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## ‘DELICIOUS’ MUSHROOM TURNS INTO NIGHTMARE

By KELLY NIX

AN ALLURING but deadly wild mushroom picked from a local forest landed three members of a Monterey family in the hospital, with one of them — a 69-year-old man — requiring a liver transplant.

On April 15, Gail McIntyre, 84, said her son-in-law, Dave Morgan, an experienced forager, harvested a large mushroom he spotted off Skyline Forest Drive in Monterey. He believed he’d picked the edible *Amanita calyptroderma* variety, prized by foragers. Morgan cooked it with garlic and onion, and he, along with his wife, Suzy Morgan, 61, and McIntyre, ate it that night with seafood pasta.

“He sautéed it, and the three of us enjoyed it as a side dish with our dinner,” McIntyre told The Pine Cone about the roughly 4-inch-diameter tan and golden mushroom, which she said was “delicious.”

### Frightening symptoms

The next morning, though, all three woke up feeling very sick.

“By 5 to 6 a.m., we were all having diarrhea and vomiting,” McIntyre said. “Dave somehow drove us to Community Hospital, and we were all admitted. The next day, Dave and I were transferred to UCSF Medical Center, and Suzy remained at CHOMP. She did not eat as much as we did, and her symptoms were not as serious, but she was kept at the hospital for nearly a week.”

See **MUSHROOM** page 16A



PHOTO/SUZY MORGAN

It resembles an edible specimen, but this poisonous mushroom, collected in Skyline Forest in Monterey, made a whole family ill and forced a 69-year-old man to get a liver transplant.

## Pastor asks council to intervene in Stonehouse dispute

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL Historic Resources Board wrongly supported adding a 49-year-old complex on San Carlos Street to the National Register of Historic Places, according to an appeal filed by Patrice Pastor’s local development company, Esperanza Carmel, which is planning to build a mixed-use complex on an adjacent property. The city council is set to decide whether that’s the case at its June 1 meeting.

“We object to this action taken by the city,” states the protest written on Pastor’s behalf by managing director Christopher Mitchell, because the letter sent to the state as a result of the board’s action was never reviewed at a public meeting. “The writing and issuance of a support letter without public input or comment is highly improper.”

On April 20, the historic resources board considered an application filed with the California State Office of Historic Preservation by one of the owners of Stonehouse Terrace, Kristi Reimers, to have the complex added to the National Register alongside the Carmel Mission, Sunset Center and Flanders Mansion. Stonehouse was designed by the late architect Olof Dahlstrand and built in 1977, making it a year too young to be listed on the city’s historic inventory.

### Vote delayed

The property has been in the family since the late 1930s, when it contained a small cottage. Dahlstrand, who graduated with a degree in architecture from Cornell University in 1939 and went on to design buildings in the San Francisco Bay Area in the “Wrightian Organic idiom,” is listed as a significant local architect in the city’s historic context statement.

He came to Carmel in 1960. His designs include the Mid-Valley Shopping Center in Carmel Valley, the Wells Fargo Bank and Nielsen Bros. Market on San Carlos, and he served on the planning commission and the city council. Stonehouse Terrace would be the first of his local buildings to be considered historic.

The city and Reimers, who lives in one of the Stonehouse apartments and owns a business there, each hired a historian to evaluate it. Their analyses concluded the

See **STONEHOUSE** page 19A

## Roller skates, grocery delivery, gym memberships

### What can Medi-Cal do for you?

SPENDING ON healthcare for the indigent in California has more than doubled since Gov. Gavin Newsom took office in 2019, and it’s not just because more Californians are getting older or because coverage was expanded to undocumented immigrants. It’s also because Medi-Cal, the California version of Medicaid, pays for a lot more

the more out-there services covered in California. His diatribe accused the state of using federal Medicaid dollars to pay for exorcisms, housing, in-home chefs, gym memberships, bicycles and scooters.

### Setting records

“California — they are just setting all kinds of records,” Kennedy said. “These folks, they are wild people.”

The scary part is that he’s not totally wrong.

Over the last seven years, Medi-Cal’s budget has ballooned from \$102 billion to \$222 billion, a 117%

See **MEDICAL** page 30A

## Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

than doctor visits.

In a recent U.S. Senate hearing on the Golden State’s ever-escalating Medi-Cal spending, Louisiana Sen. John Kennedy focused his sharp-tongued critiques on some of

## Sun-ripened rocks are ready for harvest



PHOTO/CHRIS COUNTS

What looks from a distance like a patch of granite pumpkins is actually riprap that’s been removed from the Carmel River as part of a major habitat rehabilitation project. To find out where the rocks are going, see page 9A.

## Grab the cats and kids and head for the hills

### Evacuation drill will test methods, patience Saturday

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN A fake wildfire threatens Carmel-by-the-Sea, will residents, visitors, employees and everyone else make their way out of the city in a calm, orderly manner? Or will chaos and confusion ensue? In organizing a massive evacuation drill for May 30, Police Chief Todd Trayer hopes to find out.

Months of planning have gone into the exercise, which involves numerous public agencies, nonprofits and volunteer groups. Signs posted around the city are reminding or warning people of the drill, which will begin at 9 a.m. when the automated Alert Monterey County system issues notifications to everyone who has registered a phone number or email address. (Not registered or have no idea what that is? Visit [alertmontereycounty.genasys.com/portal/en](http://alertmontereycounty.genasys.com/portal/en).)

### Won’t see it coming

“It’s all planned out,” Trayer said Tuesday. All the participating agencies will meet for a briefing at Vista Lobos at 7 a.m., “and then the community will get its first notice around 8:40 a.m. that the drill is going to happen and that it’s voluntary.”

“For many people, that will be the first time they hear of it,” he said, “even though I’ve heard about it every day.”

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In a very hard-to-miss color, signs warn of a large evacuation drill scheduled for Saturday. But it’s voluntary, so competitors in the Surfabout at Carmel Beach can keep on surfing.



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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Sightless but secure

Pepa is a 15-year-old Chihuahua Dachshund mix, also known as a "Chiweenie," who can't see. He's also toothless, so his tongue hangs out a little to the side. But he navigates his Carmel Valley life well with the help of his self-appointed guide dog, a German shepherd-husky named Tarot. And his person.

"Pepa was going to be euthanized because he's blind, but Peace of Mind Dog Rescue stepped in, and then we adopted him," his person said. "With Tarot's help, Pepa quickly found the layout of our home and goes up and down the stairs quite well."

Because he's so skilled, she said, people usually don't realize he's blind until they see his white eyes. And Tarot helps to make sure Pepa gets to do everything a sighted dog does.

"Pepa and Tarot hang out together," their person said. "There's a bond that goes beyond sight issues, but I do think Tarot realizes Pepa can't see and has developed a protective sense about him."

At the beach, Pepa scampers through the sand off leash, as his person and his pal follow him. He seems to prefer the hard sand closer to the water but also carries a keen sense of how to avoid going in.

"He is really good at listening to me – following my voice, while maintaining awareness of where Tarot is,"



his person said. "

Pepa is very quiet and doesn't bark much. Perhaps, because his person and his pal are so tuned in to his needs, he asks for very little. In the evening, she lifts him onto her bed, and he burrows under the covers and starts to doze. In the middle of the night, he tucks into his person's neck and continues to sleep, secure in the warmth of his loving family.

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# What should '316 Carmelo' look like?

By MARY SCHLEY

IN THE decades-long march toward the switch to standardized addresses — in a place where the planning department has a say over everything, from house colors and roofing materials, to garden sculptures and landscaping — the City of Carmel this week released some basic information on what everyone's numbers should look like.

More detailed guidelines that have been in the works for several weeks are under review by planning officials for conformance with the Carmel Municipal Code and other standards. They were set to be released this week.

"Most of the design guidelines are driven by law," acting city administrator Brandon Swanson explained in the city's weekly Friday video. "This is what you have to do to display a number on a house."

### The basics

The California Fire Code contains some basics based on visibility, so the "core requirements" for address numbers state that the numerals must have a stroke width of at least a half inch and be at least 4 inches tall, and that they must contrast with the background surface. The numbers must also be visible from the street.

But while they can go shopping for their buildings' newest adornments, homeowners, tenants, commercial property owners and others shouldn't do anything with their

numbers yet, since they're not official, the city says.

Many residents are already celebrating the shift from directional addresses like "Monte Verde 4SE of Ocean" to standardized system — which is in the process of being implemented at the county level and will then migrate into the U.S. Postal Service Address Management System — by placing numbers on their homes.

### Weeks or months

"Please do not post your new standard address number until after you receive an official notice from the city" saying it's OK to do so, officials said. "Notices with a city seal will be sent to the mailing address on file for property owners. Property owners of multi-unit buildings are responsible for notifying tenants of their address numbers and posting individual unit identifiers."

When that will happen remains a bit vague. The city submitted the last of its required data — mostly assignments for multi-unit residential, mixed-use and commercial buildings — to Monterey County May 8. The county must incorporate the new addresses and information into property records, tax assessments, election documents and other systems and has told city officials the process would take two weeks to two months.

USPS integration, along with the entry of the new information in Google Maps and other similar platforms, should occur soon after.

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**Police & Sheriff's Log****It was only a BB gun after all**

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.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

**Pacific Grove:** Grand theft reported on Lobos.

**Pacific Grove:** Municipal code violation on Ocean View Boulevard resulting in a citation for feeding of wildlife.

**Pacific Grove:** Deputies responded to suspicious circumstances on 15th Street.

**Carmel area:** Item missing from a delivery package at a Meadows Road address.

**Pebble Beach:** Civil issue on Scenic Road regarding property.

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A male at Dolores

and Eighth experiencing a suspected drug-induced response was yelling threats at unseen individuals, stating he was going to kill them. Subject was transported to hospital for evaluation and advised of trespass from the location.

**Pacific Grove:** Found property was turned in to the police department and is being held for safekeeping.

**Pacific Grove:** At about 1546 hours, officers were dispatched to a welfare check in the area of Central Avenue at Forest Avenue. The subject contacted was determined to have four outstanding warrants. The 49-year-old female was arrested and transported to county jail.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Info exchange for a vehicle collision at Mission and Seventh.

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

See **POLICE LOG** page 11RE  
in the Real Estate Section

**The gavel falls**

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

**May 21** — Manuel Galindo Rodriguez, 21, of Greenfield, has been indicted for the murder of six Monterey County residents and other crimes Rodriguez committed in Monterey County in early 2024. The Monterey County criminal grand jury returned the indictment after five days of testimony from witnesses. Grand jury hearings are secret proceedings where prosecutors present both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence, and grand jurors are tasked with determining whether there is probable cause to bring charges.

After deliberation, the grand jury indicted Rodriguez for a Feb. 3, 2024, armed robbery in Salinas; the Feb. 4, 2024, double murder of Andres Garcia and Jack Canchola outside Greenfield; and the March 3, 2024, shooting at a King City party where he murdered

Francisco Perez, Olivo Perez, Mario Guzman and Alicia Aparicio. Seven more victims also sustained gunshot wounds. The grand jury found that Rodriguez committed each offense for the benefit of the Norteño criminal street gang.

In May 2024, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office charged Pedro Nava, 35, Angel Evans, 20, and Jonathan Cervantes, 20, all of Greenfield, with the same crimes. The People intend to join Rodriguez's case with theirs.

In January and February of 2024, Angel Evans and other Norteño gang members stole two vehicles from the Monterey Peninsula. At the time, Evans was in the T.A.I.L.S. program (Trauma-informed, animal-assisted,

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## Prosecutors charge Illinois man with attempted murder in P.G.

By KELLY NIX

AN ILLINOIS resident with a history of violent crimes was arrested by Pacific Grove police last week, after authorities said he tried to murder a man in an apartment on Moreland Avenue. This week, prosecutors charged the suspect with several felonies, including attempted murder, premeditated murder, court records show.

On Thursday, May 21, at about 9 p.m., police received a report of two men arguing in an apartment at 7 Moreland Ave. Officers looked through a window and saw a man later identified as Kevin Birdo, 50, of Centralia, Ill., “actively cutting himself on the arm with what appeared to be a standard kitchen steak-style knife.”

“Officers began communicating with Birdo and issued verbal commands in an effort to safely de-escalate the situation,” according to PGPD. “Birdo eventually dropped the knife and walked outside the residence, where officers placed him into handcuffs and took him into custody without incident.”

### Motive unknown

After Birdo made comments about another man inside the apartment, officers entered and found Hubert L. Garrett, 50, unconscious in a bedroom, with suspected knife wounds to his face and facial fractures that police said are consistent with blunt force trauma. Alcohol was determined to be a contributing factor in the incident, police said, adding that Garrett

was rushed to a hospital for treatment.

PGPD Police Chief Casey Day said the two were childhood friends, and that Birdo contacted Garrett after arriving in Monterey County a few weeks ago. Birdo had been sleeping on the floor of Garrett’s apartment.

Garrett “is unclear why this happened and reported no feud of argument prior to the attack,” Day told The Pine Cone.

### ‘Not guilty’

On Tuesday, the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office charged Birdo with attempted willful, deliberate and premeditated murder and assault with a deadly weapon, both felonies. He was also charged with enhancements for great bodily injury and the use of a deadly weapon — a knife — in the crime. He is being held

in Monterey County Jail with no bond.

Birdo “personally inflicted great bodily injury upon Hubert Lee Garrett III,” prosecutors contend in the four-page complaint.

That same day, Birdo pleaded not guilty to the charges in a Salinas courtroom.

Police said Birdo’s criminal history includes numerous violent crimes, including felony assault and aggravated battery on a police officer, robbery, weapons offenses, obstruction of justice, aggravated battery causing great bodily harm, domestic violence and aggravated battery on a pregnant or disabled person.

A 2011 Illinois appellate court document indicates that a grand jury indicted Birdo in March 2000 for striking a correctional officer in the face with his fist and spitting on him.



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# Rocky Creek repairs will take two years

By CHRIS COUNTS

**STARTING THIS** week and lasting for up to two years, motorists can expect delays of up to 10 minutes at Rocky Creek Bridge in Big Sur as state workers use a process known as electrochemical chloride extraction to extend the span's life. A signal will regulate traffic at the site 24/7.

The \$16 million project is expected to be completed by June 2028.

Caltrans officials say the salty ocean air is slowly corroding the bridge, and "extensive repairs" are needed.

"The bridge is experiencing active corrosion of the steel reinforcement due to the presence of chlorides in the concrete, which cause degradation of the structural concrete elements," according to the state roads agency. "Treatment will restore the health of the bridge and extend its life by halting the active corrosion of the steel reinforcement through the removal of chloride ions."

### Check your weight

Larger vehicles could face load restrictions when traveling over the bridge during repair work.

"Wide and heavy loads are advised to

contact the Caltrans Permits Office prior to planned travel or plan an alternate route," Caltrans announced. "Detours will not be available."

The signal will remain in use during Car Week in 2026 and 2027, and during the Big Sur International Marathon in 2027 and 2028. Motorists should plan for a brief stop at the site. "Travelers are advised to give themselves extra time," the report added.

The California Transportation Commission awarded more than \$3 billion for various projects last August, including nearly \$21 million for the work on the Rocky Creek Bridge. The money comes mostly from state and federal gasoline taxes.

### 96 years old

Built in 1932, Rocky Creek Bridge is made of concrete and steel and measures just under 500 feet long. A 2019 report by the American Road and Transportation Builders Association gave it a deficiency status of "fair" and a sufficiency rating of 46.5 — nearly the same as Big Sur's Limekiln Creek Bridge, which is slated for replacement at a cost of more than \$100 million. Work on the Limekiln bridge is

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# STATE OKS COUNTY HOUSING PLAN

## ■ But rezoning needed, too

By CHRIS COUNTS

**A CRITICAL** blueprint that will help shape development in unincorporated parts of Monterey County in the coming years — and an essential tool for assuring the county has any say in that process — its updated housing plan recently moved one step closer to approval by the state.

Two months after county officials submitted an updated housing plan, which envisions a steep increase in the number of housing units it must allow through 2031, the California Department of Housing and Community Development sent a letter May 12 confirming that its plan "meets the statutory requirements" of state law.

But it won't be deemed to be in compliance until a number of zoning changes are made.

"The housing element will comply with State Housing Element Law when rezones are completed to meet all statutory requirements and the element is adopted, submitted to and approved," state housing official Paul McDougall said.

According to the state's Regional Housing Needs Assessment for Monterey County, the county must plan for 3,326 new homes, including 530 for residents with low incomes and 827 for those with very low incomes. The plan allocates 642 new units in Carmel Valley, where opposition to new homes is strong and often vocal.

### See you in September

In the letter, McDougall told county officials that his office "appreciates the hard work and dedication" county staff have put into revising the housing plan, and he "encourages the county to expeditiously

complete rezoning and adopt and submit the housing element to regain housing element compliance."

When will the county meet all the state's requirements?

According to its top building official, Craig Spencer, "We are targeting September of this year for adoption and submission to the state."

Because county officials missed a Dec. 15, 2023, deadline for finalizing the plan, the Builder's Remedy remains in effect, making it possible for developers to sidestep local approvals and density limits — as was the case with the recent approval of a plan by a developer to build 59 single-family homes and 15 affordable townhomes on a 12.5-acre site at 26500 and 26550 Val Verde Drive, at the end of

Rio Road in Carmel Valley.

## Builder's Remedy still in effect, though

### A worse alternative?

The Builder's Remedy may also make it possible for developer Patrick Orosco to build 90 homes at the former Carmel Valley Airfield despite widespread opposition to the plan. But Orosco contends another developer could build up to 600 units on the same site — making any fight against his proposal a high-stakes gamble.

Such approvals became possible after a major California housing bill signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom in 2024 allowed developers to use the Builder's Remedy if a county's housing element is out of compliance.

If the county can get its housing element approved by the state, residents will have more power to stop or shape projects they don't like.

"Getting a certified housing element will impact the ability for developers to

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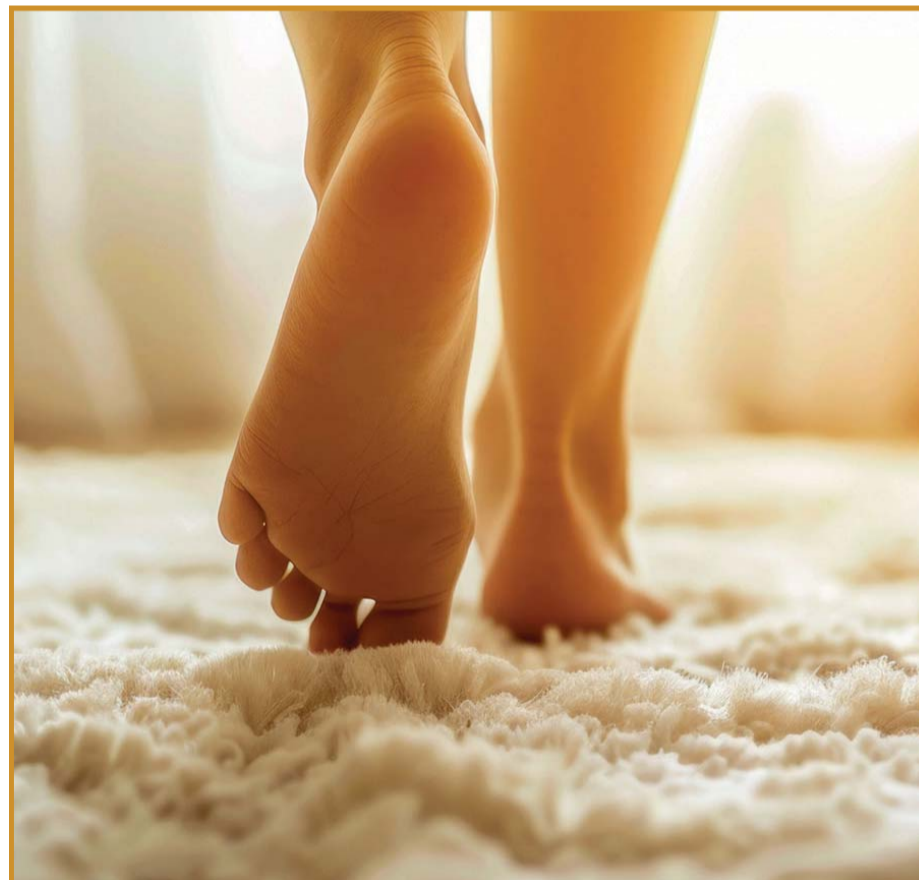
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# Mystery rocks are headed elsewhere

By CHRIS COUNTS

**PILED UP** in long rows that resemble a pumpkin patch, a jumble of boulders visible from Carmel Valley Road will soon find a home elsewhere, thanks to the Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Project at Palo Corona Regional Park, which just kicked off the second of two construction phases.

The boulders were once part of the extensive riprap installed decades ago to keep the Carmel River from flooding homes and two golf courses. But experts say the channeling led to faster river flows and damage to habitat.

Most of the boulders will be given to the contractor who is removing them and will be repurposed in many ways, offering a cheaper, sustainable alternative to newly quarried rock. Common uses for boulders include structural fill, retaining walls, landscaping and erosion control.

While most of the riprap is headed off site, some will be reused to help create better habitat in the Carmel River for steelhead.

### 81,000 new plants

Once part of Rancho Cañada Golf Club, the land was acquired by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District in 2018.

Launched in June, the \$37 million Rancho Cañada project will restore habitat along a 1-mile stretch of the Carmel River.

Over the past year, work crews have moved 266,650 cubic yards of rock and dirt. They have also installed more than 81,000 native plants and reconnected the

Carmel River to parts of the floodplain that had been cut off for decades.

The work removed about 3,200 linear feet of riprap from the river's banks that park officials said was interfering with the river's "natural geomorphic processes."

"The results are already showing up in the landscape," the park district reported this week. "Side channels have activated, groundwater has returned to the surface, and wildlife is moving through the corridor."

**Boulders were not good for the river, but they can be useful elsewhere**

### New trails

The first phase of the project focused on the west end of the site, while the second phase moves to the east end.

The work includes installing a 275-foot-long pedestrian bridge that will be capable of supporting emergency vehicles. The second phase is expected to be completed in October.

As construction shifts to other sites, Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District park official Jake Smith said fauna is returning.

"We've seen deer, mountain lions, migratory birds, frogs, tadpoles and life in general in the project area," said Smith. "It's great to see wildlife move in and adopt the space."

A massive replanting effort — which requires burying topsoil rendered unusable due to contamination by invasive plant seeds — is also underway.

Park officials say the restored habitat will benefit steelhead, red-legged frogs, migratory birds and other wildlife, make it possible to create new trails and reduce the flood risk in nearby neighborhoods. Two new trails are expected to open in July.

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# Years later, interfaith soup kitchen still feeding those in need

By KELLY NIX

NEARLY EVERY Thursday in Marina, a group of volunteers assembled by Jewish, Christian and Muslim organizers serves hot, nutritious meals to hundreds of people in need — from single mothers, to homeless men, to

working families.

Abraham's Tent, a soup kitchen that operates out of a church, was started about seven years ago after clergy from the three faiths began meeting to strengthen ties. Conversations turned into bread-breaking and brainstorming, explained Congregation Beth Israel Rabbi Emeritus

Bruce Greenbaum.

"One of the members of the group suggested, 'Why don't we have a meal together?'" Greenbaum said. "Then someone from the mosque suggested we cook extra food and provide it to those who are hungry. We all thought that was brilliant."

To achieve its mission, the clergy formed the charitable organization JCM United — an acronym for Jewish, Christian and Muslim — and began feeding people

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Volunteers preparing food for Abraham's Tent, a food kitchen in Marina that serves dozens of people each week.

through Abraham's Tent, which offers free Thursday dinners at Epiphany Lutheran and Episcopal Church, 425 Carmel Ave., Marina, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

"Rarely have we missed a Thursday," Greenbaum added.

The clientele is socioeconomically diverse, with military families occasionally accepting the meals alongside homeless people and others, he said.

### Walk, ride or drive up

While Abraham's Tent hasn't offered inside dining since Covid, that doesn't seem to matter. As many as 300 people walk, drive or bicycle to the Marina church for the food, which often consists of salad, a rice-based chicken dish, and dessert. They eat outside on the premises or take the food with them. Ten to-go meals are allowed per vehicle.

"Lately, we've been averaging about 250 meals per week," Greenbaum said.

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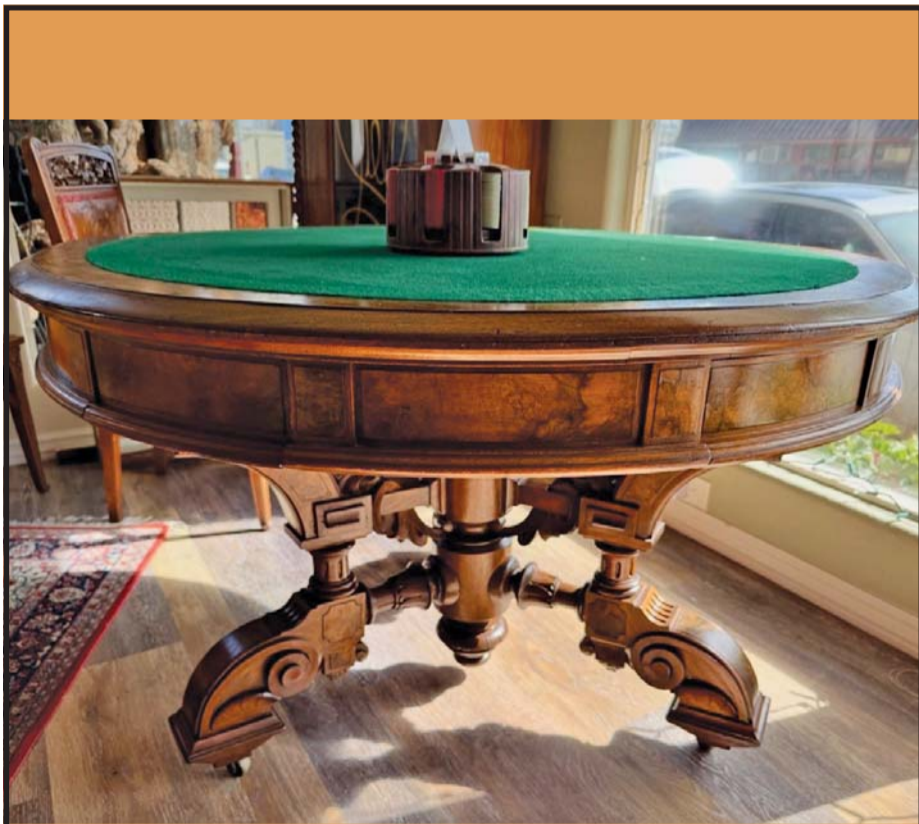
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# Swanson turns down city admin job

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN FORMER city administrator Chip Rerig retired late last year, many thought his second in command, Brandon Swanson, would step into the job. In a closed session Tuesday afternoon, the Carmel City Council offered him the permanent post, but after serving in the role as acting city administrator for nearly five months, Swanson decided not to take it.

“The city council did offer me the job permanently, but I’ve decided to take the option in my contract and go back to assistant city administrator,” he told The Pine Cone Wednesday. “It’s not never, it’s just not right now.”

In a May 26 letter, Swanson told the council he was honored to be offered the top post but decided to exercise the clause in his contract allowing him to return to his role as assistant city administrator, which effectively moves him from a CEO-like position to one more akin to a COO. The change will take effect when the council hires someone to replace Rerig.

The return to his prior job will also free Swanson from sitting through the city council’s monthly back-to-back, often four-plus-hour, afternoon-into-evening meetings.

### Excited to collaborate

Hired as planning and building director in 2021, Swanson was promoted to assistant administrator in February 2024 and essentially did both jobs until Anna Ginette was brought in to oversee planning and building in February 2025. As second in command, he reported directly to Rerig — not to the city council — and supported

him by coordinating with department directors to resolve organizational issues, managing day-to-day operations, and overseeing a range of services and programs. He also helped develop and monitor the budget, prepare council agenda materials and coach administrative staff.

Swanson told the council Tuesday he’ll be pleased to stay in his acting role until it finds the right person for the job, and human resources director Marisa Bermudez will continue serving as acting assistant city administrator.

“As you move into the process of recruiting for city administrator, I want to share my excitement about supporting the person you find,” he wrote. “I look forward to building a strong and collaborative partnership with them and serving our residents together as a unified leadership team.”

### Old job, old pay

Once a new person is installed as city administrator, Swanson, 45, will be subject to the terms of his Dec. 22, 2025, contract, which outlines his duties as assistant city administrator and sets his annual base pay at \$244,927.

In the acting role, he is receiving \$254,392 per year. The council is set to update his contract to extend his term as acting city administrator from its original six months to a time uncertain, but which will end when the post is filled.

“I will stay at my acting pay and serve as the city administrator for that period, however long it is,” he explained. “Then, once a new city administrator comes in, I’ll go back to my old job with my old salary.”

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# Holiday traffic highlights trouble at Bixby Bridge

By CHRIS COUNTS

IN THE days following the Monterey County Board of Supervisors' May 19 vote to ban parking near Bixby Bridge for at least a year, the traffic over Memorial Day wreaked havoc on the site, which continues to draw hordes of selfie-seeking tourists.

While many residents are wondering how the California Coastal Commission, which has a legislative mandate to facilitate public access to the coast, will respond to the bold move, the powerful agency appears willing to accept the one-year ban — at least for now.

The supervisors' vote came just two days before Memorial Day weekend brought tens of thousands of tourists to Big Sur and created a monumental mess at Bixby Bridge throughout the weekend.

### Madness ahead

Big Sur resident and Keep Big Sur Wild chair Marcus Foster — who has likely done more than anyone else to publicize the Bixby Bridge problem — drove up the coast Saturday afternoon to attend a friend's graduation at York School and described the scene he saw as he approached the bridge from the south. "I could see the madness," he told The Pine Cone.

Soon, Foster found himself stopped in the middle of the bridge. In the other lane was a mile-long line of vehicles that was barely moving. He posted a video of the scene on Facebook.

"There were about 10 cars parked on the highway," he reported. "We were stopped on the bridge for 10 minutes. Two guys in front of us got out of their truck and took selfies leaning over the bridge railings."

The gridlock eased as Foster made it past the bridge, but it returned as he neared Point Lobos State Reserve. He noted that every possible parking space on the east side of the highway was taken — even though the practice was banned by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors in 2021.

The traffic was even worse on the drive back to Big Sur.

"It took us almost 30 minutes to get through Point Lobos on the return trip and over an hour to get past Bixby Bridge due to the long backup of cars," Foster said. "I watched numerous drivers give up and make illegal U-turns."

Foster spoke out Wednesday during public comment at a Board of Supervisors budget hearing. He noted that an ambulance responding to a medical emergency was delayed by heavy traffic at the bridge Monday.

"Big Sur is at a breaking point," he warned. "We have become one of the world's most popular travel destinations. Bixby Bridge has become an unmanaged free-for-all. We have one CHP officer covering 71 miles of coastline. We need to figure out how to better manage visitation."

Also commenting at the budget hearing was Richard Mole, a long-time hospitality worker in Big Sur. Mole has lived in town for the past decade and spends eight hours a week commuting. "I love my job," he said. "I love the people I work with. But traffic is becoming a nightmare."

### Long-term fix sought

Many locals are wondering how the coastal commission will respond to the county's ban. The watchdog agency has increasingly pushed for more public access in recent years and isn't shy about insisting on that access. Before the May 19 vote, Alejo warned his colleagues that the agency has issued big fines to various entities for restricting people from accessing



PHOTO/ALAMY

Many Big Sur tourists, like these two, appear willing to risk their lives to capture images for social media.

public land, while Lopez, who serves on the coastal commission, said he would like to see some parking made available at the site.

But commission spokesperson Joshua Smith told The Pine Cone that the agency is willing to let the ban stand for now — if there is a plan in place to end it. "We're expecting that any emergency closure will be temporary and include a timeline for developing a more permanent solution," Smith said.

The commission "understands why" supervisors passed the temporary ban.

"We hope they will continue to explore

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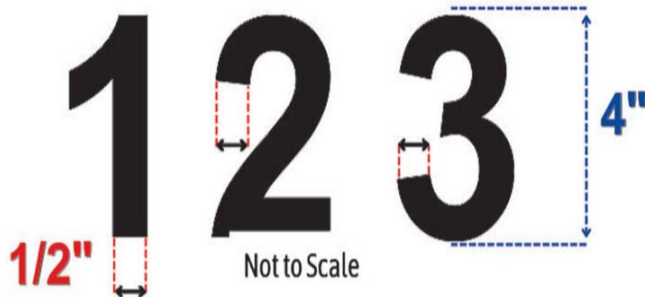
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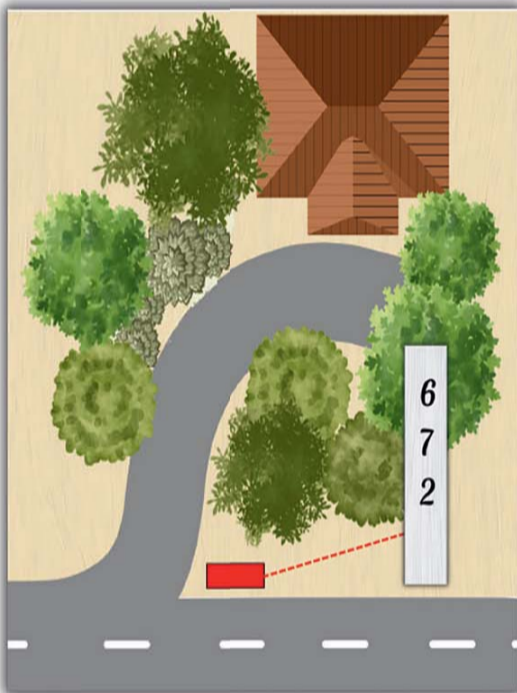
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# Mairzy Doats and goats eat ... it all

By MARY SCHLEY

THE ‘OWL guy,’ Paul Falworth, is also a goat guy — especially when it comes to putting them to work munching away on brush and plants that create fire hazards.

In an effort to convince the Carmel City Council to make vegetation removal in a heavily wooded canyon on the edge of town near Pebble Beach a priority, he and his emotional support goat will be at city hall on June 2 to present a petition signed by more than 200 people.

The campaign calls on the city “to immediately initiate hazardous-fuel reduction in Pescadero Canyon along Second Avenue, which is under the city’s sole jurisdiction and has become dangerously overgrown with weeds, grasses and ivy over the past century.”

Immediate action is “necessary to reduce the risk of a devastating wildfire threatening Carmel-by-the-Sea” before the height of this year’s fire season, it says.

## Talking goat

Falworth — who is also the force behind Carmel Owls, the effort to attract great horned owls for rodent control by building and installing platforms on suitable trees — has taken temporary custody of a female goat called Sophie who will climb the city hall steps with him next Tuesday.

She’s also the star of an AI-generated talking-goat video featuring “Carmelo Goat” promoting Falworth’s effort to get the city to act sooner rather than later on vegetation clearance in the canyon.

The video and lots of other information can be found at [carmelfiregoats.org](http://carmelfiregoats.org), which Falworth set up to spread the word and encourage people to sign his petition.

While parts of the canyon are in Pebble Beach and are therefore under the jurisdic-



PHOTO/PAUL FALWORTH

Resident Paul Falworth and his four-legged accomplice will be at city hall Tuesday to stump for brush removal in Pescadero Canyon.

tion of Cal Fire and other agencies, a half-dozen large parcels “estimated to contain roughly 80% of the canyon’s hazardous fuel problem” are within the city limits, according to Falworth.

“We should immediately clear the land we already control rather than wait another year for every outside agency and jurisdiction to finalize agreements, studies and coordination plans in the multi-jurisdictional area adjacent to the city-controlled properties,” he said. “We must act now.”

Pebble Beach often uses rented goats for brush clearance — in fact, they were out working this week, Falworth said — but Carmel never has. And other than when a herd broke through some temporary

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# MUSHROOM

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Not long after Morgan was taken to UCSF, his liver was failing and he needed a transplant, which he received April 25. He spent 26 days in the hospital before being released.

"Dave is still mostly bedridden," McIntyre explained last week, adding that he is being cared for at her Monterey home. "We have a hospital bed for him here. He is beginning to have therapy to get up and move around a bit. Being older, I think that it's taking me longer to feel better. But I'm able to walk around and eat normally. We have been told that we should make a 100% recovery, which is the best news."

McIntyre was in the hospital for 10 nights, while her

daughter was there for six.

"Suzy has been an amazing caregiver," McIntyre said.

Though it's not clear what variety the family ingested, the mushroom they ate bears a strong resemblance to *Amanita phalloides*, commonly known as the death cap mushroom, which is highly toxic, causes liver failure and is responsible for 90% of fatal mushroom poisonings. Death caps are prevalent in Monterey County.

McIntyre said her son-in-law ate more of the mushroom than she and her daughter did, which she figured was the reason he got the worst of it.

"My message would be don't eat any mushrooms that are picked in the wild," McIntyre said.

## 'Unprecedented' deaths

On May 22, the state Department of Public Health announced that California is experiencing an "unprecedented increase in poisonings and deaths linked to the



PHOTO/SUZY MORGAN

Suzy and Dave Morgan and Gail McIntyre became seriously ill after eating a toxic mushroom picked from a Monterey forest.

accidental picking and consumption of poisonous wild mushrooms, particularly death caps," and identified Monterey County as one of nine counties where people have been poisoned from eating foraged mushrooms.

"This outbreak, now in its seventh month, continues to cause severe liver damage in both children and adults and has led to four deaths and four liver transplants among the 50 identified cases," the agency said. "Since mid-April alone, the California Poison Control System has received reports of 12 additional poisoning cases, far surpassing the state's previous major outbreak in 2016, which involved 14 total cases. In a typical year, there are fewer than five reported cases of mushroom poisoning."

Public health officials "strongly urge Californians not to pick or eat wild mushrooms, as the risk of potentially deadly amatoxin poisoning remains extremely high," the agency said, referring to the poison in some species of mushrooms that attacks the liver and kidneys.

## Big budget, tax hikes, appeals and paid parking

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A \$41.76 million 2026-2027 budget that requires tapping into nearly \$2.7 million in savings, a duo of proposed tax increases, a garbage-rate price hike, two appeals, paid parking and the long-suffering beach stairs at 12th Avenue are among the many items the Carmel City Council is set to discuss at its June 1 special meeting and its June 2 regular meeting. Monday's session will begin at 3 p.m., while Tuesday's will get underway at 4:30.

On June 1, after voting on routine items like monthly reports and the check register — and some less routine ones, like budget adjustments and appointments to various boards and commissions — the council is set to receive a presentation from Police Chief Todd Trayer on the nearly always controversial topic of paid parking.

It will then take on two appeals, one filed by a Scenic Road couple who object to their neighbors' ADU and landscaping, and the other by Esperanza Carmel (see front-page story).

### Stair trouble

The next day, the council is set to adopt the 2026-2027 budget, which anticipates a little more than \$39 million in revenues, mostly from sales, hotel and property taxes, and in excess of \$41.7 million in expenditures, including more than \$8.4 million for capital expenditures.

Votes on proposed ballot measures to increase hotel and sales tax rates, to formalize the shift to standardized street addresses and to increase garbage fees will follow, along with a resolution rejecting all bids for repairing the 12th Avenue beach stairs.

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# EVACUATION

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Would-be evacuees will be directed to jump in their cars and head to the intersection of Ocean and Monte Verde to be escorted to a safe spot, or to walk to Junipero and Ocean, where buses will pick them up. After they get there, they'll be contacted and asked a few quick questions about how the process went, Trayer said.

The drill is "designed to strengthen emergency preparedness, improve coordinated response efforts, and help residents safely practice evacuation procedures during a simulated wildfire emergency," according to Trayer. "The exercise will simulate a fast-moving wildfire threatening the Carmel area and will allow emergency personnel to evaluate traffic flow, communications, public messaging and overall evacuation coordination in real time."

While he hopes the simulation will mimic reality as much as possible, that doesn't mean people really have to gather their most precious belongings, family members and pets and pile into their cars. This time, the cats can stay comfortably at home. What's important is that residents learn what they need in order to get everyone out safely when a real disaster occurs.

"Someone asked me, 'I have five cats, do I bring all five cats?'" he recounted. "No, but do you have the capacity to take all five cats? Can you make that happen?"

Residents should use the opportunity to review their household evacuation plans, update emergency contact information, prepare go bags and essential supplies, practice evacuation decision-making, and check in on neighbors, older adults and individuals who might need help getting out. Trayer also asked that people use one car per household so the exercise will be more realistic.

### Free hot dogs

He also expects to learn a lot.

"I think we're going to learn how we act as a team for a critical incident, even though fortunately it isn't critical, though it will feel like it," he said. "It causes some anxiety, and people are going to learn what our capacity is and what their understanding is of how these notifications come out and how it's going to work for them."

He mentioned the evacuation this week of 40,000 Orange County residents due to a leak in a chemical tank at an aerospace facility.

"Think about the 40,000 people who just got evacuated in Anaheim and had no idea how to do that," he said. "I think we're going to be better prepared in Carmel than a lot of communities will be, and it won't turn the city

upside-down."

After the drill, a public safety fair will be held in Devendorf Park at Ocean and Junipero from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Representatives from more than a dozen agencies and groups will offer information about disaster preparedness, displays and demonstrations, public safety and community resources, and family-friendly activities and giveaways. There will be free hot dogs, too, and to make sure there are enough, Trayer is asking people to RSVP at forms.gle/sdheq5Xm8gp237qj6. It is not mandatory, however.

"I'm impressed with the community — the buy-in and the trust we've been given — and we're going to do our best to make this worth every minute of their time," Trayer said. "There are more than 50 volunteers and 35 different stakeholders, from fire to SPCA to Montage, all great entities that would really be part of a big incident."

## County buys building to save taxpayers' money

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY last week announced it is spending \$7 million to purchase a 102,000-square-foot building in Salinas that has long been the headquarters of its Department of Social Services.

The county has leased the Life Foundation building, at 1000 S. Main St., previously known as the Quadrangle, since the mid-1980s. In 2007, it entered into a lease agreement to stay in the building when it changed hands. In 2016, it was given the option to purchase it starting this year. The board of supervisors approved the acquisition.

County spokesman Nick Pasculli said the county pays \$199,703 per month, or about \$2.4 million annually, to lease the structure, which houses 857 workers. Rent increases about 2.5% each year. It hosts myriad services, including CalFresh assistance, Medi-Cal insurance eligibility services, family and child benefits, adult protective services, and military and veterans' affairs.

### 'Significant cost pressures'

The purchase comes amid a financial forecast in March in which county officials estimated a deficit of \$40.6 million for fiscal year 2026-2027 due to "significant cost pressures, resulting predominantly from wage increases stemming from approved labor agreements and backlogged base wage study implementations," and "additional cost pressures" including rising pension and healthcare costs.

"By exercising the option to purchase the facility, which is now available to the county, it offers stability for these important services, is more fiscally prudent than paying rent, and will ultimately result in cost savings," Pasculli told The Pine Cone.

He said the county is "using unspent funds from previous years for the purchase" of the building and added that the money is from a fund that was set up for this type of acquisition.

Monterey County said earlier this month that its proposed 2026-2027 budget is \$2.34 billion — an increase of \$117.2 million over last year.

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# STONEHOUSE

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complex is historically significant for its architectural style and the man who designed it, but to be listed now, it would have to be “of exceptional importance to the city, state or nation based on its unusually strong contribution to history, architecture, engineering or culture, or because it is an integral part of a historic district.”

The taxpayer-funded consultant, Meg Clovis, concluded it did not meet that threshold, but Reimers’ historian, Barbara Lamprecht, said Stonehouse Terrace does, and after receiving comments from several residents who support the listing, the board voted 3-0 in agreement, without weighing in on the issue of local eligibility.

Members asked that their comments be forwarded to the California State Historical Resources Commission in advance of its quarterly meeting in Riverside May 7. The commission votes on nominees for the federal list, and any property on the register is automatically considered historic at the state level.

After learning the other members of

the Reimers family who share ownership in the Stonehouse Terrace did not know about the application, the state commission pulled it from the agenda but will presumably discuss it at its next quarterly meeting in August.

### Not authorized

Pastor’s appeal argues the board acted outside its authority and demands that the city retract its support for the listing.

“A letter supporting the eligibility of a property as a Carmel historical resource that is currently ineligible for consideration is both speculative and presumptive, declaring the outcome of a future HRB action,” the appeal states. Further, it could harm Esperanza’s efforts to get approval for the JB Pastor Building — which has been mired in the planning process for more than six years.

If the state relies on the historic resources board’s feedback and nominates Stonehouse Terrace for the National Register, the opponents of Pastor’s proposal, including Reimers, “may use that HRB support and the state determination of the Reimers’ Stonehouse Terrace building as a way to slow down or alter the JB Pastor Building approvals process.”

That’s because while the California Environmental Quality Act allows exemptions for projects that are considered “in-fill development,” which Pastor’s project would be, such exemptions can’t be used when one might “cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource.”

### ‘Invalid’

The appeal asks the council to declare the historic resources board’s support letter invalid and direct the city clerk “to immediately send formal written notice” informing the state that the board’s feedback “does not represent an authorized position of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea,” and was “adopted without city council authorization.”

Last week, historic resources board member Kathryn Gualtieri questioned the validity of the appeal. She stated the board is empowered to coordinate with local,

county, state and federal agencies in “pursuit of the objectives of historic preservation, which I think we did.”

“And another duty we have is to advise property owners who are going to support a National Register listing and provide advice, which I think we did regarding Stonehouse Terrace,” she said.

But Gualtieri wondered how that feedback constitutes an action that could be challenged.

“How did this get to an appeal of our review and comments, which are just a review and comments?” she asked. “What are they appealing?”

Associate Planner Katherine Wallace told her the city attorney concluded the board’s decision constituted an action that is appealable, and when Gualtieri asked if he explained his logic in writing, Wallace told her he did not but will attend the June 1 council meeting.



A battle over the proposal to list the Stonehouse Terrace on the National Register of Historic Places is set to be staged in front of the city council June 1.

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## Drug treatment office opens

By KELLY NIX

A SALINAS-BASED drug and alcohol treatment center has opened a satellite office near Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey.

Sun Street Centers, which provides substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery services, has joined four other groups to offer Monterey Peninsula residents access to services. The office, which opened Tuesday at 245 Washington St., offers outpatient alcohol and drug counseling.

### Growing need

Nearly 50 percent of the people enrolled in Sun Street's DUI education program — intended for people arrested for driving under the influence — are Peninsula residents, recent data shows.

The figure is "an indicator of the need for substance abuse services on the Peninsula," Sun Street Centers' community development manager Lynn Magruder told The Pine Cone

last week.

The satellite office also includes Pacific Bay Palliative Care, which provides community-based care for people with serious illnesses and their caregivers, National Labs, which offers drug and alcohol testing, and Central Coast Overdose Prevention, which provides substance abuse resources to combat the opioid epidemic. Its team includes Dr. Reb Close and Dr. Casey Grover, who founded the organization in 2020.

Magruder said Sun Street offers help regardless of a patient's ability to pay. It uses a sliding scale fee based on a patient's income and accepts Medi-Cal and private insurance.

"Our Peninsula prevention program is funded by grants from the state, Monterey County and donations," she said, including the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, Community Foundation for Monterey County, and the Pebble Beach Company. "Funding to open our office in the satellite center was raised from private donors."

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PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

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The nonprofit club considers itself "a gateway to the bay" that offers programs for people of all ages, including junior sailing, adult learn-to-sail lessons aboard the club's boat, Diving Dolphin, and access to stand-up paddleboards,

rowing skiffs and kayaks. Members can hop aboard a well-captained motorboat and head into the bay to watch Wednesday evening races, and sailors can tap into racing and sailing clinics, as well as cruising programs.

### RSVP

Off the water, the clubhouse is open to members and their guests for dining on Wednesdays and Fridays — with superb fare prepared by chef Dylan Jones and his crew, and friendly and professional staff behind the full bar — and frequent social events, wine tastings, movie nights and other activities.

The open house will include on-the-water demonstrations and plenty of snacks and drinks, along with opportunities to meet and chat with members. Register at [mpyc.org/event/9up9piNRuy](http://mpyc.org/event/9up9piNRuy).

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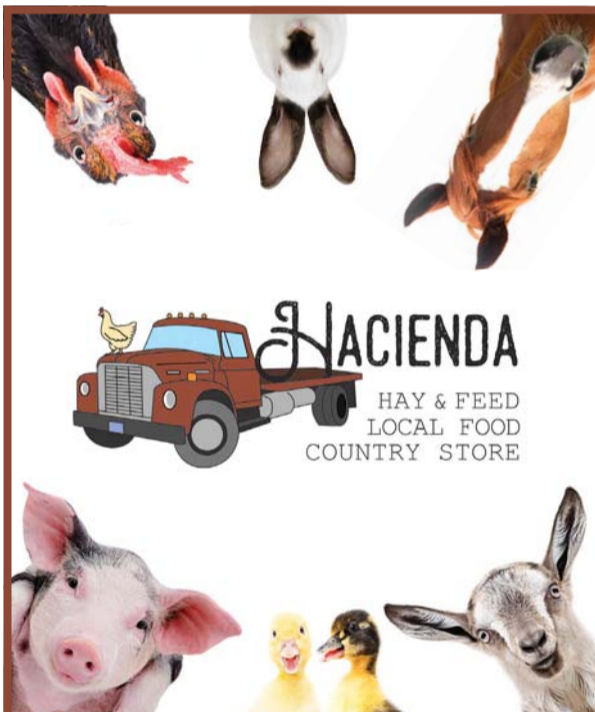
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# TRAFFIC

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creative alternatives that allow folks to responsibly enjoy this iconic location,” Smith added. “Our agency stands ready to collaborate on long-term solutions that can work for both nearby residents and the general public.”

The coastal commission has also shared ideas it has for the site, including potential parking and access improvements along Highway 1 on the north end of the bridge, along Old Coast Road and at nearby Brazil Ranch. Crosswalks and traffic lights have even been discussed.

But Foster calls such ideas “extreme” and said they violate the intent of the Big Sur Land Use Plan, which envisions coastal access as far more visual than physical. He said the coastal commission’s vision for Big Sur would make it less of a community and more of a tourist destination.

## More boots

Instead, Foster advocates for finding funding to put more boots on the ground to manage visitation and spending less transient occupancy tax on promoting tourism. He’s even willing to consider a toll road if the money can be used to hire people to manage the impacts.

“Are they going to put in crosswalks and traffic lights?” Foster asked. “Are they going to do the same at Garrapata State Beach, Soberanes Point and Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park, which are all problematic areas? Their ideas would violate every policy in the Big Sur Land Use Plan. Once you start chipping away at the land use plan and critical viewshed policies, you lose everything that Big Sur is all about.”

# DELAYS

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expected to start in 2027 and be completed in 2031.

When Big Sur’s concrete bridges were built, they were expected to last 60 to 80 years. Limekiln Creek Bridge is 76 years old, while Rocky Creek Bridge is 94 years old. In fact, all of Big Sur’s iconic concrete bridges have exceeded their anticipated lifespans.

Another project that is causing traffic delays down the coast just got underway at Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge, about a mile south of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.

The work involves replacing a retaining wall, stabilizing a slope, improving drainage and “strengthening the long-term resiliency” of Highway 1. The first step involves installing a temporary signal light to regulate traffic.

“Travelers can expect delays of up to 10 minutes,” Caltrans said. “Please allow for extra time during your commute through the area.”

# HOUSING

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apply under the Builder’s Remedy,” Spencer said.

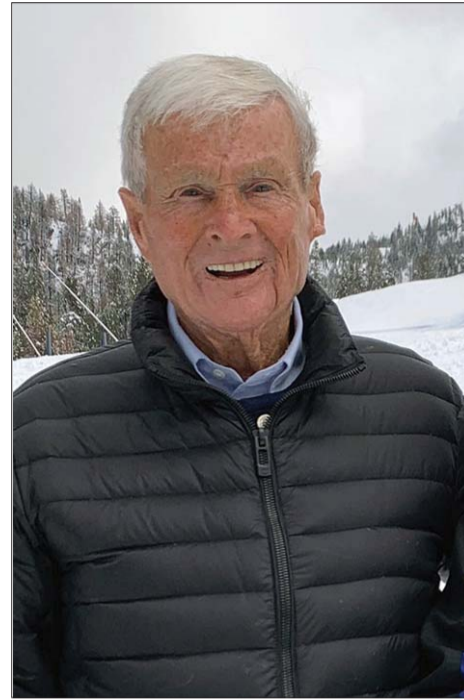
Besides having more control over what gets built, having a compliant housing plan would make it easier for the county to receive state funding. “Several federal, state and regional funding programs consider housing element compliance as an eligibility or ranking criteria,” McDougall added.

# FRANK MAYO RYAN

‘Mayo’

Jan. 2, 1935 — May 22, 2026

Frank Mayo Ryan — known to all simply as Mayo — died peacefully at age 91. A Westside farmer with an Irish soul, he was, by the reckoning of nearly everyone who knew him, the kindest man on earth. He loved his family endlessly and with quiet strength, finding joy in the smallest and largest things alike: the sunset over a cotton field, the hush of a church pew, and a good friend across the table.



Born in Fresno on Jan. 2, 1935, Mayo grew up between Carmel and Fresno and graduated from Saint Ignatius High School in San Francisco, then attended the University of San Francisco before finishing his degree at Fresno State. He first saw his future wife, Karlene Kay Lowe, descending the steps of Saint Therese Church, and on Nov. 18, 1961, they married there. He called Karlene his angel on earth, and for more than 60 years she was exactly that. Together they raised four children — Mayo Patrick, Mark Thomas, Tara Marie and Timothy Michael, who was lost too soon in a car accident, a sorrow Mayo carried

with grace for the rest of his days.

Mayo farmed field crops and wine grapes across 4,000 acres on the far Westside of Fresno County, and he was proud to call himself a Westside farmer. He understood the earth beneath him the way only a lifelong farmer can. He gave himself just as fully to his community to the Westlands Water District, to Saint Agnes Medical Center, to the Carmel Mission, and for more than 37 years to Poverello House, the ministry to Fresno’s poor and homeless. He served twice as president. “I always enjoyed service,” he once said, and he meant it with his whole heart.

It was the texture of his days that those who loved him will remember best. Easily recognized by his button-down shirts, V-neck sweaters and the warmth of his smiling blue eyes, Mayo loved a convertible with the top down and a station wagon packed to the roof with ski gear. He loved thick black coffee in the early dark, and had his papers in hand by six every morning at Fig Garden Village. He trimmed his boxwoods to perfection, made fudge that disappeared too quickly, sailed open water with his sons and coached their soccer teams with the same devotion he brought to everything. He played tennis in the valley heat without complaint, traveled to Europe with Karlene, and once — ever the planner — built an actual actuarial table to calculate how long it would take to get into the Monterey Peninsula Country Club. He met his friends at Pardini’s, and to a remarkable number of people, he was simply the best friend they ever had. Nothing made him happier than a quiet afternoon in the backyard on Woodson, his grandchildren gathered around him, the day unhurried and the people he loved close at hand.

Above all, there was skiing. Mayo skied for more than 78 consecutive years, at nearly every great resort in the West and across Europe and Canada, competing well into his later years and still carving turns at 91 with the form he’d learned as a boy. Skiing wasn’t something Mayo did. It was, simply, his way of life.

There was a quiet symmetry in the way his life came full circle. Mayo had started kindergarten at Sunset School in Carmel, and it was in Carmel that he spent his last years, surrounded by friends and family, often seen driving his convertible along Scenic Drive.

And yet, for all he did, what people remember most is how he made them feel. Mayo loved the people in his life openly and without reservation, and everyone who knew him knew it — he was present, fully and sincerely, in a way that has become rare. He kept alive the lost art of real conversation, listening with his whole attention and engaging with genuine curiosity. A lifelong student of the world, he read hundreds of books, most of them on history, and carried that learning lightly into every exchange. To be in Mayo’s company was to feel known, valued and loved.

Mayo was predeceased by his parents, his sister Tookie, his brother Mike, and his beloved son Timothy. He is survived by Karlene, his wife of more than 60 years; his children, Mayo Patrick, Mark Thomas (Kim) and Tara Marie; his cherished grandchildren — Timothy, Lauren (Brian), Ciaran Joy (Atlas), Keely, Renee, Genevieve, Seamus and Cara Rose — and the countless friends who were lucky enough to call him their own. He lived fully, served gladly, loved endlessly and skied to the very end.

**A memorial Mass celebrating Mayo’s life will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 4 at Carmel Mission Basilica. A private family funeral will take place at St. Peter’s Cemetery in Fresno.**

*He didn’t need a mountain to live like a champion. He simply lived — fully, kindly, every single day.*

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### 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
- C. MARIA VERONICA CASADO-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 Agujito 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:
- A. 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 Agujito 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:  
YOU SING KARAOKE, 1484 Sonoma Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): JUSTIN DOUGLAS BATES, 1484 Sonoma Ave. #A, Seaside, CA 93955.  
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 1, 2022.

Date signed: May 15, 2026  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 15, 2026.

Publication Dates: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026 (PC 550)

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261090  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MONTEREY BAY PSYCHIATRY, 126 Clock Tower Pl, Suite 104C, Carmel, CA 93923.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: MONTEREY BAY PSYCHIATRY ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING INC.

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 May 13, 2026.

S/Halleh Entexhah, President  
Date: May 19, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 19, 2026.

Publication Dates: May 29, June 5, 12, 19 2026. (PC 552)

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260995  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Jardines De Boronda, 15087 Canario Street, Salinas, CA 93907  
County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s): Eden South County, Inc., 22645 Grand Street, Hayward, CA 94541

This business is conducted by a Corporation Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

Eden South County, Inc.  
S/ Linda Mandolini, CEO  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 05/06/2026.

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Publication Dates: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026. (PC 553)

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261076  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

SIERRA NEVADA WINDOW CLEANING COMPANY, 26080 Carmel Rancho Blvd. 200A, Carmel, CA 93923.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: MONTEREY BAY WINDOW CLEANING COMPANY, 26080 Carmel Rancho Blvd. 200A, Carmel, CA 93923.

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

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

S/Thurman Cole, President  
Date: May 18, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 18, 2026.

Publication Dates: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026 (PC 555)

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260988  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

POPPY HILLS GOLF COURSE, 3200 Lopez Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

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 18, 1992.

S/Amanda Champion, CFO  
Date: May 5, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 5, 2026.

Publication Dates: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026 (PC 556)

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261067  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

E.C. AIR REPAIRS AND HANDYMAN, 18892 Hoover St., Salinas, CA 93906.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): EMILIANO CRUZ BADILLO

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/Emiliano Cruz Badillo  
Date signed: May 18, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 18, 2026.

Publication Dates: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026 (PC 557)

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261087  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

AUNI COOKS, 2 Santa Rita SW of 3rd Ave., Carmel, CA 93921.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): AUNIKAH BASTIAN, P.O. Box 284, Carmel, CA 93921.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 15, 2026.

S/Aunika Bastian  
Date signed: May 19, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 19, 2026.

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## RICHARD PIERCE WHEAT, M.D.

July 4, 1924 – April 28, 2026

Richard P. Wheat, M.D. died April 28, 2026, in Carmel Valley, California. Born July 4, 1924, in Palo Alto, California, to Carl I. and Helen M. Wheat, Dick attended Pomona College before transferring to Occidental College in the Navy V-12 program. Upon graduating from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1948, he completed residencies at Johns Hopkins, Stanford and the University of Washington's VA Hospital. Then in 1951 he was recalled to active duty by the Navy, and served two years as a medical officer during the Korean Conflict.

Dick married Mary (Mickey) Wallace on Dec. 26, 1945, and they shared 67 wonderful and devoted years together until her death on May 9, 2013.

In 1953, Dick and Mickey settled in Los Altos, CA, where he practiced internal medicine for 37 years. In addition to being on the Stanford Medical School Clinical Faculty for more than three decades, he was a founding physician, medical staff leader and the first publicly elected board member of El Camino Hospital in Mountain View. After leaving private practice, he became that hospital's inaugural medical director, following which he served as medical director of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, overseeing primary care clinics in Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Monterey counties. He concluded his career as a senior medical analyst for the VA Health System with the NASA/VA Patient Safety Reporting System, and finally retired in January 2005.

Family was Dick's first love. Backpacking, camping, and traveling with Mickey, his children, and grandchildren created treasured memories, including treks in Nepal and Kashmir, sailing the Caribbean, and exploring North America in a compact — yet comfortable — trailer.

Dedicated to his community, Dick served for 36 years on the board of the Sempervirens Fund, preserving redwoods in the Santa Cruz Mountains, including 16 years as the organization's president. He was a founder and medical director of the Mountain View Community Free Clinic, and as a board member of the Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills Community Service Agency, he served as the medical advisor of its Alpha Omega homeless program. Dick and Mickey were also charter members of the Foothill Congregational Church of Los Altos.

In 2003, after 50 years in their Los Altos home, the couple moved to Carmel Valley Manor, a retirement community that couldn't have suited them better. Enriched by the beauty of the area and many new friends, Dick became a late-in-life author, publishing two books, "The Saga of Dick and Mickey Wheat: The Story of an American Family" in 2012, and a novel, "Blood Red Vines" in 2015.

Dick is survived by his three sons, David (whose wife Barbara is deceased), Kenneth and his wife Shelley, and James and his wife Valerie — all of whom he loved as his own. His six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren were his special joy. Late in life, Dick was blessed by the love and companionship of Anna Beck, who preceded him in death in 2022.

Private family gatherings will celebrate his long and useful life, and he would be honored by contributions in his name to the Sempervirens Fund or Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, two organizations that make our communities a better place to live.

## SERAFINA 'FERA' KATHRYN (LUCIDO) FRYE

Serafina (Fera) Kathryn Frye, beloved wife, mother, grandmother (Nana), sister, aunt and friend, died April 15, 2026, after a long illness. She passed away at home, surrounded by family.



Fera was born July 11, 1943, to Salvatore Joseph Lucido and Kathryn (Dolly) Aiello of Seaside, California. Her father was a commercial fisherman in and around Monterey Bay. Her mother worked in the Monterey canneries, was a stay-at-home mom and an excellent seamstress.

Fera was predeceased by her daughter, Kimberly Ann Graziano; her brother, Anthony Salvatore Lucido; and her parents, Sal and Dolly Lucido. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Harold (Hal) W. Frye; her son, Harold (Hari) W. Frye Jr.; her sister, Vivian Morgan; her granddaughters, Brianna Graziano and Arianna Graziano, and their father, Vince Graziano; and Mackenzie Frye and Mackenzie's mother, Celeste Frye. She will be missed by her nephews, Jason Morgan, Sean Morgan (Janna), Sal Lucido (Julie), Vince Lucido (Diane) and Joey Lucido (C.J.), as well as countless other relatives and friends.

Fera graduated from Monterey High School and then worked for Bank of America. After having her children, Kimmi and Hari, she went to work at Foothill Elementary School as a teacher's aide for 25 years. She was devoted to teaching and cherished her time with the children.

Fera was a skilled seamstress like her mom and made clothes for herself and her family. She enjoyed working in her yard and on projects in her home, including repairs and painting. She was talented, gifted and creative.

Fera adored her granddaughters. She spent a great deal of time with them as they were growing up and loved visiting, doing crafts and baking with them. Fera was strong, caring and endlessly devoted to her family.

Hal and Fera worked together to create a beautiful family and life together. She enjoyed every moment with Hal and was proud to call him hers forever.

The family extends thanks to the hospice nurses, Angie and Markeicha, the Visiting Angels, and the Meals on Wheels drivers.

Fera will forever be in our hearts.

**Her funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, June 1, 2026, at San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey, followed by a Celebration of Life from noon to 3 p.m. at The Monterey Moose Lodge, 555 Canyon Del Rey Blvd. in Del Rey Oaks.**

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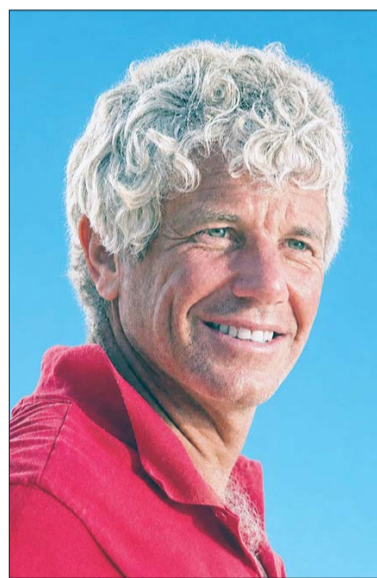
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## WILLIAM MICHAEL 'MIKE' STEMLER

April 30, 1942 – May 12, 2026

William Michael "Mike" Stemler, 84, of Stockton, California, died May 12, 2026. Born April 30, 1942, in Stockton, Mike was raised in Lodi, where he built the foundation for a life led by curiosity, discipline and a deep appreciation for people and experience.



He was the son of Blondina "Blanche" Veronica Crescenzi and William "Bill" Merwin Stemler, and the brother of Judy Stemler McTighe. From an early age, Mike distinguished himself both academically and athletically. He was deeply connected to his community, serving as an acolyte at St. John's Episcopal Church in Lodi and earning recognition as a Legion Baseball All-Star. At Lodi High School, he lettered in multiple sports — including baseball, basketball, football and track. Mike earned an impressive 16 varsity letters, which he proudly displayed in his room in a pyramid formation.

Mike continued his education at Sacramento State University, where he played basketball and earned a bachelor of arts degree in math. He later served in the Air Force Reserve, earning outstanding marksmanship recognition during his training in Texas.

Following in his father's footsteps in the insurance business, Mike assumed a leadership role at Stemler Insurance Agency and, through vision and initiative, founded his own company, Valley Health Administrators. He transformed it into what became Delta Benefit Plans and later Delta Health Systems, an early third-party administrator of self-funded medical benefits. His work continues to

have a lasting impact in the industry, including relationships with key clients such as the Northern California General Teamsters Security Fund.

Mike approached business with both drive and heart. He was known to take a personal interest in his employees, often sharing simple but meaningful reminders — like finding comfort in life's small pleasures, such as milk and cookies. Friends and colleagues remember him as compassionate, attentive and genuinely concerned for the well-being of others.

Outside of work, Mike embraced life fully. He was a lifelong advocate of health and wellness, an avid runner and bicyclist who rarely missed a day of exercise and was known to arrive unexpectedly at various places in his cycling shorts. He loved to travel and explored widely, from cross-country trips to journeys through South America and around the world with friends and family.

Curious and driven, Mike was also something of a tinkerer and a dreamer — a man who found joy in building, achieving and continually pushing forward. He was, at different times, a poet, an actor in his youth and an entertainer in his own understated way. Though sometimes a man of few words, what he spoke was often clever, insightful or refreshingly direct.

Mike enjoyed both refined and simple pleasures. While he appreciated fine food and travel, he was equally happy with modest comforts like a simple bow tie pasta dish with canned tomatoes and frozen spinach, "two-buck Chuck" wine and Gordon's Gin. And, of course, Mike truly enjoyed a classic martini, of which he was a connoisseur. One of his famous and unforgettable lines: "One martini, two martini, three martini, floor."

Above all, Mike valued relationships. He was a devoted father who encouraged independence and equipped his children with the tools to succeed. He found joy in time spent with his family, from traveling together to perfecting the art of roasting the ideal golden marshmallow puff.

Mike is survived by his wife, Gina Pastorino-Stemler, and his children: Michael Todd Stemler, Gregory Friend Stemler and Shannon Snow Stemler. He was also very proud of his grandchildren, Tori, Jake, Dara and Dax. Mike leaves behind an extended family and a wide circle of friends whose lives he touched deeply.

Mike lived many lifetimes in his 84 years, marked by adventure, accomplishment and connection. There was only one legendary Mike Stemler, and while he will be dearly missed, the memories he created and the lives he influenced will never be forgotten.

**A celebration of life is planned for July 15, 2026, in Carmel Valley (by invitation only).**



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# Pirates weather a blustery day on the course and emerge victorious

THE STEVENSON Pirates carded four birdies and two eagles Tuesday for a second-place team finish at the Northern California Regional Golf Championships at Poppy Ridge Golf Course in Livermore.

Stevenson qualified its entire team for Wednesday's state tournament at San Gabriel Country Club, where the Pirates are defending champions.

Playing in cold, blustery conditions, De La Salle won the NorCal tournament for the fifth time in the past six years with a remarkable 9-under-par team score of 351 — a round that included three birdies and six eagles on the 6,442-yard, par-72 public course.

## Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Stevenson finished 13 strokes back at 364, three ahead of third-place Jesuit High of Sacramento.

Stevenson's ensemble effort was highlighted by team-best 1-under-par scorecards of 71 from Will Keszler and Zac Hawkins, who tied for 11th, an even-par 72 from Ethan Merrick, who birdied the final three holes for 14th, and a 1-over 73 from Calvin Etcheverry, who tied for 15th. Dylan Hirst shot a 77, and Griffin Didier carded a 78 for the Pirates.

De La Salle was led by sophomore Barron Beinke, who tied teammate Drue Sanchez for first place during regulation play, each scoring 64 (8 under par). Beinke then won medalist honors over Sanchez with a birdie on the third hole of a sudden-death playoff.

### ■ CCS roundup

#### Baseball

**CHS crushed in semis:** Archbishop Mitty erupted for eight runs in the first inning Tuesday, then piled on with 13 more over the next four to rout top-seeded Carmel, 21-0, in the semifinal round of the Central Coast Section Division II playoffs.

The game at Monterey's Sollecito Park was stopped after five innings due to high school baseball's "mercy rule."

The Monarchs (17-11, seeded No. 5 in the bracket) hammered 16 hits — including four doubles and a triple

— walked five times and benefited from four Carmel errors.

After the initial salvo, Mitty added three runs in the second inning, two in the third, five in the fourth, and three in the fifth.

The Padres answered with just one hit — a single by senior Kaleb Herro, who also walked. The only other Carmel baserunner, John Beretti, drew a base on balls for the Pacific Coast Athletic League's Gabilan Division champions, who finished with a 22-7 record.

**Padres win in quarters:** In the quarterfinal round, a six-run third inning proved to be the deciding factor in Carmel's 8-4 victory over Menlo-Atherton.

The Padres got only four hits in the game, but two-run homers by Alex Hirschfield and Sean Carr provided pivotal damage, staking Carmel to an 8-2 lead that held up the rest of the way.

Starting pitcher Kenny Sanchez was touched for an unearned run in the first of his two innings on the mound, during which he surrendered just one hit.

Senior Matt Maxon pitched the final five innings, allowing three runs on seven hits and three walks. He struck out nine.

**Pirates eliminated in quarters:** Morgan Hill's Sobrato scored a pair of runs in the second inning and two more in the third, then held on for a 4-2 victory over Stevenson in the Division V tournament.

The Pirates (17-8) were limited to six hits — a single and a double by senior Brady Mugan, who knocked in both runs.

Phinn Thomas also singled and doubled, scored a run and pitched, striking out four of the five hitters he faced in relief of starter Jacob Hall.

#### Softball

**Padres drop CCS opener:** Top-seeded Carmel surrendered three runs in the final two innings of Saturday's 4-2 loss to Woodside in the CCS Division II playoffs.

All four Woodside runs were unearned against Padres



PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

Will Keszler (left) and Zac Hawkins (right) shot 1 under par, tying for 11th place — highest among Stevenson golfers — at Tuesday's NorCal Boys Golf Championships in Livermore, where the Pirates placed second as a team.

freshman Olivia Tringali, who threw 119 pitches in a complete-game effort.

The game was tied 1-1 through five innings, but the visiting Wildcats scored twice in the sixth and once in the seventh for the winning margin.

Freshman Anna Schroeder had two hits, including a double, and scored a run, and teammate Claire Stephens delivered an RBI single for Carmel (22-7), the PCAL Mission Division co-champion this season.

### ■ Postseason honors

#### Academic All-America

Eight members of Stevenson's swim and dive team were recognized by the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association of America as Academic All-America honorees.

The award-winning scholar-athletes were Matias Higgins, Tyler Hwang, Matthew Lee, Thomas Mao, Jacqui Powers, Julie Wang, Andy Wu and Chris Yang.

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**Boys lacrosse**

Gabilan Division — Defensive Player of the Year: Laird Welch, Stevenson. First team: Laird Welch, defense, Topher Moan, midfield, and Fin Mink, midfield, all Stevenson, Matthew Ellis, midfield, Carmel. Second team: Tucker Green, defense, and Grady Roth, midfield, both Stevenson, and Daniel Bodensteiner, Carmel, attack. All-Sportsmanship Team: Andrew Vanoli, Stevenson, attack, Connor Reilly, Carmel, defense.

**Girls lacrosse**

Pacific Coast Athletic League Player of the Year: Georgia Bonifas, Stevenson, midfield. Defensive Player of the Year: Zola Ducker, Stevenson, goalie. Offensive Player of the Year: Lola Voss, Carmel, midfield. First team: Georgia Bonifas, midfield, Brogan Dolata, attack, Zola Ducker, goalie, Sydney Holland, midfield, Molly McAfee, midfield, and Tatum Le Towt, attack, all Stevenson, Leah Sibley, midfield, Lola Voss, midfield, and Grace Zodiacal, defense, all Carmel.

Second team: Anna Rasmussen, attack, Claire Bonyage, defense, Cameron Roxas, defense, and Kealani Sagin, midfield, all Carmel, Sam Rianhard, midfield, Charlotte Schipper, midfield, Caroline Bufkin, defense, and Brennecke Daley, midfield, all Stevenson. Sportsmanship Team: Anna Bates, Stevenson, defense, Olivia Vasquez, Santa Catalina, midfield, and Violet Frew, Carmel, defense.

**Boys volleyball**

Pacific Coast Athletic League — Most Valuable Player: Zachary Speakman,

Carmel, setter/opposite. First team: Zachary Speakman, setter/opposite, Nicholas Tonini, middle/defense, and Jacob Tonini, outside, all Carmel. Second team: Tristan Henderson, Chase Ford, setter/opposite, and Jacob Peterson, opposite. Sportsmanship Team: Holden Herod, Carmel, middle.

**Alumni watch**

**Big year for Trosky:** Carmel High product Jabin Trosky's standout baseball season with the San Diego State Aztecs ended Sunday in the championship game of the Mountain West Conference tournament with a 14-4 loss to Washington State in Mesa, Ariz.

Trosky, a redshirt junior, helped SDSU into the finals. In Friday's elimination game, he blasted a three-run home run in the sixth inning, sparking the Aztecs' come-from-behind 11-8 victory over Air Force.

Trosky's second homer of the season — a 377-foot shot over the left-field fence — keyed a five-run inning for the Aztecs, who were 8-1.

The following day, Trosky drove in two runs with a sacrifice fly and a bases-loaded

walk to help SDSU to a 9-2 victory over Washington State, forcing the title showdown won by the Cougars on Sunday.

Trosky, the starting shortstop, finished the year as the Aztecs' second-leading hitter with a .324 batting average, 18

extra-base hits and 27 RBIs in 60 games.

Defensively, he committed four errors in 221 chances, a .982 fielding percentage.

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Ethan Merrick birdied his final three holes in cold, windy conditions to help Stevenson to a second-place team finish at Tuesday's NorCal Golf Championships in Livermore.

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# A place where generations meet

AH, THE seaside vacation — unhurried, indulgent and scented with saltwater. It's the stuff of vividly colored nostalgia, with a cheerful pink hotel standing out among dark green pines.

Such is Carmel's history. Carrie Theis

together, Carrie said.

Those kinds of connections, anchored in the past but evolving, hold the hotel's familial spirit like a spiderweb, ethereal yet surprisingly strong.

In 1947, Carrie's grandparents, Donna and Fred Hofsas, bought four cottages at the hotel's present location. They lived in one and rented the other three out. When they divorced, Donna kept the properties — and, in an unusual twist, ended up paying alimony to Fred. That was after he created the coat of

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## Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

and her mother, Doris Theis — who just turned 94 — know it well. They're the second and third generations of women to run the Hofsas House at San Carlos and Fourth, which dates to just after World War II.

Carrie has been the hotel's general manager since 2000. She also served on the Carmel City Council for 10 years beginning in August 2012, when she was appointed to fill a midterm vacancy created by Paula Hadzovac's retirement.

### Family reunions

Energetic, personable and seemingly unflappable after years in hospitality, Carrie said she loves introducing guests to the things that make Carmel special, most of which lie within walking distance of the hotel's distinctive pink Bavarian edifice.

Though Carrie and Doris enjoy talking with interesting newcomers over continental breakfast in the lobby, they also treasure relationships with folks who have been returning for decades to the Carmel Bach Festival, Concours d'Elegance and AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

Other longtime guests bring multiple generations for family reunions. Their breakfasts are served in the hotel's poolside meeting room so they can dine



PHOTO/RICHARD GREEN

Hofsas House guests are greeted like family, by family — Carrie Theis (left) and her mom, Doris Theis.

# Faith, healing and a zest for life are a painter's companions

TWO-TIME CANCER survivor Coraly Hanson has everything to live for, and, at 76, she does it with zeal and appreciative eyes. At every opportunity, the Monterey Peninsula plein air artist packs up her oil paints, easel and sun hat, wanders into paradise and lives her best life, interpreting the beauty around her.

the Pebble Beach cottage they designed and helped build, Hanson downsized by giving away more than 100 of her paintings to friends and acquaintances, most of whom couldn't afford to buy one.

"They were so excited and grateful," said Hanson, a devout Christian. "I felt very gratified to be able to do that."

"Blessed" is the word she uses to describe the fortunate life she lives with Lee, a high school sweetheart who married her in 1971, then founded and operated a successful concrete business

for three decades.

Her husband's income made it possible for her to lead Bible-study classes full time for several years, but she stopped in 2003.

### Trying and tragic times

That's the year both of her parents and her best friend died of cancer — and she was also diagnosed with the disease. Hanson endured a double mastectomy and hours-long chemotherapy treatments five days a week. She learned at the same time that she was suffering from rheumatoid arthritis.

In 2005, while being treated for melanoma, she started a cancer support group at her church.

The first year of that group, Hanson met a homeless man in Santa Cruz — "a really dark, scary guy," she said — another cancer sufferer.

"He was living in his car and getting sick in gas station bathrooms from his chemotherapy treatments, and I started wondering if I could sell enough paintings to support him full time. I wanted to get him a place to live and help him with food, gas and whatever else he needed."

Remarkably, the day she committed to that quest, Hanson wandered into a drugstore and a woman recognized her.

### Coincidence?

"She had seen a painting of mine during an open-studio tour but didn't buy it," Hanson recounted. "She described it, asked if I still had it, and I said, 'Absolutely!'"

Not long afterward, a San Francisco couple discovered 16 of Hanson's paintings in a gallery and bought them all — her largest single-day sale ever — and all for her mission of mercy.

Over the next decade, her art sales were robust, and she used all the proceeds to help her homeless friend and others in the cancer support group.

During the 13 years that

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## Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

On May 17, Hanson added to her already dazzling resume, garnering the Carmel Art Festival's coveted People's Choice Award for the fourth time since 2016.

A second Hanson oil painting was honored this year with the cherished Jennifer Hill Award, named after the woman who created the festival 33 years ago. (Hill was 58 when she died after a short battle with cancer in 2006.)

### Queen of the festival

"Coraly is like the queen of the Carmel Art Festival. She seems to win something almost every year," said Lorelei Gabel, owner and 25-year director of the Carmel Fine Art gallery, where Hanson's work sells briskly.

As an artist, she feels humbled when people appreciate her creativity, but awards, honors and sales aren't priorities for Hanson, who has spent much of her adult life serving others.

Three weeks ago, she did something practical and soul-nourishing. As she and her husband, Lee, were selling their large Pasatiempo home, preparing to move into



PHOTO/COURTESY CORALY HANSON

Prolific plein air painter Coraly Hanson, a Pebble Beach artist, poses with a piece of art at Point Lobos, one of her favorite spots.

## From the mayor's desk —

# A Memorial Day to remember

By DALE BYRNE

MEMORIAL DAY in Carmel is always meaningful. This year, it was something more. Standing in Devendorf Park on a cloudy Monday morning, I had the honor of introducing former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta to a crowd of residents, veterans and visitors gathered to honor those who gave everything in service to this country. Surrounded by war memorials, it was one of those moments that reminds you why this community is unlike any other.

Panetta is one of us. He lives in Carmel Valley. He shops in our stores. He has dinner in our restaurants. When sculptor Steven Whyte and I placed a bench outside Bruno's Market with a bronze of the late John Madden, one of the first people to sit beside him was Panetta. No entourage, no ceremony, just a neighbor paying respects to another neighbor.

Yet few Americans have served at so

many levels of government, for so long, with such consequence. He was an Army officer. A civil rights enforcer. A 16-year congressman who helped give us the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and so much more. A Chief of Staff who helped balance the federal budget. Director of the CIA. Unanimously confirmed as the 23rd Secretary of Defense of the United States. Then coming home to found the Panetta Institute for Public Policy, now closing its 29th year. Enough for several lifetimes.

### If they could speak

His speech was remarkable. He spoke of "The Bivouac of the Dead," the Theodore O'Hara poem inscribed at the gates of Arlington National Cemetery, and what he believed our fallen would tell us if they could speak. He spoke of Dover, where he greeted them, and of Isaiah 6:8, the verse that has anchored a lifetime of service:

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# LETTERS

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parking moratorium at Bixby Bridge, citing safety and traffic intensification on Highway 1. Every justification used rests on a common thread: pedestrians crossing a live highway, vehicles stopped in the roadway, gridlock delaying fire trucks and ambulances, trauma to first responders, commuter stress and environmental damage.

These are serious, documented concerns — and the board was right to act.

But there is the question that demands an answer. Every single one of those conditions exists at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve, and in some cases has existed longer and in worse form.

On peak days, an estimated 500-plus cars pull in and out of Highway 1 traffic near Point Lobos, including illegal U-turns on a two-lane highway. Pedestrians walk the shoulder to reach the park entrance. The same corridor that gridlocks at Bixby also gridlocks at Point Lobos — affecting the same commuters, the same first responders and the same fragile coastal environment.

The supervisors moved swiftly — within weeks of Highway 1's reopening in January — to initiate the Bixby ban once Supervisor Kate Daniels championed it. Yet a multi-stakeholder coalition called ParkIT has been working since 2018 — eight years — to build a shuttle and reservation system that would solve the exact same problems at Point Lobos. As of late 2024, they had only just submitted a permit application to Monterey County, with no clear approval timeline in sight.

If safety on Highway 1 justifies emergency action at Bixby, why hasn't the board used that same urgency to spearhead the ParkIT permit approval, convene emergency meetings with Caltrans, state parks and the coastal commission, and designate Marathon Flats as interim overflow parking while the shuttle system is finalized?

Bixby got a supervisor who personally championed the issue and a rapid board vote. Point Lobos has gotten eight years of waiting.

Both sites. Same highway. Same hazards. Same community.

If the standard is safety, it must be applied consistently.  
**Gwyn De Amaral, Carmel Highlands**

## The right way to spend

Dear Editor,

Elected officials sometimes fall in love with a solution before asking whether it's the best way to solve the problem. Two recent local projects illustrate examples of how to address this.

Build Back Better included fiber service for unserved communities like Big Sur. California's final proposal gives

Big Sur and about 140,000 other California locations satellite internet at about \$1,100 per home. Because installing fiber was too expensive, taxpayers are subsidizing Starlink and Amazon Kuiper subscriptions. If broadband access is a public priority, this is a smart use of funds. Use private infrastructure instead of duplicating it at a much higher cost.

The opposite is MST's Surf Busway. It will cost \$100 million to pave an old rail line and move a handful of commuters 6 miles between the Marina and Sand City Target stores. For one-tenth as much — funded by about \$10 million in yearly returns on the \$100 million — Lyft and Uber could deliver every projected rider door to door while putting money in rideshare drivers' pockets.

Before committing public money to build what private markets already provide, officials should ask whether a partnership or subsidy would deliver more for less. Big Sur internet shows how it can work, and the Surf Busway shows what happens when we lose focus on the actual problem.

**Paul Weyant, Pacific Grove**

## Coastal commission authority

Dear Editor,

With respect to your editorial, "The courts fall in line," in the May 23 Pine Cone, addressing the recent California Supreme Court's decision *Shear Development Co. v. California Coastal Commission*, it is important to understand the significance of the court's finding. The decision restricts when the commission may overturn local approval. The court limited the coastal commission's appellate jurisdiction over coastal development permits that have already been approved under a certified local coastal program.

The local coastal program is the local government's plan for how land along the coast will be used and protected under California's coastal laws. It is a critical part of how the commission administers the California Coastal Act of 1976. The local coastal program is a detailed set of land-use plans, zoning regulations, environmental protections, development standards, and policies impacting public access.

Prior to the court's decision in *Shear*, the commission claimed broad powers to challenge local approvals. In this case, the commission claimed jurisdiction because the site was considered to be in a sensitive coastal resource area, and the site allowed more than one "principal permitted use." The court rejected both arguments, responding to the latter, "the commission does not have appellate jurisdiction solely because a site has multiple principal permitted uses."

The court also addressed the local coastal program with respect to the commission's jurisdiction: "The proposed development is not in a sensitive coastal resource area because the coastal program does not designate it." That statement strongly signals that the commission's

jurisdiction must be grounded in the text of the certified LCP and not in broader policy concerns or interpretative expansion.

Although the commission continues to possess broad authority, it is not without limits. Increasingly, it is appropriate that more decision-making responsibility be entrusted to the local level through certified LCPs, where local officials are often best positioned to balance coastal protection with the practical needs of the community. The public interest is best served when statewide coastal protections coexist with responsible local authority.

**William J. Woska, Carmel**

## Cannabis lottery

Dear Editor,

Pacific Grove's single retail cannabis license lottery has been statistically compromised, and the city council recently voted to let the draw move forward.

Despite clear indicators of a coordinated "permit stacking" operation, the council opted to proceed with the 10-entry draw, opening the door to potential litigation. Mayor Pro Tempore Joe Amelio cast the lone dissenting vote, refusing to sign off on the current process.

Documents indicate that Off The Charts, a corporate cannabis chain, engineered an 80% statistical advantage by flooding the applicant pool. They submitted eight of the 10 final applications using LLCs registered to their CEO, family members, corporate counsel and direct employees.

The overlap between the applications is difficult to ignore. A cross-reference of the eight OTC-affiliated submissions shows identical business plans filed under different corporate names. During the hearing, city staff acknowledged the municipal code contains no restriction preventing financially connected applicants from entering separately.

The council ultimately chose to proceed with the lottery rather than pause the process for additional review or emergency amendments. If OTC wins, local applicants are positioned to sue the city for enabling a flawed process. If the city attempts to deny OTC a license later, OTC is primed to sue for arbitrary enforcement.

Amelio saw the legal risks and voted to stop. The rest of the council chose to press on. Any resulting litigation would likely be funded by the city's taxpayers.

**David Ericksen, Pacific Grove**

# ADMIN

From page 11A

In his letter, Swanson said he remains energized and committed to working on key initiatives like long-term financial stability, enhancing public communication and "elevating the city's culture of service and organizational excellence."

"There are few places in the world as special as Carmel-by-the-Sea, so I recognize the honor of serving here," he concluded. "This is the reason I remain fully committed to our organization, this council and the residents."



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# LIVES

From page 27A

arms bearing the motto, “*Otium Cum Dignitate*” — “Leisure with Dignity” — that still adorns an outside wall. Donna’s son, Jack Theis, married Doris in 1956, and they stayed together until his death in 1996.

Doris’ Croatian parents were partners with a man named Mitch Zankich in the Tides Wharf Restaurant and Motel at Bodega Bay, so Carrie inherited innkeeping “genes” from both sides of the family.

Doris and Jack moved to Southern California and raised Carrie and her brother, Scott, in Manhattan Beach and later, Saratoga, where Carrie graduated from high school before going on to UCLA and CSU Fullerton, completing



PHOTO/PINE CONE FILE

The now-familiar pink edifice with its Bavarian details has welcomed Hofsas House guests to Carmel for decades.

bachelor’s and master’s degrees in biology. She worked in the business world and was a senior systems analyst supervisor for a state agency for more than five years.

### Rock Hudson’s honeymoon

But, Carrie said, she knew she’d eventually be part of the family business. Starting at age 8 and continuing through high school, she helped her grandmother — whom she plainly and deeply admires — during family visits, delivering towels and greeting guests.

By then, Hofsas House had outgrown its original

footprint. In 1957, Donna added the four-story structure built into the steep hillside.

The hotel has housed Rock Hudson, who honeymooned there — Carrie has a thank-you note signed by the movie star — as well as Barbra Streisand.

Doris and Jack took over operations in 1981 and ran things until 1996. After Jack died, Doris and Scott — a civil engineer who commuted from Livermore — took over. Carrie arrived in 2000.

Her experience with computers, data management and analysis, and the early days of the internet became valuable resources. When she got there, the hotel was taking reservations “in a big book, with lots of pencils and erasers.” Marketing was done largely through travel agencies. Carrie created a website and began computerizing office and reservation systems.

Doris still works there, “paying the bills and going to the post office,” among other things, and, of course, mingling with guests. Her mind holds the details of what each room has to offer and a compendium of answers to tourists’ questions about where to go and how to get there.

Carrie has been married to Kevan Urquhart for 40 years, and her son, Caelan, who has since moved to Portugal, worked at the hotel and continues to help with marketing and other projects.

### Grandmother’s stairs

In discussing the changes in the industry, Carrie and Doris said the internet removed a “touchpoint” with guests, whom they often no longer talk to until they check in. While it’s convenient, it has also presented a few challenges due partly to the property’s inherent whimsy.

“Every room is decorated differently and every room offers different amenities. This is a hotel that has personality,” Carrie said.

For example, “My grandmother left me many things, but she didn’t leave me an elevator.” While several of the 38 guest rooms are accessible from street level or the rear parking lot, others require guests to use stairs — something not everyone notices in online descriptions — occasionally necessitating last-minute problem-solving.

The hotel has 16 part- and full-time employees, some of whom have been there for 25 years. Carrie chalks their longevity up to a true family focus, giving people consistent schedules — a rarity in hospitality — and flexibility to take care of outside obligations.

accomplished. That is what service looks like at its finest.

What made the moment even more remarkable was something I noticed as he was speaking. Panetta was delivering that entire speech from two small pages of his dense handwritten notes. I asked if I could make a copy for the Carmel History Library archives, and he generously agreed. Looking at those pages afterward, I was struck by something. A speech of that power, including the bin Laden story told with such precision and emotion, had been written extemporaneously and delivered perfectly, with on-the-fly embellishments that made it feel completely alive and heartfelt.

I said in the introduction that Panetta is one of us. Anyone who spoke with him before or after the ceremony understood exactly what I meant. He was warm, present, unhurried, genuinely interested in the long line of people around him. For a man who has operated at the highest levels of American power for half a century, that quality is not just admirable. It is remarkable.

It was a great way to honor those who gave their lives for this country and a good day to be mayor.

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# MAYOR

From page 27A

“Here am I, Lord, send me.”

Then he told a story few people in that park had heard from someone who actually lived it. On the night of the raid to capture Osama Bin Laden, Panetta was in the room with President Barack Obama and the national security team as our SEALs flew into Pakistan under cover of darkness. As they approached the compound, one of the helicopters clipped the wall and was disabled. In that moment, he had to decide whether to call off the mission entirely. The SEAL commander came back to him. They had lost the helicopter, but another was coming. His men were ready. They could complete the mission.

Panetta made the decision to continue.

### Speech of power

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In light of all that history, it might be surprising that Carrie has secured a permit to demolish and rebuild Hofsas House with a Craftsman-inspired style design by architect Eric Miller. As reported in the Feb. 10, 2023, issue of The Pine Cone, she said that modern requirements for things like ADA accessibility and other structural issues necessitated the overhaul.

She is, however, planning to have “a link to the past” and is figuring out how she can preserve the art. Some was done by Maxine Albro, a close friend of the family matriarch, Donna, and probably best known for her frescos in San Francisco’s Coit Tower.

### Seniors and dogs

To give back to the community, Hofsas House supports Peace of Mind Dog Rescue and hosts three or four fundraisers annually. Mother and daughter are dog lovers, and Carrie said she likes the nonprofit’s “human/senior component,” as it tries to keep older adults and their pets together for mutual benefit.

She has also been president of the Carmel Innkeepers Association since 2005 and chairs Visit Carmel’s board.

And of course, Carrie can point to her decade on the city council. She said it’s important for government to include representatives who know what it’s like to do business in Carmel.

“You don’t just start a business and put up a neon sign here,” she said. People have to “understand and respect Carmel.” Her contributions to establishing the city’s farmers market and moving to house numbers are among her proudest efforts.

She’s hopeful that when the council sets standards for the appearance of those new numbers, she’ll be able to get some pretty, decorative tiles to point people to the new address of a very old business.

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# MEDICAL

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increase that's four times greater than the rate of inflation over the same period — and in a time when the state's population declined. The healthcare spending has been a major contributor to multiyear deficits in Sacramento, even though federal taxpayers foot more than half the bill.

Under current funding rules, the federal government reimburses 50% of the cost of traditional Medicaid patients — i.e., seniors 65 and older and people with disabilities — and 90% of the cost for Medi-Cal enrollees covered under the Affordable Care Act. As a result, California is due \$137 billion in federal Medicaid funds this

year, up \$18 billion from last year and a jump of more than \$71 billion since 2019, leaving some on Capitol Hill questioning why a program meant to pay for healthcare covers so much more.

## What's included

In 2022, California launched CalAIM, short for California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal, and innovate it has. The program has added all kinds of services, approving the use of Medi-Cal dollars for everything from security deposits on apartments, to first and last month's rent, basic home furnishings and meal services.

Under the program, some Medi-Cal managed care plans also offer wellness benefits, like discounts on gym memberships and music and art lessons. According to the Department of Health Care Services

Greenbaum said. "Our weekly volunteers, including those who shop, cook, package the meals and deliver them, all do it without receiving any pay."

The money the group raises goes toward food, kitchen supplies, to-go containers, insurance and a storage unit. The kitchen does not serve pork or beef and always offers a vegetarian option.

## 'Countless hours'

"We have volunteers who have put countless hours into this program and have built wonderful relationships among people from different faiths," Greenbaum said.

Among those who joined Greenbaum in forming the charity were Rob Fisher, former rector of Saint Dunstan's Church in Carmel Valley, Abdel Seck, former president of the board of the Islamic Society of Monterey County, Todd Hornick, who served as president of Congregation Beth Israel, and the Rev. Brian Bajari, who died in February 2024.

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website, "activity funds" can also be used to pay for bicycles, scooters, roller skates and the requisite safety attire to match.

As for the exorcisms, what California does pay for are traditional healers and natural helpers through the Indian Health Care Provider System. Exorcisms are not specifically listed on the state website — but what is catalogued includes traditional drumming, dancing, ceremonies and herbal remedies.

The in-home chefs Kennedy referred to fall under the homemaker services Medi-Cal will pay for, such as employing people to complete meal preparation, grocery delivery, cleaning and laundry services for the chronically ill. All of these subsidized services fall under the umbrella of In-Home Supportive Services, a program to help low-income people remain in their homes by paying their family members or other individuals to care for them rather than place them in nursing homes.

All of the expanded services sound nice

because compassion is the intention, but each addition is also another avenue for grifters to scam the system out of state and federal dollars — and scam they have.

## Spending balloons

Earlier this month, Vice President J.D. Vance announced the federal government is hitting the pause button on \$1.3 billion in Medicaid funds owed to California over fraud concerns related to hospice care in the state.

In April, the California Department of Health Care Services reported a "large-scale identity theft and hospice fraud scheme" that drained \$267 million in Medi-Cal dollars. According to the state, criminals used stolen identities to enroll people in Medi-Cal and bill for hospice services that were never provided. The scheme involved 14 fraudulent providers, some of which used the same address but

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# HUNGRY

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The group also packs up 30 dinners for indigent clients in the Chinatown neighborhood in Salinas and delivers food to a Marina mother whose husband died unexpectedly.

"He was killed in a tragic accident," Greenbaum said.

To keep costs low, the charity purchases food from Grocery Outlet or Costco — whichever has the best deals at the time — and gets help from the Food Bank for Monterey County. It also receives donations from individuals, congregations, nonprofits and grants.

"I am proud to share that last year we served approximately 250 meals each Thursday at a cost of \$1.77 per meal," Greenbaum said.

The overhead is also low because, unlike many nonprofits, nobody is on payroll.

"Since our formation seven years ago, neither I, as the president, nor any of our board members have been paid anything,"

# ARTIST

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Hanson led the cancer group, 31 of her members succumbed to the illness. "I did all of their funerals ... I knew all of their kids," she said.

Among those who died was her once-homeless friend, who "transformed from an angry, terrified man into a radiant, peaceful Christian."

The Hansons also hosted 15 weddings at their home during that time.

## Finding art at 50

Hanson's art journey began in earnest at age 50 in 2000. It became cathartic during her health struggles and the grief from losing so many friends.

"Painting lifted the weight of the sorrow," she said. "I'll make a thousand decisions in a very short time as a plein air painter, which engaged my brain so thoroughly that I felt total relief and no pain whatsoever while I was out there."

And the person who took just one art class at Soquel High and one more in college accelerated her development by seeking instruction from a who's who of teaching artists: Scott Christiansen, Matt Smith, Laurie Kersey, Brian Blood, C.W. Mundy, Ronaldo Macedo, John Cosby, Ray Roberts, Calvin Liang, Randall Sexton, Bill Cramer, John Burton, Jesse Powell and Michael Obermeyer, and Hedi Moran, Kathy Anderson and Dick Heichberger from the Scottsdale Artist School.

"My mentor, Kevin MacPherson, was my first teacher, and I've painted with him at locations around the world," she said of the master impressionist, who became a close friend.

## 'Medicinal and fun'

"Lee, Kevin and I took a monthlong painting trip to France two weeks after my bilateral mastectomies," Hanson said. "I got to paint the darling little villages along the rivers all over France with my favorite teacher and my husband."

"It was astounding how medicinal and fun that was," she said.

"I felt no pain or fatigue at all until the painting trip was over and we got to Paris, where I was so tired that I couldn't lift my fork to eat."

Lee, her spouse of 55 years, was a basketball player and star golfer at Soquel High — a year younger than Coraly, the head cheerleader — when he began "stalking" her, she reminisced fondly.

"We had a chemistry class together, and he asked the teacher to make us lab partners, so that's kind of how it started. He's so cute," she said of her 75-year-old hubby.

During their college days, Coraly, a French major, won a scholarship to study at the Sorbonne.

"At the same time, he was planning to go on the tour as a pro golfer," she said. "We talked about it and decided we didn't want to be apart, so neither of us went. We got married instead."

Still an avid golfer, Lee accompanies her on painting trips — favorite venues have included Yosemite National Park, the Canadian Rockies, the Grand Canyon, Glacier National Park, the Grand Tetons, the Sierra Nevada, Hawaii, Israel, New Zealand and England.

## Sons and grandsons

They raised two sons — Erik, a financial advisor, lives in Santa Cruz, and Scott is a software engineering manager in Bozeman, Mont.

One grandchild, Evan, lives in Bozeman, and another, Jackson, is a Santa Cruz resident and blossoming painter.

Hanson has participated in more than 50 shows since 2005, including one-woman shows in 2019 in Bar Harbor, Maine, and at Carmel's Reiser Gallery, winning multiple awards including four firsts and six People's Choice ribbons.

Hanson, who specializes in landscapes and seascapes, has competed 14 times in the Carmel Art Festival, where she won Best Oil Painting in 2014.

Visit Carmel Fine Art (Sixth Avenue between Dolores and Lincoln) to view her work, or [coralyfineart.com](http://coralyfineart.com) for additional information and images of her art.

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# FRAUD

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still managed to fly under the radar.

The feds think the fraud goes even deeper. To date, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, a federal agency, has suspended payments to 800 hospice and home healthcare agencies suspected of scamming the government in Los Angeles alone. It's really nothing new; back in 2022, the state auditor reported that L.A. County "has experienced an explosive growth in hospice agencies that does not appear to correlate with the need for hospice services" since at least 2010, but here we are, 16 years later, and the fraud has only grown.

Dr. Mehmet Oz, who leads the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, said his agency is putting California's In-Home Supportive Services program under the magnifying glass, too. Oz reported his agency has identified questionable expenditures and anomalies but didn't point to any documented cases of fraud.

## Huge growth

The program doesn't have a clean record. Back in 2009, then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger estimated as much as a quarter of Support Services claims were fraudulent. The state cracked down and expenditures on the program declined as a result. They're back up now, though. Funding for the In-Home Supportive Services program has swelled by \$8 billion over the last decade, reaching \$33.4 billion in Newsom's latest budget proposal.

Newsom's press office told the Associated Press the

state's home care program swelled because California is "keeping more people out of far more expensive nursing homes."

That doesn't mean fraud isn't also happening. A Department of Social Services fraud summary from May of last year showed that between 2023 and 2024, counties received almost 7,000 fraud complaints but only launched 964 investigations, resulting in just 39 cases prosecuted.

## 7,000 fraud complaints but only 964 investigations

The in-home care system allows providers to self-report timecards and check-in records, and state records show a majority of providers live with their beneficiary, giving a lot of leeway to scammers. In recent years, the U.S. Department of Justice has prosecuted multiple cases of support services fraud.

## Out of the country

A San Dimas man billed the state for more than \$170,000 in fraudulent home services over five years while the patient he was supposedly caring for was in nursing homes and hospitals. In another case, a Santa Monica woman was charged with fraud after she claimed to be caring for her parents but, in reality, they were living outside of the country, while she racked up 32,000 in billable hours she never worked.

Of course, these amounts are small potatoes when compared to the overall Medi-Cal budget in California, but when you're looking to trim deficit spending, cutting payments to scammers is a good place to start. Snipping at services that don't fall neatly into the medical care category is another reasonable response.

The state's own legislative analyst says one of the biggest drivers of increased spending in California since 2019 has been the "expansion of comprehensive Medi-Cal coverage to undocumented immigrants," but that overall

Medi-Cal costs also "largely" grew because of higher costs per enrollee. The April spending report details that higher provider and pharmacy rates account for part of the growth, but that a third of the costs are a direct result of "increasing services."

Services Kennedy and others say don't exactly sound like health care to them. In a state where incoming revenues are not enough to keep pace with outgoing revenues — to the tune of roughly \$10 billion annually — getting back to the basics and cutting off the scammers isn't the worst prescription.

# GOAT

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fencing in May 2015 and got into a home in Pebble Beach, causing considerable damage, the indiscriminate eating machines haven't been any trouble.

Falworth said he reached out to the popular purveyor, Orinda-based Goats-R-Us, and learned all of its goats are booked through the end of 2026. Finding an outfit to bring the animals to Carmel might require going out of state, which would cost more.

"I think we really need to move on this one, and someone simply has to pick up the phone and make some calls," he said.

As of Tuesday evening, carmelfiregoats.org listed 218 petition supporters, including former city council members Karen Ferlito and Bobby Richards, Graeme Robertson, Nancy and Bill Twomey, and Janine Chicourrat. Falworth said 187 of the signers live in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

He also said Mayor Dale Byrne and city councilmember Hans Buder — who is planning to run for mayor in November — are on board.



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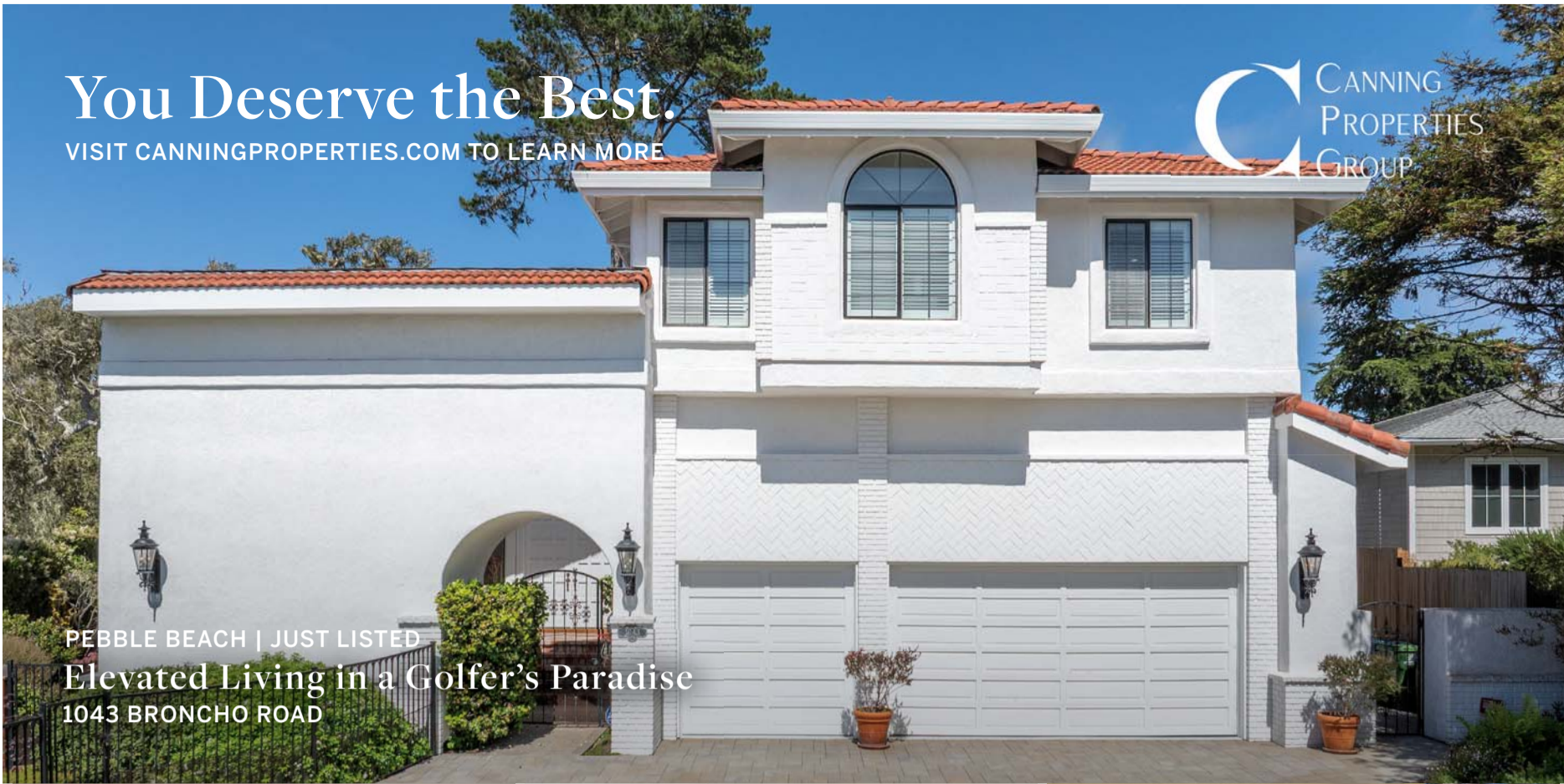
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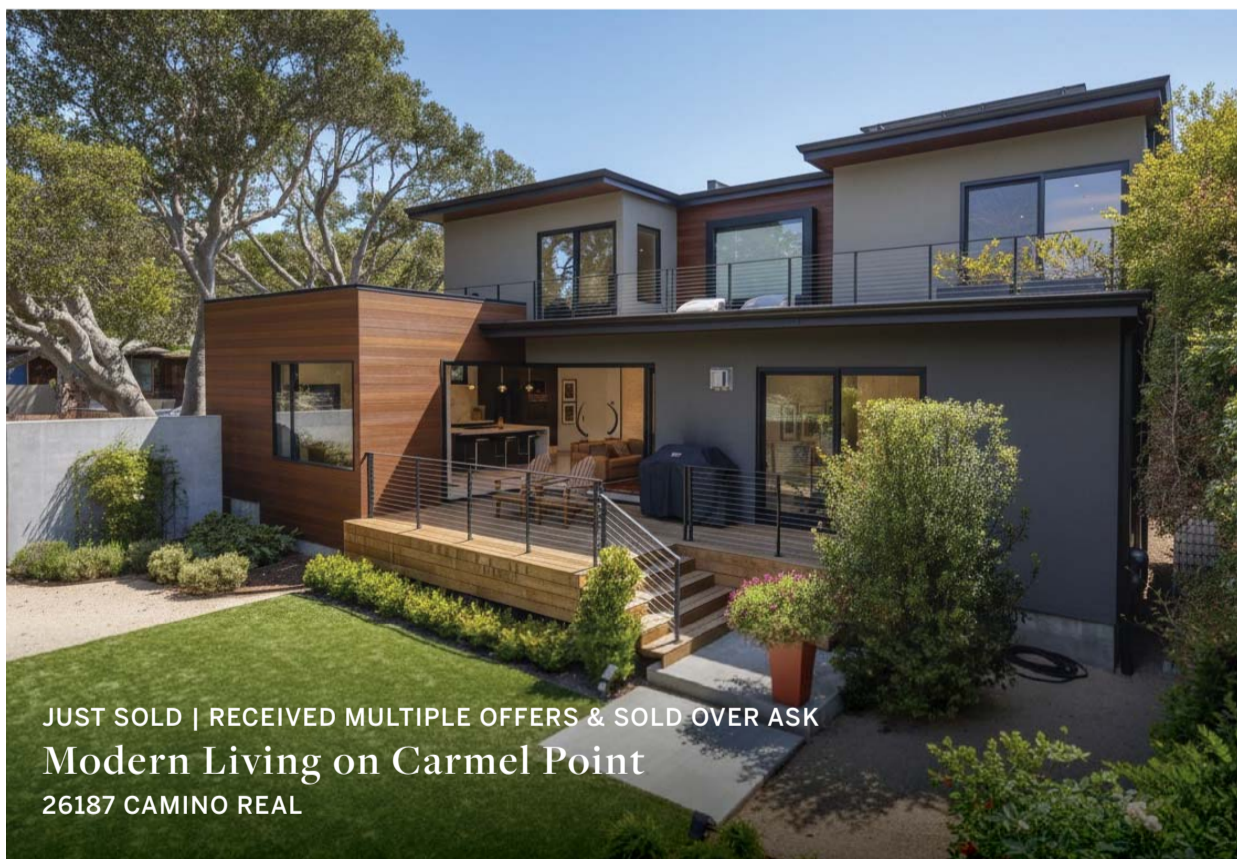
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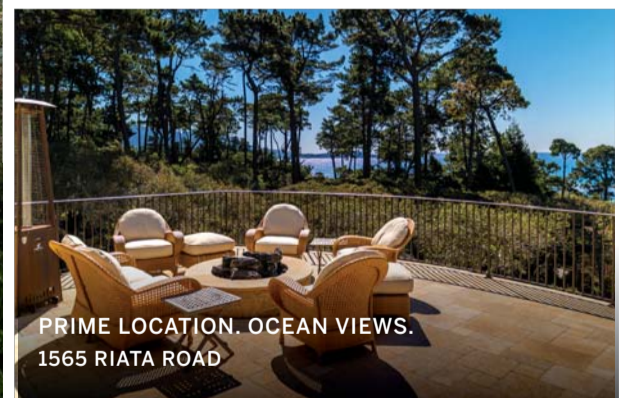
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# HEALTHY *Lifestyles*

## When tiny crystals cause vertigo, the solution might be easier than you think

By SALLY BAHO

**FEELING UNBALANCED?** Dizziness is a symptom of many disorders and diseases, but it can also be a problem with your vestibular system, a network found in the inner ear. If something goes awry, there's dizziness or a loss of balance that increases the risk of falling and can disrupt day-to-day life. According to the nonprofit Vestibular Disorders Association, "More than 35% of US adults aged 40 years and older (69 million people) experience vestibular dysfunction at some point in their lives; many of them go on to develop a chronic vestibular disorder."

The vestibular system is embedded deep in the ear and is about the size of your pinky nail. "It's a system of different organs, nerves and apparatuses within it," explained Sasha Geisler, a doctor of physical therapy, board-certified neurological clinical specialist, and owner of Monterey Mobile PT. She added that it's responsible for detecting when the body speeds up, slows down, or rotates in space, along with providing graviception — the ability to detect direction and gravity — giving the brain feedback so that people can maintain balance and move through space without any issues, Geisler said.

### Back to normal

"I often get people who call me because they're feeling dizzy or unbalanced. My role is to evaluate the role of that dizziness by doing a thorough investigation of the inner ear and coming up with an appropriate treatment," Geisler said.

The evaluation is straightforward, with questions about symptoms and, for example, whether dizzy spells are brief, come on when changing position, or randomly. The



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Sasha Geisler (right), a doctor of physical therapy, uses infrared goggles to help determine a patient's course of treatment.

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## Beautiful help that touches the heart

By LILY PATTERSON

AS A “Lipstick Angel” who provides cancer-sensitive beauty and skincare services to people while they’re undergoing chemotherapy and radiation, Madeleine Cooper sees enhancing someone else’s beauty not as a pursuit of perfection, but as a comfort at “the worst moments.”

Last year, members of the nonprofit Lipstick Angels visited more than 18,500 patients around the country.

“We’re the only beauty program in existence that goes bedside. We work with people in their most vulnerable moments, hooked up to that machine,” Amy Holiber, the group’s national program director, shared.

“It’s been so humbling to help people going through what can be the worst moments,” said Cooper, who spends up to 30 minutes with patients receiving chemotherapy or other infusions. A relaxing facial or expert makeup application brings out a glow that lingers after Cooper wheels her beauty cart to the next chair. Infusions can last as long as six hours, she pointed out, and she tries to see as many as 10 patients per visit.

“We also treat the caregivers, whoever is with the patients that day,” Cooper added. “Cancer is engulfing.”

### Badge of courage

For three years, Cooper has volunteered her services weekly at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula’s cancer and inpatient rehab centers. In late April, as Lipstick Angels local program manager, she brought its services to Salinas Valley Health, where she spends two days a week in the outpatient infusion center.

Lipstick Angels was founded in 2012 by a former celebrity makeup artist and hospital volunteer who had accompanied



In April, Salinas Valley Health welcomed the Lipstick Angels, whose services help cancer patients to feel more comfortable and confident in their skin.

her grandmother to cancer treatments at Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles. Before receiving an infusion of chemotherapy, her grandmother would apply her favorite lipstick — “like a red badge of courage,” according to the organization.

Since 2012, its volunteers have visited hundreds of thousands of patients at 22 major medical centers throughout the country. A legion of licensed estheticians and professional makeup artists provide men and women with skincare, makeup and gentle massage, using supplies that are hypoallergenic and free of synthetic fragrances and other irritants. Hydrating

products relieve skin that is suddenly dry, sensitive and prone to burns and rashes that are side effects of cancer treatment.

The Peninsula is home to “a huge population” of oncology specialists for an area this size, according to Montage Health’s volunteer services manager Kelly Lepai. Additionally, Montage maintains partnerships with UCSF and Stanford University to expand access to clinical trials. Over the past decade, palliative services — those which provide comfort and aim to alleviate pain, stress and symptoms — including Lipstick Angels and a survivor-patient buddy program to help alleviate the many

side effects of cancer treatment, have been part of an expansion of that care.

### Physical contact

“Programs like our cancer support volunteers and Lipstick Angels can be directly linked to patients’ psychological and emotional well-being,” Lepai said. A simple hand massage can provide the only moment of physical contact a patient has that day not involving a needle or blood pressure cuff.

However, volunteers like Cooper —

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# HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

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clinician will also watch rapid eye movements (nystagmus) while having you put your head in different positions.

People use “vertigo” to describe many symptoms, but Geisler said true vertigo is a sensation that the room is spinning around you. It’s often caused by calcium carbonate crystals in the inner ear that have somehow moved to the wrong place, a condition called benign paroxysmal positional vertigo, which can last for seconds to minutes.

People with the condition often provide “a very specific description of ‘room-spinning,’ which lasts less than 30 seconds and is preceded by a change in position, such as going from lying down to sitting up or rolling over in bed. It’s visual and sensory. They see and feel it,” she said. According to a 2025 paper published on the National Institutes of Health website, that form of vertigo is the most common cause of dizziness. It most often affects those 50 and older, and becomes more prevalent with age.

### Through a maze

When she encounters that condition, Geisler expertly restores patients’ balance using a series of specific head and body movements that guide the dislodged crystals back into the correct part of the inner ear, almost like guiding a marble through a maze by tilting in one of those old-fashioned hand-held puzzles.

“My job is to figure out where the crystals are displaced — which canal in the ear — and get them back into place,” Geisler explained. Patients can usually get back to normal in one to three physical therapy sessions.

You might be wondering if these problems are preventable. Apart from general recommendations like eating a healthy diet, staying hydrated, limiting sodium and getting adequate sleep, there isn’t much



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Sasha Geisler is a doctor of physical therapy.

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## Physical therapy and the triumph of Tank

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

**THIS IS** a Hallmark story of spirit and perseverance on the part of a little dog, paired with his person. Except this tale is true.

Sherry Shirah had always preferred bigger dogs, like her two German shorthair pointers. That was until she and her husband, Trey Williams, who were on a flight to Cabo San Lucas when they encountered the cutest little breed of dog they'd never seen. His person, seated near them, said he was a Cavapoo, a mix between a Cavalier King Charles spaniel and a miniature or toy poodle.

"I said to my husband, 'We're getting one. He can be your dog,'" Shirah said. "When we went to meet the breeder in Texas, a 4-week-old pup poked his little head through the doggie door, figured out how to pop through and ran right over to me. I'm convinced he chose me."

Yet it was her husband who named him, and he decided that since the pup would be a little guy raised in a household with two big pointers, he needed a substantial name. Williams settled on Tank. Although he couldn't grow into the stature of his name, at 8, Tank definitely has spirit.

That's especially true since he survived an accident that might have overcome a more fragile constitution. That was the day that Tank and his person both learned what they are made of.

It will be three years this June, Shirah said. Funny how significant events delineate the phases of our lives.

"I'll never forget the moment. We were living in Florida," she said from her present home southeast of Sunset Center. "Tank ran full speed after a tennis ball in our yard and went headfirst into the brick steps. He dropped to the ground and started crying. His back legs didn't work. I picked him up and drove like a mad woman to the emergency vet."

The diagnosis was that little Tank had broken his back, which meant he needed the care of a neurosurgeon. Time was of the essence. Knowing there was no guarantee their little dog would walk again, Shirah and her husband would not know whether the surgery was successful before they initiated a long process of rehabilitation.

"I haven't talked through this in so long, and it still



Little Tank had an accident that led to a broken back, but thanks to surgery, some therapy and a loving home, he's almost as good as new.

brings up emotion," Shirah said. "I cried a lot. It was very stressful. But Tank and I were so determined, so committed. Ever since then, I've felt a kindred spirit with him."

For months, Shirah spent her nights on the floor next to her little Cavapoo, trying to get some sleep yet lying awake, keeping watch over her patient while knowing there were no guarantees he would walk again. She began searching online in the night for wheels for him.

### Deeply devoted

Meanwhile, Tank began his arduous rehabilitation process. It started with a sling Shirah would use to take the weight off his back legs, lowering it just enough for him to touch the ground. This made it possible for him to "re-learn" his brain and body how it would feel to walk again.

His therapist also set down a little rubber peanut-shaped object, which Tank would push back and forth with his paw to strengthen muscles and dexterity.

"Then he graduated to water therapy," Shirah said. "They would put him in a tank with a treadmill in it. Then they'd add water and turn on the treadmill, enabling him to

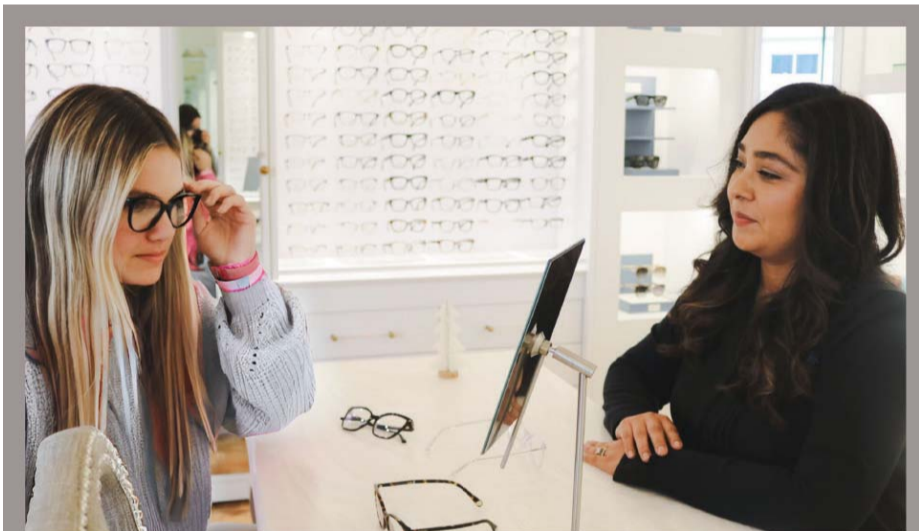
walk without pressure. It was amazing to witness."

But Tank wasn't wild about walking in water. He would look through the glass at his person, hoping, she believed, that she'd rescue him. That meant she had to leave the room to avoid being a distraction. It was hard on both of them.

Since he's food-motivated, Tank's physical therapist often used little pieces of salmon as incentives. One day, during therapy, Shirah saw Tank's tail start to move for the first time since the accident. The therapist said it meant his nerves were starting to fire again. Then he wobbled over to nibble the salmon. He was on the road to recovery.

Three years later, Tank might have a slight waddle to his walk, Shirah said, and she puts drops in his eye to mitigate lingering nerve damage from the accident. But other than that, she said, people who don't know the story can't tell that Tank went through trauma.

"Dogs teach us so much about strength, resilience, and recovery," said Shirah, now a resident of Carmel. "Ever since the accident, he's been my dog, my soul. I call him my heartbeat at my feet."



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who possesses 30 years of experience as an esthetician, and a luminous calm about her — aren't easy to come by.

"Monterey is a small region, and it's been a challenge to find beauty professionals who are interested in volunteering in a clinical setting and who fit the qualifications," Holiber said.

"It's hard, because so many people eager about beauty and skincare reach out. But our volunteers must be licensed estheticians, though we'll accept makeup artists with equivalent professional experience," she added — not to mention background checks and the like.



Madeleine Cooper

Cooper was an ideal candidate. She had trained and started her esthetician career in London before she and her husband relocated to San Francisco Bay area in the early 1990s. She helped launch a skincare brand and opened her own clinic, Skincare by Madeleine, after operating for several years within a medical spa.

"I spent most of my career in the medical spa world working under dermatologists, offering injectables, lasers — heavy-duty treatments for deep wrinkles, pigmentation and acne," Cooper explained.

After moving to this area in 2017, she helped a friend to establish a spa in Carmel Valley. Cooper also returned to school online, taking an intensive course in oncology esthetics.

### Different skin

"Cancer is everywhere, and over the years I'd had a lot of clients going through treatments. And there's a point at which you realize, 'Oh, this is very different skin now,'" she said.

Before joining the fleet of Lipstick Angels in 2023, Cooper enrolled in the group's mandatory oncology esthetics course. It covers the basics of chemotherapy and radiation, focusing on how treatment impacts hair loss,



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you can do. Causes of these ailments may be unknown, genetic, or come with the passage of the time.

Among the other conditions Geisler treats is vestibular neuritis, which she said is caused by inflammation of the nerve in the inner ear. "It can be preceded by a viral infection and can cause acute dizziness, nausea and imbalance," and can be treated with steroids and a series of physical therapy sessions.

"Another thing that is common with age is a weakening of the inner ear. We lose strength in that system, which can result in dizziness, difficulty walking in the dark, and feeling off balance when you turn around," Geisler said. It can be treated with targeted exercise and strength and balance training.

Finally, Geisler cautioned, "Not all dizziness and vertigo are the same and not all dizziness issues are caused by loose crystals."

She emphasized that while dizziness is common, it is not normal. If you experience it — be it associated with movement or randomly — get it evaluated and find the cause so you can get safely back on your feet.

You can learn more about Geisler's work at [monterey-mobile.com](http://monterey-mobile.com).

skin sensitivity, even the quality of a person's fingernails.

"We're dealing with people who have lost their lashes and brows, and most are experiencing extreme dryness and dehydration. Skin is skin — we even offer a scalp massage and treatment to help with redness and flakiness," Cooper explained.

Another common side effect is light sensitivity. Sun exposure — in fact, any light exposure — can seriously aggravate skin during cancer treatment, and radiation therapy often results in burns from prolonged exposure. It's understandable that some patients don't want to be touched, and Cooper offers aromatherapy and guided breathing sessions to provide relief without physical contact. Patients can take those techniques with them — and, if they like, a nice moisturizer or lipstick.

"If they're out shopping at Sephora or Macy's, I can show them the ingredients to look for and what to avoid. There are so many options, it can really be daunting,"

Cooper said, noting that cancer treatment often makes skin more sensitive to commonly used and typically safe chemicals. Lipstick Angels has given more than 30,000 nontoxic products to patients through partnerships with skincare and makeup companies.

Cooper also hosts a monthly beauty and wellness seminar at CHOMP, setting up stations with suitable makeup products and a mirror. Patients can drop in to pick up professional-grade tips: how to pencil in sparse eyebrows, or where to apply blush to a face that may now have a very different shape. Or, they can wait for a one-on-one appointment, though it's smart to schedule in advance — Cooper is quite popular.

"I put out my calendar the last week of each month, and it always makes me smile when people schedule their infusion treatment during the hours of my visit. Sometimes, they'll get me, a therapy dog, and a musician all at once!" Cooper said.



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# THE KITCHEN

## Walnut-Crusted Salmon with Rosemary-Maple Glaze

Courtesy of chef Deborah Wenzler, Baum & Blume Café & Catering

**IT'S THAT** time of year — recreational and commercial salmon fishing season is open in Monterey Bay, which means you can get your hands on some truly fresh, locally caught king salmon. Check with your fishmonger — Sea Harvest, Monterey Fish Company, and Robbie's Ocean Fresh Seafood are good places to start — or you could just befrend an angler.

Chef Deborah Wenzler at Baum & Blume in Carmel Valley has shared a wonderful recipe you can make in your oven, so you don't even have to head outside to the grill in your favorite cozy summertime sweater.

Wenzler recommends leaving the skin on your fillets. She said that it helps protect your fish from overcooking, "but more importantly, the skin is packed with higher concentrations of omega-3 fatty acids, protein, and nutrients like vitamin D than the flesh alone. It promotes heart and brain health, aids in lowering cholesterol and supports skin health due to high collagen content. So please, eat the skin!"

The walnuts add nutritional punch — UC Davis lists a variety of benefits for the heart, brain and gut — as well as delivering a crunchy texture.

Also, this is the time to dip into some actual maple syrup, not the cheap, flavored and colored corn syrup in the big bottles. The real deal usually comes in small containers and can keep quite some time in the fridge, with various sources estimating its lifespan to be six months to two years after opening.



Wenzler suggested serving your salmon with grilled asparagus or pan-seared broccoli rabe, steamed quinoa, brown rice, or baked sweet potatoes. Here at Healthy Lifestyles, we're fans of grilled peaches with fresh blueberries and a little ice cream for dessert. But that's just us.

### INGREDIENTS (Serves 2)

**2 6-ounce salmon fillets, skin on (see notes)**

### TOPPING

**1 tablespoon Dijon mustard**  
**1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh rosemary**  
**1 teaspoon maple syrup**  
**1 garlic clove, minced**  
**2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice**  
**1 teaspoon grated fresh lemon zest**  
**1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika**  
**1/8 teaspoon cayenne**  
**1/4 teaspoon each salt and freshly**

**ground pepper**  
**1/4 cup chopped walnuts**

### INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place the salmon fillets skin-side down on the prepared baking sheet.

In a small bowl, combine the mustard, maple syrup, rosemary, garlic, lemon juice and zest, smoked paprika, cayenne, salt and pepper.

Spread about 1 tablespoon of the glaze over the top of each salmon fillet. Top each fillet with 2 tablespoons of chopped walnuts, pressing gently to adhere.

## Chef Bio

**DEBORAH WENZLER** says she and her kin have been fixtures on the local culinary scene for more than five decades. In 1974, Baum & Blume, the family business, opened a lunch café in Monterey that has evolved into a respected catering company, gourmet-to-go kitchen and café destination in Carmel Valley.



She cited her family's many culinary connections, among them a commercial fisherman, a greengrocer, a women's club chef, and a headwaiter at San Francisco's St. Francis Hotel.

At 13, Wenzler plunged headlong into the gastronomic world when Baum & Blume began serving six-course French Basque dinners.

She studied the subtleties and seasonings of Moroccan tagines, Indian curries, French pastries, Creole spices, and, importantly, pairing foods with wines of the then-budding Monterey County vintners.

The company worked with Smith & Hook, Hahn Estates, and Monterey Peninsula Winery. After Baum & Blume relocated to Carmel Valley in 1986, it was discovered by Ben Pon of Bernardus Winery, resulting in a partnership that lasted more than seven years.

Wenzler returned to the family business in Carmel Valley after a short stint in editing and publishing (she's also a poet who has authored three books). Baum & Blume has become a combination intimate café, boutique, gourmet food and gift basket business.

Nowadays, Wenzler said, the rotating weekly menu keeps everyone there on their toes and requires her to constantly create new dishes designed to be reheated and enjoyed in the nourishing surroundings of home.

"Nourishing food feeds more than our bodies. It feeds our souls," she said. "This has been our life — preparing and sharing exciting, healthy meals and serving them with grace and flair. We consider cooking to be a noble vocation, always executed with love and care. Clients tell us they can taste that difference."

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## Choral group steps outside at Forest Theater, Sunset welcomes fresh voice

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“It’s one of the most iconic choral pieces that everybody knows,” music director **Daniel Hendriks** told The Pine Cone. “Some people know it even if they think they don’t.”

Hendriks described “Carmina Burana” as “a very powerful piece of music” that’s “highly emotional and captivates people.” “It’s full of energy,” he said. “It is challenging, but also very satisfying.”

Hendriks is particularly thrilled to see the choral group perform outside at Forest Theater for only the second time ever.

“It’s an event for the whole family,” he suggested. “Bring a picnic and a blanket and cuddle up.”

General admission tickets start at \$57, with discounts available for children, students, active military and seniors. Forest Theater is located at Santa Rita and Mountain View. Go to [icantori.org](http://icantori.org).



I Cantori di Carmel presents Carl Orff’s powerful “Carmina Burana” Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Forest Theater.

### On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

with the earth-shaking rhythms of Carl Orff’s ‘Carmina Burana,’” the Carmel-based choral group announced.

More than 130 musicians will share the stage, including 64 singers, three soloists and five percussionists.



A native of Russia who now lives in California, guitarist Yuri Liberzon takes the stage Saturday, 7 p.m., at Pacific Grove Art Center.

### Technically brilliant

Possessing a technical ability that sets him apart from most of his contemporaries, guitarist **Yuri Liberzon** presents a concert Saturday, 7 p.m., at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

Presented by **Carmel Guitar Society**, the event offers locals a chance to see a world-class musician in an intimate setting.

“As a performer, Yuri brings a repertoire that appeals to all audiences, inviting both longtime lovers of classical guitar and those new to the genre to enjoy an evening of live performance that promises to be immersive, emotionally reso-

nant and technically brilliant,” the group said. “Join us for an unforgettable night of music.”

Tickets are \$40. The art center is located at 658 Light-house Ave. The website is [carmelguitarsociety.org](http://carmelguitarsociety.org).

### Free on Friday

Sunset Center’s Terrace Hour series of free outside concerts continues Friday at 6 p.m. when singer and guitarist **Jewel Arianna** performs. According to Sunset Center, Arianna’s music is shaped by her interests, which include astrophysics and non-dual Hindu philosophy.

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# FOOD & WINE

## Inventive menus, Tuscan adventures, and humble huckleberries

IT'S ALMOST time for Carmel's annual Culinary Week, and we've got the highlights. Peppoli at Spanish Bay is having a Tuscan-themed dinner, and you might want to try some new menu items at Tarpy's in Monterey. In addition, Parsonage winery has released a red blend called The Sisters, Estéban has a jazzy date night deal, and you can learn to bake bread from a pro in Seaside. Read on for details.

### ■ Culinary Week returns

A pig roast, block parties and interesting specials and celebrations at numerous restaurants mark Carmel Culinary Week, set for June 5-13. The multi-day homage to food and drink is organized by Visit Carmel, the city's tourism marketing agency.

"The evolution of what is now the 6th Annual Carmel Culinary Week reflects the exciting culinary renaissance taking place throughout our community," said executive director Amy Herzog. "Participating restaurants have created experiences ranging from inventive prix-fixe menus and exclusive culinary offerings, to immersive, hands-on events that invite guests to engage more deeply with Carmel's food-and-wine culture."

She promised the week's signature events "will feature unexpected moments of delight and discovery designed to



Chef de cuisine Angela Tamura at Peppoli restaurant in the Inn at Spanish Bay said the upcoming strolling Italian dinner she's planning will bring to mind the outdoor markets of Tuscany. In addition, the meal will be paired with specially selected wines from Antinori, a venerable Italian winery.

And new this year, the Art of the Plate Food Tour (June 5, 8, 10, 11 and 12 from 2:30 to 5 p.m.) provides an exclusive afternoon of tastings at five downtown restaurants: El Bistro by the Sea, Grasing's, Toro Sushi, Terry's Lounge at the Cypress Inn, and Bar Napoli.

The key to Culinary Week, however, is the collective effort by dozens of downtown restaurants to provide creative and special experiences to patrons.

Consider Heads or Tails Happy Hour at the Seventh & Dolores Steakhouse, where guests can flip a coin to win a cocktail for 25 cents. The restaurant is also offering Birds & Bubbles — fried chicken and sparkling wine for two — for \$150.

### Island menu

Several venues have prix-fixe menus, some running all week and others set for particular evenings. Participants include Vin by the Sea, Chez Noir (featuring Caraccioli Cellars), Alvarado Street Brewery (Korean-style Loco Moco and a four-beer flight for \$25), Brophy's Tavern (pork Cuban sandwich with chips for \$28), oysters four ways and a glass of wine for \$15 at Flaherty's, Carmel Belle (artisanal grilled cheese and tomato soup for \$15),



the Hog's Breath (family-style pig roast and side dishes for \$145), and many others. On the spirits side, Stationaery will host a class on aperitivo, and Links Club will present a bartending class focused on WhistlePig rye whiskey.

The Pocket is providing a 20% discount for the hard-working people of the hospitality industry Monday and for Monterey Peninsula residents on Tuesday. And on June 12, a five-course "island menu" with rum pairings will be served for \$130.

Find all the details and offerings at [carmelcalifornia.com/carmel-by-the-sea-culinary-week](http://carmelcalifornia.com/carmel-by-the-sea-culinary-week).

### ■ Under the Tuscan Moon

A strolling indoor/outdoor Italian dinner is planned for June 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Peppoli at the Inn at Spanish Bay. Chef de cuisine Angela Tamura said the event was inspired by the markets of Tuscany, and she has quite a culinary adventure planned. Regional specialties will be accompanied by a hand-picked collection of wines from Antinori, a house founded in Italy in 1385.

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## Soup to Nuts

inspire, surprise, and create truly memorable experiences for attendees."

While two of them — Party at the Plaza and La Dolce Vita on Dolores Street — are sold out, a few spaces remain for Soirée by the Sea June 10 at La Playa Hotel featuring seafood stations prepared by the Michelin-starred culinary teams from Aubergine and Chez Noir for \$200-\$250. Boho Bites & Beats (\$100-\$125) at Dolores and Sixth the evening of June 11 will offer "a whimsical street fair" that "brings the essence of global cuisine to the heart of Carmel."

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Tamura learned to cook from her Italian mother and was formally trained at the New England Culinary Institute in Essex, Vermont. Guests will journey through her series of chef-driven stations featuring seasonal antipasti, hand-crafted pastas, wood-fired specialties and slow-cooked meats.

The idea is to evoke the markets of Tuscany, like the Mercato Centrale in Florence, where customers walk from butcher shops to cheesemongers, fresh produce vendors, bakers, pasta makers and more.

“We want to have that feeling where it’s abundant and when you look, it’s a real feast for the eyes,” Tamura said, not to mention the cooking aromas.

To start, a charcuterie station will be followed by a cheese station. There will also be what sounds like a fantastic bollito misto sandwich, a northern Italian favorite combining tender, slow-boiled meats with salsa verde and salsa rosa on a nice, squishy bun, Tamura explained. The market theme continues with additional food stations and freshly made pastas guests can take home.

As for the wines, Tamura said, “There will be at least 15 varietals from all over Tuscany, because Antinori has estates from the north to the south of Tuscany.” There will also be offerings from the winery’s California properties.

The 21-and-older evening costs \$250 per person, inclusive of beverages, tax and gratuity. To learn more or purchase tickets, visit [pebblebeach.com/dining/peppoli](http://pebblebeach.com/dining/peppoli). Peppoli is at 2700 17 Mile Drive in Pebble Beach.

■ **New at Tarp’s**

Frequent Golden Pine Cone winner Tarp’s (2999 Monterey Salinas Highway, near the airport) has some new menu additions. The blue lump crab cake appetizer (\$25.95) made an impressive debut. The thick 2-ounce patties had a crunchy exterior surrounding rich, slightly spicy crab meat and come two to an order. Everything was lightened up by a generous handful of fresh pea shoots and a bright charred pineapple salsa that brought everything together.

The Maple Leaf duck breast (\$43.95) comes with parsnip purée, marble pota-

toes, a huckleberry reduction and prosciutto chips. The breast was cooked perfectly (though one of us found it a bit over-salted). The seemingly humble huckleberry reduction became a brief obsession thanks to its deep and complex layers of flavor — it complemented the duck without getting lost. The server suggested a glass of 2023 Dutton Estate pinot noir from the Russian River Valley, and it was a spot-on pairing.

A plate with two crispy sauteed rainbow trout fillets laid across a bed of green beans, blistered tomatoes, capers, shallots and toasted almonds (\$38.95) hinted at dinner around a campfire after a good day fishing, but without all the work. The fish was meaty and flavorful, contrasting nicely with crispy almonds and soft tomatoes. The citrus beurre blanc added a luxe touch.

For an indulgent finish, the rotating list of sorbets included a scoop of intense mango, and there was the traditional sharing of the generous slice of bang-on-the-table-good chocolate peanut butter mousse pie.

Ken Donkersloot, president and CEO of Coastal Roots Hospitality — which owns Tarp’s and Montrio in Monterey and Rio Grill in the Crossroads shopping center — said there were new items at the sister properties as well. Visit [tarpys.com](http://tarpys.com) to reserve.

■ **Odds and ends**

Parsonage winery announced the release of The Sisters, a blend of “cabernet

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Parsonage winery’s tasting room in Carmel Valley is also an art gallery where you can see quilts made by co-owner Mary Ellen Parsons. The winery recently released a red blend called The Sisters.

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## Pacific Grove artist finds ‘a painting at every turn’ on trip to Paris

THROUGH HER talent with a paintbrush, Pacific Grove artist Cheryl Kampe shares highlights from a recent trip to Paris in a new show at Venture Gallery in Monterey. Kampe will be in the gallery Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a “meet the artist” event.

Titled “Water Lilies and Paris Lights,” the exhibit features scenes and subjects Kampe discovered while visiting the City of Light last October with girlfriends. Along the way, she saw many of the French capital’s most famous sites, including the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame. “The D’Orsay Museum, the Dior Exhibit, Le Sacré-Cœur and

her creations “embroidered tapestries.” She also delves into other mediums, including painting, illustration and mixed media. Through her art, she shares her joy for life and tries to capture the “wonder” she experienced as a child.

“We are all blessed with the ability to recognize and create joy,” she added. “Life is about that creation.”

### Artists win grants

Relying on both private funds and taxpayers’ dollars, Arts4MC recently gave away nearly \$225,000 to artists and arts groups throughout Monterey County. The recipients were honored May 19 at Portobello’s on Main in Salinas.

Fifteen individual “emerging” artists received grants

of as much as \$5,000, including filmmaker Evan Gering of Monterey, musician McKayla Maddox of Seaside and author Sarah Amador of Pacific Grove. Two established artists were gifted grants as much as \$10,000, including singer Daniel Henriks of Carmel and clinical musician (music therapist) David Villareal of Carmel Valley.

Nineteen groups earned grants, including Carmel Art Association, Youth Music Monterey Bay, the Carmel Dance Festival and Monterey Peninsula Ballet Theatre.

“We firmly believe that artwork is real work, and these grant programs put that belief into practice,” said Jacquie Atchison, executive director of Arts4MC. “When we provide our local artists and nonprofits with tangible funding, we are treating them as the vital small businesses, community pillars and cultural drivers they are, investing directly in the economic health of Monterey County.”

## Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

outdoor cafes, patisseries and parks all left lasting impressions,” she said.

Not surprisingly, she found Monet’s Garden inspiring.

“Monet’s Garden was particularly beautiful on a sunny autumn day,” she recalled. “Walking through the colorful flower beds to the renowned water lilies was a painting at every turn.”

Kampe told The Pine Cone that her aim with the show was to “capture the feeling” of being in Paris. “What a joy that was,” she added.

Venture Gallery is located at 260 Alvarado St.

### Trusting your inner voice

An inventive textile artist who now has galleries in three states, Chris Roberts-Antieau recently opened her latest on San Carlos Street, just south of Ocean Avenue. Known as Antieau Gallery, it celebrates its grand opening with a free public reception Saturday at 5 p.m.

A native of Michigan, Roberts-Antieau received little encouragement to pursue her creativity as a youngster, even dropping out of art class in high school. But somehow, she still found her niche as a textile artist. Today, she urges others to “never give up on your dreams.”

“I just had a voice inside that I listened to,” she explained. “I really trusted that voice and I still do.”

As a textile artist, Roberts-Antieau explores fabric appliqué, thread painting and hand embroidery. She calls



Pacific Grove painter Cheryl Kampe shares work inspired by a recent trip to Paris, where she visited the city’s cafes (far left) and famous sites (left).

## FOOD

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sauvignon and merlot with a dollop of syrah,” according to founder and owner Bill Parsons. It’s named in homage to the Parsons sisters, and the label is a detail from one of winery co-owner and artist Mary Ellen Parsons’ quilts, “Fallen Leaf Lake,” a dramatic depiction of moonlight on water. The Sisters is priced at \$48 per bottle; a 10% discount is offered for case purchases.

Estéban restaurant in Monterey’s Casa Munras Garden Hotel is launching a Tuesday evening jazz series running through July 28. Happy hour and dinner start at 4:30 p.m., and the music goes from 5:30 to 7 p.m. In addition to its regular menu with tasty shareable tapas plates, Estéban also has a special prix-fixe Date Night offering on Tuesdays. For \$79 per couple, the four-course dinner for two includes chef’s pintxos (small bites), Caesar salad, a choice of featured paella, and dessert churros, along with two glasses of Estéban’s refreshing signature sangria.

Stone & Starter, a “microbakery” in Seaside, is offering a workshop called “Anyone

Can Bake Bread” on June 11. Owner Sara Hertzog said in a social media post that the 90-minute class will start at 6 p.m. It’s \$65 per person, and you can sign up at [tinyurl.com/y4563vtt](https://tinyurl.com/y4563vtt). (Hertzog notes that this is not a sourdough baking class.)

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



Tarpy’s restaurant on Highway 68 near the Monterey Regional Airport has several new entrees on its menu including a duck breast with prosciutto chips, parsnip puree and a strangely addictive huckleberry sauce.

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# MUSIC

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ter said. "Her melodies journey through jazz, Latin and Indian classical music."

Guests are OK to bring their own food and non-alcoholic beverages, but wine, beer and craft canned cocktails will be served on site.

Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Its website is sunsetcenter.org.

## Jammin' into June

Serving up an afternoon of musical surprises, Embassy Suites in Seaside welcomes its monthly Jazz Jam Sunday at 1 p.m.

The lineup features saxophonist **Ben Herod**, keyboardist **Ayana Bradley**, bassist **Antony Bianchini** and drummer **Mike Shannon**. As is always the case, professional musicians are invited to join in. "This a solid lineup of talent, and we will back it up with a jam session," suggested

drummer Jim Vanderzwaan, who co-hosts the monthly gatherings.

There's no cover. Embassy Suites is located at 1441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd.

## Live music May 29-June 4

### Big Sur

**Big Sur River Inn** — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Saturday, 12:30 p.m.), **Aaron Burnham & the Brushfires** (country, Sunday at noon), singer and guitarist **Victor Veysey** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

**Fernwood Resort — Desert Hollow** ("Americana," Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

### Carmel

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

**Hyatt Carmel Highlands** — singer

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An up-and-coming local singer and guitarist, Jewel Arianna performs a free outdoor concert Friday, 6 p.m., at Sunset Center.

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

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

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

**Links Club** — **Johnny Tsunami** (rock, Friday at 6 p.m.), **The Mighty Maples** (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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

**Taste Morgan** — singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Saturday at 3 p.m.). 204 Crossroads Blvd.

**O'Callaghan's** — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik**

(Friday at 6:30 p.m.). 3772 The Barnyard, Suite 21.

### ■ Carmel Valley

**Bernardus Lodge** — pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Saturday at noon), singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

**Edgar's Restaurant** — singer and guitarist **Dan Cortes** (Friday at 5:30 p.m.). At Quail Lodge, 8205 Valley Greens Drive.

**Folktale Winery** — singer and guitarist **Trianna Feruza** (Friday and Monday at 4 p.m.), **Two Rivers** (pop and rock, Saturday at 4 p.m.), **Monterey Jazz Regional All-Star Combos** (Sunday at 4 p.m.) and singer and guitarist **Tim Brady** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

### ■ Monterey

**A Taste of Monterey** — singer and guitarist **Jewel Arianna** (Friday at 5 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

**Hyatt Regency Monterey** — singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott**

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**InterContinental Hotel** — mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Friday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, 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** — **The Zach Westfall Trio** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Lauri Hofer-Romero** and guitarist **Bob Basa** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl-Astrup** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (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 **Steve Mann** (jazz, Sunday 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.

**Puma Road at Portola Plaza** — singer and guitarist **Nick DiSalvo** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Blaise DiGirolamo** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

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

**Sly McFly's** — **The Speakeasy Band** (pop and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The Pacific Jack Band** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), **DC & the Jokers** (rock, blues and jam, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **5 Star** (rock and soul,

Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.), **Bobby & Friends** (funk, soul and r&b, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

## ■ Pacific Grove

**Asilomar Conference Center** — **Matt Masih & the Messengers** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Jewel Arianna** (Saturday at 4 p.m.). 800 Asilomar Ave.

**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** — **The John Michael Band** (pop and rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **King Bee** (pop and

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Saxophonist Ben Herod joins the Jazz Jam Sunday, 1 p.m., at Embassy Suites in Seaside.

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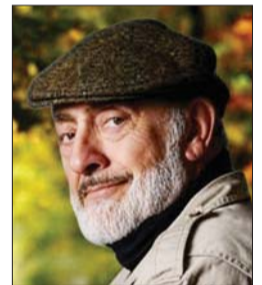
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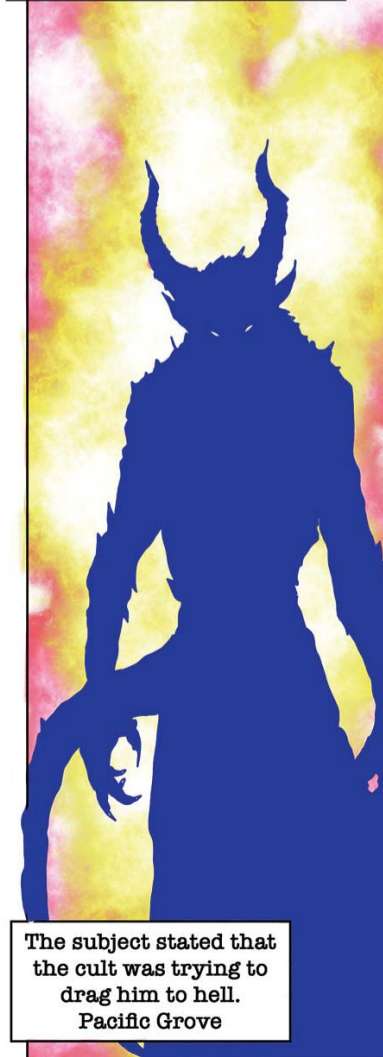
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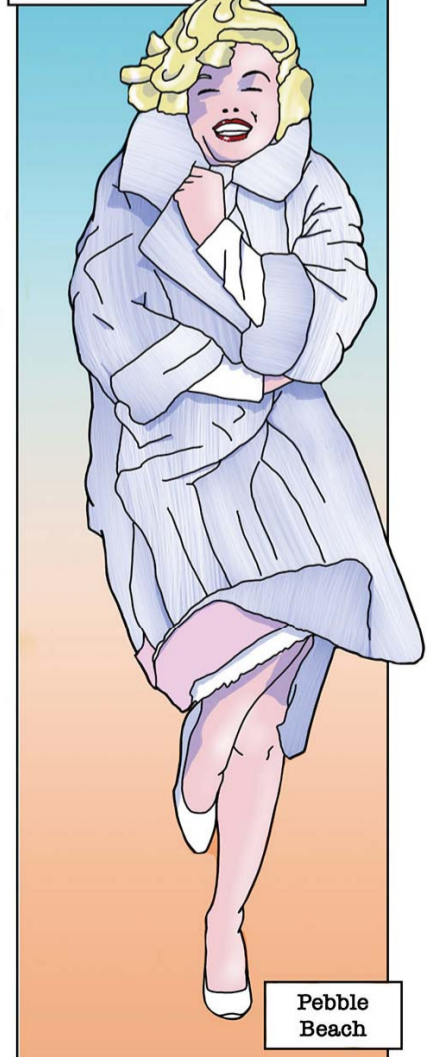
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# GAVEL

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interactive leadership and life skills development) at Wonder Wood Ranch in Prunedale. Evans was released from custody from a penal institution and resided near Wonder Wood Ranch so he could participate in the program. Evans stashed both stolen vehicles near his residence.

On the evening of Feb. 3, 2024, Evans, Cervantes, Rodriguez and two uncharged assailants traveled in one of the stolen vehicles to Big 5 Sporting Goods at the Northridge Mall in Salinas. Four of them, wearing masks, entered Big 5. They wielded firearms, threatened Big 5 employees, stole about \$2,000 of ammunition and then fled in the stolen vehicle.

The next day, Feb. 4, 2024, Pedro Nava directed Evans, Cervantes and Rodriguez to hunt for rival gang members in South Monterey County. The trio armed themselves, then departed Evans' residence in the same stolen vehicle they used in the Big 5 robbery. During their hunt for rivals, they spotted cousins Jack Canchola and Andres Garcia parked in Garcia's truck alongside a bridge

outside Greenfield. They mistakenly concluded that Canchola and Garcia were rival gang members and threatened them. Garcia drove them away from the bridge while Canchola called 911. Evans, Cervantes and Rodriguez pursued in the stolen vehicle. The pursuit ended when Canchola and Garcia crashed in a vineyard off Los Coches Road. There, Evans, Cervantes and Rodriguez exited the stolen vehicle and murdered Canchola and Garcia. The trio fired dozens of rounds of gunfire, inflicting over 40 gunshot wounds on Canchola and Garcia.

On March 3, 2024, Pedro Nava directed Evans, Cervantes and Rodriguez to commit a shooting at a family birthday party at a King City residence. The trio traveled to King City in the second stolen vehicle and scouted the party for almost an hour. Then Evans, Cervantes and Rodriguez stopped in front of the party, exited the vehicle, and fired dozens of rounds at partygoers assembled under a tent in the front yard. Their gunfire killed Francisco Perez, Olivo Perez, Mario Guzman and Alicia Aparicio, and inflicted great bodily injury on seven more victims. After the shooting, Nava and Evans exchanged text messages celebrating the death toll.

Rodriguez's indictment follows more than two years of investigation by multiple agencies including the Monterey County District Attorney's Office, King City Police Department and Monterey County Sheriff's Office. In that period, investigators authored hundreds of search warrants and analyzed countless terabytes of digital evidence collected in the investigation.

Rodriguez has been in custody since April

2024. In November 2024, Rodriguez was sentenced to a four-year, eight-month prison term for firearm possession and an assault he committed while housed in Monterey County Jail.

The investigation of these crimes remains ongoing. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact law enforcement.

# PERFORM

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**The PG Meetinghouse — Blue Fire** (rock, Friday 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.

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# The Carmel Pine Cone

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2RE The Carmel Pine Cone May 29, 2026

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**Escrows closed: 55**  
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**24776 Cabrillo Street — \$1,775,000**

Kathleen Simmons and Gerald and Mary Bayless to Payton Taylor and Blake Ahrold  
APN: 009-141-006

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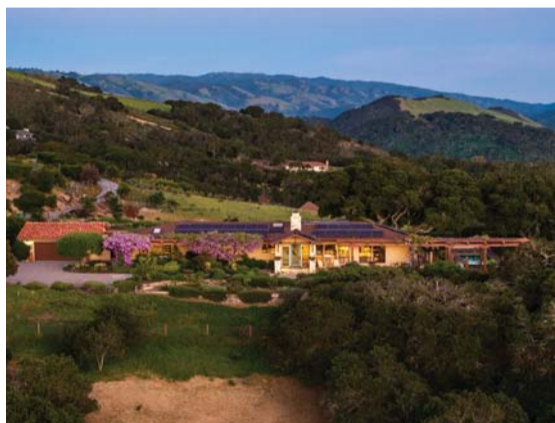


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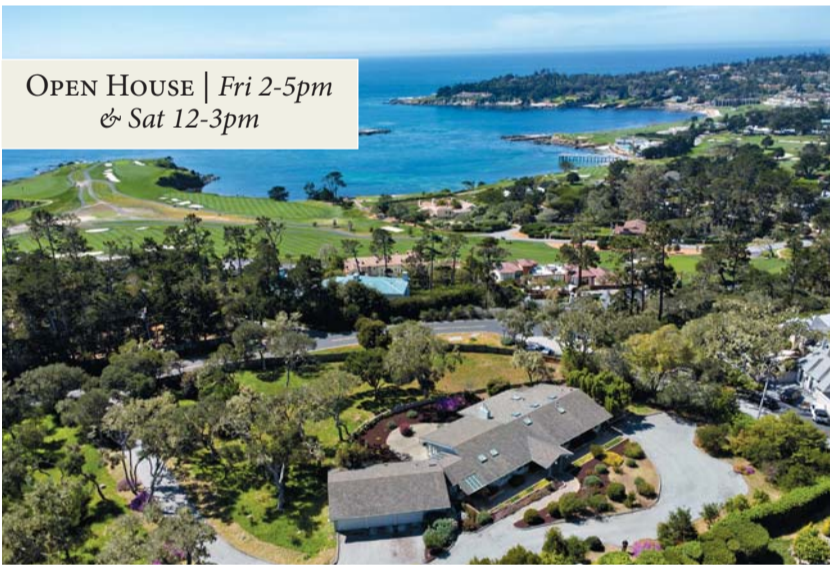
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# A robot housekeeper is coming, and it has better taste than I do

DON'T TALK to me about self-driving cars, robots performing surgery or artificial intelligence taking over the world. Those are minor distractions compared to what stopped me in mid-sip over my morning coffee. Every day, I receive an email from a site that keeps me updated on robotics, an industry evolving at warp speed. Most of it doesn't affect me. But recently, the site mentioned something that made my head swivel faster than the kid.....302521 in "The Exorcist." It covered a task many seniors consider drudgery — house cleaning — which ranks lower on my personal enthusiasm meter than trying to find a parking space in downtown Carmel.

It's a job that gets worse with age. Bending, stooping, and stretching to reach corners and crevices leaves me needing the Tin Man's oil can just to straighten up. My lower back submits formal complaints. But nothing — nothing — prepares me for the shower stall. That mostly glass chamber requires the flexibility of a Romanian gymnast to clean properly. I contort myself into positions that

would make a pretzel jealous, armed with a scrub brush and a can of foam cleaner, breathing in fumes that could drop a rhino at 20 paces, all while trying not to slip and spend the rest of the afternoon explaining to paramedics exactly what I was doing.

## Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

Relief, apparently, is at hand. A company named Gatsby pitches itself as an on-demand cleaning service that uses humanoid robots to clean apartments for \$150 a day. It's running a pilot program in San Francisco, where the average human cleaning service runs \$150 to \$300. Gatsby claims its robot does the job for a flat fee, regardless of apartment size. No small talk. And no one will mistake a

\$50 jar of face cream for furniture polish. Which leads to a question nobody bothered to answer in the press release: Does this thing bring its own cleaning supplies, or will it raid the cabinet under my sink like a houseguest who "forgot" their mouthwash? The Gatsby website is suspiciously quiet on this point, which leaves my imagination to run gloriously wild.

### Sneezing Febreze

Picture the possibilities. Perhaps the robot arrives fully self-contained — a walking, cleaning arsenal. When it encounters a grimy window, it simply spits Windex, leaving the glass spotless, without my signature streaks. Greasy stovetop? No problem. It sweats Spic and Span from its synthetic pores, a feature the engineers listed in the technical specs as "integrated degreasing perspiration." And when the bathroom needs attention, it strolls in and pees Scrubbing Bubbles directly into the toilet bowl, which frankly sounds more effective than anything currently on the market. When the job is done — every surface gleaming, every dust bunny evicted — it walks to the center of your living room and sneezes a fine mist of Febreze like a chef kissing his fingers after a masterpiece. Fresh Linen scent, naturally.

Early reports from Gatsby's San Francisco pilot project suggest these robots are disturbingly good at navigating tight spaces, which raises the question of whether they've developed aesthetic opinions along the way. I won't be surprised if I return home to find my couch rotated 45 degrees, my sad beanbag chair quietly relocated to a closet, and a throw blanket artfully draped over my recliner in a way that somehow looks intentional. The robot isn't being presumptuous. It simply has better taste than I do and the upper body strength to achieve it. Think of it as unsolicited interior design. Feng shui by C-3PO. "Master Jerry, sir, it's so good to see your place looking so chic."

### Cashmere dustcloth

I've spent decades in ongoing negotiations with cobwebs, rings around the tub, and the mysterious grime that accumulates on windowsills. The idea of handing the whole operation over to a tireless, chemically self-sufficient humanoid for \$150 is almost too good to be true. In the meantime, it is fun to imagine opening my front door to a robot that arrives ready to work, fully loaded, and possessed of a bathroom technique that would make Mr. Clean hide away in a cloistered monastery.

Finally, there is the matter of etiquette. Do you tip a robot? With a human cleaner, the protocol is clear — cash on the counter, maybe a thank-you note if you're feeling gracious. But what do I leave for a humanoid? A fresh set of batteries? A Yelp review written in binary? For Christmas, ever the matchmaker, I can give it Alexa. Fail to tip, and who knows? Next visit it might decide my cashmere sweater makes an excellent dustcloth, or stage a passive-aggressive protest by "accidentally" hiding my remote in the silverware drawer. Just to be safe, I'll keep the good scotch out of its reach. A tipsy humanoid with a mop is trouble; a tipsy android that's CUI (cleaning under the influence) is a disaster.

Contact Jerry at [jerrygervase@yahoo.com](mailto:jerrygervase@yahoo.com).



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**12 Mal Paso Road — \$3,975,000**  
 Andrew Grundy to Smith Mal Paso LLC  
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## Carmel Valley

**12167 Saddle Road — \$810,000**  
 Michael and Linnae Terranova to Chad and Debra Skorupka  
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**79 Paso Hondo — \$1,150,000**  
 Charlene Mims and Monique McCullum to Kerry and John Clausen  
 APN: 189-252-017

**23 Paso Hondo — \$1,200,000**  
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**195 Laurel Drive — \$1,650,000**  
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**25430 Loma Robles — \$1,993,000**  
 Michael and Deborah Crouch to Neha Mohan and Justin Percy  
 APN: 169-353-004

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**27465 Vista del Toro Place — \$1,205,000**  
 Jonathan Davis and Kovacs Trust to Samuel and Amanda Biederwell and Derrell Feldman  
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**25611 Whip Road — \$2,600,000**  
 Paul and Rebecca Tag to Leslie Hamilton  
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**600 Santa Lucia Way unit A — \$380,000**  
 The Sea Haven LLC to Susan Rafeiro



25430 Loma Robles, Carmel Valley — \$1,993,000



214 Crest Road, Carmel Highlands — \$4,395,000

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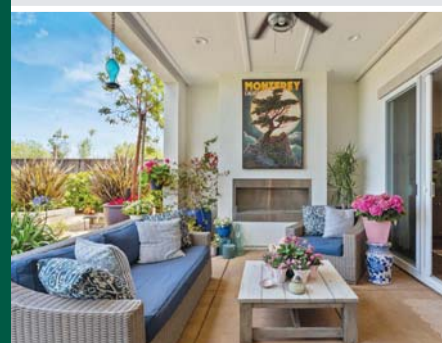


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\$1,795,000

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**14 Long Ridge Trail (Lot 232), Carmel**

**45.93± ACRE LOT**

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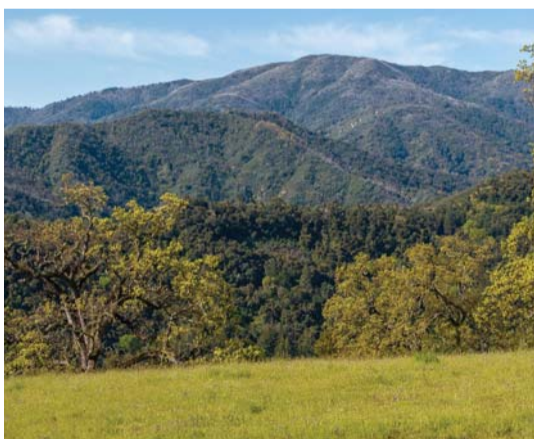
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**72loslaurelesgrade.com**

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**68 Ocean Pines, Pebble Beach**

**2 BD | 2 BA | 1,250± SQ. FT.**

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**CARMEL**

<b>\$795,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 12-2</b>
114 Hacienda Carmel Compass 915-9710		
<b>\$828,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Fr 3-5 Sa 2-4</b>
262 Hacienda Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 917-9886		
<b>\$869,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Su 11-1</b>
101 Hacienda Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 277-0971		
<b>\$1,119,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 12:30-3</b>
183 Del Mesa Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 293-3391		
<b>\$1,240,000</b>	<b>3bd 3ba</b>	<b>Su 12-2</b>
83 High Meadow Ln Coldwell Banker Realty 915-0431		
<b>\$1,595,000</b>	<b>2bd 3ba</b>	<b>Sa 11-1 Su 12-2</b>
9903 Club Place Lane, Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 917-9886 / 915-8688		
<b>\$1,690,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 12-2</b>
9542 Maple Court Compass 236-5290		
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27460 Loma Del Rey The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams 620-2243		



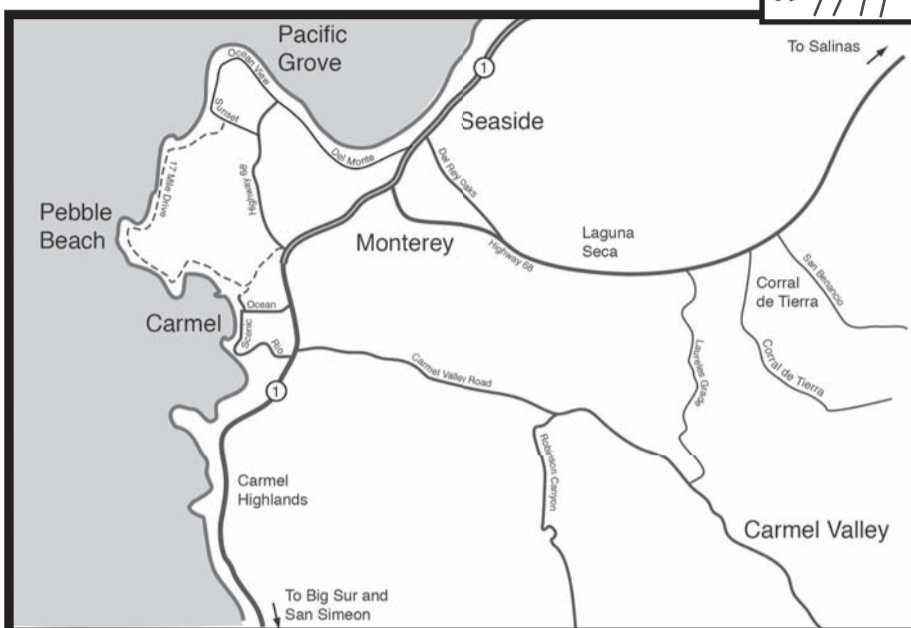
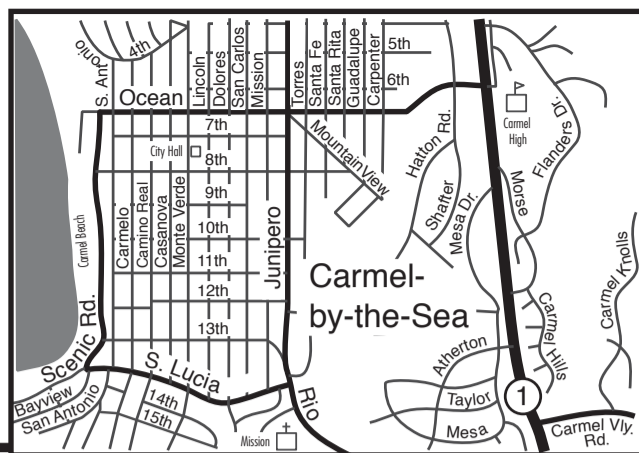
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28015 Quail Ct Carmel Realty Company 277-1040		
<b>\$2,199,000</b>	<b>3bd 3.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 2-4</b>
28088 Barn Way Carmel Realty Company 595-0676		
<b>\$2,895,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 11-2:30 Su 11-1</b>
Santa Fe 4 SE of Ocean Ave Sotheby's Int'l RE 238-8116		
<b>\$2,895,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
8022 River Place Carmel Realty Company 717-7156		
<b>\$2,995,000</b>	<b>3bd 4ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 1-3</b>
24572 Guadalupe St Coldwell Banker Realty 356-8123		
<b>\$3,195,000</b>	<b>2bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Su 12-3</b>
Monte Verde 2 NW of 4th Avenue Monterey Coast Realty 460-6864		
<b>\$3,479,000</b>	<b>3bd 3ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
Crespi 2 NW Flanders Compass 915-6187		
<b>\$3,495,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-4 Su 2-5</b>
Guadalupe 5 SE of 3rd Coldwell Banker Realty 206-0129		
<b>\$4,290,000</b>	<b>4bd 3.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 10-2</b>
Mission 4 NE of 10th Sotheby's Int'l RE 877-0389		
<b>\$7,280,000</b>	<b>4bd 3ba</b>	<b>Sa 2-4 Su 1-3</b>
San Carlos 2 SW of 1st Avenue Carmel Realty Company 521-4855		

**CARMEL VALLEY**

<b>\$1,773,000</b>	<b>3bd 3ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-2:30 Su 11-1</b>
10456 Fairway Lane The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams 867-1188		
<b>\$1,995,000</b>	<b>2bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-2</b>
9 Story Road Sotheby's Int'l RE 277-9250		
<b>\$2,195,000</b>	<b>4bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 11-1</b>
929 W Carmel Valley Road Carmel Realty Company 521-4855		
<b>\$2,540,000</b>	<b>4bd 4ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-4 Su 12-2</b>
26245 Rinconada Dr Compass 236-5290		

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<b>\$2,595,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
13369 Middle Canyon Road Sotheby's Int'l RE Carmel Valley 601-4934		
<b>\$2,695,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-2</b>
46 Middle Canyon Road Sotheby's Int'l RE Carmel Valley 915-8688		

**MARINA**

<b>\$799,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 11:30-3:30 Su 11:30-1:30</b>
21207 Ord Ave The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams Marina 917-5129		
<b>\$1,239,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Su 1-4</b>
482 Lassen Way Sotheby's Int'l RE Marina 682-0126		
<b>\$1,395,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-2</b>
266 Sandy Gulch Drive Monterey Coast Realty Marina 238-0653		
<b>\$1,795,000</b>	<b>5bd 4ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
600 Bluffs Dr Sotheby's Int'l RE Marina 277-3371		
<b>\$1,795,000</b>	<b>4bd 3ba</b>	<b>Su 1-3</b>
585 Santa Lucia Way Monterey Coast Realty Marina 595-0676		

**MONTEREY**

<b>\$498,000</b>	<b>1bd 1ba</b>	<b>Su 1-3</b>
820 Casanova Avenue #108 Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 277-8622		

<b>\$849,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
1360 Josselyn Canyon Road 40 Monterey Coast Realty Monterey 717-7959		
<b>\$895,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
2 Portola Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 277-8622		

<b>\$899,995</b>	<b>2bd 1ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-2</b>
642 Cypress Street Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 238-8029		

<b>\$929,000</b>	<b>2bd 1ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 2-4</b>
515 Dickman Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 277-0971		

<b>\$1,298,000</b>	<b>3bd 3ba</b>	<b>Fr 1-3, 4:30-6:30 Sa 11-3 Su 10-4</b>
1180 Salinas Hwy The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams Monterey 258-9150		

<b>\$1,355,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Su 12-2</b>
564 Mar Vista Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 595-9291		

<b>\$1,495,000</b>	<b>4bd 3ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 1-4</b>
668 Alice St The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams Monterey 224-0020		

<b>\$1,625,000</b>	<b>4bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Su 1-4</b>
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3 Forest Rise Place Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 869-6117		

<b>\$2,225,000</b>	<b>4bd 4ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-2</b>
6 Wyndemere Vale Compass Monterey 236-5290		

<b>\$2,450,000</b>	<b>3bd 3ba</b>	<b>Su 2-5</b>
150 Littlefield Road Sotheby's Int'l RE Monterey 877-0389		

<b>\$2,475,000</b>	<b>4bd 3.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
29 Elk Run Coldwell Banker Realty Monterey 596-6118		

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418 Fountain Ave Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 869-6117		

<b>\$1,249,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 1-3</b>
665 Pine Ave Coldwell Banker Realty Pacific Grove 915-4754 / 596-6118		

<b>\$1,400,000</b>	<b>2bd 1ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-2 Su 1-3</b>
215 Lobos Ave Coldwell Banker Realty Pacific Grove 717-7815		

<b>\$1,560,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Fr 2-4 Sa Su 1-4</b>
308 14th St Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 402-2884		

<b>\$1,695,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 11-1 Su 2-4</b>
801 Junipero Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 869-6117		

<b>\$1,750,000</b>	<b>3bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Su 12-3</b>
512 12th Street Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 917-9886		

<b>\$2,198,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 11-2</b>
607 Congress Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 238-8688 / 915-8989		

<b>\$2,495,000</b>	<b>4bd 4ba</b>	<b>Sa 12-2 Su 2-4</b>
135 5th Street Sotheby's Int'l RE Pacific Grove 915-2800		

<b>\$3,498,000</b>	<b>4bd 2.5+ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-3</b>
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<b>\$949,000</b>	<b>2bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 2-4</b>
68 Ocean Pines Sotheby's Int'l RE Pebble Beach 869-6117		

<b>\$2,350,000</b>	<b>4bd 3ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 1-3</b>
1171 Chaparral Road Monterey Coast Realty Pebble Beach 277-5821		

<b>\$2,495,000</b>	<b>4bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 1-4 Su 2-4</b>
3113 Sloat Rd Sotheby's Int'l RE Pebble Beach 333-6060 / 200-5007		

<b>\$2,695,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa Su 12-3</b>
1091 Laurel Sotheby's Int'l RE Pebble Beach 915-6391		

<b>\$9,995,000</b>	<b>4bd 2.5ba</b>	<b>Fr 2-5 Sa 12-3</b>
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**SALINAS**

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17554 Sugarmill Rd Sotheby's Int'l RE Salinas 236-7251		

<b>\$1,395,000</b>	<b>4bd 3ba</b>	<b>Sa 11-1:30</b>
14390 Mountain Quail Road Sotheby's Int'l RE Salinas 236-7251		

<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>4bd 3.5ba</b>	<b>Su 1-4</b>
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<b>\$765,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 11-1</b>
1313 Harding St Sotheby's Int'l RE Seaside 277-0971		

<b>\$829,999</b>	<b>3bd 1.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 2-4</b>
1233 Hilby Avenue Monterey Coast Realty Seaside 277-5256		

<b>\$938,000</b>	<b>3bd 2ba</b>	<b>Sa 12:30-2:30</b>
1140 Kimberly Ct. Sotheby's Int'l RE Seaside 238-1984		

<b>\$2,330,000</b>	<b>4bd 4.5ba</b>	<b>Sa 2-4 Su 1-3</b>
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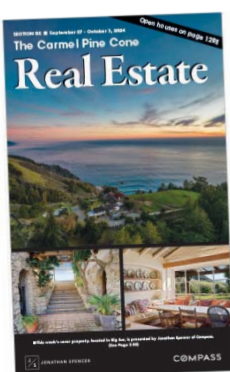
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# POLICE LOG

From page 4A

## FRIDAY, MAY 8

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Adult Protective Services report regarding possible financial fraud at Santa Fe and Sixth.

**Pacific Grove:** Traffic violation on Ocean View Boulevard led to the arrest of a 34-year-old male for probation violation, evading a peace officer, DUI and driving on a suspended license. A 35-year-old female was cited for false vehicle registration.

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

**Pacific Grove:** Found property on Forest Avenue was turned in and is being held for safekeeping.

**Carmel area:** Unauthorized computer access/fraud reported on Carmel Rancho Boulevard.

**Carmel area:** Rio Road resident was re-

ferred to the hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

**Carmel Valley:** Report of theft by false pretenses involving an 81-year-old female victim at Hacienda Carmel.

## SATURDAY, MAY 9

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** County called for assist on an attempted robbery (purse snatch) at Carmel Rancho Shopping Center. Sergeant located a subject in the field and initiated a foot pursuit. The subject was taken into custody without incident. He was a juvenile who was released to Monterey County Sheriff's deputies.

**Carmel area:** Deputies investigated the report of an in-progress robbery at Carmel Rancho center involving a 39-year-old female victim and a juvenile suspect.

## SUNDAY, MAY 10

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Found ring at Scenic and 12th.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Non-injury solo-vehicle collision at Junipero and Fifth.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 21-year-old male subject was arrested at San Carlos and Fifth for DUI, probation violation, child endangerment and resisting arrest. One other involved male, age 23, was arrested for resisting/obstruction. A 16-year-old juvenile male was arrested for public intoxication and resisting arrest/obstruction. The juvenile was released to a guardian.

**Pacific Grove:** Pacific Grove Police was notified regarding a verbal altercation on Ocean View Boulevard which turned physical. Information only.

**Pacific Grove:** A traffic stop was conducted on Lighthouse Avenue for vehicle code violation. The 79-year-old male driver was found to have multiple outstanding arrest warrants. The driver was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail for possession of a controlled substance and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. His bail was set at \$15,000.

**Pacific Grove:** Officers received a call for service regarding a possible vandalism on David Avenue.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to a civil issue on Del Rio.

## MONDAY, MAY 11

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Found wallet at Ocean and Dolores.

**Pacific Grove:** Found keys were turned in to the police department and are being held for safekeeping.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a found firearm on Pacific Grove Lane. It was determined the gun was only a BB gun.

**Pacific Grove:** Municipal code violation on Ocean View Boulevard for feeding wildlife resulted in a citation.

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

## TUESDAY, MAY 12

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 59-year-old male was arrested at Carpenter and Second for a

See **SHERIFF** page 13RE

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**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/Jerould Register, Managing Member Date: April 24, 2026

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

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20260852

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

**Norman Naylors Kitchen & Cabinet Design Center, 815 Broadway Ave, Seaside, CA 95955**

County of Monterey

Registrant(s): Monterey Cabinetshop LLC, 815 Broadway Ave, Seaside, CA 95955

This business is conducted by a limited liability company

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

Monterey Cabinetshop LLC

S/Rossario Catania, Managing Member

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 &amp; 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 Agujito 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

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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)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20260657

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

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

**SALT HOUSE, 2000 Sunset Drive A1, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

Salt House Collective LLC, CA.

This business is conducted a limited liability company.

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

Stacey Sarenity, Manager

Date signed: March 26, 2026

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

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20260932

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

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

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): VIRGINIA MARIE STEBBINS, P.O. Box 228, Carmel, CA 93921.

This business is conducted by an individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 1, 2026.

S/Virginia Stebbins

Date signed: April 28, 2026

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

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 20260951

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

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

**1. Trailside Cafe****2. 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, TOPANGA, CA 90290

This business is conducted by a limited liability company

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

MEDIA PRO LLC

S/ NAOMI TOVAR BEDOLLA, MANAGING MEMBER,

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

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)

Sign up for your free online subscription at [HTTPS://CARMELPINECONE.COM](https://carmelpinecone.com)**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 of 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. 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. **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 **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)

**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](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](http://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](http://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

# TRANSACTIONS

From page 7RE

## Marina (con't.)

### 618 Carmel Avenue — \$507,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Haydeh Bozorg  
APN: 031-314-008

### 614 Carmel Avenue — \$553,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Rolla Alaydi  
APN: 031-314-006

### 3067 Abrams Drive — \$614,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Susana Alejandre  
APN: 031-312-003

### 3059 Abrams Drive — \$614,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Jose Herrera  
APN: 031-312-007

### 3055 Abrams Drive — \$614,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Nicole Cabantac  
APN: 031-312-009

### 3071 Abrams Drive — \$619,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Hassan Zein  
APN: 031-312-001



195 Laurel Drive, Carmel Valley — \$1,650,000

### 3049 Abrams Drive — \$619,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Ryan Wood  
APN: 031-312-012

### 3069 Abrams Drive — \$644,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Kerri Potts  
APN: 031-312-002

### 3063 Abrams Drive — \$644,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Ali Zamani  
APN: 031-312-005

### 3061 Abrams Drive — \$644,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Renee Weekley

APN: 031-312-006

### 3057 Abrams Drive — \$644,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Anton Strila  
APN: 031-312-008

### 3051 Abrams Drive — \$644,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Edith Diaz  
APN: 031-312-011

### 3006 Vera Lane — \$715,000

JJAC Properties LLC to Virginia Meacham  
APN: 032-401-027

### 3058 Berney Drive — \$805,000

Alexsander Said to James Blandin  
APN: 032-342-009

### 13102 Chamberlain Avenue — \$920,000

Randall and Ann McPherran to David and Sabrina Keckalo  
APN: 031-163-032

### 3056 El Capitan Drive — \$1,309,000

The Sea Haven LLC to Jihoon Lim  
APN: 031-313-014

### 3087 Abrams Drive — \$1,418,500

The Sea Haven LLC to Grace Ho Kai Lai  
APN: 031-311-061

See MORE SALES page 15RE

# SHERIFF

From page 13RE

traffic warrant. Male transported to CPD, fingerprinted and released on citation.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A male was cited for a traffic warrant and released in the field. The male was cited on Nov. 27, 2025, for driving 102 mph in a 65-mph zone on southbound Highway 1 in Marina. He was issued a bench warrant for failing to appear in court for a February hearing.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of dog at large at Presidio and Lincoln. Dog was released back to the owner with a municipal code citation.

**Carmel Valley:** Suspicious circumstances on East Carmel Valley Road.

prosecution desired. All parties were contacted.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of lost property on Lighthouse Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** Municipal code violation on Ocean View Boulevard resulting in a citation for feeding wildlife.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of a dog at large on Piedmont Avenue. Dog was released back to the owner with a municipal code citation.

**Pacific Grove:** Stolen and partially damaged city property.

**Carmel area:** A 90-year-old male Via Crotalo resident reported fraud.

**Carmel Valley:** Social services call at an East Carmel Valley Road residence. A welfare check was conducted.

**Carmel Valley:** Vehicle theft on Upper Circle.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fall on city property at Mission and Eighth resulting in moderate injury to a male. Transported to the hospital for further assessment and care.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Reports of suspicious circumstances at Lobos and Second after a male was observed attempting to contact occupants of homes to generate clients for his window-washing business. Male had been contacted before in similar circumstances and was warned/counseled on appropriate business practices, along with necessary steps and licensing requirements prior to engaging in any work. No criminal or municipal code violation/information only.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Found purse at San Carlos and Sixth.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Four individuals at Carpenter and Fifth took psilocybin mushrooms and were experiencing negative side effects. All medically cleared and released.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** A 19-year-old male was arrested at Ocean and Monte Verde at 2335 hours for committing several traffic

violations and driving with disregard for the safety of persons and property. Vehicle towed.

**Pacific Grove:** At about 1725 hours, officer dispatched to contact a reporting party regarding an incident that occurred four to five months ago. The incident involved seeing inappropriate images on a former friend's phone. During the investigation, it was determined that the incident occurred in another jurisdiction. This report will be forwarded to the correct department for investigation/review.

**Pacific Grove:** Driver on Grand Avenue cited for expired registration.

**Pacific Grove:** Officers were dispatched to the 2300 block of Holman Highway for a report of a domestic violence incident. A 72-year-old male was arrested for the domestic violence charges, including false imprisonment and inflicting corporal injury on a spouse or cohabitant.

**Pacific Grove:** Auto burglary occurred at the 1800 block of Sunset Drive.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Information about hit-and-run at San Carlos and Eighth with no

## THURSDAY, MAY 14

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Found cell phone at Junipero and Ocean.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

CHANGES(S) from the previous filing
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ALLURE COMMERCIAL CLEANING,
11401 Geil St., Castroville, CA 95012.

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3. LA & CO
4. NEW JUNE
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6. COASTLINE RIDES
7. EAST VILLAGE COFFEE
8. 831 MAG
9. MONTHLY MYSTIC
10. SHAMBALA MANAGEMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260851
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

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.

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.

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.

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 Light-house Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

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.)

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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260924
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
J. R. SIMPLOT COMPANY, 945 JOHNSON AVE SALINAS, CA 93901, County of MONTEREY

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 objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing.

Attorney for petitioner: STEVEN THOMAS SCHLEIER ESQ SBN 67434 LAW OFFICES OF STEVEN T SCHLEIER 1901 AVE OF THE STARS 2ND FL LOS ANGELES, CA 90067 CN127464 EDELSTEIN May 22, 29, Jun 5, 2026 (PC546)

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.

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.

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

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.)

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.

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 objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing.

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 the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 4:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Commission will visit some or all the project sites in person as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend both the Tour and the Hearing.

This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. To participate via teleconference, use this link: https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/85075274055?pwd=xjGuf1VHPManTYPLVc94aalwt24Tld.1 To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171. Webinar ID: 850 7527 4055. Passcode: 001916.

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

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City's website at http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us and found by clicking on "Government" and then "Meetings." The Planning Commission meeting will be broadcast live on the City's website at https://carmelbytheseaca.portal.civicclerk.com/ and the City's YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofCarmelbytheSea and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Planning Commission meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

Review Draft 2026-2031 CIP for General Plan and CEQA Consistency

Location: Citywide
Consideration of the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for consistency with the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea General Plan.

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the General Plan consistency determination is not a project under CEQA as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

Design Guidelines Update Report

Citywide Receive an update on the workplan for the Residential Design Guidelines

Proposed CEQA Action: Find that receiving a report on the Design Guidelines Update is not a project under CEQA as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

6th Cycle 2023-2031 Housing Element Amendment

Citywide Consideration of a Resolution recommending that the City Council amend the General Plan by adopting an amendment to the 6th cycle 2023-2031 Housing Element

Proposed CEQA Action: Consideration of a Resolution recommending the City Council adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration Addendum for an amendment to the 6th cycle 2023-2031 Housing Element

UP 25373 (Gelato-by-the-Sea)

Johanna White, Property Owner
San Carlos Street 2 northeast of 7th Avenue, Carmel Square Unit 6
Block: 77 Lot: 16 & 18
APN: 010-141-005-000

Consideration of a request that the Planning Commission vote on whether to reconsider the granting of a Use Permit Amendment UP 25373 (Gelato by the Sea) amending Use Permit UP 25150 (Gelato by the Sea) a Specialty Restaurant located on San Carlos Street 2 northeast of 7th Avenue in Unit #6 in the Central Commercial (CC) District. APN: 010-141-005-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case

UP 26004 (Grasing's Wine Lounge) & DR 25395 (Grasing's Wine Lounge)

Eric Miller Architects, Inc, Architect
Mission Street 3 northwest of 6th Avenue
Block 57, Lot 13
APN: 010-132-005-000

Consideration of a Use Permit, UP 26004 (Grasing's Wine Lounge), and Track 1 Design Review, DR 25395 (Grasing's Wine Lounge), for a proposed wine lounge and associated exterior alterations located on Mission Street 3 northwest of 6th Avenue in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District. APN: 010-132-005-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case

DS 25291 (25988 Ridgewood LLC)

John Moore, Designer
25988 Ridgewood Road
Block 2, Lot 4
APN: 009-352-002-000

Consideration of a Concept Design Study, DS 25291 (25988 Ridgewood LLC), for the construction of one-story additions totaling 644 square feet, the re-arrangement of site coverage, new landscaping, and other associated site improvements located at 25988 Ridgewood Road in the Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay District and Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 009-352-002-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the consideration of a Concept Review is not a project under CEQA as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

DS 25299 (White)

Alan Lehman, Designer
Viscaino 9 southeast of Mountain View
Block: 103; Lot 18
APN: 010-052-014-000

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Anna Ginette, Director of Community Planning & Building

Consideration of a Concept Design Study, DS 25299 (White), for the demolition of a 1,837-square-foot, one-story single-family residence and the construction of a 2,460-square-foot, two-story single-family residence inclusive of a 254-square-foot attached garage at Viscaino 9 southeast of Mountain View in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-052-014-000. The project additionally includes an attached 800-square-foot accessory dwelling unit.

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the consideration of a Concept Review is not a project under CEQA as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

DS 25139 (Kshire Property Investments LLC)

Eric Miller Architects, Architect
Monte Verde Street 4 southwest of 3rd Avenue
Block: II; Lots: 19, 21, 23
APN: 010-223-009-000

Consideration of a Combined Concept and Final Design Study, DS 25139 (Kshire Property Investments LLC), and Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of a 1,248-square-foot, one-story single-family residence and 192-square-foot shed, and the construction of a 3,292-square-foot, one-story single-family residence inclusive of a 449-square-foot attached garage located on Monte Verde Street 4 southwest of 3rd Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District and Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay District. APN: 010-223-009-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (New Construction) and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case

DS 25376 (Seven Post Trust)

Sutro Architects, Architect
Scenic Road 3 southeast of 12th Avenue
Block A5; Lot 2
APN: 010-292-011-000

Consideration of a Combined Concept and Final Design Study (DS 25376), and Coastal Development Permit for substantial alterations to a single-family residence at Scenic Road 3 southeast of 12th Avenue located in the Single Family Residential (R-1) District, Beach and Riparian (BR) Overlay, and Park (P) Overlay. APN: 010-292-011-000. The project additionally includes an attached 800-square-foot accessory dwelling unit.

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case

DS 25356 (Dale)

Merritt Hawley, Architect
San Carlos Street 2 northwest of 11th Avenue
Block 116, Lot 17
APN: 010-155-019-000

Consideration of a Final Design Study, DS 25356 (Dale), for the demolition of a 1,168-square-foot, one-story single-family residence and the construction of a 1,600-square-foot, one-story single-family residence and 200-square-foot detached carport at San Carlos Street 2 northwest of 11th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-155-019-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case

UP 26123 (Max & Mike's Creamery)

Danny Hala, Agent
Southwest corner of Lincoln Street & Ocean Avenue
Block 74, Lot 1 & 2
APN: 010-201-001-000

Consideration of a Use Permit, UP 26123 (Max & Mike's Creamery), for a new Specialty Restaurant located at the southwest corner of Lincoln Street and Ocean Avenue in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District. APN: 010-201-001-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case

LEGALS DEADLINE: TUESDAY 3:00 PM

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Publication dates: May 29, 2026 (PC559)



3141 Hacienda Drive, Pebble Beach — \$2,885,000



25611 Whip Road, Highway 68 — \$2,600,000



779 Alice Street, Monterey — \$1,050,000

## MORE SALES

From page 13RE

### Marina (con't.)

**3047 Zanetta Drive — \$1,585,000**

John Merhaut to Michael Weisfuss  
APN: 032-321-033

### Monterey

**345 Sequoia Avenue — \$790,000**

Vincent and Sweeta Cardinali to Scott and Kathleen Bowen  
APN: 013-131-014

**779 Alice Street — \$1,050,000**

Michael and Laura Butler to Patricia Szasz  
APN: 001-189-007

### Pacific Grove

**1227 Shafter Avenue — \$860,000**

Gloria Lee to James and Elizabeth Muncie  
APN: 007-563-004

**235 Chestnut Street — \$1,015,000**

Fred, Daniel and Kristin Dotterer to Robert Sari  
APN: 006-344-010

**216 Park Street — \$1,035,000**

James Dietz to Steven Maged and Gabriel Ibarra  
APN: 006-318-007

**1321 David Avenue — \$1,120,000**

Wyatt Patry and Christina Vallin to Linda and Kim Truong  
APN: 007-571-008

**759 Mermaid Avenue — \$1,285,000**

Constance Gill to Ronald and Donna Garren  
APN: 006-074-018

**157 15th Street — \$1,848,000**

Paul and Katherine Kye to Scott and Holly Peterson  
APN: 006-177-011

### Pebble Beach

**3141 Hacienda Drive — \$2,885,000**

Jeyrs and Michelle Chabu to Lev and Larisa Revzine  
APN: 007-343-007

**1057 Broncho Road — \$3,800,000**

William and Ann Slauterback to 1057 Broncho LLC  
APN: 007-271-021

### Seaside

**1300 Ord Grove Avenue — \$510,000**

Jack Aliotti to Michael and Soraya Cayen  
APN: 011-093-001

**2080 Buchanan Street — \$789,000**

Francina Perez to Felipe and Luz Esparza  
APN: 011-056-003

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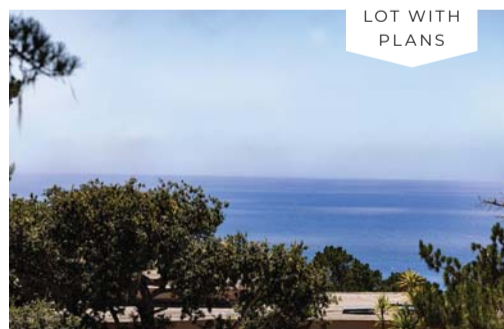
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