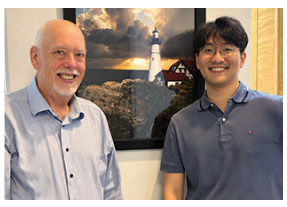




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Cal Am eminent domain trial begins

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY Peninsula Water Management District and California American Water squared off in court this week over the district's effort to acquire the water company's Monterey system through eminent domain. Cal Am has refused to sell the system.

Attorneys for both sides appeared in a Monterey courtroom Monday for the first major phase in the district's effort to bring the system under public ownership and operation.

Utility says only it has the legal authority to sell water

In 2018, Peninsula voters approved Measure J, which directed the district to study the feasibility of a public takeover and, if possible, pursue acquisition.

The district filed its eminent domain lawsuit in Monterey County Superior Court in December 2023. But does the district have the legal authority to operate a water system?

'No authority'

Cal Am maintains that it holds permits to own and operate a public distribution system and has the legal authority to sell water, while the district does not. The company contends that the district needs permission from the county's Local Agency Formation Commission to operate a water system.

While LAFCO twice denied the district's application to sell water, the agency maintains it doesn't need the commission's approval, anyway, because it's been selling

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County housing plan takes first step

By CHRIS COUNTS

AS RESIDENTS grapple with the possibility that Builder's Remedy projects like the massive one proposed for Highway 68 and Laureles Grade could become reality, the Monterey County Planning Commission voted unanimously Oct. 14 to recommend approval of the county's state-mandated housing plan.



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A certified housing element would make it easier for Monterey County to block Builder's Remedy projects like this one proposed for Highway 68.

Next, the county board of supervisors will weigh in on the plan, officially called the housing element. If the board approves it, the document will be reviewed by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

New homes or bust

Once certified, the housing element will provide a blueprint for growth in unincorporated parts of the county through 2031 — and will also prevent any new Builder's Remedy projects from making it to the starting line.

Because the county missed a Dec. 15, 2023, deadline for finalizing its housing plan, the Builder's Remedy remains in effect, making it possible for developers to sidestep local approvals and density limits, and other zoning criteria.

State law mandates that Monterey County plan for 3,326 new housing units. But to account for "potential

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A.W. SHUCKS PERMIT MESS PUT TO BED — MAYBE

By MARY SCHLEY

A HAMSTRUNG Carmel Planning Commission OK'd an updated operating permit for A.W. Shucks that secures the property owner's hold on one of the city's three bar permits while allowing it to continue doing business as a full-line restaurant. The 4-1 vote Oct. 14 didn't come without some consternation, given the murkiness of the code and the mandate from the city council to approve it.

The saga also vividly illustrates the impacts that vaguely written laws and seemingly arbitrary numerical caps on business types can have on people and their livelihoods.

The debate — over whether A.W. Shucks is a "drinking establishment" with limited food offerings, as its permit says, or a full-service restaurant that also serves alcohol — goes back more than a year. Parker Logan, then the owner and operator of Sade's Cocktails on Lincoln Street, raised the question. Logan was in the process of losing his lease and argued the city should consider A.W. Shucks' bar permit abandoned, which could free it up for him to reopen Sade's in another location. Such use designations run with the land, so they belong to the property owners, and Logan's former landlords let the space to Bashar Alsneeh, who subsequently opened BashBar last month.

Morphed into restaurant

The planning commission debated the question during hearings in October and December 2025 before declaring on Feb. 11 that because A.W. Shucks has morphed into a restaurant over the years as its kitchen was fully built out and food sales came to dominate its business, its bar designation had been abandoned. They ordered owners Randy

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State props: Beg, borrow or cut red tape?

CALIFORNIA'S NOVEMBER ballot has 14 statewide propositions on it. If you think that's too many, you're not alone. "Overwhelming majorities" of voters agree there are too many measures, according to polling from the Public Policy Institute of California.

The battle royale is over taxing billionaires, but the ballot's three housing measures provide plenty of fodder for debate as well.

Basic question

Propositions 1, 37 and 45 put an essential question in front of voters: Is California's housing crisis the result of a shortage of government programs or an excess of government regulations? Together, propositions 1 and 37 would authorize $36.25 billion in bonds to fund various housing programs, while Proposition 45 would give voters a

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

chance to cut through some of the red tape that makes building in California costly or impossible.

Proposition 1, which received prominent placement at the top of the long list of statewide measures, would authorize $11.25 billion in bonds to pay for housing affordability programs. The billions in new debt would mostly help fund homeless and multifamily housing projects, with 11% of the money going to state-backed mortgages for veterans.

Big price tag

Most of the taxpayer-funded subsidies provided by Prop 1 would go to developers who build affordable housing. It's the type of government program that's been popular with voters in recent years — but this one has a bigger price tag.

Since 2018, Californians have approved more than $12 billion for affordable housing projects, including $4 billion specifically for veterans housing in 2018. However, throwing billions of dollars at the problem hasn't made much of a dent.

The Golden State's homeless population has continued to grow, with the legislative analyst's office reporting a 24% increase between January 2019 and 2024. As

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Candidates offer lessons from campaign trail

By MARY SCHLEY

AS ELECTION Day draws near, candidates for Carmel's mayor and city council fielded some final questions about their chats with constituents, their thoughts about the past and the final message they'd like to deliver to voters before they head to the polls Nov. 3. It's been a relatively low-key campaign season, with two of the five candidates doing no fundraising, and outreach efforts largely amounting to talking to people in front of the post office, going door to door, posting signs and running ads.

Back for more

Running for a second term on the council, longtime resident Alissandra Dramov said the most important lesson she's learned during her campaign is to "always be yourself, always be authentic and always be candid when speaking with voters."

As for the most surprising revelation, "I realize this may sound contradictory, but both how little and how much some people pay attention to local government," she said.

Looking back over the past two decades, Dramov said a change she'd like to see reversed isn't a policy or an ordinance, but a social trend: "The steady loss of full-time residents, which has hurt the community in many ways."

As Nov. 3 approaches, Dramov said she'd like to remind voters of her history here.

"I have lived in Carmel-by-the-Sea most of my life, and I would like to continue to serve our community and make

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Sink or swim

We had never featured an Armenian gampr and, in fact, had never heard of one. It turns out that although they are beloved livestock guardians and considered a national treasure of Armenia, we actually have one in town, residing in Mission Fields. Research tells us the gampr is a member of a rare and ancient aboriginal landrace of livestock and family guardian dogs dating to at least 12,000 B.C.

He looked like a little bear cub when his family met the 5-month-old pup at the SPCA Monterey County, where staff had assumed he was a baby bullmastiff. One of two siblings, a brother and sister the organization had named "Lilo and Stitch," he quickly became "Bear" and went home with his forever family.

There's a chance Bear also has a bit of boxer, American bully and, according to his person, "all kinds of everything else" in his lineage, but what they know for sure is that their 3-year-old pup is adorable.

"On his first birthday, we gave him his full name," his person said. "He is Bearington Gooserino Abbruzzi because he likes to goose people to get their attention."

While his appearance can be a little foreboding, she said, the 75-pound pup is the sweetest, gentlest and most loyal dog she's ever had. But he's also aggressively friendly.



"Bear loves to play, and he can play hard," she said. "His breed goes all out when playing, making other dog owners uneasy as he starts body checking, tumbling and drooling. We try to keep him in check."

Bear loves to run with abandon along the shoreline at Carmel Beach, constantly trying to engage other dogs in play, and he loves to plow into the water after his ball, but he isn't about to swim. "There's a chance he'd be more sink than swim," his person said.

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Point Lobos shuttle challenged

By CHRIS COUNTS

LESS THAN a week after the Monterey County Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve a shuttle system connecting Point Lobos State Natural Reserve and nearby Marathon Flats, Colin Gallagher of Monterey told The Pine Cone that he has appealed the decision to the county board of supervisors, which county officials confirmed. Gallagher, a former Monterey County planner, said he has concerns about how the plan could limit public access to the popular park, especially for bicyclists and walk-ins, who traditionally have entered for free. An Oct. 11 letter he and Steven Adair wrote to the planning commission makes the case: "An offer of dedication must be recorded guaranteeing free and unrestricted public access in perpetuity to Point Lobos State Natural Reserve prior to the project being deemed complete, and any areas established by prescriptive right as a consequence of long-term historic access must be demarcated as well."

The shuttle plan would create a parking lot at Marathon Flats for 100 vehicles, install bike racks, a fence and a ticket machine, and make drainage improvements. It's been in the works since 2018, when the late resident Ernest Chung began hosting a series of meetings around his dining room table to discuss the topic. The plan has been endorsed by many local leaders and officials, including Rep. Jimmy Panetta and Monterey County 5th District Supervisor Kate Daniels.

Worsening problem

The plan is intended to address chronic traffic congestion that plagues the entrance to Point Lobos, putting pedestrians in danger and slowing the response of emergency vehicles — a problem that is growing worse each year. If supervisors reject the appeal, the plan could be appealed to the California Coastal Commission, which has expressed concerns similar to Gallagher's. "Our biggest concern is the proposal to implement an advanced reservation system and payment of fees for most walk-in and bike-in users," coastal commission planner Nolan Clark wrote in an Oct. 13 letter to the planning commission.

CHP jumps on El Niño warnings

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CALIFORNIA Highway Patrol is warning drivers who encounter the unusual El Niño-driven rain and wind expected to hit the state during the winter — especially in Central and Southern California — to use their heads when behind the wheel.

"The CHP Monterey Area will be actively monitoring highway conditions and collaborating with allied local agencies and Caltrans to respond to weather-related incidents," CHP officer Ryan Moore said.

Drivers should do their part by significantly reducing their speeds when roads are wet, increase following distances so there's plenty of time to react and stop, make sure their tires have adequate tread and are properly inflated and their windshield wipers are in good shape, drive with their headlights on when it's misting or raining, avoid sudden braking or turning, and beware of standing water, which can be deceptively dangerous.

"Abrupt steering or hard braking can cause your vehicle to hydroplane and lose contact with the road surface," the CHP warned. "If you do begin to hydroplane, ease off the accelerator and steer in the direction you want the vehicle to go."

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Carmel City Council's statement as published in the County of Monterey Voter Guide for the November 3, 2026 General Election:

The opposition's argument obscures simple facts:

Carmel-by-the-Sea's Transient Occupancy Tax is 10%. Measure M would increase it by two percentage points—to 12%—bringing Carmel in line with neighboring Pacific Grove and Monterey, which voted to raise their TOT to 12% in 2018 and 2020.

Carmel-by-the-Sea has the lowest TOT rate of any City in Monterey County outside of the Salinas Valley. The opposition's statement is misleading because it combines Carmel's 10% TOT with a separate 2% fee that the hotel owners voted to impose on their guests to fund their Visit Carmel marketing efforts. To be clear, that 2% fee is NOT City tax revenue. It is a Carmel Hospitality Improvement District assessment, and the City does not receive any of that revenue. The hotel owners' decision to pass their marketing costs on to guests does not make those costs a City tax.

Carmel faces more than $100 million in aging infrastructure needs. Your City Council has already reduced operating expenses for the past two years, redirecting millions toward infrastructure, but existing resources are not enough.

Measure M asks overnight visitors to contribute a little more toward the community they enjoy. The Measure is estimated to generate approximately $1.9 million annually for City services and needs.

Let's be clear about the numbers: Measure M raises Carmel's TOT by two percentage points—from 10% to 12%. That's just $5 on a $250 hotel room.

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Police & Sheriff's Log

One hundred guests, lots of booze

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the police departments of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Pacific Grove, Monterey, Seaside and Marina. This week's log was compiled by Mary Schley.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

Pacific Grove: Vehicle marked for 72-hour parking on Grove Acre Avenue. Citation issued for expired registration.

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched to the 600 block of Lighthouse Avenue for a report of a battery. The victim did not sustain any injuries and wished to press charges against the suspect. The report will be forwarded to the district attorney's office for review.

Monterey: Vehicle towed on Cortes Street after being parked for more than 72 hours.

Monterey: A 46-year-old woman was arrested on Tenth Street for possession of unlawful paraphernalia and probation violation.

Monterey: A 19-year-old man was arrested on Eighth Street for indecent exposure.

Monterey: Robbery, battery and damage to a wireless communication device reported on Pine Street. A 34-year-old man was arrested on Iris Canyon Road for the same offenses.

Monterey: Subject at Pearl and Tyler streets was placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

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

Pacific Grove: Municipal code violation resulted in a citation for feeding wildlife at Mermaid and Ocean View avenues.

See **POLICE LOG** *page 8RE in the Real Estate Section*



The gavel falls

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

Sept. 21 — Lorena Hernandez Alvarado, a 43-year-old King City resident and former correctional officer at Salinas Valley State Prison, pleaded no contest to felony insurance fraud and admitted the fraud caused more than $100,000 in losses. She also pleaded guilty in two separate DUI cases.

The criminal case arose from a workplace injury claim Alvarado filed in April 2021. Alvarado claimed she injured her shoulder, neck, back and knees while wielding a heavy shield to protect herself from liquid thrown on her by an inmate at Salinas Valley State Prison.

The prison's insurance company, State Compensation Insurance Fund, accepted Alvarado's claim. Alvarado never returned to work and received well over $100,000 in insurance benefits, including wage replacement and health care treatment.

An ensuing internal affairs investigation by the California Department of Corrections determined that Alvarado never used a shield during the April 2021 incident.

The investigation also determined that in 2019 she fabricated a workplace injury she claimed resulted from a struggle with an inmate, though that claim was denied.

The district attorney's workers' compensation fraud unit then charged Alvarado with two felony counts of insurance fraud.

Alvarado will return to court on Oct. 22, 2026, for sentencing.

The case was investigated by Adam Jimenez, an investigator with the California Department of Corrections, and Jennifer

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Why Yes! on Measure M

+2% TOT paid for by hotel guests

- Carmel's hotel room rates have risen over $200/night across the past 10 years
- Carmel's hotel occupancy has remained steady at 70% as room rates have nearly doubled
- Adding $5 to a $250 hotel bill will not cause visitors to go someplace else

A little bit more from visitors. $2M more for Carmel.

Why Yes! on Measure N

+0.375% sales tax paid mostly by visitors

- Adds just 19 cents to a $50 restaurant bill
- If Carmel doesn't act now to keep these sales tax dollars in Carmel, Monterey County or a regional agency will be able to claim them

Keep $2M local sales tax dollars in Carmel.

Who is supporting Measures M and N?

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Elderly Carmel woman arrested for DUI

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A 77-YEAR-OLD Second Avenue resident was arrested for drunk driving and hit-and-run last Wednesday afternoon after she sideswiped several cars, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Gerald Maldonado.

Barbara Gabrielson — whose white Mini Cooper is noticeable for its license plate, "DOG SPIT" — was first spotted "driving erratically at Santa Lucia and Monte Verde" shortly before 3 p.m. Oct. 14, he said.

"The vehicle collided with approximately five parked vehicles as it drove north on Monte Verde," Maldonado said. Not long after, police officers located the Mini on Eighth Avenue next to La Playa Hotel "resting against another vehicle."

According to someone familiar with the incident, three of the vehicles Gabrielson hit are owned by employees of the hotel, including the car the Mini was found "resting against."

"The driver had open containers in the vehicle and was approximately double over the legal limit for alcohol," Maldonado said.

Gabrielson was taken to the hospital in an ambulance, according to the witness, and she was subsequently arrested for DUI. As of Thursday, no new case had been filed against her in Monterey County Superior Court.

C.V. POWER HUB GETS $10M UPGRADE

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

PG&E IS doing a major upgrade on its Laureles Substation, which provides electricity to 3,500 customers in Carmel Valley. "Crews will be replacing a transformer bank made up of three transformers with a much larger and more powerful transformer," Stephanie Magallon of PG&E told The Pine Cone. "This upgrade will improve reliability and increase the region's electric capacity to support future growth."

The work at 40 E. Carmel Valley Road started Sept. 25 and will continue through May 2027.

It includes installing an alternative power source to avert outages. Magallon said residents have been notified about the work, and no planned outages are expected.

"Crews have been preparing the site for a temporary mobile transformer that will provide power while the permanent upgrade is completed," she said. "The temporary transformer is expected to be installed Nov. 2, with construction on the permanent upgrade beginning shortly after."

The project will cost about $10 million. Magallon described the work as "an investment in the region's energy future." "It will help build a stronger electric system that can serve Carmel Valley for years to come," she added.

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One confirmed, two compete for remaining seat on Carmel school board

By LILY PATTERSON

SINCE ONLY one candidate submitted papers for the district covering Carmel Valley Village and Cachagua, it's a slim field for the remaining seat on the Carmel Unified School District board, with two seeking to represent the area surrounding Carmel High and River schools.

The most recent CUSD board election took place in 2024 and coincided with the hiring of superintendent Sharon Ofek, a new administrative team at Carmel High and a new principal at River Elementary. The same year, the board shifted from at-large to districted contests, with Rita Patel (trustee area 1, Carmel-by-the-Sea and Pebble Beach), Matt Glazer (trustee area 3, Carmel Highlands and Big Sur) and Jason Remynse (trustee area 5, Carmel Valley) claiming seats. Their terms expire in 2028, while board member Jake Odello was elected at-large to serve the remainder of a former board member's term.

Two years after the shake-up, a few CUSD parents are competing for the seats that Odello and two-term board member Sara Hinds will vacate in December. Running for trustee area 2 — which encompasses the Carmel River area, Mission Fields, Carmel Hills and neighborhoods north of Carmel High — are Art Fernandez, a technology consultant, and Karey Shaffer, a research associate at the Naval Postgraduate School.

"CUSD has been a part of my life for nearly five decades," said Fernandez, a Carmel High graduate. His son attends River School, where Fernandez volunteers as treasurer of the parent-teacher organization. He also served two years on the site council, a peer-nominated group of parents, staff and administrators who evaluate and set goals for student achievement and advise how school-specific funds should be allocated.

'Accountable governance'

In his candidate statement, Fernandez described himself as a product engineering consultant who has worked with various Silicon Valley companies, "where success depends on listening well, using data carefully, communicating clearly, and building trust across diverse teams." From 2016 to 2022, he was a senior product manager for Chegg, an education technology company that offers textbook rentals, online tutoring, and study tools.

"Professionally, I've spent more than 20 years making consequential decisions involving significant investments, competing priorities and multiple stakeholders," Fernandez told The Pine Cone, listing his priorities as "accountable governance, responsible long-term stewardship, and serving every student while supporting educators."

While he supports campus facility improvements, Fernandez said he does not back Measure I, the proposed $250 million general obligation bond. If it does pass, and he is elected to the board, Fernandez plans to address his concerns by establishing clear criteria for project prioritization and public reporting.

As an alumnus, Fernandez said his appreciation for CUSD has matured since

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becoming a parent, informed by his son's experiences with special education services.

"I've seen teachers and staff go above and beyond the call of duty, but I've also seen how complicated the system can become when a defined structure doesn't meet a child's needs. At the end of the day, it's not about whether a student is ticking all the boxes, but an overall positive outcome," Fernandez said.

"That means measuring outcomes, bringing in additional expertise when needed, communicating clearly with families and educators, and being willing to change course when the evidence shows something isn't working," he said.

'A process person'

The mother of two Carmel High seniors, candidate Karey Shaffer lives in Carmel Hills and works for the Naval Postgraduate School as a research associate and program manager of the school's acquisition research program, which she helped establish in 2003. The program supports research into the business operations of military organizations, she told The Pine Cone.

"I've been in higher education most of my career, and I have a strong financial background. I'm really a process person," said Shaffer, who in her candidate statement described experience "managing complex programs, budgets and partnerships."

Should Measure I pass, Shaffer said school safety and essential building systems should be addressed at the start of the bond's 20-year lifespan. She supports the measure but, like Fernandez, would advocate for a priority-ranking system and regular public reports measuring projects against their original budgets, phasing and timelines.

Shaffer said she frequently views school board meetings online or attends in-person, and believes "you can learn a lot about an organization based on its communication style and processes." She described the CUSD's recently published strategic plan as "a push in the right direction."

"What I would really like to see is actionable items tied to that mission and core values, and I'm encouraged that the board is starting to do that," she said.

Shaffer also has firsthand experience as a parent whose child has depended on special education services.

"What's difficult is when your child is first diagnosed, parents need a lot of support and lean heavily on teachers and aides," experiences which prompted Shaffer to create a private, local Facebook group for families to shre knowledge and resources.

According to her candidate statement, "My priority will always be students. I will support policies that maintain high academic standards, promote student well-being, support teachers and staff, strengthen community trust, and prepare students to thrive."

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Trustee area 4 has been claimed by Carmel Middle School parent and licensed social worker Joseph Macaluso, who graduated from CHS and returned to the Peninsula with his wife and son in 2021. Residing in the Carmel Valley Village area, Macaluso has worked as a public administrator for the cities of San Francisco and Oakland. Recently, he was a campaign consultant for Dem. Rep. Aisha Wahab's successful bid for Congress.

Considering recent tensions between faculty and the district office, Macaluso plans to meet individually with the teachers (ACT) and staff unions (CSEA) because "I've sat on both sides of the table."

"My priority is kindness, as cheesy as that sounds. There is not one singular Carmel Unified experience," Macaluso said.

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Cal Am modernizes pump station

■ Benefits include reduced noise

By KELLY NIX

The redesign of a 65-year-old California American Water pump station in Carmel will improve the reliability of the water system and reduce noise at the facility, the Monterey Peninsula utility said.

The roughly $950,000 project replaced the Carmel Woods pump station, which was built in 1961.

The work includes excavation, large structural piers, new retaining walls, a small crane to remove and replace pumps, upgraded piping, an underground trench drain, safety railings, electrical equipment and enhanced computer hardware and software that allow crews to monitor equipment from a central control room.



PHOTO/CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER

This pump station off was redesigned to be more reliable and quieter, according to California American Water.

Cal Am Engineering Project Manager Jenna Engelken said the station's steep, confined location required a design that emphasized structural stability, equipment access and long-term maintenance.

"The piers and retaining walls secure the facility within the site slope, while the roof vault and davit crane give crews a practical way to service or replace pumps from

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City weighs transgender declaration

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER ABOUT a dozen people spoke Tuesday in favor of Monterey declaring itself a Welcoming City for Transgender and Gender-Diverse People and establishing a Transgender Day of Remembrance, the city council voted unanimously to put the proposal on its Nov. 3 agenda. If approved, the measures would take effect Nov. 20.

Mayor Tyller Williamson reported that he was approached about the declaration by a local group, Monterey Peninsula Pride, and said he backs it.

"To me, it's a no-brainer," he said. "We need to be able to make sure that transgender folks feel accepted."

Before voting to advance the idea, the city council listened to residents who support it.

"I'm standing in front of you because I am a transgender woman," said the first speaker, who used the name Fable. "I want to thank you for trying to bring this to the attention of everybody."

Fable called the dangers that transgender people face today "serious."

"I personally have been slandered," said the speaker, who applauded the city council for telling "people like me" that "we're welcome, that we're wanted, and that we're still seen as people."

A 24-year-old resident who didn't give their name backed the idea of a declaration and a day of remembrance.

"I've been transitioning since I was in my late teens with the support of my parents," the speaker said. "For years, the Monterey Peninsula felt safe — not just

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Pacific Grove considers ICE ban

By KELLY NIX

THE PACIFIC Grove City Council is considering barring federal authorities from using city-owned property to conduct civil immigration enforcement activities.

The council's Wednesday agenda included a resolution that would prohibit U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and other federal agencies from using city parks, open spaces, parking lots, community centers, public buildings and other city-owned properties for civil immigration enforcement operations.

But at the start of the 6 p.m. meeting, interim city manager Chip Rerig pulled the item from the consent agenda and said it would be tabled until Nov. 4 so the city could ensure the proposal is "consistent with state law."

The two-page proposed resolution states, "No city-owned public facility shall be used as a staging area, base of operations, or processing location for federal civil immigration enforcement activities."

'Undermine trust'

Allowing ICE and other federal agencies to use Pacific Grove facilities "may undermine community trust, limit access to public spaces, and interfere with the city's authority over its own property," the draft document says.

It defines a "processing location" as an area "used for activities such as the identification, intake, processing of documentation, detention, arrest, or temporary holding of individuals for the purpose of carrying out civil immigration enforcement

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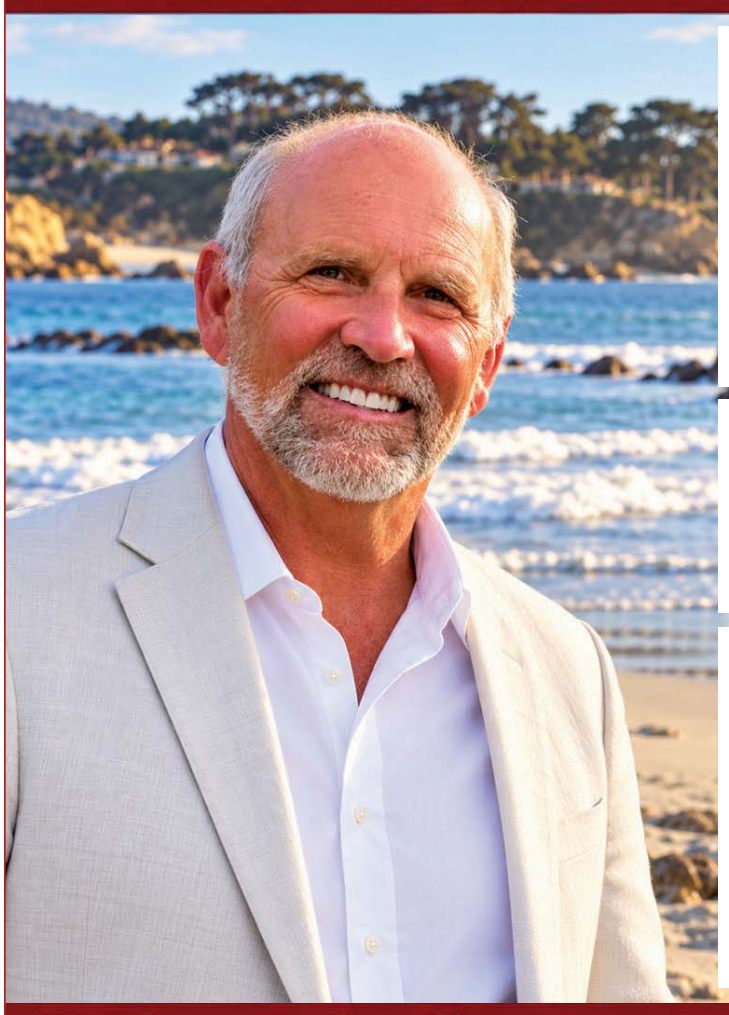
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Bundles of joy get bundles of gifts

By ELAINE HESSER

TEN YEARS ago, a group of local women formed the Monterey Bay chapter of the national Christ Child Society, a group that makes gift bundles for newborns born into poverty or other difficult circumstances. They're still doing that — and more — and you can help.

Anne Kelley, one of the group's founders and a past national president of the society, told The Pine Cone in 2016, "The baby welcome kits include items such as blankets, clothing, diapers and baby books. In addition, they contain either a homemade blanket or quilt and baby cap created by volunteers, to personalize the bundles." During the group's early days, everything was placed into a cardboard box that could be used temporarily as a place for the baby to sleep.

In 2022, federal safety regulations effectively banned the sale of cardboard "baby boxes" intended for that purpose, and the result was actually a step up for new parents. Nowadays, the bundles are presented in backpacks that are essentially diaper bags with built-in changing pads and other helpful features.



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The Parenting Connection of Monterey County partners with the local Christ Child Society to ensure babies' needs are met.

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Recipients love them. Kelley, Dee Rasco, the organization's outgoing president, and Gail Gourley, its new president, all have stories of happy parents. One mom they ran into kept the backpack she received when the preschooler she had in tow was an infant.

"It was the most wonderful gift," she told them.

Aside from that, the bundles haven't changed much. The society says it gives away $40,000 worth of items annually. Handmade teddy bears have become part of each package, too. The group of crafters responsible for all the knitting and sewing is called Yarns and Stitches, and they meet regularly to work on their projects and socialize.

Rasco emphasized the books' importance, too. The Christ Child Society has always put a strong emphasis on preparing children for literacy, she said.

In fact, the group runs an early childhood literacy program in 10 preschool classes around the county. Trained volunteers visit four times a year to read a book with the children and lead a related activity and craft project. Each child goes home with a copy of the book. Kids start at age 3 and continue as 4-year-olds.

"They're usually Spanish-speaking," Rasco said, so leaders start off reading in both languages. By the end of the school

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Congressman gets mail with ‘white powder’

By KELLY NIX

U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta was one of dozens of federal lawmakers who received envelopes last week containing a suspicious white powder.

On Friday, Oct. 16, a female staffer at Panetta’s Santa Cruz district office opened the envelope, which had a New York return address, and saw the substance.

“Upon realizing that there was powder in the envelope, she immediately put the envelope in the garbage can,



PHOTO/OFFICE OF REP. JIMMY PANETTA

This envelope contained an unknown white powder that forced the evacuation of Rep. Jimmy Panetta’s Santa Cruz.

cleared fellow staff members out of the office, and called 911,” Panetta said that day. “My priority is the safety and security of my staff and, thankfully, she and the other staff have been initially cleared by medical officials.”

There was a letter inside, but the staffer did not read it before throwing it away. When the entire Santa Cruz County Government Center building, where Panetta’s office is located, was evacuated later in the day, a San Jose hazmat team retrieved the envelope and tested its contents.

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Three-legged dog and her six puppies seek homes

By KELLY NIX

WHEN 10-YEAR-OLD Fifa arrived at Peace of Mind Dog Rescue in Pacific Grove, the senior dog had an infection that required the amputation of one of her legs. She was also pregnant with six puppies.

"Fifa had valley fever, a fungal disease," Peace of Mind executive director Carie Broecker told The Pine Cone. "Her back right leg was destroyed by the fungus and had to be amputated."

Fifa overcame that challenge and gave birth to six healthy puppies — four boys and two girls. They're mutts in the truest sense, with Chihuahua, Pomeranian, poodle and several other breeds in their DNA, according to the P.G. nonprofit.

Although several people have expressed interest in the dogs, none has officially been adopted. The group is hoping to find loving homes for them.

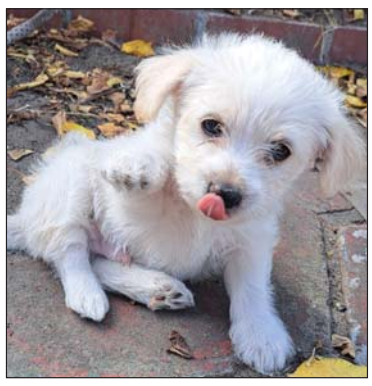
Soccer inspired

"All the puppies are named after 'Ted Lasso' characters and professional soccer players who are animal welfare advocates," explained Peace of Mind development director Cameron Donegan. Even the mom's name, Fifa, comes from Fédération Internationale de Football Association, international soccer's governing body.

All-white Diego Martinez is the sleepiest pup, while black-and-white Dani Rojas

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PHOTO/PEACE OF MIND DOG RESCUE

This tired momma, who's about 10 years old, delivered six puppies. Now, the group that is taking care of them is trying to find homes for the little guys, and momma, too.

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CAL AM

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water at retail since 1994 as part of the Pebble Beach reclamation project.

During Monday's hearing, presided over by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Ian A. Rivamonte, Cal Am's attorneys sought to establish that only their agency holds the necessary authorizations to deliver water to Peninsula residents.

Cal Am's questions were intended to demonstrate the company's experience in providing water to customers and portray the district's involvement as largely administrative.

During direct examination, a Cal Am attorney asked the company's engineering manager, David Pezzini, about the permits Cal Am has to operate the water system, including one issued in 1979 by the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water.

"The permit allows Cal Am to provide drinking water service to the community, treat the water and provide it to our customers," Pezzini said.

The attorney also asked him about the aquifer storage and recovery system, a joint Cal Am-district project that diverts excess Carmel River water from December through May for storage and later extraction during drier months. Pezzini said Cal Am is responsible for most operations.

He testified that the water district does not have permits or licenses to distribute or sell the water from the project.

'Tough road'

On Wednesday, the second day of testimony, Cal Am expert witness Cynthia Ann Forbes — a civil engineer who formerly worked for the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water, which regulates public drinking water systems — testified about the rigorous process an owner-operator such as Cal Am must follow to amend a domestic water-supply permit, for example, when adding a source or changing a treatment method.

A Cal Am attorney also asked Forbes about the process a new owner-operator would face when applying for its first permit to operate a system. The water district would be a new owner-operator if it's successful in its eminent domain effort.

"It is really a tough road to climb," she said. The Division of Drinking Water "is the first line and last line of defense to make sure that water system is going to provide water that meets the standards 24/7, 365, and that they have enough water."

Financed it

Pebble Beach Community Services District General Manager Nick Becker also testified Wednesday. Much of his testimony concerned the Pebble Beach district's water reclamation project, in which the Carmel Area Wastewater District treats wastewater for irrigation at Pebble Beach golf courses and athletic fields.

But the water district, Becker said, neither holds related permits nor owns the equipment. He described the district's role as "mainly administrative," and includes sale of the non-potable water."

Wednesday afternoon, water district general manager Dave Stoldt described the district's core activities.

"We augment water supply, sell water, do regulatory reporting relative to the supply of water, we manage demand, issue water permits and we do environmental engagement in association with withdrawals of water from the Carmel River," he said.

He also testified that the agency was one of four parties to the original construction and operating agreement for the 1994 Pebble Beach project and helped arrange about $34 million in financing because the other partners "had no interest in tapping their own ratepayers to pay for the project."

The trial began Oct. 19 and is expected to conclude Friday, Oct. 23. If the water district prevails, the next phase will be to determine whether the takeover will serve a valid public purpose.



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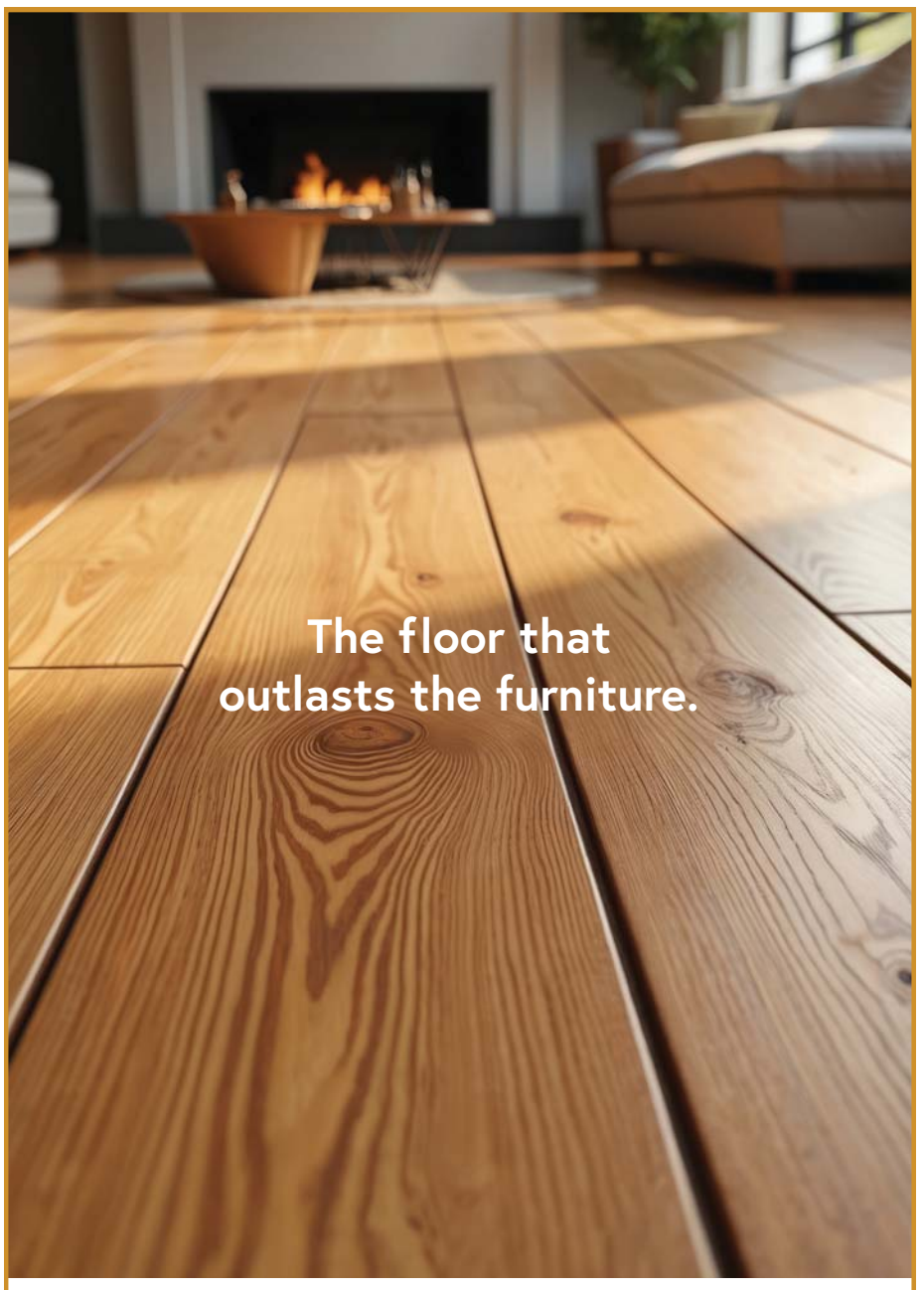
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MESS

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and Karen Basi to apply for a new permit as a full-line restaurant.

The couple and TSD Carmel Properties — which owns the Doud Arcade, where the restaurant is located, and therefore also owns the bar permit at issue — asked the city council in April to overturn that decision. Commissioners were wrong, their attorneys said, because while A.W. Shucks serves more food out of a larger kitchen than its 1993 permit allows, "the city repeatedly approved the addition and expansion of the food service under the permit over the last several decades."

Further, the planning commission confirmed in 2015 that the three businesses holding bar permits were the now former Sade's, Barmel on San Carlos and A.W. Shucks. The lawyers urged the council to respect that determination, considering it was made with full knowledge that A.W. Shucks is a restaurant and a bar.

'Legal nonconformity'

Additionally, as the establishment was changing hands, then-planning director Brandon Swanson told the property owner in August 2023 that even though the original permit limits the kitchen and menu, the city had nonetheless allowed it to exceed that scope, thereby making it a legal nonconforming use.

The council sided with the owners and told them to apply for an amendment to their permit so it would reflect their full-line restaurant operations as an "ancillary use greater than 10%" while retaining "drinking establishment" as the primary use. At last week's meeting, associate planner Jacob Olander recommended the commission do as it was told and approve the amended permit.

While ancillary typically means "of secondary importance, subordinate, auxiliary or accessory," Carmel's code doesn't define it. And though ancillary uses in a retail setting are restricted by the amount of floor area and window space they can occupy, there's no clear delineation for the A.W. Shucks scenario.

In the resolution he drafted for the commission, Olander decided to define it by the number of seats. A.W. Shucks has 45 seats, 14 of which are at the bar, with the rest at tables, most of which are high-tops. "If we count half of the high-top tables as drinking-place seating, the total drinking-place seating is 27 out of 45 seats (60% of the allowed seating)," he wrote. "The planning commission can condition the project to designate more seats as drinking-place seats as they deem fit."

No other metrics

In drinking establishments, of course, it doesn't matter whether the seats are at tables or at the bar, because they are all used for the same purpose. At A.W. Shucks, the service is the same whether customers are sitting at the bar or at a table — they are given menus and offered food — so identifying seats as having one use or the other is not particularly meaningful. No other metrics, such as percentage of sales of alcohol vs. food, were proposed. "There doesn't seem to be a clear-cut way to delineate how you would separate the two uses or quantify what space is taking up what," Olander said at the meeting. "There's nothing that would stop anyone from just ordering drinks at the high-top tables or from sitting at the bar and ordering food."

Commissioners Mel Ahlborn and Stephanie Locke recalled Karen Basi's testimony last year that food sales account for more than alcohol sales at A.W. Shucks and asked how they could approve full-line restaurant as an "ancillary use" when that's the case.

"So if it's higher than 50%, doesn't that mean the food service is not subordinate to the drinking place?" Locke asked.

Regardless of what "ancillary use" means, city attorney Brian Pierik said nothing in the code restricts it to less than 50%.

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As everyone has now received their sample ballots and questions are coming in to me I thought I should address some of them for all of you. First of all a little background. I am running for the office of trustee for district one in the Pacific Grove Unified School District. I have lived in Pacific Grove my entire life. I attended Forest Grove School, Pacific Grove Junior High (now the Middle School) and Graduated from Pacific Grove High School. Two of my children currently attend Pacific Grove Schools. My mother worked for Pacific Grove Schools, as an elementary school secretary, for over 35 years so my knowledge and experience is wide ranging.

The issues facing the district are many. I'll address five of the most important:

1) District elections: You can now only vote for one of the five representatives to the board. Two districts have people running unopposed. You deserve to be able to vote for all five representatives and district elections need to be reversed.

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During public comment, the attorneys reiterated their arguments, with those representing the restaurant and the property owner pleading with the commission to just do what the council said, and Logan's asking the planning commission to deny the application.

A frustrated Randy Basi called the process "an ordeal" and said that in fact, the business makes more money off liquor than food. "We are a bar. It's always been a bar that serves food because you have allowed it over 35, 40 years," he said. He asked commissioners to OK the permit change so they can get on with running A.W. Shucks.

"Businesses shouldn't be treated this way," he said. "Even Mr. Logan shouldn't be treated this way."

Commissioner Kevin Ruess said he and his colleagues had little choice. The council "instructed the applicant to do certain things. Those things have been done, and I think our path forward is clear," he said. "I don't see any ambiguity in terms of what we do."

Pierik confirmed as much.

"If you deny this application, then the applicant would have the opportunity to appeal that decision to the city council," he said, and the council would likely uphold the appeal and approve the amended use permit, given the decision it made previously.

"Doing another loop through the city council would be counterproductive, and it will probably damage the relationship between the planning commission and the city council," commissioner Stefan Karapetkov commented.

Criteria, please

But he said he'd like to see "some specific tests" in the code to define ancillary use. "I understand that at some point, something that is ancillary can become primary over time, but we don't seem to have any specific criteria in the municipal code to tell us where the line is," he said.

Locke said she was not comfortable approving the permit. "I disagree that the ancillary use is as a full-line restaurant," she said, adding that 32 of the 58 restaurants in town operate similarly to A.W. Shucks in that they have full bars. "So, I do not find that A.W. Shucks is considered a 'drinking place' as its primary use," she said, before listing other required findings that she could not make.

Ahlborn agreed but said she felt compelled to approve the application, given the circumstances, and chair Michael LePage said the commission had to OK the permit.

"I agree with the property owner/manager that they have always acted in good faith. There's no fault on their part whatsoever," he said, and the council's decision settled the debate. "This is primarily a drinking place, and it is one of three. That issue is off the table."

But the apparent lack of discretion doesn't mean the issues raised during the past year are irrelevant.

"I'm acknowledging every contradiction that's been presented by Mr. Logan's attorney and by Mr. Logan. This has just laid bare a huge problem," he said. "And I think this really challenges us on this 'drinking place' restricted use, because what does it mean? I mean, every restaurant in town can have a bar. What are we doing here?"

Carmel's general plan, which was approved in 2003, allows for the restriction of businesses that public officials decide could be injurious if left to proliferate unfettered. Specifically, a policy calls for establishing "methods that will result in limiting or reducing the number of certain uses including but not limited to drinking places, art galleries, gift shops, T-shirt shops, and jewelry stores in the central commercial land use district."

As a result, the code was amended to require bars "to maintain a minimum 200-foot distance from another use selling distilled spirits intended for either on-site or off-site consumption," allow them only in the business district — and cap their number at three.

"We just set up this huge problem for ourselves. People who want to operate a bar can't operate a bar. People who want to operate a restaurant with a bar service are being limited in the way they can do it or being dragged through this legal nightmare," LePage continued. "We need to correct this."

While their hands were tied last Wednesday night, LePage said planning staff and the commission need to do the work "to provide an ordinance which is fair to all the operators in the community, because what we have now is not fair."

Commissioners voted 4-1, with Locke dissenting, to approve the amended permit.



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HOUSING

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site development constraints" and other factors, the county has planned for 5,897 units at 56 sites in unincorporated areas. The breakdown includes 1,256 reserved for those with very low to extremely low incomes, 939 for people with low incomes, 712 for residents making moderate incomes and 2,990 for those making above-moderate incomes.

Like other local governments throughout the state, the county is planning for far more units than the state requires to increase the chances that its housing element will be certified and protect against Builder's Remedy loopholes.

The plan allocates 642 new units in Carmel Valley, where opposition to new homes is strong.

Before the vote, county building official Craig Spencer laid out the downsides of the county's failing to get its housing element certified, which include fines, the loss of grant funding and the loss of control over projects.

"We are very late," Spencer said. "Our housing element was due in December 2023. There are consequences that come with being late. We are subject to the Builder's Remedy under the Housing Accountability Act. That essentially removes some of our ability to apply general plan standards, especially when they are not objective. And we are working on many Builder's Remedy applications."

'Anything but perfect'

Residents, including Suzanne Saunders Shaw of the group Friends of the Village Airfield, urged the Planning Commission to approve the housing element — while conceding it's not perfect. "As flawed as it is, I implore the Planning Commission to approve the Housing Element, because leaving us open to the reckless density allowed under the Builder's Remedy would be even worse," Shaw wrote in a letter to the Planning Commission.

Turning aside concerns over a statewide housing shortage, Shaw also called it "unconscionable" that the county is planning for more than 2,000 units that aren't mandated.

Others echoed the same sentiment and asked the Planning Commission to back the housing element update, including Dom Canavarro of Carmel Valley, who warned that "perfect is the enemy of good," and Lauren Leonoff of Carmel Valley, who suggested that "time is of the essence."

After Planning Commissioner Amy Roberts made a motion to recommend approval of the housing element, Planning Commissioner Martha Diehl defended the county's decision to take its time to give the public more time to comment.

"There's been a lot of talk about why we are late," Diehl said. "Monterey chose to honor the public input over the required schedule. Whether you think that was the right choice or the wrong choice, it's hard for me to support disenfranchising the public input. It's really important for me that we recognize the extraordinary effort to incorporate everyone's thoughts to arrive at the best compromise we could."

What happens to a Builder's Remedy project in California if it's in the pipeline when a local government's housing element is certified by the state? According to provisions in California's Housing Accountability Act and Housing Crisis Act, the state certification of Monterey County's housing element would prevent future Builder's Remedy applications from being filed in the county but

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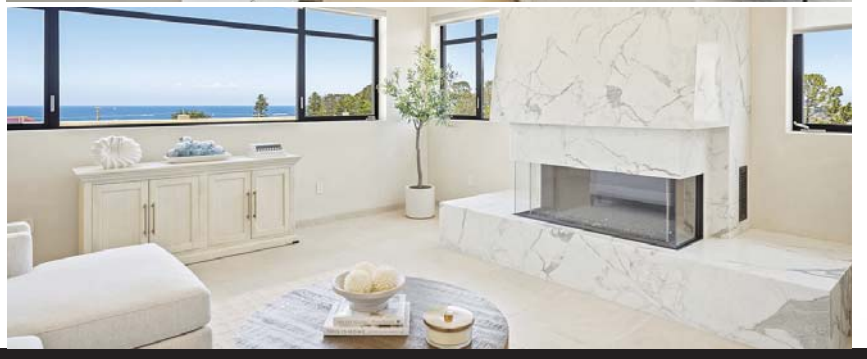


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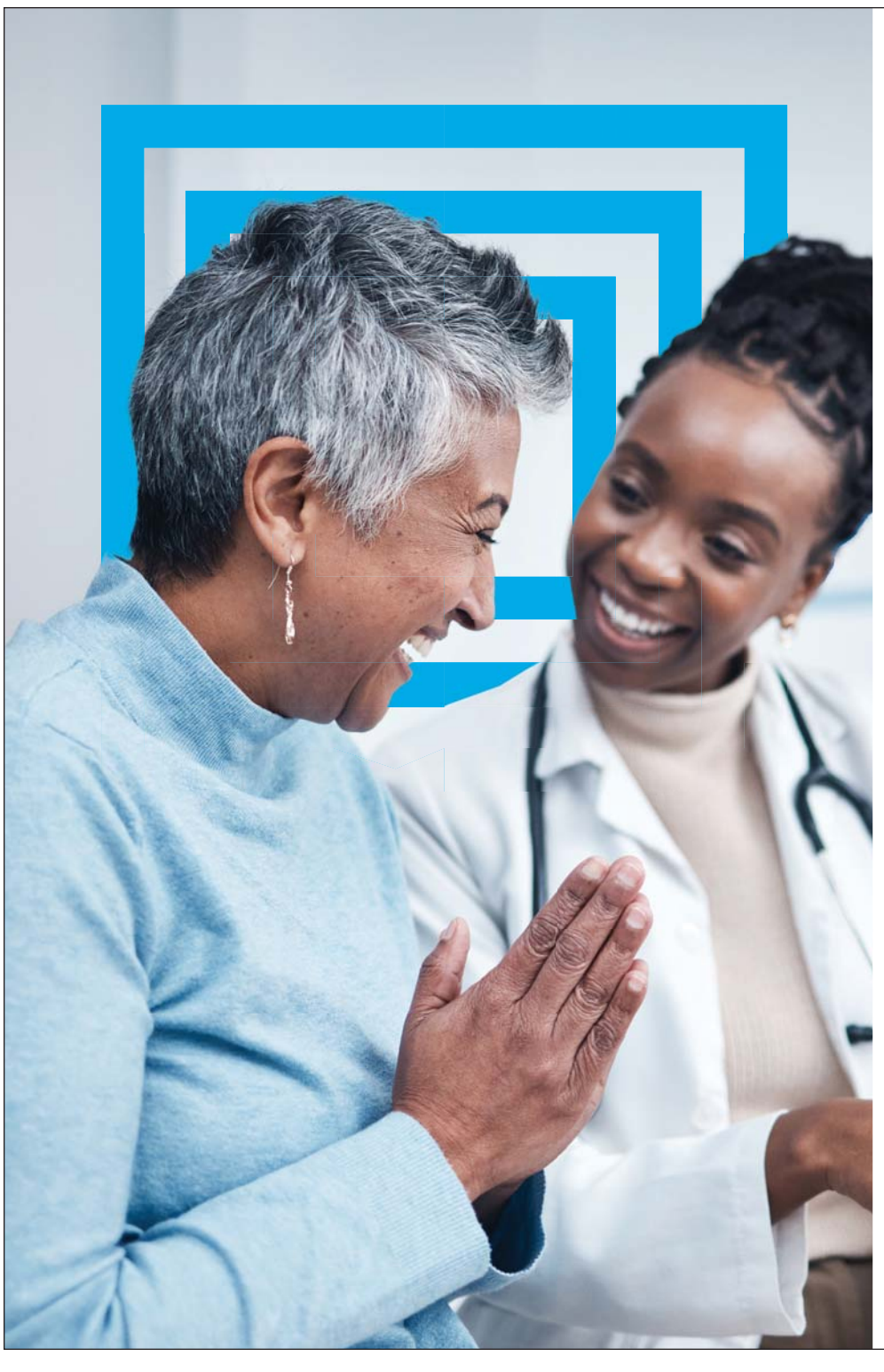
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WELCOMING

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for me, but for the youth to figure themselves out. Since the beginning of 2025, I've felt a vibe shift. Nowadays I don't leave home by myself. I have a self-imposed curfew because being out doesn't feel safe anymore. We must ask ourselves if we will wait for tragedy to happen or if we will work to prevent it."

Resident Moira Mulligan signaled her support for the proposal.

"There were 840 anti-trans bills tracked across 43 states in 2026, with 63 bills passed into law and over 300 remaining active," Mulligan said. "I am sick and tired of the demonization of this very sensitive community — I want to support people being who they are."

While nobody spoke against the measure, councilmember Ed Smith said he was "very confused" about a paragraph in it that reads, "the resolution would affirm the city's support for access to lawful gender-affirming health care and establish a policy governing the use of city resources in connection with certain out-of-state efforts to investigate or penalize individuals or entities for lawful gender-affirming health care provided or received in California."

"I don't know how the city will interpret that," he said of the paragraph, which suggests the city could allocate resources for interstate legal battles.

According to the Human Rights Campaign, more than 400 cities and counties across the United States have passed local ordinances that prohibit discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation, while six major cities, including San Francisco, Sacramento and West Hollywood, have passed specific "sanctuary" or "refuge" declarations.

ICE

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operations."

If the council adopts the resolution, anyone who violates it could face civil action by the city attorney.

Councilman Chaps Poduri, the council's liaison to the city's diversity, equity and inclusion task force, brought the resolution forward at the panel's request.

"Nothing in this resolution is intended to limit or prohibit any city, county, state, or federal officer or employee from investigating suspected violations of criminal law," the document says.

As the Trump administration has increased deportations of people living in the country unlawfully, local officials say ICE activity on the Monterey Peninsula has been minimal and that no enforcement and removal operations have occurred in Pacific Grove.

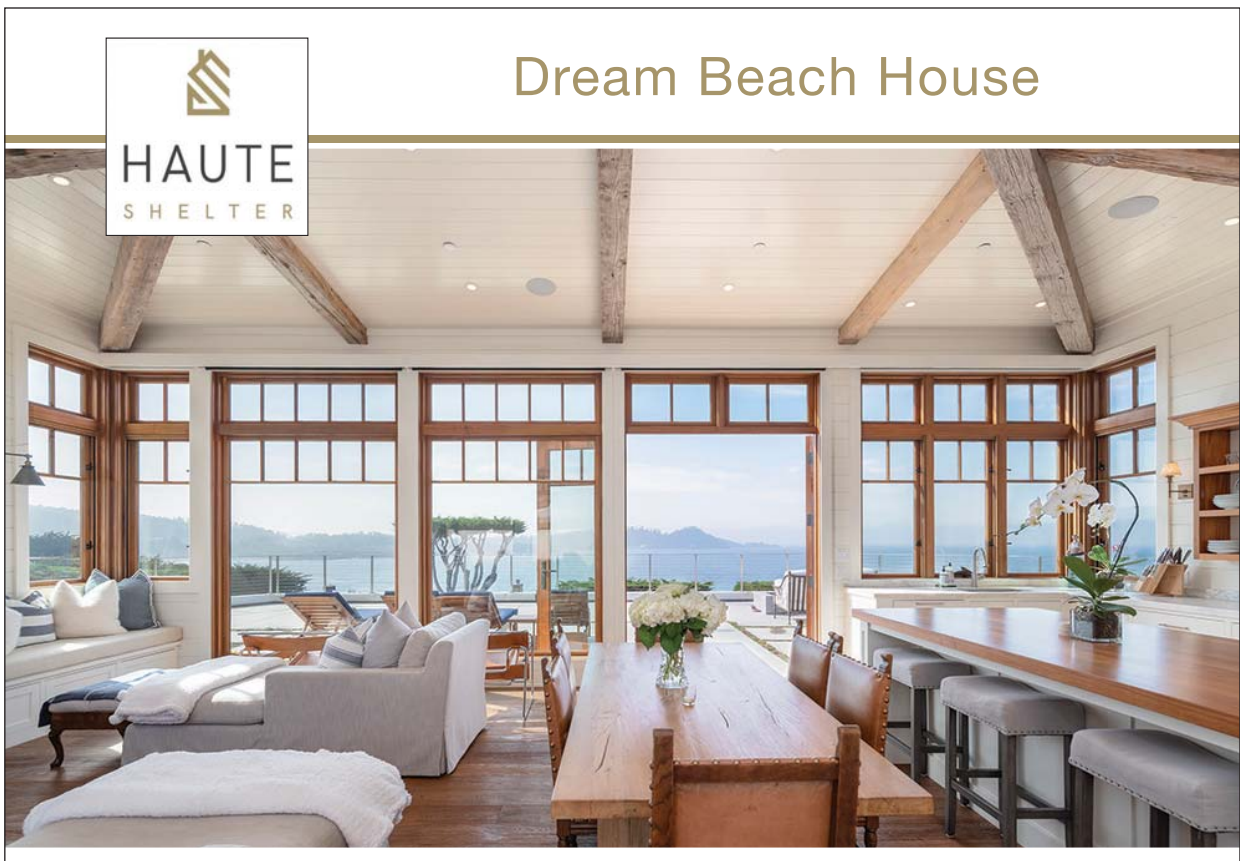
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"There have been zero enforcement and removal operations by ICE/CBP in the City of Pacific Grove during my tenure, and only one administrative action, which didn't even occur in the city," Pacific Grove Police Chief Casey Day, who started the job in March 2025, told The Pine Cone this week. "That involved a person who self-reported or self-surrendered, and the administrative action was physically carried out somewhere in the San Francisco Bay area."

About 30 emails from residents supporting the resolution were included in the agenda packet.

Before Wednesday's meeting, a resident told The Pine Cone they were surprised the item had been placed on the consent agenda, which is reserved for routine, noncontroversial matters that typically do not require public testimony. It's unclear where the item will appear on the agenda for the Nov. 4 meeting.

The resolution is similar to measures adopted by other California cities, including Marina, Watsonville, San Francisco and San Jose.



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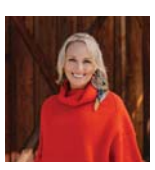
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CANDIDATES

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decisions for the best interests of our town," she said.

According to campaign finance statements filed with the California Fair Political Practices Commission, as of Oct. 17, Dramov had received $6,199 this year, with support from Bill Doolittle, Noel Carr, Chris Campbell, Bud Smith, Nancy Twomey, Bill and Nancy Lewis, former Mayor Ken White, gallery owner Bill Karges, Harvey and Melanie Billig, and former councilmembers Paula Hazdovac, Gerard Rose and Mike Brown.

Weighing in as he seeks a third council term after a two-year hiatus, another longtime resident, Bobby Richards, said he's learned residents want to hear more from their representatives in city government.

"City hall has made excellent progress with communication, but I think the residents would still like even more," he said, such as an "easy-to-understand, one-page briefing in The Pine Cone before each city council meeting and a follow-up afterward," with "a few straightforward bullet points outlining what's coming up, what was discussed and what was decided."

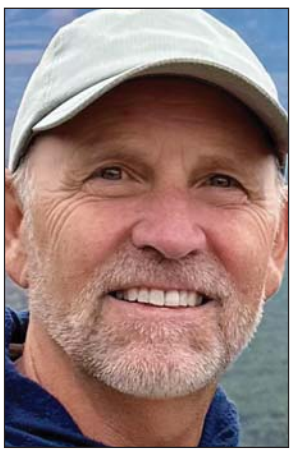
"One thing that seemed almost universal in my conversations with residents was their desire for shorter council meetings," he added.

Most surprising was the amount of support from neighbors, friends, businesses and various organizations, according to Richards, who described it as "unexpected and humbling."

A change he'd like to see undone is the council's decision to end the Mills Act program, which gave the owners of historic homes and other structures significant tax breaks in exchange for their commitments to preserve, restore and maintain their buildings. "I've always been a strong believer in historic preservation, especially in Carmel, where our historic homes are such an important part of our village's character," he said. "Homeowners willing to invest in preserving and maintaining these properties should be encouraged and incentivized, not discouraged by unnecessary obstacles."



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Bobby Richards



Alissandra Dramov

Richards wanted to remind voters that he brings "a wide range of experiences and perspectives" to the city council. "I've had the opportunity to see Carmel through many different lenses, giving me a deep understanding of our village and the people who make it special," he said. "My experience doesn't mean I have all the answers. It means I know what questions to ask, when to listen and how to best serve Carmel-by-the-Sea."

As of Sept. 19, Richards had raised $8,899 and spent $5,000. Among his supporters are Inns by the Sea, La Playa Hotel, Mike Brown, Nancy Twomey, former councilwoman Carolyn Hardy, C. Michael Hogan, Carmel Realty Property Management, Howard Leach, and the Monterey Bay Action Committee, which is headed by Jeff Davi and supports business-friendly candidates.

Planning commissioner Stefan Karapetkov, who is also running for council, said campaigning has taught him how important it is to listen.

"Going door to door and having genuine conversations with residents has taught me more than any campaign forum could," he said. "I've learned about their concerns and their hopes for Carmel, and discovered ideas I hadn't considered before."

'Enthusiastic support'

Most surprising was "how often a conversation that began with strong disagreement ended with enthusiastic support," Karapetkov said, with some who challenged his views ending up taking campaign literature to share with their neighbors.

"What surprised me just as much was how these conversations changed my own thinking," he said. "I realized that when people disagree passionately, it's often because they care deeply about Carmel. Listening to them can lead to better ideas."

If Karapetkov could reverse anything, it would be "the accumulation of regulations and permitting requirements that have made maintaining and modernizing older Carmel homes increasingly complicated and expensive."

He said he believes those barriers are to blame for the departure of some longtime permanent residents who opted to sell their homes rather than repair them, leading to their demolition and replacement with larger vacation and investment properties.

"During my campaign, I met residents who love Carmel and want to stay but are afraid even to begin necessary improvements because of the anticipated costs and

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ANDREW GRAY

May 31, 1940 Sept. 15, 2026

Andrew Gray was born in Beeston, a small town just outside London. In 1946, after the war, his parents, Ken and Vera, brought their three boys, Christopher, David and Andrew, to Carmel, California.

Andrew immediately stood out as a young Englishman in his first-grade class, but his outgoing personality and sense of humor quickly made him popular.



He developed a love of sports as a young child and played football, basketball and baseball at Carmel High School. He was co-captain of the school's undefeated football team and earned all-league honors.

Andrew attended Humboldt State, where he earned a bachelor's degree in education. One of his required courses was a dance class, where he met his future wife, Jean.

Andy and Jean married in 1963, and he soon began his first teaching job in Anaheim, California. His dream, however, was to return to the Monterey Peninsula. In 1968, he joined Seaside High School as a physical education teacher and served as varsity football coach for one year. He then became the junior varsity coach, helping build the foundation of the Spartans' football program. He also served as athletic director. With more than 300 wins, he holds the record as California's winningest junior varsity football coach.

Andrew and Jean had two children, Jeff and Mary. He always found time to coach their teams and support their extracurricular activities. The family enjoyed vacations at Lake Tahoe, road trips and hikes at Point Lobos. Andrew and Jean traveled to all 50 states and six continents. His favorite trip was a cruise to Antarctica.

After retiring from Seaside High School, Andrew remained involved in its football program. He eventually decided to coach closer to home, joining the baseball and football programs at Pacific Grove High School. During his 15 years of coaching there, his son Jeff reconnected with both programs, giving father and son the opportunity to coach together.

In 2022, Andrew and his dear friend and fellow coach, Alfred Avila, were honored when Seaside High School's stadium was named Avila Gray Stadium.

Although coaching was his passion, his grandchildren were his top priority. He loved being there for them after school, attending their sporting events and taking them on vacations. Andrew also enjoyed daily visits to the Victorian Corner, where he would order his signature "Mr Gray" breakfast and indulge in local gossip with friends. Above all, he treasured seeing his family every day.

Andrew died at 86 with his family by his side. His family includes his daughter, Mary Aliotti, and her husband, Domenic; his son, Jeff Gray; and his grandchildren, Tanner Gray, Domenic Aliotti Jr. and Juliana Aliotti.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Seaside High School gym, 2200 Noche Buena St., Seaside. Wearing red and black is encouraged.

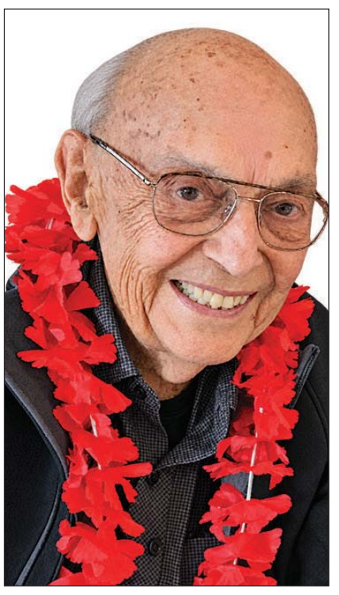
In lieu of gifts or flowers, please send donations to the Seaside High School football program at the following address:

Seaside High School
Football Program
c/o Alfred Avila
2200 Noche Buena St.
Seaside, CA 93955

EDWARD JOHN MILOWICKI

1932-2026

Edward John Milowicki was born March 2, 1932, in Plains, Pennsylvania, to Frank and Josephine Hanas Milowicki. His parents immigrated to the United States from Poland, living briefly in New York City before settling in Plains.



After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served during the Korean War. After completing basic training and language school, he was assigned as an intelligence operator to a duty station outside Seoul, South Korea. He served for three years before his honorable discharge in 1954.

Using his GI Bill education benefits, he attended Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, earning a bachelor's degree in 1958. Shortly afterward, he moved to Pittsburgh to attend Duquesne University, where he earned a master's degree. He taught at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and at Duquesne before relocating to the West Coast. He earned a doctorate in English literature from the University of Oregon in Eugene, where he studied and taught for five years.

As a professor at Mills College in Oakland, California, he taught a variety of subjects, including medieval English, classics, Chaucer, linguistics, advanced composition and Russian literature. He published several articles and presented research papers at universities in Amherst, Massachusetts; Montreal and Vancouver, Canada; Belfast, Northern Ireland; Lucerne, Switzerland; Utrecht, the Netherlands; and Tübingen, Germany.

After 30-plus years at Mills, he retired in 2002. As a professor emeritus, he continued his research and presented a paper at the Medieval and Courtly Literature Congress at the University of Exeter in England.

He enjoyed crossword puzzles, reading The New York Review of Books, tending his bonsai collection and traveling the world.

In his later years, he faced many health challenges. His family thanks all his health care providers, especially Dr. Zach Koontz of Pacific Cancer Care and Sara Tooker, DPT, of Central Coast VNA.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Joe and Leo, and his sister, Eleanor Rozmer. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Heston Milowicki, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Burial with full military honors will take place at 2 p.m. Oct. 30, 2026, at Central Coast Veterans Cemetery, 2900 Parker Flats Road, Seaside, CA 93955.

POWDER

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"They told the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office that the powder was a nonhazardous mixture of sugar and flour," Panetta said. "The envelope was turned over to the sheriff's office, which then turned it over to the FBI."

The FBI and U.S. Postal Inspection Service are investigating the incident. The letter is similar to dozens of others containing a white powdery substance that were sent to Democratic and Republican lawmakers in the House and Senate, including Republican Rep. Kevin Kiley of Rocklin.

Because the envelope was torn open over the return address, it's hard to make it out, though it appears to be the same New York address that was on the other suspicious envelopes. Many of the envelopes contained an old address for the Democratic Socialists of America. The group has denied involvement.

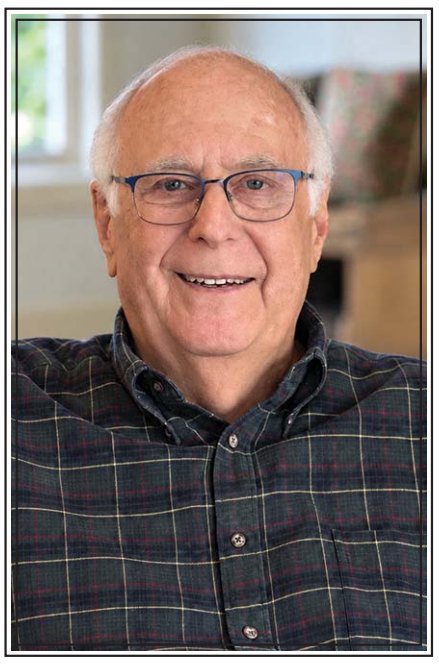
Panetta said attempts to intimidate lawmakers will not deter him and others from doing their jobs.

"Threats, fearmongering and violence against public servants have become far too common over the past decade and undermine our democracy," the Carmel Valley congressman said.

CARL EDWARD ANDERSON

January 17, 1945 – October 4, 2026

Carl Edward Anderson, of Carmel, passed away peacefully at home on October 4, 2026. A devoted husband, father and grandfather, Carl will be remembered for his kindness, steady presence and many contributions to his family and the Monterey Peninsula community.



Born January 17, 1945, in Los Angeles to Fred and Mary Anderson, Carl grew up in Southern California and graduated from Monrovia High School. He loved reminiscing about his younger years, particularly playing high school football, working at a local hamburger restaurant and the many cars he owned throughout his life. A natural storyteller, he returned to these favorite memories often.

In 1966, to avoid being drafted, Carl enlisted in the U.S. Army and completed basic training at Fort Ord. He spent a year serving in Army Special Services in Sinop, Turkey, where he coached basketball and taught sailing on the Black Sea. He attained the rank of Technical Specialist and later served in Phu Bai, Vietnam, from 1967 to 1968, including during the Tet Offensive.

Following his military service, Carl graduated from California State University, Los Angeles. In 1972, he married Mary Kay Dragieff, beginning a marriage that spanned 54 years.

His career in public service began with the cities of Monrovia and West Covina, followed by the city of Beverly Hills, where he served as Director of Parks and Recreation. In 1982, he and his family moved to the Monterey Peninsula, where he worked as Director of Public Facilities for the city of Monterey until his retirement in 2013.

Community service was an important part of Carl's life. Over the years, he served on numerous boards, including those of Asilomar, Monterey-Salinas Transit and the Sports Car Racing Association of the Monterey Peninsula (SCRAMP). He devoted more than 40 years to both SCRAMP and the Laguna Seca Raceway Foundation, serving as president of the latter. He was also a charter member of the Monterey Bay Aquarium and a member of Monterey Rotary for 40 years, including service on its board.

Of all his community interests, Laguna Seca Raceway held a particularly special place in Carl's heart. A lifelong car and racing enthusiast, he loved the track, the people associated with it and the opportunity to be involved in a place that meant so much to the Monterey Peninsula.

Sports were another lifelong passion, especially when he had the opportunity to coach. He coached his daughters' softball teams and, in retirement, his grandchildren's basketball teams. Through those years, he became a familiar and friendly face to their teammates and parents. As Carson and Morgan grew older, he rarely missed an opportunity to attend a Carmel High School game to cheer them on. Being a grandfather brought Carl particular joy, whether he was watching his grandchildren play sports or spending quieter moments with them as they listened to Grandpa tell stories about his life.

At home, Carl found satisfaction in life's simple pleasures, such as tending to his yard and meticulously washing his car on weekends. He enjoyed taking friends out on his sailboat on Monterey Bay and loved family vacations in Hawaii.

He was patient, thoughtful and dependable, with a quiet warmth that made people feel comfortable in his company. A true gentleman, he took pride in caring for his home and family, and nothing meant more to him than the people he loved.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Kay; his daughters, Heather Ferreira (Scott) and Lesley Varney (Jeff); his grandchildren, Carson and Morgan Varney and Andrew and Braden Ferreira; his brothers, Alan (Vicki) and Warren (Linda); and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Carl's life will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. January 9, 2027, at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Carl's memory to Jerry's Place (www.jerrysplace.org), an organization dedicated to providing comfort, dignity and compassionate end-of-life care to those who might not otherwise have the resources to receive it; the Laguna Seca Raceway Foundation, P.O. Box 2538, Monterey, CA 93942; or Friends of Laguna Seca (www.friendsoflagunaseca.org).



JIM PEDERSON

July 22, 1933 – Oct. 4, 2026

Jim was born at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles to Ditmar and Harriet Pederson. Soon afterward, the family moved from an apartment in the Wilshire district to Agnes Avenue in the San Fernando Valley. After grammar school, he attended LeConte Junior High School.

His parents bought a new home on Valley Vista in Studio City, and he attended Hollywood and John Marshall high schools. He worked on the school newspaper. He later attended John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, majoring in radio and television production and minoring in art. He worked for the university newspaper, the Three Fold Advocate, eventually becoming editor-in-chief.

On June 29, 1955, he sailed on the maiden voyage of the USS Constitution under the auspices of American Artist magazine for a three-month tour of Europe. Upon returning that fall, he went to work for Sen. William Fulbright at his radio and television station, KUOA, in Fayetteville, Arkansas. That fall, he married June Glidewell of Lincoln, Arkansas. A year later, their daughter, Laura Dawn, was born. After three years and an amicable separation, he moved to Southern California to advance his career.

He met Bill Vernor, with whom he lived in the Hollywood Hills for five years. During that time, he met many local and world leaders. In 1965, he met Richard Paul "Dick" Newcom. Recognizing the potential for a lasting relationship, they moved to Big Sur, built a home and began supplying local restaurants with coffee eclairs.

Jim managed a retail shop in Del Monte Center in Monterey, while Dick continued commuting to Burbank, California. Dick eventually transferred to the Monterey Post Office, where he worked as a clerk. They sold their Big Sur home at a substantial profit and moved to Carmel Point.

They planned to remodel homes for resale, but after purchasing Kitchen Traditions in Del Monte Center, they divided their attention between the shop and buying and selling homes throughout the Monterey Peninsula. Jim served as president of the Del Monte Merchants Association for nine consecutive years.

In 1976, they bought 40 acres in Sky Ranch Estates in rural upper Carmel Valley, where they planned to build their permanent home. Jim was elected president of the Tularcitos Mutual Water Company in Sky Ranch, serving for 28 years. He also found time to pursue his passion for painting, exhibiting his work at Zantman Art Galleries in Carmel and Palm Springs and the Bear Flag Gallery in San Juan Bautista.

In May 1978, while applying for a building permit, Jim met Paul Campos, the building inspector on the other side of the counter. After several platonic visits, the friendship among the three men developed into love, and they eventually formed a ménage à trois. Combining their assets, they built Ridgrest, the beautiful home they shared.

After years of world travel, Dick died peacefully in 2003 in Hawaii, his favorite destination.

Jim joined the Carmel Valley Art Association in 2010 and eventually became its gallery manager. He retired from the gallery on his 82nd birthday but continued painting and providing architectural design services to clients.

Jim is survived by his husband, Paul Campos, his partner of 48 years; two grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

Donations in Jim's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the SPCA of Monterey County.

We would like to thank the wonderful, caring staff of Home Comfort Hospice Care for their dedicated service and for keeping Jim comfortable during his final days.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at the family home. Details will be announced at a later date.

BUNDLES

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year, they're working entirely in English.

Obtaining safe car seats is a challenge for many parents, too, so the group has a program to help with that. One family they assisted had triplets, and anyone who's purchased a child car seat can tell you that three of them would cost a small fortune.

Until recently, the group's website says, Natividad Medical Center had support for a program to provide 30 car seats a year. New parents can't take their babies home without one and often borrow one but then do without or buy a used seat that doesn't meet safety standards, Rasco said.

When the third-party funding for the car seats at Natividad ended, the Christ Child Society jumped in. In 2022, it started its own car seat program with the hospital, and each newborn also gets a gift backpack.

Partners thanked

All of this work is accomplished through partner organizations that screen families and distribute the group's gifts. They include Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Natividad Medical Center, Catholic Charities, Parents as Teachers, Parenting Connection of Monterey County, and Coastal Kids Home Care, which works with families who have a seriously ill child, as well as Genesis House, a substance-abuse treatment facility, and Siena House in Santa Cruz, which helps new moms who are dealing with homelessness, crisis or trauma.

This year, in celebration of its 10th anniversary, the Christ Child Society thanked its partner agencies by dividing $20,000 in grants among them.

There are numerous volunteer opportunities listed on christchildmontereybay.org, but one of the simplest ways to get involved is through the group's annual Shower of Love. From 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 7 at Carmel Mission's MacMahon Center, you can bring a financial donation or new baby clothing, books and other essentials. A list is available on the charity's website. Snacks will be available and you can learn more about the group and its activities.

How 9/11 changed emergency preparedness

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A RETIRED New York fire assistant chief will reflect at an Oct. 28 talk on his city's response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and share observations on how they forever changed emergency preparedness throughout the United States. Hosted by the Carmel Foundation, retired FDNY Assistant Chief Richard J. Blatus will present his firsthand account of responding to the attacks and the operations that followed.

"Drawing on his experience with the FDNY, Chief Blatus will discuss how the events of Sept. 11 reshaped firefighting, emergency management preparedness and inter-agency response," the foundation said. "He will also reflect on the lasting impact of that day on first responders, ordinary citizens and communities across the country."

Membership perks

The program will take place in Diment Hall at 824 Lincoln St. at 2:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public, with refreshments served. For more information on the foundation, which serves members age 55 and older by providing low-cost housing and meals, activities, classes and numerous other offerings, visit carmelfoundation.org.



JAMES JESSE GILES

James Jesse Giles, known simply as "Giles" or "Giles of Carmel," died peacefully Aug. 7, 2026, in Monterey, California. He was 90.

He was born June 13, 1936, in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. A self-taught gold artist, Giles operated a shop in Carmel for 30 years. Over the years, he also had shops at the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco; in Tahoe City, California; in Sun Valley, Idaho; and in Aspen, Colorado.

He was best known for his expertise in polishing, casting and designing solid gold pieces, including flying seagulls, animals, flowers, sailboats and abstract designs. His distinctive techniques produced flawless rings, bracelets and necklaces. Admirers believed his approach to jewelry-making was one of a kind. Women in Carmel, throughout California and around the world still wear his beautifully designed, highly casted and highly polished pieces.

Giles also participated in and earned recognition at some of the country's largest art shows, many of them on the East Coast and in Florida.

His restless heart fueled a lifelong wanderlust. He lived in Hawaii during the 1960s and 1970s and later built a house overlooking the Pacific Ocean in Sayulita, Mexico, near Puerto Vallarta. He also traveled throughout Europe many times.

Giles had a gift for anticipating trends. He enjoyed discussing people's businesses and helping them develop ideas for success by building on their greatest strengths.

Fun-loving by nature, Giles lived by a simple rule: Fun triumphed over money. He never strayed from that philosophy.

Giles retired in 2006 at age 70 and moved back to Kentucky. He divided his remaining years between Kentucky and Monterey, enjoying opportunities to share captivating stories about his life and travels.

He is survived by his daughter, Kris, whom he largely raised on his own, and his nephew, Scott.

Those who knew Giles and would like to share stories about his life are invited to email Don Schumaker at don.schumaker@yahoo.com. Don is working with a small group of Giles' closest friends and family members, along with book editors and film producers, to share his story and preserve his legacy.



Connie LeBlanc

It is with the heaviest of hearts that we announce the passing of Connie LeBlanc, 97. Connie was born Sept. 19, 1929, in Hollister, California, to Bienvenida and Fernando Gonzalez. She spent 90 of her 97 years living in Monterey, California. On Oct. 1, 2026, with family by her side, she was called home to be with the Lord after a brief period of declining health.

Alongside her dedicated 64-year career in medicine, Connie nurtured a wonderful creative spirit. She was an incredibly talented painter and an exceptional seamstress. She poured her love into every stitch of the dresses, outfits and Halloween costumes she made for her granddaughter during her early school years.

She was a cherished mother, grandmother, sister, great-grandmother and aunt. Her light was unmistakable. She had a radiant presence that effortlessly drew in everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. Above all else, her family was the true center of her world. She had a youthful, defiant spirit and firmly believed that "age is a mindset." She also believed that the key to staying young was walking every day. During her daily neighborhood walks, often with her daughters' dog, she loved meeting her neighbors.

Connie is survived by her daughters, Karen (Mike) McCann of Monterey and Janet Alonso of Yreka; her beloved granddaughters, Brittney and Rachel; her sisters, Margie (Ron) Stewart and Diana (Gary) Bousum; and her brother, Andy (Ann) Gonzalez. She was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Richard LeBlanc.

The family extends its gratitude to the compassionate teams at Hospice of the Central Coast in Monterey and Madrone Hospice in Yreka, California, who cared for her with such grace, dignity and warmth.

Though her absence leaves an undeniable void, her light and memory will live on in every life she touched.

In Connie's honor, the family requests donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org.



SHARRY SCHMIDT LAUTER

March 18, 1951 ❖ Oct. 1, 2026

Sharry Schmidt Lauter was tragically taken from us on Oct. 1, 2026. She was born March 18, 1951, to Daniel and Loretta Schmidt of Turlock, California. The second of three children, she grew up with her brothers, Michael and Thomas. She graduated from Turlock High School and earned a bachelor's degree in English from the University of San Francisco in 1974, which she later put to use in her teaching career. More importantly, while living in San Francisco, Sharry met her future husband and life partner, Vince Lauter, whom she married in 1973.

Sharry was a bright light in the world, with a radiant smile — an unforgettable figure who forged lifelong bonds and exuded her trademark warmth, optimism and compassion wherever life took her. She was her family's rock, raising three sons as Vince's career with the Department of Defense moved the family around the world before they settled in Monterey in 1993. A devout Catholic, she had uncompromising integrity and brought joy to those fortunate enough to have her in their lives. Sharry was also known for hosting large family gatherings and for her exceptional cooking. More than anything, she deeply loved and cared for her family, who returned that love and care. She cherished every moment she spent with her seven grandchildren.

Sharry was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Loretta Schmidt. She is survived by her husband, Vince; sons, Vincent III (Morgan), Michael (Jody) and Daniel (Katherine); seven grandchildren, Penelope, Olivia, Millie, Valentina, Wesley, Donovan and Rocco; and brothers, Thomas (Clara) and Michael (Dana).

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 9, 2026, at Carmel Mission Basilica. Interment will follow at 1 p.m. at San Carlos Cemetery in Monterey.

DAVID MICHAEL SNYDER SR.

Sept. 20, 1944 – Oct. 9, 2026

David Michael Snyder Sr. died peacefully at home on Oct. 9, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.



Born in Kirksville, Missouri, to Donald E. Snyder Sr. and Dorothy Helen (Hart) Snyder, David was a devoted husband to Sharon Lee Snyder and a loving father to four children: David Jr., Lisa, Dysthe and Kristan. He was a proud grandfather to Corey, Dylan, Bailee and Zealyn, and a brother to Donald, Douglas and Deborah.

A certified public accountant (CPA) for more than 50 years, David founded Snyder Accountancy in 1981. Through decades of hard work and dedication, he built a successful accounting practice. He was also generous with his time and talents, serving on the boards of several nonprofit organizations, working as an immigration consultant and advocate, and participating in Rotary.

Outside of work, David loved his St. Louis Cardinals, spicy enchiladas, spending time with family and making people laugh with his wonderful stories. He had a generous heart and was always willing to help his family whenever they needed him.

Above all, David will be remembered for his devotion to family, his sense of humor, his strong work ethic and the many ways he showed his love through his actions. His stories, laughter, generosity and unwavering support will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He leaves behind a legacy of hard work, kindness and love that will endure through generations of his family.



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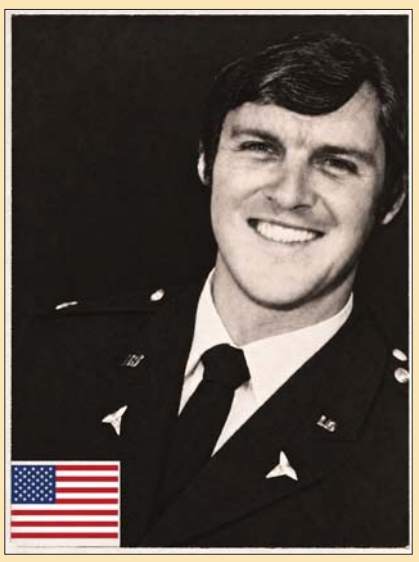
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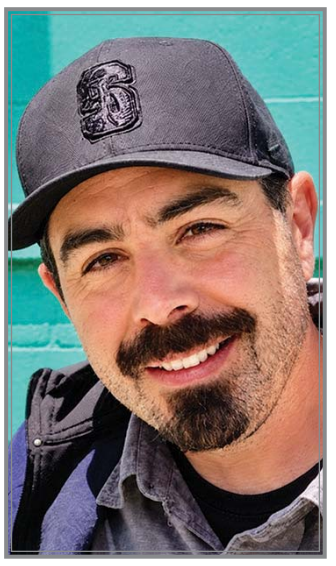
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Nicolas Quinto Salas

Nicolas Quinto Salas was born July 8, 1981, to Beth Shammas and Mario Salas, three years after the birth of their triplets. From the moment Nick arrived, he knew he needed to be loud, charming and cute to compete with his attention-getting siblings. He was the most outgoing, had an ease in talking and relating to people and had the biggest eyes and longest eyelashes of us all. So lovable.



In a household devoted to sports and recreation, Nick also exhibited the most natural athletic ability, notably in pingpong and basketball. Although he disliked losing, he was also known for winning without going the extra mile. Only Nick could put in a mediocre effort and still pull off a victory.

We marveled at his intelligence and slight rebelliousness when he deliberately put in a below-average effort in middle school, only to excel academically as a high school freshman, "when it mattered." At Pacific Grove High School, Nick was surrounded by good friends, teammates and coaches. He was proud to be part of the basketball team that won the Central Coast Section and Northern California championships and competed in the state championship game at Arco Arena in Sacramento.

While in high school, Nick was diagnosed with bipolar I disorder, and his life — and ours — changed completely. His academic and athletic plans were disrupted, and his struggles with mental health began.

Despite this diagnosis, Nick's natural abilities helped him find employment as an aide in the Pacific Grove school district's before- and after-school program and with the city's recreation department. Nick enjoyed working with children, and with his big heart, authenticity and love of games and sports, the work was a natural fit.

Nick impressed us most when he coached seventh-grade boys basketball at Pacific Grove and Carmel middle schools. We watched him teach plays, be lighthearted and silly, skillfully manage parents, maintain discipline and, at times, unfortunately, unleash his frustration on the referees. But we also saw the children adore him and parents rally to support him, giving us a glimpse of the impact he could have.

Nick was smart, resourceful and surrounded by friends and family, yet this illness challenged us all. A young man with bipolar disorder who tried to cope on his own, Nick soon found himself also battling addiction and the challenges of living with both conditions.

Throughout his struggles and accomplishments, Nick remained a coach and champion for the underdog. An old soul, he connected with people who had also endured difficult life experiences. His time living on the street gave him — and us — greater compassion and understanding for others facing hardship. Nick's heart was as big as his deer-like eyes. He made friends wherever he went and took pride in encouraging and supporting those less fortunate than himself.

Nick enjoyed being an uncle and cherished being present for the birth of his first niece. An avid animal lover with a particular fondness for cats, he enjoyed the company of his beloved pets. Nick was also a treasure trove of interesting information, whether it was music from the '60s, sports trivia from the '70s, movie lines from the '80s or politics from the '90s. He was usually right and unpredictably opinionated. We will remember the many roles his talents might have led him to pursue: a radio broadcaster for the Hippo, a sports blogger — if he had been more tech-savvy — or an elementary school physical education teacher.

Nick passed away Oct. 6, surrounded by his family. His suffering ended, but his countless comical anecdotes and heart of gold will live on around our dining room tables.

Nick was preceded in death by his father, Mario, in 2016 and his stepfather, Tom, in 1998. He is survived by his mother, Beth Shammas; his stepfather, Richard Gray; his sisters, Lorie, Layla and Marta; his brother, Jamil; and his nieces and nephews, Miriam, Charlotte, Libby and William. He is also survived by his uncle, Joe Shammas; his aunt, Anne Swedberg; and numerous cousins.

A funeral Mass and reception will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church in Pacific Grove.

Championships require screaming speed and otherworldly stamina

TWO CARMEL runners are positioned to compete for overall medalist honors on Halloween in the boys division of the Pacific Coast Athletic League Championship meet, where standouts from Hollister, Monte Vista Christian, Palma, Watsonville and Alisal also will have their eyes on the prize.

Based on season-best times compiled by athletic.net, Carmel senior Jasper Bolante looms as the PCAL's No. 1 runner, and freshman teammate Henry Bartle is No. 4 in the rankings in advance of the 1 p.m. showdown Oct. 31 at Toro Park.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Carmel's boys also are hypothetically positioned for a top-three finish in the team competition, where Alisal and Hollister rank as the top two.

The results also will determine team and individual qualifiers for the CCS Championships, which will be contested Nov. 14 in Belmont.

"The competition there will be very good, but we're capable of winning that meet on any given day," said Carmel coach Matt King, whose varsity lineup at the PCAL meet, based on previous performances, is likely to be composed of Bolante, Bartle, sophomore Charles Guzzi and juniors Timber Mearns and Ian Collins. Senior Matthew David and sophomore Zachary Gardener have posted the next-fastest times for the Padres this season.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Jasper Bolante, a senior at Carmel High, will be a favorite to win the Pacific Coast Athletic League's Gabilan Division boys title Oct. 31 at Toro Park.

Bolante, Bartle have lofty goals

"Jasper's had a good year, but he's been really, really focused on CCS and state," the coach said of Bolante, who achieved the PCAL's fastest time — 14 minutes, 44.6 seconds, a personal best — on Sept. 19 at the 45th annual Woodbridge Classic in Irvine, where he placed 10th against many of the state's top runners. "He's been putting in a fair amount of mileage, and it's important for him to get a low time before he really starts looking at colleges."

Bartle, a nationally ranked junior runner, also registered his fastest-ever high school time at the Woodbridge Classic, finishing 34th in 15:11.4 — the fourth-best clocking in the PCAL this year.

"Actually, he was kind of disappointed in his time there, but what was supposed to be a six-hour drive down there turned into nine hours in the van," King said. "So, I think all of our guys felt like they could've done better."

Guzzi (16:08.2), Mearns (16:14) and Collins (16:20.6) also recorded their best times at the Woodbridge meet.



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Juniors Landyn Martis (left) and Julianna Cullers will lead Stevenson's girls into the Gabilan Division race at the PCAL Cross Country Championships on Halloween at Toro Park.

Jin is Carmel's fastest girl

Carmel's fastest girl, junior Jasmine Jin, clocked her season best time (20:09.54) Sept. 17, when she won the PCAL's first Mission Division Center Meet of the season. She finished second in the second Center Meet on Oct. 1.

"We'll have Jasmine at the PCAL meet, but she's going to be in Chicago during the CCS Championships, competing with the school's mock trial team, so she'll miss that one," King said of Jin, who placed 18th among Division IV runners at CCS last fall and 21st as a freshman.

Another formidable female, freshman Ellenore Blum, notched a personal best (21:52.07) at North County's Jackie Henderson Memorial in September.

Stevenson's girls compete in the rugged Gabilan Division, led by junior Landyn Martis, who logged her best time of the year (20:24.7) in her most recent outing, Oct. 14 at Center Meet 3 at North County, where she placed seventh in a field of 35. Her personal best time, 20:07.8, was achieved last season.

An essential force

"Landyn is just a ferocious competitor — she lives and breathes running," said Stevenson coach Elijah Colby of Martis, who qualified for CCS as a freshman and sophomore, placing 20th in Division V a year ago.

"She's our team leader in terms of hard work, day in and day out," he said. "But she's also this lovely young person who shows up for every meet with color-coordinated ribbons for her teammates and bracelets. She brought me one last week that says 'Coach.'"

Colby's No. 2 runner, junior Julianna Cullers, ran her personal best (20:44.4) at Center Meet 3 on the North County course, where sophomore teammate Sonya Taran also achieved her fastest time (20:59.5).

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complexity," said Karapetkov, who would like to see simple approval processes for like-for-like replacements of windows, doors and other materials and infrastructure that don't affect exterior appearances.

"The goal is to make it easier for people to stay in their homes, preserve Carmel's smaller houses and sustain a vibrant, year-round community," he said.

Karapetkov, whose financial filing indicates he would not raise or spend more than $2,000 on his campaign, thanked those who have supported him and shared their thoughts and views.

"I've met many retired residents with extraordinary careers who are eager to contribute their experience to Carmel's infrastructure and capital improvement projects," he said. "Having led large, cross-functional teams throughout my career, I know what people with different skills and perspectives can accomplish together. I look forward to bringing people together to accomplish something meaningful for Carmel."

Warm welcome

Running for mayor, new resident David Boland also decided not to fundraise or spend on his campaign. He said he was surprised by "how warmly Carmel has welcomed someone who started as a political unknown."

He acknowledges he had "virtually no public profile and minimal digital presence" when he decided to run, but found "residents were eager to listen, engage and give me the opportunity to earn their vote."

He also said he's been impressed by the "creativity and generosity of people who have stepped forward to help my campaign, whether it was opening their homes to introduce me to neighbors or making handmade yard signs crafted from recycled materials. It has reminded me that Carmel is still very much a neighborhood of creatives, where personal connections and community matter."

His campaign efforts have largely relied on "door-to-door canvassing, word of mouth, phone trees, backyard conversations and the passion of my supporters," and Boland said there's value in demonstrating that a candidate can reach constituents without raising and spending a lot of money.

"I entered this race because I believe in democracy and that voters deserve a genuine choice in who leads Carmel. I want to turn good ideas into action and focus on what we can accomplish together," he said. "I'm grateful to everyone who has taken the time to engage with me throughout this election. I hope voters will consider what each candidate brings to the office and choose the council they believe will best serve Carmel."

Councilman Hans Buder, who is running for mayor two years into his first four-year term, also said he has spent a lot of time speaking with voters and is "always struck by how engaged and well-informed our residents are."

'A better-run city'

"People care a lot about Carmel, and they have a lot of good ideas about how to make it better," he said. While residents repeated much of what they shared during his 2024 campaign, Buder said parking and tourism impacts have figured more prominently in the conversations this time.

"It's certainly not surprising, but it's interesting how the zeitgeist can shift in just a couple of years," he said. "Those topics rarely came up in the last campaign but are now very top of mind for residents."

Like Dramov, the trend Buder would like to see reversed is the departure of full-time residents, "especially the loss of families with children." In 2012, 279 Carmel kids attended River School, according to Buder. "Last year, there were just 129."

Buder's parting comments for voters in advance of Election Day focused on his desire to see city hall better. "City councils spend almost all their time debating what government should do and hardly any time evaluating how well and how efficiently it's doing those things," he said.

"As this campaign winds down, the one thing I want residents to take away is my commitment to making operational performance a central focus of the city council. How long does it take to get a permit? How much does it cost us to maintain a mile of road? How satisfied are residents with the services they receive? We're going to start measuring these things, publishing the results for everyone to see and using that information to build a better-run city."

Buder's year-to-date fundraising as of Sept. 19 totaled $17,440, with another $3,000 donated this month, and just shy of $7,000 in expenditures. His supporters include Richard Davis from Dallas, Texas, Harvard Business School professor Nori Gerardo Lietz, attorney Jeannette Witten, hotelier Michael Freed, Connie Hess, Peter Baird, Chris Campbell, Dallas investor Christopher Mahowald, architect Barbara Westover, Kathleen Whitehead, Jill Sheffield, Betty Kullas and Noel Carr.

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Editorial

Crime is real

WHEN THE Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted Sept. 22 to end the sheriff's office's contract with Flock Safety and remove its 63 automated license plate reader cameras, one group went unheard: the people who would have become victims of criminals now behind bars because of those cameras.

They had a spokesperson in District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni, who told the supervisors that license plate reader technology makes it a lot easier to catch the bad guys.

"Based on the experience of this office in prosecuting thousands of cases, license plate reader technology has become an indispensable tool for solving crimes, apprehending dangerous offenders and protecting the safety of our residents," Pacioni said. "The D.A.'s Office files more than 10,000 criminal cases each year, and a search of our case management system shows that over 6,000 cases currently on file involve license-plate evidence."

Her examples included numerous violent crimes involving vulnerable victims. That her testimony went unheeded by the board is inexplicable, as a quick overview will readily show.

■ In one South County mass shooting, investigators used license plate reader data to track vehicles connected to the crime. That information helped lead investigators to a phone number linking a Norteño gang member to the shootings. The prosecution remains pending.

■ In another case, two Norteño gang members drove past a victim several times before parking, approaching while masked and opening fire. The victim was killed, his friend was wounded, and a woman cooking breakfast for her children was struck by a stray bullet and left quadriplegic. License plate data captured the vehicle and helped confirm its ownership. Both defendants are serving life without parole.

■ Pacioni also cited a case in which two defendants robbed a woman and her 1-year-old grandchild at gunpoint. License plate footage helped identify the getaway vehicle after it was stopped in Southern California and connected one defendant to a similar robbery in King City. That case remains pending.

■ In a King City case, a man attacked two brothers outside their Motel 6 room with a 3-foot ax, killing one. The Monterey County District Attorney's Office says Kevin James Powell was sentenced to 76 years to life in state prison for first-degree murder and attempted murder. The office identified license plate evidence as a key investigative tool in the case.

■ Pacioni also described a robbery suspect who fled King City by car. A license plate reader captured the vehicle leaving the scene and later alerted officers that it was traveling north on Highway 101. Officers staged ahead on the freeway. The suspect fled on foot and shot at officers. He is now serving 56 years to life in state prison, Pacioni said.

■ In another case, an estranged father kidnapped his 4-year-old child, threatened a witness with a firearm and struck another person with his vehicle while fleeing. Using automated license plate reader technology, Monterey police located the child within three hours and 10 minutes.

These examples do not prove that license plate readers should operate without limits. They do show why eliminating the technology altogether is the wrong response to privacy concerns.

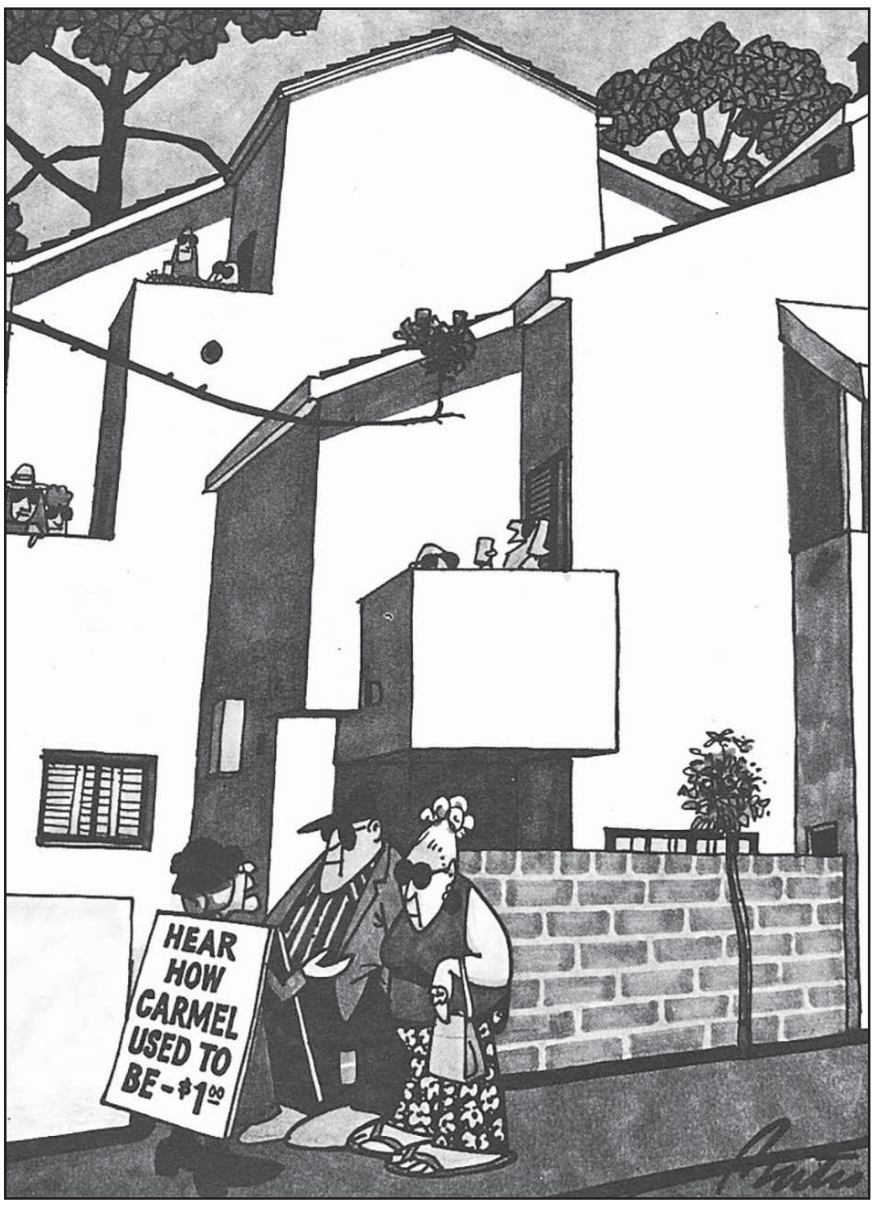
Flock claims its technology helps solve about 700,000 crimes annually and is involved in roughly 10% of reported U.S. crime. Those figures come from a company-commissioned study of its customers and should not be treated as settled fact. Still, the broader point remains: Investigators frequently need vehicle information to identify and arrest deadly criminals.

A high-profile example came in December 2025, when a gunman killed two Brown University students and later fatally shot MIT professor Nuno Loureiro. Investigators followed tips about a gray Nissan Sentra with Florida plates. Providence police said Flock cameras detected the vehicle 14 times in the days and weeks surrounding the Brown shooting. The data helped investigators locate the rental agency, obtain surveillance footage and identify the suspect, Claudio Valente, who was later found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

An after-action review of the case described the license plate reader data as "indispensable" in solving the crime.

Yes, there are privacy concerns about license plate cameras, but the way to address them is by controlling how data from them is used, not by getting rid of them. Crime is real, and every method available should be used in a responsible manner to help protect innocent people from being harmed.

BEST of BATES



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A better way to grow TOT

Dear Editor,

We own and operate several boutique hotels in highly desirable California markets and know firsthand the impact hotel taxes can have on the lodging business.

For that reason, we are writing to voice our opposition to Measure M. Carmel hotel guests already pay 12% when the city's 10% hotel tax is combined with the additional 2% Carmel Hospitality Improvement District assessment.

We are also making a considerable reinvestment in Herons Lodge that we expect will substantially increase the property's room revenue and its contribution to Carmel's hotel tax revenues. Based on our projections, the completed property could generate roughly three times the TOT it generates today.

Other Carmel hotels that have been substantially upgraded have similarly generated significantly more tax revenue for the city without an increase in the tax rate. Continued private investment in Carmel's lodging properties can grow the city's tax base while also improving the quality of its visitor accommodations.

Increasing the tax burden on guests, particularly given Carmel's already relatively high room rates, may instead encourage some visitors to consider lodging outside the city, undercutting the additional economic and tax benefits these investments are intended to create.

We encourage you to vote no on Measure M.

Britten Shuford, *Carmel*

Yes on M

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in support of Measures M and N in the upcoming election. With respect to Measure N, the proposed 0.375% sales tax increase on purchases in Carmel, I've been pleased to see that there is essentially no opposition. This tiny increase will result in $1.8 million in much-needed annual income for our city, and it will help us make progress on our long list of deferred capital improvements and projects that have been delayed for too long.

Measure M is a different story. Each week, The Pine Cone has published letters from the hotel community opposing Measure M's proposed 2% increase in the transient occupancy tax, from 10% to 12%. The primary argument seems to be that visitors already pay 12% because they are charged a 2% Hospitality Improvement

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A mathematician who says collaboration is the answer

Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

BRILLIAN MATHEMATICIANS are usually depicted as eccentric loners — the nerds eating by themselves in the cafeteria. But they're not, according to Pantelimon Stanica, and he should know.

The winner of an international prize for his research in Boolean functions, the on-off, yes-no calculations that are the bedrock of our digital world, Stanica is a tenured professor at the Naval Postgraduate School. In his 58 years, he has authored or co-authored more than 250 research papers — a remarkable academic output by any standard. But for Stanica, they're just another day at the office.

"I like collaboration, and I have many colleagues around the world. I was just at a conference in Norway three weeks ago, then Germany," Stanica said, adding, "Mathematicians are always asking each other, 'What is the problem you're working on right now?' For me, it's whatever is interesting to me at that moment."

Many of those problems exist in the field of cryptography — formulas that help keep digital information secure, and the subject of Stanica's second doctoral thesis. Evidence of his instincts about where the world was heading in 1999, the work has only grown more complex and relevant with time.

Farmers' son

Two centuries ago, mathematician George Boole wanted to know whether human reasoning — specifically, deciding whether something is true or false — could be expressed mathematically, so he divined a logic based on two possible values. Those famous 0s and 1s built the road to modern computing and digital encryption, which keeps sensitive information off the public information highway — and Stanica's understanding of those methods paved the way to his job as manager of the secure communication program at NPS.

All to say, Stanica has come a long way from country roads in Gorj County, Romania, where he was born in 1967. His parents were subsistence farmers and, beginning in first grade, Stanica and his brother walked the 4-mile round trip to a one-room school, followed by an afternoon shift of farm labor, then homework.

Since the classes were combined, when one grade was being taught, the others were expected to remain quiet.

"As a first grader, I would get punished for interrupting to answer third-grade math questions. And while I'm not sure if this is true, my mom says I was always scratching out equations in the dirt," he laughed.

To attend a public high school that specialized in mathematics, a teenage Stanica lived in dorm housing 30 miles from home, then returned in the summers, where he worked at a lumber mill to earn money for school supplies.

Defending the university

From the humblest imaginable beginnings, he went on to earn two doctorates. His first, in algebra, was from the Institute of Mathematics of the Romanian Academy, and his second was awarded in 1999 by the State University of New York in Buffalo.

Forty years prior, not long after Romania came under communist rule, a mathematics student named Nicolae Popescu

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PHOTO/NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

Cryptology expert Pantelimon Stanica arrived at NPS two decades ago by way of Auburn, Buffalo, and Bucharest.

SELF-TAUGHT 'WORK IN PROGRESS' FINDS LIBERATION IN THE STUDIO

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

BENEATH THE high ceiling of her spacious second-floor Seaside studio, reformed "rule follower" Bernadette Renois releases her inner anarchist.

Her playful nickname for the space — "Bernie's Art School" — derives not from the occasional workshops she teaches there. The moniker celebrates the liberty she feels every day as a self-taught work in progress.

"My rent here is cheaper than going to art school," explained Renois, who pushes convention and practicality aside to create a wide-ranging array of rules-don't-apply abstract art.

"If I had gone to art school, I think it would've messed with my head. Why am I supposed to paint on a stretched canvas that I bought at the craft store?" she asked rhetorically, surrounded by art she has painted, woven, sketched and stitched onto random pieces of fabric, shower curtains, pillowcases and strips cut from a colorful Pendleton blanket that Renois purchased at a weaver's rummage sale.

Renois also collected plates from the Thai restaurant next door, washed them and repurposed them as makeshift palettes. One day, she peeled off the dried paint to discover colorful, artistic, abstract patterns underneath.

P.G. show opens Nov. 6

Renois will display a diverse selection of her work — a show she'll call "Starting Line" — in the Boyer Gallery at the Pacific Grove Art Center, part of a multi-artist exhibition that launches Nov. 6 with a 6 p.m. reception and continues through Dec. 10.

Other featured creators in the center's galleries will include Edi Matsumoto in an exhibit entitled "Otter Therapy," Monterey Youth Arts Collective graduates Raven Cook, Luke Metcalfe and Iphigenia Wilder in a show called "Fragmented Being," and a group of Santa Cruz oil painters presenting atwork in "Inspiration to the Expanded View."

Some of Renois' pieces are as large as a shower curtain. A few are enormous — a dark, shadowy entity emerging from a colorful-but-stormy backdrop haunts a corner of her studio, stretching almost from floor to towering ceiling.

"This place is a gift," she said of the abundant workspace that accommodates such creativity. "I can bring my rebellion in here."

Bernie's 'awakening'

That rebellion started about eight years ago, when she enrolled her two young sons — now approaching their 11th and 14th birthdays — in a Pismo Beach art class where the instructor was a bit of a rebel herself.

"Her class was in this beautiful, old home, and it was all about, 'Hey, do you want to spill that paint? Do you want to stick your fingers in it and smear it? Do you want to glue those things together?' Anything was OK," she remembered.

"Watching those beautiful, creative, curious little children — kids who weren't afraid of messing up — alongside a mentor encouraging a child-led class … that was a bit of an awakening for me."

The workshops and private classes Renois teaches to children and adults are built around the same philosophy, with names like "Mindful Mark Making," "Paint & Color Play" and "Junk Journaling."

And, continuing that freely creative thread, both of her sons are attending the Monterey Bay Charter School, where the Waldorf education philosophy



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Bernadette Renois, a reformed "rule follower" and abstract artist, teaches playful, liberating workshops at her spacious Seaside studio.

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PROPS

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for home prices, they have gone up 45% over the same period, with 44% of Californians telling the Public Policy Institute last month that the cost of housing is a major financial strain.

One of the biggest problems with government-backed housing projects is that they're still expensive to build. In fact, construction of subsidized housing can cost up to 1.5 times per unit more than market-rate homes, according to a RAND study. A separate report, this one from the Cato Institute, found that multifamily housing can also cost up to $1.1 million per unit — a sum that doesn't pencil out when your goal is to offer lower rents. The big drivers of the overruns in subsidized projects include union wage requirements and environmental strictures, neither of which will be alleviated by Proposition 1.

Proposition 37 takes a more novel approach to the government-program-as-solution model. The initiative asks taxpayers to shell out $25 billion and establish California as the largest mortgage lender in the state.

The bonds would fund loans to cover down payments for "middle-income" buyers, defined as those earning up to twice an area's median household income, which in Monterey County works out to $194,460. Those qualified homebuyers would be eligible for loans of up to 17% of the purchase price on homes worth as much as $1.5 million. The program would essentially issue buyers a second mortgage to cover the majority of a down payment, leaving buyers to come up with just 3%, while the state covers the rest.

The idea isn't exactly new. The federal government already backs mortgages with minimal down payments, as little as 3.5%, and U.S. government-sponsored enterprise Fannie Mae offers mortgages with only 3% down, but with higher interest rates.

Geared toward the affluent

However, California's subsidized loan program is geared toward more affluent buyers who've found themselves priced out of California's sky-high housing market. The proposal comes with risks: If those affluent buyers don't have great credit scores, the program's lenders can use bank statements and rental history in lieu of those scores, and if they default, taxpayers are the backstop.

The proposal, like Proposition 1, does little to solve the fundamental problem of having too few homes. Critics of Proposition 37 also worry that giving buyers the means to bid more for existing properties could end up driving prices even higher.

The only measure on the ballot that has a real chance of increasing the housing supply is Proposition 45, which offers voters a chance to overhaul one of the biggest obstacles to building in the state: CEQA.

The California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA, has been the main weapon in NIMBYs' arsenal for decades, halting countless projects that would have created more homes for renters and buyers. Even if you don't have an angry neighbor suing your development proposal out of existence, CEQA's ever-changing requirements also gum up the works of an already slow-moving government regulatory process, adding costs and delays.

According to the California Public Policy Center, developers attempting to build a basic 200-home subdivision in the Golden State pay at least $1 million just to cover the cost of CEQA reports. The same analysis also details a two- to three-year wait for the review process to be completed in the best-case scenarios.

Proposition 45 aims to streamline the CEQA process by setting a 365-business-day limit on environmental reviews for works deemed "essential," including some housing projects.

The reform would also simplify the CEQA application process, requiring cities and counties to request all necessary information from the outset rather than making repeated requests for additional information. When it comes to lawsuits aimed at grinding work to a halt, Proposition 45 would restrict challenges on CEQA grounds and force judges to rule within 270 days on lawsuits.

The measure would also apply to a long list of other essential projects, and some of them — including data centers, reservoirs and battery storage — have the environmental lobby up in arms. Yet the proposition offers more CEQA reform than the Legislature has passed with recent pro-housing bills and will test whether Democrats really want the abundance they profess to want when it comes to making California a more affordable place to live.

California is really good at making the building process complicated and thus expensive. Come Election Day, voters will decide whether they'd like to shed some of the hoops builders need to clear or whether it's better to continue on the government-program path of helping favored groups afford the state's stratospheric home prices.

PUPPIES

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is a "devoted people-pleaser who already knows his name." Jamie Tartt, also black and white, is the busy one who "chases and chews his toys all day," Peace of Mind says. The puppies have been raised around plenty of other dogs and people, so they're social, confident and ready for homes.

As for Fifa, Broecker said she's doing very well and is expected to fully recover and live a full life. "She'll restart her valley fever treatment now that the puppies are weaned," Broecker said.

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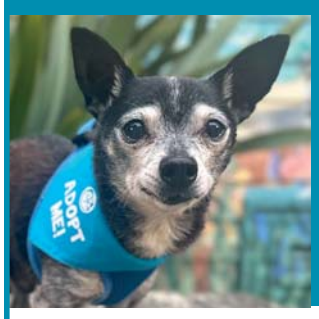
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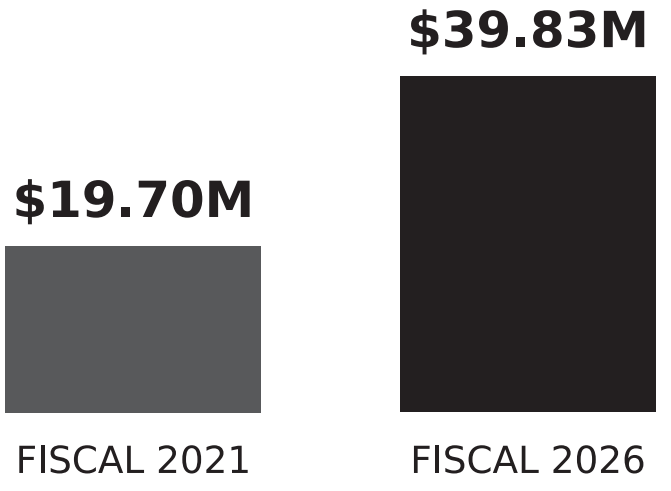
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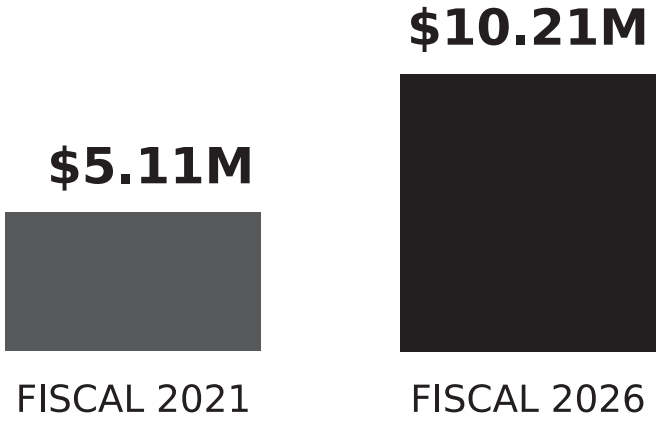
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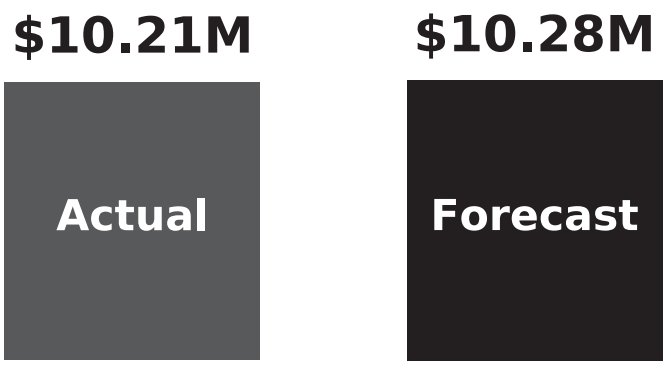


Hotel tax growth over past 5 years:

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Hotel tax payments are already 5 years ahead of City's Fiscal 2031 forecast.



Sources: City FY 2020/21 Adopted Budget, p. 23; FY 2025/26 budget adoption, Resolution 2025-052; City FY 2025/26 year-end TOT report; June 2, 2026 budget presentation, p. 22.
FY 2020/21 to FY 2025/26: budget $19,695,977 to $39,829,800 (+102.2%); TOT $5,106,437 to $10,208,153 (+99.9%; 14.9% annual compound growth). Forecast: $10.21M / $10.28M = 99.3%.

THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR A TAX INCREASE

VOTE NO ON MEASURE M

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LETTERS

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District fee. None of these letters mention that this fee was self-imposed by local hotel owners who wanted to raise money to increase tourism in Carmel. But not one cent of it goes to the city. This is essentially a marketing fund created by hotel owners, who elected to pass the entire amount on to their guests rather than absorb it as a marketing cost.

TOT levels range from 12% to 14% in all the other Peninsula communities. Those communities use that money to run their respective cities, including covering the cost of increased demands on infrastructure caused by more hotel guests. Carmel needs to increase its TOT to match the lowest rate among the other communities. The fact that it has lagged behind for so many years is ridiculous. The City Council stands behind this, and its members have committed to using the money to reduce our $100 million backlog in repairs and capital improvements. A yes vote on Measure M is the only thing that makes sense, and I urge you to join me in supporting this important measure to protect Carmel's future.

Chris Campbell, *Carmel*

No on M

Dear Editor,

We have owned the iconic Hog's Breath Inn on San Carlos Street since 1999. We love our city and community and want it to thrive. Raising the hotel tax from 12% to 14% — the highest on the Monterey Peninsula — will not get us there. Measure M is a reactive, backward-looking fix, not a forward-thinking vision or strategy.

Our city's own data proves it. Hotel tax revenue has grown 144% since 2012 — more than twice the rate of inflation — not by raising rates, but by investing in marketing through our Hospitality Improvement District. That model works and must continue. Organic revenue will overtake what Measure M would raise within three years, and receipts already exceed the city's own fiscal 2031 forecast five years early.

Instead, encourage our hotels to reinvest in aging properties through tax-increment financing, rebating 50% of their TOT increases over five to 10 years. Rebuilt rooms mean higher rates and higher bed taxes.

Measure M also carries a cost. A 14% rate could push 5,000 room nights a year elsewhere — roughly $3.66 million in lost local spending, more than double what the city would collect. With fewer than 1,000 hotel rooms and about 100 vacation rentals, you cannot tax this base into prosperity. Travel, tourism, hospitality and retail generate 65% of Carmel-by-the-Sea's tax revenue. Measure M taxes the heart of our economy. Our original artists weren't selling their art to one another.

My deeper challenge is to our council. City spending rose 102% in five years. We don't have a revenue problem — we have a spending problem, and Measure M is a general tax with no controls on how a dollar is spent. Where is the strategic, forward-looking plan to grow revenue, cut excessive spending and generate taxes without raising tax rates? We cannot tax our way into prosperity. And why spend $50 million on a new police station for a community this size when private partners could build it and fill the city's coffers rather than drain them?

Vote no on M. City Council: Show us the plan.

Lee Morcus, *Carmel*

School spending

Dear Editor,

Your Oct. 9 article, "Two vie for Carmel school board," raised an important question about accountability for Measure I.

Measure I has a legally mandated accountability framework. It is not optional, nor is it left to the discretion of the school district. Under California's Proposition 39, Measure I is subject to strict accountability requirements designed to protect taxpayers and ensure bond funds are spent as voters intended.

These safeguards include an independent citizens' oversight committee made up of community representatives — including taxpayers, parents, seniors and business representatives — to monitor bond expenditures. Annual independent financial and performance audits are required to verify that bond proceeds are spent appropriately. Strict spending restrictions ensure that bond funds may be used only for authorized facilities projects, never for teacher or administrator salaries, pensions or day-to-day operating expenses. Public transparency is also required, with oversight committee proceedings, reports and audit findings available to the public. These protections are established in California law. They are not campaign promises. They are enforceable requirements.

The district's facilities project list and information about Measure I are available at carmelunified.org/departments/facilitiesfunding. Accountability is a fundamental legal requirement of the measure.

Jon Guidi, Gina Nucci and Danielle Carlson,
Committee for Yes on Measure I

Takes one to know one

Dear Editor,

I had the privilege of serving as mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea for the better part of a decade. It's a wonderful job, but it's not an easy one. I learned a few things along the way about what it takes to do it well. That's why I'm supporting Hans Buder for mayor.

Hans works hard and does his homework. He comes to council meetings knowing the issues inside and out, usually with his own research and charts to make his points. During his time on the council, he has taken the lead on some of the city's toughest issues, from housing and wildfire preparedness to city finances.

Of course, being well-prepared is only part of the job. As mayor, you need to be able to listen and bring people together. Earlier this year, I attended a listening session Hans organized with about 60 residents. I've been to plenty of political events over the years, but never one quite like this. Rather than telling us what he thought, Hans broke us into small groups, asked us to discuss Carmel's challenges and had each group share its ideas. It was a good example of something I've come to appreciate about Hans: He's one of the few political leaders I know who listens more than he talks. He knows he doesn't have all the answers, and he's comfortable bringing together people with different points of view.

Those qualities will be especially important in the years ahead. We need to make progress on the issues facing Carmel, but we need to do so while preserving the character and charm that make this place so special. Hans and I talk about that quite a lot, and I know it's as important to him as it is to me.

Please join me in supporting Hans Buder for mayor.

Ken White, *Carmel*

Support Dramov

Dear Editor,

We encourage our village to re-elect Alissandra Dramov to the City Council. Alissandra stands out for her steady leadership, sincere service and rare character. She doesn't see public office as personal advancement; she cares for Carmel deeply and consistently, with a real sense of responsibility. That genuine concern shows in how she listens, speaks and addresses community issues.

Alissandra has a proven commitment to Carmel's history and a clear passion for its future. She understands that preserving what makes Carmel special must go hand in hand with thoughtful progress. Rather than sticking to a script, she engages with the public, asks good questions and is willing to change her mind when new information emerges or community needs change.

Most of all, Alissandra's approach is never about herself. She brings a unique perspective to the council and ensures the community's voice is reflected in decisions that affect real people.

Please join us in keeping Alissandra on the City Council.

Tim and Nancy Twomey, *Carmel*

More support for Dramov

Dear Editor,

We are voting for Alissandra Dramov for City Council because she makes the city's welfare and Carmel's character her main priorities. She is prepared for council meetings and well-informed about the issues. She strongly supports addressing fiscal management and long-overdue deferred maintenance. She is also a strong proponent of moving forward with

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PUMP

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above," Engelken said.

Cal Am said the modernization was designed to improve the pump station's reliability and address concerns about mechanical noise from the old facility. Although the original station provided some sound attenuation, residents sometimes complained that they could hear the pumps operating.

To further reduce noise, the new station sits behind a water tank and is enclosed by double sound doors. Neoprene vibration-isolation pads beneath the pump skid, sound-insulating materials inside the structure, and the station's placement against and partly within the hillside also help limit noise.

"Together, these improvements were intended to reduce both equipment vibration and operational noise experienced outside the facility," Cal Am spokesperson Josh Stratton said in a statement to The Pine Cone.

The privately owned water company said replacing the 65-year-old structure was more practical than continuing to maintain it. The station also had to be relocated because the two adjacent 55,000-gallon water tanks eventually will need to be replaced.

Cal Am said the new pump station will reduce maintenance, improve emergency-response capability, enhance hydraulic performance through upgraded systems and replacement of aging piping components, improve drainage, and meet modern design, construction and safety standards.

REMEDY

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would not retroactively invalidate projects like Orosco's existing 90-unit application.

State law prevents a city or county from applying newly certified zoning codes, general plan restrictions or housing element policies retroactively to deny or downsize a project. Cities and counties can still deny or downsize a project, but they must show that the development would have a "specific, adverse impact" on public health or safety that cannot be mitigated, that it fails to comply with state environmental law or that it lacks essential utilities like an adequate water supply.

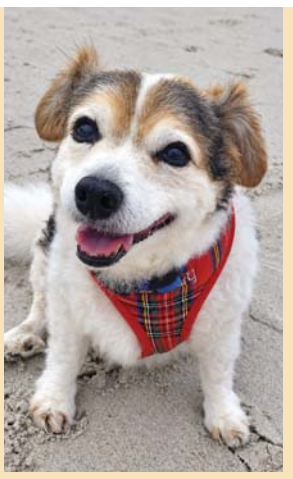
While the county works to complete its housing element update, county planning official Melanie Beretti noted at the Oct. 14 hearing that county staff members are already preparing for the next housing element deadline at the end of 2031.

Besides the proposal for 950 apartments (in towers as high as 17 stories) at Highway 68 and Laureles Grade and Patrick Orosco's plan for 90 homes at the former Carmel Valley airfield, a slew of other Builder's Remedy projects are in the pipeline.

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was expelled from his university for merely remarking that American achievements in the field were "also worth consideration." He was ordered to hard labor on a communal farm but, in a strange and sudden reversal, he was soon permitted to continue his studies.

"It's true! Popescu became my mentor after I took his number theory class, and many of our discussions were not mathematical in nature," Stanica recalled. "He was kicked out and sent to do God knows what, until the dictator's daughter, who happened to be a mathematician, realized it was a bad idea to sideline our scientists."

The patronage was shaky at best. Stanica was a graduate student at the University of Bucharest during the Romanian Revolution of 1989 — not long after the fall of the Berlin Wall — when a political rally devolved into a mass protest. On Dec. 21, Stanica joined colleagues in barricading the institution against heavy military gunfire and armored tanks.

Less than a year later, thousands of coal miners, mobilized in support of Romania's post-revolutionary government, descended on Bucharest and attacked students and faculty.

"There was this feeling among colleagues of, 'Let's go somewhere else.' The United States held a sort of mystery to us," Stanica said.

Paying it forward

In 1993, Stanica made it to New York with exactly $50 in cash, which he remembers because the bus to Buffalo cost $35. He'd applied to only those schools within driving distance of JFK Airport that would agree to cover his tuition and living stipend.

A few days after showing up empty-handed and taking up residence on a graduate student's floor — thankfully, Stanica's wife, Gabriela, had not yet made the trip — he received a personal loan of $450 from the chair of the mathematics department for an apartment security deposit.

Stanica has never forgotten that, nor his professor and mentor Thomas Cusick, with whom he co-authored his first book, "Cryptographic Boolean Functions and Their Applications." It was published in 2010, a decade after he and his wife departed Buffalo — where their daughter was born — and four years after NPS lured Stanica from his comfy tenure at Auburn University. (Their daughter is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Birmingham.)

"At this point, we've lived in the States for longer than we were in Romania. My wife and I go back to visit our moms, but we love it here," Stanica said.

A firm believer in paying it forward, when a lone Ph.D. student appeared in the doorway of Stanica's office during the pandemic, the professor set up a whiteboard on the porch of his Seaside home and commenced one-on-one tutoring. He dedicates a page on his personal website to his advisees and their achievements, as well as a footnote that reads, "If you're a math major (or thinking of becoming one) and you want to do some serious mathematics, please see me: I'm in search of partners in research all the time."

"I like to say I do serious mathematics, in a fun way," he quipped.

Found, not invented

Many of his NPS students come directly from combat zones and have been away from academia for several years.

"But they have an incredible work ethic," he said. "They're only here for a short period of time, so the progress is much more visible. It's very rewarding."

Their explorations range from number theory to cryptology, which isn't all nuclear codes and Enigma machines. Encoding has all sorts of quotidian applications, from online banking to streaming your favorite movie on Netflix.

Of course, encryption serves a different purpose for naval intelligence officers, like directing ships using highly secure satellite communications. The same knowledge can be used to wage cyber warfare by jamming or altering enemy communications, while decrypting is a challenge tantamount to "unmixing paint," Stanica said.

It's a popular notion among artists that a work isn't created, but discovered. The same debate has raged among mathematicians for centuries, and Stanica firmly believes that mathematical truths are "an external reality" to be explored and explained.

That attitude has driven him to attend conferences and panels around the world in search of collaborators — among them, the peers who awarded Stanica the 2021 George Boole International Prize for his contributions to the field.

Stanica waved off the suggestion that it was a lifetime achievement award. After all, he'll be publishing another book next year.



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Carmel remains the epicenter of our local market, drawing a blend of primary and second-home buyers seeking easy access to restaurants, shops and the beach. Third-quarter sales totaled $124.4M across 31 transactions, compared with 42 sales and $167M last quarter and 45 sales totaling $141M in 3Q25. While limited options that meet buyers' priorities constrained activity, sold homes averaged 45 days on market, down from 56 last quarter, indicating buyers continue to act when the right property becomes available.

The Golden Rectangle led dollar volume with 5 sales totaling $43.89M, approximately one-third of the quarter's total. Carmel Point and Northwest Carmel also recorded 5 sales each, totaling $18.2M and $16M, respectively. The quarter's leading sale at Carmelo and 13th closed for $15.5M. Its rare combination of a 4,234-square-foot home and an 11,000-square-foot lot near the beach underscores the premiums buyers are willing to pay for oversized properties in desirable locations.



The Bay Area remained the largest source of buyers, followed by local purchasers, while buyers from Los Angeles, Arizona, Texas and the Midwest reinforced Carmel's appeal beyond Northern California. Ocean and sunset views carry a meaningful premium, particularly for buyers arriving from inland areas who want those views to become part of everyday life.

The fourth quarter begins with 38 properties available and 15 under contract, including 3 offered above $9M. Homes that combine walkability, room to gather and coastal views remain among Carmel's most sought-after offerings.

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A cancer screening where you just show up and say ‘ah’

By ELAINE HESSER

AN OPEN mouth can tell a dentist a lot more than whether somebody has already gotten into the Halloween candy. It can also reveal signs of cancer, sometimes before the patient has any idea something is wrong.

The American Cancer Society estimates that about 60,500 Americans (about 3%) will be diagnosed with cancers of the mouth and throat this year, and more than 13,000 will die from them.

Dentist and multiple Golden Pine Cone winner Eric Brown said he screens every patient every time they come in, ideally every six months.

For generations, dentists have been checking for suspicious lumps, sores and other abnormalities, although the examination has become more systematic over time.

The examination is simple. The dentist looks at the cheeks and palate, and under the tongue, and feels around the jaw and neck for lumps. They also look for red or white patches, unusual growths, changes in the texture of tissues, and sores that refuse to heal in a normal amount of time, usually two weeks. It generally takes only a few minutes and doesn’t hurt.

Harmless conditions

Of course, not every odd-looking patch is cancer. Mouth injuries, infections and other relatively harmless conditions can produce similar symptoms. But a long-lasting sore, persistent numbness, unexplained bleeding or difficulty swallowing warrants attention.

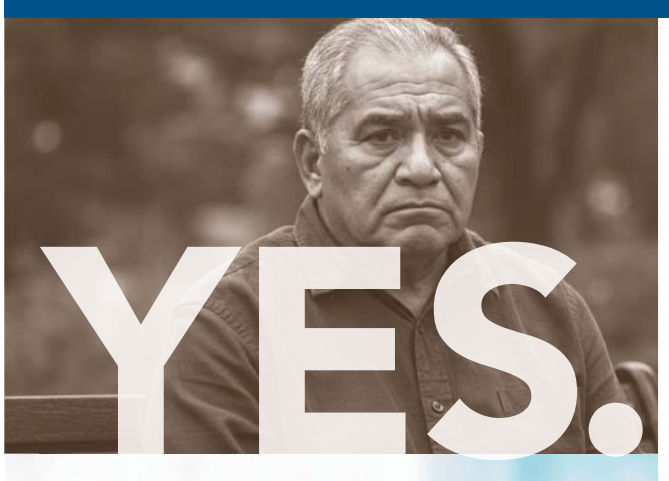
If something looks suspicious, Brown sends the patient directly to an oral surgeon for a biopsy. He said there’s an element of efficiency involved. Oral cancers progress rapidly, and because of the number of blood vessels in the mouth, they can

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A journey from Korea to Canada to Pacific Grove

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

DR. JOHN Choi is a University of the Pacific-trained dentist who recently purchased the longtime Pacific Grove practice of Dr. David Simonsen, whom he shadowed in high school while exploring a career in dentistry.

Choi moved to P.G. in seventh grade and considers the purchase a full-circle moment. But the "Last Hometown" wasn't his first home away from home.

In third grade, Won Joon Choi was living in his native South Korea when his father decided he needed to learn English to communicate online and during international travel. He sent his son alone to Canada to live with a family of Korean immigrants headed by his best friend.

Everyone called the young boy John.

Six months later, his father's friend told Choi that while he appreciated his work to learn English, the fact that the family spoke only Korean at home might be counterproductive. He arranged for an English-speaking coworker's family to take him in.

"These were very sweet people of French-Italian descent who brought me into their family like a stepson," said Choi. "They taught me how to speak English and how to play ice hockey. It was a blast."

Homesick

When it was time for Choi to return to South Korea, he knew he had gained more than a second language. He found himself homesick for his life in Canada, and he needed to experience more of the world.

He said, "After a couple of years, when I was in seventh grade, my mom — who had lived in Korea her whole life and knew how to read and write English but not speak it — enrolled at what was the Monterey Institute of International Studies as a way to bring me to the United States. My father remained in Korea to make a living, and my third-grade sister came with us as an innocent bystander."

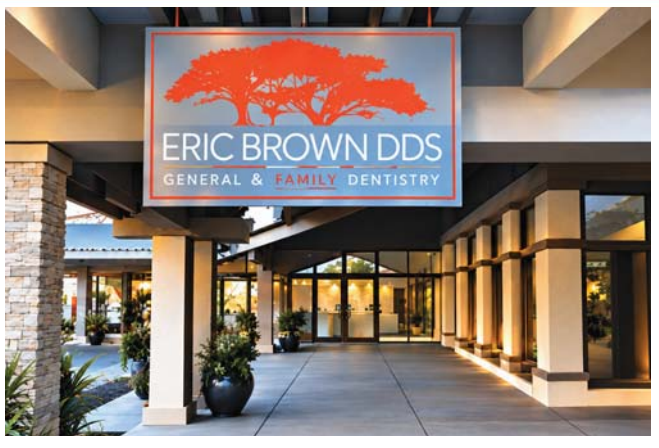
To this day, Choi recognizes that if not for his mother's courageous move, he would never have learned about the Monterey Peninsula, would not have met and job-shadowed Simonsen, and might not have become

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Picture-perfect trip: While in high school, P.G. dentist John Choi job-shadowed Dr. David Simonsen. Now he's taking over his practice.

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Dr. Navdeep K Sodhi Brings a Fresh Perspective to Monterey Dentistry

New owner of Monterey Dental Contours builds on Dr. Richard Kent's legacy while bringing her own vision for personalized patient care.



Dr. Richard Kent (left) and Dr. Navdeep K. Sodhi, DDS, MPH, mark a new chapter for the Monterey dental practice. Dr. Sodhi acquired the practice in April 2026 and now welcomes new patients at Monterey Dental Contours.

MONTEREY - A new chapter in local dentistry began in April 2026 when Dr. Navdeep K. Sodhi, DDS, MPH, acquired the longtime dental practice of Dr. Richard Kent, bringing her experience, fresh perspective, and commitment to personalized care to the Monterey Peninsula.

Monterey Dental Contours, the practice at 2100 Garden Rd Ste K, continues its tradition of serving local families while embracing Dr. Sodhi's vision for the future.

A 2021 graduate of the New York University College of Dentistry, Dr. Sodhi previously practiced in the Bay Area, where she gained valuable experience providing comprehensive dental care to patients with diverse needs and backgrounds. She also holds a Master of Public Health degree, which complements her approach to dentistry by emphasizing prevention, education, and the connection between oral health and overall well-being.

For Dr. Sodhi, becoming a practice owner represents more than a professional milestone. It is an opportunity to establish lasting relationships within the Monterey community and create an environment where patients feel comfortable, respected, and confident in their care.

"My goal is to create an environment where patients feel genuinely cared for, where their concerns are heard, and where they can trust that their oral health is always our priority," said Dr. Sodhi. "I'm honored to build upon the relationships Dr. Kent established and excited to become part of this wonderful community."

Continuing a Legacy of Trusted Care

Dr. Kent has been a familiar and respected presence in the Monterey dental community for decades, developing lasting relationships with generations of patients.

His contributions to local dentistry include being named the Monterey Bay Dental Society's 2013 Dentist of the Year and serving as the organization's president in 2017.

Dr. Sodhi recognizes the importance of preserving the trust and personal relationships Dr. Kent cultivated throughout his career. Since assuming ownership, she has focused on getting to know existing patients, understanding their individual needs, and ensuring a welcoming transition.

A Patient-Centered Vision for the Future

At Monterey Dental Contours, Dr. Sodhi emphasizes preventive care, patient education, and individualized treatment planning. She believes patients should be actively involved in decisions about their dental health, with a clear understanding of their options.

Her approach combines modern dental techniques with the personal attention often associated with a neighborhood practice. Whether patients are visiting for routine preventive care or more comprehensive treatment, her goal is to make every appointment a positive and comfortable experience.

As an independently owned dental practice, Monterey Dental Contours is committed to building long-term relationships rather than taking a one-size-fits-all approach to dentistry.

With several months of ownership now behind her, Dr. Sodhi is looking forward to strengthening the practice's connection with the community and welcoming new patients from Monterey, Carmel, Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove, and surrounding areas.

For Dr. Sodhi, the future of Monterey Dental Contours is about more than dentistry. It is about becoming a trusted part of the community and helping patients maintain healthy, confident smiles for years to come.

Dr. Richard Kent says, "*I have had the pleasure of working alongside Dr. Sodhi, seeing her work and collaborating on cases. I've also experienced the excellence of her patient care, techniques, and final results as my own dentist! She does not disappoint!! I wholeheartedly recommend you to her Monterey Dental Contours practice. And to your Friends and Family! See you in the Front Office Welcome area!*"

~ Dr. Richard Kent

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A face like that deserves to stay safe

By LILY PATTERSON

IF YOU'RE going to throw your dog a bone, make sure it's the right kind. Leave the sticks where they lie, and remember that tennis balls are for chasing, not chewing, says Dr. Lindsey Rockwood.

A veterinarian with Toro Park Animal Hospital off Highway 68 outside of Salinas, Rockwood grew up in the neighborhood and brought her childhood pets to the very same office. She graduated from UC Davis in 2008 and has practiced on the Monterey Peninsula since then, with clinical interests including pet acupuncture, rehabilitation, dermatology and dentistry — and she has a few thoughts about how to shield pups' teeth from playtime perils.

"Most of the dental trauma that we see from toys is due to bones, which can cause breaks and fractures. I definitely caution against marrow bones, antlers or hooves," Rockwood said. And while front teeth (incisors) and pointed canine teeth can take a hit during rough play, it's actually the middle teeth (premolars) that are under the most strain during heavy chewing.

Even if you take her recommendations for nylon-based bone substitutes (popular brands include Nylabone and Benebone), chew time should be limited to 10 to 20 minutes to prevent bleeding gums.

They love to chew

She noted that big dogs, especially sporting and working breeds, are prone to overdoing it. Labradors, border collies and German shepherds, for instance, love to mouth and carry objects, have high energy and chew to relieve boredom. On the other hand, small dogs like Chihuahuas, Yorkies and dachshunds are predisposed to dental complications.

But, like anything else in life, a good gnaw is great in moderation. Dogs who regularly partake tend to have less buildup on tooth surfaces and therefore fewer dental issues, because the friction scrapes away plaque before it cements as tartar.

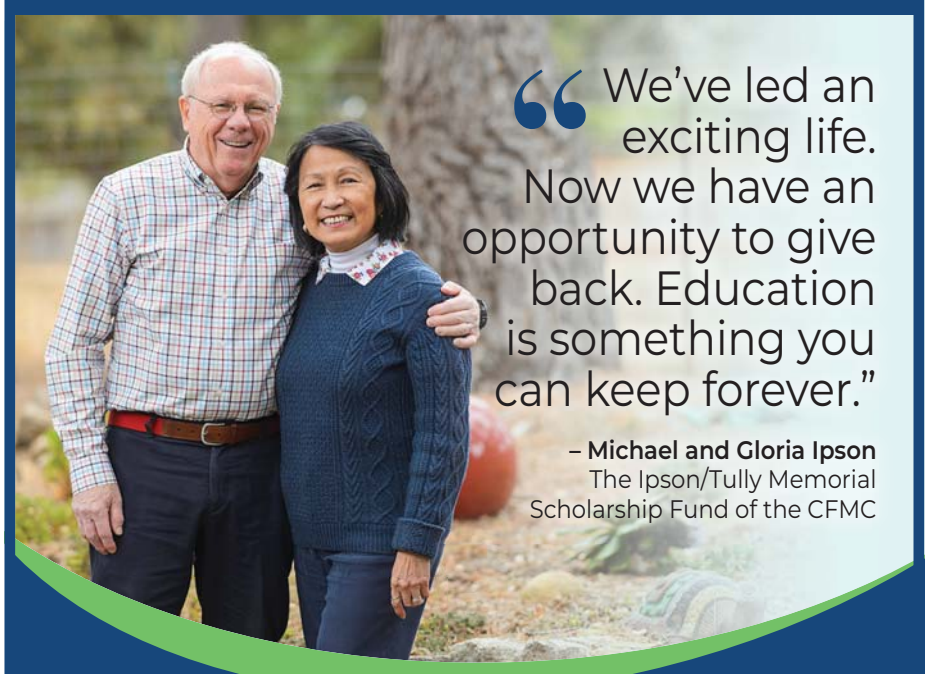
Even "soft" toys made of textured rubber or heavy-duty fabric can do the work — but remember that dogs are carnivores, Rockwood said. Teeth made to shred can do a number on items otherwise labeled as "tuff." She recom-

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Norman is only a baby, but he needs toys that he can chew without anyone worrying about him swallowing small parts.

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mends size-appropriate toys to prevent choking or swallowing, and regularly checking a pup's basket of playthings for missing eyes, squeakers, strings, stuffing — anything that can be gulped and cause serious internal issues.

Rockwood said pet owners should keep an eye out for a label that reads "VOHC Accepted." That means the Veterinary Oral Health Council, an independent group of veterinary dentists, has evaluated the product and determined it beneficial for plaque and tartar control. And though vet-recommended edible products such as Greenies might be shaped like little toothbrushes, "they can't take the place of brushing," Rockwood emphasized.

Her basic protocol is three to five sessions per week. Rub each tooth with "a washcloth, gauze, toothbrush, whatever your dog will tolerate. Flavored toothpaste can make it a more positive experience, but since most dental disease forms on the surface, it's about the physical action," Rockwood said.



Lindsey Rockwood, DVM

Start young, Rockwood added, not only because it makes brushing less of a hassle — or outright harrowing — for you, but because it probably means you can enjoy many more years playing tug-of-war.

"Healthy adult teeth are strong enough to withstand the torque, but definitely exercise caution with puppies, older dogs, or dogs with sensitive teeth or gums due to periodontal disease," Rockwood said. If you're the one on the other end of the rope toy, remember to pull side-to-side, not up and down. And never swing or lift a dog by a toy in its mouth, which can risk both dental and spinal injury.

No sticks?

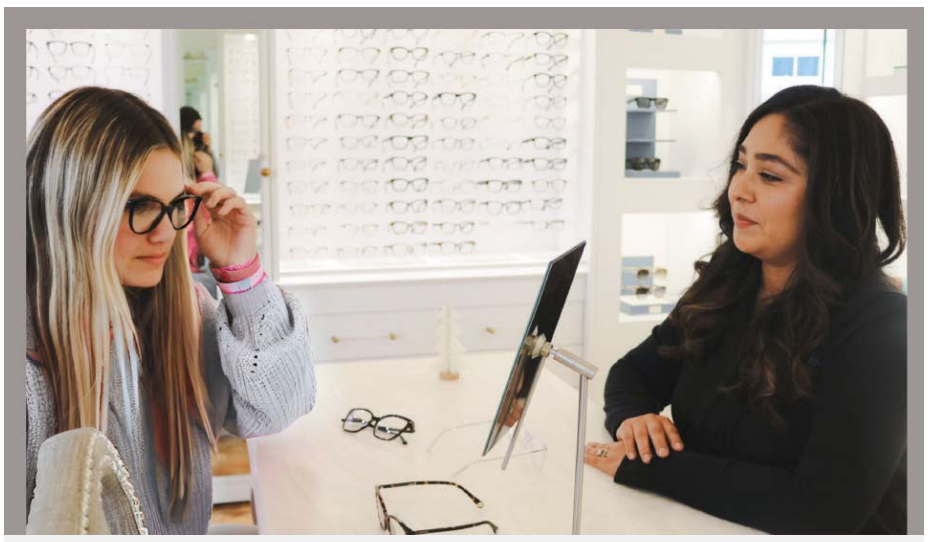
As a longtime local, Rockwood has seen her fair share of excursions to Carmel River or Garland Ranch Regional Park go awry.

"Some dogs pick up river rocks," she grimaced.

The trouble with toting branches or sticks down the trail — while it looks precious on Instagram — is that sharp splinters can damage gums and the soft tissues around teeth. Worse yet, pieces of wood can become lodged in the roof of a dog's mouth, and an owner might go days without realizing, Rockwood said.

Telltale signs of unseen trauma include bleeding, odd chewing habits (dropping or seeming disinterested in food), facial swelling, or discolored teeth, which can appear to turn gray after trauma has occurred.

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Minestrone

From 'The Soup Kit' by Ginna BB Gordon

IT'S PRETTY hard to add to this set of instructions, so I'll keep things brief. Local author and bonne vivante Ginna BB Gordon has been at the cookbook-writing game for more than a minute or two, and it shows in her clear and concise recipes.

Her minestrone is a great transitional soup to get you from summer to fall. The vegetables are available year-round, so if your favorite seasonal farmers market is closing down, or vendor stands aren't brimming with the usual abundance, you can just hit the grocery store.

You can even find fresh basil in those little rectangular plastic containers in the produce department. And if you don't want to tackle homemade chicken stock, you can find some pretty high-quality stuff right next to the canned soups, but do yourself a favor and opt for low-sodium so you can control the salt.

Honestly, though, throwing ingredients for stock into a pot and letting it simmer is one of the simplest joys — and best autumn scents — you can bring to your home.

This is a vegetarian soup that's high in fiber, low in fat, and tasty and satisfying. You could always add some shredded chicken at the end if you need the extra protein, though.



INGREDIENTS
(Serves 6-8)

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 large onion, diced
4 cloves garlic, minced
2 stalks celery, diced
1 large carrot, diced
1/3 pound green beans, trimmed and cut into 1/2-inch pieces (about 1 1/2 cups)
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon dried basil
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
3 cups chopped Roma tomatoes
6 cups chicken stock
1 cup cooked kidney beans
1 cup cooked pasta of choice
1/3 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil

INSTRUCTIONS:

Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add the onion and cook until translucent, about 4 minutes. Add the garlic and cook 30 seconds.

Add the celery and carrot and cook until they begin to soften, about 5 minutes.

Stir in the green beans, dried oregano and basil, 3/4 teaspoon salt, and pepper to taste; cook three more minutes.

Add the tomatoes and chicken stock to the pot and bring to a simmer. Reduce the heat to medium low and simmer 10 minutes.

Stir in the kidney beans and pasta and heat through.

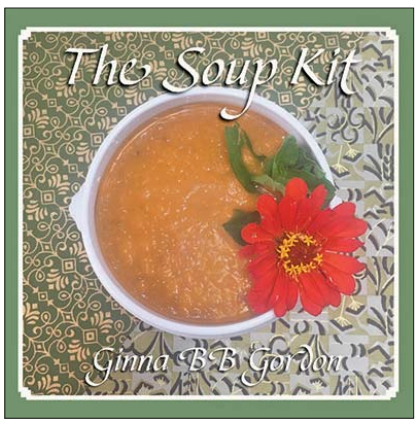
Season with salt. Ladle into bowls and top with the Parmesan and chopped basil.

Chef Bio



GINNA BB Gordon has authored 11 books. "The Soup Kit" was released in fall 2019. Her cookbooks also include "A Simple Celebration — the Nutritional Program for the Chopra Center for Well Being," "Bonnebrook Farm" and "The Gingerbread Farm," memoirs about cooking, "First You Grow the Pumpkin," with favorite tricks for growing, preserving and creating in the kitchen, and "GB's Café: The Bakery."

Gordon studied Ayurveda — a traditional Indian system of holistic health that emphasizes balancing the body and mind through diet, lifestyle and other practices — with Drs. Deepak Chopra, David Simon and Shamali Joshi. Her studies in the arts included interior design at UCLA, the Guild of the Books Arts in Carmel, Monterey Peninsula College and private studies with many artists in and around California, including Alison Stillwell Cameron (Chinese calligraphy), Tulku Jamyang Rinpoche (Tibetan Thangka painting) and Louisa Jenkins (collage and mosaics).



Ginna and her husband — musician, lecturer and author David Gordon (www.spiritsound.com) — are partners in Lucky Valley Press, a pre-press and indie publishing company at luckyvalleypress.com. Ginna's cookbooks and novels ("Bear me Away to a Better World," and The Lavandula Series) are available wherever books are sold.

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easily spread to the rest of the body.

You don't have to wait for your dental exam if you see something wrong. Brown mentioned that a spot on the side of the tongue is most common, followed by the floor of the mouth or the back of the throat.

"It might look ulcerated and red with lots of inflammation, and it doesn't take much from that point to really spread," Brown said. It's not just like a common canker sore — they routinely occur in the same places in someone's mouth and follow the same healing timeframe.

"It's usually a pretty reliable course," if that's all it is, Brown said.

Oral cancer will commonly look much bigger and it won't go away. The immune system reacts and sometimes, Brown said, the body grows tissue around it to try to contain it.



Eric Brown, DDS

Risk factors

More than 80% of those diagnosed are men older than 60 who have three risk factors — sun exposure, tobacco and alcohol.

"So, you're talking maybe about an older golfer who plays four or five times a week, has a cigar and carries a flask," Brown said. It isn't hard to picture. Alcohol use has the highest correlation with oral cancer, but the risk is 15 times greater if that person also uses tobacco products. And when Brown says sun exposure, he means the

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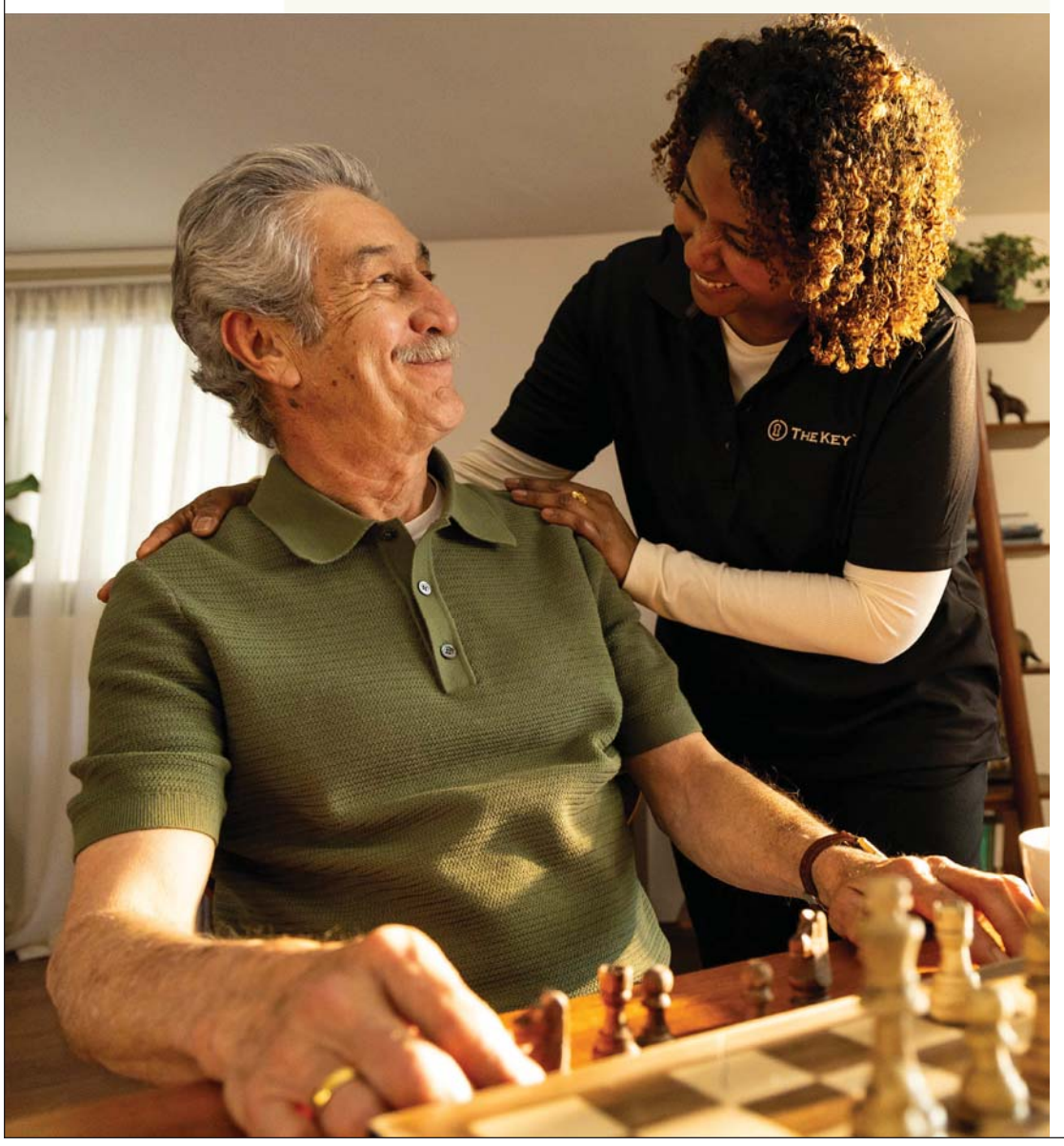
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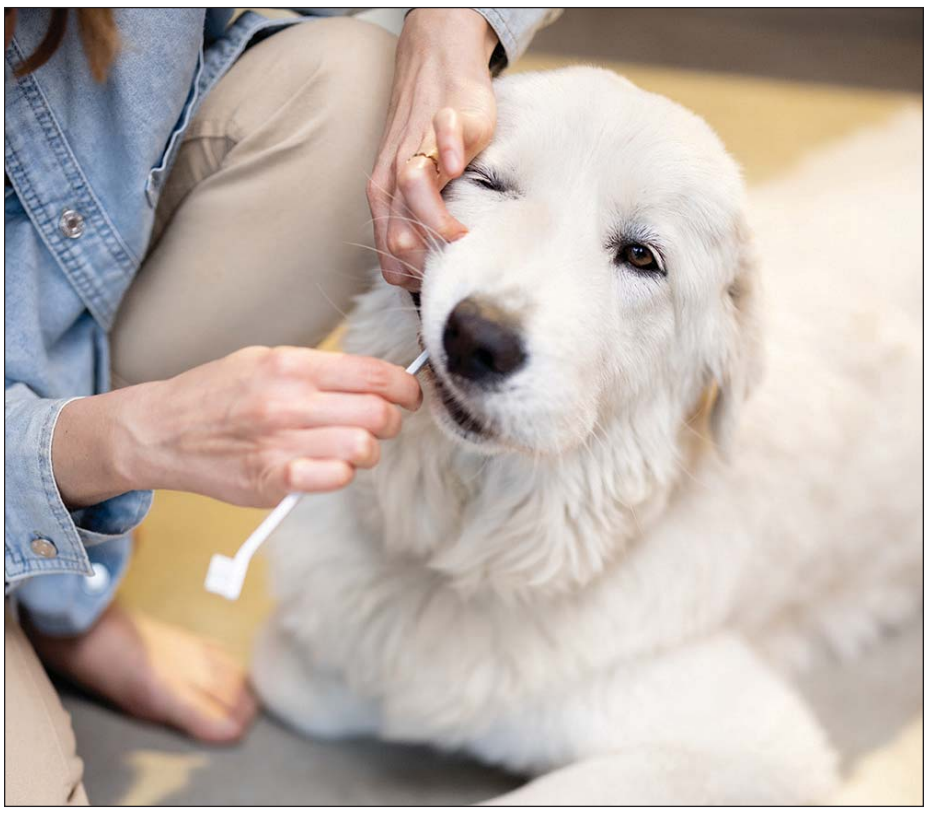
"We can tell right away whether it's a traumatic fracture versus a symptom of underlying disease, because the dog's gums, tooth enamel and soft tissue pulp inside the tooth are healthy," Rockwood explained.

"In general, when we see younger dogs with tooth fractures, it's usually the result of trauma versus the kind of periodontal disease we see in older dogs," she said. Gum disease, however, can occur in dogs as young as 3, which is why it's important to brush early and often.

The strangest revelation of all? Tennis balls aren't so fuzzy and innocent as they appear.

"That's something a lot of people don't know — bigger dogs chew tennis balls almost like bubblegum, and the felt is like sandpaper on the tooth enamel. Over time, it can really wear on their teeth."

A few lobs down Carmel Beach aren't an issue, but if your retriever ignores commands to "drop it," a plain rubber ball is best. Your local pet store should have a few options, along with toys for dogs of all ages, sizes and chewing styles — but your veterinarian should be your first stop for a personalized recommendation that will keep your pal happy and their dental bills to a minimum.



Canine dental care can be as simple as rubbing each tooth with a washcloth, but toothpastes flavored like peanut butter or bacon make the process more palatable.

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sort you see when someone routinely skips sunscreen and hats.

"It's usually men whose skin is really sun-blotched and their lips look really blotchy." They often appear older than they are, he said.

However, Brown cautioned, like many other kinds of cancers, it's becoming more common in people younger than 55, and no one is certain why.

More regular screenings do lead to more people being diagnosed, and in addition to lifestyle factors, human papillomavirus, or HPV, is associated with a growing share of cancers in the back of the throat. There should be some reduction in those numbers thanks to the now-prevalent HPV vaccine, but it's too early to draw conclusions.

Treatment

Oral cancers are particularly difficult to treat, Brown said — not only are there a lot of blood vessels, but there are "so many vital structures nearby" that can be affected by radiation, and surgeons have to resort to cutting the cancers out and using biopsies to make sure they get it all.

In about 70% of cases, the patients will live five years or longer after their diagnosis.

"When it's smallest is the best time to take care of it," Brown said. "If it gets really big it can be terminal."

The longer someone waits, the more cutting has to be done. A person can lose part or all of their tongue, bone might need to be removed, and reconstructive surgery may be necessary. Since some of the people who are diagnosed are those who weren't taking great care of themselves — and even continue the behaviors that likely contributed to the cancer — treatment may be less effective.

> *'When it's smallest is the best time to take care of it'*

"We're taking someone who wasn't super-healthy and telling them they have to get super healthy for treatment, it doesn't work," he lamented.

"The healing isn't good," in many cases. "It's a life-altering experience."

However, Brown said that in his Monterey and Carmel Valley offices, "I have not seen a woman with any type of oral cancer. I've only seen 3 cases overall in my career," which spans nearly 20 years. He added that when patients are sent to have suspicious spots evaluated, they're more often benign than malignant.

"Of the biopsies I do send out, less than 1 in 10 a year is malignant," he said.

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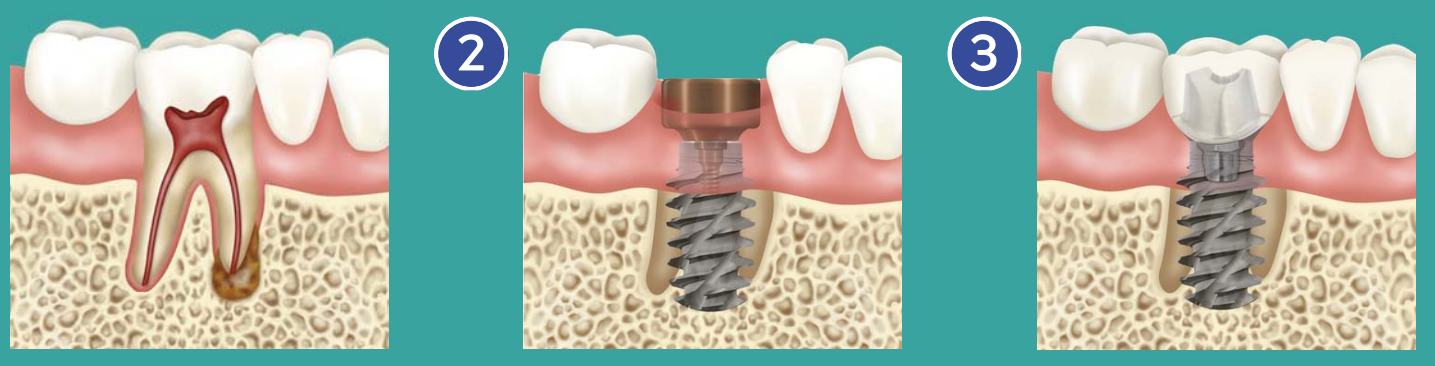
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a dentist — let alone in the practice where it all began.

After graduating from dental school in San Francisco, Choi realized he had seen little of the United States beyond California. Neither married nor anchored to a particular location, he set out to expand his perspective. After interviewing with a couple of practices in New Hampshire, he went to work with a dentist whose approach to patient care matched his.

'We both wanted our patients to feel as comfortable as possible when coming to our office.'

"We both had been traumatized by dentists as kids. Not a lot of dentists in Korea believed in numbing the patient's mouth before filling a tooth," Choi said, recalling painful childhood memories of being treated without anesthesia. "We both wanted our patients to feel as comfortable as possible when coming to our office. This is not typically the happiest place in the world. No one says, 'Oh my gosh, I get to see my dentist today!' So comfort is key."

Although he enjoyed working in New Hampshire, Choi eventually wanted to return to Pacific Grove, where his mother still lived.

"My mother had accepted a long-distance relationship with her husband since 2007," said Choi. "I knew she would appreciate having family around her. So, I began to look for ways to return. I studied websites that broker dental offices for sale. I found a listing in Pacific Grove and realized I could live with my mom and have a five-minute commute to work." It was Simonsen's office.

However, Choi said that because Simonsen was selling through a broker, he couldn't contact him directly until the sale was complete.

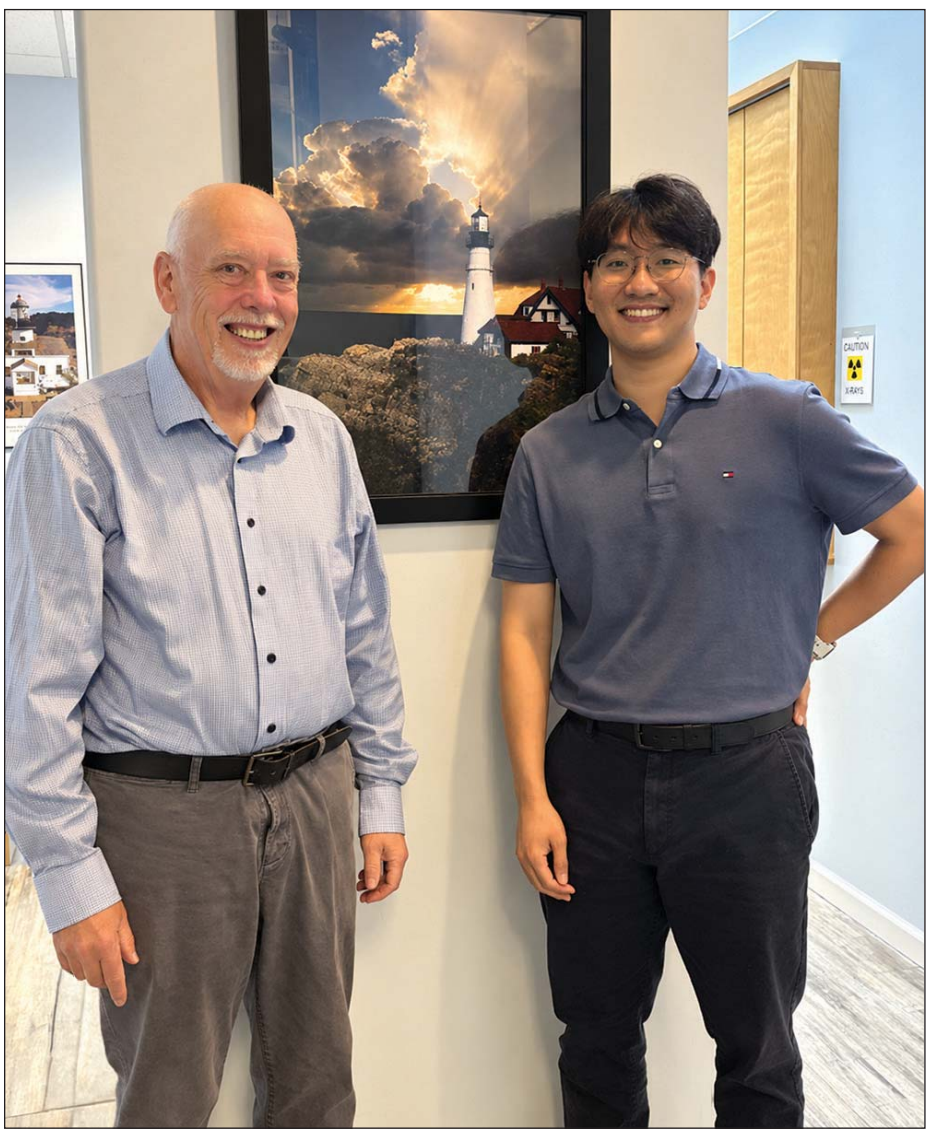
"Then I swung by his office to say hello, and the rest is history," said Choi. "Actually, it is my 'back to the future' in the place where my interest and training in dentistry began."

The two dentists are working together during a transition Choi could not have imagined when he was a high school student learning from his mentor.

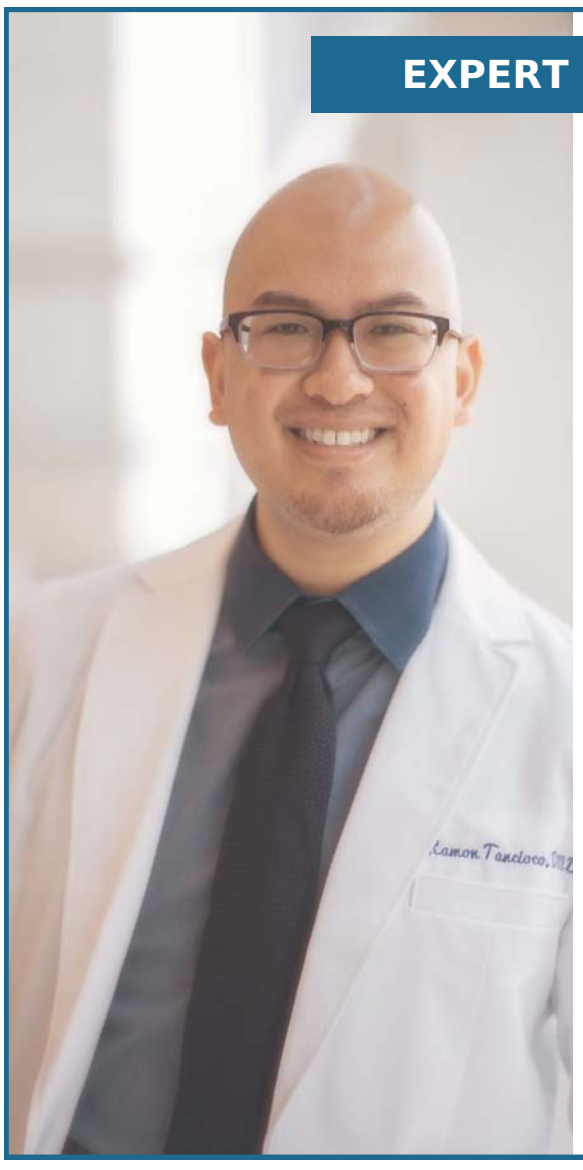
'I'll miss my patients'

The practice eventually will be renamed, and Choi is keeping the staff. Office manager Yalonda Corona-Guerra, another Pacific Grove native, said she is pleased to be working in her hometown.

"Choi is very nice, kind and empathic with his patients," Simonsen said. "I will miss all the patients and the friendships I have developed over the years, but it is a good time to go. My wife, podiatrist Anne Maragoni, retired two years ago, so I'm looking forward to spending time with her. I haven't set a departure date yet, but when I do, I'll know I'm leaving the practice in good hands."



Dr. David Simonsen (left) with Dr. John Choi, who job-shadowed him as a teenager and is now taking over his Pacific Grove dental practice.



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SPORTS

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All the Stevenson boys also ran their best times of the year that day, led by junior Nate Gregory (16:45.4).

"Nate's a really talented runner — a 400- and 800-meter guy, really — who has added some strength this year," Colby said. "He's also learning to run more aggressively, particularly during the second mile. He's basically all legs and lungs — light frame, monstrous stride — and he's just scratched the surface of his capabilities."

The Pirates' other sub-18-minute runner, senior Keane Irvine, logged his personal-best time of 17:47.2 at the final Center Meet of the season.

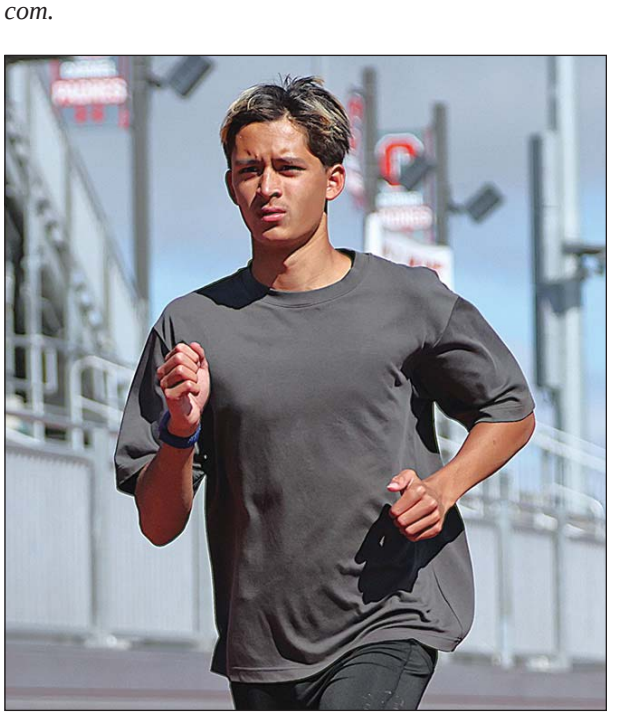
Bright horizon for Catalina

Santa Catalina's young team has focused on growth this year with a 22-girl roster heavy on underclassmen: Eight Cougars are freshmen and six are sophomores, with four juniors and four seniors.

Four Catalina runners have broken the 25-minute barrier this fall, with the quickest times being 24:24 by sophomore Sydney Carr and 24:28.5 by junior Adele Ramirez.

The Cougars compete this year in the PCAL's Cypress Division.

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PHOTOS/KERRY BELSER

Carmel freshman Henry Bartle (top), a nationally ranked junior runner, will be a contender Oct. 31 in the PCAL's Gabilan Division boys race and should also be a top finisher at the CCS Championships. Junior Jasmine Jin (above), the top runner on Carmel's girls team, should be a top finisher in the Mission Division race at the PCAL Cross Country Championships on Oct. 31.

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ARTIST

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emphasizes holistic development, integrating the arts with academics and practical skills, and nurturing creativity and critical thinking.

Another epiphany struck when Renois, the kids and her husband, Chase, moved to the Monterey Peninsula, where she rented a small space at Seaside's Open Ground Studios and found herself surrounded by working artists.

"It was the first time I wasn't around people saying, 'Oh, I don't know if I should be an artist.' At Open Ground Studios, the vibe was, 'We're artists. I'm an artist. You're an artist,'" she said.

"I suddenly felt like I didn't have to question myself every time I showed up, and that was a huge hump."

She grew up in the California foothills town of Springville (population: 934), near Visalia, where she fell in love with sports (soccer was her best) at Porterville High and raised animals for 4-H agriculture shows.

"When I graduated from high school, I thought my future would be in produce marketing," said Renois, who earned a business marketing degree from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo — a practical blueprint for a lifelong "rule follower."

Change of direction

Cal Poly was also where she reunited with Chase Renois, a high school acquaintance.

"It's a very small-town story. We started dating in college, got married, had two kids," she said of her husband, a vice president of production in the berry industry.

But working in agriculture, spending her days in an office, was not Bernie's jam, she decided.

"I was miserable," she said. "So, now I like to joke that I'm a starving artist who's married to someone with a paycheck — and it's working out great."

Part of Renois' exhibit at PGAC will be a hallway clothesline where she will hang what she calls "pillowcase poetry" — 16 pillowcases adorned with poems and poignant words she stitched, sewed or sketched onto the fabric.

"My next phase, I think, will be more sculptural and conceptual," said the artist. "I'm not even sure how to describe it yet, but I think it will tap into my journey of being a very visceral, sensation-based person."

'Running and art are my meditations and my coping mechanisms'

"I'm just getting started," she continued. "There's way-more-interesting art that I have to make, but I haven't yet figured out how to let myself make it."

For Renois, who lives near Jacks Peak, trail running is another obsession. She's run a marathon in Paso Robles, a 32-miler near Penmaro Bay, and she aspires to do the Western States Endurance Run — a 100-mile ultramarathon in the Sierra Nevada.

Meditative practices

"Running and art are my meditations and my coping mechanisms, and I often think about art as I'm running," she said. "For me, they go hand-in-hand. I can't imagine what it would be like to have one without the other."

More information about the upcoming Pacific Grove Art Center show can be found at pgartcenter.org. The center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave.

View images of Renois' art, read more about the artist and learn about her classes and workshops at bernadetterenois.com. Photos of her work also can be seen on Instagram @bernadetterenois.

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‘Chief Village Ding Dong’ dies unexpectedly at 77

By MARY SCHLEY

RICHARD KREITMAN — a Carmel City Hall regular who once ran for council, was a major force behind the restoration of the World War I Memorial Arch, and organized a group to ring the bell at the Church of the Wayfarer every day at noon — died Oct. 10 after a brief illness. He was 77.

“We always thought of my dad as both a Boy Scout and Renaissance man, as well as, by his own description, a proud local busybody and ‘Chief Village Ding Dong,’” his younger son, Aaron Kreitman, said last week. “He was a man who lived generously, with open ears and kindness to anyone.”

Born in 1949 in Rockaway, N.J., Kreitman supported his father in his pharmacy and rental businesses before leaving after a year at Brooklyn College to attend Stanford University, where he majored in economics. “He told me it was the closest university his parents approved of proximate to the ocean and surfing,” Aaron recalled.

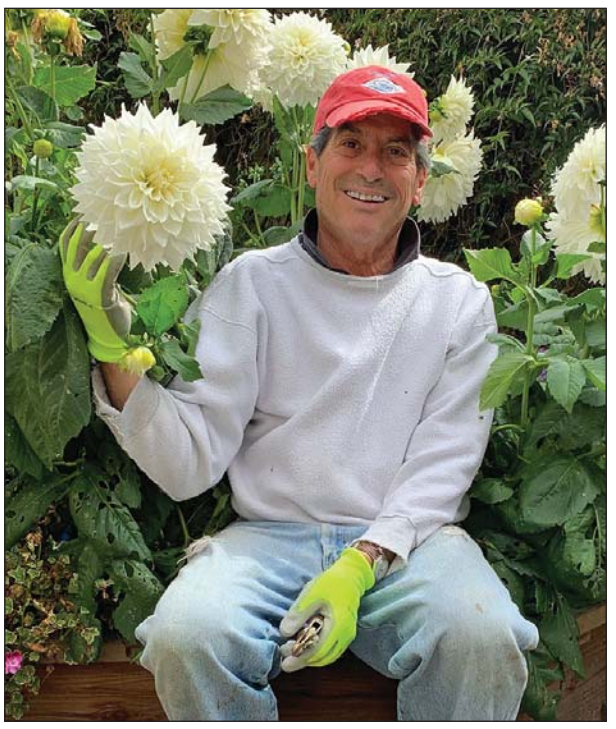
After earning his undergraduate degree, he lived on a farm in upstate New York while studying for a master’s at Cornell and then returned to the West Coast to obtain a second master’s from Stanford. In 1974, Kreitman headed to Costa Rica for a three-year stint working with USAID in agricultural economics, after which he came back to the United States to serve as a company CFO. Fifteen years as a financial advisor and certified financial planner for Smith Barney and Morgan Stanley followed.

A dream fulfilled

“Even when he was early in his relationship with my mom, Barbara, trips to Carmel were special,” recalled Aaron, 29. The family, including older brother Nick, now 33, “finally moved here in 2001, fulfilling a dream he had carried for years.”

Three years later, Barbara opened Gallery North to showcase contemporary artists, going on to manage the downtown shop for 20 years, with her husband supporting her career as a fine artist “and helping create a community

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PHOTO/AARON KREITMAN

Among many of Richard Kreitman’s passions was gardening, and he was particularly proud of the stunning dahlias he cultivated.

St. Dunstan’s ‘wind phone’ offers a way to grieve

By CHRIS COUNTS

HAVING NEITHER a digital nor an analog connection to any actual communication network — but tapping into the spiritual or metaphysical beliefs many people hold about grieving the loss of a loved one — a “wind phone” was installed earlier this year at St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church in Carmel Valley and is now available for anyone to use.

Although the idea of sending a message to a departed relative or friend has been around since early humans first confronted death, a Japanese man named Itaru Sasaki built what became known as the first wind phone 16 years ago so he could send a message to his late cousin.

“The disconnected telephone gave him a place for conversations [about] the things he still wanted to say, the memories he wanted to share and the connection he still felt,” according to MyWindPhone.com, a website dedicated to the phenomenon. Sasaki invited others to use the phone, and the idea soon spread to many places. Today, there are more than 500 wind phones around the world, the website said.

‘A serene, sacred space’

The rector at St. Dunstan’s, the Rev. Laurel Coote, told The Pine Cone that she was approached last year by the Papillon Center for Loss and Transition about setting one up at the Carmel Valley church.

St. Dunstan’s installed its wind phone last spring “alongside a wooden bench, on just the other side of our Biblical Garden and nestled under the trees,” Coote explained. It is housed in a wooden box mounted on a post. Artist Paul Richmond painted the box, covering all sides with a colorful Carmel Valley landscape.

The church, located at 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, didn’t spend any money on the project because all construction costs were paid by donors Helen Grady, a neighbor, and Joy Smith, co-founder of the Papillon Center.

While the wind phone was installed months ago, Coote conceded that few locals know about it, so she is trying to spread the word and encourage people to visit the site, which is always open.

“It’s really a brand-new thing,” she added. “It offers a serene, sacred space to those who also may wish to connect with those they love and miss. The act of offering one’s voice to the wind can be cathartic and connective — we see this as an extension of our calling to extend compassion and grace to those who mourn.”



PHOTO/ST. DUNSTAN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Artist Paul Richmond painted the new wind phone at St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church in Carmel Valley.

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KREITMAN

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around the artists whose work they exhibited," Aaron said. Kreitman could often be found there, along with their dog, Luna, chatting with visitors and locals.

Kreitman was particularly civic-minded, often speaking before the planning commission and city council — for which he ran for office in 2016 — and appearing in dozens of Pine Cone stories over the years. He was also extremely active in various capacities in Carmel's public schools and vied for a seat on the Carmel Unified School District Board of Education in 2011.

A Boy Scout

As a longtime proponent of Scouting and an Eagle Scout himself, Kreitman supported the local troop even after his youngest son outgrew it. "We used to say, 'You're such a Boy Scout,' and we meant it with love," Aaron said, and he lived with the mindset of being "trustworthy, loyal, friendly, courteous and brave."

His love of Scouting fed his drive to restore the city-owned Scout House at 790 Mission St., with the goal of finally reopening it for public use after its being closed for many years due to ADA issues.

"His goal was to bring a historically significant building back to life and make it useful to future generations," he said. "We're hoping to continue work on this in his honor and hope to make it part of his lasting legacy."

And he had a thing for bells — restoring them and ringing them. Kreitman successfully campaigned to have the original 300-plus-year-old bell removed from the World War I Memorial Arch at San Carlos and Ocean and placed in the local history room at the library, and then raised funds to have a new one cast according to plans drawn by the arch's architect, Charles Sumner Greene. He was a key player in the effort to get the arch restored, as well, after decades of deterioration.

In December 2014, Kreitman launched a campaign to have the bell rung in the Church of the Wayfarer foyer daily at noon, gathering a cadre of volunteers to commit to the job, and the practice persists a dozen years later. It was a task he took very seriously, including on-the-dot timing and perfecting the method of pulling so each impact of the striker was clear and singular, with no secondary impacts inside the bell.

"After his sudden battle with cancer, the people who loved him gathered to honor him, including the bell ringers who performed a triple bell-ring in his memory," he said. "It was a fitting tribute to someone who had spent so much of his life giving back to the place and people he loved."

GAVEL

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Mendoza, a workers' compensation insurance fraud investigator with the Monterey County district attorney's office.

Oct. 5 — Esmeralda Pulido, 36, of Salinas, was sentenced by Judge Jennifer O'Keefe to three years and four months in jail after pleading guilty to four felony theft counts related to mortgage scams.

Pulido defrauded at least five victims by claiming she needed cash for a down payment on a house and promising each person first position on the deed. In reality, she collected far more than the value of the house and provided none of the promised returns. By lying to the victims, Pulido obtained substantial sums of money she had no intention of returning.

Pulido also stole money from tenants, friends and acquaintances under the pretense of operating an informal savings club known as a "tanda." Instead of making the expected payouts, she pocketed the money and then lied to victims who asked for its return. The victims' estimated total loss exceeds $1 million.



PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261918
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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Registrant(s):
THE3BEEZ LLC, 1415 N Main Street, Salinas, CA 93906
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.
THE3BEEZ LLC
S/ TRENT BLANKENSHIP, MANAGING MEMBER,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/06/2026.
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BIBS VENTURES LLC, 1914 FREMONT ST, SEASIDE, CA 93955
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This business is conducted by: a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 10/01/2026.
S/ Salvador Ornelas, Member
Date signed: Oct. 5, 2026
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S/Raymond Ash
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S/Margarita Servin, Secretary
Date: Oct. 13, 2026
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State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
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S/Christian Guzman
Date: Sept. 17, 2026
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on, or after, **Friday, October 23, 2026**, the Director of Community Planning & Building of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea preliminarily approved the following application, appealable for 15 working days:

Proposed Action: Approval of Design Study application DS 26326 (Hoang) and associated Coastal Development Permit for the replacement of a tar and gravel roof with a new metal roof; two new skylights; and after-the-fact authorization of a 4' grapestake fence located at 833 San Antonio Avenue (San Antonio 3 southwest of 8th Avenue) in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District and Beach Overlay/Coastal Commission Appeal Jurisdiction.

Project Location: 833 San Antonio Avenue (San Antonio 3 southwest of 8th Avenue), Block: A1, Lot: 4, 5 APN: 010-301-002-000

Coastal Permit Status: Required

Appealable to the Coastal Commission: Yes

Environmental Status: Exempt

Carmel Municipal Code Section 17.52.120 (Public Hearing Waivers for Appealable Coastal Permits) allows for a waiver of a public hearing on a coastal development permit for a development that is appealable to the Coastal Commission when a public hearing would be required solely because the project requires a coastal development permit. The public hearing requirement may be waived if, the project is consistent with the Local Coastal Program; requires no other approval other than a track one (administrative permit) review by the Director; and, has no adverse effect either individually or cumulatively on coastal resources or public access to the shoreline or along the coast.

This notice is being provided to advise the public that no hearing on this application will be held unless one is requested in writing within 15 working days of the publish date of this notice. Failure by a person to request a public hearing may result in the loss of that person's ability to appeal to the Coastal Commission any action taken by the City on the permit application If no hearing is requested within 15 working days, this action shall become final on Friday, November 16, 2026.

Please direct questions about this item to Katherine Wallace, Associate Planner: kwallace@ci.carmel.ca.us or 831-620-2032.

Project plans can be viewed on our website at:
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Chart-topping bluegrass trio takes the stage at Golden State Saturday

A SANTA Cruz-based acoustic trio that serves up a potent mix of country, folk and bluegrass, **The Devil Makes Three** plays Saturday at 8 p.m. at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

The group found success in 2009 with its third album, "Do Wrong Right," which topped the Billboard bluegrass charts. Two other LPs by the band hit No. 1 as well — "Redemption & Ruin" in 2016 and "Chains Are Broken" in 2018. Tickets are $61.

The Easy Star All-Stars play Sunday at 7 p.m. at the same venue. Formed in New York City nearly two decades ago, the group does reggae versions of iconic classic rock albums like Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon," the Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" and, most recently, David Bowie's "The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars." Tickets start at $37.

The Golden State Theatre is located at 417 Alvarado St., Monterey. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.



The Devil Makes Three plays Saturday, 5 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.



Specializing in reggae covers of classic rock songs, the Easy Star All-Stars take the stage at Golden State Theatre in Monterey Sunday at 7 p.m.

■ Latin jazz jam

Embassy Suites' last Jazz Jam of 2026 puts the spotlight on **The Latin Jazz Collective** Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Seaside resort.

"It has become a recent tradition to close the performances out with the amazing Latin Jazz Collective as our special guest," event co-host **Lee Durley** told The Pine Cone.

Led by percussionist **John Nava**, saxophonist **Stu Reynolds** and drummer **Martin Binder**, the seven-piece ensemble serves up standard jazz arrangements "steeped in authentic Latin rhythms."

"Professional performers are invited and welcome to play with these top-shelf musicians," Durley said. "Music lovers are also invited to come and enjoy an incredible afternoon of great music."

Embassy Suites is at 1441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd, Seaside.

■ Celtic Thunder at Sunset

Bringing traditional Irish and Scottish music to pop audiences, **Celtic Thunder** takes the stage Saturday at 7 p.m. at Sunset Center. Noted for its powerful vocal harmonies and theatrical stage production, the group has released 17 albums since its debut in 2008, including its most recent, "Celtic Thunder: The Live Experience," in 2024. "Longtime fans will be thrilled to see their favorite voices come together, combining their talents in an atmosphere of warmth and nostalgia," Sunset Center said.

Tickets start at $55. Sunset Center is at 908 San Carlos St. in Carmel. Call (831) 620-2048 or visit sunsetcenter.org.

■ Guitarist, film at Golden Bough

Music comes to the Golden Bough Playhouse this com-

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You bring the peanut butter and the bread — they'll do the rest

IN TWO weeks, it'll be getting dark around 5 p.m., but here at Soup to Nuts, we don't care — as long as the food hits the table while it's hot and there's enough light to see it.

One week from now, you can read all about the latest Golden Pine Cones winners in a bevy of food and drink categories, all selected by our readers. See who your neighbors think makes the best breakfast, mixes top-notch cocktails and has the sweetest desserts. We'll also start offering ideas for Thanksgiving dinner because, yikes, it's only about a month away.

And this week, learn about some new businesses, great-sounding fundraisers, and what's happening at the old Wagon Wheel in Carmel Valley. Grab your pumpkin-spiced whatever and read on…

Soup to Nuts

■ Jam shop gets nod

The Pacifica-based Small Batch Jam Co. — started a decade ago by a guy who unexpectedly found himself in possession of way too many blackberries and had to figure out what to do with them — got the thumbs up from the Carmel Planning Commission last week to open a shop downtown. To avoid the appearance of a chain store, the products offered in a storefront in Hampton Court at 438 Seventh Ave. must be distinctive, label-wise, from those sold in the business' other retail locations in Pacifica, Redwood City and Solvang, commissioners said, but other than that, they had no demands.



Small Batch Jam Co. just got the go-ahead from the planning commission to open a new shop in town. Its ever-growing list of flavors should be livening up local breakfasts soon.

Tuition money

After learning how to make jam as a way to use and preserve nearly 50 pounds of blackberries given to him as a sample while working at a food distribution company, and subsequently gifting jar after jar to his friends and family, Pablo Lugones launched Small Batch Jam Co. with wife Gina in 2016 to help raise college tuition for their son, Dominic. At the Oct. 14 hearing, Lugones told commissioners he has since developed more than 100 flavors of jams and jellies, along with marmalades and other preserves, syrups and shrubs — blends of juice, sugar and vinegar that date back to colonial times.

"My wife would like me to stop making flavors," he confided, but every time a farmer brings him something new to work with, he can't resist.

Lugones said having a shop in Carmel will allow for "bridging the divide between a tourist's desire for a take-home edible souvenir that will have the name of Carmel on it and supporting the local community in a unique storefront."

He said he envisions collaborating with local businesses in various ways, too.

"Carmel's collection of independent shops, restaurants, hotels, inns, tasting rooms and galleries creates precisely the type of environment in which a small specialty business such as ours can contribute without attempting to duplicate the role of a conventional grocery store or restaurant," he explained. "Our intention is not simply to benefit from Carmel's visitor traffic, but to become an active participant in its small-business community."



The upcoming Growing and Giving sustainable chef dinner fundraiser for MEarth will feature the culinary talents of chefs Ben Spungin of Cella and Alta Bakery and Ron Mendoza of Ad Astra, along with Analuisa Bejar of Sunny Bakery Café.

Lugones looked at the Hampton Court location last spring but was told it had just been leased, so he pivoted to Solvang, finding a storefront he loved. The day he took the keys, he said, the Carmel landlord called to tell him the would-be tenant had to pull out and asked if he was still interested. He was.

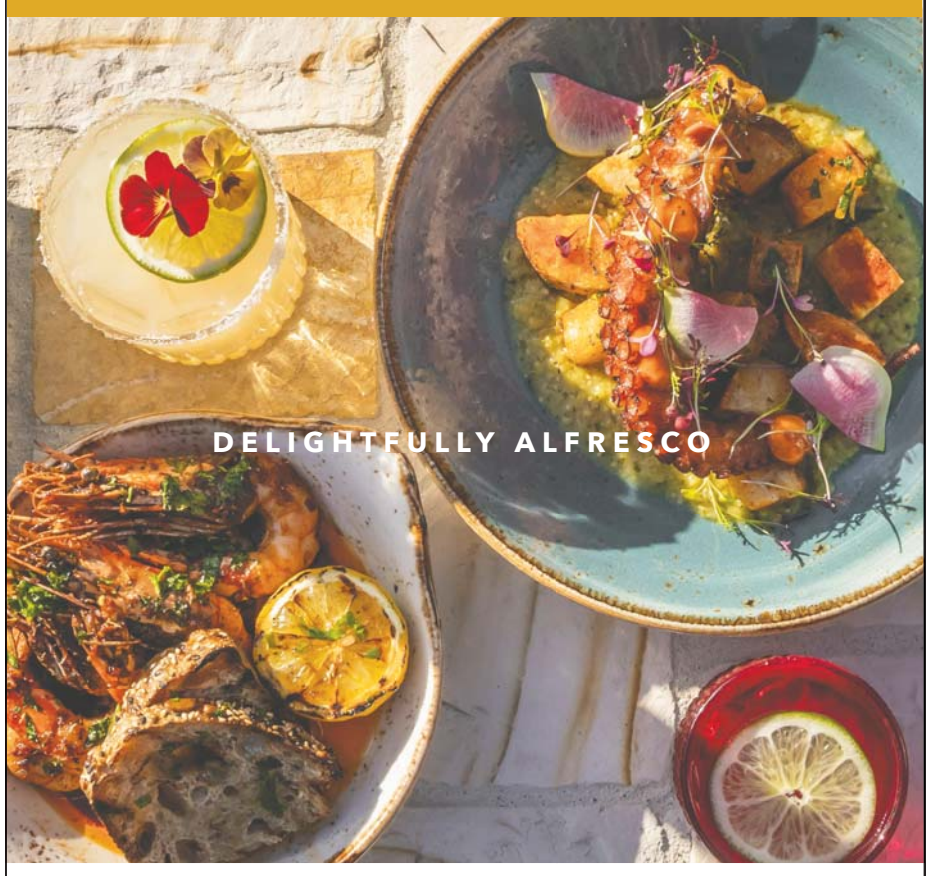
'Intimate scale'

"Our intention is to create a quiet, attractive specialty shop whose presentation is consistent with our established stores while remaining sympathetic to the intimate scale and character of Hampton Court and Carmel-by-the-Sea," he explained. Operating hours would be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Assistant planner Erin Lewis recommended approval, and after adding a condition that the naming and labeling meet the city's requirements, commissioners unanimously

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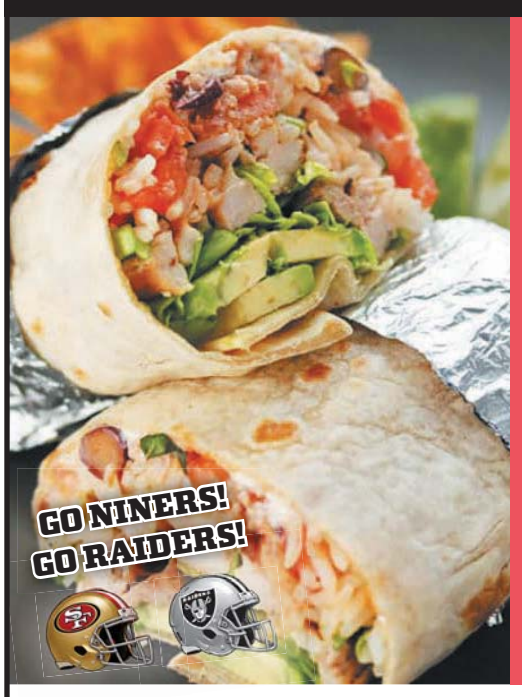
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voted in favor of the application.

The morning of the hearing, artist Nancy Dodds, who has a gallery next door, reached out to The Pine Cone in support of her incoming neighbors.

"They're lovely people, they have an interesting story, and I think they'll be a fun addition to town," she said. "And really — who doesn't like jams and jellies?"

■ Roll out the old …

… And say "Howdy!" to the new. The former Wagon Wheel restaurant in Carmel Valley has been getting a lot of love lately, including a fresh coat of butter-yellow paint around the outside. Sarah Simms, whose Lady & Larder on Del Fino Place in the village is shutting down, has moved back to Carmel Valley to be near her family and said she's looking forward to opening her new place, Howdy Honey, in a spot she remembers fondly.

Simms grew up here, earned her bachelor's degree in hospitality and restaurant management from San Diego State University, and she studied French culinary arts at Le Cordon Bleu in Seattle. With more than 15 years of restaurant experience, she also has happy memories of eating at the Wagon Wheel. "It's a privilege to take it over," she said. "There's something about the spirit of the space that's in the walls."

Simms said she's keeping the open kitchen concept as well as the wagon wheel chandelier hanging over that counter that's probably seen a veritable ocean of coffee. Simms hopes to have her "cowboy diner" open for breakfast and lunch by late November. Meanwhile, for those driven to peek through windows — you know who you are — please don't leave smudges.

■ Old vines, new kitchen

There's plenty of history in the wines that will be poured at brand-new Gromada in Carmel Valley Village Thursday, Oct. 29, when chef Matt Zimny teams up with Twisted Roots Winery for a five-course fall harvest dinner.

The winery's story began in Lodi, where Julie Ruiz grew up. When her uncle was digging out some old zinfandel vines from a vineyard planted in 1918, he remarked that Twisted Roots would make a good name for a winery. It stuck, and today Julie and her husband, winemaker Josh Ruiz, produce small-lot wines from the family vineyard and sell them in their Carmel Valley tasting room.

Along with his wife, Michelle, and his sister, Heather, Matt Zimny opened the restaurant in the former Roux location approximately seven minutes ago. If you went there when it was Gather (that was five minutes ago), it's the same place and the same people. There was some confusion with a Northern California restaurant of the same name, so they used the Polish equivalent — Matt's cooking draws on his Polish heritage, Michelle's Japanese roots, and seasonal Monterey Bay ingredients.

"Harvest is the time of year when the farm and the kitchen are closest together," Zimny said. "Josh's wines come from vines that have been in one family for more than a century, and that kind of history deserves food made with the same care."

The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and costs $185 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (831) 238-0946. Gromada is at 6 Pilot Road, Carmel Valley.

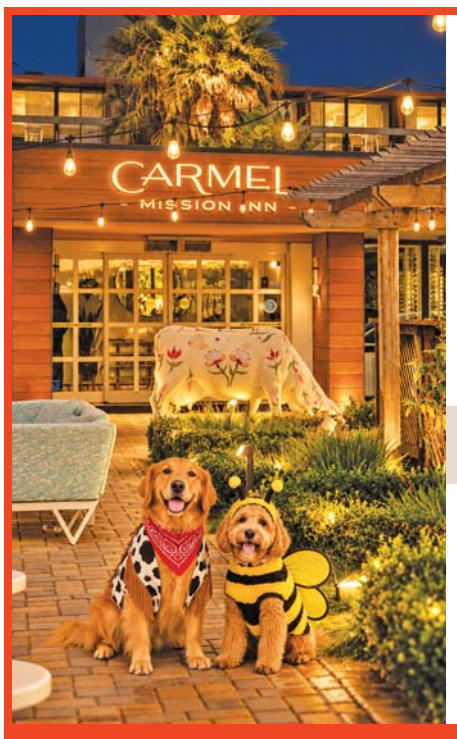
■ Beer at the finish line

When you're finished with the Nov. 8 Monterey Bay Half Marathon, Peter B's Brewpub at the Portola Hotel in Monterey wants to help you celebrate in its Runners Beer Garden. Relax around outdoor fire pits with craft beers and breakfast specials

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Twisted Roots co-owner Julie Ruiz pours wine at its tasting room in Carmel Valley — and soon, it will be served at a five-course fall harvest dinner with chef Matt Zimny of Gromada.



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designed to replenish some of the calories burned on the scenic run from Fisherman's Wharf to Asilomar and back.

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The pet-friendly patio also welcomes four-legged spectators, who presumably won't be expected to prove they've run the course.

The beer garden opens at 9:30 a.m. and continues until 10 p.m. Peter B's is at the foot of Alvarado Street.

■ Growing and giving

A group of talented local chefs will put their talents to work for environmental education Sunday, Nov. 15, when MEarth hosts its Growing and Giving sustainable chef dinner at the Hilton Bialek Habitat in Carmel Valley.

The fundraiser will feature Monterey chefs Ben Spungin of Cella and Alta Bakery and Ron Mendoza of Ad Astra, along with Analuisa Bejar of Sunny Bakery Café in Carmel Valley Village.

The participating chefs have formidable experience. Spungin has worked at Post Ranch Inn, Bernardus Lodge and the French Laundry, while Mendoza spent nearly a decade running the pastry program at Aubergine after working at the French Laundry and acclaimed Los Angeles restaurants — not to mention being the founding chef of Revival Ice Cream on Alvarado Street. Although they're known for their pastry work, they will undoubtedly turn out excellent savory courses for the fundraiser.

Bejar, who will provide beverages for the event, is a Mexico City native and former restaurant critic, culinary teacher, cookbook author and food magazine editor who has made her neighborhood bakery a community gathering place.

Proceeds support MEarth's mission of educating and inspiring young people and the community through environmental stewardship.

The event runs from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at 4380 Carmel Valley Road. Tickets are $185 and are available at mearthcarmel.org.

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

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ing weekend, with the downtown Carmel theater hosting a concert by guitarist **Jason Vieaux** Friday at 7 p.m. and the screening of a film about late blues-rock vocalist Gregg Allman Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Vieaux earned a Grammy Award in 2015 for best classical instrumental solo.

"Jason is a vibrant guitar master," according to the Carmel Guitar Society, which is presenting the concert. "As an artist who transcends the boundaries of classical guitar, he appeals to music lovers of all genres." Tickets start at $44.

The film, "The Music of My Soul," chronicles Allman's musical journey from a troubled childhood to his role as lead singer for one of America's greatest rock bands. Tickets are $28.

The Golden Bough is located at 851 Monte Verde St. Visit pacrep.org for tickets.

■ Turning hardship into art

Ensemble Monterey opens its 2026-27 season with a concert Saturday at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Monterey. The ensemble will be accompanied by baritone **Omar Alejandro**, the **Cantiamo Cabrillo Choir** and guest musicians from **Youth Music Monterey County**.

The program, titled "The Enduring Spirit," explores "how music can respond to loss, identity, and the human capacity to transfigure inexplicable hardship into art." "This music reflects humankind's ability to transmute pain into beauty and celebration," the ensemble said.

Tickets are $60 for general admission, with discounts available for seniors, teachers, active-duty military personnel, students and children. The church is located at 501 El Dorado St., Monterey.

■ 'Moving yet playful'

A group of friends "connected by their passion for chamber music" performs Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Sand Box in Sand City. The musicians include violinists **Siwoo Kim** and **Jennifer Kim**, violists **Jessica Chang** and **Luke Fleming**, and cellist **Michelle Djokic**.

"Anchored by Mozart's uplifting C-Major Viola Quintet, K. 515, our program

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also presents the music of three American composers whose works were undoubtedly influenced by Mozart," according to the Sand Box. "This music is profoundly moving, yet playful enough to bring on a smile."

Tickets start at $25 for general admission. The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz Ave., Sand City. Visit sandboxsandcity.com.

Live music, Oct. 23-29

■ Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Saturday at 12:30 p.m.), **Bubba Pickens** (folk and bluegrass, Sunday at noon). 46800 Highway 1.

Henry Miller Library — Pfeiffer Beach Hotel (rock, Saturday at 6 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.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m.), singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, R&B and dance, Saturday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

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 Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 684 Lincoln St.

La Playa Carmel — The David Morwood Trio (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m. and Tuesday at 6 p.m.) in **Bud's Bar**, 827 Camino Real.

Links Club — Chicago Bill and the Next Big Blues Band (Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **The New Wave Band** (rock, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, 526 Ocean Ave.

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

■ Carmel Valley

Bernardus Lodge — Andrea's Fault (jazz and pop, Saturday at noon), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at noon). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Folktale Winery — Ruby Slippers (Americana, Friday at 5 p.m.), **Lemongrass** (folk, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Trailside Cafe — The Mighty Maple (rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

■ Monterey

Albatross Ridge — Singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

Hyatt Regency Monterey — Singer **Casey Frazier** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Saturday, 7

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Baritone Omar Alejandro joins Ensemble Monterey at its season-opening concert Saturday.

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Violinist Siwoo Kim and four others play the Sand Box in Sand City Wednesday.

Midici The Neapolitan Pizza Company — Guitarist **Adam Astrup** and drummer **Steve Robertson** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Janice Perl** and keyboardist **Evan Wiederanders** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — Pianist **Steve Mann** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

Puma Road Winery — Singer and guitarist **Adam Behan** (Friday at 6 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

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

Sly McFly's — The Money Band (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **60 East** (reggae, alternative rock and classic rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

■ Pacific Grove

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

Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant — Singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

Lucy's on Lighthouse — Silver Train (blues and rock, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The Pacific Jack Band** (classic rock, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

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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 **Rory Lynch** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at 5 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge, 1700 17 Mile Drive.

■ Sand City

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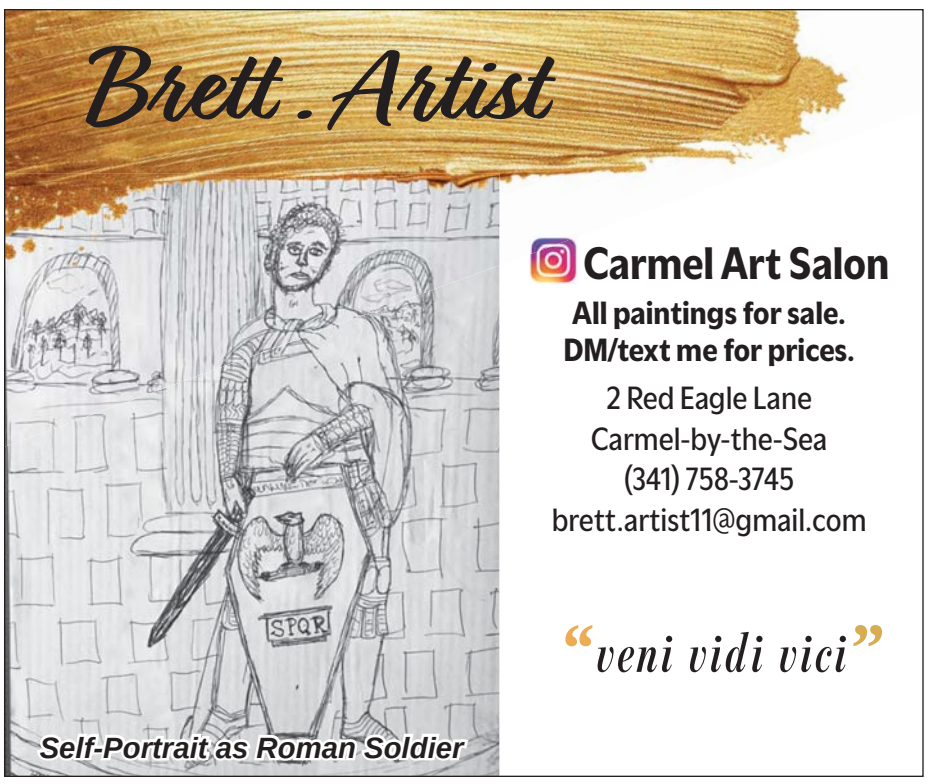
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File No. 20261790
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CARMEL NAILS COUTURE, 26400 Carmel Rancho Lane, Unit 31B, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
STEVE N. LE, 3679 The Barnyard 31B, Carmel, CA 93922.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Steve N. Le
Date signed: Sept. 15, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 15, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026 (PC 1007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261885
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
I HEART YOU CANDLES AND GIFTS, 482 Alvarado St., Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
SHERRY MICHELE DEVINE, 315 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 29, 2026.
S/Sherry M. Devine
Date signed: Sept. 29, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 1, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026 (PC 1009)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261874
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CARMEL SPEECH THERAPY, 140 W. Franklin St., Suite 203, Box 151, Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
EMPOWER SPEECH THERAPY MONTEREY, INC., 140 W. Franklin St., Suite 203, Box 151, 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 Sept. 11, 2026.
S/Kayla Piorkowski, CEO
Date: Sept. 29, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 29, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026 (PC 1010)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261882
Filing type: NEW FILING – with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
TOES ON THE GO, 26615 CARMEL CENTER PLACE, SUITE 103, CARMEL, CA 93923
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
TOES ON THE GO INC., 225 CROSSROADS BLVD. #361, CARMEL, CA 93923
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 17, 2016.
S/Michele Kraft, President
Date: Oct. 1, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 1, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026 (PC 1011)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 20261743
Filing type: ABANDONMENT
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: May 9, 2025
File No.: 20250886
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **EMPOWER SPEECH THERAPY MONTEREY, 140 W. Franklin St., Ste. 203. #151, Monterey, CA 93940.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
EMPOWER SPEECH THERAPY MONTEREY, INC., 140 W. Franklin St., Ste. 203, #151, Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by a corporation.
S/Kayla Piorkowski, CEO
Sept. 29, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 29, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026. (PC1012).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261914
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MIND AND MOVEMENT PHYSICAL THERAPY, 520 CARMEL AVE., PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
PRESTON KUNWAR, 520 CARMEL AVE., 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 Oct. 6, 2026.
S/Preston Kunwar
Date signed: Oct. 6, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 6, 2026..
Publication Dates: Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026 (PC 1014)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261898
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BRAVO WHISKEY AVIATION SERVICES, 106 NACIONAL AVE, SPRECKELS, CA 93962
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ELIZABETH ANN WELLIVER, PO BOX 7463, SPRECKELS, CA 93962
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: Not Applicable.
S/Elizabeth Welliver
Date signed: Oct. 5, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 5, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026 (PC 1015)

City of Pacific Grove
Annual Notice of Vacancies
BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

The City of Pacific Grove is seeking applications for the following Boards, Commissions and Committees for vacancies that currently exist and/or will expire January 2027. Appointees must be registered Pacific Grove residents on most of the Boards, Commission and Committees. For a complete description of the purposes and meeting schedule of each of the available Boards, Commissions, and Committees, please visit the City's website at https://www.cityofpacificgrove.org/about-city/boards-commissions

- Architectural Review Board (2)
- Beautification and Natural Resources Commission (4)
- Historic Resources Committee (1)
- Library Board (1)
- Planning Commission (2)
- Recreation Board (1)
- Task Force on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (3)
- Traffic Safety Commission (2)

Applications for these vacancies will be accepted through **December 18, 2026**. Interested persons may pick up an application at the City Clerk's Office, 300 Forest Avenue or a copy may be downloaded from the City's website.

Further information may also be obtained by contacting the City Clerk at (831) 648-3181 or by emailing cityclerk@cityofpacificgrove.org

Publication dates: Oct. 23, 2026 (PC1037)

T.S. No. 145511-CA APN: 169-361-008-000 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 1/4/2021. 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 On 11/17/2026 at 10:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 1/7/2021 as Instrument No. 2021001163 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Monterey County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: LISA KAY FAULKNER WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; MAIN ENTRANCE, MONTEREY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 168 W. ALISAL STREET, SALINAS, CA 93901 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 described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 25390 TIERRA GRANDE DRIVE, CARMEL, CA 93923 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. 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: $677,698.82 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 313-3319 or visit this Internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 145511-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, 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 (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 145511-CA 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: (855) 313-3319 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108

Publication dates: Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 2026 (PC1013)

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, November 4, 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/81892604909?pwd=jFxmNN2AALLrGtRz1CB8jcfwQEono0.1 **To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171**. Webinar ID: 818 9260 4909. 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 cityclerk@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 26118 (Nye)
Franshisca Delgado, Agent
1012 Junipero Avenue (Junipero Street 2 southeast of 10th Avenue)
Block: 119 Lot: 4
APN: 010-072-017-000
Consideration of a Combined Concept and Final Design Study, DS 26118 (Nye), and Coastal Development Permit for substantial alterations to a single-family residence at 1012 Junipero Avenue located in the Single Family Residential (R-1) District and Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay. APN: 010-072-017-000
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.

DR 23-140 (Esperanza Carmel Commercial, LLC)
Jason Diaz, International Design Group, Agent
726, 736, and 746 Dolores Street (Dolores Street 2 southeast of 7th Avenue)
Block: 91 Lots: 6, 8, and 10
APN: 010-145-023-000, 010-145-024-000, and 010-145-012-000
Consideration of a Design Review, DR 23-140 (Esperanza Carmel Commercial - JB Pastor Building), Use Permit, UP 21-113 (Esperanza Carmel Commercial - JB Pastor Building), Lot Merger, LM 20-394 (Esperanza Carmel Commercial - JB Pastor Building), and Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a new approximately 13,887-square-foot, two-story mixed-use development with 12 apartment units and approximately 3,097 square-feet of new commercial floor area to be split into five new tenant spaces, with a new approximately 7,534-square-foot basement with 19 parking spaces. The existing community room and ornamented concrete wall (part of the Northern California Savings and Loan Complex) are proposed to remain on the project site as part of the project. The total project floor area including that of the existing community room (existing and proposed structures) is approximately 14,579 square-feet. The project is located at 726, 736, and 746 Dolores Street in the Service Commercial (SC) District at Lots 6, 8, and 10 of Block 91. APNs: 010-145-023-000, 010-145-024-000, and 010-145-012-000.
Proposed CEQA Action: Consider finding the project both statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.66 (AB 130) as well as categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15332 (Class 32 - Infill Development) and find that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply.

DS 26182 (Benefield)
Michael Roesner, Designer
1195 Carmelo Avenue (Northwest corner of Carmelo Street and 12th Avenue)
Block: X Lot: 17 AND 19
APN: 010-279-020-000
Consideration of a Track 1 Design Study Referral, DS 26182 (Benefield), for the expansion of a deck to over the garage located at 1195 Carmelo Avenue (Northwest corner of Carmelo Street and 12th Avenue) in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN 010-279-020-000.
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
315 2nd Avenue (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, DS 24325 (A&C Properties), for conversion of a carport, and site alterations located at 315 2nd Avenue in the Single-family Residential (R-1) District, Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay District, and Beach and Riparian (BR) Overlay District. APN: 009-122-008-000
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
Andrew Myrick, Director of Community Planning & Building

Publication dates: Oct. 23, 2026 (PC1042)

OPINIONS

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improvements to the police and public works facilities at the current site without any more ill-conceived delays. And she wants to seize PG&E's funding opportunities for undergrounding utilities in the village.

Please join us in voting for Alissandra for City Council.

Harvey and Melanie Billig, *Carmel*

Point Lobos crowding

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of a reservation and access system at Point Lobos that applies to all visitors, including cyclists and pedestrians. Responsible gatekeeping is essential to public safety, both for people visiting the reserve and for those driving past it on Highway 1.

Some worry that requiring reservations for everyone would restrict public access. But access without management isn't really access. When no one controls how many people arrive, visitors pay the price: crowded trails, damaged habitat and dangerous conditions on the highway. Many people who "walk in" have parked on the Highway 1 shoulder and crossed a busy road on foot. Exempting them would reward the very behavior that puts visitors and drivers at risk. Only a system that covers everyone can tell us how many people are in the reserve and let us plan for them safely. It doesn't keep anyone out. It spreads visits out so the reserve stays safe and open to all.

Others object to fees for cyclists and pedestrians. A small fee is not a barrier; it's a boundary. It signals that Point Lobos is a protected place with limits, and it helps pay for what keeps it safe: staff, enforcement, trail maintenance and the shuttle itself. If affordability is the concern, the better answer is targeted relief, such as free days, low-income passes or reduced rates for local residents — not exempting entire groups and leaving a gap in the system.

Public access and public safety are not opposites. A fair, consistent system for every visitor, even with a modest fee, is how we keep Point Lobos open, safe and protected for future generations.

Gwyn de Amaral,
Carmel Highlands

California races

Dear Editor,

Californians have, in my opinion, allowed themselves to be economically abused by generally voting against their own interests for 20 years, repeatedly supporting the same candidates, ideologies and bad legislation.

Democratic lawmakers have created an ongoing structural deficit while levying the highest state income tax rate, highest state-level sales tax rate and highest gas taxes in the U.S.

Despite numerous low-income assistance programs, we have the third-highest poverty rate per capita in the nation and about 30% of the nation's homeless population after spending more than $26 billion — mostly unaccounted for — to seek remedies.

The high-speed rail project, approved in 2008 with a projected cost of $33 billion, has consumed $15 billion without a mile of track laid. New estimates are as high as $231 billion, with completion in 2040.

And for all the money pumped into public education, we have the lowest high school graduation rate in the country, at 83.9%.

Change starts at the top. Nobody needs to abandon a party affiliation, but voters may have to change their votes and reject the status quo.

Steve Hilton wants to eliminate income tax on the first $150,000 of earnings, abolish the $800 small-business filing fee, lower gas prices substantially by suspending environmental and fuel regulations, and defund the high-speed rail project.

He would cap fees and regulations at $50,000 per new starter home and tie public funding for homelessness to mandatory mental health and drug addiction treatment. He would also seek a public audit of funds given to every nonprofit, subcontractor and related business that receives homelessness, housing or addiction funds — and publish it. For every problem, Hilton has specific proposals.

Xavier Becerra has offered vague and noncommittal solutions. He would not halt the rail project or cut taxes, but would raise them. In other words, if elected, nothing would change. And things might get worse.

Beyond the governorship, there are pro-taxpayer propositions that must be approved (Nos. 41, 42, 43 and 45) and anti-taxpayer propositions (Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 37, 40 and 44) that should be defeated. That would tell Sacramento that voters are no longer supporting their abusers.

Joe Tarantino, *Carmel*

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CALENDAR

Oct. 23 – A "Climate Action Day" event, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at **Point Lobos State Natural Reserve**. For more information, please email pointlobos@ports-ca.us or call (831) 884-2957.

Oct. 23 – Grammy Award-winning classical guitarist Jason Vieaux performs 7 p.m. at the Founders Theatre at the Golden Bough Playhouse, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Tickets are $55 to $80 and can be ordered through CarmelGuitarSociety.org

Oct. 24 – Carmel Valley Lodge's October Harvest Gathering, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 8 Ford Road in Carmel Valley Village. AFRP, local artists, food trucks, street parking only, free admission. (831) 659-2261

Oct. 28 – Carmel Presbyterian Church presents its annual Fall Fest 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the parking lot of the church, Junipero and Mountain View, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Event features a cake walk, trunk or treat, bounce house, and more. To learn more, visit Carmelpres.org

Oct. 28 – The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay area (WACMB) presents a luncheon lecture Monterey Marriott. Speaker is **Bill Taylor, former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine**, whose topic will be the status of the Russian war in Ukraine. Ambassador Taylor makes his fourth visit with WACMB to provide the most current summary, having recently returned from Kyiv. Event registration and information at www.wacmb.org

Oct. 31 – Don't miss the fun and free 8th Annual Halloween on the Wharf at Old Fisherman's Wharf from 4 to 7 p.m.! Enjoy trick-or-treating at more than 25 Wharf merchants, a costume contest with lots of cash prizes, a DJ spinning spooky music, fantastic photo opportunities with spectacular Halloween decorations and much more. www.montereywharf.com

Nov. 2 – Hospital Stay in Your Future? – Clay Angel, M.D., president of the **Greater Monterey Bay Medical Society**, will explain how to best navigate and advocate for yourself during a hospital stay. Event begins 2 p.m. at the Carmel Woman's Club, 907 San Carlos St., Carmel, 93921. Open to the public. $10 guests/members free. www.carmelwomansclubca.com

Nov. 7 – Poetry Reading – Joseph Stroud and **Tim Hunt** will read their poetry at **Tor House** in Carmel-by-the-Sea at 7 p.m. Reception to follow. Reservations required: $15; $10 students. Limited seating. Purchase tickets at torhouse.org.

Sundays – Live music 5 to 7 p.m. at Woody's at Del Mesa. Musical guests **Brice and Nina** deliver an eclectic mix of jazz, rock and reggae, 500 Del Mesa Carmel. (831) 624-1854

Thursdays – Live jazz with The David Morwood Jazz Band, 6 to 9 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. www.terryscarmel.com

Nov. 14 & 15 – Mark Your Calendar … Baum & Blume's "Lighting of the Tannenbaum" & Holiday Open House! This year's theme: "A Peaceable Kingdom" where holiday shopping … goes WILD! Enjoy live music, tasty apps, wine tasting, local artisans and a "Poetry Pop-Up"! Baum & Blume and The Carriage House, 4 El Caminito, Carmel Valley. (831) 659-0400.

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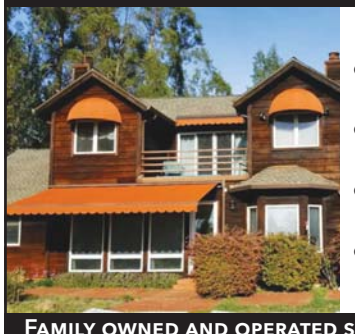
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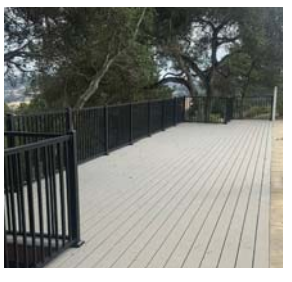
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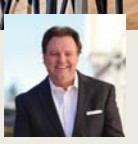


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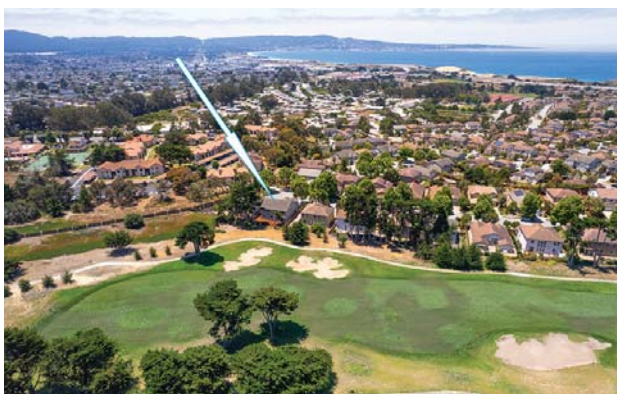
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Kathleen DiCicco to Barbara Perrier
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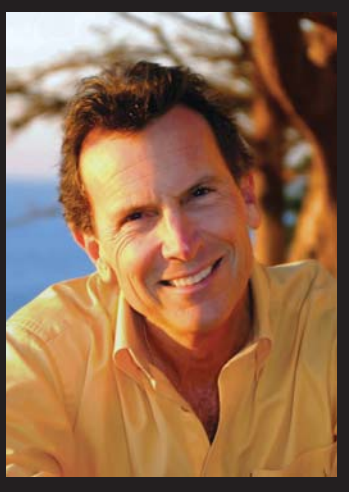
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The thief of time isn't procrastination — it's iPhones and aliens

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

I'VE MENTIONED that I live at Del Mesa Carmel, a retirement community where the biggest daily drama is finding something white to wear for lawn bowling. Lawn bowling is a sport built around having time to spare, which is why I took notice of a new TV series, recently canceled, called "The Boroughs." It's about a retirement community menaced by an otherworldly threat to steal the one thing its residents don't have: time. I assumed it was fiction. Then my iPhone went kerflooey.

Kerflooey, I learned, is a real word. It means a state of destruction or malfunction, which is exactly the state my iPhone was in last week. Images changed on their own. Weird dots and squares raced around the screen like hamsters on amphetamines. A request to move my face closer to the screen kept popping up, and I couldn't get rid of it. Fixing it was beyond my expertise, which is a polite way of saying I once needed a friend to explain the volume button. So I went back to the Xfinity store where I got the phone.

A young man named Jay fiddled with it for several minutes, then asked if I recognized a phone number he read aloud. I didn't. His next words left me as speechless as a politician without a teleprompter.

"Someone else has taken over your phone."

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My mind went straight to the 1956 movie "Invasion of the Body Snatchers." For the uninitiated, the film is about alien seed pods that grow duplicates of sleeping townspeople. The copies look and sound exactly like the originals. The aliens in 1956 needed a small California town and a few pods. Today they apparently need only your phone's password.

Jay had never heard of such a thing. iPhones, he said, were as secure as a device could be. He called over his colleagues, and soon six IT nerds were staring at my phone like it was the monolith in "2001: A Space Odyssey." They tapped and swiped, murmuring in what I took to be either code or Klingon. Every so often, one would glance at me with the look doctors give when deciding how much to tell you. There must have been an exorcist in the group because somehow they got my phone back to normal.

I never learned who had been driving it. Jay didn't know the number either, and I believed him. Jay seemed far too flustered to be an alien. In the body snatchers movie, you spot the pod people because they show no emotion, so I looked around the store. There was a long line, and nobody was sighing or muttering. People waiting at a phone store are normally the grumpiest crowd on Earth. Either they were all remarkably patient, or I had walked into a very quiet invasion. Maybe the smartphones themselves are the body snatchers, turning millions of people into unemotional clods.

After my morning, I knew which way I'd bet.

Measuring the victim

Looking back, the evidence fits. The racing dots were obviously signals to the mothership. And the request to move my face closer to the screen wasn't security. It was measuring. In the movie, the invaders had to wait until you fell asleep to replace you. They've evidently streamlined the process. Now they just need a close-up. And the number I didn't recognize? I'd call it, but I'm not sure which planet's area code I'd be dialing. Without a culprit, I prefer the alien theory. The alternative is a stranger with a laptop and too much free time, which is worse.

I remembered that "The Boroughs" has been canceled. A show about aliens stealing time from retirees, gone, and we're told it was because of ratings. I'm not saying the aliens run the networks. But I've seen what's on television lately, and if they do, they aren't trying very hard.

There is a lesson in this, and it isn't glamorous. When your phone starts doing things you didn't ask it to do, stop poking at it and take it to someone who knows better. Change your passcode. Turn on two-factor authentication, which sounds like a robot's idea of a dating app. And if your phone asks you to move closer, you're allowed to say no. In the movie, Kevin McCarthy runs through highway traffic shouting "You're next!" at drivers who won't listen. Consider this column my warning, minus the traffic.

Jay and his band of unlikely heroes saved my phone, though not my afternoon. Whoever took the controls only borrowed a few hours of my week, but at Del Mesa Carmel, hours are the one currency none of us can print more of.

The residents of "The Boroughs" had an invasion to fight. We have a bowling green to defend. If the body snatchers ever come for Del Mesa Carmel, they'll find us dressed in white, armed with bowling balls and wide awake.

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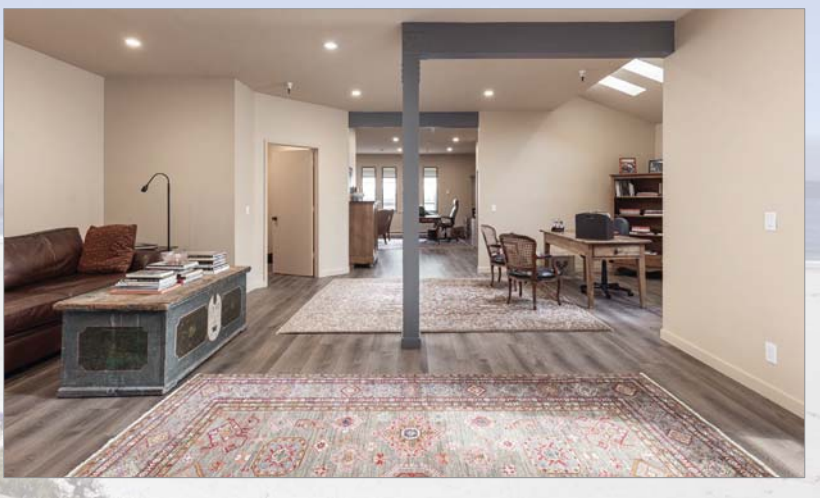
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POLICE LOG

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Pacific Grove: A cell phone was found in front of the police station doors on Pine Avenue. The owner's identity is unknown. The phone was booked into evidence for safekeeping.

Monterey: Missing person reported at Tide Avenue and Beach Way.

Monterey: A 19-year-old woman was arrested at Fremont Street and Camino El Estero for inflicting corporal injury on a spouse, cohabitant or dating partner.

Monterey: Person fell on public property on Lighthouse Avenue.

Monterey: Missing person reported on Dela Vina Avenue.

Monterey: A 40-year-old woman was arrested on Casanova Avenue for being under the influence of a controlled substance, probation violation, petty theft and disorderly conduct involving loitering on private property.

Monterey: Animal call on Van Buren Street.

Seaside: At approximately 0300 hours, a storage shed containing antique decor was burglarized in the 1200 block of Fremont Boulevard. The following night, the same suspect returned with a second individual and burglarized the location a second time. Through a quick investigation utilizing security footage provided by neighboring businesses, officers were able to identify the suspects, two males, ages 44 and 46. With assistance from the Monterey Police Department, both individuals were safely taken into custody and booked into Monterey County Jail. Officers are working on locating and recovering the stolen items.

Marina: Marina Police officers conducted a probation compliance check in the 3200 block of Dunes. During the compliance check, officers contacted two subjects. A search conducted pursuant to the terms of probation resulted in the discovery of more than 78 grams of suspected cocaine, along with suspected cutting agents, packaging materials, cash and other items consistent with the sale and distribution of controlled substances. Based on the evidence recovered, both subjects were arrested and transported to the Monterey County Jail on multiple felony charges, including possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of drug paraphernalia, conspiracy to commit a felony and committing a felony while released on bail.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

Pacific Grove: A 72-hour notice to vacate was posted on unattended belongings on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: Theft from an unlocked vehicle on Spruce Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A 31-year-old man was arrested on Ocean View for disorderly conduct due to alcohol and booked into county jail.

Monterey: A 46-year-old man was arrested on North Fremont Street for disorderly conduct due to alcohol.

Monterey: A 64-year-old woman was arrested on North Fremont Street for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while her license was suspended or revoked for DUI-related violations, and probation violation.

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County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ARMANDO MIGUEL ANGEL VENEGAS CRUZ, 11276 Merritt St., Castroville, CA 95012.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 8, 2026.
S/Armando Cruz
Date signed: Oct. 8, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261912
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE FINAL TWIST, 1200 Del Monte Center, Suite A, Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
JACQUELINE McDONALD, 724 Archer St., Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Jacqueline McDonald
Date signed: Oct. 6, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261890
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ARBOL DE VIDA SUPLEMENTOS PARA LA SALUD, 1663 Boston St., Salinas, CA 93906.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
VERONICA CASTILLO, 1663 Boston St., 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 Sept. 2, 2026.
S/Veronica Castillo
Date signed: Oct. 2, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 2, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 16, 23, 30. Nov. 6, 2026 (PC 1021)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261936
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MONTEREY ROBOTICS, 3078 Helena Way, Marina, CA 93933.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
MONTEREY ROBOTICS LLC, 3078 Helena Way, 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/Jon Anderson, Manager
Date signed: Oct. 8, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 8, 2026..
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261926
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Huezo Ink Creations, 255 E Bolivar St. SPC 121, Salinas, CA 93906
County of Monterey
Registrant(s):
Pablo Adolfo Gonzalez, 255 E Bolivar St. SPC 121, 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/ Pablo Adolfo Gonzalez
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on [FileDate].
10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13/26
CNS-4078997#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 1023)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261927
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MB AUTO RENTALS AND SALES, 1206 La Salle Ave Spc 8A, Seaside, CA 93955
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
MONTEREY BAY AUTO RENTALS LLC, 351 SAN FELIPE RD STE 101 #1005, HOLLISTER, CA 95023
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
MONTEREY BAY AUTO RENTALS LLC
S/ Vidal Ballesteros, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/07/2026.
10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13/26
CNS-4081569#
CARMEL PINE CONE
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261958
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BRITEK PARTNERS, 310 Country Club Hts, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
JAMES W BRIER, PO Box 969, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
KIMBERLEY B BRIER, PO Box 969, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
This business is conducted by a general partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 1, 2026.
S/James W Brier
Date signed: Oct. 13, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 13, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261966
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
OYSTER TRAVEL, 244 Hwy 1, Carmel By The Sea, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
MELANIE JEWEL HIBBS, 244 Hwy 1, Carmel By The Sea, CA 93923.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 14, 2026.
S/Melanie Hibbs
Date signed: Oct. 14, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261977
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE JOINT MARINA, 234 RESERVATION ROAD, MARINA, CA 93933
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
FLAVORS OF MARINA INC., 234 RESERVATION ROAD, MARINA, CA 93933
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by: a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Aug. 1, 2026.
S/ Harkamalpreet Gill, Chief Executive Officer
Date signed: Oct. 14, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 14, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261973
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SALTY SOUL SANCTUARY, 526 OCEAN AVE STE 304, CARMEL BY THE SEA, CA 93921
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
SALTY SOUL SANCTUARY LLC, 86 VIA VENTURA, MONTEREY, CA 93940
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by: a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Not Applicable.
S/ Kyle Hoff, Managing Member
Date signed: Oct. 14, 2026
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Monterey: Contempt of court for disobeying a court order reported on East Franklin Street.

Monterey: Vandalism involving defacing property reported at Del Monte and Virgin avenues.

Monterey: Annoying telephone call involving obscene or threatening language reported on Lower Ragsdale Drive.

Monterey: Annoying telephone call involving obscene or threatening language received on Irving Avenue.

Monterey: An 18-year-old man was arrested on Tyler Street for possession of alcohol by a minor.

Monterey: A 45-year-old woman was arrested on Dela Vina Avenue for inflicting corporal injury on a spouse, cohabitant or dating partner.

Monterey: Grand theft of money, labor or property on Ramona Avenue.

Seaside: Seaside Police officers responded to Sutter Street for a reported domestic violence incident. During the investigation, officers quickly learned that a 25-year-old male was a wanted parolee with additional felony warrants. When officers arrived, he refused to exit the residence, resulting in a several-hour standoff. Through patience, communication, and perseverance, officers continued working to safely resolve the situation. Ultimately, the male surrendered peacefully and was taken into custody and transported to Monterey County Jail.

Seaside: Seaside Police officers responded to a report of a domestic dispute. During their investigation, officers discovered that one of the involved parties, a 45-year-old male, was in possession of a loaded firearm, narcotics and drug paraphernalia. He was arrested and transported to the Monterey County Jail.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Check fraud at Junipero Street and Ocean Avenue. A business reported someone tried to cash one of its checks for an excessive amount. Fortunately, the bank did not allow the transaction.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of a plant at Mission Street and Ocean Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Report of a missing juvenile on Buena Vista Avenue. The juvenile returned as an officer arrived at the residence.

Pacific Grove: Dog at large on Ocean View Boulevard. Returned to its owner.

Pacific Grove: Medical call on 14th Street. Coroner case; dead body found.

Monterey: Forgery involving false checks, records or certificates, obtaining

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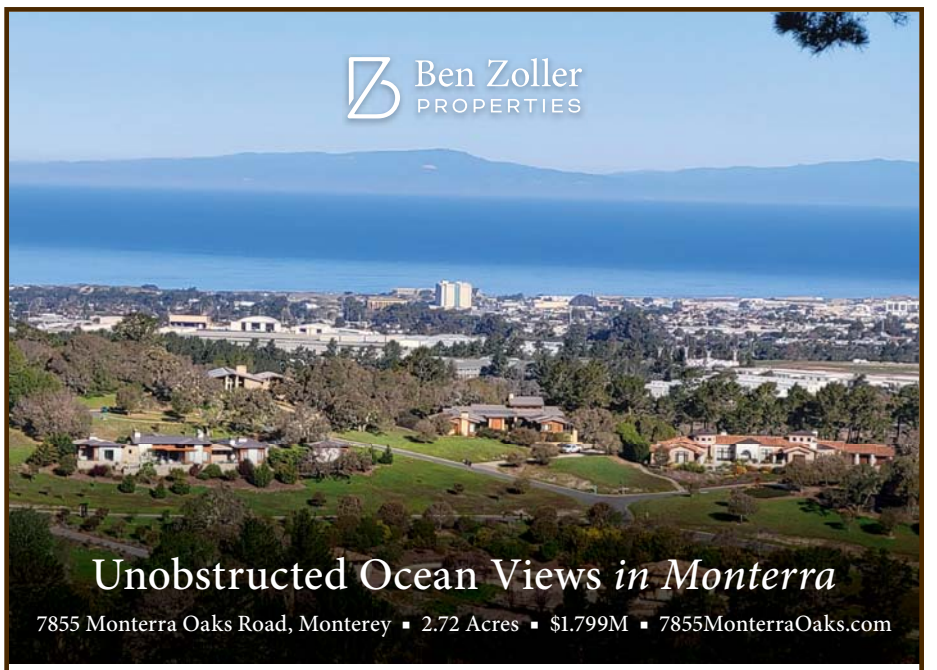


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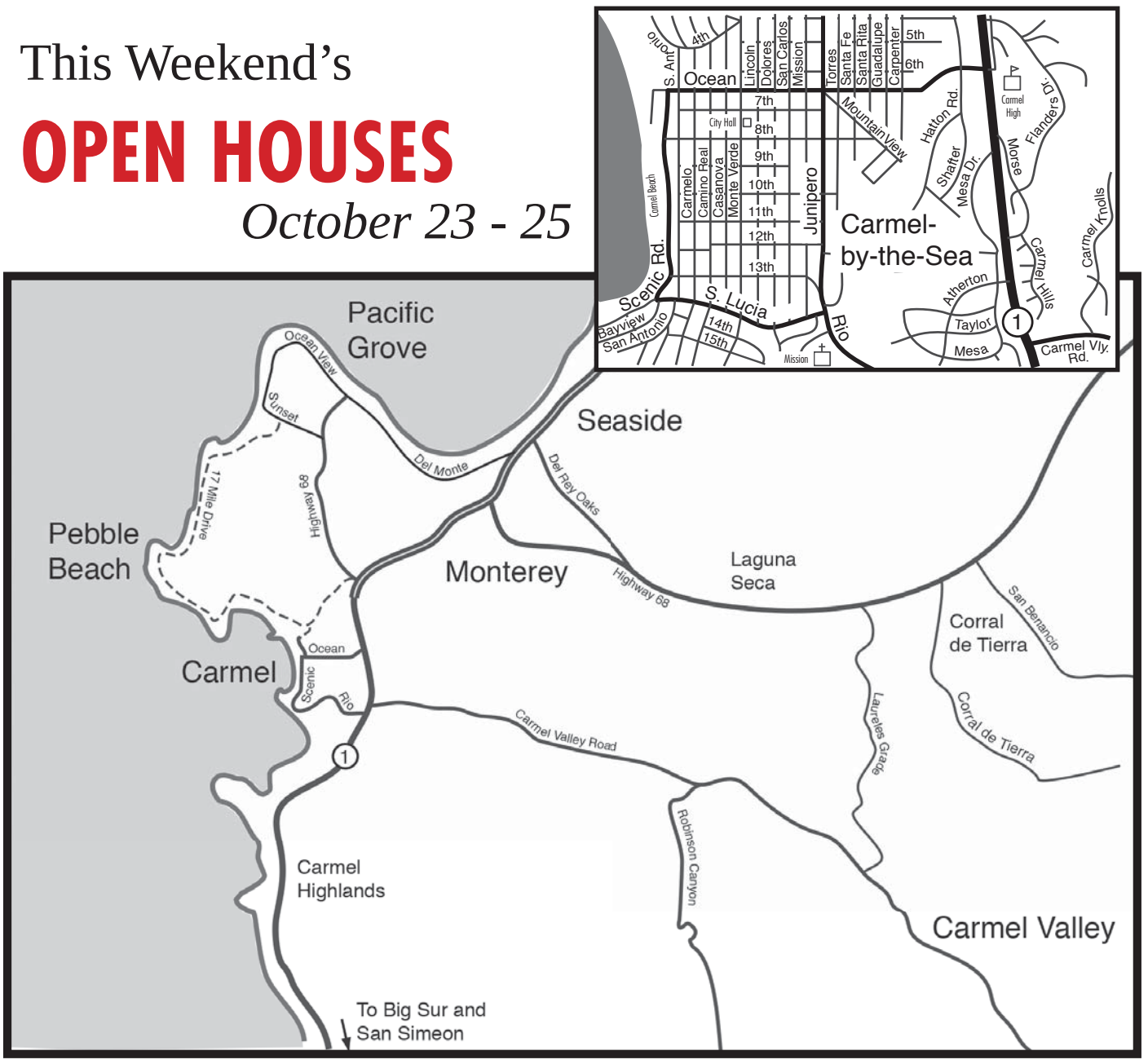
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credit or other benefits using another person's identity, and obtaining money by false pretenses involving more than $400 reported on East Franklin Street.

Monterey: Battery reported on Fremont Street.

Monterey: A 30-year-old man was arrested on Monroe Street for contempt of court involving violation of a protective order.

Monterey: A 57-year-old woman was arrested on Madison Street on a misdemeanor warrant from another jurisdiction.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop at San Antonio Avenue and Second Street led to a criminal citation for driving with a suspended license. A 26-year-old man was cited. A misdemeanor traffic warrant was also reported in connection with the same suspect.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found tripod at Scenic Road and 10th Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Verbal domestic incident on Arkwright Court. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Juvenile placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold on Workman Place.

Pacific Grove: Runaway juvenile on Buena Vista Avenue.

Monterey: A 28-year-old man was arrested on Monte Vista Drive for battery on a spouse, former spouse or dating partner and damaging or destroying a wireless communication device.

Monterey: A 28-year-old man was arrested at Camino Aguajito and Third Street for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08 percent or greater.

Monterey: Hit-and-run with property damage at Pine Street and Irving Avenue.

Monterey: Subject placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold at Pearl and

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610 Forest Ave, PG	$1,548,000	9 Deer Stalker Path, MTY	$1,780,000	142 11th St, PG	$1,570,000
311 Cedar St, PG	$1,275,000	955 Egan Ave, PG	$1,460,000	1128 3rd St, MO	$1,214,100
361 Hannon Ave, MTY	$1,073,100	2757 Sea Glass Ave, MA	$1,189,000	459 English Ave, MTY	$1,135,000
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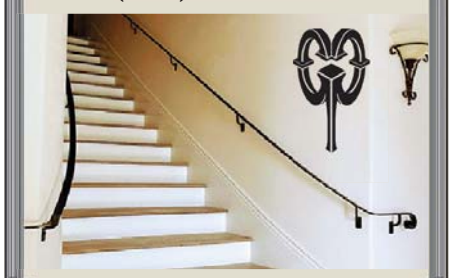
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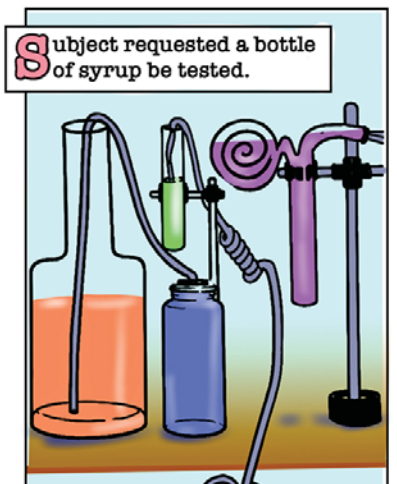
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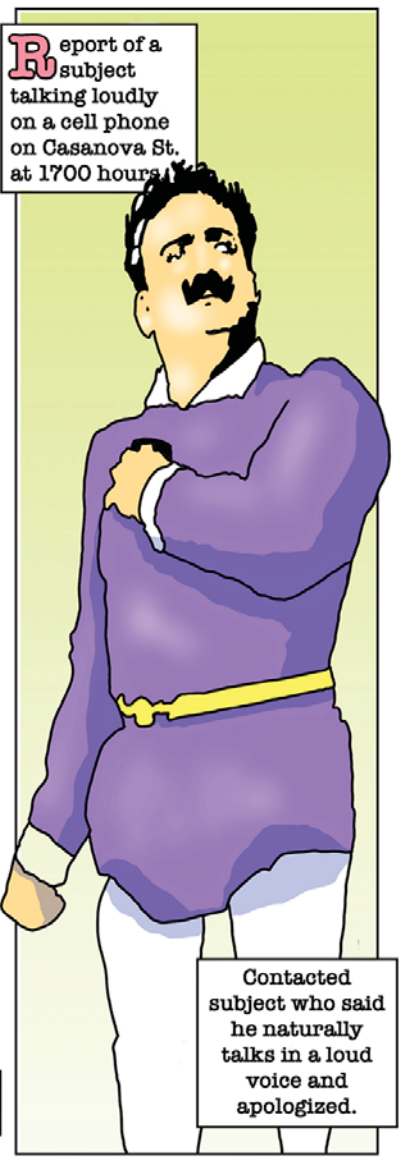
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Subject requested a bottle of syrup be tested.



He believed his children were trying to poison him.

Report of a subject talking loudly on a cell phone on Casanova St. at 1700 hours.



Contacted subject who said he naturally talks in a loud voice and apologized.

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ESCROWS

From page 4RE

Marina

603 Santa Ynez Way — $380,000
The Sea Haven LLC to Jason Traina
APN: 031-295-026

3095 Marina Drive unit 40 — $560,000
David and Elisabeth Odegard to Frank Tingley
APN: 033-152-040

3107 Flower Circle — $665,000
Nancy Amadeo and Bradshaw Trust to Raul and Anselmo Diaz
APN: 032-231-007

16723 Pickett Lane — $799,000
Alma McHoney to Jeffrey and Lisa Alexander
APN: 031-167-060

269 Santa Lucia Lane — $1,074,000
Marina Station Phases 1 and 2 to Jose and Eda Andin
APN: 032-561-075

203 Mollusk Circle — $1,104,000
Shea Homes LP to Gregory Yates
APN: 031-223-034



3365 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach — $9,575,000



27 Los Encinos Drive, Del Rey Oaks — $1,150,000

115 Maritime Street — $1,125,000
Shea Homes LP to 115 Maritime Street LLC
APN: 031-297-018

129 Maritime Street — $1,125,000
Shea Homes LP to 129 Maritime Street LLC
APN: 031-298-005

614 Santa Lucia Way — $1,153,500
The Sea Haven LLC to Rebecca Liljenstolpe
APN: 031-312-047

2769 Moonshell Lane — $1,200,000
Scott and Teresa Humr to Alan and Connie Kitler
APN: 031-256-005

213 Outrigger Circle — $1,453,500
Shea Homes LP to Michael and Wendi Nilsson
APN: 031-222-031

2304 Sanderling Avenue — $1,490,500
Shea Homes LP to Athena Hernandez and McLaren Winters
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Tyler streets.

Monterey: A 35-year-old man was arrested on Larkin Street for probation violation, battery and disorderly conduct due to alcohol, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant for failure to appear.

Monterey: Hit-and-run with property damage on South Palo Verde Avenue.

Monterey: Violation of a domestic violence court order on Monte Vista Drive.

Monterey: A 49-year-old man was arrested at Del Monte and Park avenues for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08 percent or greater.

Seaside: At approximately 1730 hours, an unidentified adult male entered the Seaside Children's Center located at 1450 Elm Ave. During this time, he stole one of the school's iPads. School officials have confirmed this man has no known association with anyone at the facility.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

Pacific Grove: Report of hazardous material entering the city drainage system on Sixth Street.

Pacific Grove: Burglary reported near the 100 block of Ocean View Boulevard. An employee reported approximately $800 worth of items damaged or destroyed. No suspect information was available. The incident occurred sometime between Oct. 10 and Oct. 12.

Monterey: A 23-year-old woman was arrested at Del Monte and Palo Verde avenues for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08 percent or greater.

Monterey: A 28-year-old man was arrested on Pearl Street for possession of unlawful paraphernalia and obstructing or resisting a peace officer or emergency medical technician, and on a felony bench warrant for failure to appear.

Monterey: A 62-year-old woman was arrested at Alvarado Street and Del Monte Avenue for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08 percent or greater.

Marina: At approximately 2350 hours, Marina Police officers responded to a residence near the 3100 block of Crestview Court regarding a large birthday party involving more than 100 people, many of whom appeared to be underage and were reportedly consuming alcohol. Upon arrival, officers contacted several juveniles who stated they had received alcohol at the residence. Three adults who resided at the home were contacted and acknowledged hosting the party. Officers addressed the illegal activity and directed that the party be dispersed. As attendees left the residence, officers observed that many appeared to be high school-aged youth. The adults involved in this incident face potential legal consequences, including charges related to contributing to the delinquency of a minor and furnishing alcohol to a person under 21 years of age.

Marina: Officers proactively checked on a vehicle near Marina State Beach at 2236 hours and contacted a 26-year-old male from Salinas who was with a 16-year-old female juvenile he had reportedly met earlier that same day at a mall in Salinas. During the encounter, officers learned he had reportedly offered the juvenile a ride and subsequently purchased alcohol and other items for her. Further investigation revealed the male had an outstanding warrant from Southern California related to aiding prostitution/human trafficking. The Marina Police Department is actively investigating this crime.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Marina: Two DUI-related collisions occurred. One involved a vehicle striking a median on Reservation Road near Imjin Road. The second involved a vehicle striking a median near Jack in the Box and catching fire. Both collisions involved only the drivers' vehicles. No other vehicles or pedestrians were involved, and no one else was harmed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident at Dolores Street and Fourth. Vehicle towed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found AirPods at Dolores Street and Fourth Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A 65-year-old man was arrested at Ocean View Boulevard and Forest Avenue for disorderly conduct due to alcohol. The arrest information also lists lodging without the owner's consent.

Monterey: A 69-year-old man was arrested at Sloat and First streets for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08% or greater.

Monterey: A 46-year-old man was arrested on Madison Street for being under the influence of a controlled substance and trespassing after refusing to leave.

Monterey: Driving on a suspended license reported at Washington Street and East Franklin Street.

Monterey: A 41-year-old man was arrested at northbound Highway 1 and Del Monte Avenue for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08% or greater.

Monterey: A 25-year-old man was arrested at Camino Aguajito and Del Monte Avenue for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08% or greater.

Monterey: A 36-year-old woman was arrested on Del Monte Avenue for battery and disorderly conduct due to alcohol.

Monterey: Subject on Pearl Street was placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold.

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New Listing	1385 Mission	$5,750,000	---	7
List Price Decreased	521 3rd	$1,599,000	---	47
List Price Decreased	1317 San Carlos	$2,250,000	---	18
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Shea Homes LP to Galen and Robert Fletcher
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2313 Catamaran Avenue — $2,380,500
Shea Homes LP to Benny and Jennifer Widen
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Monterey

4204 Golden Oaks Lane — $420,000
James Lemos to Summer Langley
APN: 001-945-008

2160 David Avenue — $1,100,000
Christop and Loan Weisshaar to Patricia and Matthew Krall
APN: 001-191-007

Pacific Grove

217 Grand Avenue — $950,000
Sarah Chance to Rufus Bates
APN: 006-283-018

745 Ocean View Blvd. — $3,600,000
Addison and Carol Church to Jeffrey and Starr Barrow
APN: 006-072-006



11251 Saddle Road, Highway 68 — $4,850,000



271 Santa Lucia Avenue, Carmel — $3,200,000

520 Lighthouse Avenue — $3,600,000
Rickey Coslett to Jeffrey and Elaine Grover
APN: 006-178-018

Pebble Beach

1068 The Old Drive — $3,025,000
Bonnie and Nicholas Dacosta to Fran Baskin and Corinne Petrich
APN: 007-232-007

3365 17 Mile Drive — $9,575,000
Charles and Kathryn Yost to McFadden Investments LLC
APN: 008-391-001

Seaside

1696 Laguna Street — $655,000
Carolyn Davi to Viveka Barnes
APN: 012-161-026

2845 Bay View Loop — $2,396,500
Shea Homes LP to Randall and Lisa Biglione
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