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As Timber Fire grows, new blaze threatens homes

By CHRIS COUNTS

ALREADY BATTLING steep terrain, dense brush and shifting weather to stop a massive Big Sur wildfire from threatening communities, firefighters were forced to



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A helicopter drops water on the Timber Fire Thursday morning to try to keep it from moving toward Big Sur Valley.

turn their attention to a second blaze putting homes at risk about 30 miles south.

Big Sur Fire reported shortly before noon Wednesday that its crews were responding to what is being called the Plaskett Fire. It broke out along the south fork of Willow Creek upstream from Willow Creek Beach about 20 miles south of Esalen, and has burned about 140 acres, according to a Thursday morning report from Cal Fire.

No vehicle access

When Big Sur Fire arrived on scene, “crews immediately began checking in with the residents of Los Burros Road to make sure they were aware and ready to leave if necessary.” The fire was burning deep in a canyon with no vehicle access, the agency said. Big Sur Fire’s hand crew hiked two miles in “steep, rugged terrain” to cut a hand line directly along the edge of the wildfire.

Cal Fire reported Thursday morning that it was sending more firefighters to the South Coast, along with heavy equipment. “Access is difficult for ground crews, with firefighters hiking in to protect structures,” the agency said. “There are very few roads in the area, and the

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Car Week stays, sales set record

By MARY SCHLEY

AS MORE people than ever paid more money than ever to stay in local hotels during Car Week, according to a Monterey County tourism agency, the auction houses that host major sales saw records fall as well.

See Monterey, which is funded by taxpayers in Carmel and other Peninsula communities, reported countywide hotel occupancy reached 87.6%, a 3.8% increase over last year, during the 10-day period that kicked off Aug. 7 with vintage racecars from Laguna Seca making their way to downtown Monterey for a show and concluded with the 75th Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance on Aug. 16. The week’s marquee event had raised more than \$4.3 million for local charities by the time the Best of Show winner was announced Sunday afternoon, and surpassed the \$50 million mark overall.

According to See Monterey, lodging revenue climbed 14.4% over last year’s total, to \$51.5 million. Car Week “traditionally attracts more than 100,000 visitors and generates an estimated \$130 million in visitor spending each year,” according to the tourism group.

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STATE WANTS MORE LAWS TO PROTECT KIDS ONLINE

Meta’s \$18B settlement changes odds

A HARDCORE group of child online safety advocates in the state Legislature was on the brink of major wins this month after years of trying — and failing — to change how Big Tech engages teens online. But when Meta’s groundbreaking \$18 billion settlement with 48

one that would require social media companies to change their platforms for users under 16 by removing so-called “addictive feeds.”

In the past, the bipartisan group of lawmakers hit a wall at the Capitol, with colleagues viewing their bills as too anti-innovation or anti-consumer choice. But this summer, the mood has been different. An angry public, tired of seeing children used as moneymakers by tech companies, has propelled several high-profile court cases over mental health harms to kids, with Wednesday’s settlement being the most consequential to date.

Guardrails

Meta Platforms not only agreed to an \$18 billion settlement — the social media titan also consented to adding guardrails for all users under age 18. The modifications, which a federal judge still needs to approve, include a daily time limit of two hours, no displaying likes or reactions, and a “night mode” that blocks apps between midnight and 6 a.m. The settings would be default on youth

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There was a big crowd at this year’s Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance. The event has raised more than \$50 million for local charities.

Outrage as supes weigh new Flock contract

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County Board of Supervisors this week got an earful from dozens of impassioned residents opposed to a proposal by Sheriff Tina Nieto to spend \$2.8 million on the installation of dozens of new automated license plate readers around the county.

While supervisors were asked to approve a \$2,781,000 contract with Flock Safety for 103 license plate readers from Sept. 1, 2026, through Aug. 31, 2036, Nieto pulled the item from Tuesday’s board of supervisors agenda. The proposal is expected to return at the supervisors’ Sept. 22 meeting.

‘Mass surveillance’

Pole-mounted Flock cameras take high-resolution photographs of license plates and vehicles. In dozens of cases, the cameras have helped law enforcement catch criminals in Monterey County, but some say the Flock system is vulnerable to hackers, can lead to mistaken identity and wrongful arrests, and tracks innocent people.

While the cameras have been around for several years

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EV crash seriously injures driver, closes road

By MARY SCHLEY

A COLLISION and resulting car fire that left a 59-year-old Sunnyvale man severely burned prompted a shelter-in-place order and shut down Carmel Valley Road



PHOTO/READER SUBMITTED

Fire crews closed Carmel Valley Road for several hours Saturday afternoon while an electrical fire burned after a driver crashed his Tesla into a tree. The driver was flown by helicopter to a trauma center for treatment of extensive burns.

for several hours Saturday afternoon due to hazardous fumes generated by the blaze.

The driver, whose identity was not released by the California Highway Patrol, was heading westbound on Carmel Valley Road just east of Cañada Way at around 1:50 p.m. Aug. 22 when he lost control of the car and struck a large tree, according to CHP public information officer Ryan Moore.

Bystanders reported flames and someone possibly trapped inside, according to emergency radio traffic, and responding officers were instructed to break the windows to get him out if needed.

Helicopter ordered

By the time Monterey County Regional Fire engines arrived, the driver had been freed from the Tesla, which was fully engulfed in flames. Emergency responders requested air

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Lady and the Tramp

Her parents each have a Cavalier King Charles spaniel, and both were Christmas gifts. Minka, now 10, was a surprise for her mom in 2016, and a year later, her dad was surprised to receive Angus, now 9.

"Angus came from a breeder in Tennessee," their daughter said. "But they sent him to us a little too soon, too early in his development, so his social skills are underdeveloped."

Apparently, he's an awkward little guy who doesn't really know he's a dog. If he sees a bush move, he just walks on by, whereas Minka will always pause to investigate.

"A mostly white tricolor, Minka is like Lady from 'Lady and the Tramp.' She's such a princess in her mind," their daughter said. "She holds her head high and her tail up, like a plume. She sits very properly awaiting



dinner and always holds herself with perfect posture, earning treats and attention."

Angus, a black and tan, is a little rough around the edges, their daughter said. "He will cry for a treat and jump up in front of Minka to get one. If Minka is Lady, then Gus is the Tramp."

While Minka, who hails from a show-breeding line, arrived with a bow at her neck, Gus, born without a pre-tentious pedigree, was unadorned.

Both dogs go to Carmel Beach in the morning, where Gus loves to play fetch. Minka, not so much.

"Minka, who seems to think it's beneath her, will not chase the ball and gives us an 'Are you kidding me?' look," their daughter said. "She knows her job is to look pretty, so she just sits in the sand, waiting to be petted."

But she never takes her eyes off Gus.

"Our Pebble Beach pair sleep together in a crate," she said, "which they love except when Gus snores. Poor Minka."



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Top election fight is about the TOT

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE THE race for Carmel’s elected offices is pretty thin — with two candidates for mayor (one of them an unknown) and three for council — and nary a whisper about the proposed 0.325% sales tax increase, proponents and opponents are already sparring over the ballot measure that would raise the 10% transient occupancy tax by 2 percentage points.

Two weeks ago, the city council approved its rebuttal to the Citizens Against Carmel Hotel Tax Increase’s argument against the measure, which, for example, would bump the tax on a \$250 room from \$25 to \$30. The city estimates the increase would generate an additional \$1.9 million annually, for total TOT revenues of about \$11.7 million per year, and says the extra funds are needed to help pay for an estimated \$100 million in deferred maintenance and other needs. The council further argues that travelers use city resources, too, so they should help pay for them.

Marketing makes money

Guests also pay a 2% fee imposed by hotel operators to fund destination marketing, and the council suggested opponents disingenuously implied that the city gets those funds as well. But Stilwell Hotel owner Mark Stilwell said they made no such claim.

“Please note that the city’s rebuttal point that we are somehow claiming that the city keeps the 2% hotel improvement assessment is a straw-man argument, as we never made any such claim,” he said. “We said that Carmel hotel guests pay 12%, comprising the 10% tax and the 2% HID fee.”

The group’s ballot rebuttal argument makes that point.

“Carmel hotel visitors pay 12% today: 10% to the city and 2% to the hotel improvement district approved by the city,” opponents wrote. “What the city council conveniently omits is that the hotel improvement district assessment generates an additional \$2 million-plus per year in city hotel taxes — refusing to acknowledge the 2% cost while accepting its benefits just isn’t fair.”

How much is 2%?

In other words, according to their calculations, the additional 2% paid by hotel guests pays for Visit Carmel marketing efforts that draw more than \$20 million in additional hotel business every year.

“Basically, the city wants to have its cake and eat it, too: Keep the \$2 million-plus in additional TOT generated by the HID, but deny that the 2% HID assessment has any financial benefits to the city or any impact on the hotel guests paying the assessment,” Stilwell said. “I think voters

really need to know that.”

Other points in the rebuttal include arguing that no one really believes a 20% tax increase is “just a little bit more,” as proponents have described it. They ask, “Would you consider a permanent 20% increase in your income tax rate ‘just a little bit more’?”

They contend raising the hotel tax to 12% will cost hotels and businesses \$3.5 million annually as guests choose to stay in cheaper locations and become day-trippers. “That’s what happened in Half Moon Bay, the city’s lead example in support of higher taxes,” they wrote. “In reality, Half Moon Bay is the poster child for not raising taxes.”

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‘The city wants to have its cake and eat it, too’

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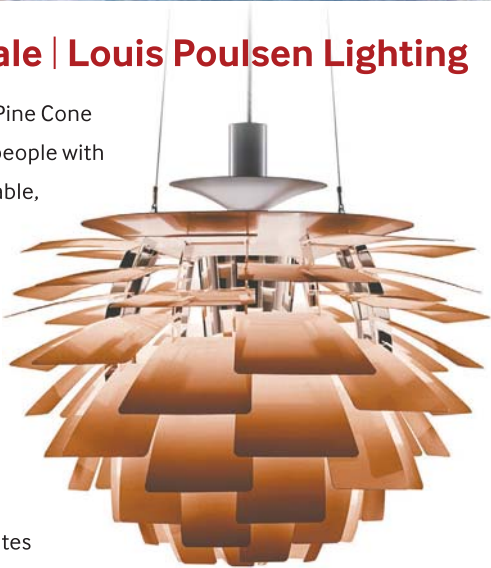
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Police & Sheriff's Log

That's no way to treat a BMW

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.

THURSDAY, AUG. 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious circumstances reported at San Carlos Street and Fifth Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Found property turned in to the Police Department on Lighthouse Avenue for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Battery reported on Arkwright Court.

Pacific Grove: Found property turned in to the police department from 19th Street and Pine Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle marked for 72-hour parking at Seaview Avenue and Prescott Lane.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 0845

hours, officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Lighthouse Avenue for a welfare check. Officers located a female and found she met the criteria for a mental health hold. The female was transported to CHOMP pursuant to 5150 W&I for being a danger to others.

Pacific Grove: A vehicle check was conducted on the ocean front. A 19-year-old male was found to be in possession of an illegal firearm and a high-capacity magazine. It was confiscated, and the male was cited.

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

FRIDAY, AUG. 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found phone at Scenic Road and Del Mar Avenue.

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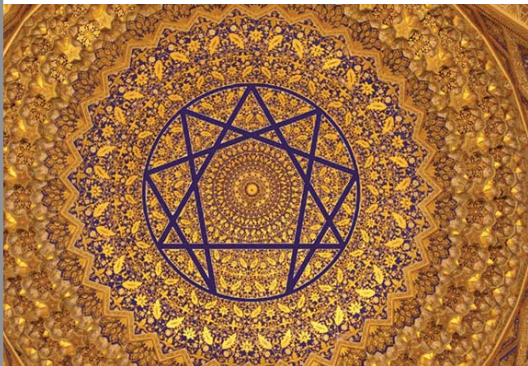
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The gavel falls

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

Aug. 13 — A 14-year-old admitted committing first-degree murder, in violation of Penal Code Section 187(a), with a special allegation of personally and intentionally discharging a firearm and proximately causing great bodily injury, in violation of Penal Code Section 12022.53(d).

On April 27, at approximately 6:51 a.m., the Salinas Police Department was notified by ShotSpotter of 17 rounds fired at 123 Laundry, located at 912 North Sanborn Road in Salinas. Officers arrived and discovered a 22-year-old man with multiple gunshot wounds to his head and torso, lying face down near a chain-link fence. Medical personnel attempted life-saving measures, but the victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Salinas police reviewed hundreds of

hours of surveillance footage to identify the shooters as two juveniles. Detectives used Flock Safety camera technology to identify and track vehicles associated with the crime. These investigative efforts ultimately helped law enforcement identify and apprehend both juveniles involved in the shooting.

Under California law, the 14-year-old involved in this case cannot be transferred to adult criminal court because of his age at the time of the offense, regardless of the severity of the crime.

As a result, his case will remain in juvenile court.

For the murder offense, state law limits a commitment to a maximum of seven years in a Secure Track Youth Treatment Facility. The court will determine the length of the commitment at a dispositional hearing.

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Traffic stop leads to drug arrests

By KELLY NIX

PACIFIC GROVE police officers who pulled over a Salinas man for speeding last week discovered that his passenger was carrying a large amount of marijuana and psychedelic mushrooms.

On Aug. 21, at about 8:40 p.m., police pulled over Justo Jesus Caballero, 30, of Salinas for driving 34 mph in a 25 mph zone, Police Chief Casey Day told The Pine Cone. He also had no insurance.

Because Caballero was on probation, officers were able to search his vehicle, and that’s when they found the drugs on passenger Rodrigo Medina Aguilar, 29, also of Salinas. Caballero was arrested and taken to Monterey County Jail because he violated the terms of his probation. Jail



Justo Caballero



Rodrigo Aguilar

records indicate he’d been charged with felony vandalism.

His passenger, Aguilar, “was found to be in possession of large amounts of cannabis and psilocybin, or psychedelic mushrooms, for potential distribution,” said police, adding that Caballero’s vehicle was towed.

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“The crime of possession for sale of a controlled substance, a felony, was committed by Aguilar, in that he did unlawfully possess for purpose of sale a controlled substance, to wit, psilocybin,” according to the Aug. 24 criminal complaint filed by the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office.

Aguilar, who has pleaded not guilty, has since bailed out of Monterey County Jail.

Day said that the amount of contraband and drugs “were not consistent with personal use amounts,” and he added that the “totality of circumstances” indicated that the drugs Aguilar had were likely intended for distribution.

Asked if the suspect was selling drugs in Pacific Grove, the police chief said the department is still investigating the case.

Caballero remains behind bars.

Cachagua Fire donates fire engine

Mayor of Santa Catarina, Mexico, accepts gift

By CHRIS COUNTS

CACHAGUA HAS long had a bond with the small town of Santa Catarina, Mexico, where a number of its longtime residents come from. Making that connection even stronger, Cachagua Fire is donating a fire engine to the town.

After the department recently obtained a new fire engine, the agency decided to give an older model, nearly 40 years old, to Santa Catarina to boost its firefighting capacity. The vehicle is designed for operating in wildlands.

‘Paying it forward’

According to Cachagua Fire Chief Yancey Cabrera, the engine headed to Mexico has been well maintained and “still has some life left.” It’s scheduled to be shipped in the next week or so — and Cabrera plans to go there, too.

“This has been in the works for two years,” Cabrera said of the effort. “We signed the papers on Monday. I will fly out

there and give them instructions on how everything works.”

Cachagua Fire could have sold the old fire engine but decided to give it away — in part because the fire company has received “wonderful support from our community and adjacent fire companies,” Cabrera said.

He suggested the engine “can do a lot of good” in Santa Catarina, which is about 150 miles north of Mexico City.

“They had the need and we had the means to help them,” Cabrera said. “It’s a good way of paying it forward.”

The fire chief said many locals have ties to Santa Catarina.

“A lot of people in Carmel Valley are from the town,” he observed. “It’s kind of like a sister city to us.”

Besides donating the engine, the fire company also gave Santa Catarina vehicle extrication gear, rescue ropes, uniforms (known as turnouts), and self-contained breathing apparatus.

Cachagua Fire has been busy over the past few weeks, operating a water tender and playing a supporting role in the effort to put out the Timber Fire.

Rogelio Moya (left), mayor of Santa Catarina, Guanajuato, Mexico, meets with Monty Salas-Cordrey (center), secretary for the Cachagua Fire Protection District board, and Yancey Cabrera (right), chief of Cachagua Fire.



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Helicopter rescues imperiled hikers

By CHRIS COUNTS

AS IF emergency workers didn't already have enough to do while battling the Timber Fire in Big Sur, a pair of overzealous hikers got stuck Aug. 22 in a dangerous spot on a cliff near Hurricane Point and needed a helicopter rescue.

The emergency call came in just before 6:30 p.m. "The Paso Robles CHP Air Unit was requested by Big Sur Fire to assist with a technical hoist rescue near Hurricane Point," the CHP reported.

The hikers apparently were trying to reach the coastline below Highway 1, which is not only illegal but extremely dangerous, as the pair soon learned. "Upon arrival, the CHP helicopter located two climbers who were stranded on a steep chute approximately 600 feet below the roadway," the CHP report continued.

Danger and drama

A rescue worker was lowered to the precarious location and placed a harness on one of the hikers, who was airlifted to safety. Moments later, the exercise was repeated, and the second hiker was safely aboard the helicopter. A video shared by the CHP on Facebook captures the danger and drama of the

rescue, which was made more difficult by the steep terrain.

"These high-risk, low-frequency rescues are exactly what CHP Air Operations personnel continuously train for," the report added. "There is no room for error when operating in steep terrain, under hoist, and in challenging environmental conditions."

Not surprisingly, some on Facebook weren't happy with the hikers' decision to climb down Hurricane Point — or with taxpayers footing the bill for the costly rescue.

"Send the climbers the bill," one man suggested. "Our first responders don't need more work right now."



SCREENSHOT FROM CHP VIDEO

A California Highway Patrol helicopter prepares to rescue a hiker from a cliff near Hurricane Point Saturday.

Fraudsters using public info to steal

By KELLY NIX

THE CITY of Monterey is warning property owners and contractors seeking permits that scammers posing as city officials are trying to steal their money.

Fraudsters impersonating government officials have been sending emails claiming that a permit application is ready for "final approval" and asking for an "application approval fee." The phony emails reference "realistic-sounding architectural review permits, specific property addresses, and zoning details," the City of Monterey said.

Assistant city manager Nat Rojanasathira called the fraud a "highly sophisticated scam" that uses accurate, publicly available information about projects, making it "incredibly believable that the sender

is from the city, even though they are not."

The messages are sent from bogus email addresses, such as those ending in @usa.com, but they are signed by Monterey officials.

No money lost

"While city staff do send legitimate emails asking applicants how they prefer to pay, these requests will always come from an official @monterey.org or @monterey.gov email address," Rojanasathira explained.

He told The Pine Cone that as far as the city is aware, no residents have lost money to the swindlers.

"Fortunately, the one targeted applicant

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P.G. council fed up with campers

By LILY PATTERSON

THE CITY of Pacific Grove wants to crack down on the growing number of tourists who crowd the coastline on weekends in their luxury RVs or park their campers in residential neighborhoods, not to mention locals who treat public streets like storage lots.

A proposal by councilmember Cynthia Garfield to overhaul the city’s ordinances on overnight parking and oversized vehicles passed with an uncontested 7-0 vote at last Wednesday’s meeting, with recommendations for the traffic and safety commission to clarify the hours of enforcement, limit daytime RV parking along the coastline, and possibly increase overnight parking fines to match the average price of a hotel room in town.

“We’ve seen trailers parking for weeks on our city streets, RVs crowded together so drivers can’t see around them, and visitors in their very large RVs popping out a bedroom or a kitchen, expanding the footprint of their vehicles,” Garfield explained.

Coastal Act

“We also know that those folks — I refer to them as the \$250,000 RVs from Texas — are not staying at hotels and are probably not dining at restaurants. They’re getting a free vacation while inconveniencing the people who live here and the other people who are visiting,” she argued.

Though protecting public access is one of the central goals of the California Coastal Act, cities and counties are

within their rights to limit when, where and for how long people can park vehicles of any size, though parking restrictions in the immediate coastal zone require signoff from the Coastal Commission.

Confusing signs

Pacific Grove’s ordinance prohibits overnight parking of trailers or oversized vehicles on “any public street, highway, roadway, alley, parking lot, or other public place between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.” But residents and councilmembers say enforcement is lacking, particularly in the neighborhoods surrounding the city’s largest greenbelt, George Washington Park. Councilman Joe D’Amelio said he’s seeing similar issues in his neighborhood near Forest Hill, where residents park their utility vehicles and detached trailers on public roadways.

There’s another problem: Posted signs along the coast prohibit parking from

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They don’t care if you camp in a Mercedes, the Pacific Grove City Council wants stricter parking rules for RVs, oversized vans, and trailers.

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Hue and cry over work at former Forge

By MARY SCHLEY

JANET ELARMO and executive chef Justin Cogley’s efforts to ready the former Forge in the Forest property at Dolores and Fifth for their Corner Market casual restaurant have sparked fear and loathing from some who claim their project is destroying a historic resource and that their landlord, Patrice Pastor’s Esperanza Carmel, is to blame.

But the pair, who own and operate L’Auberge Carmel and the Carmel Beach Hotel — both located on properties owned by Pastor — said they have done nothing wrong and are simply trying to get the badly deteriorated building back in working order and ready for their latest restaurant, aiming to open sometime next summer.

“We’ve been in the community and living in Carmel-by-the-Sea for 15 years, and we also have really preserved and taken care of the two other historic properties, which we’re happy about,” Elarmo said Thursday, adding that she understands people’s nostalgia for the Forge in the Forest and remembers hanging out there when she was in high school.

Termites and dry rot

The corner complex, formerly owned by the Profeta family and expanded with three studio apartments, is not historic and was in “so much disrepair,” Elarmo said, that the exterior walls and roof will need to be replaced.

They’ll look very similar, according to Elarmo.

“The roofline isn’t changing,” she said. “The exterior walls aren’t changing.”

Pastor’s commercial real estate company purchased the restaurant, bar and apartments from the Profeta family for \$5.4 million in February 2023 after the Profetas

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Water main rupture disrupts service

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A CALIFORNIA American Water Co. main ruptured near Forest Hill Park in the area of Junipero and Camino del Monte early Friday morning, affecting water pressure, quality and service throughout the northern area of the city for much of the day, shutting down the park, and sending thousands of gallons down storm drains and out to sea.

Not long after the 8-inch main ruptured Aug. 21, Cal Am operations crews were on scene searching for the location of the break and determining the appropriate strategy for repairing it. While initial estimates had the work wrapping up and service restored by noon, the disruptions ended up extending for quite a bit longer.

Trees and roots

“Due to the presence of numerous trees and roots, repairs are taking longer than anticipated,” acting city administrator Brandon Swanson notified residents. “The current estimate from crews in the field is that water service will be restored by 6 p.m.”

Residents who experienced discolored water after service came back online were urged to run their taps until it cleared.

Cal Am did not respond to inquiries regarding the cause of the break, the repairs undertaken and how much water was lost.



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Culverts that typically only carry this much water during heavy storms were rushing Friday morning after a major Cal Am main ruptured.

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HOME EQUITY SPOTLIGHT

Could Your Home Help Fund a Much More Comfortable Retirement?

by Marina Watts, Loan Officer

For many older homeowners, the home that provided stability and comfort for decades may also hold financial potential. As people live longer and costs rise, boomers—and their parents—are looking for practical ways to improve retirement cash flow without leaving the home they love. One option often considered is the reverse mortgage.

A reverse mortgage is a loan that allows homeowners age 55 and older to access part of their home’s equity while continuing to live there. Unlike a traditional mortgage, monthly mortgage payments are not required (payment of property taxes, insurance, and HOA dues, if applicable, are required) which can help

improve cash flow in retirement.

There are two main types: the FHA-insured Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) and proprietary reverse mortgages. Each has different features, loan limits, and qualification guidelines. Comparing your options with a traditional Home Equity Line of Credit (HELOC) is an important step.

Loan amounts will vary based on borrower’s age, home value, and equity. Funds received from a reverse mortgage are tax free since they are a loan. The money can be used for any purpose, including as an emergency fund, home improvements, at-home care or everyday expenses.

I’d like to debunk a couple common reverse mortgage myths. Homeowners do not give up ownership. Title stays in the borrower’s name. The loan is a lien on title like any other mortgage and is repaid later—when the home is sold, the last borrower permanently leaves, or the last borrower passes away. Reverse mortgages are non-recourse loans. This means the property is the only collateral. Heirs may sell the home or pay off the loan balance and keep the home.

Required HUD counseling help homeowners decide whether a reverse mortgage fits their retirement plans.

About Marina Watts, Loan Officer

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Marina Watts has over ten years experience as a “reverse-only” loan officer and is a branch manager with HighTechLending, Inc., a top-ten reverse mortgage lender in the U.S. She works exclusively with homeowners ages 55+ and specializes in lending solutions designed to improve retirement cash flow. Over the past decade, Marina has helped hundreds of homeowners throughout Monterey and Santa Cruz counties and the greater Bay Area access their home equity.

To learn more, join Marina Watts on Wednesday, September 9 that 10:30 a.m. for a presentation on Home Equity at The Carmel Foundation. To register call 831-624-1588. Or email mwatts@hightechlending.com or call 831-535-9760.



Cal Am backs end to water meter ban

■ But says it should be ‘temporary’

By KELLY NIX

IN A notable policy shift, California American Water said last week it supports temporarily lifting a longstanding ban on new water meters on the Monterey Peninsula.

Cal Am submitted written testimony Aug. 19 to the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District’s request to start giving vacant lots and new subdivisions access to the community’s water supply.

“Successful expansion of aquifer storage and recovery, coupled with continued regulatory progress on the desalination project, means the Monterey Peninsula is on a path toward better water security,” Cal Am President Sarah Leeper said, referring to a project that captures excess Carmel River flows in winter and stores the water underground for use during summer months. “And we can support a temporary suspension of the moratorium on new water connections to allow more flexibility for the community while maintaining key protections for the Carmel River.”

Increased demand

The state water board in 2009 banned new water meters until adequate new sources of water were developed. The move was made to reduce Cal Am’s unlawful diversions of the overdrafted Carmel River. Earlier bans on new water meters have been in effect since the mid-1980s.

What does Cal Am consider “temporary”?

Cal Am senior manager David Pezzini

testified last week that the company supports suspending the moratorium until July 1, 2030, when he said the desalination plant would be built and producing potable water for customers.

‘On track’

Cal Am’s acquisition of permits and construction of the desal plant, he said, “is progressing,” and facilities “are on track to be online in December 2029.”

Pezzini said design of the desalination plant is complete. Construction began in July and is expected to continue through 2029. Crews are scheduled to start building the plant’s wells in 2027, while pipeline

work is advancing through design, permitting and contracting, with major construction planned from 2027 through 2028.

Average water demand on the Peninsula over the past five years was about 9,147 acre-feet annually, Pezzini said. The company projects demand will rise once the desalination plant is online, including an estimated 12,498 acre-feet annually by 2040.

If the moratorium is lifted sooner, “it is reasonable to assume that some increase in demand will occur sooner,” Pezzini said.

In the event Cal Am determines before July 1, 2030, that customer water demand is at risk of exceeding available supplies, Pezzini said the water board should reimpose the connection moratorium to protect the Carmel River from overpumping.

Bad idea?

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District General Manager Dave Stoldt said this week that temporarily suspending the moratorium is a “silly idea” that “makes no sense.”

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What the candidates have to say

■ Voter forums planned

By MARY SCHLEY

A POLITICAL action committee headed by Mayor Dale Byrne and other community members formed earlier this month to back the two tax measures on the Nov. 3 ballot, while candidates for mayor and city council offered personal details, perspectives and goals for the city — though some are sharing considerably more than others.

They'll all be on stage to articulate their positions and answer tough questions during the Carmel Residents Association's forum Sept. 15 and the Carmel Chamber of Commerce's session Sept. 22, while the committee calling itself Support Carmel's Future will hold a town hall Sept. 17.

Mayor's race

Mayoral candidate and banking executive David Boland, who secured a spot on the ballot just as the filing period closed Aug. 12, says nothing about himself or any specific issues. "Every one of us is writing the story of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Our legacy is not something we decide at the end. It is being written now, in the choices we make every day," he says. "Imagine Carmel 50 or 100 years from today. Imagine the people who will live here then, walking the streets and alleyways of our village, raising their families, building their businesses, and discovering the beauty that brought each of us here."

He wonders what the next generation will have to say about those who came before them. "What will we have chosen to preserve, what will we have allowed to flourish, and what will we have added to the story?" he asks.

Boland says voters want the best for the city, for residents and businesses to "thrive together," and for Carmel to "grow into its future while remaining true to its character."

"I'm asking for your support so that together we can create a legacy worthy of Carmel — and pass it forward to those who come after us," he concludes.

Councilman Hans Buder, who is also running for mayor, explains why he wants to step up to the position at the head of the dais two years into his first council term.

"I want to preserve Carmel's character and small-town way of life while addressing the challenges that will shape our future," he says. "As a councilmember, I've taken a hands-on approach," including helping to lead the effort to amend the housing element to remove city-owned property from potential affordable housing sites, working on wildfire prevention, serving on a financial stewardship committee, and urging PG&E to get the lights back on during the Christmas power outage.

"As mayor, my top priority will be to make city government more effective, more efficient and more accountable," he says. "We'll set performance goals, measure what matters — from permit processing times to resident satisfaction with city services — and use that data to improve customer service and create a culture of accountability at city hall."

He pledges to keep the council focused on the "most important long-term challenges, including our aging infrastructure and the loss of full-time residents, especially families with children."

Council candidates

The only incumbent on the ballot, councilwoman and Carmel history author Alissandra Dramov, says Carmel has been her home for most of her life — "35 years full-time and 20 years part-time" — and that it's "an honor and privilege to serve our community, and I am dedicated to be your voice."

Seeking a second four-year term, Dramov was part of the grassroots group

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that fought Verizon’s attempt to install small cell sites in the residential area.

She explains some of her background, which includes graduating from Stevenson School in Pebble Beach, earning a bachelor’s degree in government from the University of San Francisco, and working as a TV news reporter.

“Let’s renew Carmel’s magic,” she says, by addressing “deferred maintenance of our streets, sidewalks and infrastructure,” caring for the beach and forest, ensuring “fiscal responsibility, openness and transparency in city government,” and protecting “our public safety, quality of life and village character.”

“My reporting background has taught me to listen, learn, question, hear both sides and be fair,” she says. “I know, understand and love our unique community.”

She promises to “continue to bring a commonsense perspective to our city government, with knowledge and experience I’ve gained.”

Planning commissioner Stefan Karapetkov explains he’s running for council “to preserve the village I love while preparing it for the challenges ahead,” and says his term on the commission — to which he was appointed in 2023 — has earned him “a reputation for listening carefully, asking tough questions, studying the facts and making balanced decisions that serve Carmel’s long-term interests.”

Wildfire resilience

Professionally, he describes himself as an enterprise architect with more than 30 years of experience solving complex problems by balancing competing priorities, building consensus, and leading cross-functional initiatives.

His priorities include bolstering wildfire resilience while preserving Carmel’s unique character, advancing the years-long effort to revise the residential design guidelines, undergrounding utilities and strengthening emergency communications, working on “practical parking solutions

that respect neighborhood character,” and addressing erosion issues at the beach.

Finally, eight-year councilman Bobby Richards will seek a return to the dais after taking a term off to undergo successful cancer treatment. A driving instructor and property manager, Richards describes his longtime roots here, including attending high school in Pacific Grove.

“Years later, I was fortunate to become an engaged resident and business owner in Carmel-by-the-Sea,” he says, and has served on the boards of the chamber of commerce and the CRA, the community activities and cultural commission, and the council from 2016 to 2024.

‘A better listener’

All that experience has yielded “lessons learned, perspectives gained, and the remarkable people who have shaped my life,” he says. “Residents, business owners, city staff, former mayors, councilmembers, family and friends have all made me a better listener, a more thoughtful leader and a stronger advocate for our village.”

He says he hopes to bring “a collaborative spirit back to the council” and looks forward to having the opportunity to “once again earn your trust and serve the community that has given me so much.”

The CRA’s forum will take place Sept. 15 at the Carmel Woman’s Club at San Carlos and Ninth, with doors opening at 5 p.m. and the program beginning at 5:30. Pine Cone editor and publisher Paul Miller will serve as moderator. The chamber’s will be Sept. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m., with doors opening a half-hour prior, at the Church of the Wayfarer at Lincoln and Seventh.

Support Carmel’s Future — registered with the Fair Political Practices Commission Aug. 13 as Citizens for Carmel’s Future and founded by Byrne, forest and beach commissioners Tamara Michie and Kelly Brezoczky, and residents Jim Beck, Andi Carr, Donna Jett and Peter Yengst — will host its Sept. 17 town hall from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center at Mission and Ninth to discuss the city’s budget and its two tax measures, M and N.

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terrain is very steep and inaccessible.” Cal Fire posted a video Thursday of a helicopter refilling its bucket in the ocean just offshore.

Tankers to the rescue

Photos shared on Facebook about an hour after the fire started show air tankers dropping bright orange retardant on the blaze. Another photo, taken at the Willow Creek Bridge along Highway 1, depicts a foreboding plume of brown smoke rising to the east.

In response to the Plaskett Fire, the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office issued evacuation warnings to residents in at least two nearby neighborhoods.

“Air resources are working progressively up a canyon to slow Plaskett Fire spread and support firefighters on the ground,” according to the Cal Fire report late Wednesday. “Nine aircraft are currently assigned to the incident, including six helicopters conducting water-dropping operations. Access to the fire is limited and the terrain is steep, making it very difficult for ground crews to make access.

“After initially burning north-north-west, the fire crossed a drainage and is now working up the south side of a mountain

following a slope reversal,” Cal Fire added. “A strike team is actively engaged in structure defense and mitigation, while the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office conducts evacuations in the area.”

Big Sur Fire Chief Matt Harris conceded that the second fire poses many challenges. “We all knew a long road still lay ahead of us,” Harris said. “Well, that road just became a lot longer, and whatever end may have been in sight is now blurred by the smoke of yet another wildfire.”

The cause of the Plaskett Fire is unknown.

600 structures

As for the Timber Fire, more than 600 structures are considered at risk, but not a single one has burned since the blaze ignited Aug. 8 near a popular picnic spot known as Timbertop.

As of Thursday morning, the fire had burned more than 19,000 acres, with containment lines stretching around 21% of its perimeter — down from 23% a day earlier.

“Overnight, the Timber Fire pushed east and north deep into the Ventana Wilderness, crossing Ventana Creek and making runs through the Lion Creek and Big Sur River drainages,” Cal Fire said. “The fire is still torching, backing and reversing directions on slopes. Long-range spotting has also been observed up to 2 miles.”

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Firefighters prepare to deploy against the north side of the Timber Fire, which was generating a huge column of smoke near Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park Thursday.

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The Muckraker: How The Radical Lincoln Steffens Won The Hearts (If Not The Minds) Of Carmel

Co-presented with OLLI at Cal State Monterey Bay - Lincoln Steffens was one of America’s most influential muckraking journalists - a fierce critic of political corruption and a relentless advocate for reform. Through works like *The Shame of the Cities*, he exposed graft in city governments and helped define the Progressive Era’s demand for accountability. In his later years, Steffens settled in Carmel, bringing his radical ideals to the quiet coastal town. Carmel offered him a place to reflect, write his memoirs and engage in spirited debate with the town’s artists and intellectuals. Despite his uncompromising views, Steffens remained a vocal socialist and internationalist and was warmly received. His neighbors may not have shared his politics, but they respected his integrity and wit. In Carmel, the muckraker found a home, and the town, in turn, embraced the rebel in its midst. His story will be told by **Joe Livernois**, an award-winning journalist with more than 35 years of experience covering the Central Coast of California. He served as executive editor of The Monterey Herald, where he led coverage on local politics, agriculture and social issues.



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While the weather is expected to cool down over the weekend, it is still creating dangerous fire conditions. Winds of up to 25 mph were anticipated Thursday afternoon, and a lightning warning was issued for Friday.

“Critical fire weather remains the primary driver of this fire as the incident enters its 10th consecutive day of relative humidity below 30%, overnight recoveries in the upper teens, and temperatures near 80 degrees,” the report continued.

Highway closed

Harris said firefighters were fortunate early on in their fight against the Timber Fire, with mild weather aiding their efforts. “Those favorable weather conditions have since changed, and the fire has become much more active, nearly tripling in size ... and putting up some impressive plumes,” he said. “The weather we have experienced over the past several days, which has been labeled as critical fire weather, has been more normal for our area, especially in late August.”

Cal Fire also gave a weather update Thursday morning: “Today will begin warm and dry before a weak front brings slightly cooler and more humid conditions this afternoon. Smoke may linger along the coast until atmospheric mixing improves around 1 p.m. High-based clouds may produce rain that evaporates before reaching the ground, which could create gusty and erratic winds near the fire. Firefighters will closely monitor these changing conditions throughout the day.”

To support backfiring efforts east against the Timber Fire, about 8 miles of Highway 1 was closed Thursday at 1 p.m. between Andrew Molera State Park and Deetjen’s Big Sur Inn, according to the California Highway Patrol. The back burning aims “to get rid of unburned fuel in between the fire and containment line,” Cal Fire said. The report did not say when the closure will end. “The closure will remain in place for an unknown duration, and updates will be provided as conditions change,” the agency added.

Power troubles

Harris called the back burning “an important and necessary step to help control the area and allow crews to safely work in the fire zone.” He added, “PG&E may need to de-energize the lines should they be imminently threatened.”

Several neighborhoods near the Timber Fire remain under evacuation orders, and others under evacuation and shelter-in-place warnings. An evacuation shelter was set to

open Thursday at Carmel Mission Inn.

The latest report indicated that more than 1,200 personnel are fighting the Timber Fire. The cause remains under investigation.

The battle to subdue two fires will take time, Harris said. “The message here is patience,” he added. “We will all need to exhibit a lot of patience over the next week or more.” The rest of Highway 1 is open, along with many businesses, including Post Ranch Inn, Deetjen’s Big Sur

Inn, Fernwood Resort and Big Sur River Inn — although Post Ranch and Deetjen’s will be inaccessible during the temporary highway closure that started Thursday. Big Sur’s largest resort, Ventana Inn, remains closed but is planning to reopen Sunday. The Henry Miller Library remains closed.

Also closed is Tassajara Zen Mountain Center, which canceled the rest of its summer guest season, along with all of Big Sur’s state parks.



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While Meta set the terms of the deal, it isn't the only tech giant included in the settlement. TikTok and YouTube are also named. In an unusual arrangement, Meta has agreed to pay only 70 percent of the settlement unless YouTube and TikTok consent to a one-hour daily time limit for kids using their apps. In the future, the setup would give Meta double the time to make money off kids online compared to each competitor, which is significant, as young users are big business. Meta's own internal documents from 2018 valued the average 13-year-old at roughly \$270 per year, which adds up when you consider Pew Research findings showing 63 percent of U.S. teens are on Instagram.

The settlement also halts a separate federal trial brought by California and four other states this month in Oakland. That case alleged Meta violated the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 as well as states' consumer protection laws by targeting preteens and grade-schoolers and using software to hook them.

Lowenthal's legislation would prevent social media

Another bill from prominent online safety proponent Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan still has a clear

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route to success and little chance of a court challenge. The San Ramon Democrat’s bill would prohibit schools from making kids and parents use social media as the only communication tool for sports and other extracurriculars. It may seem bizarre to those outside the parent sphere, but many sports teams and clubs post everything on social media these days — from practice schedules to game times — forcing students and parents to depend on internet-connected devices and platforms they may not want their families to use.

Shifting attitudes

Bauer-Kahan’s bill was held over last August but has sailed through the legislature this year with near-unanimous approval, showing how much attitudes have shifted on youth social media use.

What happens in Sacramento this session will likely have impacts reaching beyond state lines, as California is home to many of the nation’s tech companies and rules set here often become the national default in the absence of

sweeping federal regulation. The question is whether forcing social media companies to limit their platforms will make a difference for kids.

Republican candidate for governor Steve Hilton thinks not. “Today’s Meta settlement is a total waste of time and money. It’s going to barely make any difference to anything,” Hilton said in a video posted on TikTok, of all places.

He’s not wrong. California will receive up to \$2.1 billion if the settlement is approved by a judge, and who knows how that money will be spent. Hilton, along with other critics, also points to the fact that kids are often able to find workarounds to app restrictions and bans — whether it’s knowing a parent’s password or smooching your face just right to bypass facial age-estimation tools.

Hilton’s suggestion? Keep the smartphones and other devices they use to access the internet out of their hands. Keeping children completely off social media may be nearly impossible, but you can sharply curtail their access by confining their device use to a desktop computer in your living room.

The evidence is clear: For years, Meta and its

competitors have designed software that targets kids and monopolizes their attention. They’ve allowed the feeds of minors to be filled with highly sexualized content and self-harm how-tos, while at the same time giving child predators a perfect portal to access your kids. All of that is bad. But both the \$18 billion settlement and California’s push to put stricter social media limits on the books seem to absolve parents of their own duty of care.

Parents’ role

For more than a decade now, millions of parents have been giving their children round-the-clock gateways to the very thing they’re now fighting so hard to restrict. Families don’t need to wait for the state and courts to hand down decisions — it’s in their power to do something now.

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File No. 20261643

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

KODA'S GARDEN, 1770 Flores St., Unit B, Seaside, CA 93955.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):

ASHLYN ELIZABETH BORUM, 1770 Flores St., Unit B, 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 N/A.

S/Ashlyn Borum

Date signed: Aug. 19, 2026

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261649

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

SCM, 344 Salinas Street, Suite 105 E, Salinas, CA 93901.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: SCHEEL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, P.O. Box 697, Salinas, CA 93902.

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 Aug. 18, 2026.

S/Thomas Scheel

Date: Aug. 19, 2026

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Lien Sale Auction Advertisement

Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, (B&P Code 21700 et. seq.), the undersigned will sell at public auction; personal property including but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261571

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MONTEREY PAINT TONES, 1356 Elm Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):

PEDRO PEREZ RODRIGUEZ, 1356 Elm Ave., 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 Oct. 10, 2019.

S/Pedro Perez Rodriguez

Date signed: Aug. 7, 2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261655

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MEMORIES IN A SNAP PHOTO BOOTH, 456 Seminole Way, Salinas, CA 93906.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):

JESSICA ANN MACIAS, 456 Seminole Way, Salinas, CA 93906.

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

S/Jessica Macias

Date signed: Aug. 21, 2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261655

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

THE GRILL ON OCEAN AVE, 3 SW Corner of Ocean Avenue, Carmel, CA 93923.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

CARMEL FUTURE INC., 832 West Franklin St., Apt. C, Monterey, CA 93940.

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

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

S/Hussein Karaki, President

Date: Aug. 20, 2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261630

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

PILLAR TO POST HOME INSPECTORS, 359 Casanova Ave., Monterey, CA 93940.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

PAC INSPECTIONS INC, 1093 Broadway Ave. #182, Seaside, CA 93955.

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 Aug. 12, 2020.

S/Paige Bohrer, President

Date: Aug. 18, 2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261669

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MAZY AMY CURIO COLLECTIONS, 3127 Crescent Avenue #D3, Marina, CA 93933.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

MAZY AMY COLLECTIONS LLC, 3127 Crescent Avenue #D3, Marina, CA 93933.

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

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

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

S/Amy Copeland Johnson, Member

Date: Aug. 21, 2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261632

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

DAWN AND EVE SKINCARE, 26344 Carmel Rancho Lane, Ste 1U, Carmel, Ca 93923.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s): JENNIFER DAWN MARLER, 3530 Oak Pl, Carmel, CA 93923.

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

S/Jennifer Marler

Date signed: Aug. 14, 2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20261693

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

GOODIES DELICATESSEN, 510 Lighthouse Ave., Suite #2, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

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

5 & 2 DINING, 510 Lighthouse Ave., Suite #2, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

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

This business is conducted by a corporation.

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

S/George Sarkis, President

Date: Aug. 26, 2026

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

WILLIAM BAERG

CASE NO. 26PR000386

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of WILLIAM BAERG.

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KARL SCHISLER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 09/16/26 at 9:00AM in Dept. 13 located at 1200 AGUAJITO RD., MONTEREY, CA 93940

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

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FORGE

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approached realtor Tim Allen with their desire to sell, knowing his connection with Pastor, Allen said at the time. The Forge in the Forest later closed after new lease terms couldn't be reached, and in December 2025, the Profetas applied for additional water credits from the city to expand the former La Balena restaurant on another property they own in the same block.

Not much attention had been paid to the closed corner buildings, other than some locals occasionally lamenting the loss of a restaurant they'd been fond of, until fencing went up and heavy equipment began moving on the property earlier this month.

“As I write this letter, Carmel-by-the-Sea is losing a beloved part of its history. It's The Forge in the Forest, which is the well-known location of Carmel's blacksmith shop and its internationally known blacksmith, Francis Whitaker,” resident and former historic resources board member Julie Wendt wrote in an Aug. 23 email to the city council, various officials and others. “More recently, The

Forge in the Forest had been a favorite restaurant for residents and visitors until purchased and closed by the new owner of the building, Esperanza Carmel Commercial, LLC.”

She accused Esperanza of violating the scope of its building permit, which the city issued in January for interior and exterior alterations to the restaurant and grounds.

“Losing the Forge in the Forest as a remembrance of Carmel's early days without any input from the city's historic resources board or planning commission was either orchestrated for an expedited permit approval or a lack of Carmel's historic knowledge when its staff-level approval was made over the counter for Esperanza,” Wendt continued.

‘Ruinous’

She described the consultant's conclusion that the property lacks historical integrity as “ruinous” and said the HRB and planning commission should have interfered, rather than the city relying on “the perfunctory historic consultant's by-the-book review that said the building had

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PHOTO/MARY SCHLEY

Some say the bare dirt and stripped walls at the former Forge in the Forest are destroying a historic site and want the city to interfere. A consultant said it's been altered too much to be significant.



LINDA ADELE LAW

Aug. 13, 1942 – July 29, 2026

Linda Law, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, entrepreneur, artist and animal lover, passed away peacefully on July 29, 2026, at the age of 83.

In the mid-1970s, Linda made the Monterey Peninsula her home, settling in Carmel Valley, where she lived for more than 50 years. She quickly became part of the community she loved and remained devoted to the area throughout her life.

An ambitious and accomplished businesswoman, Linda founded Host Convention Services, a destination and event management company that earned an outstanding reputation throughout the hospitality industry. Through her professionalism, vision and dedication, she built a successful business and enjoyed a rewarding career before retiring in the 1990s.

Retirement allowed Linda to pursue the passions that brought her the greatest joy. She spent countless hours creating beautiful paintings and spoiling her beloved pets at her Carmel Valley home.

Above all, Linda treasured her family. She shared more than 45 wonderful years of marriage with her husband, Dennis. She was a devoted mother to her daughter, Lisa; a caring mother-in-law to Brandan; and a proud grandmother to Michael and Daniel, all of whom brought her immeasurable joy.

Linda will be remembered for her entrepreneurial spirit, artistic talent, gentle nature and deep love for her family and home. Her kindness, creativity and quiet strength touched the lives of those who knew her, and her memory will continue to live on in the hearts of her family and friends.

She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.



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JACK HOLT

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Jack Holt, former Carmel postmaster and longtime Peninsula resident, died after a long illness on Aug. 14. He was 95.

Locals will remember him for his civic involvement, which included leadership roles with Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Kiwanis Club of Monterey, United Way Monterey County, Leadership Monterey Peninsula, Monterey Museum of Art, Monterey History and Art Association, Monterey Paisano Club, Pebble Beach Company Foundation and the Maritime Museum of Monterey.

He was a past president of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, which honored him with the Robert C. Littlefield Award and later Citizen of the Year award.

Jack was born in Oakland, California, to Marie and John Alvin Holt, who died when Jack was a young boy. Jack grew up in San Francisco, where at 6 years old he crossed the Golden Gate Bridge on its opening day. While his mother worked as a telephone operator, Jack took his first job at age 9 as a newsboy on Van Ness Avenue.

He moved to Monterey's Oak Grove neighborhood in 1941, and later attended Monterey High School, becoming student body president. It was there he met Shirley Mondloch, who later became a well-known artist and illustrator. The couple married in 1949 and had four children. The family moved to Pacific Grove in 1963.

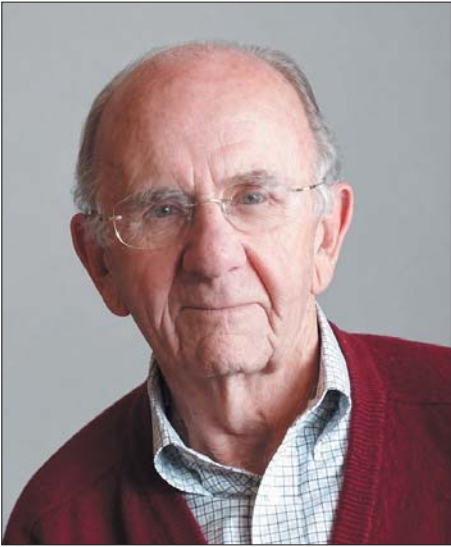
As a young man, Jack caddied for Samuel Morse, who founded Pebble Beach. To support his growing family, he took a job at the Monterey Post Office, eventually rising to supervisor before becoming postmaster in Carmel.

After his retirement from the U.S. Postal Service in 1989, he and Shirley ran ShirLee Publications, which published children's books illustrated by Shirley. The books were sold in high-end retail outlets such as Nieman-Marcus and Harrod's in London. Throughout the 1990s, the two traveled all over the country for book signings at gift shows.

Jack was known for his quick wit, his community spirit and his loyal, decades-long friendships. To his family, he was a quiet and steady presence who loved camping, traveling, cooking and making his and Shirley's home the hub of family gatherings.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Shirley; son Robert Scott Holt; and sisters Bumpie, Judy and Joceyln. He is survived by brother Jimmy Chambers; son Jack Holt Jr. and Shelly Holt of Cassel, California; daughter Shirleen Holt of Medford, Oregon; daughter Kelly Holt of Carmel Valley; grandson Scott Holt and his wife, Rose Holt, of Monterey; and great-grandson Henry Holt.

The family will hold a private memorial service in the fall. In lieu of flowers, it asks that donations go to the Monterey History and Art Association.



FLOCK

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and have become an important crime-fighting tool, their number has grown to about 120,000 in the United States. After a series of stories in The Washington Post earlier this summer, they suddenly became the No. 1 target of protesters and online commentators.

‘Dragnet’

The withdrawal of the topic from the agenda didn’t stop more than 50 people from addressing the supervisors Tuesday. Most speakers expressed outright opposition to the proposed contract with Flock, a private company based in Atlanta. “They are being used as warrantless mass surveillance dragnets,” Monterey resident Fiona told the supervisors. “In states like Texas, Massachusetts, Illinois and Georgia, they have police officers who are currently under indictment for tracking estranged partners, romantic interests that do not reciprocate, and children.” A woman who said she’s retired from a state law enforcement agency told the board that Flock Safety is “beholden only to shareholders” and not “governed by the same set of laws” that police must follow. She said the Flock system offers “no accountability.”

“It’s an absolute civil liability for this county to expand on that contract, especially when we have bigger fish to fry at home,” she said. In November 2023, supervisors approved the purchase of three Flock cameras, and an additional 60 in June 2024. The Monterey County Sheriff’s Office is requesting approval of an agreement with Flock Safety that consolidates the existing 63 cameras under one agreement and adds 40 more, for a total of 103. Of the 63 cameras already installed, three are at the county government center in Salinas. “The sheriff’s office’s previous agreement with Flock Safety expired on July 25, 2026,” according to the report to the supervisors. “To ensure continuity of service and avoid disruption to existing camera operations, Flock Safety has continued providing services to the sheriff’s office while the new agreement was being developed and finalized for presentation to the board of supervisors for review and consideration.” Monterey County has about 1,800 violent crimes every year, but some contend that the county — which is facing a roughly \$40 million deficit — could direct the money elsewhere. “It doesn’t make the public feel safer,” Jasmine from Pacific Grove said. “The money could be spent on other things.” On the Peninsula, Flock cameras were used to help

identify Icaro Fernandes Araujo of Marina, who in January 2025 struck a 14-year-old boy with his car in Pacific Grove and fled the scene. They also assisted police in identifying Isaac Jesus Garcia of Salinas, who in 2020 raped a 61-year-old Carmel woman. Garcia was sentenced to life in prison for the crime. ‘Scary’ Still, others said the benefits of the technology don’t outweigh the drawbacks. “Just because Flock sometimes helps solve crimes doesn’t magically make them OK or excuse all the other issues, concerns and harms they are causing,” Naomi from Salinas told the supervisors. While everyone who carries a cell phone has their whereabouts constantly tracked by the cell phone companies, a Gonzales man said a private corporation using cameras to monitor civilians in a way that “even the United States government is not allowed to do is scary.” The sheriff’s office maintains that the data from Flock will not be shared with law enforcement agencies outside the state, or with the federal government. “These safeguards are intended to maintain appropriate local control over sheriff’s office data and ensure that information obtained through the investigative technology is accessed, maintained and used in accordance with applicable legal, contractual and departmental requirements,” the county report said.

BETTINA ELAINE HOTELLING

Bettina Hotelling, formerly of Pebble Beach, Calif., packed a lot of life into her 92 years and made many friends, several of whom she outlived. She died quietly at her home in Sebring, Fla. in the early morning hours of August 22, 2026 with her husband Neal at her side. She will be remembered as a fun and loving wife, mother, grandmother, (Bettina, at 80, went parasailing with a granddaughter) and friend, as well as an active worker and faithful Christian.

A native-Californian, Bettina Elaine Elder was born on Dec. 10, 1933 at Redding, Calif. where she schooled, met and married her first husband Ruben Brost, father of her five children. They remained at Redding for a little over a year, and then moved several times, spending 1952-1957 in Monterey with their first two daughters. She worked at the old Montgomery Wards and they were part-owners of the Colony Club on Alvarado. He was preparing to open the NAFI plant in the old San Carlos Cannery when it went up in flames.

They then moved to the East Bay area where Ruben became active in the shoe business and Bettina became active in Parent Teachers Association at the local, regional, and state level. They had three more children in three different cities. She soon also assisted in leadership in both Boy/Girl Scouts and Blue Birds/Campfire Girls. Her volunteer participation in local events and her interest in creative arts and painting were of great personal pleasure.

The family moved to Rockford, Mich. in 1967, where Ruben was a vice president with Wolverine Worldwide, and Bettina continued working with P.T.A. and scouting.

Her faith renewal in 1969 brought her into many life-changing experiences. She became active in adult discipleship and youth activities, serving as an advisor for a combined youth group from the Congregational and Methodist churches in Rockford, Mich. She later was ordained an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Bettina also took up a lifetime interest in painting and studied at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids Mich. After several semesters she branched out and opened her own Studio-Gallery which she operated at two locations over a twelve-year period.

In 1982 she returned to single life. After studying and passing the Real Estate exam she became an enthusiastic Realtor Associate. In 1984 she and Neal Hotelling married and within nine months they moved to the Monterey Peninsula in California.

Her thirty years, spent on the Peninsula were active in volunteer, event planning and civic activities for preservation and public service projects. For several years she moderated the Women’s Association at First Presbyterian Church, Monterey and served with I-Help among other activities. She continued to study scripture and prayer with her congregation and also served as a facilitator with Women in the Word at Carmel Presbyterian.

She and Neal moved to Sebring, Fla. in 2015 to assist family, but continued to travel to the Peninsula for Neal’s consulting work.

Her greatest joy was serving her Lord and being surrounded by her own dear family. She was preceded in death by her parents Drury and Frances Elder, her son Douglas, and a great-grandchild, dear little Charlotte Elaine Milzarski. In addition to her husband, she leaves behind her sister Anne Paull of Peoria, Ariz., three daughters Regina (Steve) Wells of Avon Lake, Ohio, Valorie (Ron) Warnes of Holland, Mich., Deidre (Steven) Gardner of Punta Gorda, Fla., a son Andrew Brost of Cool, Calif; two stepchildren Joshua (Terri) Hotelling of Petoskey, Mich. and Katie (Edward) Eitzen of Grand Rapids, Mich., the former wife of Douglas, Lisa Grooters, seventeen grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren and two nieces.

A memorial service is being planned at First Presbyterian Church Monterey for later this fall. Those wishing to honor her memory with a contribution may donate in her name to the Presbyterian Women’s Association Mission Fund c/o First Presbyterian Church Monterey, 550 El Dorado, Monterey, CA 49540 or Women in the Word, c/o Carmel Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 846, Carmel, CA 93941.



ELLSWORTH ROBERT GREGORY

1927 - 2026

Ellsworth Robert Gregory, known as “Greg” passed away peacefully at his Carmel Valley home on August 6th. He was born September 27, 1927 in New Bedford, Massachusetts to Philip Townsend Gregory and Florence Cobb Gregory. Ellsworth was proud to be able to trace his family lineage back to the Mayflower and Plymouth Colony.

He was a beloved and well-known figure throughout the Monterey Peninsula and he will be remembered for his kind, friendly and humorous personality. Family was everything to Ellsworth and he particularly loved treating the five generations of his family to trips and reunions. He and his wife Trudi especially enjoyed traveling and he treasured the memories of their trip to Paris several years ago.

A graduate of the school of Pianoforte Technology in Chicago in 1951 Ellsworth began his 74 year long career as a piano tuner and technician in Shreveport, Louisiana before moving his family to the Monterey Peninsula in 1954. His



career highlights include serving on the original staff of the Monterey Jazz Festival, as well as tuning for the Dixieland Festival, the Monterey Pop Festival, the Big Sur Folk Festival, the Monterey County Symphony, the Bach Festival, Fort Ord and multiple school districts. Through the years his private clientele included Joan Baez, Doris Day, Kim Novak, Paul Anka, Ansel Adams, Al Jardine of The Beach Boys and Clint Eastwood. He was truly the Monterey Peninsula’s “Premiere Piano Tuner” for many years.

Ellsworth had a million colorful stories and his love of local history led him to be extremely active in the Carmel Valley Historical Society, serving as President from 1992-2008 and Membership Chair from 1991-1997.

For many years he facilitated the Annual California Cowboy Show at Hidden Valley as the primary fundraiser for the Historical Society’s museum building fund. He worked tirelessly to see the History Center Museum grow from concept to reality and served as one of its earliest docents. He was one of the 2004 recipients of the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce’s “Good Egg” award for long standing community engagement and historical preservation work.

Ellsworth served as a United States Army Paratrooper Pfc. with the 82nd Airborne based in Fort Bragg, North Carolina from 1945-1947. He made 16 jumps, one of which was a night jump, from a C-47 aircraft. He often joked that while he was in the service he “took off 16 times in an airplane but never landed”

His warm love and silly demeanor were a blessing to his family, friends and all who knew him. Although he will be acutely missed they are comforted by the knowledge that he had a long and happy life full of a satisfying career and loving relationships.

Ellsworth leaves behind his wife Trudi Hart, his daughter Meg Aliano, his son-in-law Dale Aliano, his grandsons Dante White Aliano, Tobin Goodwin Aliano and his wife Shannon, his great-granddaughter Sydney Aliano Wickizer his great-great grandchildren Evelynnn, Ophelia and Atticus Wickizer, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his first wife Janna Gregory, as well as his siblings Philip T. Gregory Jr., Howard Gregory, Arlene Czekanski, and Barbara Bettencourt and several nephews and a niece.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Carmel Valley History Center Museum in the near future. Ellsworth asked that any donations on his behalf be made to the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

TOURISM

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“Even amid this peak demand, hotels made rooms available at discounted rates for those displaced due to the Timber Fire in Big Sur and for firefighters — a commitment that continues with ongoing partnership support extending to neighboring San Luis Obispo County,” the organization said this week. The Timber Fire, which started the night of Aug. 8, has consumed 20,000 acres and is 21% contained, according to Cal Fire and the U.S. Forest Service, while a new fire on Plaskett Ridge ignited Wednesday and has burned around 80 acres.

Record sales

While auction sales don’t directly benefit local jurisdictions because they are not taxed here, some of the week’s major auction houses also saw record numbers, with key figures extolling the state of the collector-car market. Gooding Christie’s sold the ex-Carroll Shelby 1964 Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe — which renowned driver and designer Peter Brock created to beat Ferrari’s powerhouse GTOs at France’s 24 Hours of Le Mans endurance race — for an astounding \$42.9 million. That transaction made the Daytona Coupe the highest-grossing American car of all time, blasting past the previous record of \$22 million, which was set with Gooding’s 2018 Pebble Beach sale of the ex-Gary Cooper 1935 Duesenberg SSJ. The Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe also became the most valuable auction car ever sold by Gooding Christie’s, which reported this year’s sale marked its highest-grossing auction to date, with more than \$159 million in sales — a 24% increase over last year. RM Sotheby’s also held its most successful auction to

date, seeing more than \$380 million in sales over three days at the Monterey Conference Center. Headlining that effort was the charity-driven sale of the first Ferrari Luce, the marque’s inaugural electric vehicle, for \$40 million. That winning bid made history as the most ever paid for a new car at auction. Following that was the unique “Pop Art F1” McLaren, which went for \$34,655,000, and then another of Brock’s designs, the 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport, set a record by becoming the most valuable Corvette ever sold at auction, with a hammer price of \$18,705,000.

Legacy valued

Brock, who is also credited with catapulting Japanese marques into the American motor racing scene decades ago and served as grand marshal at this year’s Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, said the sales of the Daytona Coupe and the Corvette were due. “With only six Daytona Cobra Coupes ever built, they have been highly sought after over the years and rarely changed owners. The recent price of \$42.9 million is actually in keeping with their contemporaries, the Ferrari GTOs, which the Coupes beat for the FIA World Championship in 1965. Even so, it was extremely gratifying to see a Coupe reach a value it deserved,” he told The Pine Cone. “I was also pleased to see that a 1963 Corvette Grand Sport, the body of which I designed when I was at GM in 1957, brought the highest price ever for a Corvette at \$18.7 million. It was a highly satisfying week to see two of my designs so highly recognized and valued.”

CRASH

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transport for the man, who was described as having second- and third-degree burns and a head injury, and a CalSTAR helicopter from Salinas landed on the soccer field at Carmel Middle School to take him to the trauma center at a San Francisco Bay Area hospital. As firefighters continued to battle the blaze, the CHP dispatcher advised, “All units at the crash and responding, make sure you’re using precaution with the Tesla fire and fumes and using the appropriate PPE.”

‘Thermal runaway’

The CHP shut down Carmel Valley Road between Brookdale Drive and Rancho San Carlos Road, and the fire incident commander confirmed the flames were being fueled by the car’s lithium-ion battery. “This is a confirmed thermal runaway,” he said over the radio. “We need to let the fire burn out. The road will be closed for at least a few hours.” He also requested a shelter-in-place order to keep nearby residents safe from the toxic fumes. The order, which was carried out by the sheriff’s office shortly before 3 p.m., told residents to remain indoors and close all doors and windows. It was lifted at 5 p.m. Moore said it’s unknown whether drugs or alcohol were involved in the crash.

WILLIAM ‘BILL’ DOUGLAS NYE

William Douglas Nye passed away Aug. 3, 2026. He was born at Fort Ord, Ca in 1947. After graduating in 1966, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was stationed aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga off Vietnam. When Bill left the Navy, he returned to the Monterey Peninsula, which remained his home until his passing. He then chose to study and became an ordained minister in 1974 which certified him to officiate weddings. Bill also built a lifetime career as a union electrician. He met his wife Dona, in 1984. They married in 1987 and lived together on the Big Sur Coast until her death in December 2014.



Bill was passionate about many things. He had an amazing eye for photography, was active in the community and supported fundraisers, often donating his framed photographs to local causes. He loved music of many genres, enjoyed playing the flute and designing jewelry with friends at Peninsula Gem and Jewelry.

Bill loved animals and spent quality time with his and Dona’s menagerie of pets. He was active in the pursuit of Big Sur land preservation, serving on the board of the Coastal Preservation Society in addition to being involved in military veteran causes, including the Fort Ord Cemetery Project.

Bill proudly served on the Grand Jury and volunteered with the Mid Coast Fire Brigade.

After retiring, Bill enjoyed traveling to Amsterdam and Paris, where he explored, took photographs and visited local American Legions. Beloved son, nephew, brother, uncle, husband, stepfather, grandpa, great-grandpa and friend, Bill will be missed by the many lives he touched.

As described by a special care provider, Bill was like “a Sour Patch Candy” — a little sour on the outside, and sweet in the middle.

In Bill’s honor, the family requests that any donation be made to Animal Friends Rescue Project.

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Robin Sawyer

(1943-2026)

Robin Sawyer, artistic explorer, animal-lover, devoted mother, loving wife, and soul-mate of the Carmel area, passed away on August 7, 2026.

Born on October 20, 1943, in Oakland, CA, Robin was the eldest of three children and sister to two brothers, Reid and Skip Smith. She graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, majoring in Latin American History and spending six months living in Mexico City, where she became fluent in Spanish.

A sensitive and talented young woman, Robin lived a courageous, adventurous life that reflected her authentic self. She embodied a unique creative spirit that celebrated vivid color, personal style, and heartfelt compassion.



Music was her first serious creative endeavor and she briefly taught piano professionally. In her mid-twenties she became the proud mother of two boys, Kevin and Christopher, whom she raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. As a single mother for most of the 1970s, her boys witnessed her remarkable personal evolution.

In the early 1980s, Robin visited Guatemala and immersed herself in its vibrant culture, photographing locals and brightly colored textiles. Inspired upon her return, and encouraged by

her husband, Chris, she entered a professional photography program at San Francisco’s Academy of Art. Robin initially envisioned a career as a photojournalist, but the rigor and risks involved led her to choose a path more compatible with family life.

Her eye turned toward architectural photography, and her work was published in Architectural Digest, among other periodicals. This bold leap drew her artistic sensibilities toward

form, contrast, and line — concepts that found their way into her fine art photography, including her striking black and white photos of Arnaldo Pomodoro modern Sphere Within Sphere sculptures in Italy. Robin’s art photography was exhibited in several galleries in the Bay Area and featured in a solo show at the Coyote Point Museum in San Mateo.

As a mother, she encouraged the artistry in her sons. She shared her love of photography with Kevin on day-long outings around the Bay Area and brought Christopher into San Francisco for live theater.

By the 1990s, Robin’s journey brought her back to Carmel, her childhood nurturing place where she had once tide-pooled among the rocks near Scenic Road. With her boys in college, Robin and Chris built a home on Jack’s Peak above Monterey Bay. It became a gathering place for family, friends, artists, and travelers — including hosting Tibetan Monks who were performing sacred sand mandala ceremonies.

During this time of renewal, Robin broke fresh artistic ground. She studied printmaking, drawing, and painting in the MFA program at San Jose State, ultimately focusing on the medium of oils. She later created an award-winning figure series entitled Earthbound, inspired by farmworkers of the Salinas Valley.

After overcoming breast cancer in 1998, Robin reunited with a childhood love: horses. She and Chris became guardians of two horses in Carmel Valley, moving there for the sunshine and proximity to their animals. Robin took riding seriously, being named Ladies Champion at the Monterey Horse Show in 2002. She and Chris traveled extensively, in the west, with their horses.

Robin’s wanderlust expanded far beyond California. In early 2007, the family journeyed to Kenya, spending transformative weeks together in the wild. Africa’s influence immediately crossed over into Robin’s art work.

Her adventurous spirit led her to artistic hubs such as New York City, writer’s conferences, and to professional theaters to see her youngest son perform. She also made a very special photography trip to Yosemite with Kevin. Her love and appreciation of other cultures took Robin and Chris across Europe and to Japan.

As active members of the Carmel Art Association, Robin and Chris supported each other in their art and held joint exhibitions. Robin was a vital member of the local community and loved serving others. Whether leading a meditation group at home, starting a book club, or sitting quietly with someone in need — Robin showed up.

She always was eager to try new things, including learning to play guitar and zip-lining at 75 years of age. Robin continued to paint and exhibit her work through the end of her life, which included a CAA gallery opening the day after she left this earth.



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CAL AM From page 11A

“The cease-and-desist order and moratorium are enforcement devices for current or threatened trespass of water rights — meaning taking water Cal Am has no right to take,” Stoldt said. “Cal Am will have been within its water rights for five years this year, hence, no current trespass.” He said the California Public Utilities Commission has determined there will be enough water available for 11 to 21 years, and that the district’s figures show the surplus could last even longer. “Therefore, to be more adaptive to actual conditions on the ground, the moratorium should not be only temporarily waived,” Stoldt said. Stoldt has said the expansion of Pure Water Monterey, a water recycling project managed by the district and Monterey One Water, would provide the Peninsula with enough water for years. Pezzini said Pure Water Monterey

supplies are not guaranteed because the project relies on municipal wastewater, stormwater runoff, crop drainage water and other sources that can decline during dry years because of conservation efforts and limited rainfall. “These factors would reduce the available source water for the projects during a drought,” he said. Recovered populations Cal Am says the ban on new connections has helped the Carmel River watershed and its steelhead population recover but has also largely halted new housing on the Peninsula, including affordable units, and slowed business growth. “The importance of adding long-term water supply was underscored last summer when the California Public Utilities Commission unanimously confirmed that Monterey could face an annual shortfall of 815 million gallons by 2050,” Cal Am said. The desal plant is not a condition to lift the new water connection moratorium. The public will have an opportunity to provide comment to the state water board at a Nov. 5 meeting in Sacramento.



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No coin flip needed — Pirates’ new varsity players know it’s their turn

AN ANNOYING 1,800-year-old proverb, “patience is a virtue,” has been repurposed in modern times to torture athletes paying their dues on high school junior varsity squads.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Stevenson’s JV football teams compiled a sparkling 17-2 record over the past two seasons, biding their time, busting their anonymous humps and living vicariously through their varsity elders, who went 16-5 and qualified for back-to-back Central Coast Section playoffs.

Mercifully, the wait is over. It’s carpe diem time for the 2026 Pirates, who see opportunity everywhere on a team that graduated 18 players — six who earned first-team all-division honors, two who were second-team honorees, many who started on both offense and defense



Senior Cody Thatcher, a 6-5, 235-pound tight end and All-Mission South Division defensive lineman, is pictured here with quarterback Lincoln Clymo and running back Dexter McIntosh, both juniors.

— leaving “help wanted” signs far and wide.

Good luck filling those vacancies, right? “To be completely honest, this August hasn’t felt very different to us as coaches from last August,” said head coach Kyle Cassamas, with nary a hint of concern in his voice. “We might have graduated some very good seniors, but we’re practicing right now with a lot of guys

who have been in our program for two seasons already.”

That’s not to suggest those graduates won’t be missed.

Significant losses

Quarterback Fin Mink was Offensive Player of the Year in the Mission South Division in 2025, after a senior season in which he completed 179 of 249 passes for 2,546 yards and 33 touchdowns, with four interceptions — the best single-season numbers ever recorded at Stevenson School.

Wide receivers

Caden Olson (70 catches, 1,066 yards, 13 TDs) and Grady Roth (35 catches, 530 yards, seven TDs), running back Tono Borgamini (133 carries, 782 yards, 13 TDs), and offensive lineman Alex Wang were All-Mission South first-teamers. Another lineman, Tucker Biggs, was all-division the previous year.

The defense lost first-teamer Logan Lund, a back, plus second-teamers Anthony Perez-Saldivar, a lineman, and Brooks Andrade, a linebacker.

Derek Diniz, who missed six games in 2025 with an injury after earning All-Mission South honors as a junior and All-Santa Lucia as a sophomore, is also gone.

Biggs (Colby College), Diniz (USC), Olson (University of Redlands) and Wang (Willamette University) are all NCAA football players now.

Big assets

That’s a tough loss, but two notable all-division players are back.

Cody Thatcher (6-foot-5, 235 pounds) is an all-division defensive lineman who already has taken recruiting visits to USC, UCLA, UC Davis and most of the Ivy League schools.

“He’s a big boy who’s getting a lot of attention. I think everything’s going to be built around him, to be honest,” Cassamas said.

The other all-leaguer, Zryan Morgan, returns as a bruising linebacker with a 6-2, 210-pound frame. Morgan is a senior boarding student from Chicago.

Senior Ben Sachermann (245 pounds) and junior Jacob Wall (255) are tackles on an offensive line that is likely to include juniors Sebastian Navarro (240) at center, Tim Brosseau (215) at left guard, and Caden Kim (275) or Bradley Young (200) at right guard.

Clymo at quarterback

They’ll be charged with protecting junior quarterback Lincoln Clymo, who



Zryan Morgan, a 6-2, 210-pound senior boarding student from Chicago, earned all-division honors in back-to-back seasons as a bone-crunching linebacker, and also figures to contribute to the Pirates’ offense.

was Stevenson’s starting JV QB as a freshman and sophomore, and creating daylight for running backs Dexter McIntosh, a junior, and Oliver Vasquez, a sophomore — both first-year varsity players.

The wide receivers are likely to be led by senior letterman Barack De La Rosa, who ranked third on the 2025 team with 20 catches for 239 yards, and varsity newcomers Alex Mims, a junior, and Luke Potter, a sophomore. Thatcher, the NCAA Division I defensive lineman, should be a big target at tight end.

De La Rosa, a two-way player, will lead the defensive secondary at free safety, a crew that will also include Jack Zhong and

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Topher Mueller.

Joining Morgan at linebacker will be McIntosh and Vasquez, the running backs, plus Connor Hulman. The defensive line will likely include senior letterman Arenzo Subowo and many of the same players who man the offensive line: Wall, Sachermann, Brosseau and others.

Returning champ

The Pirates return for the second straight season to the Pacific Coast Athletic League’s Mission South Division, rejoining King City, Soledad, Everett Alvarez and Pacific Grove, plus North County, which dropped into the division after a 1-9 season in the Mission North. The Condors replace Greenfield, which was demoted to the Santa Lucia Division after going 1-9 in 2025.

King City, the defending champion, returns 21 lettermen from a 9-2 team, including all-division picks Carson Tidwell (running back) and Rocky Villanueva (linebacker).

Cassamas, Stevenson’s head coach since 2017, has compiled a 44-28 overall record with division championships in 2022 and 2024 and second-place finishes in 2021, 2023 and 2025.

The Pirates have qualified for the CCS playoffs in three of the last four seasons.

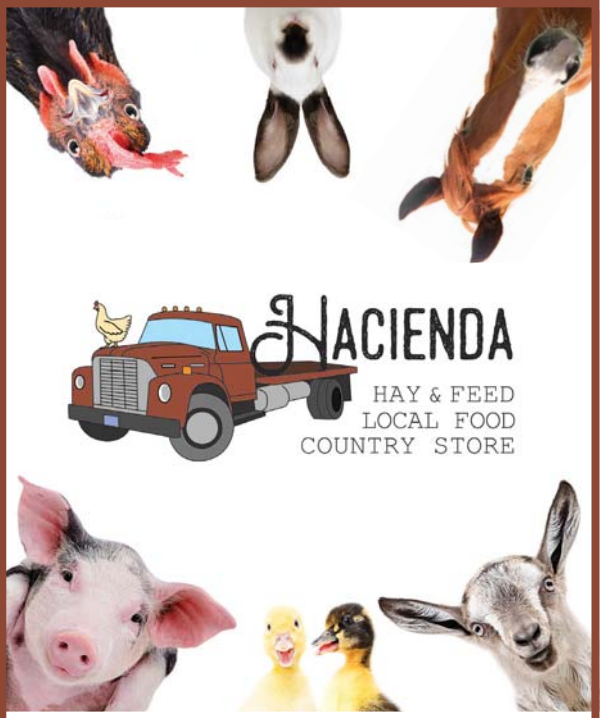
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Barack De La Rosa (right) was the team’s third-leading receiver in 2025 and a second-team all-division free safety for the Pirates. Head coach Kyle Cassamas (left) has taken Stevenson teams to the CCS playoffs in three of the past four seasons, and has an overall record of 44-28 since his arrival in 2017.

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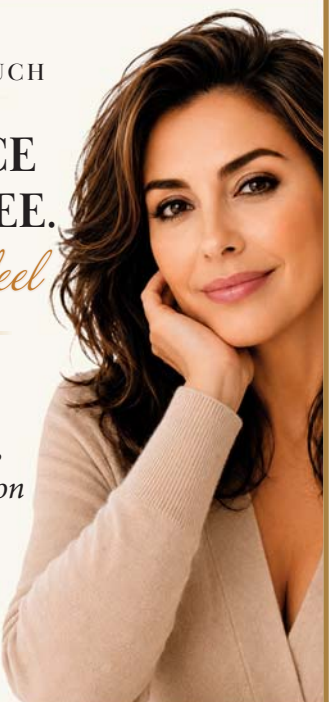
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Editorial

Taxing a moving target

WHILE CARMEL voters try to decide whether they’ll support the city’s proposed increase in the hotel tax from 10% to 12%, it’s worthwhile to take an in-depth look at what usually happens with government revenues even when tax rates remain unchanged — so long as what’s being taxed is a dynamic part of the private economy.

A tax that’s a percentage of private spending is a claim on a moving target. Even if the rate is never raised, as long as the base grows — more rooms filled, higher nightly rates, more paychecks, a larger GDP — the dollars collected grow with it. No new legislation required. Call it the automatic raise.

This phenomenon shows up big time with federal income taxes. In 1976, the U.S. government collected \$298 billion. In 2025, it collected \$5.23 trillion — almost 18 times as much. This huge increase happened because the nation’s gross domestic product rose dramatically, from \$1.87 trillion to \$30.8 trillion, a 16.4-fold increase. Almost all of our government’s money boom happened because the economy was so much bigger, not because tax rates were raised.

In fact, they fell. In 1976, the top individual rate was 70%. Today it is 37%. The bottom bracket was 14%, and it’s now 10%. Corporate rates fell, too.

Inflation accounts for part of the feds’ riches. The Consumer Price Index rose from 56.9 in 1976 to 321.9 in 2025, which means consumer prices are about 5.7 times higher than they were 50 years ago. But even if you adjust federal revenues for inflation, they are still roughly three times larger. The same old tax rates, if not lower ones, delivered a large raise to the U.S. government.

California is not a carbon copy of Washington, but the same machine is running here.

The state’s general fund took in about \$11.3 billion in 1976-1977. In 2024-2025, it took in more than \$234 billion, a 21-fold increase, which happened because during those years, California got richer, more populous and more expensive.

Or you can look at the sales tax. The statewide combined rate was 6% for most of the 1970s and ’80s. Today the uniform statewide rate is 7.25%, before local district add-ons. That is not no change, but it is a modest change. The increase in the amount collected was not modest. Census figures show California’s general sales tax take going from about \$3.7 billion in 1976 to more than \$53 billion in 2025 — roughly 14 times as much. People bought more, and they paid higher prices for what they bought. The rate did a little of the work, but the cash register did most of it.

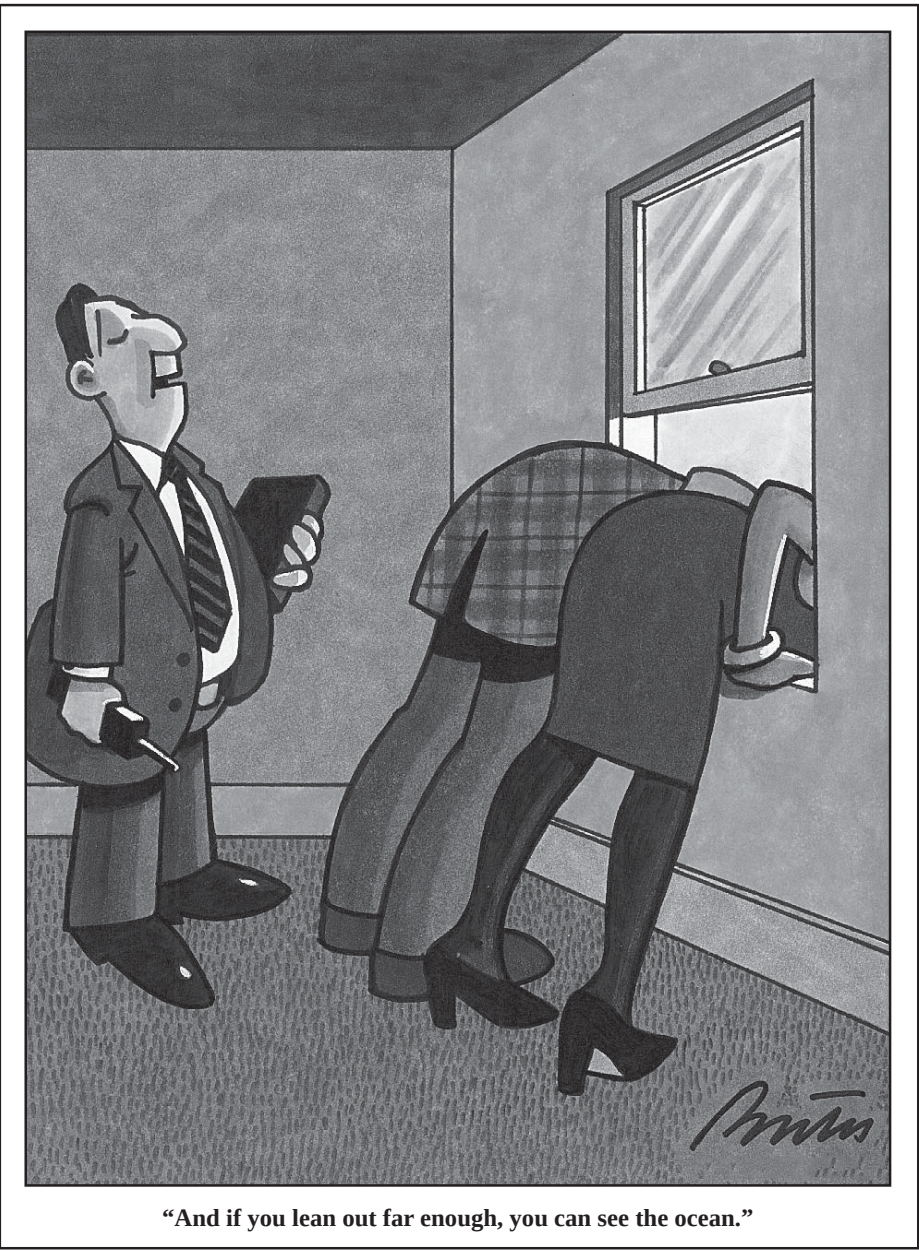
What did they do in Washington with all their new cash? They didn’t spend it the way a private company would. Over 50 years, federal outlays grew even faster than receipts, from \$372 billion in 1976 to \$7.01 trillion in 2025. Defense, once about a quarter of the budget, is now smaller than Medicare or interest on the national debt. Interest alone was about \$970 billion in 2025 — more than the Pentagon — because Congress spent much more than the raise it got from the American people.

Why does Washington spend so much? Because nobody votes for someone who cuts their benefits. Retirement and health spending go up automatically as the population ages and medical prices rise, and the debt is their inevitable offshoot.

The concept is simple. A percentage tax on a living part of the private economy gives government a raise when that economy expands. Over 50 years, the federal raise was enormous and beat inflation by a generous margin. California’s sales tax shows the same thing closer to home: The rate can sit still, or nearly still, and the treasury still gets richer when the private economy does.

How much has Carmel’s revenue from the hotel tax increased during the 28 years since the rate was last changed? We’ll talk about that next week.

BEST of BATES



Letters to the Editor

Exit routes

Dear Editor:

We who live on the Monterey Peninsula owe The Pine Cone a debt of gratitude for the Aug. 7 editorial, “You’ll Be on Foot,” which illustrates the dramatic situation we would face if a major wildfire occurred in our area. Besides Lighthouse Avenue through the tunnel, it is imperative that additional escape routes be identified to split outbound traffic and minimize bottlenecks.

A look at the map of the area around the Presidio shows that, from David Avenue heading east, an additional route appears possible: Taylor Street to the Taylor Street Gate, to Rifle Range Road, to West Franklin and out into Monterey proper.

In addition, on the map, other public streets along Private Bolio Road appear so close as to practically touch the Presidio, suggesting that connections not visible on the map may exist or could be created, to be activated only in an emergency.

It seems our local leaders need to seize the issue and develop a plan to identify and publicize as many escape routes as possible. Surely, in an emergency involving possible loss of life, our local institutions and the Presidio can come together and devise a solution.

Jean Blondeau,
Pacific Grove

Paving paradise

Dear Editor:

Want to curtail over-tourism in Carmel, or do you prefer to pave paradise and put up a parking lot? Did you know Visit Carmel is our marketing company? Its slogan is, “Love Carmel Like a Local.” Are you loved enough yet?

Regardless of whether you think we need more tourists or already have enough, Visit Carmel is the official destination marketing organization for Carmel-by-the-Sea. It’s not a city department. It’s a nonprofit our city hired to manage tourism marketing, advertising, public relations, social media, visitor promotion and related programs for our city as a visitor destination.

Visit Carmel’s mission is to promote Carmel-by-the-Sea. It manages marketing programs funded through local hospitality and restaurant improvement districts. Most of its funding does not come from general city tax revenues. Instead, it comes primarily from assessments paid by tourism-related businesses: a 2% assessment on overnight room revenue from hotels, inns and other lodging properties, and a 0.25% assessment on food and beverage sales from Carmel’s restaurants. These funds support Visit Carmel’s annual destination marketing, advertising, public relations and social media campaigns.

Its spending goes to broadcast television, digital and print advertising, public relations, social media, marketing, a visitor website, hotel referral programs, tourism events such as Culinary Week, dining

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MOTHER GOOSE TAKES A WILD RIDE IN LOCAL AUTHOR’S BOOKS

IN THE expert opinion of Alison Jackson, a children’s librarian of more than four decades and author of numerous books for the 12-and-under set, there’s one sure way to get kids excited about reading, and that’s if grown-ups are doing it.

“I can’t stress enough how important it is for parents to read to their children,” Jackson said, reflecting, “I once went to a library talk where the speaker asked us, ‘Do you remember who your first teacher was?’ We were all trying to remember our first schoolteachers, and then he said, ‘It was your mom and dad.’

I always remembered that.”

Those who live in town or drive out of

far cry from the mood building up to her first book, 1990’s “My Brother, The Star.”

So certain was she that it would never be published, she wrote in utter secrecy.

“I didn’t tell a soul, because I thought, ‘I’ll send it out to a million places, and I’ll get a million rejection letters,’” she recalled.

Yet, as a young librarian, she’d noticed a hole on the shelves, and it only took three queries to find an editor who agreed. “Harry Potter” would soon change everything — suddenly, boys and girls seemed totally undaunted by 1,000-page books — but in the early 1990s, Jackson observed a need for fiction for boys ages 8-10, featuring a male protagonist.

“At the library, we were losing them around that age,” she explained.

The editor at Dutton Publishing (Penguin Random House) was a lot like Jackson. Lucia Monfried was also a mom, with kids the same age as Jackson’s, but the dealmaker was an identical sense of humor. They would work together until Monfried’s retirement.

“She called me personally to tell me she wanted to publish my book, which would never happen now. That first one took three complete rewrites, but she reminded me, ‘This is an investment. The second book won’t take so much work and the third book even less,’” Jackson recalled.

Together they grew a story about Leslie — a basketball-playing fifth grader navigating sibling rivalry after his younger brother becomes a television star — from a 100-page novel to a three-book series.

Those early volumes are out of print, so even Jackson was surprised to learn that her first picture book, 1997’s “I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie,” a Thanksgiving riff on “I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly,” is still coming off the press.

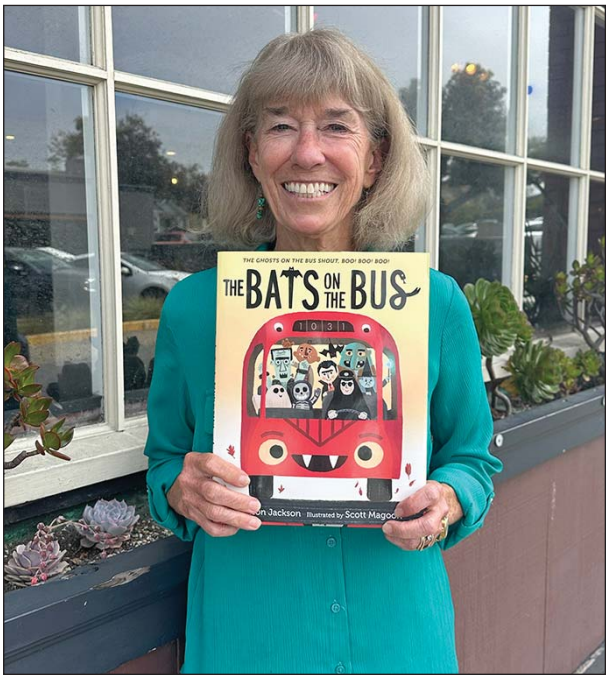
She had found her niche: taking nursery rhymes and popular children’s songs and creatively reinterpreting them. The result isn’t always narrative — that’s what the pictures are for — but it’s lyrical enough to capture the tiniest attention

Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

their way to visit the serene coastal library in Pacific Grove will recognize the petite, broad-smiling Jackson, 72, who spent the most recent decade in the kids’ wing there. She retired in 2019, after a career of sharing stories that inspired her to author eight children’s books and six novels for young readers.

Her latest, “The Bats on the Bus,” has sold out its first run. She was thrilled to learn this week that her Halloween-themed spin on “The Wheels on the Bus” is already slated for a second printing — a



PHOTO/LILY PATTERSON

Oh, boo! If you missed the first run, the kids will have to wait until next Halloween for a copy of Alison Jackson’s sold-out storybook.

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

No job is too large or too tall — you just need a scissors lift

LISA HAAS, daughter of a NASA rocket scientist, understands — with 20/20 hindsight — that her father also was a visionary.

When she told him, as an 18-year-old, that she planned to major in biology at Utah’s Weber State University, with a goal of going to medical school, Dad’s reaction was, perhaps, atypical: “Wait ...” Robert Haas exclaimed with surprise. “You mean you’re not going to art school?”

Nope. The kid who grew up in Thousand Oaks never did, never took an art lesson, just continued to create stuff — all kinds of stuff — simply scratching an itch throughout her college years and beyond.

Haas today is one of the most sought-after decorative artists in Northern California, creating things that are probably beyond imagination for most of us — but they’re not beyond hers.

Towering challenges

She recreated a gigantic map of Middle Earth (ceiling-high, covering three walls) for a “Lord of the Rings”-themed house near Carmel Point. She restored a 19th-century safe, adorning it with an original seascape of China Cove for another local client. A current project for Haas requires climbing tall ladders or standing atop a scissor lift to refurbish part of the water-damaged ceiling at Monterey’s 100-year-old Golden State Theatre.

Potential clients just keep calling — it’s been that way for 30 years. On larger projects, she is typically assisted by a team of three to six talented employees, some who have been with her for years. No task is too tall or expansive.

“I just say, ‘Yeah, I’ll put you on my list.’ People seem to be willing to wait for me for a long time, which is great,” said Haas, who embraces the challenge of keep-

“From that point forward, I was focused on being a mom, thinking I might reconsider med school after Rachel started kindergarten,” said Haas, who was still in her early 20s at the time.

Instead, in 1985, at 25, she bought a 65-foot shrimp trawler (never having fished before) with a partner — a shrimper who worked out of Ventura Harbor — and learned a brand-new profession on the water. Haas loved the work.



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Lisa Haas, an imaginative and prolific Monterey design artist, poses with original art of anchovies she created for a San Francisco company and decor she designed for the ceiling of the Golden State Theatre, her current project.

“We’d use a dragger to catch the shrimp, and we’d pull about 50 different species out of the harbor along with them: sea cucumbers, sharks, halibut, flatfish, rock cod,” she said. “As somebody with a biology degree, I really enjoyed sorting and identifying all the different kinds of fish.”

The following year, Haas became licensed as a fish broker, started her own wholesale seafood business and began hauling her daily catch to Los Angeles every morning at 5 a.m., returning to Ventura by 9:30 a.m. with hundreds of dollars in her pocket.

Carmel’s Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Exotic travel

The fishing industry led to international travel for Haas, who made yearly trips to Spain and visited Japan, China and England.

At the same time, she was nurturing her creativity, making signs and decorative objects for other businesses, crafting birdhouses adorned with hand-painted flowers

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spans, introducing readers to the rhythm of language.

Jackson is convinced that the musical gene skipped a generation — her son, Kyle, teaches music at an international school in Mongolia — but her penchant for rhyming says otherwise. Growing up in South Pasadena, Jackson was the fifth of six siblings whose mother was a pianist and the director of their church choir. Jackson spent most of her free time reading at her local branch library. (So did her two sisters, apparently, who also ended up in the trade.)

She never considered another career. After earning her undergraduate degree in English literature from UC Irvine, she enrolled the next fall in a library sciences program at San Jose State University. Ten years later — just a few after Kyle arrived — she penned the story of Leslie and his famous little brother while working at the Fullerton Library, where she led magical story hours and scoured wholesale catalogs for the best new kids’ books.

She and Steven, two ski bums adrift in Orange County, had met through a group that organized trips to Mammoth Lakes and other nearby winter resorts. Both are Southern California natives, but about the time their daughter, Quinn, was born, they decamped to the other Orange County — Orlando, Fla. — where he joined Lockheed-Martin as a computer database administrator.

During 15 years at the Seminole County Library, Jackson’s book ideas came as fast as she could write them. “The Ballad of Valentine” was Jackson’s answer to another holiday, a tale of two wayward admirers set to the melody of “My Darling Clementine.” There was a fresh take on Jack and his beanstalk in “Thea’s Tree,” a tale of a plucky desert rose determined to get her prize hog to the Texas state fair — a little like “Lonesome Dove” for 2- and 3-year-olds — and later, “Rainmaker,” a 200-page historical and coming-of-age novel inspired by a true story about a drought that devastated the lives of Florida’s orange growers.

Home sweet home

A spin on the old lady and her many children who lived in a shoe, 2001’s “If The Shoe Fits” is a chaotic romp through nursery rhymes in search of greener pastures. In the end, “They’re right back in the shoe, appreciating home sweet home,” Jackson said.

Florida was fine, but they were always looking for their way home. The moment finally arrived in 2012, when they moved to Las Palmas Ranch in Salinas. Jackson happily commuted to the Pacific Grove Library, where it was impossible to keep young-adult novels like “Harry Potter,” “Twilight,” “The Golden Compass” and “The Hunger

Games” on the shelves — despite protestations from some parents.

Politics and pieties change, but librarians have always been at war with censorship, Jackson affirmed.

“It’s our job to present diverse points of view, even when we as individuals don’t necessarily agree,” said Jackson, recalling the controversy over her son’s favorite childhood horror book series, “Goosebumps.” (One suspects her daughter, now a doctor in Kansas City, was more of the nonfiction persuasion.)

Yet even she initially dismissed the new “graphic novels” that she noticed popping up on the shelves.

They looked like very long comic books, and “a lot of us turned up our noses at them. They didn’t seem very literary,” she said. But she gave them a chance, which is all she’s ever asked of young readers.

“Some are so great in terms of plot and character development. They’re completely visual — it’s just a different

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— a talent she developed in Thousand Oaks as a child — which she sold to local stores.

In Ventura, Haas met Joe Cappuccio, who tried to hire her to work in sales for his Salinas-based squid-packing company.

They fell in love, and Haas and 5-year-old Rachel relocated in 1989 to Monterey, where she and Cappuccio were married.

In 1991, they had a son, Kevin, who is now an electrical engineer.

In 1996, a friend who owned a hair salon wondered aloud if Haas could paint a rendering of Carmel stone on one of her interior walls.

Then she commissioned a jungle scene for another wall.

“Her clients saw my wall, and my phone started ringing off the hook. Those ladies loved looking at my walls while they were getting their hair done,” she said.

“Next thing I know, I’m getting commissions for entire houses — brand-new homes in The Preserve. And I’m doing all of this stuff as a single mom with two little kids running around,” said Haas, whose marriage lasted six years.

The phone never stopped ringing for Haas. Her ever-expanding portfolio includes applying specialized surfaces to any surface — cabinets, beams, floors — faux marble, woodgrain, fine art on canvas, murals and hand-painted designs.

Imaginative body of work

As a painter, she’s adventurous and multifaceted, with styles ranging from realism, to whimsy, to plain color concept.

Fun fact: A few years ago, Haas hand-sewed a

way of reading,” Jackson said, suggesting that the genre supplies a much-needed bridge between screens and novels, made for today’s kids.

You might assume children’s authors have a say over who illustrates their books, but that couldn’t be further from the reality of big-time publishing, she said. Still, she’s never once been let down by the finished product, typically revealed three years after turning in her first draft.

Upcoming reading

“I’m always pleasantly surprised by how they interpret the story. I think children’s book illustrators are some of the best artists in the country,” she said.

Illustrated so fittingly by Scott Magoon that their publisher at Little Brown plans to pair them up for another story, “The Bats on the Bus” will get a proper book signing Oct. 10, when the American Legion in Monterey hosts Jackson for a very spooky reading.

see-through dress, made entirely from 70-millimeter Hollywood movie film, for the Big Sur Fashion Show. “Part of that dress is made from a ‘Terminator’ film,” she said with a laugh.

After a model strutted down the runway in the translucent garment, Haas’ electrical-engineer son wired the sexy creation with lights, transforming it into a large, ornate, multicolored lamp that stands tall in an upstairs bedroom in her Monterey home.

Haas is a longtime participant with Salon, an annual global gathering of renowned decorative artists who are juried into the prestigious organization which convened this year at the Vatican, where they had a private meeting with Roberto Gualtieri, the mayor of Rome.

“About 100 of us got to be alone in the Vatican for about an hour. They moved all of the other people out, then the mayor of Rome came in and talked to our group. My mother (Ann) would’ve been impressed,” laughed Haas, who was raised Catholic.

Inspired by Rome

Every year, at the selected venue, each Salon artist paints a large, fine-art panel, based on a specific theme. For this year’s theme — “The Light of the Eternal City” — Haas painted a stunning depiction of Rome’s famous Romulus and Remus statue glowing softly under ethereal rays of sunlight.

“I got to exhibit my panel at the international show in Rome,” she said. “Now it’s here, in Monterey, until it finds a home.”

Examples of her decorative art from a three-decade design career can be viewed at lisahaasdesign.com or at facebook.com/Lisathepaintqueen.

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midnight to 5 a.m., though the oversized vehicle policy, adopted in 2017, says 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. That has yet to be resolved, and police officers report arguments with visitors over the discrepancy, Garfield said.

Best place to park

“As for new enforcement processes, I would defer to the police and the police chief,” she said. “Whether they should give a warning, with the first occurrence at \$100, then \$200, then \$500, followed by towing — I don’t know if that’s the right answer, but that’s what we currently have in place.”

Later in the meeting, councilmember

FRAUD

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we are aware of came into our office to pay their bill with a check, which is how we discovered the fraudulent emails,” he said, adding that no city records or systems were compromised. “The scammers appear to be pulling information from our publicly available meeting agenda packets, which we publish online in the interest of transparency.”

No matter how authentic a message appears, the city said it would never ask residents to process payments or send payment receipts by replying to an unofficial, non-government email address.

For official information about city services and secure payment portals, residents are asked to visit monterey.gov.

The city also warned residents not to reply to the emails, to call the city’s planning department at (831) 646-3885 to verify any email message that appears to be from city hall, and to report any fraudulent email messages to the Monterey Police.

Tina Rau argued in favor of even steeper overnight parking fines, saying she has come across numerous travel blogs and websites that advertise Pacific Grove as “the best place to park an RV on the Peninsula.”

“I feel very strongly that the fine should be commensurate with the average hotel rate in P.G., plus the TOT tax. The very first fee should be \$200 and go up from there. If people are going to come to town, and they’re not going to stay in our hotels or eat in our restaurants, they should be paying what they would have to pay,” Rau argued.

Overnight parking restrictions apply not only to scenic Ocean View Boulevard, but citywide. In fact, none of the concerns shared by residents had anything to do with coastal access.

One was stricter enforcement for the proliferation of camper vans, RVs and detached trailers in residential neighborhoods, especially surrounding George Washington Park.

“These vehicles are often parked for more than 12 hours in the daytime, and their regular presence has raised concerns related to public access, visibility, safety, and the overall enjoyment of our neighborhoods, parks and other community resources,” wrote Jennifer and Robert Gorman, suggesting daytime parking restrictions adapted from policies like Carmel-by-the-Sea’s. Its code says vehicles “adapted for sleeping, eating, camping, or other human habitation purposes” may not be parked on public streets for more than six consecutive hours.

Referrals for homeless

While visitors may obtain a 72-hour permit for large vehicles through the police department, it appears that most do not. Their “prolonged” presence around the park “illustrates the larger citywide problem,” wrote Christine Walkingstick, the wife of former P.G. councilman Paul Walkingstick.

“This is especially notable given Pacific Grove’s long-standing emphasis on neighborhood character and the voter-protected

recreational purpose of George Washington Park. A 1948 initiative specifically sought to limit the park to recreational use and prevent its use as a trailer camp or campground, and the general plan continues to recognize that restriction.”

She and another resident expressed concern for the homeless, however. So did councilmembers, who supported removing a rarely enforced section of the ordinance: a blanket, all-hours ban on “house cars,” meaning any vehicle used as a primary residence.

“This policy is not intended to roust or harass those people. We should be tapping into the outreach that’s funded in Monterey County, like the 211 call to United Way,” said Garfield.

Councilmembers asked staff to research

Monterey County’s numerous homeless services, so referrals can be provided, and councilmember Lori McDonnell was in favor of a warning before the first citation.

“A \$100 ticket is a minor problem for somebody who has a \$200,000 RV, but it’s a life-changing event for someone who has no means to pay for that,” McDonnell said.

As for the weekenders, all seven councilmembers asked staff to return with research on other cities’ fine structures and daytime parking policies, as well as a possible ban on “popouts,” when expandable RVs occupy multiple spots or obstruct the walking trail, especially near Point Pinos.

“I’m sure if the Coastal Commission was aware, they would probably have an issue with that,” McDonnell said.

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LETTERS

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guides, local promotions and printed visitor materials intended to increase overnight hotel stays and restaurant spending. They are very good at their job. One might say, too good.

If the city council believes we are suffering from over-tourism, perhaps this can be a policy reason to reduce city-funded marketing services and redirect city-supported efforts toward tourist stewardship. Whether the council should end all Visit Carmel activities is a separate question that deserves exploration. We have lost balance.

In my view, continuing a path that purposefully seeks to increase tourism year after year is not healthy for Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Cari White, Carmel

Town’s face to the world

Dear Editor:

So another Car Week has passed, for better or worse. And still, the entrances to our village are bereft of any welcoming signage. We clearly do not think enough of this brilliant community to create any sort of signage that shows our pride in who we are or how we present ourselves to the world.

Throughout Europe, there are lovely signs welcoming visitors and letting them know whom they are twinned with. I’ll bet only a small handful of residents here know that we are twinned with Tlaquepaque, Mexico, and Takarazuka, Japan. Is it too much to ask for some small signs that state something simple: “Welcome to Carmel — Enjoy your time here”?

And don’t get me started on how the roads look as visitors enter to spend their money. It’s a disgrace and an embarrassment — lumpy, bumpy surfaces that once again show that we simply do not care about outward appearances. It’s almost as if we don’t want anyone to think this is going to be special.

Barry Johnson, Carmel

Sobering reminder

Dear Editor:

The Timber Fire is a sobering reminder that wildfire does not respect property lines. As firefighters continue their work in Big Sur’s rugged terrain, we are grateful for their courage and for the agencies and partners supporting the response.

The fire also underscores why the Santa Lucia Conservancy has invested in proactive, ecologically beneficial land management for more than 30 years. The Santa Lucia Preserve’s geography makes it a critical transition zone between the wildlands of Big Sur and the communities of Carmel Valley, Carmel Highlands and Carmel. During the 2016 Soberanes Fire, this landscape provided a stronghold from which firefighters stopped the fire’s northward advance.

Maintaining that regional buffer requires work year after year. In partnership with the California State Coastal Conservancy, NOAA, Cal Fire and others, the conservancy actively manages fuels across approximately 3,000 acres annually. This work includes conservation grazing, invasive plant and hazardous fuel removal, prescribed burning, fuel break maintenance and workforce development. Together, these activities reduce the potential for catastrophic fire while supporting healthier watersheds and communities.

No landscape or manager can eliminate wildfire risk, but thoughtful stewardship can influence how fire moves across the land, giving firefighters safer, more effective places to work. The Timber Fire reminds us of the urgency of this work and the value of the long-term partnerships that make it possible.

The Santa Lucia Preserve is much more than a

conserved landscape. Properly stewarded, it is regional infrastructure — helping safeguard neighboring communities while sustaining the ecological richness that makes this place extraordinary.

Jamison Watts, Santa Lucia Conservancy

Underwater sound

Dear Editor:

I’m a scuba diver who was exposed to naval sonar back in the 1990s. The impact was immediate and negative.

We had two juvenile humpback whales wash ashore in early June. The cause was supposedly something they ate. According to KSBW, we also have a Naval Postgraduate School in charge of a fleet of drones operating in the bay. And this past month, the Navy conducted the 2026 Lanternfish experiment in Monterey Bay — more active sonar devices.

I’m not opposed to a strong military, but exposing the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary’s inhabitants to potential negative impacts is unwarranted.

In 1996, the Scripps Institution of Oceanography conducted a questionable experiment, Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate. They sent a digitally coded 90-second, 195 dB, 75 Hz transmission from Pioneer Seamount off Half Moon Bay four times a day to a receiver off the north shore of Kauai. They wanted to measure the exact travel time over a period of years to see if the deep ocean was warming due to climate change. Yeah, right. It also could have been a device that transmits signals to submarines. Our “sanctuary” officials wanted the transmitter off Big Sur, but local opposition forced it elsewhere.

On the day that system was first energized, two dead humpback whales were found floating over the sound source.

Why is the Navy allowed to conduct experiments in the sanctuary? Search “Monterey Bay 2006 Experiment” for another military exercise conducted in our bay. Enough is enough.

Jay Murray, Carmel Valley

Mental health policy

Dear Editor:

The debate surrounding Assembly Bill 46 has focused on whether judges should have greater discretion to deny mental health diversion. Although public safety must be taken seriously, this debate overlooks a fundamental problem: California’s courts often lack access to experienced mental health clinicians who know how to make diversion work.

As a licensed clinical social worker who treats mental

health diversion cases through a comprehensive treatment program at Villa Counseling, I have firsthand experience with what produces successful outcomes. In my own caseload, nearly 100% of participants have successfully engaged in or completed diversion requirements when provided with trauma-informed counseling, crisis intervention, case management and consistent support navigating multiple systems.

Diversion is not simply a judge ordering someone to take medication, attend therapy or participate in substance use treatment. Many individuals need a qualified clinician to assess their needs, develop a realistic and individualized treatment plan, coordinate services, communicate with attorneys and courts, respond to crises and address barriers before they lead to noncompliance. Too often, the courts send clients off with loose direction and no one to turn to for guidance that can both treat them and help navigate the mental health system. Individuals are all too often sent to “find a counselor” and settle for an inexperienced community counselor with no experience in court work or addressing the exact problem they came into the system with.

Judges and attorneys are experts in the law but lack expertise in behavioral health. They often do not recognize a weak treatment plan and frequently lack established referral pathways to experienced social workers who understand serious mental health conditions, trauma, substance use, risk and forensic systems. Without appropriate clinical guidance, a person may receive a list of requirements rather than a coordinated plan for recovery and accountability.

Experienced frontline clinicians who have court experience — not just any community counselor — should have permanent seats on legislative work groups advising lawmakers about mental health diversion. Prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, law enforcement, advocates, victims and people with lived experience all offer important perspectives, but clinical expertise must also be represented.

Language matters as well. Referring to people as “the mentally ill” is outdated and dehumanizing. “People with mental health conditions” recognizes that individuals are more than their diagnoses, without excusing harmful behavior.

California does not have to choose between treatment and public safety. Properly designed diversion programs can promote both, but only when qualified clinicians are included in developing the policies and treatment plans.

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HEALTHY

Lifestyles

Sometimes, kids really can’t see what their teacher means

By ELAINE HESSER

IT’S NOT something grownups think about a lot, but when Dr. Corinna Pokorny, chief of ophthalmology for Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in San Jose, says it, it immediately makes sense.

“Kids don’t know what normal vision is.” How would they? If they have poor eyesight, that’s how the world has always looked to them. For instance, in the Aug. 14 issue of The Pine Cone, Dennis Taylor wrote about Zac Hawkins, a local high school senior who’s also an exceptional golfer — and he’s even better since visiting an eye doctor. Hawkins told Taylor that he went because he couldn’t find his own golf ball on the green, but after donning glasses for the first time at age 17, he was able to see the leaves on the trees and the contours of the course. That specific “leaves on the trees” experience is common among people who get their first pair of corrective lenses, Pokorny said. And of course, it’s much better if vision problems are caught well before they start to interfere with varsity sports. Pokorny said that while schools do offer vision screenings, they’re really designed only to catch major problems.

Also, kids don’t like to fail exams, and some of them memorize the lines on an eye chart that they can’t usually see so they can pass their eye tests. The doctor also mentioned that a youngster who has one weak eye can often get by pretty well until they’re asked to cover the stronger eye for a vision assessment.

Early signs

She recommended starting regular screenings when a child is ready to begin school, although if some problems come to a parent’s attention before then, they should make an appointment with an ophthalmologist or optometrist.

Symptoms that should lead a parent to make that call include a little one holding objects close to their face or squinting to try to see better. Eye strain can also cause headaches, and trouble reaching for an object and grasping it might suggest an issue with depth perception. An eye that seems to turn out or in or a droopy eyelid can indicate potential problems, too.

Masquerade

Pokorny noted that sometimes when adults suspect a child has a learning disorder, the difficulty is actually caused by vision issues. It might not be dyslexia. They may just be unable to see letters clearly.

She added that poor vision can also look very similar to attention deficit disorder, since a student who can’t see the whiteboard or a video is often frustrated, bored and fidgety.

It’s important to begin screenings early because some problems can cause permanent vision loss if not caught and corrected before kids turn 12. Pokorny explained that their minds and eyes are still growing, and the part of the



Protecting kids’ eyes prevents long-term damage and yields memorable photos.

brain that is vital to seeing well may not develop properly if their sight goes uncorrected.

For a youngster — particularly one between ages 2 and 5 — the ophthalmologist recommended limiting screen

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Protect your sight, one bite at a time

By FUAD AL QUDSI

EYESIGHT NATURALLY changes as you get older. You may have trouble reading, colors may look duller, and night driving may get harder.

None of our best efforts — including good nutrition — can stop aging, but a healthy diet can help slow the progression of some vision problems.

The strongest evidence linking nutrition and eye health involves macular degeneration. Age-related macular degeneration is a condition in which the macula — the part of the retina that is responsible for clear vision — becomes damaged (see illustrations, 37A).

Sugar and salt

Science suggests a diet that includes leafy greens, eggs (including yolks) and fatty fish can help protect the retina as it ages. That’s because these foods contain the antioxidants lutein and zeaxanthin, which accumulate in the retina where they help filter damaging blue light.

Fatty fish is useful for a different reason: It supplies omega-3 fatty acids.

There are also conditions like diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma that are associated with getting older but can occur at any age. Diabetic retinopathy happens when people with uncontrolled diabetes have consistently high blood sugar, which can damage the delicate blood vessels that support vision in the retina.

Keeping blood sugars properly controlled is vital in preventing this condition. Diet can help, including moderating carbohydrate intake and building meals around lean protein and fiber from fruits and vegetables to limit blood sugar spikes — though many people also need medication.

Glaucoma occurs when the optic nerve is damaged — often because pressure inside the eye is too high — and that can lead to vision loss.

However, research linking diet directly to glaucoma prevention is limited. One risk factor — high blood pressure — can be controlled with proper nutrition. That includes limiting high-sodium foods, add-

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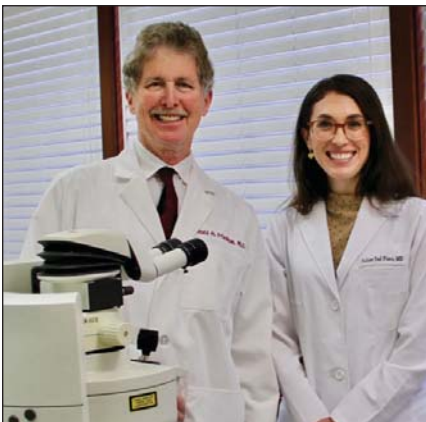


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time to no more than one hour a day. That doesn't include movies or streaming shows on a television, however.

"If the screen is farther than an arm's length away, it's OK," Pokorny said. It's even better to send the kids outside to play, where they have to spend more time focusing



Dr. Corinna Pokorny

on objects in the distance. Kids who spend too much time on screens can develop dry eyes from not blinking frequently enough, just as adults do.

As they enter higher grades where they have to complete class work on computers, teach them the 20-20-20 rule: Every 20 minutes, look at something at least 20 feet away for a minimum of 20 seconds.

Getting hats and UV-blocking sunglasses for the little ones not only protects their eyes and the delicate skin around them, it makes for some adorable photos.

Protection is also important in the pool. Pokorny is not a fan of opening one's eyes underwater without goggles, because chlorine can be very irritating — not to mention all the other unsavory things that can happen in a kiddie pool.

Sports gear should include protective eyewear, and young athletes who are nearsighted are more prone to retinal tears and detachments. Pokorny cited paintball as especially dangerous.

"The bones around the eye protect it from trauma, but things like elbows and

paintballs are small enough to avoid them," she explained. And of course, science classes or shop courses often call for eye protection, no matter how dorky it looks.

When a child is mature enough for contact lenses, they have to be taught all the do's and don't's of handling them, and handwashing and removing them at night are two of the most important lessons. Eye infections can result from improper handling and sleeping with contacts in. Pokorny said even if the lenses are advertised as being OK overnight, she advises against it.

Accidents happen

If something splashes into someone's eyes, Pokorny said to rinse them immediately and thoroughly. Contact lens wearers can use saline, or you can keep a bottle of eye wash solution in your first aid kit. If neither is available, Pokorny said to fill the (presumably clean) sink with water and then open the eyes underneath, or flush them with tap water.

If a chemical like bleach is involved, you should go to the emergency room and get checked out.

In fact, it's always best to have a professional do an examination. Pokorny said that if there's any bleeding, severe pain or loss of vision — including peripheral vision — the person should be taken to the emergency room. Images of flashing lights or new floaters should be checked out within three days with an exam in which the pupils are dilated. If in doubt, call your optometrist's or ophthalmologist's office or the nearest emergency department for advice. Most ERs have an ophthalmologist on call for eye problems.

"Vision is a child's most important school supply," said Pokorny, so if you haven't made that appointment yet, this is the perfect time of year to take care of it.



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HEALTHYLIFESTYLES

Seeing the canine life at eye level

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

PICTURE IT. You’re driving along the coastline with two kids buckled into the back seat, and the family dog is loving the world as he sticks his head out the open window, ears flapping, the sea breeze bathing his face. That is, until something gets in his eye and scratches the cornea. And the thing is, he’s not going to tell you about it, either because he’s living his best life or because he doesn’t have the words to express his pain.

Instead, you’re going to have to notice his red eye or, by nightfall, that he’s constantly pawing at it.

“Generally, the eyes of most animals have their own protective systems in place. Yet no matter how careful we are, eye injuries can happen to any dog,” said veterinarian Elizabeth Curto, who owns Veterinary Eye Clinic in Monterey. “Among the most common injuries is a corneal ulcer, a wound on the surface of the eye. Because they can have a wide range of severity from minor to serious, the sooner we address it, the better. The issue can develop and get worse quickly.”

Curto graduated with honors from Virginia Tech with a bachelor’s degree in biology, followed by her doctorate in veterinary medicine from UC Davis. After an internship in Littleton, Colo., followed by a research fellowship at Ohio State University, she completed her residency at North Carolina State University and became board-certified in veterinary ophthalmology.

“My plan was to go into general practice for horses, but during my internship, I realized the cases involving eye issues were the ones I got really excited by,” said Curto. “From then on, I set my intention on specializing in the eyes of all species — horses, dogs, cats, lizards, birds — which keeps it interesting.”

Especially, she said, because every species has its own eye issues.

“I appreciate that I get to do interesting surgeries and microsurgeries,” she said. “With vision-sparing surgeries, I get to be more focused on quality of life. It is rewarding to restore vision and keep animals out of pain, but it is less intense than other veterinary concerns.”

Visual cues

Unless it’s dire, it isn’t easy to determine when a dog is in pain, Curto said, because they are so much more stoic

and a lot more subtle than people. It becomes important to know what to look for.

“Keeping an eye closed is a sign of pain, not just feeling tired,” she said. “If the dog doesn’t want you to touch that part of his face, if he’s wincing away from you, this usually means the pain is more severe. Redness, swelling, or discharge from the eye is a sign of a problem, perhaps an infection.”

Canine noir

Curto recommends taking the dog to a general veterinary practitioner to get started, since simple ulcers of the eye may not require treatment by an ophthalmologist. If the wound doesn’t heal right away or appears more complicated, then the case comes to her for intervention.

“We work with local veterinarians, and do our best to communicate and take a team approach to eye care,” she said.

After recently diagnosing diabetes in a dog who was experiencing vision loss, she noted, “This is the kind of illness we want to have a primary vet address, before it affects their vision.”

There is a longstanding myth that dogs are colorblind or that they live in a black-and-white world. But that’s not true, Curto said.

“Dogs are not colorblind,” she said, “but they don’t see as many colors as people do. Although we can’t ask dogs what they see, we do know they see colors differently. Colors are more dull and they see less red and green, and more blue and yellow.”

In other words, she said, don’t throw a red ball into the green grass and expect Fido to fetch it.

“Having said that, I will add that dogs see better at night than we do due to the types of cells in their eyes. The photoreceptors in their retinas detect night vision better than we do.”

She added that while colors are not as vibrant for canines as they are for humans, dogs receive so many other sensory inputs people don’t pick up on, which kind of compensates.

“Their sense of smell, paired with their vision, creates so much more of their world than we experience,” Curto



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Veterinarian Elizabeth Curto with her best friend, Monkey.

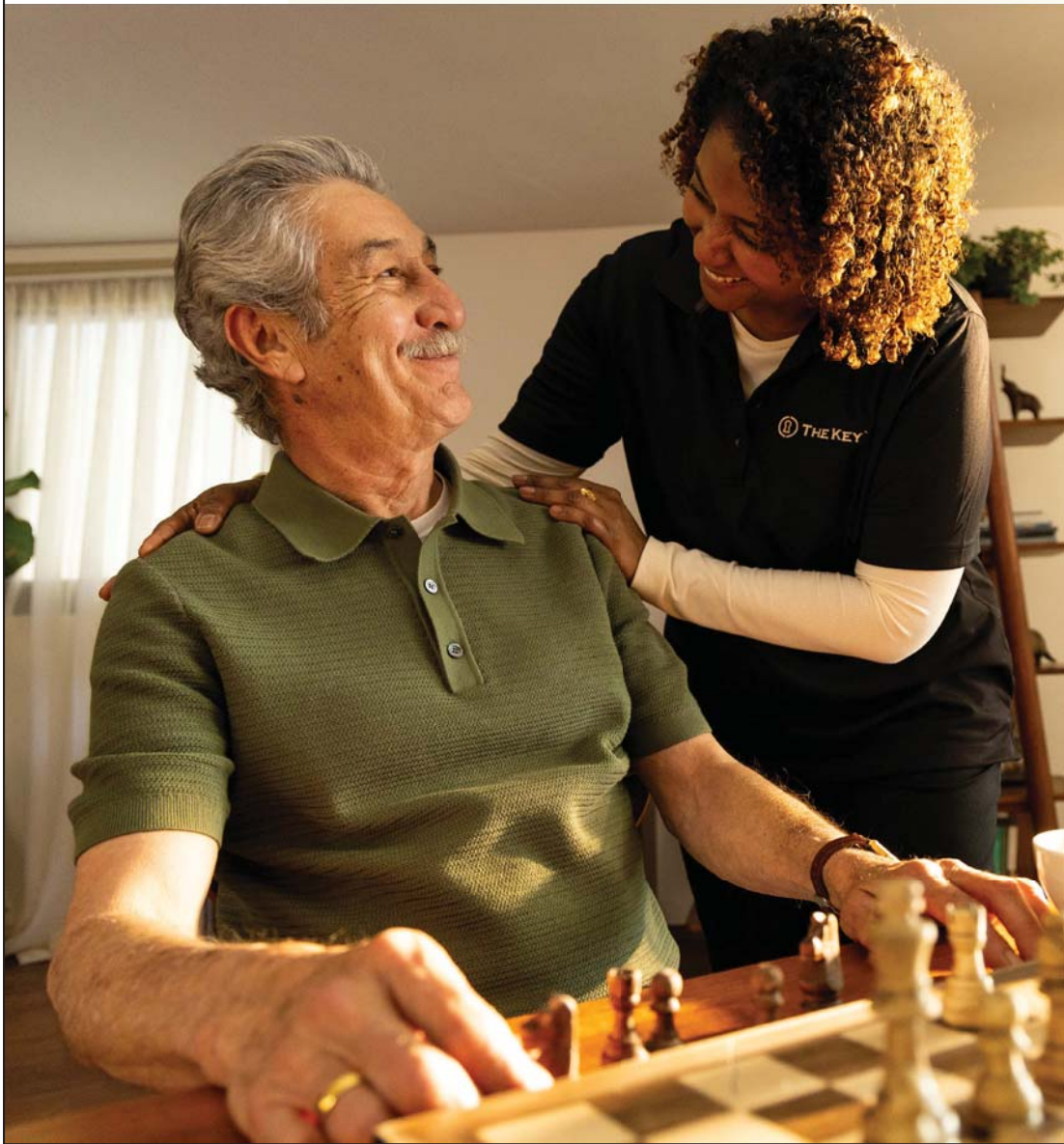
said. “So their vision is an important tool to navigate their world, but it is not as critical to them as it is to us.”

Eyes that need extra attention

While it is important to care for every dog’s visual health, Curto said that some pups, by virtue of their face and eye structures, warrant a little extra attention.

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

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ed sugar and saturated fat, and eating fruits, vegetables, low-fat dairy, lean protein and whole grains.

Dry eyes are common in older adults, too. Science has shown that those who do not consume enough vitamin A or omega-3 fatty acids have an increased risk of developing the condition. Vitamin A helps preserve the physical integrity of the eye and maintain tear production, which helps prevent dryness. Common sources include sweet potatoes, carrots, egg yolks and leafy greens. Omega-3s are found in fatty fish like salmon and mackerel, and in walnuts.

Helpful foods

All in all, a balanced diet can help manage certain chronic conditions that can affect vision, such as diabetes, high blood pressure and, less directly, high cholesterol. Nutritious foods to consume regularly include:

- Whole grains
- Leafy greens and other vegetables
- Fruits
- Lean proteins including poultry, beans and eggs
- Fatty fish
- Healthy fats like those found in avocado, nuts and seeds

(For an extended discussion, see the American Academy of Ophthalmologists’ article on nutrition and vision at aao.org/eye-health/tips-prevention/diet-nutrition.)

These items in particular help to protect vision as we age, since they contain antioxidants that help fight inflammation in the eye that can cause damage to the retina.

Harvard Health, the Mayo Clinic and various other sources describe acute inflammation as the body’s useful short-term response to injury or infection. When the trigger never fully goes away — a diet high in ultra-processed foods and refined carbohydrates, inactivity, poor sleep, ongoing stress, smoking and age-related changes — that response can linger at a low level, damage tissues over time and contribute to conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and joint problems.

The aim is to use diet, everyday habits and sometimes medications to quiet this lingering immune activity. That kind of lifestyle involves combining good nutrition with other habits that support healthy aging, including:

- Regular comprehensive eye exams.
- Wearing sunglasses that block UV rays

- Stopping smoking and limiting alcohol consumption
- Staying active daily
- Getting seven to nine hours of quality sleep nightly

None of this stops the clock.What it can do is stack small, ordinary choices — what you eat, how you sleep,

whether you keep the appointment with the optometrist or ophthalmologist — to give your vision a better chance of remaining clear as years pass.

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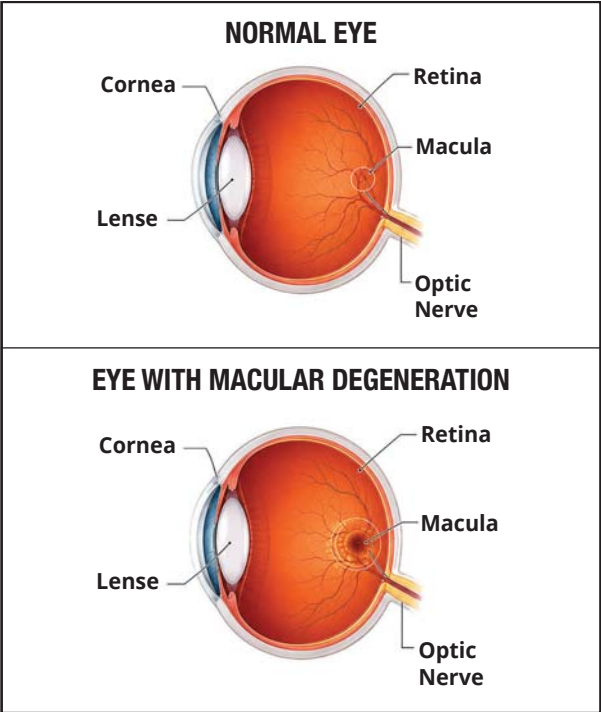
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The human eye has many important parts, but the most vital is the macula, which produces highly detailed images but can degenerate, resulting in a loss of fine vision as a person ages.

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She said that shih tzus, pugs and French bulldogs have shallower orbits — the bony area around the eyeball — which make their eyes more prominent or “buggy.” “That leaves them more prone to getting injured, as they don’t have as much structure in front of their eyes to protect them,” Curto continued. “They also aren’t as good at blinking, which can lead to inflammation and dry eyes — things that may affect their vision.”

This vulnerability is not the same for long-nosed breeds, such as Labradors, poodles or greyhounds, she said, who don’t have the same potential for such eye issues.

“In protecting eye health, what’s most important is paying attention. Infections from a tick bite, for example, can make the eyes look cloudy,” Curto said. “So, if you notice something different, try to get it checked out sooner rather than later, giving us a better chance of turning it around.”

That same watchful eye extends to her own household. Curto’s Boston terrier, Monkey, loves the beach and chasing a ball — and he looks like he has a great sense of humor. To learn more about Curto and her practice, visit veteeyeclinicmonterey.com.

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T H E K I T C H E N

Salmon salad with lemon-yogurt dressing

Courtesy Fuad Al Qudsi, FuadFit.com

AFTER READING Fuad Al Qudsi’s story (p. 34A) about a healthy diet and vision, you may be wondering how to get more of those good-for-the-eyes foods onto your plate with a minimum of fuss.

Well, he thought of that. This simple salad incorporates low-fat dairy, salmon and leafy greens all in one quick meal. If you want to skip the sautéing, you can put the salmon in the oven on a sheet pan with the onion and sweet potato. Just start checking the fish around the 12-minute mark so it doesn’t overcook.

Which is it?

“Sweet potatoes” may be the most confusing term in the produce aisle. This recipe calls for the orange things that people have at Thanksgiving.

True yams are botanically unrelated to sweet potatoes — yams are starchy, dry-fleshed tubers with rough, bark-like skins, while sweet potatoes are sweeter and moister roots with thinner skins.

However, in U.S. grocery stores, the “yams” you often see (like popular garnet yams) are actually the popular orange-fleshed sweet potato variety that became widely available in the 20th century. The misnomer was part of a 1930s marketing effort to call attention to the new addition. Garnets are standouts whose reddish-purple skin and pumpkin-esque sweetness make them great for roasting, mashing or tossing into holiday casseroles.

Leaving the thin skin on the sweet potato provides some extra fiber and beta-carotene (which the body converts into vitamin A), as well as potassium, manganese and copper. But if it’s not your cup of tea, it’s OK to take a paring knife to it.

Is it OK to use canned sweet potato chunks? Not unless you want a mushy salad.

And yes, the red onions in the recipe are actually purple. But somehow we go on.

No fishy smell

The dressing couldn’t be simpler — or much lower in fat. If you have a little chopped fresh dill or chives you’d like to add, go right ahead. You could also substi-



tute raw spinach or baby kale for some or all of the arugula.

When you zest the lemon, avoid the bitter white pith underneath. After you juice it and when you’re finished cooking, toss whatever’s left into a small saucepan with a cup or two of water and 1/4 cup of white, cider, or wine vinegar. Bring the mixture to a boil then turn it down to simmer for about 10 to 15 minutes. The steam helps to get rid of fish odors.

INGREDIENTS (Serves 1)
1 small, unpeeled sweet potato, scrubbed and cut into cubes
1 small red onion, sliced into 1/2-inch wedges
1 tablespoon canola oil

1 6 ounce salmon filet
1/2 cup plain nonfat Greek yogurt
1 small lemon, washed and zested, then juiced
1 tablespoon olive oil
3-4 cups arugula
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Roast the sweet potato and onions at 400°F for 30 minutes. While veggies cook, sauté salmon in oil until cooked through,

about 5 minutes on each side over medium heat. Removing the skin is optional.

Reserve about 1/2 teaspoon of lemon zest for garnish. To make the dressing, in a small bowl, whisk together the yogurt, lemon zest and juice, and olive oil. Stir in salt and pepper to taste.

Add the arugula to the serving bowl along with roasted potato and onion, drizzle with dressing and add the salmon filet. Sprinkle reserved lemon zest on top

Chef Bio

FUAD AL Qudsi is a registered dietitian and nutritionist and a certified fitness trainer, but above all, he is a food enthusiast. Growing up in Saudi Arabia in a family that loved to cook influenced his connection with what people eat from a young age.

Even though he was interested in food and nutrition, his professional path took a different turn when he obtained a degree in geology and worked as an environmental engineer. Twenty years ago, when he moved to San Francisco, he decided to become a certified personal trainer. His interest in healthy,

tasty food grew, prompting him to pursue and acquire a degree in nutrition and dietetics.

In the summer of 2020, Al Qudsi relocated from the San Francisco Bay Area to Carmel. He is the founder of FuadFit, a private practice for nutrition counseling with an emphasis on geriatric nutrition.







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Gala kicks off music group’s centennial season, Sunset Center mixes it up

IT’S A musical melting pot at Golden State Theatre this week when the downtown Monterey music venue hosts back-to-back-to-back shows by a new wave band

Doma uses drum machines, pulsing bass lines and soaring synthesizers to create a sound that’s both dark and danceable. The band takes the stage Tuesday at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$53.

The next night, Wednesday, at 7 p.m., singer and guitarist **Tab Benoit** pays tribute to the Delta blues. Benoit has earned five Blues Music Awards, including the

B.B. King Entertainer of the Year, which he took home in 2007 and 2015. Tickets start at \$47.

Named Best Roots Artist by the New Zealand Music Awards in 2018, **Katcha-fire** features an all-Maori lineup of musicians. The reggae band plays Thursday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$49.

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

by jazz and world music while kicking off the centennial season for the music society, whose board member, cellist **Michelle Djokic**, cofounded the Sand Box. Tickets are \$50. The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz Ave. Visit sandbox-sandcity.com.

■ Free jazz outside

Sunset Center’s Terrace Hour series of free outside concerts returns when **The Rick Forschino Quartet** plays jazz Friday at 5:30 p.m. The series showcases local musicians, presenting “a curated lineup of intimate, solo and small-ensemble performances in a casual, open-air setting on our upper terrace.”

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■ Jammin’ in Seaside

Singer **Tanya Fitzgerald** is the guest of honor at this Sunday’s Jazz Jam at Embassy Suites in Seaside. Fitzgerald will be backed by keyboardist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Steve Uccello** and drummer **Andy Weis**. The music starts at 1 p.m. and there’s no cover.



Molchat Doma, featuring bassist Pavel Kozlov, takes the stage Tuesday at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

The event will be an “unforgettable gathering of some of the area’s very best performers,” co-host Jim Vanderzwaan said, while inviting “pro performers” to join the jam session.

Embassy Suites is located at 1441 Canyon Del Rey.

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On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

from Belarus, a musician who celebrates the blues music of the Mississippi Delta, and a reggae band from New Zealand.

Reminding many of new wave pioneers Joy Division and Depeche Mode, **Molchat**



Clarinetist Mark Dugan performs Friday at the Sand Box, which hosts a gala for the Carmel Music Society’s centennial.

■ Turning 100

Carmel Music Society kicks off its 100th season Friday, 6:30 p.m., with a Centennial Gala at the Sand Box in Sand City featuring a performance by Grammy Award-winning clarinetist **Mark Dover** and pianist **Peter Dugan**.

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Toasting the life of a local vintner and celebrating fall festivals

OUR COLUMN this week starts with a bit of sad news — Doug Meador, who longtime wine lovers will remember as the owner of Ventana Vineyards, has died. Longtime Pine Cone food and wine maven Mary Schley wrote a lovely remembrance of the pioneering vintner.

We’re sure he’d agree that wine is meant to bring joy, and we have a number of celebrations of grapes, tomatoes and roots to share.

Next week, we’ll fill you in on the upcoming Festa Italia, as thoughts turn to sunny days, cozy evenings and harvest season. You’ll also want to check out our Sept. 11 issue with a special section about some fun local autumn events.

Industry mourns Meador

Doug Meador, a pioneer in Monterey County’s wine



Doug Meador, shown with former wife LuAnn Meador Hutchinson, was a trailblazer in the Monterey County wine industry who introduced Rhône grapes to the region. He died earlier this month.

industry, died in Fallon, Nev., on Aug. 15 at the age of 85. In addition to being endowed with a huge personality and an exceptional palate, Meador had the courage that not only made him a highly capable fighter pilot in Vietnam, it endowed him with the strength to take chances in an area that had relatively little winegrowing prowess when he arrived here in the early 1970s.

Soup to Nuts

“He always thought about what would be good for Monterey’s wine industry,” said his former wife and business partner for 29 years, LuAnn Meador Hutchinson. “It was his love.”

Before he would go on to change the fabric of Monterey County’s wine scene, Meador served in the Navy as a combat aviator for seven years, earning 23 medals for his 360-plus missions flying jets off aircraft carriers during the Vietnam War, according to LuAnn.

Prescient

He was also a graduate of the George Washington University School of Business and had a penchant for finding success in uncharted territories. In an area that was predominantly known for chardonnay and pinot noir, he became the first grower to plant syrah grapes, convinced they would thrive in an environment reminiscent of France’s Rhône Valley, with its cooling afternoon mistral-like winds. His vision of Monterey as a Rhône grape region was well ahead of its time, and he became a specialist in cold-climate viticulture.

“He was with the leaders — J. Lohr, Wente, Paraiso, Scheid and others — back in the late ’70s and early ’80s building this wine industry,” LuAnn said.

Meador launched Ventana Vineyards in 1974, and they owned it until they sold it to a group of other growers, including Steve McIntyre, in 2006, by which time it had become the most award-winning winery in the country. In addition to syrah, Ventana Vineyards produced sauvignon blanc, pinot blanc, gewurztraminer, chenin blanc, cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc, and it was among the first in the county to create a dry rosé, mostly from



Bernardus Lodge’s executive chef Gus Trejo will prepare food for two harvest-themed events in September, one pairing the wines of Mount Eden Vineyards with the region’s bountiful seafood and produce, and one celebrating tomatoes.

grenache, at a time when most people assumed anything pink was sweet.

After selling, the couple held onto their Meador Estate

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vineyards until investors purchased them in 2014. They had started small but built their company into a winery producing 50,000 cases a year and selling in 26 states. Meador’s guiding principle was, “What happens in the vineyards is what makes the perfect wine,” LuAnn recalled, and he went on to write a book about the industry. “We wanted to grow the right varietals and tested many in our fields,” said LuAnn, who was working in banking when they met and soon fell in love. While he handled growing and wine-making, she was responsible for marketing, sales, personnel “and anything else that came up.” “After 29 years, we sold and decided we made better business partners” than a married couple, she said, so they divorced. They remained friends until the day he died. “To honor Doug Meador, buy Monterey County wines and toast to him!” she said.

Harvest at Bernardus

Bernardus Lodge has upcoming events for oenophiles and tomatophiles. First, on Friday, Sept. 18, Mount Eden Vineyards

will join forces with executive chef Gus Trejo and master sommelier Roland Micu for a dinner featuring five wines spanning 15 years. The event is limited to 30 guests.

Jefferson’s wine

Founded in 1945 on a shale mountain-top 2,000 feet above Silicon Valley, Mount Eden is one of California’s original “boutique” estates and claims to farm the longest continuous lineage of estate chardonnay and pinot noir in North America. The chardonnay originated with cuttings from Paul Masson, while the cabernet vines are descended from cuttings carried west from Château Margaux, a highly regarded winery in Bordeaux with roots in the 12th century. Its wines were enjoyed by the likes of Thomas Jefferson.

Trejo will present six courses from the waters of Monterey Bay and the farms of Carmel Valley. Bernardus’ master sommelier Roland Micu will pour five Mount Eden wines beginning with the 2025 rosé and closing the cheese course with the 2011 cabernet sauvignon.

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$325 per guest, plus 8.75% tax and a 20% service charge. They’re available on Open Table.

While you’re looking those tickets over, click on the Heirloom Tomato Brunch, a

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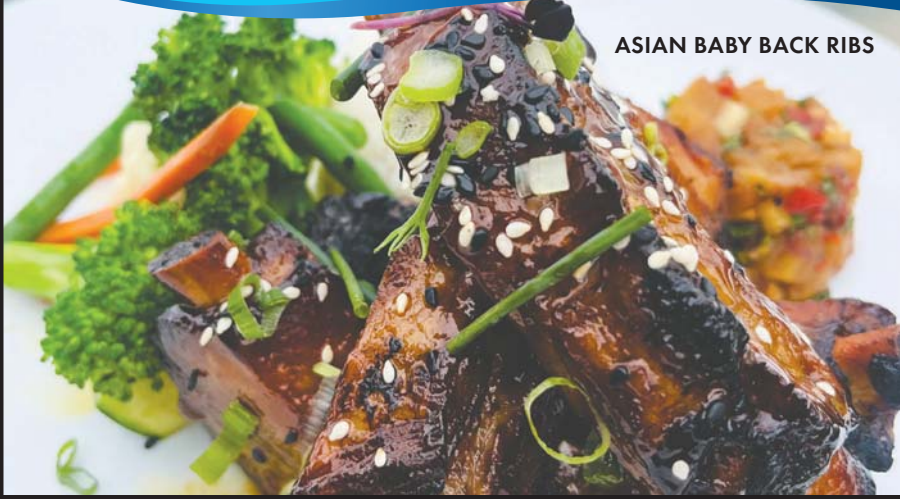
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one-day harvest event on Sept. 27 planned around more than a dozen heirloom tomato varieties from Swank Farms, Sea to Sky Farm, Mariquita Farm, and Savor the Local. Executive chef Gus Trejo and his team will present selections including whipped tomato labneh (yogurt) with roasted Sungold tomatoes and Bernardus honey granola,

plus breads and pastries with smoked tomato jam and butter. Eggs from Corvus Farm in Pescadero will be used in made-to-order omelets, eggs benedict, heirloom tomato benedict with hot-smoked Monterey Bay salmon and basil hollandaise, and cast-iron shakshuka — a popular North African and Middle Eastern dish of eggs poached in a sauce of tomatoes, peppers, onions and spices. Local halibut crudo, ahi tuna poke, and Morro Bay Pacific Gold oysters will be available, and the smoker and grill will be put to good use turning out beef sirloin with a tomato bearnaise sauce, smoked heritage chicken,

fish, and a vegetable roulade. The heirloom dessert station will serve tomato tarte tatin, olive oil cake made with Dahlkemper olive oil from Carmel Valley, a tomato and almond tart, buttermilk panna cotta, and heirloom tomato and basil sorbet. A bloody mary bar is available à la carte. Seatings run from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The price is \$145 per person, plus tax and 20% service charge.

Free festival

Just a quick reminder — the free Turkish Arts and Culture Festival 2026 is Saturday and Sunday in Monterey’s Custom House Plaza, next to Old Fisherman’s Wharf. All are welcome for a weekend of family fun. On Aug. 29, the event is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., both days. Enjoy live music and folk dancing, Turkish food and drinks, and special activities for children. It’s a great celebration of food, arts, and culture for all ages. Visit turkfestca.org for a full rundown.

Global potluck

The Global Villagers Community, a Monterey nonprofit aiming “to provide opportunities for cross-cultural connections, enhance the life of the community and create a sense of

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FOOD & WINE

C.V. glass gallery back in business

EIGHT MONTHS after a motorist drove through the front door of the Leonoff Art Glass Gallery in Carmel Valley Village — causing extensive damage to the building and the art it displayed — glass artist Nick Leonoff will host a reopening celebration and live glass-blowing demonstration Saturday at 4 p.m.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

The gallery closed Dec. 4. “On that early December afternoon, a vehicle inadvertently crashed through the gallery’s front entrance, shattering the glass windows, door and numerous pieces of glass artwork,” according to the gallery, which is located at 13766 Center St. “Fortunately, no one was injured. The collision also damaged a structural support column, resulting in a county-issued red tag and an extensive permitting and construction process.” Leonoff is thrilled to reopen the gallery — just in time for one of his trademark seasonal creations. “We are incredibly grateful to be able to welcome our community back in time for the harvest season,” Leonoff said. “The late summer and fall are always a special time at the gallery, especially with the creation of our popular glass pumpkins.” The artist urged everyone to check out the live glass-blowing demonstration. “Experience firsthand the heat, skill and artistry that go into creating handmade glass,” he added. nickleonoff.com

■ Endless summer

On display through Sept. 5 at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts is the exhibit

“Bohemian Summer: Jeanne d’Orge and Friends,” which explores the creative legacy of the woman who founded the downtown arts center in 1948. A painter and poet, d’Orge died in 1964. “Featuring historical photographs, archival letters, original poetry and paintings by Jeanne d’Orge, the exhibit will also include companion works by noted local artists, including the painter Ephraim Doner,” according to the Cherry Center. Doner was a gifted artist with an unforgettable personality who lived for decades in Carmel Highlands and died in 1991. He was close with writer Henry Miller, who dedicated a chapter to Doner in his “Book of Friends.” At the Henry Miller Library, it was Doner who created the striking tile work that adorns its public restroom today. The center is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. Go to carlcherrycenter.org.

■ Fine art of metal

An exhibit showcasing metal art, “Material Play,” opens Friday at the Monterey Peninsula College Gallery, which hosts a free public reception at 4 p.m. The work was created by students from Monterey Peninsula College and Cabrillo College, as well as members of the Monterey Bay Metal Arts Guild and Creator Haven in Watsonville. “In response to the rising cost of silver, ‘Material Play’ invites artists to rethink value, experimentation and material exploration,” according to the gallery. “Beginning with the same exhibition kit, each artist transforms a shared sheet of materials into work that reflects their own creative voice.” The show will be on display through Oct. 10. The college is located at 980 Fremont St., and its website is mbmag.org

■ Is it fried? Have two.

The Monterey County Fair, this year with the theme, “Cowboy Boots & Local Roots,” kicks off Thursday, Sept. 3 and runs through Monday, Sept. 7. Traditional livestock exhibits and sometimes-intense competitions for blue ribbons in quilting, photography, baking and more give visitors plenty to look at, while the midway will come alive with games and rides. Live entertainment is scheduled daily, and there’s always more than enough to eat. Alcohol is also sold in selected venues. For complete details and discount opportunities, visit montereycountyfair.com. Mary Schley and Elaine Hesser contributed to this week’s column.

Everybody reads The Pine Cone

MENUS

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home,” is having its monthly international potluck on Thursday, Sept. 3, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at East Village Café near the Monterey MST hub. Organizers urge anyone who would like to attend to “bring an autumnal dish that represents your cultural background — homemade or store-bought — and come ready to share traditions, meet new people and reflect together on one simple question: ‘What are you harvesting in your life right now?’” Email hello@globalvillagers.community with questions, and RSVP to tinyurl.com/bd4j9pbv.



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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE YOLK MARKETPLACE, 1757 Soto Street, Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): JENNIFER PAIGE, 1757 Soto Street, 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 7/01/2026.
S/Jennifer Paige
Date signed: July 23, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 23, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 812)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261459

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
CARLOS PLUMBING AND ROOTER, 10603 AXTELL ST K158 CASTROVILLE, CA 95012, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): CARLOS OCHOA GARCIA
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 08/02/2025
S/ CARLOS OCHOA GARCIA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 07/16/2026 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28/26
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MIG'S AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES, 775 Fairfax Dr., Salinas, CA 93901
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ARTISANCAP, 13766 Center Street Suite 210, 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.
NWV Advisory Group LLC, 11835 W. Olympic Blvd. #1155E, Los Angeles CA 90064.
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Heather Scully, Vice President
Date signed: July 23, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 15, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 815)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261549

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
RAISING IRON COMPANY, 1221 Elm, Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): PAUL DELFKE, 1093 Broadway Ave. #567, Seaside, CA 93955.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261544

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
HOLDFAST MAGAZINE, 976 Lighthouse Ave. #E, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): Dayna Brown, 976 Lighthouse Ave. #E, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 31, 2026.
S/Dayna Brown
Date signed: July 31, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 4, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261555

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JL GUERRERO TRUCKING, 1045 Sieber Ave., Salinas, CA 93905.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): Jorge Luis Guerrero
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Jorge L. Guerrero
Date signed: August 4, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 4, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261544

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CARMEL STAGING, 3771 Rio Road #109, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): JUDY TOLLNER, P.O. Box 5477, Carmel, CA 93921.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Judy Tollner
Date signed: July 31, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 4, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261558

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CARDINALI ELECTRIC, 652 San Mateo Place, Salinas, CA 93901
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): John Diego Cardinali
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 4, 2026.
S/John Diego Cardinali
Date signed: August 4, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 4, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MBS BUSINESS SYSTEMS MONTEREY BAY SYSTEMS 325 Victor St., Suite A, Salinas CA, 93907.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.
Monterey Bay Office Products Inc., CA
This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/2/2010.
S/Armando Gonzalez, President
Date signed: August 5, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 5, 2026.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 4:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Commission will visit some or all the project sites in person as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend both the Tour and the Hearing.

This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. To participate via teleconference, use this link: <https://www.google.com/url?q=https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/85075274055?pwd%3DxjGuf1VHPManTYPLVc94aqlwt24Tld.1&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1788017266233947&usg=AOvVaw1Lqab4JRSk6l1mqg3s18HQE> **To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171.** Webinar ID: 850 7527 4055. Passcode: 001916.

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

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City’s website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us> and found by clicking on “Government” and then “Meetings.” The Planning Commission meeting will be broadcast live on the City’s website at <https://carmelbytheseaca.portal.civicclerk.com/> and the City’s YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofCarmelbytheSea> and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Planning Commission meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

DS 26293 (Maurutto)
Adam Jeselnick, Architect
Northeast corner of Mountain View Avenue and Guadalupe Street
Block 84, Lot 24
APN 010-042-009-000
Consideration of a combined Concept and Final Details Design Study, DS 26293 (Maurutto), for the construction of a new 247-square-foot detached garage in the street side setback to replace an existing parking pad located at the northeast corner of Mountain View Avenue and Guadalupe Street in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) and Park (PO) Overlay Districts. APN 010-042-009-000
Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in Section 15300.2 can be made in this case

DS 26040 (Smith & Chi)
Thomas Hood, Architect
Monte Verde Street 2 northwest of 12th Avenue
Block F, Lots 7, 9
APN: 010-184-004-000
Consideration of a combined Concept and Final Detail Design Study, DS 26040 (Smith & Chi), and Coastal Development Permit for 1,025 square-feet of attached additions, a 273-square-foot detached garage, and a 351-square-foot detached ADU at the historic “John L. Hinds House” located at Monte Verde Street 2 northwest of 12th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-184-004-000
Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

UP 26154 (A.W. Shucks)
Karen Basi, Business Owner
Ocean Avenue 3 southwest of San Carlos Street
Block 76, Lot 3, 4
APN: 010-146-017-000
Consideration of Use Permit Amendment, UP 26154 (A.W. Shucks), application in accordance with City Council Resolution No. 2026-023 amending UP 93-45, updating the ancillary use from limited food service to full line restaurant as an ancillary use greater than 10% located at Ocean Avenue 3 southwest of San Carlos Street in the Central Commercial (CC) zoning district. APN 010-146-017-000
Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

DS 26174 (Novy)
Adam Jeselnick, Architect
Mission Street 2 northwest of Santa Lucia Avenue
Block 142, Lot 27
APN: 010-162-029-000
Consideration of a combined Concept and Final Detail Design Study, DS 26174 (Novy), and Coastal Development Permit for 324 square-feet of additions including the enclosure of the front porch, storage, and expansion of the second story into the existing enclosed portion of the residence located at Mission Street 2 northwest of Santa Lucia Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-162-029-000
Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

DS 24325 (A&C Properties)
Terry Latasa, Architect
2nd Avenue 2 northwest of Lincoln Avenue
Block: 8.5; Lot: 1 & 2
APN: 009-122-008-000
Consideration of a Track 1 Design Study Referral and Coastal Development Permit for conversion of a carport, site alterations, and a determination of setbacks located at 2nd Avenue 2 northwest of Lincoln Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District, Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay District, and Beach and Riparian (BR) Overlay District. APN 009-122-008.
Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines.

DS 26085 (Stone)
Harlan Bradley, Agent
Northeast corner of Camino Real and 4th Avenue
Block: LL; Lots: 1, 2, 3
APN: 010-232-038-000
Consideration of a Concept Design Study, DS 26085 (Stone), for the demolition of an existing 2,462-square-foot single-family residence inclusive of a 443-square-foot attached garage, and the construction of a new 2,588-square-foot single-family dwelling inclusive of a 443-square-foot attached garage located at the northeast corner of Camino Real and 4th Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District, Beach and Riparian (BR) Overlay District, and Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay District. APN: 010-232-038-000
Proposed CEQA Action: Find the consideration of a Concept Review is not a project under CEQA as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Brandon Swanson, Interim Director of Community Planning & Building

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Loan No.: 22434536 Order No. 2781333CAD APN: 012-453-066-000 Property Address: 1031 Highlander Dr. Seaside, CA 93955 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 4/12/2007. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceeding Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, cashier’s check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier’s check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. No cashier’s checks older than 60 days from the day of sale will be accepted. Trustor: Gary E. Moreali, An Unmarried Man Duly Appointed Trustee: Total Lender Solutions, Inc. Recorded 5/2/2007 as Instrument No. 2007035673 in book N/A, page N/A of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, Date of Sale: 9/15/2026 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: main entrance County Administration Building, 168 West Alisal Street, Salinas, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$75,057.06 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1031 Highlander Dr. Seaside, CA 93955 Legal Description: Please See Attached Exhibit “A” The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee’s sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee’s deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at <https://www.federal-register.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_5 Date: 8/13/2026 Total Lender Solutions, Inc. 10505 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 125 San Diego, CA 92121 Phone: 866-535-3736 Sale Line: (877) 440-4460 By: Diana Rivera, Authorized Signatory Exhibit “A” Legal Description All That Certain Property Situated In The County Of Monterey, And State Of California, Being Described As Follows: Parcel I: Lot 97 As Shown Upon That Certain Map Entitled, “Tract No. 1046, Seaside Heights”, Which Map Was Filed For Record In The Office Of The Recorder Of The County Of Monterey, State Of California In Volume 16 Of “Cities And Towns”, At Page 9. Parcel II: A Non-Exclusive Easement For The Use And Enjoyment Over And Across Common Area Parcel A And Ingress, Egress, Road And Utility Purposes Over And Across All Those Private Streets As Shown Upon That Certain Map Entitled, “Tract 1046, Seaside Highlands”, Which Map Was Filed For Record In The Office Of The County Recorder Of The County Of Monterey, State Of California On December 5, 1986 In Volume 16 Of “Cities And Towns”, At Page 9. Parcel III: An Easement For Party Wall Purposes And For Roof Overhang And Maintenance As Provided For In Article 11, Section 3 Of The Declaration Of Restrictions Recorded December 5, 1986 In Reel 2033 Of Official Records Of Monterey County At Page 660.

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MUSIC

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Live music, Aug. 28-Sept. 3

■ Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — **The Landing Trio** (Americana, Sunday at noon), singer and guitarist **Victor Veysey** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.
Fernwood Resort — **The Blank Tapes** ('60s and '70s rock, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.
Henry Miller Library — singer and guitarist **Stephen Malkmus** of Pavement (rock, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.). 48603 Highway 1.

■ Carmel

Carmel Mission Inn — **Open Mic Night** (Wednesday at 5 p.m.). 3665 Rio Road.
Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer **Dino Vera** (jazz,

Links Club — **Soultry** (country, Saturday at 6 p.m.). In **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 — **Memory Lane** (pop and rock, Saturday at 3 p.m.). 204 Crossroads Blvd.

■ Carmel Valley

Baja Cantina — **Scarlet** (pop and rock, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 7166 Carmel Valley Road.
Bernardus Lodge — guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Saturday at noon), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.
Edgar's — singer and guitarist **Kip Allert** (Friday at 5:30 p.m.). At **Quail Lodge**, 8205 Valley Greens Drive.
Folktale Winery — **Magenta Spreen** (folk, Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch**

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A reggae band from New Zealand featuring an all-Māori lineup of musicians, Katchafire plays Thursday at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

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.
Cypress Inn — singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, R&B and 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.



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CALENDAR

Aug. 29 – Leonoff Art Glass Gallery Reopening Celebration & Live Glass Blowing Demonstration 4-7 p.m. Live Glass Blowing Demonstration: 5-6 p.m. 13766 Center Street, #G3, Carmel Valley Village. 831-241-1046

Aug. 29 – Annual open house presented by the Carmel Foundation 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., SE corner of Eighth and Lincoln, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Explore the campus, new Wellness Center, try out programs and classes, and stay for free tacos and treats. Line dancing is set for 1 to 2 p.m. Event is open to all. To learn more, visit carmelfoundation.org or call (831) 624-1588.

Sept. 6 – St. Mary's Celtic Concerts welcomes back San Miguel Fraser! Galen Fraser and María San Miguel bring an exhilarating fusion of Celtic and Spanish traditions, featuring fiery fiddling, vocals and infectious energy. Celebrate Labor Day weekend with this unforgettable performance. Doors open at 2:30 p.m., with Bistro service available. Tickets on sale now!

Sept. 9 – Got home equity? Curious about HELOCs and reverse mortgages? A free seminar for homeowners age 55+ is set for 10:30 a.m. at the Carmel Foundation, Eighth and Lincoln, Carmel. High Tech Lending presents this to Carmel Foundation members. Non-members can attend as guests but must register at (831) 624-1588.

Oct. 11 – Don't miss the free fun 181st Wharf Birthday Party at Old Fisherman's Wharf from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy a great performance by The Money Band, free birthday cake, face painting, Wharf Walks, meet Monterey Fire and Police representatives, tour and view the historic General Pershing boat, take photos with costumed strolling sea creatures, and much more! www.montereywharf.com

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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.

Saturdays – Soulful blues with Debbie Davis and Gennady, 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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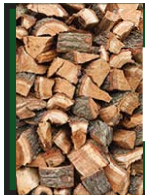
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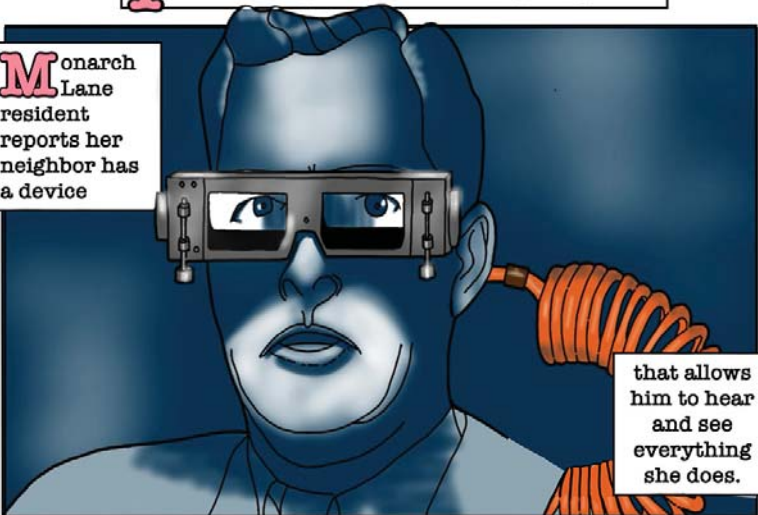
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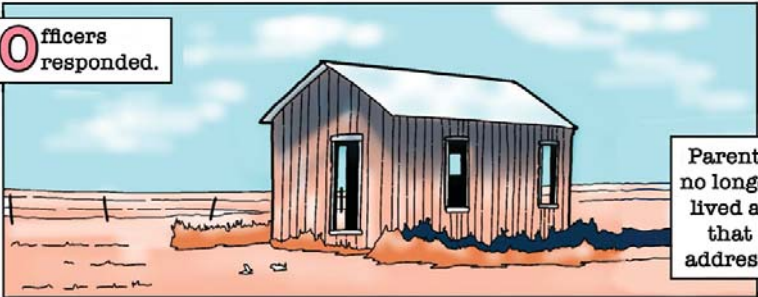
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Resident later reported his neighbor was in route to kill his parents.



Officers responded. Parents no longer lived at that address.

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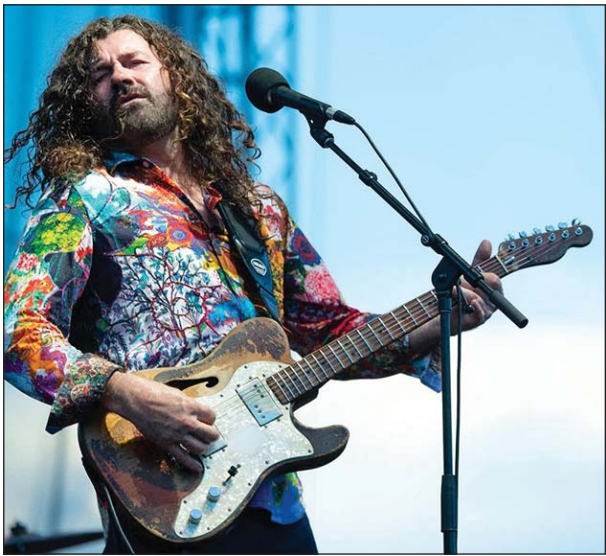
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(Saturday at 4 p.m.), **Monterey Jazz Regional All-Star Combos** (Sunday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Monday at 4 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Trailside Cafe — Patti Gilbert & the Wanderlust (acoustic rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

■ Monterey

Albatross Ridge Winery — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Friday at 6 p.m.),



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Custom House Plaza — The 25th Annual Monterey Turkish Arts & Culture Festival features live music (Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.). 20 Custom House Plaza.

Hyatt Regency Monterey — singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Saturday at 7 p.m.). 1 Old 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.

Midici Pizza — singer **Akina Miyata** and guitarist **Sam Nilsson** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl-Astrup** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel — pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Friday and Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Monday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

Monterey United Methodist Church — **Charlie Torch** (a bluegrass

band, Saturday at 3 p.m.). Tickets are \$35 for general admission, kids 14 and under get in for free. 1 Soledad Drive, otteropry.org.

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

Puma Road at Portola Place — singer and guitarist **Nick DiSalvo** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Blaise DiGirolamo** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Recycled Records — Terceira (electronic, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 604 Lighthouse Ave.

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

Sly McFly’s — The Hackjammers (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Blanks** (pop and rock, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.), **The Rod Wilson Band** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

■ Pacific Grove

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

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

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Syndicate (Saturday at 2 p.m.), **Silver Train** (blues, rock and funk, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

PG’s Meetinghouse — The Chuck Brewer Band (rock and blues, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **Open Mic** (Monday at 6 p.m., sign-ups start at 5:30 p.m.), **Tribe in the Sky** (“sign up to play or simply enjoy amazing musicians jam,” Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Pop & Hiss — Wildfire (folk, Friday at 7 p.m.), **The Vincenzos** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.), **Sweet Thursday** (Dixieland jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.). 215 Forest Ave.

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

■ Pebble Beach

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

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

■ Seaside

Deja Blue — The MIXX (jazz and r&b, Sunday at 4 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

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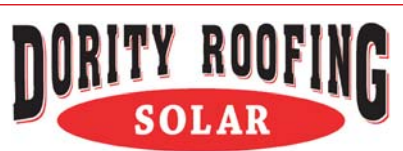
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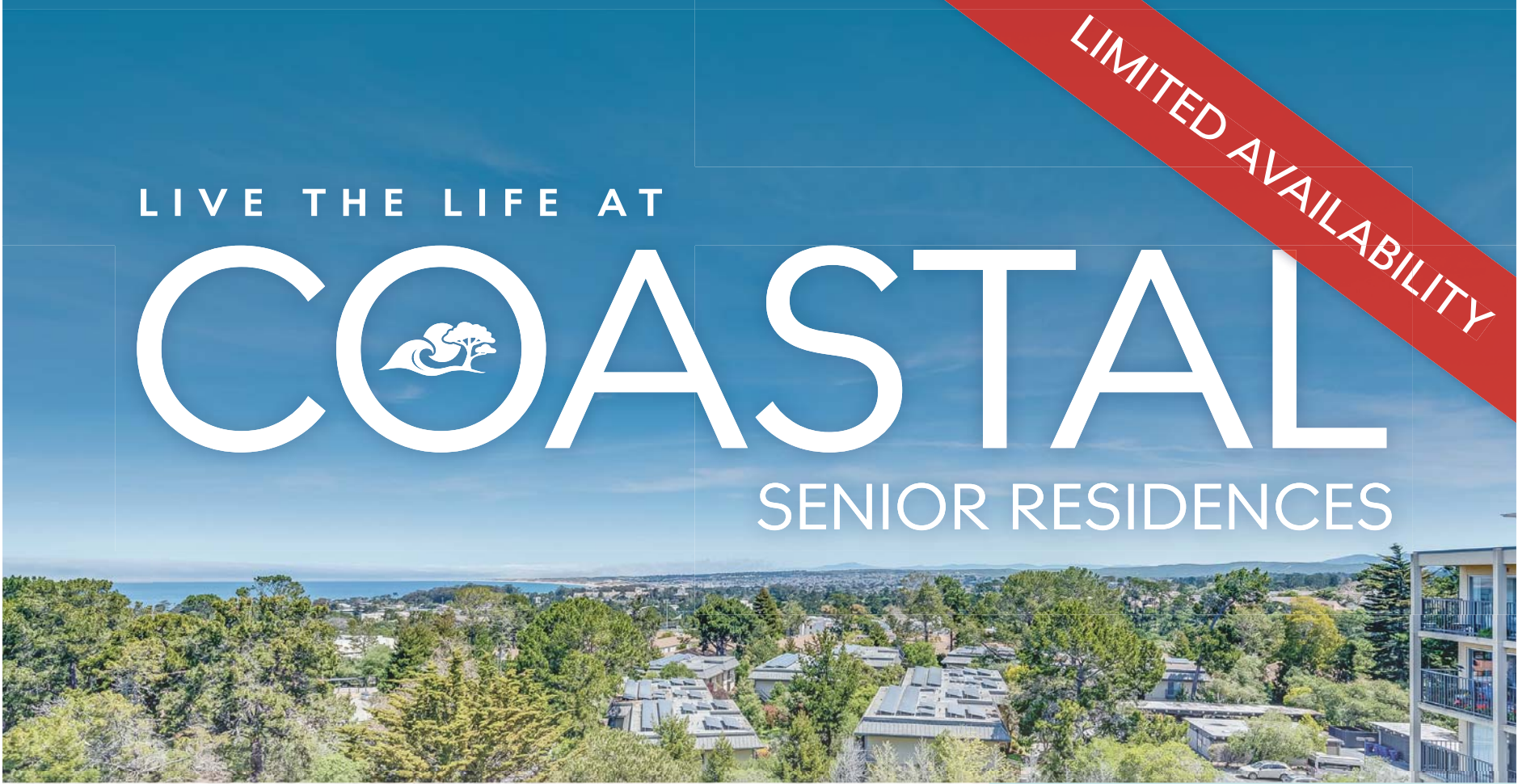
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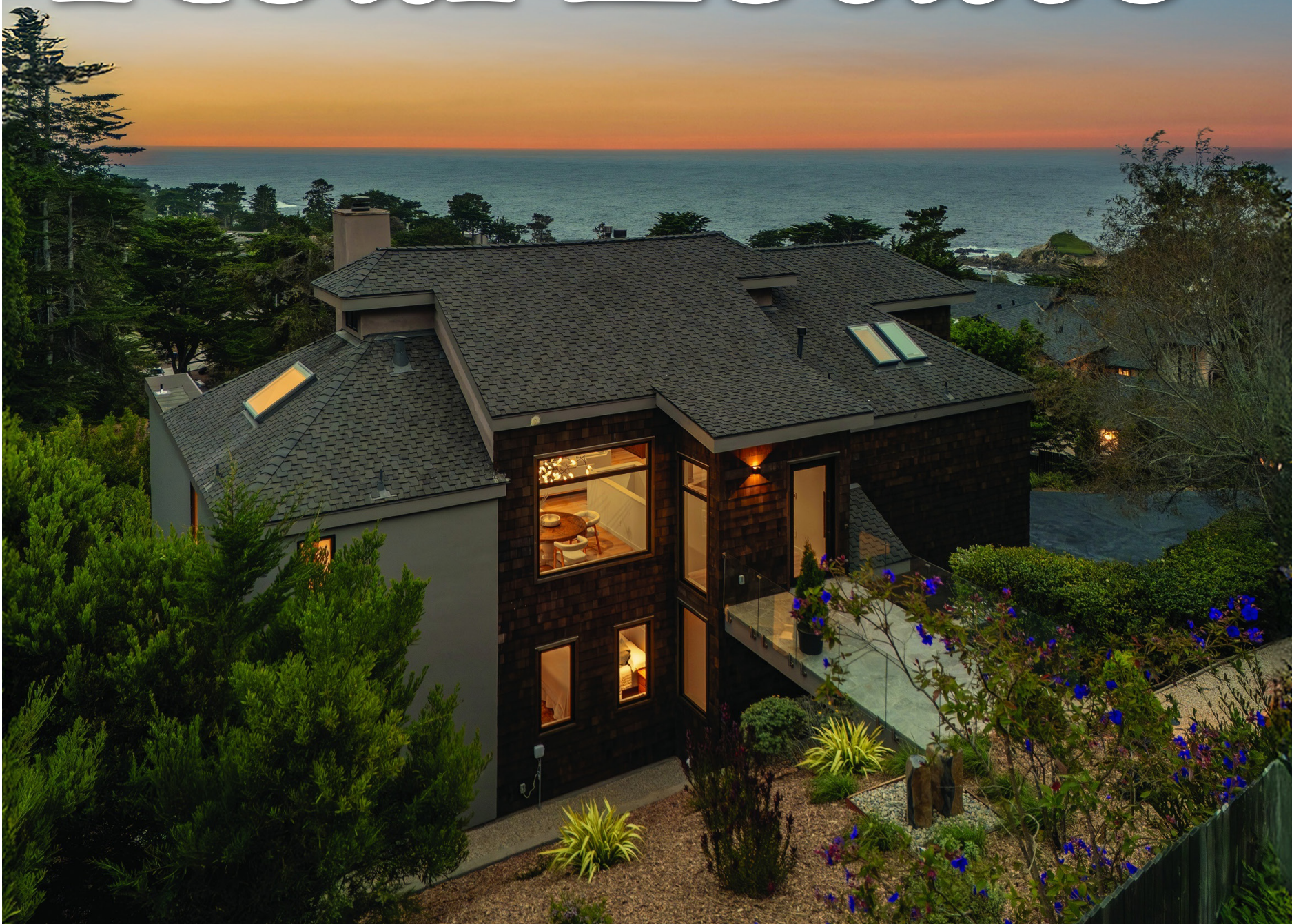


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MODERN MEDICAL technology is wonderful. There's no question in my mind that advances in medicine are the reason I've lived longer than anyone else in my immediate family. Of course, this is all speculation on my part, but because of modern medicine, I am the one in four patients who survived sepsis at an advanced age. These

speculative thoughts bounced around my curious mind during a routine visit to the charming nurse practitioner who specializes in electrophysiology. She's the person on the receiving end of the quarterly transmissions I make with the MyCareLink Monitor, which tells her how my pacemaker is performing.

She told me my average heart rate was five beats per minute below what it should be. Her fingers danced on an iPad-like device she was holding. “There. Now, it’s normal,” she said. I didn’t feel any magical boost in energy, nor any electrical charge in my chest. What I did feel was the plot of a crime novel, where an evil electrophysiologist murders people by lowering a victim’s heart rate to fatal levels, then, after they die, raises the levels back to normal

By JERRY GERVASE

to cover her crime. I don't even know if such shenanigans are possible, but it did make my pacemaker skip a beat.

Then she asked if there's a time of day when I feel I've hit a wall — run out of energy. Six or seven years ago, I might have answered “no.” But now I realize that often, somewhere around the middle of the afternoon, even if I haven't done anything strenuous, I poop out. In these instances, without a physician's consent, I've self-medicated by taking a nap. Not a long one. Mostly 10 to 15 minutes, then — shazam! — I'm ready to take off like a rocket, or at least like a man who's just remembered where he left the TV remote.

Taking it easy

I'm not sure when naps became part of my afternoon schedule — probably around the time my days no longer included the necessity of scheduling anything, also known as retirement age. I've now been retired for more than half the years I spent working hard at a variety of jobs, although there are some Simon Legree-type bosses out there who would disagree about how hard I worked. But that's the point. Naps are my way of sticking it to the man — even if the man is just my own internal taskmaster, who still thinks I should be folding laundry instead of reclining in my chair like a sultan on a lazy afternoon.

Snoozing is scientific. According to the Van Winkle Academy of Somnambulism, naps increase creativity by 30% — or at least that's what I tell myself when I wake up with a sudden urge to alphabetize my spice rack. (How can one accumulate so much cumin? I don't even know what

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GERVASE

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cumin does, but I’m pretty sure it’s judging me from the back of the cabinet.)

Also, napping must take place on a couch or in an easy chair. Never in a bed. A nap is a sample of sleep. A bed can stretch the perfect 15- to 20-minute nap into something

that will leave you wide awake at 2 a.m., wondering why you didn’t invest in Bitcoin back when it was just a glint in some nerd’s eye or spring for a few shares of Apple back in 1987.

Many people (obviously I am not one of them) won’t admit to taking naps because of some misguided social stigma. I don’t understand why naps are socially acceptable for toddlers and cats, but the moment a human hits adulthood, they’re suddenly controversial. Yet, at my age,

naps are one of life’s few remaining perks — like senior discounts or the freedom to ignore unsolicited advice. They’re a luxury and a biological necessity, like caviar or Wi-Fi. And sometimes, they’re a reset button. I was this close to yelling at my customer service rep, Chad in Sri Lanka, until I napped and woke up refreshed, asking him for his seafood curry recipe with coconut milk.

The best part? Naps are tailored to me as an individual. They haven’t been monetized — no Napflix out there demanding \$12.99 a month (\$16.99 for ad-free snoozing). I don’t need a password with at least one capital letter and a character like @ or #. The only characters I need are zzzzzzz. And if you ask me, my pacemaker’s real purpose is to line up with my nap schedule. They should be in sync. The real reason my heart rate was slow? My body was just begging for a nap, and my pacemaker, being the team player it is, decided to slow things down to give me a hint.

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POLICE LOG

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FRIDAY, AUG. 7

- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Dog vs. raccoon incident on Dolores Street.
- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fall on city property at Ocean Avenue and San Carlos Street.
- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vehicle towed at Dolores Street and Fourth Avenue.
- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Found package at Mission Street and Fifth Avenue was returned to the owner.
- Pacific Grove:** No calls to report.
- Carmel Valley:** Juvenile issue on Nason Road.
- Carmel Valley:** Juvenile issue on Upper Circle.
- Carmel area:** Theft reported on Highway 1.
- Pebble Beach:** Fraud report on Lisbon Lane.
- Carmel Valley:** Fraud report on Quail Canyon Lane.
- Big Sur:** Property report on Highway 1.
- Carmel Valley:** Property report at the Crossroads shopping center.
- Carmel Valley:** Property report on Hidden Hills Road.
- Carmel area:** Property report on Rotunda Drive.
- Carmel Valley:** Fraud report on Schulte Road.
- Carmel Valley:** Information report on Cachagua Road.

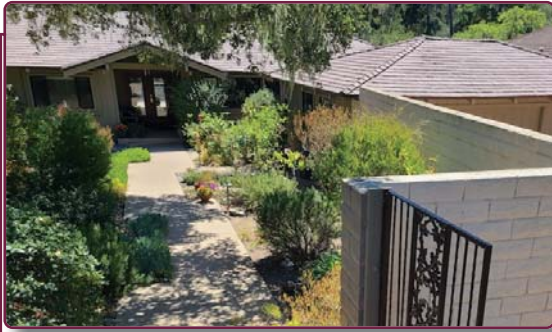
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- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Juvenile issue at San Carlos Street and 11th Avenue.

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reckless driving reported at Ocean Avenue and Mission Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed as a road hazard at Junipero Street and Eighth Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run reported at Sixth Avenue and San Carlos Street. No suspect information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject at Ocean Avenue and Santa Fe Street was unable to recall the events of the evening and was transported to the hospital.

Pacific Grove: Subject placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold on Laurel Avenue.

The Monterey County Sheriff’s Office had no incidents to report on the Monterey Peninsula.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9

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

Pacific Grove: Subject found to have two active misdemeanor warrants at Ocean View Boulevard and Asilomar Avenue. The 19-year-old male was cited and released at the scene.

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

Pacific Grove: Animal incident causing injury reported at Lighthouse Avenue and Cedar Street. The subject denied medical care.

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

Pacific Grove: A report of fraud on Bungalow Court.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 1739 hours, a female was placed on a 5150 mental health hold pursuant to 5150 W&I for being unable to care for herself. The female was transported by ambulance to CHOMP for further medical evaluation.

The Monterey County Sheriff’s Office had no incidents to report on the Monterey Peninsula.

MONDAY, AUG. 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Civil matter involving a big rig high-centered at Santa Lucia Avenue and Dolores Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 22-year-old Hollister woman was arrested at Carpenter Street and Ocean Avenue for probation violation and driving under the influence while on probation with a blood-alcohol content over 0.01%. She was cited and released.

Pacific Grove: A 43-year-old male was arrested for public

intoxication on 17th Street.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 1130 hours, officers were dispatched to the 2800 block of Forest Hill Boulevard for a report of a possible verbal domestic dispute. During the investigation, it was determined that the female was drunk in public and was unable to care for herself. The 56-year-old female was arrested for being drunk in public and was transported to the Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 1100 hours, false im-

prisonment and sexual battery incident occurred near the 100 block of Country Club Gate Circle. The victim reported that a male store worker locked the door of the business with her inside and touched/groped her on several occasions. The suspect has not been arrested nor contacted.

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

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\$549,000	1bd 1ba	Sa 11-1
300 Glenwood Circle, #258 Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Monterey		915-0265
\$1,199,500	3bd 3ba	Sa 12-3 Su 12-2
1180 Salinas Highway The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		
Monterey		620-2243
\$1,242,700	2bd 2ba	Sa Su 11-3
537 Larkin Street Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Monterey		915-6391 / 318-3808
\$1,675,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 1-3 Su 12-2
129 Littlefield Road Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Monterey		238-7559 / 601-4934
\$1,755,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 12:30-2:30
113 Littlefield Rd The Jones Group		
Monterey		917-4534
\$1,950,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa 11-1
2110 Messina Place Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Monterey		293-3668
\$2,377,000	5bd 2.5ba	Sa 10-2
202 Watson Street Compass		
Monterey		601-0351

PACIFIC GROVE		
\$849,000	1bd 1ba	Sa 1:30-3:30
418 Fountain Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Pacific Grove		869-6117
\$1,029,000	2bd 1ba	Sa 3-5 Su 11:30-1:30
306 9th Street Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Pacific Grove		238-8688
\$1,188,000	2bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
226 Walnut Street Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Pacific Grove		402-2017
\$1,349,000	2bd 1ba	Sa 2-4 Su 12-4
315 Cypress Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Pacific Grove		238-8116 / 510-589-6892
\$1,450,000	4bd 2ba	Sa 12-2
514 7th St Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Pacific Grove		917-1631
\$1,495,000	2bd 2ba	Fr 2-4 Sa 11-1
801 Junipero Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Pacific Grove		869-6117
\$1,850,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa 11-1 Su 10-12
917 Fountain Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Pacific Grove		318-3808
\$2,195,000	5bd 4ba	Sa 1-5
114 Carmel Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Pacific Grove		521-0680 / 917-1631
\$2,250,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 12-2
441 Pine Street Carmel Realty		
Pacific Grove		915-8153
\$2,295,000	4bd 4ba	Sa 1-4 Su 2-4
135 5th Street Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Pacific Grove		333-6060 / 917-9886
\$3,129,000	3bd 4ba	Sa Su 1-3
111 12th St Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Pacific Grove		620-2936 / 238-8029

PEBBLE BEACH		
\$899,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
80 Ocean Pines Lane Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Pebble Beach		277-8622
\$900,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 2-4
21 Shepherds Knoll Compass		
Pebble Beach		236-5290
\$1,595,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 12-3, 6-8 Su 12-3
41 Shepherds Knoll Carmel Realty		
Pebble Beach		241-1434
\$1,995,000	3bd 2ba	Su 12-3
3017 Forest Way Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Pebble Beach		277-9250
\$2,398,000	4bd 2ba	Sa 1-4
3113 Sloat Road Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Pebble Beach		510-589-6892
\$2,399,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 12-2
2907 Colton Road Compass		
Pebble Beach		915-0653
\$2,898,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
3029 Forest Way Carmel Realty		
Pebble Beach		277-5544
\$3,150,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa 2-4 Su 1-3
1068 The Old Dr Compass		
Pebble Beach		238-1380
\$3,495,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa 1-3
3100 Flavin Lane Carmel Realty		
Pebble Beach		392-7480
\$7,920,000	4bd 3.5ba	Sa 11-1, 2-4 Su 11-3
3978 Ronda Road Compass		
Pebble Beach		236-5290



\$8,995,000	5bd 5.5ba	Sa 12-3 Su 1-3
3159 Stevenson Drive Carmel Realty		
Pebble Beach		521-4855
\$9,995,000	5bd 6.5ba	Sa 2-4
21 Poppy Ln Coldwell Banker Realty		
Pebble Beach		356-8123



\$10,000,000	4bd 5+ba	Sa 11-2
1237 Sombria Lane Carmel Realty		
Pebble Beach		297-3890

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SALINAS		
\$829,000	4bd 2ba	Fr 4-6 Sa Su 10-12
69 Geil St The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		
Salinas		867-1188
\$875,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 12-2
17755 Riverbend Road Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Salinas		915-8989
\$995,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 11-2 Su 2-4
118 San Miguel Avenue Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Salinas		601-5355
\$1,299,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 12-2:30
14390 Mountain Quail Road Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Salinas		236-7251
\$1,399,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 10:30-12:30
77 Laureles Grade Carmel Realty		
Salinas		206-9969

SEASIDE		
\$849,000	2bd 1ba	Su 2-4
1494 Darwin Street Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Seaside		760-5126
\$849,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 12-2
1841 Judson St Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Seaside		236-4663
\$1,329,000	3bd 2.5ba	Fr 4-6 Sa Su 10-3
4305 Peninsula Point Dr The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		
Seaside		277-8712
\$1,399,995	5bd 3.5ba	Sa 10-12
4890 Peninsula Point Drive Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Seaside		318-3808
\$1,525,000	6bd 3ba	Sa 11-3 Su 2-4
4120 Peninsula Point Dr Coldwell Banker Realty		
Seaside		884-3919

WATSONVILLE		
\$1,900,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 1-4
141 Cutter Dr Sotheby's Int'l RE		
Watsonville		840-5582

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From page 9RE

Pacific Grove: A report of a lost firearm on Crocker Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Property turned in to the police station for destruction. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle repossession at Hawthorne Street and Lighthouse Avenue. Information only.

The Monterey County Sheriff’s Office had no incidents to report on the Monterey Peninsula.

TUESDAY, AUG. 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Seven vehicles were towed from temporary tow-away zones between 0002 and 1221 hours. Locations included Lincoln Street and Seventh Avenue, San Carlos Street and Seventh Avenue, Junipero Street and Seventh Avenue, and Seventh Avenue and Lincoln Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed for registration expired more than six months at Seventh Avenue and Mission Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found watch at the Del Mar parking lot.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found identification card at Junipero Street and Fourth Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A 37-year-old male on Sunset Drive was found to have two active warrants. He was cited and released at the scene.

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

Pacific Grove: At approximately 1700 hours, officers were dispatched near the 200 block of Country Club Gate Center for a report of a suicidal subject. Officers contacted a juvenile who made suicidal statements and had suicidal ideations. The juvenile was placed on a mental health hold and transported to CHOMP.

Pacific Grove: Subject on David Avenue was placed on a mental health hold and transported to CHOMP.

Seaside: At approximately 0153 hours, officers responded to a rollover vehicle collision near Walgreens. The driver reportedly fell asleep after work, veered off the roadway and struck a guide wire supporting a telephone pole. A female passenger sustained lacerations to her hand and was treated for her injuries. The collision also disrupted power service throughout portions of the city. Officers, emergency personnel, and a tow operator worked for approximately two hours to safely remove the vehicle. At one point, officers assisted in moving the vehicle to help clear the area.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261563
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
111 HOME REPAIR, 905 Kimball Ave., Spc. #17, Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): Ramon Meza
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7/01/2026.
S/Ramon Meza
Date signed: August 5, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 5, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 2026 (PC 825)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261541
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
HOWDY HONEY, 7156 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.
The Abalone League LLC, 11 Via Contenta No. 64, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Sarah Hendrix, Manager
Date signed: July 31, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 31, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 2026 (PC 827)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261567
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SPOTLESS BAY CLEANING SERVICES, LLL, 1115 5th St. #3, Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.
Spotless Bay Cleaning Services, LLC, 1115 5th St. #3, Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 13, 2026.
S/Ghimela Daniels, Manager
Date signed: August 6, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 6, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 2026 (PC 828)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261202
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MIND AND MOVEMENT PHYSICAL THERAPY, 22637 Equipoise Rd., Monterey, CA. 28037.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): Preston Jung Kunwar, 22637 Equipoise Rd., Monterey, CA 28037.
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/Preston J. Kunwar
Date signed: June 8, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on June 8, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 2026 (PC 829)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261487
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Tom Compagno Construction Inc, 19225 Reavis Way, Salinas, CA 93907 County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): Tom Compagno Construction Inc, 19225 Reavis Way, Salinas, CA 93907
This business is conducted by a Corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
Tom Compagno Construction Inc
S/ Gaetano Tom Compagno, CEO, CFO, Secretary
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 07/22/2026.
8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11/26
CNS-4069293#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2026 (PC 832)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261560
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Minds and Milestones, 158 Echo Valley Rd, Salinas, CA 93907
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s): Chelsea Joy de Goede, 158 Echo Valley Rd, Salinas, CA 93907
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/ Chelsea de Goede,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 08/05/2026.
8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11/26
CNS-4069985#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2026 (PC 833)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261553
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JKENWORTHY CHIROPRACTIC, 3785 Via Nana Marie Suite 314B, Carmel, CA 9323.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): Jeanette Elizabeth Kenworthy, 273 W. Carmel Valley Rd., Unit A, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Jeanette Elizaeth Kenworthy
Date signed: August 4, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 4, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 2026 (PC 834)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261601
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CRUST FRESH SOURDOUGH DELI, CRUST DELI, 2754 Sand Dune Avenue, Ste 20, Marina, CA 93933.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.
CP Marina Restaurant Group, 760 E. Tasman Dr., Milpitas, CA 95035.

This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 13, 2026.
S/Timothy Leung, President
Date signed: August 13, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on August 13, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2026 (PC 835)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 26CV004482
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, JEANETTE MONCADA ERIKSSON, aka JEANETTE KRISTIN GUTIERREZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name: JEANETTE MONCADA ERIKSSON, aka JEANETTE KRISTIN GUTIERREZ
Proposed name: JEANETTE MONCADA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Oct. 13, 2026
TIME: 10:02 a.m.
DEPT: 14
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
Date filed: Aug. 14, 2026
(s) Ian A. Rivamonte
Judge of the Superior Court
Publication Dates: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2026. (PC 836)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 20261603
Filing type: ABANDONMENT
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: Jan. 3, 2025
File No.: 20250010
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **THE PLANTIST, 627 Ambrose Drive, Salinas, California 93901.**
Registered Owner(s): JEANETTE MONCADA ERIKSSON, 627

Ambrose Drive, Salinas, California 93901.
This business is conducted by an individual.
S/Jeanette Moncada Eriksson
Aug. 13, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 13, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2026. (PC837).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261594
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MUSES AND RUSES, 3017 Eddy Street, Marina, CA 93933.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): MARIAH TRINITY.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Mariah Trinity
Date signed: Aug. 11, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 11, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2026 (PC 838)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 26CV003172
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, MARIA ESTRELLA ZARATE-PACHECO, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name: MARIA ESTRELLA ZARATE-PACHECO
Proposed name: ESTRELLA ZARATE-PACHECO

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Sept. 29, 2026
TIME: 10:01 a.m.
DEPT: 15
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
Date filed: July 24, 2026
(s) Ian A. Rivamonte
Judge of the Superior Court
Publication Dates: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2026. (PC840).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261540
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JIMENECO, 61 White St., Watsonville, CA 95076.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): ALFREDO A. JIMENEZ.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 30, 2026.
S/Alfredo A. Jimenez
Date signed: July 31, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 31, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 2026 (PC 845)

SUMMONS – NOTICE TO Defendant
CASE NUMBER: 26CV001622

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: **ADAM ZERMENO**
You are being sued.
PETITIONER’S NAME IS: **APEX ADJUSTING GROUP, LLC**

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court’s lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **¡AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY MONTEREY
1200 Aguajito Road
Monterey, CA 93940
The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner’s attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:
JAMES C. HANN, ESQ. #215778 HANN LAW FIRM
84 W. Santa Clara St., Ste. 570, (408) 755-9793
San Jose, CA 95113
Date: March 26, 2026
(s) Christopher Hirt, Deputy

This summons was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 26, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 2026. (PC 831)

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST T.S. No.: 26-0142 Loan No.: PETIT Other: 2820871 CAD APN: 007-311-006-000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/25/2025. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that Law Offices of Richard G. Witkin APC, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee, or as agent for the trustee, pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by DEBORAH JEANNE PETIT, TRUSTEE, OR HER SUCCESSOR IN TRUST, OF THE SURVIVORS TRUST ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PETIT FAMILY TRUST DATED JANUARY 22, 1991, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED DECEMBER 20, 2023, was the original trustor, DEBORAH JEANNE PETIT, TRUSTEE, OR HER SUCCESSOR IN TRUST, OF THE FAMILY TRUST ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PETIT FAMILY TRUST DATED JANUARY 22, 1991 AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, as Guarantor recorded 05/01/2025 as Instrument No. 2025014004 in Book N.A., Page N.A. of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of MONTEREY County, State of California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 05/18/2026, as Instrument No. 2026016653 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 09/22/2026 at 10:00 AM At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901 AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), 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 hereinafter described: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust, The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1022 Ocean Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$646,211.86* *The actual opening bid may be more or less than this amount. 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If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Website WWW.NATIONWIDEPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 26-0142. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an “eligible tenant buyer,” you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an “eligible bidder,” you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website WWW.NATIONWIDEPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case, 26-0142 to find the date on which the trustee’s sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee’s sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee’s sale. If you think you may qualify as an “eligible tenant buyer” or “eligible bidder,” you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION AND STATUS 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, GO TO: WWW.NATIONWIDEPOSTING.COM OR CALL (916) 939-0772. 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(3) If, prior to the issuance of the TDUS, the trustee shall become aware of any deficiency in the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure sale, then, after consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may decline to issue the TDUS and return the bidder’s funds, without interest. If, subsequent to the issuances of the TDUS, the trustee shall become aware of any deficiency in the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure sale, then, after consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may rescind the TDUS pursuant to Civil Code Section 1058.5(b) and return the bidder’s funds, without interest. 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LOG

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12

Pacific Grove: Vehicle damaged by a fallen city tree on Caledonia Street.

Pacific Grove: A subject was reported missing on Forest Hill but was located shortly thereafter by police.

Pacific Grove: Parking complaint on Seventh Street involving a vehicle with registration expired more than six months.

Pacific Grove: Found property on Second Street.

Pacific Grove: Found property on Ocean View Boulevard.

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

Pacific Grove: Theft of city property on Lighthouse Avenue.

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

THURSDAY, AUG. 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two vehicles were towed from temporary tow-away zones, one at Dolores Street and Seventh Avenue at 0812 hours and one at San Carlos Street and Eighth Avenue at 1424 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: An unknown male was seen putting tape over a camera on private property at Monte Verde Street and Ninth Avenue. An inventory of the property was conducted, and nothing appeared missing or tampered with.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run reported at Casanova Street and Sixth . No suspect information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from a bus zone at Junipero Street and Ocean Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle parked causing a hazard at San Carlos Street and Eighth Avenue was towed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A traffic stop was conducted on a modified 2008 BMW M3 at Junipero Street and Sixth Avenue for a cracked windshield, loud muffler and fictitious registration. The vehicle was on non-operation status. A 32-year-old Tracy man was released from the scene with a criminal citation for false registration, and his vehicle was stored.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on private property at San Carlos Street and Sixth Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed for expired registration on Syda Drive.

Pacific Grove: Medical call regarding a child on Seaview Avenue. Information report taken.

Pacific Grove: Report of stolen personal property at Country Club Gate Center.



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Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ELIZABETH'S HOUSE CLEANING, 509 Green St., Apt. B, Salinas, CA 93905.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): MAGDALENA ELIZABETH GERONIMO MATEO.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Magdalena Elizabeth Geronimo Mateo
Date signed: July 24, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 24, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 801)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261530
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PRONTO INCOME TAX SERVICES, 600 E. Market St., Ste. #100, Salinas, CA 93905.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): FERNANDO ANTONIO SAMAYOA MEDINA.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 29, 2026.
S/Fernando Antonio Samayoa Medina
Date signed: July 29, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 29, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 804)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261531
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
VALLEY AG MANAGEMENT, 635 S. Sanborn PL Suite #2, Salinas, CA 93902.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): CHRIS B. BURNETT, P.O. Box 443, Salinas, CA 93902.
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on NA.
S/Chris Burnett
Date signed: July 30, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 30, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 808)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261538
Filing type: NEW FILING with changes from previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
FOXY COUTURE CARMEL FOX COUTURE San Carlos St 2 SW 5th Avenue, Carmel, CA 93921.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as show in the

Articles of Inc./Org./Reg. FOXY COUTURE CARMEL LLC, 25496 Carmel Knolls Drive, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

listed above on 4/7/2026. S/Elsa Susan Galvin, CEO
Date signed: July 31, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 29, 2026. Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 811)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261522
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
DON OLE, 219 3rd St., Greenfield, CA 93927.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): OLEGARIO LOPEZ MERINO, P.O. Box 2329, Greenfield, California 93927. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 29, 2026.
S/Olegario Lopez Merino
Date signed: July 29, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 29, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261530
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
TD ELECTRIC, 23026 Espada Dr., Salinas, CA 93908.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): ANTONIO KASANO DIGIROLAMO, 23026 Espada Dr., Salinas, CA 93908. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Antonio K. Digirolamo
Date signed: July 30, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 30, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 805)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261521
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
TRESANA, 1491 CYPRESS DR UNIT 827, PEBBLE BEACH, CA 93953, County of MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): COFFEE SHOP LABS LLC, 3102 BIRD ROCK RD., PEBBLE BEACH, CA
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/ TREVOR HAWKINS, MANAGING MEMBER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 07/23/2026 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28/26
CNS-4066713# CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 809)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261521
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SHARK CRETE CONSTRUCTION, 1014 El Camino Real N, Salinas, CA 93907.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s): JOVANNY LUIS MAGANA
This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/18/2026.
S/Jovanny Luis Magana
Date signed: July 30, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 29, 2026.
Publication Dates: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 (PC 810)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission and Historic Resources Board of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 4:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible. Immediately prior to the Public Hearing, the Commission will visit some or all the project sites in person as part of a Tour of Inspection. Interested members of the public are invited to attend both the Tour and the Hearing.

This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. To participate via teleconference, use this link: <https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/82435240551?pwd=sK7u6o4gaeMsY3E76EnAc5Pbyra5xG.1> **To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171.** Webinar ID: 824 3524 0551. Passcode: 001916.

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

The staff report and relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City’s website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us> and found by clicking on “Government” and then “Meetings.” The Planning Commission meeting will be broadcast live on the City’s website at <https://carmelbytheseaca.portal.civicclerk.com/> and the City’s YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofCarmelbytheSea> and archived there after the meeting. For more information regarding Planning Commission meetings, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

MP 26218 (Harrison Memorial Library)
Christopher Hamilton, Architect
Northeast corner of Lincoln Street and Ocean Avenue
Block 72, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10
APN 010-139-007-000
Consideration of a Track 1 Municipal Project Design Review referral, MP 26218 (Harrison Memorial Library), for exterior changes and site improvements located at the northeast corner of Lincoln Street and Ocean Avenue in the Central Commercial (CC) District and Downtown Conservation (DC) District. APN: 010-139-007-000

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Brandon Swanson, Interim Director of Community Planning & Building

Publication dates:
August 28, 2026 (PC857)

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ESCROWS

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Marina (con't)

109 10th Street — \$978,000

Shea Homes LP to Diane Edwards
APN: 031-296-004

486 Lassen Way — \$1,290,000

Carlos and Christina Nuno to
Peninsula Development Co. LLC
APN: 031-279-015

121 10th Street — \$1,290,500

Shea Homes LP to Robert and Tara O'Neill
APN: 031-296-011

108 10th Street — \$1,339,000

Shea Homes LP to Thao Nguyen
APN: 031-297-003

2307 Sanderling Court — \$2,237,000

Shea Homes LP to Antonio and Juli Spagnuolo
APN: 031-222-047

2967 Garnet Way — \$2,375,000

Thomas and Jane Bryan to Mangal Stellium LLC
APN: 031-273-032



45 Encina Drive, Carmel Valley — \$3,131,000

Monterey

300 Glenwood Circle unit 174 — \$535,000

Sophia Prestin and Leonid Sapozhnikov to
Gregory and Monica Friesen
APN: 001-777-010

229 Littleness Avenue — \$755,000

Mary Stewart and Aiello Trust to Liliana Garza and
Jennifer Rocha
APN: 013-173-023

925 Cass Street — \$1,150,000

Theodore and Bette Sherman to Ashley Wolff
APN: 001-672-005

1122 Harrison Street — \$1,250,000

Glyn Jones to John Hogg and David Garza
APN: 001-253-018

31 Via Cimarron — \$1,301,000

William Hall to Charles Wilson
APN: 001-463-010

26 Cuesta Vista Drive — \$1,845,000

Ahmand Samishirian to John Hunter
APN: 001-951-019

Garden Road — \$7,000,000

Tonkin Properties LLC to Peace of Mind Dog Rescue
APN: 013-312-006

Pacific Grove

1247 Buena Vista Avenue — \$800,000

Frank Hespe to Saretta Shedden and Doug DeGeorge
APN: 007-601-002

721 Bayview Avenue — \$1,160,000

Mark Vucina to Julie Vucina
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APN: 006-148-008

542 Lighthouse Avenue unit 407 — \$2,950,000
Samer Nubani to John Nickel
APN: 006-179-038

Pebble Beach

1171 Chaparral Road — \$2,175,000
Zachary Richardson and Nancy Tray to Stephen Ryan and Kelli Dryden
APN: 007-541-013

Poppy Lane — \$9,125,000
TSI Poppy Hills Fund I to Alan Fair
APN: 008-032-018

Seaside

1226 Trinity Avenue — \$545,000
Anita Madison to Nathan Dinehart and Mikhail Zaikovskii
APN: 012-021-015



1171 Chaparral Road, Pebble Beach — \$2,175,000

1425 Luxton Street — \$740,000
Matthew and Victoria Melcher to Evelyn and Victor Cruz
APN: 012-253-008

546 Luxton Street — \$1,195,000
Matthew da Silva to Mackenzie and Sandra Denaro
APN: 013-143-005

2505 Bay View Court — \$2,649,000
Shea Homes LP to CW and Stacy Barnes
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\$4,745,000

This stunning California architecture style residence is set on 1.35 acres in a prime Pebble Beach location, featuring 4 bedrooms and 5.5 bathrooms.



APTOS
www.AptosLuxury.com
\$2,860,000

Set on ~17.2 acres in the Aptos Hills, this private ~3,400 sq ft residence features its own vineyard, pool, spa, pickleball court, putting green and more.



CARMEL VALLEY
www.CVRanchLiving.com
\$2,395,000

One of Carmel Valley Ranch’s most spacious stand-alone townhome units, this inviting ~3,428 sq ft residence enjoys expansive mountain views.



MONTEREY
www.MontereyVistas.com
\$1,799,000

Nestled on nearly two acres within the gated Bay Ridge community, this beautiful custom home enjoys a serene setting with sweeping views.