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Early storms bring big waves, drenching rains

By MARY SCHLEY and CHRIS COUNTS

MASSIVE WAVES driven by hurricane-force winds over the Pacific Ocean pounded the Monterey Peninsula coastline this week, prompting authorities to close Scenic Road at Carmel Point because of damage and debris. High winds and torrential rain caused minor flooding and spotty power outages in Carmel-by-the-Sea. City officials closed Carmel Beach because of unsafe conditions, but it could reopen Friday.

With unusually strong El Niño conditions in the forecast and disaster preparedness experts urging residents to get ready for potentially record-setting storms, it might seem as though winter is arriving early. And if predictions hold, more wet weather and unusually high tides are on the way.

In town, some residents experienced isolated minor flooding caused by blocked drains, according to Carmel Police Chief Todd Trayer. Firefighters and police officers "responded and assisted with diverting water to minimize impacts."

While the storms brought gusts of 40 mph to 50

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(Clockwise from top left) Monterey County officials shut down Scenic Road after huge waves strewed rocks and other debris across it. In Big Sur, Caltrans crews prepare to clear a fallen tree blocking Highway 1.

DA joins suit to block Newsom's death row commutations

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni and district attorneys in 29 other counties have joined a lawsuit filed with the California Supreme Court to try to block Gov. Gavin Newsom's commutation of the death sentences of all 548 inmates on death row.

The 58-page petition, filed Monday by the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, claims Newsom abused his power Nov. 5 when he commuted the sentences, because he did not give victims "an opportunity to be heard" or notify prosecutors, among other alleged violations. The plaintiffs asked the high court to halt the commutations.

'No reason why prosecutors and victims weren't notified'

"Only this court can stop the governor's disregard of the law — his abuse of power," according to the lawsuit, which was joined by victims' advocacy groups and family members, including William Hickman, whose daughter, Kim Hickman, was raped and murdered in her Pacific Grove apartment in 1989 by neighbor Kris Hughes.

The petition contends that Newsom's "eleventh-hour decision to grant commutation en masse" intentionally disregarded the law, which the plaintiffs say requires notice to crime victims and to the prosecutors who won the murder convictions.

Exceeded his authority

"There is no legitimate reason why victims and district attorneys could not have been notified and permitted to provide input before" Newsom's decision, the suit says.

The D.A.'s argue the governor exceeded his authority by not reviewing each case individually, including the crimes, criminal histories, prison conduct and views of victims and prosecutors.

"Instead, the governor made a categorical determination that every death sentence should be commuted based upon his general opposition to capital punishment," the suit says.

The plaintiffs say Newsom has argued that the law guaranteeing victims notice and an opportunity to be heard before a commutation does not apply because he

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Insurance boss wants single-payer for fire plans

ONE BIG-TICKET item that set incoming insurance commissioner Jane Kim apart from her opponent and fellow Democrat Ben Allen was her plan to bring universal wildfire insurance to California. Now it's time to see how serious she is about the idea.

The former San Francisco supervisor is proposing to make wildfire coverage mandatory through a state-run insurance program, which she argues will make coverage more affordable and available. It's an out-there idea but not completely unheard of. New Zealand has a similar program, and the California Earthquake Authority has offered earthquake insurance since 1996. Kim's idea would be quite different from the earthquake authority's model, though, in that it would require all homeowners to purchase a state-backed policy.

Now that she's been elected, Kim has acknowledged that her published policy brief detailing her plan for a single-payer insurance system is only the starting point for what could be a multiyear effort involving key stakeholders, many of whom are skeptical.

How it would work

The commissioner-elect envisions private insurers continuing to offer homeowners policies that cover things such as liability, theft, water damage and ordinary house fires, but not wildfire damage and destruction. Those insurers would still sell wildfire policies on behalf of the state.

The mandatory coverage would be limited to fully rebuilding the "typical" California home, leaving owners with more expensive properties to buy additional coverage on the commercial market.

"This keeps the public pool focused on ordinary

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Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

LONGEST SERVING MAYOR SUE MCCLOUD DIES AT 92

By MARY SCHLEY

THE WOMAN who oversaw the renovation of Sunset Center and shepherded the City of Carmel through approval of its decades-overdue Local Coastal Program, among numerous other accomplishments as its longest-serving mayor, died at home early Monday morning. Sue McCloud — a tireless public servant who also served in the CIA for more than 30 years and was honored by then-U.S. Rep. Sam Farr in Congress on the eve of her retirement from city office — was 92.



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Sue McCloud at city hall in 2002.

Formidable

"She was a very strong mayor," said fellow former Mayor Ken White, who appointed her to the planning commission after she retired from her federal work and moved back home to Carmel. "She knew what she wanted, and she knew what was right."

"I cried a little when I heard," former councilman Bobby Richards said. "She was an incredible person to me. Her wit and mind were next level."

Another former mayor, Dave Potter, described her as a "legend," and Mayor Dale Byrne said his single term in office made him realize just how much she gave to the city during her six terms.

'True Carmelite'

"Twelve years, six campaigns and hundreds of council meetings took remarkable perseverance and a deep love for this community," he said. "I'm grateful for every one of those years and honored to have followed in her footsteps."

Longtime resident Graeme Robertson described McCloud as "a true Carmelite, a dedicated public servant and a good friend."

"She had a quick wit and was always available for a conversation on a variety of topics," he said. "Sue will be missed

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Quite a character

A 10-year-old French bulldog, Winston earned his name when his person observed him with a bone in his mouth and thought he looked like Winston Churchill sucking on a cigar.

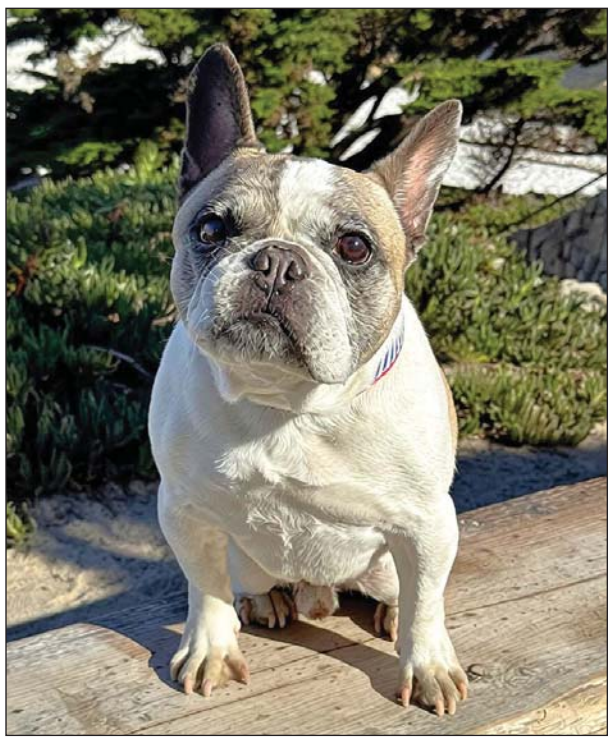
"We quickly realized something was a little strange but lovely about Winston," his person said. "He makes uncanny human eye contact and knows exactly where we're going based on our accessories, such as a suitcase or keys."

Winston, who lives in Pebble Beach, came home at 12 weeks, a tiny thing who grew up to have more presence than actual size. One time, his family responded to a ruckus in the yard and discovered he had a full-size, living crow in his mouth.

"Winston doesn't play to his size," his person said. "After he caught the crow, the other crows didn't forget. For months, we had to take him out on a leash, as they began circling and dive-bombing. We believe he looked a bit like a raccoon to them."

Winston loves going to the beach and racing along the sand, his person said.

"As soon as he gets there, he has a 'drop-and-roll' habit," he said. "He's a mess, but he loves it. Winston's not a salon Frenchie. He's more rogue."



He also enjoys walking along Scenic Road, overlooking the beach.

"We used to walk the length of the coastline and make a loop," his person said, "but Winston's slowing down a little, so he's more of a 'one-way' guy now."

Winston also loves to swim. He really can't swim, his person said, but he thinks he can, so he jumps right into the family pool and treads water. "He thinks he's doing it, but he's not, so I have to be in the water with him to do an assisted swim," he said.

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P.G. selects new city manager

By KELLY NIX

LESLEY MILTON, wife of former Carmel city administrator Chip Rerig, has been named city manager for Pacific Grove.

On Wednesday night, the city council voted unanimously to approve an employment agreement with Milton, who will be paid a $280,000 salary. She succeeds Rerig, who served as temporary city manager in P.G. after Matt Mogensen left in August. Rerig was Carmel's city administrator for a decade before retiring in December 2025. Milton is expected to start Nov. 30.



Lesley Milton

"Following a diligent process for receiving and reviewing multiple applications for the city manager position, and interviews of selected candidates, the city council determined Lesley Milton should be appointed as the city manager, subject to the execution of an employment agreement and appropriate background checks," the report to the council said.

"I'm honored and excited to serve the community I call home as its next city manager," Milton said. "Having lived in Pacific Grove for more than 15 years, I know how much this community means to the people who live here."

Experienced

"Managing a city on the Monterey Peninsula can be challenging," Rerig told The Pine Cone Thursday. "While I'm not looking forward to watching her endure late-night meetings and harsh criticism, she'll prove professionally that she can continue to do hard things. And I'll be here to support her — as her biggest fan and most exacting critic."

Milton has extensive municipal experience. She was deputy city manager and assistant director of public works in St. Helena from May 2023 to October 2025. From 2013 to 2021, she was assistant city manager, public information officer and city clerk for Seaside. Before that, she was Monterey's recycling and project coordinator from 2007 to 2013.

The city will provide Milton with a laptop, a credit card, a parking pass and, if she wants one, a cell phone. She will also receive a term life insurance policy with a $75,000 death benefit and, "to promote health," up to $500 a year for gym memberships, fitness courses, and subscriptions such as Peloton.

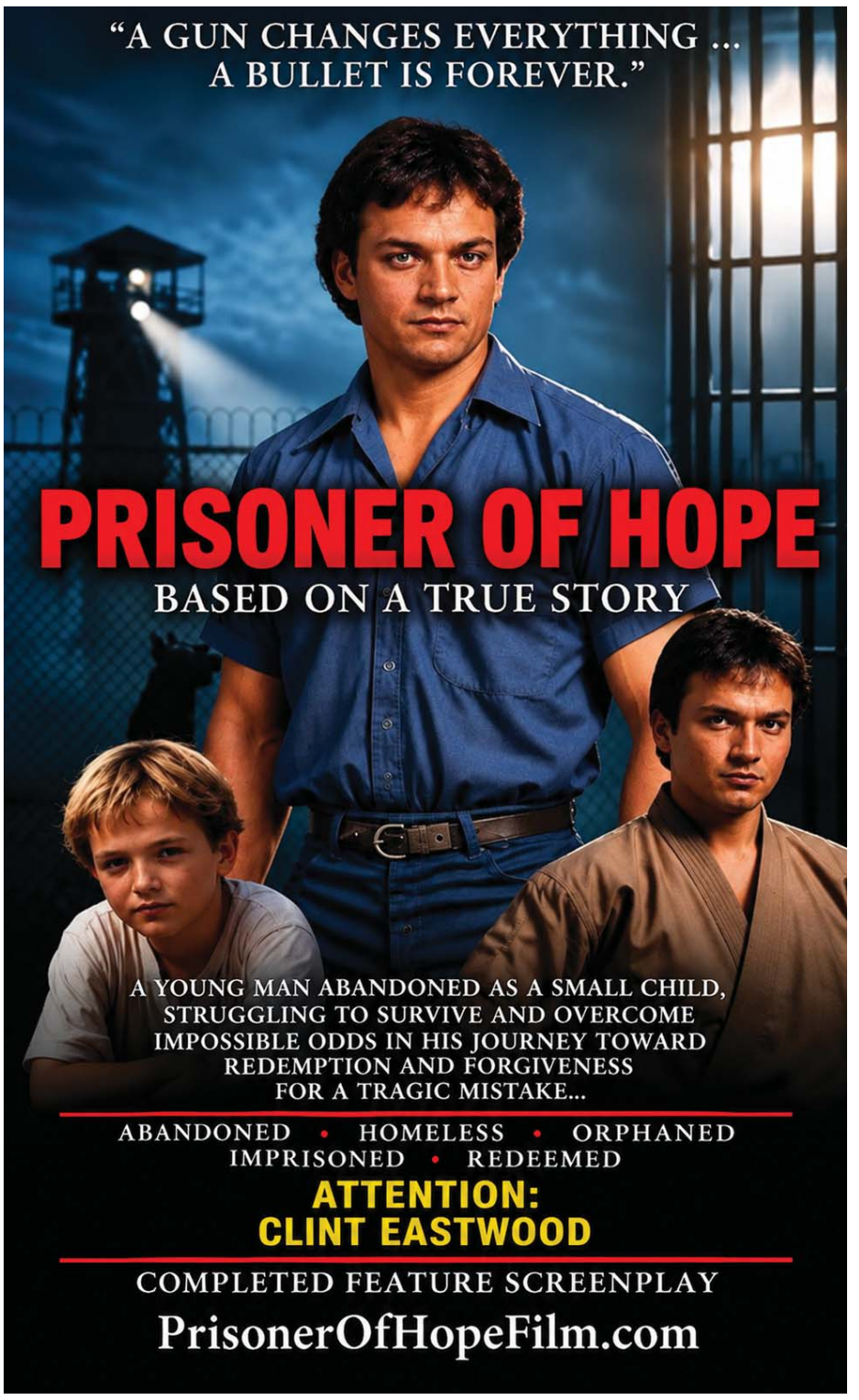
As the city does for other department heads, it will provide health, dental and vision insurance for Milton and her dependents. Taxpayers will contribute $24,500 to a retirement savings plan available to state and local government employees.

Milton will also get a perk that Mogensen was not offered: money for mentoring.

"City agrees to pay up to $10,000 during employee's first year for city manager mentoring," the employment agreement states. "Employee shall have sole discretion to choose a mentor."

During public comment, resident Inge Lorentzen Daumer said it is "refreshing" to have a female city manager. She also said it was "fascinating that the best candidate" the council came up with after a nationwide search is "the wife of our interim city manager."

Rerig said he was recused from the entire recruitment process and did not recommend Milton for the position.



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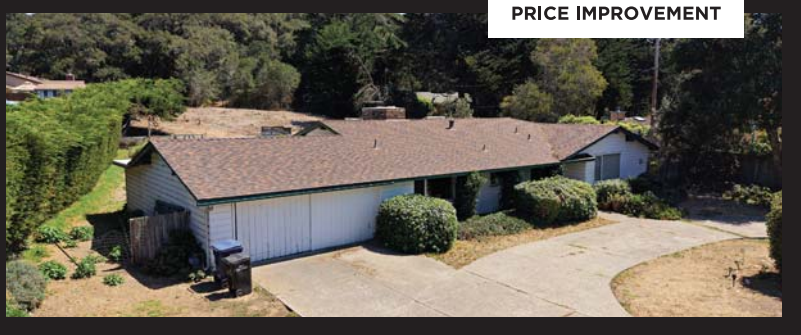
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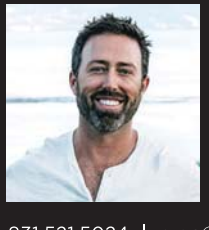


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Police & Sheriff's Log

A dirk and an old-timey handgun

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.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of Lighthouse Avenue for a report of a woman who had fallen on the sidewalk and twisted her ankle. Upon arrival, the Pacific Grove Fire Department advised that the woman had left the scene and was taken by her son to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

Monterey: A 31-year-old man was arrested on Alvarado Street for a felony parole violation on Munras Avenue.

Monterey: A 25-year-old man was arrested at Taufner Lane and Cortes Street for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08% or greater, and felony and misdemeanor warrants from another jurisdiction.

Marina: A driver experienced a medical emergency while traveling northbound on Highway 1, striking two vehicles. A passenger was able to steer the vehicle off the highway and onto Del Monte Boulevard but was unable to bring it to a stop. The vehicle continued to the intersection of Del Monte Boulevard and Reindollar Avenue, where it collided with another vehicle. It then struck the center median, knocked down several roadway signs and entered oncoming traffic on Del Monte Boulevard before coming to rest at Del Monte Boulevard and Palm Avenue. No one was seriously injured. The driver was transported to the hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

Marina: In May, Marina police took a report of fraud by a caregiver against an elderly victim. Marina Police Department detectives investigated and found that a 29-year-old woman had used the elderly victim's credit card to make more than $15,000 in purchases through online shopping websites. As a result of the investigation, detectives obtained a search warrant for her residence in the 1800 block of Juarez Street and a felony arrest warrant. Marina police detectives and officers, with assistance from Seaside police detectives and officers, served the search and arrest warrants. The woman was taken into custody and transported to the Monterey County Jail. Most items purchased through Amazon were located and recovered from the residence.

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The gavel falls

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

Oct. 29 — Benjamin Bahena, 38, of Salinas, was sentenced to 11 years in state prison for voluntary manslaughter.

On Oct. 20, 2025, at 7:45 a.m., officers with the Salinas Police Department were dispatched to a report of a fight in the Chinatown area of Salinas. When officers arrived, they found the victim, Misael Avilez, lying face down on the street in a pool of blood. Witnesses said Bahena and Avilez had been in a verbal altercation before the fight. During the fight, Avilez ended up on top of Bahena. After Avilez released Bahena, Bahena retrieved a knife, chased Avilez and fatally stabbed him in the back.

On Sept. 18, Bahena pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter. On Oct. 28, Judge Andrew G. Liu sentenced the defendant to the maximum sentence for voluntary manslaughter. Voluntary manslaughter is a serious and violent felony under California's three-strikes law.

The case was investigated by the Salinas Police Department.



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County fined $300K for late housing plan

By CHRIS COUNTS

TWO DAYS after the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve a state-mandated housing plan three years after it fell out of compliance with California law, state officials announced a settlement with the county that includes a $300,000 penalty that will go into a fund for local affordable housing projects.

Besides spending taxpayers' funds on the penalty, the settlement commits the county to rezoning outlined in the housing plan and requires it to devote "adequate planning resources" to the next housing update, which is due in 2031.

More hurdles coming?

On the same day that supervisors endorsed the new plan, formally known as the housing element, county officials received a letter from California Attorney General Rob Bonta's office that suggested that the county has violated "environmental justice planning and zoning law provisions that fall outside the settlement agreement regarding housing element law compliance." Although the letter sounds ominous, the county's Housing and community development department said the issues won't jeopardize the expected certification of the county's housing plan or delay the county's efforts to prevent new Builder's Remedy projects from being started.

"The housing element update triggered the timelines and requirements to update other elements of our general plan under state law," a county statement says. "These general plan updates have different legal requirements from the housing element and are not subject to the same penalties, such as the Builder's Remedy."

$300,000 penalty will go toward local affordable housing projects

According to deputy attorney general Ashley Werner, the county has not updated its land use element "to identify disadvantaged unincorporated communities, analyze their water, wastewater, stormwater and structural fire protection needs, and analyze financing options to address those needs."

Werner wrote that the county has failed to address "equitable access to open space" in a way that "considers social, economic and racial equity," "climate resilience and other co-benefits of open space," and "re-wilding opportunities."

The letter also states that the county must "amend its general plan to further environmental justice through policies that reduce health risks in disadvantaged communities, prioritize investments in the same and promote civic engagement," and update its safety element to address flood hazards and climate change.

Blueprint for growth

The new housing element will provide a blueprint for growth in unincorporated parts of the county through 2031.

According to state law, Monterey County must plan for 3,326 new housing units. But to account for "potential 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 people with very low to extremely low incomes, 939 for people with low incomes, 712 for people with moderate incomes, and 2,990 for those with above-moderate incomes.

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



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Libraries to close as books change places

By MARY SCHLEY

THE IMPENDING $17.5 million Harrison Memorial Library Centennial Restoration Project — which received final approval by the Carmel City Council earlier this month — will require moving its collection out of the historic building at 345 Ocean Ave. While the Church of the Wayfarer a block away was going to temporarily house the library, that plan didn't work out, so the council approved a lease with the Carmel Youth Center, instead.

At its special meeting Nov. 2, the council agreed the center, which is located on Torres Street next to the police department, should serve as the temporary library. But because it might be weird to have materials for adults in a kids' setting, the children's collection will move there, while the books and other items from the Harrison library will temporarily occupy the Park Branch at 523 Sixth Ave.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

The youth center will temporarily house the children's library collection and staff, the city council decided this month.

"When the Church of the Wayfarer was determined to be no longer viable as a site for the temporary library due to the cost of improvements," library director Heather Cousin explained in her Nov. 2 report for the council, the Carmel Public Library Foundation approached the city about the Carmel Youth Center.

Everything to move

"Staff determined that moving the youth collection and its team from the Park Branch, rather than the Harrison collection, would better align the objectives of both organizations," Cousin said. "Youth services staff and the CYC have consistently collaborated on programming. Having both organizations working together in the same, shared space will provide more such opportunities."

But to avoid the potential weirdness of having adult-oriented materials and a lot of grownups in a setting that serves children, she said in the city's Friday video Nov. 6, the contents of both libraries will have to relocate.

"Now we have to move the Harrison collection to the Park Branch and the Park Branch collection to the youth center," Cousin acknowledged, with the facilities closed for at least a few days to make the transitions. "We have to coordinate with moving companies and everything else," she said, and she promised to keep people informed.

While the city owns the land, the youth center owns its building and leases the dirt underneath it for $1 a year, according to an agreement that runs through Oct. 31, 2039. To take over part of the building for the temporary Park Branch, the nonprofit library foundation, which is overseeing the

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Otter pups stranded during storms

By MARY SCHLEY

SEVERAL SEA otter pups were found separated from their mothers during the weekend's unusually high surf and stormy conditions, including at least one on Carmel Beach, according to bystanders and the Monterey Bay Aquarium, which rescues and rehabilitates the iconic creatures.

"Our sea otter program had a surge of responses over the weekend, bringing in four sea otter pups," an unnamed person in the aquarium's press office confirmed this week. "They typically only bring in one pup over a similar time span. Currently, our staff are assessing and caring for new arrivals."

Unfortunately, "due to the surge and necessary care," no one was available to speak to The Pine Cone about the rescues, but locals posted online photos of efforts on Carmel Point and in Monterey that included Monterey Bay Aquarium staff recovering some of the pups.

Another commenter said an otter stranded on Carmel Beach eventually died.

"Sadly, one of the otters reported at the stairs near the restrooms on Carmel Beach on Saturday didn't make it. Several calls went out all day, and no one came to assist," she wrote. "Lots of folks and their children hoped for a response and stayed for hours waiting, but when I checked again the next morning, it had succumbed to its injuries."



PHOTO/MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM

A Monterey Bay Aquarium biologist rescues a stranded otter pup after huge waves separated it from its mother.

Pioneering efforts

The aquarium says its sea otter program has received more than 1,000 stranded otters during its 40-plus-year existence and has pioneered methods for rehabilitating pups as young as 1 day by mimicking their wildlife habitats and using surrogate otters to mother them.

In a video posted a year ago, Sandrine Hazan, the program's stranding and rehabilitation manager, explained the rescue and care routines for the baby otters. The effort begins with attempting to reunite the pup with its mother right away, since being raised in the natural environment ensures the best chance of survival.

Failing that, the baby is taken to the aquarium's facility, which was expanded last year, and is stabilized with bottle feeding and other measures until it reaches 8 weeks old, when it can be paired with a surrogate mother.

"All of these pups are cared for behind the scenes," Hazan explains in the video. "We want them to be completely wild to establish themselves within the kelp without the help of humans."

From 8 weeks to 6 months, a surrogate

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Photographer who chases waves strikes gold in stormy Big Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR A Marina photographer who loves capturing images of big waves, a long-planned trip down to Big Sur last weekend turned into a stroke of good fortune, with waves as high as 50 feet pounding the coastline.

Six months earlier, Steve Zmak had reserved a campsite at Limekiln State Park. He had anticipated good weather, but the stormy surf turned out to be a nice surprise. Zmak arrived at Limekiln on Thursday, just in time for a major storm to roll in. The same day, the National Weather Service issued a coastal flood advisory for Big Sur due to "building swells, sneaker waves, strong rip currents and elevated tides."

Horizontal rain

Zmak said the wind along the coast was so strong when he arrived at the campground that he struggled to stake his tent to the ground. After he anchored it, he was concerned the wind would tear the tent apart.

The weather took a turn for the worse on Friday. Reports said gusts were as high as 50 mph.

"There was horizontal rain," Zmak reported. "The wind turned the tent into a sail."

The tide reached its highest point Saturday — and came within about 6 feet of Zmak's campsite. He posted a video on Facebook of one wave splashing up the beach toward his truck.

Saturday morning brought another surprise when a massive root ball from a tree washed ashore. It landed about 10 feet from Zmak's campsite. He estimated it weighed about 500 pounds. "I couldn't budge it," he said.

Close call

Despite his close calls, Zmak said he felt relatively safe from the surf due to his slightly elevated campsite. But those who run the state parks campground felt differently, and they moved the campers up the canyon to a safer spot in the redwoods Saturday around noon.

A camp host told Zmak that "she had

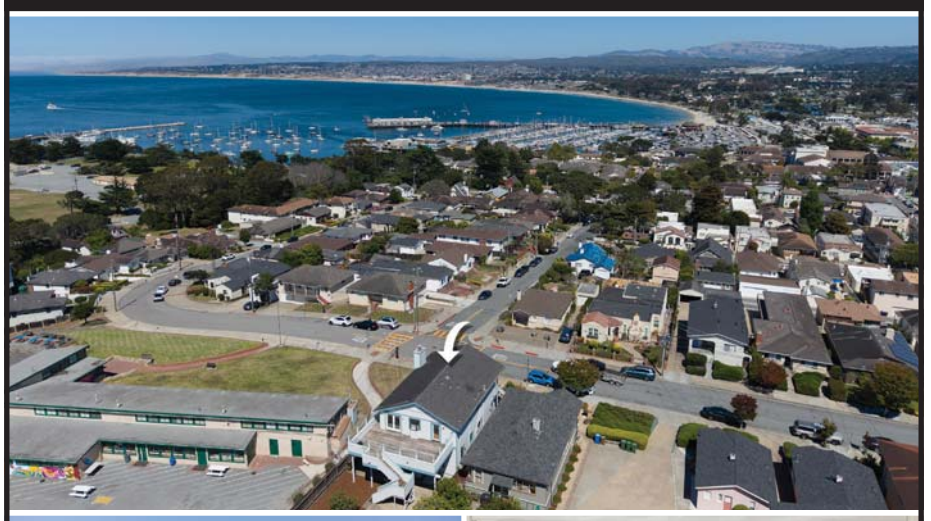
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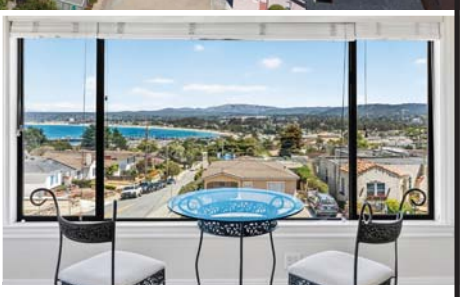
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Steve Zmak of Marina admires the massive surf at Limekiln State Park in Big Sur last weekend.

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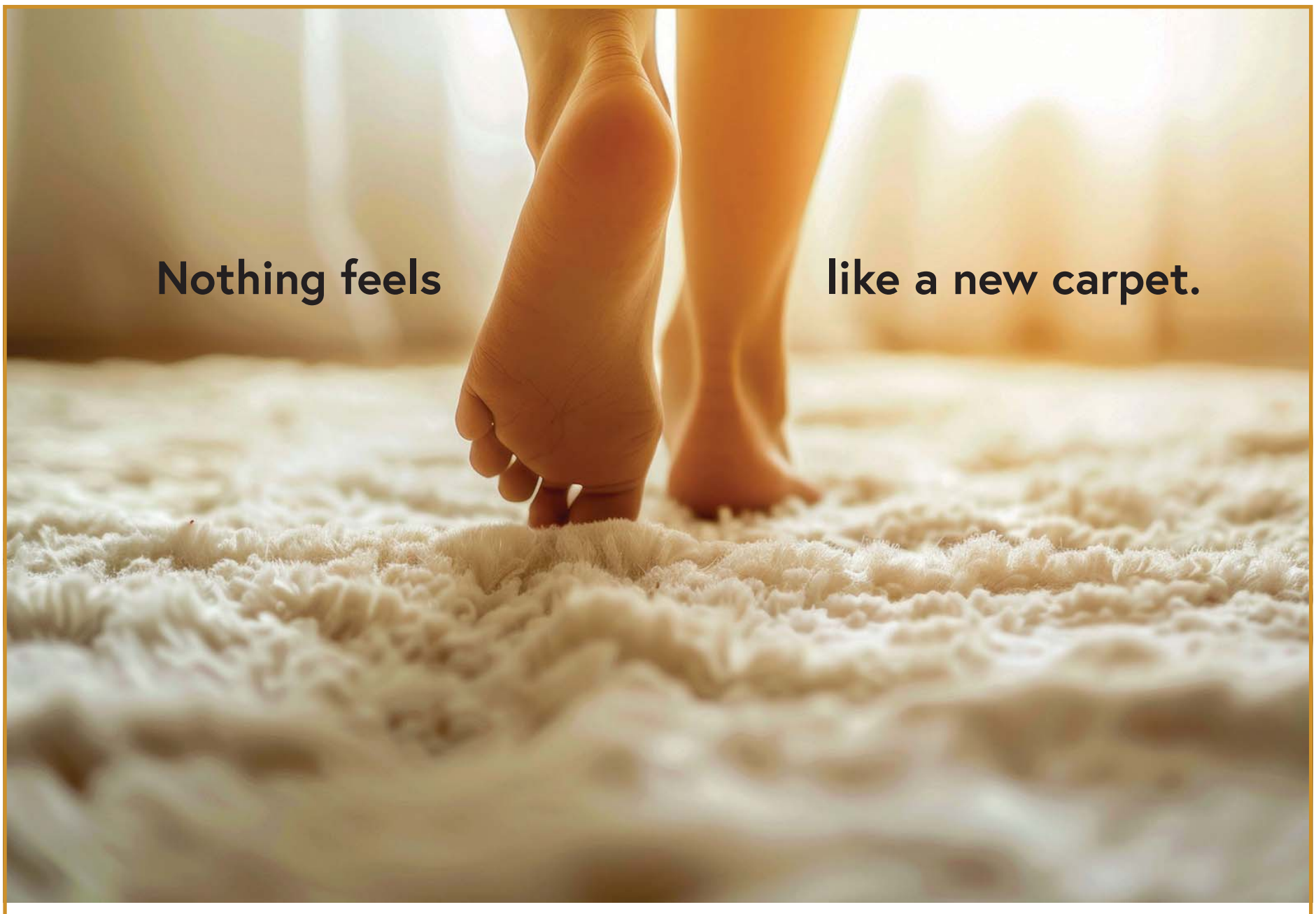
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Numerous county bridges in bad shape, feds say

By KELLY NIX

TWENTY-SEVEN of Monterey County's 378 bridges are listed in poor condition, including a Big Sur bridge built in 2009, two bridges in Carmel Valley, and a Salinas bridge that carries more than 28,000 motorists daily, according to the Federal Highway Administration.

The bridges appear in a study released in August that rates each one good, fair or poor and lists its length, year built, average daily traffic, ownership and other details. The government rates a bridge "poor" if its condition score is 4 or below on a 0-9 scale. The rating does not necessarily mean a bridge is unsafe or at risk of collapse.

The busiest of the county's poorly rated bridges is the Sanborn Road overpass in Salinas. The roughly 850-foot-long steel bridge, which has dual structures, carries vehicles over the Union Pacific Railroad and Amtrak tracks and averages 28,392 vehicles per day.

Salinas city manager Rene Mendez told The Pine Cone the city will make improvements in 2027.

"Sanborn bridge is the bridge we are working on this upcoming year," Mendez said this week. "Caltrans monitors the condition of the bridge and provides funding for periodic upgrades."

2009 bridge also poor

The 580-foot-long Limekiln Creek Bridge on Highway 1 that was built in 1957 is also on the list, which is not a surprise to many South Coast residents. Caltrans plans to begin replacing the concrete structure, which carries about 2,000 motorists daily, in March 2029. The project is expected to cost more than $100 million and be completed in February 2034.

Caltrans says the project is necessary because of chloride intrusion into the bridge's concrete, which core testing and inspections confirmed in 2012. The agency said there has been "irreversible damage to the superstructure and substructure elements caused by chloride intrusion from pervasive salt-laden fog."

Geotechnical drilling for the project began Sept. 28 to collect rock and soil samples and develop a detailed profile of underground conditions. A Caltrans spokeswoman told a Pine Cone reporter this week that the work is now complete.



PHOTO/CALTRANS

Limekiln Creek Bridge, which is in "poor condition," is slated for a $100 million replacement starting in early 2029.

The Main Camp Fire Road Bridge over the Big Sur River, built in 2009, is also in poor condition, the administration said. It carries about 100 vehicles per day. The state of California owns the steel truss structure. The government does not indicate how the relatively new bridge ended up in poor condition.

Two steel spans on Carmel Valley Road, built in 1959, are rated poor: the 37-foot-long Paloma Creek bridge and the 41-foot-long Tash Creek bridge. On Carmel Valley Road at Finch Creek, two separate bridges are rated poor, including a steel bridge built in 1947 and a concrete one built in 1963. Each of the four structures carries fewer than 300 vehicles daily.

Army bridges, too

A 46-foot concrete bridge on Garrapatos Road over Palo Colorado Creek that was built in 1961 is also on the list. It carries about 130 cars daily, according to the federal agency.

The roughly 109-foot concrete span at Bradley Road over southbound Highway 101, built in 1965, also received a poor rating. It averages 8,100 vehicles daily and is owned by Caltrans.

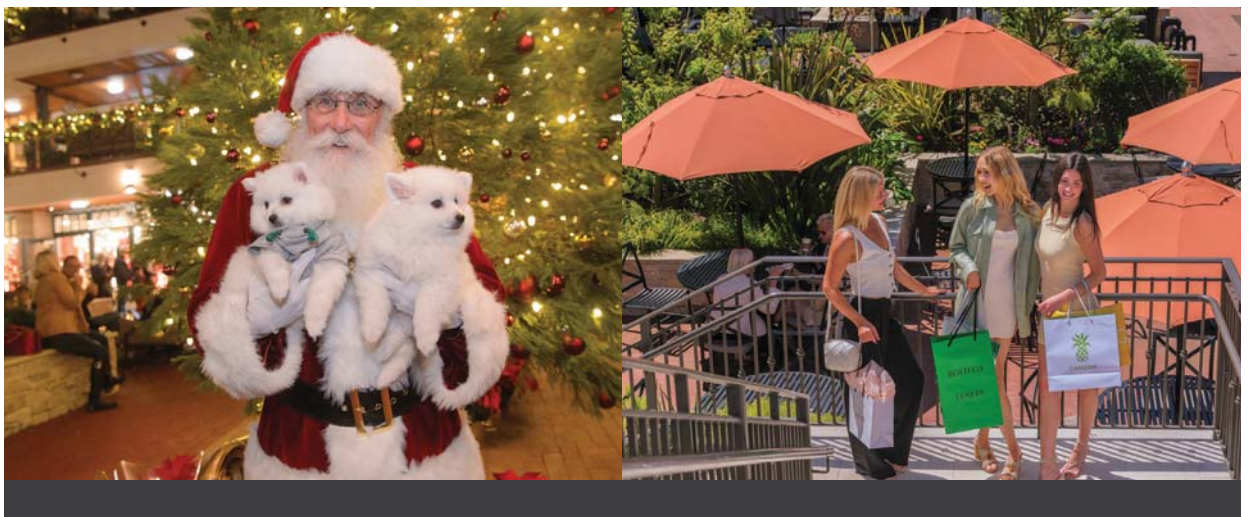
Five bridges owned by the U.S. Army are on the list, including one near Lake San Antonio that sees about 10 vehicles per day.



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Prefab building knocked off trailer, closes southbound Highway 1

By MARY SCHLEY

SOUTHBOUND HIGHWAY 1 was closed for much of the day Thursday after a modular building being hauled on a trailer struck the Holman Highway overpass and fell into the roadway. The impact destroyed the plastic-wrapped building, scattered debris across both lanes and may have damaged the bridge, according to California Highway Patrol dispatch.

Shortly before 9:15 a.m. Nov. 19, the driver, whom the highway patrol did not identify, reported that he had hit the overpass while trying to drive beneath it.

"The portable building struck the overcrossing, causing it to fall off the trailer and into the roadway," the highway patrol said.

A passing fire official stopped to direct southbound traffic onto the Holman Highway exit ramp so drivers could go through the roundabout and rejoin Highway 1 south of the crash. He told the dispatcher that the "modular was completely destroyed." An officer reported that the impact took out "chunks of the support beams" under the bridge.

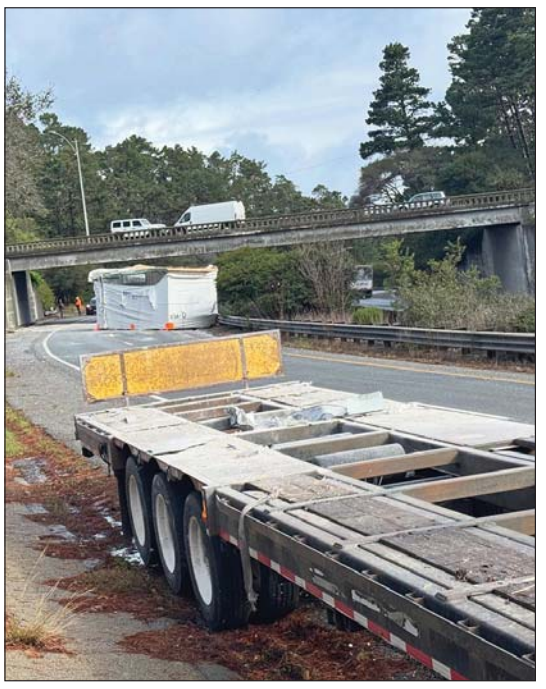
Big cleanup job

The highway patrol asked Caltrans to close the highway, and after the truck driver said he couldn't find a crew to reload the building onto the trailer, the highway patrol asked Caltrans for help. Caltrans said it would try to move the building out of the way so at least one lane could reopen, but it advised the highway patrol to get a crane or tow truck to remove the load from the highway.

Auto Care Towing was asked to send a heavy-duty tow truck for the cleanup, but it got caught in the backup. After arriving, the tow truck driver told the highway patrol around 2 p.m. that the highway would have to remain closed for a couple more hours.

No one was injured in the crash. The highway patrol urged truck drivers to check bridge clearances when planning their routes.

"If you are transporting an oversized load, always know the height of your load and verify the clearance heights of bridges and overcrossings along your route," the agency posted. "Taking a few extra minutes to plan your route can prevent a dangerous and costly crash."



PHOTO/CHP

A modular building being towed on Highway 1 struck an overpass and fell into the highway, blocking it for hours.





Button, Pebble Beach score at International Historic Motoring Awards

By MARY SCHLEY

PEBBLE BEACH and its importance as the foundation of Car Week figured prominently in this year's International Historic Motoring Awards at the Peninsula Hotel in London Nov. 13. Former Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance Chairman Sandra Button, who in October handed that title over to Vince Finaldi to become strategic adviser and global brand ambassador, received the Lifetime Achievement Award, while the Concours again won Motoring Event of the Year, as it did in 2024.

The Concours, which supports some 130 local charities, recently celebrated the major milestone of surpassing $50 million in total charitable giving, with $27 million raised during the last decade.

In addition, the Sunbeam 1000hp, in which Sir Henry Segrave became the first man to exceed 200 mph when he hit 203.79 mph at Daytona Beach on March 29, 1927, was voted Car of the Year by the public. The Sunbeam made its post-restoration debut at the Concours d'Elegance in August and is set to attempt the record again in Florida next spring.

'Heroes' wins

Journalist and aficionado Mark Brinker's four-volume, 1,750-page set, "Heroes of the Forest," was chosen as Motoring Book of the Year. Brinker's masterpiece includes 1,500 photos and extensive documentation of the history of the 1950-1956 Pebble Beach Road Races, which essentially birthed the Concours and what's become the 10-day automotive celebration known as Car Week.

Finally, the International Race of Champions, better known as IROC, netted Race Series of the Year. With a roster that includes several professional stars and motorsports legends, IROC staged three events this year, including one at the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion at Laguna Seca.

Accolades for Button

Button was recognized for her contributions as executive director and then chairman at the Pebble Beach Concours, which she headed from 1986 until last month. Among other accomplishments, she's credited with boosting international

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Sandra Button (right) embraces British racing driver, broadcaster and event host Amanda Stretton at the IHMA.

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Man dies in King City e-scooter crash

By KELLY NIX

POLICE IN South Monterey County are investigating an accident in which a man died after crashing an electric scooter.

On Nov. 9 at about 5:15 p.m., King City police were called to a traffic accident on the 100 block of Bassett Street where they found an unconscious man lying in the street with a serious head injury. Police officers and King City fire and ambulance personnel performed lifesaving measures on the man. He died after being transported to Natividad Medical Center.

Police determined that the man was riding an electric scooter without a helmet eastbound on Bassett when he lost control and crashed.

"There are no indications other vehicles or people were involved in the collision," King City police said.

Police were withholding the man's name pending notification of his family members.

King City Police Chief Robert Masterson told The Pine Cone that the department is awaiting the results of the man's autopsy to see if drugs or alcohol were a factor in the crash, but that "nothing initially points in that direction."

"The public is reminded when operating an electric scooter to always wear a helmet, ride at responsible speeds and follow all related traffic laws to keep yourself safe," police said.

Anyone with information about the accident is asked to call the King City Police Department at (831) 385-4848.

According to 2025 data from the California Highway Patrol's California Crash Reporting System, there were 44 deaths in the state across all crashes involving either an e-bike or scooter/motorboard.

Monterey weighs panhandling rules

By KELLY NIX

THE CITY of Monterey is moving to restrict where panhandlers can ask people for money.

On Tuesday, the city council gave initial approval to an ordinance to ban soliciting, begging or asking for money in hazardous traffic areas, including the Monterey tunnel and medians 4 feet wide or narrower.

"This action follows updates with recent changes to solicitation laws and is consistent with city policy to ensure Monterey maintains a safe environment and promotes safe traffic and pedestrian flow," interim Police Chief Mike Bruno wrote in a report to the council.

Before the council took up the item, Monterey resident Wendy Brickman, who supports the ordinance, said the restrictions are about keeping people safe.

"Individuals standing in narrow medians approaching vehicles for donations or occupying pedestrian refuge islands create dangerous conditions," Brickman told the council members. "Drivers may easily become distracted, brake suddenly or swerve, potentially causing serious accidents."

Police said the ordinance gives officers tools to protect pedestrians and drivers, reduce distractions and

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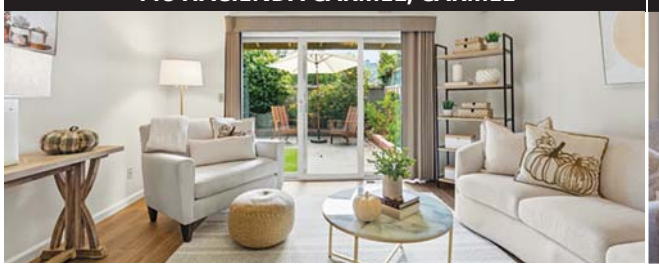


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Technical ed comes to juvenile hall

By LILY PATTERSON

THE MONTEREY County Office of Education is taking an unorthodox new approach to prepare young people for life after incarceration: building, testing and racing electric vehicles.

The ION Racing program was introduced in early 2025 at the county-run Wellington M. Smith Jr. School, which serves students at Monterey County Juvenile Hall and the Monterey County Youth Center. The program is already attracting wider attention, according to Emiliano Valdez with the county education agency. In early November, he and other administrators carefully transported one of the cars — which don't yet have bodywork — to a regional event for juvenile court, community and alternative school administrators.



PHOTO/MONTEREY COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Young offenders at Monterey County Juvenile Hall are learning how to design, engineer and troubleshoot electric vehicles through a program run by the Monterey County Office of Education.

"There is a lot of enthusiasm, a sense of 'We need to be doing more of this,'" Valdez told The Pine Cone. He said he isn't aware of any initiative like it in California.

Industry standard

The county's alternative education division is funding the project, and Valdez is the director of the Monterey County Office of Education's media and technology department, which is helping to bring it to life. It operates the Fab Lab, a mobile classroom that brings robotics, computer-aided design and 3D printing technology to Monterey County schools.

The ION Racing program operates on a semester system, with once-weekly classes that assemble a group of 12 to 15 students at each detention facility. Fab Lab manager Sean True and another STEM teacher work with court school staff, teaching students how to use industry-standard tools to fabricate electric race cars using step-by-step build kits created by a company called Greenpower USA.

According to Valdez, the seed of ION Racing was "a simple robotics program" introduced two years ago at the Salinas Community School. The county-run, seventh- through 12th-grade alternative education school also serves students in "community aftercare," post-discharge from rehabilitative custody at the youth center.

Wellington M. Smith Jr. School principal Debra Brau was the first to suggest bringing team-based tech education to the youth center and juvenile hall, Valdez said. Participation hinges upon good conduct, and students are required to pass through metal detectors to ensure no tools or potentially dangerous implements leave the

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Panetta proposes fire risk measures

By KELLY NIX

REP. JIMMY Panetta has introduced a bill that would direct hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding to wildfire preparation and risk reduction, including firefighter training and forest restoration.

Panetta, a Democrat, said the federal government must "step up" to prevent wildfires and that his bill would help it do so.

"The Wildfire Emergency Act would help communities across our 19th Congressional District invest in ways to restore forests, harden homes, keep critical facilities powered and provide vulnerable communities the training and resources necessary to help prevent these types of fires and protect lives, land and livelihoods," Panetta said.

The bill would:

■ Create an Energy Department resilience program, estimated to cost about $100 million.

■ Expand a grant program that helps low-income households make their homes more wildfire resistant.

■ Build one or more prescribed fire training centers in the Western United States.

■ Give the U.S. Forest Service pilot authority to work with private financing groups to leverage funds and speed up forest restoration projects.

Under the pilot, the Forest Service could enter into up to 20 conservation finance agreements, Panetta's office said. Federal obligations would be capped at $250 million over 10 years and $50 million per agreement, with priority given to larger landscapes of at least 100,000 acres.

The bill calls for wildfire detection tools, such as sensors and cameras, and for expanded space-based observation to spot new fires more quickly. It would also send more federal money to professional organizations, state agencies and universities to grow the forest conservation and wildland firefighting workforce.

Those grants would expand outreach to interested students and fund training and internships for the next generation of foresters and firefighters, Panetta's office said.

Wildfires on California's Central Coast have burned more than half a million acres since 2020, including more than 55,000 acres in this year's Timber and Plaskett fires in Big Sur. Panetta said Cal Fire recorded 8,232 wildfires in California last year that burned 507,817 acres.

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Carmel Unified test scores dip but stay well above state averages

By LILY PATTERSON

THE CALIFORNIA Department of Education's School Dashboard gives families a look at how schools are doing beyond test scores — and in Carmel, the news is good, especially compared with the diversity of districts around the state.

Launched in 2017, the state website tracks measures such as "school climate," "student engagement" and "college and career readiness." It shows how many students come from low-income families, are learning English, have disabilities or are homeless; noteworthy, since districts with more "high-needs" students generally receive more state funding. Carmel Unified School District gets little from the state because it collects so much in property taxes, but it still has to report how the students it serves are doing.

In its 2025-26 report on Carmel Unified, the education agency classified 19% of the district's 2,094 students as "socioeconomically disadvantaged." About 27 students, or 1.3%, were homeless. English learners made up 2% of enrollment, and 13.4% were students with disabilities. The state reported that 63.1% of students were white, 20.5% were Hispanic, 9.4% identified as "two or more races" and 3.6% were Asian.

Students in grades three through eight and grade 11 are required to take the state's Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments each year. Across CUSD, 72% of students tested met or exceeded state standards in English language arts, and 64% did so in math. The literacy score declined 1 percentage point from the previous year, and the math score fell about 2 points — but Carmel's students remain well above state averages.

The dashboard shows that 55.6% of English learners progressed at least one level on the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California, up 4 percentage points from the previous year.

Language, math, science

Before California adopted the Local Control Funding Formula in 2013, the state held public schools to standards set by the 1999 Public Schools Accountability Act, and offered financial incentives to schools, teachers and administrators when academic performance improved. Schools that fell short could face penalties ranging from staff or principal reassignments, to closure. At the time, the state's Academic Performance Index relied entirely on the California High School Exit Exam and STAR tests,

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which covered language arts, math, science and history for students in grades two through 11.

As state and federal education policy moved away from test results as the sole measure of school performance, California introduced a new school funding formula, along with new standardized exams, in the 2014-2015 school year. Under the new model, the state puts more money toward disadvantaged students. Additionally, schools that fall short of state testing targets have several years to improve scores and graduation rates, and reduce suspensions and absences before the state takes stronger action. The state education department may secure federal grants for those sites, including Title I funds for high-poverty districts, or provide technical assistance and additional personnel to help them improve learning and attendance outcomes.

CUSD: Graduation rate, 99%, truancy rate, 12%

Bond measure OK'd

Carmel Unified isn't at risk of losing state nor local funding, given voters' recent approval of Measure I, a $250 million bond to improve school facilities across the district. The district's graduation rate was 99% last year, with small gains reported among students from low-income families and students with disabilities. Chronic absenteeism has fallen by half since the 2022-23 school year, when schools were still recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic. Students are considered chronically absent if they miss 10% or more of school days, and 12% of Carmel students met that definition. The rates were highest among students who were homeless or from low-income families.

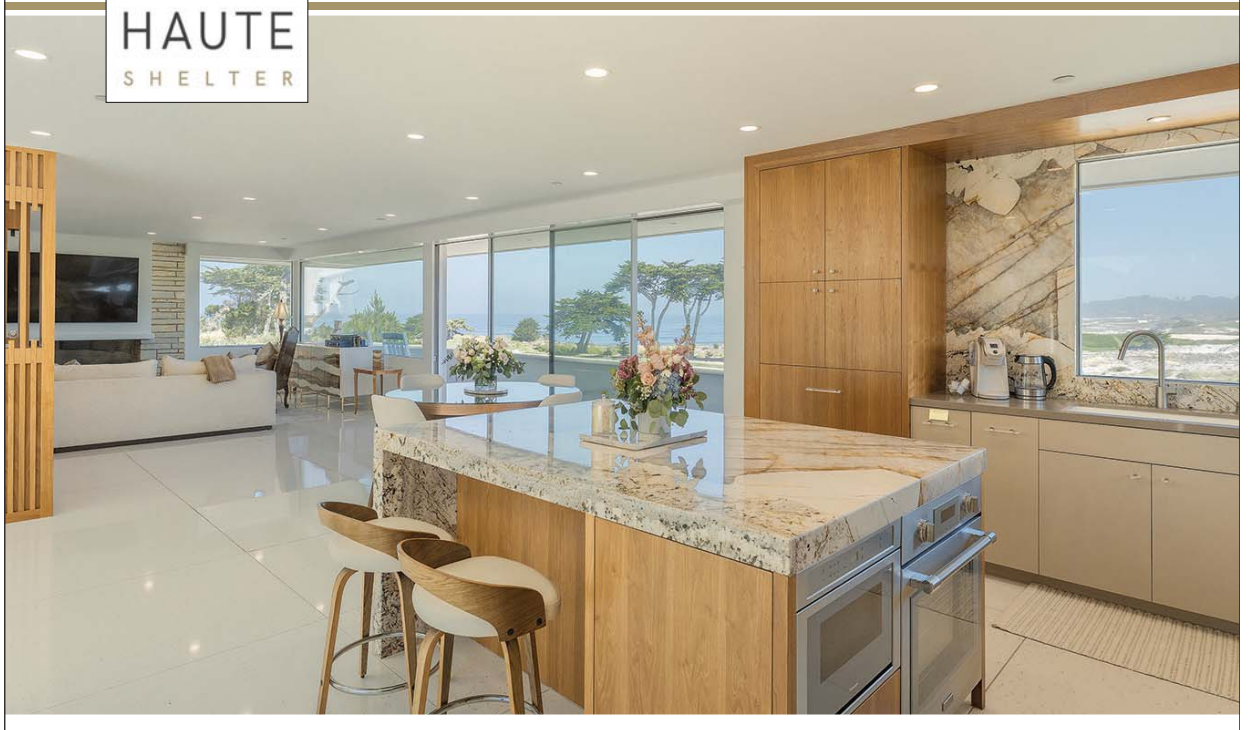
The state rated 79% of recent CUSD graduates as "prepared" for college or a career, taking into account test scores, college or Advanced Placement credit and whether students met admission requirements for the University of California or California State University.

The report also asked the district to describe its overall "climate," including how its schools conduct family outreach and whether students feel they belong. Carmel Unified says most middle and high school students report "high levels of teacher support" and "a strong sense of belonging."

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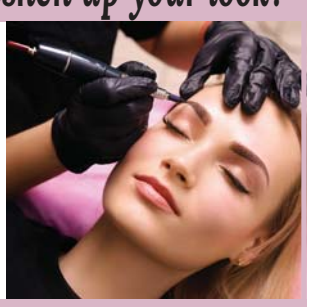
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Effort to aid Carmel Valley fire victims continues

By CHRIS COUNTS

AN EARLY morning fire in Carmel Valley Village on Oct. 28 displaced residents and forced shop owners and artists out of their spaces. It also destroyed the studio where Josias Hernandez made candles for his business, Vino Gave. In response, Twisted Roots Winery is donating 10% of the proceeds from tasting room and online sales to "help Josias rebuild."

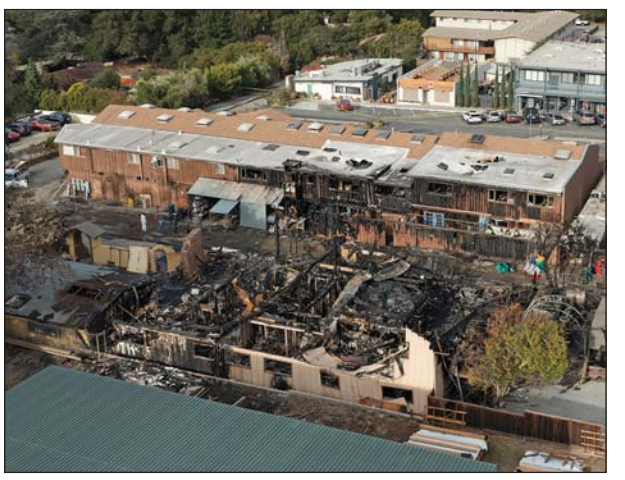
Hernandez repurposes old wine bottles, turning them into holders for candles or planters for succulents.

"Somewhere over the years, Josias became a friend to Josh and me," Twisted Roots co-owner Julie Ruiz said. "When we learned that he made candles out of repurposed wine bottles, we were thrilled to find a creative way to recycle them and give them a second life."

When Ruiz heard that Hernandez had lost his workspace, along with the equipment he relied on to make candles, she stepped up to help. The first goal is to raise enough money to buy him a flat-lap grinder. The equipment costs at least $3,500 and would allow him to safely cut and finish bottles and resume pouring candles.

"Josias built Vino Gave from nothing, one carefully cut bottle at a time," Ruiz added. "We're proud to stand with him as he starts again."

The Twisted Roots Winery tasting room is at 12 Del Fino Place.



PHOTO/MIKE BUFFO, HOUSE OF 8 MEDIA

This burned out shell of a building in Carmel Valley Village left a lot of business owners in dire straits.

■ Firefighters to serve barbecue

The Holman Ranch Tasting Room will host a fundraiser at 3 p.m. Friday to help residents and businesses displaced by the fire.

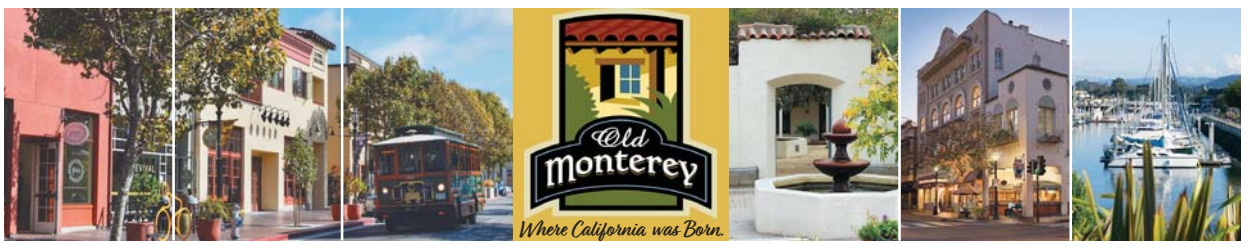
"We will be offering an extensive BBQ menu with dine-in and take-out options as well as Holman Ranch pouring $10 glasses of wine," said Heidi Sebok of Paradise Catering, which is co-hosting the gathering. "The event is benefiting all the businesses that were affected by the Center Street fire in Carmel Valley Village."

Matt Murphy of the Monterey Firefighters Community Foundation said firefighters will serve food and pour wine. "When our neighbors need us, our community comes together," Sebok said on Facebook.

The tasting room is at 18 W. Carmel Valley Road.

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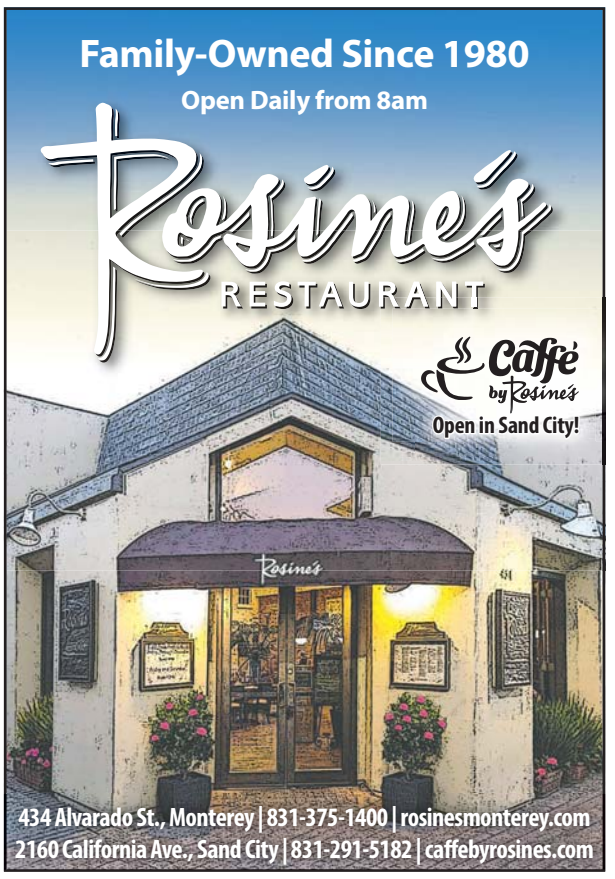
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Monterey physicians recognized at awards ceremony

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

SIX DOCTORS at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula were honored for their contributions during the hospital's annual medical staff awards ceremony Oct. 29.

The evening's highest honor, the 2026 Hisashi Kajikuri Physician Recognition Award, went to Elliott Scherling, an anesthesiologist and pain medicine specialist who has served Monterey County patients for 50 years. His son, Joshua Scherling, who is also an anesthesiologist, presented the award.

"Dr. Scherling's five decades of service reflect an extraordinary commitment to our patients, medical staff and community," said Steven Cabrales, vice president and chief medical officer of Montage Health.

The award honors Kajikuri, a "beloved member of the local medical community" who practiced medicine for more than 50 years before his death in 2024, CHOMP said.

Leaders

Five other doctors were recognized by their colleagues for their "dedication, leadership and contributions to patient care and the community."

Reb Close and Casey Grover, who both specialize in emergency and addiction medicine, received the Community Service Award for helping people with substance use disorders. They provide medications for opioid use disorder to unhoused people in Salinas and other areas, and they founded the nonprofit Central Coast Overdose Prevention to help address the opioid crisis.

Andrew Ortega, an emergency medicine physician, received the Excellence and Innovation in Medicine Award for leading efforts to improve the hospital's response to sepsis, including maintaining compliance with care standards and promoting early treatment.

Zach Koontz, a hematologist and medical oncologist, received the Golden Stethoscope Award for outstanding clinical care and service to the hospital, medical staff and community. Neurosurgeon Tyler Cole received the Rookie of the Year Award for bringing expertise in a needed specialty to the community and making a meaningful difference for his patients, CHOMP said.

Fire sprinklers help extinguish biz blaze

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A STRUCTURE fire at a Pacific Grove business early Wednesday caused about $30,000 in damage, the Monterey Fire Department said.

On Nov. 18, at about 1:30 a.m. Monterey Fire responded to an alarm activation at a commercial complex located at 2088 Sunset Drive. Crews in the first engine saw smoke coming from one of the businesses of the complex and began to put out the blaze.

"Crews forced entry into the business and encountered heavy smoke conditions with zero visibility," the department said. "Firefighters conducted a search of the structure for potential occupants while locating and extinguishing the fire.

One crew started roof ventilation to allow smoke to escape and improve visibility.

A fire sprinkler in the business activated before crews arrived, which Monterey Fire said played a significant role in containing the blaze. Crews got the fire under control in about 20 minutes. Twenty firefighters responded. There were no injuries.

"Firefighters are estimated to have saved approximately $3.9 million in property and contents," Monterey Fire said.

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McCLOUD

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but always remembered."

"Sue was a great mayor and I treasured our frequent conversations about stories she thought we should be covering in The Pine Cone," said publisher Paul Miller. "She was always right."

Chance encounter

Born in Hartford, Conn., to Walter and Gladys McCloud on Oct. 15, 1934, McCloud and her younger sister, Sarah (now 89 and an active member of the city's forest and beach commission), moved to Carmel with their parents as children. She attended Sunset School — which later became Sunset Center — was a member of Carmel High School's Class of 1952 and earned a bachelor's degree in political science at Stanford University, attended the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland, and graduated from The National War College in Washington D.C.

During a talk for the Carmel library in 2024, McCloud said her CIA career occurred a bit by chance. She and other Stanford graduates were at a party in San Francisco when one of the guests received a late-night phone call and returned to explain he'd recently applied for a job with the spy agency. McCloud was skeptical and stopped by the federal building the next morning to check the registry for the name her friend had given.

"This man came up and said, 'May I help you?'" she recalled, and it turned out he was the person she was looking for. "He said, 'Why don't you come upstairs, and I'll tell you about the CIA?'"

Next thing she knew, she was flying to the nation's capital. In her two-year CIA training class of roughly 70 candidates were six women, a couple of whom dropped out soon after the start. "The women were few and far between," she said. "Two left the program right away, and four of us got a career in the agency."

Hers would span from 1963 to 1994, during which she served in Paris, London, Tokyo, Switzerland and Sweden. She spoke French and Japanese fluently, was named CIA chief of station in two countries and retired as a member of the Senior Intelligence Service. During her library talk, she recounted a few harrowing tales, including her involvement in the covert mission to get Americans out of Iran after the U.S. Embassy in Tehran was attacked. That effort was depicted in the film, "Argo."

"Mother would cut these articles out of the newspaper and say, 'I hope you're not doing anything like this,'" she said. "I just had to lie through my teeth."

There was plenty of danger, she said.

"Sometimes you just had to hope your training and everything worked out right. Our ambassador in Sweden asked me to go to the Nobel Prizes, and I had to tell him, 'If I'm not in jail,'" she shared. But, figuring most people would be busy elsewhere, "we were breaking into an embassy that night and stealing their secrets."

"The snow helped cover some of our tracks," she added.



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Sue McCloud and her Dandie Dinmont, Bruce, were a frequent sight at Carmel events, as well as in city hall.

City career

McCloud returned to Carmel in 1994, was appointed to the planning commission soon after and joined the city council in 1998, sitting alongside White and fellow longtime councilwoman Barbara Livingston, who'd been her childhood babysitter, and with whom she often clashed.

"It was kind of an interesting time," White said. "You can vote no and they vote yes, and you still have to come to a conclusion. We got things done — it actually worked pretty well."

McCloud ran for mayor in 2000, narrowly defeating White and bringing his eight years in the top office to an end.

"She made her points very succinctly, very short and powerful," White said. "We weren't always on the same side, maybe more than half the time, but when all was said and done, we both wanted what was best for Carmel."

After he left office, they continued to work closely together on getting the $21.65 million renovation of Sunset Center completed and installing a nonprofit to run it.

"We both carried it through," said White, who with Bill and Nancy Doolittle helped lead a group that raised more than $13 million for the renovation, which marked one of the biggest projects in the city's history. "I'm proud of that accomplishment."

She often exercised her dry sense of humor and was a great fan of puns.

When McCloud was asked by The Pine Cone to reflect on her years in office as her mayoral career ended in spring 2012, she said the crowning achievement of her administration was the drafting and adoption of the Local Coastal Program — the far-reaching set of laws, policies, codes and guidelines governing development in the city that was already two decades overdue when she decided to make it a priority.

"The LCP — I ran on that, and we did it," she said in the April 27, 2012, story. After the LCP was adopted in 2004, most property owners no longer had to go through the arduous process of getting their projects OK'd by the California

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SUE

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Coastal Commission.

She accomplished a lot in office, including reducing the number of people on boards and commissions from seven to five, hiring Paige Johnson to design an official town flag, working with the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club to redesign Piccadilly Park and the Harrison Memorial Library garden, and installing the pathway and plants along several blocks of Fourth Avenue.

The ban on cigarettes at the beach occurred under her watch, as did the drafting of guidelines, rules and incentives for green construction. Council meetings began being broadcast on television and online, the city launched a website full of useful information and agendas available to anyone who needed them, and she helped bring together a committee of highly accomplished financial minds, including a Nobel Prize-winning economist, to try to tackle the still-daunting issue of monumental retirement costs.

Her touch even appeared inside city hall, when she converted the mayor's office into a room for any and all councilmembers to use. "I went to an antique mall and bought five chairs and a table for $175," she said in 2012. "I said I would take them if I could get them all in the back of my Volvo — and I did."

And she was practically famous for her attentive responses to calls and emails at nearly any hour, from the homeless guy who wanted her to meet him in Monterey because he was too unfit to bike over the hill to Carmel anymore, to residents bending her ear about neighbor problems.

"I take all those calls, though I did finally break down and get caller ID," she said at the time.

How to thank her?

In his entry in the Congressional Record on April 16, 2012, Farr said, "How can I begin to thank her for all her years of public service?"

He listed some of her many awards: 2009 Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Ruth Vreeland Memorial Public Official of the Year, 2000 Lincoln Club of Northern California Ten Most Effective Women Legislators, CIA's Intelligence Medal of Merit and the Donovan Award for Excellence, which is given in memory of the founder of the Office of Strategic Services.

"I am always mindful of the talent that has come from our area, and she is one of our nation's best," Farr continued. "Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House as I commend Mayor Sue McCloud for all she has done and all she will undoubtedly continue to do."

In 2013, she was appointed to Sunset Center's board of trustees and was on its advisory council at the time of her death. She also worked closely with her former council foe and childhood babysitter, Livingston, for two years on the city's centennial celebration in 2016.

McCloud's first appearance in The Pine Cone occurred in June 1944, when, at age 9, she participated in a fashion show to raise money for the local Service Wives' Club. The last time, other than in political ads endorsing Councilman Hans Buder's bid for mayor, was at age 91 in a poignant letter to the editor in April she co-authored with White and Potter that addressed Byrne's opposition to amending the housing element.





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classroom.

Ultimately, "our success has everything to do with Chief Probation Officer Jose Ramirez, and his belief in the project," he added.

To document their experiences, Valdez has recorded podcast interviews and footage of participants, who are filmed during drive-testing in helmets to protect their anonymity. The episodes are available on the Monterey County Office of Education's website.

In one episode, Valdez asks two students, "How do you think this experience applies to your life?"

"I thought it was going to be really hard when I saw all the pieces. At the end of the day, with all the teamwork, it wasn't that hard," a participant identified as Raul said.

"Especially as men — you know, some of us, it's hard to communicate. A lot of strong feelings are held in, a lot of stuff gets put out of the way because you're a guy. At the end of the day, we're all human, we've all got to communicate. And it really did help us put an idea to this," Eduardo, another student, responded.

'At the life level'

Preparing students for productive careers in growing fields like mechanics, electrical engineering and computer-aided fabrication is only one aim of the program, Valdez told The Pine Cone.

"There's no other content area like science that celebrates learning from mistakes. In the rehabilitation of these young men, that tool makes sense at the life level," Valdez said.

Also, "they're seeing past the perception that they can't get along with someone who lives on Street B versus Street A. You hear them emphasize in these interviews, 'We have to learn to work together.' You can only hope that it moves with them into their lives," Valdez said.

The juvenile hall "pit crew" is in the process of covering their car using more complex tools like laser cutters to create the body. Starting next year, Valdez said, the alternative education division will facilitate an internship program for teaching students from CSU Monterey Bay to work with True and school staff at both sites.

"A teacher really does look for these breakthrough opportunities. It reminds us why we got into the field," Valdez said.

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■ Giving is great

Jerome's Market, which survived the fire that destroyed structures just feet away, is helping fire victims. The market is accepting donations at the cash register and will match the first $10,000 it receives. "Chef Jerome Viel, proprietor of Jerome's Market and Catering, clearly understands that along with bread — and fine wine and cheese — philanthropy is the staff of community life," Marianne Gawain, president of the Carmel Valley Association, wrote in the group's weekly newsletter Thursday.



WILLIAM CLINTON NORMAN

Retired U.S. Army Special Forces Col. William Clinton "Clint" Norman died Aug. 24, 2026, at age 100.

Clint's connection to Carmel stretched back to 1940, when he entered Carmel High School as a freshman on the day the school first opened its doors. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1949.

After his military service, Clint returned to Carmel, where he began a new chapter as personnel director for Golden Gate Airlines at Monterey Airport. Those who knew him remember his loyalty, love for his family and quiet humility. A devoted friend said that despite Clint's many accomplishments, "he was the most unassuming man I have ever known."

Clint is survived by his wife, children and grandchildren. He will be laid to rest at West Point.

"When our work is done, our course
on earth is run, may it be said, 'Well done.
Be thou at peace.'"



DEAN ALAN PAXTON

Dean Paxton was born Dec. 23, 1959, in Ohio and passed on to paradise Oct. 22, 2026. His father served in the Army Special Forces, and Dean lived across the country and in Australia as his father received new assignments.

Dean worked in the oil fields, drove and dispatched 18-wheelers, mined molybdenum and built dams. He became a skilled industrial mechanic and eventually opened his own business. Dean was a natural at repairing and maintaining anything mechanical, sometimes diagnosing a problem with an engine or motor by smell alone.

His intelligence and wit endeared him to his customers and to many at his beloved Cooks Station diner in Pioneer, the last place he called home. He passed that wit on to his beloved boys, whom he did a fine job of raising in Pacific Grove.

Dean is survived and dearly loved by his wife, Cora; his brother Dennis and Dennis' wife, Starla; and his sons Thomas and Michael. His son Andrew preceded him in death in 2015.

**Rest easy in paradise, dear Dean,
until we meet again.**



Stephanie Charles Domenici

Stephanie Charles Domenici, 75, died peacefully at home on Nov. 7, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Stephanie was born Sept. 20, 1951, in Pacific Grove and was raised by her mother, Gordon Olmsted Nelson. She and her sister, Eugenia Nelson Jones, spent their early years exploring Carmel Valley and the Monterey Peninsula and visiting family. On June 5, 1971, she was honored as Monterey's La Favorita de la Merienda.

After a brief career in finance, Stephanie returned to California to marry her soulmate, Michael Domenici. They moved to Fort Bragg, where they took over and restored a dilapidated fish hatchery dating to the 1920s and opened the U Catch 'Em Trout Farm. Through their hard work, the business grew into the Fort Bragg Trout Farm. Their home on the property became a gathering place for family and friends and a setting for community events.

As the farm grew, so did their family. Stephanie and Michael raised four children. She was devoted to her children, her family and her close friends. An exceptional cook, Stephanie spent countless hours in the kitchen preparing meals for anyone who walked through the door. She showed her love through quiet acts of generosity and hospitality, always shying away from attention and praise.

In her later years, Stephanie took great joy in being a grandmother to her nine grandchildren. The family home remained a place where three generations gathered to share meals and laughter.

Stephanie is survived by her husband, Michael Domenici, and their four children, Sabina Nielsen, Evan Domenici, Anthony Domenici and Michaela Domenici. She is also survived by her sister, Eugenia Nelson Jones, her brother-in-law, Buck Jones, and her nine cherished grandchildren.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 6 at St. Anthony Church in Mendocino. A reception will follow in the adjoining parish hall.

Thanksgiving holiday obituary deadlines

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, deadline to submit text and photos for an obituary to appear in the Nov. 27 issue is 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 23.

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AARON WEST

1960–2026

Aaron West died after a courageous battle with recurrent cancer.

Born in Alaska, Aaron earned an associate degree from the University of Alaska before earning a bachelor's degree in industrial design from the University of California, San Francisco.

Creative and adventurous, Aaron embraced life with enthusiasm. He loved to travel, exploring parts of Asia and Europe and making friends from different cultures. Over the years, he worked as a television camera operator, courier, sales representative, surveyor, chauffeur, airline service representative and mapping specialist.

An avid cyclist, runner and rower, Aaron found joy in staying active and spending time outdoors. He especially enjoyed the companionship of his Italian greyhounds.

Aaron was known for his positive outlook, insightful sense of humor, adventurous spirit and genuine kindness. He had a gift for brightening the lives of those around him and will be remembered for the warmth, encouragement and care he shared with family and friends.

Aaron is deeply missed, and his memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

STRANDED

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mom will teach the baby "how to forage, how to find prey, how to open it — the natural behaviors they would normally learn from Mom," she explains.

Hazan notes that rescuers work hard to outsmart the pups by hiding their food and recreating the kelp environment to make them search for the crabs, clams and other sea creatures they eat.

"Sea otters are super smart, and we have to be smarter than they are, which can be hard sometimes," she says.

Hazan describes the moment a pup is released as "really the beginning of the journey," because that's when the animal's vitality is tested. Program staff track the otter for the first two weeks to make sure it's consuming enough calories, and if it's not, they'll capture it and bring it back for further rehab. An otter can require three or four attempts before they are confident in its ability to survive.

"I like to say I'm contributing to conservation one sea otter at a time," Hazan says, adding that one of the lessons she's learned is how resilient the endearing creatures are, even when they come in as young as a day old. The program has successfully rehabilitated and released 84 stranded pups.

Anyone who encounters a stranded otter should stay at least 50 feet away, "and be especially cautious of those that are in distress," according to the aquarium, and should report it right away by calling the sea otter hotline at (831) 648-4840.

Providing photos and detailed location information, as well as a description of the animal, can help rescuers respond safely and quickly, but people are also asked to remember "it's illegal to touch or catch a sea otter, so be sure to keep people and pets away."



JAMES JOSEPH ROTTER

Dec. 3, 1943 – June 6, 2026

James Joseph Rotter, 82, died peacefully of congestive heart failure on June 6, 2026. Born Dec. 3, 1943, James lived a rich and meaningful life defined by his gentle, honorable and generous spirit.

James proudly served in the U.S. Army, including an assignment at Fort Ord, and was honorably discharged. He went on to a career as an accountant, earned his teaching credential and taught evening accounting classes at Golden Gate University. He was a proud member and past president of the Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea. He often volunteered his financial expertise to support charitable organizations and community initiatives.

A man of deep faith, James served for several years as a Eucharistic minister at St. Angela Merici Church in Pacific Grove. He devoted much of his life to community service, striving to protect and lift up those around him. He was a passionate advocate for rape prevention and suicide prevention.

Above all, James was devoted to his family. He is survived by his beloved wife, Jennifer Rotter. He also leaves behind two daughters, Lolly Holloway and Jamie Stickler, and a son, Joe Rotter. His other survivors include sons-in-law Diego Mannino and Scott Stickler, daughter-in-law Nicole Rotter, five cherished grandchildren (Hannah, Marian, Emma, Harper and Julie) and three siblings (Jodi Ruhl, Tom Rotter and Karen Wertz). His beloved daughter, Marian Anderson, preceded him in death.

Family and friends are invited to a memorial Mass at noon Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026, at St. Angela Merici Church, 362 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove. After Mass, guests are invited to the adjoining library for refreshments and to share memories and celebrate a life well lived.

LARRY DALE BOOKER

Larry Dale Booker passed away on Nov. 11, Veterans Day. He served in Vietnam with the U.S. Army, and it seems fitting that he left us on a day that honors those who served.



Originally from Texas, Larry later lived in Bakersfield, California. His life took a new direction when he met Judy LeRoy on the beach in Avila Beach, California. What began there became a partnership that lasted 45 years. He moved to Los Angeles to be with Judy, and they eventually settled in Monterey, where they shared a home for the past 37 years. Family and friends gathered in their light-filled living room for holidays and birthday celebrations.

A writer of fiction and poetry, Larry was a lifelong reader with a deep appreciation for the written word. He loved the outdoors, especially hiking, and knew all the trails in the Monterey area. He was also endlessly curious about music and was always discovering new songs and artists across genres.

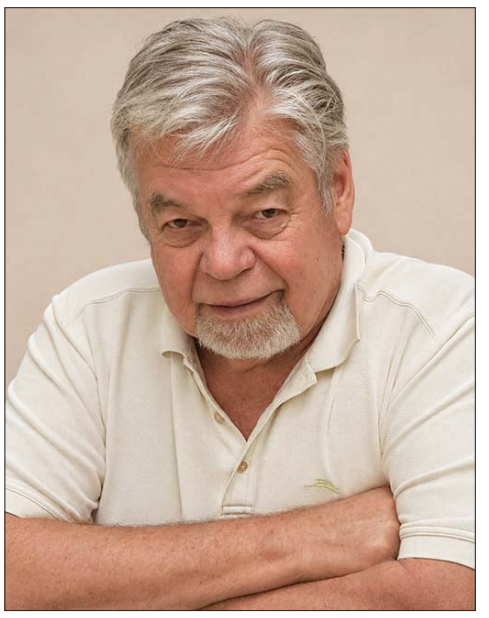
Larry and Judy shared a love of dogs, welcoming a dozen beloved companions into their lives over the years. They traveled together to Mexico, Europe and Thailand, collecting colorful artwork along the way.

Larry brought humor, loyalty and an easygoing spirit to the lives of those around him. He is survived by his longtime partner, Judy LeRoy; his stepdaughter, Katherine LeRoy; his stepson, Mark LeRoy; his sister, Deanna Jackson; his brother, Steve Booker; his half sister, Lila Earwood; and many nieces and nephews who cherish his memory.

GUY RUDOLPH CHANEY

Jan. 4, 1947 – Nov. 11, 2026

Guy Chaney, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend, died at age 79 surrounded by his family.



The son of Virginia "Dolly" and Rudolph "Rudy" Chaney, Guy was born and raised in Pacific Grove and called it home throughout his life. He served in the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged. He worked for PG&E for 24 years before retiring and starting his own gardening business. He spent 28 years gardening under the beautiful Pacific Grove sun. For decades, Guy diligently reported Pacific Grove weather observations to the Naval Postgraduate School and KSBW.

More than anything, Guy loved his family, whom he is survived by: his wife Linda (Culp); his daughter Christine Gruber and her husband Bob; his son Donald Chaney; and his grandchildren who knew him as "Bepa": Caroline Gruber, Catherine Gruber, Alex Chaney and Sierra Chaney.

A celebration of life will be held in early January to commemorate his birthday. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital would be appreciated.

If you wear your Birkenstocks with socks, make pasta from scratch, put on Sinatra or root for the Giants, please take a moment to remember Guy.

DOUGLAS ALAN HOWE

Douglas Alan Howe, 72, died Oct. 25 at home in Monterey, surrounded by family, after a long cancer journey.

Doug was born Aug. 5, 1954, to Stan and Neva Howe. He grew up in Thousand Oaks, California, with his younger brother and sister.

Doug attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where the two most important and defining factors of his life began: He majored in architecture and met Mary Jo. They eloped in 1976 and spent the first year of their marriage in Florence, Italy, with the California State University study abroad program. Doug took architecture classes, and they both made lifelong friends.

After living in Italy, Doug wanted a life filled with beauty every day. He and Mary Jo settled in Pacific Grove, where they raised their daughter, Erica, and son, Ian. The Monterey Peninsula never ceased to amaze him with its magic. He worked as an architect here for more than 45 years, and examples of his fine sense of design and creative problem-solving are in homes and businesses all around us.

Doug was devoutly athletic and enjoyed fitness in every form. In his 50s, he earned a second-degree black belt in karate. He loved running through the Del Monte Forest, hiking at Point Lobos, dancing with Mary Jo, and climbing to the top of mountains and tall buildings. His other passions were his motorcycles, classic films, music, history, art, science fiction and (good) architecture.

Doug volunteered with the restoration of the Point Pinos Lighthouse and served on the Pacific Grove Architectural Review Board.

In Doug's quiet and honorable way, he left an impression on the world. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary Jo (Larrowe) Howe; sister Janet Coleman; children Ian Howe and Erica (Howe) Chandler; grandchildren T.J. and Lizzie Chandler; son-in-law Tate Chandler; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, in the Seascape Room at Asilomar Conference Center. All are welcome.



Star athletes compete on the greens, in the pool and on the tennis courts

JUNIOR ALLISON Chan was the only Stevenson golfer who qualified this fall for the California Girls State Golf Championships Wednesday at San Gabriel Country Club.

Chan earned her spot in the tournament by shooting a 4-under-par 68 at the CIF Northern California Championships on Nov. 9 at Poppy Ridge Golf Course in Livermore, a round that included four birdies (three on the front nine) and no bogeys to place fifth overall.

Chan, a lefty, tied for 32nd as a sophomore at the 2025 state tournament, shooting 5 over par.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

■ CCS boys water polo

Pirates reach CCS finals for first time: A thrilling 16-14 victory over Carmel in Central Coast Section Division 2 semifinals Nov. 12 lifted Stevenson to their first CCS boys title game, where, two days later, they lost 10-4 to top-seeded Harker.

The Pirates' semifinals triumph — their third of the year over the archrival Padres — was led by sophomore Brooks Honegger, who scored seven goals, dealt two assists and drew four ejections, and senior goalkeeper Ze' Franz, who saved 11 shots on goal.

Other offensive contributions came from junior Osaze Djehuti-Mes (four goals, three assists), senior Hezzy Horvath (three goals, one assist), and Reed Czerny (two goals, three assists, two steals).

Horvath's third goal in the final seconds of the game secured the conquest.

After Stevenson leapt to a 6-3 first-quarter lead, the Padres battled back to tie the match 11-11 going into the fourth period. The Pirates outscored their opponents 5-3 down the stretch, ending Carmel's season with a 19-9 record.

Carmel was led by Callan Tescher (four goals, one steal), Sam Balas (three goals, three assists), and Wade Nothhelfer (two goals).

After trailing 7-1 at halftime of Saturday's tournament finale, the Pirates played Harker to a 3-3 tie in the second half, finishing their season with a 22-6 overall record.

Honegger, Djehuti-Mes, Hudson Kresl, and Lev Feinberg each scored a goal, with Czerny and Finn Reilly recording assists.



PHOTO/COURTESY STEVENSON SCHOOL.

Stevenson's boys water polo team reached the CCS finals for the first time in school history after winning a thriller over PCAL rival Carmel in the semis. The Pirates lost the championship game to Harker.



PHOTO/COURTESY SANTA CATALINA SCHOOL.

Santa Catalina upset two higher-seeded schools to reach the finals of the CCS Division 3 girls team tennis championships. The Cougars were edged 4-3 by Saratoga in the title match.

■ CCS team tennis

Two upsets lead Catalina to finals: A first-round rout of Leland and a semifinal squeaker over Homestead lifted Santa Catalina into the championship match of the first CCS Division 3 Girls Team Championships, where the Cougars were edged by Saratoga.

Fifth-seeded Catalina opened the tournament by thumping No. 4 Leland 6-1 on Nov. 10, and upset top-seeded Homestead 4-3 in the semis on Nov. 12 before losing 4-3 to second-seeded Saratoga (16-2) in the championship match.

The Cougars swept singles play against Leland with victories from Alexia Robinson Bours, Fiona Gang, Jessica Urtusuastegui, and Regina Cajiga, along with doubles wins from Chloe Thompson and Avani Singh, and Zamina Singh and Chloe Wigdahl.

The narrow victory over No. 1 Homestead included wins by Robinson Bours, Urtusuastegui and Cajiga, with Thompson and Avani Singh prevailing in doubles.

Winners for the Cougars in the finals were Robinson Bours and Urtusuastegui in singles and Thompson and Avani Singh in doubles.

Stevenson and Carmel also competed in the D-3 team tournament, but were eliminated in the quarterfinal round.

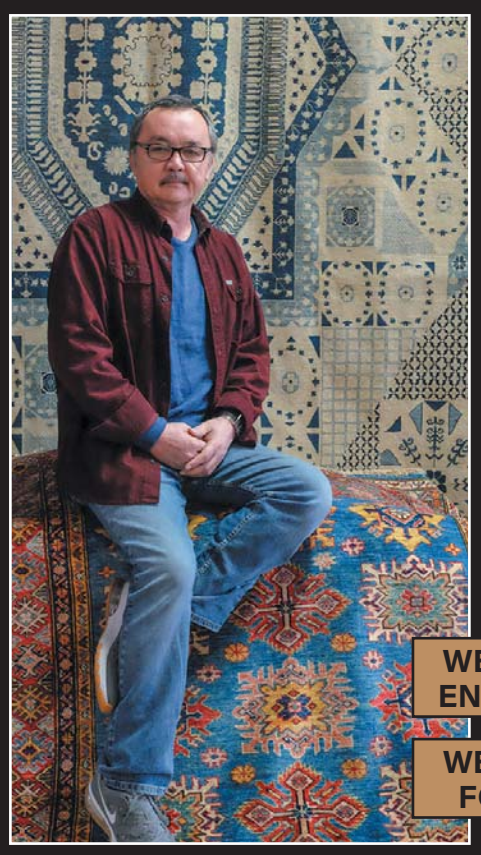
Stevenson, PCAL co-champions with Catalina (14-4 overall), lost 5-2 to Saratoga, and Carmel (11-7) was beaten 6-1 by Homestead.

The CCS singles and doubles tournaments were postponed by rain on Monday and Tuesday. Robinson Bours, Catalina's top player, was scheduled to compete in the singles tournament, along with Stevenson's No. 1, whose parents did not want his name reported in the newspaper.

Thompson and Avani Singh will represent Catalina in the doubles tournament, along with two Stevenson tandems — Sloane Escher and Vivianna Beck, and Karen Baker and Lao Yoon.

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mph, only one tree fell in town, and crews quickly removed it from Rio Road, according to Trayer. Flooding was reported in the Mission Trail Nature Preserve, which has flooded during heavy rains before, but no nearby homes were affected.

Runoff overwhelmed storm drains as it headed toward the ocean, creating gushing streams that ran across roads and over sidewalks, but no damage was reported. Brandon Swanson, the acting city administrator, said Thursday that public works crews were clearing drains and monitoring the Scenic Road pathway and would remain on call through Friday.

In response to sporadic outages that left about 350 homes without power at one point, the city opened a warming center at the Park Branch Library on Wednesday and Thursday, though Trayer said he expected power to be fully restored by Thursday afternoon.

PG&E crews "have been working to address these outages and successfully restoring power to the majority of affected customers," he said. "As of now, there are 73 customers in the city without power due to an underground line failure."

"Overall, Carmel-by-the-Sea has weathered the recent storms well, with limited impacts to our community thanks to all of the preparation work done by our teams," he said. "We will continue monitoring conditions, particularly with another storm and king tides expected early next week."

Point not so lucky

As waves hammered Carmel Point Friday and threw rocks, sand and other debris onto the road, Monterey County's public works department shut down sections of Scenic Road and other streets in the area. County spokesman Nick Pasculli said the closures were necessary after an "engineering team determined that a segment of the roadway has been compromised by wave action." A few homes also sustained minor damage.

"With the current conditions, it is not deemed safe for our team to do a full damage assessment," Pasculli said. "We are anxious to get it done but must wait until it is safe to do so."

He urged people, including cyclists and pedestrians, to stay off Scenic Road and out of the other closed areas, especially with more high surf and storms in the forecast.

"Crews cannot estimate a reopening timeline until conditions allow for a full condition assessment that can be done safely," Pasculli said.

Barricades are in place at Scenic Road and Martin Way, Martin and Bayview, Oceanview and Bayview, Oceanview and Stewart, Scenic and Valley View, and Scenic and Carmelo at 17th Avenue.

■ Is Scenic Road about to fail?

AFTER WATCHING huge waves pound the coastline near Carmel Point last weekend, Lorin Letendre, who lives nearby, said it's time to move ahead with the long-discussed Scenic Road Protective Structure before Scenic Road washes away. According to Letendre, he and other residents started sounding the alarm 16 years ago.

"Your Carmel Point Citizens Advisory Committee has been warning Monterey County since 2010 of the danger of road collapse from wave and river action against the Scenic Road bluffs near Carmel River State Beach," said Letendre, who accused the county of making "minimal progress" on the project despite "spending several million dollars" on environmental impact reports in 2018 and 2025.

Letendre said the road, which residents and visitors depend on, is at risk. He and others have been closely monitoring the county's response to "the steady erosion of the bluffs," he said. "Carmel River Beach has been experiencing immense winter waves that have run up near the top of the bluffs to the edge of Scenic Road — very close to the section of Scenic Road that had to be closed for several months for an emergency fix," he explained.

Just one bid

Letendre said the county should seek more bids after receiving just one proposal for design services.

State Sen. John Laird announced in September that he had secured $1.8 million in state funding for the project. The work is expected to cost $9 million. Before construction can begin, the county must obtain permits from the California Coastal Commission, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and other agencies.



PHOTO/DOUG STEAKLEY

Big waves this week have pounded the Big Sur coast, including this one captured at Soberanes Point.

"Our committee urged the county to rebid the project so that it would be a truly competitive bid process," he said. "Public works declined to rebid the request for proposals and proceeded to approve the single bid and secure board of supervisors' approval. And this only gets us to the point where we can secure the necessary funding and begin construction of the seawall."

Letendre said it shouldn't take so long to protect the road. "The way things are going, we won't have any bluffs," he added.

Responding to Letendre's concerns, the county's public works department said in a statement: "We share the community's urgency regarding the winter swells along Scenic Road. Moving forward with the qualified bid — rather than losing six months to a re-bid — was to keep the Scenic Road Protective Structure moving as fast as state and federal laws allow. The county and the selected consulting team are working as expeditiously as possible to have a 60% design prepared to submit competitively for the next round of grant opportunities for funding the construction phase of the project.

Meanwhile, the lead critical path step, being undertaken now, is securing permits for shoreline armoring in a sensitive coastal and river habitat, requiring exhaustive geotechnical evaluations to satisfy the California Coastal Commission and state and federal wildlife agencies."

Public works added that it is "actively monitoring the edge after every major storm and remains prepared to deploy emergency stabilization measures if road safety is compromised before permanent construction begins."



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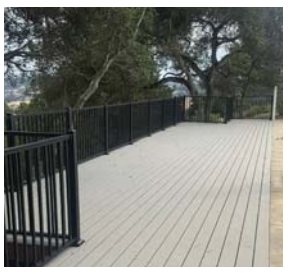
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Editorial

The royal prerogative

CALIFORNIA IS one of the most liberal states in the country. It also keeps voting to retain the death penalty.

In 1972, the California Supreme Court struck down capital punishment as "cruel and unusual." Voters responded by restoring it with roughly 67.5% support. In 1978, about 71% approved a measure expanding the types of murders eligible for death or life without parole. Later propositions expanded the law again.

Voters had more chances to reverse course. They declined. In 2012, they rejected Proposition 34, which would have replaced the death penalty with life without parole. In 2016, they rejected another abolition measure and narrowly approved Proposition 66, which was designed to speed up capital appeals.

The message wasn't subtle: California voters wanted the death penalty for the state's worst offenders.

Gov. Gavin Newsom decided they were mistaken.

In a Nov. 5 open letter, Newsom announced his intent to commute all 548 existing death sentences to life without parole. He declared that "state-sanctioned killing is incompatible with California's values." Apparently, California's values are determined by one man in Sacramento, not by Californians repeatedly voting on the issue.

Newsom conceded that voters had chosen to keep the death penalty and said he respected their decision. He then explained why he planned to override it. Clemency, he argued, should be used when "law as applied cannot be squared with justice." In other words, "Thanks for voting, everyone."

Newsom called the decision one of the hardest of his career because of the pain it would cause victims' families. Still, he presented it as a moral necessity based on his longstanding opposition to executing murderers and child rapists.

Many district attorneys were furious. Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni said Newsom had told hundreds of grieving families that "their loss no longer matters." She argued that "one man erased" jury verdicts reached after weeks of testimony.

Pacioni also pointed to the crimes behind those verdicts. They include the sexual assault and murder of Kim Hickman in 1989, the murder of 11-year-old Nicole Carnahan in 1998, killings committed in prison by a man already convicted of three murders, and the serial murders of teenage girls. These are not abstract entries in a legal textbook. They are the reason juries impose death sentences.

Pacioni has joined district attorneys from roughly 30 counties in suing to overturn Newsom's action. They argue that he exceeded his authority by failing to provide required notice to prosecutors and victims and by refusing to review each case individually.

Newsom's authority comes from Article V, Section 8 of the California Constitution. It allows the governor to grant reprieves, pardons and commutations. For people convicted of more than one felony — 382 of the 548 inmates — at least four justices of the California Supreme Court must agree.

This authority comes from the English royal prerogative of mercy. The Crown could soften the law in individual cases when strict punishment would produce an unjust result. American states kept versions of that power as a safeguard against wrongful or excessive sentences.

California governors have used clemency before, and courts generally give them broad discretion as long as they follow the required procedures. But Newsom's plan is different in scale and purpose. He is not correcting a handful of questionable sentences. He is trying to neutralize an entire punishment that voters have repeatedly chosen to preserve.

That is not ordinary clemency. It is a policy veto wearing a mercy costume.

The royal prerogative was meant to provide grace in particular cases, not to let one official cancel a law because he considers himself morally wiser than the public. Used across hundreds of cases, Newsom's authority begins to look less like mercy and more like nullification.

The state constitution gave him a tool. It does not automatically make every use of that tool legitimate. Newsom has placed his private judgment above voters, juries, prosecutors and victims' families. Shame on him.

BEST of BATES



"I figured it out. With the rents in Carmel, I live on the same thing I did when I was a ten-year-old babysitter."

Letters to the Editor

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What about the fish?

Dear Editor,

I read with considerable dismay your Nov. 13 article highlighting a local company that offers fishing and whale watching trips. While the story celebrated a multigenerational family business, it overlooked what strikes me as a glaring contradiction: How does a company promote appreciation and conservation of marine life through whale watching while simultaneously encouraging people to catch and kill other marine animals for sport?

Apparently, some inhabitants of Monterey Bay are worthy of our admiration and protection, while others are simply there for our amusement.

At the risk of being dismissed as a "tree hugger," I would remind readers that fish are sentient beings, capable of experiencing pain, stress and fear. Their inability to cry out does not make their suffering any less real. Yet we continue to romanticize the act of hooking, reeling in and killing these animals as wholesome family entertainment.

I recognize that fishing is a longstanding tradition and that many people see nothing objectionable about it. But tradition alone does not make something humane. And surely, in an era when we know so much more about animal sentience, we should be willing to question practices once accepted without a second thought.

There is something profoundly inconsistent about taking visitors onto Monterey Bay to marvel at the beauty and intelligence of whales, only to turn around and offer them the opportunity to kill the creatures swimming beneath those same waters.

Conservation and compassion should not be reserved for the animals we find most charismatic. If we truly respect the ocean and its inhabitants, shouldn't that respect extend to all marine life, including those unfortunate enough to end up on the end of a fishing line?

The ocean is not merely our playground, and its inhabitants are not our playthings.

Dee Pinder, *Monterey*

The taxpayers' money

Dear Editor,

Once again, it seems the current Pacific Grove City Council has found a new way to spend taxpayers' money on nonessentials.

It's great that the council chose a new city manager who has lived in Pacific Grove for some time and whose husband, Chip Rerig, has served as interim city

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Bound together by love, history and the thrill of the hunt

Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

THERE'S A love story behind the blinds of Carpe Diem Fine Books in Monterey.

James Bryant was born in a historic north Texas railroad city, Denison, a mile south of the Oklahoma border. Mary Hill hailed from Riverside, the citrus hub of Southern California, born seven years later in 1952. He came from pioneer stock and his parents were teachers; her father was a traveling steel salesman while her mother stayed home to raise her and her eight siblings.

They had their careers, he a Navy veteran, then a stockbroker. Later, he became a financial executive in the wine industry, while she had seized on the early wave of personal computing. Years after her sister introduced them, they reconnected in the late 1980s. Both had been married before — for a time, they and their respective spouses had even socialized together — but they say they never saw each other as more than acquaintances.

Hill and Bryant were good and enamored by 1994. She had lived in Monterey since the late 1970s, but the software company she worked for, Digital Research, had been acquired by Novell in Provo, Utah, and the company wanted her to move. Bryant, on the other hand, wasn't married to his career in wine.

"I told him I'd go if he'd come with me," she recalled.

Mormon books

Finding a decent pinot in Mormon country was a comical errand, but in the evenings, they'd take their glasses out on the porch and read — history for him, fiction for her — occasionally lifting their heads to chat. The conversation often returned to what Bryant wanted to do next. There wasn't much of a wine business to be had in Utah.

What he really enjoyed was selling old books.

Years before, when Bryant first moved to Sacramento, he'd befriended the owner of a used-book store. The place specialized in metaphysical texts, and the owner offered him a job shelving and cataloguing, which was appealing since Bryant's reason for going to California was a fresh start after a career in finance. The job only lasted a few months — he couldn't live on the salary — but he'd loved those shifts.

In Provo, the couple frequented bookstores and became acquainted with the owner of a shop specializing in out-of-print Mormon texts. Bryant worked for him for nearly a year as his ambitions grew larger. And, "Mary loved the search, as I did."

Together they trawled estate sales in nearby Salt Lake City and dug through antique stores on vacations and visits to Bryant's relatives in Texas. They shared a deep affinity for Western Americana and, naturally, got a feel for the literature of the Latter-day Saints. Rare editions of the Book of Mormon, texts written by early missionaries or transcribed in the Deseret alphabet — an alternative spelling system developed under the leadership of Brigham Young — still command some of the highest prices in the market.

Bryant compares their desirability to early editions of Alcoholics Anonymous' "Big Book." Its first printing ran fewer than 5,000 copies, and only a few hundred survived.

"The books themselves are incredibly rare, but they've also changed the course of people's lives," he explained.

Carpe Diem

Antiquarian books exist on the misty plains between literature and art object, and people who specialize in them are part archaeologist, part appraiser. First printings, historical provenance and one-of-one editions are valued at a premium, but that's all on the inside. It only takes a glance at the binding to understand some books are art first, then literature. The fact that a maroon leather binding with gold-embossed illustrations contains the collected writings of Plutarch is merely secondary, for many collectors.

The married couple deal in collectible and otherwise exceptional volumes and

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PHOTO/LILY PATTERSON

Mary Hill, James Bryant and their newest employee, Jazzy, sell rare and out-of-print books and ephemera at their Monterey shop.

SHE TAKES BOLD CHANCES AND LIVES TO PASS ON HER KNOWLEDGE

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

CREATIVES ARE frequently risk-takers by nature, willing to wander away from their comfort zones and take bold chances with their art and their futures — which are sometimes intertwined.

Diane Crago, 76 going on 50, checked all of those boxes one year ago, when she sold her Seattle-area home and moved, alone, to Carmel.

The Monterey Peninsula was a place she'd never even seen, where she had no friends, acquaintances or connections. She was starting over. Her only companion was a 7-year-old Cavalier King Charles spaniel named Maisie — her roommate at Del Mesa Carmel.

"I really took a chance," she said. "I told myself, 'This is going to work,' but I had no proof."

Left behind in Washington were two beloved adult kids she raised as a single mom. Her daughter, Dr. Midori Kubo Larrabee, is an internal-medicine specialist at Overlake Hospital in Bellevue. Joshua Kubo is an environmental scientist — a salmon-recovery biologist with the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks.

"It's lonely here, and I really miss them," she said. "We're working on ways to see each other every few months, not just twice a year, when I go back up to Seattle to teach."

'Until I drop'

In the Pacific Northwest, she was a well-established studio artist who exhibited her impressionist-style oils at Parklane Gallery in Kirkland. You can see examples of her work at dianecrago.com.

But her second love — perhaps an even greater passion — is teaching beginning and advanced students how to create rich, colorful, layered paintings they can sell.

"I want to teach until I drop," she said.

"I teach a step-by-step process anyone can learn, guaranteed to give you sound skills in composition and the ability to create a good painting," said Crago. She has taught art for 55 years, including impressionist, abstract, and classical Renaissance-era techniques.

"My process works for somebody who just wants to be a Sunday painter or for a person who aspires to become part of the exhibiting art community and part of the economy."

Crago teaches a five-week course for all levels, including beginners, at The Carmel Foundation. Classes meet every Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. Students must join the foundation, which means they have to be at least 55 and pay an annual membership fee. The cost for five weeks of art instruction is $100.

Since early October, Crago has also been teaching five-week courses in impressionist-style painting at Monterey Peninsula College, part of MPC's continuing education personal enrichment program.



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Diane Crago, an impressionist painter and multifaceted art instructor, teaches art at The Carmel Foundation and Monterey Peninsula College, where she'll soon offer classes for advanced students.

In January, she'll be teaching two classes each week at the college, one for all levels — including beginners — and an advanced class for graduates of the basic class or experienced artists seeking to learn new color techniques in oil and acrylics.

Classes in the advanced course, also five weeks, are scheduled Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m. The basic class will be taught Saturdays during the same time frame. Each course is $145.

Crago sent shout-outs to Melissa McKenzie and Kim Stemler at The Carmel Foundation and to Alexis Bollin, Paola Delgado, and Dennis Ahearn at MPC for those opportunities.

Hands-on education

"Not everyone is in a position to go back to school to study art, and a lot of folks can't commit the amount of time it really takes to learn and improve unless it's very affordable. For them, paying a large fee for an occasional workshop may be a nonstarter," Crago said.

"They just want someone who can take them by the hand and lead them to the other side as an artist. And that's me."

The well-honed process Crago uses to create her own paintings is the one she teaches.

Her students learn about color values and composition, the importance of underpainting, and techniques for using light, shadow, tints and glazes to give their work depth, drama and luminosity. She also teaches them to work with brushes and palette knives, and how to use acrylic and oil paints safely.

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LIVES

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manuscripts, with clients including institutions like Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCLA and local historical societies. One overeager local historian, Bryant recalls, attempted to claim their shop at 245 Pearl St. as a personal research library. It is, but only for Bryant and Hill, and though they've shifted to by-appointment-only since Covid, they're happy to open the door for anyone curious enough to knock. Carpe Diem, indeed: You never know who or what might be on the other side, like a descendant of the Cooper-Molera families who recently brought in a ream of historic papers.

There is no shortage of venues to sell great books, according to Bryant and Hill, who traded out of their living room for years.

"It's easy to sell books. Great books are hard to buy," Bryant affirms — but antiquarians live for the hunt.

Arriving on the Peninsula in 1999 was their Library of Alexandria moment. Hill's job had brought them to Sunnyvale in 1997, when Bryant's bookselling career was no longer fledgling. By then, the two were schlepping to five or six major West Coast book fairs each year. In 1998, Bryant earned his seal of approval when he was inducted into the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America. The move to Monterey — a return, for Hill — was initially a selfless gesture to help close friends who were expecting twins.

'An offer that almost killed us'

The couple found a beautiful adobe home with an enormous arched front window. They rented the house, just up the hill from Colton Hall, for $500 a month. But even finer were the homes where they began buying books, such as a 1920s-era Spanish revival gem in Pebble Beach where they encountered an 18-foot wall of leather-bound spines.

After seeing the collection, "We made an offer that almost killed us," Bryant laughed.

Gesturing to an entire wall of the shop dedicated to local and California history, Hill explained, "People retire here, and some have lived here for generations, and they end up selling off collections. We love going into those homes — places you'd never get to see otherwise — and finding a lot of unique publications."

They finally made the decision to invest in retail space in 2005 and have expanded their footprint in the historic former Monterey Herald building on Pearl Street. Given Hill's background, the couple were early adopters of digital platforms, though they estimate that side of the business accounts for only a third of sales. One-of-a-kind works can't be downloaded on a Kindle and, lately, people seem to crave a more tactile experience.

"There's a growing demographic of younger people — say, ages 30 to 50 — at book shows," Bryant said.

Another third of their sales happen at those shows, and many of the buyers are other booksellers. There's a sense of camaraderie among antiquarians, partly because their world is so small. Their national guild, which Bryant has served as a board member, numbers 450.

"Other booksellers will call us and say, 'Can you use this at your shop?' Or, they have an opportunity to buy a large collection and ask us to partner on it," Hill said, explaining that the rarest books often reappear on the market every few years, accumulating mythos like holy relics.

Knock on the door, and they're likely to show you around if they're not overwhelmed with research. Books have to be "placed," as they say, in the right hands. If you want to be certain they'll open up, bring a stack.

"We are always buying books — beautiful, rare and unusual books," Bryant said.

WAVES

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never seen anything like this before." Yet there appeared to be very little damage along the Big Sur coastline aside from some minor rockfall and scattered debris along Highway 1. Officials had expressed concerns about mudslides in parts of Big Sur that were recently scorched by wildfires and lost erosion-controlling vegetation.

Zmak told The Pine Cone that a lifetime of experience has taught him to be careful around waves, and he doesn't take any unnecessary risks. But he did get wet Thursday while photographing the sunset from the water's edge. Armed with rubber boots and his tripod, he stood in waist-deep water while lining up his shot. "I've always been drawn to big surf, and I've always done it safely," he said.

Rogue wave

Shortly after he arrived at Limekiln, Zmak learned about a photographer who had a run-in with waves while taking pictures.

"He got knocked over," he reported. "At one point, he was totally submerged, but he kept his camera above the water."

Like so many youngsters who grow up near the ocean in Southern California, Zmak became fascinated with waves at an early age. He started surfing them as a teenager, and along the way, he took photos of his friends riding them. Decades later, after he moved to Marina in the 1990s, he began photographing waves from a fine art perspective, which has become a passion. "All I need is water and rocks and I'm good," he added.

Cardinal sin

Like Zmak, others from near and far were drawn to the big waves, including one visitor who recently committed the cardinal sin of Big Sur beachgoers when she turned her back to the ocean.

"I learned about sneaker waves the hard way at Garrapata Beach between Big Sur and Carmel," the woman reported on Facebook. "My dogs could run faster than me, thank goodness. It didn't take me down, but when it hit me, I was soaked up to my chest. I should have known better."



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Low monarch count at P.G. sanctuary

By KELLY NIX

BOB PACELLI, who has tracked monarch butterflies for years, counted fewer than a dozen at the monarch sanctuary in Pacific Grove on Nov. 13.

Pacelli said he counted 11 butterflies that day at the sanctuary on Ridge Road, down from 15 on Nov. 6.

"Monarch counts remain low in Pacific Grove," Pacelli told The Pine Cone.

Western monarchs migrate to California from about October through February. Pacelli and others count the butterflies and record the totals.

Since 2010, Pacelli has planted dozens of oak and blue gum eucalyptus trees at the sanctuary to attract more butterflies. The plantings were credited with drawing more monarchs, but some of the trees have since been removed.

Monterey County officials also noted the low counts this week.

"Right now, western monarch populations have declined by more than 99% since 1997," the county said Wednesday. The county cites habitat loss, pesticide use and climate change as major threats.

'Pollinator gardens'

Monterey County Parks said it has established pollinator gardens featuring native plants such as milkweed at Laguna Seca and at San Lorenzo Park in King City.

"Additional efforts include planting fruit trees, protecting existing native vegetation, and preserving habitats for endangered species," the county said.

The monarch count in Pacific Grove has varied widely over the years. In 2008, the sanctuary recorded 18,000 butterflies. The following year, after heavy pruning of the sanctuary's trees, the count fell to fewer than 800.

LAWSUIT

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acted unilaterally. The governor leaves office in January 2027.

State law requires approval from at least four of the seven California Supreme Court justices to commute the sentences of inmates with more than one felony conviction. Newsom's office says that applies to 382 of the 548 prisoners. The plaintiffs say others on the governor's list may also qualify.

Other Monterey Peninsula-area men on death row include Joseph Nissensohn, 75, of Carmel Valley, who killed Seaside girls Tammy Lynn Jarschke, 13, and Tanya Jones, 14, in 1981; and Joseph Kekoa Manibusan, 48, of Seaside, who killed two women in 2001.



Joseph Nissensohn



Kris Hughes

'Incompatible'

When announcing the commutations, Newsom, who paused executions in March 2019, said the inmates had "caused indescribable suffering" but that "the state cannot morally kill them." He called capital punishment "incompatible with California's values," and said it "undermines the foundations" of the legal system.

In a Nov. 5 open letter, Newsom said his clemency decision, "while difficult in many respects, will ultimately affirm the strength and integrity of our state and its justice system."

California voters have repeatedly rejected efforts to abolish the death penalty, most recently in 2016. The state has not executed anyone since 2006.

The lawsuit follows criticism from Pacioni, who called Newsom's decision a "political act" aimed at "his legacy and future ambitions."

Greg Totten, CEO of the California District Attorneys Association, said Monday that prosecutors have a legal responsibility to protect crime victims' rights.

"No governor should be permitted to circumvent the very safeguards designed to ensure that justice is served," Totten said.

Padilla, president of Crime Victims United, said many victims' families "were horrified to learn of the governor's plans through the news rather than from the very government entrusted to protect their rights."

"After years, and often decades, of fighting for justice, they are once again being forced to relive their worst nightmare," Padilla added. "Victims are not an afterthought in our justice system. They have constitutional rights, and those rights must be respected."

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renovation and raising the funds to pay for it, will be on the hook for monthly rent of $5,250 for the first year and $5,407.50 per month for the second year, while the city covers utilities, trash service, and staff time for the move.

The lease gives the library access to the center for move-in as soon as Nov. 24 and includes the foyer for the main welcome and checkout desk for the temporary library, a dedicated family restroom, and more than 2,000 square feet of combined library and programming space. The library will operate Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with CYC contracted classes beginning at 5:30.

Boards like it

At a joint meeting in September, the historic resources board and the planning commission approved architect Moore Ruble Yudel's plans for the renovation, which include an overhauled north entrance, an elevator that will reach four of the library's five levels, a sloping path leading to Ocean Avenue, and numerous other changes aimed at making the building more accessible and usable, protecting it from earthquakes, updating plumbing and electrical systems, and improving interior flow.

The library's clay roof tiles will be removed so waterproofing and other infrastructure can be installed, and then put back on, and copper gutters will be installed throughout. New cantilevered columns that meet seismic standards will replace several installed on the east side in 1974 to improve lateral stability. A balcony that's been closed off for safety reasons will be fitted with new railings that meet modern standards.

Contractor selection next

At their October meeting, councilmembers said they back the plans, too, and they requested a formal resolution to make the decision official. Without discussion, the council approved the resolution as part of the consent calendar at its Nov. 2 meeting.

Meanwhile, a working group comprising city staff, Mayor Dale Byrne, Councilman Bob Delves, representatives of the Carmel Public Library Foundation, contracted project managers and the architects that was formed more than a year ago "continues to meet weekly to discuss outstanding items, coordinate among the various project participants, and help ensure timely progress on project-related matters," according to acting city administrator Brandon Swanson.

"These meetings will continue as the project advances through the next critical phases of contractor selection and construction."

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participation, creating related tours and forums, and bringing the collector car world together for August's 75th edition of the event, the last under her leadership.

"During her time in charge, the Concours increased its international participation, broadened the range of cars on its show field and introduced related events, including the Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance and its forums," the awards hosts observed. "Its charitable giving also grew significantly."

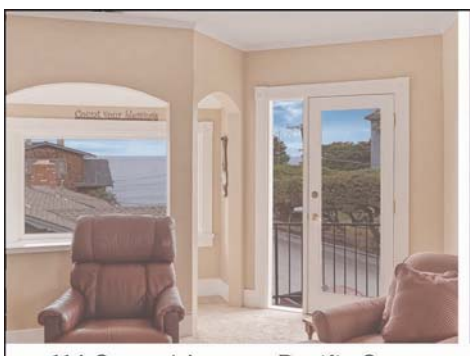
Previous Lifetime Achievement Award recipients include racing drivers Sir Stirling Moss and Dan Gurney, Lord Montagu, longtime British motorsports journalist and commentator Murray Walker, Dutch automotive museum founder Evert Louwman, collectors and benefactors Peter and Merle Mullin (who were also deeply involved in Car Week and owned property in Big Sur), and Italian automotive designer Giorgetto Giugiaro, who was named Car Designer of the Century in 1999 and inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame in 2002.

Lots of judges

The International Historic Motoring Awards were launched in 2011 by Hothouse Media, publisher of Octane and Magneto.

This year's winners were selected from a shortlist that "took several people two full days to whittle down" from more than 400 entries across 17 categories — "something that's done independently amid much gnashing of teeth," according to David Lillywhite, editorial director of Magneto.

Each category was assessed by five to seven independent judges drawn from a panel of 37 chaired by former Laguna Seca Raceway general manager Tim McGrane, while a public vote selected Car of the Year, and the Lifetime Achievement Award was decided by a panel of experts appointed by Hothouse Media. The awards dinner sold out, with 390 guests.



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Storm pummels Big Sur coast, Highway 1 closed south of Palo Colorado Road

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHAT FORECASTERS described as an atmospheric river brought heavy rain to Big Sur Wednesday, with rockslides, mudslides and debris flows creating hazards along Highway 1.

A photo shared by the California Highway Patrol shows a car stuck in the mud along the scenic route, while another image from Caltrans captures a redwood tree that had fallen across the highway and crashed into power lines.

"Do not attempt to drive through the mud or water," the CHP announced late Wednesday. "Avoid travel on Highway 1 south of Carmel. The highway is currently closed from Palo Colorado Road to Ragged Point in San Luis Obispo County."

Caltrans sent out an update Thursday morning.

"Debris flows, flooding and rocks in the roadway have created hazardous conditions," the state roads agency said. "Caltrans and contracted crews are mobilized, clearing multiple locations and assessing for safety."

Kevin Drabinski of Caltrans told The Pine Cone that while there were no major slides, there were numerous smaller incidents that left rocks, mud and debris scattered along the highway, which work crews were busy Thursday clearing.

With officials concerned about mudslides in communities located near burn scars from the recent Timber and Plaskett fires, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office issued a voluntary evacuation warning Wednesday for residents and businesses in those areas due to "life-threatening" conditions.

The sheriff's office "strongly encouraged" residents and businesses near burn scars "to consider evacuating now while roadways remain accessible and conditions allow for safe travel."

"Heavy rainfall and subsequent flooding or debris flows may make roads and evacuation routes impassable with little or no warning," according to the guidance. "Residents should not wait until conditions become dangerous to leave."

Those with livestock or large animals were urged to make plans for moving them. "Residents with large animals should follow their personal evacuation plans and make arrangements to move their animals to a safe location before conditions deteriorate," the sheriff's office said.



PHOTO/DAVID MULLALLY

Among the problems caused by huge waves on Carmel Point Friday was the flooding of a manhole on Scenic Road.

'Cats and dogs'

Residents with limited mobility were also encouraged to leave. "Individuals with disabilities or access and functional needs who may require additional time or assistance to evacuate are strongly encouraged to make arrangements now," the agency added.

On Facebook, several visitors decided to leave Big Sur when the weather turned rough.

"We had to get out of there," one man wrote. "The tides were coming in fast, the wind was brutal, and it was raining cats and dogs."

According to Anamaria Navarrete of the National Weather Service, a rain gauge in Big Sur Valley close to the coast recorded 3.63 inches of rain from 9 a.m. Wednesday to 9 a.m. Thursday. Farther inland, a rain gauge on Anderson Peak (just shy of 4,100 feet) captured 7.37 inches of moisture over the same time frame, while a rain gauge on Mining Ridge (3,250 feet high) tallied an astonishing 9.1 inches.



PHOTO/CALTRANS

Wednesday's rain triggered mudslides in Big Sur that left Highway 1 a mess the following morning.

PANHANDLE

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collision risks, and keep traffic moving in high-risk corridors.

The amendment, which will return to the council for a final vote, replaces broad loitering language on the city's books.

"The proposed amendment updates and tailors the code to focus specifically on clearly defined, high-risk locations where standing, soliciting, asking or begging creates acute traffic safety hazards for both motorists and pedestrians," the report said.

The report identifies the Lighthouse Avenue curve and tunnel as one such area, where "traffic patterns, curved geometry, and limited visibility make pedestrian presence in the roadway especially dangerous." It describes pedestrian refuge islands as "engineered specifically as temporary, mid-crossing safety points for pedestrians crossing the roadway, rather than sustained waiting or solicitation zones."



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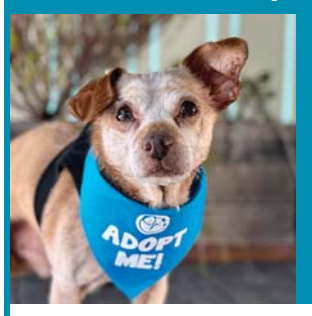
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INSURANCE

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homeowners and not on rebuilding mansions," reads the policy brief on Kim's campaign website.

True to form, Kim — who worked as the California political director for Sen. Bernie Sanders' 2020 presidential campaign — is careful to note in her plan that wealthier homeowners may have to pay more to make the program work. She said the state could explore more progressive premium options so that "the wealthiest Californians pay their share" and included the possibility of adding surcharges on high-value second homes and vacation properties. Well, that's one way to raise the capital her plan sorely needs to get off the ground.

A mandatory state-sponsored wildfire insurer, which was the subject of a natural catastrophe resiliency study ordered by state legislators, would need somewhere in the neighborhood of $25 billion in startup capital to cover costs in the event of a very bad fire year. The study proposed raising the money through reinsurance, bond sales, assessments and contributions from private insurers. Kim's plan detailed how she might require insurers to contribute startup capital in proportion to their market share, a move that would require a bill from the state Legislature and could be a tough sell.

"Any bill to coerce insurers to fund a state government program that replaces insurers that are currently selling directly in the market or indirectly through the FAIR Plan will trigger hard legal and policy questions," Rex Frazier, president of the Personal Insurance Federation of California, told the Los Angeles Times.

More palatable market

Kim's radical approach aims to solve what's been dubbed an "insurance crisis" in the Golden State. As wildfires grow more frequent and destructive, thousands of homeowners have found themselves dropped from their insurance policies. California's insurer of last resort, the FAIR Plan, now covers 696,000 properties, representing a $788 billion risk pool. The plan's growth began in 2019 and accelerated after the Los Angeles-area fires in 2025, as major insurance carriers dropped wildfire policies in high-danger areas, pushing homeowners onto the FAIR Plan.

Outgoing commissioner Ricardo Lara attempted to tackle the crisis by making California a more palatable market for the insurance industry through regulatory changes. His Sustainable Insurance Strategy allowed companies to use forward-looking wildfire risk models when calculating premiums, including the ability to account for the cost of reinsurance, paving the way for double-digit rate increases that regulators deemed necessary to stabilize the market. In exchange, insurers using the more favorable pricing rules must commit to writing more fire coverage in high-risk areas.



Jane Kim

Kim's opponent, Allen, a state senator from Los Angeles, campaigned on continuing Lara's strategy, which has resulted in more policies being offered — just not enough — as well as a slowdown in the growth of FAIR Plan policies.

"Increasing prices to increase availability is a Band-Aid," Kim told the Wall Street Journal about continuing Lara's approach.

If the commissioner-elect wants to see her big idea in action, she'll have to convince lawmakers that her path — which puts taxpayers on the hook for big losses in the event of another catastrophe — is better than the status quo.

Liability battle looms

Kim's pro-consumer approach may find an ally in Gov.-elect Xavier Becerra, who has said he favors freezing home insurance premiums and utility bills when he takes office, though he hasn't weighed in on a single-payer system. Before Kim and Becerra begin their terms, though, an unresolved debate at the state Capitol over wildfire liability could affect both of their plans.

Newsom made an unpopular and unsuccessful push this summer to limit the liability of investor-owned utilities when their equipment sparks catastrophic wildfires. Currently, insurance companies can sue utilities to recover losses from wildfire claims. This right of subrogation has contributed to the utilities' liabilities and was a major issue in Pacific Gas & Electric's 2019 bankruptcy. The governor and lawmakers had not ruled out the possibility of a special session this fall to tackle the issue, but that seems unlikely.

Last Friday, speaking to reporters at a United Nations climate conference, Newsom said he expected lawmakers to take up the issue in the new year.

"I expect when the Legislature convenes in January they'll move very quickly," the governor said in response to a question from Politico.

With Becerra set to take office Jan. 4, the fight will likely be left to him to negotiate. In an interview with California Politics 360, Kim said that while she has yet to get involved in the liability debate, the outcome is likely to be bad for consumers either way.

"What's being negotiated between the utilities and the insurance industry is who's going to charge their consumers more," the commissioner-elect said.

That is an oversimplified answer, to say the least, as lawmakers must also consider their obligation to protect state-regulated utilities so they can keep the power grid up and running.

Kim comes to the job of insurance commissioner with no industry experience but a lot of theories about how to better regulate it for consumers. Other campaign highlights include requiring policyholder consent before scaling back insurance coverage and prohibiting rate hikes after certain claims. The progressive politician has been given tremendous power over a distressed market. Kim ran on making insurance more affordable and available, but it's highly questionable whether her big idea will get us there.

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manager since Matt Mogensen moved on.

What's difficult to understand is why the council is now requesting up to $10,000 in additional taxpayer funding for "mentoring" in the first year after already approving a salary increase of more than $20,000 for the position.

With a compensation package at that level, why should taxpayers be expected to absorb yet another expense? Given her professional background, I question the necessity of this additional expenditure in the first place.

Furthermore, several former mayors and council members still live here. I believe many of them would generously offer their time, experience and institutional knowledge to help with the transition if she reached out.

Pacific Grove cannot continue to operate as though every additional expense is justified simply because someone proposes it. We need fiscal restraint, accountability and a much clearer understanding of the difference between essential expenditures and unnecessary extras.

Can this council explain exactly what the proposed mentoring will provide that the new city manager cannot obtain through existing professional relationships and the experience of former city leaders?

Christie Thomas, *Pacific Grove*

Another AI worry

Dear Editor,

Today's frontier AI models are massive, but they are massive empirical models. They learn from vast quantities of data, and those data are drawn from the internet, which is raw sewage. Some curation happens, but what goes in is still largely sewage. Filth in, filth out.

Because these models are empirical, they are also enormous, and they consume vast amounts of electricity, water and hardware to operate. None of that is necessary.

Algorithmic (that is, mathematical) models could be used in their stead, at a tiny, tiny, tiny fraction of the resources needed to run a frontier model. Take the task of generating images of the human figure. A frontier model requires vast resources to do it. An algorithmic model such as the free software, Blender, can do it on a single ordinary computer at a tiny fraction of the cost. Moreover, an algorithmic model does the work with much higher precision. Ask it for a man who is 32.3 years old, and that is exactly who you get. That is not true of a frontier model, which can only guess from whatever it has swallowed.

How did we get here? In 1979, Bradley Efron injected computation into statistics with his bootstrap. In doing so, a mathematical, theoretical field took an enormous left turn. What was once a purely mathematical, purely theoretical field is now quasi-mathematical and very heavily empirical. That computational injection is costly, and at the scale of today's frontier models, we are seeing just how costly, including to the environment.

Had statistics stayed mathematical, as other fields of mathematics have, this problem would not exist. We do not need data centers the size of towns, fed on sewage, to produce what a well-built mathematical model can produce precisely and cheaply. We need to remember that mathematics, not brute force, is the better tool. Smart, not sloth.

Tyson Holmes, *Carmel*

Cal Fire endangers community

Dear Editor,

Despite the hysteria from local officials, the Peninsula hasn't had a fire in 39 years. Why is that? Because conditions in the forest ecosystem, including moisture ladders from tree crown to ground, have prevented the fire conditions of Southern California. But Cal Fire is destroying those local natural mechanisms that keep fires in check.

Cal Fire is eliminating vegetation and tree branches, stripping the ground, removing trees, drying the air and stressing the forest. It is allowing wind into the forest, where it can fan a spark into a flame instead of letting it die out. Cal Fire is undoing nature's protection and endangering our community by rebranding timber and energy industry harvesting as forest management. It is also violating a court order over its practices. Stop Cal Fire.













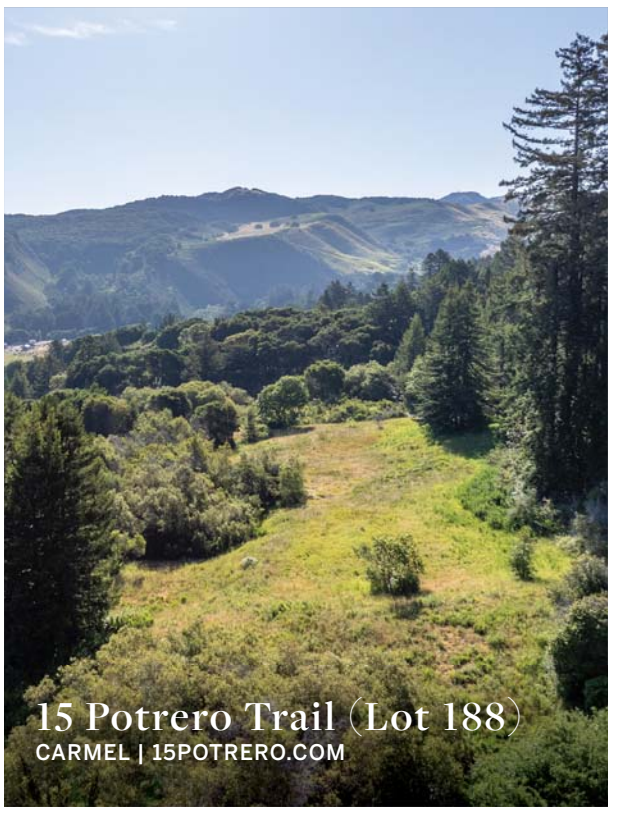
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HEALTHY Lifestyles

Central Coast VNA & Hospice celebrates 75 years of service

By ELAINE HESSER

IN 1952, the Journal of the American Medical Association published an article advocating for more visiting nurses. In those days, they often helped patients with tuberculosis (which could require months or even years of treatment), heart disease and cancer, as well as growing numbers of elderly patients and new mothers and their babies. Nurses gave injections, offered preventive services and taught families how to support sick relatives. The article's authors praised in-home care for its psychological and social benefits and noted it was less expensive than hospitalization.

One group of visiting nurses, launched in 1951 in Salinas and now known as Central Coast VNA & Hospice, celebrated its 75th anniversary with a gala at Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley on Oct. 11.



VNA nurse Anne Wiley (left) is shown with Mrs. Josephine Garrett in the 1960s, and a group of visiting nurses (right).

From the beginning

At its inception, the VNA's only nurse — whose name seems to have been lost to history — made 13 visits in her first month on the job. After the group incorporated as a nonprofit in 1952, B. Olive Hart was listed as director of nursing, and in 1958, local news stories mentioned Dorothy Krueger as director of nursing and executive director. She and Hart were also members of the Monterey Tuberculosis and Health Association.

By 1959, executive director Catherine Bormenko had taken the reins. She lived in the Carmel Highlands with her husband, Sergei. Originally from San Francisco, her career had prepared her well to lead local visiting nurses.

Born in 1898, Bormenko had a master's degree in public health nursing from New York University and served as a yeoman in the Naval Reserve at Mare Island in Vallejo in 1918-1919. She worked at the Telegraph Hill Settlement in San Francisco, providing aid to immigrants and working-class families. Additional public health experience was gained at the Pālama Settlement in Honolulu, and Bormenko served as a staff nurse at a medical school in China.

She had also been in charge of one-third of the territory of a visiting nurse group in San Francisco. When she retired as the VNA's executive director in 1964, a local newspaper recounted that the group had five full-time

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

When wandering isn't just a walk on the beach

By LILY PATTERSON

THE URGE to get out of the house can be irrepressible, especially for people with dementia, and having a loved one go missing is enough to send a family spiraling.

"Wandering outside the home is an important sign that we need to reassess a person's safety and level of supervision," according to Dr. Oluwafunmilola Adekanmbi, a neurologist at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

"People lose the ability to plan, self-monitor and correct," said neuropsychologist Patricia McKeon, who has been a licensed psychologist in California for 40 years and practices in Pacific Grove and Paso Robles.

Dementia, also known as major neurocognitive disorder, describes a decline in memory, language, reasoning or other cognitive abilities, severe enough to interfere with independent daily functioning. The majority of those struggling with dementia are seniors, most are diagnosed with Alzheimer's, and wandering and "sundown syndrome" signal a serious shift.

Increased confusion

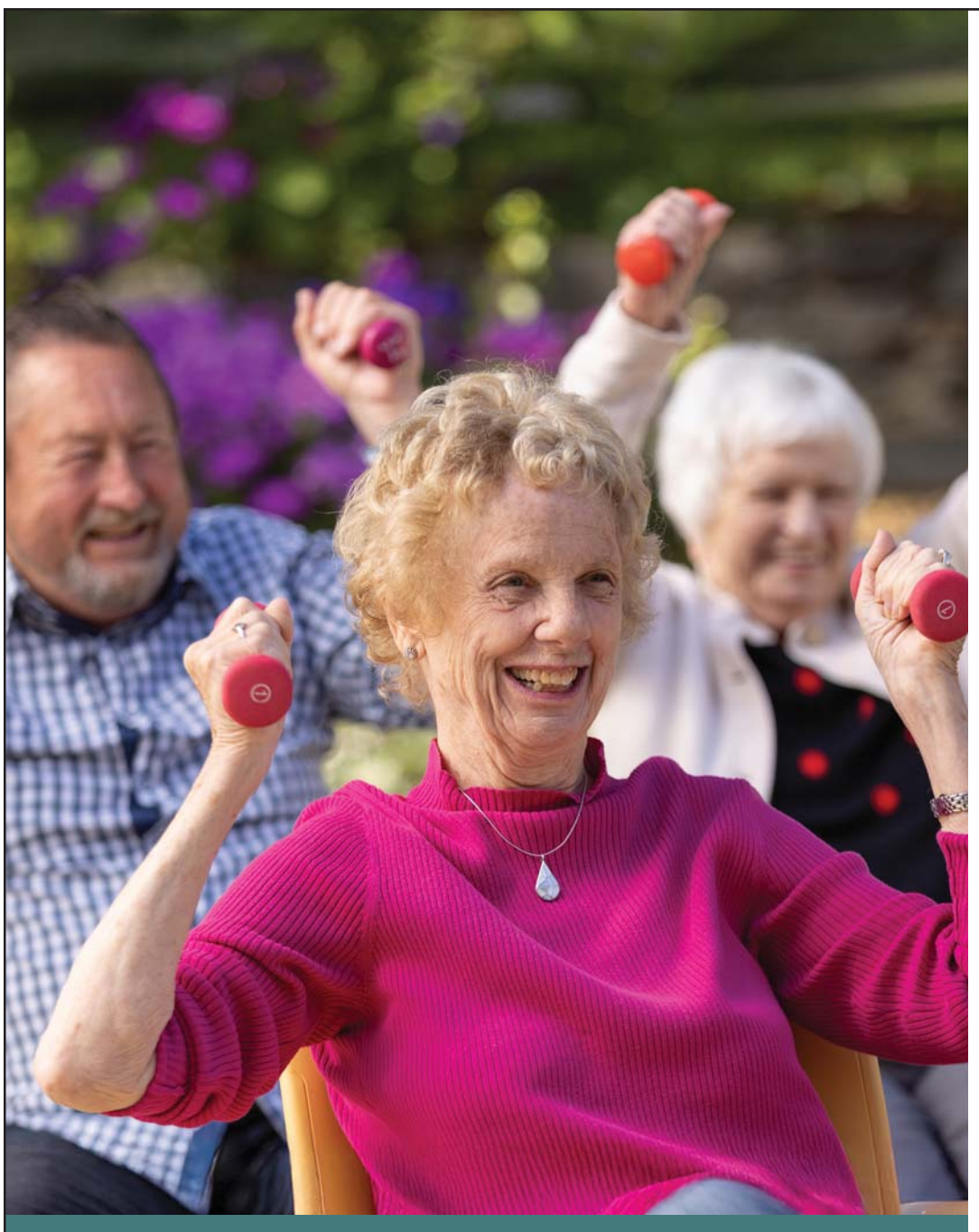
"Sundowning refers to increased confusion, restlessness or agitation that occurs later in the day," explained Adekanmbi, who served as chief neurology resident at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit before joining Montage in 2022.

For some families, it's strange because their loved one seems like their usual self in the morning. But as the afternoon wears on, everything falls apart. Symptoms can worsen for those who increasingly struggle with sleep, daily routines or communicating their needs.

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As dementia sets in, caregivers have to become protectors, too.



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A tale of heartbreak, persistence, redemption and gratitude

By ELAINE HESSER

THOMAS, WHO lives in Monterey, is an extraordinarily thankful man. Born more than 60 years ago in Watsonville and raised in Castroville, he said he was the youngest of four kids, with one sister and two brothers who have all done quite well for themselves.

He described his parents as caring and industrious, and he had several opportunities to make his own way in the world. As it happened, however, Thomas (who did not give his last name) made one choice — to try alcohol — that ultimately led to losing the ability to make better ones.

Long dark road

It took several attempts, a great deal of misery and a lot of support from caring people and local nonprofits to help him turn things around, and more than a decade later, although he says he no longer has cravings, he's still holding onto his sobriety one day at a time.

Can you imagine spending the holiday alone under a bridge? Or buying a generator to light your living space and help you fend off rats, or having to move when the chilling, muddy waters rose too high?

Thomas doesn't have to.

His parents had bought a home with his father's earnings as a government employee with the bracero program and later as a car salesman. His mother contributed her wages from work in agriculture, first in the fields and then in packing sheds where produce is washed and packaged for sale on an assembly line cooled year round to refrigerator temperatures.

"She put rubber bands on bunches of green onions for years," Thomas said.

He graduated from high school in 1977, and as a teen, Thomas took a job working for his father as a car lot boy. Then he became a stock clerk at a Salinas K-Mart. He became assistant store manager and stayed for 13 years, fathering a son and daughter with his girlfriend.

Thomas said he had his first taste of alcohol around age 12, when he was running with a crowd of older boys. His parents had parties, and he'd sneak a drink or finish off remnants of others' glasses. It started to cause problems, and he said he realized he needed the alcohol. After joining a 12-step group, Thomas said, he was sober for three years until his girlfriend broke up with him in 1989.

He took up drinking again and racked up three DUIs in one year — two of them on two consecutive days. His behavior ultimately landed him in county jail for six months. It could have been much worse, though, and he is thankful that he didn't get into an accident or hurt anyone.

Following his release and completion of probation, Thomas resumed his old habit. He wore out his welcome with family members and took up residence under a bridge in Castroville, where he had a tent and that little gas generator. His sister sometimes brought him food and gave him money, but Thomas refused her offer to let him move in.

"I didn't want to be a burden," he said, and as to his brothers, he added, "I failed them."

River life

Life became untenable. "When the river rose, I had to evacuate," Thomas recalled, and he sometimes slept in abandoned cars. He said he was picked up by police when he could no longer care for himself and was taken to Natividad Medical Center for some badly needed medical help.

Once he was physically on the mend, he was referred to Sun Street Centers, where he said he "began to blossom." The Salinas-based nonprofit says it provides "education, prevention, treatment and recovery to individuals and families regardless of income level." After more than a decade of sobriety, he said he still attends three or four support group meetings weekly.



Thomas credits Interim, Inc., — and many others — with helping him kick a longtime addiction to alcohol.

"I want to be worthy of the help I was given. I want to give back," he commented. He sponsors three other people in recovery through the groups he belongs to.

Through Interim, Inc., another charitable organization, he received mental health services and housing, and he works for the group as a custodian. He's reconciled with his daughter and son and also has a relationship with his granddaughter and grandson. Thomas said he and his sister are "really close," too.

And he has his driver's license and a car.

Interim recently honored him with its Kristin Hart Memorial Award for resilience and service. He lives in the group's supportive housing, where residents have

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nurses and one part-time nurse who made 9,934 home visits in 1959, to nine full-time and two part-time nurses who in 1963 made 12,752 visits. By 2025, that number had risen to 78,000 visits facilitated by 210 employees and 30 volunteers.

Jane Russo, CEO of Central Coast VNA & Hospice, noted that in the organization's early days, volunteers — often nurses who were retiring from full-time careers — outnumbered paid employees.

Adding services

The VNA began providing hospice services when it was still a somewhat novel idea in the United States. Russo said that there were myths about the care of the dying that persist, and people should know it's not simply "giving up" but providing healthcare to relieve patients' suffering and improve their quality of life.

She said that thanks largely to then-Rep. Leon Panetta, hospice care has been covered by Medicare since 1982.

Panetta, who was honored with a tribute at the October gala, had unsuccessfully introduced legislation to that effect in 1980. The following year, he tried again, working across the aisle with Rep. Bill Gradison, a Republican from Ohio. Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas introduced a companion bill in the Senate.

Medicare coverage for hospice care passed Congress in 1982 and took effect in 1983, and the VNA's program was approved for coverage in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties in 1998.

Other services include in-home palliative care, which the group says is "specialized medical care for people living with a serious illness. It focuses on providing relief from the symptoms and stress of the illness, whatever the diagnosis." The effort can include the person's primary care doctor and addresses physical, spiritual, emotional and social needs.

The VNA also offers help to schools that don't have on-campus nurses and has specialty care for people with diabetes and cardiac issues, as well as pre- and post-operative care for orthopedic surgery patients.

In addition to home healthcare, the group offers flu vaccines, including drive-through events where people can receive the immunization in their cars. In 2009, the VNA responded to the H1N1 (swine flu) epidemic with mass-vaccination and workplace wellness clinics. A little over a decade later, when the Covid vaccine became available, the group says it gave more than 15,500 jabs.

So many changes

If she could meet that first nurse and her co-founders, Russo said, she would start by saying, "Thank you for seeing the vision of bringing care into homes and believing it could be sustainable." And she has questions: "What did those nurses worry about? What did medicine look like? How did they see the next five years when they started? Did they talk about fundraising? How did they recruit the

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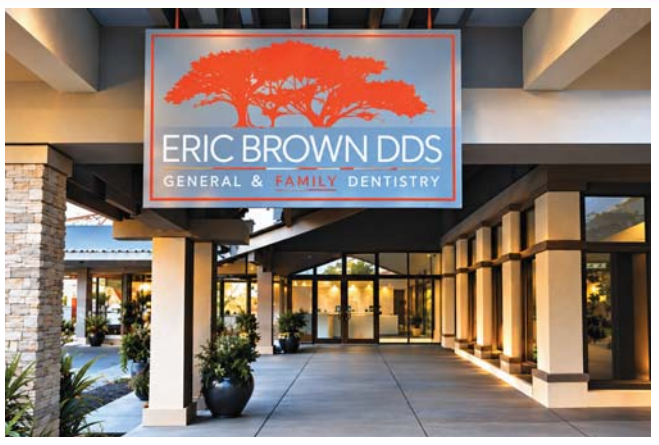
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THE KITCHEN

Freddy's penne con Bolognese di funghi

Courtesy Alfredo Ortiz, Alfredo's Pastaria & Mozzarella Bar

"Pasta doesn't make you fat. How much pasta you eat makes you fat." — Celebrity chef Giada De Laurentiis

FOR THE last we-don't-know-how-many years, carbohydrates have been getting a bad rap. But that's unfair. Carbs provide energy, and many foods that contain them, like fruits, vegetables, legumes and whole grains, are rich in fiber, vitamins and minerals.

The problem, nutritionists will tell you, is highly refined carbohydrates (for example, white bread, white rice, sugary treats), which often provide little nutritional value and can cause blood sugar to rise rapidly.

This month's recipe, contributed by Alfredo "Freddy" Ortiz, owner of Alfredo's Pastaria & Mozzarella Bar (1118 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove), is for a vegetarian version of pasta bolognese, a longtime Italian favorite usually made with ground beef and/or pork.

Ortiz's recipe uses whole wheat penne, and he suggests sprouted whole wheat if you can find it. It's made from wheat kernels that have begun germinating before they're milled into flour. According to a 2022 review published in the British journal Nutrition Bulletin, sprouting can make certain minerals and protein easier for the body to digest and absorb.

To create a texture similar to meat sauce, the recipe calls for cremini (baby portobello) mushrooms and shiitakes. Both are typically available in grocers' produce sections, and you can also usually find them at New Natives Organic Sprouts at the Friday farmers market in Del Monte Center parking lot in Monterey. White button mushrooms can be substituted, but they have a milder flavor and softer texture. Nutritionally, there's little difference between white buttons and cremini.

In addition to being very inexpensive, lentils add to texture and contribute protein, iron and folate (vitamin B9). Green lentils hold their shape a little better than brown, but the taste is about the same. Use whatever you have or can easily find.

Do purchase the fresh parsley and basil — it balances out the earthiness of the sauce and adds a nice pop of green to the plate. And if you still want to cut the carbs, just skip the side plate of bread.

INGREDIENTS *(Serves 4-6)*

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for finishing
1 medium yellow onion, finely diced
1 carrot, finely diced
1 celery rib, finely diced
1 pound cremini mushrooms, finely chopped
4 ounces shiitake mushrooms, stems removed, finely chopped
4 garlic cloves, minced
2 tablespoons tomato paste
½ cup dry red wine (or vegetable broth)
1 (28-ounce) can crushed San Marzano tomatoes
¾ cup dry brown or green lentils, rinsed
2 cups low-sodium vegetable broth
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1 bay leaf
Pinch of red pepper flakes
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
12 ounces organic whole wheat penne (sprouted whole wheat, if you can find it)
Fresh basil and flat-leaf parsley, chopped, for serving



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Warm the olive oil in a large, heavy pot over medium heat. Add the onion, carrot and celery with a pinch of salt and cook, stirring often, until soft and golden, 8 to 10 minutes.

Raise the heat to medium-high and add the mushrooms. Cook until they release their liquid and begin to brown, 8 to 10 minutes. This is where the deep, savory flavor comes from, so don't rush it.

Stir in the garlic and tomato paste and cook for 1 to 2 minutes, until fragrant and the paste darkens slightly. Pour in the wine and scrape up the browned bits from the bottom of the pot. Let it simmer until mostly evaporated, about 2 minutes.

Add the tomatoes, lentils, broth, oregano, bay leaf and red pepper flakes. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a gentle simmer. Cover partially and cook, stirring occasionally, until the lentils are tender and the sauce is thick, 30 to 35 minutes. Add a splash of broth or water if it gets too thick. Remove the bay leaf and season with salt and pepper.

While the sauce simmers, cook the

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Chef Bio



'I DO a little bit of everything — front of house, cheffing …," said Alfredo "Freddy" Ortiz. That makes sense. The Mexico City native said he started as a kitchen helper at age 14 and worked banquets and catering before moving to the United States at 17. He had some friends in this area who helped him get his bearings, and he attended school to finish his high school diploma. In the mid-1980s, when the late celebrated chef Pierre Bain took over Fandango from the Georis family, Ortiz was there.

"He used to call me 'Rapido,' because I did everything fast," Ortiz remembered.

His resume would go on to include several side jobs and later managing the California Market in the Highlands Inn. He followed that up with 25 years with John Pisto, longtime chef and restaurateur at the Whaling Station steakhouse in Monterey. With a solid understanding of food, he decided to try his hand at the front of the house as a server, starting out as a busser and studying wine and cocktails, which were new to him. His "final exam" was serving Pisto and a party of 10, making the restaurant's tableside Caesar salad and bringing out the tray with cuts of meat and answering questions so the diners could select their steaks. Ultimately, he became the Whaling Station's general manager.

When Ortiz met Soerke Peters and Peters' partner, Amy Stouffer, he was ready to buy his own place. They offered him a job as the GM of their Mezzaluna Pasteria & Mozzarella Bar in Pacific Grove, which he bought earlier this year and renamed Alfredo's Pastaria and Mozzarella Bar. He kept the menu and recipes.

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access to case management, psychiatric care, help obtaining benefits — like Social Security — recovery support, healthcare coordination, employment and education referrals, and more. He can continue to live in Interim's housing for as long as he needs it. Francisco Rojas, a business development specialist with Interim, said that the average stay for residents is six years, but a few have been there for more than 20 years and can remain in supportive housing for life, if they need to.

Thomas is a no-excuses kind of guy, whose narrative is dotted with "but I take responsibility." When he recounts all of this, it's almost as if he's talking about another person. It's difficult to reconcile the story with the quietly joyful storyteller.

"I never thought I would get this far. I thought I'd be gone," Thomas mused. He credits so many people with helping him along the way and said he's filled with gratitude for all he has. For him, "paying it forward" isn't a cliché — it's a way of life and a means of repaying the debt he says he owes to everyone who has helped him.

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One of those symptoms is wandering.

The Alzheimer's Association estimates that more than 60% of people with dementia will wander, as cognitive decline progresses beyond the loss of memory associated with normal aging processes. Struggling to get dressed or prepare a meal, forgetting life milestones and significant personality shifts, like withdrawing into silence or suspicion, can occur during this time.

Exhaustion, loneliness, strange surroundings and too much or too little stimulation can increase the likelihood of wandering. The behavior may even appear purposeful at first, like someone setting out to fix a snack or work on something in the garage, only to become lost along the way.

Because dementia interferes with the deepest workings of a person's internal clock, it affects mealtimes and bedtimes, as well as awareness of the passing of time. A person may insist they're late for work long after they've retired, or head off to their favorite restaurant when they're no longer supposed to drive. Even worse is watching a loved one pace around their own house, insisting that it's "time to go home."

"You really cannot persuade or try to reason with someone in that frame of mind," McKeon explained.

Be proactive

Decisions about "what's best" become painful, but families don't have to make them alone. After a wandering episode, the first call should be to a primary care doctor or neurologist.

Both clinicians also suggested a proactive approach.

"The first step is to make the person's environment as safe and predictable as possible. A consistent daily routine can help, along with daytime physical and social activity, sunlight, regular meals, a consistent sleep schedule and a calm environment," Adekanmbi said.

But it doesn't have to be all Chopin's piano nocturnes and herbal tea.

"Heck, if they loved Jimi Hendrix, put that on. If they spent years sitting quietly and watching the soaps, then getting up to make dinner, that's a great routine," McKeon said.

She added that lowering the lights, reducing noise and engaging in some form of calming activity around 3 p.m. is anoth-

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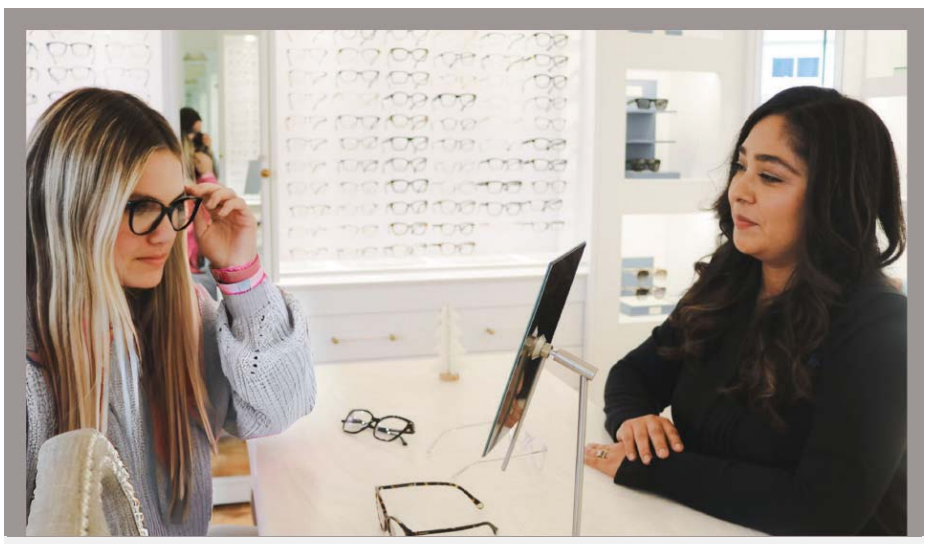
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er strategy to ease symptoms. "There's a whole menu of distracting sensory input," she reassured.

Supporting families

To address pacing and wandering at home, the Alzheimer's Association recommends identifying when it occurs — it's different for everyone — and scheduling exercise or a shared activity. If wandering occurs at night, it can be helpful to install night lights and label each room. Door alarms or smart-home systems can alert caregivers when someone attempts to leave the house.



Dr. Oluwafunmilola Adekanmbi

In her private practice, McKeon focuses on practical strategies, offering adaptive coaching and support services for people with neurological disorders including Alzheimer's.

More than anyone, she said, families need encouragement and careful planning as things progress. Few have the resources to hire round-the-clock care from the beginning of a diagnosis, and many are willing to bear the stress if it means their loved one can continue living independently.

"The most important person to keep healthy, rested, and able to manage is the caregiver. It's often enough to say, 'Let's hang in there and decide one thing you can do today to care for them, and two things you can do for yourself,'" she said.

She should know.

McKeon, an only child, recalled how her father — who suffered from Parkinson's — showed her the home improvements he made after her mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. He had read a book that recommended installing additional deadbolts on all the doors, above her eyeline.

"My dad told me, 'Look, now she's safe!' And I said, 'Dad, has Mom ever wandered out of the house? What if there's a fire?'" After all, safety measures to prevent wandering must also allow everyone to exit easily in an emergency.

"I know what it's like to be there, talk to doctors, and problem-solve. You have to deal with things incrementally," McKeon said. However, she errs strongly on the side of caution when it comes to wandering outside the home. Becoming disoriented along a busy road or in a secluded area, leaving the house at night or driving off in a state of confusion can end in tragedy.

Said Adekanmbi, "Depending on the circumstances, a combination of family supervision, in-home caregivers, adult day programs and safety measures such as door alarms or wearable GPS devices can keep someone safe."

'Continuous supervision'

But she cautioned, "If someone repeatedly leaves home and cannot safely find their way back, they may eventually require continuous supervision, whether at home or in a memory-care setting."

McKeon has helped many families make that difficult decision.

Also, Montage patients can take advantage of Community Hospital's multidisciplinary Advanced Care Team (ACT), which offers some services to help families with long-term care planning, including drafting medical directives.

Both clinicians championed the Alzheimer's Association — "an invaluable resource," McKeon said — which offers support groups and classes at its Monterey center, as well as educational resources at alz.org.

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penne in well-salted boiling water until just al dente. Reserve 1 cup of the pasta water, then drain.

Add the penne to the sauce and toss over low heat, adding pasta water a little at a time until the sauce coats every piece.

Finish with fresh basil, parsley and a drizzle of good olive oil. Freddy's tip: Chop the mushrooms finely, about the size of the lentils. The smaller the pieces, the more the sauce takes on the texture of a traditional Bolognese.

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next volunteers?"

In turn, Russo believes those women would be surprised (if not downright gobsmacked) by their modern counterparts' rounds. For example, she said an early visiting nurse might have dealt with one or two prescriptions, while contemporary providers "regularly reconcile 15 to 20 specialized medications per patient, checking for real-time drug interactions while coordinating directly with pharmacies and multiple physician specialists."

Hospital stays are shorter, too — IVs and advanced wound healing might have kept mid-20th-century patients in hospitals for weeks or months, while VNA clinicians today deliver similar and more sophisticated services in the person's home.

Russo summed up her thoughts by saying, "As we build upon 75 years of trusted community care, the future of VNA & Hospice rests on sustainability and quality standards with the dedication of our employees and volunteers, the leadership of our board, the generosity of our donors, and the strength of our healthcare and community partnerships." And even as care becomes more technical and complex, the group is still dedicated to "ensuring no vulnerable neighbor faces illness alone."



Nurse Britta Ballerini (right) visits a patient at home to provide care.

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This Week

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British blues star rocks Golden State, local ensemble turns clock back to 1971

A RISING blues artist who has had five albums top the UK jazz and blues charts, singer and guitarist **Joanne Shaw Taylor** takes the stage Saturday, 7 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Taylor has recorded 11 LPs since her debut in 2009, including her most recent, "The Trouble With Love," which came out last month. She has twice been named Best Female Vocalist at the British Blues Awards, as well as Songwriter of the Year.



Singer and guitarist Ryan Sesma performs live Saturday at the Albatross Ridge tasting room in Monterey at 6 p.m., and Barmel the same night at 9 p.m.

Tickets start at $36. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

Also at Golden State this week are shows by **The Ultimate Michael Jackson Experience** (tribute show, Friday at 7 p.m., tickets start at $43), and singer **Gary Numan,** who is best known for his catchy 1979 Top 10 single, "Cars" (new wave, Tuesday at 7 p.m., tickets start at $49).

■ Two pianos, one piece

Monterey Symphony's second concert of the season — which is set for Saturday, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, 3 p.m., at Sunset Center — brings together two pianists who will accompany the orchestra when it presents the premiere of contemporary composer Chen Yi's "Toward the Future."

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

"Our November program features something quite extraordinary — two piano soloists joining the Monterey Symphony on stage to create a brilliant and distinctive musical experience," Music Director **Jayce Ogren** said. "**Ran Dank** and **Soyeon Kate Lee** are renowned pianists in their own right, and together they bring a remarkable musical partnership to Yi's 'Toward the Future.'"

The program also includes Schubert's Symphony No. 5 and Dvořák's Slavonic Dances.

Tickets start at $50 for general admission, with $12 tickets available for students, teachers, first responders, and active and retired military. Sunset Center is located at 908 San Carlos St. Visit montereysymphony.org for tickets.

'Tapestry' plays again

A cast of local musicians pays tribute to the soft rock era Saturday, 7:30 p.m., at the Paper Wing Theatre and Supper Club in Monterey.

The show will not only celebrate the music of legendary singer-songwriters James Taylor and Carole King, but it will include a complete performance of King's acclaimed 1971 "Tapestry" album.

The lineup includes singer and keyboardist **Taylor Safina**, guitarists **Jesse DeCarlo** and **Adam Astrup**, singers **Miranda Perl** and **Richard Bryant**, singers and guitarists **Al James**, **Dan Frechette** and **Sabelle**, and drummer **Michael Kobrinsky**.

Tickets are $27. The theater is located at 711 Cannery Row. For tickets or more details, visit paperwing.com.



Pianist Soyeon Kate Lee joins Monterey Symphony and fellow pianist Ran Dank when they perform Saturday and Sunday at Sunset Center.

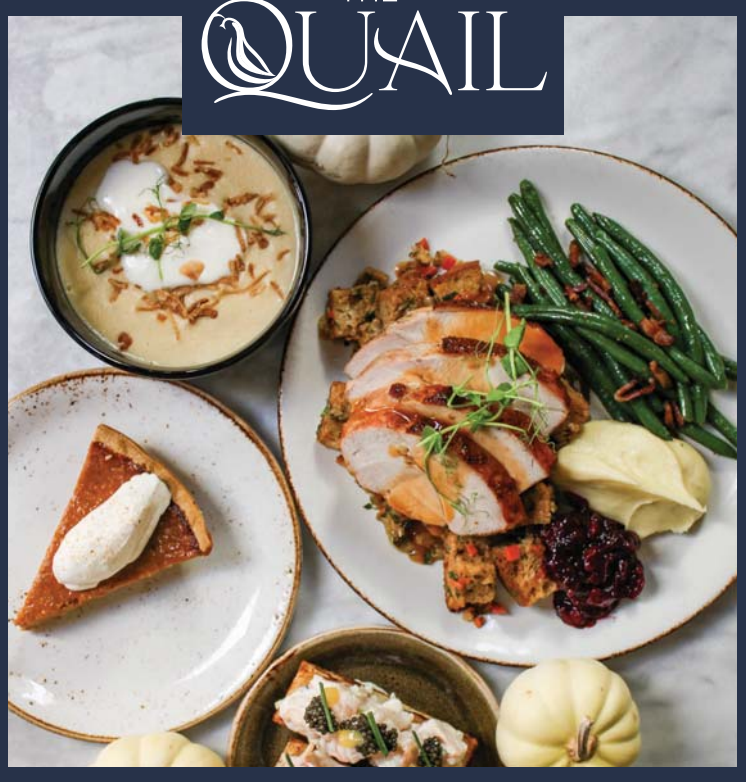
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■ Big Sur

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A diner reborn, a new farmers market, and last call for turkey

THIS IS it. For all you turkey connoisseurs and hosts to out-of-towners who want a California Thanksgiving, the countdown is on and we've got one last list of places to find your feast.

The owner of Howdy Honey gives us a peek at the new diner taking shape in the former Wagon Wheel space. She grew up in Carmel Valley and is part of a restaurant family that dates to her grandfather in mid-20th-century Hollywood. The ever-enterprising Nile Estep is promoting a soon-to-open farmers market in the Village, and the Shake family would like you to help them treat a few thousand friends to a holiday dinner.

Grab a mug of coffee, tea or cocoa — we're fond of Lula's, especially if it comes with their homemade marshmallows — and read on.





Sarah Simms (left) is putting the finishing touches on Howdy Honey in the Carmel Valley spot formerly occupied by the Wagon Wheel. She's going with what she calls a cowboy diner aesthetic, paying homage to the past but grounding the place firmly in the present as she works on menus for breakfast and lunch.

■ Howdy Honey

No, we're not being overly familiar. In a proper diner, Honey is like Buddy or Pal — an affectionate moniker meaning, "We don't know your name yet, but you belong." And if you pair it with howdy, you must be in a cowboy diner.

That was Sarah Simms' vision for the former Wagon Wheel restaurant at 7156 Carmel Valley Road, in that little shopping center with Bear + Flag and Baja Cantina. Her restaurant, Howdy Honey, is slated to open later this month.

Simms' family knows from diners. Her grandfather, Arthur Simms, owned several Los Angeles-area restaurants, including a hip 24-hour spot on the Sunset Strip in West Hollywood called Ben Frank's. Ironically supplanted in 1996 by a "retro" Mel's Drive-In, it was a hangout for the likes of Frank Zappa, Bob Dylan, Jim Morrison, Michael Nesmith and Micky Dolenz.

Soup to Nuts

Indeed, an ad for auditions for "The Monkees" TV show — which made Nesmith and Dolenz famous — specified that producers were seeking "spirited Ben Frank's types."

Arthur also owned The Kettle, which has been in the family since 1975 in Manhattan Beach, and his sons — Simms' father, Scott, and his brother, Thomas — became part of the growing restaurant dynasty.

Simms found her way in, too, despite her late father's plea to "pick something else," because the business "is so hard."

She earned a degree in hospitality management from San Diego State, was trained at Le Cordon Bleu culinary school and has decades of experience in the kitchen and front of house.

Love letter

When you step inside Howdy Honey, you can plainly see the Wagon Wheel's DNA — down to its namesake wheel chandelier. Simms grew up here and has serious nostalgia for the place. She was particularly honored by a visit from one of its former owners, Taresa Blair, who brought her an original Wagon Wheel T-shirt and seemed pleased with the work Simms was doing there.

The knotty-pine paneling has been sandblasted within an inch of its life, resulting in a lighter, brighter interior. The walls are a whimsical love letter to the past, with framed photos of Simms' mom and dad, as well as matchbooks from one of her grandfather's restaurants. A large unfinished painting on one wall was done by her identical twin sister, Boo, who died in January 2025 and was Simms' partner in Lady & Larder, a culinary business in Carmel Valley (now closed) and Santa Monica. Boo's Wrangler jacket is also framed and hangs at one end of the dining room.

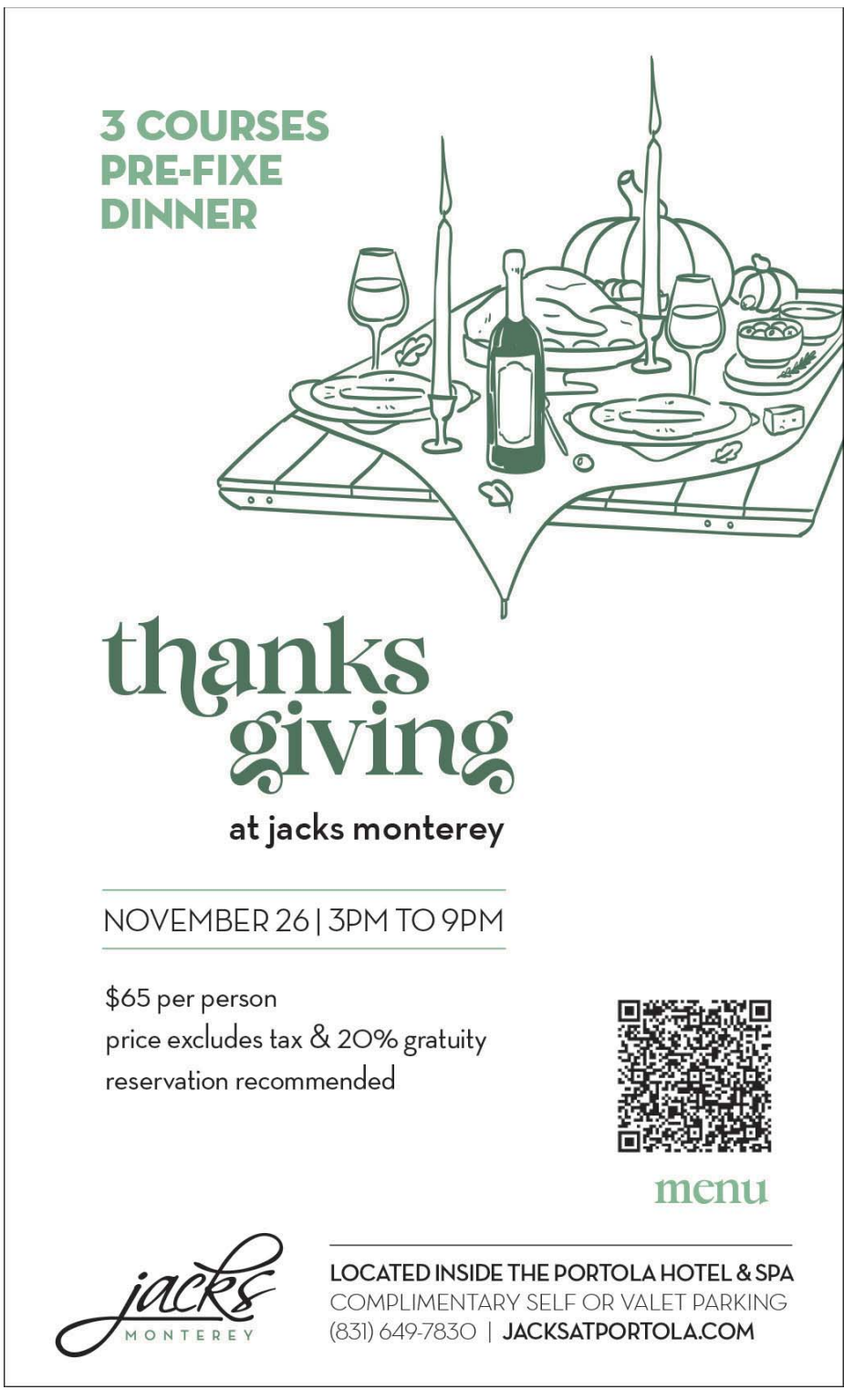
Simms strongly believes her twin and her father's spirits are with her, encouraging her and giving helpful feedback.

"I talk to them every day," she said.

The menu is still being workshopped. She said breakfast items would have an "ode to the Wagon Wheel" — oatmeal pancakes — plus homemade biscuits with sausage gravy. A kids menu for those "under 9 and over 90" features "snail in the hole." That's like toad in the hole, but instead of breaking the egg into a hole in the center of a piece of toast to cook, there's a cookie cutter that makes a snail-shaped opening.

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Lunch will include burgers, a tuna melt, ice cream floats and other classics, as well as modern favorites like iced matcha.

Simms said she plans to use local products, such as Ad Astra bread, Baker's Bacon and Schoch Dairy's yogurt. She also loves the cultured butter she gets from Stepladder Creamery in Cambria.



Bruno's Market — where Ryan Sanchez is one of the owners — is a great source for Thanksgiving dinners, and that's equally true for proud scratch cooks and those who want to pass off a Gizdich pie as their own.

"It's made with live cultures, like yogurt, and that gives it a depth of flavor," she explained.

Simms said she's getting lots of input from "my cool chef friends," like neighbor Todd Fisher (Bear + Flag) and several other local kitchen luminaries.

She plans to start out with breakfast and lunch Wednesdays through Sundays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and adjust from there. She's in the midst of the hiring process, with plenty of job applications from former employees and would-be newcomers. Once Simms gets the menu firmed up and the new crew trained, it'll be time to start pouring the coffee.

■ Saturday market in CV

Nile Estep, whose Good Roots Events runs the farmers market in downtown Carmel, said this week that he's opening one in the Carmel Valley Village Historical Center/Park on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Nov. 28.

Estep wants to make it a family event and said that among other ideas, he was talking with Murphy's Lumber about a "little builders' area" for kids. As usual, he's brimming with enthusiasm and energy for the new venture.

"We want to create a place where you can meet a friend, bring your family, catch up with neighbors, and spend a little time enjoying the Village — think a mini fiesta," he said.

In that vein of community building, Estep said 100% of the market organizers' profits will go to businesses affected by the Oct. 28 fire in the Village.

■ Shake those tailfeathers

Here we go — the last of the Thanksgiving offerings for 2026.

Thanksgiving at home

Bruno's Market at 582 Junipero Ave. has your holiday covered with all manner of turkeys and sides. Other holiday items include Gizdich mile-high pies, Otto's

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Baum & Blume will have Thanksgiving to go with a Southern twist. Chef Deric's menu features roast turkey with gravy, cornbread dressing with andouille sausage and greens, buttermilk-chive mashed potatoes, hot honey-glazed Brussels sprouts and sweet potatoes with praline crumble. Additional temptations include shrimp-stuffed mushrooms, Charleston tomato-apple chutney and Georgia peanut pie. Among the vegetarian options is roasted butternut squash stuffed with farro, almonds and cranberries. Prices are available upon request. Orders must be in by Saturday, and you can call Diane at (831) 659-0400 to place yours. Visit baumandblume.com for all the details.

By the sea

The Portola Hotel in Monterey offers three ways to celebrate Thanksgiving. We covered the buffet in our Nov. 6 edition, but the upscale Jacks Monterey will serve a three-course dinner from 3 to 9 p.m., with a choice of holiday greens salad or lobster bisque, followed by a choice of Diestel turkey with traditional accompaniments, slow-roasted prime rib, parmesan-crusted halibut or vegetarian polenta. For dessert, there's pecan pie, pumpkin pie and passion fruit crème brûlée. Dinner is $65 per person, with a $10 supplement for prime rib. Wine pairings are available, and reservations are required at (831) 649-7870.

If you want to keep things super-casual, Peter B's will serve its traditional Thanksgiving plate with turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie from noon to 8 p.m. for $39.95. The full menu will also be available, along with craft beer and football on 25 big screens. It's walk-ins only, and



The weekly Carmel-by-the-Sea farmers market put on by Good Roots Events is about to gain a cousin in Carmel Valley.

to-go orders can be placed at (831) 649-2699. Prices at both restaurants exclude tax and gratuity.

Cannery Row cheer

The Fish Hopper in Monterey celebrates the pilgrims' progress with a seaside feast from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. The regular menu will be available, along with specials like lobster risotto, cioppino, blackened ribeye with broiled prawns, and more

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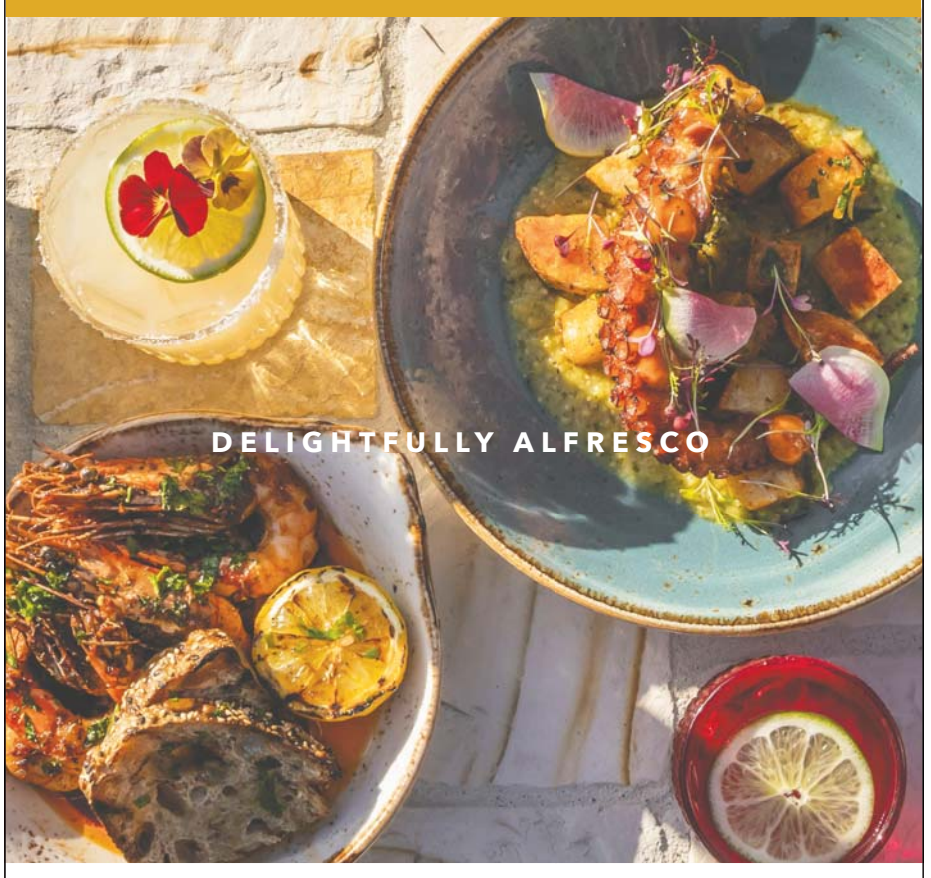
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■ Carmel

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Saturday at 9 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** leads Open Mic (Wednesday at 8 p.m.). In Carmel Square at 668 San Carlos St.

Carmel Mission Inn — Open Mic Night (Wednesday at 5 p.m.). 3665 Rio Road.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, in the Sunset Lounge Friday at 6 p.m. and in the hotel's ballroom Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Alison Sharino** (in the Sunset Lounge, Saturday at 3 p.m.), singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, R&B and dance, in the Sunset Lounge Saturday and Thursday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Javier Sanchez** (in the Sunset Lounge Sunday at 3 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.

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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 — singer and guitarist **Benny Bassett** (Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Saturday at 4 p.m.), **The Brice Albert Trio** (jazz, Sunday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Trianna Feruza** (Monday at 4 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

■ Monterey

Albatross Ridge — singer and guitarist **Keith Rayburn** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

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It's new wave heaven at Golden State Theatre in Monterey Tuesday when singer Gary Numan, who recorded the 1979 hit, "Cars," takes the stage.

FOOD

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extravagant offerings.

The centerpiece is fresh, herb-seasoned roast turkey, accompanied by garlic mashed potatoes, herb stuffing, sautéed winter vegetables, caramelized yams, house-made giblet gravy and homemade cranberry-orange sauce. The meal concludes with the chef's choice of dessert. Dinner is $49.95 for adults and $28.95 for children. Reservations can be made at OpenTable.com. The restaurant is at 700 Cannery Row.

■ Giving back

Restaurateurs Chris Shake and Sabu JR Shake are once again teaming up with the Salvation Army of the Monterey Peninsula to provide Thanksgiving turkeys and hams to families in need. Last year's campaign raised $50,820, feeding more than 10,000 people with over 2,500 turkeys and hams. This year's goal is to bring that total to 3,000.

A $20 donation purchases a 16- to 18-pound turkey or ham, which the Shakes will arrange to deliver for distribution through the Sabu Shake Sr. Good Samaritan Center. Individuals, businesses and community groups are invited to participate, and donors will be recognized in a thank-you advertisement. Contribute by calling (831) 372-2406 or emailing Adminfh@fishhopper.com. Checks and credit cards are accepted.

Elaine Hesser wrote this week's column.









FOOD & WINE

CALENDAR

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

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

Nov. 20 – Monterey Elks Lodge BBQ, Boots & Boogie Fundraiser, 6 to 10 p.m. at 150 Mar Vista Drive in Monterey. This event is open to the public with proceeds benefiting children with disabilities. Enjoy BBQ with all the fixings, music by **DJ Joey Camacho**, beginner line dancing, a Best-Dressed Cowboy & Cowgirl Contest, and silent auction. Individual admission: $65. Couple's tickets: $120. Reserved table of 8: $480. Call (831) 373-1285 to make pre-paid reservations.

Nov. 25 – The Monterey Elks Lodge invites the Monterey Peninsula community to its **Black Out Wednesday membership drive** from 6 to 11 p.m. at 150 Mar Vista Drive, overlooking Monterey Bay. Take a guided tour of the lodge, including its gym and swimming pool, and learn about the amenities available to members and the Elks' charitable programs. Enjoy music and karaoke. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information, call the lodge office at 831-373-1285 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Learn more about the lodge and its work in the community at www.elks1285.com.



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Nov. 27, 28, 29 – Big Sur Grange Harvest Fair 1 to 5 p.m. Friday the 27th; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday the 28th and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday the 29th. This benefit for the Big Sur Grange features local artists and makers selling unique gifts. Located at the Big Sur Grange on Highway 1 in Big Sur. Find us on Facebook: Big Sur Harvest & Craft Fair, Instagram@bigsurcraftfair, Email: Bigsurgrangeharvestfair@gmail.com

Nov. 30 – The Monterey Peninsula College String Orchestra, directed by **David Dally**, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 501 El Dorado St., Monterey. Tickets at the door: $10 general, $5 students and military. The program will include the Brahms - Viola Quintet in F Major, Beliczay - Serenade in D Minor, and Daugherty - Fallingwater.

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Hyatt Regency Monterey — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Reija Massey** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Saturday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Thursday at 2 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

InterContinental The Clement Monterey — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Spanish, Sunday at 9 a.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Thursday at 4 p.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Midici The Neapolitan Pizza Company — singer **Janice Perl**, keyboardist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Pete Lips** and drummer **Andy Weis** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist **Joe Indence** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Tom Gastineau** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Frank Weckerle** (pop and jazz, Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Alecia Haselton** (Tuesday at 6 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Wednesday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Thursday at 11 a.m.), flutist **Kenny Stahl** and guitarist **Bob Burnett** (jazz, Thursday at 3 p.m.), and guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

Puma Road at Portola Plaza — singer and guitarist **Linda Arceo** (Friday at 5 p.m.), **Songbird Meadow** ("A sweet fusion of Latin, jazz, and pop," Saturday at 5 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

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

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The Michael Jackson Experience pays tribute to its namesake Friday, 7 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

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(jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.). 701 Wave St.

Sly McFly's — The Money Band (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **The Blanks** (pop and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The Rod Wilson Band** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), **Sean and the Skinwalkers** (rock and blues, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **Johnny Tsunami** (rock, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

■ Pacific Grove

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

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

P.G.'s Meetinghouse — The Sonics (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Frechette** leads a Beatles jam (bring your instruments, Saturday at 11 a.m.), singer and pianist **Carl Oser** and bassist **Sadie Bergstrom** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m.), **Open Mic** (Monday at 6 p.m., with sign-ups starting at 5:30 p.m.), **Tribe in the Sky** ("Sign up to play or simply enjoy amazing musicians jam," Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Pop & Hiss — Organism (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 215 Forest Ave.

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

■ Pebble Beach

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

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and guitarist **Alison Sharino** (Friday at 5 p.m. in the Terrace Lounge), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Reija Massey** (Saturday at 5 p.m. in the Terrace Lounge), singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Stillwater Bar & Grill), pianist **Michael Culver** (jazz, Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Stillwater Bar & Grill), guitarist **Gil Cadilli** (jazz, Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Card/Library Room), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Tamas Marius** (jazz, Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Card/Library Room). 1700 17 Mile Drive.

■ Sand City

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

■ Seaside

Deja Blue — Red Beans and Rice (blues, swing and R&B, Saturday at 4 p.m.), **Broken Promises** (hip-hop, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **The Mixx** ("soulful sounds, infectious rhythms and crowd-favorite hits," Sunday at 4 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

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Blues singer and guitarist Joanne Shaw Taylor plays Saturday, 7 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

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As the days grow shorter and cooler, holiday art sales are heating up

NINE WOMEN artists who are members of a painting group down the coast share their latest creations in "Magical Big Sur," which is on display at Sunset Center's Marjorie Evans Gallery through Dec. 19. Located inside Sunset Center, the gallery will be the site of a free public reception Friday at 5 p.m.



PHOTO/COURTESY MELINA MARA

Nine Big Sur women artists have a show at Sunset Center.

The group got its start in a women's painting class that Ronna Rio Emmons led in the 1990s. The members include Ruby Brown Dudley, Seema Christie, Sunyata Marlene Adair, Silvia Guersenzvaig, Erlinda Montaño Hiscock, Melissa Lofton, Branham Rendlen, Rachel Fann and Emmons. "We've kind of found each other in this special place," Dudley told The Pine Cone.

Besides the show in Carmel, the group's members display their art at Loma Vista — which is about 27 miles south of Rio Road at 47540 Highway 1 — and offer workshops at various sites.

The Marjorie Evans Gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunset Center is located at 908 San Carlos St. Visit bigsurartworks.com

■ Get warm and cozy

A group that has been mentoring young artists and providing them with studio space for more than 25 years, the Youth Arts Collective unveils its latest Winter Art Show Friday with a free public reception at 6 p.m.

The artists are all local high school or college students. The show continues through Dec. 18 and offers a chance to "enjoy hors d'oeuvres, charcuterie and a hot chocolate bar while browsing over 200 exceptional works from YAC artists and mentors," said the studio, which is at 472 Calle Principal in Monterey and is open Monday through Friday from 3 to 7 p.m.

You can also view the gallery online at yacstudios.org/exhibits.

■ 'Winter Light' shines

Celebrating the mysteries of the season — and showcasing eight abstract painters — "Winter Light" is on display at Carmel Modern Gallery through Jan. 6. The artists include Tracey Adams, Lucas Blok, John Cromwell, Stephen Foss, Elizabeth Hale, Heidi Hybl, Julia Nelson-Gal and Yari Ostovany.

"Each of the eight invited artists is asked to provide two very personal interpretations of winter in an abstract or modernist style," according to the gallery, which is on Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln. Go to carmelmodern.art.

■ Eighteen makers

Offering a wide array of gift-giving ideas, All Saints' Episcopal Church welcomes its 26th annual "Craftapalooza" art fair Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Eighteen makers will join returning artisans expanding the array of beautiful, handcrafted creations, including fine art, jewelry, clothing, ceramics, carved wood, sea glass, lush seasonal greens for décor and more," said the church, which is at 925 Dolores St.

■ Hello 2027

Just as she does each year around this time, photographer Rachael Short is offering fine art calendars celebrating her images. The calendars are $35 each, or two for $60.

Each page is adorned with one of Short's striking high-contrast black and white images, which are paired with "words, poetry, music and inspiration," according to Short, whose Exposed Gallery is at 668 San Carlos Street. galleryexposed.com

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

■ Talent and joy

Throughout November at Venture Gallery in Monterey, the spotlight falls on painter and glass artist Nancy Olaeta. Inheriting her "talent and joy" for art from her father, who was a professional artist, Olaeta is a lifelong local.

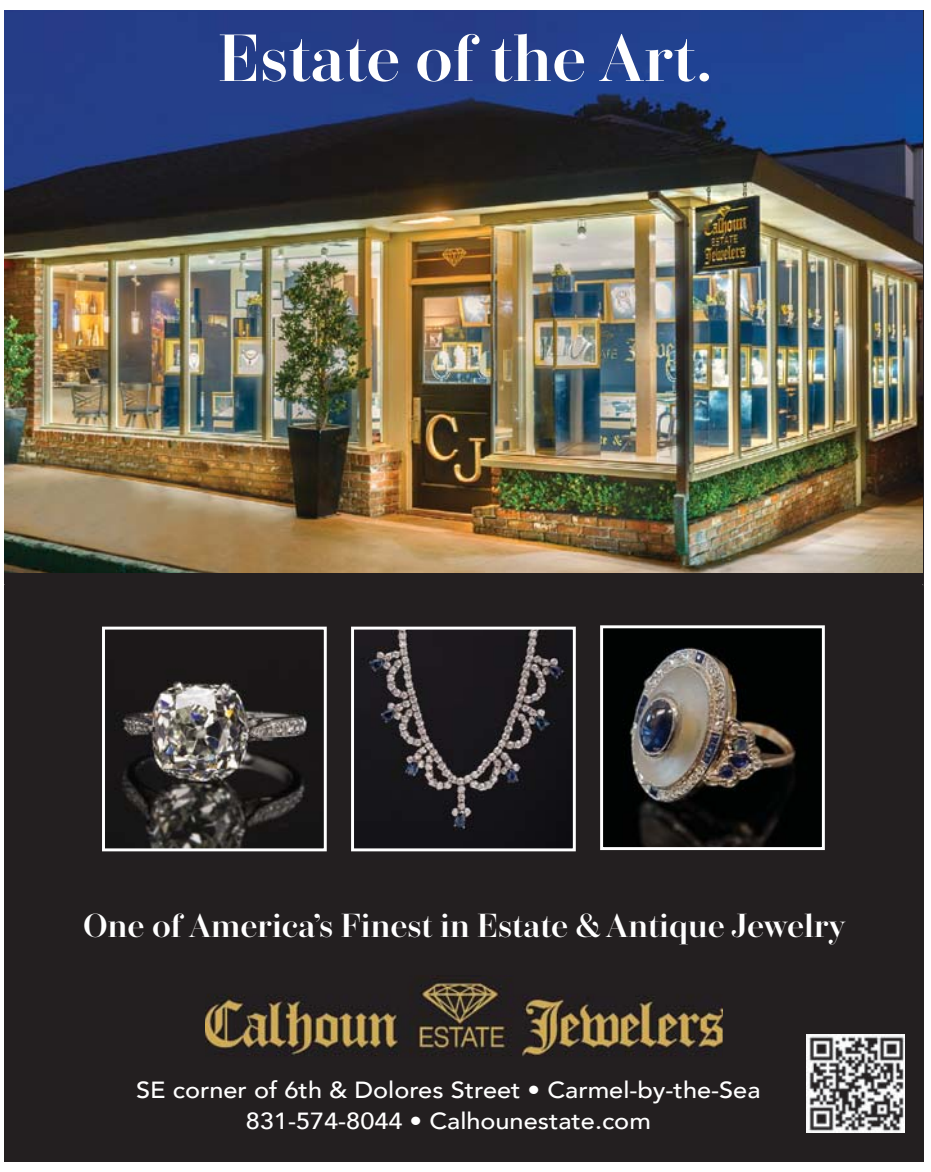
"Nancy's latest exhibit features a collection of some of her favorite pieces from the past few years, along with a few new favorites," according to the gallery, which is at 260 Alvarado St. venturegallery.com



Painter John Cromwell's "Lady Liberty" is featured in a new show at Carmel Modern Gallery.







SPORTS

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■ CCS cross country

Bolante a 3-time state qualifier: Carmel senior Jasper Bolante placed seventh overall among Division 4 boys at the CCS Cross Country Championships on Nov. 14 on the Crystal Springs course in Belmont.

Bolante's time — 15 minutes, 39.6 seconds — qualified him for the California State Championships for the third consecutive year. That race is scheduled Nov. 28 at Woodward Park in Fresno.

Teammate Henry Bartle, a freshman, was 24th at sectionals in 18:29.0, helping the Padres to a ninth-place finish in the team competition.

Stevenson teammates Landyn Martis, a junior, and Julianna Cullers, a senior, placed 20th and 21st, respectively, in the Division 5 girls race. Martis was clocked in 21:11.9, and Cullers finished in 21:23.5.

■ CCS football

Padres push No. 1 Aptos to the limit: The Carmel Padres, seeded No. 8, lost a 43-35 shootout with top-seeded Aptos on Nov. 13 in the opening round of the Division 4 playoffs, despite four touchdown passes by Sam Sibley, who was making his second career start.

Sibley struck for a score in every quarter, connecting with Jackson Kott for a 6-yard TD in the first quarter, Peter Spencer on passes of 6 and 10 yards in the middle quarters, and throwing a 20-yarder to Skyler Brown in the fourth quarter.

Spencer also returned a kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown with 2:26 left in the game.

The Padres finished the year with a 4-6 record. Aptos advanced with an 8-3 record to Saturday's semifinals against No. 5 Christopher (7-4), a 35-28 winner over Monterey in its opening-round game.



PHOTO/COURTESY CHRIS MILLS.

Stevenson junior Allison Chan returned to the California Girls State Golf Championships this week after qualifying as an individual at the NorCal Regional on Nov. 9.

Postseason Honors

■ Flag football

Gabilan Division — Most Valuable Player: Delilah Herro, Carmel, wide receiver/pass rusher. **Offensive Player of the Year:** Brooklyn Smith, Alisal. **Defensive Player of the Year:** Adalyn Jefferson, Palma. **First team offense:** Delilah Herro, Carmel, wide receiver/pass rusher. **Second team offense:** Annabella Schroeder, Carmel, wide receiver. **Second team defense:** Ella Maria, Carmel, linebacker. **Sportsmanship team:** Pearl Burtschell, Carmel.

■ Girls Volleyball

Gabilan Division — MVP: Sierra McAnnally, Pacific Grove. **Offensive Player of the Year:** Cambria Lyon, Pacific Grove. **Defensive Player of the Year:** Simka Dolowich, Pacific Grove. **First team:** Hallie Crabbe, Carmel, libero, and Cambria Lyon, outside hitter, Simka Dolowich, libero, Sierra McAnnally, outside hitter, all from Pacific Grove. **Second team:** Maddie Willoughby, Carmel, middle blocker; Kristen Wong, Santa Catalina, right-side hitter, and Sienna Cooper and Eden Gamecho, setter, from Pacific Grove. **All-Sportsmanship team:** Hannah Drew, Carmel, Evelyn Kim, Santa Catalina, and Audrey Gamecho, Pacific Grove.

Dennis Taylor is a professional freelance writer in Monterey County. Contact him at scribelaureate@gmail.com.



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Carmel senior Jasper Bolante finished seventh in the CCS Division 4 race at Crystal Springs, qualifying for state as an individual for the third year in a row.



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S/ Justin Robarge, Managing Member
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Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Not applicable
S/ Grace Perez Manio
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This business is conducted by: a corporation.
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S/ Won Joon Choi, CEO
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S/ Debra Bradley, Member
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S/Yadira Abigail Carbajal Ramirez
Date signed: Oct. 30, 2026
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This business is conducted by: a corporation.
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Registered Owner(s):
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S/David Johnson
Date signed: Nov. 13, 2026
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Monday, December 7, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.**, the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing in-person at the City Hall Council Chambers located at 662 Monte Verde Street, Carmel-by-the-Sea, and via teleconference.

SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARING:

APP 26391 (A.W. Shucks)
Appellant: Parker Logan

Location: 436 Ocean Avenue
Carmel, CA 93921
APN: 010-146-017-000

CEQA: The proposed action is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) and none of the exceptions contained in Section 15300.2 apply in this case

Consideration of a Resolution regarding Appeal (APP 26391 A.W. Shucks) -
appealing the Planning Commission Resolution No. 2026-056-PC, approving a Use Permit Amendment (UP 26154 A.W. Shucks) amending UP 93-45, updating the ancillary use from limited food service to full line restaurant as an ancillary use greater than 10% at 436 Ocean Avenue in the Central Commercial (CC) Zoning District. APN 010-146-017-000

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person ("hybrid") in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom, however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom. The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible. To participate via teleconference, click the following link to attend via Zoom (or copy and paste the link into your browser):

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

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

All interested persons are invited to attend in person or via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall located at 662 Monte Verde Street, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, by mail to P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or by email cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 2 hours before the meeting in order to ensure they are provided to the legislative body and made part of the record. Comments received after that time and up to the end of the public hearing will be saved as part of the record but may not be provided to the legislative body prior to or during the public hearing.

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

Nova Romero, MMC, City Clerk
Dated: 11/16/2026
Publish Date: 11/20/2026

Publication dates: Nov. 20, 2026 (PC1147)

APN: 009-051-025-000 TS No.: 26-12465CA TSG Order No.: 3952451

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

OU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED OCTOBER 14, 2017. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded October 17, 2017 as Document No.: 2017058206 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, executed by: Demosthenes John Kaufman and Maria Theresa Kaufman, Trustees of the DJKM Trust dated February 23, 2000., as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: December 15, 2026 Sale Time: 10:00 AM Sale Location: Main EntranceMonterey County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas CA 93901 2 File No.:26-12465CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 24489 Portola Ave, 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 made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: $623,906.13 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, (800) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website, www.auction.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 26-12465CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 280-2832, or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 26-12465CA 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. 3 File No.:26-12465CA 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. For Pre Sale Information Log On To: www.auction.com or Call: (800) 280-2832. For Post Sale Results please visit www.affiniadefault.com or Call (866) 932-0360 Dated: November 5, 2026 By: Carlos Quezada Foreclosure Associate Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452 NPP0497260 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 11/20/2026, 11/27/2026, 12/04/2026

Publication dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 2026 (PC1134)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262009
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
F & V Locksmith, 333 5th St, Greenfield, CA 93927
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
Florentino Velasco de Jesús, P.O. Box 1312, Greenfield, CA 93927
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/ Florentino Velasco de Jesús,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/21/2026.
10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20/26
CNS-4089936#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 1043)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262015
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JHONATAN SP PAINTING, 1203 Grandhaven St., Salinas, CA 93905.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
JHONATAN SANTOS PEREZ, S.E. Beach St., PMB #119, Watsonville, CA 95076.
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/Jhonatan Santos Perez
Date signed: Oct. 21, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 21, 2026
Publication Dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 1044)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261987
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person is doing business as:
REVAMP CONSTRUCTION, 25680 Tierra Grande Drive, Carmel, CA 93923
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
Petr Kotala, 25680 Tierra Grande Drive, Carmel, CA 93923.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Oct. 16, 2026.
S/ Petr Kotala
Date signed: Oct. 16, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 16, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 1045)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261990
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LAREYNAS SUPERMARKET, 10750 Merrit St., Castroville, CA 95012.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ABDASALAM ABDO SAEED, 1221 San Gabriel Ct., Watsonville, CA 95076.
RAMZEE ALGHAILI MURSHID, 15 Plum St., Watsonville, CA 95076.
This business is conducted by a general partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 2, 2021.
S/Abdasalam Abdo Saeed
Date signed: Oct. 16, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 16, 2026
Publication Dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 1046)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 20262025
Filing type: ABANDONMENT:
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: Feb. 11, 2025
File No.: 20250304
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
ALL SEASONS HEATING & COOLING, 1173 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ZACHARY BRIAN HUMASON, P.O. Box 2127, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
This business is conducted by an individual.
S/Zachary Brian Humason
Date: Oct. 22, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 22, 2026.
Publication dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2026. (PC1047)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262027
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ALL SEASONS HEATING & COOLING, 1173 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
JOEL G. MAGALLON, 1173 Forest 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. 22, 2026.
S/Joel Magallon
Date signed: Oct. 22, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 22, 2026
Publication Dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 1048)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262023
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
TINTICOS, 5200 Coe Avenue, Apt. 1173, Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ANDREA PEÑA PEREZ, 5200 Coe Avenue, Apt. 1173, Seaside, CA 93955.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 22, 2026.
S/Andrea Peña Perez
Date signed: Oct. 22, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 22, 2026
Publication Dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 1049)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261983
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
VALLEY DOGS, 924 Larkin St., Apt. 101, Salinas, CA 93907.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ELIAZ CERNA-AGUILAR.
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/Eliaz Cerna-Aguilar
Date signed: Oct. 15, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 15, 2026
Publication Dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 1050)

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, December 3, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. the Building Code Board of Appeals** will hold a Public Hearing via teleconference and in person at the City Hall Council Chambers located at 662 Monte Verde Street, Carmel-by-the-Sea, 93921.

SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARING:
Consider a Resolution regarding Appeal, AP 250598 (Mad Dogs & Englishmen), filed by Jennifer Blevins for the Notice of Violation issued requiring construction of an ADA accessible public restroom inside the tenant space and the fire sprinkler installation requirement. APN 010-141-001-000

PROJECT LOCATION: 496 Ocean Ave, Carmel-by-the-Sea, 93921 - Southwest corner of Mission Street and Ocean Avenue; Block 77; Lots 1 & 2; APN: 010-141-001-000

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person ("hybrid") in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located 662 Monte Verde Street, Carmel-by-the-Sea. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom, however, the meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom. The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible. To participate via teleconference, click the following link to attend via Zoom (or copy and paste the link into your browser):

https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/82952469331
Webinar ID: 829 5246 9331
Passcode: 237759
Dial in: (253) 215-8782

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Nova Romero, MMC
City Clerk

Dated: November 12, 2026
Publish Date: November 20, 2026, Carmel Pine Cone
Publication date: Nov. 20, 2026 (PC1138)

THANKSGIVING WEEK DEADLINES:
Legals must be submitted by
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TSG No.: 92861541 TS No.: CA2600295053 APN: 011-462-032-000 Property Address: 108 SEAFOAM AVENUE MONTEREY, CA 93940 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/21/2021. 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 12/01/2026 at 10:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 02/01/2021, as Instrument No. 2021007145, in book , page , , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of MONTEREY County, State of California. Executed by: IRENE G. MINJARES, TRUSTEE OF THE IRENE G. MINJARES, TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 1989, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) 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: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 011-462-032-000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 108 SEAFOAM AVENUE, MONTEREY, CA 93940 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created 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 $ 525,084.33. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned 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 800-280-2832 or visit this internet website www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA2600295053 Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction if conducted after January 1, 2021, 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 855-976-3916, or visit this internet website https://www.auction.com/sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case CA2600295053 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, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. First American Title Insurance Company 4795 Regent Blvd, Mail Code 1011-F Irving, TX 75063 Date: FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 800-280-2832NPP0496630 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 11/06/2026, 11/13/2026, 11/20/2026

Publication dates: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC1111)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 3260303048-10 Title Order No. 95533357 APN: 013-331-042-000 Property Address: 451 DELA VINA AVE #408, MONTEREY, CA 93940 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT DATED 04/10/2026. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12/08/2026 at 10:00 AM At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901, As the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded on 04/10/2026 as Instrument No. 2026011943 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of MONTEREY County, California, property owned by: THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH L. ULRICH AND STEVEN M. FOX WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a State or national bank, a check drawn by a state of federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.) At: At the main entrance to the County Administration Building at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901. All right, title and interest under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment in the property situated in said County, describing the land therein: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID RECORDED NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT The street address and other common designation, if any of the real property described above is purported to be: 451 DELA VINA AVE #408 MONTEREY, CA 93940 A.P.N.: 013-331-042-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee, to-wit: $18,579.48 Estimated Accrued Interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Homeowner's Association, Anchor Oaks Community Association, under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE §5715(b), THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO A RIGHT OF REDEMPTION WHICH MAY BE EXERCISED ON OR BEFORE THE END OF THE 90TH DAY FOLLOWING THE FORECLOSURE SALE. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. 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Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_5 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 3260303048-10. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 3260303048-10 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. When submitting funds for a bid subject to Section 2924m, please make the funds payable to "Total Lender Solutions, Inc. Holding Account". If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. SUNRISE ASSESSMENT SERVICES, INC. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: 11/03/2026 Sunrise Assessment Services, Inc. 7844 Madison Avenue, Suite 145 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 Phone: (916) 961-0374 Sale Line: (916) 939-0772 KAYLA MERRIWEATHER, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER NPP0497133 To: CARMEL PINE CONE PUB: 11/13/2026, 11/20/2026, 11/27/2026

Publication dates: Nov. 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC1124)

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261818
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ANGELES Y QUERUBINES DAYCARE, 38 Las Lomas Dr. #C, Royal Oaks, CA 95076.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ARACELI CARDOSO, 38 Las Lomas Dr. #C, Royal Oaks, CA 95076.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Not Applicable.
S/Araceli Cardoso
Date signed: Sept. 13, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 18, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 1051)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261969
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Cowboy Latte, 24520 Outlook Dr, Unit 29, Carmel, CA 93923,
County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
GOOD CLEAN FUN ENTERTAINMENT LLC, 24520 OUTLOOK DR, UNIT 29, CARMEL, CA 93923; CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not applicable
S/ John Strong, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/14/2026 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20/26
CNS-4090633#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 1052)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261945
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BEACH BUDDIES RC, 660 Pine Ave., Apt. 1, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
BEACH BUDDIES RC LLC.
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/Cameron Clarke, Managing Member
Date: Oct. 9, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 9, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 1053)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262034
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person is doing business as:
1. BUYERS REAL ESTATE
2. BUYERS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
3. BUYERS CONSTRUCTION
17040 Arriba Way, Salinas, CA 93907
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner:
JOEL MERLE DENNING, 17040 Arriba Way, Salinas, CA 93907-8811
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above: Not Applicable.
S/ Joel M. Denning
Date signed: Oct. 23, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 23, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 1055)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261960
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person is doing business as:
Mil Pétalos y Raíces, 526 #B Fremont St., Salinas, CA 93905
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner:
ISMAEL SOTO MORENO, 526 #B Fremont St., Salinas, CA 93905
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above: Oct. 13, 2026.
S/ Ismael Soto Moreno
Date signed: Oct. 13, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 13, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 1058)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262053
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BERNABE CARPET CLEANING, 500 Windsor St., King City, CA 93930.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
LEOCADIO BERNABE ROMERO.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 27, 2026.
S/Leocadio Bernabe Romero
Date signed: Oct. 27, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 27, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 1059)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262057
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CARMEL SPEECH THERAPY, 3785 Via Nona Marie, Suite 104, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
CARMEL SPEECH THERAPY, INC., 140 W. Franklin St., Suite 203 #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: Oct. 27, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 27, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026. (PC 1102)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262067
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
VARCELLE, 20 Russell Rd., Spc. 55, Salinas, CA 93906.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
NATAN MONROY CASTILLO, 20 Russell Rd., Spc. 55, 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/Natan Monroy Castillo
Date signed: Oct. 29, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 29, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 1105)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261872
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ERIC Q. RUIZ BUILDING DESIGN & CONSULTING, 14 Tulip Circle, Salinas, CA 93905.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ERIC QUINTANILLA RUIZ, 14 Tulip Circle, Salinas, CA 93905.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2010.
S/Eric Quintanilla Ruiz
Date signed: Sept. 29, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 29, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 1106)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261993
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Synnovation Custom Solutions, 81 San Clemente Ave, Salinas, CA 93901, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Carlos Jese Saldivar, 81 San Clemente Ave, Salinas, CA 93901
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not applicable
S/ Carlos Saldivar
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/16/2026 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4/26
CNS-4093178#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 2026 (PC 1107)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262019
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Rarefied, 818 University Ave, Salinas, CA 93901, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Julio Palacios-Aguilar
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not applicable
S/ Julio Palacios-Aguilar
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/21/2026 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27/26
CNS-4092530#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 1108)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 26CV005739
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, BRANDON JENNINGS THANEPOHN-TROSKY, aka BRANDON JENNINGS THANEPOHN, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A.Present name:
BRANDON JENNINGS THANEPOHN-TROSKY, aka BRANDON JENNINGS THANEPOHN
Proposed name:
BRANDON J. T. TROSKY
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Dec. 8, 2026
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
DEPT: 13A
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone.
(s) Ian A. Rivamonte
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Oct. 20, 2026
Publication Dates: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 1109)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262030
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BLUEPRINT SIGNATURE BUILDER, 1250 San Lucas Ave. Apt. A, Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ALDAIR MARTINEZ, 1250 San Lucas Ave. Apt. A, Seaside, CA 93955.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 1, 2026.
S/Aldair Martinez
Date signed: Oct. 16, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 23, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 1110)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261870
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
YOGA WITH YAS, 333 N. PALM CANYON DR, STE 102, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262.
County of Principal Place of Business: RIVERSIDE
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
A FASHION GAL LLC, PO BOX 4013, CARMEL BY THE SEA, CA 93921.
This business is conducted by: a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 05/12/2026.
S/ Yasemin Paetsch Newgren, Managing Member
Date signed: Sept. 12, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 29, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 1116)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262101
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SOL VIDA, 26365 CARMEL RANCHO BLVD, SUITE C, CARMEL, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
JHL BRANDS LLC, 26365 CARMEL RANCHO BLVD, SUITE C, CARMEL, CA 93923.
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/ Jack Cassady, Manager
Date signed: Nov. 3, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 3, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 1117)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262115
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JEREMY CARTER INSURANCE AGENCY, 327 7th Ave., Carmel, CA 93921.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
JEREMY P. CARTER, PO Box 2585, Carmel, CA 93921.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 16, 2026.
S/Jeremy Carter
Date signed: Nov. 5, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 5, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 2026 (PC 1120)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262114
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE BARN HOUSE, 76918 Ranchita Canyon Rd., San Miguel, CA 93451.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ION RADU, 76918 Ranchita Canyon Rd., San Miguel, CA 93451.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 5, 2026.
S/Ion Radu
Date signed: Nov. 5, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 5, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 2026 (PC 1121)

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
SUMMARY NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2026-005

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its meeting of Tuesday, October 6, 2026 the City Council conducted the introduction and first reading, and at its meeting on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2026-005:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CARMEL MUNICIPAL CODE (CMC) CHAPTERS 17.08, 17.14, 17.38, 17.64, AND 17.68 TO IMPLEMENT SPECIFIC GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT (6TH CYCLE) PROGRAMS TO REMOVE CONSTRAINTS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING AND COMPLY WITH STATE HOUSING LAW

AYES: Councilmembers Baron, Buder, Delves, Dramov, and Mayor Byrne. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

This Ordinance was enacted and will go into effect thirty (30) days from the date of its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office, Monte Verde, between Ocean and 7th Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA, 93921. If you wish to challenge the action of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea City Hall at, or prior to, the public hearing.

/s/ Nova Romero, MMC, City Clerk
Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA
Date: November 12, 2026
Publish Date: November 20, 2026

Publication dates: Nov. 20, 2026 (PC1139)

THANKSGIVING WEEK DEADLINES:

Legals must be submitted by **3 P.M. Friday, November 20**

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
DAVID LEE AYERS SR.
CASE NO. 26PR000563

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DAVID LEE AYERS SR..

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DAVID LEE AYERS JR. in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that DAVID LEE AYERS JR. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

Date: Dec. 16, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

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

Petitioner:
David Lee Ayers Jr.
659 Genine Dr.,
San Jose, CA 95127

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

Publication dates: Nov. 13, 20, 27, 2026. (PC1128)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
MARY NELSON BERRY
CASE NO. 26PR000547

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARY NELSON BERRY.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by NANCY ANN ZWENG in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that NANCY ANN ZWENG be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

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

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

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

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

Attorney for Petitioner:
Ute Isbill-Williams
26335 Carmel Rancho Blvd.
Suite 2
Carmel, CA 93923

This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on Oct. 30, 2026.

Publication dates: Nov. 13, 20, 27, 2026. (PC1119)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
PETER WEBB DEWITT, aka Peter W. de Witt and Webb deWitt)
CASE NO. 26PR000565

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PETER WEBB DEWITT, aka Peter W. de Witt and Webb deWitt).

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JAMES L. DEWITT (aka JAMES LEAMAN DE WITT) in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that JAMES L. DEWITT (aka JAMES LEAMAN DE WITT) be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

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

Date: December 16, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

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

Attorney for Petitioner:
Tricia L. Manning, Esq.
2100 Garden Road, Suite I
Monterey, CA 93940
(831) 275-1002

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

Publication dates: Nov. 13, 20, 27, 2026. (PC1126)

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262111
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
AMARA MONTEREY SPA, 270 El Dorado Street, Monterey, California 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
SUFEN ZHONG, 270 El Dorado Street, Monterey, California 93940.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 15, 2026.
S/Sufen Zhong
Date signed: Nov. 5, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 5, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 2026 (PC 1122)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262076
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SMART MOTION, 26135 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite E104, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
KADRIA MILARI, 608 Scott St., Sand City, CA 93955.
THOMAS McCULLOUGH, 608 Scott St., Sand City, CA 93955.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 27, 2026.
S/Thomas McCullough
Date signed: Oct. 27, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 2, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 2026 (PC 1123)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262060
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CARMEL VALLEY DIGITAL DETOX, 27497 Schulte Road, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
EARTH MILK MOON, INC., 27497 Schulte Road, 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 listed above on: Not Applicable.
S/ Krista Tarantino, Chief Executive Officer
Date signed: Oct. 27, 2026
This statement was filed with the Monterey County Clerk on Oct. 27, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262046
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
RAINOLOGY | THE BOOK HAVEN, 377 Larkin St., Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
BREANN ADAMS, 377 Larkin 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 Oct. 26, 2025.
S/Breann Adams
Date signed: Oct. 26, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 26, 2026.
PC 1127
Publication Dates: Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 2026 (PC 1127)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 26CV006065

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, JOLYNNE MICHELLE TAKAGI aka JOLYNNE MICHELLE HENGEN, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A.Present name:
JOLYNNE MICHELLE TAKAGI
aka JOLYNNE MICHELLE HENGEN
Proposed name:
JOLYNNE MICHELLE CHESTNUT

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: Jan. 5, 2027
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DEPT: 15

The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone.
(s) Ian A. Rivamonte
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 2, 2026
Publication Dates: Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 2026 (PC 1129)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261955
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
NW Construction, 1250 La Mirada Dr, Salinas, CA 93901, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
NICK AND SONS HANDYMAN SERVICES INC., 1250 La Mirada Dr., Salinas, CA 93901
This business is conducted by a corporation
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Not applicable
S/ Nicholas White III, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/13/2026.
11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11/26
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Publication Dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2026 (PC 1130)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262129
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SALINAS FASHION, 1557 N. Sanborn Rd., Salinas, CA 93905.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ANA LAURA ESPINOSA AMARO, 12 New Hamshire Cir., Salinas, CA 93905.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 17, 2026.
S/Ana Laura Espinosa Amaro
Date signed: Nov. 6, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 6, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 2026 (PC 1131)

THANKSGIVING WEEK DEADLINES:
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T.S. No.: 26-60618-CA Notice of Trustee's Sale

APN: 012-614-020 Property Address: 622 Pheasant Ridge Rd, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 5/19/2003. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceeding Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Nancy Jean Trani, An Unmarried Woman Duly Appointed Trustee: NEMOVI LAW GROUP, APC Recorded 6/5/2003 as Instrument No. 2003065228 Records in the office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California, Date of Sale: 12/22/2026 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: Main entrance County Administration Building, 168 West Alisal Street, Salinas, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other estimated charges: $35,091.90 All checks must be made payable to NEMOVI LAW GROUP, APC. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 622 Pheasant Ridge Rd., Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940 A.P.N.: 012-614-020 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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. 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Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (877) 440-4460, or visit this internet website www.mkconsultantsinc.com/trustees-sales, using the file number assigned to this case 26-60618-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. Date: 11/6/2026
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Publication dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 2026 (PC1142)

REQUEST FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS FOR HARRISON MEMORIAL LIBRARY RESTORATION PROJECT IN THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

Notice is hereby given that the City of Carmel-by-Sea ("City") has determined that all bidders on Harrison Memorial Library Centennial Restoration Project ("Project") to be undertaken by the City must be pre-qualified prior to submitting a bid on this Project. The plans for the Project and Secretary of Interior Standard may be found at this link https://ci.carmel.ca.us/restoration-project or may be obtained upon request by email to: Nova Romero, City Clerk, at nromero@ci.carmel.ca.us.

Located in downtown City of Carmel-by-the -Sea ("City"), the Harrison Memorial Library built in 1928 is a historical landmark. The Centennial Restoration Project ("Project") is intended to restore the Harrison Memorial Library, in order to increase seismic performance, improve accessibility and upgrade building systems while maintaining the historic character of the building. The restoration will follow the Secretary Of The Interior's Standards For The Treatment Of Historic Properties With Guidelines For Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring & Reconstructing Historic Buildings (SOI Standards). The City is seeking qualified bidders with significant historical restoration experience to submit qualifications.

It is mandatory that all Contractors who intend to submit a bid, fully complete the pre-qualification Questionnaire, provide all materials requested therein, including: (1) a Financial Statement and (2) a notarized statement from an admitted surety insurer (approved by the California Department of Insurance) and authorized to issue bonds in the State of California, which states that your current bonding capacity is sufficient for this Project and (3) resumes of Key Personnel and be approved by the City to be on the final qualified Bidders list. The Questionnaire form may be found at this link (https://ci.carmel.ca.us/restoration-project) or may be obtained upon request by email to Nova Romero, City Clerk, at nromero@ci.carmel.ca.us.

No bid will be accepted from a Contractor that has failed to comply with these requirements. If two or more business entities submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, or expect to submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, each entity within the Joint Venture must be separately qualified to bid.

The last date to submit a fully completed questionnaire is **December 11, 2026 at 5 pm.** Contractors are encouraged to submit pre-qualification packages as soon as possible, so that they may be notified of omissions of information to be remedied or of their pre-qualification status well in advance of the bid advertisement for this project.

Answers to questions contained in the attached Questionnaire, information about current bonding capacity, notarized statement from surety, and the most recent reviewed or audited financial statements, with accompanying notes and supplemental information, are required. The City will use these documents as the basis of rating Contractors for this Project. The City reserves the right to check other sources available. The City's decision will be based on objective evaluation criteria.

The City reserves the right to adjust, increase, limit, suspend or rescind the pre-qualification rating based on subsequently learned information. Contractors whose rating changes sufficient to disqualify them will be notified, and given an opportunity for a hearing consistent with the hearing procedures described below for appealing a pre-qualification rating.

While it is the intent of the pre-qualification Questionnaire and documents required therewith to assist the City in determining bidder responsibility prior to bid and to aid the City in selecting the lowest responsible bidder, neither the fact of pre-qualification, nor any pre-qualification rating, will preclude the City from a post-bid consideration and determination of whether a bidder has the quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the proposed work, and has demonstrated the requisite trustworthiness.

The pre-qualification packages should be marked "CONFIDENTIAL" and mailed or emailed to Nova Romero, City Clerk, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California 93921; email: nromero@ci.carmel.ca.us.

The pre-qualification packages (Questionnaire answers and financial statements and statement from an admitted surety insurer) submitted by Contractors are not public records and are not open to public inspection. All information provided will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law. However, the contents may be disclosed to third parties for purpose of verification, or investigation of substantial allegations, or in the appeal hearing. State law requires that the names of contractors applying for pre-qualification status shall be public records subject to disclosure, and the first page of the questionnaire will be used for that purpose.

Each Questionnaire must be signed under penalty of perjury in the manner designated at the end of the form, by an individual who has the legal authority to bind the Contractor on whose behalf that person is signing. If any information provided by a Contractor becomes inaccurate, the Contractor must immediately notify the City and provide updated accurate information in writing, under penalty of perjury.

The City reserves the right to waive minor irregularities and omissions in the information contained in the pre-qualification application submitted, to make all final determinations, and to determine at any time that the pre-qualification procedures will not be applied to a specific future public works project.

Contractors may submit pre-qualification packages during regular working hours on any day that the offices of City are open. Contractors who submit a complete pre-qualification package will be notified of their qualification status no later than ten business days after submission of the information.

The City may refuse to grant pre-qualification where the requested information and materials are not provided, or not provided by **December 11, 2026 at 5 pm**. There is no appeal from a refusal for an incomplete or late application, but reapplication for a later project is permitted. The closing time for bids will not be changed in order to accommodate supplementation of incomplete submissions, or late submissions.

Where a timely and completed application results in a rating below that necessary to pre-qualify, an appeal can be made. An appeal is begun by the Contractor emailing notice to City Clerk Nova Romero via email to nromero@ci.carmel.ca.us of its appeal of the decision with respect to its pre-qualification rating, no later than ten business days after written notification from the City that the Contractor was found not to be prequalified. Without a timely appeal, the Contractor waives any and all rights to challenge the decision of the City whether by administrative process, judicial process or any other legal process or proceeding.

If the Contractor gives the required notice of appeal and requests a hearing, the hearing shall be conducted so that it is concluded no later than five business days after the City's receipt of the notice of appeal, and no later than five business days prior to the last date for the receipt of bids on the project. The hearing shall be an informal process conducted by a panel to whom the City Council has delegated responsibility to hear such appeals (the "Appeals Panel"). At or prior to the hearing, the Contractor will be advised of the basis for the City's pre-qualification determination. The Contractor will be given the opportunity to present information and present reasons in opposition to the rating. Within one day after the conclusion of the hearing, the Appeals Panel will render its decision. It is the intention of the City that the date for the submission and opening of bids will not be delayed or postponed to allow for completion of an appeal process.

Note: A contractor may be found not pre-qualified for bidding on a specific public works contract to be let by the City, or on all contracts to be let by City until the contractor meets the City's requirements. In addition, a contractor may be found not pre-qualified for either:
(1) Omission of requested information or
(2) Falsification of information

For questions about the Project, please contact Tyler Davis (Project Manager) at:
Tyler.Davis@porterllc.com

Publication dates: Nov. 20 & 27, 2026 (PC1135)

SERVICE DIRECTORY

Deadline: Monday, 1 p.m. • NOTICE: SERVICE DIRECTORY ADS ARE ACCEPTED ONLY BY EMAIL • Email service@carmelpinecone.com

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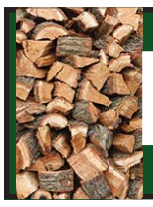
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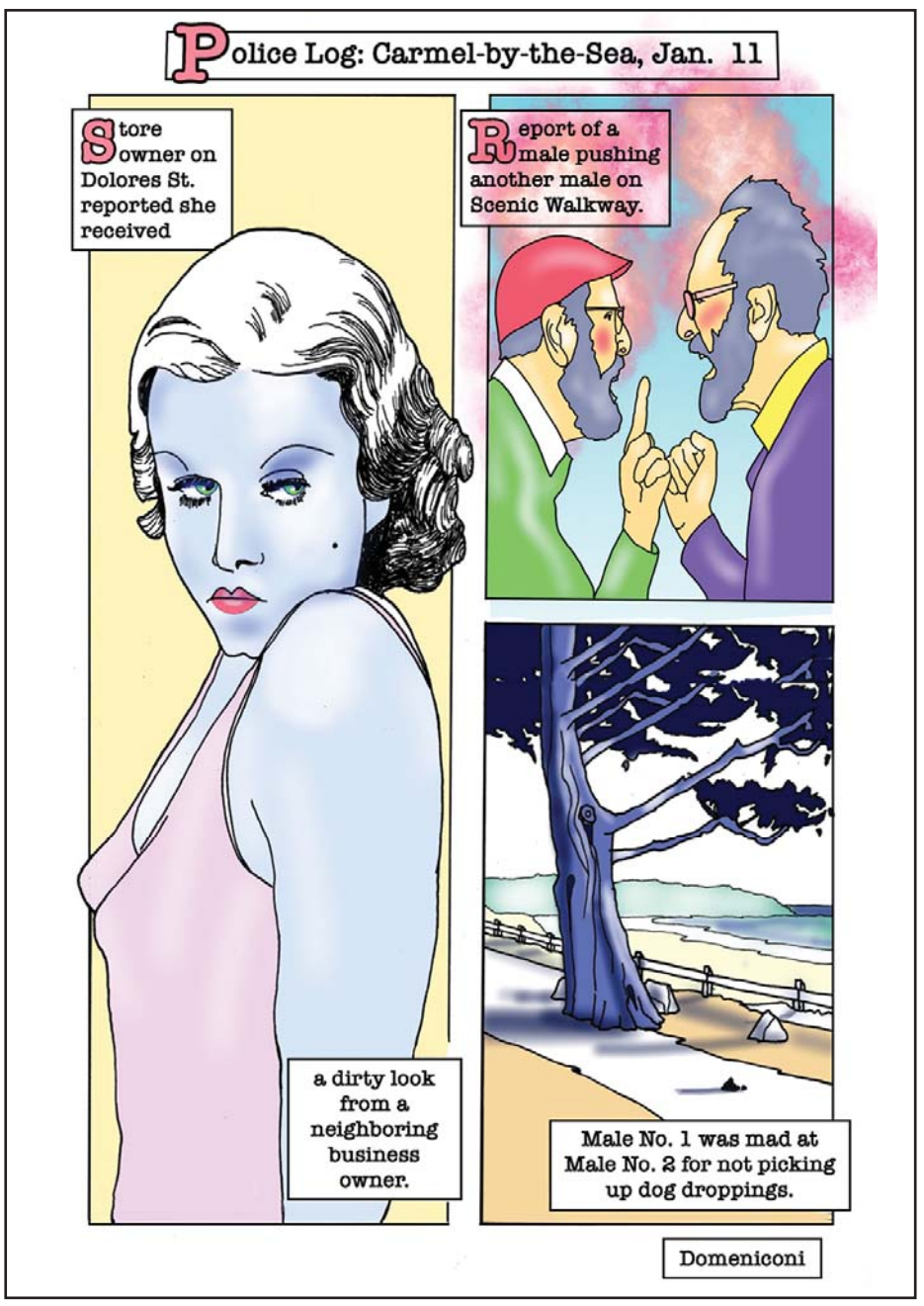


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ARTIST

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Crago shares her philosophies and tips about how to make a painting intriguing. As a studio artist, she usually works from her own photographs.

"I study them, think about them, ask myself, 'What makes this universally appealing?'" explained Crago, who cited an example:

"As an artist, I don't fall in love with vistas — they've all been painted 2,000 times," she said. "I fall in love with particulars, like maybe the way a golden glow washes over a little spray of pine needles."

The other part of her mission, she said, is to educate her students about art history. "I want to help people understand what came before."

Crago spent her first 10 years in New Jersey, where her father, Walter Stuart, was a well-known East Coast jazz pianist who sometimes improvised compositions for Thelonious Monk. Her mother, Belle Stuart, researched recipes and sold them to New York restaurants.

By age 7, Crago, an only child, was so excited about the process of making art — and teaching art — that she wrote and illustrated several instructional flipbooks to teach other children how to paint and draw. She sold them for a nickel.

At 8, she enrolled in a free painting class at a local community center, and at 11, she got a summer job as a teaching assistant at a kids camp.

"I caught the teaching bug when I was really young," she reminisced.

At 19, Diane Stuart married Atsuhiro Kubo, an ichthyologist for the Japanese government. She moved with him to Japan, where she taught English and studied traditional Japanese painting, Japanese culture, and ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangement.

The marriage lasted 23 years, but she raised their two children, Midori and Joshua, largely on her own.

When her daughter was approaching college age, Crago moved her kids to Washington state, where they graduated from high school and enrolled at the University of Washington for their bachelor's and postgraduate degrees.

As an empty nester, Crago also became a University of Washington graduate, earning a bachelor's degree in fine arts in 2010.

In 2013, her art and techniques were featured in Artists Magazine.

Over the years, Crago worked in advertising, did medical illustrations, consulted on product design, served as an art director and worked as a book designer.

Art for techies

Teaching became her primary focus in 2021, when she became an instructor at Gage Academy of Art, Seattle's premier art school. Many of her classes were composed of techies from Microsoft and Amazon.

Collaborating with educational supervisor Carl Gellert at the Bellevue Art Museum, Crago also designed an education program and taught there for two years, until the museum declared bankruptcy and closed its doors in September 2024.

The loss of that rewarding gig was among the reasons Crago decided to start anew in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

"My goals here are to become known as an artist and as an art instructor, make some friends in the art community, get into a gallery, and teach forever," she said.

Dennis Taylor is a professional freelance writer in Monterey County. Contact him at scribelaureate@gmail.com.

Craftapalooza is back, just in time

By MARY SCHLEY

'WHETHER YOU are ready for them or not, the holidays are right around the corner," the City of Carmel's community activities department recently announced. "To help get you started and in the mood, Carmel is the place to be on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m."

That's because the 1-square-mile village features the city's 55th Homecrafters' Marketplace at Sunset Center, and other organizations host their sales in conjunction, offering numerous opportunities to find just the right gifts for just the right people — all within walking distance.

The Homecrafters' event will again be held in the north lot, with more than 70 juried and curated vendors selling jewelry, artwork, housewares, decor, candles, treats, clothing, wreaths and more. The Carmel Host Lions will be offering hot dog, bratwurst and tri-tip meal deals.

Meanwhile, across the street, the nonprofit Carmel Woman's Club at 907 San Carlos will offer "unique craft items, pumpkins decorated with succulents, vintage Christmas decor" and food from the Big Sur Taco Truck, and All Saints Church at 925 Dolores St. will have crafts for sale while providing music, art tours and hot Indian lunches.

Finally, the Church of the Wayfarer at 673 Lincoln St. will host a sale of crafts, jewelry, holiday decor and other festive delights.

All the craft fairs are free and open to the public.

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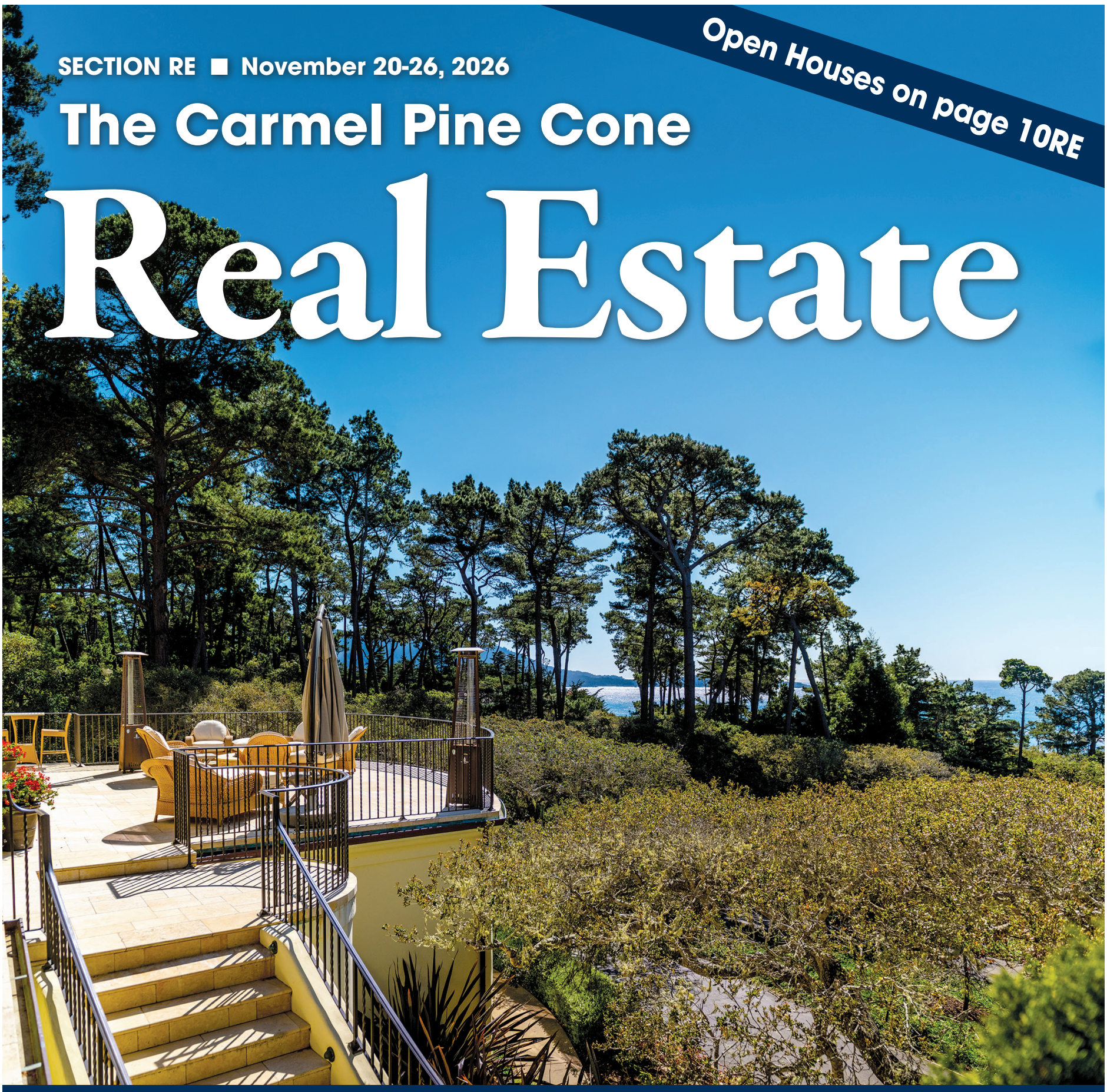
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Carmel Valley

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1041 Rodeo Road, Pebble Beach — $6,700,000

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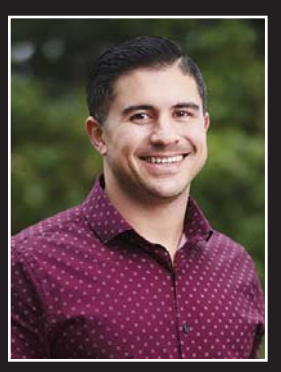
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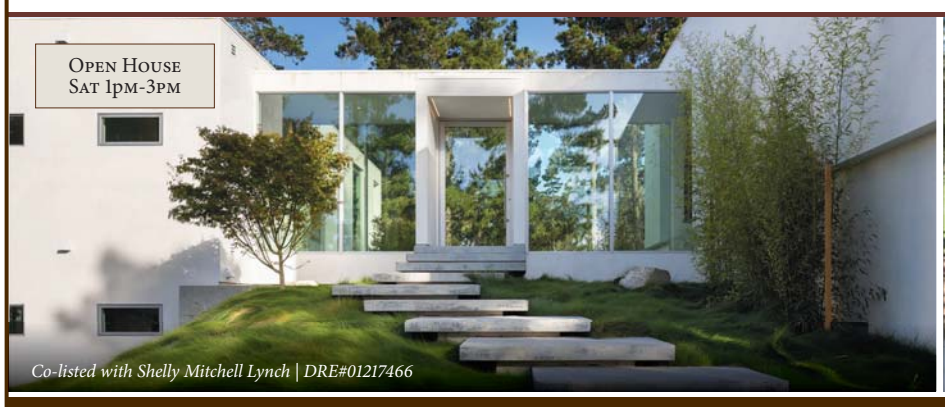
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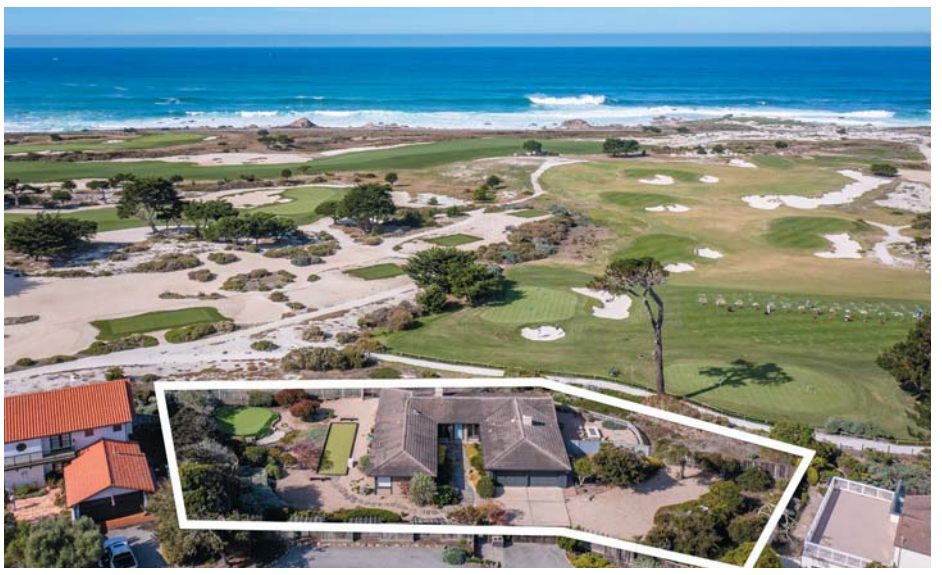
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423 Estrella Doro unit A — $4,000,000
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Marina

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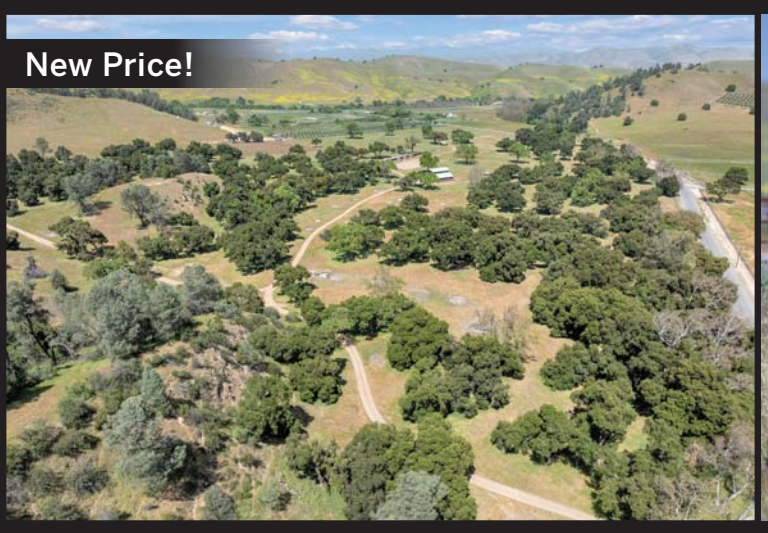
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Open the door to all the wonderful things there are to be thankful for

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

'TWAS THE night before Thanksgiving 1987, and it seemed the whole country was trying to be somewhere else. I was on my way from San Diego to Detroit on one of the busiest travel days of the year. The convention I was attending ended around 5 p.m. Fortunately, the convention center in San Diego is not far from the airport, so there was time to make my 6:20 p.m. flight.

I will spare you the full saga, including taxis and long lines of luggage-burdened passengers everywhere. By the time I walked through my own front door, it was after 2 a.m. A three-hour time change and a 30-degree drop in temperature gave me the sensation of being robbed and left out in the cold. I was rumpled and smelled faintly of exhaustion. Here's the thing I remember most: I have never been so grateful for a doorknob. I stood there a full minute, keys in hand, feeling like a man who'd just been handed the deed to a castle.

Not the forthcoming turkey, not the family snug in their beds. The doorknob. The turning of it revealed the warm, ordinary, gloriously unremarkable inside of my own home.

I think about that night a lot, because it taught me something that only experience can teach. We are terrible at noticing what's good until it's been taken away. Psychologists call the underlying problem hedonic adaptation, which is a fancy way of saying we get used to everything. You can want something so badly you can taste it, and six months after you get it, you can't remember what the fuss was about. Your own place, your bed, your kitchen, even your front door. They sit there all year being wonderful, and we walk past them without a second glance.

Everyone nods

Thanksgiving rolls around, and we're asked to be thankful on cue. We go around the table. "Family." "Health." "Football." Everyone nods. Nobody's lying, exactly. We just haven't looked up in a while. The words are true, but they slide off like an egg in a nonstick pan. Our brains, bless them, are built like nervous golden retrievers, always on alert for trouble, barking at the mailman while the full food bowl goes unremarked.

The good news is you don't need a miserable trip and a 2 a.m. arrival to feel it. You can borrow a little of that doorknob feeling on purpose, with practices so small they barely count as effort.

Imagine something gone, just for a second. Remember power failures? No heat on a cold morning. No coffeemaker. A quick squint at life without, and suddenly the thing you were grumbling about isn't so tragic. Picture a week without your favorite chair, or the one road that gets you home without a single traffic light. Absence is a surprisingly good teacher, and it works fast, with no cross-country flight required.

Think it through

At the end of the day, name three things that went right, and why. Not a vague ode to a sunrise. Specific joys. "The hardware store guy knew exactly which weird little washer I needed." "The pasta sauce was even better the second day." "Nobody asked me to join a committee." The "why" is the secret ingredient, because it usually turns out somebody else was involved, and it's nice to be reminded you're not doing this whole life thing alone.

Be precise. "I'm grateful for my family" is a greeting card. "I'm grateful that somebody left the porch light on" is a

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POLICE LOG

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

Monterey: Animal control call at Encina and Palo Verde avenues.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Ocean and San Carlos for being parked in a tow-away zone.

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

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to the 200 block of Country Club Gate regarding an unwanted subject inside an art studio.

Monterey: Vehicle towed from Via Mirada after being parked for more than 72 hours.

Monterey: Disorderly conduct due to alcohol reported on Washington Street.

Monterey: A 41-year-old man was arrested on Alvarado Street for felony probation violation, obstructing or resisting a peace officer or emergency medical technician and disorderly conduct due to alcohol.

Monterey: Battery reported on Abrego Street.

Monterey: A 20-year-old man was arrested on Portola Plaza for trespassing.

HALLOWEEN

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject tampered with a vehicle at Junipero Street and Sixth Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Dog at large at Short Street and Pico Avenue was brought to the police department. Officers were unable to locate the owner, and the dog was taken to the SPCA.

Pacific Grove: Ammunition surrendered for destruction on Lincoln Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A 78-year-old man was arrested at Country Club Gate on a misdemeanor bench warrant for failure to appear.

Pacific Grove: Subject on Sunset Drive was placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold.

Pacific Grove: Fall on public property on Forest Avenue.

Monterey: A 33-year-old man was arrested on Via Mirada for possession of unlawful paraphernalia, being under the influence of a controlled substance and smuggling a weapon into a jail or prison.

Monterey: Petty theft on Munras Avenue.

Marina: Marina police conducted a traffic stop near Highway 1 and Del Monte Boulevard in Marina for California Vehicle Code violations. Officers contacted the driver, a Salinas resident, and a records check confirmed he was subject to a court-ordered search and seizure condition. During a search of the vehicle, officers located a concealed dirk/dagger in the glove compartment and found a loaded .45-caliber 1911-style handgun with a defaced or removed serial number concealed in the engine compartment. A search of his person revealed several baggies of suspected cocaine. Officers later conducted a search of his residence pursuant to his probation search terms, where additional suspected cocaine was located. He was arrested and booked into the Monterey County Jail on multiple charges, including firearm violations, violation of court-ordered conditions, possession of a concealed dirk/dagger and possession of a controlled substance for sale.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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

Pacific Grove: A Lobos Avenue resident reported receiving obscene or threatening telephone calls and repeated calls or contacts intended to annoy or harass.

Pacific Grove: A 60-year-old man was arrested on Central Avenue for disorderly conduct due to alcohol. A trespass warning was also issued.

Monterey: A 24-year-old man was arrested at Foam Street and McClellan Avenue for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08% or greater.

Monterey: Criminal threats reported on Holman Highway.

Monterey: A 42-year-old woman was arrested at Adams and East Franklin streets for probation violation, obstructing or resisting a peace officer or emergency medical technician, felony vandalism involving property damage and felony assault with a deadly weapon other than a firearm.

Monterey: Missing person reported on Madison Street.

Monterey: A 27-year-old woman was arrested on Fremont Street for probation violation, obstructing or resisting a peace officer or emergency medical technician and disorderly conduct due to alcohol.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost bracelet at San Carlos Street and Ocean Avenue.

Pacific Grove: A 56-year-old man on David Avenue was charged with various sex crimes and elder abuse, including sexual battery, intimate touching of a person without consent for the purpose of sexual arousal, rape by force or fear, causing injury to an elder or dependent adult and a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Monterey: A 68-year-old man was arrested at Camino El Estero and East Franklin Street for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08% or greater and possession of a narcotic controlled substance.

Monterey: A 46-year-old man was arrested on Calle Principal for felony sexual battery involving an unconscious person, felony lewd or lascivious acts with a child age 14 or 15 and misdemeanor touching of a person intimately against their will for sexual arousal.

Monterey: Identity theft reported on Glenwood Circle.

Monterey: A 70-year-old woman was arrested on Alvarado Street for disorderly conduct due to alcohol.

Monterey: Disorderly conduct involving loitering on private property reported on Laine Street.

Monterey: A 35-year-old man was arrested at Del Monte Avenue and Camino El Estero for felony evading a peace officer with wanton disregard for safety.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog inside a business at Dolores Street and Eighth Avenue bit a person's hand.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject walking on the sidewalk at Mission Street and Fifth Avenue was bitten by a dog.

Pacific Grove: Unignited firework found on a public recreation trail on Melton Place. Doused in water and disposed.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 1357 hours, officers were dispatched to Arkwright Court for a report of a possible domestic violence incident. Upon arrival, officers located a male who matched the description and appeared to be intoxicated in public. Further investigation determined the argument was verbal only. The 26-year-old man was arrested for disorderly conduct due to alcohol.

Pacific Grove: Deceased person found on Lighthouse Avenue. Coroner responded.

Monterey: A 31-year-old man was arrested on Watson Street for probation violation.

Monterey: Grand theft reported on Wilson Road.

Monterey: Vehicle towed from Alvarado Street as authorized by ordinance.

Monterey: Assault on a peace officer, firefighter or other emergency personnel and battery on a peace officer or emergency personnel reported on Holman Highway.

Monterey: Subject placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold on Dela Vina Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found watch on Junipero Street.

Pacific Grove: Battery reported at Country Club Gate Center.

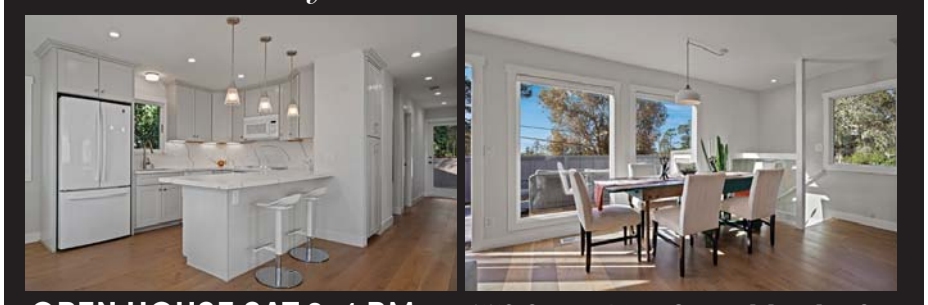
Pacific Grove: Officers dispatched to investigate a concerning email written by a Pacific Grove High School student.

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to the 200 block of Grove Acre Avenue regarding a domestic disturbance. A 27-year-old woman was arrested for violation of a domestic violence court order.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 2152 hours, a vehicle stop was conducted in the

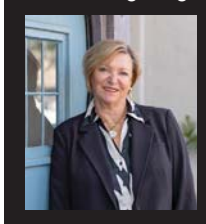
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10483FairwayLane.com*
4 beds, 3.5 baths ▪ $2.49M

CARMEL VALLEY RANCH



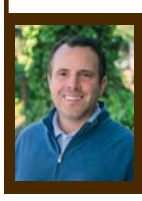
28088BarnCourt.com*
3 beds, 3.5 baths ▪ $1.85M

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25520ViaMalpaso.com
5.45 Acres ▪ $2.995M

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CALLS

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area of Divisadero Street and David Avenue. The driver was determined to be driving on a suspended license. The 26-year-old male driver was cited and released at the scene.

Monterey: Battery reported on Fremont Street.

Monterey: A 37-year-old man was arrested on Madison Street for hit-and-run with property damage.

Monterey: Dead body found at a location on Ramona Avenue.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult Protective Services sent a report regarding possible elder financial abuse and fraud on Santa Fe Street.

Pacific Grove: Brandishing of a knife at Presidio Boulevard and Funston Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Fraud and forgery reported on Evergreen Road. Grand theft of money, labor or property.

Pacific Grove: Officers received a report regarding a violation of a temporary restraining order on Pine Avenue. Information only.

Monterey: A 50-year-old man was arrested on Holman Highway for felony vandalism involving defacing property and misdemeanor battery.

Monterey: Missing person reported on Casanova Avenue.

Monterey: Theft of personal property reported on Fillmore Street.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two lost or stolen license plates on Santa Fe Street. Unknown time frame and no suspect information. The license plate in question was issued a toll violation in another part of the state. Plate was entered into the stolen vehicle system.

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

Pacific Grove: Officers received a Child Protective Services referral regarding possible sexual abuse of two minors on Pine Avenue.

GERVASE

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story, and stories stick.

And say thank you, out loud or in writing. Send the text. Tell the neighbor who brought your trash cans back up the driveway that you noticed. People rarely get thanked for the small stuff, and when they do, they glow like a toaster oven.

None of this means pretending life is easy. Gratitude isn't a magic wand, and if someone tells you to "just be thankful" during a genuinely rotten week, you're allowed to give them a look. Gratitude and a rotten week can pull up chairs at the same table. You can be worn out and thankful for your people. You can be worried and thankful for the pie.

Post-pie consistency

So this Thanksgiving, when the dreaded go-around-the-table moment arrives, skip the greeting-card version and tell a small, true story instead. Mine will be about the airport shuttle driver who deposited me at my car at 1:30 a.m. and good-naturedly wished me "Happy Thanksgiving."

Then keep it up after the pie is gone. A day of thanks is a fine tradition, but a habit of noticing is a better one. The good stuff is already in the room. You walk past it every day.

So next time you get home, pause for one second with your hand on the doorknob. Feel it turn. Then step inside, where it is warm, and everything is where it's supposed to be.

Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo.com.





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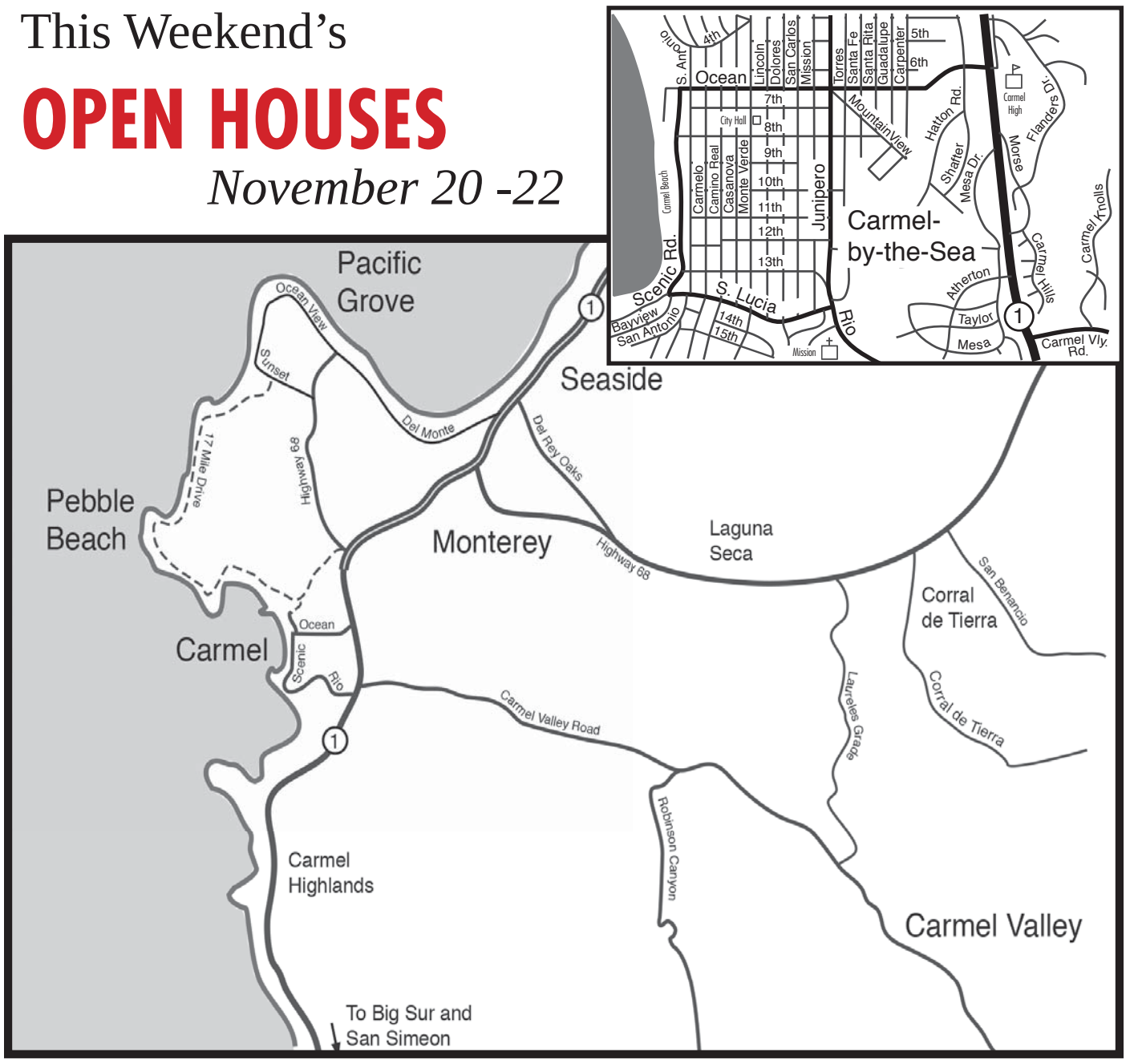
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760 Del Valle		Aptos
Coldwell Banker Realty		251-3131

CARMEL

$845,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Sa 12-2**
20 Del Mesa Carmel		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		293-3391
$935,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Su 2-4**
62 Del Mesa Carmel		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		293-3391
$1,020,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Su 12-2**
139 Del Mesa Carmel		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		293-3391
$1,150,000	**2bd 2.5ba**	**Sa Su 12-2**
3850 Rio Rd 47		Carmel
David Lyng Real Estate		915-8292
$1,175,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Sa 12-2**
137 Del Mesa		Carmel
Monterey Coast Realty		236-2940
$1,285,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa 2-4**
37 Del Mesa Carmel		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		293-3391



$1,295,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa Su 11-2**
25415 Via Cicindela		Carmel
Carmel Realty		236 3255
$1,350,000	**1bd 1ba**	**Sa 1:30-3:30 Su 2-4**
96 Corona Way		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		915-8989
$1,725,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Fr 12-2 Sa Su 1-3**
25685 Morse Dr		Carmel
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		277-8712
$1,775,000	**3bd 2.5ba**	**Sa Su 11-1**
25656 Tierra Grande Dr		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Realty		884-3919
$1,795,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Su 12-2**
26655 Pancho Way		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		277-9250
$1,895,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa Su 1-3**
25190 Canyon Drive		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		238-6152
$1,999,000	**4bd 3ba**	**Sa 2-4**
558 Santa Rita		Carmel
Compass		917-8208
$2,499,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa 11-3 Su 11-1**
24571 Portola Avenue		Carmel
Carmel Realty		915-8153 / 594-8767
$2,595,000	**2bd 1ba**	**Sa Su 1-4**
1228 San Carlos Street		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		710-1655
$2,695,000	**3bd 2.5ba**	**Sa 2-4**
229 Carpenter St		Carmel
Compass		238-2022
$2,895,000	**4bd 3ba**	**Sa 10-12**
3540 Oak Place		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		293-4935
$3,200,000	**4bd 2.5ba**	**Su 1-3**
24400 S. San Luis Ave.		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		404-401-8647
$3,595,000	**2bd 2.5ba**	**Sa Su 12-2**
7086 Valley Greens Cir		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Realty		356-8123
$3,700,000	**3bd 2.5ba**	**Su 1-3**
26305 Camino Real		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		333-6060
$3,995,000	**4bd 2.5ba**	**Sa Su 11-2**
23 Mentone Road		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		402-5877
$4,200,000	**3bd 3ba**	**Sa 1-3**
95 Yankee Point Dr		Carmel
Compass		262-7768
$4,495,000	**4bd 4ba**	**Sa 1-3**
3369 Trevis Way		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		404-401-8647
$5,195,000	**3bd 3.5ba**	**Sa 11-4 Su 2:30-4:30**
2486 17th Avenue		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		277-9250 / 277-5971
$5,195,000	**4bd 3.5ba**	**Sa Su 12-3**
231 Spindrift Road		Carmel
Monterey Coast Realty		460-6864
$5,600,000	**5bd 5ba**	**Sa Su 12-3**
26219 Atherton Place		Carmel
Carmel Realty		884-3868
$5,995,000	**3bd 3ba**	**Sa Su 1-3**
2655 15th Avenue		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		277-7600 / 915-7814
$7,450,000	**3bd 3ba**	**Sa Su 1-4**
2385 Bay View Ave		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Realty		206-0129

CARMEL VALLEY

$1,290,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Sa 2-4**
76 Upper Circle		Carmel Valley
The Agency		236-6842
$3,995,000	**5bd 5ba**	**Sa 11-1**
7 San Clemente		Carmel Valley
Compass		236-5290
$4,350,000	**4bd 3.5ba**	**Sa Su 1-3**
25 Miramonte Rd		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Realty		917-3966
$4,895,000	**4bd 3.5ba**	**Sa 12-3**
7053 Valley Green Circle		Carmel Valley
Professional Realty Inc		238-7449

CORRAL DE TIERRA

$2,149,000	**4bd 3ba**	**Su 1-3**
28951 Falcon Ridge		Corral de Tierra
Sotheby's Int'l RE		915-2800

MARINA

$575,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Sa 1-3**
3095 Marina Drive 49		Marina
Monterey Coast Realty		717-7959
$959,000	**3bd 3ba**	**Sa 1-3**
18839 Sedgwick Ln		Marina
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		837-5437
$2,335,000	**4bd 3.5ba**	**Sa 1-3**
2409 Schooner Avenue		Marina
Sotheby's Int'l RE		293-3668
$1,089,000	**4bd 2.5ba**	**Su 12-2**
16406 Garrison Dr		Marina, East Garrison
Compass		238-2022

MONTEREY

$545,000	**1bd 1ba**	**Sa Su 1-4**
300 Glenwood Cir 19		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Realty		594-9385
$819,000	**2bd 1ba**	**Sa 12-2 Su 1-3**
724 Lottie Street		Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE		238-7559
$849,000	**2bd 1ba**	**Su 1-3**
642 Cypress Street		Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE		238-8029
$950,000	**2bd 2.5ba**	**Sa 12:30-2:30**
70 Forest Ridge RD 1		Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE		293-4935
$995,000	**2bd 1ba**	**Sa 1-3**
471 Pine Street		Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE		277-8622
$1,100,000	**3bd 2.5ba**	**Su 1-3**
1360 Josselyn Canyon Road 43		Monterey
Monterey Coast Realty		717-7959
$1,174,900	**3bd 3ba**	**Sa 12-3**
1180 Salinas Hwy		Monterey
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		241-1598
$1,233,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Su 12-4**
537 Larkin Street		Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE		318-3808
$1,395,888	**4bd 4ba**	**Fr 11-1 Su 1-3**
10148 Blue Larkspur Ln		Monterey
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		595-9242
$1,897,000	**4bd 3ba**	**Sa 1-3**
10601 Hidden Mesa Pl		Monterey
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		241-1598
$2,750,000	**5bd 3.5ba**	**Su 12:30-3**
11530 Spur Road		Monterey
Carmel Realty		241-1434

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PACIFIC GROVE

$1,195,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Fr Sa Su 11-1:30**
1205 Lincoln Ave		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		402-2884
$1,279,000	**2bd 1ba**	**Su 1:30-3:30**
315 Cypress Avenue		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		238-8116
$1,399,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Fr 3-5 Sa 1:30-3:30 Su 11-1**
950 Syida Drive		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		915-8989 / 620-2936
$1,795,000	**2bd 1ba**	**Sa 12-2**
963 Crest Ave		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Realty		717-7815
$1,800,000	**3bd 3.5ba**	**Su 1-3**
917 Fountain Avenue		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		402-2017
$1,850,000	**4bd 3ba**	**Sa 12-2 Su 11-1**
979 Syida Dr		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Realty		277-3914 / 717-7815
$1,898,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa Su 12-2**
707 Walnut Street		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		915-6391
$1,995,000	**5bd 4ba**	**Sa 2-4**
114 Carmel Avenue		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		917-1631

PEBBLE BEACH

$1,595,000	**3bd 3ba**	**Sa 12-3**
41 Shepherd's Knoll		Pebble Beach
Carmel Realty		241-1434
$7,920,000	**4bd 3.5ba**	**Sa Su 11-1**
3978 Ronda Road		Pebble Beach
Compass		236-5290
$8,275,000	**3bd 2.5ba**	**Sa Su 2-4**
1651 Crespi Lane		Pebble Beach
Compass		236-5290
$8,995,000	**5bd 5.5ba**	**Sa 1-3**
3159 Stevenson Drive		Pebble Beach
Carmel Realty		521-4855
$9,700,000	**5bd 6.5ba**	**Sa Su 2:30-4:30**
21 Poppy Ln		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Realty		356-8123

SALINAS

$685,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa 12-2 Su 1-3**
534 Rochex Ave		Salinas
Sotheby's Int'l RE		415-810-8810 / 254-3949
$799,000	**4bd 2ba**	**Fr 11-1 Fr 1-3 Sa 12-2**
69 Geil St		Salinas
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		867-1188
$1,150,000	**4bd 3ba**	**Su 12-2**
14390 Mountain Quail Road		Salinas
Sotheby's Int'l RE		236-7251
$1,469,000	**3bd 3ba**	**Sa 11-2**
10 Paseo Segundo		Salinas
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		261-6468

SEASIDE

$776,000	**3bd 1.5ba**	**Su 1-3**
1233 Hilby Avenue		Seaside
Monterey Coast Realty		277-5256
$875,000	**3bd 2.5ba**	**Sa Su 12-2**
1273 Darwin Street		Seaside
Sotheby's Int'l RE		925-216-0647
$1,099,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Fr 12-2 Sa Su 12-3**
1976 Luzern St		Seaside
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams		595-9242
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Marina (con't)

595 Inyo Court — $1,303,500
The Sea Haven LLC to Michael and Zann Yates
APN: 031-314-040

3054 Arroyo Drive — $1,353,000
The Sea Haven LLC to Julius Vanderspek and Elisabeth Visscher
APN: 031-311-040

Monterey

27765 Mesa del Toro Road — $300,000
Constance Williams, Julie Sorci and Stacie Welliver to Valtierra Bocanegra and Keith Escort
APN: 416-403-019

333 Eldorado Street — $656,000
Arminda Grosnick to Emma Bashkar
APN: 001-741-025

250 Forest Ridge Road unit 70 — $695,000
Susan and Gerardo Chavez to Bradley and Abbilynn Strawser
APN: 014-141-070

1299 Hoffman Avenue — $1,299,000
Charles Owens to Trade In Holdings LLC
APN: 001-143-003

870 Doud Street — $1,380,000
Henry James and Patricia Canada to Daniel Zinder and Sudeshna Ghosh
APN: 001-484-004

202 Mar Vista Drive — $1,430,000
Figuerres Torrente to Tamas and Izolda Mekeres
APN: 001-941-028

Pacific Grove

1339 David Avenue — $1,425,000
Benjamin Harvey and Melissa Lippincott to Donna and Jeffrey Brown
APN: 007-571-041



26314 Ocean View Avenue, Carmel — $11,600,000



1540 Viscaino Road, Pebble Beach — $8,250,000

Pebble Beach

3198 Del Ciervo Road — $4,400,000
Eric Le Towt to Carlos and Roberta Granados
APN: 008-361-014

1041 Rodeo Road — $6,700,000
Georgia Yang and Rakesh Kumar to John and Lillian Norton
APN: 007-322-016

1540 Viscaino Road — $8,250,000
Frederick and Linda Hubbell to William O'Neill
APN: 008-213-002

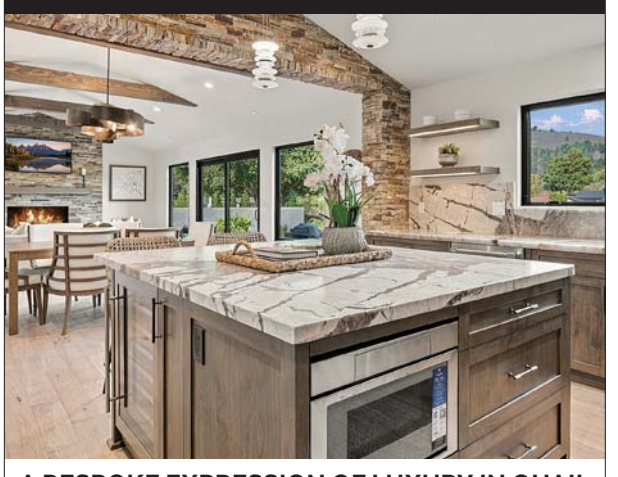
Seaside

1165 Palm Avenue — $585,000
Kimiko Taylor to Rubi Perez
APN: 012-195-047

2690 Bay View Drive — $2,225,000
Shea Homes LP to Sean and Julie Treichler
APN: 031-055-014

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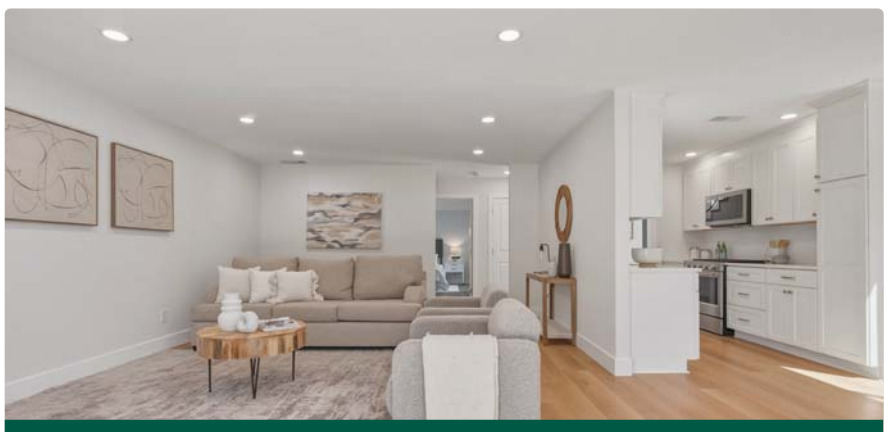
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