

‘California Forever’ takes dream of building new city to Sacramento

SACRAMENTO POLITICIANS talk a lot about housing, but for all the new laws they’ve passed in recent years, the state has very little to show in terms of actual housing starts.

In 2024, California issued just 38,362 multifamily housing permits, down 24% from the year prior — a paltry figure compared with states like Texas, where the City of Dallas alone approved 18,000 permits in 2025.

Last year, pro-housing group YIMBY Law released a report on the failure of Sacramento’s legislation to result in new homes, writing in its executive summary that “the

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

groundbreaking housing legislation passed in California since 2021 has had limited to no impact on the state’s housing supply to date.”

Beyond city limits

The laws that were examined in the report focused on infill development — building within urban areas. It’s a playbook California has struggled to execute for more than a decade, rather than looking beyond city limits to build something entirely new. Now, a group of tech billionaires is trying to flip the script, and they want Sacramento’s blessing.

The project is called California Forever, and its dream of constructing an entire city from the ground up is something America has yet to do in the 21st century.

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RENDERING/CALIFORNIA FOREVER

A rendering shows the downtown market area in a proposed city in Solano County envisioned to have 400,000 residents.

County pooches found dead, may have been shot

By KELLY NIX

TWO DOGS that were transferred from a Monterey County animal shelter to a “sanctuary” in Humboldt County earlier this year in hopes they would be placed into loving homes are among more than 100 animals found dead on the property in late June. Most of the would-be



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Mary (left) and Hana died — and may have been shot — at what was supposed to be a “no-kill” animal shelter near Eureka, Monterey County officials said.

Addresses pop up without official green light

By MARY SCHLEY

THE TWO-MONTH mark — Monterey County’s estimate for how long it would take to integrate Carmel’s new, history-making address system — has come and gone, but the county and the City of Carmel have yet to give the official green light for people to use their new numbers. Nonetheless, the march is on: Residents have been installing their assigned digits, a business that claims to be the city’s oldest is displaying its Ocean Avenue address, Google Maps contains all the building numbers, and the new addresses are even showing up in city documents.

Last week, restaurateur Rich Pèpe, his son Gian, and their team installed the new address above the door of their Carmel Bakery on Ocean Avenue.

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“Our family has owned the bakery since 1988, and it has been operating in the same location since 1899. It is the oldest business in Carmel still standing where it started, and, to our knowledge, California’s oldest bakery still in its original location,” Gian Pèpe said. “It predates both the 1902 development company that built up the village and Carmel-by-the-Sea’s incorporation in 1916. Five families have owned the bakery across its history.”

So it was momentous when one of the oldest buildings in the city was among the first to install its number, 376, above the



Residents Jim and Cheryl Lerdal (left) show off the new number on their Junipero Street home, while business owner Rich Pèpe does the same at his Carmel Bakery on Ocean Avenue.



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TOURISM GROUP SHIFTS MESSAGE ON BIG SUR

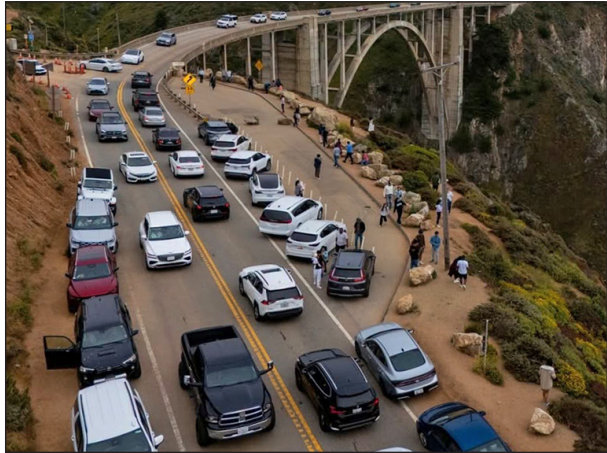
By CHRIS COUNTS

TASKED BY local governments and the hospitality industry with bringing visitors to Monterey County, See Monterey has come under fire from some as tourism on busy weekends and holidays clogs Highway 1 at popular spots like Bixby Bridge and Point Lobos State Reserve.

“Stop marketing Big Sur and start managing it,” the local group Keep Big Sur Wild declared recently on Facebook. “See Monterey, Visit California and social media influencers are killing the goose that laid the golden egg.

We recognize that tourism is vital to our local economy, but we need to find a better balance and carrying capacity that our roadways and infrastructure were designed to accommodate.”

Keep Big Sur Wild, chaired by Marcus Foster, has long advocated for less taxpayer money to be spent on promoting tourism, with more funds directed to law enforcement to better manage visitation and enforce traffic regulations — especially at sites like Bixby and Point Lobos.



PHOTO/SEE MONTEREY

Even a pro-tourism group is discouraging people from stopping at Bixby Bridge in Big Sur.

In response, See Monterey President and CEO Rob O’Keefe insisted that his group, which is run as a non-profit, not only helps bring visitors here but also encourages them to be good guests, and plays a key role in helping local communities manage tourism responsibly and respectfully.

Getting the word out

As an example, O’Keefe said See Monterey discourages people from stopping at Bixby Bridge, which has become a flashpoint in the debate over whether there’s

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Fear of missing out

Paisley is a 3 1/2-year-old Havanese, and her second cousin, Panda, is 3. You can tell them apart, says their person, because Panda looks more like a panda bear than a pup.

Paisley was born scared, stressed and super anxious. Her person quickly learned she couldn't leave her in the car and slip into Safeway without returning to a "stress mess."

"She was so anxious," her person said. "Completely out of ideas for how to help her, we decided to get her an emotional support pet — her own little bestie — which is how Panda came into our lives."

Ever since Panda arrived, Paisley has seemed calmer, at ease and more secure.

"At three months, Panda was so teeny tiny," her person said. "When she'd cry, we'd tell Paisley, 'Go get sissy.' And she'd return, carrying Panda in her mouth. It was adorable."

Paisley, primed to please, would roll over as soon as her person gave her the command. Panda would look up at her person with a "What do you mean? I don't do tricks" expression.

"When we ask Paisley a question," her person said, "she cocks her head and seems to understand what we've said. Panda, not so much. She's sort of like a yel-



low Lab — playful, noncompliant, sweet."

Although the family lives in Mid Valley Carmel, they enjoy walking their pups through downtown Carmel. Yet they tend to go "super early" since Panda gets a little "gangsta," her person said, and barks at other dogs.

"If I see another dog coming," she said, "I exit Ocean Avenue onto side streets. Paisley, by herself, gets along with all dogs. But with Panda, she gets protective. And if I take just one dog with me — like to the vet — the other gets FOMO. They like to be together."

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Wayfarer church to be temporary library

By MARY SCHLEY

A 2,000-SQUARE-FOOT space in the Church of the Wayfarer on Lincoln Street will serve as a temporary library during the interior renovation of Harrison Memorial Library a block away, the Carmel City Council decided July 6. The taxpayer-funded \$6,250 monthly rent for the church’s Carlson Hall will run for up to 24 months, according to acting city administrator Brandon Swanson. The city will also be responsible for its share of utilities, trash service and necessary tenant improvements.

The council approved the contract without discussion as part of its consent calendar. No one commented on the deal.

Right fit

“As the Harrison Memorial Library prepares for the upcoming Centennial Renovation Project, the city has been working with the Carmel Public Library Foundation to develop a temporary location that will allow library services to continue during construction,” Swanson said in his report. “Carlson Hall at the Church of the Wayfarer has

been identified as the best location to serve as the temporary library and community space.” Swanson said the hall is ideal because it has been “a welcoming gathering place for the congregation and broader community, making it a natural transition into a temporary civic space.” Its size and layout “will allow the city to establish a library that continues to provide meaningful services to residents of all ages, including dedicated space for teens, while providing appropriate work areas for library staff.”

See **LIBRARY** page 23A



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Harrison Memorial Library patrons will find themselves visiting Carlson Hall at the Church of the Wayfarer soon.

Correction

DUE TO an error in calculation, the figures reported in the story regarding city pay (July 10, 2026, page 3A) were incorrect. In addition, the city’s finance department provided incorrect information for members of the city council who receive medical benefits. Mayor Dale Byrne and councilmembers Alissandra Dramov and

Hans Buder do not receive any. Councilman Bob Delves receives vision and dental coverage, which cost \$1,084 last year, and councilman Jeff Baron takes full coverage, which cost \$16,930. The corrected story was posted at 10:30 a.m. July 10 and is available at carmelpinecone.com/260710PC.pdf. The Pine Cone regrets the errors.



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Police & Sheriff’s Log

Minor arrested for DUI again

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 1:11 a.m., an individual at San Carlos and Seventh was threatening several people while intoxicated. The 30-year-old man from Sacramento was taken into custody for disorderly conduct and making threats.

Pacific Grove: Municipal code violations resulting in citations at Mermaid Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard.

The Monterey County Sheriff’s Office: No calls to report on the Monterey Peninsula.

MONDAY, JUNE 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run at San Carlos and Ocean at 2:24 a.m.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident at Lincoln and Ninth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 55-year-old Monterey man who works for the Naval Postgraduate School IT department was arrested at 8:28 a.m. in Monterey for making harassing phone calls and felony threats related to a June 27 incident at Lincoln and Seventh. He was booked into Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Stolen personal property on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pebble Beach: Deputies took an informational report on Colton Road.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision at Ocean and Mission. Information was exchanged between parties.

Pacific Grove: A 43-year-old woman was arrested on Moreland Avenue for domestic violence.

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

July 9 — Judge Mark Hood sentenced Fresno resident Daniel Santos, 25, to 9 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, after Santos pleaded guilty to one count of felony child abuse, with a paralysis injury enhancement, and one count of felony driving under the influence causing injury, with a paralysis injury enhancement.

These charges constitute one strike under California’s three strikes law.

On Feb. 22, 2026, shortly before 5 p.m., CHP officers responded to a solo vehicle crash on Highway 156. Officers arrived to find an SUV crashed into a tree off the highway.

The SUV was occupied by two adults and two children, one age 6 and the other 8 months. The driver was identified as Daniel Santos, and officers immediately smelled the odor of alcohol on his breath and person when they contacted him. He admitted to drinking tequila before driving.

Investigating officers evaluated the Defendant for Driving Under the Influence, and a chemical breath test revealed his blood alcohol level was 0.09%. Santos was previously convicted of reckless driving involving alcohol in 2020.

The 6-year-old child, Santos’ son, was severely injured in the crash, suffering paralysis of his legs among other serious internal injuries. The 8-month-old child, Santos’ daughter, did not suffer serious injury.

The case was investigated by the California Highway Patrol and prosecuted by the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office specialized DUI prosecution unit.



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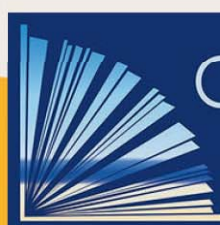
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Fire erupts in Highway 1 homeless encampment

By MARY SCHLEY

AN EARLY-MORNING vegetation fire startled Monterey residents Sunday, when flames broke out in a wooded area off Highway 1 near the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey Fire Chief Pat Moore said this week.

Just after 6 a.m. July 12, firefighters responded to multiple reports of a brush fire and “discovered a fully involved encampment fire that had spread into nearby vegetation and along a fence behind a residence.”

“Early in the morning I heard an explosion, which I assumed was a leftover fire-work,” resident Hannah Bell said. “When

was brought under control in about 15 minutes, Moore said. While the fire damaged fencing at the rear of the home, Moore estimated that “\$900,000 in property was saved as a result of the rapid response and coordinated firefighting efforts.”

The incident involved 17 fire personnel, including two chief officers, on four engines and a ladder truck, as well as an ambulance, Monterey Police Department and the California Highway Patrol, which took the lead in investigating, Moore said.

Worries about camps

While some residents have expressed concern about the prevalence of homeless encampments in the area and the risks they present — including sparking wildfires — Monterey Fire officials said the City of Monterey and the Monterey Police Department Community Action Team regularly coordinate with Caltrans and CHP to clean up camps in an ongoing effort to keep highway corridors clear and mitigate fire risks.

Moore said he is aware of speculation that the fire was intentionally set by occupants of the encampment and told The Pine Cone the CHP is investigating the cause, since the fire occurred on state highway property.

But CHP Officer Kristi

Cho said the investigation has concluded.

“No arrests were made relating to this incident,” she said. “The case is closed at this point, and no further investigation is anticipated.” She did not respond to inquiries regarding the cause of the blaze.



PHOTO/MONTEREY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monterey Fire crews work to control a blaze that sprung up in brush and trees at a homeless encampment Sunday morning.

I got up and saw all the firetrucks, I was pretty scared, but luckily, they were already spraying the trees.”

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Report: Fort Ord contaminants did not cause health problems

By KELLY NIX

A FEDERAL health agency has determined that drinking water at Fort Ord did not pose any health risks to the soldiers who served there in the mid-1980s through the mid-1990s, despite claims that pollutants at the Army base

could have caused hundreds of veterans and residents to develop rare types of cancer and other diseases.

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry concluded in an analysis released July 9 that the levels of contaminants in drinking water wells from 1985 to 1994 were below the threshold for health concerns. Fort Ord

was a center for basic and advanced training for several infantry divisions and various government operations for decades before it closed in 1994.

Congressman's request

The purpose of the health consultation, the federal agency said, was to "reevaluate contamination levels in Fort Ord drinking water supplies to determine whether the exposures to drinking water presented human health risks in the past."

"The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry concluded that drinking water contaminants were not a past health hazard," the 140-page document stated. "Residents and soldiers-in-training who drank, showered,



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This undated, historic photo provided by Cal State Monterey Bay shows Infantrymen training at Fort Ord.

washed and cooked with water from former Fort Ord and Marina Coast Water District drinking wells were not at risk for health effects due to contaminant exposures."

A 1996 assessment of contaminants on the base concluded there was "no apparent public health hazard." But in February 2022, Democrats Rep. Jimmy Panetta and former Rep. Katie Porter requested a reevaluation of possible exposures to chemicals ingested through drinking water,

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Condor group mourns loss of Iniko, who went viral for surviving blaze

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE CONSERVATION group that brought the California condor back from the brink of extinction is mourning the loss this week of Iniko — the most famous member of her species and the subject of a heartwarming story that made headlines in August 2020, when the nest she was being raised in was destroyed during the devastating Dolan Fire in Big Sur.

Nearly a month ago, researchers at the Ventana Wildlife Society became concerned about Iniko when her radio transmitter emitted what’s known as a mortality signal. The group, which successfully reintroduced captive-bred condors to Big Sur in 1997, confirmed July 9 what its researchers had feared for weeks.

“It is with profound sadness that we believe we have lost Iniko,” executive director Kelly Sorenson reported.

A day earlier, researchers searched for Iniko in the Big Sur wilderness but came up empty.

‘No more fitting place’

“Despite the dedicated efforts of our biologists yesterday, they were unable to locate Iniko,” Sorenson said. “The search took place in a dense and remote area of Big Sur where steep terrain made it impossible to safely reach the location we had identified from the air during our June flight, when we first pinpointed the signal from her transmitter.”

The group concluded Iniko had perished. “The mortality signal, combined with the loss of her GPS signal and the absence of any recent visual sightings, all point to the outcome we have been dreading,” Sorenson said.

While the territory the condor lived in — between Big Sur and Pinnacles National

Park — is vast, she was ultimately lost not far from the nest where she was born and raised. “Iniko’s final resting place is within her own nest territory, in one of the most remote and wild corners of the Ventana Wilderness, a place of spectacular rock formations,” Sorenson said. “For a bird who



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Iniko is shown in her redwood cavity nest in Big Sur shortly after the Dolan Fire burned over it in 2020.

was born wild in the redwoods of Big Sur and spent her life flying free above it, there may be no more fitting place to remain.”

Iniko’s story went viral after a remote camera captured a wall of flames swiftly approaching her nest Aug. 20, 2020. She was barely 3 months old at the time.

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Seaside council asked to return pay

By KELLY NIX

THE SEASIDE City Council’s decision to give itself a significant pay raise last year violated state law, according to an attorney, who recommended that councilmembers repeal the increase, reduce their pay by \$2,000 each per month, and repay from their own pockets the amount they were overpaid.

On May 1, 2025, the five-member city council passed an ordinance to increase its stipend from \$400 per month — an amount set in 1986 — to \$2,400 per month, arguing that the cost of living has increased more than 300%, the complexity of governance has grown “significantly,” and preparing for meetings is more involved now than it was then.

However, on Thursday night, at the behest of city manager Greg McDaniel, the council was set to consider an emergency ordinance to repeal last year’s raise due to two major errors.

The city’s first mistake was paying the council \$2,400 per month, which is more than allowed under California law. The city calculated council pay based on a formula set by Government Code Section 36516, which permits increases in monthly

compensation equal to 5% for each calendar year from the date of the last salary adjustment in effect when the ordinance is enacted.

But Seaside incorrectly compounded the annual increases, so each year — from 1986 through 2024 — was increased based on the prior year’s amount. That action, the city said, violates a 2006 state Attorney General opinion.

“Only the currently received salary amount is to be part of the calculations,” according to the 2006 decision. “To make separate calculations for each intervening year since the date of the last salary increase would base the calculations on salaries that were not received by the city council members.”

Paying back

In June, a resident notified Seaside about the errors in the 2025 ordinance, which led the city to hire Carmel attorney Brian Pierik to review it and make recommendations.

The council was set Thursday to repeal the \$2,400 monthly pay and return compensation to the previous amount of \$400.

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‘DESIGNING WOMEN’ FOCUS OF HOUSE TOUR

By MARY SCHLEY

THE ROLES and legacies of the visionary women who have shaped Carmel’s unique architectural landscape over the decades will be the focus of the Carmel Heritage Society’s annual house tour, which this year spans an entire weekend, kicking off with a Friday evening lecture and culminating with a film on Sunday.

City councilwoman Alissandra Dramov, who has lived in Carmel for most of her life and has written four books about its history, will present a lecture on “women architects, designers and builders who helped shape Carmel’s distinctive character,” according to organizers. The talk will focus on the various and eclectic female architects, designers and builders who worked in Carmel from the 1880s to the 1940s, and will take place at The Carmel Foundation at Lincoln and Eighth on July 17 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

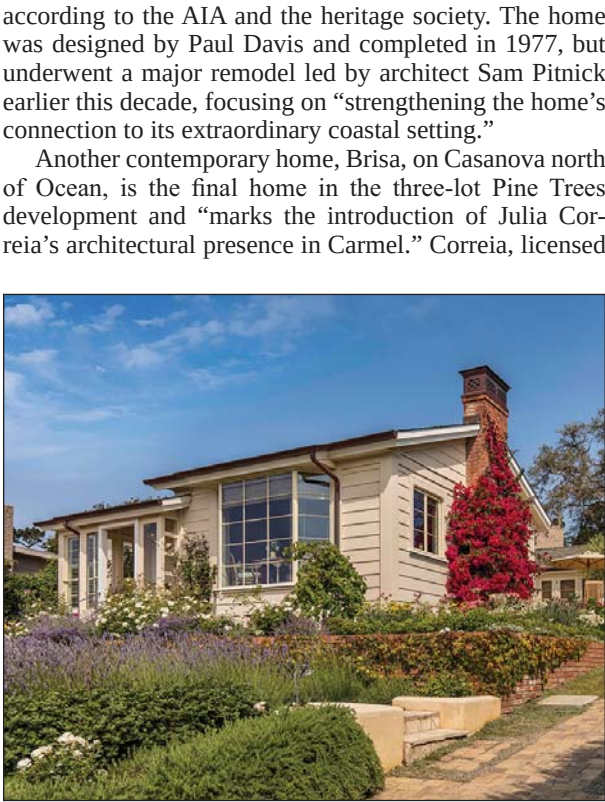
The Carmel House Tour, presented by the heritage society and the American Institute of Architects Monterey Bay

Chapter, will be held from noon to 4 p.m. July 18 and features eight buildings that bear a woman’s touch.

One of the many homes designed by architect Julia Morgan, Pope House on Franciscan Way, was constructed in 1940 for Dr. Emma Whitman Pope, a friend from the architect’s undergraduate days at UC Berkeley. “Morgan personally supervised the construction, walking to and from her own studio/cottage in Monterey,” organizers said. “Although simple and small, the cottage is deftly designed to capture the views of the area and to provide wonderful light and scale in the interior spaces.” Its recent restoration by Dyar Architecture includes replacing a poorly constructed 1960s addition with a bedroom suite and kitchen.

Sea Mist and Brisa

Contemporary Sea Mist, located on the west side of Scenic south of Ocean, reflects the owner’s vision of “sophisticated nature,” and that idea became the guiding principle — creating spaces that feel refined and intentional while still being warm, relaxed, and connected to the outdoors,



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Designed by famed architect Julia Morgan for a friend, the historic Pope House is on of eight stops on the Carmel House Tour.

in Brazil and a recent addition to Thomas Bateman Hood’s firm, designed the home with “brises,” custom wood screens that filter light and create privacy while letting the sea breeze pass through. She also incorporated a large oak limb in the design and “reimagined the kitchen, dining, and living areas so the ocean horizon remains naturally in view throughout the integrated living spaces.”

‘Village’s perennial worry’

The Nash & Bassett house and studio on Alta in the northern section of town is eye-catching for completely different reasons. In August 1921, Anne Nash and Dorothy Bassett arrived from Oakland, bought four lots, and built their home.

Nash “kept a faithful daily diary throughout construction, recording the planning and labor, the scramble to earn money for supplies, evenings at the Golden Bough and Forest Theater, library books, neighborly gossip, and the village’s perennial worry — water,” the heritage

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Scenic home gets OK for overhaul

By MARY SCHLEY

A PROMINENT Scenic Road home that found itself at the center of a controversy over historic preservation decades ago can get a facelift, the Carmel Planning Commission decided last week.

Designed in 2001 by architect Gene Takigawa, the residence, on a nearly 9,900-square-foot double-fronted lot at 1113 San Antonio Ave., was purchased by an entity called Britannia California Inc. in November 2024 for \$18,330,000 — slightly higher than its \$18.2 million asking price — after less than a month on the market. According to records, Britannia California was registered with the California Secretary of State that same month by Thomas Müller and Richard Snyder, with an address connected to the Lavender Bee Farm in Petaluma.

“They absolutely love the location and proximity to the beach,” architect Sam Pitnick told the planning commission July 8. “They didn’t, however, love the house quite as much.”

He went on to say there’s “nothing wrong with the house,” but his clients “felt that it didn’t quite embody the spirit of Carmel-by-the-Sea and California’s Central Coast.”

Better fit

Pitnick’s design includes replacing portions of the siding with horizontal wood elements, adding a stone veneer around the base of the residence, painting the remaining stucco, and replacing the wood shake roof with slate. The framed second-story windows that face Scenic will be replaced



RENDERING/SAMUEL PITNICK

The remodel of a notable oceanfront home will make it mesh ‘much better with the surrounding coastline and neighborhood.’

“fits in much better with the surrounding coastline and neighborhood.”

Takigawa designed the contemporary-style, 2,894-square-foot, three-bed, three-and-a-half-bath residence for Ron and Alexis Donati, who had purchased the property in 1997 and applied soon after to demolish a house on the property that had been constructed by prolific Carmel builder M.J. Murphy decades earlier.

After being told the home was not historic and receiving design approval from the planning commission, the project survived appeals to the city council filed by neighbors who objected. The couple also

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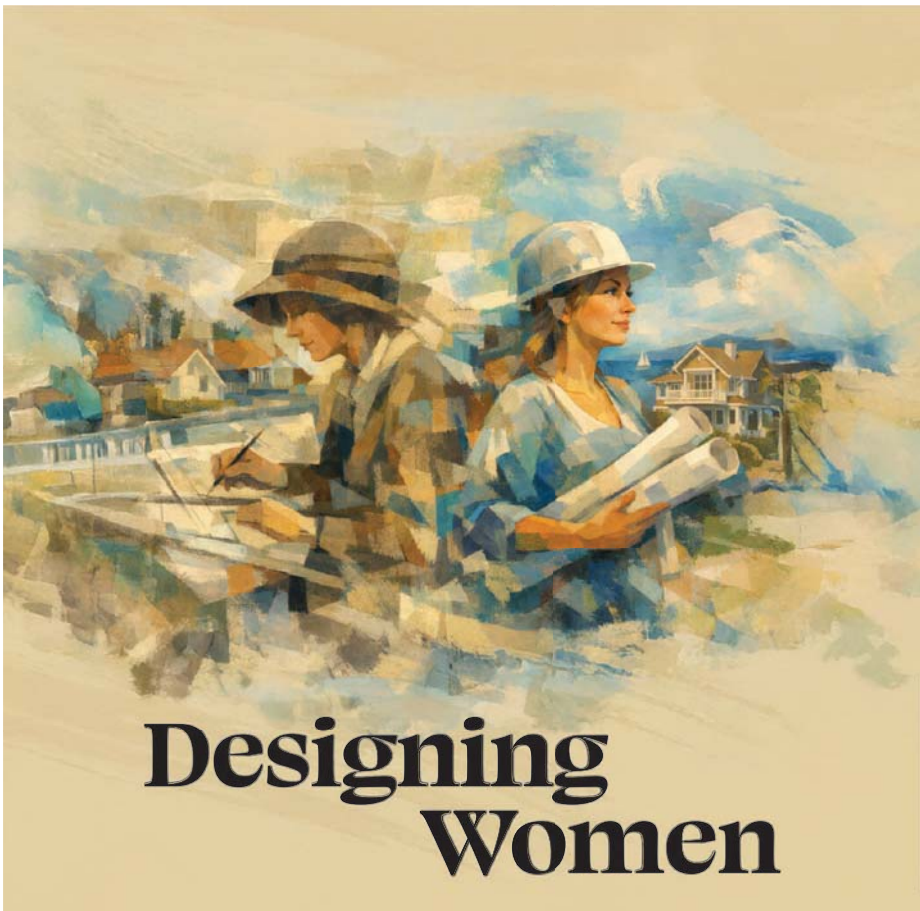
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Union flips script for new teachers

By LILY PATTERSON

VETERAN TEACHERS volunteered to take a hit so new ones could get bigger raises, according to an unusual contract signed by the Association of Carmel Teachers and Carmel Unified School District ahead of the 2026-2027 school year. Instead of the typical percentage increase, which favors senior faculty at the high end of the pay scale, the union won \$4,100 in back pay for all members, with the aim of attracting and retaining younger educators.

“Over 50 of our 207 members have over 25 years of experience. Twenty are already at the 30-year mark. These are teachers who will most likely be retiring in the foreseeable future, yet this group of veteran teachers agreed to an equitable salary increase that disadvantaged them and benefited the lower end of the salary scale,” according to the union’s lead negotiator, Michelle DiGirolamo. “Why did they agree to that? Because we believe that this is in the long-term interest of our students and the district,” she said at the June 17 meeting of the Carmel Unified Board of Education, flanked by association President Bill Schrier and a few dozen union members.

Cost of living

The announcement was anything but celebratory, however, as DiGirolamo and Schrier took to the dais to admonish trustees, arguing that the district is holding out on educators.

The rift started during negotiations, according to DiGirolamo and Schrier, when CUSD shut down the union’s key demand of \$4,865 in back pay for all teachers, based on a 3% increase to the highest base salary on the scale (\$162,162 in 2025-2026).

“The reasons for choosing this type of salary increase instead of a straight percentage were simple. We wanted to help all members mitigate the high cost of living and inflation in this area. We wanted to keep starting salaries competitive, knowing we need to retain new teachers and enable young teachers to live here,” DiGirolamo informed board members.

She and other negotiators were told \$4,865 was an impossible sum because the district would have to dip into reserve funds, DiGirolamo said. But since all members were in lockstep, campaigning for a flat dollar amount, the union settled on \$4,100. More than half the union accepted less than 3%

in back pay so first-year teachers would earn raises exceeding 5%, paid retroactively for the 2025-2026 year.

‘Misled and played’

At the June 17 meeting, the school board also ratified agreements with the California School Employees Association and non-represented administrators, including the district’s head office. Both groups — excluding superintendent Sharon Ofek, who agreed to a 2.5% increase when her contract was re-upped last month — negotiated a 3% pay bump for the 2025-2026 year, plus a 2% raise that took effect on July 1.

That the district’s top-paid employees had negotiated a 3% raise was not disclosed during bargaining, the teachers union alleged.

“As lead negotiator, I feel we were misled and played,” DiGirolamo said.

Schrier claimed the administrators’ agreement came to light only when the board’s agenda was posted online and the contracts appeared on the list of action

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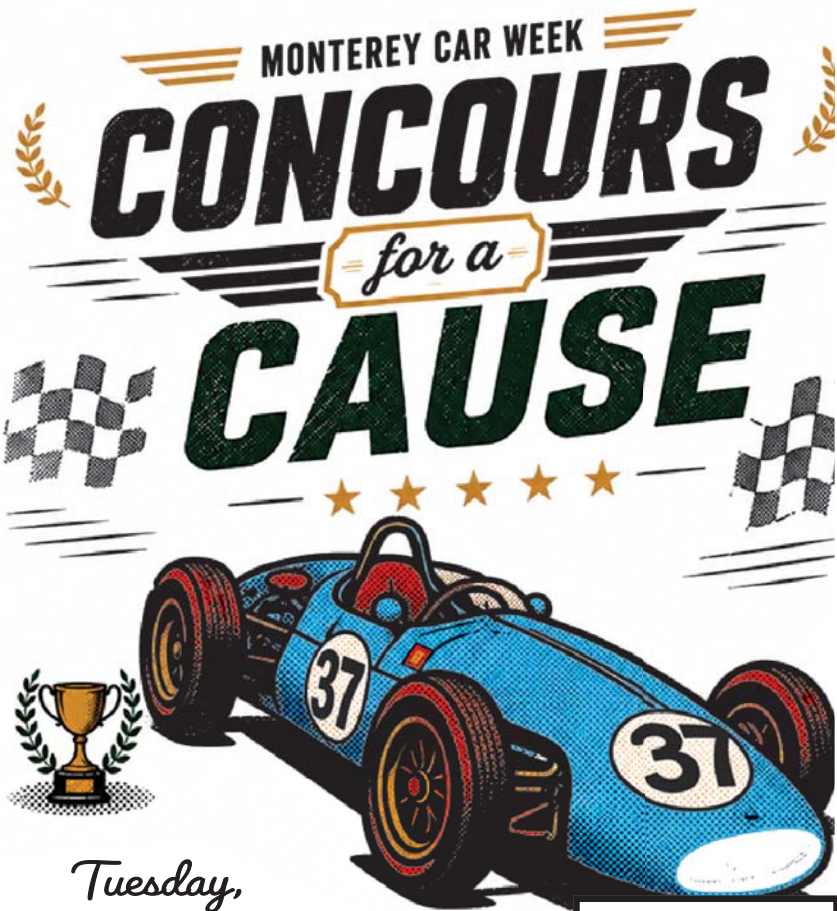
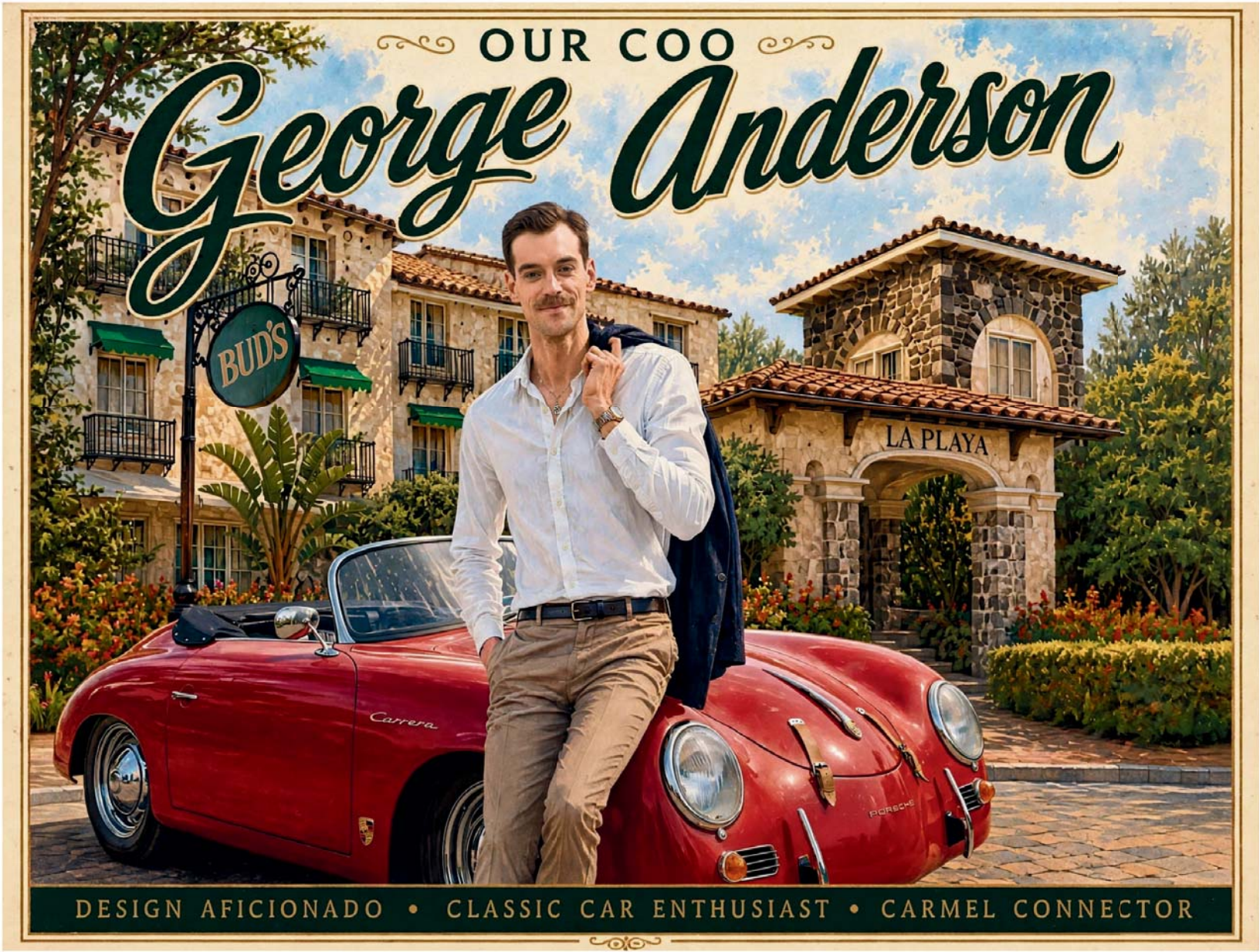
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New trails open at Palo Corona Regional Park

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO NEW trails — totaling about a mile in length — opened recently at Palo Corona Regional Park.

Located close to Palo Corona's main parking lot, the trails are so new they don't even have names yet. Unlike many of the other trails in the park, such as the one that climbs to view-blessed Inspiration Point, the new paths



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New trails at Palo Corona Regional Park are suitable for hikers of all ages and fitness levels.

cross relatively level terrain, making them suitable for hikers of all ages and fitness levels.

"These exciting new paths opened last Friday," Eric Morgan, general manager of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, told The Pine Cone two weeks ago. "They extend from the Discovery Center and its associated entrance plaza, crossing the Carmel River along one of the

former Rancho Cañada Golf Course bridges. Once across the river, the trails connect with the South Bank Trail, and ultimately the Front Ranch area of the park, Inspiration Point, Animas Pond and additional destinations beyond."

More are coming

The trails are located just west of the construction area for the second phase of the \$37 million Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Project, which is restoring habitat along a 1-mile stretch of the Carmel River. As of May, work crews have moved 266,650 cubic yards of rock and dirt, installed more than 81,000 native plants and reconnected the Carmel River to parts of the floodplain that had been cut off for decades.

Once the floodplain restoration is complete, more trails will open. The work is expected to be finished in October.

"Additional trails are on the way totaling about 3 miles, and a new 265-foot pedestrian bridge will provide enhanced loop opportunities once Phase II is completed," Morgan added.

Firefighters get P.G. blaze under control

By KELLY NIX

A FIRE in Pacific Grove that began in the attic of a home caused about \$800,000 in damage and displaced two residents, but there were no injuries, authorities said.

At about 1:10 a.m. on July 6, the Monterey Fire Department responded to a report of a fire at 722 Hillcrest Ave. When they arrived, residents of the 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom, 1,270 square-foot-home had already evacuated.

"Firefighters immediately initiated an aggressive interior fire attack while coordinating vertical ventilation operations — opening up the roof to allow heat, smoke and fire escape from the structure," the fire department said. "The fire was brought under control in approximately 20 minutes, preventing further extension of the fire."

Under investigation

Eighteen firefighters responded to the blaze, including three chief officers, four engines, including one from Cal Fire, and a ladder truck. Additionally, American Medical Response, Pacific Grove Police Department, and Pacific Gas and Electric were at the scene.

After the flames were out, firefighters stayed at the single-story home to conduct salvage operations and to ensure there were no hot spots.

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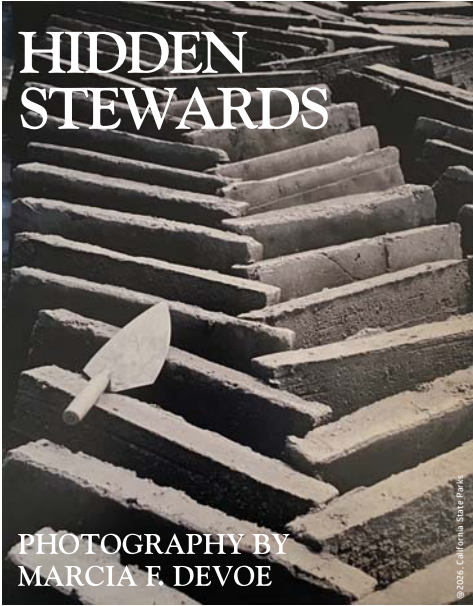




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TOURISM

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too much tourism. The site is frequently overrun with selfie-seekers, which causes gridlock and risky vehicle-vs.-pedestrian behavior.

“Big Sur is a part of the drive, not the finish line,” See Monterey said on Facebook July 2, echoing one of Keep Big Sur Wild’s mantras. “Please do not park illegally and do not make U-turns. Pull over only in designated turnouts and park fully off the travel lane. Do not block access to the Old Coast Road or Bixby Canyon.”

Few things drive locals crazier than being stuck behind a motorist blocking a long line of traffic while waiting for a parking spot. See Monterey urges visitors to keep moving. “If there’s no room to pull over, the next view isn’t far away,” the group suggested on Facebook.

Recognizing the problems associated with stopping at the site, O’Keefe told The Pine Cone his group doesn’t include images of Bixby Bridge in its marketing.

Saying no to hot spots

O’Keefe said See Monterey tries to avoid marketing busy spots in general. Instead, he listed South County, Salinas, Soledad, Marina, Sand City and Seaside as less-visited places the group is focusing on.

“One of our goals is to encourage visitor dispersion,” he said. “We market the entire county.”

While tourism is Monterey County’s second-largest industry (\$3.3 billion annually) behind agriculture (just under \$5 billion), the numbers rise and fall dramatically based on several factors, including whether Highway 1 in Big Sur is open. When it’s closed due to slides after wet weather, tourism drops significantly. When that happens, marketing is needed, O’Keefe said.

“Highway 1 was partially closed for three years,” he said. “Business down there was really affected — we needed to bring the travel back.”

O’Keefe suggested that the heavy traffic Big Sur has been experiencing is partially the result of pent-up demand due to lengthy road closures. “There’s no question there’s been a surge in people wanting that experience,” he said.

Not only does tourism in Big Sur rise and fall with the seasons and the mudslides, it faces stiff competition from elsewhere, O’Keefe said, suggesting that marketing will always be needed. He mentioned the Napa Valley and Santa Barbara among rivals.

“We can’t take it for granted,” he said. “Monterey County doesn’t just sell itself. The competition for travel has never been higher in history. We’re a global destination.”

Fly, don’t drive

In its marketing, See Monterey is targeting those traveling by plane, not those arriving by car. According to O’Keefe, air travelers stay longer and spend more money. “People who fly spend two to three times as much,” he noted. “It’s not about more people — it’s about more nights.”

A case can also be made that those who fly spend less time on roads — in part because they’re staying longer and didn’t use vehicles to get here.

O’Keefe noted that Monterey Regional Airport recently added a flight to Chicago O’Hare International Airport that runs from late May to late September — a sign that

See Monterey’s efforts to increase air travel are having an impact. “We help create the demand they bank on,” he explained.

At a time when tourist traffic at peak times is as bad as it’s ever been and social media quickly spreads discontent among locals, tourism only works if it’s also good for residents, O’Keefe conceded. He believes See Monterey has a role to play in bringing the two together.

“We want an excellent visitor experience, but it has to be managed,” he added. “What’s good for business is what’s also good for the quality of life for residents.”

The topic of how to best spend tax dollars to promote tourism has also sparked debate in Carmel, where the city council in early June cut funds from its 2026-2027 budget that it had previously given to See Monterey.

The council reversed that decision earlier this month, however, and recommitted the \$292,00 to the tourism group.

TEACHERS

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items, pending ratification by trustees.

“Half our unit is not getting 3%, and we were okay with that. What has motivated this appearance is the 11th hour disclosure that the district’s highest-paid administrators will be getting huge raises,” Schrier said.

Aside from Ofek — who took home \$299,428 in base pay last year — CUSD’s top earners are Chief Business Official Yvonne Perez, chief operations officers Daniel Paul, and Chief Human Resources Officer Craig Chavez. According to the salary schedules for those positions, raises for last year range between \$6,014 and \$7,865.

The 2025-2026 contract with non-represented employees, including administrators, totals \$228,022. The teachers’ and employees’ contracts will cost the district \$982,720 and \$533,753, respectively.

The superintendent’s office shared the contracts ratified by the board, but didn’t respond to questions from The Pine Cone regarding the timing or nature of negotiations with the various employee groups.

Board President Matt Glazer said on behalf of the

board, “The union had hoped for a higher rate, and we did want to value that proposal, but we had to balance our decision with the district’s legal requirements to be fiscally responsible.”

CUSD is funded by local property taxes, and may add to the roll with a \$250 million general obligation bond to fund school repairs and new construction — a measure that will be put in front of taxpayers in November that has received resounding support from the board and teachers alike.

Other amendments

The district heads into 2026-2027 school year with a projected \$93 million operating budget. Per-student spend is in the ballpark of \$43,000, and salaries and benefits are projected to account for 81.4% of costs. Health care and pensions weren’t on the table this time — staff benefits are the CUSD’s fastest-growing expense category, its financial office reported in June — but the Association of Carmel Teachers did amend other aspects of its contract, including an exhaustive list of workplace safety and anti-harassment provisions that outline reporting and response procedures, the district’s obligations to investigate, and an explicit affirmation that union members may pursue legal action before the internal grievance process is completed.

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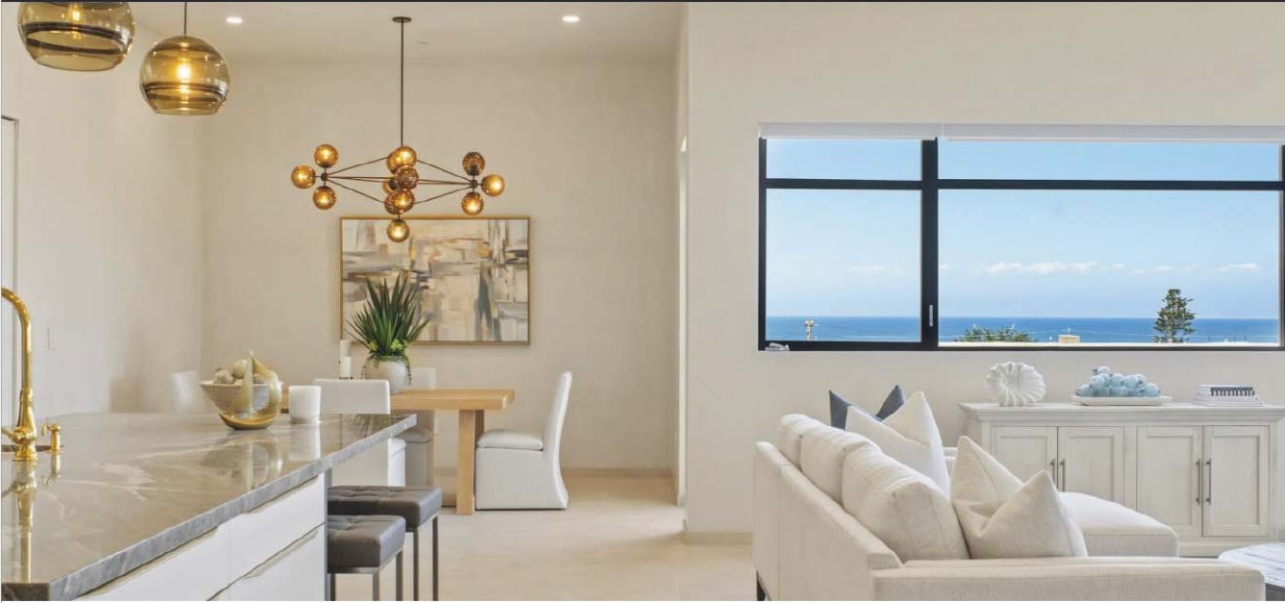


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Planning commissioner to enter race

By MARY SCHLEY

STEFAN KARAPETKOV, who joined the Carmel Planning Commission in 2023, is planning to run for city council in November, according to documents he filed with city clerk Nova Romero.

The filing period for the Nov. 3 election opened Monday, and incumbents Alissandra Dramov and Jeff Baron pulled papers to run for reelection, she said, as did Karapetkov. Candidates must obtain at least 20 but no more than 30 signatures of registered voters in Carmel-by-the-Sea to qualify for the ballot, and the filing period closes Aug. 7. They must also file Form 501, a Candidate Intention Statement, before spending a single cent on the race.

Councilman Hans Buder, who last month kicked off his mayoral campaign, has not obtained candidacy papers yet, according to Romero, but is scheduled to do so next week. Since Mayor Dale Byrne has decided not to run again, the filing period for the mayoral race will remain

open until Aug. 12.

Karapetkov, who purchased his home on Lasuen Drive with wife Tatiana in April 2014, according to Monterey County property records, opted not to speak with The Pine Cone this week about his decision to run for office, preferring to defer until after he submits his petition to city hall.

The sunbelt

But in his April 2023 application for appointment to the planning commission, he said he wanted to serve because he’s “passionate about history and preserving Carmel’s unique character,” is interested in architectural, structural engineering and building materials, and would “represent the Old Mission Tract, annexed in 1967, with its sunbelt, wider streets, subdivision character and owner-occupied residences.”

Karapetkov, 56, graduated with an engineering degree from Chemnitz University in Germany in 1995 and studied business administration at Santa Clara University, graduating in 2001.

Law closes gap in law banning turf

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY Peninsula Water Management District has been given the green light to kill grass.

On Monday, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed State Sen. John Laird’s bill, SB 1139, which gives the water district the authority to enforce a 2023 state law that, starting in 2027, prohibits the use of potable water to irrigate lawns on government and commercial properties. The 2023 law does not apply to homes.

Laird’s bill, which was sponsored by the water district, was necessary because the authors of the 2023 State Assembly bill specified that only “public water systems” and cities and counties — none of which apply to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District — could enforce the

law.

“The State Division of Drinking Water has failed to award us our ‘public water system’ identification, and we are not a city or a county,” water district general manager Dave Stoldt told The Pine Cone.

Laird — who said the water district was inadvertently omitted from the list of agencies — added that because the state “continues to adapt to a drier future,” water conservation laws need to be enforced.

On Jan. 1, 2027, the law will apply to state and local government properties, while enforcement of commercial, industrial and institutional properties will start in 2028.

Beginning in 2029, home owner association common areas, mobile home parks and retirement communities will face crackdowns.

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ADDRESSES

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compliance report provided to the planning commission last week referred to “Santa Rita 4 SE of 2nd (248 Santa Rita)” for a “strong stench coming from waste accumulation that is reaching adjacent properties; interfering with comfortable enjoyment of life and property.”

Waiting on the county

City and county officials have said they will send notices to property owners when the new numbering system goes live.

“Two of the three county departments have completed their implementation, and we are currently working with the third to clear up some data,” acting assistant city administrator Marisa Bermudez said. “Google Maps is rolling updates out in batches, and we will be working with utilities next.”

She noted that “the finishing details in a project are what always seem to take the longest,” but said the new system is “definitely much closer to being officially live than we were a few weeks ago.”

County spokesperson Maia Carroll said the elections department and the tax collector referred her to the assessor-clerk-recorder’s office for an update.

“The assessor-clerk-recorder’s staff is working to complete this task, having just received additional information on a short list of properties — 32 — which required feedback from the county public works department. That department anticipates completing the updates by Friday if no additional clarification is required,” Carroll said.

“Other than these 32 parcels, and 19 properties that were not assigned addresses by the city because they are vacant, parkland, canyons or bluffs, approximately 4,400 parcels in the city have been updated

in the department’s system with their new city-assigned addresses.”

Part of the justification for implementing a standardized address system is that it will help emergency responders find people more quickly, rather than making them try to figure out which house, exactly, is the third one on the west side of San Antonio south of 10th.

Carroll said the county’s emergency communications department has had the new address information live and available to dispatchers since mid-June, but she pointed out that Carmel-by-the-Sea directly receives 911 calls, as does the California Highway Patrol.

When Carmel P.D. gets a 911 call, the person working at the desk takes the information and then transfers it to the county, which dispatches law enforcement, fire and whatever else is needed.

Put yourself in the history books!

Adding street numbers to Carmel-by-the-Sea is a significant moment in the town’s history, and The Pine Cone needs lots of photos chronicling the change. When you paint or attach the new number to your house, apartment or business, take a really good photo (including of yourself) and email it to news@carmelpinecone.com. We will print the best ones.

“It’s important to note that Carmel-by-the-Sea operates its own primary 911 answering point and has its own systems,” she said. “The California Highway Patrol also operates a separate 911 system. Each agency is responsible for ensuring the information is incorporated into the systems it uses.”

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PAY

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If councilmembers do that, they will also be asked to consider giving themselves a pay raise using the correct calculation, which the city said amounts to \$1,180 per month.

‘Made whole’

Seaside’s second mistake is that the council raise commenced in June 2025 but should not have started until after one or more members of the council begin a new term following the Nov. 3, election and are sworn into office — most likely in December. The council was also being asked Thursday to consider starting any pay increase only after the swearing-in process.

Councilmembers will be asked to repay the amount they were unlawfully paid during the 13-month period from June 2025 through June 2026, McDaniel told The Pine Cone Monday.

“The staff recommendation contemplates that the city will be made whole for the overpayment of compensation,” McDaniel said. “The purpose of retaining an independent certified public accountant or other qualified professional is to calculate the final repayment amounts, evaluate payroll and tax implications, determine any applicable interest calculations, and recommend an appropriate repayment process for council consideration.”

Righting wrongs

Asked who was responsible for the errors, McDaniel said, “The city is focused on correcting the issue rather than assigning blame.”

In a July 12 letter to the Seaside City Council, former Pacific Grove City Councilman Luke Coletti commended the city for admitting to the mistakes and taking steps to correct them. He was a proponent of a referendum that led to Measure C, which in June asked Pacific Grove voters to dramatically increase the city council’s pay. Taxpayers soundly defeated the measure.

Seaside’s experience, “much like Pacific Grove’s,” Coletti said, “demonstrates the inherent conflict of interest that arises when elected officials set their own compensation. That conflict can lead to legal missteps and a failed process. Requiring voter approval provides the public oversight and transparency needed to prevent this kind of legal embarrassment.”



SOPHIE GRUWELL

My Soulmate and Life Companion
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On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2020, my darling soulmate and companion came to live with me.

Our chance meeting was, I believe, written in the heavens. From the very beginning, I felt that my beloved mother, Lucy Gruwell, and my lifelong mentor and best friend, Jonna Ball, had conspired in heaven to bring my life companion and soulmate, Sophie, into my life.

One Saturday morning, while walking with my dear friend Bonnie Endsley Pieper, I noticed a beautiful little golden dog walking toward us. Coincidentally, just one week earlier, I had awakened saying out loud, “I’ve got to get a dog!” Exactly one week later, this predestined meeting took place.



As Sophie and her owner, Linda Downum, approached us on the sidewalk, I said, “Hello. I was watching you walk down the street and just told my friend, ‘Look, Bonnie, there’s the perfect dog—the perfect size, the perfect color. That’s exactly the kind of dog I want.’ What kind of dog is she?”

Linda replied, “She’s a dachshund-beagle mix, and her name is Sophie.”

We talked for a while, and I told her, “I’m looking for a dog right now, and I hope I can find one just like her.”

Then Linda surprised me by asking, “Do you want her?”

I replied, “Do I want your dog?”

Linda explained that she had adopted Sophie from the SPCA in Lodi when she was a 7-month-old puppy and had given her to her father so he would have a loving companion. He was in his mid-80s and adored Sophie. For seven years, he cared for and loved her until his passing.

Because Sophie had been her father’s dog, Linda wanted to find her a loving new home. The rest, as they say, is history.

Sophie came to live with me on Christmas Eve 2020, and my life was changed forever. I will always be grateful for everything she gave me and for every moment we shared together.

My darling Sophie gave me the happiest, most joy-filled five and a half years any man could hope for.

She and I shared a deeply loving, profound, and life-changing bond. She only had eyes for me, and she let me know it every moment of every day.

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My friend Jenefee sent me a beautiful quote about dogs by Erica Jong:

“DOGS COME INTO OUR LIVES TO TEACH US ABOUT LOVE AND LOYALTY. THEY DEPART TO TEACH US ABOUT LOSS. A NEW DOG NEVER REPLACES AN OLD DOG; IT MERELY EXPANDS THE HEART. IF YOU HAVE LOVED MANY DOGS, YOUR HEART IS VERY BIG.”

Sophie fulfilled that mission perfectly. She taught me life’s three greatest lessons:

LOVE. LOYALTY. LOSS.

My dear baby girl, Sophie, you taught me all three of these precious and golden keys to life.

I love you. I will miss you. I will forever hold you in my heart.

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A Celebration of Life honoring Sophie’s love and devotion will be announced at a later date.

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DOGS

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Smith told The Pine Cone that Hana came to Hitchcock Road as a stray on Jan. 9, while Mary arrived on Nov. 10, 2025. Both dogs were transferred to Miranda’s on Feb. 20.

The county also said that Miranda’s Rescue founder Shannon Miranda “falsely informed Hitchcock Road Animal Services staff” via a text message on April 10 that Mary had been adopted.

In June, staff from Hitchcock Road Animal Services “successfully retrieved three dogs from Miranda’s Rescue,” the health department said. “The dogs brought back

to the county had been transferred to the Fortuna facility around the same time as the dogs found deceased.”

Gunshot wounds

Monterey County said news of the deaths of the dogs was devastating to staff and volunteers at the Salinas shelter, many of whom knew and cared for the dogs in hopes of finding them “forever homes.”

“Learning that a rescue partner has so failed in that same responsibility is both alarming and heartbreaking, as Hitchcock Road Animal Services’ rescue partner program exists to provide additional lifesaving opportunities for shelter animals, particularly those most at risk,” the county said.

The health department said the Salinas operation is working with the Humboldt

County Sheriff’s Office in its investigation of Miranda’s Rescue, “and we will keep our Monterey County community informed as we receive additional news. In the meantime, Hitchcock Road continues to serve the people and pets of Monterey County, and we are grateful for the outpouring of community support.”

Humboldt sheriff’s officials said in late June that they recovered dog remains at two dig sites, and that an additional 21 canine skulls, hundreds of bones, and six loose microchips were found in another dig location near where the intact animals were discovered.

‘No-kill’

“Seventy of the dogs were examined on site by USDA and forensic veterinarians,” the sheriff’s office said. “Based on those examinations, investigators preliminarily determined the cause of death for many of

those animals to be gunshot wounds.”

Investigators also found an area inside a barn where they believe the dogs were killed. In that same area, investigators located more than 600 dog collars, the sheriff’s office said.

On June 18, in response to criticism of his operation, Miranda wrote on his website that he operates a “no-kill rescue.”

“We do not euthanize animals simply to make space,” he said. “However, as stated on our website, there are rare circumstances in which euthanasia may be necessary — when an animal is suffering from a terminal condition or when it poses a serious, ongoing danger to people or other animals. In those situations, we make the most humane and responsible decision we can, always with public safety and animal welfare in mind.”

The Pine Cone contacted Miranda this week for comment, but he did not reply.

DOLORES ANN HAUGHT DRESSER

Dolores “Dee” Dresser, 92, passed away peacefully on July 5, 2026, in Desert Hot Springs, California.

Born on Sept. 12, 1933, in Fairview, West Virginia, Dee lived a long life defined by resilience and independence. She was well known to generations of students as a dedicated English and drama teacher and later as a counselor at Carmel Middle School and Carmel High School. Throughout her life, she found joy in traveling, volunteering, and spending cherished time with her four grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Kathleen Whitehead of Carmel and Roderick Dresser (Ruth) of Palm Desert; her grandchildren, Griffin (Taylor), Allison and Katherine Whitehead, and Ryan Dresser; her sister, Regina White (David); and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family extends its heartfelt gratitude to the hospice team at Oasis Manor, whose kindness and compassionate care brought comfort during her final days.

A private remembrance will be held by the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a hospice organization or the charity of your choice.



DESIGN

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society said. “In an age when few women built anything, Nash and Bassett designed and built a life as much as a house.” Their Craftsman cottage is listed on Carmel’s historic inventory.

Not just houses

A couple of commercial buildings are on the list this year, including the Gates Building at the southeast corner of Ocean and Monte Verde and the gazebo-turned-intimate-dining-area at Stationaery on San Carlos.

The Gates Building’s origins lie with pediatrician Dr. Amelia Levinson Gates, who came to Carmel with her surgeon husband in around 1910. They hired a young Michael J. Murphy to build a house on Camino Real for their visits between sojourns to Europe, San Jose, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. After her husband died in Rome in 1913 while running a large hospital, Gates returned to San Francisco and became a pioneer in preventive care for children before retiring to Carmel in 1922. Among her Carmel projects was designing the Austrian-inspired, two-story, mixed-use corner building at Ocean and Monte Verde, and she managed its construction, which was completed in 1927. Gates lived in Carmel until her death in 1947.

Other tour stops include a Carmel Point home on Isabella recently redesigned by Carmel Studio Schicketanz and, of course,

the heritage society’s headquarters, the First Murphy House at Lincoln and Sixth.

The latter building was constructed on Mission between Fifth and Sixth in 1902 by 17-year-old Murphy for his mother and sisters. Murphy would go on to have a significant influence on the character and architecture of Carmel during his career, and in 1990, when the little cottage was in danger of being demolished, the First Murphy House Committee was formed under the auspices of the Carmel Heritage Society. The house was relocated and restored, and is now in even better shape, thanks to recent repairs and new paint.

The tour costs \$50 in advance and \$60 the day of the event, and runs from noon to 4 p.m., with a reception at First Murphy from 3 to 5 p.m.

Morgan film

Capping off the weekend will be a screening of a documentary about Julia Morgan July 19 at 1 p.m., also at The Carmel Foundation, and also for \$15. In addition to building homes and living here, Morgan is celebrated for designing the Asilomar Conference Grounds and Hearst Castle. She was California’s first licensed female architect and the visionary behind more than 700 structures.

“A fitting tribute to this year’s ‘Designing Women’ theme, Morgan’s story is one of extraordinary talent, persistence and lasting influence on the architecture of the American West,” according to organizers.

Additional information and tickets for all of the events can be found at carmel-heritage.org.

Nora Seaborn

Nora Seaborn passed away on June 14, 2026. She was surrounded by her sisters and closest friends as she gently left this world.

Nora was born in Glendale, California, the fourth of four daughters born to Douglas and Patricia Robinson. An early interest in horses became a lifelong passion, one she returned to after moving to Carmel in 2000.

Before then, Nora enjoyed a successful career in Silicon Valley, working for Apple. She took a five-year hiatus in Hawaii during the mid-1980s, where she excelled as a certified Divemaster and Rescue Diver. Upon returning to the San Jose area in the early 1990s, she resumed her career at Apple as a materials manager, overseeing just-in-time materials delivery. A few years later, she was recruited by Brocade Communications Systems, which recognized her expertise in materials management. At Brocade, she was part of the exceptional team that guided the company through its successful initial public offering in May 1999.

Nora retired a few years later to pursue her passion for horse ownership and the discipline of dressage. Life in Carmel brought her into contact with some of the finest dressage riders in the region, including her trainer, Bea DiGrazia. Nora’s love for the area, combined with the opportunity to be part of a community that shared her passion for dressage, brought her tremendous joy during this final chapter of her remarkable life of adventure.

Nora touched everyone she met with a graciousness that is rare today. She was quick to laugh, and her laughter was infectious. Her friendships spanned all walks of life. Nora was one of those unique individuals who truly made people feel “seen,” and her work with organizations such as The Nature Conservancy, Sea Reach, and Pacific Whale Foundation reflected her commitment to giving back.

Nora leaves behind a wide circle of friends and family from every chapter of her life, including her sisters, Miriam (Moti) Kellner of Israel, Cathy (Phil) Dixon of North Carolina, and Sharon (John) Senft of West Virginia; many nieces and nephews living in Israel and West Virginia; her lifelong friend, Susan Jurasz of Portland, Oregon; her close friend and confidante, Caron Frisone of Carmel Valley; her former husband, Bill Caldwell of Lahaina, Hawaii; and her partner, Lisa McLean.

A public memorial, organized by Lisa McLean, will be held at Rio Del Mar in August. A private service for family and close friends will be held in Carmel in September.



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LIBRARY

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The Carmel Public Library Foundation — which has spearheaded the project and the associated \$17.5 million fundraising effort — says Harrison Memorial “embodies Carmel’s ethos of ‘intimate, rural charm and village character’” and is “a cherished community landmark, central to Carmel-by-the-Sea’s rich architectural, artistic and literary traditions.”

But the nearly 100-year-old building is “in vital need of restoration and upgrades that will significantly enhance the public’s experience,” including seismic and safety upgrades, addressing deferred maintenance and accessibility, updating deteriorated and obsolete systems such as lighting and technology, and changing interior layouts to better serve the library’s users.

The overhaul is set to be finished in time for the library’s centennial in 2028.

During the past few months, the non-profit library foundation, the city and the church have been working on a plan for the space and the lease, according to Swanson. Occupancy is set to start Sept. 1, though the city can begin prepping the space as soon as this month and anticipates whatever work is necessary can be handled in-house.

“Should additional improvements

or specialized work be required beyond the city’s capabilities, the Carmel Public Library Foundation has agreed to fund those costs,” Swanson said, adding that the library’s budget should be able to absorb the utility costs, which he expects will be “modest.” A month-to-month extension will be available if needed.

‘Century of civic service’

The architectural firm of Moore Ruble Yudell was hired to lead the effort “to honor the century of civic service that the library has provided and to prepare it for a vibrant future for the next hundred years.”

“Throughout the project, we will partner with the library and community stakeholders, the city and the library foundation to assure a collaborative community process,” the architects promised.

As the firm in charge of the renovation, its tasks include community outreach, respecting “the historic character and atmosphere of the original M.J. Murphy and Bernard Maybeck design,” updating services as appropriate, and determining the “appropriate phasing to optimize impacts to the library, community and construction process.”

“Our team shares a profound enthusiasm for this project, bringing regional and global experience to honor Carmel’s civic legacy and to support a dynamic future that serves this unique community,” architect Buzz Yudell said.

VICTOR JOHN SMITH

May 26, 1987 – June 5, 2026

Victor John Smith (Emerson), 39, of Pacific Grove, California, passed away on June 5, 2026, as the result of a car accident.



The youngest of three children, Victor grew up in Seattle, Washington. After graduating from high school, he proudly served his country in the United States Navy for four years. Following his military service, he returned to Seattle, where he built a career as a software quality assurance (QA) engineer and met the love of his life, Kirsten.

In 2020, Victor and Kirsten moved to Pacific Grove, California, where they married and built their life together. It was there that Victor discovered a passion for hospitality while helping run the family motel. He spent his free time pursuing his interests in golf, sports cars and video games. Above all, he was a devoted husband and father.

Victor is survived by his loving wife, Kirsten; his beloved daughter, Sybil; his parents, Rose and Steve; and his sister, Cristina. He was joined in eternal rest by sister Natalia who passed on July 5th.

A service celebrating Victor's life will begin at 10:30 a.m. July 23, 2026, at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church in Pacific Grove.

FRANCES TOWNSEND FULTON

AUG. 21, 1936 – JUNE 27, 2026

A 56-YEAR RESIDENT OF CARMEL

Fran was born on Mare Island Naval Base in Vallejo, California. As the child of a World War II Navy officer, she spent her childhood living and attending school in many cities on both the West and East Coasts. In 1954, Fran graduated from Fairhaven High School in Massachusetts. Shortly thereafter, she met and married her husband, Roger Fulton.

Fran earned her bachelor's degree from UC Santa Cruz and her master's degree in biology from Northern Arizona University. She had a fulfilling and successful career as an educator, teaching anatomy and physiology, biology, and mathematics at Monterey High School and Monterey Peninsula College. Several of Fran's students went on to pursue careers in healthcare and medicine, later returning to thank her for inspiring them.

Fran was an avid marine biologist. She completed studies at Hopkins Marine Station in Pacific Grove, and some of her research was published. She enjoyed exploring the tidepools in Carmel and Monterey, as well as the estuary at Elkhorn Slough.

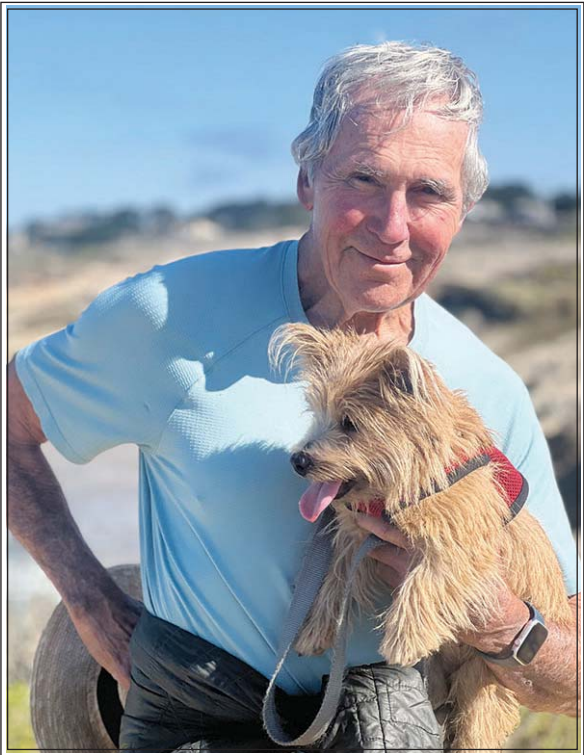
When the Monterey Bay Aquarium opened in 1984, Fran was among its first team of docents and went on to volunteer there faithfully for 40 years. She loved her time at the aquarium and was both happy and proud to be part of the organization for so long.

In 1962, Fran's parents, Harry and Marian Townsend, were members of the original founding congregation of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Carmel Valley. Fran was an active parishioner at St. Dunstan's and served on the altar guild for many years.

Fran was predeceased by her husband, Roger Fulton, to whom she was married for 66 years. She is survived by her two sisters, Shirley Grant and Sandra Miller; her daughter, Sandra (John) Parke; her son, Buz (Jill) Fulton; her three grandchildren, Mireya Peña, Nolan Fulton and Hogan Kitsuse; and one great-grandchild, Ave Peña.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Fran's memory to the Monterey Bay Aquarium – www.montereybayaquarium.org/



DR. JAMES E. RHEIM

1942–2026

Dr. James E. Rheim, respected dermatologist, accomplished athlete, devoted family man and 50-year resident of Carmel Valley, California, passed away June 30, 2026. He spent his final days recuperating from pancreatic cancer surgery and reminiscing about his long and wonderful life.

Born July 17, 1942, in San Diego, Jim attended Stanford University before earning his medical degree from Tulane University School of Medicine. Following his medical training, he entered the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War and served as a captain treating flight personnel.

For 48 years, Dr. Rheim lived his dream as a dermatologist in Monterey, where he became a pillar of the local health care community. Throughout nearly five decades of practice, he was known for his clinical excellence and compassionate manner. He viewed medicine as a partnership with his patients, caring for multiple generations of local families. Upon his retirement, he expressed immense gratitude to the community, noting that sharing stories of families, travels and pets with his patients had been a daily source of inspiration.

Dr. Rheim's professional legacy proudly continues through his son, Dr. Joseph Rheim, who joined the dermatology practice in 2004. Jim was equally proud of his daughter, Rebecca Rheim (Staley), for her 25-year career as a middle school English and history teacher at All Saints' Day School. Both children were inspired by their father's dedication, integrity and work ethic.

Beyond his fulfilling medical career, Jim was a lifelong athlete. A standout golfer at Stanford, he was a three-time All-American and continued competing in U.S. Golf Association amateur tournaments while attending Tulane Medical School and during the early years of his medical career.

Jim and his wife, Anna, joined Monterey Peninsula Country Club in 1977 after moving to the Monterey Peninsula the previous year so Jim could join Dr. Rolf Johnsen's dermatology practice and pursue his love of golf. That same year, Jim accomplished the rare feat of qualifying for the U.S. Open as an amateur. It would not be his last memorable achievement in the game.

Dr. Rheim's proudest athletic moment came in 1989 when he won the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am with professional partner Steve Jones. The previous year, the pair had finished second. For an entire year, Jim imagined how he wanted the next tournament to end. His vision became reality on national television when he sank a 9-foot birdie putt for a net eagle on the 72nd and final hole, securing a one-stroke victory.

Golf provided not only spirited competition but, more importantly, lifelong friendships. His former Stanford golf teammates, his friends at Monterey Peninsula Country Club, and the joy of playing with family and friends continued to enrich his life.

Running was another of Jim's passions. He completed the 1976 Boston Marathon, run in 105-degree heat, finishing ahead of nearly half the field simply by reaching the finish line. He and Anna went on to run six more marathons together, including the first three Big Sur Marathons.

Gratitude was Jim's daily mantra. That perspective deepened after he survived a traumatic accident at age 39. Struck by a car while jogging and unconscious for three days, Jim recovered and eventually regained his athletic abilities. Even before the accident, he recognized how fortunate he was and always credited his family as the foundation of his happiness.

Jim was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend whose many passions reflected his curiosity and generosity. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, kindness and keen intellect. He found great joy in the strategic challenge of chess, hiking the trails of Garland Ranch Regional Park, and, in his later years, discovering drawing and painting as creative outlets that revealed the vibrant personality beneath his quiet demeanor.

He shared an extraordinary life with his beloved wife, Anna, his high school sweetheart. Jim Rheim and Anna Teaff grew up together in Chula Vista, California, attending the same schools from elementary school through Stanford University. Their remarkable partnership spanned 61 years of marriage. Jim especially cherished having family close by: his daughter, Rebecca (Becky) Rheim, and her husband, Tim Staley; his son, Joseph (Joe), and his wife, Amy; his granddaughters, Olivia and Ava Rheim; and Sugar, Jim and Anna's beloved Norwich Terrier.

Anna Rheim wishes to thank the physicians and staff of Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula for their expert care of Jim and for the kindness they showed her throughout his illness.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to First Tee–Monterey County or to the charity of one's choice.

RISK

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citing advancements in science and analytical methods.

“Hundreds of veterans and civilians who were stationed at Fort Ord have developed rare blood cancers and other diseases that may be linked to pollution at the base,” the lawmakers said in a Feb. 25, 2022, letter to the director of the federal agency.

‘Water is safe’

The Marina Coast Water District responded to the results.

“We have always believed in the safety of the water we deliver, and this independent federal review — using the latest scientific tools — backs that up,” Marina Coast general manager Remleh Scherzinger said. “We welcome this kind of review. Our ratepayers deserve to know their water is safe, and they deserve the confidence that comes from outside experts agreeing with us.”

Marina Coast’s drinking water is drawn from aquifers that are separate from and significantly deeper than the shallow groundwater that the Army is cleaning for contaminants, the agency said.

“Providing safe, reliable, high-quality water is the district’s top priority,” said the Marina public water utility, which has operated Fort Ord’s water and wastewater systems since 2001. “Today, water from Marina Coast Water District’s wells consistently meets all safe drinking water standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California State Water Resources Control Board.”

The document is released for a 45-day public comment period, during which the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry will address comments and “revise and append the document as appropriate.”

Response

Panetta told The Pine Cone this week that he’s glad to see that the study “did not find evidence of significant health risks for Fort Ord residents from any drinking water,” adding that, “despite that result we will continue to remain vigilant to ensure that those who lived and served on the former Fort Ord get the certainty and security that they deserve.”

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry said it evaluated nine contaminants of concern. Three were detected in both Fort Ord and Marina Coast drinking water samples. Four others — including tetrachloroethylene, a dry-cleaning agent and degreasing solvent and known carcinogen — were detected in Fort Ord drinking water samples but not in Marina Coast samples. Two others were found in Marina Coast samples, but not in Fort Ord samples. Contamination levels, the

analysis said, were not “high enough for there to be a reasonable possibility that exposure over many years could cause cancer.”

Two days before Panetta and Porter requested the study in 2022, the Associated Press published an article on contaminants at Fort Ord. The piece stated that veterans who were stationed near or on the base had a 35% percent rate



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This undated, historic photo depicts an Army tank participating in training maneuvers on Fort Ord, which closed for military operations in 1994.

of multiple myeloma, an incurable but treatable blood cancer, than the rest of the U.S. population.

“When it rained, poisons percolated into aquifers from which they drew drinking water,” the AP claimed.

The federal government’s report determined that Fort Ord residents could have been exposed to contaminated drinking water. While water sampling did not occur until 1985, the contaminants were likely the result of leaching from landfill soils from the 150-acre Fort Ord landfill, which was used by the military from 1960 to 1987.

“While it is possible that groundwater contamination predated 1985, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry cannot estimate drinking water exposure levels and draw health conclusions for that timeframe,” the report said.

The Environmental Protection Agency in 1990 placed the base on a list of the most polluted places in the United States.

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Editorial

Those crazy Luddites

THIS WEEK, the inimitable City Journal ran a story about the anti-data-center mania sweeping through Congress and progressives in almost every state.

“The boom in data-center construction is one of the most important economic developments in recent history, helping to power the promise of AI-enabled growth,” reporter Stu Smith observes. “Yet opposing data centers has rapidly become a unifying cause across a broad coalition of some of the nation’s most ardent left-wing activist groups, who have made it their mission to disrupt this innovation at all costs.”

The article got us thinking about the Luddites, whose early 19th-century vehemence was directed against one of that century’s greatest innovations: the mechanized loom.

The Luddites emerged in 1811, amid the early disruptions of the Industrial Revolution. Skilled artisans — primarily manual knitters and weavers in the United Kingdom — faced falling wages and unemployment as factory owners adopted larger, faster machines. These power looms could produce high-quality cloth far more quickly and cheaply than hand methods.

The workers took their name from a mythical figure, Ned Ludd, said to have smashed stocking frames decades earlier. Bands of Luddites, often masked and operating at night, raided mills and systematically destroyed the offending machinery. They issued threatening letters demanding that manufacturers abandon the new equipment and restore traditional production.

What the Luddites wanted was the preservation of their craft-based livelihoods. They sought to halt or reverse mechanization, arguing that machines displaced human labor and concentrated wealth in the hands of factory owners. Their actions were not random vandalism but a calculated attempt to “negotiate” by force — destroying the tools of change until employers conceded.

The British government’s response was swift and severe. The Frame-Breaking Act of 1812 made machine destruction a capital crime. Thousands of troops were deployed, and by 1813, at least 17 Luddites had been executed, while many more were exiled to Australia. The movement collapsed under repression, but not before hundreds of machines had been destroyed and widespread fear had gripped industrial districts.

Ironically, the technology the Luddites opposed ultimately delivered immense benefits, even to them. Mechanized textile production slashed the cost of cloth and clothing. What had been a luxury for the wealthy became affordable for ordinary people. Cotton output surged, fueling Britain’s export economy and laying the groundwork for broader industrialization. Over subsequent decades, productivity gains from mechanization contributed to rising real wages, urbanization, and improvements in diet, housing and life expectancy across the population. Living standards rose around the globe as cheaper goods spread through trade. The Luddites, passionate as they were, fought against an innovation whose long-term effects lifted humanity out of pre-industrial poverty on an unprecedented scale. Even the poorest people, at least in developed nations, could finally afford more than one set of clothes.

Contemporary opposition to data centers follows a similar pattern. These facilities house the servers that power cloud computing, artificial intelligence, streaming services and the broader digital economy. Critics highlight their electricity demands — sometimes several percent of national power use — their water consumption for cooling, and their land requirements, using rhetoric that often echoes Luddite protests. Yet data centers, like power looms, underpin advances that benefit everyone. Economic analyses consistently project that continued growth in computing capacity and AI will add trillions of dollars to global output over the coming decades, through productivity improvements in every sector.

The Luddites’ violence — and the current debate over data centers — illustrate the hostility that always arises during periods of rapid innovation. The short-term pain is real, and people who worry about losing their jobs deserve attention. But the technologies in question — mechanized textile production then, data-processing capacity now — have repeatedly generated productivity surges that raise living standards for all. Opposing them on the grounds that they disrupt existing employment patterns risks repeating the error of fighting the very forces that expand opportunity.

Progress is never painless, but the alternative — preserving the status quo through obstruction — has consistently proved more costly in the long run. Or, as we’ve observed before, just think about all the people who lost their jobs when they invented the airplane.

BEST of BATES



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Point Lobos traffic crisis

Dear Editor,

Lately there has been intensified recognition and concern about pedestrian safety and massive traffic backups southbound on Highway 1 at Point Lobos State Reserve. Various solutions to this problem are being considered and are “in the works.” Solutions include the ParkIt and shuttle bus system, which entails a parking lot at Marathon Flats near the Crossroads, a reservation system and a new parking lot adjacent to or across Highway 1 from Point Lobos. Once these alternatives are implemented, parking on the shoulder on the west side of the highway would be eliminated.

Currently, pedestrian injury and potential collisions are at great risk, as the narrow shoulder allows minimal distance between parked cars and automobiles speeding at 45-50 mph along Highway 1. Southbound traffic waiting in line to turn into the park during peak hours can delay

traffic past that single-lane zone by 45 minutes on weekends.

This safety concern needs to be addressed and solved within several weeks. The estimated time for ParkIt to be implemented is 1.5 years.

A short-term solution is needed! I propose implementing appropriate signage southbound on Highway 1 before the park entrance to include: “No standing, no stopping or blocking,” “No parking,” and a flashing “Parking lot full” sign. A docent, or possibly a law enforcement officer, can move traffic along to prevent backups on Highway 1. Additionally, implementing even temporary “No parking” signs on the shoulders on both sides of the highway should be considered.

Ken Uffenheimer, Carmel Highlands

ParkIt or a parking lot?

Dear Editor,

The situation along Highway 1 near Point Lobos must be resolved quickly before a tragedy happens. Two plans have emerged. ParkIt would build a parking facility at Marathon Flats and shuttle visitors to Point Lobos by bus. This plan has serious drawbacks: it is expensive, it diminishes the guest experience, it adds congestion to the Highway 1-Rio Road intersection, and it creates an eyesore at the entrance to Big Sur. Even if an independent contractor fronts the costs, the park’s revenue will still have to absorb those expenses plus the contractor’s profit.

A parking lot is the better alternative. Building one on the east or west side of

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Couple carries Domenico’s legacy

ANGELI AND Sam Mercurio are as local as they come. Born and raised in Monterey to families of fishermen, the couple have carried that legacy into a new generation. They own Domenico’s on the Wharf in partnership with Sam’s brother, Dominic. Sam fishes every summer. “This is my 49th consecutive season,” he said.

Mutual friends

Sam and Angeli graduated from Monterey High School in 1978, but their story began before that on Spaghetti Hill, the Old Monterey neighborhood once occupied by fishermen and cannery workers in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

“We met there. We had mutual friends,” Angeli said. And she knew exactly what she was getting into when she married a fisherman. Her father caught salmon for a living and was away for long stretches, while her mother stayed home raising her and her sister.

“When we were kids, we worked for

an opportunity to run a boat in Alaska, but a bigger change was coming. “In 2006, my uncle John was going to retire, and he kept telling me, ‘You have to get one of my restaurants,’” Sam said.

The couple made the decision together. Sam would step away from year-round fishing, and they would take ownership of Domenico’s on the Wharf. Their boys were grown, and Angeli was committed to working there full time — although it would end up being more than 40 hours a week. “It was really tough,” Sam said. “We were here day and night.”

“But that’s what it takes to take over a business,” Angeli added.

‘Deadliest Catch’

The fishing connections are nearly countless. While on one trip, Sam met Capt. Jonathan Hillstrand, co-owner of the fishing vessel Time Bandit, featured on the Discovery Channel show, “Deadliest Catch.”

Sam invited him to Monterey, and, after striking up a friendship, they planned a “Deadliest Catch” dinner at Domenico’s.

“It was a big hit,” Angeli said, explaining that many fans of the show came to the dinner.

Domenico’s draws a crowd well beyond the tourists who stop in after whale watching. The restaurant has built a loyal following among locals and visitors who return year after year, whether it’s people from the Central Valley beating the heat or international travelers looking for a good meal.

Among their loyal diners is Mario Andretti, the Italian-American Indy racing legend who has been coming in “since day one,” Sam said. And given Sam’s own hobby — he’s an amateur racer who takes

Great Lives

By SALLY BAHO

my uncle,” Sam said, referring to his mother’s brother, well-known local restaurateur John Pisto. “First at the Captain’s Gig, then at the Whaling Station.” But a trip with his paternal uncle to fish in Alaska changed everything.

“I saw the light,” he said. From then on, he spent his summers at sea. “I haven’t seen a summer in Monterey since junior high,” he said. True to form, he is in Egegik, Alaska, for sockeye salmon season.

‘Fished for everything’

The couple married in 1983, and Sam worked up and down the California coast and in Alaska to support his family. “I’ve fished for everything,” he said, from squid to salmon. Angeli, like her mom, stayed home to raise their two boys.

Even on vacation, fishing finds them. In 1993, while they were driving around Lahaina, Hawaii, Angeli spotted nets on the beach.

“That’s all I had to say, and he turned the car around,” she said. They pulled over to talk with the local Hawaiian fishermen who were mending nets. “They told me to be back at 5 the next morning,” Sam recalled. He showed up, and they hit the water. Angeli wasn’t the least bit bothered — she took herself shopping and spent the day enjoying the island.

Eventually, Sam pursued



PHOTO/COURTESY SAM AND ANGELI MERCURIO

At John Pisto’s behest, Angeli and Sam Mercurio took on the more-than-full-time effort of owning and running Domenico’s

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From shy scribbler to bold painter of ‘whatever looks interesting’

TWO YEARS into her retirement, and a decade since she started painting, Betty Johnson is growing comfortable with the realization that her art is worthy of being seen, admired and even purchased.

Two months ago, she began showing her work as one of the newest members of the 50-year-old Salinas Valley Art Gallery. On May 1 — her first day as an exhibitor in the gallery — a complete stranger bought her painting of a mother otter cuddling her baby in Monterey Bay.

That same month, she was approved by the San Benito Arts Council to show 15 of her acrylic, representational-style paintings for two days at its annual Open Studio — another moment of validation.

“It’s like everything started happening at

speaks to me. I’ll try to paint whatever looks interesting,” Johnson said. “Some of my paintings take weeks, some take months, because I’m hardwired for details.

“Every painting has an ugly phase, when it doesn’t look like much. You just have to suffer through that, let it develop. When it starts coming together, it’s really exciting.”

First canvas

Johnson nurtured her artistic instincts with reluctance, drawing on old grocery bags as a child, then reacting with bashful embarrassment when her mother gave the bags away to families who needed them. “I didn’t want anybody to see my scribbles,” she remembered.

As a third-grader, she won first prize in a “litter-bug art contest,” rendering a giant, ugly insect wallowing in garbage. “I guess that was my first accolade,” she reflected.

At 19, she enrolled in an art class at Monterey Peninsula College, but left in horror when she realized fellow students might see her work in progress.

“The teacher said, ‘Well, then, just do your drawings for me, and I’ll give you a pass or a fail,’” Johnson recalled. When the introverted student declined and quit the class, the instructor shrugged. “That’s a shame,” she told Johnson. “I would’ve given you an A.”

Johnson was born in Hawaii, the youngest of four kids — and the only daughter

— in a military family that moved to a sunny part of Seaside while her father, an engineer, was stationed at Fort Ord. Her Japanese mother was a homemaker who raised her children to behave.

“I was a quiet, shy little kid, and always got good grades, but I really didn’t know what I wanted to do after high school,” said Johnson, a Monterey High alum.

There and back

Anxious to leave the Monterey Peninsula, she moved north to Palo Alto, got married, and found a career in the insurance industry that took her to Orange County, then San Mateo, and finally, in 1999, to Salinas, where she lives with her longtime partner and a chocolate Lab named Lexi.

In 2016, after her mother was diagnosed with cancer, she enrolled in a beginner’s

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Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

once, and it all feels very new to me,” said the painter, who signs her work B Johnson. “I guess I can call myself an emerging artist, because I’m learning things every day. I hope I never lose that feeling.”

Her portfolio reflects personal exploration. Johnson’s art is multidirectional: luminous florals, geisha portraits (an homage to her Asian mother), a highly detailed cityscape, crashing waves, a dripping whale’s tail just before it slams the water, a seabird soaring.

“Inspiration comes from whatever



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Acrylic painter B Johnson, one of the newest artists at Salinas Valley Art Gallery, specializes in seascapes, landscapes, cityscapes, florals, figures and pet portraits.

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Highway 1, out of sight of the road, would cost considerably less than ParkIt. The park would keep 100% of the parking revenue, paying off the lot’s cost in under two years and creating a recurring income stream that could double what the park currently earns from admissions — a strong investment by any measure. An onsite lot would also spare guests the inconvenience of the ParkIt shuttle and avoid adding traffic to the already overburdened Highway 1-Rio Road intersection. With approval from the powers that be, it could be completed within months.

Regardless of which plan moves forward, two things are essential: No parking on either side of Highway 1 from south of Monastery Beach to the General Store (guardrails would ensure compliance), and a reservation system.

We need resolution now, not more conversation. Email your county supervisor, your Assembly member or your state senator.

Norm Leve, Carmel Highlands

Preserving Hatton Canyon

Dear Editor,

Hatton Canyon was preserved for important habitat values, including, most significantly, the wetlands and the rare Monterey pine forest. Having been involved in the fight to preserve Hatton Canyon for a good 10 years with Friends of Hatton Canyon, it would be beyond devastating to bury the canyon with a four-lane freeway.

Hatton Canyon is easily accessible by the trail behind the Barnyard. It provides a retreat from all the development around it. Myriad resident and migrating birds and the protected California red-legged frog call it home. It provides a key corridor for mountain lions, bobcats and other wildlife. We will never build our way out of traffic. Only getting cars off the road will do that.

What should happen with Hatton Canyon is that it be given by the state to the Rumsen Ohlone and Esselen peoples as part of the Land Back movement. There are a number of examples of this happening around the state. It is already acknowledged as part of Ishxenta State Park.

Paola Berthoin,
Carmel Valley

‘Irrefutable’

Dear Editor,

Water shortage? Here are some irrefutable facts:

- \$20 billion has been spent (so far) on California’s high-speed bullet train.
- Number of riders of said train thus far: zero.
- Cost of Carlsbad desalination plant (the largest in the Western Hemisphere): \$1 billion.
- Number of homes served by said desal plant: 500,000.

Water shortage?

Thomas Kunelis,
Monterey

Getting STRs right

Dear Editor,

On June 3, The Pine Cone printed an article covering Judge Thomas Wills’ ruling on a suit filed by Monterey County Vacation Rental Alliance against the County of Monterey regarding its inland short-term rental ordinance passed in August 2024. The ordinance itself is labyrinthine and hard for many people to understand without deliberate study. The ruling, not surprisingly, is also complicated. I spoke with your reporter multiple times before he published the article. I believe he was doing his best to get it right, and I acknowledge that the ordinance is confusing and hard to grasp. Nevertheless, two misquotes need to be corrected and contextualized.

The first misquote bundles commercial vacation rentals along with homestays, claiming both are challenged by the requirement that owners occupy the properties when they are being rented: “The ruling took away the prejudice against an out-of-town owner but kept in place the impossibility that they could offer their home as a commercial rental or a homestay.” The conflict between singular “owner” and plural “they” aside, I did not say this part of the ruling affected “commercial vacation rentals” at all, only homestays.

I also never called the ruling “highly questionable.” That language only applied to the part of the ruling that keeps in place the requirement for out-of-town homestay owners to occupy the home during the homestay. If out-of-town homestay owners don’t have to live in their homes, how can it make sense that they’d have to live in them while guests are present? That’s the questionable part.

Thank you for the opportunity to correct and clarify.
Lynda Marin,
Carmel Valley

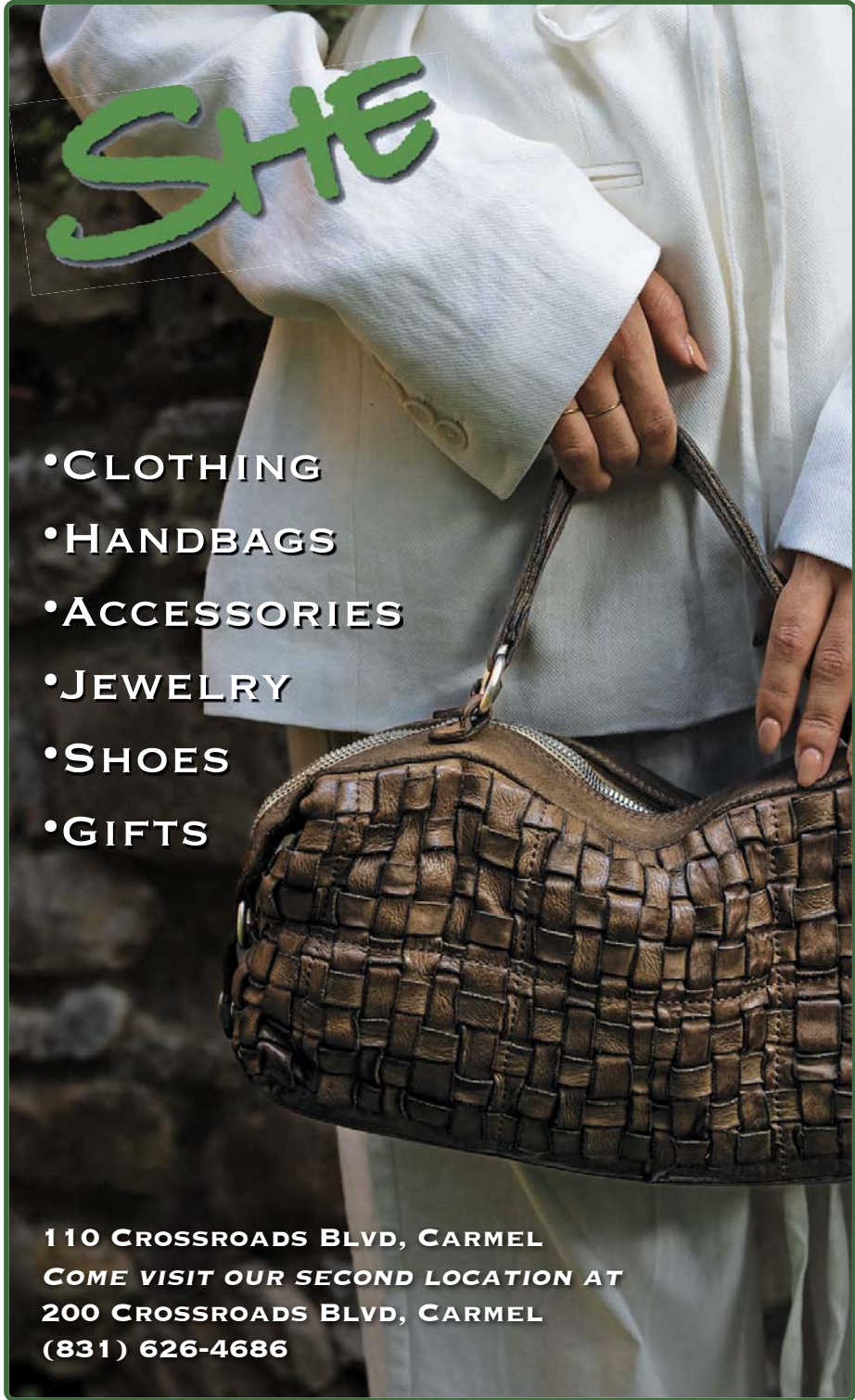
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had to get a sign-off on its environmental review from the California Coastal Commission, which was required at the time, since the city did not have its state-approved local coastal program.

‘Non-stop demolition parade’

It was then the subject of a lawsuit filed in 1998 by preservation activists who argued Carmel officials had allowed a “non-stop demolition parade” of allegedly historic homes. But since the city had deemed the old Murphy house not historic, the Donatis were eventually allowed to demolish it in 1999, and two years later, a judge threw out the case against the city because the preservation group failed to produce any evidence Carmel had illegally permitted historic buildings to be torn down.

The home they built predates the codes restricting height and setbacks, so it’s considered nonconforming. According to the law, those nonconformities can remain

Ticket packages released for 2027 U.S. Open

By MARY SCHLEY

AS THE 126th U.S. Open Championship wrapped up at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in New York, with Windham Clark taking the trophy for the second time after winning by a single stroke over Sam Burns June 21, the USGA released its ticket packages for next year’s competition at the Pebble Beach Golf Links. June 17-20, 2027, will mark the seventh time the resort has hosted the Open, one of the world’s most important golf tournaments.

The event draws tens of thousands of spectators who make their way to and from Pebble Beach via a highly planned and generally well-orchestrated transportation plan, and the USGA on Monday launched the sales of several inclusive weekly packages ranging in price, experience and lavishness. Single-day tickets will be available closer to the event.

“Few venues in golf are as iconic as Pebble Beach Golf Links, and the opportunity to watch the U.S. Open there is truly special,” John Bodenhamer, USGA chief championships officer, said in the announcement.

Not cheap

Offerings begin with the Gallery Package, which provides access to the championship grounds Monday through Sunday and costs \$1,265. The rest of the packages, including the Reserved Grandstand, the Trophy Club, the Lodge Premier, the Champions Pavilion and the 1895 Club, range in prices from \$1,457 to \$12,869.

The USGA did not say when single-day tickets will go on sale or what their prices will be. For more information, go to usopen.com/2027/tickets.html.

as long as they are maintained, not torn down and rebuilt.

“The applicant has provided a comprehensive demolition plan illustrating the extent of the demolition work, thus maintaining the nonconformities in accordance with the zoning code,” senior planner Evan Kort explained.

The landscaping and hardscape will be overhauled, as well, and a gas fire pit and a hot tub will be added. A proposed arbor will be removed from the plans.

No one else commented on the application, and commissioners were generally supportive.

“I just want to say this is a really special piece of property. Your clients are lucky to have this,” commission chair Michael LePage said. “It’s an amazing piece of property, and Sam, you’ve done a very nice job with it.”

With that, LePage made the motion to approve the remodel, and it passed unanimously.



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NEW CITY

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The group started quietly buying up plots in Solano County in 2017 and has since amassed nearly 70,000 acres of rolling farmland. In October 2025, California Forever submitted a plan to build a 400,000-person city, complete with 170,000 new homes in walkable neighborhoods, a downtown core and an entertainment district. The proposal also aims to attract jobs by building out a 2,100-acre manufacturing hub and a shipyard on 6.5 miles of waterfront on the Sacramento River Delta. And that last feature — the shipyard — is where Sacramento comes into the picture.

The process

California Forever has been approaching the approval process for its dream through Solano County and nearby Suisun City. But now the group has a potential shipbuilder lined up for the yard, and they’re asking Sacramento lawmakers to help clear the way so they can close the deal.

California Forever is courting defense company Saronic Technologies. The firm builds autonomous surface vessels for national defense and is deciding whether to put its next factory in California or Texas. The Lone Star State has already offered Saronic a \$211 million tax break in hope of luring the Austin-based builder to the Port of Brownsville. To counter the move, California Forever proponents put several big requests in front of the state Legislature in June.

The group wants lawmakers to fast-track the project’s shipyard along a deep-water shipping channel by allowing it to use an 18-year-old environmental impact report for the site. They’d also like the state to limit legal challenges to the project to 270 days and approve Suisun City annexing some of the land they’ve bought — a tall

order. But proponents argue time is of the essence.

“In short, if legislation is not approved, California will lose billions of dollars in investments and tens of thousands of jobs this summer to Texas and other states,” reads a joint letter to Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders.

The request sets up a litmus test for Sacramento politicians, offering a chance to say yes to many of the things they profess to want more of: dense, walkable neighborhoods near jobs and transit, with generous height limits and no residential parking minimums. The city would also provide the opportunity for ideas born in California to be built here instead of shipped out of state. But the dream of constructing a new city on raw land also forces lawmakers to confront environmental impact questions, something they’ve largely avoided by focusing on infill development.

The city-from-scratch is the brainchild of Czech-born immigrant and former Goldman Sachs trader Jan Sramek, who moved to the United States in 2014. Between 2016 and 2023, Sramek pulled together more than a billion dollars in venture capital to acquire land for his concept by convincing tech titans — including the founders of Netscape and LinkedIn — that his dream was worth investing in.

What’s curious is that building California Forever at the proposed location is not a new idea. In 1959, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers predicted that around 2020, someone would want to build a city at the Solano County site in its report, “The Future of Development of the San Francisco Bay Area 1960 to 2020.”

The Corps also forecast that the San Francisco Bay area’s population would reach 14.4 million people this century — about double what it turned out to be — and that 24 percent of those residents would work in manufacturing, whereas only 4.6 percent do. In 2025, Sramek told Arena Magazine he bought every copy of the Army Corps’ report he could find online, worried that someone else would

pursue his dream before he could buy up the land.

Thanks to his heavyweight investors, he was able to amass the acreage — reportedly paying, on average, four times its market value — but the regulatory process has proved to be the real hurdle.

“If you tried to design a system that was going to completely break up society, make everyone fight and make everyone hate each other, you would design the California land use system,” Sramek told Arena.

“Hate” may be a strong word, but it’s how some locals feel about what they call “California ForNever.” Understandably so, as going from open fields to a whole city is a major change.

Under a 1984 “orderly growth” law, establishing a new city outright in Solano County requires voter support — something Sramek realized he didn’t have in 2024, when a rezoning initiative was set to go before voters but was polling at just 30 percent.

In response, California Forever pivoted, pulling the measure and pursuing a partnership with nearby Suisun City to annex their land instead. Since coming out from behind the curtain, the group has picked up supporters who could help them in Sacramento, including pro-housing groups, realtors, peace officers and trade unions.

Major hits

According to the Solano Economic Development Corporation, the county has taken major hits with the recent closures of the Budweiser brewery and Valero refinery, losing more than 2,100 jobs — good-paying jobs that unions want back.

Suisun City is also open to the annexation idea. In January, councilors asked their city manager to explore expanding the city limits. It’s home to 30,000 people, but that’s a process that could take years — much too long to entice Saronic.

State lawmakers, on the other hand, could override the red tape by writing legislation to require enough housing for the new jobs associated with the shipyard once a lease is signed. It’s one of the other asks California Forever is considering, according to CalMatters. The non-profit newsroom is also reporting that the group hired former Senate President Pro



An aerial rendering, with San Francisco in the background, shows the location of the proposed new city.

Tem Darrell Steinberg and former Senate Majority Leader Bob Hertzberg as “special counsel” to help pave the way for the new city through state-level maneuvering. Both Democrats have major influence when it comes to authoring and navigating California’s environmental laws.

While California Forever is trying to win over Saronic, its backers are not in a hurry to build out the entire city. The timeline anticipates a 40-year project from start to finish — a much riskier endeavor than the standard monochromatic stucco-home subdivision, which, despite urbanists’ preference for infill, has been California’s go-to for new housing over the last 50 years.

California Forever offers Sacramento a shot at breaking the subdivision mold, but it might not be a risk lawmakers are willing to take.

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ARTIST

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art class at Michaels craft store in Marina and began painting. “Painting is what got my head out of a bad place,” she said. Her mom passed in September 2017, but Johnson continues to paint at least three days a week. Over the past decade, she has honed her techniques from multiple instructors, but retiring from the insurance business in 2024 was a breakthrough.

“I had been waking up to get ready for work at 4:30 every morning, driving to our main office in Watsonville, then driving back home to Salinas,” she said. “I get good sleep now, and when I wake up, I feel free.”

First commission

A bold step for the once self-conscious artist was her decision to take painting commissions. Her first, in 2022 — a highly expressive portrait of four dogs — brought a second dog painting from the same patron. The next one took even more courage. “A woman asked me to do one of the famous ‘Painted Ladies’ — a really colorful row of Victorian houses in San Francisco,” Johnson said. “It took me a full year to agree to that painting, because it

was very detailed and complex.” The finished work, completed in February 2024, is an intricate cityscape that belies her relatively short time as a painter. You can see her paintings at the Salinas Valley Art Gallery, 218 Main St. in Old-town Salinas, at salinasvalleyartgallery.com, and on Instagram @bjohnson.artist. Her email is gbc19294@gmail.com. Dennis Taylor is a professional freelance writer in Monterey County. Contact him at scribelaureate@gmail.com.

LIVES

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his Camaro out to Laguna Seca in his free time — it’s a nice connection. “We get a lot of race people,” he said. But the restaurant’s real distinction comes from the love of fishing. “We don’t market a ton, but being a fisherman selling to the customer is a big deal,” Sam said. In the brief times she’s away from the restaurant, Angeli loves to garden, tending everything from roses to grapevines. “I like to keep everything looking pretty,” she said. But what she treasures most is time with family — her mother, sister, niece and her niece’s two kids, all of whom live locally. “I love having the kids over, spending time together,” she said.

breeding age and found a mate. Sorenson said his group has received condolences for Iniko. “The outpouring of love we’ve seen from so many of you over these past days is a testament to how deeply her story touched people around the world,” he said. Iniko’s name means “born during troubled times,” and according to Sorenson, “she lived up to it from her very first days.” But her survival against seemingly impossible odds not only inspired people around the globe, it connected them with the precarious plight of an endangered bird.

INIKO

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Once the fire passed, it was discovered that Iniko’s father, Kingpin, had died in the blaze, but miraculously, she and her mother, Redwood Queen, survived, though they were separated. In response, the Ventana Wildlife Society sent the chick to Los Angeles Zoo for rehabilitation before she was returned to the wild five months later. With a new lease on life, she reached

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Downtown Carmel bounced back this quarter with 42 deals closing for \$167M, which is a significant improvement from last quarter when we had just 27 deals close for \$123M. The second quarter is usually strong for Carmel where buyers are looking to get a vacation home to enjoy during the summer. We're also seeing more people buy in the area to prepare for their retirement home - particularly those from the Bay Area.

Carmel Point had a particularly strong quarter with 6 deals closing for \$48.5M, including our contemporary on Camino Real that ended up getting multiple offers and selling above list price. The Golden Rectangle came in second with \$42M going into 9 sales. Northeast Carmel had a very strong quarter with \$33M selling in 13 deals. Northwest Carmel closed \$21M in 7 sales. This area continues to shine ever since the eucalyptus grove came down and opened up ocean views where they didn't exist before.

Southeast Carmel had a very good quarter with over \$19M sold (compared to just \$4.7M last quarter). Hatton Fields had a slower quarter with just one sale - our listing on Mesa Drive that closed for \$3.825M. While Hatton Fields is a local favorite, it doesn't always benefit from the bump in sales related to vacation homes.

Scenic came in with two sales this quarter: 26363 Scenic sold off market for \$20M and 26177 Scenic sold for \$13M after being on the market for approximately 4 months. There were also two sales around \$10M, including one on San Antonio & 10th where we represented the buyer at \$10.5M and another strong sale on Carmelo and Ocean that closed for \$11M. While these are standout sales for downtown Carmel, overall, the median sales price dipped to \$3.3M, which is down slightly from 2Q25 when it was \$3.6M.

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Section 2

CHS SUPERSTAR EARNs SCHOLARSHIP, CHANCE TO SHINE AT IDAHO STATE

THE SIDELINES are an unnatural habitat for Simeon Brown, a force of nature at Carmel High, where he spent four

told to spend his freshman year of college athletics as a “redshirt” athlete: a teammate who sweats through every practice, lifts all the weights, sits through every meeting, studies the entire playbook, suits up for every home game, but never plays — not a single down — and stays home when the team travels to away games.

A redshirt season is a developmental year for a college athlete — a time to grow and mature physically, mentally, tactically and emotionally, and to become comfortable with the speed, skill and physicality of the sport while preserving a season of NCAA eligibility.

It’s a blessing that sometimes feels like a curse for an athlete who rarely experienced a sedentary moment in any sport during high school.

Tough last season

“As a redshirt, you do almost everything except travel and play in the games,” Brown said. “As a guy who was an impact player throughout high school, it was definitely tough last season to stand on the sidelines and watch.”

But the wait is over for Brown, a full-scholarship football player at Idaho State University, an NCAA Division I school, where he’s one of 21 wide receivers competing for playing time in the Bengals’ pass-happy offense.

Ten of those players are “inside receivers,” who typically line up

closer to the quarterback and running back. Brown is one of 11 “outside receivers” — speedsters whose starting spot is closer to the sidelines.

In the glitzy, star-studded annals of Carmel High athletics, Simeon Brown is royalty.

Multi-talented

As a varsity basketball player, he started and starred as a 14-year-old ninth-grader, ranking second on the team in assists, steals, blocked shots, three-point baskets, and free-throw percentage. He was third on the team in points per game, steals and field-goal percentage. (By the way, his big brother Amir, a senior that year, led the team in three of those categories. And their older brother, Robert — CHS ’19 — was a two-time all-county and all-league defensive lineman in football, earning Mission Division Lineman of the Year recognition as a junior and Defensive Player of the Year as a senior.)

In three subsequent seasons, Simeon, who graduated in 2025, earned all-division and all-county awards, a Gabilan Division MVP honor, and played on teams that won two division titles, a CCS crown, and reached the NorCal semifinals twice.

“After playing varsity as a freshman, I was a basketball guy, for sure. That’s what I was thinking about as a college sport,” Brown said. “I wasn’t into football at all until I started watching Robert and Amir play in high school, and in their college years. I saw their work ethic and grittiness and decided I wanted to play.”

He also competed in track and field,



PHOTO/COURTESY SIMEON BROWN

Simeon Brown’s feats as a three-sport athlete at Carmel High were near-mythical, but he wasn’t offered an NCAA Division 1 scholarship until July 2025, seven months after he led the Padres football team to a state championship.

ranking among the PCAL’s top sprinters (11.43 seconds in the 100-meter dash, 24.24 in the 200) and jumpers (19 feet, 6 1/2 inches in the long jump, 5-10 in the high jump as a sophomore).

His four-year highlight reel also includes perhaps the most important play by any athlete in Monterey County history.

In the fall of 2024, his senior year, with

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

years running past, around and over his opponents in three varsity sports.

It’s not uncommon — nor is it an insult — when a high school superstar is asked or



PHOTO/COURTESY SIMEON BROWN

A three-sport standout at Carmel High, Brown looks forward to proving himself this fall as an NCAA Division 1 wide receiver at Idaho State.

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0:00 on the scoreboard clock, Brown raced from his position in the defensive backfield to stop Acalanes quarterback Tyler Winkles 18 inches from the goal line on a two-point conversion attempt. That game-ending play preserved a 42-41 victory for the Padres in the NorCal finals and sent Carmel to the California 5-AA state championship game the following week.

The impact of his tackle cracked Brown’s sternum, but he played through the pain six days later to help the Padres rout El Capitan, 48-7, and become the first Monterey County team to win a state football title — and the first in county history to compile a 15-0 season.

And then, inexplicably, the spotlight dimmed for Simeon Brown: an athlete with NCAA Division I potential was mostly overlooked by college recruiters.

“I was a little disappointed, for sure,” Brown understated. “I really didn’t know if I was going to get a D-I opportunity until Idaho State contacted me in mid-July of 2025.”

The offer was a full-ride scholarship, if Brown would accept a redshirt season.

‘Definitely what I needed’

No doubt, a non-playing season would challenge his patience. “But it was definitely what I needed,” said the player known for humility and a team-first attitude at Carmel High.

“I learned a lot last year from the older guys about how they went about their business. I worked on my craft, and also my mentality, which is the biggest part of the game for sure. And coming into this season, I’m bigger, stronger and faster,” he said.

During game weeks, redshirt players are assigned to the “scout team,” charged

with preparing their game-eligible teammates for the opposing team. As an offensive player, Brown lined up against Idaho State’s first-team defense and attempted to replicate the formations and plays the opponent was likely to run during the game.

Brown currently is in Pocatello with his Idaho State teammates, six weeks into summer training camp, testing his bigger, faster, stronger physique — 6-3, 200 pounds — in speed drills, lifting, 7-on-7 scrimmages, conditioning and other collision-free preparation.

Summer training began in early June, just days after the Bengals’ April 21 spring football intrasquad scrimmage, and will continue through July 24, when the players will get a four-day break before fall camp opens on July 29.

For the Bengals — members of the Big Sky Conference — the 2026 season opens Aug. 29 with a nonconference game in Pocatello against Virginia Military Institute. The game will be broadcast on ESPN+ at 3 p.m. Pacific time.

A major difference for redshirt players who become game-eligible roster players is that they’ll spend game-week practices running their own plays, rather than simulating the opponent’s.

“This spring was the first time I got to run plays from our own playbook,” Brown said. “Last fall, as a member of our scout team offense, my job was to give our defense the same looks they’re likely to see from our opponent on game day.”

Good times ahead?

For Brown, that’s a change he’s happily embracing.

He’s also quietly confident that he’ll play a significant role this year for a team



PHOTO/COURTESY CARMEL YOUTH BASEBALL

Carmel Youth Baseball’s Mustang League All-Stars won the Nor-Cal Super Regional championship last week to advance to the West Zone tournament, which began Thursday and concludes Sunday in Placencia.

that returns senior quarterback Jordan Cooke but lost five wide receivers who accounted for 3,155 yards.

After a 6-6 season (5-3 in the Big Sky) a year ago — a season that concluded with four consecutive victories — Brown believes much better things are on the near horizon at Idaho State.

“Honestly, I think we’re going to be great this season,” he predicted. “They’ve been building the program here for years and years, and the last couple of seasons they’ve been trending upward. I really believe we’ll make a run in the playoffs this fall.”

■ Carmel Mustangs reach West Zone tourney

Carmel Youth Baseball’s Mustang League all-star team qualified for PONY Baseball’s West Zone playoffs on July 11, winning all four of its games in an eight-team, double-elimination NorCal Super Regional tournament at Toro Park.

The 12-player team of 9- and 10-year-

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MORE LETTERS

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The importance of trees

Dear Editor,

“A pine forest alongside Carmel Mission, facing a mile of white sand beach, on the sheltered side of the Monterey Peninsula.” This is the first advertisement for Carmel, conceived by Frank Devendorf and Frank Powers, in the San Francisco Chronicle on April 26, 1903.

The vision of a “village in a pine forest” was not artificial but based on the physical reality that the Monterey pine forest is the (now “critically imperiled”) ecological home in which we live, along with countless other species that evolved here over eons. Carmel, among Peninsula cities, is unique, in that whereas others cut down their part of the forest to make way for houses and commercial enterprises, Carmel made its part of the beautiful Monterey pine forest central to its character. Its beauty, in combination with our lovely beach and bay, attracted unpretentious creative people who have given Carmel her cultural luster. Carmelites were united in their love for this forest. Hence our worldwide fame as a “village in a pine forest.” Our pines are memorialized in the name of our local paper, The Carmel Pine Cone, in our first hotel, the Pine Inn, and the Forest

Theater, among others.

“The beautiful beach of pure white sili-con sand, with the 52 acres of sand dunes, is a playground for the children, and a rest-ing place for the nerve-weary. The 400-acre pine forest, with its deep carpet of pine needles, furnishes all the balsamic odors of the Sierras.” So is written on the front page of the first issue of The Pine Cone.

The benefits this wonderful forest gives us are too numerous to count, but in this day of climate heating, the ability of native forests to combat this human-created scourge makes preservation of this forest critical for the future. Carmel, which was always in the vanguard of ideals of love for nature and protection of its beauty and bio-logical richness, needs to honor and con-tinue that one-of-a-kind tradition that has made it a “town without prototype.”

Linda Smith, Carmel

Honoring Eastwood

Dear Editor,

Recently I was reminiscing about Car-mel’s history with my longtime friend, former Mayor Ken White, regarding the chil-dren’s library. Few remember the building at the corner of Sixth and Mission was once the Purity Grocery Store and later the Crocker Bank.

When Crocker Bank closed its doors, the building remained empty. Attempts were made to interest Crocker Bank in making the building available; however, there never was a conclusive transaction.

When Clint Eastwood was mayor,

he was on vacation skiing in Sun Valley, Idaho, when he met the CEO of Crocker Bank on the slopes. He suggested that they make a deal and sell the building, which was transacted, and the eventual outcome was the opening of the auxiliary branch of the Harrison Memorial Library and, even-tually, the children’s library.

I suggest the city name the building

the Eastwood Building in gratitude for former Mayor Eastwood’s effort to create Carmel’s ownership of the building. This action would be a fitting recognition of a significant acquisition that may never have occurred without the leadership and instincts of Clint Eastwood and his love for Carmel.

David Armanasco, Monterey

SPORTS

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olds, coached by Joe Torrice, Rob Miller and David Sanchez, advanced to the Zone tournament, which began Thursday and concludes Sunday in Placentia, with super regional victories over Vacaville (15-2), Paso Robles (3-0), Rodeo (14-7) and

Vacaville again (24-14 in the finals).

Carmel’s roster includes Andrew Cardi-nalli, Austin Gilbride, Bode Epega, Catch Christensen, Finnley O’Neal, Hoyt Huck-abby, Karsten Hartvicson, Kody Gallagher, Micah Sanchez, Quinn Torrice, Robbie Miller and Zane Nordeen. The team’s overall record this summer is 24-4.

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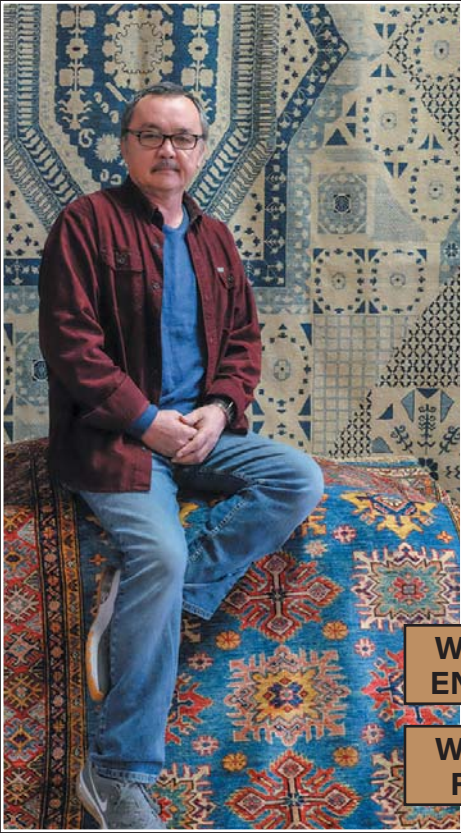
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Photo galleries united for yearly tour

SEVEN GALLERIES in downtown Carmel specializing in fine art photography team up Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. to present another Photo Walk Carmel. “It was such a hit last summer that we’re doing it again,” said Ann Jastrab, executive director of one of the participants, the Center for Photographic Art.

The others featured on the tour include Weston Gallery, Photography West Gallery, Robin Winfield Gallery, Oficino Uno, Exposed and Aaron Chang Gallery.

The Monterey Peninsula’s stunning natural scenery has long been a magnet for photographers, with pioneers like Edward

Center at San Carlos and Ninth.

■ Artist raises funds for whales

Kristy Chettle, who, unlike most painters, employs her hands instead of brushes, is using her creativity to benefit the largest creatures on earth. Studio 5, a space above Pacific Grove Hardware at 227 Forest Ave., will host a fundraising art sale and reception for Chettle Saturday at 6 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the group Save the Whales, which has been advocating for the massive mammals since 1977. Staff from the group will be on hand to talk about their work.

“As a supporter of Save the Whales, I value their mission to preserve and protect the ocean and its inhabitants through education,” said Chettle, who is also

presenting a workshop Saturday in Studio 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. “My goal through art is to inspire others to prioritize caring for our planet while creating a love of art — no matter your age, skill or experience.”

Save the Whales’ mission is to bring environmental education to schools. “A dedicated staff of degreed marine science educators have reached over 370,000 students and focus on inspiring students of all ages around the Monterey Peninsula — with an emphasis on inland areas where marine science programs are scarce or



Kristy Chettle, who paints with her hands and hasn’t used a brush in two decades, is raising funds for a group that advocates for whales Saturday, 6 p.m., in Pacific Grove.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

Weston and Ansel Adams once calling the place home.

“Carmel is steeped in a rich international legacy of innovation in fine art photography. As the birthplace of West Coast photography and the Friends of Photography, there is a thriving community of artists living and working in the area,” Jastrab explained.

The Center for Photographic Art hosts a reception at 5 p.m., along with a raffle — each of the participating galleries has donated a prize. The gallery is in Sunset

nonexistent,” according to the group.

Executive director Maris Sidenstecker, who co-founded the organization when she 14 years old, plans to be at the reception Saturday.

“The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary is a national treasure and home

to countless marine species, including endangered whales,” organizers said. “Please help us celebrate the special area we live in while having fun, learning, creating and supporting Save the Whales.”

For details about the workshop, visit kristychettle.com.

Museum honors local western artists

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO PAINTERS who lived locally but achieved far-reaching fame for their Western-themed art, Donald Teague and Jack Swanson, will be remembered by the Carmel Valley History Center, 77 W. Carmel Valley Road, on Saturday at 3 p.m.

Speakers include Teague’s grandson, Scott Gale, and Swanson’s daughter, Kris Swanson.

A magazine illustrator and watercolorist, Teague gained fame in the 1920s and 1930s for his magazine covers. His clients included The Saturday Evening Post, Collier’s and McCall’s. Originally from Brooklyn, N.Y., he moved to Carmel in 1949. Along the way, he earned praise, including the title “dean of American watercolorists.” He was 93 when he died in 1991.

A painter, sculptor and longtime Carmel Valley resident, Swanson was a working cowboy and horseman who painted from his own experience. According to the Carmel Art Association, where he was a member, his paintings “reflect an unerring realism because he painted from personal observation, with a sensitive eye that could catch and hold all the movements of horse and rider.”

“Throughout six decades, Jack chronicled on canvas the Western life and history he had lived in bright, vivid colors and exquisite detail,” the downtown gallery said. Swanson died in 2014 at 87.

The history center called the event a “rare opportunity” to learn more about the pair. “The two artists were good friends and influenced each other’s artistic growth,” the museum added.

The event is free.



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Bluegrass trio plays Sand Box, music group announces centennial season

THE TOP prize winner at last year’s Telluride Bluegrass Festival, **Rachel Sumner & Traveling Light** plays Friday, 7 p.m., at the Sand Box in Sand City.

Sumner is a singer and guitarist whose songwriting talents have earned her top prizes at the Kerrville Folk Festival and in the John Lennon Award contest. She shares the stage with fiddler **Kat Wallace** and upright bassist **Mike Siegel**. The group was formed in Boston, and their sound brings together traditional and contemporary folk.

“With songs as sweet and biting as the nectar and venom in her voice, Sumner’s lyric-forward writing and penchant for snaking chord progressions demand something far beyond folk conventions, highlighting the acrobatic range of her brilliant bandmates,” according to the trio’s website. “Their sound is spare and intimate, sometimes eerie, sometimes sweet and always intentional.”

Tickets are \$40 for general admission and \$25 for students and active military. The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz Ave. sandboxsandcity.com.



Carmel Music Society just released details about its 100th anniversary season, which includes a concert by violinist Alexi Kenney (above) and pianist Janice Carissa (right).



■ Turning 100

Dedicated to “bringing the world’s most celebrated classical musicians to our shores,” the Carmel Music Society just released details about its 100th season, which kicks off Aug. 28 with a Gala Party at the Sand Box in Sand City.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

“This season is simply spectacular,” board president **Erik Dyar** announced. “We’re thrilled to showcase some of the most incredible young talents performing today, like cellist **Sheku Kanneh-Mason**, pianist **Benjamin Grosve-**

nor, violinist **Alexi Kenney** and pianist **Janice Carissa**. We’re also bringing back festival favorites **Anderson & Roe** [a piano duo], and pianist **Jean-Yves Thibaudet**, who will perform the complete Debussy *Préludes* as no one else can. We’re excited to introduce the dynamic boundary-breaking trio, **Time for Three**, and one of the most celebrated interpreters of Bach at the keyboard, pianist **Simone Dinnerstein**.”

For a complete schedule and ticket info, visit carmel-music.org/events-2026.

■ Summer Live at the Plaza

Playing hit songs from many decades, **The Money Band** kicks off Carmel Plaza’s latest Summer Live music series Friday at 5 p.m. The event pairs local music acts with vintners, mixologists and nonprofit groups. This

week’s performance showcases Scheid Family Wines and Mocktails by Links Club, along with two local charities, Animal Friends Rescue Project and Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, that are dedicated to helping pets.

The series continues Fridays through the end of the month. The event is free, while food and drink packages are \$25, with \$5 from each package going to the nonprofits. The shopping center is located at Ocean and Mission.

Live music July 17-23

■ Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — **Along Came Betty** (jazz, Sunday at noon), singer and guitarist **Victor Veysey** (Thurs-

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FOOD & WINE

Yummy ice cream flavors abound, and so do classic dishes for summer

HAVE YOU heard of “no-sky July?” Apparently, it’s yet another term for a foggy summer month. Next up, we’re told, is “Fogust.” Be that as it may, we have heat from a chili cook-off and some reviews of local ice cream spots — including a readers’ favorite. Also, the chef at Estéban has added a few new dishes for summer, including some buttermilk fried chicken. Roll up your sleeves and read on for more.

Chamber chili cookoff

The Carmel Chamber of Commerce hosts its Great Bowls of Fire Chili Cook-Off — “where bold flavors, friendly

competition and a whole lot of fun come together in one unforgettable afternoon” — at Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley July 26 from 1 to 4 p.m.

“Join us for a fiery, flavorful afternoon filled with local chefs, bold flavors, refreshing margaritas, live music and a little friendly competition,” organizers said. The cookoff was organized and hosted at Carmel Valley Ranch by the now-defunct Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce for years and was recently resurrected by Carmel’s chamber.

The competition will have pro and amateur categories and will include a margarita contest and live music and entertainment.



Are you a vanilla-or-chocolate purist, or on a mission to experience new feats of creative confectioning? Whatever your fro-yo M.O., we’ve rounded up our staff picks from local creameries like Scoops and Revival in Monterey, Colette’s in P.G., and Marianne’s (served at Café Carmel).



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“Every competitor will serve up samples to both our hungry guests and a panel

work, the judges will do a quick re-taste and vote.

Guests also get to weigh in, with the best chili and the best margarita receiving People’s Choice awards.

“Sample a variety of creative, mouth-watering chilis from local competitors and vote for your favorites,” the chamber said. “There’s something for every palate — from smoky and savory to fiery and fearless.”

Tickets must be purchased in advance and cost \$50 for chamber members and \$65 for everyone else.

To find more information and to register, visit carmelchamber.org. Folktale is located at 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

What a scream!

In addition to all its delicious house-made baked goods, Café Carmel’s helpful staff scoops Marianne’s ice cream into

See **SCOOPS** next page

Soup to Nuts

of judges,” chamber CEO Kati Enea said. “Bring your best flavor, secret ingredients or spicy twist — and wow the crowd.”

A panel of judges will scrutinize entries using a 100-point scale. Criteria for chilis include flavor (up to 40 points), texture (15), aroma (10), appearance (10), creativity (15) and heat/spice balance (10), while those for margaritas will be taste/balance (40), presentation (15), creativity (20) and execution (15). Tie-breaker rules call for the entry with the highest flavor score to be crowned the winner, but if that doesn’t

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SCOOPS

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waffle cones, which you can take right out the front door and onto Ocean Avenue en route to the beach.

In the 1980s, some locals wanted to prohibit such potentially untidy frivolity. The backlash helped Clint Eastwood become Carmel’s most famous mayor, and in 1986, the cones became street legal.

Nowadays, Café Carmel is serving up some of Santa Cruz’s finest. Marianne’s is rich, flavorful and satisfying — and some flavors are almost too sophisticated for little ones. The eggnog variety just tastes like Christmas, and the electric-purple lavender-scented stuff is out of this world.

Readers’ favorite

For years, Pine Cone readers have chosen Monterey’s Revival Ice Cream (463 Alvarado St., revivalicecream.com) as their favorite scoop. The place makes its waffle cones fresh daily, and the flavors range from upscale-familiar, like Theo’s dark chocolate, to the curious alchemy of eucalyptus mint chip. Vegan and nondairy options are also available.

With a single scoop going for \$6.50 and a \$2 upcharge for a housemade waffle bowl or cone, you may wonder if it lives up to the hype. That’s highly subjective, but here are some thoughts.

Revival makes small batches of organic ice cream with an emphasis on local, sustainably grown ingredients. The company also gives back to numerous nonprofits in the area.

More to the point, it’s delicious. Take that eucalyptus mint chip. Skepticism is to be expected, especially given some of the eucalyptus hatred around here, but it just amplifies the cool mint flavor and makes for one intriguing bite after another.

How could you make butter pecan better? Use toasty browned butter. And if the blueberry waffle flavor — studded with crushed housemade cones and juicy berries — is available, have some.

Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m., you can get a tasting of six 3-ounce scoops for \$17. For smaller appetites, the mini scoop goes for \$4.50 and a baby scoop — which looks to be about 1 to 1.5 ounces — is \$2.25.

Colette’s in P.G.

It’s hard to argue with the strategy of chopping up Oreos and M&Ms into tiny pieces, mixing those with frozen cream and calling it dessert. But the true connois-

seur knows the test of any scoop shop is its commitment to perfecting the deceptively simple vanilla — and located next door to the Holman Building at 520 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove, Colette’s passes the test.

Local owners Nicole and Roy Ballesteros opened the shop in 2025. It’s named for their youngest daughter and has a nice supply of branded merch if you like to wear your food preferences on your sleeve.

At Colette’s, “Classic ice cream and flavors are batched in-house with the freshest locally sourced ingredients.” Scoopers are friendly and efficient — although understandably indecisive customers tend to cause a line. Gourmet flavors like salted caramel and cereal milk, as well as a couple dairy-free options, are available to taste-test. Or revert to favorites like mint chip, coffee, that venerable vanilla, and butter pecan. The latter is wonderful, thanks to freshly candied pecans, crunchy with whole sugar crystals and whipped up in sweet cream (which might be slightly too sweet for some). Cherry ice cream



Chili cookoffs have long been a Peninsula favorite — not only for people who like to cook the classic Mexican dish, but for people who love to eat it.

speckled with chocolate flakes was surprisingly refreshing — not syrupy but deep with Bing flavor — though if

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CALENDAR

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

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July 24 – Carmel Plaza’s Summer Live Music with Every Day People. Food & drink packages available for \$25 while you enjoy 2 hours of free music, 5 to 7 p.m. Ocean Avenue and Mission Street. CarmelPlaza.com/happenings

July 24 – Wine & Cheese Pairing at Taste Morgan with The Cheese Shop’s Kent Torrey. Indulge in a selection of cheeses, each skillfully paired with four delicious Morgan wines from 5 to 7 p.m. Located in the Crossroads Shopping Center. Tickets: \$30, Club: \$20.

July 25 – Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula hosts the Carmel Valley Classic Car Show and Blessing of the Automobiles, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, 4590 Carmel Valley Road. Display, barbecue, awards, music, games and other activities featured. The \$50-per-car entry fee benefits the church and IHLP. Gates open at 8 a.m. for registration, with the event opening to the public at 10. Awards will be given at 2 p.m., and the show will be held at 3 p.m. For details or to register a vehicle, email cm_gray@msn.com.



July 26 – Celebrate All Saints’ 75 Years at Dolores and Ninth, 4 p.m. Music, fellowship, and refreshments will follow the dedication celebration and the unveiling of a commemorative painting by **Elizabeth Barlow**. Please RSVP and/or share a favorite memory of a time there at www.allsaintscarmel.org

July 31 – The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) will present a dinner lecture at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1000 Agujito Road, Monterey. **Dr. Richard Feinberg**, Professor Emeritus, University of California, San Diego will present **“The Cuban Tragedy: whither Washington and Havana?”** Visit <http://www.wacmb.org> for event registration and information.

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DESSERT

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nature’s nectar isn’t enough, you can always double down with a dark chocolate sugar cone.

Scoops in Monterey

Stepping into Scoops Ice Cream Parlor in Monterey feels a bit like stepping into a Norman Rockwell painting. The walls are painted a soft pink, it always smells like they’re making waffle cones, and there’s a cotton candy machine. In fact, you might have to hold the littles up so they can watch the magic of spinning sugar into clouds.

The shop opened in November 2025 and serves Marianne’s ice cream. The young — and the young at heart — can perch on the ice-cream-cone-shaped stools that line the front of the shop. That’s not to mention the patience and warmth of the staff who are quick to offer samples. Who doesn’t love tasting all those flavors with little neon-colored spoons?

After you have your ice cream, you can sit and enjoy it while admiring the themed décor on the wall.

In addition to beloved classic flavors — vanilla, chocolate, cookies & cream, mint chip, and strawberry — the shop also has a rotating selection of other choices, like its

popular 1020, featuring caramel with chocolate swirl and Oreo cookies. Then there’s Heaven — vanilla with chocolate and peanut butter swirls and loaded with brownie pieces.

The list goes on, but it’s probably best to see — and taste — for yourself. Adults can get a caffeine fix with an affogato latte that unites espresso and ice cream in an energizing treat. That way, you’ll be able to keep up with your sugar-jacked little ones.

Nondairy options are also available. Scoops is at 595 Munras Ave. Find it on Instagram @monterey.scoops to learn more.

Estéban updates for summer

Executive chef Steven Patlan has updated the dinner menu at Estéban in the Casa Munras Garden Hotel with some new summer dishes. Fogline Farms buttermilk fried chicken (\$40) has been added to the entrees, with pickled sweet peppers & onion and house-made biscuits. Other new main dishes include a grilled bone-in Kurobuta pork chop (\$45), an 8-ounce prime filet (\$62) with chimichurri butter and a side of grits, and there’s a pan-seared salmon (\$36), too.

Parmesan fries with truffle aioli (\$14) and an order of beer-steamed clams in lime broth (\$24) have arrived on



Estéban restaurant at Monterey’s Casa Munras hotel has an updated menu which offers comfort-food delights like buttermilk fried chicken with biscuits.

the tapas menu. Two new pizzas have also been added, along with a burrata and nectarine salad.

The restaurant is at 700 Munras Ave. in Monterey. Visit estebanrestaurant.com for more information.

Mary Schley, Elaine Hesser, Lily Patterson and Sally Baho contributed to this week’s column (someone had to try all that ice cream).

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day at 6 p.m.), 46800 Highway 1.
Fernwood Resort — Plastic Nancy (psychedelic rock, 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 and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, R&B and dance, 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.
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Singer and multi-instrumentalist Maryanne Mugila plays Thursday, 6 p.m., at Pop ‘n’ Hiss in Pacific Grove.

dance, 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 — **Scola** (“electrifying dance hits,” Friday at 7 p.m.), Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.
Mission Ranch — Singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.), 26270 Dolores St.
Taste Morgan — Singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Saturday at 3 p.m.), 204 Crossroads Blvd.

■ Carmel Valley

Bernardus Lodge — Singer and multi-instrumentalist **Tamas Marius** (jazz, Saturday at noon), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon), 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.
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McIntyre Vineyards tasting room — Singer and multi-instrumentalist **Tamas Marius** (jazz, Sunday at 1 p.m.), 24 W. Carmel Valley Rd.

■ Monterey

Estéban Restaurant — **The Monterey Jazz All Star Ensemble** (Tuesday at 5 p.m.), in the Casa Munras Hotel, 700 Munras Ave.
Hyatt Regency Monterey — Singer and multi-instru-mental-ist **Meredith McHenry** (Friday at 7 p.m.), 1 Old

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF THE SANTA LUCIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 3, 2026 the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District (“SLCSD”) adopted its Resolution No. 26-06, entitled “A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Santa Lucia Community Services District Declaring its Intention to Establish Community Facilities District No. 2 (Road Quality) of the Santa Lucia Community Services District and to Authorize the Levy of a Special Tax Therein.” (the “Resolution of Intention”).

A Summary of the Resolution of Intention is that the Board of Directors declared its intention to establish “Community Facilities District No. 2 (Road Quality) of the Santa Lucia Community Services District” (the “Road Quality Financing District”) pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 (Gov’t Code Sec. 53311 et seq.) for the purpose of levying an annual special tax against real property to fund maintenance and operation of roads throughout the CSD, including necessary resurfacing, rehabilitation, preventative treatments, and similar work. The boundaries of the Road Quality Financing District would be the same as the boundaries of the SLCSD. The special tax would generally be collected on the property tax roll along with the ad valorem property tax. The Special Tax would be collected for 15 consecutive fiscal years, beginning in Fiscal Year 2027-28 and ending in Fiscal Year 2041-42

The initial maximum rate for the annual special tax would be:	
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Golf Club Course:	\$31,832.00

Beginning with Fiscal Year 2028-29, each maximum rate will be increased annually by 2% with respect to the maximum rate for the prior fiscal year.

Reference is made to the Resolution of Intention, which is on file and available for public inspection at the SLCSD offices located at 121 Rancho San Carlos Road Bldg. A , Carmel CA 93923, for a full and complete description of the proposed Road Quality Financing District and proposed special tax.

On July 22, 2026, at 9:00 AM (or as soon thereafter as practical), in the Golf Library located at 19 Pronghorn Run, Carmel, California, the Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the establishment of the Road Quality Financing District. At the hearing the testimony of all interested persons or taxpayers for or against the establishment of the Road Quality Financing District, the extent of the Road Quality Financing District, or the furnishing of specified types of public facilities or services will be heard. At the Hearing, protests against the establishment of the Road Quality Financing District, the extent of the District, or the furnishing of specified types of services within the District may be made in writing by any interested person or taxpayer.

If 50 percent or more of the registered voters residing within the territory proposed to be included in the Road Quality Financing District, or the owners of one-half or more of the area of the land in the territory proposed to be included in the Road Quality Financing District and not exempt from the special tax, file written protests against the establishment of the Road Quality Financing District, and protests are not withdrawn so as to reduce the value of the protests to less than a majority, no further proceedings to create the Road Quality Financing District or to authorize the Special Tax will be taken for a period of one year from the date of the decision of the Board of Directors. If the majority protests of the registered voters or of the landowners are only against the furnishing of a specified type or types of facilities or services within the Road Quality Financing District, or against levying a specified special tax, those types of facilities or services or the specified special tax will not be included the resolution of formation.

It is anticipated that, if the Board of Directors establishes the Road Quality Financing District, the Board will submit the levy of the Special Tax to the qualified electors of the Road Quality Financing District. The qualified electors of the Road Quality Financing District will be the registered voters within the boundaries of the Road Quality Financing District (i.e. the registered voters of the SLCSD). The election will be conducted by the Monterey County Registrar of Voters and the intention of the SLCSD is that the election will be consolidated with the Statewide General Election to be held on November 3, 2026. Each registered voter will have one vote, and in order for the tax measure to be adopted it must be approved by two-thirds of the votes cast on the measure. The measure may also establish an appropriations limit for the Road Quality Financing District. No tax may be levied in connection with the Road Quality Financing District unless that tax has been approved by the voters.

For additional information, please contact Shaw Pick, Community Services District General Manager, at 831-620-9904

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED AUGUST 19, 2024. 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. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded August 20, 2024 as Document No.: 2024029448 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, executed by: FQC, Inc., as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier’s check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or 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). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. As more fully described in the attached legal description. See Exhibit A. Sale Date: August 11, 2026 Sale Time: 10:00 AM Sale Location: At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901 2 File No.:25-11062CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 22 Spray Ave, Monterey, CA 93940. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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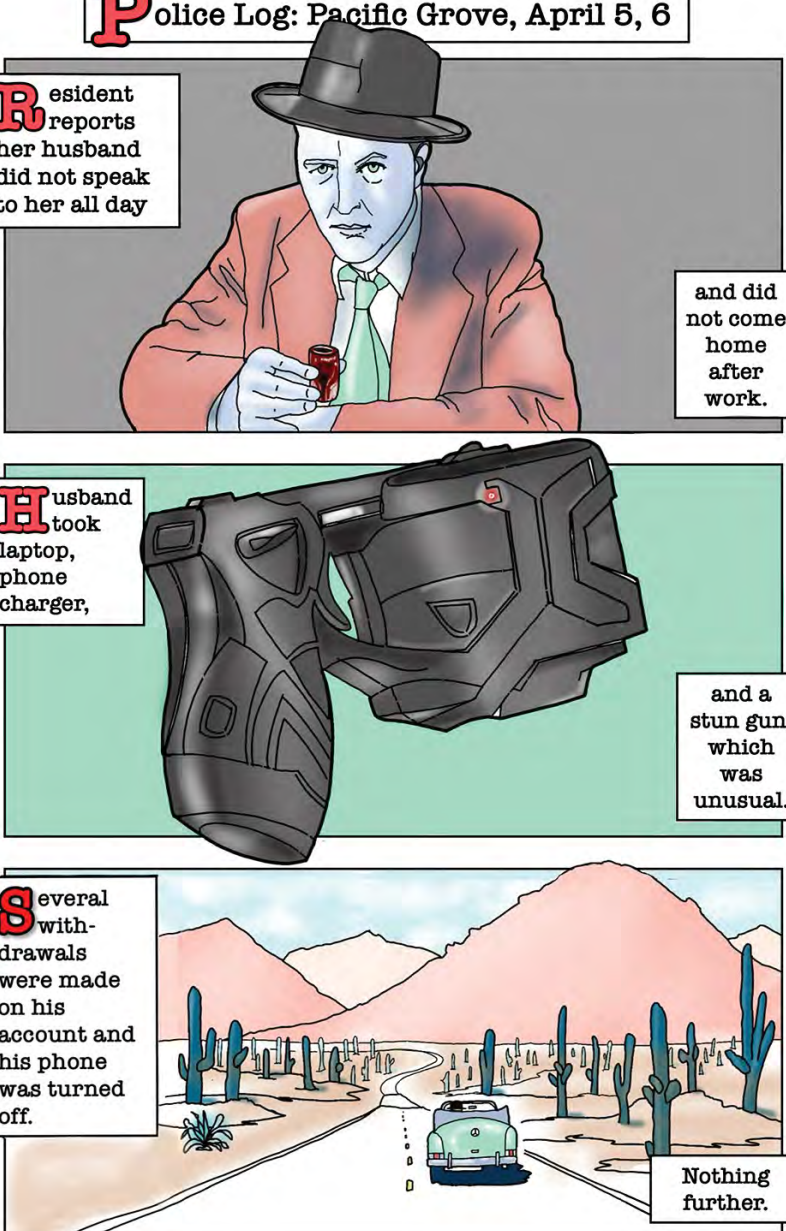
and did not come home after work.

Husband took laptop, phone charger,

and a stun gun, which was unusual.

Several withdrawals were made on his account and his phone was turned off.

Nothing further.



LIVE

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Golf Course Road.

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



Rachel Sumner & Traveling Light play bluegrass Friday, 7 p.m., at the Sand Box in Sand City

Midici Pizza — **Janice’s Jazz Jam** with singer **Janice Perl**, keyboardist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Joe Dolister** and drummer **Andy Weis** (Sunday at 5 p.m.), **The Brian Stock Quartet** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.),

467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel — Pianist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Dan Cortes** (Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Meredith McHenry** (Tuesday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (Wednesday at 6 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, 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 **Linda Arceo** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adam Behan** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (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 — **Everyday People** (“classic Latin rock with an old-school funk twist,” Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Blanks** (pop and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The**

Rod Wilson Band (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), **Sean & the Skinwalkers** (rock and blues, Tuesday at 8 p.m.), **John Tsunami** (rock, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.), **Bazooka Jones** (classic rock, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.), 700 Cannery Row.

■ Pacific Grove

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

Hop & Fog Brewing Co. — **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Saturday at 7 p.m.), 511 Lighthouse 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 — Lucy’s celebrates its sixth anniversary with music by **The Clerical Estate** and **Apricot Court**, along with a hot dog eating contest (rock, Saturday at noon), singer and guitarist **Dan Cioper** (rock and blues, Sunday at 2 p.m.), 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

PG Meetinghouse — **Blue Fire** (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), singer **Akina Miyata** and guitarist **Sam Nilsson** (jazz, Saturday at 11 a.m.), **The David Morwood Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Jim Fucillo** (jazz and pop, Sunday at 11 a.m.), Open Mic (Monday at 6 p.m., sign-ups start at 5:30 p.m.), **Tribe in the Sky** presents a jam (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Pop ‘n’ Hiss — **Jaws of Brooklyn** (“punchy, retro girl-group vocal harmonies

with fuzzed-out rock guitars and a high-energy pop,” Saturday at 7 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Maryanne Mugila** and singer and guitarist **Luke Sweeney** (Thursday at 6 p.m.), 215 Forest Ave.

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

■ Pebble Beach

The Inn at Spanish Bay — **The Andy Weis Trio** (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.), **The Broken Shades Blue Duo** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), 2700 17 Mile Drive.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — Singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Friday at 5 p.m.), guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Saturday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Alison Sharino** (Thursday at 5 p.m.) Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

■ Sand City

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

■ Seaside

Deja Blue — Singer and harmonica player **Aki Kumar** (blues, Saturday at 4 p.m.), singer and bassist **Frank Tebo** (R&B and jazz, Sunday at 4 p.m.), 500 Broadway.

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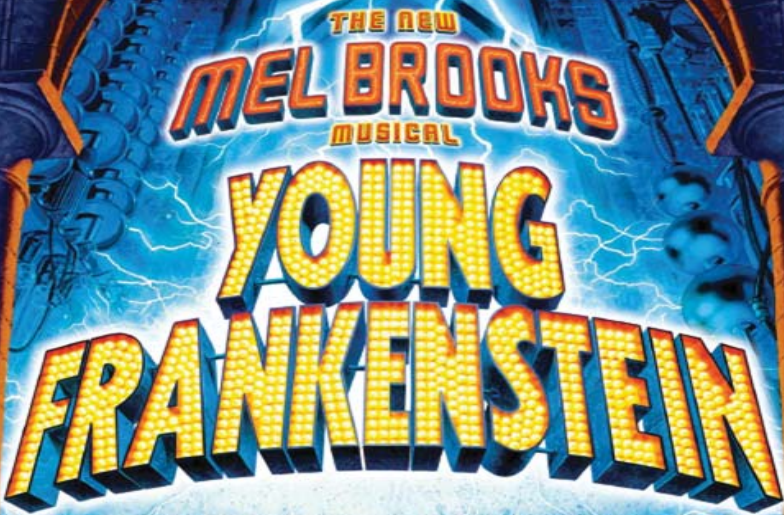
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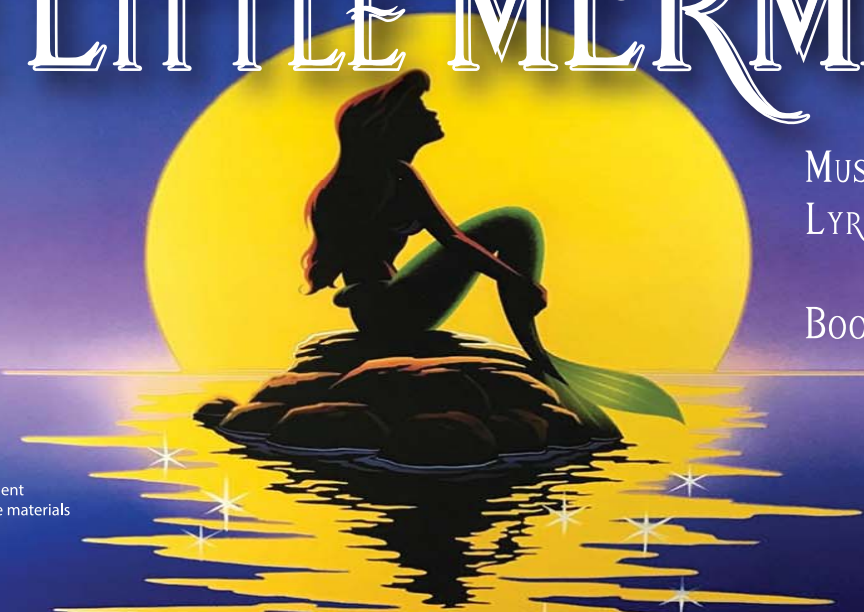
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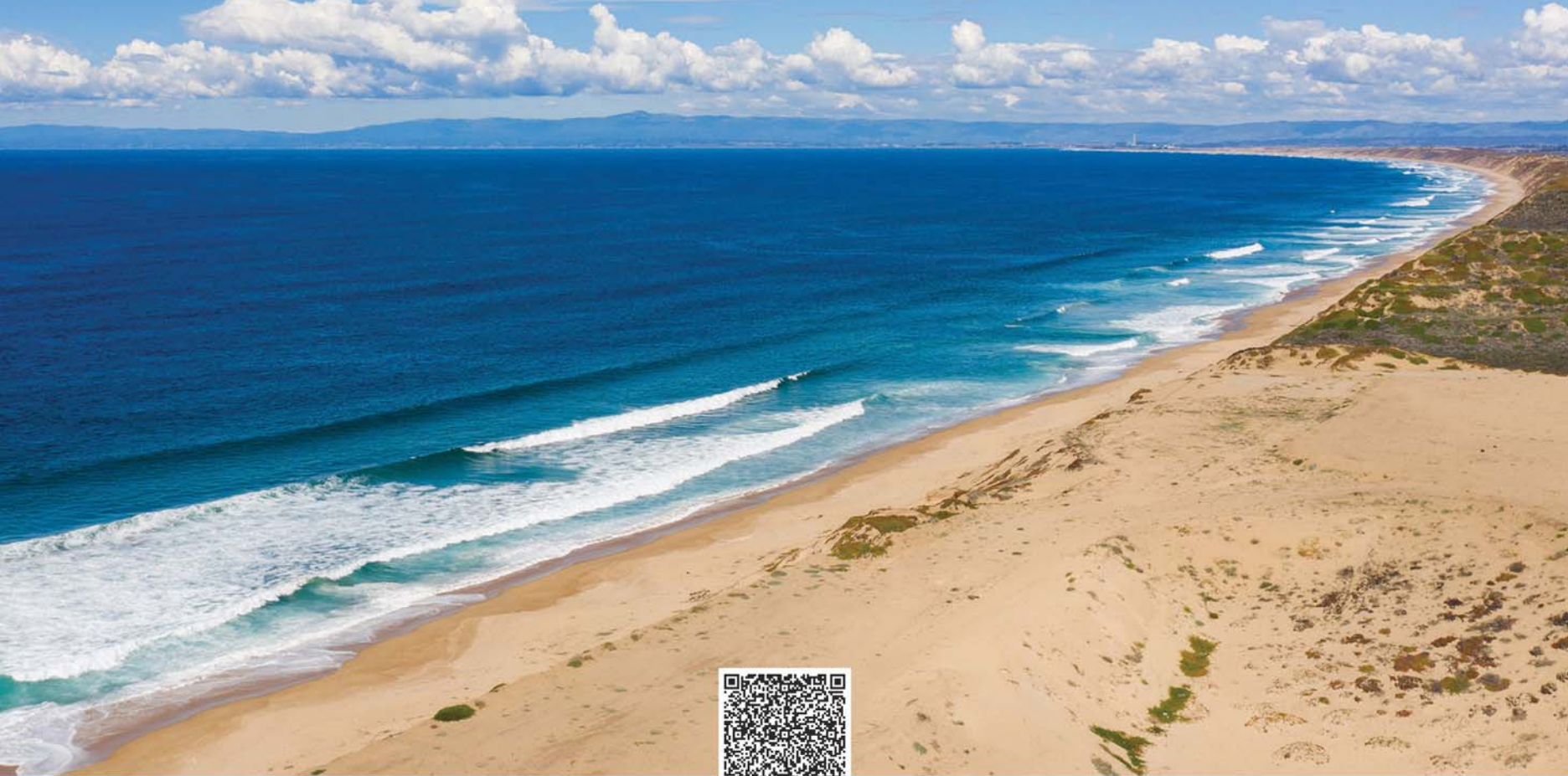
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Carmel Beach, where the sand is sugary and the soul is salty

IF BEING in downtown Carmel early in the morning isn't quite enough, the location gods have bestowed another gift on me. The lengthy remodeling of Carmel Plaza's Cafe Luna is complete. Once more, I can slide into dark-roasted conversations with friends without having to stop somewhere else first. Owners Linda and Mike Karaki have transformed a charming breakfast shop into a full-scale restaurant — breakfast, lunch and dinner. Bon appetit.

Yet it's the Pacific Ocean that draws me — and thousands of others — to the west side of Carmel. Take away the ocean, and what do you have? Carmel-by-the-Cypress Trees? Carmel-by-the-Pretty Golf Course? Without the ocean, Ocean Avenue would just be Seventh Street.

Rare phenomenon

Before the tony shops, the galleries, the restaurants and even the metal doggie drinking dishes, there was the ocean. And with it, one of the loveliest beaches formed by a geologic phenomenon rare to most coastlines.

It was this white sandy beach that Frank Devendorf saw while on a picnic with his family at Pescadero

Point sometime in the 1890s. He envisioned a town there someday.

I first walked on the beautiful white sand of Carmel Beach almost a hundred years after Devendorf saw it. I thought I was walking on confectioners' sugar. The sand was cool and powdery. I let it sift through my toes, half wanting to sprinkle it on a cake.

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

The white sand of Carmel Beach comes from the granite at the core of the Santa Lucia Mountains. Through erosion, it became sandstone. In their book "Creating Carmel," Harold and Ann Gilliam describe the process: storm waves so intense that the granite was slowly ground into finer and finer particles. "The result is sand that is distinctively white, owing to the light-colored dominant minerals, glassy quartz and white feldspar of the Santa Lucia

granite." That's a technical way of saying, "Kick off your shoes and go for a walk."

In "Carmel-by-the-Sea," a picture book by Monica Hudson, there's a photo of Frank Powers' family making their way up the steep sand dunes of Carmel Beach near their home. The caption states that "tons of fine white sand had been hauled away by the home's previous owner, Ann Murphy, some shipped as far away as Hawaii."

Hand in paw

On the one-and-a-half-mile stretch of Carmel Beach, it's obvious that walking hand in hand is a favorite pastime. So is walking hand in paw — for the beach is a lively playground for dogs and their owners. Carmel Beach is a kingdom for dogs, and they rule with the joyful abandon of creatures who know they've found paradise. From tiny dachshunds to lumbering Labradors, they chase seagulls, dig in the sand and splash in the surf with the same delight as their human companions. It's a reminder that some places are so special, even the dogs refuse to leave.

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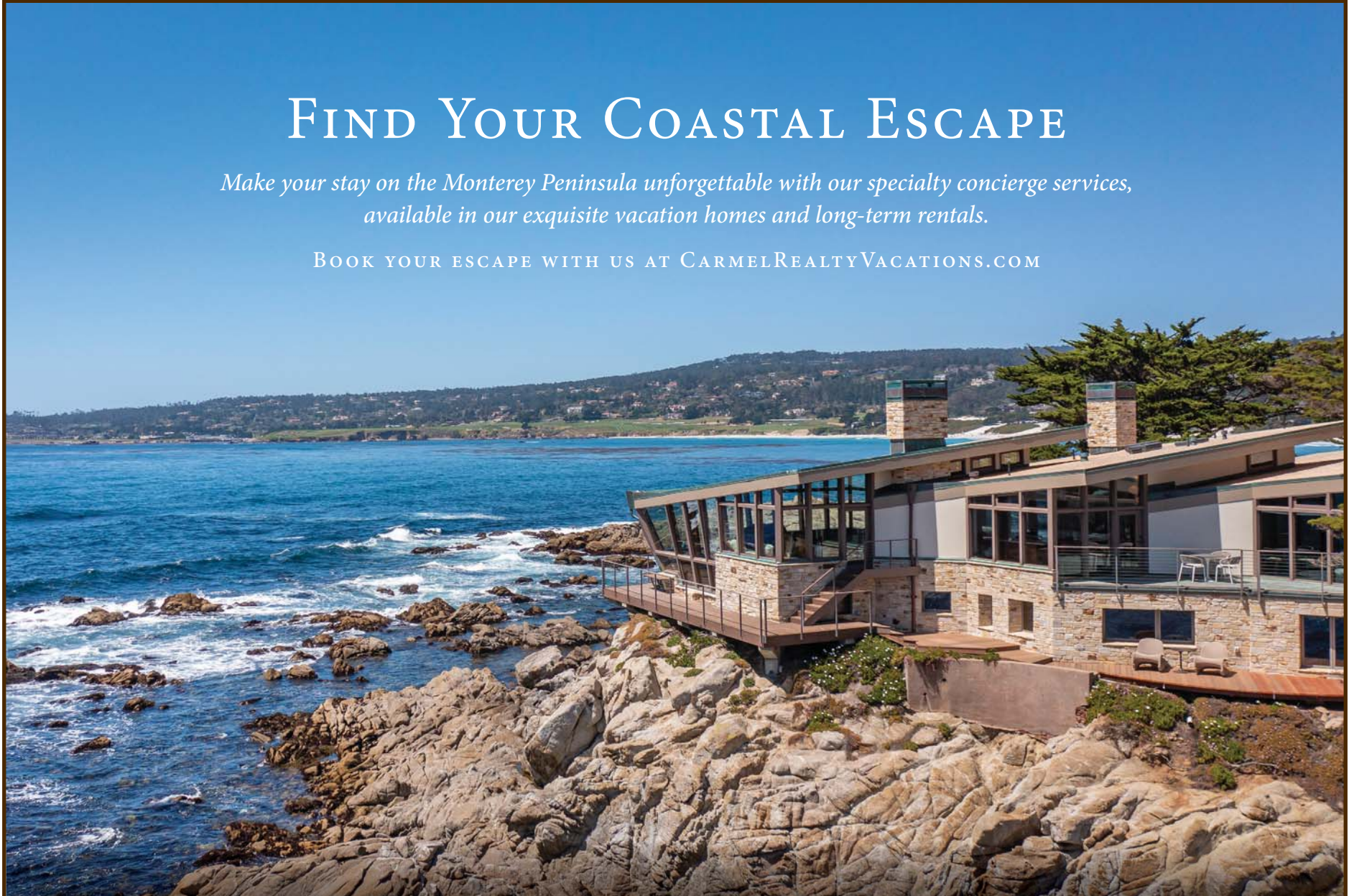
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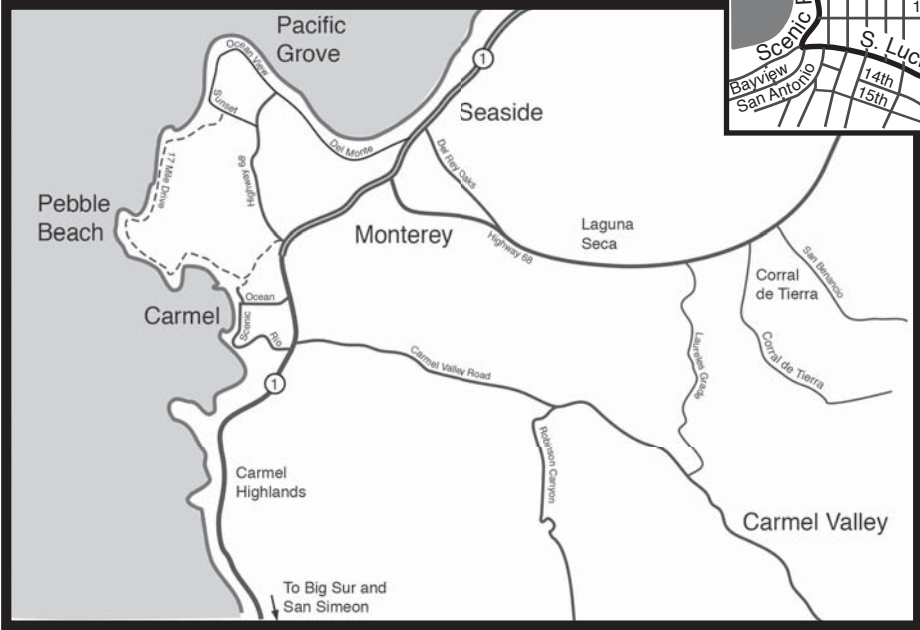
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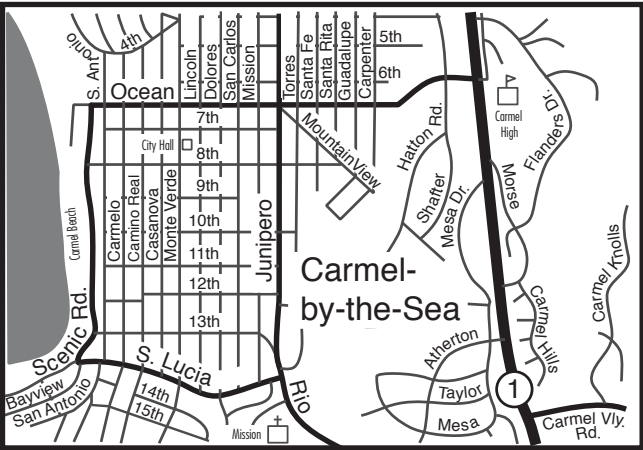
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18 Middle Canyon Way B		Carmel Valley	
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471 Country Club Drive		Carmel Valley	
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4 Paso Del Rio		Carmel Valley	
Monterey Coast Realty		277-5821	
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25636 Morse Dr		Carmel Valley	
Compass		238-2022	
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760 Country Club Dr		Carmel Valley	
Compass		574-9470	
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46 Middle Canyon Road		Carmel Valley	
Sotheby's Int'l RE		238-0464 / 601-9038	
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15286 Via La Gitana		Carmel Valley	
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216 Vista Verde		Carmel Valley	
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Compass		236-5290	
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CORRAL DE TIERRA			
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313 14th Street		Pacific Grove	
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1103 Kenet Pl		Pacific Grove	
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215 Lobos Ave		Pacific Grove	
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219 Willow Street		Pacific Grove	
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514 7th Street		Pacific Grove	
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129 15th Street		Pacific Grove	
The Jones Group		917-4534	
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135 5th Street		Pacific Grove	
Sotheby's Int'l RE		510-589-6892	
\$7,245,000	7bd 4ba	Sa 12-2	
888 Del Monte Blvd		Pacific Grove	
Coldwell Banker Realty		241-1264	

PEBBLE BEACH			
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17 Shepherd's Knoll		Pebble Beach	
Carmel Realty		320-6801	
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75 Ocean Pines		Pebble Beach	
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Monterey Coast Realty		206-295-6427	
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3113 Sloat Road		Pebble Beach	
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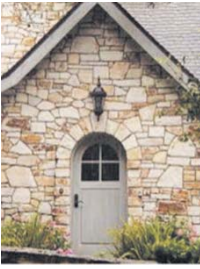
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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

MONDAY, JUNE 29

Pacific Grove: Found property on Forest Avenue was turned in to the police department for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Found property at Lighthouse and Fifth was turned in to the police department for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Business defrauded on the 1100 block of Forest Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Neighbor on Eighth Street violated a restraining order. Attempts to contact were unsuccessful.

Pacific Grove: Municipal code violation on Ocean View Boulevard resulted in a citation.

Pacific Grove: Vandalism to school property on David Avenue.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A male was cited and released in the field for trespassing on private property at Lincoln and Eighth, after the reporting party/victim desired prosecution and a citizen’s arrest.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A bracelet found at Scenic and Del Mar was returned to owner.

Pacific Grove: Report of fraud on Spruce Avenue involving more than \$400 obtained by false pretense.

Pacific Grove: Report received regarding

possible elder abuse in the 500 block of Gibson Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle marked for 72-hour parking on Lighthouse Avenue.

Carmel area: A female was placed on a mental health evaluation hold following a structure fire on Rio Road.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to found property on Carmel Valley Road.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: AirPods and apron found at Junipero and Fourth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found cell phone at Del Mar and Ocean.

Pacific Grove: Indecent exposure reported on public property on Sunset Drive.

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

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from a construction zone on Lighthouse Avenue.

Pebble Beach: Civil dispute on Congress documented.

Pebble Beach: Family quarrel on Sloat documented.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Trespass warning at Junipero and Fourth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop led to the arrest of a 20-year-old female driver for DUI.

Pacific Grove: At about 11:28 p.m., officers investigating a vandalism complaint in the 2900 block of David Avenue determined

that one party committed child endangerment. The foster mother left her 10-year-old foster child alone in a vehicle for an extended period without adequate food, no water, and no way to contact emergency services. The report was forwarded to the district attorney’s office for charges.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Domestic violence incident at Lincoln and Seventh. The dominant aggressor was arrested and booked into Monterey County Jail. The 36-year-old female consultant from San Clemente was booked for spousal battery.

Pacific Grove: At about 9:59 p.m., officers observed an illegal electric motorcycle

near the 1110 block of Forest Avenue. The juvenile driver was found to be unlicensed, cited at the scene, and released to her parent. The motorcycle was towed and impounded.

Pacific Grove: Violation of a restraining order on Eighth Street.

Pacific Grove: Report of a dog at large at Crest and Ripple. The dog was in custody and returned to its owner.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 20-year-old female Seaside resident arrested for DUI on July 2 was booked at Ocean and Junipero at 12:30 a.m. July 4 for DUI, possession of an open container, and being a minor driving with a BAC of .05% or higher.

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GERVASE

From page 6RE

As lovely as Carmel Beach is in the daytime, it was even more magical in the evening and at night when beach fires were allowed. Then, the flames from wood fires lit up small enclaves of people picnicking on the sand.

People put hot dogs on a spit or dug into buckets of chicken. Even with safety restrictions, a beach fire was a throwback to the gracious pastime of staring into the flames and listening to the crackling sounds of wood snapping under heat.

A major deterrent to spending an evening on the beach was a chilling wind. It was virtually impossible to plan to be there. Outings almost had to happen spontaneously, when afternoon temperatures hovered in the mid-60s and the fog had not yet begun creeping toward the land.

Magic nights with no wind did happen.

You could be on the beach dressed the way you’re supposed to dress in summer — with shorts and flip-flops. With or without a fire, you could always shuffle right up to the ocean’s edge and wait for the sunset. Add a few clouds to catch the colors of the receding sun, and nature spreads her palette before you.

Standing on the shore, it’s easy to imagine yourself alone and isolated, the troubles of the day behind you. You can feel yourself pushed to the edge of the continent, driven to the brink of the left coast. You can truly believe you are living in one singularly special moment. You hold tightly to this day, wringing from it the last drop of golden juice until the light fans across the taut blue sea and softly slips beneath a fiery rim.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261277
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE CARMEL COMPANY, 850 Archer Street, Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
STEPHEN JOHN POLETTI, 850 Archer Street, Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 17, 2026
S/Stephen John Poletti
Date signed: June 17, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 17, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 650)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261223
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LOS OSITOS TREE CARE, 3320 Del Mone Blvd., Space 59, Marina, CA 93933.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
CARLOS VALDES QUEZADA, 3320 Del Monte Blvd., Space 59, Marina, CA 93933.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 1, 2026
S/Carlos Quezada
Date signed: June 9, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 9, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 651)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261224
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Grey Ghost Ranch, 1632 Elm St, San Carlos, CA 94070, County of San Mateo
Registered Owner(s):
Grey Ghost Precision LLC, 455 Market St Ste 1940 #332445, San Francisco, CA 94105; California
This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not applicable
S/ Justin F Patterson, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 06/10/2026 6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 7/17/26
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Publication Dates: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026. (PC 654)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261149
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BEAN DOG FILMS, 160 Laurel Dr., 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.:
BOYTE CREATIVE, 160 Laurel Dr., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 1, 2018.
S/Shawn Boyte, President
Date: May 29, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 29, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 656)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261220
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PAWS CLAWS WINGS AND THINGS, 3270 Del Monte Blvd. #100, Marina, CA 93933.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
JOANNE JESSICA KRAJESKI, 3270 Del Monte Blvd. #100, Marina, CA 93933
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 8, 2026.
S/Joanne Krajewski
Date signed: June 9, 2026
This statement was filed with the County

Clerk of Monterey County on June 9, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 658)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261276
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. DIRECT FRONT TRAINING GROUP
2. FAITH BRIDGE SOLUTIONS
17510 Ramadero Way, Aromas, CA 95004.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
HENRY EMILIO CORZANTES-ORTIZ, 17510 Ramadero Way, Aromas, CA 95004.
DAISY VERENICE CORZANTES-ORTIZ, 17510 Ramadero Way, Aromas, CA 95004.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 16, 2026.
S/Daisy Verenice Corzantes-Ortiz
Date signed: June 16, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 16, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 659)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261187
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ARCHITECTURAL GLASS CONSTRUCTOR, 1354 Noche Buena St., Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
RODERICK ALLEN STANDISH, 1354 Noche Buena St, 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 June 4, 2026.
S/Roderick Allen Standish
Date signed: June 4, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 4, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 660)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 20261308
Filing type: ABANDONMENT:
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: Feb. 9, 2024
File No.: 20240303
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
1. A PLUS MARINA QUALITY WATER

2. UNDER PRESSURE WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY
3. A PLUS POSTAL SERVICE
215 Reservation Rd., Suite O, Marina, CA 93933.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: California
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
FLAT WATER BLUES, LLC, CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
S/Kenneth Ray Stratton, Member
Date: June 18, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 22, 2026.
Publication dates: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026. (PC661)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261259
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PLAZA GRANDE HOMES, 50 E. Market St., Salinas, CA 93901.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
PLAZA GRANDE HOMES, LLC, 610 N. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006.
FFAH V PLAZA GRANDE HOMES, LLC, 384 Forest Avenue, Suite 14, Laguna Beach, CA 92651.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 4, 2022.
S/Rao R. Yalamanchili
Date: April 15, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 15, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 662)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261297
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LONGHORN ESTATES, 19315 El Cerro, Aromas, CA 95004.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ADDAM MATTHEW BANUELOS, 19315 El Cerro, Aromas, CA 95004.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 22, 2026.
S/Addam Matthew Banuelos
Date signed: June 22, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 22,

2026.
Publication Dates: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 664)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261283
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MEYU NAILS AND SPA, 212 Alta Street, Gonzales, CA 93926.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
MEYU NAILS AND SPA.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 17, 2026.
S/Tien Huynh
Date: June 17, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 17, 2026.
Publication Dates: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 665)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261335
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LOS HERMANOS 99 CENTS PLUS DISCOUNT, 585 Front Street, Suite A, Soledad, CA 93960.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ABHAY JAGDISH KUMAR, 585 Front Street, Suite A, Soledad, CA 93960.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 28, 2026
S/Abhay Kumar
Date signed: June 24, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 24, 2026.
Publication Dates: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026 (PC 701)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261338
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ALONDRA'S DAYCARE, 9562 Viva Lane, Castroville, CA 95012.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ALONDRA VASQUEZ SEPULVEDA, 9562 Viva Lane, Castroville, CA 95012.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 25, 2026
S/Alondra Vasquez Sepulveda
Date signed: June 25, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 25, 2026.
Publication Dates: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026 (PC 702)

PETITION TO DETERMINE SUCCESSION TO PRIMARY RESIDENCE:
ESTATE OF BART R. O'CONNOR
Case Number 26PR000254

1. Petitioner CHRISTIAN O'CONNOR requests a determination that the real property described in item 11 was the decedent's primary residence in California and is property passing to petitioner.

2. Decedent: BART R. O'CONNOR

a. Date of death: 03/01/2026

b. Place of death: 822 Walnut St., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

3. At least 40 days have passed since the decedent's death.

4. a. Decedent was a resident of this county at the time of death.

5. Decedent died intestate and a copy of the will is attached as Attachment 5 or 12a.

6. No proceeding for the administration of decedent's estate is being conducted or has been conducted in California.

7. Proceedings for the administration of decedent's estate in another jurisdiction have not been commenced.

8. The gross value, at the time of decedent's death, of decedent's interest in the real property described in item 11, as shown by the attached appraisal, did not exceed \$750,000 (decedent died on or after April 1, 2025 and before April 1, 2028. Form DE-300 is attached as required by law).

9. a. Decedent is survived by:

(2) no spouse, as follows: divorced or never married

(4) no registered domestic partner

(5) child, as follows: natural or adopted

(8) no issue of a predeceased child

b. Decedent is not survived by a stepchild or foster child or children who would have been adopted by decedent if a legal barrier had not prevented adoption.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 22, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., Dept.: 13, in the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on May 29, 2026.

Attorney or party without attorney:
CHRISTIAN D. O'CONNOR, In Pro Per,
822 Walnut Street, Pacific Grove, California 93950.
Phone: (808) 639-3812

Publication dates: July 3, 10, 17, 2026. (PC712)

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Margaret and Kyle Graves to Rosio Piz and Aaron Szamos
APN: 031-257-028

608 Santa Lucia Way — \$1,315,500
The Sea Haven LLC to William and Diane Campbell
APN: 031-312-050

2320 Sand Dune Avenue — \$1,996,000
Shea Homes LP to Irving Chao
APN: 031-223-068

2985 Abrams Drive unit A — \$6,365,000
MRP HTMB LLC, MRP California LLA and Millrose California Holdings LLC to The Sea Haven LLC
APN: 031-295-029

Monterey

500 Glenwood Circle unit 224 — \$455,000
Patricia Gibeau to Anne Martin
APN: 001-774-019

461 Dela Vina unit 103 — \$600,000
Juan and Maria Torres to Gabrielle Montehermoso and Caleb Griffith
APN: 013-122-014

2 Portola Avenue — \$840,000
Barbara Allen to Robert Jones
APN: 013-024-038

721 Oak Street — \$1,350,000
721 Oak LLC to William and Diana Dagher
APN: 001-129-007

201 Soledad Place — \$1,350,000
WH3 LLC to Jessica and Francois Bar
APN: 001-956-039

791 Toyon Drive — \$1,740,000
Zhizhong Zhang and Lifan Du to Toyon Drive LLC
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23 Deer Stalker Path — \$1,875,000
Jeremy Arkes to Cole and Anna Carlson
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6 Wyndemere Vale — \$2,025,000
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29 Elk Run — \$2,480,000
Joseph and Melody Carrato to Charles Ciup and Carolyn Brandon
APN: 101-281-037

Pacific Grove

714 Timber Trail — \$925,000
Katherine and Michael Abihider to Robert and Sharon Tussy
APN: 007-711-029

217 Park Street — \$1,205,000
David and Margaret Hudson to Garth and Juliet Pettijohn
APN: 006-291-020

743 Marino Pines Road — \$1,820,000
Yunbin Luan and Lixia Zhou to Frank and Margaret Wyer
APN: 006-663-002

116 16th Street — \$2,639,000
Daniel and Leslee Field to Jim and Karen Weber



29 Elk Run, Monterey — \$2,480,000

APN: 006-154-007

127 16th Street — \$2,710,000
Jay and Daniel Reed to Michael and Michele Stawowy
APN: 006-156-023

Pebble Beach

4058 El Boque Drive — \$1,595,000
Sherry Jaunrubenis to Kenneth and Emily Laughran
APN: 008-111-019

Seaside

17814 Banks Street — \$377,000

Sean Lindecker and Kathryn MacDonald to Leslie and Angel Guevara
APN: 031-291-044

1995 Yosemite Street — \$500,000
Felisa Garden to Edward and Catherine Gordon
APN: 011-073-021

1192 Elm Avenue — \$679,000
Linda Brazil and Diana Cato to Maria Albarran
APN: 012-261-014

1204 Elm Avenue — \$816,000
Diana and Daniel Staines to Yoarmerby and Denise Gomez
APN: 012-262-031

2835 Bay View Drive — \$2,202,500
Shea Homes LP to Neil and Annabel Bishop
APN: 031-055-025

2660 Bay View Drive — \$2,394,500
Shea Homes LP to Gary and Susan Daigh
APN: 031-055-011

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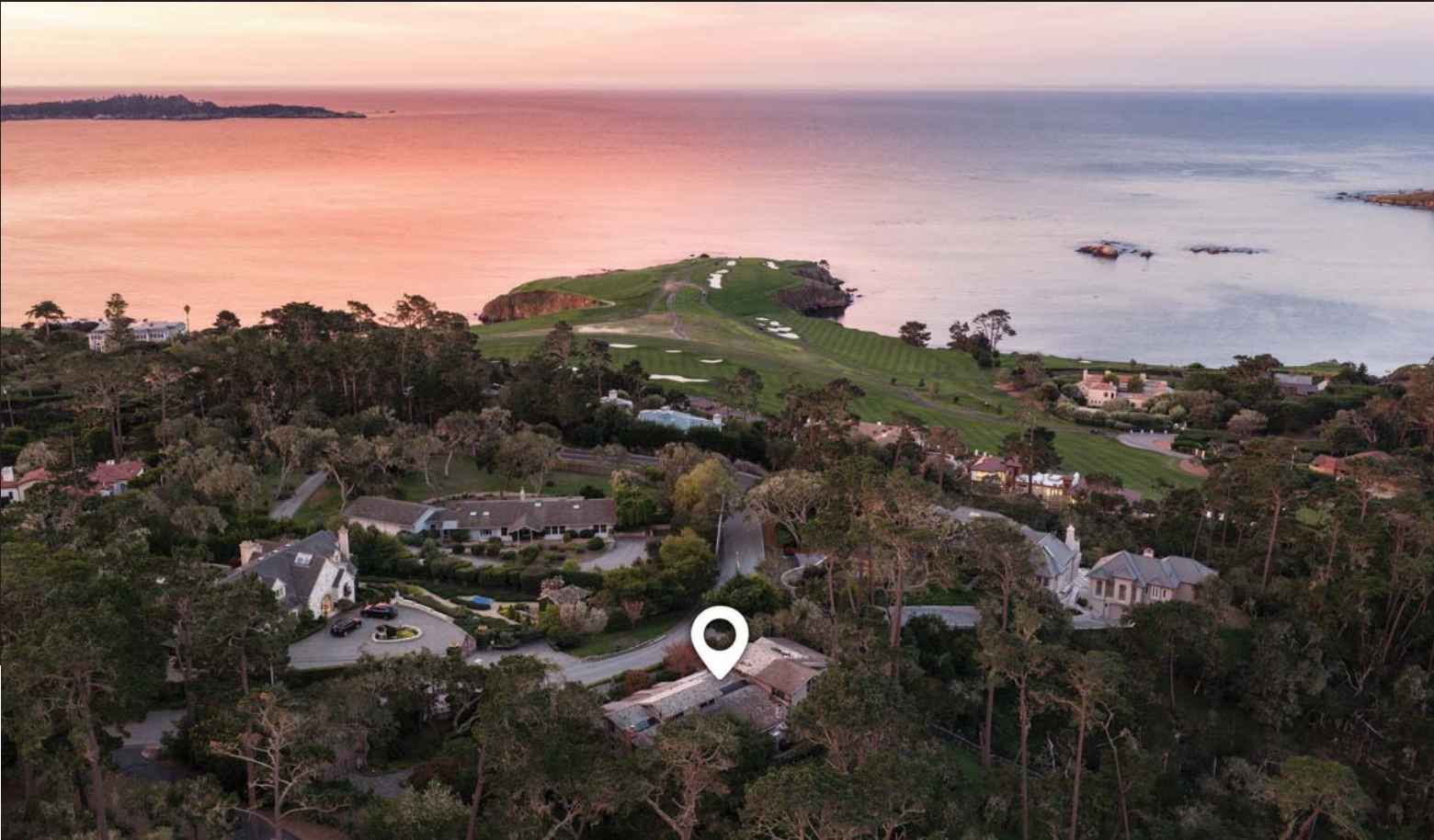
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