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King tide, high surf destroy beach stairs

By MARY SCHLEY

THE STAIRWAY that reaches Carmel Beach at its southern end became a casualty of Wednesday morning's unusually high surf, when waves crashed into the span and ripped it apart. It joins the beach stairs at 10th and 12th avenues, which were badly damaged in early 2024 and have yet to be repaired.

"It was heartbreaking this morning to watch the Martin Way stairway wash away during the king tide," Mayor Dale Byrne said. "It is an important beach access point, and over the past several months, I have been working with public works to keep it accessible as we installed the new landscape barriers along Scenic Road."

In anticipation of the king tide — which temporarily raises the local water level through astronomical tidal forces — and high waves, city officials closed off Carmel Beach on Tuesday, with an anticipated reopening on Thanksgiving, and barred people from using its various stairways until Sunday.



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Carmel Mayor Dale Byrne (at right) was among the eyewitnesses when large waves and a very high tide ripped apart the beach stairs at Martin Way Wednesday morning.

Made of stone?

"I also visited the 12th Avenue stairway this morning and observed that it was beginning to flex under the force of the waves," Byrne said.

The mayor, whose final day

See **STAIRS** *page 16A*

Alarms prove house numbers are useful

■ Remember to watch out for pirates

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN THE first round of blustery winter storms blew through Carmel last week and power outages set off alarms, police officers got a good look at just how efficient it is to have house numbers.

More than a year after the Carmel City Council officially approved the new system of standardized numbered addresses — ending a 110-year-old tradition — and a few months after that system came online, many homes and businesses have added them.

"Thank you for putting your addresses up on your houses," Police Chief Todd Trayer said in a Friday video. "So many alarm calls went off because of the power going in and out at times. I went to a couple of them with the officers, and our response is just different when we know exactly which house we're looking for instead of counting down the street, especially at nighttime."

For that reason, among several others, the city is requesting that everyone post their numbers — and do so in accordance with state codes and the planning department's guidelines, which can be found at ci.carmel.ca.us/street-addresses.

What to do

In June, the city posted its guidelines, which were later updated with special requirements for homes in high-fire-hazard-severity zones, where numerals must also be reflective.

According to California codes, address numbers must be at least 4 inches tall, have a stroke width of at least a half-inch, contrast with their backgrounds and be visible from the street. If a building cannot be seen from the public right of way, a monument sign, post or other approved sign must be installed near the property frontage.

In addition, the city posted a 17-page document that details exactly how and where to install digits, shows dos and don'ts, and cites relevant code sections.

The numbers should "harmonize with the city's existing sign, lighting and design standards under the Carmel

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'Becerra Era' will begin with a difficult budget

JUST DAYS after he takes office on Jan. 4, Governor-elect Xavier Becerra will be required to present a budget to lawmakers, and his predecessor is leaving him quite a mess to sort out.

Gov. Gavin Newsom may have rounded out his last year in office touting his budget as responsible and one that would be balanced for years to come, but California's legislative analyst paints a different picture. Instead, Gabe Petek describes Newsom's financial legacy as a nearly $30 billion "wall of debt" coupled with a likely $2 billion deficit by the end of fiscal year 2027-2028.

Rather than make the politically unpopular decision to cut programs or significantly raise taxes, Newsom and

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

state lawmakers have been borrowing and making reserve withdrawals to cover vastly increased spending that has far outpaced revenue. Despite surging returns since 2019,

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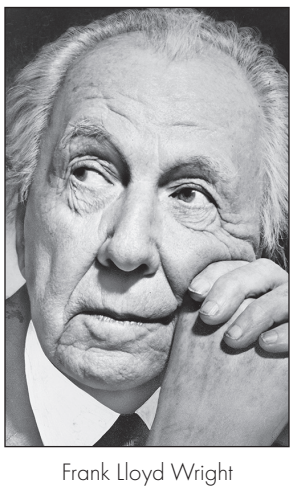
First mention —

A rainy night and a stormy speech

By ELAINE HESSER

THE PINE Cone's archives are fascinating. You meet an assortment of remarkable people you might never have heard of, but it's often difficult to find stories about others you'd think would have been more prominent. Monkees singer-songwriter and lead guitarist Michael Nesmith is all but absent, as is actress Kim Novak. Among architects, Julia Morgan, of Hearst Castle fame, gets a few passing mentions, as does Frank Lloyd Wright.



Frank Lloyd Wright

There is nothing in the paper about his design for the Mrs. Clinton Walker House, also called the Cabin on the Rocks, but a story from exactly 73 years ago — Nov. 27, 1953 — offers a revealing glimpse into the man and his thoughts.

Until that front-page article, Wright's Pine Cone appearances were limited to commentary on his career and works elsewhere, as well as the fact he mentored architect Mark Mills. The Walker House was built in 1951-1952, and in

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Cougar athletes reclaim their turf at long last

By DENNIS TAYLOR

THE GOPHERS — bless their furry heads — have been evicted, and the soccer, field hockey, softball and tennis teams are celebrating a special kind of homecoming at Santa Catalina School, with the completion of a privately funded, $8 million renovation of the athletic facilities at the 76-year-old private boarding school in Monterey.

The biggest part of the makeover has transformed the school's undersized, grass-and-dirt athletic field from a rodent-riddled groundskeeping nightmare and health hazard into a pristine, regulation-size playing surface, carpeted with all-weather, gopher-proof artificial turf.

Gopher hazards

"We have a very healthy gopher population on campus, which isn't ideal when you're talking about an athletic field where people are competing," said Jodi Wiseley, chief finance and operations officer at the school.

"They were very industrious," added Barbara Ostos, Catalina's head of school since 2022. "Our amazing groundskeeping crew was out there almost every morning, filling five to eight large gopher holes on that field. It was very easy for somebody to get hurt — that was the lead reason we decided to replace the grass with artificial turf."

Safety concerns were the major reason Catalina negotiated with York School — 5 miles away — for field access for its soccer, softball and field hockey teams.

"We practiced and we had all of our games at York this fall," said sophomore Avery Mazzuga, who plays field hockey, soccer and lacrosse for the Cougars. "We had a hard time practicing on our field at Catalina, especially during the rainy seasons, because it got really muddy. We

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PHOTO/COURTESY SANTA CATALINA SCHOOL

Santa Catalina students and community members encircle the Cougar logo in the center of the new athletic field, which was christened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 6.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Partial to Pembrokes



Four-year-old Pippin is her owners' sixth Pembroke Welsh corgi and, quite possibly, their last. Because Pippin likely has many years ahead, they have promised her to their daughter, which earned her the honor of naming the little dog. Because the family's very first corgi was called Apple, she chose Pippin.

In addition to their longevity, corgis are known for their intelligence, herding instinct and royal lineage. They also are considered the cartoon characters of the canine community because of the imbalance in their body-to-leg ratio.

Corgis certainly have history in this family. Pippin's person grew up on the Monterey Peninsula, where her father was a veterinarian who provided years of medical care to the corgis owned by Carmel's dapper Derek Rayne. In addition to his award-winning Pembrokes, as well as smooth and wire fox terriers, the renowned Westminster judge was a prominent Carmel clothier often seen strolling with his corgis through town.

"I would see the corgis in my dad's office," Pippin's person said. "I liked their faces. They looked smart and very royal. Pippin also has that regal air about her. She picks and chooses the people she wants to associate with, and she's partial to people who have food."

Pippin, pretty much a one-person dog, seems smitten with the man of her household, most likely because he's willing to sneak snacks her way.

"She likes to sit near him and get pats," his wife said. "She also sits next to him during dinner, trusting he'll slip her a treat, which is why she has no waistline."

Pippin, who lives near the south end of Carmel Beach, doesn't particularly like to walk. She actually seems to think walking is a really dumb idea, which is understandable for someone with such short legs, her person said, noting she'd much rather herd other dogs or chase balls down the beach.

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One-third of city's water scooped up

By MARY SCHLEY

OF THE 14 acre-feet of water allocated to the City of Carmel by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District last year, property owners have applied for nearly half of the 6 acre-feet earmarked by the Carmel City Council a year ago for residential projects, according to the tracker maintained by the city's planning and building department, while the 2 acre-feet slated for commercial use is more than gone. All told, the city has received 62 applications for a total of 4.7 acre-feet, representing a little over 1,531,000 gallons per year.

Meanwhile, allotments for affordable housing (3.616 acre-feet) and municipal uses (3.224 acre-feet) remain untouched, and the 1.69 acre-feet in the "unallocated" category is sitting idle.

One home plus ADUs, apartments and bathrooms

When the city's share of water grew by approximately 4,561,914 gallons per year with the expansion of the Pure Water Monterey wastewater-recycling project, the council decided in November 2025 how it should be divided among various uses. Councilmembers followed the planning commission's recommendations to earmark 3 acre-feet for low-income and very-low-income housing, 6 acre-feet for new single-family and multifamily projects, 2 acre-feet for commercial uses and 3 acre-feet for municipal projects. The allocation boosted the city's share of water to 16.661 acre-feet, or 5.4 million gallons, per year.

Residential run

Since then, commercial water has been the hottest commodity, and that category is now oversubscribed, with demand exceeding the allocation by 0.104 acre-feet, or 33,889 gallons per year. Of the applications filed between Nov. 4, 2025, and Friday, the bulk are residential — 54 — with seven commercial and one project that requests allocations from both.

Shifting needed?

The most recent commercial application was filed in May, when the owners of Vin by the Sea requested 0.089 acre-feet, or 29,001 gallons per year, to expand their Dolores Street restaurant. Of the commercial projects, the water district has issued one permit for 0.058 acre-feet, or 18,899 gallons per year, for the expansion of Bashar Sneeh's Char Steakhouse on Dolores.

To distribute more water to commercial projects, the city council must decide to shift some from another category, according to the MPWMD, which oversaw the distribution of Pure Water Monterey credits to various member municipalities.

Residential property owners have applied for 2.595 acre-feet — 845,583 gallons per year, or 2,317 gallons per day — ranging from 0.005 acre-feet for an additional toilet in a Mission Street house to 0.274 acre-feet (89,283 gallons per year) for a new residence on the vacant lot at 780 Mountain View Ave. near Vizcaino.

Gabriel and Jamila Cioffi bought that property in January 2025 for $490,000, according to Monterey County property records, and are planning to build a two-story house with a basement and an attached one-car garage. Their Nov. 16 application is one of the seven water requests received this month.

Other requests include water for adding or expanding bathrooms of various sizes — including converting closets and storage space — adding plumbing fixtures and laundry facilities, improving kitchens,

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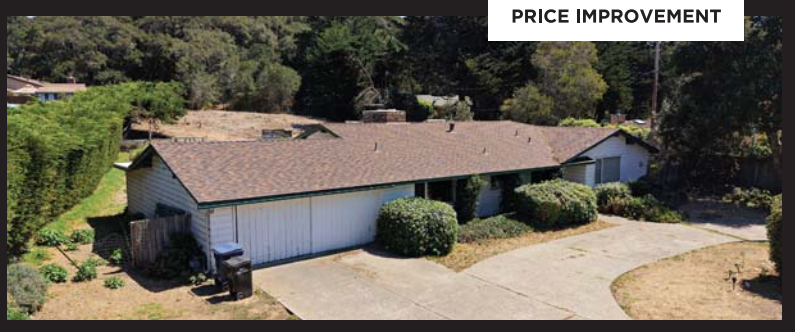

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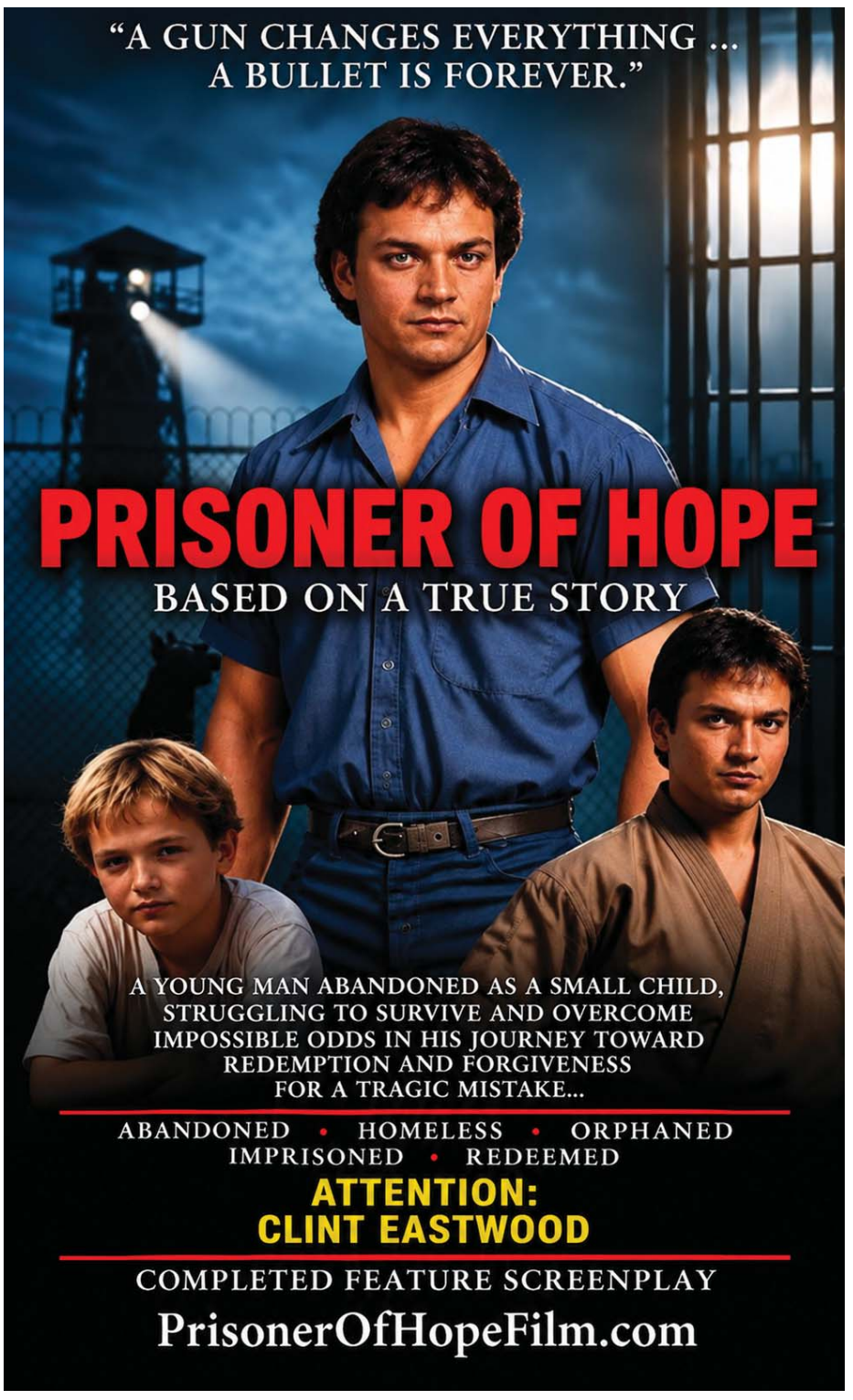

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Police & Sheriff's Log

This is why you need a watch fob

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.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Pacific Grove: Vehicle at Forest Hill Boulevard and Forest Avenue marked for 72-hour parking.

Monterey: A 26-year-old woman was arrested on Cannery Row for a misdemeanor bench warrant for failure to appear.

Monterey: A 21-year-old woman was arrested on Cannery Row for contempt of court, threatening a crime with intent to terrorize and violation of a civil court order.

Monterey: Vehicle towed from Ninth Street for registration expired more than six months.

Monterey: Oral copulation with a person under 18 reported on Madison Street.

Monterey: Petty theft reported at Mesa Road and Perry Lane.

Monterey: Burglary, petty theft, theft by use of access card information and impersonation on Lighthouse Avenue.

Monterey: Criminal threats and annoying telephone calls on Surf Way.

Monterey: Peeking while loitering reported on Eighth Street.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic stop for vehicle code violations at Ocean Avenue and Randall Way found the driver to be on probation and have a suspended license. The 46-year-old man was cited and released with a criminal citation.

Pacific Grove: Officers dispatched to a report of a parked vehicle that was damaged by a falling tree branch on Granite Street.

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The gavel falls

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

Nov. 24 — Tobias Timothy Vargas was convicted by a jury of misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter. The Hon. Judge Rafael Vazquez presided over the trial.

On Dec. 24, 2024, Vargas was driving on Highway 68 when he negligently failed to pay attention to the roadway ahead as he approached the intersection of Highway 68 and Canyon Del Rey Boulevard. Traffic ahead of him had begun slowing in response to a red traffic signal. Vargas failed to notice the slowing traffic and, just before rear-ending the vehicle directly ahead of him, swerved into oncoming traffic and collided head-on with an approaching vehicle.

The head-on collision killed a 22-year-old woman seated in the rear passenger seat of the approaching vehicle. The vehicle's driver and front-seat passenger, who were the victim's parents, also sustained significant injuries.

Vargas is scheduled to be sentenced on Dec. 2, 2026. He faces a maximum sentence of one year in county jail.

The case was investigated by the Monterey Police Department, California Highway Patrol, and district attorney investigator Leo Gomez.

District attorney's facility dogs, Norma Jean and Armani, provided the victim's parents with support during their testimony at trial.

They were also supported by victim advocates Alma Sanchez, Mayra Sandoval and Kristin Peterson.



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Court date set for ballet director accused of molesting students

By KELLY NIX

THE TRIAL of a former Carmel ballet director accused of sexually molesting two 14-year-old female students is set to begin early next year in Salinas.

Philip Edward Pegler, 52, worked at Carmel Academy of Performing Arts from 2014 to 2020. The Monterey County District Attorney's Office charged Pegler in February 2024 with committing lewd acts upon a child for allegedly touching the girls' buttocks and genitals between February 2018 and February 2020.

In October, a Monterey County Superior Court judge set the trial date for Jan. 19, 2027.

Carmel police began investigating the case in December 2020 and interviewed the girls in January 2021.

Jane Doe 1 told detectives that at some point during the two-year period, Pegler hugged her from the front while she was stretching in the studio, pressed her leg into a deeper stretch and said, "This would be awkward if someone walked in right now," according to documents the DA's office filed in June 2025.

The girl also said Pegler would slap her on the buttocks during class. She said ballet is very physical and the "lines are very blurry," but that Pegler was "very hands-on" and "touchier" than any other male instructor she had had.

About a week later, detectives interviewed the second girl, Jane Doe 2. According to the criminal complaint filed by the DA's office, she described Pegler as a "master manipulator" who took an "unprofessional interest in his students' lives."

'Groomed'

She told Carmel police that the dance teacher "groomed her and Jane Doe 1" and said he "touched her vagina and buttocks" as she prepared for a performance.

The alleged abuse took place at the dance studio at Mission Street and Eighth Avenue, which closed permanently in July 2020. The studio was originally founded as the Carmel Ballet Academy in 1954 by the late Joanne Nix, no relation to this reporter. In 2016, another studio owner opened the Carmel Academy of Performing Arts there.

Pegler was also the artistic director of Dance Kids of Monterey County, a nonprofit that operated at the Carmel dance studio. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Pegler's attorney, Larry Biegel, has suggested the girls made the accusations out of spite because they were angry with him.

The criminal case "represents what defense counsel considers to be a baseless set of allegations raised by parents and students who were upset that they did not receive the attention or support they felt their students deserved from their ballet teacher," according to documents Biegel filed in November 2024.

Married accuser

In an unsuccessful attempt to get the case dismissed, the lawyer characterized the encounters between Pegler and the girls as "four relatively benign incidents, spanning possibly less than 60 seconds in total time and which occurred between four-and-a-half years to six-and-a-half years ago."

Biegel points to inconsistencies in the case, including the girls' recollections of events, their ages at the time of the alleged abuse and other details.

The criminal complaint, the attorney noted in the 2024 response, was filed "over four years after the investigation had begun and over six years after the alleged criminal behavior had taken place."

The delays in the case, Biegel contends, have been "highly prejudicial to Mr. Pegler's ability to present a defense to the charges he is facing."

Prosecutors also have statements from two other women who say Pegler abused them — one of whom later became his wife.

Jane Doe 3, now about 35 years old, is not part of the criminal complaint. She told Monterey County prosecutors that in 2006, when she was about 15 and living in Florida, Pegler began "injecting himself into her life" after her father died, providing "emotional support, money, food" and buying her a car.

"Jane Doe 3 describes multiple incidents of sexual misconduct by Pegler,"

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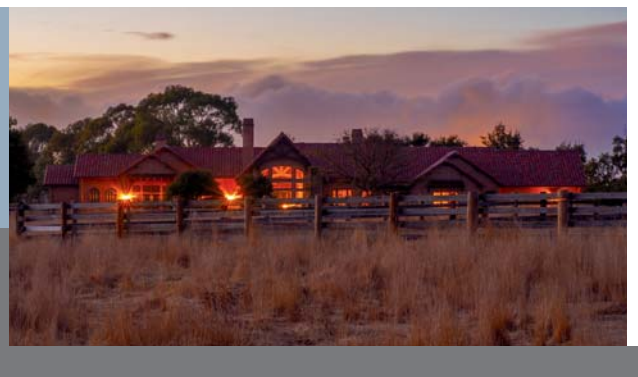

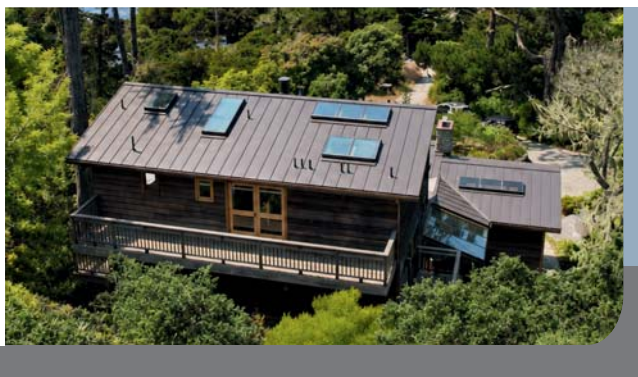

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Man guilty of attempted murder

By KELLY NIX

An ILLINOIS man who nearly beat a Pacific Grove resident to death with a wooden step stool in an apartment off David Avenue earlier this year was found guilty last week in a Salinas courtroom. He faces a maximum of 14 years in prison.

On Nov. 20, a Monterey County jury found Kevin Birdo, 50, guilty of attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, mayhem and assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury. Birdo critically injured Hubert Lee Garrett III in a May 21 attack at Garrett's apartment on Moreland Avenue. Superior Court Judge Andrew G. Liu presided over the trial.



Kevin Birdo

Appeared dead

Birdo was arrested after Garrett's neighbor called 911 just before 9 p.m. She heard a violent altercation and a man threatening to kill another man.

When Pacific Grove police arrived, Officer Giselle Acevedo saw Birdo inside Garrett's apartment cutting his left forearm with a steak knife. And when police went inside, they found Garrett lying on his back in a laundry basket in a bedroom. He had numerous facial injuries that looked like knife wounds, and he appeared to be dead.

"Upon initial observation, officers believed Garrett might be deceased until they noticed his chest was rising and falling ever so slightly," court documents say.

Garrett was treated at Natividad Medical Center for at least two facial fractures, broken ribs and 10 cuts to his face, three of which exposed his skull.

Birdo used an 11-pound wooden step stool to strike Garrett.

Monterey County Deputy District Attorney Donna Bakich told The Pine Cone that Garrett testified that he has facial scars, numbness on his forehead, and chest pain from the broken ribs.

After leaving the apartment at officers' commands, Birdo accused Garrett of starting the fight and claimed he had acted in self-defense.

"This [expletive] just stabbed me with a knife," Birdo told officers, referring to a superficial wound on his arm.

The laceration was consistent with Acevedo's observation that Birdo had cut himself.

While dealing with police and medics, Birdo, who is black, "exhibited aggressive behavior" and used "racially charged language," including a threat "to fight if anyone of Asian descent touched him."

Garrett explained to investigators that he and Birdo were childhood friends from Illinois. Birdo had lived with him since March, when he arrived in Salinas by train.

Garrett said the two drank about a pint of vodka a day and that "friction" had built between them before the attack because Garrett was supporting them both financially.

He told investigators, "Birdo gets crazy when he drinks, becoming fixated on people he hates."

In the mid-1990s, Birdo was convicted in Illinois of involuntary manslaughter, aggravated battery with a firearm and aggravated battery on a peace officer. He also faces an open felony domestic violence case in Illinois involving the mother of his child. Liu will set a sentencing date for Birdo on Dec. 4.



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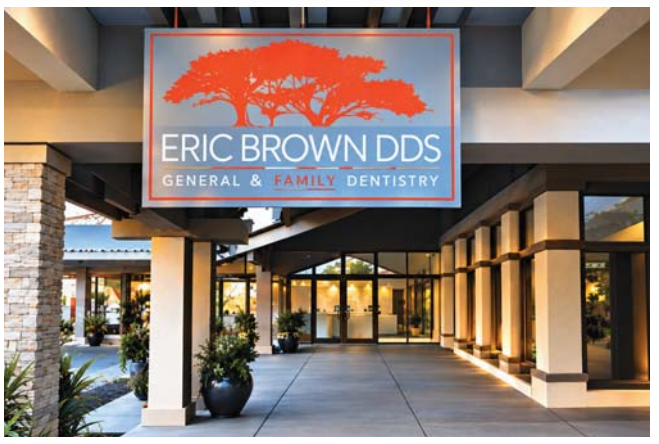



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Donors help C.V. bookshop 'turn the page'

By CHRIS COUNTS

JUST SEVEN days after it was started, a GoFundMe campaign had raised more than $64,000 for Kelsey Boyte, the owner of Olivia and Daisy Books in Carmel Valley Village, which was lost in a fire that destroyed many other shops and businesses on Center Street.

"In the early morning hours of Oct. 28, a commercial fire in the building behind ours jumped the alley and destroyed our entire building," Boyte reported. "Fire, water, smoke and chemical contamination rendered our entire bookstore and inventory a total loss, alongside more than 30 other local small businesses and artists' studios on our block."

New home sought

In all, the shop lost more than 7,000 books. Its merchandise, display fixtures and equipment were valued at slightly more than $200,000. Its insurance policy was capped at $100,000. "Every single additional dollar will go directly toward closing our remaining uninsured loss gap so we can secure a new home in Carmel Valley Village," according to the fundraiser.

To find the campaign, search for "Support Olivia and Daisy Books." Boyte said she postponed launching it because she wanted to focus first on assessing the damage.

"We took a deliberate pause before opening a relief fund so we could work with our insurance-assigned forensic accountant and inventory specialist to verify every single number," she explained. "We want to answer your questions with total transparency — leaving no ambiguity about where things stand and what it will actually take to rebuild."

Hidden gems

Carmel Valley resident Elnet Veldman, who co-started the campaign, urged people to support the beloved bookstore.

"Every single person who stepped into Olivia and Daisy Books experienced the generosity, joy and heart of Kelsey, who has owned and orchestrated the magic for years," she said. "Kelsey is now dealing with the aftermath of this tragedy and working to navigate a way forward — as a community, we have the opportunity to show how much this welcoming, uplifting space has meant to us and help Kelsey turn the page."

The bookshop offered literary and historical fiction, nonfiction, memoirs, thrillers, nature writing, cookbooks, puzzles, children's books, self-help books and more, along with "hidden gems and sleeper hits that are sure to inspire, challenge and delight."



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Olivia and Daisy Books was one of numerous shops and studios that were destroyed in the Oct. 28 fire in Carmel Valley Village.

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Bulldozers cut channel in sandbar

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHILE USING bulldozers to open a channel in the Carmel River Lagoon sandbar to reduce the threat of flooding nearby homes is an annual affair, it came a little bit earlier this year thanks to heavy late summer and early fall rain.

When the water in the lagoon rose to 10.5 feet above sea level, Monterey County officials gave public works the word to cut a path in the sandbar and let the water flow out to sea. The effort started around 9 a.m. Friday, and by early evening, the lagoon was flowing out to sea and the level was dropping. "It took several hours before the tide connected with outflowing lagoon water," public works director Randall Ishii told The Pine Cone.

Before opening the channel, county public works acquired emergency permits from the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, the California Coastal Commission and California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Rising again

As of Wednesday morning, wave action had closed off the channel and the water level in the lagoon was rising again, but Ishii said his department is "diligently" monitoring the site "remotely and physically," and is prepared to move quickly to reopen the channel if necessary.

Ishii urged the public to call 911 if they see conditions getting worse.

Library moves, closures scheduled

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY of Carmel's Park Branch library is set to close Dec. 2 so its children's collection can be moved to the Carmel Youth Center a few blocks away, and the main branch will shut Dec. 7 to allow its books and other materials to be relocated to the Park Branch, officials announced Friday. And to celebrate, Harrison Memorial Library will host a party Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Earlier this month, the city council OK'd a lease with the youth center to house the kids' collection during the $17.5 million Harrison Memorial Library Centennial Restoration Project.

Centennial

The center, which is located on Torres Street next to the police department at 412 Junipero Ave., will serve as the temporary children's library, and the Harrison collection will temporarily occupy the Park Branch at 523 Sixth Ave. until the project is wrapped up, ideally in time for the library's 2028 centennial.

While it's on city land, the youth center owns its building and pays a $1-per-year ground lease, which runs through Oct. 31, 2039.

The library foundation, which is overseeing the renovation and raising the funds to pay for it, will cover the monthly rent of $5,250 for the first year and $5,407.50 per month for the second year, while taxpayers are responsible for utilities, waste hauling and staff time for the relocations.

The main welcome and checkout desk for the temporary children's library will be located in the foyer, a dedicated family restroom will be available for patrons, while the collection and associated programming will occupy more than 2,000 square feet in the facility. The library will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The libraries should reopen in their respective temporary locations in early 2027. Visit ci.carmel.ca.us/restoration-project.

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Brandon Swanson
City Administrator



It's a great place to catch up while enjoying local produce and foods. I really appreciate that community groups have a place to share and connect with people. The Farmers Market makes Carmel feel like a small town in the very best way.

Walter Georis
Restaurateur, Musician, Artist



The farmers market has always been a family tradition and it was a weekly opportunity to purchase the freshest of produce, fish, meat, cheese and plants as well as starter plants for our home vegetable garden.

Kate Daniels
Monterey County Supervisor



Farmers markets are about much more than fresh, local food. They strengthen our connection to the land and the people who grow our food, support local farmers, build food security, and remind us that a healthier, more sustainable future can start right here in our own community.

Meyers Family
Farm Director



By connecting us directly with the hands that grow our harvest, these markets preserve genuine human connection and remind us that our daily food choices shape the kind of world we want to live in.

Todd Kenyon
Rancher, Farmer, Father, Friend



A farmers market is more than fresh food. It's neighbors, friendships, local farms, and a community that takes care of its own.

Rusty Croft
Sand & Metal Artist



It offers us the opportunity to buy some of the fresh food that we see growing all around us...an amazing sense of connection to the community.

Ashley Wolff
Restaurateur; Banju & Jeju



While we still envision and portray our village as a "small town" it has been a privilege to be a part of the story of its growth. Going to Tuesday Farmer's Market in Monterey used to be on my weekly agenda and to now have our own Farmer's Market that brings a stronger sense of community is a delight

Alissa & Anthony Carnazzo
Stationæry



The Carmel farmer's market is a happy memory with our children, sampling fruit from the corner vendor, it's running into your neighbors, and buying flowers for my wife & daughter, it's watching my Chef purchase beautiful, seasonal products and an hour later seeing it on someone's plate at the restaurant.

White Family
Appalachian Culture Club



We love farmers markets because they allow us to really connect with our neighbors, local farmers, artists and crafts people who also love high-quality foods and goods and want to share them in a community-centered way.

Sinotte-Bangs Family
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The farmers market is our weekly ritual that nourishes the soul — from the fresh organic local produce, to the community, the creativity, that causes a ripple effect we get to bring home and share. It's a chance to open our senses, be in the elements, breathe, slow down and have fun!

Downing Family
The Carmel Surf Shop



I grew up going to farmers markets with my mom, and they're still one of my favorite weekly traditions...Thursday's Carmel market is extra sweet because it's just a little walk from our surf shop & a fun weekly date with my hubby.

Gian Pèpe
Restauranteur



There were five of us when the market opened. Good Roots took it from there. I got to watch a world-class farmers market grow up outside our door.

Edi Matsumoto
Artist & Gallery Owner



As a former healthcare professional, knowing my art can bring people a little joy and happiness is the most rewarding part. I'm very grateful to the Carmel Farmers Market for providing me the space to connect with this wonderful community!

Elana Kline-Thompson
Community Engagment Manager for Sunset Center



The Farmers market in Carmel has been an invaluable partner to Sunset Center. Through our Third Thursday music series, we've been able to expand our audience and serve our community in a fun location away from our campus.

Simon Bull
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To me, a farmers market represents the best of what community is all about. It's a place where we can enjoy fresh, quality food and locally made products, support the people who grow and create them, and connect with our neighbors. It's about bringing people together and celebrating the community we call home.

Rocha Family
Superintendent & Stylist



There is something grounding about knowing the hands that grow our food. The farmers market connects us to the rhythm of the seasons, and the heartbeat of our own community

Yancey Cabrera
Fire Chief & General Contractor



When emergencies happen, the strength of a community is often found in neighbors looking out for one another. Farmers markets help build those relationships long before they're needed. They're a place to shake hands, share a conversation, support local families, and strengthen the sense of community that makes places like Carmel Valley so special.

Anna Williams
Retired Teacher & CV Historical Center Docent



Not only do I rely on the farmers market for fresh produce and products like bread and jam, but I invariably run into a shopper or vendor I know for a quick chat. The market is another way to feel connected with my community. It's a win-win!

The Scarlett Family
Mom of Two, Manager at Ticketmaster, Entrepreneur



The farmers market is one of my favorite family rituals. Our girls look forward to collecting their favorite pickles, a basket of strawberries and maybe even a donut or two. We always see friends, share hugs and I walk away knowing it's more than a market.

Greg Ahn
President & Co-CEO, The Folktale Group



One of the things that makes Carmel so special is our sense of community. The Farmers Market brings that spirit to life, connecting our neighbors, supporting local growers, and reminding us how fortunate we are to live in such an extraordinary place.

Tim Allen
Tim Allen Properties Team



I've been part of this community for a long time, and I love seeing people come together. The farmers market is great for Carmel and our local growers and creators.

George Anderson
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I know I'm going to find some of my favorite local vendors, whether it's fresh flowers, beautiful produce, a delicious bite, something sweet, or unique local art. I'll always run into friends, make new ones, and somehow leave feeling like it was the best part of my day.

The Simms Family
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the governor has approved a series of spending plans that have outspent General Fund revenues by $300 billion.

To add to Becerra's budget woes, the Legislative Analyst's Office warned last week in its annual report that the revenue boom is likely headed for a correction.

"While the stock market's recent run has been great for many investors and the state budget, it now appears to have advanced to a dangerous stage," the legislative analyst wrote. "The risk facing state revenues is that this boom, like many in the past, will abruptly end in a bust."

The message to the Becerra transition team was stark — don't bet on artificial intelligence to ride to the rescue of California's finances. That's not good news for the incoming administration, as AI stocks have helped paper over budget concerns for the last several years.

The governor-elect has not directly commented on the report from the Legislative Analyst's Office, which also warns of chronic multiyear deficits, run-down reserves and existing commitments continuing to exceed revenues. Others are sounding the alarm.

'Face reality'

"The new administration will have to face reality. The stock market returning to more normal levels is a matter of when, not if," wrote state Sen. Roger Niello, R-Roseville, a leading GOP voice on budget issues. "Bringing the state budget into balance in a way that works in good times and bad will help us avoid the pain of making even more drastic changes to Californians' everyday lives."

The situation Becerra finds himself in is not unlike that of Newsom's predecessor, Gov. Jerry Brown, in 2011. He inherited a $35 billion mountain of debt, although the market bust and subsequent recession were already underway. Brown chose to tackle his budget shortfall with a mix of tax increases and spending cuts, and during his tenure, outgo was on par with income.

As the governor-elect ushers in what his transition team has dubbed the "Becerra Era," he'll have to decide which road he wants to take: Continue the spending spree or make the tougher call to rein in programs and raise taxes.

Mum's the word

The former Health and Human Services secretary didn't make big campaign promises, and his strategy doesn't appear to have changed since he got the job. When it comes to state finances, Becerra hasn't dropped many hints about his future budget priorities, but he hasn't suggested cutting spending.

At his first public appearance after the election, Becerra refused to tell reporters whether he'd reverse the cuts Newsom made to health insurance for undocumented immigrants. "You want me to make a commitment without knowing what the budget will be, without knowing where the votes are? I'm not going to play that game," Becerra said.

Newsom first offered free healthcare to all undocumented people in 2024, but the expansion ended up costing nearly double the anticipated amount, forcing a rare but modest rollback over the last year. Under the new rules, those with disqualifying immigration status who were already enrolled in Medi-Cal can keep their coverage, but starting next year, they'll have to pay a $30-a-month premium. Becerra won't say for sure whether he'll keep that cut — what he has suggested is a propensity to raise taxes instead.

Before his election, Becerra told Sacramento television station KCRA that he'd like to raise taxes on some high-income Californians, depending on how much tax they pay compared to regular working people. "If you're a billionaire and you're paying at a lower tax rate than a firefighter or a teacher or a nurse, you're not paying your

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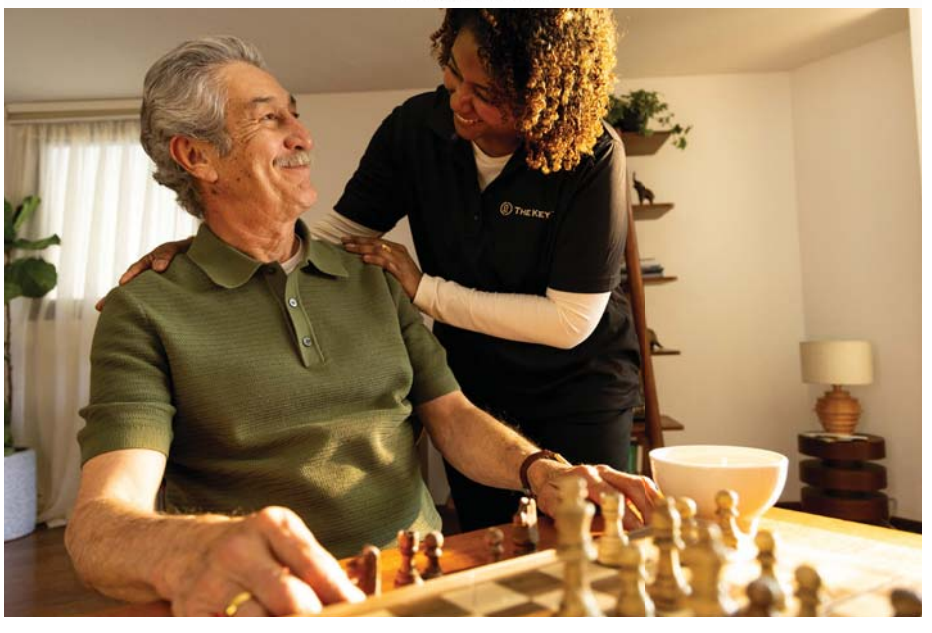

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fair share," said Becerra, who opposed an asset tax on billionaires.

California already has the highest marginal tax rate in the U.S., at 13.3% for those making more than $1 million a year in taxable income. That rate applies only to realized income — such as a paycheck — and Becerra hasn't laid out a plan for how he'd raise rates on billionaires realizing smaller incomes.

Becerra has also set his sights on increasing taxes on corporations, targeting corporate tax breaks specifically because "they don't really need them." He's also come out in support of legislation passed this year to tax employers with full-time workers who nevertheless qualify for Medi-Cal benefits.

Raising taxes — even on businesses and the rich — comes with a political price. California's already high tax burden and regulatory environment have been cited as prime reasons for relocation by thousands of firms that have moved to Texas and other lower-cost states.

Fleeing the state

Corporate headquarters are not the only ones leaving. Last year, 230,000 Californians called it quits, according to U.S. Census Bureau data, many in search of somewhere more affordable. Hiking taxes may be the popular tack to try with the state's Democratic supermajority in Sacramento, which has vehemently opposed cuts to social spending, but failing to pair it with some long-term curtailment of programs is unlikely to produce a balanced budget.

During Newsom's time in office, the state received a 60% boost in tax revenue, roughly double the rate of inflation during the same period, but spending swelled 72%. The Legislative Analyst's Office this month predicts another rise in revenue, with the AI boom expected to bring in $11 billion more than forecast in June.

It sounds like good news, but higher contribution requirements under recently passed Proposition 2 and spending on education under Proposition 98 will more than consume the higher-than-expected revenue — to the tune of about $13 billion — continuing the trend of outspending even record revenue increases.

In a statement following the analyst's economic forecast, Becerra spokesman Jonathan Underland said the governor-elect "remains committed to delivering a responsible, balanced budget that protects the services Californians depend on and focuses on bringing down costs."

Reading between the lines, the statement doesn't intimate a penchant for making cuts — but someone's got to do it if tipping the budget scale back into balance is truly a Sacramento priority.

Kindness takes over after 9/11

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"This is not just a show," PacRep said. "It's a joy-powered, heart-lifting, standing-ovation-ready phenomenon about kindness, community and the extraordinary things ordinary people can do when the world takes an unexpected turn."

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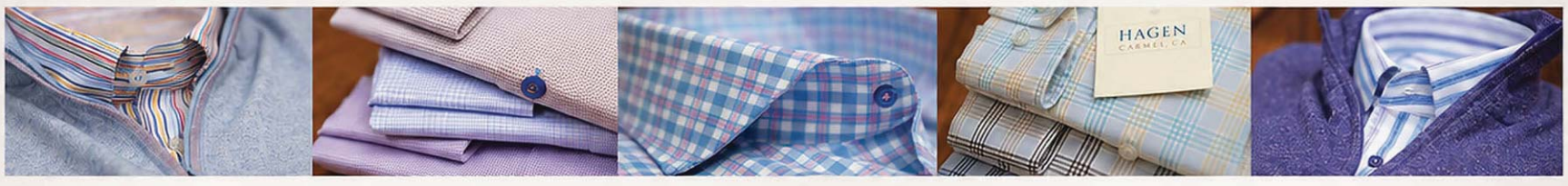

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STAIRS

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in office is fast approaching, said such events "underscore the need for more resilient beach access infrastructure."

"I look forward to working with the city to develop plans and a rapid implementation schedule for durable, stone-based stairways at both locations that are better able to withstand powerful winter storms and rising sea levels," he said. "Hopefully, we can also engage our nonprofit community to help make these projects a reality."

In July, the Carmel City Council voted to approve a $364,417 contract with Silcon Constructors, the lowest of four bidders, to repair the stairs at 12th and 10th avenues. The contract includes a base bid of $223,149.70, an additive alternate of $80,531.24 for extra work and a $60,736.19 contingency.

Although the contract was approved, the work was put off in anticipation of an unprecedented El Niño and the winter storms it might generate, as well as high surf. Acting city administrator Brandon Swanson said the contract allows for such a delay and that the project will not have to be rebid.

"We also communicated with Silcon early, and they were good with the delay," he said. "I'm feeling really good about our decision to push construction to next year, as those stairs specifically have been — and will continue to be — hit hard this week with the very high tides."



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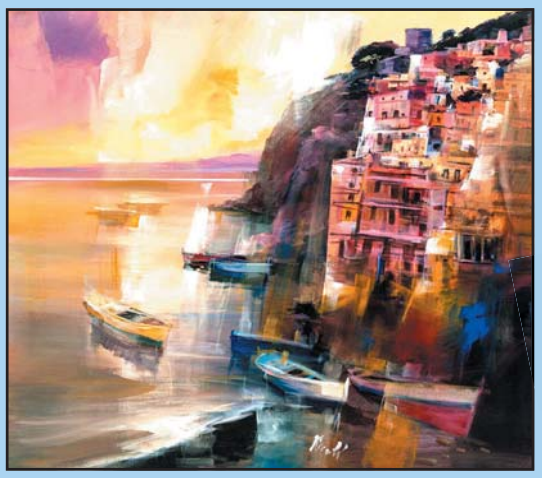
The Frank Lloyd Wright house on Scenic Road takes a beating from uncharacteristically large surf during Wednesday morning's King Tide



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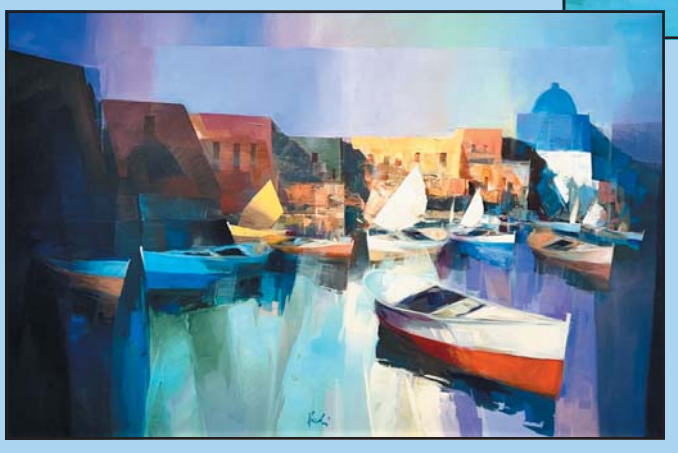

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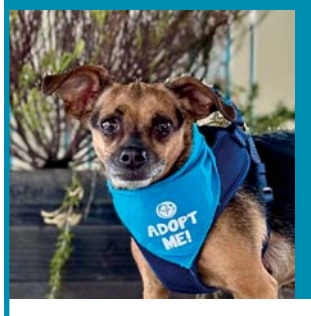

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CATALINA

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were always slipping or tripping, hurting ourselves and getting super-dirty.

"And getting over to York School and back cut into our practice time," she said.

Softball players, who have used York's facilities for the past seven years, will also be back on campus next spring.

Substantial manual labor was necessary each year to make the soccer field softball-ready by tearing up grass to accommodate infield dirt. The artificial turf made that problem go away.

Also delighted are Catalina's tennis players, who tied Stevenson for the PCAL championship this fall despite playing all of their matches — and their own tournament, the Santa Catalina Invitational — on the road while construction was progressing right next to their courts.

The athletic field built more than 30 years ago wasn't the only facility overdue for a facelift.

"Our swimming pool (built in 2002, last resurfaced in 2018) had cracking on the pool deck, and the plaster on the bottom of the pool was flaking off," said athletic director Kendra Klein, who also coaches the water polo team. "It was moldy, and there was algae and rust coming up."

Both the deck and the pool's interior were resurfaced.

"So, our girls won't be cutting their little toes on the wall anymore," she said.

The pool's two moody heaters also were replaced, and a new, state-of-the-art timing system — the same technology used at the Olympics — was installed.

The hardwood basketball/volleyball floor, installed in 1990, got its first major refinish, along with new logos — overdue since it was rebranded as the Nomellini Family Court in 2022.

Futuristic scoreboards

All of the refurbished sports venues got brand-new scoreboards, with bells and whistles that are still being discovered.

"I don't even know all of the things the scoreboards can do yet," Klein said. "But the ones in the gym and at the pool are equipped with full video boards that allow us to put up replays, videos or photos from, like, our senior nights, different graphics and displays. I can post our practice plans up there instead of shouting them out.

"We could even watch movies on the board and lounge around the pool."

That possibility, among others, has Ostos thinking about sharing the fun with visitors.

"We're envisioning community nights — inviting people to bring their floaty devices to our pool and watch a movie. Our gym could host community events, too.

"People in the public regularly ask if they can use our spaces. Until now, we haven't really been in a position to say yes," Ostos said.

The roster of heroes who stepped up to make the multimillion-dollar project a reality is a long one, Ostos said, but a catalyst has been Kenny Peyton, a local physical therapist and Catalina board member whose three children were student-athletes at the K-12 school. Two sons attended Catalina through middle school (then played sports at Stevenson), and their sister played for Cougar teams throughout high school.

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PHOTOS/COURTESY SANTA CATALINA SCHOOL

(Above) Santa Catalina students enjoyed recreation time this week on the artificial turf of their new athletic field. The deck and floor of the pool (top) were resurfaced, and a glitzy new scoreboard was installed at Catalina's E.L. Wiegand Aquatics Center during the $8 million upgrade of the athletic facilities.

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"Four years ago, Kenny started inviting me to walk our athletic field with him so he could remind me of how that field did not align with the excellence of the rest of Santa Catalina School," Ostos said, tracing the genesis of the renovation. "And every year when we'd walk the field again, I'd say, 'You're right ... you're right ... but it'll be a big project, a lot of money and we're just not ready for that.'"

Peyton persisted. The annual strolls continued. And in late September 2025, he upped his game.

"Let's try to do it," he urged Ostos. Then Peyton and his wife, Deb, pledged a substantial gift to seed the project — money that enabled the school to hire BFS Landscape Architects to estimate the cost.

Ostos and the school's board members realized early that the original estimate — $5 million — probably would climb, but they were undeterred.



Catalina middle school students also will benefit from upgrades to school athletic facilities, which include a resurfaced hardwood gym floor.

The board approved the project they called "Full Court Press for Healthy Hearts and Minds" in early December, greenlighting an ambitious fundraising effort.

Family generosity

Catalina alumni provided $1 million in gifts and pledges by mid-January. Current Santa Catalina families then responded to a challenge — to raise another $500,000 in 25 days — exceeding expectations with $600,000 by early spring.

Construction began in May, even as the project design was still evolving.

When global issues raised the cost of fuel and increased the price of steel, the cost of the project rose from $5 million to $7.8 million, but donations kept coming, and construction stayed on schedule.

An additional $200,000 should be in the coffers before New Year's Day, Ostos predicted.

"Meanwhile, our students have been so excited," she said. "They keep asking, 'How many more days, Dr. Ostos?'"

The wait ended last Friday, when Catalina's soccer team practiced on their new field for the first time in preparation for the winter season.

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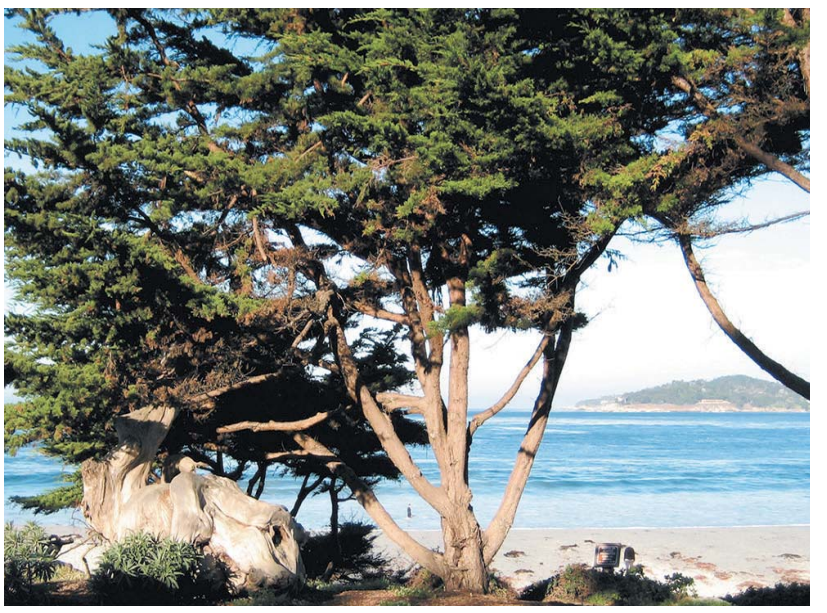

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ARCHITECT

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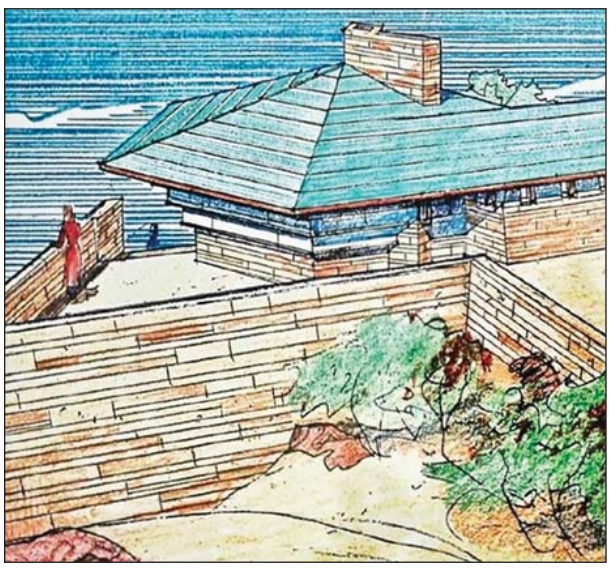
1953, the Monterey chapter of the American Institute of Architects had just been founded. Mrs. Walker escorted Wright to its inaugural celebration at a local restaurant.

The article said it was a "happy coincidence" that the famed architect's cross-country speaking tour brought him through Carmel the night of the event. The story had a somewhat sensational — and long — headline: "Famed Architect Frank Lloyd Wright Bites The Hand That Feeds Him But Exalts His Calling At Meeting Here."



This rendering of the Mrs. Clinton Walker House — also known as the Cabin on the Rocks — on Scenic Avenue was completed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright in 1948. Wright was Walker's guest at the 1953 charter meeting of a Monterey architectural society.

'Awed silence'

Verbosity and shouty capital letters aside, the assessment was accurate. Wright, 86 — not 82, as the article says — expressed a fair amount of contempt for those practicing his profession, even as they gathered to celebrate their new association. In fact, despite the AIA awarding Wright its prestigious Gold Medal in 1949, he never joined.

Reporter Virginia Shaw wrote that his arrival "produced the same sort of reaction the appearance of royalty might have: an almost awed silence, which dominated even the chatty ministrations of the society contingent."

In her telling, he comes across as an imperious character with a curmudgeonly streak. After all, he was notoriously proprietary about his designs, and several anecdotes describe his habit of entering clients' houses in their absence and rearranging their furniture. There is also a letter admonishing Walker for using inferior masonry and deviating from his design.

Getting back to his informal 1953 question-and-answer session, Wright was asked whether he had ever wanted to do anything else for a living.

"Never," he said. "I was destined to be an architect before I was born. I could never have been anything else. There is no greater thing a man can be," he told the audience of approximately 60 architects, draftsmen, engineers and students.

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Reimagined Hofsas rebuild unveiled

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL City Council in July 2024 approved plans to demolish the Hofsas House hotel — which some insisted is historic but which the city determined is not — and replace it with a complex of contemporary Craftsman-style buildings designed by architect Eric Miller. But next month, owner Carrie Theis is taking new plans by a new architect to the planning commission for approval.

The revisions represent a collaboration among Theis, a local hotel developer that recently completed a major project in Pacific Grove, and the architect, she said Wednesday.

"We conducted a thorough process to find a hotel developer and were very fortunate to find Cypress 16," she said, referring to the partnership of Gary Roffe and Leon Hurley, who developed the Kimpton Mirador hotel in Pacific Grove. "What we liked was that they are developers who understand the community, worked really well with P.G. and built a beautiful building, so we decided to do a joint venture."

Theis and the developers reviewed the approved plans and liked what they saw, but thought they could be adjusted to "make things more efficient from a hospitality standpoint," she said, and 10 Design, a London-headquartered hotel architectural firm with offices in San Francisco, was enlisted in May to help.

Away from neighbors

Layout changes include moving the pool and spa to a more central location, away from neighboring homes, and designing the buildings at the front of the hotel property to be more in keeping with the neighborhood's character.

The restaurant — which will serve only hotel guests — was planned for the top level above the lobby, but the architect moved it to street level, where it will retain its ocean views.

"We've been working with the planning department to discuss some of our changes and have received very positive feedback," she said. "They like the new design," which involves no alterations to the height, floor area or number of rooms — 38. The property also has 65 parking spaces.

Theis said she's excited to bring the revised plans to the planning commission at its Dec. 9 meeting and said it will "be a great feeling to have beautiful buildings for generations to come."

Theis said they hope to break ground in late spring 2027.

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Man chases, threatens kid, P.G. police say

By KELLY NIX

A FELON with a lengthy criminal history was arrested last week for allegedly threatening to shoot a boy at a Pacific Grove shopping center.

On Nov. 14 at about 9:40 p.m., Pacific Grove police officers responded to the Country Club Gate shopping center, where Lucky is located, after a report that a shirtless man was threatening a juvenile. The boy, who called 911, said the man, identified as Kevin Anthony Hall, 33, chased him twice while he was on the phone. Hall also told the boy he would fight officers when they arrived.

When officers got there, they ordered Hall to the ground and handcuffed him. Police said he was under the influence of alcohol.

According to part of the police report provided to The Pine Cone by P.G. police Cmdr. Brian Anderson, officers observed "rigid muscle tone, fidgety hands, grinding teeth, profuse sweating, despite the cold weather, dilated pupils, rapid speech, and an inability to stand still."

The boy told investigators that Hall said he would shoot him and that he "was in fear because Hall was acting crazy and had various gang tattoos," according to police.

Hall, a parolee, was taken to Monterey County Jail in Salinas, where he is being held on $80,000 bail. He remained in custody as of Wednesday afternoon.

On Nov. 16, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office filed one felony count of criminal threats against Hall, along with an enhancement for a prior strike on his record.

Hall "did willfully and unlawfully threaten to commit a crime which would result in death and great bodily injury to John Doe," the criminal complaint says.

He pleaded not guilty in a Salinas courtroom.

Criminal record

Monterey County Superior Court records show Hall has been arrested for numerous crimes since 2012, including felony vandalism, burglary, firearms violations and drug possession.

In January 2017, he was charged with setting fire to an abandoned duplex on the 800 block of Hayes Circle in Marina. In August of that year, he pleaded no contest, which is the same as a guilty plea, and was sentenced to state prison.

How tech gives the power of speech

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A FREE talk hosted by The Carmel Foundation will feature Stanford neuroscientist Dr. Maheen Adamson showcasing an innovative tool to help those who have lost their ability to speak due to a stroke, ALS, multiple sclerosis or dementia. "Giving Voice to the Voiceless: A New Digital Health Technology" will take place Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 2:30 p.m. in Diment Hall at 824 Lincoln St.

With more than 20 years of experience studying brain health, traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer's disease, depression and rehabilitation, Adamson will discuss how technology can help people who have difficulty speaking to communicate more easily. Soof Solutions, an iPad-based eye-gaze technology, helps patients communicate with caregivers, family members and healthcare providers, and Adamson will show how the tool works and how digital health tech can support patients and their caregivers.

The program is free and open to the public, and will include refreshments. The Carmel Foundation serves members 55 and older by providing classes and workshops, low-cost housing and meals, activities and other offerings. For more, visit carmelfoundation.org or call (831) 624-1588.





In Loving Memory of Hilda Jean Rodeback

Oct. 30, 1931 – Oct. 30, 2026

Hilda Jean Rodeback died peacefully on the evening of her 95th birthday, after a tea party held in her honor. She spent the day surrounded by family and friends, sharing love and laughter as they celebrated her remarkable life.







Hilda was born in the village of Prenteg in North Wales. At 16, she left her beloved village to pursue a career in nursing. She became a registered nurse and dedicated her life to caring for others. She worked in pediatrics and in tuberculosis and burn units. She trained and worked at Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Wembley Hospital and Sunbury General Hospital in England and later worked at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto before moving to California.

Hilda continued her nursing career at California Hospital in Los Angeles, where a patient introduced her to his nephew, George Wayne Rodeback. That meeting began a lifelong love story. Hilda and Wayne were married on Oct. 4, 1957, at the Chapel of Roses in Pasadena. They made their home on the Monterey Peninsula for more than five decades.

Their first child, David, was born in Carmel-by-the-Sea in 1961. Their family grew with the arrival of Linda and later Glenys, whom they adopted when she was 2 days old.

Being a mother was one of Hilda's greatest joys. She took great pride in her children and gave them unconditional love, encouragement and support. Hilda and Wayne were especially dedicated to making sure Linda, who had special needs, had every opportunity to reach the same milestones as her peers. With their love, patience and unwavering belief in her, Linda graduated from Monterey High School, attended Monterey Peninsula College and went on to live independently.

Hilda loved caring for her family, traveling with Wayne and getting out for walks in the California sunshine. She enjoyed reading novels and playing bridge, but she especially loved tennis. A longtime member of the Beach and Tennis Club in Pebble Beach, she played in the tennis league and proudly brought home tournament trophies. She also volunteered with the Auxiliary of Community Hospital and the Alzheimer's program.

Hilda was a woman of strength, independence, warmth and grace. Her smile could light up a room, and she made people feel welcome and loved. She lived with determination and enthusiasm, finding joy in her family, her friendships and the simple pleasures of daily life.

No matter how far life took her from Wales, you could never take the Welsh girl out of Hilda. She spoke Welsh with relatives, kept close ties with family in Wales and was a longtime member of the Welsh Society. She became a U.S. citizen in 1974 and took pride in the life she built in California. Wales was forever in her heart.

Hilda and Wayne shared 53 years of marriage before his death on Jan. 29, 2011. She was also preceded in death by her siblings, Helen, Megan, Emyr and Eurwen. The last of the Pritchard siblings, Hilda carried with her a lifetime of memories of the family, village and Welsh traditions that shaped her.

She is survived by her children, David Rodeback (Connie) of Portland, Oregon, Linda Rodeback (Kevin) of San Jose and Glenys Rodeback of Salinas. She also leaves her grandchildren, Matthew Sollid of Seaside and Marissa Sollid of San Diego, and numerous nieces and nephews throughout the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

The family is deeply grateful to the care team and fellow residents at Springfield Villa for the kindness, care and companionship they gave Hilda in the last two years of her life. They made Springfield Villa feel like home to her. The family also thanks Laura Ruggieri of Elder Placement Professionals – Monterey Peninsula for her guidance and compassion in helping them find the right home and care for Hilda.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Cancer Society in Hilda's memory. In keeping with her wishes, there will be no memorial service. The family will hold private rites at a later date.

In Welsh

Hilda, mam o galon lân,
Dy gariad fu'n oleuni glân;
Er iti fynd i'r nefoedd fry,
Mae'th gof yn aros gyda ni.

Hilda, mother with a pure heart,
Your love was a shining light;
Though you have gone to heaven above,
Your memory remains with us.

ALARMS

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Municipal Code" and "preserve the city's traditions and character while ensuring public safety and compliance with the standard addressing system that requires assigned address numbers to be posted and visible from the street."

They should look Carmel nice, too. Residential design guidelines advise people to "use natural, subdued materials compatible with the city's architectural character" and "avoid glossy plastics, neon colors or materials that violate" the code. In addition, "fasteners must be concealed where possible," and the "colors must complement building materials per city design review requirements."

Numerals can be oriented vertically, horizontally or diagonally, and can be mounted separately or grouped within a sign or plaque.

When it comes to lighting, which is not required, the code states that it should "protect village character," with "warm, low-luminosity fixtures consistent with the city's dark-sky restrictions" that are down-directed and shielded. Lighting can't "cause glare onto neighboring properties or the public right of way," and internal illumination of address signs — including flashing, neon, LED color-changing and backlighting — is prohibited.

For shops, offices and other downtown buildings, "installation of building identifiers and address numbers or changes to existing commercial directory signs are subject to the established process for review and approval," according to the guidelines.

Regardless of all that, a walk through town quickly reveals that many property owners have opted for the easy and inexpensive installation of numbers from Ace and other local hardware stores, with custom-made and creative displays being the exception rather than the rule.

Beware porch pirates

In the Nov. 20 video, Trayer also warned people to take delivered packages indoors as soon as possible after they arrive.

"Remember that when Amazon or FedEx leaves those packages on your doorstep, if you're not around, have somebody pick them up and take care of those for you, because there are always people who look for the opportunity to borrow without asking," Trayer said.

"Permanently borrow without asking," acting city administrator Brandon Swanson said. "That's a very nice way of saying, 'stealing.'"

Trayer recalled a few incidents of porch piracy last year and said he expects an escalation in theft as more residents use their newly assigned addresses to receive deliveries.

"I just want to be more vigilant," he said.

JAMES 'JIM' NEVIS

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James "Jim" Nevis, a longtime Monterey Peninsula businessman, restaurateur and unforgettable personality, died peacefully at his home in Yuma, Arizona. He was 87.

Jim grew up in San Jose, California, and served in the U.S. Coast Guard before attending San Jose State University.



After college, he began a successful career in finance. A prominent figure in the Monterey Peninsula business community for decades, he served as vice president at Dean Witter in Monterey. His entrepreneurial spirit and creative vision extended well beyond the securities industry.

Jim was the creative force behind some of the Monterey Peninsula's most memorable restaurants and watering holes, including The General Store/Forge in the Forest, Maxwell McFly's and Sly McFly's. These establishments became local institutions where friendships began, celebrations took place and countless memories were made. Each reflected Jim's imagination, entrepreneurial instincts and ability to bring people together.

A natural entertainer, Jim brought the same imagination and exuberance to his parties that he brought to his businesses. His favorite audience was his grandchildren, whom he delighted with magic tricks, jokes and stories. The laughter they shared helped forge bonds that would last a lifetime.

Jim was, in every sense of the word, larger than life. He had a brilliant creative mind, a quick wit, a trademark smile and a personality that could fill any room. Kindhearted and extraordinarily resilient, he had a zest for life and a gift for making people feel special and loved. Whatever the occasion, Jim left an impression.

He lived a rich, full and colorful life, marked by ambition, adventure, humor and an enduring ability to reinvent himself and embrace each new chapter.

He is survived by his wife, Kelea Nevis; his children, Chris Nevis (Carrie), Taylour Hickman (Norval) and Kyleigh Beyan (Koiwu); his six grandchildren, Max, Lexy, Nick, Peyton, David and Cassie; and his brother, David Nevis. He was preceded in death by his sister, Pamela Atwood.

Jim will be remembered for his infectious humor, his entrepreneurial imagination, his generous heart and his deep love for his family. For Jim, life was indeed one great ride.

SANDRA KAY 'SANDY' JINKS

Sept. 13, 1949 – Nov. 17, 2026

Sandra Kay "Sandy" Jinks of Carmel, California, died Nov. 17, 2026. She was 77.

Sandy was born Sept. 13, 1949, to Jean E. and Paul Carver. She was an only child and grew up in Milford and Frenchtown, New Jersey, surrounded by cousins who became lifelong friends.



Sandy moved to California in 1968 and made the Monterey Peninsula her home. She spent most of her adult life in Pacific Grove, where she raised her daughter, Deena. In 2010, she moved to the Carmel Outlook area, where she lived for the rest of her life.

Sandy worked in the hospitality industry for more than 35 years, including many years at Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley.

Known for her boundless energy, love of shopping and fascination with fine jewelry, Sandy was rarely seen without her lipstick. She loved cleaning, organizing and decorating, sometimes even rearranging displays in her friends' stores. She had a lifelong appreciation for beautiful things, especially anything that came in a Tiffany blue box. She treasured her friendship with Brian Neel and the team at Tiffany & Co., with whom she shared many fond memories and a love of fine jewelry.

One of Sandy's greatest joys was her beloved Amazon parrot, Bollinger, her faithful feathered companion for more than three decades. Those who knew Sandy knew how much Bollinger meant to her.

Sandy is survived by her beloved daughter, Deena Beard, and son-in-law, William Beard. She also leaves behind her lifelong best friend, Laureen "Reeny" Taylor, her cherished cousin Daniel "Danny" Vanselous, other relatives and many dear friends. Her parents preceded her in death.

Sandy's family extends its heartfelt thanks to Patricia and her team of caregivers, especially Jamie, Monica, Valerie, Vanessa and Joan. Their kindness and care brought comfort and dignity to Sandy's final years. They became cherished members of her extended family, who will always be grateful for the love and companionship they shared with her.

A private service will be held in Sandy's memory. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in her memory to Cure Alzheimer's Fund (curealz.org) or SPCA Monterey County, a charity especially dear to Sandy's heart.

Sandy will be remembered for her elegance, her remarkable energy and her love of family and friends and the many wonderful memories she leaves behind.



JANET EILEEN O'HALLORAN

1945–2026

Monterey Peninsula

Janet Eileen O'Halloran of Pacific Grove died peacefully at home on Nov. 18, 2026, after a courageous three-year battle with melanoma. Her family and childhood friends knew her as Eileen, while her husband and friends she made after college knew her as Jan.

Jan was born in Colorado in 1945 to Alice and Pat O'Halloran. Her father served in the U.S. Navy, and she grew up in several places, including Colorado, Guam and Coronado, California. She graduated from Coronado High School and earned a bachelor's degree in history from UCLA in 1967. She spent most of her career in human resources management, working briefly for the Navy and later for Los Angeles and San Diego counties. She was personnel manager for the San Diego County Social Services Department for 10 years. Chronic fatigue syndrome cut her career short.

Jan married James R. "Jim" Thomson in 1986. They lived in the San Diego area and on the Monterey Peninsula, spending most of those years in Monterey. Jan and Jim enjoyed traveling in the United States and abroad. They visited all 50 states and took several cruises, including one around South America that took them to the Antarctic Peninsula. Jan was a voracious reader who loved playing with her cats and enjoyed wine tasting and dining with Jim and friends. She brought happiness wherever she went with her bright outlook, her laugh, her wit and her kindness.

Jan is survived by her husband of 40 years, Jim Thomson of Pacific Grove, and by numerous cousins. She is also survived by her brother, Mike O'Halloran, and her niece, Michelle Botkin, both of San Diego. Her parents and her sister, Patsy Botkin, died before her.

Family and friends will have informal celebrations of Jan's life. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests any memorial donations be to the Monterey Public Library Friends & Foundation, (investinmpl.org), P.O. Box 267, Monterey, CA 93942-0267.

WATER

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building accessory dwelling units, remodeling or adding onto homes, demolishing and rebuilding, legalizing unpermitted improvements and reinstalling previously removed bathrooms.

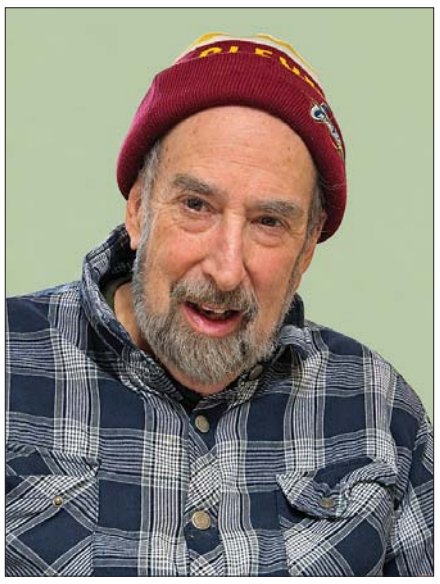
'A wonderful thing'

The tracker also lists 0.029 acre-feet (9,450 gallons per year) sought for the conversion of office space in Villa Carmel at 470 Fourth Ave. at San Carlos Street into two apartments. When the planning commission considered it Oct. 21, the project application submitted by the Richard Vito Sagin Trust provoked enthusiastic support from residents Ian Martin and Nancy Twomey.

"Taking underutilized office spaces and turning them into residences — that's amazing," Martin said. "I wholeheartedly hope that you'll get this thing through, because it's a wonderful thing."

The planning commission unanimously agreed.

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District has issued water permits for 17 of the residential applications, but none of the allocations will be considered filled until a building permit is signed off as final, according to the city's planning and building department.



JOHN ALFRED HARRIS

John Alfred Harris died of heart failure on April 20, 2026, at age 90. He lived in California for more than 50 years, most of that time in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Born Jan. 18, 1936, in Shaker Heights, Ohio, John graduated from Shaker Heights High School in June 1954 and earned a bachelor's degree from Antioch College in June 1959. After college, he joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany for two years. He also studied European history in France before returning to the U.S. in 1963 to teach high school mathematics in New York City. While teaching, he studied part time at the City University of New York and earned a master's degree in education in June 1965.

John spent four years in the doctoral program in psychology at the University of Chicago. In 1972, he moved to California to develop educational tests for the publisher CTB/McGraw-Hill. He devoted the rest of his career to cognitive testing.

At the Defense Manpower Data Center, John served as chief editor for several versions of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, a set of tests used to determine whether recruits qualify for military service and which military occupations suit them. He worked with test writers to ensure that each question measured the intended skills effectively and without bias. He then selected questions of varying difficulty so that each version measured a range of skills and abilities. Later statistical analyses confirmed the effectiveness of his work.

After moving to California, John took classes in piano, acting, painting and pottery at Monterey Peninsula College, leaving behind many delightful creations. When he retired in April 2004, he had more time for his many interests. His compassion, approachability, sharp wit and gentle, tolerant spirit left a lasting impression on his colleagues and friends. Soon after moving to California, he joined a support organization called the Men's Group, where he put his training in psychology to use. He remained involved until the final days of his life.

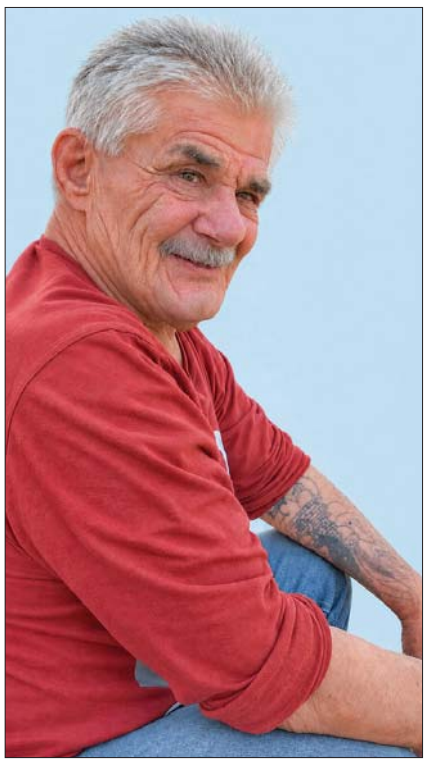
John is survived by his wife, Hai (Melanie) Harris; his stepson, Xinyi Shen; his daughter-in-law, Hui Li; his grandson, Daming Shen; his nephew, Rod Beresford; his grandnephew, Geoff Beresford; his grandniece, Sarah Beresford; and many friends.

In accordance with his wishes, no funeral service will be held.

JAMES JULIO CHIOINO

Nov. 4, 1944 – Nov. 10, 2026

James Julio Chioino, affectionately known as Jimmy, died unexpectedly Nov. 10, 2026, at age 82.



Born Nov. 4, 1944, to Frances and Almondo Chioino, Jimmy was one of 13 children. He shared 42 loving years with his devoted companion, Cindy Salmeri.

In addition to Cindy, Jimmy is survived by his five children, James Luke Chioino, Almondo Joseph "A.J." Chioino, Michael Lingenfelter, Carrie Lynn Chioino and Francis Maurine Gilman. His grandchildren are Timothy, Stephen, William, E.J., Jack Jr., Claire, Adelyn, Adaline Scarlett and Mason. His great-grandchildren are Jaydon, Isaiah, Story, Brody and Jesiah.

He is also survived by two brothers, Robert Chioino and William Paul Chioino, and four sisters, Arlene Shake, Mary Ann Carbone, Gloria Jean Scott and Sheena Marie Chioino. He leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and lifelong friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and six brothers.

Jimmy was a skilled carpenter and gifted mechanic. In his younger years, he was a talented baseball pitcher. He loved hunting, fishing, working on cars and spending time outdoors. Some of his fondest memories were of fishing trips with his brothers, son and nephews. The stories from those trips will be told for generations. His faithful companion, Biscuit, was never far from his side.

Jimmy will be remembered for his love of family, his friendships and his adventurous spirit. We find comfort in our faith and in the thought of Jimmy reuniting with his parents and brothers.

As Isaiah 40:31 reminds us, those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength and soar on wings like eagles.

Rest peacefully, Dad. May your waters always be full of fish, may your trails stay open and may your spirit soar. You will be forever loved and deeply missed.

A memorial service will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, 2026, at Mission Mortuary in Seaside.

CATHERINE ALICE SCHOLINK

Catherine Alice Scholink passed away Aug. 11, 2026, at her daughter's home in Monterey, California. She was 104. She was born Nov. 27, 1921, in Canton, Ohio, to Thurman and Olive Rice.



During her school years, Catherine enjoyed singing in the choir, playing the flute in the orchestra and, later, playing the piano. She met her future husband, Ralph, at a YMCA dance in Canton in 1940. They married Jan. 14, 1945. In 1950, they moved from Canton to Pacific Beach in San Diego, California. They later lived in Carlsbad, California, on the Monterey Peninsula and in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Catherine devoted herself to caring for her family. She also served as a Sunday school teacher and operated a child care program in the family's Carmel Valley home for more than 25 years. She enjoyed square dancing, playing tennis, camping and gardening.

Catherine was blessed with more than 104 years of life and was surrounded by family and love in her final days. She will be remembered for her kindness and her selfless, servant-hearted devotion to others.



She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Jean Kintigh; her brother, Glenn Rice; and her husband, Ralph Scholink, who died in July 2016.

She is survived by her sister, Joyce (Chuck) Cassidy; her three children, Linda, Larry (Shonna) and Ron (Laysa); seven grandchildren, Matthew, Meagan (Conrad), Nate, Mia (Joel), David, Anna and Logan; and three great-grandchildren, Westin, Walker and Wyatt.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Catherine's caregivers — Tess, Amelia, Lupita, Elly, Po, Marlene and Laysa — as well as the many Meals on Wheels volunteers who arrived with smiles and conversation that she enjoyed so much. The family is also grateful to the compassionate staff of VNA Hospice, who guided them through the final days with understanding and care.

Family and extended family members gathered to share stories, laughter and farewells. This is not goodbye, but rather, "Until we meet again in heaven." Until then, you will live forever in our hearts.

Everybody reads The Pine Cone

Wounded Padres still not throwing away a shot at postseason glory

THE CARMEL Padres have missed the Central Coast Section boys basketball playoffs just once since 2003, and despite battling the Pacific Coast Athletic League's toughest opponents as members of the Gabilan Division, they're angling toward a fifth straight appearance this season.

Stevenson, meanwhile, will be pursuing a return to the postseason for the first time since 2022 as a new member of the PCAL's Cypress Division.

Both are optimistic, with rosters loaded with varsity veterans and three-sport athletes.

Here's a preview of their programs as they wade into this year's preleague schedules.

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Senior guard Barak De La Rosa (2) is an all-around talent who is expected to be a formidable scorer for Stevenson this season.

■ Padres in rehab mode

Four varsity Padres are sidelined with football injuries, and another will miss the start of the season after an episode of appendicitis.

While that situation suggests a potentially slow start, it means some varsity newcomers will get valuable court time during the first two to five weeks.

Among the hobbled is 6-foot-2, 220-pound center Carter Lloyd, who contributed 5.1 points, 5.9 rebounds and 2.2 assists to a 2025-26 team that won just three of its 14 games in the Gabilan Division but earned a Central Coast Section playoff berth by going 6-6 against a challenging schedule of nonleague opponents.

Other walking wounded include senior Kanan Seeklander (2.6 points), plus three juniors — 6-2 David Spencer (2.5 points, 4.2 rebounds), 6-1 Liam Morgan (3.7 points, 2.9 rebounds) and varsity newcomer Jackson Kott.

Top scorers return

But the Padres' top three scorers from last season are healthy and eager to return.

Sebastian Rieser, a 6-1 senior who can play either guard position, earned second-team All-Gabilan recognition after averaging 17.5 points and 1.6 steals (both team bests), along with 1.1 assists.

"He's really one of the elite shooters I've coached," said Padres coach Kurt Grahl. "And what separates Sebastian from other great three-point shooters I've had is the ability to create his own shot. I've had some great catch-and-shoot guys through the years, but he's also really comfortable shooting off the dribble."

Grahl said Don Desai, a 6-4, 200-pound senior, could develop into the best rebounder he has coached at Carmel High.

"He's got very quick feet, a quick second jump, powerful hands and a knack for finding the basketball," the coach said of Desai, who averaged 12.1 rebounds as a junior, when he also ranked second on the team in scoring with 9.3 points.

Henderson a playmaker

The point guard, also a returning starter, is 5-11 junior Tanner Henderson, who contributed 8 points and a team-leading 3.2 assists.

"He's a gritty kid who really works at his game, and he's getting better at distributing the basketball and getting more kids involved," Grahl said.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Carmel coach Kurt Grahl ranks long-range bomber Sebastian Rieser, senior co-captain, among the best "pure shooters" he's ever coached at Carmel High or elsewhere.

Bearitt "Bear" Langmann, 6-2 and 200 pounds, appeared headed for big things as a junior, averaging 4.4 points, 3.9 rebounds and 1.6 assists until a broken leg shelved him after just seven games.

"He's a big-body kid who can pass, rebound and provide some scoring here and there," said the coach. "We're looking forward to seeing what he can do this season."

Other varsity veterans likely to see notable court time include seniors Evan Gaily, a 5-10 guard with a good shooting touch, and 6-1 Ethan Haas, a physical, high-energy wing with good jumping ability.

"He's probably the closest thing we have to a dunker on this team," Grahl said.

Role players who figure to see situational court time include juniors Jaxson Ruskel, a 6-3 offensive rebounder, and Teddy Rieser, a valuable full-court press defender, plus athletic sophomore Peter Spencer, a likely contributor

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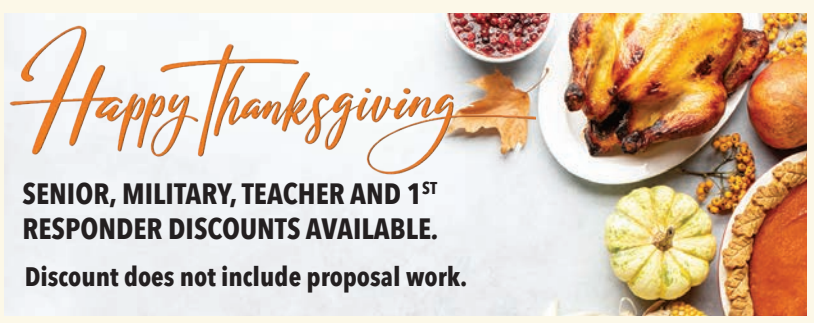

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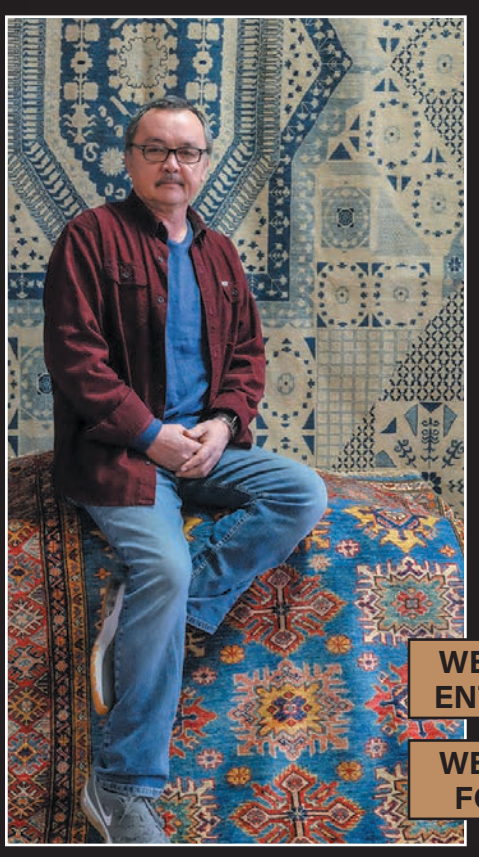

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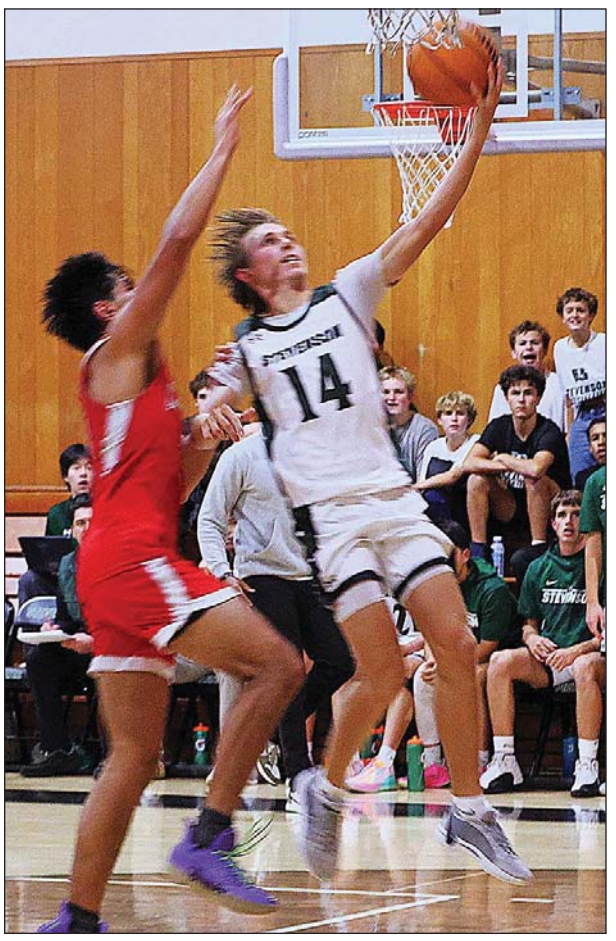
after he becomes familiar with Grahl's tactical approach.

Other varsity rookies who are looking to improve and contribute are Sean McDonald, Jackson Haag and 6-5 John Kephart, all juniors.

"I feel like we're going to get overlooked a bit in the Gabilan Division this year, having finished near the bottom a year ago, but this is a hardworking, very coachable group, and I think we're going to surprise some people," Grahl said.





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Junior co-captain Tanner Henderson (top) directs Carmel's offense and also is a scoring threat from his point guard position. Senior Calvin Etcheverry (above) is a playmaking point guard who can drive to the hoop, pop from outside, and defend for Stevenson.

■ Stevenson to Cypress Division

Stevenson's 6-18 overall record in 2025-26 included a 3-9 mark in the Mission Division, which resulted in a move to the PCAL's third-level circuit, the Cypress Division.

But with five players who appeared in at least 19 games last winter and two more with varsity experience, the Pirates could be competitive with the division's top teams.

After graduating 17-point scorer Cooper Olin, Stevenson figures to feature a more balanced offense, with seniors Calvin Etcheverry and Barak De La Rosa likely to emerge as top guns. Both are 5-10, and either can play point guard or shooting guard.

Etcheverry, who figures to be at point guard this year, averaged 6.1 points, 3 rebounds and 1.2 assists as a first-year varsity player, and De La Rosa finished with similar numbers — 6.0 points, 3 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 1.2 steals.

"Barak is a dynamic scorer who can drive to the basket, score off the bounce or shoot three-pointers. He's explosive, has very quick hands and does some sneaky things on defense," coach Tyler Brown said of his shooting guard. "And Calvin has grown from last year. A lot was thrown at him as he was learning to play point guard."

Big body in the paint

Another notable senior is 6-5, 230-pound Cody Thacher, an NCAA Division I football recruit who plays with ferocity at center for the basketball team.

"He's a physical guy who plays his tail off, grabs the rebounds and is just a good teammate," Brown said of Thacher, who grabbed 4.2 rebounds and scored 3.3 points while averaging about 11 minutes per game as the Pirates' backup center.

He'll work the backboards alongside Sean Mathieson, a 6-4 senior who saw limited action in 2025-26 but greatly enhanced his basketball skills as an offseason travel-ball player.

"Sean has good length, and I'm just waiting for him to find some confidence and let loose a little bit," the coach said of Mathieson, who averaged 4.7 minutes last season in 15 varsity games.

Clymo packed on muscle

Junior Lincoln Clymo, quarterback of Stevenson's football team, is a savvy athlete who blossomed physically during the summer.

"Lincoln spent a lot of time in the weight room during the offseason, just growing his body," Brown said of the 6-2 Clymo, who averaged 3.3 points, 2.4 rebounds and one assist in 23 games. "He had a pretty decent three-point shooting percentage last year, and he's showing a better understanding of the pace of the game."

Others in the rotation include athletic seniors Arenzo Subuwo, a 6-2 guard, and Diviji Anderson-Santabanez, a high-energy rebounder and full-court defensive player, as well as juniors Topher Moan and Connor Aeschliman, both 6-0 guards with plans to play lacrosse in college.

First-year varsity player Jerry Ding, Stevenson's senior class president, brings exceptional leadership and a passion for basketball to the squad, Brown said.

Others vying for playing time include juniors Alex Mims, Tiger Li and Micah Taylor.

"I'm looking at the Cypress Division the same way I looked at the Mission Division or any other league. I'm expecting a war," Brown said of a division that also includes Alvarez, Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, North Monterey County, Pajaro and Seaside.

■ Upcoming schedule

Carmel opens Saturday with a home game against Aptos, then travels Tuesday to play Marina and hosts Menlo-Atherton on Dec. 4. All three games start at 7 p.m. The Padres also host Jefferson-Daly City at 1 p.m. on Dec. 5.

Stevenson plays at Rancho San Juan at 7 p.m. on Dec. 7 and returns home Dec. 8 for a 6:30 p.m. game against San Lorenzo Valley. The Pirates then host the 31st annual Coach Wilson Memorial Tournament, facing Templeton at 5 p.m. on Dec. 10, Rio Americano at 8 p.m. on Dec. 11 and Nevada Union at 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 12.

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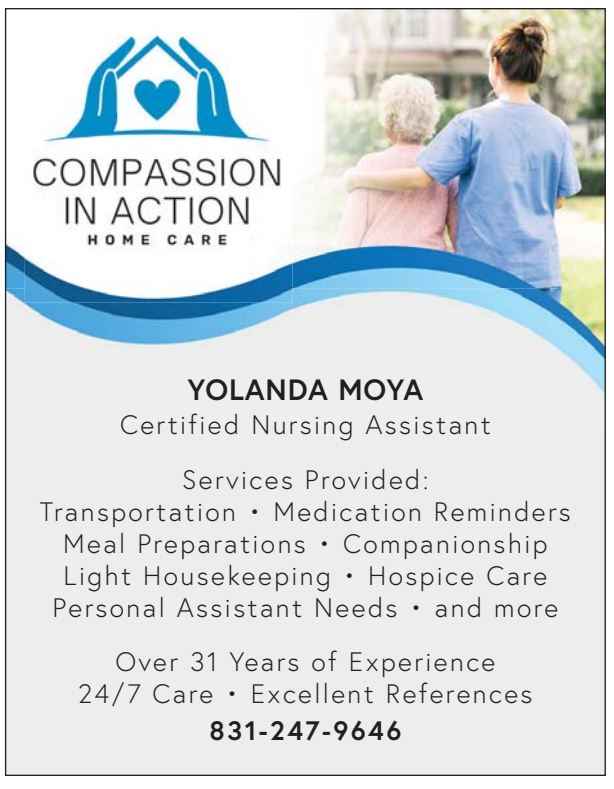

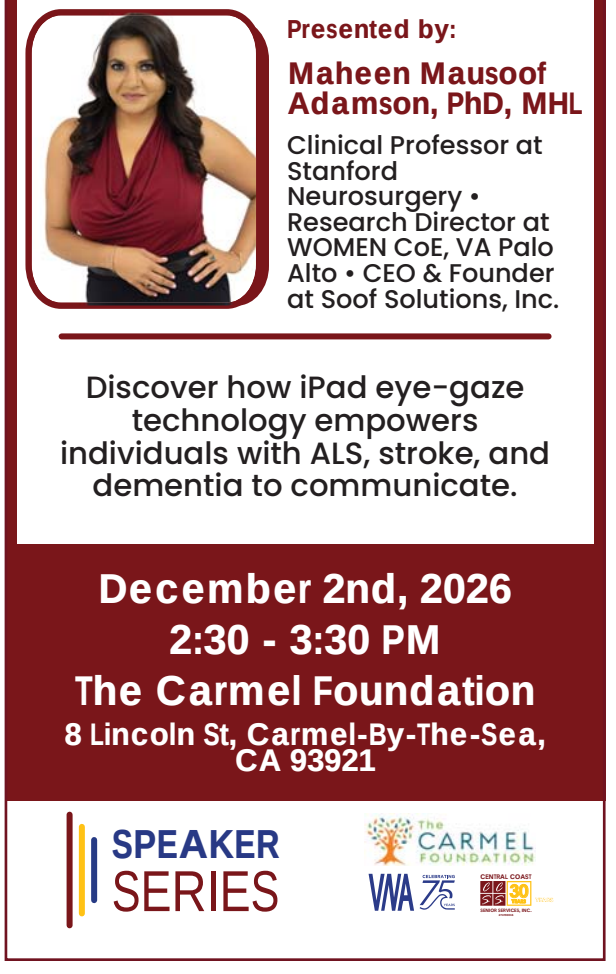

Editorial

Where do we sign up?

CALIFORNIA'S CITIES and counties have long earned a reputation for being generous with the people who work for them. Pay scales for many government jobs, especially in public safety, routinely exceed what equivalent private-sector positions pay, and the gap grows even wider once overtime, benefits and retirement are included.

In San Francisco, for example, a sheriff's lieutenant recently took home roughly $903,000 in total compensation, driven largely by hundreds of thousands of dollars in overtime. Multiple police officers and firefighters in the city have cleared $600,000 or more in a single year for the same reason. In Sacramento, a fire captain earned more than $537,000, most of it from overtime that more than tripled his base salary. San Diego has seen police sergeants and officers top $400,000 with overtime, and similar patterns appear in Los Angeles, Palo Alto and elsewhere. City managers in smaller communities often pull in total compensation packages of $500,000 to $600,000 or more. These figures dwarf typical private-sector wages for comparable skills and responsibilities. A private firefighter, security specialist or mid-level manager rarely sees anything close, and private employers do not routinely hand out the kind of overtime that can double or triple a public employee's paycheck.

Pensions amplify the advantage. Under the classic "3% at 50" formula still enjoyed by many pre-2013 safety employees in CalPERS, a police officer or firefighter with 30 years of service can retire at age 50 with a pension equal to 90% of final pay, often calculated on the single highest year. An officer making $150,000 in that final year could therefore receive $135,000 annually for life, with cost-of-living increases, beginning in his or her early 50s. Even after the 2013 reforms that lowered benefits for new hires, the unfunded liabilities from those earlier promises remain enormous. Statewide, California's public pension systems carry roughly $240 billion to $265 billion in unfunded liabilities, with CalPERS alone accounting for the largest share.

Right here in Carmel, Mayor Dale Byrne lays out the local version of this story in his column on page 27A. The city joined what became CalPERS in 1954 with a modest formula. Over the decades, and especially between 2000 and 2003, the council approved richer benefits, including 3% at age 50 for police and fire. Those increases applied to past service. Today Carmel spends $3.83 million a year on pensions — nearly 10% of its revenue — and 78% of that payment covers past promises rather than benefits being earned now. CalPERS calculates the city's unfunded liability at about $28 million under its own assumptions, while a more conservative bond-market rate puts it closer to $43 million. The city has also promised lifetime health benefits to retirees without setting money aside for them.

Yet even Carmel's situation looks restrained compared with what came to light this week in Minneapolis. Minnesota's new Paid Family and Medical Leave program, which began providing benefits in 2026, allows workers up to 12 weeks of paid leave for their own medical needs and another 12 weeks for family caregiving, with a combined maximum of 20 weeks. Nearly one in four Minneapolis city employees has already used the benefit. At the 911 emergency communications center, 41% of the staff was out at one point, forcing heavy overtime and a proposed $1.5 million budget increase. Most striking, city officials confirmed to the council that under the law as written, a new hire can go on paid leave immediately upon starting the job and then quit as soon as the leave ends. There is no waiting period after hire and no requirement to return to work for any minimum time. The partial pay is funded by a payroll tax, but the city still has to cover the empty chairs.

Taken together, the two systems invite a certain entrepreneurial reading. California's cities and counties still offer the high base pay, the overtime, and especially the early, high-percentage pensions that can lock in a six-figure retirement for life. Minneapolis offers the ability to collect weeks of paid leave with essentially no prior service and no obligation to stay. It used to be that holding two jobs was a sign of hardship or desperation. In this environment, it can look more like someone who has simply figured out how to play the system: Collect the California pension while drawing the Minnesota leave.

Sometimes they make it so easy, you feel like a fool if you don't sign up.

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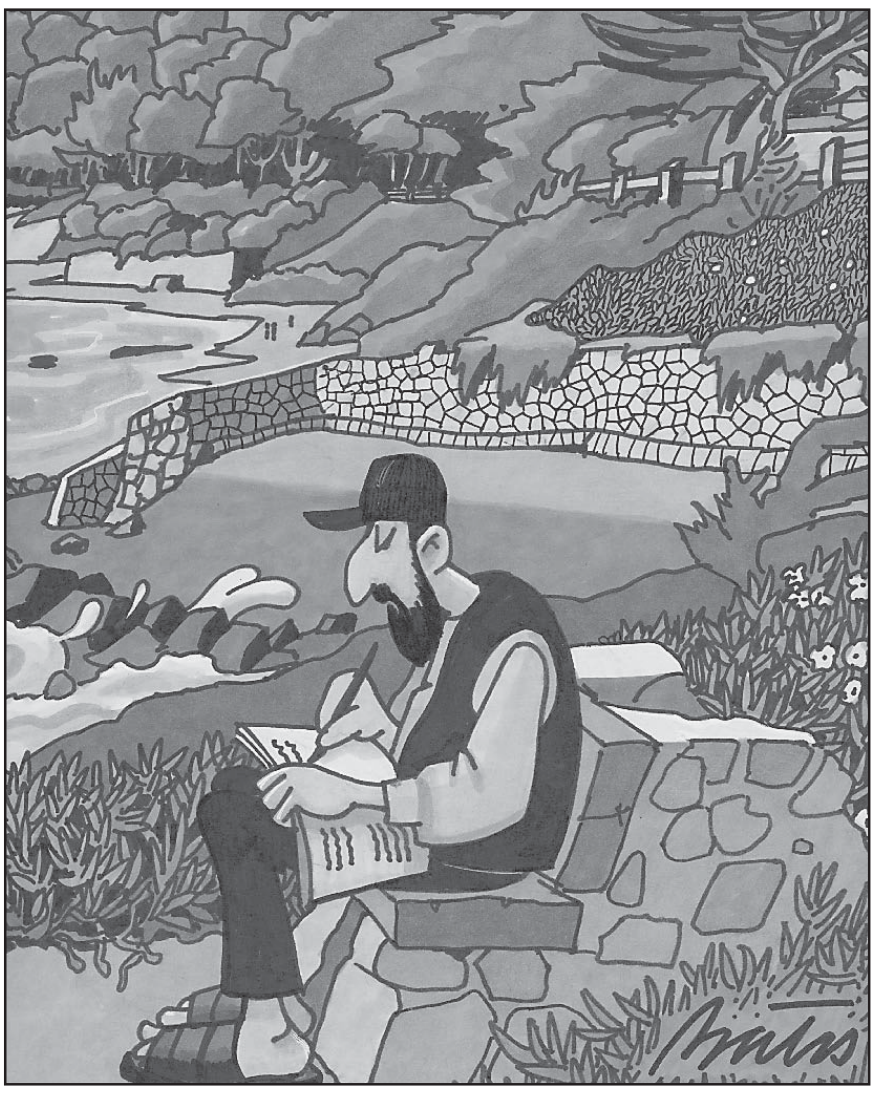

"My credit and luck are bad,
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My doctor and boss are mad.
And it's all El Niño's fault."

Letters to the Editor

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Remembering McCloud

Dear Editor,

Much will rightly be written about Sue McCloud's remarkable life, her dedicated service to our country, and her many years of leadership and service to Carmel-by-the-Sea. I hope we also recognize another part of her legacy, one that may be less visible: the countless lives she shaped through her mentorship, encouragement and genuine belief in the next generation.

My own journey with Sue began nearly 20 years ago, when I was still in high school. As an active student leader, I had an interest in government and public service. Sue took me under her wing, inviting me to shadow her at meetings throughout Monterey County and even allowing me to experience a Carmel City Council meeting from the dais.

What makes those memories particularly special is that our relationship began before I even had a driver's license. Sue didn't simply invite me to participate; she would pick me up and drive me to meetings herself.

I vividly remember one drive to Soledad for a Monterey County Mayors' Association meeting. Sue shared a story about being pulled over and receiving a ticket after accidentally rolling through a stop sign. In my youthful disbelief, I asked, "The officer actually gave you a ticket? But you're the mayor of Carmel! Didn't you tell him that?"

Sue smiled and replied, "Absolutely not. Sometimes being mayor doesn't always help you."

That simple exchange has stayed with me for nearly two decades. It was a lesson in humility, character and the understanding that public service is a responsibility, not a privilege.

Throughout the years, Sue supported me through campaigns, offered guidance during difficult decisions and remained a trusted mentor and friend. Whether in leadership, politics, community advocacy or simply how to conduct myself as a person, so much of my foundation was shaped by lessons I learned from Sue.

Sue understood something that I believe is fundamental to true leadership: Our responsibility is not simply to serve during our own time, but to prepare those who will serve after us. She lived by that principle. Quietly, often behind the scenes, she invested in people. She encouraged, coached, guided and opened doors for the next generation.

Sue's contributions to Carmel and our

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A lawyer should speak something other than legalese

Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

'THE MOST efficient office I've ever worked in" was run by Sylvia Panetta, according to local attorney Sharilyn Payne. In 1986, Payne was hired as a congressional caseworker in the Monterey office of then-Rep. Leon Panetta. His wife ran a tight ship as Payne and a handful of staffers chased down answers for desperate constituents.

"When I took that job, I didn't even know you could call your congressman. Most people don't, and the ones who do are at their wits' end," Payne said. "We would get calls like 'I applied for citizenship two years ago and still haven't heard back,' or 'I'm about to go on trial for being AWOL, and I don't think I should be.'"

Their crises made it challenging to remain neutral and professional, but Payne — who spent her childhood between the United States and Honduras — can't help but see things like that from both sides.

In 1944, Payne's mother, Zoila, was about to graduate from high school in Honduras. She approached her father, a salesman, with a pitch: She would study English at an American college, then return home and work for one of the big U.S. companies that were recruiting bilingual secretaries. He gave his blessing, and a few years later, Zoila returned from school in Mississippi and was hired by the United Fruit Company, which operated miles of banana plantations and a railroad depot in the small valley settlement of La Lima.

Surrounded by Americans in the company town, one Yankee made a special impression. The son of former U.S. Sen. Frederick Payne from Maine, Putnam was a Yale-trained botanist who had joined the United Fruit Company's division of tropical research in 1953. He and Zoila were soon married, together for 53 years until his death in 2009.

In 1960, Sharilyn Payne came along, three years after her older brother. She was born in Boston — their father, on his way to senior management, had been summoned back to headquarters — but the family returned to La Lima when she was 4. There, she met her maternal grandmother for the first time. Payne had learned Spanish through songs and prayers, "and I remember thinking that I understood her, but I probably didn't," she laughed.

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Relaxation is a fleeting state for employment law attorneys like Sharilyn Payne, but coming home to Chloe is just how a long day should end.

A FULL SPECTRUM OF COLOR ALONG WITH A HEALTHY DOSE OF ZEN

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

CREATING ART, like pursuing enlightenment, is work — difficult, but meaningful and joyful — for Deborah Ann Good, a Zen priest whose abstract paintings light up her North Salinas home studio with a brilliant kaleidoscope of shapes and colors.

There is meaning and intent behind the luminous strokes she applies to the largest paintings she's ever attempted — a body of work she's creating for a possible solo exhibit in 2028 at Hartnell College.

"Red ochre was the first color of humanity, found in cave drawings from something like 800,000 years ago, and yellow was the second color," she said, sharing information from research she's doing for her art. "And, of course, there's also black, because of the charcoal or whatever they were burning."

She's learned from her readings that Egyptians saw yellow, orange and gold as symbols of a higher power. Shades of blue represent the meeting of the sky and the ocean, indicating expansiveness.

"The color wheel goes back to Isaac Newton," she said, invoking the scientist whose experiments passing sunlight through prisms revealed that white light is composed of a range of visible colors from red and orange through yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet.

Purple isn't dense

"Russian abstract pioneer Wassily Kandinsky was big on color and spiritual art. He wrote that birth is white, death is black, and the colors in between are life," Good said, explaining the inspiration for a radiant piece she called "Spectrum of Life."

"Color is light, and light has vibrations. For example, red, a denser color, has a lower vibration than purple," she said.

Much of that color theory is fresh inspiration for Good, although art has been a true love since childhood, when her father, a commercial artist, occasionally took her with him to work.

"I remember sitting with him and drawing a red balloon when I was 3 or 4, when a lady walked into his office and said, 'Oh, no, she's going to be an artist. Break her arm!'" reflected Good, who grew up in St. Louis. "But my dad always encouraged me, and I always knew that's what I wanted to do."

'Being holy'

Good remembers being "a very shy child, with three brothers who were bouncing off the walls," she said. "We were raised Catholic, with four great-aunts who were nuns and a great-uncle who had his own parish. Everything was about being holy."

In the mid-1970s, she earned an associate of arts degree from Saint Louis Community College in Kirkwood, Mo., and a Bachelor of Fine Arts at Southwest Missouri State.

She married in 1981, came west in 1983 and worked as a freelance advertising artist while pursuing a master's degree at San Francisco State University, where she studied painting, drawing and mixed media with Willard Dixon and Cheri Raciti.

"I did all of that for a few semesters, but eventually it didn't work out because the freelance work got a little weird, and I had to go work for somebody in an office," she said.

Her career included stints as a speaker coordinator, a sales assistant, and a gallery assistant for Carmel sculptor Steven Whyte.

"I've always had a spiritual inclination — that wish for deeper meaning — and I've studied different disciplines. That's affected my art all along," said Good, whose graduate work included classes in philosophy and religion.

In 2009, she was hired as a webmaster at the Berkeley Zen Center, where she explored Zen Buddhism for five years. When she expressed a desire to become a priest, her teacher, Sojun Roshi, advised her to move to Carmel Valley's Tassajara Zen Center, located in a remote area of the Los Padres National Forest on the edge of the Ventana Wilderness.

"I went there for two 'practice periods,'



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Deborah Ann Good, an abstract artist and Zen Buddhist priest, is finding her bliss as a full-time painter.

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From the mayor's desk —

Keeping the 1954 promise

TO PREPARE for an Oct. 29 panel on CalPERS, the California Public Employees' Retirement System, I read every pension contract Carmel has signed since 1954 and every line of this year's budget. Our employees and retirees earned their pensions, and Carmel will honor them. Residents deserve to know what that promise costs.

■ How we got here

Carmel joined what is now CalPERS in 1954 with a four-page contract covering 35 employees. The pension was about 1.67% of salary for each year of service, starting at age 60.

Over 57 years, the council amended the contract 15 times. Benefits grew, retirement ages fell and pensions came to be based on an employee's best year of pay. Between 2000 and 2003, councils approved four increases, including 3% per year of service at age 50 for police and fire employees. It wasn't until 2013 that a lower-cost option was developed for new hires.

The prior increases applied to years already worked. In 2003, an officer with 20 years on the force saw all 20 years revalued overnight. Carmel had set aside nothing for that increase. We're still paying for decisions like that one.

Putting off the bill is an old habit. In 1978, CalPERS told Carmel its rate had to rise to pay off older obligations. The council voted to stretch the deadline instead.

■ What it costs

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LIVES

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When the company moved them to the Caribbean, the Dominican accent was even harder to understand. Meanwhile, familiar routines like piano lessons from Mom lent stability to the transient years. In a moment of post-college uncertainty, Payne considered moving back to Honduras and becoming a piano tuner after her mother complained that she couldn't find anyone to fix her favorite instrument.

"It was a great childhood. Especially growing up in La Lima. It was such a small town. Everyone knew each other," Payne said.

In 1969, the company moved them to Salinas, which Payne has called home on and off ever since. She graduated from Salinas High School and earned her associate degree from Hartnell College before enrolling in a Latin American studies program at UCLA. After graduation, she returned home to earn her master's degree in Spanish translation and interpretation from the then-Monterey Institute of International Studies.

"I always loved languages. Early on, the thought was 'I could always work at an embassy, maybe the Peace Corps.' All of us came into MIIS thinking we would become U.N. interpreters," said Payne, who quickly realized she preferred translation on paper.

Employment law: It's complicated

However, the sophisticated world of literary translation — the dream of many a young translator, Payne included — is notoriously hard to break into. She came close with her thesis, a translation of significant writings by Latin American revolutionaries, but upon graduating in 1988, she found herself pushing another kind of paper. Life as a freelancer amounted to translating reams of tax documents and government forms.

In her final two years at the language institute, Payne had taken the job as a bilingual caseworker for Panetta. It was her first exposure to some of the many faces of government — social services, housing, immigration and naturalization, defense — and the policies that shape them.

Back then, California's employment laws were somewhat less Byzantine, and the legal specialty devoted to defending — and suing — businesses over workplace practices hadn't reached its present proportions. When Payne began working as a legal secretary in Salinas, the firm tackled everything from criminal defense to personal injury, wills and trusts.

"I had a great boss, Luis Jaramillo, who showed me how to research, took me to trials, taught me how to take depositions — a little bit of everything," she said.

Jaramillo was also affiliated with California Rural Legal Assistance, established in 1966 with the initial aim of representing farmworkers and other underserved groups. Between his influence and a few years with Tanimura & Antle's corporate office, Payne enrolled at UC Hastings (now UC Law San Francisco), where an introductory employment law class stoked her interest.

"California employment laws are challenging. There are a lot of them, and they're always changing. I especially feel for small business owners. How do they keep up?" said Payne.

For example, family and medical leave laws that once applied only to much larger businesses are now enforced for those with as few as five. And seemingly minor deviations from increasingly precise requirements — like those governing the timing of meal periods — are potential lawsuit triggers.

And the volume of filings has grown sharply since the Private Attorneys General Act took effect in 2004, allowing individual employees to file Labor Code violations as "private attorneys general" and collect civil penalties. Nor do they have to meet the strict conditions of a class-action suit to add numerous other plaintiffs.

"Honestly, there should be a requirement that legislators run a business before they start making laws," said Payne, who has developed her share of employee handbooks and harassment prevention trainings.

"There are certainly bad employers out there," but, in Payne's two-plus decades of experience, most prefer to stay out of trouble.

Salinas is home

Graduating with her juris doctor in 1999, Payne tried on a few different firms for size, eventually landing at Fenton & Keller in Monterey, where she practiced for 18 years. In 2022, she signed on with Noland Hamerly Etienne & Hoss. One of the firm's few bilingual attorneys, Payne has practiced in its Salinas office ever since. She was promoted to shareholder in 2024.

Her favorite part of the job is counseling clients. She's effectively a translator, offering swift but gentle corrections to help them interpret an increasingly complex set of rules. Thanks to her services, they avoid even costlier lawsuits, and — one hopes — honest and hardworking people get the treatment they deserve.

"When I counsel employers on what to do when someone complains, it starts with getting both sides of the story, to ensure everyone has their due process and rights," she said.

Speaking to her humanitarian nature, Payne served years on the boards of directors for Meals on Wheels of the Salinas Valley and Girls Inc. of the Central Coast and as a mentor with First Tee of Monterey County until her mother became ill. Payne celebrates her life — 98 years when she passed away last December — every time she sits down at the piano.

And then there's Chloe, her loyal rescue pooch. Her Spanish isn't quite up to snuff, but she's a highly persuasive snuggler.

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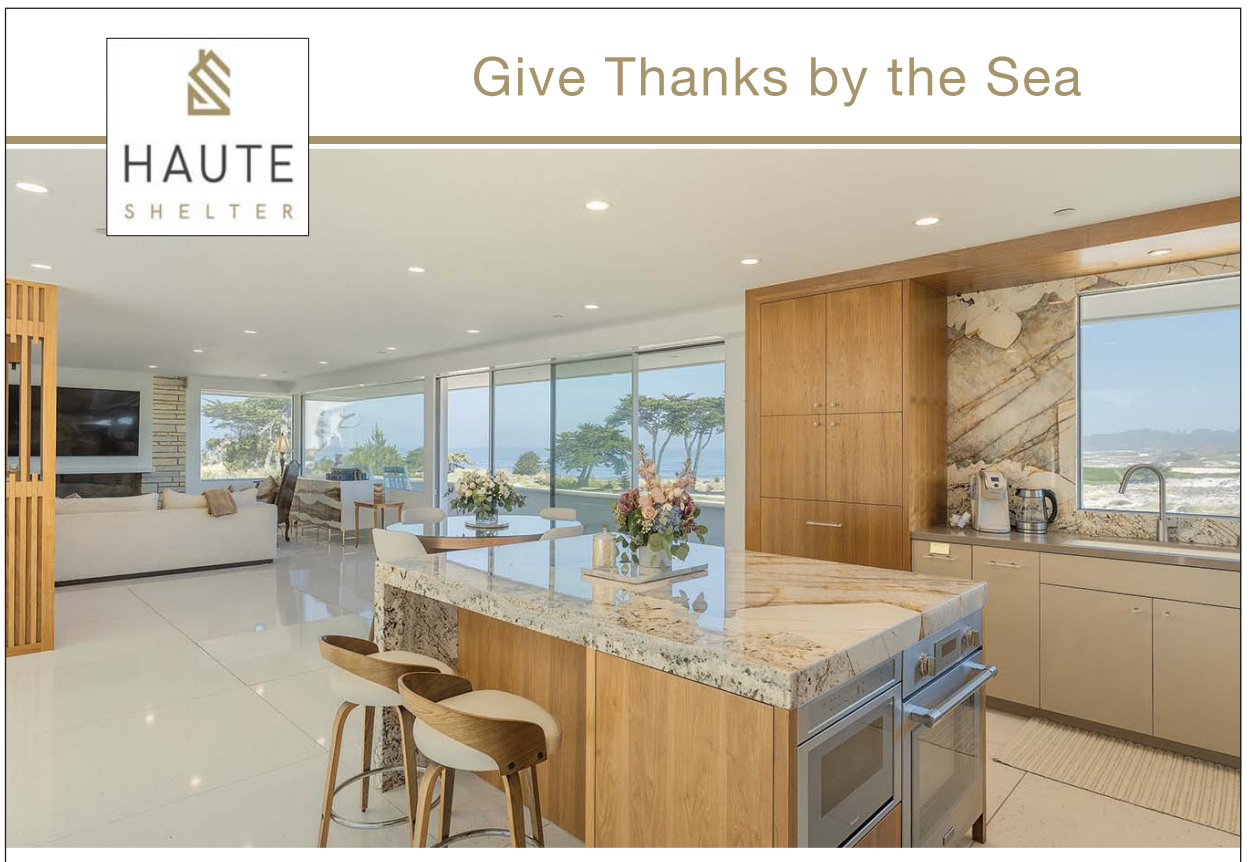

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million on pensions, nearly 10% of our $39.1 million in revenue. Of that, 78%, or $2.97 million, pays for past service. The remaining $860,000 covers benefits employees are earning today.

Our payment on the old debt rose almost 10% this year and 29% in two years. Although Carmel paid every bill on time, our general employee pension debt doubled between 2015 and 2025.

CalPERS puts our combined unfunded liability at about $28 million, assuming a 6.8% long-term annual return. Using a bond-market rate puts the same promises closer to $43 million, more than a year's city revenue. Leaving CalPERS would cost at least $52 million. I estimate leaving would roughly double our annual retirement costs for a decade.

We also help pay retirees' health costs for life. From what I could find, we've set aside nothing for that obligation.

■ What we can do

First, show residents the CalPERS and bond-market estimates in every budget. Carmel volunteers, including a Nobel Prize-winning economist, urged the city to do this in 2011.

Second, our $5.4 million pension trust earns far less than our debt costs. This year, we redirected a planned $1 million pension trust deposit to a housing trust. We could pay CalPERS directly and keep a year's payments in reserve for a downturn. ReGen Monterey takes that approach.

Paying off our general plan in five years instead of 17 would save about $4.5 million in interest.

Third, examine lower-cost plans for new hires and consider merit raises for nonunion staff, as our council discussed this month.

Fourth, look for services that volunteers, donors and regional partners can help deliver without adding to the payroll that drives pension costs.

■ Why it matters

Carmel has strong reserves and an AA+ bond rating. If pensions are squeezing us, imagine the choices facing cities without those advantages. Most won't go bankrupt. Residents will see the consequences a little at a time. A road goes another year without repairs. A facility closes. A position stays vacant. That's what service insolvency looks like.

Cities should join together to press Sacramento for honest statewide pension accounting and greater flexibility over benefits current employees earn for future service.

Keeping the promise isn't optional. Paying for it honestly is a choice, and every year we wait, it costs more.

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This column is by Dale Byrne, Mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea. His email is dbyrne@cbts.us

TRIAL

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the DA's office said, including "allegations of statutory rape" and "oral copulation of a minor." She said Pegler spent a lot of time at her family's home.

Doe 3 claims that in February 2007 Pegler led Doe 3 into the living room of her house after her mother fell asleep, and raped her. In August of that year, 12 days after her 16th birthday, she married Pegler, who was in his early 30s.

According to the district attorney's office, Doe 3's mother agreed to the marriage and emancipated her daughter on Pegler's promise to care for the two, who were "both still dealing with the unexpected loss of their father and husband."

The pair were married until 2015, when Doe 3 filed for divorce. The alleged crimes occurred in Inverness, Fla.

Another woman, Jane Doe 4, is also not part of the criminal complaint but talked to prosecutors. She said that in 2015 and 2016, when she was about 15, Pegler was dating her mother and living part time in their Los Angeles home. Pegler, then in his early 40s, gave Doe 4 private lessons, provided financial support and bought her a car.

'Romantic feelings'

"Sometime in January 2018," when Doe 4 was 17 and Pegler was still dating her mother, he told the teen that "he had romantic feelings for her," according to court documents.

From March to June 2018, when she was still 17, Doe 4 lived with Pegler in Carmel. She told prosecutors he groped her breast and massaged her. Once, she said, he massaged her buttocks and she told him to stop.

After Doe 4 moved to Florida in summer 2018, she claims Pegler continued to profess "his love and admiration for her" through text and email messages.

"Jane Doe 4 was very uncomfortable and solicited help from her parents to remove Pegler from her life," documents say.



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country will be remembered, as they should be. But her legacy extends far beyond the offices she held or the decisions she helped make. It lives in the people she believed in, the opportunities she created for others and the generations of community leaders who are better because she took the time to care.

I owe Sue McCloud a tremendous debt of gratitude. I will miss her friendship, her wisdom, her humor and her steady encouragement. But perhaps the greatest way I can honor her is to carry forward what she so generously gave me: the willingness to invest in others, particularly young people who are just beginning to find their way.

Jake Odello, *Carmel Valley*

What about the people on their way?

Dear Editor,

The Carmel Pine Cone reported Nov. 20 that immense waves and heavy rain damaged the Monterey Peninsula shoreline. Officials closed Scenic Road at Carmel Point because of debris and damage and closed Carmel Beach as storms battered the area. Those decisions can protect lives. The harder part is making sure the people who most need the warning actually receive it.

A closure posted on a city website may be clear to someone checking before leaving home. It is less helpful to a visitor already driving toward the beach, a person without mobile service or a worker whose shift takes them along a familiar route. As coastal conditions change, notices need to travel beyond a single screen.

Carmel could make an ordinary public promise for future storm closures: one concise notice that identifies the affected access point, a safe alternative when one exists, when the notice was last updated and where to check again. Local hotels, businesses, visitor services and transportation partners could display or share the same official wording rather than improvise conflicting advice. Staff would need a straightforward way to retire an outdated notice as soon as the situation changes.

That approach respects the people who do the difficult work of assessing hazards. It also reduces the chance that well-meaning neighbors will direct someone toward a place emergency crews are trying to keep clear. A notice should never encourage people to approach a dangerous shore for a better look.

Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 begins with a traveler on a road. What made the Samaritan a neighbor was his willingness to respond to the person actually before him. A public safety message should show a similar concern for the traveler who does not arrive with perfect information.

When the storm has passed, Carmel should review not only which roads reopened, but whether the warning reached the people already headed toward them. That is a practical measure of a community's care.

Douglas Vandergraph, *Fort Collins, Colo.*

Thanks for the help

Dear Editor,

I would like to publicly thank Pebble Beach staff for the wonderful service I received last week during the height of the recent storm, when a large oak tree fell in my yard. Not only were they out within a couple of hours to dispose of the massive tree, but they also discovered that the tree had broken my water line. They called a plumber to come and fix that as well. We all know that was one of the worst storms we have experienced, and those very nice men could not have been nicer or more efficient in taking care of my problem.

Lynn Farris, *Pebble Beach*

Understanding AI

Dear Editor,

A recent letter ("Another AI worry," Nov. 20) raises legitimate concerns about artificial intelligence's environmental costs, but its argument rests on several misconceptions about how the technology works.

First, the distinction between empirical and mathematical models is misleading. Modern AI models are fundamentally mathematical, using algorithms to learn statistical relationships from large data sets. Importantly, training is not simply a process of collecting and storing information for later retrieval. Through repeated adjustments to millions or billions of numerical parameters, models learn patterns that allow them to generate responses to questions they have never encountered. The quality of training data certainly matters, but the familiar notion of "garbage in, garbage out" oversimplifies a considerably more complex process.

The comparison to Blender is similarly problematic. Blender is an excellent tool for constructing and rendering three-dimensional objects, but it does not inherently know what a 32.3-year-old person looks like. Nor does specifying an age guarantee biological accuracy. These are different tools designed for different purposes.

Finally, Bradley Efron's bootstrap method was an important advance in computational statistics, but it neither initiated empirical statistics nor caused modern AI's resource demands. Statistical inference from observations

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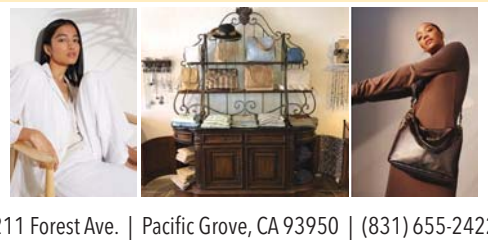

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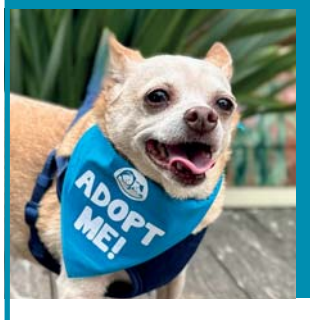

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ARTIST

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three months long, when you basically spend 10 hours a day meditating," she said. "You're not sitting the entire time — there are breaks — but it's 10 hours, which is hard … very hard.

"When you sit, you watch your thoughts come and go and try not to hold on to them," Good said.

"By observing your thoughts, you bring your energy down from your head to your hara, which is below your navel," she said. "That's an energy center in your body — and that opens the gates to enlightenment."

She spent the hot summer months in the kitchen, baking bread for the guests. Tassajara's year-round residents are exclusively monks.

Art supplies are not allowed at the center, but Good was permitted to use a small Nikon Coolpix camera to photograph the forest, including Tassajara Creek, which naturally reflects spectacular colors when the light is right.

Growing up

Many of those photos — and paintings they inspired — are part of her portfolio.

The Tassajara Mountain Zen Center also is where she met Michael "Scott" Bryan, the man who became her second husband.

"He was sitting across from me at breakfast one morning," she recalled. "I said, 'You look like Robert Downey Jr.' And he said, 'Will you marry me?'"

They joked about the moment for the rest of the summer, calling each other husband and wife, but didn't start dating until a couple of years later.

In 2019, she married Bryan, a surgery nurse at Natividad Medical Center — and a collage artist.

"He makes me look bad. He's far more disciplined than I am. When he's not working or riding his bike, he's making art," she said.

After nearly two years at Tassajara, she lived in 2013-14 at the San Francisco Zen Center, serving as head gardener, then moved to Green Gulch Zen Center in Marin County.

"I would say studying Zen Buddhism helped me grow up — I was still pretty immature when I was in my 50s," said Good, who celebrated her 74th birthday on Thanksgiving.

In June, after her job as an exhibit curator for the Arts Council of Monterey County's Salinas gallery was defunded, Good retired.

"For the first time in my life, I can paint full time," said the artist, who hopes to complete 20 large abstract paintings over the next several months for the Hartnell College opportunity.

Images of her work can be seen at deborah-good.pixels.com, mpaf.org and on Facebook at deborahgoodfineart.

"It's work — sometimes it's a struggle — but that's the process," she said. "And it's also fun. I mean, does life get any better than that?"

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THOUGHTS

From previous page

predates computers by centuries.

The environmental costs of AI deserve serious scrutiny, as do questions of reliability, accountability and appropriate applications. But meaningful criticism requires an accurate understanding of the technology.

Rather than accepting either the industry's promises or its critics' warnings at face value, I encourage readers to experiment with these systems, question their outputs and engage in informed discussion. Understanding their capabilities and limitations is a far better starting point than dismissing them outright.

David Barud, *Carmel Valley*





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HOLIDAY GUIDE

Goings-on to warm the heart — for everything else, wear a coat

By ELAINE HESSER

IT'S COLD. It's dark. It might even be raining. But just as the Grinch couldn't stop the Whos down in Whoville from welcoming the holiday season, neither should you allow a little thing like precipitation to keep you home. We've got quite the list this year, with parades, lights, decorations, culture, music, food, history, and much more. There are events for grownups and kids alike, and plenty of opportunities to chat with Santa. After all, you're never too old to have your heart grow three sizes. It's probably warmer that way, too.

Still basking in the glow of Thanksgiving? **Asilomar Conference Grounds** in Pacific Grove is hosting holiday evening bonfires and live music Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. S'mores kits will be available for purchase at Phoebe's Café. A family movie night, open to the public (the movie has not yet been announced), is scheduled for Friday at 7:15 p.m. in Grace Dodge Chapel.

For walk-through holiday lights and plenty of other entertainment, **Winter Wonderfest at the Monterey County Fairgrounds** is underway and runs from 5 to 9 p.m. through Dec. 27 on weekends and selected weeknights. The event includes live entertainment, holiday characters, train rides, artisan vendors, food and drinks, and the Jingle Bar for adult beverages. At Santa's Workshop, kids can meet with the jolly old elf and relay their Christmas wishes. New for 2026 are Frosty's Carnival, with rides and games, and Whoville Inflatable Village, with bounce houses and the like. An optional Wonderpass is available for unlimited rides and inflatable attractions, and other upgrades include private firepits and VIP lounge experiences. One-night admission prices range from $11 for kids to $44 for an adult premium pass, and a season pass is $80. Children 5 and younger get in free. Details and tickets are at winterwonderfestmonterey.com.

Ice Skating by the Bay is back at Custom House Plaza in Monterey Nov. 26 through Jan. 3, 2027. Skate with a view of the harbor, then stroll — or hobble, if you must — to Fisherman's Wharf, Portola Hotel or Old Monterey for a nosh. The rink's open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. Sundays and holidays, including Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Hours are 1 to 10 p.m. Dec. 1-4 and 8-11. Admission is $20 for adults, $18 for children 12 and younger, and skate rental is $5. Season passes cost $225, excluding skate rental. Discounts are offered on Mondays to service members and veterans with identification. Private events may affect rink availability. Visit iceskatingbythebay.com to learn more.

Lights tonight

If you don't mind a bit of a drive, **Sparky's Holiday Lights** is about an hour from Carmel at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, 2601 E. Lake Ave. in Watsonville, beginning Friday, Nov. 27. The display features illuminated Christmas trees and other holiday scenes. Drive-through nights are Nov. 27-29, Dec. 6, 11-13 and 18-24, from 5:30 to 9 p.m., and two walk-through events are also scheduled. Drive-through admission is $20 per car; walk-through events are less expensive. See sparkysholidaylights.com for info and tickets.

If you need a little Christmas right now, **Cannery**

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Old Fisherman's Wharf has decked the docks.





Let a shopper do the walking

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

Editor's note: In what's become a bit of a Pine Cone tradition, Lisa offers her annual holiday story about a fictitious local hunting for gifts downtown. This year, a personal shopper's taking the reins. Let's see what happens…

A YOUNG entrepreneur sits at his Carmel desk, index finger tugging at his starched collar and eyes fixed on his phone. Just outside his office, holiday lights have come on, illuminating the darkening sky — the only real harbinger of the holiday season creeping into his field of vision.

Christmas is mere days away, and he hasn't given a thought to gifts. There's Mom and Dad, who have everything, two sisters — one single and one who said she and her husband want nothing (but probably do) — and their two kids. When will he find the time to shop?

Lo and behold, a business card has mysteriously made its way into his pocket. "Your shopping's in the bag," it says. He punches in the phone number, wondering if the personal shopper will look like Mrs. Claus. Her name's Noelle.

Tired, but caring

They meet at the **Carmel Coffee House and Roasting Company**, tucked into a passage off Dolores Street between San Carlos and Ocean avenues, to brainstorm a list.

"What do they want for Christmas?" she asks. He doesn't know. "What are they interested in?" He can't say. She asks for the kids' ages. He says, "Elementary school."

His smile is somewhere between weak and weary. It isn't that he doesn't care. He does. He's just so busy with work, and holiday shopping isn't a strength. Noelle un-

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HOLIDAY GUIDE

This year, send them outside to play

By ELAINE HESSER

'NEVER HAVE I ever," can be a fun party game — but it's no way to talk about the Monterey Peninsula. The notion that people who live around tourist destinations don't go to local attractions is practically a travel cliché.

Nobody wants to be a cliché.

Instead of another tie or kitchen gadget, consider wrapping up an adventure this year. Monterey County offers everything from leisurely encounters with wildlife to heart-pounding leaps from airplanes, and many local businesses sell gift certificates that allow recipients to choose their own dates.

And this way, no one has to find room for another tchotchke.

A little excitement

Why fly a drone if you can just fly? For the adventurous soul on your shopping list, **Skydive Monterey Bay** at Marina Municipal Airport offers tandem jumps with spectacular views of the coastline. Participants are securely harnessed to experienced instructors, allowing first-time jumpers to experience freefall for 70 to 90 seconds without having to learn to operate a parachute.

Gift cards start at $269 for a jump from 15,000 feet, while an 18,000-foot experience costs $344. The company also offers a $449 VIP package. Prices include training,

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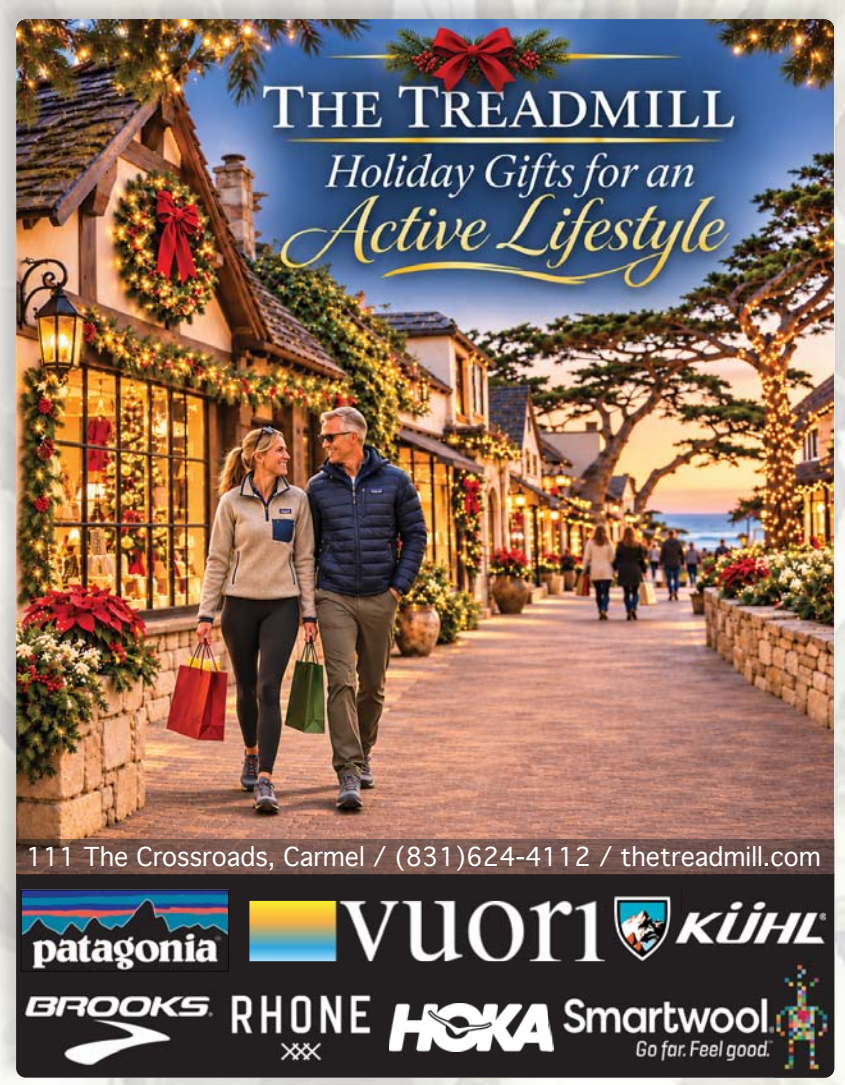

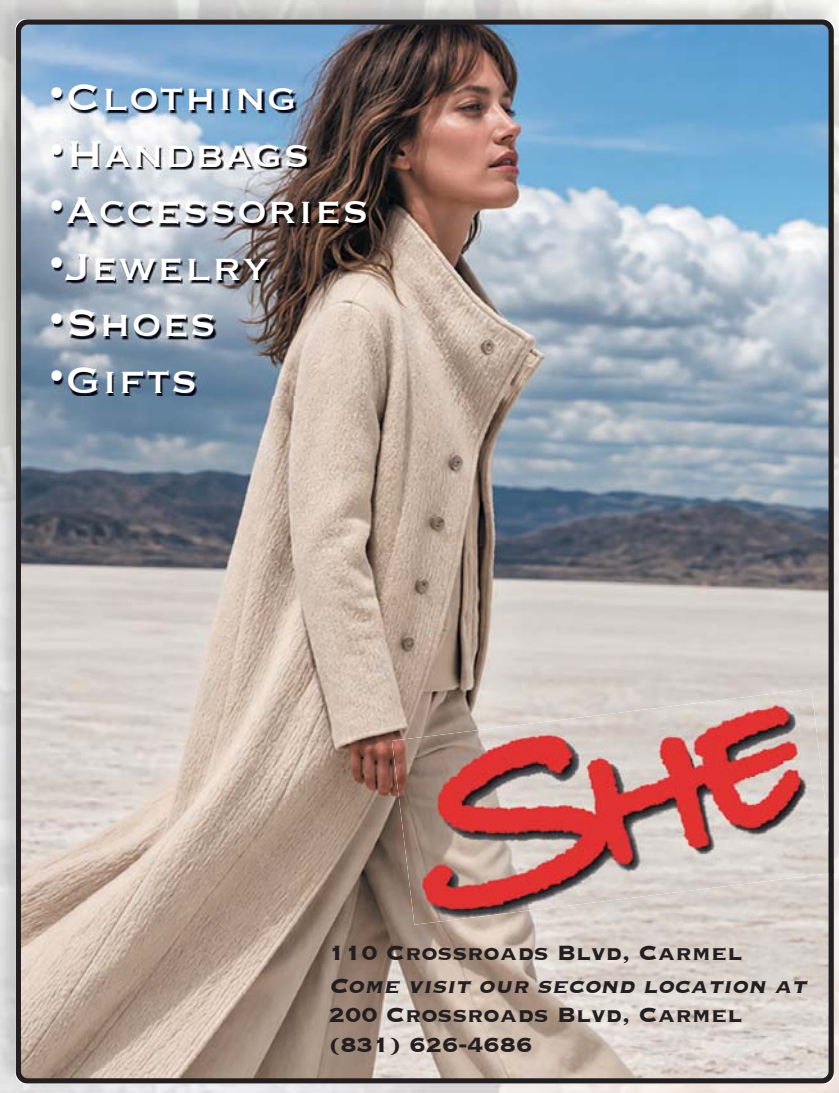



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It takes an Army

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

EVERY YEAR, after the turkey and pumpkin pie are served, children are bombarded by images of tree lightings and enticing storefront displays. Is it any wonder they're bursting with excitement?

Kids raised with the American Christmas tradition trust they will rise on Christmas morning to a bulging stocking and a riot of wrapped gifts under the tree. Yet others are equally confident there won't be anything — perhaps not even the tree.

It doesn't have to be that way. In 1947, Marine Corps Reserve Maj. Bill Hendricks tried unsuccessfully to find a charity to distribute dolls his wife, Diane, had made for needy children. When he told her he couldn't find one, she suggested he start one himself. With help from Marines in his Los Angeles Reserve unit, Hendricks founded Toys for Tots, collecting and distributing 5,000 toys that Christmas. Since then, the charity says it has donated more than 732 million toys to more than 325 million children.

"Last year in Monterey County, around 13,176 toys were given to some 9,736 economically disadvantaged children," said coordinator Rabecca Hand. "Our numbers are impressive, but they don't tell the whole story. While it's an incredible accomplishment, every year, there remains a gap between the number of children in need and the toys we receive."

She says the local organization has developed partnerships with 10 of the 24 Monterey County school districts. Work-

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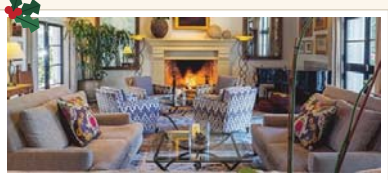
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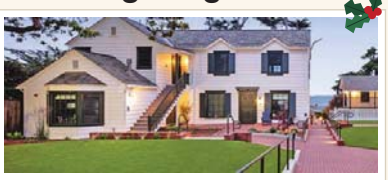
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Row's 32nd annual holiday tree lighting takes place Friday, Nov. 27, at Steinbeck Plaza on Cannery Row at Prescott Avenue in Monterey. Free family entertainment, including holiday music and balloon artists, begins at 2 p.m. and I Cantori di Carmel carolers perform from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The tree-lighting ceremony begins around 5:45 p.m., with Santa arriving on the balcony overlooking the plaza, and the tree lights up around 6 p.m. Santa will receive guests at his toy factory on the second floor of 685 Cannery Row from 6 to 9 p.m. There's no charge to see the Big Guy and take photos with him. Santa returns Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. through Dec. 20. Go to canneryrow.com for more.

Pacific Repertory Theatre's School of Dramatic Arts presents **"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Jr." at the Outdoor Forest Theater** Saturdays and Sundays from Nov. 28 through Dec. 20, with performances at 3 p.m. Based on the classic TV special, the musical follows Rudolph and other familiar characters on their North Pole adventures. The Dec. 19 performance will include American Sign Language interpretation. Tickets are $31 for adults, with discounts for kids and students. Buy them at pacrep.org.

If you like to sing, I Cantori di Carmel hosts its **Community Messiah Sing-Along** Nov. 29 at 3 p.m. in Merrill Hall at Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove. Join hundreds of others in Handel's beloved oratorio, accompanied by a chamber orchestra. Bring a score or borrow one at the door. Gambling on whether anyone sings during that treacherous rest at the end of the "Hallelujah Chorus" is discouraged. Mulled wine, hot cocoa and cookies will be available. See icantori.org for tickets — $25 general admission and $10 for students, teachers, active duty military and those under 30 with valid I.D.

The annual **Salinas Holiday Parade of Lights** returns to downtown Salinas on Nov. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. The event draws thousands of spectators as it travels along South Main Street from Acacia Street toward the National Steinbeck Center at 1 Main St. Families, neighborhood organizations and local businesses participate in the free annual celebration. Visit salinasholidayparadeoflights.org for more information.

Pacific Grove's annual holiday tree lighting is scheduled for Nov. 30 at Jewell Park at 4:30 p.m., and but for the lack of snow, it's practically a Currier & Ives greeting card come to life. School bands and choruses will provide entertainment, followed by caroling and refreshments. The tree will be illuminated at 6 p.m., and Santa will visit the P.G. Museum of Natural History across the street afterward. The celebration is free.

Hanukkah joy

Monterey's **Golden State Theatre** at 417 Alvarado St. has a generous handful of holiday performances, starting with Mariachi Sol De Mexico's Merry-Achi Christmas on Dec. 1 and following that up with the Squirrel Nut Zippers' Christmas show Dec. 4, Cherish the Ladies: Celtic Christmas on Dec. 6, ukulele maestro Jake Shimabukuro Dec. 9, and Hawaiian singer Anuhea Dec. 10. For full program info and ticket prices, go to goldenstatetheatre.com.

On Dec. 3, **Pacific Grove's 23rd annual Holiday Parade of Lights** kicks off at 6 p.m. downtown along Lighthouse Avenue. This year's theme is "A Storybook Christmas," and the parade will feature marching bands, holiday floats, dance teams, animal groups and Santa Claus. The free event happens rain or shine. Afterward, grab a bite to eat at one of the local restaurants. Shops will remain open for those who find their hearts made warmer and more generous by the parade.

Since 1992, **Salinas' First Baptist Church** has presented its **Streets of Bethlehem**. On Dec. 3-6 from 6 to 8 p.m., the free outdoor event tells the story of the first Christmas. Hundreds of volunteers recreate a first-century village, with Roman soldiers, craftsmen, live animals and a bustling marketplace. Re-enactments begin with Mary and Joseph traveling through town searching in vain for somewhere to stay and end with an angel announcing the good news to shepherds. Performances begin every 20 minutes, with the last staging at 7:40 p.m. Allow 45 minutes to two hours for the experience. The church is at 1130 San Vicente Ave., but visitors should swap their cars for a free shuttle bus ride at Park Row shopping center on Acacia Street just west of South Main. Learn more at streetsofbethlehem.com.

Just in time for Hanukkah, **Mostly Kosher performs at Sunset Center** at 908 San Carlos St., Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. According to the folks at Carmel's premier performance venue, "Mostly Kosher's live show is a feast for the senses that bursts out into a global food-fight of jazz, Latin, rock, and folk," and includes klezmer rock and some Yiddish lyrics. Hit up sunsetcenter.org for tickets and additional

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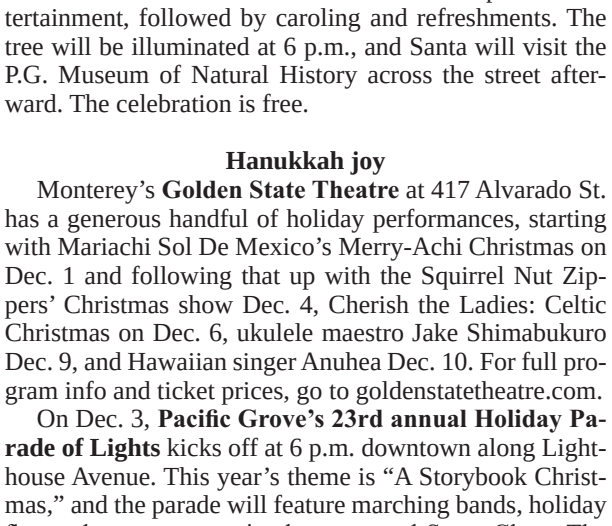

Mariachi Sol De Mexico presents a "Merry-Achi Christmas" at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.





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program information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea's annual holiday celebration begins Dec. 4 in Devendorf Park, where Santa Claus is expected to arrive aboard a fire truck at 3:30 p.m. Del Monte Brass will provide music, and the menorah lighting — with Hanukkah gelt, dreidels and singing — takes place at 4 p.m. The Christmas tree-lighting ceremony begins at 4:30, with the tree and downtown lights expected to start twinkling around 5:30 p.m. Carmel Plaza follows that up with its Holiday Open House until 7 p.m., with refreshments, face painting, children's activities and visits with Santa and Martin the Magical Elf. Admission is free.



Salinas' First Baptist Church presents its Streets of Bethlehem.

Pack up your menorah and a vegetarian potluck dish for **Congregation Beth Israel's family-friendly Hanukkah/Shabbat celebration** Dec. 4, beginning with dinner at 5 p.m., followed by a communal menorah lighting, songs and prayers at 6:15 p.m. The congregation provides latkes and drinks, and participants are encouraged to bring their own menorahs and candles to 5716 Carmel Valley Road. Registration is required at carmelbethisrael.org or call (831) 624-2015.

Monterey's traditional Christmas tree lighting is Dec. 4, from 5 to 6 p.m. on the lawn of historic Colton Hall, 570 Pacific St. The free celebration features luminaria, cookies, cider, live music, caroling and the lighting of the community tree. The event is presented by the Old Monterey Business Association in partnership with the City of Monterey and First Night Monterey. For information, go to oldmonterey.org or call (831) 655-8070.

The free **10th annual Christmas on the Wharf** comes to Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf for three weekends, Dec. 4-6, 11-13 and 18-20, with a 23-foot Christmas tree, lights, illuminated sea creatures, holiday inflatables, Santa's House and live entertainment. Santa visits Fridays from 5 to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 6 p.m. Decorations remain on display throughout December. See montereywharf.com for the complete entertainment schedule.

More music

Marina's Christmas tree lighting, a longstanding city tradition, is Dec. 4 from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. at Vince DiMaggio Park, 3200 Del Monte Blvd. Eight Second Ride provides live music and caroling, and festivities include horse-drawn wagon rides, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and cookies, hot cocoa, apple cider and s'mores. Admission is free. Details at cityofmarina.org.

The **Monterey Museum of Art officially opens its Iluminado celebration** Dec. 4 from 5 to 8 p.m., with art, community activities and seasonal illumination. It's an "immersive installation that transforms the gallery into a space of light, reflection, and connection," the museum says, and there's a free Family Fun Day Dec. 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The museum offers free admission throughout December. Visit montereyart.org for more.

The **Camerata Singers of Monterey County** present three holiday concerts directed by Mark Purcell Dec. 4-6. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Friday at Compass Church, Salinas, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at First Presbyterian Church at 501 El Dorado St., Monterey. Adult admission is $30 Friday and $35 Saturday and Sunday. Students are admitted free. Details at camerata-singers.org or (831) 642-2701.

Pacific Grove's **Candy Cane Lane** will glow nightly from dusk to around 10 p.m. Dec. 5 through New Year's Eve. It's a gift to the community from the residents who

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Marina has a longstanding city tradition of lighting a public tree.

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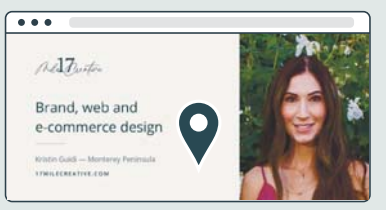

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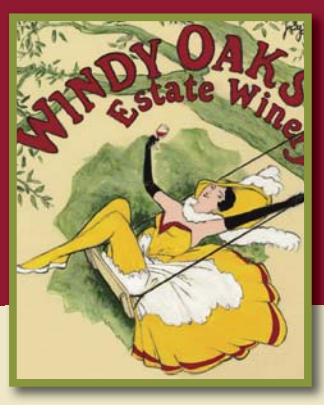

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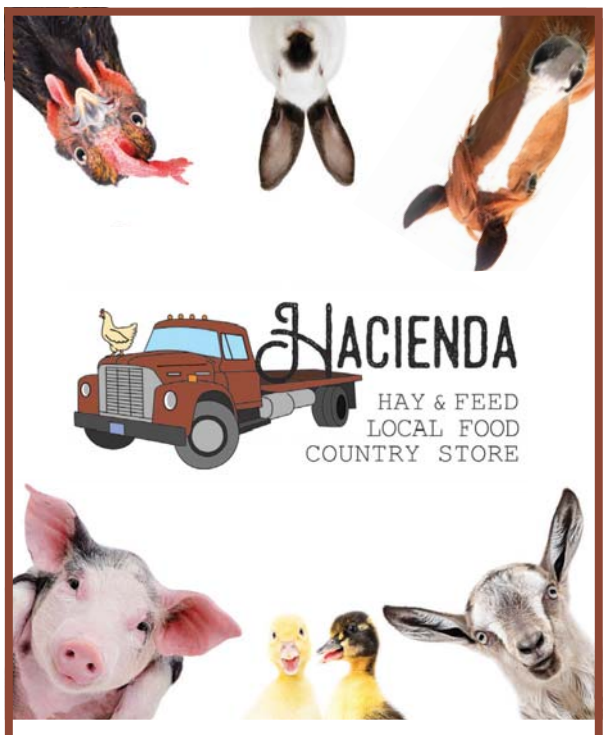

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decorate their homes and lawns with elaborate light displays, animated characters, and more. The neighborhood includes Morse Drive, Beaumont Avenue and adjacent streets, and signage on Forest Avenue points the way. Although you can drive through, everyone's encouraged to park outside the neighborhood and explore on foot. Visit candycanelanepg.com for details.

Stillwell's Holiday Fun returns to Caledonia Park in Pacific Grove Saturday, Dec. 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Presented by the Kiwanis, the free family celebration includes bounce houses, face painting, games, carriage rides and a petting zoo. Santa Claus arrives at noon. The park is at Caledonia and Central avenues, behind the post office. For information, go to business.pacificgrove.org.

Beautiful inns

The **Brighten the Harbor Lighted Boat Parade** takes place Dec. 6 from approximately 5:15 to 7 p.m., weather permitting. Boats decorated with colorful holiday lights will cruise through Monterey Harbor, passing Old Fisherman's Wharf around 5:30 p.m. and again on their return. Spectators can watch the procession from the waterfront or snag a table and have dinner in one of the nice, warm restaurants along the route.

Pacific Grove's 44th annual **Holiday at the Inns** is Dec. 8, from 5 to 9 p.m. Tour a dozen participating inns and other properties from Green Gables to Asilomar, all with their halls properly decked. Seasonal refreshments and live music are available along the way. The self-guided event is organized by the P.G. Chamber of Com-

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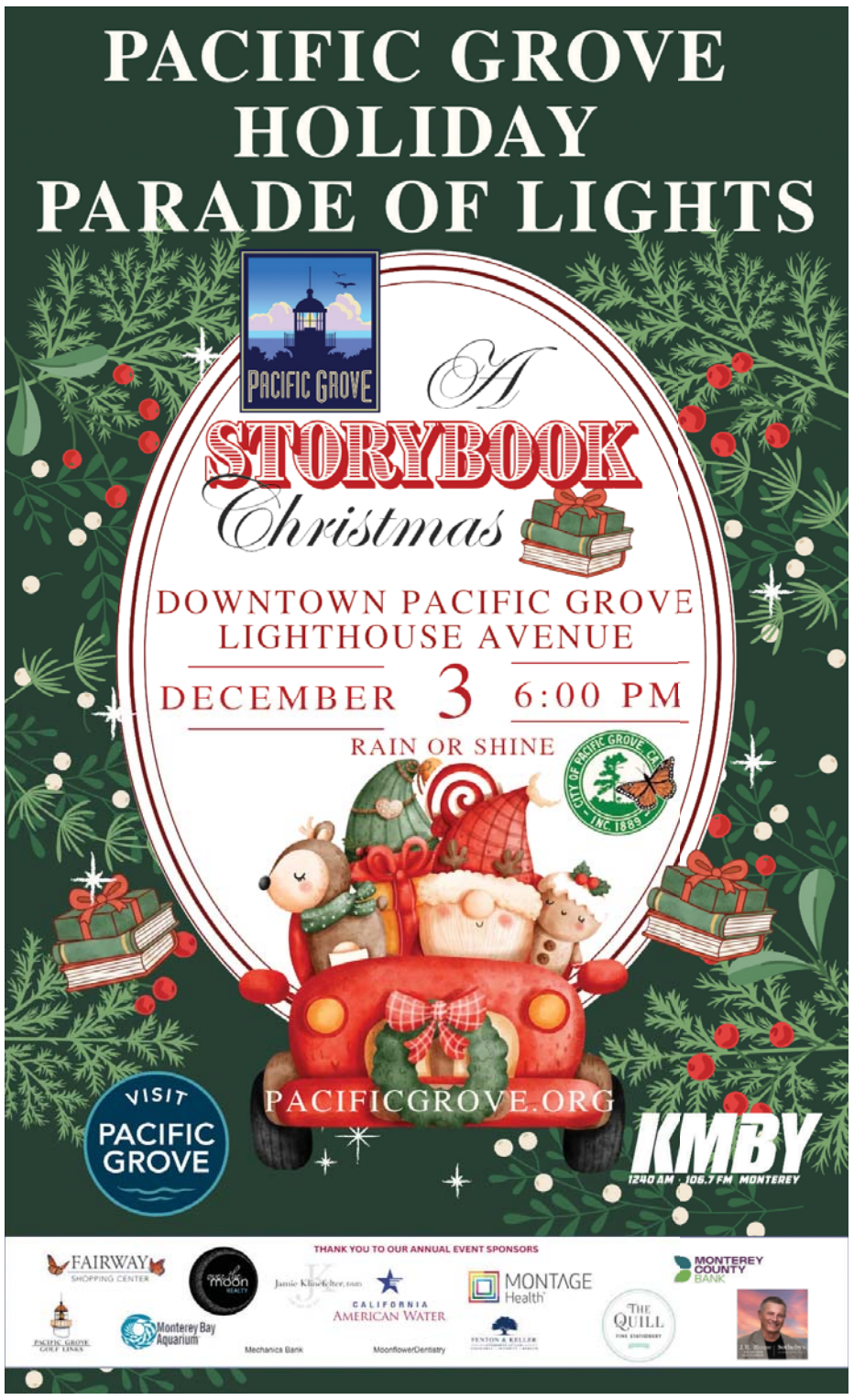
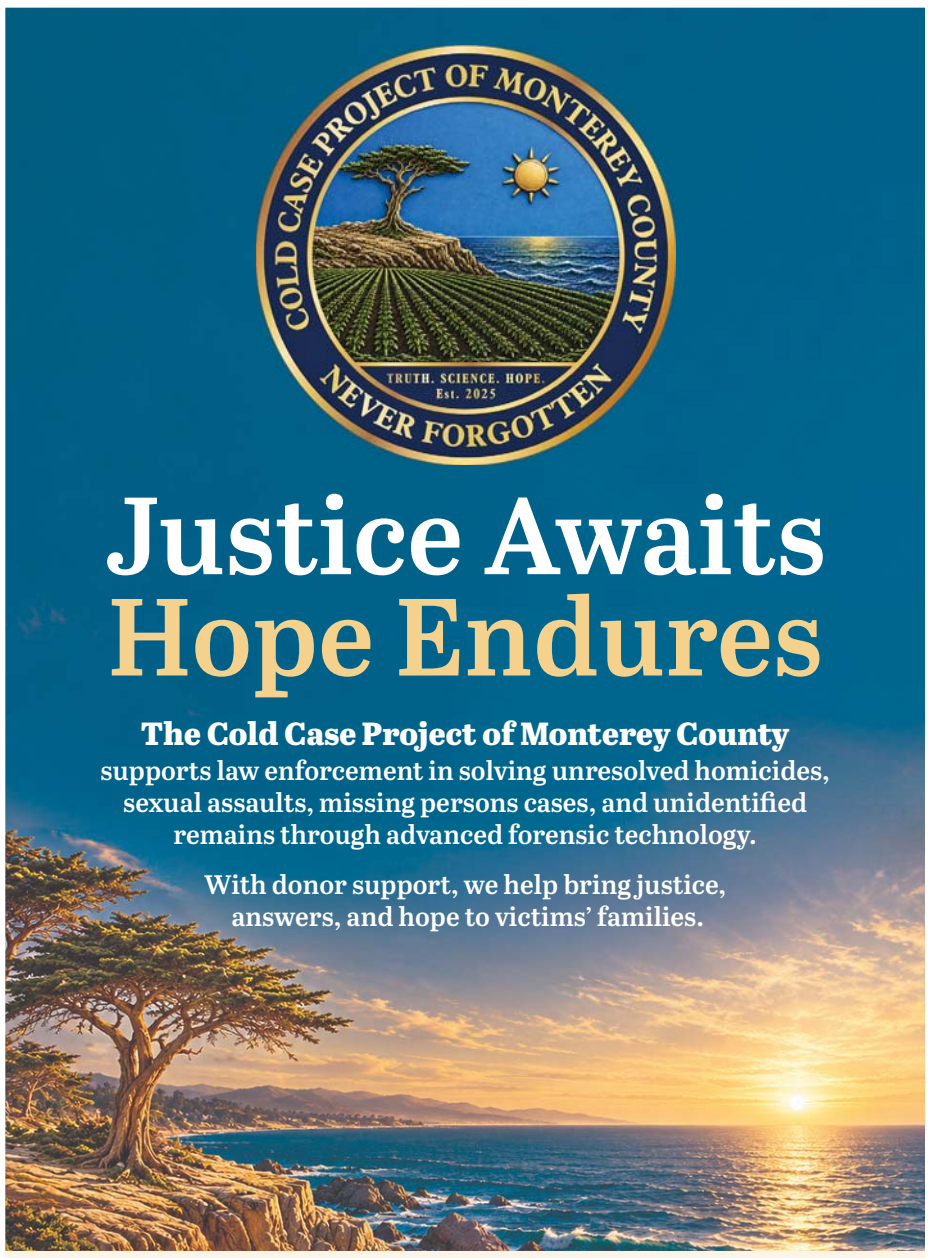
You know Christmas is coming when local seafarers decorate their boats for the harbor parade.







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equipment and a certificate. There's also an option to add a photo or video recording of the jump. Read more and purchase at skydivemontereybay.com or call (831) 384-3483.

For a less dramatic encounter with the great outdoors, **Monterey Bay Kayaks** offers rentals and guided paddling tours on Monterey Bay and Elkhorn Slough. Participants can explore kelp forests, watch harbor seals and observe sea otters from a respectful distance. Rentals include instruction, life vests and optional "splash jackets and pants," as well as a safety and wildlife briefing.

Gift certificates range from $50 to $200, never expire and can be used for tours, kayak and paddleboard rentals or merchandise. They're available at montereybaykayaks.com. Call (831) 373-5357.

In fact, if you enjoy seeing critters in their natural habitats, **Monterey Bay Eco Tours** offers narrated excursions through Elkhorn Slough aboard El Cat, a quiet, fully electric catamaran. Naturalists help passengers identify sea otters, harbor seals and the many birds inhabiting the wetlands. The approximately 90-minute trip is especially appealing to photographers and nature enthusiasts. Tours start at $45 (plus fees) for adults and discounts are offered for seniors and kids. Navigate to montereybayecotours.com and click on the "Gift Cards" tab to purchase.

A taste of the region

Wine lovers can leave their cars behind while exploring the area's vineyards and tasting rooms. Or book a trip through the Salad Bowl of the World and learn about the fascinating world of modern farming.

Ag Venture Tours offers van excursions through Carmel Valley wine country, with transportation, commentary and visits to local wineries. A full-day tour ($365) includes a vineyard walk, tasting-room visits and a lunch stop. Full-day Big Sur sightseeing ($350) is available, as are half-day trips, like agricultural tours ($175), wine tasting in Santa Cruz or Carmel Valley, and sightseeing in Big Sur and the Monterey Peninsula. The company also offers half-day walking tours. Gift certificates are available. Call (831) 761-8463.

If you look up "bon vivant," you might just find a picture of Toby Rowland-Jones, whose **Carmel Wine and Wandering** combines a stroll through Carmel-by-the-Sea with visits to tasting rooms. Part entertainer and part wine expert, this seasoned (some might say spicy) entrepreneur is out to make sure that wherever he goes, everyone has a good time. The three-hour tour introduces participants to Monterey County wines while exploring the village's history, hidden courtyards and architecture. Prices start at $159 per person, including tasting fees. Details are at carmelwineandwandering.com.

Underwater wonders

The **Monterey Bay Aquarium** is an exception to the "locals don't visit tourist attractions" rule, if only because everyone takes their out-of-town guests to see the otters. A gift membership offers a year's worth of visits and helps support the nonprofit aquarium's mission of inspiring ocean conservation.

Recipients can watch the Zen-inducing jellyfish, follow the penguins' antics and explore the kelp forest without trying to squeeze everything into a single day.

Individual gift memberships cost $125, family memberships are $295, and seniors 70 and older qualify for a $95 membership. Benefits include year-round admission, special member events and discounts on tours, dining and merchandise. Visit montereybayaquarium.org or call (831) 648-4800.

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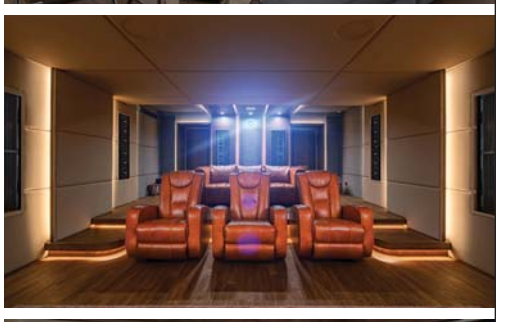

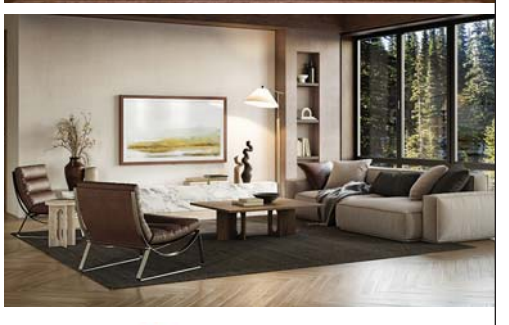

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merce, 584 Central Ave., where tickets — which start at $30 apiece — can be picked up beginning Dec. 1. Go to pacificgrove.org or call (831) 373-3304 for details.

On Dec. 11-12 from 5 to 9 p.m., check out Monterey State Historic Park Association's 42nd annual **Christmas in the Adobes**. Explore historic buildings illuminated with luminarias and decorated for the season, with music and refreshments along the way. Participating sites include California's First Theatre, Colton Hall and the Robert Louis Stevenson House. Tickets are $30 for adults for one night or $45 for a two-night pass. Admission is free for those 17 and younger. Military and association-member discounts are available in person at the Custom House Store. Online purchasers must collect their wristbands and maps at designated locations before starting the self-guided tour, which takes place rain or shine. Details are at mshpa.org.

Youth Orchestra Salinas presents its free **Winter Concert** Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at Sherwood Hall, 940 N. Main St. (adjacent to the rodeo grounds) in Salinas. Students from YOSAL's music education programs will celebrate music and community. The organization promises a few surprises, too. More information is at yosal.org.

Santa's fly-in

Santa and Mrs. Claus have been **arriving in Carmel Valley via helicopter** since 1959, and this year, after their expected 10:30 a.m. touchdown, the couple will lead the parade around the village, then make their way to Carmel Valley Community Youth Center for a meet-and-greet and photos. The event is supported by several nonprofits and many hardworking volunteers. If you'd like to be in the parade, volunteer, or purchase advance tickets for the petting zoo and bounce houses, go to cvcyc.org and follow the links on the home page.

The Arthritis Research Coalition's annual **Run Rudolph Run** 1K and 5K walk/run is Dec. 12, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Lovers Point in Pacific Grove. Runners and walkers are encouraged to be there with bells on — or reindeer antlers, Santa hats, or elf ears — as they travel along the scenic coastline and support arthritis research. Registration information is at arthritisresearchcoalition.org.

I Cantori di Carmel celebrates its 45th anniversary season with performances of Johann Sebastian **Bach's "Christmas Oratorio"** at Carmel Mission Dec. 12-13 at 8 p.m. Music historian, tenor, and bon vivant David Gordon will give a preconcert lecture at 7 p.m. Additional performances are scheduled for Dec. 19 at Holy Cross Church in Santa Cruz at 8 p.m. and Dec. 20 at Salinas High School Performing Arts Center at 3 p.m. Ticket prices vary by venue with some discounts available. Learn more at icantori.org.

Monterey Peninsula Voices presents its holiday concert, **"Winter's Light,"**

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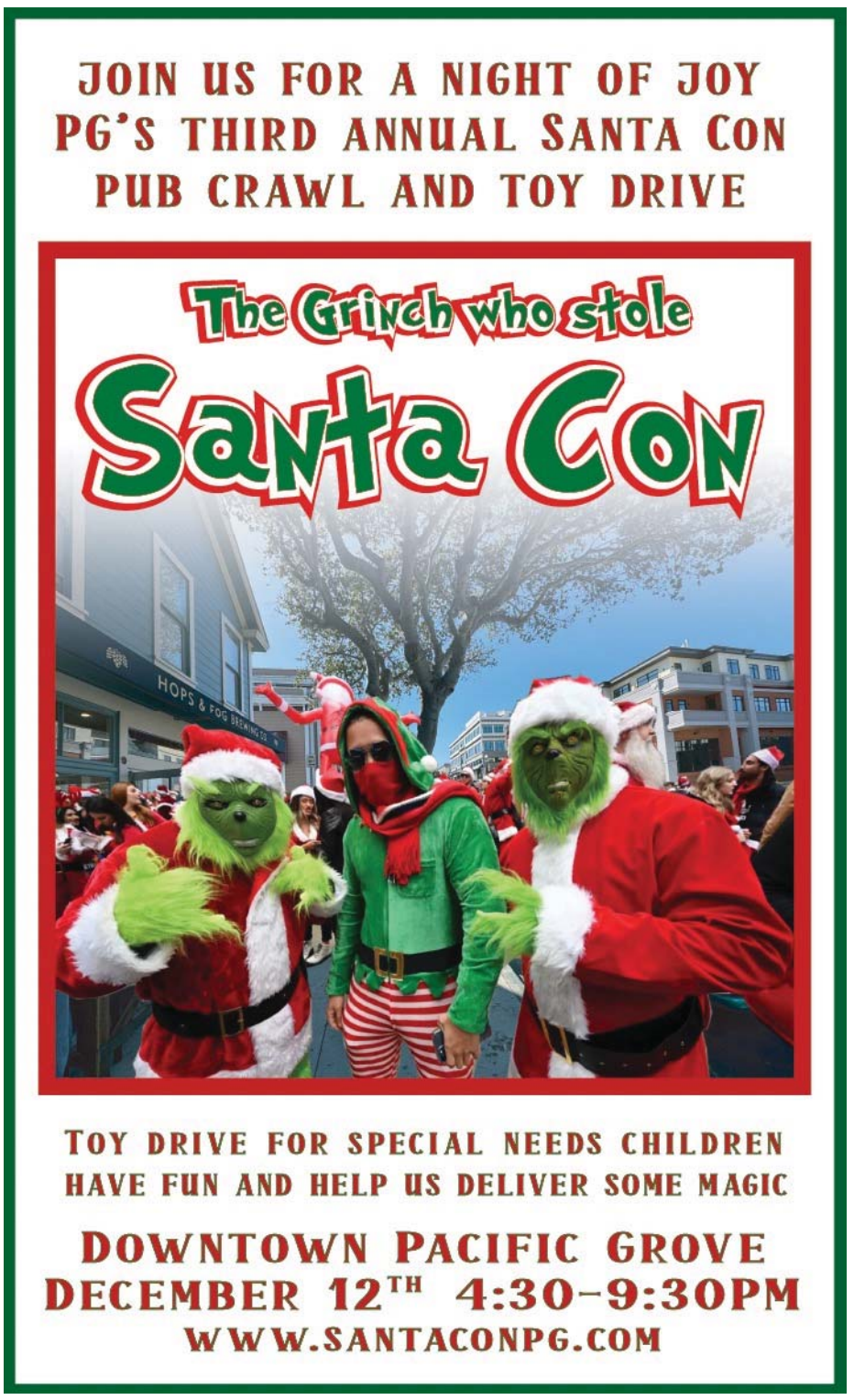



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derstands.

"I've got this," she says. He hands over his credit card, and she sets out to choose gifts for people she doesn't know.

The game is afoot

Noelle considers his mother and walks into Ami Carmel, a boutique on Dolores St. near Fifth Avenue. After handing her a cup of coffee and a warm chocolate chip cookie, a helpful clerk points her to an Ian Saude hand-embroidered cashmere wrap. Noelle has a feeling the $449 price won't concern her client. She notices a Beatriz Ball Ocean Oyster Champagne Bucket for $166 and imagines his sophisticated sister probably has everything — except that.

And there's a display for store owner Annee Martin's new book, "There's Nothing a Chocolate Chip Cookie Can't Fix." The cover features a seductive stack of cookies, and after flipping through all the recipes, she gets the inspirational gist: "What if a chocolate chip cookie, shared from the heart, could change someone's day or maybe their life?" She picks up copies for her client's sister, his mom, her own mom, and herself.

Noelle walks to Ocean Avenue, turns left onto San Carlos, and tucks into **Big Little Boxes in Carmel** Square. The tagline, "Thoughtfully curated gifts that create meaningful moments, unforgettable experiences, and lasting impressions," suggests she'll find something — beautifully packaged, of course — for the client's other sister and her husband.

The owner of the shop suggests the Oceanside charcuterie board gift box, complete with a Nikita Fine Art cheese board, for $185.

"You can take the couple's taste buds on a beach vacation with this ocean-inspired cheese board," said owner Linda Persall, enumerating contents like summer sausage, creamy camembert, and sea salt crackers, along with olive tapenade, artisan honey, and Big Sur culinary salts. Sister and brother-in-law are taken care of.

Across the street, at 679 San Carlos St., is **Thinker Toys**, the 47-year-old fixture with classic educational and imaginative toys for children and the young at heart. Noelle knew this — she'd gone there as a child with her grandmother. She thinks about getting gift cards for her client to give his niece and nephew, so they can have fun choosing their gifts from toy-

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ing with them helps increase the nonprofit's impact and facilitate gift delivery.

"Because schools have access to information for their student enrollments, we have been able to establish a protocol for families in need who register through the school district, which means we don't have to confirm eligibility," Hand said. "This has also allowed for anonymous family registration," which supports those who want to preserve their privacy.

Further, as Toys for Tots is an official mission of the Marine Corps Reserve and an official Marine Corps activity, participation is regulated by the government.

"This means we must remain politically neutral," said Hand. "There can be no discrimination. We don't pick sides. We provide our service for families who need it. That's it."

First-hand knowledge

Hand was a foster child and a Toys for Tots kid, and she has also received help as a single mother. She says her involvement in the organization has come full circle.



Rabecca Hand

When parents come in to select toys for their kids and have them wrapped, volunteers get to witness their holiday joy arise. Ever since Hand stepped into her leadership role, she has focused on building sustainability for this vital resource in the community.

"Receiving a present during the holidays or on Christmas morning is an experience every child deserves," she said. "We are doing everything we can to ensure this possibility."

An army of support

Soon after beginning his career as a minister in England in 1852, Salvation Army founder William Booth decided to make the streets of London his pulpit and deliver the gospel to the hungry, the homeless and the poor. By 1875, his work was supported by more than 1,000 evangelists and volunteers.

In 1891, San Francisco Salvation Army Capt. Joseph McFee was seeking a way to raise money for a free Christmas dinner for 1,000 hungry people in his community. He remembered a scene from his days on the docks as a sailor. Someone had set a large kettle, typically used to collect crustaceans, to gather donations from passersby.

McFee put a large iron pot at the Oakland Ferry Landing and posted a sign inscribed, "Keep the Pot Boiling." He gathered enough money to feed his community. By 1895, the concept had spread across the country, establishing the holiday Red Kettle tradition.

The challenge lay in attracting attention and charitable hearts along public thoroughfares. In 1900, a 16-year-old volunteer invested 10 cents in a hand bell. Back at her station, she began ringing the bell to catch attention. News of her idea spread across the country, becoming an established part of the practice and earning volunteers the title of "bell ringers."

To donate, volunteer or find out how to receive help, visit salvationarmyusa.org/ca/seaside/contra-costa-corps.

And by all means, don't ignore that ringing sound. It might be your call to be someone's Christmas miracle.

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filled shelves.

But pros like Noelle know kids need something to unwrap and play with Christmas morning. So she opts for a LEGO Batmobile remote-control car ($285) for him and a giant Squishable plush toy ($275) for his little sister.

Noelle makes a mental note to pick up a $13 chocolate advent calendar from **Cottage of Sweets** (316 Ocean Ave.) for each child.

One to go

The only one left on her client's list is his dad. She walks back up Ocean Avenue to **The Club** designer clothing store, where she finds an impressive collection of colorful Robert Graham button-down shirts. She chooses an Emanuel Berg high-neck half-zip sweater in extra-fine Merino wool for $298.

Laden with packages, she returns to her client's office, sets down her bags, and slides his well-used credit card across the desk.

"I'll bill you," she says.

"Already? You're done? Everyone?" he says. He pores through her purchases, then looks up. "But they're not wrapped."

"That'll cost you extra."



Obviously, it's a Batmobile made of LEGOS.





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Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. at Greater Victory Temple, 1620 Broadway in Seaside. The program features John Rutter's "Gloria," accompanied by professional brass, percussion and organ, along with winter favorites and music from around the world. Seán Boulware conducts. This is the choir's only 2026 holiday performance. Tickets and information are available at mpvoices.org.

Auld acquaintances

Monterey County Pops! and the Hartnell College Choir present free holiday concerts Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Hartnell College's Western Stage, 411 Central Ave. in Salinas, and Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. in the Church of the Wayfarer at 673 Lincoln St. The approximately 80-minute performances feature the Pops' 15-piece woodwind, brass and percussion chamber ensemble, conducted by Carl Christensen, along with the choir. Seating is first come, first served. More info is at montereycountypops.org.

Old Town Monterey Navidad is Dec. 15 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Cooper-Molera Adobe, 506 Munras Ave. The free celebration includes visits with Santa, artisan vendors, a pet photographer, food, seasonal beverages and live music by Mike Marotta and his International Trio. Presented by the Old Monterey Business Association and Cooper-Molera Adobe, the event combines holiday shopping with an evening at one of Monterey's historic sites. Get the full scoop at oldmonterey.org.

Celebrate the season Wednesday, Dec. 16, with a free afternoon of caroling, Santa Claus and a holiday movie at **Sunset Center's holiday party**. Photos with Santa begin at 3 p.m., followed by candlelight caroling led by Peninsula Harmony Company at 3:30 p.m. and a screening of "The Muppet Christmas Carol" at 4:30 p.m. Sweet treats will be served, and guests are invited to share memories of Sunset Center as part of its centennial celebration. Reservations are recommended. Call (831) 620-2048 or go to sunsetcenter.org.

First Night Monterey — around since New Year's Eve 1992 — is back in its namesake community Dec. 31, with family-friendly entertainment from 3 p.m. until midnight. More than 50 performances at over 15 indoor and outdoor venues will feature music, dance and other performing arts, along with hands-on art activities. The traditional Twilight Procession will travel down Alvarado Street, and a countdown-to-midnight finale will welcome 2027. This year's theme is "Color the Night!" Admission buttons are available at firstnightmonterey.org, with early-bird prices through Dec. 14. Proceeds help support the organization's community arts programs.

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whale-watching tours. **Monterey Bay Whale Watch** (montereybaywhalewatch.com), **Discovery Whale Watch** (discoverywhalewatch.com) and **Princess Monterey Whale Watching** (montereywhalewatching.com) offer outings led by naturalists. Depending on the season, participants might encounter gray whales, humpbacks, dolphins and other marine creatures. All offer gift cards or certificates and operate from Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey.

Of course, there's another way to make any of these presents more memorable: Offer to buy your own ticket and go along. Sometimes the best part of an experience is having someone to share it with.



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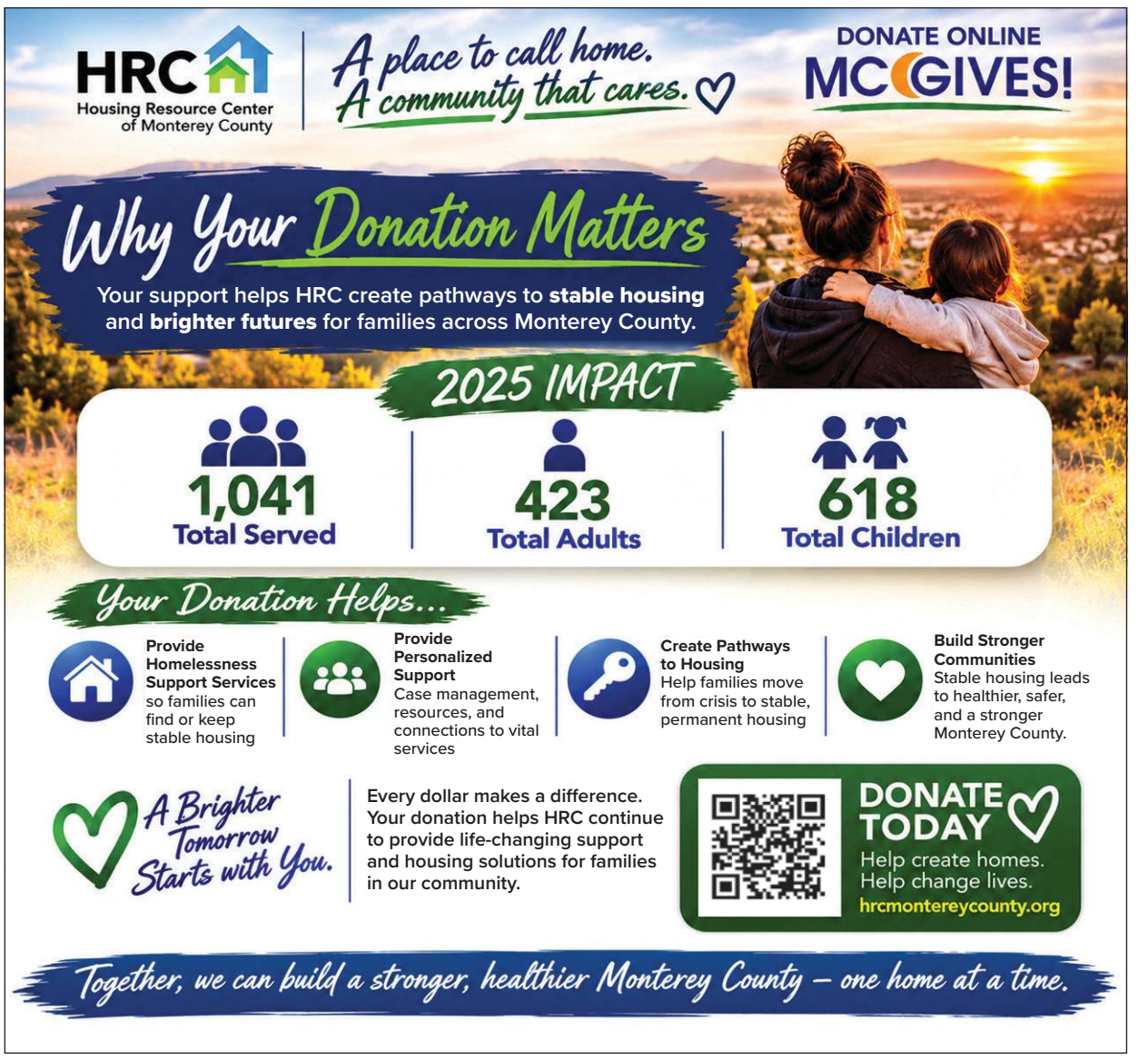
Holiday stress? You'll get by with a little kelp and some friends.







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Big Sur Grange craft fair, Monterey metal arts show kick off Friday

DURING THE season of holiday-themed arts and crafts shows, few events are as beloved as the three-day Big Sur Grange Harvest & Craft Fair, which kicks off Friday at 1 p.m.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

For more than three decades, the fair at the Grange Hall has provided a marketplace for Big Sur's many artisans to share their creations. This year's gathering features dozens of vendors, including the Bitter Ginger, the Lilypad Project, Ragged Thistle Clothing, Woven Herbs, silversmith John DeFloria, beadwork artist Rachel Moody and many others.

"The Harvest Fair is rich in community and creativity as well as being a fundraiser for our Grange," organizers said. "Attendees can expect photography, herbal body care, jade jewelry, artisanal food, local honey, clothing, acrylic and oil paintings, rugs, pottery, yummy hot food and lots more."

The fair, which is free and family-friendly, runs from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Proceeds benefit the Big Sur Grange Hall, located at 47090 Highway 1 in Big Sur.

■ Keeping it wild

A painter and printmaker with a curious eye focused on the natural world, Jennifer Anderson will discuss her creative journey Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Carmel Art Association. A show of her paintings and prints, "Keep It Wild," is on display at the downtown gallery through Nov. 30.



Painter Dennis Peak's "Echoes Blue" is in a show that's on display at Carmel Art Association through Monday.

Anderson's exhibit was inspired by her research into California condors and American kestrels during her time last year as an artist-in-residence at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute, a museum and nature center in Jamestown, New York.

"Working in watercolor and etched printmaking, Anderson portrays a variety of birds and mammals — each portrait offering a moment with a creature whose future is connected to the health of the natural world we share," the gallery's Hayden Concepcion-Deyo said. "Rather than presenting wildlife as a distant subject, these portraits invite a more personal connection, one that begins with curiosity and can grow into care."

The Carmel Art Association is located at 555 Dolores St. Visit carmelart.org.

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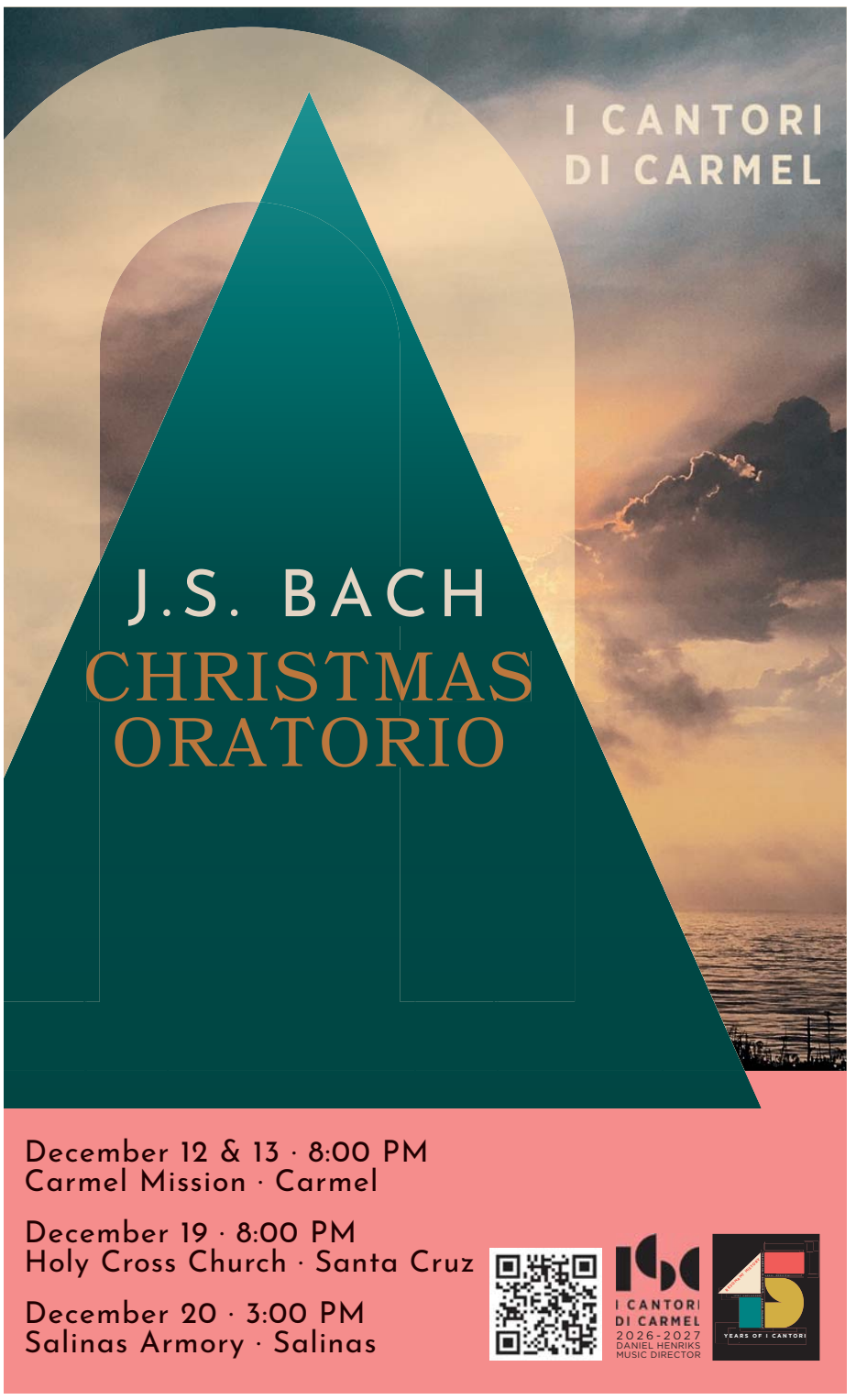
Celebrating contemporary metalwork and jewelry design, the Monterey Bay Metal Arts Guild unveils its annual winter exhibition, "Indulge," Friday at Z Folio Gallery at 750 Cannery Row. It is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the show continues through Jan. 3.

"Featuring the work of more than 25 local artists from Santa Cruz, San Jose and the greater Monterey Bay region, this show celebrates the creative spark that fuels contemporary metalwork and jewelry design," the gallery announced. "From chain making and casting to granulation and metal forming, the exhibition showcases an impressive range of traditional and experimental techniques — each piece reflects the artist's unique vision and how inspiration takes shape through process, materials and imagination."





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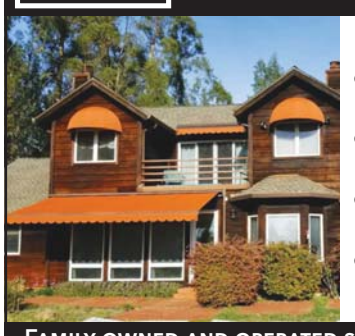

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WRIGHT

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Shaw provided some detail about his appearance, saying he wore "the familiar Wright trademarks" for the occasion — "the oversized prairie hat, the flowing tie, the cinnamon-colored overcoat thrown over the erect shoulders." She also wrote of the "lean, lined face with its tired, brilliant eyes, deep, quiet voice and slightly bitter wit."

He challenged those assembled to define architecture, and when someone gave the word's Greek derivation, Wright was suitably impressed and smiled.

"That's the first answer I've gotten to that question anywhere in the United States," he said.

In another semantic turn, he objected to classifying his work as a "profession," which he said was "a sort of gangsterism to keep the other fellows out. In every 'profession' there is an outer window-dressing of ethics. In all my life, I have never seen in architecture any sense of ethics. I am an amateur. I have never joined the profession of architecture."

"Perhaps that is how I got my reputation for arrogance," he added. Lest there be any doubt about his self-assurance, he went on to say that when French author Victor Hugo predicted a revival of architecture in the 19th and early 20th centuries, "I thought he had me in mind. Through myself and Louis Sullivan, architecture was born again in this country, to be perfectly modest."

He continued in that vein for what sounds like some time, noting that he was disappointed to find that his philosophy of architecture was not original but had been written about by Lao-tzu before the birth of Christ.

Discreet pause

Finally, Wright admonished his audience, saying, "Because architects have not been what they should have been, we are where we are today" — a state of affairs with which he was plainly unhappy.

The story relates that he was interrupted by "a sudden burst of rain and hail drumming on the glass skylight and the metal roof of the restaurant." When he resumed, he concluded his remarks: "Boys, I love what you might do. There is no greater challenge on Earth than architecture. You must believe in it, sacrifice for it, even die for it if necessary."

When he was thanked for coming, he told his audience to thank Mrs. Walker instead because she had hired him to build a house.

It was noted that the officers of the new AIA chapter "waited discreetly" until Wright had left before proceeding to accept their charter from the group's regional director.

No one could blame them.

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POLICE LOG

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Pacific Grove: A 34-year-old man at Country Club Gate Center was cited for possessing an inhalant and driving under the influence of drugs.

Monterey: A 28-year-old man was arrested at Del Monte Avenue and Figueroa Street for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08% or greater.

Monterey: Hazardous vehicle left on the street at Ramona Avenue and Fremont Street.

Monterey: Petty theft at Del Monte Shopping Center.

Monterey: Receiving known stolen property and evading a peace officer with wanton disregard for safety on East Franklin Street.

Monterey: A 34-year-old man was arrested on Lighthouse Avenue for possession of a substance similar to toluene.

Monterey: A 61-year-old man was arrested on Airport Road for battery on a spouse, former spouse or dating partner.

Monterey: Grand theft of money, labor or property reported on Pierce Street.

Seaside: The Monterey Police Department located a vehicle reported stolen out of Seaside. Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop, but the vehicle fled. Seaside Police officers were alerted and subsequently located the vehicle entering the city. Officers attempted another traffic stop, but the driver fled again, eventually entering the Seaside High School campus, where the vehicle crashed into a fence. The driver, identified as a 19-year-old male, fled on foot into a nearby residential neighborhood. Officers conducted an extensive search of the surrounding area, including searches of multiple properties and the deployment of a drone. After a lengthy search, efforts were eventually called off. Through the evidence gathered during the investigation, the male has been positively identified as the driver and is currently wanted in connection with this incident. The stolen vehicle was recovered and successfully returned to its rightful owner.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet left in the bathroom at Katy's Place on Mission Street and Fifth Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles towed for parking in a restricted-hours zone at an intersection with Central Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed at Lighthouse Avenue and 18th Street due to special-event no-parking restrictions.

Pacific Grove: Barking dog complaint on Lawton Avenue. Municipal code notice left.

Pacific Grove: Three citations issued for feeding wildlife on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: A 41-year-old woman was cited and released near the 600 block of Ocean View Boulevard for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. She was provided a citation with an updated court date.

Pacific Grove: Former domestic partners involved in a verbal altercation on Lighthouse Avenue.

Monterey: Vehicle towed from Aguajito Road and Fremont Street for registration expired more than six months. The driver was driving without a valid license or registration.

Monterey: A 28-year-old man was arrested on Lighthouse Avenue for violating a protective order.

Monterey: Warrant from another jurisdiction reported on Lighthouse Avenue.

Monterey: Fighting or challenging another person to fight in a public place reported at Fisherman's Wharf.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Watch found on the beach trail near Del Mar on Scenic Road.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A male who was seen nude in the ocean and behaving erratically was peaceably removed from the water and placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold. The male was transported to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula by Carmel Fire Department for further medical and mental health evaluation.

Pacific Grove: Violation of a civil restraining order via obscene telephone communication on Lobos Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Officer dispatched to the 500 block of Monterey Avenue for a firearms surrender. One firearm and two BB guns were surrendered for destruction.

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

Pacific Grove: Officers dispatched to the 200 block of Bentley Street for a report of a male who was possibly overdosing. The male later admitted to using a toluene-like substance. The 34-year-old man was cited and released at the scene for possession of a substance similar to toluene. Report

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DAVID LEE AYERS SR.
CASE NO. 26PR000563

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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
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Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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Petitioner:
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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
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Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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LOG

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Pacific Grove: A book and medical devices were found on Cypress Avenue and turned in to the police department.

Monterey: Subject on Skyline Drive placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold.

Monterey: Embezzlement of $950 or more reported on Upper Ragsdale Drive.

Monterey: Dead body found at a location on Seeno Street.

Monterey: Obtaining money by false pretenses involving more than $400 reported on First Street.

Monterey: A 63-year-old man was arrested on Camino El Estero on a felony warrant from another jurisdiction.

Monterey: A 68-year-old man was arrested on Munras Avenue for being under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of unlawful paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

Pacific Grove: Report of habitual dog barking on Forest Hill Blvd.

Pacific Grove: Officers received a report from Arizona Child Protective Services regarding possible lewd acts. Case generated for informational purposes only.

Monterey: Vehicle towed from John Street for registration expired for more than six months.

Monterey: Battery on Holman Highway.

Monterey: Animal-related call at Tide Avenue and Surf Way.

Monterey: Misdemeanor warrant for failure to appear and warrant from another jurisdiction for an individual at Tide Avenue and Surf Way.

Monterey: A 20-year-old man was arrested at Del Monte Avenue and Camino Aguajito for driving without a valid license, driving while under 21 with a blood-alcohol level of 0.01% or greater, and driving while under 21 with a blood-alcohol level of 0.05% or greater.

Monterey: Domestic incident on Larkin.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Adult Protective Services report at Second Avenue and Monte Verde Street. A welfare check was conducted and documented for information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Pocket watch found at Ocean Avenue and Junipero Street turned in for safekeeping.

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

Pacific Grove: Officers dispatched to the 500 block of 16th Street for a complaint of construction workers making too much dust. Information only.

Pacific Grove: Traffic stop at Lighthouse and Jewell avenues. Driver had a suspended or revoked driver's license. The 35-year-old man was cited.

Monterey: A 20-year-old woman was arrested on Ramona Avenue for inflicting corporal injury on a spouse, cohabitant or dating partner and possession of a narcotic controlled substance.

Monterey: Battery on Del Monte Avenue.

Monterey: Theft of access card at Del Monte Shopping Center.

Monterey: Eavesdropping on El Dorado Street.

Monterey: Grand theft of money, labor or property on Bonifacio Place.

Monterey: Shoplifting reported on Lighthouse Avenue.

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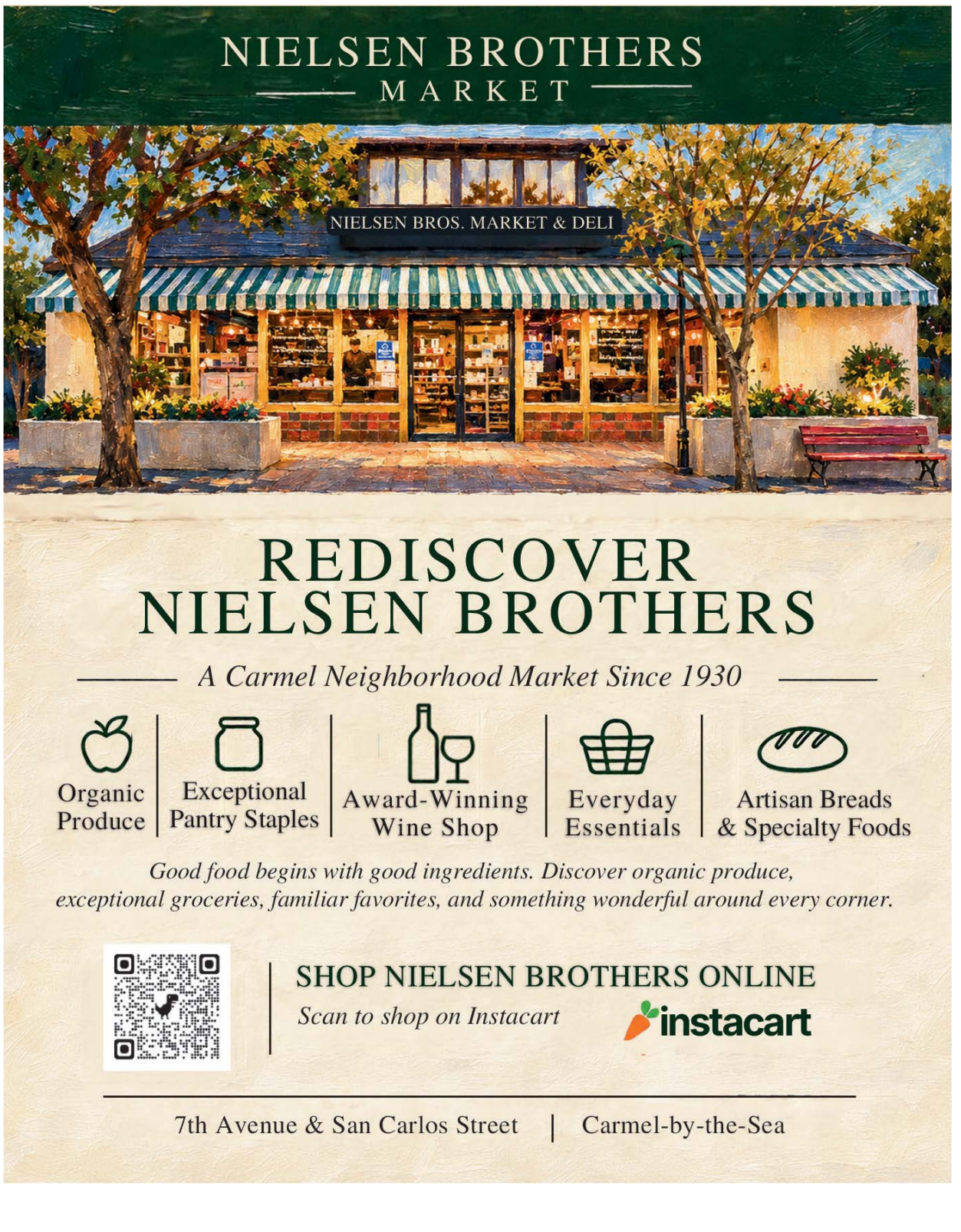


Sunset welcomes 'Honey, I'm Good' hitmaker, I Cantori hosts sing-along

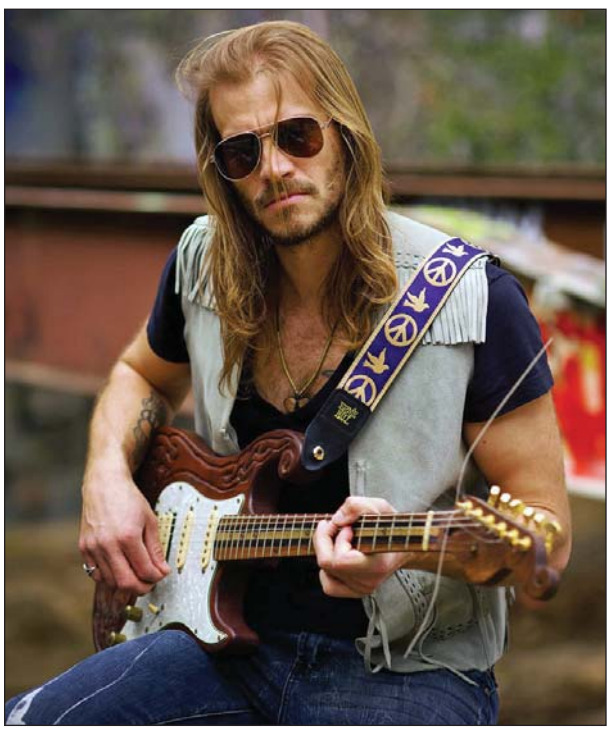
BEST KNOWN for his 2014 Top 10 pop single, "Honey, I'm Good," singer **Andy Grammer** presents a one-man show Saturday, 7 p.m., at Sunset Center.

Grammer has recorded six albums since his debut record came out in 2011, including his most recent, "Big Stupid Heart," which was released last month.

"Stripped to its core, 'One Man Show' blends acoustic performance, spoken word, storytelling, and real-time audience interaction into something deeply personal and undeniably uplifting," Sunset Center said. "With only a piano, a guitar and a room full of voices, Andy turns the stage into a shared experience, moving effortlessly between chart-topping hits, new songs and the stories behind them."

Tickets start at $65. Sunset Center is at 908 San Carlos Street. Call (831) 620-2040 or visit sunsetcenter.org.

Also at Sunset Center, the klezmer rock band **Mostly Kosher** plays Thursday at 7 p.m. "Mostly Kosher's live show is a feast for the senses," Sunset Center noted. "Inspired by the poetry and folk music of their Judaic roots, their original songs ring out with themes of social justice, human dignity and mutual understanding." Tickets start at $40.



Singer and guitarist Freedom Heartsong performs at Fernwood Resort Saturday.

■ Nothing like it

Serving up a holiday musical favorite, **I Cantori di Carmel** presents a Community Messiah Sing-Along Sunday, 3 p.m., Merrill Hall at the Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

"There's nothing quite like singing Handel's 'Messiah' with hundreds of voices filling the hall, accompanied by a chamber orchestra," said the choir, which has been around since 1981. "Bring your own score, or borrow one at the door, and settle in for an afternoon of music, good company, mulled wine, hot cocoa and cookies."

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Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez presents its Christmas show Tuesday at Golden State Theatre

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Tickets are $25 for general admission, $10 for students, teachers, active military and anyone under 30, and free for kids. The conference center is located at 800 Asilomar Ave. For tickets, visit icantori.org.

■ The beat is back

Best known for bringing together pop music and ska in the early 1980s — and scoring a big hit on early MTV with the video for the irresistible "Save It For Later" — **The English Beat** plays Saturday, 7 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey. The band is still led by singer and

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FOOD & WINE

Food math: Dining in three languages, and a feast of seven fishes

AND JUST like that, another Thanksgiving is in the rearview. Hopefully yours had maximum joy with a minimum of fuss and feathers. Now it's time to find stops along the way in your search for midwinter gift ideas. Yes, you can pop open your laptop and buy from big-box websites, but for many boomers and Gen Xers — and, according to those who measure such things, a surprising number of teens and young 20-somethings — hitting the malls and stores in person is part of the seasonal festivities.

While you're out and about supporting local businesses, you're going to want a bite to eat — and we've got some info on where to find great steak frites in P.G. and some new cocktails in Monterey. The bartenders continue to battle it out at the Links Club, and a Carmel restaurant is celebrating the Italian tradition of the Seven Fishes.

Put aside your naughty/nice list for a few minutes and see what's going on. And if you need help finding Santa or a gift for Aunt Mildred, this week's Holiday Guide has some ideas.





Alvarado Street Brewery in Monterey just announced some new winter menu items, including a South American twist on steak frites, and a roasted-tomato-and-pesto margherita pizza. There's also an assortment of warming cocktails for the rain-and-fog season, along with the brewery's ever-changing selection of beers on tap.

■ On the blue coast

We've been meaning to get to La Côte Bleue (209 Forest Ave.) in Pacific Grove for some time. It's open Wednesday through Monday for lunch and dinner, and if our recent experience was any indication, it's a good investment of time and money.

The dining room is open and simply decorated, the better to let the food shine. It was a cold, rainy Wednesday and the crowds stayed home, but as the restaurant's website says, "It's not a place you rush through."

Soup to Nuts

The owners, Miguel and his brother, Carlos, are part of a restaurant family — their brother, Rudolfo Ponce, owns Rudolfo's Café, a few blocks away on Lighthouse Avenue, and their father, Juan Ponce, is the longtime executive chef at the Old Fisherman's Grotto on Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey.

Open since early March, La Côte Bleue has a menu based on "Mediterranean flavors from the French Riviera, Spanish coast, and Italian shores." That means you can order fritto misto (fried seafood plate, $18) served with marinara sauce or get a good-sized serving of bouillabaisse ($38). There's some overlap between the lunch and dinner menus, and a few dishes are slightly more expensive in the evening.

The dairy-free butternut squash soup ($9) was too tempting (did we mention the cold and rain?). It came with a watermelon-cube garnish floating in the center, which was at first puzzling, then intriguing as a refreshing contrast to the earthiness of the dense purée. Spices were assertive — but more like a backup group than a bunch of divas vying for an aria.

With orders of steak frites ($24) and herb-crusted Pacific Monterey cod ($27) underway, there was plenty of time to relax and enjoy some iced tea and complimentary house-made brioche rolls. Served warm with herb butter, the pillowy bread was the best kind of comfort food.

The steak looked like a cookbook illustration of medium rare, as ordered, and the hand-cut garlic fries were properly seasoned. A bordelaise sauce accented the flavor of the beef.

The cod, also cooked perfectly, was served over puréed potatoes with a mushroom butter sauce. The herb crust was a nice textural complement. For dessert, the simple crème brûlée had a thick but easily broken caramel crust, with dark spots that added just a little bitterness to contrast with the silky custard underneath.

If you don't have to go back to work — or if you're made of sterner stuff than this aging writer — there are two Alvarado Street beers and two from Other Brother, all on tap for $12 a pint. French and California bottles dominate the brief wine list, although there is an Italian prosecco ($15 for a split) to go with that fritto misto.

But do save your visit for a time when you're not in a hurry. The meals are meant to be savored, and the space encourages it. Bring a friend or a book and relax.

■ Stationaery's feast

Anthony and Alissa Carnazzo of Stationaery in downtown Carmel bring back their festive Christmas tradition,

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the annual Feast of the Seven Fishes, Dec. 17-20. "For one weekend only, enjoy a special à la carte dinner menu of seafood dishes, with optional wine pairings available to complement the evening," they say.

The Feast of the Seven Fishes is an Italian-American custom rooted in the Southern Italian Catholic tradition of abstaining from meat on Christmas Eve. It also marks a time for family and friends to get together to reflect on their fortunes and celebrate their heritage. While Stationaery's offerings are likely tailored to chef Amalia Scatena's talents and tastes, typical offerings include baccalà (salted cod), calamari, whitefish, shrimp, clams, crab and mussels or oysters.

"Gather your friends and family around the table, or book the Glass House for a private celebration with your whole group," the Carnazzos say. Dinner will be offered from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Email reservations@thestationaery.com or book at exploretock.com/stationaery. The restaurant is located in the square at 558 San Carlos St.

■ Bartender battle ramps up

Links Club's Battle of the Bartenders continued apace this month, with the Grand Championship slated for Dec. 7. The competition features pros from around the Monterey Peninsula and beyond who are given various cocktail-creating tasks, with the winners selected by a panel of judges and applause from guests, who also get to sample their concoctions.



La Côte Bleue in Pacific Grove has been open for about eight months, offering food from the coasts of Spain, France and Italy. Its Forest Avenue location is simply decorated and gives the food a place to shine.

"Each matchup features three rounds in which bartenders must create cocktails using limited options and incorporate surprise ingredients," explains Links Club owner and event organizer April Montgomery. "With creativity, adaptability and execution all put to the test, guests get a close-up look at the talent behind some of the Peninsula's favorite bars."

In the Nov. 9 round, Natasha Bracken of the Marina Club claimed the Club Championship title and a $500 prize when she prevailed over Casey Buck, who represented the American Legion lodges in Monterey and Seaside. Their three timed challenges included "Sin and Gin," in which each put her own twist on a Negroni using Ford's Gin, the second featuring Diplomático rum, and the third involving Old Forester bourbon and a limited pantry of mixers.

The following week, the first session of the semifinal Top Shelf Championships had Bracken facing Nica Farrahi, who recently joined BashBar. Farrahi triumphed in a competition that "challenged

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both bartenders to think quickly, improvise and deliver under pressure," Montgomery said, in part by dominating the final Surprise Attack round with a perfect 10 from three judges.

And this week, Haley Halkias of The Bench at Pebble Beach was set to challenge Brian Martinez of Quail Lodge.

The winners of the Top Shelf Championships will advance to the Grand Championship of Mixology on Monday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Links Club, where they'll compete for a $1,000 prize and bragging rights.

"It's been exciting to watch this competition grow and build so much momentum over the past year. These bartenders bring incredible creativity and personality to every round, and the crowd gets right into it," Montgomery said. "We're thrilled to host an event that brings our local hospitality community together and gives these talented professionals a stage."

Tickets are $35 in advance at linksclubgolf.com or $45 at the door, and include six cocktail tastings and a selection of snacks. Links Club is located on the bottom level of the Carmel Plaza at 526 Ocean Ave.

■ ASB has new menus

Alvarado Street Brewery just updated its Monterey menu for winter, and, as Ted Lasso might say, you can color us curious. Lasso, of course, is a regular at his local pub, and ASB wants locals to feel just as at home at the flagship brewpub at 426 Alvarado. New food items include a sage and squash pizza with brown butter and candied pumpkin seeds, a pesto margherita pizza with roasted tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, pesto, caramelized onions and garlic chips, and chimichurri steak frites with South American cassava wedges. But if you want your spuds, the baked potato egg rolls are the newest addition to the proud cross-cultural tradition of wrapping carbs in more carbs (see also knishes and potato pierogies).

New cocktail additions are available, too, like the Poisoned Apple with George Dickel Tennessee whiskey, bittersweet amaro herbal liqueur, spiced apple syrup, lemon and Angostura bitters. Or check out the Smooth Operator — Rittenhouse Rye, Famous Grouse scotch, Amaro Montenegro, crème de cacao and a few other ingredients to spice things up. There's plenty more to check out, and that's another good reason to put down the shopping bags and take a breather.

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



Nica Farrahi of BashBar is competing for the championship title in Links Club's Battle of the Bartenders





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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

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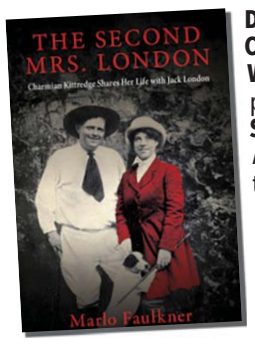
Nov. 29 – I Cantori di Carmel presents its Messiah Sing-along, 3 p.m. in Merrill Hall at Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove. Bring your own score or borrow one at the door. To learn more, visit icantori.org

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.

Thursdays – Live jazz with The David Morwood Jazz Band, 6 to 9 p.m., at Terry's Restaurant + Lounge, inside Cypress Inn, Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel-by-the-Sea. For more information, please contact Cypress Inn, (831) 624-3871. www.terryscarmel.com



Dec. 2 – Monterey Peninsula College Gentrain Society Wednesday Lecture, at 1:30 pm LF 103, **"Jack London's Second Wife Tells All."** Author **Marlo Faulkner** will tell the story of Charmian Kittredge and Jack London as they take life into their hands and challenge the first years of the 20th century. Program is free.

Dec. 3-6 – Holiday Used Book Crawl: Four used book sales benefiting local libraries! Event set in four locations at different times. At the **Monterey Public Library Community Room and Basement**, 625 Pacific St., Monterey, Dec. 3, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Dec. 4 & Dec. 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; at the **Marina Library**, 190 Seaside Circle, Marina, Dec. 4 & Dec. 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; at the **Sunset Center Book Room**, San Carlos & 10th, Carmel, benefiting the Friends of the Harrison Memorial Library, on Dec. 3, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m; at **St. Mary's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church**,146 12th St., Pacific Grove, benefiting the Pacific Grove Library Friends and Foundation, Dec. 3 & Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to noon & Dec. 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. www.investinmpl.org

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Dec. 12-19 – I Cantori Di Carmel presents J.S. Bach's "Christmas Oratorio." Concert begins 8 p.m. Dec. 12-13 in the Carmel Mission Basilica; 8 p.m. Dec. 19 at Holy Cross Church, Santa Cruz and 3 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Salinas Armory, Salinas. For details, visit www.icantori.org

Dec. 16 – The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) presents a dinner lecture at the Monterey Hilton Garden Inn. Our speaker will be **Mr. Michail Ipson** whose topic is **"The U.S. - China 2026 Summits: Trump and Xi on Stage."** Please find event registration and information at http://www.wacmb.org

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co-founder **Dave Wakeling**.

While the English Beat were much more popular across the pond in the U.K., where they had three Top 10 albums and five Top 10 singles, they earned a cult-like status among American Mods in the early 1980s with songs like "Mirror in the Bathroom" and their supercharged cover of Smokey Robinson's "Tears of a Clown."

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

Also at Golden State, **Mariachi Sol de México** presents "Merry-achi Christmas" Tuesday at 7 p.m. Tickets start at $47.

Live music, Nov. 27-Dec. 3

■ Big Sur

Fernwood Resort — singer and guitarist **Freedom Heartsong** (Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

■ Carmel

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

Carmel Plaza — singer and guitarist **Fred McCarty** (Friday at noon). 526 Ocean Ave.

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.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, in the Sunset Lounge Sunday at 3 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

The Crossroads shopping center — **The Peninsula Harmony Company** (Christmas carols, Friday at noon, Saturday at 5 p.m.). 243 Crossroads Blvd.

Cypress Inn — singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, R&B and dance, Friday at 6:30 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and pop, Sunday at 11 a.m.), **The David Morwood Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 684 Lincoln St.

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

Links Club — **Bubba Pickens** (bluegrass and folk, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **The Sugar Beats** (pop and rock, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, 526 Ocean Ave.

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

■ Carmel Valley

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

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singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Monday at 4 p.m.), **Two Rivers** (pop and rock, Thursday at 4 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Trailside Cafe — singer and guitarist **Dave D'oh** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

■ Monterey

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

Hyatt Regency Monterey — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Saturday at 7 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.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Midici The Neapolitan Pizza Company — singer **Janice Perl** and keyboardist **Murray Low** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist **Michael**

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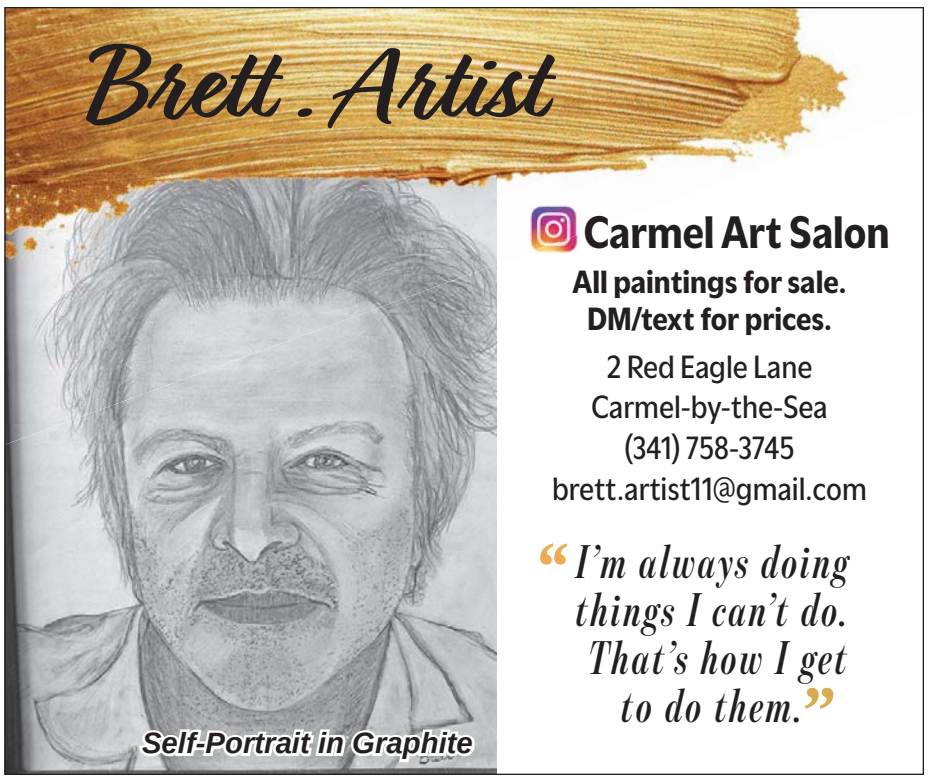
Singer Andy Grammer of "Honey, I'm Good" fame takes the stage Saturday, 7 p.m., at Sunset Center.









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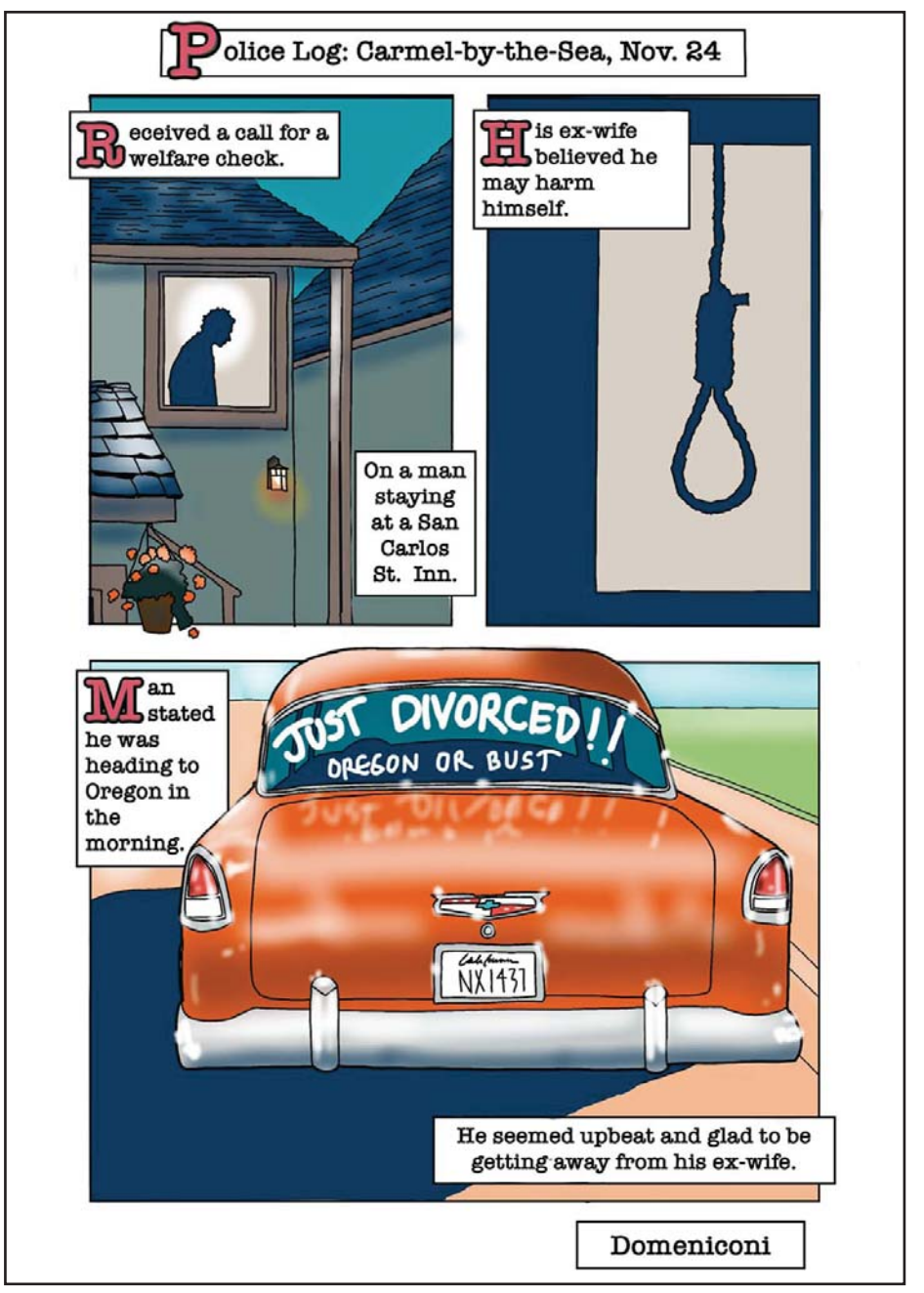

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Culver (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Monday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.



The English Beat, with singer Dave Wakeling, play Saturday, 7 p.m., in Monterey.

Pearl Hour — The Al James Band (rock and R&B, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **The Zach Westfall Quartet** (jazz, Sunday at 8 p.m.). 214 Lighthouse Ave.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza — singer and guitarist **Mick DiSalvo** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adam Behan** (Saturday at 5 p.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Recycled Records — The Mystic Souls (psychedelic soul, Saturday at 7 p.m.). 604 Lighthouse Ave.

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

Sly McFly's — 60 East (classic rock, alternative and reggae, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Mad About You** ('80s and '90s hits, 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 — Painguin (alternative rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), flutist **Kenny Stahl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Saturday at 11 a.m.), **The Chuck Brewer Band** (rock and blues, Saturday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Cat Broz** (classical, 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.

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 **Zack Freitas** (Friday at 5 p.m. in the Terrace Lounge), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Frazier** (Saturday at 5 p.m. in the Terrace Lounge). 1700 17 Mile Drive.

■ Sand City

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

■ Seaside

Deja Blue — singer **Minor Williams** (jazz and blues, Saturday at 4 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

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County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
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This business is conducted by: a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 10/12/2026.
S/ Mark Wells, Managing Member
Date signed: Oct. 22, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 22, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 1115)

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State of Inc./Org./Reg.: California
This business is conducted by: a corporation.
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S/ Paul Falworth, President
Date signed: Nov. 20, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262181
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
STIIIZY Marina, 3170 Del Monte Blvd., Marina, CA 93933
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
SGI Marina LLC, 2001 S. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90058
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/28/2021.
SGI Marina LLC
S/ Tak Sato, President
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262125
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
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County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Mystic Women LLC, 300 W CARMEL VALLEY RD, CARMEL VALLEY, CA 93924
State of Incorporation: CA
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S/ Jessica McStay, Managing Member
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262109
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
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Registered Owner(s):
Good Clean Fun Entertainment LLC, 24520 Outlook Dr, Unit 29, Carmel, CA 93923
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This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Not Applicable
S/ John Strong, Managing Member
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S/George Cortez
Date signed: Nov. 6, 2026
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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 68 THAT THE TIME OF HOLDING REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE THE LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE HOUR OF 9:00 A.M., EXCEPT FOR THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETING WHICH SHALL BE THE THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT SAID HOUR.

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

1. ORDINANCE NO. 68 AMENDED. Ordinance No. 68, as previously amended, is hereby amended to delete Section 1 in its entirety and add a new Section 1, so that it now reads as follows:

   "Section 1: That the time of holding regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be the last Thursday of each month at the hour of 9:00 a.m. except that the November and December regular meetings shall be held on the third Thursday of each respective month at 9:00 a.m.

   The purpose of this change is to avoid scheduling conflicts with the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons and to support participation by both Board members and the general public.

2. PUBLICATION. Following adoption, this ordinance shall be published once in a newspaper published in the District's jurisdiction.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance, if approved shall take effect one week upon the publication of this notice in the newspaper, to occur on Friday, November 27, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District duly held on November 19, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: PRESIDENT SIEGFRIED, PRO TEM URQUHART, DIRECTORS: COLE, WEILAND, WHITE
NOES: BOARD MEMBERS:
ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS:

(S) Robert Siegfried, President of the Board
ATTEST: Domine Barringer, Clerk of the Board

Publication dates: Nov. 27, 2026 (PC 1153)

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.
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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 NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, December 8, 2026, at 4:30 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 26415 (JB Pastor)
Appellant: Thomas Lippe

Project Location: 726, 736, and 746 Dolores Street; Block: 91 Lots: 6, 8, and 10; APN: 010-145-023-000, 010-145-024-000, and 010-145-012-000

CEQA Determination: The Project is Statutorily Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.66 and is Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15331 and 15332 of the CEQA Guidelines, and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

Consideration of a Resolution regarding an Appeal (APP 26415 Esperanza Carmel) appealing Resolution No. 2026-064-PC of the Planning Commission approving Design Review DR 23-140, Use Permit UP 21-113, Lot Merger LM 20-394 (Esperanza Carmel), and a Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a new approximately 13,887-square-foot, two-story mixed-use development with 12 apartment units and approximately 3,097 square-feet of new commercial floor area to be split into five new tenant spaces, with a new approximately 7,534-square-foot basement with 19 parking spaces, with the existing community room and ornamented concrete wall (part of the Northern California Savings and Loan Complex) to remain on the project site as part of the project, with a total project floor area of approximately 14,579 square-feet.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person ("hybrid") in the City Council Chambers at City Hall located at 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/83138976374
Webinar ID: 831 3897 6374
Passcode: 862068
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: 11/23/2026
Publish Date: 11/25/2026

Publication dates: Nov. 27, 2026 (PC1159)

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)

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:
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> (1) Omission of requested information or
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> (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)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall Hall located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. **To participate via teleconference, use this link:** https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/85075274055?pwd=xjGuf1VHPMantTYPLVc94aalwt24Tld.1 **To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171**. Webinar ID: 850 7527 4055. Passcode: 001916.

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

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

DS 26191 (Brookes)
Erik Dyar, Architect
1175 Carmelo Street
Block: X, Lots: 13 & 15
APN: 010-279-006-000
Consideration of a Concept Design Study, DS 26191 (Brookes) for the demolition of an existing single family dwelling and construction of a new 2,307-square-foot two-story single family dwelling at 1175 Carmelo Street located in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN 010-279-006-000
Proposed CEQA Action: Find the consideration of a Concept Review is not a project under CEQA as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

DS 26224 (Yagen)
Jessica Pinney, Agent
884 San Antonio Avenue
Block U, Lot: 18
APN: 010-269-015-000
Consideration of a Track 1 Design Study Referral, DS 26224 (Yagen), for exterior changes including a second-story glass balcony railing located at 884 San Antonio Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN 010-269-015-000
Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

UP 26023 (The Nut Hut)
Blaine Helton, Business owner
436 Ocean Avenue
Block: 76, Lot: All Lots 3 and 4
APN: 010-146-017-000
Consideration of a Use Permit, UP 26023 (The Nut Hut), to convert an existing retail store to a Specialty Food Store with an ancillary use of Retail at more than 10%, operating from 10:00am to 6:00pm, seven days per week in an existing 700-square-foot retail space in Doud Arcade located at 436 Ocean Avenue, Suite 105 in the Central Commercial (SC) District. APN: 010-146-017-000
Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

DS 26063 (Husted)
Maryann Shicketanz, Architect
1236 Carmelo Street
Block: CC, Lot: 8
APN: 010-285-015-000
Consideration of a Combined Concept and Final Design Study, DS 26063 (Husted), and Coastal Development Permit for substantial alterations to a Single-family residence at 1236 Carmelo Street located in the Single-family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-285-015-000.
Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15303 (New Construction) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

DS 26040 (Smith & Chi)
Thomas Hood, Architect
1171 Monte Verde Street
Block F, Lots: 7, 9
APN: 010-184-004-000
Consideration of a Final Detail Design Study, DS 26040 (Smith & Chi), and Coastal Development Permit for 1,020 square-feet of attached additions, a 250-square-foot detached garage, and a 351-square-foot detached ADU in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-184-004-000
Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

DS 25339 (Gibbons)
Bradley Green, Designer
25981 Ridgewood Road
Block 3; Lot: 5
APN: 009-351-011-000
Consideration of a Combined Concept and Final Design Study, DS 25339 (Gibbons) and Coastal Development Permit for the demolition of an existing one-story 2,414 square foot single-family residence inclusive of a 415 square foot attached garage and construction of a new 4,364 square foot two-story single-family residence inclusive of a 791 square foot attached garage. The project is located at 25981 Ridgewood Road in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) District, Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay District, Park (P) Overlay District, Beach and Riparian (BR) Overlay District, and Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA) Overlay District.
Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15303 (New Construction) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

DS 26188 (Wagner)
Erik Dyar, Architect
1060 Mission Street
Block 118, Lots: 14, 16
APN: 010-075-023-000
Consideration of a Combined Concept and Final Design Study, DS 26188 (Wagner) for a 637 square-foot rear addition resulting in a 1,982 square-foot residence and a 200 square-foot parking pad at 1060 Mission Street in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District and Archaeological Significance (AS) Overlay District. APN: 010-075-023-000
Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

DS 26268 (EW Real Estate LLC)
Adam Jeselnick, Architect
1311 Monte Verde Street
Block: 146, Lot: 9
APN: 010-176-018-000
Consideration of a Combined Concept and Final Design Study, DS 26268 (EW Real Estate LLC), and Coastal Development Permit for substantial alterations to a Single-family residence at 1311 Monte Verde Street located in the Single-family Residential (R-1) District. APN: 010-176-018-000
Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 can be made in this case.

DR 26375/UP 26376/LLA 26419 (Hosfas House, Inc.)
Leon Hurley, Developer
337 San Carlos Street
Block 34; Lots: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14
APN 010-124-014-000 & 010-124-001-000
DR 26375/UP 26376/LLA 26419 (Hofsas House, Inc.): Consideration of a Design Review, DR 26375, Use Permit Amendment, UP 26376, Lot Line Adjustment, LLA 26419, and associated Coastal Development Permit for modifications to the approved Design Review, Use Permit, Lot Line Adjustment, and associated Coastal Development Permit for the Carmel Legacy Hotel. The project is the demolition of an existing 38-room hotel with ancillary uses and the construction of a new 38-room hotel with additional ancillary uses at 337 San Carlos Street located in the Residential and Limited Commercial (RC) District. APN 010-124-014-000 & 010-124-001-000
Proposed CEQA Action: Find the project categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to sections 15332 (In-Fill Development Projects) and 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) of the CEQA Guidelines and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions contained in section 15300.2 are applicable.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Andrew Myrick, Director of Community Planning & Building

Publication dates: Nov. 27, 2026 (PC1158)

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SECTION RE ■ Nov. 27 - Dec. 3, 2026

The Carmel Pine Cone

Real Estate

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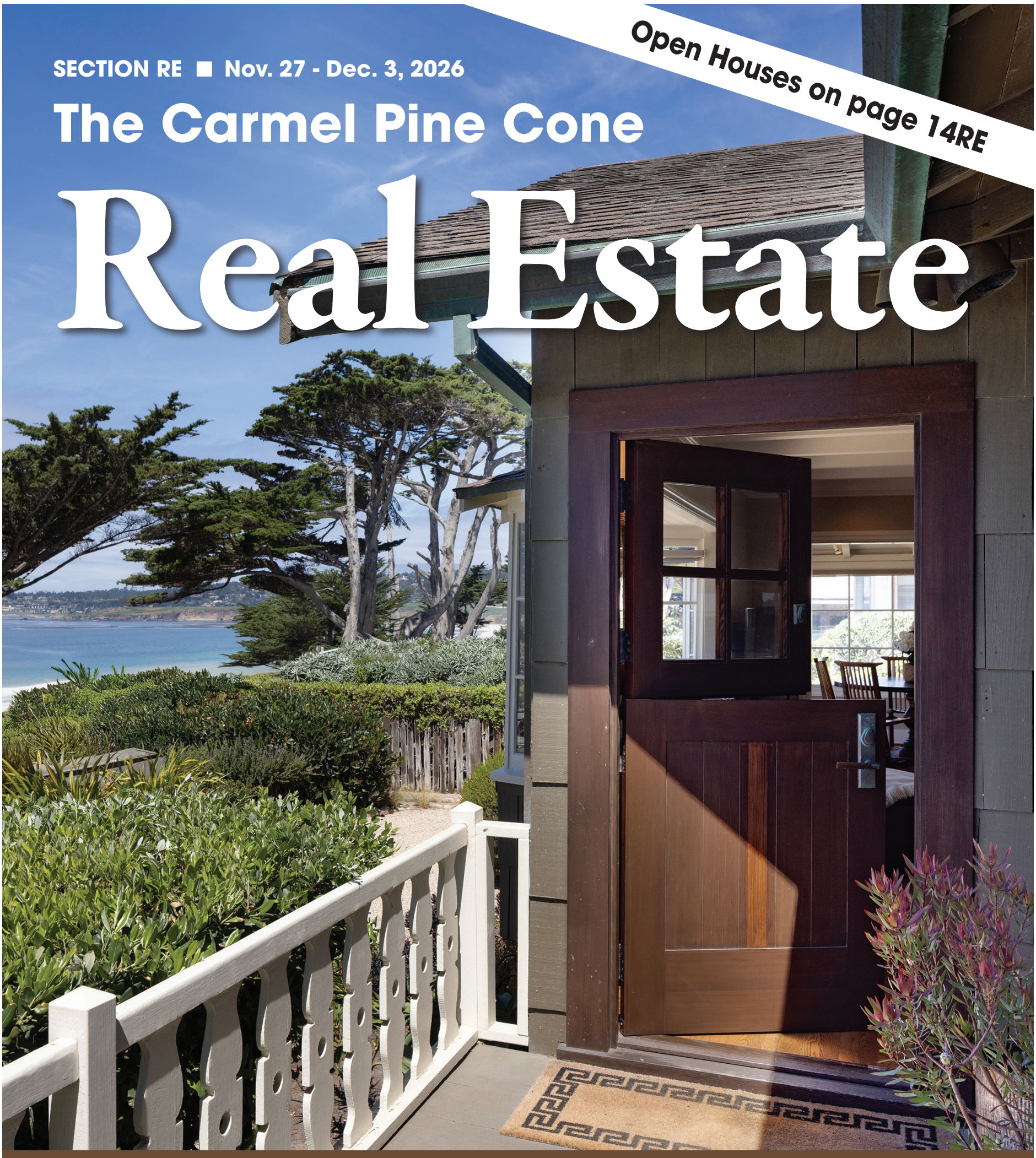





■ This week's cover property, located in Carmel, is presented by Chris Pryor of Carmel Realty Company. (See Page 2RE)

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The Carmel Pine Cone

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Real Estate Sales November 15-21

Escrows closed: 27
Total value: $99,911,800

Carmel

3150 Sycamore Place — $1,280,000
Zablah and Sharon Kattan to Randy and Suzanne Fagundes
APN: 009-541-014

3508 Oliver Road — $1,400,000
John Campbell to Clyde and Melanie and Clyde Klaumann
APN: 009-581-024

3187 Pico Avenue — $1,650,000

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3159 Stevenson Drive, Pebble Beach

Modern Retreat Overlooking
Spyglass Hill's 11th Fairway



Co-listed with Shelly Mitchell Lynch | DRE#01217466

5 Beds, 5.5 Baths ◆ $8,995,000 ◆ WaterbridgePB.com



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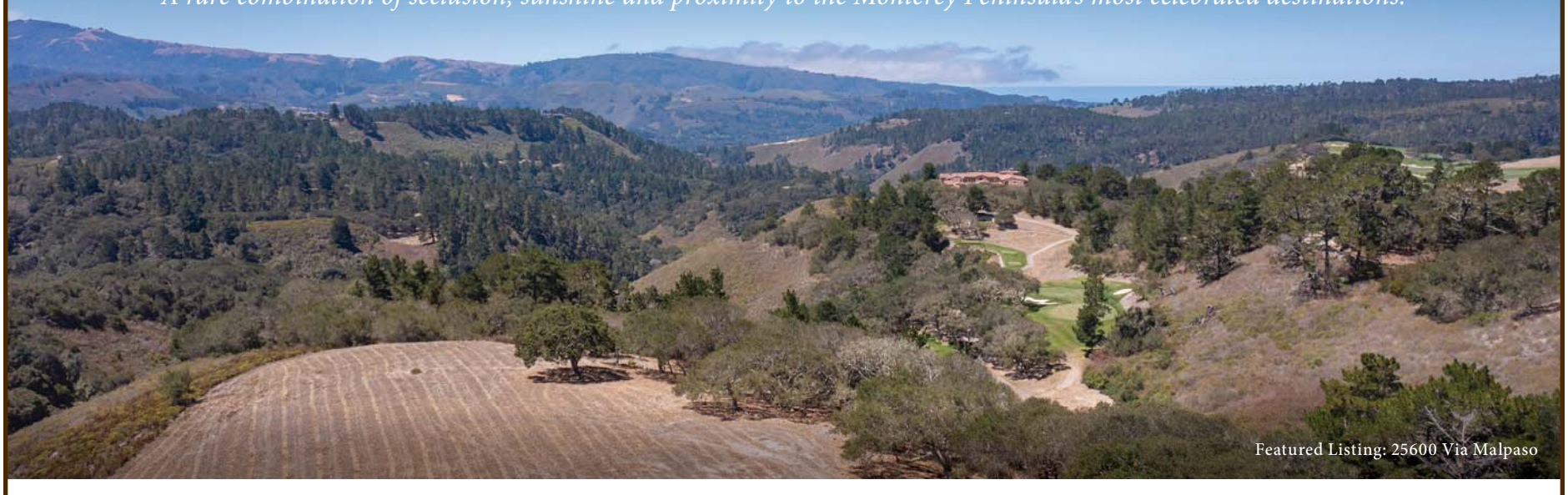

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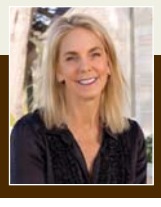

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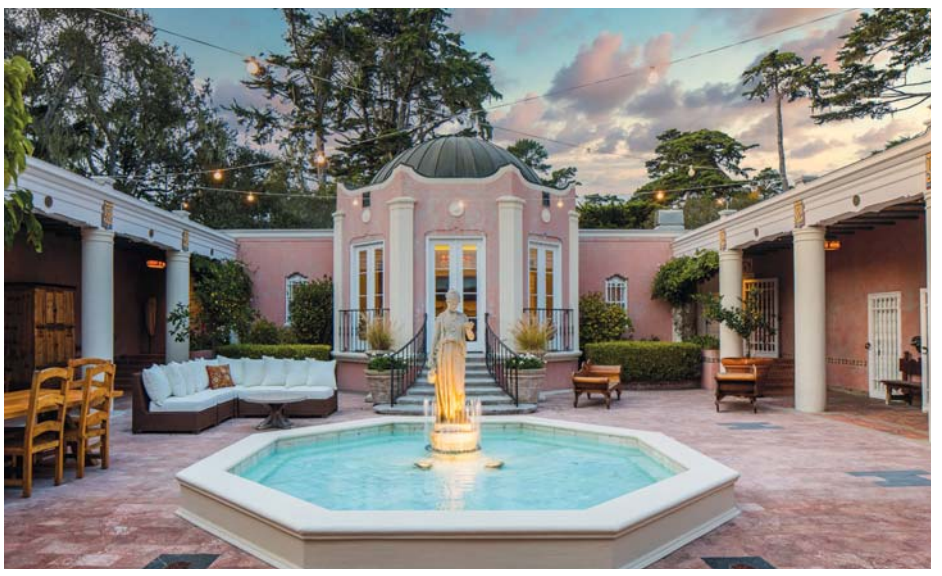

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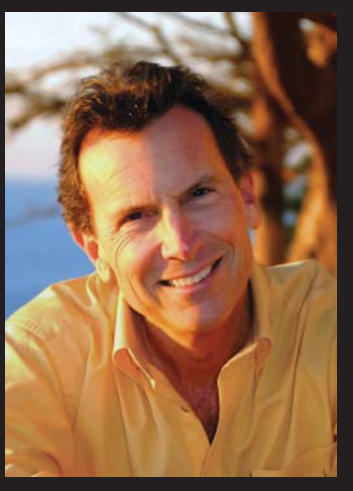

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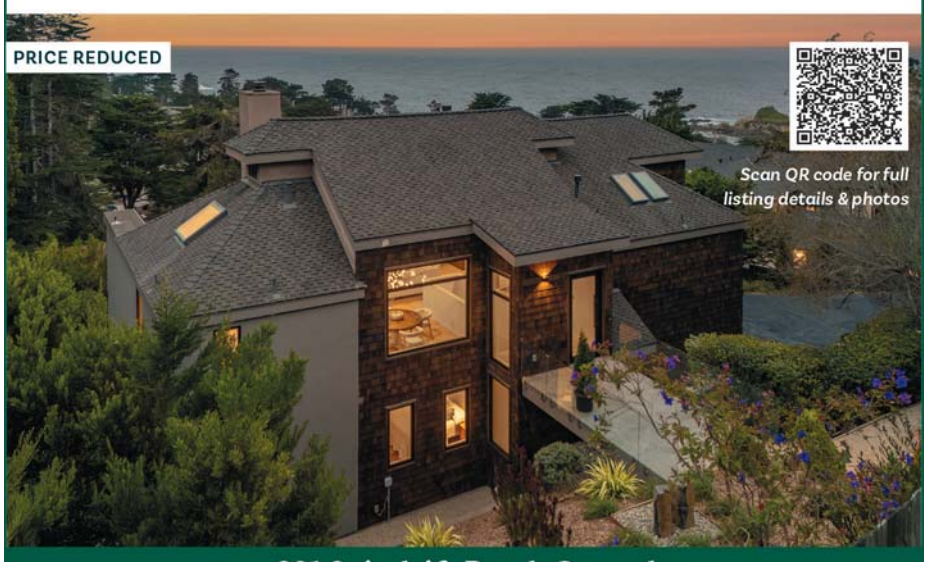
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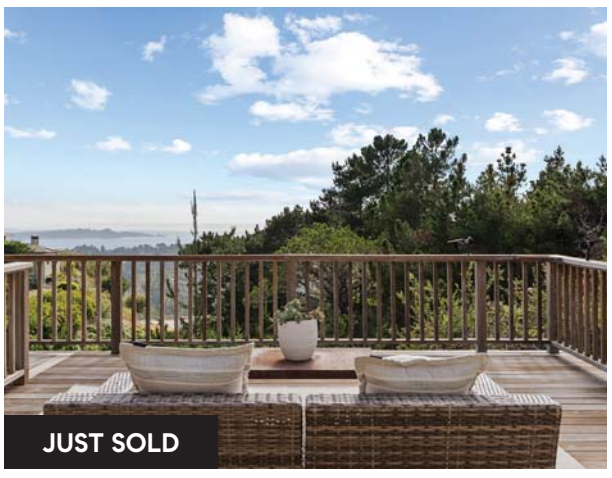

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Rationing, meatless days, and creative cooking during the war years

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

THE ABUNDANCE OF food at Thanksgiving always reminds me of the scarcity we faced when I was growing up. I am still amazed at how my parents fed three hungry sons during World War II. Rationing and meatless Mondays (or Tuesdays) must have strained my mother's culinary creativity to put decent meals on the table.

President Franklin Roosevelt suggested that one meatless day a week would free up 30 to 40 ships for military use instead of importing meat from Argentina, New Zealand and Australia.

No meat on Fridays

In 1943, the U.S. government began rationing meat, limiting the supply to both restaurants and individuals. And because we were Catholic, meat was not allowed on Fridays, until it was. So we had two meatless days.

Our Italian heritage eased my mother's dilemma. We had pasta two or three times a week: always on Sunday and often on Tuesdays and Fridays. My father was not a fish aficionado, so seafood was never an option on Fridays. We loved my mother's version of fettuccine Alfredo, which she made long before there was an Alfredo. Pasta with butter and cheese in Italy goes back at least to the 15th century.

Lentils and rice were another Friday staple, as were grilled cheese sandwiches with tomato soup. Pasta e fagioli, which is not a restaurant dish, was often one of those meatless meals.

My mother's was special, I think, because of her good olive oil, gently sautéed vegetables, beans cooked until creamy, and fresh rosemary and thyme. The starchy pasta water thickened the soup naturally.

Bread, and lots of it, also satisfied appetites. *Metà e metà* (half and half) was equal parts olive oil and vinegar in a shallow bowl, flavored with oregano, garlic and basil, with tomato wedges swimming in the flavorful blend. Everyone dipped crusty Italian bread into it and speared a tomato wedge with a fork. I know it was a breach of etiquette, but hey, it's family.

And how do you explain sautéed cardoons? Cardoons are a relative of the artichoke. After we peeled off their bitter lining, my mother blanched them, rolled them in egg and breadcrumbs, then sautéed them in olive oil. Unbelievably delicious.

Planning ahead

My mother bought veal when it was available, one piece at a time, because it was expensive. She froze the pieces until she had enough for the whole family. Her breaded veal cutlets were a favorite we looked forward to two or three times a year.

Ravioli was my mother's pièce de résistance. Hers were not the scantily stuffed,

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A U.S. Army field kitchen during World War II. "An Army marches on its stomach," said Frederick the Great.







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GERVASE

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massive dough-bombs served in restaurants. They were a skosh over an inch square, stuffed with a chicken-and-spinach mixture made from a freshly killed bird that came home from the corner chicken market wrapped in newspaper, still warm. Poultry was not rationed. The government encouraged people to eat more of it since beef and pork were reserved for the military.

Other times she made ravioli with three cheeses: mozzarella, ricotta and pecorino Romano. She made dozens and dozens, a two-day adventure counting the drying time, with cookie sheets of ravioli covering almost every flat surface in the house.

My father preferred pecorino to Parmesan, and he'd tell you why. Parmesan is a cow's milk cheese with a nuanced, nutty sweetness, while Romano is traditionally made from sheep's milk and is sharper, saltier and far more aggressive. That was exactly his point.

The tomato was king. One of my father's friends, who was in the carpet cleaning business, had a 1940 Dodge panel truck. During tomato harvest the carpets were removed so the truck could be loaded with bushels of tomatoes. We had a second gas stove in the basement, and my parents canned their own sauce and tomato paste. It was a days-long process involving the entire family, churning out enough mason jars of sauce to last a whole year. We didn't own a pressure canner, so the tomatoes were cooked on the stove, poured into sterilized wide-mouth jars with some salt, and topped with a lid. Cooling on the counter overnight sealed the jars.

Never hungry

Looking back, I'm not sure my parents would have fed us any differently if there had been no war. Perhaps a little more meat for the sauce. We pretty much ate the foods they grew up on. Even with rationing and shortages, I never went to bed hungry.

They were exciting years, and as children we didn't quite grasp how serious they were. Scrap drives, blackouts, neighborhood air-raid wardens and air-raid drills at school were part of growing up. We were safe at home and fed with food prepared by loving hands.

My mother kept the table steady while the world was upended. I've tried to duplicate some of the recipes that kept us so well fed, but I have neither the skill nor the patience. I'm content to remember her in her flower-print apron, standing at the stove, leaning slightly to port with her left hand on her hip, stirring a pot of something wonderful.

Contact Jerry at jerrygervase@yahoo.com.

MORE LOG

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Seaside: A traffic stop for a vehicle code violation resulted in the arrest of a driver with two outstanding warrants totaling $50,000. During the investigation, officers discovered that the driver, a 52-year-old male, was operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, driving on a suspended license, and in violation of the terms of his DUI probation. Following his arrest, the male disclosed that he had concealed methamphetamine inside his rectum. Officers reluctantly recovered approximately 6.3 gross grams of methamphetamine after he turned over the drugs. While the circumstances may be unusual, the discovery highlights some of the "not so fun" parts of the job while sharing the uncertainty of what a police officer may encounter on any given day.

Seaside: Officers assisted the Folsom P.D. with an active fraud investigation involving a wanted subject. The individual was located in the Home Depot parking lot and detained on two felony warrants. The subject was subsequently transported to county jail, and the vehicle was towed as evidence at the request of Folsom police.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: City light pole leaning over, causing a hazard at Seventh and Dolores.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A wanted felon, a 46-year-old man residing on Birch Place in Carmel, was contacted and arrested at Carmel Rancho and Rio Road on felony warrants for driving under the influence and vandalism involving damage of $400 or more. He was transferred to Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Animal bite report on Sandholdt Road received from the Monterey County Health Department.

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to a complaint of a violation of a domestic violence restraining order on Pine Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Reporting party turned in counterfeit currency received from a store in the 1100 block of Forest Avenue. The person wanted the currency turned in and did not request compensation from the store. Information only.

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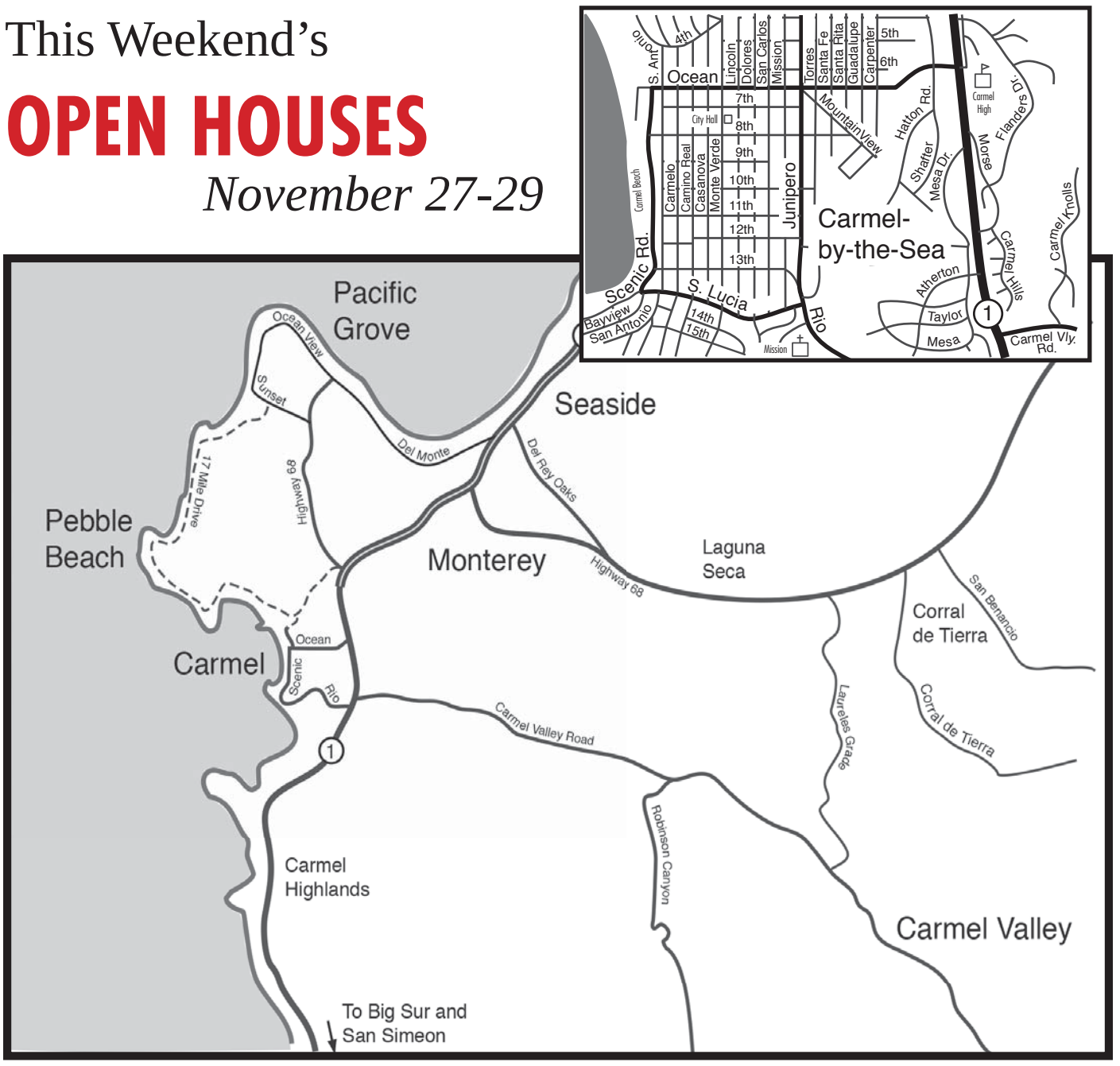

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$725,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Sa 1-3**
203 Hacienda Carmel		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		277-6020
$845,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Fr 12-2**
20 Del Mesa Carmel		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		293-3391
$935,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Sa 12-2**
62 Del Mesa Carmel		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		293-3391
$1,020,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Sa 2-4**
139 Del Mesa Carmel		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		293-3391
$1,285,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Fr 2-4**
37 Del Mesa Carmel		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		293-3391
$1,295,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa 11-3 Su 11-2**
26150 Carmel Hills Dr		Carmel
Team Beesley, KW		236-6876
$1,350,000	**1bd 1ba**	**Sa Su 12-2**
96 Corona Way		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		238-8688
$1,425,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa 12-2**
3150 Sycamore Place		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		601-4934
$1,511,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Sa Su 1-3**
45 Del Mesa Carmel		Carmel
The Jones Group		917-4534
$1,895,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa Su 1-3**
25190 Canyon Drive		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		238-6152
$2,595,000	**2bd 1ba**	**Su 12-3**
1228 San Carlos Street		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		710-1655
$2,695,000	**3bd 2.5ba**	**Sa 12-2**
229 Carpenter St		Carmel
Compass		238-2022
$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 12-2**
7086 Valley Greens Cir		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Realty		356-8123
$3,700,000	**3bd 2.5ba**	**Sa 1-3**
26305 Camino Real		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		333-6060
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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
$4,475,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa 1-4**
5th Avenue 2NW of Lincoln		Carmel
Compass		574-9470
$5,995,000	**3bd 3ba**	**Sa 12-4**
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
$8,998,000	**4bd 4ba**	**Sa Su 12-2**
26308 Isabella Avenue		Carmel
Carmel Realty		884-3868

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$1,450,000	**2bd 1ba**	**Sa 10-1**
145 E Carmel Valley Rd		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		277-9022
$1,695,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa 12-2**
2 Esquiline Road		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		236-8571
$1,975,000	**4bd 3.5ba**	**Sa 12-2**
45 Toyon Way		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		236-8572
$2,595,000	**3bd 2.5ba**	**Sa 1-3**
13369 Middle Canyon Road		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		238-7559
$2,800,000	**3bd 3ba**	**Sa 1-3**
224 Vista Verde		Carmel Valley
Carmel Realty		402-2076
$4,895,000	**4bd 3.5ba**	**Sa 1-3**
7053 Valley Green Circle		Carmel Valley
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DEL REY OAKS

$1,395,000	**4bd 2ba**	**Sa Su 10-12, 2-4**
14 Carlton Drive		Del Rey Oaks
Sotheby's Int'l RE		601-9038

MARINA

$575,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Sa 1-3**
3095 Marina Drive 49		Marina
Monterey Coast Realty		717-7959
$849,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa 12-2**
3216 Vista Del Camino		Marina
Sotheby's Int'l RE		917-9886
$959,000	**3bd 3ba**	**Sa 1-3**
18839 Sedgwick Ln		Marina
The Ruiz Group, KW		837-5437
$1,298,000	**3bd 2.5ba**	**Sa Su 1-3**
2817 California Avenue		Marina
Sotheby's Int'l RE		277-3371
$1,489,000	**3bd 2.5ba**	**Sa 12-2**
478 McKinley Drive		Marina
Compass		915-9710
$1,089,000	**4bd 2.5ba**	**Su 1-3**
16406 Garrison Dr		Marina, East Garrison
Compass		238-2022

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MONTEREY

$849,000	**2bd 1ba**	**Su 1-4**
642 Cypress Street		Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE		510-589-6892
$995,000	**2bd 1ba**	**Su 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**	**Su 1-3**
1180 Salinas Hwy		Monterey
The Ruiz Group, KW		241-1598
$1,399,000	**4bd 3ba**	**Su 1-3**
25 Cielo Vista Drive		Monterey
Compass		915-9710
$1,495,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Fr Sa Su 1-3**
22 Wyndemere Rise		Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE		277-0971

PACIFIC GROVE

$1,279,000	**2bd 1ba**	**Sa 1-3 Su 1:30-3:30**
315 Cypress Avenue		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		238-8116
$1,399,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa 1-4 Su 1-3**
950 Syida Drive		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		510-589-6892 / 620-2936
$1,469,000	**4bd 2ba**	**Sa Su 1-3**
314 6th St		Pacific Grove
Compass		320-7961
$1,800,000	**3bd 3.5ba**	**Sa Su 1-3**
917 Fountain Avenue		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		402-2017
$1,850,000	**4bd 3ba**	**Su 12-2**
979 Syida Dr		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Realty		717-7815
$1,898,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Su 1-3**
707 Walnut Street		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		915-6391
$6,395,000	**7bd 4ba**	**Sa 12-2**
888 Del Monte Blvd		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Realty		277-3914

PEBBLE BEACH

$849,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Sa 12-2**
17 Shepherd's Knoll		Pebble Beach
Carmel Realty		320-6801
$1,998,000	**3bd 2.5ba**	**Fr Sa Su 12-4**
4035 Sunset Lane		Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE		318-3808
$9,700,000	**5bd 6.5ba**	**Sa 2:30-4:30**
21 Poppy Ln		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Realty		356-8123

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SALINAS

$685,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa 12-2**
534 Rochex Ave		Salinas
Sotheby's Int'l RE		254-3949
$1,150,000	**4bd 3ba**	**Sa 1-3**
7710 Fallen Leaf Lane		Salinas
Sotheby's Int'l RE		915-0233

SEASIDE

$776,000	**3bd 1.5ba**	**Sa 1-3**
1233 Hilby Avenue		Seaside
Monterey Coast Realty		277-5256
$1,099,000	**3bd 2ba**	**Sa 1-3**
1976 Luzern St		Seaside
The Ruiz Group, KW		595-9242
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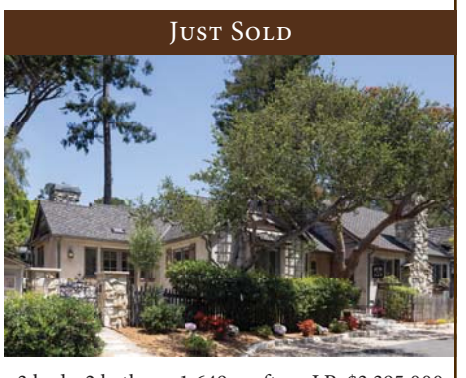

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Monterey: A 23-year-old man was arrested on Del Monte Avenue for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08% or greater.

Monterey: Petty theft on Cass Street.

Monterey: Grand theft on North Fremont Street.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 51-year-old female Carmel resident was arrested at Ocean Avenue and Lincoln Street for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08% or greater. She was cited and released.

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched to a report of possible threats from a juvenile on Forest Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to a report of vandalism on Grand Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched to the 1200 block of Forest Avenue on a report of a vehicle fire. Fire was extinguished and vehicle was left on scene per the owner of the vehicle.

Monterey: Grand theft of a firearm at Fisherman's Wharf.

Monterey: A 23-year-old man was arrested at Pacific and Scott streets for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08% or greater and felony post-release community supervision violation.

Monterey: A 22-year-old man was arrested at Del Monte and Park avenues for driving under the influence of alcohol

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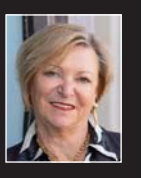

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MORE CALLS

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and driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08% or greater.

Monterey: Subject on Cass Street placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold.

Monterey: Petty theft on Cannery Row.

Monterey: A 20-year-old man was arrested at Foam and Reeside for obstructing or resisting a peace officer or emergency medical technician, driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08% or greater, driving while under 21 with a blood-alcohol level of 0.01% or greater, and driving while under 21 with a blood-alcohol level of 0.05% or greater.

Monterey: Warrant from another jurisdiction at Figueroa Street and Del Monte Avenue.

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Monterey: Possession of a stolen vehicle on Wave Street.

Monterey: Petty theft at Del Monte Shopping Center.

Seaside: Three individuals took advantage of the inclement weather to commit a series of vehicle burglaries throughout the community. A total of six vehicles were burglarized, with several having their windows shattered to gain entry. Community members promptly called 911, and officers were able to respond and take action, locating three suspects leaving the area of the most recent vehicle burglary. When officers attempted to contact them, all three fled on foot. An officer pursued the suspects and, after a foot pursuit, successfully apprehended one of the juveniles. The juvenile was found in possession of numerous stolen items and had discarded additional property while attempting to flee. The juvenile was arrested and transported to juvenile hall. The investigation is ongoing as officers work to identify the other two individuals involved and additional arrests are anticipated. Reported locations include the 1600 block of Harding Street, 1600 block of Judson Street, 1600 block of Darwin Street, 1600 block of Flores Street and 1400 block of San Pablo Avenue.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to a disturbance at a business on Lighthouse Avenue. Subject placed on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold.

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

Pacific Grove: Officers received a Child Protective Services report regarding possible child abuse on Eardley Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Report taken for documentation purposes regarding an animal issue on Sunset Drive.

Pacific Grove: A 33-year-old man was arrested at Country Club Gate Center for criminal threats, child endangerment, public intoxication and felony parole violation. Charges included felony child abuse with possible great bodily injury or death, threatening a crime with intent to terrorize, and misdemeanor disorderly conduct under the influence of drugs.

Monterey: A 27-year-old person was arrested on North Fremont Street for possession of unlawful paraphernalia and probation violation.

Monterey: Warrant from another jurisdiction on North Fremont Street.

Monterey: Three men, ages 25, 24 and 23, were arrested on Lighthouse Avenue for fighting or challenging another person to fight in a public place and obstructing or resisting a peace officer or emergency medical technician. The 25-year-old was also arrested on a felony warrant from another jurisdiction and for probation violation. The 24-year-old was also arrested for probation violation.

Monterey: Hit-and-run with property damage at Camino

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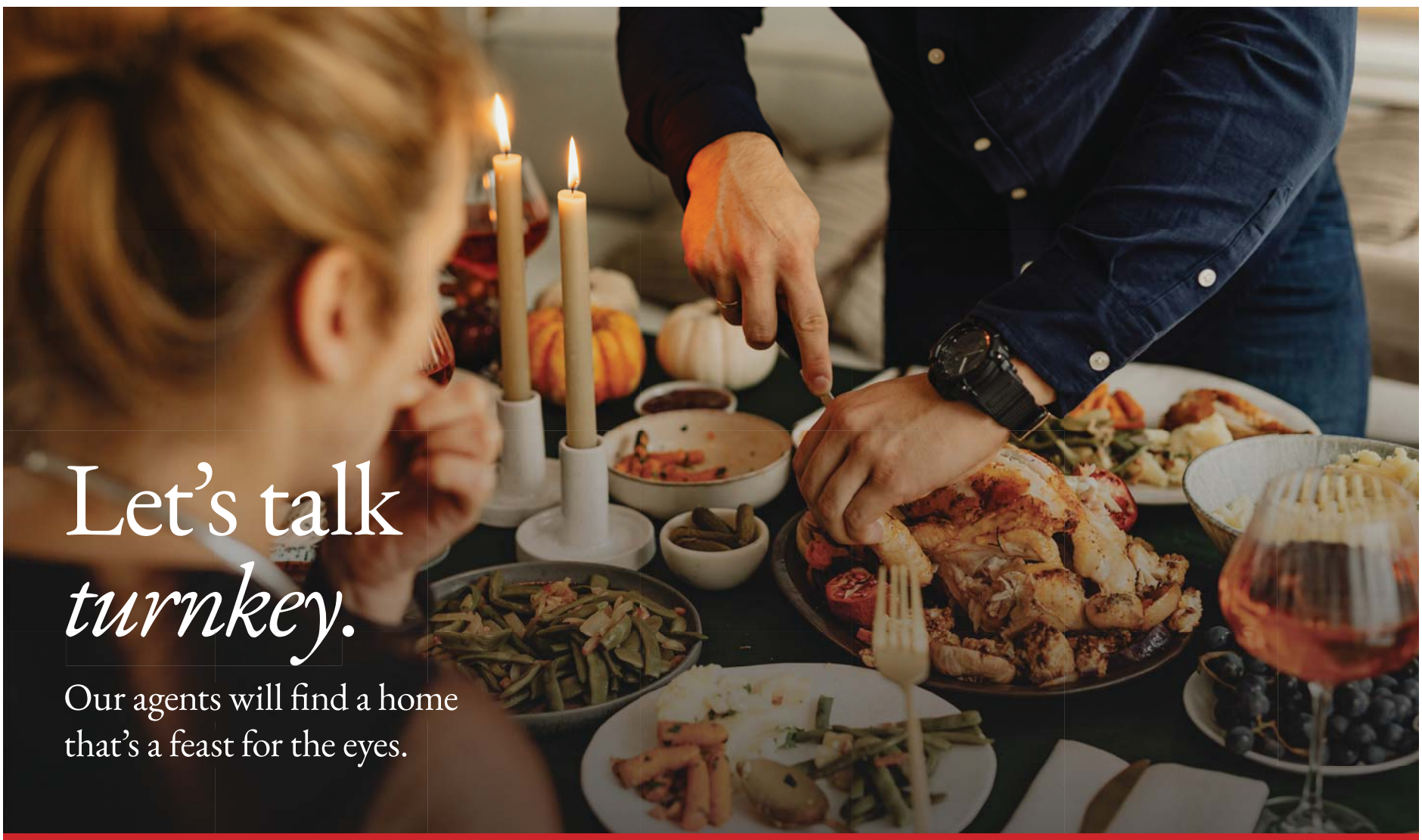

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MARKET OVERVIEW

Same Economy, *Different Markets*

On October 28, the Fed held rates at 3¾ to 4%. Freddie Mac put the 30-year fixed at 7.18% on November 5. That's one economy. But it's not one market.

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A sales manager at a local Audi dealership told me his store was losing sales to Tesla, specifically because of Full Self-Driving. Affluent older buyers who used to come back for another luxury sedan are choosing practical capability instead. The priority may be preserving independence, not prestige.

There's a shift showing up in the housing numbers, too. Compare January through September 2026 with the same months of 2025: Carmel-by-the-Sea, where the buyer pool skews toward accumulated wealth, saw average prices rise 12.6% (from $3.62M to $4.08M) and days on market fall from 66 to 58. Carmel Valley, where more buyers depend on financing, saw prices fall 4% (from $2.44M to $2.34M) and days on market rise from 84 to 94.

The Fed's Survey of Consumer Finances puts a finer point on why. Inflation-adjusted median net worth for families headed by someone younger than 35 fell about 23% from the 2022 to 2025 surveys. Median net worth for families 75 and older rose about 37%. A buyer drawing on accumulated wealth and a buyer who depends on financing feel the same 7.18% mortgage rate very differently.

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

Avg. price up 12.6% · $4.08M. Price/sq. ft.: $2,100 to $2,223. Days on market: 66 to 58. A buyer pool with more cash and less exposure to rates.

CARMEL VALLEY

Avg. price down 4% · $2.34M. Price/sq. ft.: $850 to $833. Days on market: 84 to 94. More rate-sensitive buyer pool. A weaker year, but not a simple buying signal for next year.

Neither market fits a simple good-or-bad description. Carmel-by-the-Sea had more expired listings, up from three to twelve. Carmel Valley's selling times lengthened, but that doesn't tell you whether a particular property is overpriced or represents an opportunity. My read: these two buyer pools aren't converging, and the gap could last.

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WHEN LUXURY SHIFTS

What Buyers Value Now

That Audi story is one manager's observation, not a measured market-share figure. But the pattern it points to is real: what feels like luxury can change as needs change. Tesla's FSD (Supervised) still requires active driver oversight. It doesn't help someone who can no longer drive safely.

The same idea applies to homes. A single-level layout, manageable maintenance, walkability, and proximity to medical care may become more valuable to an owner than extra rooms or elaborate finishes. Looking further ahead, home monitoring and genuinely autonomous transportation could help some owners remain inplace longer, influencing when they decide to sell and when those homes become available to someone else. That's a possibility, not an established local inventory trend. Technology doesn't eliminate stairs, maintenance costs, or the emotional difficulty of leaving a long-held home.

"Underperformance doesn't automatically create a catch-up opportunity. Understanding the buyers and their priorities is more useful than assuming last year's weaker market becomes next year's stronger one."

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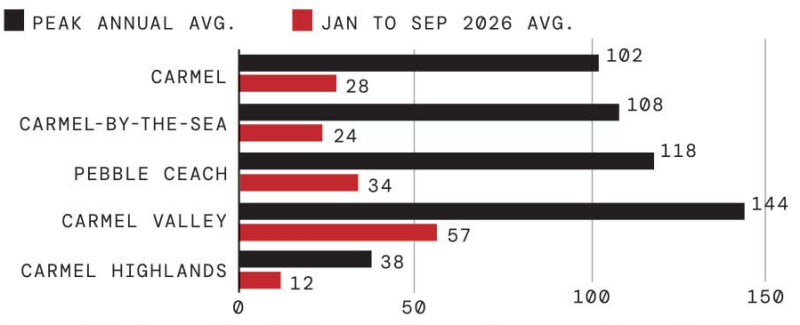
The Longer Context

To put these numbers in perspective, active listings in Jan to Sep 2026 remain far below historical peak annual averages:

ACTIVE LISTINGS: PEAK YEAR VS. 2026



Source: MLS. Avg. active listings, peak annual avg. vs. Jan to Sep 2026.

Constrained inventory, not rate relief, has kept prices firm. Twenty monthly measures going back to January 2002 are available at balogproperties.com: median and average prices, days on market, price per square foot, inventory, and more, with nominal and inflation-adjusted views.

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ARRESTS

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Aguajito and 10th Street.

Monterey: Battery reported on Pearl Street.

Monterey: Kidnapping and sexual battery by restraint on Lighthouse Avenue.

Monterey: A 63-year-old man was arrested on Lighthouse Avenue for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08% or greater.

Monterey: Possession of a controlled substance, probation violation, misdemeanor bench warrant for failure to appear, and driving with a license suspended or revoked for DUI-related violations on Cannery Row.

Monterey: Contempt of court involving violation of a protective order on Monroe Street.

Monterey: Making or passing a fictitious check with intent to defraud reported.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run accident on Mission Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Dolores Street and Fourth Avenue under California Vehicle Code Section 22651(d) — vehicle blocking driveway. Unable to contact registered owner.

Pacific Grove: Unlawful entry occurred near the 1200 block of Ocean View Boulevard. Suspect was not located on scene, and the reporting party did not want prosecution.

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of 17-Mile Drive for a possible dead body found. Body was

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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 MILANI, 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.
Publication Dates: Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 2026. (PC 1125)

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
CNS-4095424#
CARMEL PINE CONE
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)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262079
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Monterey Chip Co., 481 Watson St., Apt 2, Monterey, CA 93940
County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
J Cloud Hospitality Group, 481 Watson St., Apt 2, Monterey CA 93940
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Not applicable
S/ Justin Robarge, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 11/02/2026
11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11/26
CNS-4095949#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2026 (PC 1132)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262080
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
GraceBequest, 5100 Coe Ave., Spc 146, Seaside CA 93955, County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Grace Perez Manio, 5100 Coe Ave., Spc 146, Seaside CA 93955
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Not applicable
S/ Grace Perez Manio
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 11/02/2026
11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11/26
CNS-4095946#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publicaton Dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2026. (PC 1133)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262131
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CHOI DENTAL ARTS, 1219 FOREST AVENUE, SUITE G, 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.:
WON JOON CHOI DDS INC., 1219 FOREST AVENUE, SUITE G, PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950
This business is conducted by: a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Nov. 6, 2026.
S/ Won Joon Choi, CEO
Date signed: Nov. 6, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 6, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2026 (PC 1136)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262171
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE TRADING POST BY THE COAST, 725 El Camino Real N., Unit J, Salinas, CA 93907.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
CANDELARIA DELGADO, 4170 Sunridge Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953.
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/Candelaria Delgado
Date signed: Nov. 16, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 16, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2026 (PC 1137)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262121
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
BUG'S THERAPY, 700 CASS ST., SUITE 202C, MONTEREY, CA 93940,
County of Monterey
Registered Owner(s):
Melissa Healy,
143 8th St
Marina, CA 93933
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not applicable
S/ Melissa Healy
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 11/05/2026
11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11/26
CNS-4096849#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2026. (PC 1140)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262177
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
VELLUM EDITIONS, 3079 El Toro Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
BRADLEYVENTURES.io LLC.
This business is conducted by: a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: April 20, 2026.
S/ Debra Bradley, Member
Date signed: Nov. 16, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 16, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2026 (PC 1143)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262072
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
YADIS' BEAUTY SALON, 326 E. Alisal St., Salinas, CA 93901.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
YADIRA ABIGAIL CARBAJAL RAMIREZ, 326 E. Alisal St., Salinas, CA 93901.
DOLORES YADIRA RAMIREZ LIRA, 326 E. Alisal St., Salinas, CA 93901.
This business is conducted by a general partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 29, 2026.
S/Yadira Abigail Carbajal Ramirez
Date signed: Oct. 30, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 30, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2026 (PC 1144)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262183
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
A LA CARTE, MISSION ST 2SW OF OCEAN, CARMEL, CA 93921
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
MISSION BISTRO INC., 24645 HANDLEY DR, CARMEL, CA 93923
This business is conducted by: a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Nov. 22, 2019.
S/ Shaheen Alnuaimi, President
Date signed: Nov. 16, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 16, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2026 (PC 1145)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262167
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
HUMBLE SOBER LIVING HOME, 2061 Marsala Circle, Monterey, California 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
DAVID NEWELL JOHNSON, 2061 Marsala Circle, 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 Nov. 13, 2026.
S/David Johnson
Date signed: Nov. 13, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 13, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 2026 (PC 1146)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262178
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
VARIAN OPERATIONS, 70025 Vineyard Canyon Road, Parkfield, CA 93451.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
KINCADE MICHAEL VARIAN, 70025 Vineyard Canyon Road, Parkfield, CA 93451.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 25, 2026.
S/Kincade Varian
Date signed: Nov. 16, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 16, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2026 (PC 1148)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262197
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
STONE MOUNTAIN HEALING AND ACUPUNCTURE, 222 17th Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
KARIN A STENBERG, 136 16th Street, Suite C, 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 Nov. 16, 2026.
S/Karin A Stenberg
Date signed: Nov. 18, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 18, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2026 (PC 1149)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262082
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. ELI GARCIA ARTS
2. ELI GARCIA
1356 Walker Dr., Soledad, CA 93960.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ELISA GONZALEZ, PO Box 186, Soledad, CA 93960.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: Not Applicable.
S/Elisa Gonzalez
Date signed: Nov. 2, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 2, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2026 (PC 1150)

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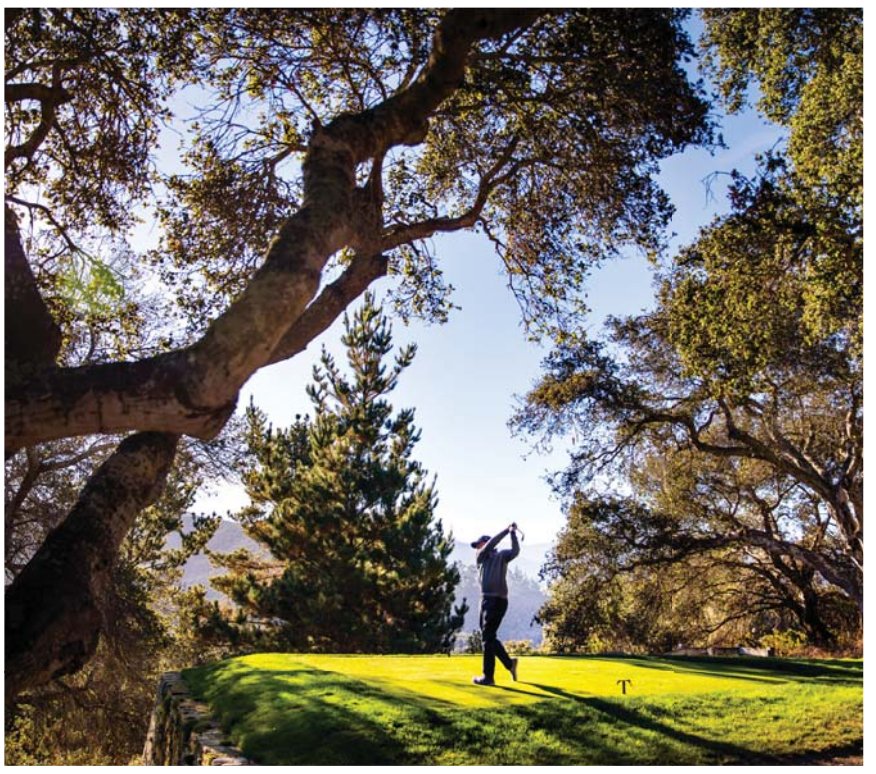





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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262057
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CARMEL SPEECH THERAPY, 3785 Via Nona Marie, Suite 104, Carmel, CA 93923.
County 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)

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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)

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)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that **SP032 - Storage PRO of Carmel, LLC**, phone **(831) 250-6062**, located at **9640 Carmel Valley Rd , Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA, 93923** will hold a Public Sale, to satisfy the lien of the owner. This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq of the Business & Professions Code of the State of California. Units will be sold via online auction, at **www.StorageTreasures.com**. Auction will close on or after **Wednesday December 09, 2026 at 12:00 pm.** The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to household goods, furniture, tools, equipment, toys, boxes, clothes and misc items. Owner reserves the right to bid and the right to refuse bids. Cleanup deposit is required. Sale is subject to cancellation. The contents of the rental storage units belonging to the following persons will be sold:

6073 - Barbara Ramsey
7126 - Theresa Buccola

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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. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_5 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
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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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Toll Free: (866) 454-7742
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REPORTS

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released to family by the coroner.

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

Monterey: A 30-year-old woman was arrested at Pacific Street and Artillery Street for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08% or greater.

Monterey: Fighting or challenging another person to fight in a public place reported on Lighthouse Avenue.

Monterey: Child abuse reported on Prescott Avenue.

Monterey: Missing person on Holman Highway.

Monterey: A 30-year-old man was arrested at Figueroa Street and Del Monte Avenue for contempt of court involving violation of a protective order.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Monterey: A 57-year-old man was arrested on Oak Street for possession of a controlled substance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 22-year-old woman was cited and released for driving on a suspended license at Guadalupe Street and Second Avenue. Vehicle towed by Carmel Towing.

Monterey: A 45-year-old man was arrested at Custom House Plaza on a misdemeanor warrant for failure to appear and a misdemeanor warrant from another jurisdiction.

Monterey: Grand theft of money, labor or property reported on Fremont Street.

Monterey: Battery on Skyline Drive.

Monterey: Criminal threats at Fisherman's Wharf.

Monterey: Warrant from another jurisdiction on North Fremont Street.

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Contingent	Santa Rita 4 NE of 6th	$1,999,000	---	87
Contingent	571 Monte Verde	$4,250,000	---	34
Pending	689 Casanova	$3,250,000	---	11
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27935 Berwick Drive — $1,950,000
Mark and Christine Pavloff to Donald Goldman
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24950 Outlook Drive — $2,175,000
Andrew Cordan and Glenn Stokoe to Nathaniel Bush and Sejal Jagdish
APN: 015-522-011

4105 Canada Court — $2,250,000
Jerald Peterson to Peter and Julia Nitoglia
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Marina

3002 Minaret Way — $756,000
William and Stacy Adams to Chelsey and Travis Martens
APN: 031-278-045

3249 Coral Way — $779,000
Donald and Mary Beth Newton to Kui Kyong and Hui Dyong Robinson
APN: 033-076-069

204 Horizon Drive — $1,046,500
Shea Homes LP to Frank and Lisa King
APN: 031-223-047

206 Horizon Drive — $1,114,500
Shea Homes LP to David and Alexandra Flores
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592 Inyo Court — $1,308,500
The Sea Haven to Nicholas and Bonnie Dacosta
APN: 031-314-035



3035 Ribera Road, Carmel Highlands — $2,572,800



597 Matterhorn Court, Marina — $1,400,000

3064 Arroyo Drive — $1,347,000
The Sea Haven to Julius Vanderspek and Elisabeth Visscher
APN: 031-311-044

597 Matterhorn — $1,400,000
Satnam and Alpana Alag to Mena Morgan
APN: 031-274-025

Monterey

2040 Del Monte Avenue — $950,000
Estate of James Vincent to Daniff Adventures LLC
APN: 013-021-011

1064 Del Monte Avenue — $1,225,000
Estate of Eileen Mitchell to Ralph Kazarian Partners Ltd.
APN: 001-821-002

759 Filmore Street — $1,325,000
Blane and Diana Franca to Kevin and Pamela Kraus
APN: 001-174-003

Pebble Beach

3029 Forest Way — $2,898,000
Galia Kfir to Edwin and Regina Hamlin
APN: 007-682-005

Carmel Way — $2,900,000
Regina Hamlin to Carmel Ocean Breeze LLC
APN: 008-381-015

Seaside

1915 Grandview Street — $720,000
Jason and Satoko Stone to Jonathan and Ashley Shand
APN: 011-093-014

609 Trinity Avenue unit A — $745,000
Dustin and Pamela Bowsher to Angelo and Liana Caloiaro
APN: 011-333-030

1696 Vallejo Street — $760,000
Zhou and Wan Liao to Randalynn and Rihad Dweidary
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2610 Bay View Drive — $2,517,000
Shea Homes LP to Barbara Kreedman and Susan Saroff
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