to late PGA champion Fuzzy Zoeller.)

Zoller's paternal grandfather, John, moved here from Oregon in the 1970s to be course superintendent at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club — a job Zoller's dad later held, as well — then was director of golf for the Pebble Beach Company, the executive director of the Northern California Golf Association and managed the design and development of the course at Tehama.



Ben Zoller of Carmel Realty is shown on the 18th Green during the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

"Those were big shoes to fill," Zoller said. "I tell people that's why I went into real estate." He earned a bachelor's in business management from the University of Denver and has a master's degree from Monterey College of Law.

Although he wasn't involved in collegiate golf, he has a 1 handicap and plays locally in tournaments and club championships. Also, he was once a last-minute substitute for celebrity Mark Wahlberg at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, but you'll have to ask him for that story.

This is Zoller's 11th year in the real estate business, and he said golf taught him how to take hard times in stride.

"There's no better game that mirrors

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Layla, his older daughter, is now a student at McGill University in Montreal, and Anaïs is a freshman at Carmel High School.

15 minutes, 2 years

As Viel adapted to the new line of work, he tapped into his upbringing. Although the phrase “farm to table” has become a nearly meaningless cliché, he said it’s how he was raised.

“The whole family cooked,” he remembered. “Each sibling had a corner of a garden.”

And, when they visit Viel’s family in Brittany, Jessica said, “the kids go to the garden and pick potatoes and fresh fruit before they take their suitcases inside.”

That background translated to a strong urge to bring in a lot of fresh produce — maybe a tad too much, too soon.

“I had to slow down. I didn’t have the customers yet. If you want fresh produce to look good,” he said, you have to be busy enough to keep it turning over. But that’s when his cooking chops came to the fore. The less-than-gorgeous veggies were made into soup.

Viel said it took 15 minutes for him “to get the vision for an in-house kitchen” and two years to put it in, but it led to more ready-to-eat foods, and, for a while, a salad

bar. Covid put an end to that, but the Viels are talking about bringing it back. There should be enough room; they just took over the space that, although it was once part of the market, had until recently been home to the Carmel Valley Art Association (now at 8 Del Fino Place, near Café Rustica).

Have a seat

He’s talking about adding a little bit of indoor seating — “not a restaurant, though” — a bigger deli, the aforementioned salad bar and more “quality prepared foods to

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You can get there from here

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

AMONG THE many blessings of living within blocks of Ocean Avenue is the ability to stroll the sidewalks to shop for groceries, gifts, books and more — not to mention the entertainment offered at Sunset Center. It's possible to live well without a car.

This was perfect for my grandmother, Ruth Watson, who reluctantly gave up driving after it had been brought to her attention that she was driving — back hunched — while peering through the steering wheel, like something out of a Bill Bates cartoon.

When Grandma's friend, Viola Mills, moved into an assisted living facility, her biggest lament was that her world was becoming smaller. So she "propositioned" the

young man next door, she said, to pick her up every Saturday in her own car and drive her out to Carmel Valley for lunch and return her to the facility via a scenic coastline drive.

Both women found ways to get around, preserving their independence. Yet those options aren't available to everyone. This is where the nonprofit Independent Transportation Network — ITNMontereyCounty — comes in. An affiliate of the ITNAmerica national network, this economical, community-supported service ferries older adults and those with visual impairments.

The group "offers a solution for people facing or having made a life-changing transition where they are no



Driver Tomi Nemes (left) delivered ITN's 50,000th ride in 2019.

longer driving but still need to get to medical appointments, the grocery store, visit friends and family," said executive director Jessica McKillip.

Car keys represent independence. Access to trusted volunteer drivers who will escort passengers — arm in arm, door to door when needed — helps restore a sense of dignity and autonomy.

Finding freedom

Imagine a woman named Rose Rider, who never felt tall enough to see over the dash without sitting on a cushion in her late husband's Lincoln Town Car, let alone capable of parallel parking the 18-foot luxury sedan.

Her lack of confidence, paired with a discouraging visit to the eye doctor, caused her to park the car indefinitely. Except for her daily constitutional with her dog, she felt housebound. Stuck.

Then Rose discovered ITN. After ponying up a \$60 annual membership fee, she pays a \$4 pickup fee plus \$2 a mile — much less expensive than a cab or rideshare, although the nonprofit's model is similar to Lyft or Uber.

"Most vehicles are owned by our volunteers, who drive through all our service areas, including the Peninsula cities, Carmel Valley out to the Village, along Highway 68 and to Salinas, as needed, 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said McKillip.

Rose gets escorted to her destination, and her driver either waits while she drops off her dry cleaning, or returns after her appointment, luncheon or art class.

On Sunday, our Ms. Rider got a lift to church from Driver Dave. After she greeted the minister on the way out, Dave held the passenger door open and then drove Rose to the Highlands for brunch. At the end of the meal, her ride was waiting, and she asked to take the scenic route home. It's all routine for ITN.

"A passenger may need a ride to and from one location — a bakery, a doctor's office, the dry cleaners," McKillip said, "or a segmented ride," which she explained could mean a short trip to get lab work done, followed by dropping off a package at the post office, and then visiting a friend at a long-term rehab facility.

Twice weekly, Rose takes an exercise class at Montage Wellness in Marina, where Dave parks, opens her door for her and escorts her to the entrance. At first, she felt that was unnecessary, but she found herself a little flattered and looking forward to the care.

On other days, while Rose receives guests at home, Dave picks up Reginald Rider (no relation to Rose) in Pacific Grove for a late-morning dialysis appointment. Dave knows he needs to help his passenger into his seat and place his walker in the trunk. During Reggie's three-to-four-hour treatment, Driver Dave often collects another regular passenger from a house in Salinas and drops her off at Bruno's Market in Carmel. From there, she walks down Ocean Avenue to Scenic Road to get some exercise along Carmel Beach. Then it's back up to the Pine Inn for some refreshment before catching her ride home.

Delivery services

ITN also offers a delivery service to bring, for example, freshly pressed clothing from Carmel Cleaners, prescriptions from Carmel Drug Store, or dinner for two from Il Fornaio.

"In addition to helping people get to where they need to go," said McKillip, "just as important is our opportunity to preserve their dignity and independence." Having the ability to socialize and participate in everyday activities is a huge part of that.

ITNMontereyCounty, which offered its first ride in December 2011, has given more than 120,000 rides to date. While there is no shortage of people who need transportation, the organization is always seeking volunteer drivers. For more information, visit itnmontereycounty.org.

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challenging to be a husband-and-wife team with 100 percent of their financial investment in a single business — particularly a small retail operation, which can ebb and flow with changes in the economy and consumer buying habits.

“It’s always in the back of your mind, and you are never off,” Janice said. And challenges to retailing, including from online shopping, are ever-present.

As a team, the Clearys say they work well together and over the years have “siloeed our responsibilities” as they’ve come to know each other’s strengths and weaknesses.

“When it comes to commercial decisions, on clothing, I don’t choose anything,” Chris said. “I am ankle down. She’s ankle up.”

The couple say that constant communication, honesty and patience with each other are key. “Though we are not good at leaving the stores at the store,” Janice said. “The stores follow us everywhere.”

The Clearys feel fortunate that, at least around here, “People are saying more and more that ‘I want to buy local and shop local.’ And they value customer service. We have staff who know our products well, and there is value in that solid, knowledgeable service and connection with customers and the community.”

The typical Treadmill customer tends to reflect the local community — someone who does a lot of adventure travel and local outdoor excursions. “We have a very active community, and people stay active here much later in life. We address those customers,” said Chris Cleary.

At Coast Carmel, the clientele shopping for the upscale brands of casual wear is a blend of tourists and locals. On weekends, the store relies more heavily on walk-in traffic from out-of-town visitors. Foot traffic has been up in recent months, but parking in downtown Carmel is getting more challenging for everyone, the Clearys said.

Both stores benefit, though, from serving a blend of dedicated locals and visitors who can’t seem to get enough. Success is



The Treadmill’s array of shoes, clothing and gear helps locals and tourists get out and enjoy picture-perfect surroundings.

based on hard work along with location, location, location.

“The bottom line is this is an amazing place to live and work,” Chris Cleary said, recalling his days back in Toronto on crowded subways, where he once counted eight people pressing into him at once.

“This is the complete opposite,” he said. “There is a small-town feeling to it, always a lot of familiar faces wherever you go in

the community. And everything is in really close proximity, whether it’s the beach or hiking trails. We aren’t too far from the Bay area if you need to head to San Jose or San Francisco. But we also have all we need here.”

The Clearys plan to stay around for the long haul. “It’s hard to imagine a better place. We feel very spoiled. This is a pretty miraculous place.”

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go,” with an emphasis on a little more efficiency for people on lunch breaks.

He says he’s gotten better at finding the balance between purchasing and sales. And if customers want something, he’ll order it. That explains why Jessica was once left puzzling over White Castle sliders she found in the freezer, which is also stocked with crepes and creme brulee.

Viel believes his clientele enjoys knowing the stories behind their food, like balsamic vinegar that’s been made the same way since 1600.

The store offers a surprising assortment of staples and dry goods at reasonable

prices. The selection of wines — domestic and imported — is truly eclectic. Viel’s sandwiches are held in high esteem, as are his other ready-to-eat products.

“Cooking is how Jerome expresses his caring,” said Jessica. “It’s not about showing off. It’s more just about comfort.” She enjoys people, too, but much of what she does — tech support, paperwork, administration, working with their bookkeeper, whom Jessica describes as “great” — takes place behind the scenes.

“I’m not good at it,” said Viel of Jessica’s contributions, adding that his main focus remains in providing hospitality to his customers. In a grocery store.

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life. You can make a bad shot and get a lucky break, or a good shot and get a bad break. Golf requires patience and integrity. It's the only game I know where you call penalties on yourself."

It's also great for business, he added. "Some of my greatest relationships with clients" were formed on the course.

Zoller feels so strongly about those lessons that he's been on the board of First Tee Monterey County for several years, helping to ensure that youngsters can learn them, too.

From tee box to baseline

Ruiz, meanwhile, sees a straight line from his eight-year career as a professional



Realtor Pete Ruiz on the pitcher's mound.

baseball player to his daily work.

Like Zoller, Ruiz learned discipline and resilience. At 38, he traces his passion for baseball to Little League. "It was my identity from when I was 5 years old," he said. After finishing high school in Grass Valley at 17, the then-third baseman played for Santa Barbara Community College. Meeting his older, bigger, and stronger teammates led to an epiphany.

"I knew I wasn't going to play third base," typically a spot for a power hitter.

Instead, Ruiz found his way to the pitcher's mound and developed the skills he'd "messed around" with in high school. "I learned how to eat and lift weights," he said, watching his speed climb from the low 80 mph range into the 90s.

The University of Oregon offered him a full ride, but then, he said, the Red Sox drafted him. He chose the tempting paycheck they tendered, playing pro ball from 2008 to 2015.

The former relief pitcher said that compared to throwing strikes in front of large noisy crowds, working in real estate doesn't seem that difficult.

His career ended when his wife was pregnant with their first son, Rocco. "I saw too many guys trying to raise their kids long-distance. There was one catcher who was always FaceTiming his kid before games to say goodnight." Ruiz wanted to be a different kind of dad. Besides, he said, his arm wasn't what it had been.

His parents lived here and his wife, a nurse practitioner, found work in Ryan Ranch. Ruiz had been preparing for life after baseball by studying the profession in which his aunt had made a good living, and he soon passed his real estate exam.

Years of touring made him comfortable conversing with just about anyone, anywhere, and his travels helped him appreciate this area's unique beauty. His ability to focus amid distractions

also transferred from the mound to the market.

"I put my head down and put blinders on. My North Star is helping people," he said.

This and that

Peterson chronicles an athletic background that's more eclectic but no less intense.

The Robert Louis Stevenson School graduate said he enjoyed high school football, where practices "built character" and emphasized the importance of teamwork.

Peterson was part of basketball and baseball squads, too. From the latter, he absorbed the oft-repeated truth that to be successful, a player "only" needs to hit one of every three pitches. He said it helped him learn to handle setbacks and to be "graceful and gracious in adversity." After two years of pitching at San Jose State, he'd hoped to play college ball at Oregon State University but arrived on campus too late to make the team.

However, Peterson's grandfather was a ski instructor, his mother had competed in the Junior Olympics, and the family vacationed on the slopes. That translated into an NCAA skiing career where, he said, despite not the best skier, he became team captain. And he followed up his B.A. in communications with an MBA from Santa Clara University.

After decades working in communications and marketing and co-owning and owning his own firms, he became a part-time lecturer in CSUMB's business department for 11 years, a founding agent of the Carmel and Pebble Beach office of Compass and a partner in the Bambace-Peterson



Ann Peterson Mahoney and son Mark Peterson hitting the slopes.

Team.

Exercise provides balance in a demanding schedule, giving him time alone with his thoughts, he said. Peterson has competed in the Big Sur International Marathon and runs regularly, and he also enjoys surfing. He works with the sports and entertainment division at Compass, which, he said, "is made up of former athletes and entertainers and those who cater to that clientele."

"The other fun thing in following my interest and passion for skiing is the Compass Alpine Club," for the company's realtors who enjoy winter sports. And he became licensed in Utah, working with real estate in Park City and Deer Valley. "This is just a fraction of my work, less than 10%, but it keeps me connected to the mountains and skiing," he said.

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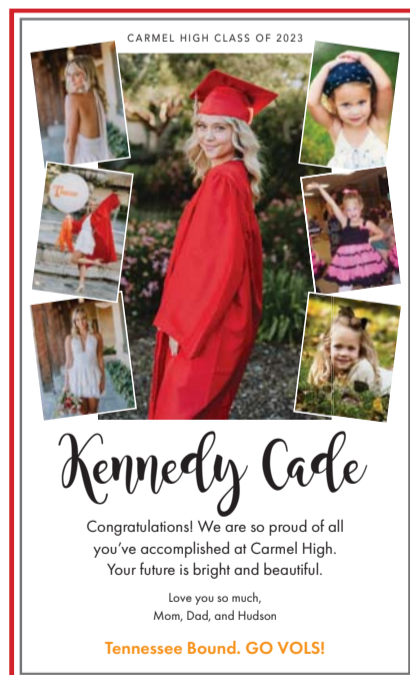
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where a local pet psychic shares space with Adobe, the San Jose-based software giant. The chamber's board represents industries from finance to paper goods and stationery, as well as representatives from the Peninsula's largest enterprises, including the Pebble Beach Company and the Aquarium.

"I take so much pride in our chamber. We live in the town where we work. We are connected to the schools and all civic groups. We vote here," Ammar said.

Colorful past

The nonprofit has a long and colorful history of lobbying for policy and zoning laws that favor local businesses. In 1982, the chamber spurred a citywide ban on fast-food chains, except those already in place at Country Club Gate Center. Nine years ago, with a dozen benefit and consignment stores on Lighthouse alone, it successfully proposed capping the antiques market. And how has residential P.G. deterred an Airbnb invasion? In 2018, voters passed a law to ban short-term rentals everywhere but the coastline, another initiative supported by the chamber. Simultaneously, its board pushed to allow existing inns and bed-and-breakfasts to expand, a move balanced by a corresponding bump in hotel

taxes for the city.

Those decisions weren't easy, but Ammar takes the long view. At its best, he said, policy preserves diverse options for customers, protects the city's economy when business fads go bust and halts entrepreneurs before they make costly mistakes.

"A lot of people open businesses based purely on emotion, without any regard for demographics," he said, recalling a half-dozen computer and networking stores popping up along Lighthouse — his son worked for three of them — in the few years before the 2000 dot-com crash.

As for the chamber's staying power, Ammar credits the "business-friendly tone" at city hall, the continuity of leadership, and the stability of its membership. At the start of his tenure in 1993, less than 2% of land in Pacific Grove was vacant. The rest teemed with decades-old, family-run businesses — and yet, to Ammar's delight, some young entrepreneur always manages to find a way in.

"You know Jordan and Todd Champagne from Happy Girl Kitchen? I said, 'What do you mean, you want to sell jars of pickles?' And look at them now — they just bought their building!" he laughed.

Next year, a second downtown might just spring up around it.

"I've never worked harder," Ammar

said of the campaign to revitalize the American Tin Cannery on Ocean View Boulevard. Six years ago, the chamber successfully petitioned not only the city, but the mighty California Coastal Commission to approve rezoning the derelict industrial building. After fulfilling 120 special conditions imposed by the commission, construction on a modern hotel and ambitious commercial project is rumored to commence next fall.

In 1995, the chamber supported rezoning the block surrounding the former Holman's Department Store, paving the way for the city's first major hospitality project in nearly 40 years. Earlier this year, the Kimpton Mirador opened to a surprisingly unified show of support from residents, business owners, even neighboring hotels.

"Every inn has a following. Borg's and Seven Gables have completely different audiences than the Mirador, which is bringing in a lot of first-timers," said Metzner,

who previously worked for the St. Helena chamber and the Napa Valley Film Festival before her move to Pacific Grove.

Downtown Pacific Grove is changing rapidly, encouraged by a new demographic of visitors — and locals — who seem to appreciate a posh new hotel as much as they love the Good Old Days. For them, it's all about new experiences and connections, which explains the uptick in coffee shops, yoga studios, and day-to-night venues like Hops & Fog Brewing Company and Pop & Hiss, the bar and record shop across the street from Grove Market — one of the city's oldest, and most beloved, businesses.

"Younger people are putting dollars into what they do, not what they take home. And our young business owners are very community-oriented. In fact, they're the ones driving community activities, and promoting the city on TikTok," Metzner said.

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family member, and several are referred by a therapist or counselor. But the most important thing about the organization is the sense of community it fosters among participants. Many men continue weekly calls with their cohorts long after their workshop is over.

While the workshops are for those 18 and up, Breakthrough just completed a youth pilot program at York School, offering communication skills to high school

students. And in early June, the organization will launch "Breakthrough Wisdom Circle," a free weekly online listening space where men will have the opportunity to speak and be heard by others in a safe and friendly environment. Learn more at breakthroughformen.org.

So, gentlemen, whether you'd like to make new friends and socialize over some bocce ball or improve your communication skills and relationship with yourself and others, one of these organizations — or both — might be worth a look.



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ARTIST

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major. I was assigned to the science floor because I signed up for calculus and chemistry," Starks ruefully recounted. "But I discovered pretty quickly that I didn't really match up with those people and felt like I stuck out."

She also didn't like calculus or chemistry.

"I hated those classes passionately," she said with a laugh. "I was like, 'What the heck? This is horrible — I don't wanna do this!'"

While spending much of an exploratory freshman year thumbing through the course catalogue, she became intrigued with a newfangled major called landscape architecture.

"It involved science, which I always liked. There was math, which I was good at, and biology, ecology and horticulture, which I loved," she said. "And there was the creative aspect of design and the psychology of spaces. Plus, who doesn't love architectural drawings? All of those things seemed to line up."

Starks graduated with honors, gained practical experience as a landscape architecture assistant for five and a half years, then moved to Monterey in summer 2015, when she was hired by a local landscape architect.

"Designing outdoor spaces was a very cool job. There's a lot of creative license involved when you're part of a team working on a big project," said Starks, who helped create public parks, high school and college football stadiums, courtyards, gardens, and other venues.

Scary, but no regrets

"But I've always been really driven by a desire to guide my own ship. So, four years ago, after seven years designing landscapes, I decided to take the leap," she said. "I found a beautiful space for my studio, signed the lease and took my shot. And it's been scary, but I have no regrets."

Starks never uses a potter's wheel, choosing instead to hand-build all of her art, usually working on multiple projects at once to grow and maintain her inventory.

"It's not like sitting at a canvas and painting," she said. "Working with clay is a process that takes weeks to finish."

'I'm wearing your earrings!'

While shaping, glazing, painting and firing her vessels, anything can happen, and much can go wrong. The finished product might emerge from the kiln looking nothing like she hoped, or it could crack, crumble or even explode during the process.

"If you have a very strict vision of what you think you're going to get, it's easy to be disappointed," said Starks. She builds her pieces using techniques known as slab, coil and pinch methods.

"I don't do any spinning, which is nice, because my hands are my only limitation," she said. She hand-paints her sculptures and ceramics, too.

But the rewards are worth the toil.

"Sometimes, at the farmers market, somebody will walk by and say, 'Oh, Casey ... I'm wearing your earrings!' Or, 'I got my mom a gift at your shop, and she really loves it,'" Starks said. "Last Saturday, a gal I didn't recognize stopped by and said, 'I use the mug I bought from you every morning — it's my favorite.' It's so wonderful to connect with people that way."

Starks offers clay and ceramics workshops for four to 12 people at her studio or on location, including corporate events. She also considers freelance landscape architecture opportunities.

Starks' work can be seen on exhibit at her Lighthouse Avenue studio/gallery, at caseystarks.com, or at Atelier Carmel Fine Art Gallery in Carmel Plaza. She also sells her pieces on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Carmel Farmers Market.

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POLICE LOG

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THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at Ocean and Hatton found the 27-year-old male driver was suspended for DUI. Cite and release. Vehicle towed.

Pacific Grove: Report of prowling and possible vandalism of security cameras. Perpetrator(s) unknown at this time.

Pacific Grove: Found property on Laurel Avenue was booked for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Property was found in the 500 block of Central Avenue.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a social media post regarding Carmel High School.

Carmel Valley: Fraud reported on Rancho Road in Carmel Valley.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run on Scenic Road. Vehicle was drivable.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of bicycle collision on Torres Street that resulted in injuries.

Pacific Grove: Harassment of a juvenile.

Pacific Grove: Report of a customer causing a disturbance at a business on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Animal bite report received from the Monterey County Health Department.

Pacific Grove: Report of habitual dog barking at a residence on Benito Court.

Pacific Grove: Found property at Ocean View Boulevard and Asilomar Avenue.

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

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LETTERS

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spending the idle hours of well-educated English majors on his staff to make our direct governance model look more like a game of three-card monte.

Many of us are in favor of clearing the way for market forces and private capital to provide more workforce housing. Many sound thoughts and concrete suggestions have been put forward by citizens such as those highlighted by Tim Allen's piece, which you featured recently.

What those many are not in favor of is yet another brick being removed from the Prop. 13 bulwark that is one of the remaining vestiges of sanity barely keeping in check the prodigal spendthrifts in Sacramento whose ideas appear to be wafting down here.

The solution isn't more revenue, i.e., higher taxes; it's reducing expenses. And that doesn't mean fewer deputies on the beat, but rather turning a gimlet eye on the double and triple dipping on pensions, for a start. There's nothing wrong with a supermajority requirement for truly special situations requiring a tax increase. Don't let the sleight of hand trick from the attorney general's office catch voters asleep.

Peter Nielsen,
Pebble Beach

Protect public access

Dear Editor,

The Big Sur Marathon again drew people who appreciate the natural beauty of the environment and the freedom to enjoy it. Not all here appreciate the freedom part. Since a couple of years back, an organization known as ParkIt has attempted to develop a for-profit transportation project that would exclude you from being able to access Point Lobos or Big Sur Highway 1, except via their bus system.

Once their application for a coastal permit for this project was discovered, some of the people involved changed tactics. The applicants had to acknowledge to the coastal commission that the project could not prohibit people from using their own modes of transportation, such as private vehicles and walk-ins for Point Lobos. But the attacks on access continued.

Now some parties wish to convince Caltrans to prohibit access to the sides of Highway 1 year-round through all of Big Sur. Some went so far as to propose banning all private vehicle stops up and down all of Highway 1 from Point Lobos through

the Big Sur Coast. Currently, a combination of prescriptive rights, easements and local coastal plans protect your access to Point Lobos and Big Sur along Highway 1, including your use of your private vehicle to access these areas. Trailheads, including coastal access points, may seem obvious areas for access protection, but they are not the only focus, as it would be unfair to limit where people can spontaneously pause to appreciate the view from Highway 1.

You get a say — public comment is open. Look up the Caltrans Engagement Portal website, where the Coastal Highway Management Plan is open for input at engage.dot.ca.gov/f70063#tab-75884. There are fields in the comment page where you can give narrative input.

Let them know you want public access for public lands, not secretive interests attempting to prohibit your access.

Colin Gallagher,
Monterey

What it means to be independent

Dear Editor,

In this day and age of lightning speed news cycles, lack of civic engagement, and dearth of civil discourse, what does it mean to have a political party identity? While one cannot do justice to the larger question posed above within the parameters of this short letter to the editor, I can answer in a small way as it relates to being a registered independent voter and in response to "Mistaken Identity" in the May 1 Pine Cone.

Over the past six decades, a lot has changed, not the least of which is politics. Via thorough research, one can easily find the history of the American Independent Party was not punctuated full stop in its founding year in 1967; its changes have continued to this day.

In my opinion, some of the fun and purpose of being an independent is to be able to think independently always, to exercise the freedom to correct course when new learning happens, and to be able to support the best candidate for the job — regardless of party label.

Speaking of candidates, do you or your readers really believe that a party would formally endorse a local Democrat candidate like Jimmy Panetta if it were "far-right"? Please check out your local voter's guide endorsements page should you be interested in seeing all the candidates the AIPCA has endorsed in Monterey County for the 2026 primaries.

People seem to be as divided as ever, looking for a place to call political home. Many people are still leaving our beauti-

ful state because of politics; many who stay aren't sure what to do. Personally, I've chosen to be always curiously, civically and civilly engaged in contribution to my communities, whether they're big or small, hyperlocal or national. Imagine what we can all create when each of us does a little work to "be the change" in our communities.

So I'd like to invite anyone interested in clarity and up-to-date facts about the fastest growing option for independent voters in Carmel and beyond to engage with us for answers to your pertinent concerns. Kindly direct any inquiries via the website of the American Independent Party of California (aipca.vote), or to me directly at secretary@aipca.vote. In the meantime, pay no mind to mean comments. Pay it forward in acts of kindness and always think for yourself.

M. Sharp,
Carmel Valley

Council deserves more pay

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Measure C in Pacific Grove. For the record, I'm not a member of the P.G. City Council and get

no more benefit from this increase than the rest of you. But there are several reasons to support this measure, and I believe the rationale is being twisted by political motivations.

The council last had an increase in 1998, to the current rate of \$420 per month. That was not then, nor is it now, sufficient reason to want to become a council member — nobody is getting rich off this deal. The council salaries offset extraordinary expenses, like having coffee with the public or having to take time off for a community event. I don't believe they fund junkets to Europe, or Vegas, or anywhere else.

Meanwhile, the cost of living has more than doubled in California and the United States in that time period, and the Monterey Peninsula is 21 percent higher than the California average.

Some other councils in the Monterey area already see a much higher salary than Pacific Grove's council. Monterey is at \$1,064 a month, and Marina is at \$2,000 per month.

Not increasing our council's salary is telling them that we don't value their func-

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tion and commitment to our community. Not increasing the council's salary is going to disincentivize working-age parents from stepping up to that role — which means the council demographic skews to wealthier retirees. I would rather see a more balanced representation of the residents of Pacific Grove to manage our future.

As for the timing of the ballot measure, I believe that it will get more attention in June than it will in the craziness of the November national midterms. That's a good rationale, even with the extra cost.

Ron Lloyd,
Pacific Grove

Beware tax increases

Dear Editor,

Pacific Grove is considering a sales tax increase as part of its long-term fiscal planning discussions. Before voters are asked to pay higher taxes, the city should first pursue stronger economic development strategies that would grow revenue without placing a heavier burden on residents of modest means.

Sales taxes are regressive. They consume a larger percentage of income from low-income households than from wealthier households. P.G.'s proposed increase would also leave our sales tax rate above those of neighboring Monterey, Seaside and Carmel, potentially encouraging shoppers to spend their money elsewhere. At the same time, the city is proposing increased facility rental fees, continuing a trend that risks transforming Pacific Grove from "America's Last Hometown" into a community increasingly affordable only to the affluent.

Pacific Grove does face serious financial challenges, including an estimated \$21 million in unfunded infrastructure needs over the next decade. But higher taxes should not be the first solution considered.

Last year, a municipal organizational study commissioned by the city recommended several strategies that deserve far more attention than they have received. Among them was improved public communication and promotion regarding Pacific Grove's more than 1,300 historic "contributing properties." Heritage and cultural tourism is one of the most economically productive forms of tourism. Visitors drawn by historic destinations tend to stay longer and spend more on lodging, restaurants and local businesses than average travelers.

Pacific Grove possesses remarkable historic assets, along with new and proposed hotel developments that could help attract more cultural and heritage visitors. The city already receives substantial transient occupancy tax revenue from overnight visitors. With coordinated efforts among the community development department, local hotels and the chamber of commerce, that revenue could grow significantly without increasing taxes on residents.

The study also recommended adding staff support for economic development efforts. A city of 15,000 residents should not underestimate the importance of actively recruiting and supporting businesses that fit Pacific Grove's character and attract visitors interested in history, culture, architecture and the arts.

Another recommendation called for broader community participation in strategic planning. Carmel has demonstrated how valuable well-organized public engagement can be. Pacific Grove residents likewise deserve meaningful opportunities to help shape the future of their community, including implementation of the housing element and other long-range plans.

Before asking residents to approve a higher sales tax,

Pacific Grove should first demonstrate that it has seriously pursued creative and community-oriented approaches to economic development and revenue generation.

Jane Haines, Pacific Grove

'Truly a pleasure'

Dear Editor,

Last week, the Carmel Art Festival took place in town. I have participated as a festival artist since 2004, and my paintings have also been exhibited at the Classic Art Gallery for more than 20 years. Carmel-by-the-Sea is a little piece of paradise that draws artists from all around to paint its white sands, sparkling water and graceful cypress trees. It is known as the most beautiful meeting of land and sea along the California coast, and this year, artists came from as far away as Cape Town, South Africa, to join in the activities.

Over the years, I have seen the festival go through many changes. But since Hella Rothwell became the festival president several years ago, the event has greatly improved and has become my favorite of the many art festivals in which I've participated. At this point in my career, I believe the Carmel Art Festival is the best in the art world, and it is now the only one I attend. Carmel festivals before Hella were frequently chaotic and confusing, and artists were often unable to find anyone who could reliably answer their many questions. Hella has streamlined the festival, and her focus is on creating an exciting, upbeat atmosphere for both artists and festival attendees. With her boundless energy, patience and calming presence, she has created the first-class art event that Carmel deserves. Festival week was truly a pleasure for the artists, patrons and townspeople alike.

Sally Jordan, Carmel



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Cali Roots returns to Fairgrounds, Tibetan monks play music for peace at Sunset

THE PREMIER reggae festival on the West Coast — and a showcase for California’s homegrown reggae-rock sound — the 16th annual Cali Roots kicks off Friday at Monterey Fairgrounds.

Continuing through Sunday, the festival features 39 musical acts performing on three stages. Highlights include shows by **Ice Cube**, **The Common Kings** and **The Elovators** (Friday), **Rebelution**, **Burning Spear** and **Fortunate Youth** (Saturday), and **The Cali Roots All-Stars**, **Pepper** and **Soja** (Sunday).

According to Good Vibes Productions, which presents the yearly gathering, it’s far more than just a music festival.

Tribe of Monterey County, Save Our Shores and the Redwood Forest Foundation.

Single day tickets are available for \$208, while a three-day pass can be purchased for \$387. The site is located at 2004 Fairground Road. More details at californiarootsfestival.com.

■ Stirring the soul

Playing music far outside the boundaries of classic rock, country or jazz — and serving up a “one-of-a-kind cultural experience that heals the heart and stirs the soul” — an ensemble of monks from Tibet performs “ancient music for world healing” Friday, 7 p.m., at Sunset Center.

“With meditative chants, dazzling cultural dress, beating drums, and booming horns, **The Monks of Drepung Loseling** offer a rare glimpse into a living tradition dedicated to healing, harmony, and inner peace,” according to Sunset Center. “These are not your typical performers — they are genuine monks, sharing sacred practices passed down over millennia.”

A free talk starts at 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$45. Sunset Center is located at San Car-



Pepper, featuring singer and guitarist Kaleo Wassman (left), plays Sunday at Cali Roots — the largest reggae festival on the West Coast. Seranation, with bassist Bianca Schlosser (right), takes the stage Friday.

los and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit sunsetcenter.org.

■ '90s country heaven

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lar country hits by Garth Brooks, George Strait, Tim McGraw, Brooks & Dunn, Shania Twain and many others.

Tickets start at \$26. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

The next night — Saturday, May 23 — **Classic Albums Live** performs Pink Floyd’s landmark album, “The Dark Side

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

“We are a community of music lovers who gather once a year for a big musical family reunion,” Good Vibes said. “It’s a multilayered experience, curated for those who want to bring more than just stage performance memories home — for over a decade, people have traveled far and wide to engage with the magic that is Cali Roots, with a simple desire to celebrate incredible live music with people we love.”

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Graduation crib notes, wine at Foray, and some foodie diplomacy

LOCAL HIGH schools are preparing for the high point of the year, as is Monterey Peninsula College, while Cal State Monterey Bay and Middlebury Institute held their ceremonies last weekend. Commencement ceremonies often mean entertaining out-of-town guests, or perhaps you just want to throw your grad a special shindig. Nobody would be shocked if teachers and administrators were planning end-of-year parties too.

If breaking out a yellowed copy of "The Joy of Cooking" or making your great-grandpa's favorite pasta with clam sauce is your idea of a great time, by all means have at it.

But this is not the college boards, and you can certainly

cheat a little so you can enjoy the day. In fact, we encourage it and have assembled some suggestions. You don't even have to write them on the palm of your hand.

■ Tutors available

Enlist your grocer's deli to help create a picture-perfect charcuterie board, or order something from Mirth in

Soup to Nuts

Carmel Valley (mirthcv.com) or The Cheese Shop in Carmel Plaza (thecheeseshopinc.com/trays). Baum & Blume (baumandblume.com) makes attractive catering platters, too.

Add special local touches like Carmel Valley Creamery's cheese (carmelvalleycreameryco.com), Quail & Olive's flavored olive oils and vinegars (quailandolive.com), or — for sweet bites — visit Lula's Chocolates (lulaschocolates.com) and Carmel Honey Company (carmelhoneycompany.com).

Cite your sources (or don't)

For hungrier folks, Crossroads BBQ offers packages that feed as many as 30 people with combos that include full racks of ribs, tri-tip, pulled pork, half-chickens and brisket — along with sides and bread — starting at \$235 for 10 people. Kona Steak & Seafood (konamonterey.com) in Monterey has party platters and is advertising dinner for 10 with chow mein, fried rice, salmon, and orange chicken for \$290. Pacific Grove's Ocean Sushi (oceansushi.com) offers appetizer platters ranging from \$66 for 48 pieces of California maki (rolled sushi) to \$300 for a 200-piece maki platter.

Rosemary & Thyme High Tea (rosemaryandthymehighteas.com) can cater a properly memorable afternoon of tea, sandwiches and sweets — like homemade scones from family recipes. As a bonus, owner Dot Findlater brings her own colorful china.

The folks at Nielsen Bros., Bruno's, or Jerome's Carmel Valley Market and Coniglio Bros. and Elroy's Fine Foods in Monterey, as well as The Meatery in Seaside,



Michael Chang of Foray is getting ready for the restaurant's winemaker dinner series, which kicks off with Tira Nanza founder and winemaker Greg Hill on May 28.

have tasty, eclectic prepared food and deli options, as well.

Finals

For dessert, you could order some of Monterey's handcrafted Revival Ice Cream (revivalicecream.com), which has a catering option on its website. Or pick up some fresh strawberries at the farmers market and you're all set.

You — yes, in the back with your hand up — you want more carbs? No problem. Carmel Bakery (chefpepe.com) on Ocean Avenue makes assorted cookies and pastries on site, and just up the street, Café Carmel offers sweet bites

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Gluten-free guests? Nece's GF (necesglutenfree.com) in Monterey prioritizes taste and texture, so its cookies, brownies and other treats are deliciously inclusive.

Pomp and service

Restaurant choices abound, but for a once-in-a-lifetime event that brings together people with competing tastes and dietary needs, here are a few ideas.

The Beach House at Lovers Point is consistently good and boasts lovely sunset views, while the park and adjacent rec trail are good places to let everyone — especially younger siblings who've had to behave nicely all day — burn off some energy before dinner. Rosine's in Monterey and Sur in the Barnyard have received Golden Pine Cones for family-friendly dining, while Rio Grill in the Crossroads has great food and easy parking, too.

The Whaling Station and the Sardine Factory in Monterey are classic fine dining choices, as are Carmel's Casanova, Patisserie Boissiere, Anton & Michel, and Grasing's — not to mention 7D. (We're thinking that last one would be a nice spot for exhausted educators to gather for martinis and steaks.)

La Playa and The Hyatt Highlands Inn offer memorable settings and views, and if this is a really splurgy occasion, there's always Sierra Mar at Post Ranch Inn, along with Alila Ventana Big Sur. And, as locals

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know, Nepenthe is always a good idea.

Finally, one of P.G.'s newest restaurants, the Caledonian in the Kimpton Mirador, has a private dining room that accommodates as many as 12 guests. Or, you could just come for breakfast or brunch from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and dinner is served from 5 to 9 p.m. The large enclosed courtyard with a 30-foot fireplace should make for some dandy photos. They're also busily boosting some local businesses, in case you're looking for ...

Things to do

The debut of the Mirador Marketplace series features a pop-up with men's retailer Saint Addiction (178 Grand Ave. in P.G.) at the Kimpton Mirador hotel Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. — coinciding with dinner as well as the 5-7 p.m. Happy Hour.

Upcoming pop-ups will include The Quill stationery shop and local artist Casey Starks, featured in this week's Carmel's Artists column.

Café Carmel on Ocean Avenue is offering a complimentary summer cooking class Tuesday, June 23, from 5 to 6 p.m. for anyone interested in making a grilled peach,

pecan and goat cheese salad — just in time for grilling season. "Arrive early and come hungry," organizers say. Questions? Call (831) 624-3870.

Mixer at De Tierra

De Tierra Vineyards' tasting room at Mission and Fifth will host a Carmel Chamber of Commerce mixer Wednesday, May 27, from 5 to 7 p.m., for \$15 for chamber members and \$30 for nonmembers. The event will offer the opportunity to connect with business owners, community leaders, residents and friends while enjoying some of De Tierra's expansive portfolio.

In addition to being an active chamber member, owner Jeff Meachum has a seat on the Carmel Community Activities Commission, which gives him special insight into public events and other goings-on at the city level.

Based in San Benancio Canyon off Highway 68, De Tierra "creates delicious, award-winning and sustainably harvested wines to share from the unique terroir of Monterey County."

Its lineup includes a range of whites, reds and blends, as well as a rosé, sparkling wines and late-harvest dessert offerings.

To register, go to carmelchamber.org and click on the "events" tab.

Winemaker dinners are back

Carmel's Foray restaurant at San Carlos and Fifth is bringing back its winemaker dinner series, starting with Tira Nanza founder and winemaker Greg Hill sharing wines and stories during an evening session May 28.

"These special events bring guests closer to the producers, vineyards and stories behind exceptional bot-

ties," explained Foray's founders, executive chef Michael Chang and sommelier Caroline Singer. "Each dinner pairs a seasonal multicourse menu with wines from either celebrated local producers or renowned international estates, creating an intimate evening built around conversation, craft and place."

The Tira Nanza dinner, which will feature wines from its estate in Upper Carmel Valley that was formerly owned and farmed by Jack Galante, will be paired with four courses "celebrating the best spring ingredients of California's Central Coast," including locally caught and house-aged king salmon, Borba Farm's English peas, corn and other delights.

The cost is \$234 per person, and reservations may be made at opentable.com/r/foray-carmel-by-thesea. Email info@forayrestaurant.com for more information.

Bridges and bread

Can dessert be diplomatic? Can food bring peace to the table? A single-night screening of "Breaking Bread" is set for Sunday, May 31, at Congregation Beth Israel in Carmel. Organizers say the acclaimed documentary explores how Middle Eastern chefs use food to bridge cultural and political divides, and it might have some answers.

The event is co-presented by the Jewish Food Festival and the Carmel Jewish Film Festival. Tickets are \$25, and organizers said they expect a sellout.

The evening opens with a dessert reception at 7 p.m., followed by the film and a post-screening audience discussion. "Breaking Bread," has been praised internationally for its portrayal of Jewish, Arab, Muslim and Christian chefs who find common ground in the kitchen. For tickets, visit carmelbethisrael.org, and for sponsorship info, including a new "2 for Food & Film" program, visit carmelbethisrael.org/form/2-for-food-and-film-2026.html.

"This film captures exactly what food has always been able to do — bring people together across lines that seem impossible to cross," a spokesperson for Congregation Beth Israel said.

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

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

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■ Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Saturday, 12:30 p.m.), **James Henry & Hands on Fire** (jazz, Sunday at noon), singer and guitarist **Victor Veysey** (Thursday at 6 p.m.), 46800 Highway 1.

Fernwood Resort — **Sirsy** (“sassy pop-rock with folk intimacy,” Saturday at 10 p.m.), 47200 Highway 1.

Henry Miller Library — **Hallelujah Town** presents “Songs of Liberation and Ecstasy” (music and poetry, Saturday at noon), **Enchantrix** presents the musical, “Hair” (Saturday at 7:30 p.m.), 48603 Highway 1. henrymiller.org

■ 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 and Saturday 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 — **Vinyl Revival** (pop and rock, Friday at 6 p.m.), **Sidehustle** (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.

■ 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.

Big Sur Vineyards Tasting Room — singer and guitarist **Anthony Frijila** (Friday at 6 p.m.), 1 Del Fino Place.

Edgar’s — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Alison Sharino** (Friday at 5:30 p.m.). At Quail Lodge, 8205 Valley Greens Drive.

Folktale Winery — **Magenta Spreen** (indie folk, Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Saturday at 5 p.m.), **Jesse DeCarlo Funk Trio** (Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (jazz, Monday at 4 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Bobcat Rob** (Thursday at 5 p.m.), 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

■ Del Rey Oaks

The Moose Lodge — **Mariachi Santa Cruz** (Mexican folk music, Saturday at 7 p.m.), 555 Canyon Del Rey Blvd.

■ Monterey

Colton Hall — **Monterey Pops!** (patriotic music for Memorial Day, Monday at 2 p.m.), 570 Pacific St.

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

Midici Pizza — Janice's Jazz Jam with singer **Janice Perl**, keyboardist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Dennis Murphy** and drummer **Andy Weis** (Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Lauri Hofer-Romero** and guitarist **Bob Basa** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Janice Perl**, keyboardist **Murray Low** and bassist **Steve Uccello** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel — pianist **Tom Gastineau** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Tuesday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Wednesday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

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 — **Everyday People** (Latin rock with a funk twist, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Phil & the Blanks** (classic rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

■ Pacific Grove

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

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

Lucy's on Lighthouse — **Moondance** (pop and rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

PG's Meetinghouse — The downtown venue celebrates local guitarist **Jesse DeCarlo's** 50th birthday with one show featuring DeCarlo, singer **Dani Page** and others (Friday at 7 p.m.), and the other showcasing **The Jesse DeCarlo Funk Trio** (Saturday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Catherine Broz** (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 — **Frogluv** ("jazzy, freaky folk," Saturday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Bryan Bielanski** (Sunday at 6 p.m.), **Ricketts Folly** (pop and jazz, Thursday at 6 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.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist **Dan Cortes** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Saturday at 5 p.m.) singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

■ Sand City

Courtyard by Marriott — guitarist



Singer Estrella (top) performs Friday at Cali Roots in Monterey, while guitarist Jesse DeCarlo (above) celebrates his 50th birthday with a pair of shows Friday and Saturday at the PG Meetinghouse.

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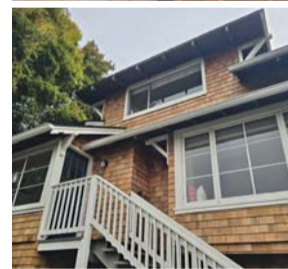
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260807
 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
CENTER OF THE SPIRAL PSYCHOTHERAPY, 112 11TH ST, PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950, County of MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 MADELYN CASSERLY, 112 11TH ST, PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950
 This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
 S/ MADELYN CASSERLY
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/13/2026
 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22/26
CNS-4036479#
CARMEL PINE CONE
 Publication Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026. (PC 503)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260833
 Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CHEZZA JEWELRY, 26080 Carmel Rancho Blvd, Suite 201, Carmel, CA 93923.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 OLIVIA DORA KROGSGAARD SAN-CHEZ.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

listed above on May 10, 2021.
 S/Olivia Sanchez
 Date signed: April 13, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 15, 2026.
 Publication Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026 (PC 504)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260867
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
TACOS ESTILO TIJUANA, 600 Bishop St., Apt. 27, King City, CA 93930.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s):
 DANIEL ZAVALA CHAVEZ, P.O. Box 1224, King City, CA 93930
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 20, 2026.
 S/Daniel Zavala Chavez
 Date signed: April 20, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 20, 2026.
 Publication Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026 (PC 505)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 20260877
 Filing type: ABANDONMENT:
 County of Filing: Monterey
 Date of Original Filing: Oct. 25, 2022
 File No.: 20222154
 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SALINAS ENDONICS, 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
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CARMEL PINE CONE
 Publication Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026. (PC 512)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260838
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Extra Space Storage (#6654), 1 Bridge St, Salinas, CA 93901
 County of MONTEREY
 Registrant(s):
 Extra Space Management Inc, 2795 E Cottonwood Pkwy Ste 400, Salt Lake City, UT 84121
 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, SEC-RETARY,
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/15/2026.
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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)

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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 93955 County of MONTEREY
 Registrant(s):
 Monterey Cabinetshop LLC, 815 Broadway Ave, Seaside, CA 93955
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
 Monterey Cabinetshop LLC
 S/ Rosario 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 MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 26CV002298
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, MICHAEL JAMES MAGUIRE & SOQUEL ANNETTE CROW, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name: CRUZ CROW-MAGUIRE
Proposed name: CRUZ CROW MAGUIRE
 THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
 DATE: June 23, 2026
 TIME: 10:00 a.m.
 DEPT: 14
 The address of the court is 1200 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:
SETTRINI 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 Quy 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)

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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 TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-26-1034498-CL Order No.: 260033013-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/1/2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, or cash equivalent if deemed acceptable to the trustee, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): CHRISTOPHER ALLEN THOMAS, TRUSTEE OF THE CHRIS THOMAS TRUST, DATED JANUARY 9, 2020** Recorded: 2/7/2020 as **Instrument No. 2020006513** and modified as per Modification Agreement recorded 2/12/2024 as Instrument No. 2024004735 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of MONTEREY County, California; Date of Sale: **6/30/2026 at 10:00 AM** Place of Sale: **At the Main Entrance of the Monterey County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas CA 93901** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$2,424,162.87** The purported property address is: **28 POTRERO TRL, CARMEL, CA 93923** Assessor's Parcel No. : **239-111-009-000** All bidders, at the date, time, and place of the scheduled sale, will be required to show satisfactory support to the auctioneer of their ability to pay the amount they intend to bid, unless arrangements have been made with the trustee prior to the scheduled 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. 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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 **800-280-2832** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-26-1034498-CL**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call **866-645-7711**, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-26-1034498-CL** to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS:** For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-26-1034498-CL and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com>. The above statutorily mandated notices to Tenant, Prospective Owner-Occupant, and Prospective Post-Sale Over Bidders are brief summaries of what may be required under Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. Compliance with all relevant provisions will be required. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 866-645-7711** For NON SALE information only Sale Line: **800-280-2832** Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)): **(866) 645-7711** Reinstatement or Payoff Line: **(866) 645-7711 Ext 5318** QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: **CA-26-1034498-CL** IDSPub #0314932 5/29/2026 6/5/2026 6/12/2026
 Publication dates: May 22, 29, June 5, 2026 (PC542)

PUBLIC NOTICES

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 Sareny, 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. Trailside Cafe & Beer Garden
3 Del Fino Place, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: 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, TO-PANGA, 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.
 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5/26
CNS-4035150#
CARMEL PINE CONE
 Publication Dates: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026. (PC 528)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260919
 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
GPS PAINTING AND DECORATING, 255 E BOLIVAR ST, SPC 195, SALINAS, CA 93906, County of MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s): JOSE GUADALUPE PACHECO SILVA
 This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
 S/JOSE GUADALUPE PACHECO SILVA
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/27/2026
 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5/26
CNS-4040937#
CARMEL PINE CONE
 Publication Dates: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026. (PC 529)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260992
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
STARLIGHT PILATES STUDIO, 425 Pacific St., Monterey, CA 93940.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s): MELODY WYNNE HIERLING, 426 Calle Principal, Suite 203A, Monterey, CA 93940.
 This business is conducted by a general partnership.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 1, 2026.
 S/Melody Hierling
 Date signed: May 6, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 6, 2026.
 Publication Dates: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026 (PC 530)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260938
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
YOUNG MINDS, 1024 Pacific Grove Lane #4, Pacific Grove, California 93950.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: YOUNG MINDS ASSESSMENT & CONSULTATION. A PSYCHOLOGY CORPORATION, P.O. Box 712, Pacific Grove, California 93950.
 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 5, 2026.

S/Antoine F. Thomas, Treasurer
 Date: April 28, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 28, 2026.
 Publication Dates: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026 (PC 534)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261042
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. VERDANT COMPLIANCE GROUP
2. AG WASH CO
738 Kilbreth Ave., Salinas, CA 93905.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: HYGIENIC PROS LLC, Live Oak Blvd., Yuba City, CA 95991.
 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 May 20, 2024.
 S/Heriberto Solis Vargas, Managing Member
 Date: May 13, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 13, 2026.
 Publication Dates: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026 (PC 536)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260830
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. THORNS BOOK CO
2. THORNS COFFEE & BOOK CO
3. THORNS COFFEE CO
136 Bonifacio Place, Monterey, CA 93940.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: THE ROSE BOOKS & OBSCURITIES LLC, 136 Bonifacio Place, Monterey, CA 93940.
 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 June 1, 2022.
 S/Ernest Rodriguez, Manager
 Date: April 15, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 15, 2026.
 Publication Dates: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026 (PC 537)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261040
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
FAT WILLY'S ANTIQUES, 581 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): WILLIAM LEWIS GUSTIN, P.O. Box 232, Aromas, CA 95004.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2020.
 S/William L. Gustin
 Date signed: May 13, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 13, 2026.
 Publication Dates: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026 (PC 538)

Lien Sale Auction Advertisement
 City of Monterey Harbor, 250 Figueroa Street, Monterey, 06-03-2026@ 11:00am CA COLUMBIA HIN# 26431 5/22/26
CNS-4043746#
CARMEL PINE CONE
 Publication Dates: May 22, 2026 (PC 539)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260924
 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
J. R. SIMPLOT COMPANY, 945 JOHN-SON AVE SALINAS, CA 93901, County of MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s): J. R. SIMPLOT COMPANY, LLC, 1099 W. FRONT STREET BOISE, ID 83702, NV
 This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 01/12/2026
 S/JAMES B. ALDERMAN, SECRETARY
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/28/2026
 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12/26
CNS-4041282#
CARMEL PINE CONE
 Publication Dates: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026. (PC 540)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261017
 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
AARON OVERHEAD DOORS, 121 FAIRGROUND RD, MONTEREY, CA 93940, County of MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s): GUILD RW SERVICES, LLC, 845 DAVIS ST, VACAVILLE, CA 95687, DELAWARE
 This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
 S/DAPHNE FRONTZ, VICE PRESIDENT
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/11/2026
 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12/26
CNS-4043575#
CARMEL PINE CONE
 Publication Dates: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026. (PC 541)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261039
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
COASTAL PATCH CO, 1151 Monterey Salinas, Salinas, CA 93908.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s): ALAN URIEL PALMA, 1151 Monterey Salinas Hwy, Salinas, CA 93908.
 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/Alan Uriel Palma Juarez
 Date signed: May 12, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 12, 2026.
 Publication Dates: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026 (PC 543)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260944
 Filing type: RENEWAL FILING - filed within 40 days of the expiration date and no CHANGE(S) from the previous filing
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ALLURE COMMERCIAL CLEANING, 11401 Geil St., Castroville, CA 95012.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: RUILO INC., 11401 Geil St., Castroville, CA 95012.
 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 Nov. 18, 2016.
 S/Cristina Lopez, CEO
 Date: April 29, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 29, 2026.
 Publication Dates: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026 (PC 544)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260851
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. EAST VILLAGE CAFE
2. MAYBE ON MONDAY
3. LA & CO
4. NEW JUNE
5. BEE MONTEREY
6. COASTLINE RIDES
7. EAST VILLAGE COFFEE
8. 831 MAG
9. MONTHLY MYSTIC
10. SHAMBALA MANAGEMENT
498 Washington St., Monterey, CA 93940.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: 831 INC, 251B Pearl Street, Monterey, CA 93940.
 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 Oct. 12, 2007.
 S/Gyanendra Lama, President
 Date: April 17, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 17, 2026.
 Publication Dates: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026 (PC 545)

CYPRESS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PRELIMINARY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 28, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. the Cypress Fire Protection District, Board of Directors will meet to consider adoption of the Preliminary Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget is available for inspection at the District's fire station located at 3775 Rio Road, Carmel, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. after May 28, 2026.

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

Publication dates: May 15 & 22, 2026 (PC508)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING On California American Water's Urban Water Management Plan

California American Water will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, on the final draft of the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plans for its Central District service area. This service area includes the cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Sand City, Del Rey Oaks, Seaside, and other unincorporated areas of Monterey County. Copies of the plan will be available for public review, and public comment will be accepted. The hearing will be held online at 2:00 p.m.

The link for this meeting is as follows: <https://tinyurl.com/UWMP-2026-CAW-Monterey>, Meeting ID: 222 684 539 040 543 or call in (audio only): 916-244-8157, Phone conference ID: 754 726 216#. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, written comments may be submitted via email to nina.miller@amwater.com up until the hearing date. Draft plans are available for review in the customer notifications section of www.californiaamwater.com.

Publication dates: May 22, 2026 (PC531-2)

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-

jections 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.

Petitioner:
 Sophia Dozier and Bianca Shiver
 1232 Sagardia Way
 Gilroy, CA 95020
 (408) 607-3840

This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on April 9, 2026.

Publication dates: May 15, 22, 29, 2026. (PC533)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Monday, June 1, 2026, at 3:00 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:

APP 26134 (Diamond)
 John and Patricia Dilks, Appellants
 Scenic Road 5 northwest of 8th Avenue
 Block C2, Lot 8
 APN: 010-312-012-000
 Consideration of an Appeal, APP 26134 (Diamond) by John and Patricia Dilks, of the Planning Commission's approval of Design Study and Coastal Development Permit application DS 25206 (Diamond) for non-excluded development (ground disturbance for an 800 square accessory dwelling unit attached to an existing rear terrace, landscaping, drainage improvements and associated site work) and the installation landscaping consistent with the proposed landscaping plan as authorized by the Coastal Development Permit, located at Scenic Road 5 northwest of 8th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District, Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay District, Park (P) Overlay District, and Beach and Riparian (BR) Overlay. APN: 010-312-012-000.

Proposed CEQA Action: Find that action on the appeal is Categorically Exempt from environmental

review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions apply in this case.

APP 26148 (Stonehouse Terrace)
 Cristophe Moreau, Esperanza Carmel Commercial LLC, Appellant
 San Carlos Street 2 southwest of 7th Avenue
 Block 91, Lots 3, 5, 7
 APN: 010-145-018-000
 Consideration of an Appeal, APP 26148 (Stonehouse Terrace), by Esperanza Carmel Commercial LLC, of the Historic Resources Board's April 20, 2026 decision to support a property owner-sponsored National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the "Reimers' Stonehouse Terrace" located at San Carlos Street 2 southwest of 7th Avenue in the Service Commercial (SC) District. APN: 010-145-018-000.

Proposed CEQA Action: Find that action on the appeal is not a project as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

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):

<https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/88134597723>
 Webinar ID: 881 3459 7723
 Passcode: 954379
 Dial in: (253) 215-8782

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

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

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

Nova Romero, MMC
 City Clerk

Dated: 05/18/2026
 Publish Date: 05/22/2026

Publication dates: May 22, 2026 (PC549)

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Auction raises money for art scholarships, awards ceremony set for May 31

TO SUPPORT the next generation of local student-artists, a fundraising silent auction is underway to raise money for college scholarships. All the work comes from an annual art contest presented by the California Arts

and Sciences Institute, which is based in Carmel. "Students from all over California have submitted exceptional creative works on the theme of reflecting on nature and human reflection," said the group's chair, C. Michael Hogan. "Works feature a variety of media, including painting, watercolor, collage, etching, sculpture and photography." Bidding started May 17.

"The kids are really excited," Hogan added. "Most of them are choosing to be in the auction, and we're already getting bids."

Hogan said all proceeds from the fundraiser will fund scholarships and mentoring programs for student-artists.

For more details about the auction, visit casicalifornia.org/event/casi-student-art-display-awards-ceremony.

An awards ceremony and reception are set for May 31 at 4:30 p.m. at the studio of artist Rene Romero Schuler, 559 Tyler St. in Monterey. Three scholarships will be given to artists by a panel of judges, while another three scholarships will be awarded to student-artists receiving the top bids in the auction.

Otherworldly photo show

Showcasing an artist with a vivid imagination, photographer Melanie Walker looks outside the box in the exhibit "Nomadic Dreamer," which is on display at the Center for Photographic Art through June 14.

Executive Director Ann Jastrab called the show "an exciting and sometimes otherworldly installation of photographs and mixed media pieces."

"We're thrilled to be exhibiting an innovative and

exciting installation by this internationally recognized artist," Jastrab told The Pine Cone. "This visit to the gallery will be like no other."

Besides being an award-winning photographer — she took home the prestigious 2024 Critical Mass Solo Show

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Award — Walker taught photography for nearly a half century at the University of Colorado and other colleges.

The gallery is in Sunset Center at San Carlos Street and Ninth Avenue.

Sunset gallery seeks artists

Besides presenting a busy slate of music and cultural events, Sunset Center is also home to the Marjorie Evans Gallery, which is accepting applications for new shows.

"We are now accepting applications from local artists and arts collectives to exhibit throughout the 2026-27 season," Sunset Center announced. "The gallery features one artist or arts collective every two months, and can display between 25 and 50 pieces of art. There is no cost to exhibit, and Sunset Cultural Center does not ask for any commission on work sold during the exhibit." Applications will be accepted through May 29. For more details, email elana@sunsetcenter.org.



Photographer Melanie's Walker's wildly inventive "Nomadic Dreamer" show is on display through June 14.

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We got trouble, my friends. Right here in Carmel city, with a capital T, that rhymes with B, and that stands for bags. Yes, grocery bags — bags you fill with heavy cans, milk bottles, grapefruit, coconuts and all the meaningful comestibles needed to keep a pantry well stocked. Bags you carry from car to house, thankful for the convenience of handles. Handles that let you tote, with ease, one, two or even three bags at once — until now — because Safeway bags no longer have handles.

When I asked why, an employee said, "Too many customers complained about the handles. Besides, 50 years ago there

were no handles." Which only means I'm 50 years older and need the handles more than ever. And 50 years ago, the bags were free.

Clutching two

It took about 30 seconds online to learn I can get 300 bags with handles for \$92. That comes to 3.1 cents apiece. I think Safeway has a 10-cent bag charge. I'll cut them some slack because of the printing on the bags.

My parking slot is a full pitching wedge away from my front door. I really don't want to make two trips from car to cupboard. Yes, I can unload closer to the front door, but that still adds extra trips. It's difficult to clutch two heavy bags to my chest, then put them down so I can open the front door without spilling anything.

This isn't only about bags. It's about dignity. It's about the slow erosion of

small joys — like bag handles, or calling customer service and not getting Chad in Sri Lanka. If we let them take the handles today, what's next? No grocery carts? Or maybe they'll funnel us into self-checkout stands. Nah. They'd never be crazy enough to do that.

This is a conspiracy that need investigating. Who benefits from handle-less bags? Follow the money trail — it probably leads to a back room at the International Grocery Bag Summit, where executives in ill-fitting blazers cackle while sipping artisanal coffee and planning the downfall of the common shopper.

I refuse to go quietly into that good night. This is my call-to-duty moment, convincing Safeway to bring back handles and not turn a simple shopping trip into a full-body workout. I need a mentor, a wise old cashier (think Yoda, but with an apron and a name tag) to reveal the ancient secret: "The handles you seek are within you." Eh, I don't think so.

Black market

I'll form a resistance. How about this: H.A.N.D.L.E. — Humans Against Needless Difficulty in Lugging Everything. Our first act of rebellion will be smuggling handled bags into Safeway and leaving them in the carts for others to find. We'll be grocery store Robin Hoods. A black market has already emerged. A shadowy figure in a trench coat whispers, "Psst ... I got handles. Real sturdy ones. Five cents each." I hesitate. Then I remember: I'm not a criminal — I'm a shopper without handles, but I have standards. I'm just trying to upgrade my grocery shopping experience.

I've tried DIY solutions. Folding the top of the bag into a pseudo-handle works

for about 3.5 seconds — or until the eggs meet their doom. And let's be honest, if I wanted a workout, I'd join a gym, not turn grocery shopping into CrossFit. I tried carrying the bags on my head, the way women carry burdens in developing countries, but

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

I looked more like a drunk giraffe than a graceful porter.

The madness of it all is undeniable. The handle-less bag is a symbol of modern life — promising convenience but delivering struggle. Like a smartphone with no battery, or a "quick" trip to IKEA where "assembly required" is Swedish for "good luck." The grocery bag is a metaphor for our times. We are all carrying too many physical and psychological burdens.

And so, I stand at the checkout, pleading my case for handles. My cashier nods sympathetically but offers no solutions I am undeterred. This is bigger than me. This is about us — the shoppers, the dreamers, the people who just want to carry their groceries in peace.

I know Safeway's executives are laughing, but I will not yield to their *schadenfreude*. I will not be broken. I will not make two trips. I will not accept a world where handles are removed and replaced with back pain. I will fight for the right to carry my coconuts with dignity.

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SATURDAY, MAY 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found Apple watch at Carmel Beach.
Pacific Grove: Vehicle was towed from Laurel Avenue for expired registration over six months and five or more unpaid parking tickets.
Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Lighthouse and 18th for parking in a posted "no parking" area.
Carmel Valley: Juvenile issue on Ford Road.

Marina: Officers responded to a report of a domestic disturbance involving an adult male armed with a firearm while children were present in the 200 block of Carmel Avenue. The 39-year-old male fled the scene before police arrived. The investigation revealed he had an active restraining order that explicitly prohibited him from owning or possessing a firearm. On May 2, with assistance from California State University of the Monterey Bay Police Department, officers located him inside a vehicle at the same address and arrested him without incident for child endangerment and public intoxication. Officers recovered a 12-gauge semi-automatic shotgun with several rounds and one high-capacity magazine, and a 9mm semi-automatic pistol and several rounds. Both firearms were reported stolen out of the City of

Fresno. He was transported and booked into Monterey County Jail.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Located missing person at Highway 1 and Rio Road. Checked OK. Information only.
Pacific Grove: A male Arkwright Court resident was placed on a 5150 72-hour mental health detention hold.
Pacific Grove: Found property on Ninth Street and Junipero Avenue was turned in to the police department.
Pacific Grove: A woman on Briggs Avenue called in to report that \$22,000 had been fraudulently withdrawn from her bank account with Monterey Credit Union. The case is ongoing pending further investigation.
Pacific Grove: A violation of a restraining order was reported on the 400 block of Eighth Street.
Pacific Grove: A welfare check at an Eighth Street residence resulted in a 5150 hold.
Pacific Grove: Vehicle at Monarch Lane and Lighthouse Avenue was marked for 72-hour parking.
Pacific Grove: A debit card was found on Forest Avenue and surrendered to police.
The Monterey County Sheriff's Office had no calls on the Monterey Peninsula.

MONDAY, MAY 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found ring at Carmel Beach.
Pacific Grove: A Monterey County Child

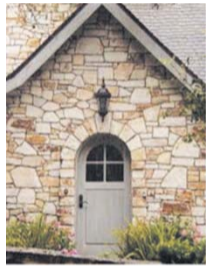
Protective Services cross report was taken.
Pacific Grove: Found property at the 500 block of Lighthouse Avenue was turned in to the police department.
Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Spruce Avenue was marked for 72-hour parking.
Pacific Grove: Report of a dog at large on Sunset Drive. Owner was contacted, and the dog was released to the owner with an administrative citation.
Carmel Valley: Sheriff's office deputies investigated a person trespassing on private property on Aliso Road.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 32-year-old female was cited and released at Serra and Guadalupe for driving at a unsafe speed and with a suspended license and unsafe speed.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found briefcase at Ocean and Dolores.
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Outside-jurisdiction assist for CHP. DUI hit-and-run suspect detained at Torres and Sixth and turned over to CHP.
Pacific Grove: Report of battery on Lighthouse Avenue.
Pacific Grove: Report of grand theft, purse snatching.
Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Sunset Drive for expired registration over six months.
Pacific Grove: A call for service resulted in a 5150 W&I hold [danger to self or others]

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CALLS

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in the 100 block of 13th Street.

Carmel area: Check fraud involving a victim on Highway 1.

Carmel area: Theft on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

Carmel Valley: Deputies documented a report of a suspicious person on Lupin Lane.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Marina: Officers were dispatched to a veterans residence facility on Hayes Circle, Lightfighter Village, on the report of an adult male who had battered his neighbor. He was on pretrial probation with terms of not contact, assault or disturb the peace of the victim. A second neighbor approached officers and reported that the suspect forced his way into

his apartment, causing an injury to his forehead when the door swung open, and when he tried to dial 911, the suspect hit the phone out of his hand. The suspect then retreated to his own apartment after stealing items from the victim's refrigerator. Officers attempted to contact the suspect. Negotiators were able to contact him briefly over the phone and a few times when he came out to his balcony, but he refused to come out on his own accord. After several hours, he began throwing things from the balcony at a drone and banging on the walls of his apartment. Entry was forced, and he was apprehended without further incident. He was transported to the Monterey County Jail. During booking, he lunged at an officer and attempted to escape custody, but was quickly detained without further incident.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found dog at Rio and Atherton. Returned to owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident at San Carlos and Fifth.



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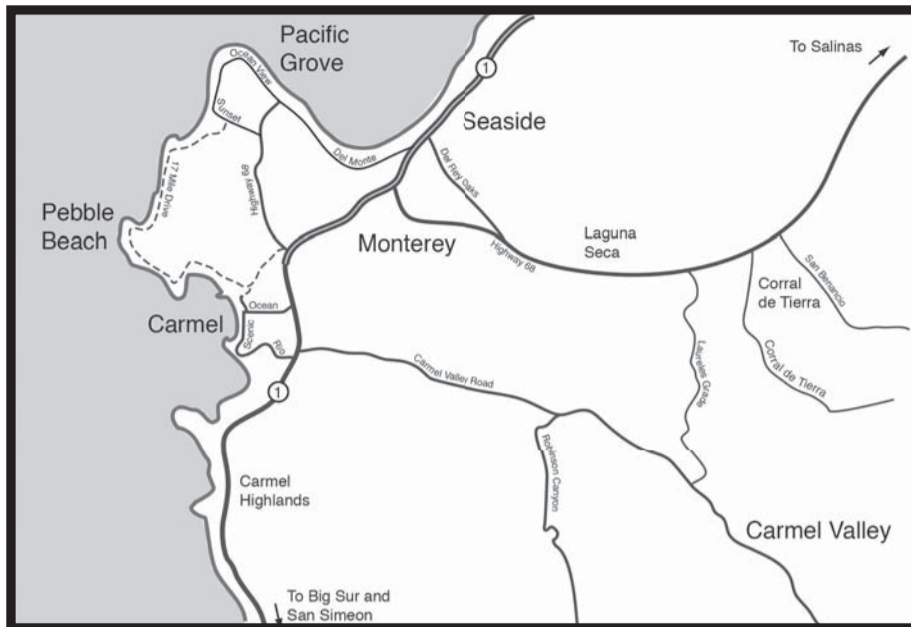
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\$869,000	2bd 2ba	Su 12-2
101 Hacienda Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 277-0971		
\$899,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 12-2 Su 1-3
58 Del Mesa Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 620-2468 / 521-0680		
\$955,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 2-4
24501 Via Mar Monte, Unit 77 Compass 312-6005		
\$1,119,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 12-2
183 Del Mesa Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 293-3391		
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9542 Maple Court Compass 236-5290		
\$1,699,000	4bd 2ba	Sa Su 11-1
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10427 Fairway Lane Coldwell Banker Realty 596-6118		
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25636 Morse Dr Compass 238-2022		
\$1,849,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 11-3:30 Su 11-3
27460 Loma Del Rey The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams 620-2243		
\$1,850,000	3bd 2.5+ba	Sa Su 11-1
25315 Flanders Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE 521-7363		
\$1,995,000	4bd 4.5ba	Sa 1-3
10511 Fairway Court Sotheby's Int'l RE 236-4663		
\$2,099,000	3bd 3ba	Su 2-4:30
28015 Quail Court Carmel Realty 277-1040		
\$2,295,000	2bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
Lincoln 2 SE of 13th Compass 238-1380 / 224-6353		
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Monte Verde 2 NW of 4th Avenue Carmel Realty 760-5572		
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26140 Mesa Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE 917-9886		
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Crespi 2 NW Flanders Compass 915-6187		
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Guadalupe 5 SE of 3rd Coldwell Banker Realty 356-8123		

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\$4,290,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 10-2
Mission 4 NE of 10th Sotheby's Int'l RE 877-0389		
\$4,595,000	5bd 5ba	Su 12-4
25286 Hatton Road Monterey Coast Realty 460-6864		
\$4,950,000	3bd 3ba	Sa Su 1-3
26334 River Park Place Carmel Realty 884-3868		
\$5,195,000	4bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3 Su 12-3
Dolores 4 SE of 13th Street Sotheby's Int'l RE 760-5126 / 277-9250		
\$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	Su 1-4 Mo 11-3
San Carlos 2 SW of 1st Avenue Carmel Realty 521-4855		
\$7,950,000	4bd 4ba	Sa Su 1-3
13th, 2 NE San Antonio David Lyng Real Estate 277-1834		

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\$1,350,000	3bd 4ba	Sa 12-2 Su 11-1 Mo 2-5
72 Los Laureles Grade Sotheby's Int'l RE 915-0265 / 236-7363		
\$1,773,000	3bd 3ba	Sa Su 11-3
10456 Fairway Lane The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams 867-1188		
\$1,995,000	2bd 2.5ba	Sa 10-2
9 Story Road Sotheby's Int'l RE 277-9022 / 236-8571		
\$1,895,000	4bd 3ba	Su 12-2
760 Country Club Compass 238-1380		
\$2,195,000	4bd 2.5ba	Sa 11-1
929 W Carmel Valley Road Carmel Realty 521-4855		
\$2,269,000	4bd 4ba	Sa 12-2
28069 Heron Ct The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams 917-5129		
\$2,540,000	4bd 4ba	Sa 2-4
26245 Rinconada Dr Compass Carmel Valley 236-5290		

\$2,695,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 2-4
46 Middle Canyon Road Sotheby's Int'l RE 915-0265 / 238-0464		
\$2,890,000	4bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
31499 Via Las Rosas The Agency Carmel Valley 293-4878		

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

\$1,150,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 1-3
13514 Warren Ave The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams Marina 837-5437		
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2720 Parkview Way Coldwell Banker Realty Marina 214-3006 / 717-7815		
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668 Alice St The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams Monterey 224-0020		
\$1,625,000	4bd 2.5ba	Su 12-2
1 Crescent Cir Coldwell Banker Realty Monterey 277-3914		
\$1,750,000	6bd 4.5ba	Sa 12-2
947 W Franklin St Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 915-2800		
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425 Via Del Rey Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 236-4663		
\$2,225,000	4bd 4ba	Sa Su 11-1
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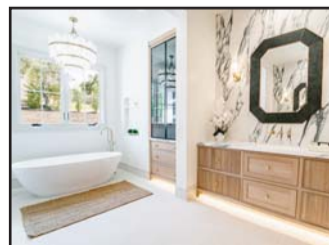
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Status	Address	List Price	Sale Price	DOM
New Listing	Monte Verde 2 SW of 2nd	\$3,490,000	---	6
New Listing	NE corner of Carmelo & 13th	\$16,500,000	---	5
List Price Increased	San Carlos 2 NW of Santa Lucia	\$2,800,000	---	154
Fell Through	San Carlos 2 NW of Santa Lucia	\$2,800,000	---	154
Fell Through	Dolores 4 SE of 13th	\$5,195,000	---	6
Contingent	Casanova 3 SE of 4th	\$3,950,000	---	8
Pending	Guadalupe 2 NW of 3rd	\$3,650,000	---	11
Listing Expired	Mission 5 NW of Santa Lucia	\$4,495,000	---	173

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\$1,225,000	3bd 1ba	Su 1-3
851 Laurel Pacific Grove 594-7283		
\$1,560,000	2bd 2ba	Fr 2-4 Sa Su 11-1:30
308 14th Street Pacific Grove 402-2884		
\$1,599,000	4bd 2ba	Sa 2-4
1105 Funston Pacific Grove 915-0653		
\$1,750,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-4 Su 2-4
512 12th Street Pacific Grove 333-6060 / 238-1984		
\$2,950,000	3bd 4ba	Su 1-3
127 16th Street Pacific Grove 318-3808		
\$3,199,000	3bd 4ba	Fr 3-6 Sa Su 11-2 Mo 11-2
111 12th Street Pacific Grove 521-3131		
\$3,498,000	4bd 2.5+ba	Sa Su 1-3
131 7th Street Pacific Grove 402-2017		
\$5,999,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 1-3
1273 Surf Avenue Pacific Grove 333-6325		
\$7,495,000	7bd 4ba	Sa 12-3 Su 1-4
888 Del Monte Blvd Pacific Grove 277-3914 / 206-0129		

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17 Shepherd's Knoll Pebble Beach 320-6801		
\$2,350,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 3-5
1171 Chaparral Road Pebble Beach 521-4855		
\$2,495,000	4bd 2ba	Fr 3-5 Sa Su 11-2
3113 Sloat Rd Pebble Beach 915-8989 / 277-9250		
\$2,695,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
1091 Laurel Pebble Beach 620-2936 / 293-4935		



\$3,100,000 3bd 2ba Sa Su 1-3
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Carmel Realty

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\$4,995,000	4bd 5.5ba	Su 1-3
3198 Del Ciervo Rd Pebble Beach 917-3966		
\$6,780,000	4bd 4.5ba	Sa 12-4 Su 1-4
3937 Ronda Road Pebble Beach 747-7620		
\$9,500,000	5bd 5.5ba	Sa 12-2
3159 Stevenson Dr Pebble Beach 915-1004		
\$9,995,000	4bd 2.5ba	Fr 2-5 Sa 12-4
1651 Crespi Lane Pebble Beach 460-6864		
\$10,900,000	4bd 5.5ba	Sa 1-4 Su 1-3
31 Poppy Ln Pebble Beach 206-0129 / 220-9817		

SALINAS

\$665,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 12-2:30
12805 Rogge Village Loop Salinas 887-8022		
\$875,000	4bd 2ba	Sa 11-1
516 College Drive Salinas 596-2570		
\$998,000	5bd 2.5ba	Su 12-3
17554 Sugarmill Road Salinas 236-7251		
\$1,175,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
8607 Berta Canyon Ct Salinas 214-2250		
\$1,395,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 11-1:30
14390 Mountain Quail Road Salinas 236-7251		
\$2,000,000	4bd 3.5ba	Su 1-4
9020 Hidden Canyon Road Salinas 840-5582		

SEASIDE

\$599,900	2bd 1ba	Sa 12-2
520 Amador Avenue Seaside 915-2109		
\$765,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 11-1
1313 Harding St Seaside 277-0971		
\$785,000	3bd 1.5ba	Sa 11-1
1425 Luxton Street Seaside 596-2570		
\$829,999	3bd 1.5ba	Sa 1-3
1233 Hilby Avenue Seaside 277-5256		
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1484 Sonoma Avenue Seaside 261-1120		

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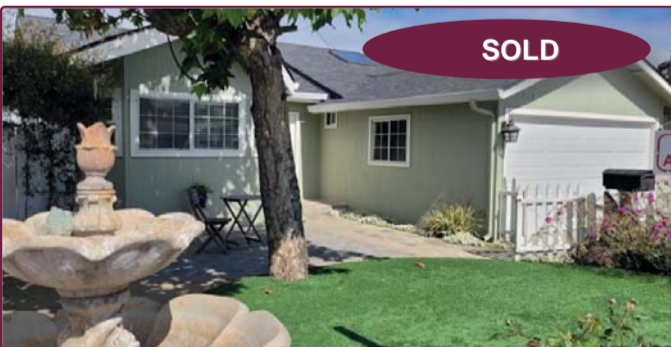
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SOLD!

Charming remodeled Victorian 4 bedroom/3 baths
302 Park St, Pacific Grove
SOLD for \$1,950,000

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859 Balboa Ave, PG	\$3,255,000	9 Deer Stalker Path, MTY	\$1,780,000	142 11th St, PG	\$1,570,000
610 Forest Ave, PG	\$1,548,000	955 Egan Ave, PG	\$1,460,000	1128 3rd St, MO	\$1,214,100
311 Cedar St, PG	\$1,275,000	2757 Sea Glass Ave, MA	\$1,189,000	459 English Ave, MTY	\$1,135,000
361 Hannon Ave, MTY	\$1,073,100	132 6th St, PG	\$995,000	1109 Heather Ln, PG	\$950,000
1556 Hilby St, SEA	\$886,000	1232 Vallejo St, SEA	\$897,500	401 Sequoia St, MTY	\$829,000
17 Saucito Ave, DRO	\$882,000	1713 Goodwin St, SEA	\$765,000	13750 Center St, CV	\$630,000



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43 Rancho San Carlos Road at The Preserve
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600 Santa Lucia Way unit F — \$380,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Erandy Ramirez
APN: 031-294-034

604 Santa Lucia Way unit A — \$438,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Celina Harris
APN: 031-295-008

604 Santa Lucia Way unit C — \$438,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Cindy Gutierrez
APN: 031-295-010

604 Santa Lucia Way unit D — \$438,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Ana Reyes
APN: 031-295-011

616 Carmel Avenue — \$507,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Elizabeth McLeod
APN: 031-314-007

624 Carmel Avenue — \$507,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Isaias Vasquez and Rocio Alonzo
APN: 031-314-011

628 Carmel Avenue — \$507,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Salomon Solis and Cynthia Zepeda



956 Sea Palm Avenue, Pacific Grove — \$3,420,500

APN: 031-314-013

622 Carmel Avenue — \$553,000

The Sea Haven LLC Jeremy and Marimo Shaw
APN: 031-314-010

3115 Flower Circle — \$775,000

Barry Covington to Olea Investments Inc.
APN: 032-231-011

228 Michael Drive — \$820,000

King and Nora Wayman to Henry and Jennifer Halemano
APN: 032-432-012

17603 Reynolds Street — \$880,000

ICMD Properties LLC to Paula Conner and Elizabeth Marks



1121 Circle Road, Pebble Beach — \$2,500,000

APN: 031-292-040

2732 Sand Dune Avenue — \$989,000

Shea Homes LP to Deborah and Michael Brady
APN: 031-285-002

3058 El Capitan Drive — \$1,202,500

The Sea Haven LLC to James and Liberty Smith
APN: 031-313-013

609 Santa Ynez Way — \$1,218,500

The Sea Haven LLC to Andreas Baumler and Renee Tsolis
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2714 Sand Dune Avenue — \$1,260,000

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Shea Homes LP to Naeem and Farah Rana
APN: 031-285-010

607 Santa Ynez Way — \$1,321,500

The Sea Haven LLC to Robert and Mary Feist
APN: 031-313-006

3083 Arroyo Drive — \$1,373,500

The Sea Haven LLC to Calvin Wong
APN: 031-311-063

3093 Arroyo Drive — \$1,378,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Bernice Bates
APN: 031-311-068

3085 Arroyo Drive — \$1,504,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Melanie Dang and Peter Ha
APN: 031-311-062

3055 El Capitan Drive — \$1,701,500

The Sea Haven LLC to Heather and Connor Griffin
APN: 031-311-015

Monterey

957 Johnson Street — \$775,000

Mary Webber to Lanzer Miller
APN: 001-333-004

662 Oak Street — \$885,000

Domenic and Sheri Mercurio, Patricia Chappell and Charles Gutierrez to Donny and Stacey Gregg
APN: 001-116-016

1251 Pacific Street — \$961,000

Daniel Wolnick to Erin and Katrina Lewis
APN: 001-651-006

521 Hannon Avenue — \$1,183,000

Laurie Hulega to Bret Whitford
APN: 013-131-007

1113 McClellan Avenue — \$1,400,000

John and Mary Kanalakis to Coastal Endeavors Monterey LLC
APN: 001-151-014

767 Madison Street — \$1,669,000

Margaret Eller to Warren Sanford and Kristen Coor



22700 Picador Drive, Carmel Valley — \$1,575,000

APN: 001-406-012

Pacific Grove

990 Sinex Avenue — \$1,675,000

Finemark Bank and Buccafurni Trust to James and Brandy Ritchie
APN: 006-561-005

225 17 Mile Drive — \$2,325,000

Adam de Boor and Mari Osuna to Sarah Ryan
APN: 006-341-018

743 Bayview Avenue — \$2,330,000

Shane Oberg to Blaine and Kacie Booher
APN: 006-142-041

683 Ocean View Blvd. — \$3,150,000

Menghetti Beach Properties LLC to Arthur and Susan Anglin
APN: 006-081-002

956 Sea Palm Avenue — \$3,420,500

Michael and Karinne Gordon to Thomas and Deborah Tucker
APN: 006-062-014

Pebble Beach

22 Ocean Pines Lane — \$955,000

Thomas and Theresa Alfredson to Thomas O'Harir and Evelyn Mitchell
APN: 008-582-022

1121 Circle Road — \$2,500,000

WH1 LLC to Brian Palmer and Samantha Groeninger
APN: 007-512-013

64 Spanish Bay Circle — \$3,742,000



25485 Via Paloma, Carmel Valley — \$2,695,000

Josetta Pai to Philip and Donna Harris
APN: 007-092-064

Salinas

22785 Fuji Lane — \$3,450,000

Tom Mayo to Fuji Lane Propco LLC
APN: 137-141-011

109 San Juan Grade Road — \$3,690,000

NAR Properties LLC to John and Jenice Schultheis
APN: 253-111-013

1280 Rider Avenue — \$12,000,000

Edwin Lau to Alisal Country Estates Inc.
APN: 004-361-013

Seaside

1790 Fernando Street — \$720,000

John and Karen Hayes to Ashley Arness and Paul Russo
APN: 012-111-021

1125 Kimball Avenue — \$751,000

David Rudisill to Marco Sousa and Barbara Pemberton
APN: 012-384-010

4460 Peninsula Point Drive — \$1,250,000

Christopher Sagen to Brendan, Andrew and Murial Lin
APN: 031-242-004

2620 Bay View Drive — \$2,566,500

Shea Homes LP to Kenneth and Catherine Down
APN: 031-055-007

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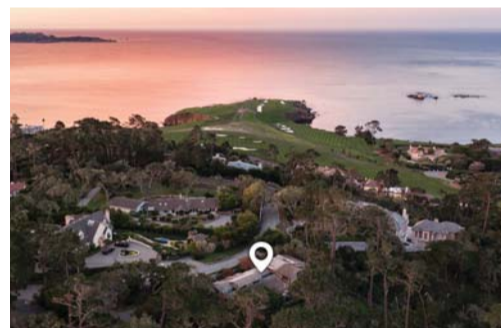
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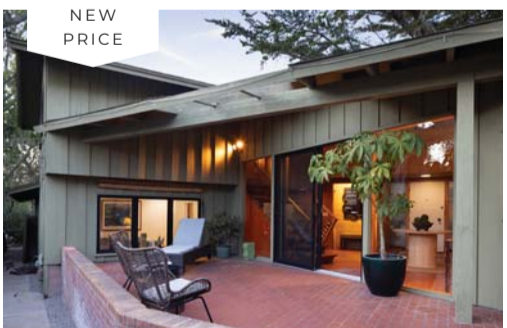
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