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Cal Fire clearing hazards in Del Monte Forest

By LILY PATTERSON

THE DIFFERENCE is already striking along a 3-mile section of Del Monte Forest between Highway 68 and Lopez Road, but Cal Fire Battalion Chief Greg Leonard estimates it will be another six to eight weeks before his crews pack up their masticators and haul off the last piles of dead wood. Hired by the Pebble Beach Community Services District, Cal Fire has been working since early October to reduce wildfire fuels in the Huckleberry Hill area, where homes have burned before.

"All of our vegetation management projects are important, but when we are working inside the burn perimeter of a previous fire — like we are on this project — it really drives home the importance of our work," Leonard, who oversees fuel reduction work in Pebble Beach, said in a statement Tuesday.

Illegal campfire

What's known as the Morse Fire was ignited by an illegal campfire on Pebble Beach Company land near the S.F.B. Morse Botanical Reserve. By the time it crossed Los Altos Drive and entered a neighborhood, the May 31, 1987, blaze had become a firestorm — powerful enough to generate its own wind system. Multiple firefighters were injured in the effort to extinguish the blaze, which engulfed 31 homes and caused $18 million in damage.

"We have had some great conversations with very appreciative residents who come out almost daily and relive the day the Morse Fire started," Leonard said.

With the recent, harrowing reminders of Paradise and

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PHOTO/PEBBLE BEACH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

After crews contracted by the Pebble Beach Community Services District began work on Oct. 5, the sight of fewer trees on Huckleberry Hill is reassuring for nearby residents. Of course, there are plenty left.

DA slams governor's death row clemency

■ Local murderers get reprieve

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY'S district attorney denounced Gov. Gavin Newsom's move to undo every death row inmate's sentence, including those of a Carmel Valley serial killer who brutally murdered two Seaside girls and a man convicted in a thrill killing on Fisherman's Wharf.

Newsom announced Nov. 5 that he would not only spare 548 death row inmates from execution, he would try to make it legally impossible for a different governor to restore the sentences.

According to the governor, the murderers may have "caused indescribable suffering," but the state "cannot morally kill them."

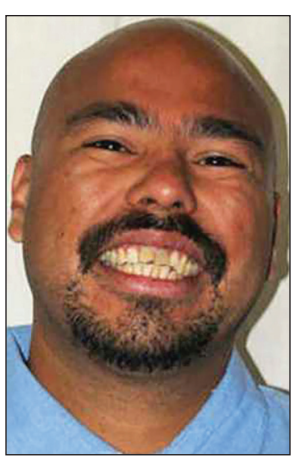
'Diminishes us'

"I take this action because I firmly believe that state-sanctioned killing is incompatible with California's values, undermines the foundations of our legal system, and diminishes each of us," Newsom said. As required by law, he leaves office in January after two terms.

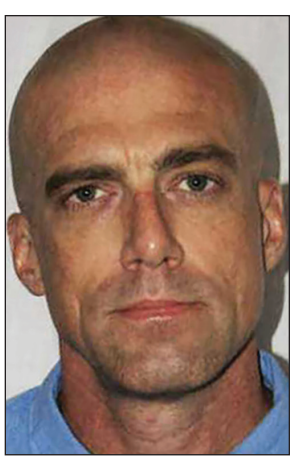
Voters rejected a ballot measure to abolish California's death penalty in 2016. The state has not carried out an execution since 2006.

District attorney Jeannine Pacioni said that, with a stroke of his pen, Newsom "told hundreds of grieving

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Joseph Manibusan



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DOES CALIFORNIA STILL DO BIG RESERVOIRS?

■ Sites Dam puts Sacramento to test

YOU ONLY have to drive a few miles east of the San Luis Reservoir to start seeing the signs: "Newsom Stop Dumping Our Water into the Ocean" and "Newsom Stop Wasting Our Dam Water." Many are homemade, and all articulate the popular Central Valley sentiment that

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

California could do more to capture the water it receives as rain and snow.

But rather than building dams during the last several decades, the Golden State has been removing them. Since 1995, more than 100 small dams have been demolished. They include the San Clemente Dam on the Carmel River, breached in 2015 in one of the largest dam removals in state history.

That makes this month's news all the more remarkable.



CALIFORNIA WATER COMMISSION

If it's built, the Sites Reservoir, with a 1.5 million acre-foot capacity, will be California's first major water project in almost 50 years.

Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration has approved what could become California's eighth-largest reservoir.

Last week, the State Water Resources Control Board unanimously approved a permit for the gigantic new reservoir in Calusa County. If completed, the off-stream Sites Reservoir — so called because it's near the community of Sites — would cover 13 square miles of ranchland 70 miles northwest of Sacramento and supply 24 million Californians and 500,000 acres of farmland with water.

'Moving again'

The governor celebrated the decision made by board members he appointed, saying it shows "California can get big infrastructure projects moving again."

The project has been in the works for 15 years, and this month's vote caps a regulatory process necessitating 45 permits from federal, state and local governments, all of which faced opposition from environmental and tribal groups.

Environmentalists argue the new reservoir will harm fish and wildlife. They favor increased conservation, groundwater storage and water recycling over river

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USGA, Pebble Beach tee up 2027 U.S. Open

By MARY SCHLEY

THE MINUTE the 2019 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach ended, organizers began analyzing successes, failures — and everything else — in preparation for the tournament's return in 2027. This week, Danny Sink, senior director of Open Championships for the USGA, and Pebble Beach Resorts Senior Vice President of Golf John Sawin shared insights into the massive undertaking of preparing for one of the world's most important golf tournaments and the changes players, spectators and residents might expect.

"We change things every year based on wanting to improve the customer experience, whether at Pebble Beach or anywhere else," Sink said Wednesday, the day before daily tickets for the June 14-20, 2027, event went on sale. "Particularly at Pebble Beach, we have such a

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Buder wants council to address population loss

■ Seeks ways to woo young families

By MARY SCHLEY

WHILE MOST candidates for office in Carmel have focused on issues like preserving community character, protecting the forest and beach, and dealing with the city's mounting retirement obligations, Mayor-elect Hans Buder has repeatedly decried the city's population loss over the past several decades — especially families with young children, like his. And he wants the city council to try to do something about it.

Fewer, older

He's not wrong about the change in full-time residents, which dropped from 4,707 in 1980 to 3,220 in 2020, a 31.6% decline, according to U.S. Census data, while more recent surveys suggest the median age has steadily risen, from 56.5 in 2010 to 68.5 in 2024.

Accompanying those shifts has been a rise in the number of vacation homes and short-term rentals among Carmel's

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Keep the dog, dump Dad



They didn't need another dog. But need is rarely the point, is it? Particularly when he gazed into the beseeching blue eyes of a 16-month-old Siberian Husky, likely a runaway who had never been claimed.

He already had his beloved Taco but reasoned the little Chihuahua also might appreciate a companion. Particularly a puppy, whose immaturity could help Taco claim authority despite their size difference.

"Since Taco came from the SPCA," his person said, "I drive over there every month to make a donation. I always take a moment to greet the dogs, and this time, there was this gorgeous face saying, 'I'm yours. Get me out of here.' So I did."

The veterianarian told him that he hit the jackpot with this beautiful dog.

Although Blu is still a baby, he's very protective of Taco. Yet one night, when they were out with their person on the driveway of their Carmel Valley home, a mountain lion approached, no more than 50 feet away, snarling.

"This guy was huge. I started walking slowly backward, hoping the dogs wouldn't bark and start something," their person said. "Then Blu stepped in front of us and stared down the lion, which turned and slowly ran off. His very protective personality had emerged."

Blu has been to Carmel Beach but is not a fan of the water. He does enjoy scorching down the shoreline on the sand and playing with a neighbor's children, 8 and 10, who like to accompany the dogs to the beach.

In addition to bringing home Blu, his person had bought a very expensive car that week without telling his wife. It turns out that bringing home a baby Siberian Husky while she was out of town was worse than the car. The neighboring girls, enchanted by Blu, texted his wife, saying, "Keep Blu, dump your guy."

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Council to hire interim city admin

By MARY SCHLEY

ASSISTANT CITY administrator Brandon Swanson has been leading the city in a temporary position since former city administrator Chip Rerig left at the end of last year. Last week, he told the Carmel City Council he will not extend his contract as acting city administrator beyond Dec. 31 and encouraged the council to find an interim to take over until the position is permanently filled.

Council members are set to interview candidates in closed session Nov. 13 and approve a contract Dec. 8.

"I was honored when council offered me the permanent city administrator position earlier this year," Swanson said in his Nov. 3 message to them.

"While I ultimately decided to decline the appointment, I appreciated your confidence in me and was happy to extend my contract through Dec. 31 to provide stability."

But he does not want to keep doing the job until the permanent position is filled, he said, preferring to let his contract expire and return to his normal post — which effectively moves him from a CEO-like position to one more akin to a COO. It would also make it possible for Marisa Bermudez, the city's human resources manager who's been doing Swanson's job, to return to hers.

A search for the right person to stand in for the real right person

Best path

"I genuinely believe this path creates an opportunity and is best for the city," he said in his email. "Bringing in a professional interim will provide additional leadership capacity and a fresh perspective during an important transition, allowing Marisa and me to focus on our respective responsibilities while helping prepare the city for its new leader."

Swanson speculated that an experienced interim administrator will better guide the city through the transition and said the process of bringing that person up to speed would be beneficial, too.

"Much of that work, including organizing information about the city's priorities, projects, challenges and people, is exactly what we'll need to do for the permanent city administrator," he said. "Basically, we'll be creating a roadmap which allows the new city administrator to hit the ground running. This approach provides a more gradual and thoughtful transition than making the entire handoff on the new city administrator's first day."

And having done the job for a year, Swanson said, he's "uniquely positioned to help ensure our new city administrator's success."

"I care deeply about Carmel-by-the-Sea and the people who work here, which is why I have thought a lot about this," he concluded.

Interviews planned

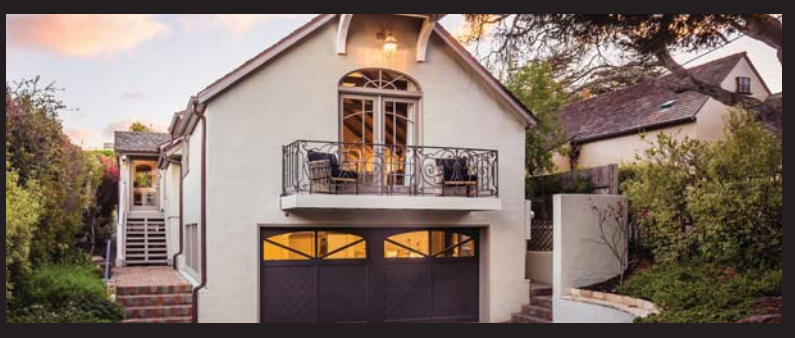
A robust recruiting and vetting process led by a headhunting firm in pursuit of the right candidate to replace Rerig is well underway, and in a Friday update, Bermudez advised councilmembers they'll need to find someone to take over for Swanson.

"Since the city is not certain at this time whether the position of city administrator will be filled as of Jan. 1, 2027, it is necessary for the city to interview candidates for the position of interim city administrator" who will work until the post is permanently filled, she said in her Nov. 6 report.

"The city council will be interviewing candidates in closed session for the position of interim city administrator on Nov.

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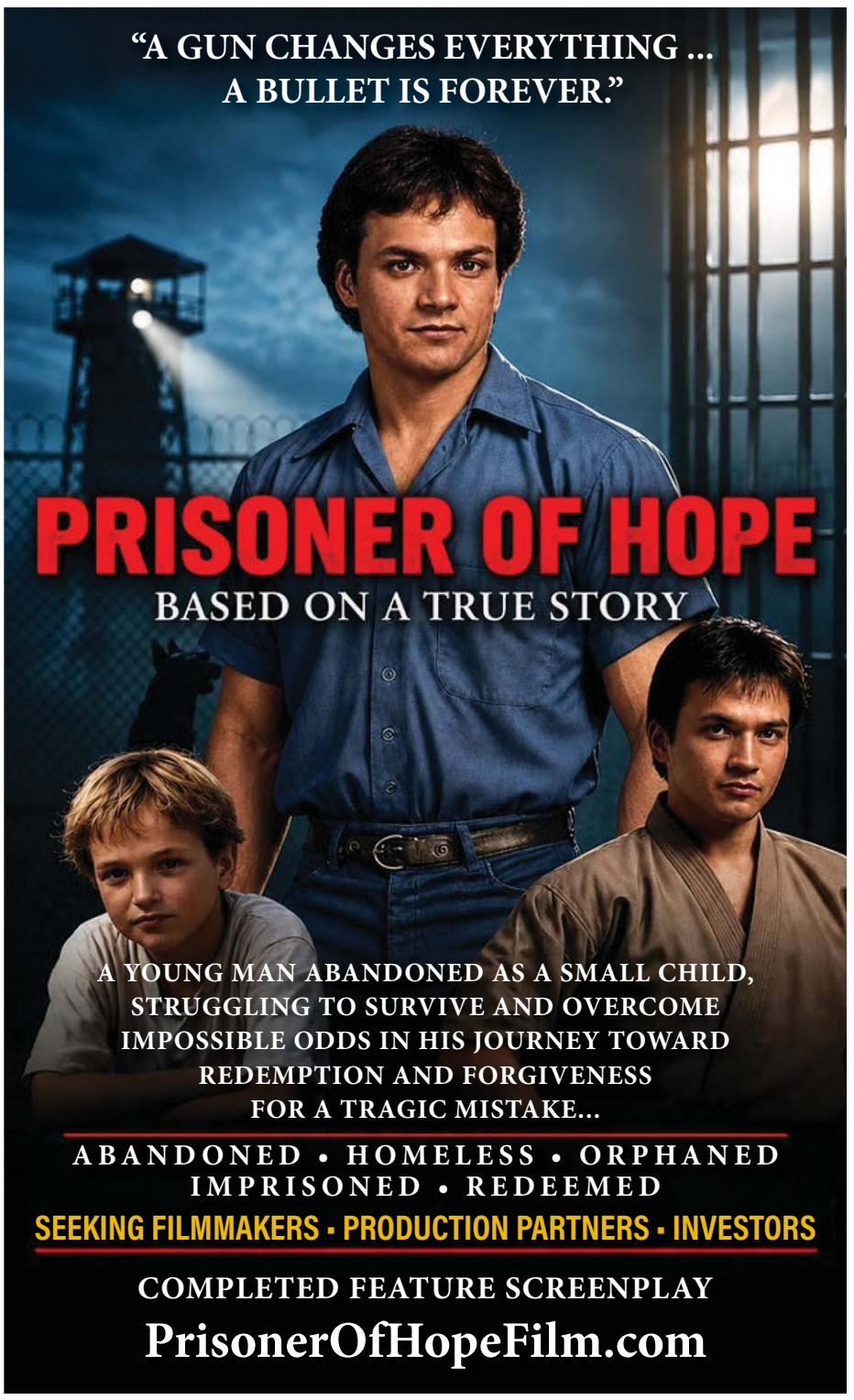
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Wounded heart and stolen money

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.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fall on city property at Dolores and Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury collision at Junipero and Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Credit card fraud at Ocean and San Carlos.

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to the 1200 block of David Avenue for a report of a possible theft of cash. There was no evidence that cash was actually stolen. The case was generated for information only.

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

Pacific Grove: Two vehicles towed from Ocean View Boulevard for registrations that expired more than six months ago.

Monterey: Dead body found on Larkin Street.

Monterey: Probation violation reported on Toyon Drive.

Monterey: A 37-year-old man was arrested at Lighthouse Avenue and Private Bolio Road on a misdemeanor warrant from another jurisdiction.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident on private property on Dolores Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A community member at Dolores and Eighth fell for a romance scam and lost hundreds of dollars. The suspect met the victim online and convinced him to send money. Other accounts may have been exposed, and officers worked to ensure future protections were in place. The suspect's identity is under investigation.

See **POLICE LOG** *page 48A*



The gavel falls

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

Oct. 23 — Lorena Hernandez Alvarado, a 43-year-old resident of King City and former correctional officer at Salinas Valley State Prison, was remanded to serve 364 days in jail and placed on felony probation for five years. She earlier pleaded no contest to felony insurance fraud and admitted the fraud exceeded $100,000 in loss and pleaded guilty to two separate DUI cases.

The fraud case arose out of a workplace injury claim made by Alvarado in April 2021. Alvarado claimed she injured her shoulder, neck, back and knees while wielding a heavy shield to protect herself from liquid thrown on her by an inmate at Salinas Valley State Prison. The prison's insurance company — State Compensation Insurance Fund — accepted Alvarado's insurance claim. Alvarado never returned to work and received more than $200,000 in insurance benefits, including wage replacement and healthcare treatment.

In the ensuing investigation by the California Department of Corrections' internal affairs, it was determined that Alvarado never used a shield during the April 2021 incident and received more than $200,000 in disability payments, wage replacement and other insurance benefits.

During the criminal investigation, investigators for the California Department of Corrections and the Monterey County District Attorney's Office learned that Alvarado had previously made false injury claims to obtain insurance benefits.

The case was investigated by Adam

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Carmel-by-the-Sea voters for making your voices heard in our municipal election and for participating in our democratic process.

I appreciated the warmth and courtesy you provided throughout the election campaign and I am honored that you have entrusted me to continue serving on our city council.

We have been a great team on council these past two years and we have made decisions to move the city forward and in a positive direction.

Our new city council will continue that teamwork and keep up that momentum. There's much more work ahead to be done and we are ready to take it on, making decisions in Carmel's best interest.

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Restaurateur faces prison time

By KELLY NIX

THE FORMER owner of a once-prominent Monterey Peninsula catering business, who also ran the restaurant at the Pacific Grove golf course, will be sentenced next month in federal court for defrauding the government of millions of dollars in Covid-19 relief funds.

Dory Ford, 60, owner of the now-defunct Aqua Terra Culinary in Pacific Grove, was indicted by a federal grand jury in January 2024 on charges of bank fraud, wire fraud and money laundering. Federal prosecutors said he used false representations to apply for and receive more than $3 million in taxpayer funds meant to help struggling businesses during the pandemic.



Dory Ford

Ford spent the money on property in Belize, stock market investments and a business venture, instead of using it for payroll, rent or mortgage payments and supplies, as was intended, according to the government.

Ford operated Aqua Terra Culinary and the Point Pinos Grill, the restaurant at the Pacific Grove Golf Links, from 2011 to early 2020.

Admits guilt

He initially denied wrongdoing, but on Aug. 31 pleaded guilty to devising a scheme to obtain money from Covid relief programs, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Internal Revenue Service said.

"Ford certified that his catering business, Aqua Terra Culinary, Inc., was operational and that he would use the funds for eligible uses, such as business expenses," the IRS said. "Ford admitted that these certifications were false. As a result of his fraud, Ford received $3,313,398 from the SBA."

The former caterer received money from the Paycheck Protection Program and the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, both of which supported small businesses and workers during Covid, and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, which offered low-interest financing to small businesses, renters and homeowners.

Ford admitted to "knowingly making material misrepresentations" in his application to the U.S. Small Business Administration for the funds, according to the IRS.

In its heyday, Aqua Terra Culinary catered events for the Monterey Conference Center, the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, La Playa Hotel, Middlebury Institute of International Studies and local schools. Ford worked as the executive chef at Ventana Inn and the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Possible lengthy term

He will be sentenced Dec. 7 in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California in San Jose by U.S. District Judge Edward J. Davila. He faces up to 20 years in prison and a $250,000 fine and could be ordered to pay restitution, the IRS said.

Ford closed Aqua Terra and the Point Pinos Grill at the start of the pandemic before the state's sweeping lockdowns began.

His case was investigated by IRS Criminal Investigation and the Small Business Administration Office of Inspector General.

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DA: Insufficient evidence to charge teen with Moss Landing murders

By MARY SCHLEY

TOO MUCH confusion about what occurred during the shooting deaths of two Salinas teens at a late-night party on a beach road in Moss Landing Nov. 2 led the Monterey County District Attorney's Office this week to release the sole suspect, 18-year-old Donald Breeden, following his arrest in Greenfield last Thursday afternoon.

"After a thorough review, the district attorney concludes there is insufficient evidence to file charges," Monterey County Chief Assistant District Attorney Berkley Brannon said Monday.

Prosecutors can't prove he didn't shoot in self-defense

According to Brannon, evidence shows dozens of people attended the party, most of them juveniles and young adults. Among them were Norteño gang members and associates involved with a group from Salinas — including 13-year-old Nathaniel Flores and 15-year-old Marco Antonio Perez, both of whom were found shot dead at the scene — and a group from Greenfield that included Breeden, as well as another victim who was injured by gunfire.

Who fired first?

"A verbal argument erupted between the groups over inappropriate behavior alleged against the Salinas group, including theft, vandalism and threats of violence at the party," Brannon said.

"Witness statements and physical evidence corroborated some of the allegations raised against the Salinas group," including numerous gold necklaces found in a backpack after they'd been stolen from young women at the party.

Witnesses told investigators the argument escalated as the two sides yelled gang insults at each other, Brannon said, and as the conflict became violent, "various witnesses assigned different levels of blame to one side or the other."

When gunfire broke out shortly before 2 a.m., one of the Salinas teens who died was shot seven times, while the other was struck five times, and a young adult from Greenfield was shot twice and survived. Investigators received contradictory accounts of "who shot first," he said.

"It was dark, and many of those present were underage, intoxicated or involved in some respect," he said. Complicating the picture further, law enforcement at the scene collected 21 shell casings that had been fired from two or more guns, but no weapons were recovered.

Self-defense

On Friday afternoon, the sheriff's office announced deputies had arrested Breeden after executing search warrants in Greenfield and King City Thursday. Assisting detectives were members of the sheriff's office SWAT team, the Monterey Peninsula Special Response Unit and California State Parks.

Breeden was taken into custody on two counts of murder with criminal street gang enhancements and was booked into the Monterey County Jail on $2,035,000 bail.

Although detectives believed they had sufficient cause to arrest Breeden for the deaths, Brannon explained that under California law, the prosecution has to show he wasn't trying to defend himself.

"In other words, self-defense is not just

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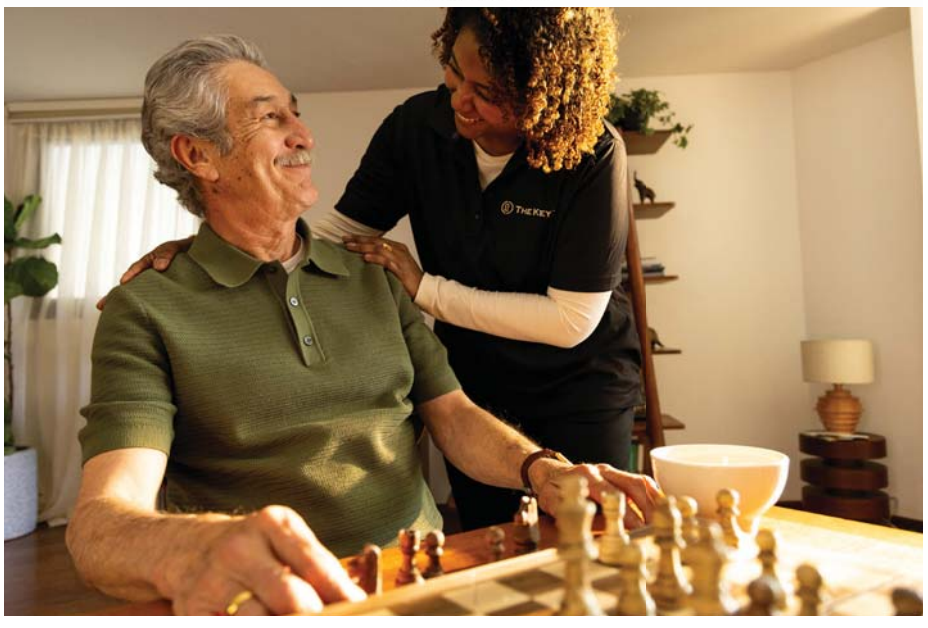
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County to Big Sur: ‘prepare early’

■ Warmer ocean portends more rain, stronger storms

By CHRIS COUNTS

WITH METEOROLOGISTS forecasting a strong El Niño this winter, Monterey County officials are envisioning potential impacts, especially in Big Sur, where more than 50,000 acres burned in recent wildfires. Mudslides, power outages and road closures are among the hazards officials are preparing for.

To help residents and businesses get ready, county officials hosted a winter preparedness town hall Oct. 29 at the Big Sur Grange Hall. An online Zoom meeting on the same topic is scheduled for Nov. 19 for residents of Big Sur’s South Coast. Speakers included county, state and federal officials. The meetings followed an Oct. 20 gathering organized by Big Sur Fire on the same topic.

‘Prepare early’

Fifth District Monterey County Supervisor Kate Daniels, who represents Big Sur and attended the meeting, urged residents to start preparing. “One message was repeated throughout the evening — prepare early,” Daniels said in a newsletter this week. “Big Sur’s beauty and remoteness are part of what we cherish, but they also make advance planning especially important. Whether that means creating an evacuation plan, signing up for emergency alerts, helping a neighbor prepare or stocking emergency supplies, the steps we take today will help strengthen our community’s resilience in the months ahead.”

Longtime Big Sur residents have been cut off from the outside world for weeks after major storms. Officials recommend keeping up to two weeks’ worth of food, water, medications and other essentials on hand because of the risk of road washouts and isolation.

Make plans

Residents are also encouraged to plan where pets and livestock could go in an emergency and to store copies of important documents elsewhere.

Officials are closely monitoring the South Coast, where recent fires burned vegetation that helps stabilize hillsides. The Plaskett Creek and Willow Creek watersheds are among the areas expected to be affected by rain.

Along Plaskett Creek, post-fire hydrology modeling indicates that runoff could increase by about four to five times normal levels, according to guidance. Increased flows could carry sediment, woody debris and logs, creating hazards such as debris

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Big Sur has lost vast acres of erosion-controlling vegetation due to recent fires, triggering threats of slides.

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Police: Man tried to rape elderly patient

By KELLY NIX

A MALE resident at a Pacific Grove care facility was arrested last week and charged with sexually assaulting an elderly female patient there, police said.

Ramon Barraza Raygoza, 56, who lives at Del Monte Village on David Avenue, was arrested Nov. 2 on suspicion of elder abuse, attempted rape and sexual battery, Pacific Grove police said. He was also arrested on a bench warrant for driving under the influence of alcohol.

The victim told investigators that Raygoza "groped her breasts, and attempted to engage in sexual intercourse with her while she was lying in bed," according to a portion of the report that Police Chief Casey Day provided to The Pine Cone on Monday.

Employees at Del Monte Village, a 65-bed facility that provides hospice care, memory care and other services, told officers they found Raygoza in bed with the victim, his pants lowered and his genitalia exposed.

"Staff further reported that Raygoza appeared to be intoxicated and that the victim was visibly frightened," police said.

He denied the allegations, saying the female victim "paid him $200 to cuddle with her."

"Raygoza further stated that his pants had accidentally become lowered as he sat up in bed when staff members entered the room," police said.

Elder abuse

Three days after the arrest, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office charged Raygoza with assault with intent to commit a felony and elder abuse, both felonies, and sexual battery, a misdemeanor.

"Raygoza did unlawfully assault Jane Doe, with the intent to commit rape," according to the criminal complaint filed in Monterey County Superior Court.

Regarding the sexual battery charge, prosecutors said he "willfully and unlawfully touched an intimate part of Jane Doe, against the will and for the specific purpose of sexual arousal, sexual gratification and sexual abuse."

Raygoza was arrested at the facility and booked into Monterey County Jail in Salinas. Jail records show his bail is set at $177,500. Del Monte Village did not respond to questions from The Pine Cone.

Teen says college guard assaulted her

By KELLY NIX

A TEENAGE girl alleges in documents filed in Monterey County Superior Court that a security guard at Hartnell College sexually assaulted her on the Salinas campus last year.

The juvenile, identified only as A.A., says in a petition filed Oct. 29 that the guard "lured her into a break room on the campus and sexually harassed, molested, assaulted and committed lewd acts on her against her will" on July 14, 2025. She was 16 at the time and a high school student taking classes part time at Hartnell.

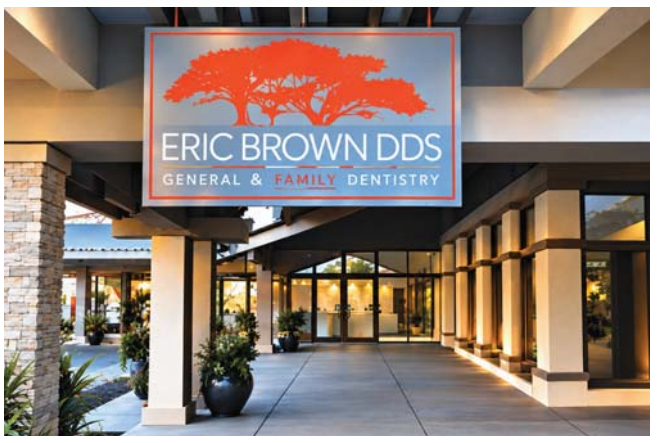
The petition, filed by the girl's mother, also claims the same unidentified guard sexually assaulted other students.

It further alleges that Hartnell "negligently failed to supervise students and to screen, assess, supervise, train, monitor, discipline or remove the guard."

As a result of the guard's actions, the petition says, the girl suffered "injuries and damages and was deprived of access to the educational opportunities and benefits to which she was entitled." The petition was filed by San Francisco attorneys Valerie

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Updated election results show 79% turnout in Carmel

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH 1,640 ballots countywide left to process and another 1,050 requiring further verification — generally for problems with their signatures — officials are close to having the results of the Nov. 3 election ready for certification by the state's early-December deadline. The updated figures leave none of the results in question.

As of Tuesday night, Monterey County Elections officials reported 57.03% of the county's 220,213 registered voters cast ballots in last week's election, which included statewide, regional and local races, along with 14 state ballot initiatives and numerous local measures. In Carmel, 79.03% of its 2,341 registered voters weighed in on the mayoral and council contests, and 78.86% voted on measures M and N, which sought to raise local taxes.

A highly active constituency that's not afraid of more taxes

In the race for mayor, councilman Hans Buder received 1,381 votes, or 80.57%, while challenger David Boland got 333, or 19.43%.

Incumbent councilmember Alissandra Dramov topped a three-candidate contest with 1,129 votes (42.1%), with planning commissioner Stefan Karapetkov coming in second, with 841 votes, or 31.36%, over former two-term councilman Bobby Richards, who captured 712 votes, or 26.55%.

Supporters 'thrilled'

Measure M, which will increase the transient occupancy tax from 10% to 12% and was the most hotly contested issue for Carmel voters, passed with 1,236 yes votes, or 69.2%, compared with 550 noes (30.8%).

And Measure N, which adds .375% to the local sales tax rate, was approved by a slightly narrower margin: 1,132 in favor, 63.99%, and 637, or 36.01%, opposed.

After missing out on the opportunity last week to comment on the passage of both measures, lead proponent and forest and beach commissioner Kelly Brezoczky said she and other supporters were thrilled to see them pass by such large margins — especially Measure M, which faced a well-funded opposition campaign.

Knocking on doors

"This outcome reflects tremendous grassroots work by residents who came together to support Carmel's future," she said. "I bet there aren't many communities where you would find residents in their 60s, 70s and 80s out knocking on doors to talk about repairing the city's aging infrastructure, but that's exactly what happened here."

She also said she wasn't surprised. While her survey of about two dozen people at the post office in April represented a tiny sample of voters, it accurately reflected their support for raising sales and hotel taxes.

"Every resident we spoke to found our city's aging infrastructure to be universally relatable," she said, even though the measures benefit the general fund and did not target specific uses, which would have required a 66.67% threshold to pass. "I think the results all the way down the ballot this election reflected this sentiment."

She also said the support shows residents believe in the city council's commitments to transparency, accountability and sustained infrastructure investment.

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Dog activists target Marina with petition for sins of sister city

By CHRIS COUNTS

Two years after launching a petition at Change.org urging the City of Marina to put pressure on its sister city, Namwon, South Korea, to end what it says is the country's unethical treatment of dogs, a Sunnyvale group has collected over 19,000 signatures.

A second petition was launched by the same group in January and has collected nearly 4,000 signatures.

KoreanDogs.org launched the first petition in September 2024, just nine months after South Korea's National Assembly banned the breeding, slaughtering, distributing and selling of dogs for human consumption. But a three-year grace period was established to allow those in the industry to transition to other livelihoods.

'Abhorrent and cruel'

"We feel certain that your city would have hesitated to form a sister city relationship had your city known about the abhorrent and cruel practices routinely carried out in the dog and cat meat trades in Namwon and all over South Korea," the group said on the petition.

In January 2024, South Korea's National Assembly passed the "Special Act on Ending the Breeding, Slaughter and Distribution of Dogs for Consumption." Those who "raise and butcher" dogs will be subject to a maximum three-year prison term or heavy fines. Those distributing dog meat could face up to two years in jail or heavy fines. An estimated 80% of the country's registered dog farms have closed and all major traditional dog meat markets and slaughterhouses have been shut down. The three-year grace period is set to end Feb. 7, 2027.

Despite the legislation, those who launched the petition say the country hasn't done enough.

"There has been no change," the group insisted. "The situation remains dire for the dogs confined in dog farms across the country."

Many stuck in system

An estimated 20,000 to 30,000 dogs remain on farms and could be killed before the February deadline, according to activists — leading some animal rights groups to suggest that the country isn't doing enough to rescue dogs that are still stuck in the system.

Some of those who signed the petition left comments.

"Dogs have a capacity for love and loyalty that most animals do not," one signer wrote. "They deserve better than this."

Another petitioner urged Marina's residents to "speak out against this barbaric and now illegal practice."

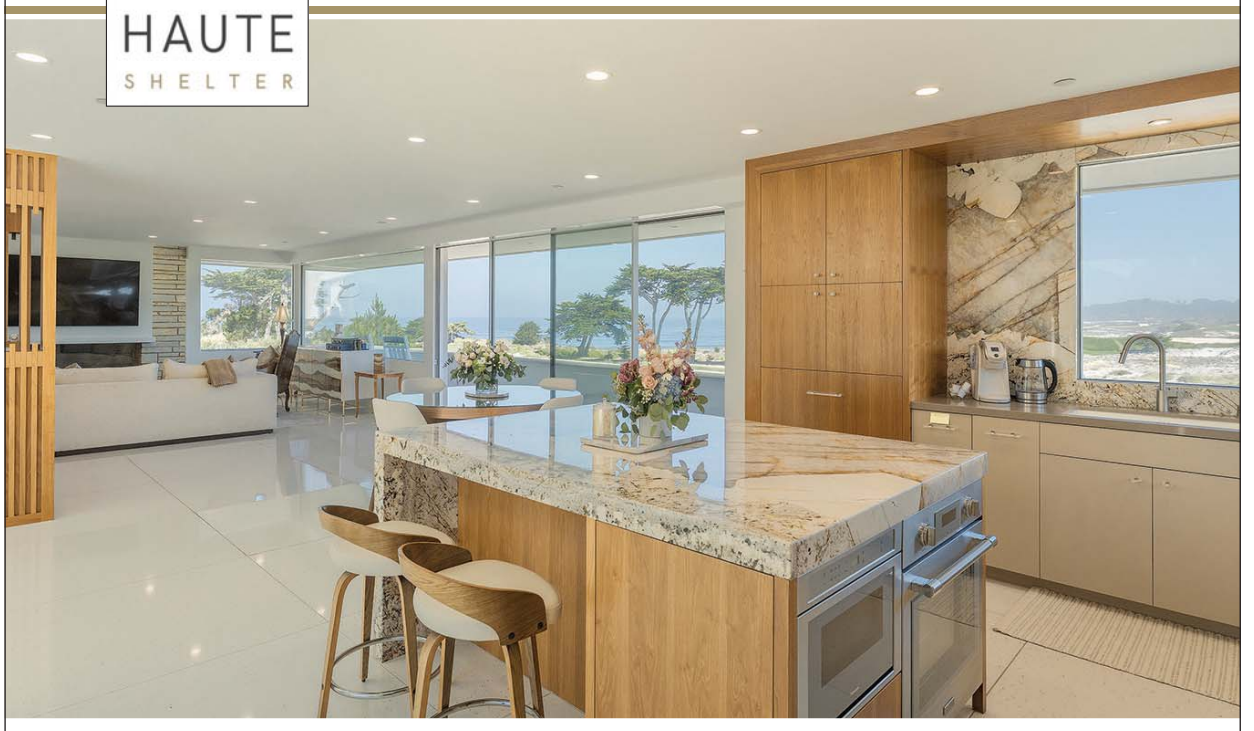
In 2023, Marina announced sister city relationships with two cities, Izunokuni, Japan, and Namwon, South Korea.

At KoreanDogs.org, numerous California cities are identified as having sister city relationships or friendship ties with cities in South Korea, including Salinas, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento and many others. Despite being on the list, a change.org campaign

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Trail and Saddle Club hosts fundraiser

By CHRIS COUNTS

TO RAISE money for residents and business owners who lost their homes, shops or studios in the Carmel Valley Village fire Oct. 28, the Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club will host a fundraiser at 6 p.m. Nov. 13.

Titled "Kick it up for Carmel Valley," the gathering will feature line dancing, live music, live and silent auctions, raffle and door prizes, and dinner and drinks.

"The fire has deeply impacted the lives and businesses of our friends, neighbors and community," organizers said. "One hundred percent of proceeds will go directly to fire victims."

The fire broke out around 3 a.m., destroying a two-story office complex behind Jerome's Market and badly damaging galleries, offices and studios, along with a tattoo parlor and a home.

Tickets are $25, and firefighters, first responders and fire victims get in free. The club is located at East Garzas Road.

$175,000 raised

Meanwhile, more than $175,000 has been raised on GoFundMe.com for 10 recipients who lost either their home or their business in the blaze, according to Kirsten Mitchell of the online crowdfunding platform. Mitchell said the money will be used in many ways, including offsetting lost income; replacing tools, supplies, inventory and equipment destroyed by fire or damaged by water and smoke; and covering expenses related to relocating businesses. She said three of the 10 had no insurance to help cover their losses.

The Carmel Valley Association reported in its most recent newsletter that Carmel Valley Veterinary Hospital is coordinating assistance for a family of five and an

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CONCOURS CELEBRATES MILESTONE

By KELLY NIX

OFFICIALS WITH the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance announced this week that the premier car event reached a milestone of raising more than $50 million in total charitable contributions.

Of the $50 million, $27 million was raised in just the past decade — a testament to the Concours' enduring popularity. The August event proved to be its most successful year in terms of charitable donations.

"Over the past 75 years, the Pebble Beach Concours has evolved into the world's foremost celebration of the automobile," said David Stivers, CEO of the Pebble Beach Company. "The event's charitable impact on our community spans well beyond that one week and is a central piece of its identity."

The Pebble Beach Company Foundation, the Concours' primary charitable partner, provides support in distributing funds to more than 130 nonprofits in the region. The foundation's grants are dedicated to improving the health and education of children.

The event raises money via different avenues. Direct donations account for the largest share of funds, while charity car drawings also raise money for nonprofits, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County, Montage Health Foundation, MY Museum, Natividad Medical Foundation, Salinas Valley Health Foundation, Seneca Family of Agencies, United Way Monterey County and the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Fund.

The Concours, through the foundation,

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New lighting for Monterey ballpark

By KELLY NIX

A POPULAR Monterey baseball field is set to get new energy-efficient and remotely operated lights to replace outdated, three-decade-old lighting.

The Frank E. Sollecito Jr. Ballpark adjacent to Dennis the Menace playground will get the new fixtures. On Nov. 3, the Monterey City Council approved increasing the cost of the lighting project — which was originally OK'd in 2024 — from $464,200 to $511,400, to allow for upgrades to the field's electrical box and wiring. The existing lighting has exceeded its operational life, according to the city, and it can no longer be repaired and needs to be replaced.

"This project will use the existing poles to basically replace the existing fixtures, upgrade the electrical panels and allow for remote operations," City of Monterey recreation manager Shannon Leon told The Pine Cone this week. "These new lights will not increase the lumens but will be more energy efficient."

Musco Sports Lighting LLC is the contractor doing the work.

The current system relies on fixtures that consume excessive power and require frequent maintenance. The upgraded fixtures are a "cost-effective, environmentally responsible improvement that enhances safety, reduces operating costs, and fortifies community use," the city said.

The smart LED system also has several modern upgrades the old one does not, including spill and glare control to reduce impact to the environment, and lighting

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Officers coax nude man out of surf



PHOTO/HEATHER FALENSKI, ONE WORLD MEDIA

POLICE AND lifeguards convinced a naked man to come out of the ocean and back to shore at Carmel Beach Monday afternoon, according to Police Chief Todd Trayer, as bystanders — including two people who continued to lie on the beach just feet from all the hubbub — looked on.

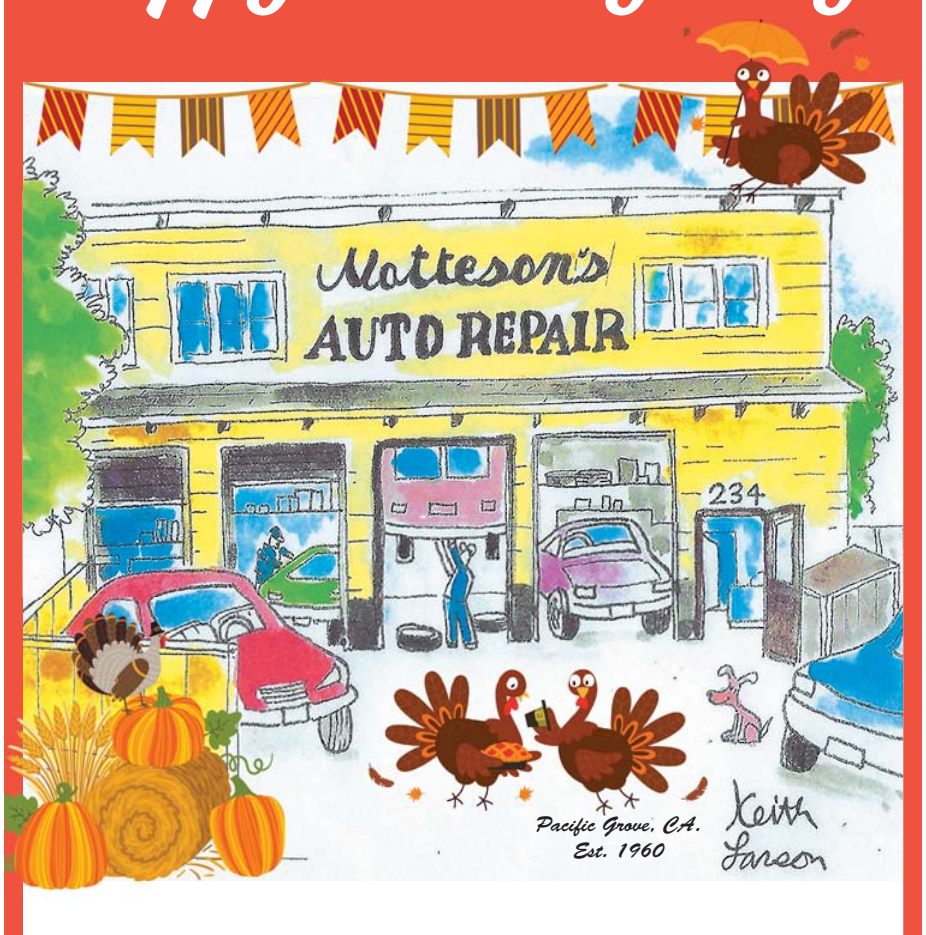
"There was a nude male in the ocean acting erratically," Trayer said. "A California State Parks lifeguard went out to talk to him, and the guy grabbed the lifeguard."

At that point, police officers intervened and, without force, were able to get the unnamed man to leave the water with them.

"He's being seen at the hospital right now," Trayer told The Pine Cone shortly after the Nov. 9 incident.

"I'm glad he's OK," he said, adding that the man is not local. "And he told me he loved me."

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Carmel Chamber award nominees announced

■ Annual gala moves to Folktale

By MARY SCHLEY

FINALISTS IN the Carmel Chamber of Commerce's annual Awards of Excellence have been announced, with members set to vote for their favorites in each category and Business of the Year. The winners will be revealed at the chamber's gala dinner, which, after years being held at Quail Lodge, will take place at Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley Dec. 2 from 6 to 9 p.m.

"Public voting brought in a record number of votes this year," the chamber said, with the top three recipients in each group making it to the final round. The nominees are:

■ Accommodations - Small — Palisociety – Le Petit Palis of Carmel, Stilwell Hotel, Tickle Pink Inn

■ Accommodations - Large — Bernardus Lodge and Spa, Carmel Mission Inn, La Playa Hotel

■ Art — Carmel Art Association, Carmel Art Festival, Edi Matsumoto Art and Design

■ Beverage — Alvarado Street Brewery & Bistro, De Tierra Vineyards, Tira Nanza Wines

■ Food Market Specialty - Small — A.W. Shucks Cocktail & Oyster Bar, Flying Fish Grill, Yafa

■ Food Market Specialty - Large — Anton & Michel Restaurant, Hog's Breath Inn, La Bicyclette Restaurant

■ Health and Wellness — Big Sur Canna+Botanicals, Big Sur International Marathon, Refuge

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The Dec. 2 gala, Diamonds are Forever, has a 007 theme, and guests are invited to dress accordingly for "a night of celebration, recognition and this year a little Bond-style intrigue." Tickets are $195 until Nov. 21, when they increase to $225. Folktale is located at 8940 Carmel Valley Road. For more information and to register, go to carmelchamber.org.

Henry VIII's 6 wives join 21st century

By CHRIS COUNTS

A STUDENT cast transforms the story of the six wives of Henry VIII into a musical that takes place at a pop concert, with each queen stepping up to the microphone to tell her own story. "Six: Teen Edition" opens Nov. 13 at York School in Monterey and runs through Nov. 22.

Directed by the school's performing arts director, Spencer Williams, and choreographed by Geoffrey Alexander, the musical is double cast, with 11 York students sharing the six roles. Maya Barahona and Shayla Gutierrez portray Catherine of Aragon, Evera Moore and Jackie Sanchez take on the role of Anne Boleyn, Willow Weisblum and Norah Bernier play Jane Seymour, Kiki Riechers and Az Guichet portray Anna of Cleves, Emory Teta and Shayla Gutierrez take on the role of Catherine Howard, and Anna Nicoletti and Samara Albitar portray Catherine Parr.

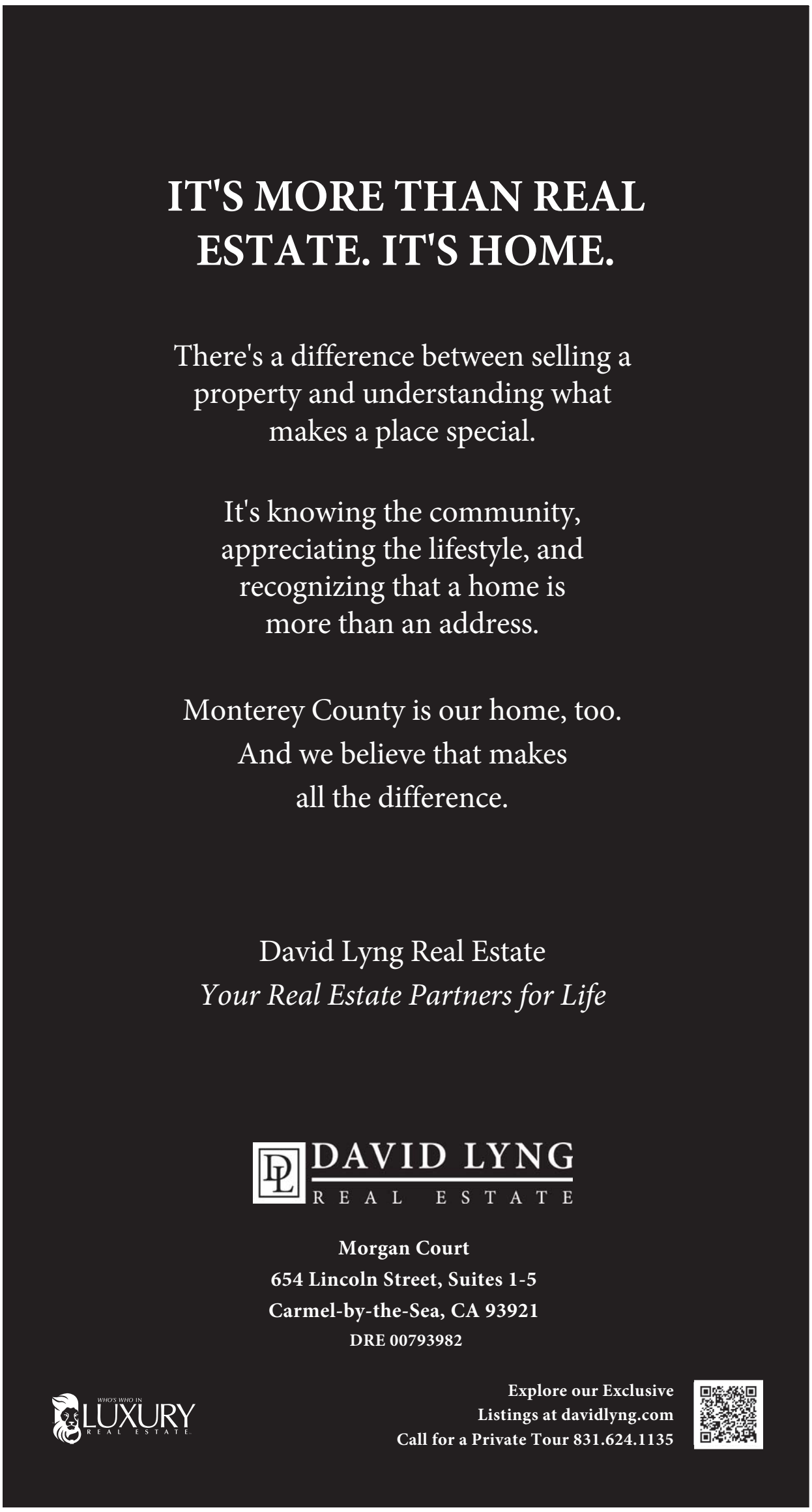
Not a school play

"It's a show about six queens taking back the story that history told about them, and that message lands differently when it comes from high school students," Williams said. "This cast has worked with a performer who has lived inside this show professionally, and they've brought that same standard into every rehearsal. Audiences are going to see a pop concert, not a school play."

Written by two Cambridge University students, Toby Marlow and Lucy Moss, in 2017, "Six" had its premiere that year at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the world's largest performing arts festival. The musical earned Tony Awards for Best Original Score and Best Costume Design for a Musical. Williams calls it "one of the most exciting new musicals of the last decade."

The musical plays Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Nov. 22. All shows start at 7 p.m. except Sunday matinees, which begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are $22.50 for general admission and $17.30 for students and faculty. The school is located at 9501 York Road in Monterey. For tickets or more details, visit our.show/sixinmonterey.





U.S. OPEN

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strong history here, and this being our seventh, we have the opportunity to do it bigger and better and brighter than ever before."

Assisting in that effort is a permanent local USGA team of a half-dozen people, including Sink, who have offices in Pacific Grove and work with Pebble Beach daily. The distinction is significant, since the USGA's only other year-round onsite presence is at Pinehurst in North Carolina. The organization, which oversees the game's rules and regulations and organizes 15 national championships a year, among other missions, is based in Liberty Corner, N.J. When planning U.S. Open championships at other courses, it sends a team to begin work two years in advance.

Fewer tickets

Pebble Beach hosted U.S. Opens in 1972, 1982, 1992, 2000, 2010 and 2019, the last one held in honor of the company's 100th anniversary. Sawin, who is chair of next year's U.S. Open, joined Pebble Beach Co. in 2018, just in time for the centennial event, and has also hosted the U.S. Amateur Championship and the U.S. Women's Open. He attended the 2010 U.S. Open as a spectator.

"We were very happy with how 2019 went, but nonetheless spent months documenting lessons learned, both positive and places for improvement," said Sawin, who, as event chair, works not only with the USGA, but with 40 Pebble Beach staff members who serve on committees responsible for golf course maintenance, food and beverage, retail, hospitality, sales, security, marketing, human resources, resident communications and legal matters — to name a few.

"All those folks are doing this in addition to their normal day jobs," he explained. "These are not people hired specifically for the U.S. Open, and they all do a fantastic job and are excited."

Sink similarly mentioned the extensive debrief.

"We take copious notes on all the things that we want to improve," he said, and the groups share their findings. "We take pride in making sure year over year we address those things that we can improve on. It's eating an elephant one bite at a time."

Among those bites is determining what might make the experience better for spectators as well as for the 156 professional and amateur golfers who will earn the right to compete in the Open.

The 2019 event drew a total of 225,000 spectators over the course of the week, according to Sink, with attendance topping out at 37,500 tickets per day during the competitive rounds Thursday through Sunday, and fewer during practice rounds Monday through Wednesday. Add vendors, employees, volunteers — the tournament requires 4,100 of them — media, sponsor guests and others, and those busy days reached 45,000 people.

Scaling back

"For this event, we've scaled back a little bit," Sink said. The daily maximum will be 32,500 tickets, reducing the crowding that can diminish people's enjoyment.

Getting all those people in and out of Del Monte Forest is a tricky affair as well. The 2019 Open featured a well-honed system for rideshare services and shuttles, along with robust traffic control, all of which will be built upon for 2027. While most spectators, about 65%, typically enter through the main gate near the former driving range, about 10% walk in from Carmel, according to Sink.

"Carmel is a great partner, and we work with the chamber every time," he said. "I tell people if they have friends or a place to hang out in Carmel, that is probably the easiest way to get into the championship."

Walk in from Carmel, if you can. It's easier and more fun.

After having their tickets checked and going through security, spectators will find merchandise tents, food and beverage options and other services just inside the gate, according to Sink, who also mentioned the view.

"It's one of the prettiest places on the golf course, and you walk right into it as soon as you get here," he said. "The Carmel gate is vital for us, and we're very appreciative that folks in Carmel are so collaborative."

Of course, the tournament's various ticket packages — some of which are nearly sold out — and daily ticket options are tailored to attract and please fans based on feedback and prior experience. The extensive television coverage and the U.S. Open's popular app are designed with fans in mind as well, Sink noted.

And for players

The USGA and Pebble Beach also strive to ensure "the inside-the-ropes experience is top-notch," Sink said. "It really matters where you win a championship, and there isn't a player who wouldn't want to hoist the trophy at Pebble Beach."

Changes to the course take a long time to accomplish because they rely heavily on nature.

"When we look at golf course improvements, we look at playability for daily play, playability for championship play, and at operational logistics and fan flow," Sawin said. "Ideally, our improvements are addressing all three of those things."

The course should be "tough but fair," he said, and still fun for resort guests even as it is toughened for the highly skilled golfers who qualify for the tournament.

"We have ball-dispersion data from every ball hit in that championship and how scoring was affected, so we can adjust conditions to make the course more penal or playable," he explained. "We've made all of those adjustments in consultation with the USGA."

Pebble Beach is the second-shortest course on the U.S. Open calendar, according to Sawin.

"It's always a test of precision and skill — it's not a course you can overpower — but we want to test all aspects of a player's game," he said. "We did find about 60 more yards, primarily on holes 6 and 13."

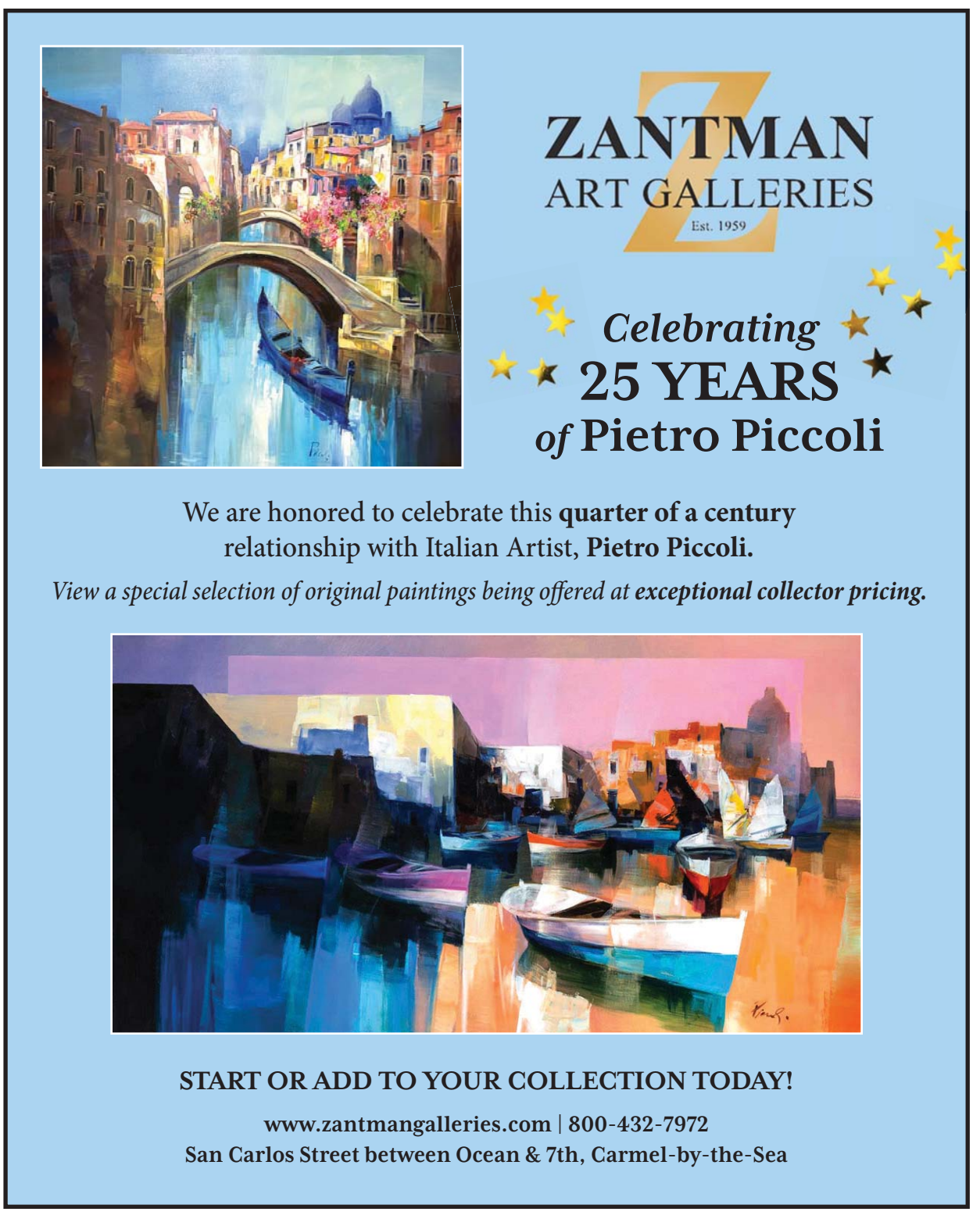
In addition, four greens that hadn't been altered since the links opened in 1919 had shrunk and shifted over time, so they were restored to their original contours, designs, shapes and intent.

The new, large Monterey cypress installed in the 18th fairway in April is a critical element, too. It joins the one left standing after another tree fell there in December 2014.

"We didn't get to it by 2019 and saw most drives going right past that tree," he said, so the new setup will better

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test players' skills.

The slow process of narrowing the fairways by growing in more rough will begin the Monday before Thanksgiving, the day after the TaylorMade Pebble Beach Invitational ends, according to Sawin.

Facilities

The two entities also collaborate on where, when and how to build the temporary tents, grandstands and other infrastructure necessary to support players, volunteers, spectators and others throughout the event.

"We don't make any decisions in a vacuum, nor does Pebble Beach," Sink said. "This is a resort that's open 365 days a year, so you can't just plop your facilities down in front of people's hotel rooms." Everything built also has to work around the numerous other events Pebble Beach hosts throughout the year.

In addition, "hourglass pinch points" at a couple of locations have been addressed to ensure carts and pedestrians can move through them more freely, according to Sawin.

"It's about having the right build in the right place," he continued, and the company is doing its part to ensure fewer trailers and tents are needed by purchasing adjacent properties and renting homes near the course.

"It's not a new strategy, but we have more space than ever," he said.

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flows, logjams, flooding and sudden channel changes.

Along Willow Creek, a large, free-spanning bridge is not expected to be significantly affected by anticipated debris loads, but elevated flood flows and debris movement are expected, according to the guidance.

Officials are urging residents to consider evacuating when major or extreme storm forecasts are issued and not to wait until mudslides happen. "Debris flows are fundamentally different from floods," the guidance warns. "They can occur rapidly and without sufficient time for residents to protect property."

To help keep Highway 1 open, Caltrans is installing protective drapery on steep hillsides at multiple locations near Torre Canyon. "Current efforts are focused on drainage improvements, culvert upgrades, slope stabilization and highway protection projects," Caltrans said.

Door to door

The county said residents can receive emergency notifications through wireless emergency alerts, the emergency alert system, Alert Monterey County and NOAA weather radio.

But officials acknowledged that "portions of Big Sur receive little or none of these communications."

"For areas without reliable communications, residents should review hazard assessments in advance," officials added. "Anyone identified as living in a high-risk area should be prepared to evacuate immediately if heavy rainfall develops. The Monterey County Sheriff's Office and local first responders may conduct door-to-door notifications when conditions warrant."

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pumping, and one coalition unsuccessfully sued to block Sites in 2024.

Tribal leaders may hate it even more. One outspoken official went so far as to call the project "cultural genocide." Amanda Mitchum of the Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians made the claim at the water board meeting last week when she spoke in opposition to the final permit.

"If this reservoir goes through, you'll literally be covering up the footprints and trails that my father walked with his mother," Mitchum told the board.

The board approved the dam regardless, essentially siding with farmers and water agencies in this latest battle of the water wars. Were members finally persuaded by those roadside "Build More Dams" signs? Probably not.



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The San Luis Reservoir near Pacheco Pass is the largest off-stream reservoir in the United States. The Sites Reservoir, approved last week by the State Water Resources Control Board, would be the second largest.

California's changing climate is forcing agencies to re-evaluate how they capture and distribute water across the state. Sites Reservoir is designed with warmer winters in mind — winters that melt the Sierra snowpack and blast the state with rain from warming ocean evaporation.

"We have to be able to store more water when these big atmospheric rivers come, or these big wet winters, for these dry periods, and Sites Reservoir does that," California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot told Sacramento television station KCRA.

Pumped uphill

The dam won't block a major river or even siphon much from watersheds. Instead, the reservoir will store water pumped uphill from the Sacramento River during wet periods when flows are high. The water will be held back primarily by two large earthen dams, each roughly 270 feet high. At capacity, Sites would hold 1.5 million acre-feet and would take six average water years to fill. Had it been built before 2022 and the state's sodden winters, it would already be full.

The above-average rainfall between 2022 and 2024 followed the state's three driest years on record. Sites' water would be distributed during dry spells and hot summer months to homes from the San Francisco Bay area to Los Angeles. However, not a drop will reach customers on the Monterey Peninsula. That's because none of the water agencies here is a participating partner in the project, leaving us to miss out on a piece of the water pie, as usual.

In total, 22 agencies across the state have joined forces on Sites, funding the seemingly never-ending planning process. Now that the final permit is secured, financing the construction comes next, and how much each puts in will determine how much water it will get out of the deal.

The project is estimated to cost between $6.2 billion and $6.8 billion, or one-sixth of the current estimate to build a high-speed rail line between Merced and Bakersfield. Still, the price tag has ballooned alongside

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Remodel Smarter: Insider Tips for Homeowners Who Want It Done Right!

By Susana DeFatima Silva, MA, Co-Founder/Proprietor/Managing Partner Test of Tyme, LLC and Wendy Brickman, MA/MBA, Brickman Marketing

Once you've purchased your home—or chosen to re-imagine your current residence—the next essential step is setting the foundation for a seamless, well-executed remodel. Thoughtful planning and clear communication are key to a successful project, and working with an architect and a seasoned construction team can be immensely rewarding when expectations, roles, and timelines are aligned from the start.

Before meeting with your professionals, clarify your vision. What are your top priorities? Expanding your living space, enhancing architectural flow, updating finishes, or integrating custom features? Identifying essentials versus aesthetic preferences allows your team to tailor solutions to your lifestyle and taste.

During your early meetings with your architect and builder, share inspiration images, concept boards, and insights into how you live, i.e. your entertaining style, privacy preferences, and lighting ambiance, for example. The more your team understands your preferences, the more effectively they can design a home that reflects them.

Engaging your general contractor early promotes much better alignment between design and execution. Your builder can evaluate logistics such as building codes, structural elements, and site conditions—avoiding surprises once construction begins. Ask for a timeline overview so you know when key decisions are needed.



Planning ahead for systems is just as critical as choosing finishes. If you're expanding or reconfiguring your home, now is the time to upgrade plumbing, HVAC, and especially electrical infrastructure. Consider how to integrate smart home systems, home theaters, EV charging stations, or security features while the walls are open which will be far more efficient than retrofitting later.

Don't overlook the exterior. If your remodel includes a façade update, outdoor kitchen, pool, or patio, ensure that landscaping, hardscaping, and lighting are addressed early.

Establish communication protocols early. Clarify how often you'd like updates, how design changes will be approved, and who the main point of contact is. While much of the day-to-day is handled by your team, your involvement remains essential. Keep written records of design decisions and changes to maintain clarity and momentum.

Visit the site as your schedule allows—not to micromanage, but to stay connected to progress. If you notice something off, share feedback promptly and constructively. Early conversations prevent missed opportunities later.

Remodeling is not just about changing a structure—it's about creating a home that enhances how you live. With the right team, clear communication, and thoughtful planning, your vision will become a beautifully realized space that's uniquely yours.

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inflation in recent years.

Sites has already received loan guarantees from the Newsom and Biden administrations, as well as the support of the Trump administration. The funding includes $1.3 billion from a voter-approved 2014 state water bond and another $1.3 billion promised by the federal government. Once the local water agencies have determined how much they'll contribute, the state will be the last piece of the financial puzzle. Assuming the funding falls into place by January 2027, the Sites Project Authority will be able to get shovels in the ground next summer, marking a historic turnaround for water storage politics in California.

Decades of anti-dam sentiment in the state have not only resulted in a decades-long pause on building anything new, but they have contributed to the degradation of existing structures. Two-thirds of California's dams are at least 50 years old — many much older — and, according to the Public Policy Institute of California, 90 need major upgrades.

Though not well liked, dams play a key role in regulating the water supply from rivers, which accounts for 60% of the water Californians use, according to the Institute.

The last big dam built in the state was New Melones in 1979. Since then, the state's population has grown from 23.7 million to 39.35 million, a 66% jump, yet water use has risen only 20% over the same period. The slow growth in water use is thanks to improvements in efficiency, denser development with fewer outdoor spaces, conservation and a shift to higher-value crops.

Even with those conservation efforts, the fact remains that one-third of California's water comes from what has become an unreliable frozen reservoir. The Sierra snowpack has seen wild swings over the past decade, going from a near-record low of 5% during the 2015 drought to 236% of average in 2023. A reservoir designed to make use of that winter whiplash isn't the worst idea, but whether Sacramento can fund and construct such a project in this day and age remains to be seen.

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performance and remote access, which allows for light use to be pre-programmed or operated from off site, according to the report to the council.

Crews have a considerable amount of prep work to do before the fixtures are installed, but Leon said that the city expects the contractor will be at the field Monday to conduct wiring tests if the weather holds up.

The fixtures are expected to reduce energy consumption by up to 70%, lower maintenance costs, and improve visibility and safety at the 1950s-era multi-use field, which is used more than 300 days per year and hosts baseball and softball games. The diamond was named after a talented local pitcher who died of leukemia in 1990 at 20 years old.

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for Salinas couldn't be found. The group urged its supporters to "show U.S. sister cities the truth about the dog and cat meat trades — and ask them to take action."

"We wish to bring the unacceptable practices of these trades to the attention of the relevant U.S. city mayors and their offices and to urge them, in the spirit of friendship and for the good of the Korean people, to reach out to their counterparts in South Korea, asking them to enforce their laws and to put an end to the cruel dog and cat meat trades," the group said on its website.





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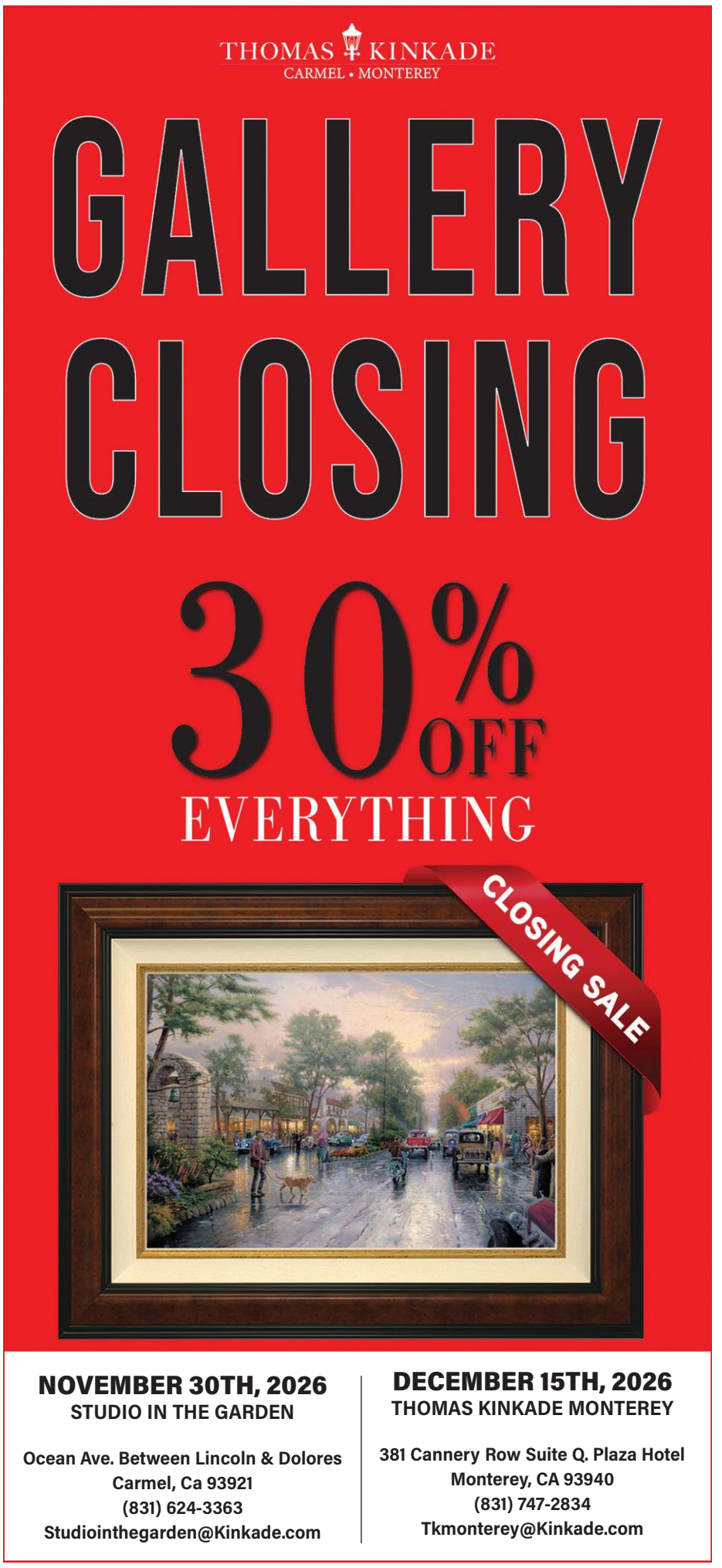
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13, and then there will be an open session item for the city council meeting on Dec. 8 to appoint the interim city manager for approval of a contract for that position," Bermudez said. By then, the person's salary should be known as well.

When Swanson returns to his permanent position next year, it will be subject to the terms of his Dec. 22, 2025, contract, which outlines his job duties and sets his annual base pay at $244,927.

In September, as part of the recruitment strategy, the city council decided to increase the salary range for city administrator by $70,000, to $330,000.

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Jimenez, an investigator with the California Department of Corrections, and Jennifer Mendoza, an investigator with the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.

People who have information about suspected workers' compensation insurance fraud are encouraged to contact the Monterey County District Attorney's Office at (831) 755-3224 or via email at reportfraud@countyofmonterey.gov.

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a trial defense available to the accused," he said. The DA's office must "prove its absence to file charges in the first place."

"We don't know who fired first. We know two kids from Salinas were killed and one person from Greenfield was seriously injured," Brannon told The Pine Cone. "We can't charge someone unless we can prove beyond a reasonable doubt they did not act in self-defense. At this time, we don't have that proof."

Brannon said his office is continuing to work with the sheriff's office to get a clearer picture of what occurred.

"When you can't tell who fired first, when you can't tell how this thing went down, when the evidence is completely contradicting itself, it makes things very difficult," he told a KSBW reporter after the DA's announcement.

Request for privacy

Following the coroner's office's identification of the boys who were killed, Zandra Jo Galvan, superintendent of the Salinas Union High School District, released a statement of sympathy for their families, friends, community members and others affected by the shootings. Galvan urged community members "to respect the families' privacy during this incredibly difficult time and to be mindful of the impact that speculation or the sharing of unconfirmed information can have on those who are grieving."

"In moments of loss, the strength of our school community is found in the compassion and care we extend to one another," Galvan concluded. "We ask that you keep the families and all those affected in your thoughts as we come together to support one another through this tragedy."

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elderly solo tenant who lost their homes and all their belongings in the fire. Marianne Gawain is the group's president.

"The clothing needs of these individuals have been met," Gawain said. "Gift cards and financial contributions are most appreciated, while the displaced senior is seeking a studio or other modest rental in the valley."

To help, call Karina at the veterinary hospital at (831) 659-2286.

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also supports several educational programs that encourage automotive enthusiasts while celebrating inspirational automotive leaders such as Phil Hill, Jules "J." and Sally Heumann, John Lamm, Don Williams and the Concours' chairman emeritus, Sandra Button.

"This charitable milestone is a testament to the generosity of the Concours car community," Button said. "I've been privileged to see firsthand the impact of these dollars on recipient organizations and am confident the momentum of this important work will be continued for years to come."

The Aug. 15, 2027, Concours will feature examples from automobile manufacturers Delage and Delahaye. Additional marques and classes will be announced in the coming weeks, officials said.

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"To those who remain skeptical, I would say: Never underestimate the power of a community coming together to make a difference," Brezoczky said.

"I think we have an emerging generation of leadership committed to restoring Carmel and preserving it for generations to come."

What's left to count

This week, Monterey County's registrar of voters reported that of the 125,556 ballots cast Nov. 3 — the great majority of which were voted by mail — 58 mail-in ballots and 1,482 provisional ballots have yet to be processed, with another 100 requiring duplication or to be remade due to damage that prevents them from being read by mechanical scanners.

In addition, of the processed ballots, 146 mail ballots came in without signatures and 999 don't have signatures that match those on file with the elections office, and a half-dozen provisional ballots also contain mismatched signatures.

Statewide, as of Wednesday at 5 p.m., unofficial tallies provided by California's 58 counties indicated 12,406,780 ballots have been processed, with 1,210,482 remaining, and 104,254 "left to cure," mostly for signature-related issues.

According to the Secretary of State, elections officials have a month to complete their extensive tallying, auditing and certification work of mail ballots, those dropped at the polls and those mailed on or before Election Day but received as late as Nov. 9.

"In processing vote-by-mail ballots, elections officials must confirm each voter's registration status, verify each voter's signature on the vote-by-mail envelope, and ensure each person did not vote elsewhere in the same election before the ballot can be counted," according to Secretary of State Shirley Weber.

Counties must certify their results by Dec. 3 and transmit them to Weber's office the following day so the statewide results can be certified by Dec. 11.

Outgoing Mayor Dale Byrne and councilman Jeff Baron will preside over their final meetings in office Dec. 7 and 8, with the swearing in of the new mayor and councilmembers set to occur soon after.

The Pine Cone has been a member of the
Carmel Chamber of Commerce for more than 100 years.

Leona Jeanne 'Lee' Ure

Leona Jeanne "Lee" Ure was born in Tucson, Arizona, in 1947 and died there Nov. 1 at age 79. After graduating from Catalina High School, the University of Arizona and Thunderbird (the American Graduate School of International Management in Phoenix), she realized her heart belonged in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Lee was the second of five siblings. She is survived by her sister, Louise Ure, her brother, Jim Ure, and his wife, Olivia, and her child, Shawn Andrews. She will also be missed by her longtime partner, Dennis King, and by three generations of the extended Ure, Knipe, Verplank, Carlson and Daldrup families she loved.

In Carmel, Lee helped individuals and shops with bookkeeping and staffing. But the work she loved most was teaching ballet to seniors in a small public studio just off Ocean Avenue. She taught them to stretch and bend, to dip low and still rise, to breathe deeply and gesture to beauty with the sweep of an arm.

She taught people to dance. And isn't that a fine thing to leave the world?

**A gathering in her memory will be held Nov. 21 in Tucson.
Contact Jim Ure
at jimure@aol.com for details.**



SUZIE RAWSON VERA

June 15, 1947 – Oct. 29, 2026

Born in Shaker Heights, Ohio, to Barbara and Robert Rawson on June 15, 1947, Suzie lived a life full of sparkle, whimsy and love.

Suzie grew up in Shaker Heights with her devoted older brother, Robert. A fierce and spirited competitor, she was dedicated to her synchronized swimming team and equally formidable on the field hockey pitch. She built a tight-knit group of friends who shared her feisty, loving spirit (including sneaking out of the house to see the Beatles live) and remained precious to her until her final days.



Suzie studied interior design at Syracuse University, where she met her future husband, Joe Driscoll. After working as an interior designer in Boston, she followed her sense of adventure on a cross-country road trip that brought her to the tiny village of Carmel-by-the-Sea. While Joe served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, Suzie rented an apartment on Mission Street and became the first woman to work as a wine stewardess at the Pebble Beach Lodge.

Suzie and Joe got engaged at the Top of the Mark in San Francisco and moved to Pensacola, Florida, where Joe completed his military service. In 1972, they welcomed their son, Brian. They eventually returned to Shaker Heights, where they put down roots and welcomed three beautiful daughters, Kelley, Megan and Josie. Suzie ran an aerobic dancing business with more than 12,000 students, was an avid runner and stayed active in her community and family life.

In 1986, Suzie's adventurous spirit drew her back to California with her family. They had planned to settle elsewhere, but the universe had other ideas, and they put down roots in Carmel. Suzie learned the ins and outs of running a local business while working at Roxy, then opened her own boutique, Amourette, which she ran for more than a decade. Supporting Carmel's local businesses remained a passion throughout her life.

As her children grew and spread their wings, Suzie found joy in her dogs, walks on Carmel Beach and time with dear friends. Her lifelong love of music and being out on the town with her friends led her to the Cypress Inn, where she enjoyed live music and dancing. Over time, she came to know and fall in love with one of Carmel's finest behind the piano, Dino Vera.

Oct. 26, 2022, the day Suzie and Dino married, was one of her happiest days. Together they enjoyed music, stealing away for cozy football Sundays and adventures in their "Bluuzee" Sprinter van to New Mexico, Arizona and down the California coast. They also loved walks and sunny days at their Carmel Valley bungalow with her beloved Ridgebacks.

Suzie was "one of one," as her son put it. She found the love of her life in her last decade, took great pride and joy in her six grandchildren and loved her four children unconditionally. Her dogs meant the world to her, including Sancha, Lucky, Boo Radley and Richard Parker. Small but mighty, Suzie was a force. Her sparkle will live on in the lives of those closest to her, and her angel wings are now cemented.

Suzie is survived by her husband, Dino Vera; her brother, Robert Rawson Jr. (Judy); her children, Brian Driscoll (Tricia), Kelley Driscoll Biggs, Megan Driscoll, and Josie Driscoll; her grandchildren, Clare, Luke, and Patrick Driscoll, Brody, Tucker, and Samantha Biggs (father, Josh Biggs); and her nephews, Alex and Greg Rawson and Matthew Egan.

All are welcome to join the family for a celebration of life from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the Cypress Inn.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Carmel Cares, which helps preserve the beauty and charm of the town Suzie loved. carmelcares.org/donate

MURDERS

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families that their loss no longer matters."

"This is not mercy," Pacioni said Nov. 6. "It is a political act timed after the elections and just before his exit, aimed at his legacy and his future ambitions, and the cost is borne entirely by the victims. He will not have to look their families in the eye. He will not have to explain to them why a political calculation outweighed a jury's verdict."

She pledged to stand with victims and survivors, saying they "deserve far better than this."

The commutations are not final, and most of them must be reviewed by the California Supreme Court to determine whether Newsom "legitimately exercised his power to grant clemency."

Cases with local ties

The top Monterey County prosecutor outlined several cases involving death row inmates who have local ties and whose lives Newsom said should be spared.

■ Joseph Nissensohn, 75, of Carmel Valley received a death sentence in El Dorado County in 2013 for the 1981 murders of Seaside girls Tammy Lynn Jarschke, 13, and Tanya Jones, 14. The pair disappeared after meeting Nissensohn at a Monterey Denny's. Their bodies were found at Chews Ridge three months later.

"Jones' naked body was found hanging from a tree with an electrical cord tightly wrapped around her neck," according to the district attorney's office. "Jarschke's body was found about 40 feet down the ridge. Her chest was gruesomely pierced by a screwdriver which was still in her body."

During the same trial, Nissensohn was convicted of the 1989 murder of Kathy Graves, 15, whose body was found in 1990.

■ On Sept. 7, 1989, Kristin Hughes raped and murdered his neighbor, Kim Hickman, 31, in her Pacific Grove apartment. Officers found her on the kitchen floor with Hughes' suspenders wrapped around her neck.

"Hickman had suffered numerous deep stab and puncture wounds to her chest," California Supreme Court filings state. "Her shirt was soaked in blood, which had flowed and commingled with water dripping from the open, defrosting refrigerator."

Hickman was still alive after being stabbed and died by strangulation, a forensic pathologist determined.

Hughes' conviction and death sentence followed in 1990.

■ In January 2001, Joseph Kekoa Manibusan, 48, of Seaside was convicted of killing Priya Mathews, 35, on Jan. 31, 1998. Mathews was drinking coffee with her friend Jennifer Aninger on Fisherman's Wharf when the shooting occurred.

"A codefendant shot both victims during a drive-by shooting with Manibusan at the wheel," according to the district attorney's office, which said he murdered "for the thrill of doing so." The office added: "Ms. Aninger suffered brain damage and other life-long injuries as a result of the shooting."

Just hours after the wharf killing, Manibusan fatally shot Frances Olivo in Seaside. He was convicted of Olivo's homicide, too.

■ Ronald Wayne Moore, 76, killed his neighbor Nicole Carnahan, 11, during an attempted robbery at her Salinas home in March 1998, slashing her throat.

"Carnahan also suffered blunt force injury to her head that resulted in a fractured skull and a laceration to her brain," according to the district attorney's office.

Moore received a death sentence in August 1999.

■ Kenneth Bivert was 17 years old when he shot and killed Steve Patton, 33, along the Sacramento River in 1987. Two days later, he and a friend fatally shot Raymond and Dawn Rogers, a married couple, nearby, so they could steal their car.

While serving a life sentence for the killings at Salinas Valley State Prison, Bivert, 56, fatally stabbed fellow inmate Leonard Swartz, a convicted child molester. Monterey County Superior Court Judge Wendy Duffy sentenced Bivert to death in July 2001 for killing Swartz.

Prosecutors contend that Bivert tried to kill another inmate with a prison-made knife last year. That case is pending in Monterey County Superior Court.

AZAD AGACANYAN

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Azad Agacanyan, who passed away peacefully in her home on the morning of Friday, Nov. 6, 2026.



Born June 19, 1945, in Istanbul, Turkey, Azad made Carmel her home for 48 years. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and a cherished member of our family and the local Armenian community.

A talented seamstress and avid knitter, Azad had a gift for creating beautiful things with her hands. She found great joy in bringing family and friends together through her love of cooking and entertaining. There was always a place for everyone at her table, with no shortage of delicious homemade food and lively conversation. Her kindness and generosity touched the lives of all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Maniyel Agacanyan; her brother, Varoujan Mensurian; her children, Bedros Agacanyan, Ohannes Agacanyan, Talin Tersakyan and Armen Agacanyan; her seven grandchildren, Alen Tersakyan, Sarven Tersakyan, Daron Agacanyan, Lara Agacanyan, Talia Agacanyan, Noah Agacanyan and Gabriel Agacanyan; and her two great-grandchildren, Aiden Schroeder and Conner Schroeder.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Carmel, California. Burial will follow at San Carlos Cemetery in Monterey, California. A reception will be held at 1 p.m. at Pasadera Country Club in Monterey. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Andrew Armenian Church in Cupertino, California.

NICOLE CHARLINE PILLEUX

Oct. 2, 1939 – Aug. 6, 2026

Nicole Charline Pilleux, a longtime resident of the Monterey Peninsula, passed away on Aug. 6, 2026, at age 86.



Nicole was born on Oct. 2, 1939, in France, the youngest of three sisters. Her mother died when she was a young girl, and she was raised by her father and aunt. Those early experiences shaped her into a woman of remarkable resilience. She was, above all, a survivor.

As a young woman, she modeled in Italy and later made a life in Brazil before moving to the United States in 1979. That year marked a new chapter: She married and, at age 40, welcomed her son, Bhaj. She settled on the Monterey Peninsula and made it her home for the rest of her life.

A true nature lover, Nicole found joy in spending time on the beach, running through the forest and taking long drives down the coast. Big Sur held a special place in her heart. She considered it a place of spiritual power and transcendence and returned again and again.

She was a spiritual seeker, in tune with the universe and its energy. She often reflected on the afterlife, which she considered life's greatest mystery. She was deeply passionate about health and nutrition, rarely without her supplements and always happy to share what she had learned. She loved classical music and never turned down a good dance party.

Those who knew Nicole will remember her as loving and joyful, strong-willed and compassionate, with a tender heart and a fun-loving spirit that never left her.

She is survived by her son, Bhaj Johnson, and his wife, Davia Moore; and her two granddaughters, Freya and Phoenix Johnson, whom she adored. She was preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to take a drive to Big Sur in her memory.

HAZARDS

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Altadena — two communities similarly inextricable from their natural surroundings — the Pebble Beach Community Services District doubled its fire defense budget between 2024 and 2025. This year, the district committed $1.5 million to fuel reduction and community preparedness throughout Del Monte Forest. The funds are generated by property taxes and guided by a plan established in 1988, a year after the Morse Fire changed how residents viewed their idyllic gated community.

In 2021, the community services district began updating that plan on a biennial basis, identifying target areas with input from Cal Fire, Pebble Beach Company, the Del Monte Forest Conservancy and the Del Monte Forest Open Space Advisory Committee.



PHOTO/PINE CONE FILE

The May 1987 Morse Fire in Pebble Beach burned 160 acres and destroyed 31 homes.

According to Leonard, Cal Fire personnel have been working daily since Oct. 5 to clear 10 acres of forest near Los Altos Drive, reestablish defensible space perimeters near homes and maintain fire access roads. Crews are hauling off dry, dead and diseased trees, which also put homes and emergency routes at risk during winter storms. They're also limbing trees and removing overgrowth that could allow a spark on the ground to spread to canopies. While grazing helps to eliminate dense underbrush, and the goats are a happy sight in Pebble Beach during the spring and summer, and they can't tackle the ladder fuels that cause severe crown fires, which can produce an inferno as they race through treetops.

The goats also don't discriminate like humans can, and the district has been working closely with a team of ecologists and foresters to protect — and promote — the health of the forest.

"When completed, this vegetation management work and its light amount of disturbance promotes new growth of native plants that have less of a fire risk compared

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3,400-plus homes, of which the city estimates roughly 40% are occupied part-time.

Buder said his complaint is not with an aging population but a less diverse one, and argued that having kids around is good for everyone.

"I start with the belief that a healthy community is one that includes people at every stage of life," he said, before explaining why he'd like to see more families with kids here. When he recently enrolled his twin daughters at Carmel River School, he said in his acceptance speech after last week's election, he learned how few of their classmates are city residents.

"Can you guess how many of this year's first graders actually live in Carmel-by-the-Sea, aside from our daughters?" he asked. "Three. Yeah."

Buder said he believes kids bring vibrancy and joy to their surroundings.

"When I think about the moments when Carmel feels most like a community — the pumpkin roll, the Halloween parade, the tree lighting — the common thread is children," he said. "And when I picture a healthy community, I picture kids riding their bikes and playing basketball in the street. When those things become increasingly rare, I think we're losing something important."

People are drawn to young children, especially in a place like Carmel, where those interactions are less common, according to Buder.

"I also think an important benefit of having families with children in town is that you're raising a generation of people with deep roots in Carmel — people who will grow up with a lifelong appreciation for the history, traditions, people and idiosyncrasies that make this place so special," he said.

What to do about it

The first step in addressing and perhaps remedying the shift away from full-time occupancy and an aging population is to "fully understand why we're losing families," he said.

"Obviously, high housing costs top the list, but there are lots of families with young kids with the means to live here in town who choose to live in, say, Carmel Valley, instead," Buder said. "I'd like to do some focus groups with families that chose to live elsewhere to tease out why."

In addition to being expensive, many homes in Carmel are small, and Buder said he's heard people are reluctant to purchase property here because they believe that "renovating or adding onto a house will be a lengthy and expensive bureaucratic nightmare."



PHOTO/PINE CONE FILE

In 2004, students at River School were treated to a visit from an elephant. At the time, many of the students lived in Carmel-by-the-Sea, which is no longer true, according to Mayor-elect Hans Buder.

And some feel Carmel may be unwelcoming to families and children, though he hasn't experienced anything of the sort, he said. "I also worry that we've reached a tipping point and that families choose to live elsewhere because there's not a critical mass of other young families here in town."

Buder said he would like the city council to establish a committee to study Carmel's population loss and research what initiatives communities experiencing similar shifts have taken to try to address them.

"Still, it's pretty clear that high housing costs and rising second-home ownership are the primary drivers," he said. "It's a really tough nut to crack."

Strong incentives to construct new housing that can accommodate families would help, Buder suggested, as would more commitments by out-of-town property owners to rent out their homes, rather than using them for occasional visits or as vacation rentals.

"Policies that would encourage more of our existing housing stock to be rented as long-term rentals could have a big impact," he said.

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to nonnative, flammable plants. Thinning of the overgrown pine forest will allow trees with proper spacing to grow larger without having to compete for the same resources that have resulted in an overcrowded, growth-stunted forest — contributing to a tremendous amount of fuel loading and a major fire concern," according to district general manager Nick Becker.

By the end of this year, Becker said, crews will have treated the remaining 25% of fire roads and fuel breaks within the Huckleberry Hill Preserve, along with a number of smaller projects along major egress routes. The community's fire defense plan also calls for fuel reduction in vacant lots — there are currently more than 100 throughout the forest — and residents are subject to annual defensible space inspections conducted by the Pebble Beach Fire Department. For new builds, the California Fire Code outlines minimum standards for roofing and construction materials, and 100 feet of defensible space — including an immediate 5-foot "ember-resistant zone," free of combustible material — is required for all residential structures.

Undergrounding utilities

Cal Fire is not the only workhorse that the district has corralled for the effort. Power lines have devastated more than their share of California — and one was responsible for a small fire earlier this year at the intersection of Sunridge and Ronda roads, which firefighters quenched before it spread into the very neighborhood where fuel reduction now proceeds in earnest.

The district is a decade into its utility line undergrounding program, which has recruited PG&E, AT&T, Comcast and other providers to assist. "We just started undergrounding the same power lines that started the open space vegetation fire adjacent to Sunridge Road and Ronda Road earlier this year," Becker said.

The program will have the added benefit of increasing utility reliability, especially during the upcoming storm season, Becker added.



JOEL MORTIMORE

Joel David Mortimore, 96, died Nov. 8, 2026. He is survived by his wife, Diana Mortimore, and his daughters, Jill Chamel and Kristin Mortimore. He is also survived by his son-in-law, Ian Duffy, and his grandson, Wyatt Duffy.

Born in Wyoming, Joel spent most of his life in Sacramento, California. He graduated from the University of Colorado Boulder and was a veteran of the Korean War. He combined his interests in nature and science to grow his company, Western Scientific Supply Company. What he loved most was sharing his enthusiasm for sports and the outdoors with family and friends.

There will be no service.



MERCEDES 'MERCY' PAREDES

Mercedes "Mercy" Paredes passed away peacefully at her home in Monterey, California, on Oct. 31, 2026, at age 100, having blessed our family with her love and spirit throughout her lifetime.

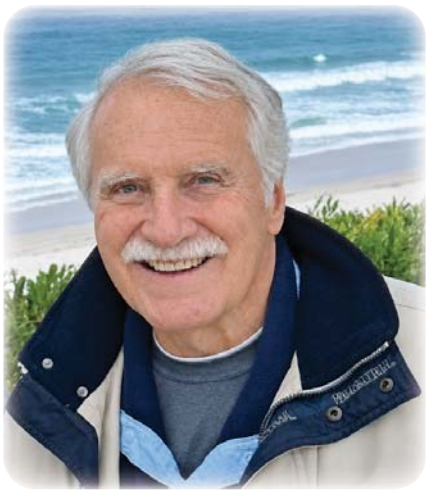
Mercy was born in 1926 in Vanadium, New Mexico, to Anunciacion and Estanislada Rubio. One of 15 children, she was the last surviving sibling. She married Jesus Paredes in 1950, and they shared 65 years of marriage before his death.

Over the years, Mercy worked at Hovden canneries and John Hancock Insurance but was best known for her more than 40 years at Compagno's Deli.

She is survived by her children, Rita Boberg (Larry) and Jesse Paredes (Andrea), both of the Monterey Peninsula; her grandchildren, Raina Bauer, Gregory Bauer, Jessica Paredes and Rachel Salgado; and one great-grandchild, Jaxson Paredes. She also leaves many loving nieces and nephews and numerous friends.

Visitation and a vigil will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, at The Paul Mortuary, 390 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, with a rosary from 7 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, at St. Angela Merici, 362 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove. Burial will follow at San Carlos Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Legion Post 41 in Monterey or The Salvation Army.



PAUL HALLINAN

Paul Hallinan passed away at home in Carmel, California, on Oct. 17, 2026. He was 86.

A lifelong Californian, Paul was born in San Francisco and grew up in Oakdale.

He earned his teaching credential from San Francisco State University and later received his master's degree from San Jose State University.

Paul taught at the American School in Vienna, Austria, for three years, developing a love of opera during his time there.

Upon returning to the United States, he settled in Carmel, where he lived for more than 65 years.

Paul taught at several schools in the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District over a 40-year career. He was an avid traveler, opera enthusiast and passionate gardener.

For six years, he was a devoted volunteer with Carmel Cares' Scenic Pathway Maintenance and Restoration program.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Leo Hallinan and Sherley Rose Hallinan, and his brother, Thomas.

Paul is survived by his life partner, Raul Cucalon; his sisters, Helen Bauman and Sherley Cosio-Scott; his sister-in-law, Carolyn Hallinan; nephews; and many other relatives and close friends.

At Paul's request, no services will be held.

His ashes will be buried at the cemetery in Coulterville, California, where his great-grandparents were early pioneers.

Paul is dearly missed and will always be close to our hearts.

Memorial donations in Paul's honor may be made to a classical music charity of the donor's choice.

Pirates and Padres face off in division semifinals

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

LEFT-HANDED junior Allison Chan will be the only Stevenson golfer advancing to Wednesday's California Interscholastic Federation Girls State Golf Tournament after recording a 4-under-par 68 Monday to place fifth at the CIF Northern California Championships.

Chan, one of three returning varsity starters from the 2025 Central Coast Section and NorCal title team, scored three birdies on the front nine, one on the back nine, and parred the other 14 holes at Poppy Ridge Golf Course in Livermore to tie for fifth place in the individual standings.

As a team, the Pirates scored 373 — 13 over par — to place behind champion Valley Christian (354, 6 under par), runner-up St. Ignatius (362, 2 over) and third-place Granite Bay (367, 7 over). The top three schools qualified their full lineups for state.

Stevenson freshman Cherise Thain tied for 21st place in the 81-player field, finishing with a 2-over-par 74 on the 5,633-yard course.

Next best among the Pirates were sophomore Melinda Ma, senior Lucinda Wu and freshman Emma Mao, all tied for 33rd place with 77 strokes (5 over par). One stroke back was junior Leah Homsy, who tied for 36th place with a 6-over-par 78.

Chan's sizzling round included birdies on No. 1 (a 475-yard par 5), No. 4 (453, par 5), No. 6 (337, par 4) and No. 18 (464, par 5).

Thain's 2-over-par round included scores of 37 on both the front and back nines, including birdies on Nos. 15 and 17 and bogeys on Nos. 5, 12, 14 and 16.

The individual medalist was Bella Ransibrahmanakul of Oak Ridge, whose 7-under-par 65 was a stroke better than those of Beverley Cui and Victoria Cui of Crystal and Stevie Umali of St. Ignatius. Chan was one of four golfers who shot 4 under par for the day.

The state tournament will be played at San Gabriel Country Club.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Sophomore Brooks Honegger amassed 96 goals, 35 assists, and 47 steals this season to lead Stevenson to the PCAL championship and CCS Division 2 semifinals against Carmel, their third meeting of the year.

■ Boys water polo

The PCAL champion Stevenson Pirates and runner-up Carmel Padres advanced to a head-on showdown in Thursday's CCS Division 2 semifinals after decisive victories in their opening-round games.

Second-seeded Stevenson's offensive spark plugs in a 15-7 conquest over No. 7 Westmont included juniors Osaze Djehuti-Mes (three goals, three assists) and James Maiorana (four assists, two steals), while goalkeepers Ze' Franz and Quinn Miron combined for 13 saves.

Thursday's collision between the two PCAL rivals at Gilroy High was their third meeting of the year. Stevenson (21-5 overall, 7-0 in the PCAL) beat the Padres 10-7 in their one PCAL meeting on Oct. 1 at Carmel High School, then won again 15-12 in the finals of the league's postseason tournament on Oct. 31.

After battling Willow Glen to a 4-4 tie early, third-seeded Carmel scored the final 11 goals to rout the No. 6 Rams in their quarterfinal game at Soquel High.

Sam Balas scored six goals and dealt three assists for the Padres (19-8 overall, 6-1 in the PCAL), while Kyle Mitchell, Oliver Cogley, Callan Tescher and Wade Nothhelfer tallied two goals each.

The winner will advance to Saturday's Division 2 championship match against either No. 1 Harker (15-12) or No. 4 Leland (14-11). The venue and time of the finals were not available at presstime.

Carmel beat Harker 14-10 in September. Stevenson downed Leland 20-18 in October.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Stevenson junior Allison Chan shot a 4-under-par 68 at Monday's NorCal Golf Championships to tie for fifth overall. She was the only Pirate to qualify for Wednesday's state tournament at San Gabriel Country Club.

■ Girls water polo

Stevenson's PCAL champion girls (17-10, 6-0 in the league), winners of three of the past four CCS Division 2 championships, were pulled into the 2026 Open Division tournament, where they were eliminated by second-seeded Sacred Heart Prep 15-7 in Saturday's quarterfinals.

Stevenson, seeded No. 7 in the eight-team bracket, benefited from five goals by freshman Lyla Honegger and two goals and two steals by senior Charlotte Morrow during the match, which was played in

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Sacred Heart Prep's home pool.

Among the seven Pirates who played in 15 or more matches this season, only Morrow and Colette Duarte were seniors.

■ Field hockey

Mitty edges Pirates in quarters: The PCAL champion Stevenson Pirates lost a hard-fought 2-1 battle to Archbishop Mitty in the opening round of the CCS Division 1 playoffs on Saturday.

Goalkeeper Zola Ducker made 10 saves, and Ella Bradford and Levan Cheng played outstanding defense for the Pirates, who were seeded No. 6 in the eight-team tournament.

Playing on its home field in San Jose, Mitty leapt to a 1-0 lead on a penalty corner shot in the opening minute of the game and led 2-0 at halftime after tallying again in the final seconds of the second quarter.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Alexis Robinson Bours, Santa Catalina's No. 1 player, is one of multiple locals competing in the CCS team and individual girls tennis championships.

German boarding student Greta Jungjohann scored Stevenson's only goal off a penalty corner shot in the third quarter.

The Pirates finished their season with the best record in school history — 17-5-2 overall — including a 12-0 finish in the PCAL, their third straight league championship.

Mitty, the No. 3 seed in the CCS bracket, advanced to Wednesday's semifinals against No. 2 St. Francis with a 17-4 overall record. (The result of that game was unavailable at press time.)

■ CCS girls tennis

Team tourney underway: Santa Catalina, Stevenson and Carmel played quarterfinal matches on Tuesday in the CCS Division 3 Girls Team Tennis Championships — the first year sectionals are being contested in more than one division.

Catalina (13-1 overall), seeded No. 5 in the eight-school bracket, played No. 4 Leland (12-0) in its opening-round game.

Seventh-seeded Stevenson (14-3) drew No. 2 Saratoga (12-2), and Carmel, No. 8, took on No. 1 Homestead (15-7).

Results of Thursday's semifinal round were unavailable at press time. Saturday's Division 3 championship match is scheduled at 11 a.m. at Bay Club Courtside in Los Gatos.

■ CCS events still ahead

Cross country: PCAL Gabilan Division champion Jasper Bolante, a Carmel senior, is expected to be a high finisher at the CCS championships, scheduled Nov. 14 at the Crystal Springs Course (distance: 2.95 miles) in Belmont, and his freshman teammate, Henry Bartle, also is expected to do well for the Padres, who qualified their full boys team for the race.

Carmel's CCS lineup also will include juniors Timber Mearns and Ian Collins, and sophomores Zachary Gardener, Miles Blum and Charles Guzzi.

Carmel junior Jasmin Jin and Stevenson's Landyn Martis and Julianna Cullers qualified for the girls race.

Local team qualifiers in the boys division are Carmel, Marina, Pacific Grove, Monterey and Stevenson.

The Pirates will compete in the Division 5 race with a roster composed of Nate Gregory, Keane Irvine, Michael Mills, Ian Evangelista, Harry Hansen-Higgins, Charles Meyer and Antonio Parker.

Girls tennis: The girls individual tennis championships — both singles and doubles — will be played Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Bay Club Courtside in Los Gatos.

First and second rounds will be contested on Monday in the singles division and Tuesday in doubles play. Semifinals and finals — singles and doubles — are Wednesday. Play begins at noon each day.



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Carmel's Callan Tescher scored 123 goals and dealt 49 assists — both PCAL highs — and recorded 39 steals to lead the Padres into a Thursday CCS semifinal showdown with Stevenson.

In the 16-player singles bracket, Catalina's Alexis Robinson Bours will play Gunn's Bess Shubb in the first round, and Stevenson's top player (whose name is withheld at the family's request) will open against the tournament's No. 1 seed, Emi Okada-Alonzo of Monterey.

In doubles play, Stevenson will be represented by two teams. Sloane Escher and Vivianna Beck will face Harker's Natalie Deng and Allison Ishisaka, and Lao Yoon and Karen Baker drew the tournament's second-seeded tandem, Aragon's Ella Teng and Emma Teng.

Catalina's Chloe Thomson and Avani Singh drew Leland's Shiloh Chanon and Krio Moon for their opener.

Football: The Carmel Padres received the No. 8 seed in Division 4 of the CCS playoffs and a 7 p.m. game at top-seeded Aptos on Nov. 13.

Carmel completed the regular season with a 5-5 overall record, 3-4 in the PCAL's Gabilan Division, where the Padres finished in third place.

Aptos, 7-3 overall, won the PCAL's Mission North crown with a 5-0 mark against division opponents.

The Mariners rely primarily on a ground-oriented offense and a defense that limited opponents to less than 150 yards per game. They outscored their foes 348-197 this season, averaging 34.8 points per game, second-best in the PCAL.

Carmel averaged 32.2 points per game this season against a more formidable schedule of opponents and led all PCAL schools in yards per game (340.6).

This is the fourth straight year Carmel has qualified for the postseason. The 2024 Padres went 15-0, winning CCS, NorCal and California's 5AA state championship.

The Carmel-Aptos winner will advance to face either No. 4 Monterey or No. 5 Christopher in the semifinals. Matchups on the opposite side of the bracket are No. 3 Carlmont vs. No. 6 Willow Glen, and No. 2 Mountain View vs. No. 7 Sacred Heart Prep.

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Editorial

Two magic words

SHORTLY AFTER winning reelection to Congress, Jimmy Panetta issued a statement saying his next term would focus on "affordability and accountability." A related social media post from the Carmel Valley representative elaborated on the idea. "By lowering the cost of everyday essentials and fighting corruption," Panetta said, Democrats could "restore both affordability and accountability."

The choice of words was not his alone. Within days, a notable cluster of Democratic politicians — national leaders, longtime members, newly elected officials and campaign consultants — used the same two words to describe their governing priorities. The synchronization was rapid and widespread.

House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York repeatedly used the formulation in post-election remarks, declaring that "House Democrats are going to focus on affordability, accountability and a return to American values." Many other Democrats followed his example, including Rep. Pramila Jayapal of Washington, Rep. Mike Levin of California, Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut, Reps. Jamie Raskin and Sarah Elfreth of Maryland, Democratic Whip Katherine Clark of Massachusetts and Rep.-elect Manny Rutinel of Colorado.

This simultaneous adoption of nearly identical language has become an ordinary product of modern political message discipline, rather than spontaneous independent cleverness. The specific pairing, "affordability and accountability," was road-tested weeks before Election Day. In early September 2026, the progressive organization Indivisible, working with the Democratic-aligned polling firm Lake Research Partners, released battleground surveys showing that voters found candidates who combined lowering costs with taking on corruption and special interests substantially more persuasive than candidates who emphasized either theme alone. Seventy-three percent of battleground respondents said they were more likely to support a candidate who pursued both.

These findings were publicized in press releases and, most prominently, in a Sept. 8 column in the British newspaper The Guardian by Indivisible co-executive directors Ezra Levin and Leah Greenberg. Titled "Democrats need to win," the column argued that affordability and accountability should be treated as complementary rather than competing priorities and that the pairing was the most effective message for the midterms and beyond.

Once the midterms produced Democratic majorities, party leaders moved the tested phrase into official use. Jeffries and the House Democratic Caucus adopted it as a post-election organizing slogan. From there, the language traveled through the normal channels of contemporary politics, including caucus talking-point guidance, shared communications consultants, media trainers, rapid-response operations and staff networks connecting members' offices, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and allied organizations.

Party members have practically irresistible professional incentives to stay within the approved vocabulary. Using the same words reduces the risk of freelancing that could be portrayed as off-message, maintains a consistent public contrast with the opposition and aligns individual statements with research the party's consultants have already commissioned. Official caucus accounts then amplify the language, reinforcing the incentive for others to echo it.

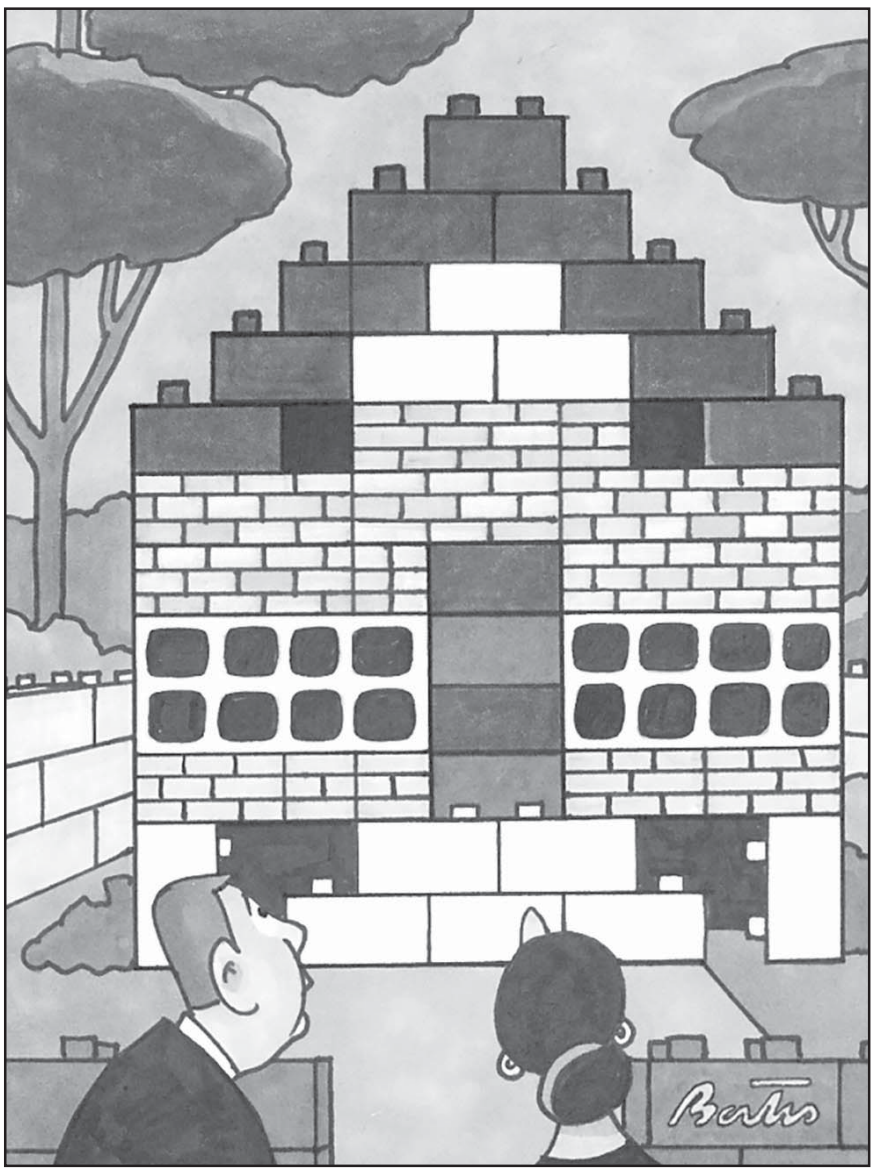
The phenomenon is bipartisan and routine. Republican members have long coordinated on phrases such as "border crisis," "weaponization of the Justice Department" and "woke agenda" through polling, leadership distribution and consultant networks. In both parties, the goal is the same: to create a clear, repeatable frame that voters encounter from many voices at once. When multiple Democratic officials used "affordability and accountability" in the days after the 2026 midterms, they were executing a researched, leadership-endorsed message laid out months earlier, rather than simply saying what they thought.

The point is not that every Democrat who used the phrase had been handed the same script. Nor does using tested language prove that the politicians do not genuinely care about lowering costs or investigating corruption. It shows something more ordinary and revealing: Political language is increasingly developed as a product.

Pollsters identify the concerns. Advocacy groups test the framing. Consultants refine the words. Party leaders repeat them, and members learn that staying within the approved vocabulary is safer than improvising. A phrase that works in a survey can move quickly from a research memo to a campaign message, then from a leader's press conference to dozens of congressional social media accounts.

That is how "affordability and accountability" went from a polling-tested message in September to a Democratic talking point after the election. The politicians may have meant what they said. But the words had already been chosen, tested and prepared for mass distribution.

BEST of BATES



"I hear they used a Danish architect."

Letters to the Editor

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Why Prop 40 lost

Dear Editor,

A front-page article in last week's Pine Cone stated that Prop 40 was defeated despite the campaign bringing progressive superstar Sen. Bernie Sanders to California to rally support. I suggest that perhaps it was defeated because Sanders was brought here.

This is a Democratic state. Yet do we know how many loyal Democrats are fiscally conservative while also being fiercely liberal on social issues? Those who are fiscally conservative may well have been turned off by anything Sanders promoted.

Joan Zaslow, *Carmel*

Volunteers step up

Dear Editor,

In the early morning hours of Oct. 28, a terrible fire caused major damage to commercial structures in Carmel Valley Village. Firefighters and other first responders from across the Peninsula and as far away as Hollister assisted in a coordinated response known as "mutual aid." Volunteers from the Monterey Community Emergency Response Team also responded to support the firefighters' efforts.

CERT is a Federal Emergency Management Agency program taught at the local level that instructs residents in a wide variety of emergency-response skills. Local CERT training and instruction are primarily sponsored by the City of Monterey but include residents from all Peninsula communities. Neighborhood CERT groups maintain emergency caches so their members have the tools and equipment needed to respond to emergencies in their neighborhoods. CERT also responds across the Peninsula to searches for missing people and coastal incidents, as well as major storms, fires and other emergencies in which a trained group of dedicated volunteers can assist.

During the Village fire, Carmel Valley CERT was the lead agency coordinating the response of 30 volunteers from across the Peninsula. They provided a rest and relief station for the dozens of firefighters battling the blaze. Members also directed traffic at several locations to isolate the fire area and keep the public safe, relieving law enforcement officers of that duty. Volunteers remained at the scene for several hours.

CERT is one team serving the entire Peninsula community.

Demetrius Kastros, *Monterey*

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Free-range vintner, interesting dirt

Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

GREG VITA makes some of Monterey County's most celebrated wines, but don't bother trying to find his name on the labels.

That's because the 70-year-old vintner has spent more than three decades working under the radar, helping Carmel Valley wineries produce some truly distinct bottles. Along with his son, Chris, Vita runs Vita Winery Consulting, overseeing the process from cultivation to corking for clients including Galante Vineyards, Pelio Estate, Holman Ranch and even Leon Panetta's private label.

The freelance life — a highly unusual arrangement in his field — seems to suit him just fine.

This year, harvest was a 200-acre effort shared with Chris, their five full-time employees and a seasonal field crew. Often with an apprentice at his side, Vita runs five small facilities that turn out approximately 200 limited-production wines, with an emphasis on pinot noir, chardonnay and bubbles.

His low-intervention methods allow the personality of each vineyard to shine, but there is one thing all his clients have in common: Each produces fewer than 5,000 cases per year.

"Everyone is concerned about yields — I'm not. Some winery owners have to get used to that," said Vita, whose lengthy client list could keep him swirling and spitting into his centennial year.

"At this point in my career, I can be picky about who we work with," he said.

"We make wine from whatever the ground is going to give us — and if their ground isn't interesting, I'm not terribly interested."



PHOTO/VITA WINERY CONSULTING

Local vigneron Greg Vita established his wine consulting business in 1992, and partnered with his son, Chris, in 2017.

Basement wine

Sniffing out good soil is a skill to be cultivated, one Vita developed early on. He vividly remembers the backyard of his childhood home, which his mother divided into five plots. Each family member was required to grow something — it didn't matter what — even his father, who only wanted tomatoes.

The youngest of four, Vita was born in 1956 in McCloud, an unincorporated lumber town near Mount Shasta. His paternal

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Complicated, creative — and sometimes quirky work

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

SINCE 2017, this space has done a deep dive into the remarkable lives of more than 500 artists — all locals. Here are a few interesting things we learned about the talented people we featured this year. (The publication date of each artist's full profile in The Pine Cone appears in parentheses.)

Marina's **David Hohmann** (Aug. 14, 2026) creates weird paintings in his studio at Pacific Grove Art Center, then gives them appropriately odd names: "One-legged Lemon Drop Hop," "Third Skull Saloon," "The Tilted Cowboy," "The Blue-Nosed Juggler," "Carrot Leg," "The Boy in the Green Glow" and "Chameleon Man."

His artistic influences, beginning in childhood, have included Hanna-Barbera cartoons, underground magazines, original rock 'n' roll concert posters from San Francisco's psychedelic '60s and '70s, the counterculture, neo-expressionism, neo-fauvism, the colorful creations of artist Peter Max and The Beatles movie, "Yellow Submarine."



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Citing influences like Hanna-Barbera and Peter Max, David Hohmann always was attracted to the kind of edgy and unusual art he creates in his studio at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

Black-and-white photographer **Alli Wood** (Jan. 9, 2026) — whose Carmel gallery, Oficino Uno Fine Art Photography, is upstairs from The Club Carmel boutique and Carmel Coffee House — was working at Photography West around 2000 when her artistic idol, Ruth Bernhard, walked through the door.

"The coolest thing was we went out for dinner afterwards," Wood said. "And she told me, 'You've got to look at the world with a child's eyes … pick up your salad and eat it with your hands … follow your dreams!'"

The advice still inspires and motivates Wood as she pursues her art full-time.

'Enjoy your work'

Ray Anderson (Sept. 11, 2026) became a ceramicist 54 years ago, as a high school freshman, and he's still at it, even as he's working on the Monterey Peninsula as a paint contractor.

"My dad told me, 'Enjoy your work and you'll never work a day in your life,'" recalled Anderson, who still loves both pastimes — one of which, he realized early, would always be a part of his life.

"I came to Carmel with my parents when I was 9 or 10. We were walking down Ocean Avenue, and I told them, 'I want to be an artist and live in Carmel,'" remembered Anderson, a Redwood City native who moved here in 1982.

Carmel Valley oil painter **Harvey Schrum** (March 6, 2026) specializes in painting portraits of underappreciated historical people he sees as difference-makers, after spending his professional lifetime trying to make a difference himself.

Schrum taught "rehabilitation through purpose" to inmates he counseled during a long career as a therapist in California's prison system at Folsom Prison and at High Desert State Prison in Susanville.

"I told them, 'You can't rewrite your past, but you can give it meaning,'" said Schrum, a Ph.D. who has authored four books. "Meaning is the thing that sets you free."

The success of his rehabilitation through purpose philosophy was quantifiable.

"At least 40% of the inmates released from California prisons wind up coming back," he said. "Only 5% of the men who went through my program have returned."

Happy place

Multimedia/mixed-media artist **Bernadette Renois** (Oct. 23, 2026) of Seaside, a passionate trail runner, aspires to participate someday in the Western States 100-mile Endurance Run, the world's oldest race of that length. It starts at 5 a.m. on a Saturday in California's Olympic Valley, near Lake Tahoe, and finishes at Placer High School in Auburn. Runners must complete the course in less than 30 hours, before 11 a.m. Sunday.

"Running is my happy place," Renois said.

Marina's **Elaine Goldstone** (June 5, 2026) was a graphic design student at San Jose State University in 1982 when she

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From the mayor's desk —

Carmel said yes

By DALE BYRNE

ON ELECTION night, as results came in at City Hall, a local reporter asked me about my most important accomplishment as mayor.

I could have talked about budgets, infrastructure, and public safety. Instead, I gave the reporter an answer that doesn't fit into a spreadsheet. I believe our town is happier. Residents trust their city government more. Our council has used good processes to reach good decisions, and our village is ready to take big steps forward.

Tuesday's election gave me more reason for hope.

Stepping forward

Congratulations to our next mayor, Hans Buder, to returning council member Alissandra Dramov, and to incoming council member Stefan Karapetkov. Thank you for accepting the responsibility, the homework, and the quiet stresses that come with the job, which I understand better now.

There's a story behind this election. A few months ago, I wrote in this column that we are never quite ready for the things that matter. If we wait until we know everything, have unlimited time, or feel completely comfortable, we may never step forward.

Two readers took it to heart and ran for office: Stefan Karapetkov and David Boland. Our hometown newspaper helped inspire two residents to put their names on a ballot, and one will now help guide our village. They both deserve our thanks. Standing before the voters takes courage,

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and everyone who participates thoughtfully strengthens our community, win or lose.

■ Investing in our village

Then came Measures M and N. With roughly 70% voting yes on each, residents approved nearly $4 million in additional annual revenue for the city. Five residents and I formed a committee to explain the need, answer questions, and earn support with a positive message. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, displayed a sign, talked with neighbors, or studied the choices.

And thank you to the voters. Nobody enjoys paying more in taxes. But residents and visitors love this village, and caring for it costs money. Streets wear out. Buildings age. Deferred maintenance rarely gets cheaper.

The council tightened our budget and made more room for capital improvements. Voters provided the resources to help close the remaining gap. The next council will inherit a stronger financial foundation and perhaps the strongest leadership team in the town's history.

■ Earning trust

That support comes with responsibility. Residents should see where the money goes, understand the priorities, and watch projects move from plans to completed work. Trust grows when government follows through.

Trust also grows from how decisions are made: arriving with an open mind, sharing information, listening carefully, asking hard questions and explaining the reasoning. We will never agree on everything. This is Carmel. But we can have spirited debates about stop signs, housing policy and the police station project while still respecting one another, and difficult decisions can come from a fair process people understand.

As my term winds down, that is what gives me the greatest satisfaction. So many people have helped build a community that feels more connected, more engaged and better prepared for what comes next.

■ Our next chapter

Work remains. We have two full council meetings in December, and then the new council will bring its own ideas, priorities and judgment. I look forward to participating as a neighbor and volunteer.

When I ran for mayor, my message was "Together, We'll Get Things Done." This week, Carmel said yes. Yes to people willing to serve and yes to the resources to move forward. Now comes the satisfying part: turning that support into progress.

Together, we have given our next chapter a promising start, and every resident and business has a role.

To hear a podcast generated from this column, go to cli.re/happyvillage.

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

ASSAULT

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Rose and Jeffrey Clause.

The petition asks a judge to allow the girl to sue Hartnell even though she missed the deadline to file a claim with the college, a step that must be taken before a lawsuit can be filed. It says she asked Hartnell in July to accept a late claim, but school officials did not respond, which is usually treated as a tacit rejection.

The petition says state law requires Hartnell to grant the late-claim application.

"Claimant was a minor at the time of the assault, and is still today," the document says, adding that "she brought her late claim application within one year of the date" her legal right to file suit began.

Hartnell, which contracts with an outside security firm, said the guard no longer works at the college.

Hartnell "affirms that the safety and wellbeing of students, faculty, staff and community remain a top priority," the college told The Pine Cone Thursday. "Any conduct that threatens safety, violates core values or breaches district policies and legal obligations will not be tolerated."

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Painters step up to help dog battling cancer, art walk set for Saturday

NEARLY TWO dozen artists are rallying behind Luna, a local German shepherd/Siberian husky/white Swiss shepherd mix who has lymphoma.

"We put out a call to artists inviting them to donate their work, and the response has been incredibly heartwarming," said painter Paul Richmond, who helped organize a fundraising auction. "So far, 22 artists have contributed 45 pieces of art, creating a wonderful collection of original artwork that people can bid on while supporting a very meaningful cause."



Twenty-two local artists are raising money for Luna, who is battling lymphoma. A fundraising auction is underway.

Richmond was thrilled by the response from his fellow artists.

"I'm especially proud of the participation from our arts community," he said. "It's a beautiful reminder of how people can come together to support one another, and how something as simple as sharing our creativity can make a real difference in someone's life."

Luna is undergoing treatment for the cancer. Proceeds from the auction will go to her person, Monterey resident Scout Luketich.

"The auction is happening entirely online and is open to bidders everywhere," Richmond added. "Every bid helps support Scout and Luna."

To see the art and place a bid, visit paulrichmondstudio.com/pages/artforluna.

■ Incomplete perfection

A new show at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, "Studies: From Thought to Form," brings together a dozen painters and sculptors who share some of their best unfinished work — revealing much about the creative process along the way. The gallery will be the site of a free public opening reception Friday at 5 p.m.

The artists include Will Bullas, Richard Greathouse, Joaquin Turner, Sarah Healey and others.

"The exhibition brings together a formidable roster of 12 regional and international artists spanning classical draftsmanship, modernist abstraction, satire and figurative bronze," announced the art center, which is at 729 Fourth Ave. in Carmel. "The show places preliminary sketches, compositional drafts and technical maquettes alongside completed works to chart the precise trajectory from initial spark to finished object. The show operates as a kind of visual forensic exercise, laying bare the false starts, structural anxieties and sudden breakthroughs that guide an artist's hands before a work ever meets a gallery wall."

Curated by sculptor Kris Swanson, the exhibit continues through Dec. 5.

The art center is also seeking submissions through Nov. 30 for its annual "Make Merry at the Cherry" fundraising show next month. carlcherrycenter.org

■ CAA welcomes displays

Carmel Art Association hosts an opening reception Saturday at 4 p.m. for two new shows — "Thinking Abstractly," which features art in many media by Jessica Bovert, Heidi Hybl, Lucas Blok, John Cromwell, Kathryn Greenwald, Dennis Peak, Noro Partido and Kathleen Crocetti, and "Keep It Wild" by painter and printmaker Jennifer Anderson. Both exhibits will be on display through Nov. 30.

"Thinking Abstractly" includes art that "ranges from quiet to lively, inviting viewers to bring their own interpretations," according to the downtown gallery, which is at 555 Dolores St. and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anderson's exhibit was sparked by her research of 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, N.Y.

"Working in watercolor and drypoint 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 added. "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."

■ Self-guided tour

Showcasing more than a dozen downtown galleries owned by working artists, the Carmel Art Walk returns Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. The monthly event is family-friendly and free, and offers the chance to "stroll through the quaint streets of Carmel on a self-guided tour, while meeting the local artists who keep the heart of the village beating strong."

Participants include Joaquin Turner Gallery, Carmel Art Association, Jennifer Perlmutter Gallery and many others. Each gallery will have a lantern hanging out front, as well as maps marking the entire tour.

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

■ 'Sanctuary in Stone'

Looking at one of nature's masterpieces through the eyes of a gifted photographer, Bradley Print and Photo in Pacific Grove unveils a display of images of Yosemite National Park by William Neill, who is sharing his most recent book.

The event will be a "big opening night celebration of William Neill's 'Yosemite: Sanctuary in Stone,' featuring more than 40 years of his extraordinary Yosemite photography," said the gallery, which is at 566 Lighthouse Ave.

"Bill will be there, and we're making a night of it with live music, wine and light refreshments," said Jason Bradley, owner of the shop that bears his name.



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grandparents came from Italy, and he and his siblings got their first taste of watered-down homemade wine from Nonno Vita's cellar.

"I still remember the smell of it," he said.

All the men in the family were employed at the local mill, but Vita's mother, a nurse, insisted that neither of her sons would end up working there. Although a third of Vita's senior class didn't graduate — and only two enrolled in college — he managed to follow his brother and two sisters to UC Davis.

Spring Mountain, a.k.a. 'Falcon Crest'

A summer job with the U.S. Forest Service inspired him to study botany and plant science. In the months between high school and college, he and another recruit were handed the epic task of scouting the future route of the Pacific Crest Trail through Siskiyou County, spending weeklong stretches in the backcountry to map it out. Government work never got much better than that, and after three summers with the agency, the idea of being a public botanist had lost its shine.

With a nudge from a college girlfriend — who was enrolled in Davis' viticulture and enology program — Vita returned from a post-college trip to the mythic wine centers of Europe with a new plan in mind.

He moved to St. Helena, where he began working at Spring Mountain Vineyard in 1980. It had just hired winemaker John Williams, formerly employed by Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, which won the famous 1976 Judgment of Paris, a blind taste test that put Napa on the map. Williams was a pioneer of organic grape growing and dry farming — relying strictly on natural rainfall — two practices that Vita observes to this day.

Spring Mountain was a small operation. In no time, Williams approached him and said, "Stop wasting time in the vineyards and come work with me in the winery," as Vita recalls it.

Williams insisted that the winery's owner — "who was pretty progressive," Vita said — send Vita back to Davis to earn a graduate degree in enology while covering his full salary and tuition.

Less than two years later, he dropped out. Williams had decided to establish his own winery, Frog's Leap, leaving the 28-year-old Vita to oversee Spring Mountain.

Fortunately, "I'd taken on a lot for John, and I felt ready" to manage the cellar, the vineyards and — the thorn in his side — a dozen young people who staffed the tasting room. Aside from the expected shenanigans, the prime-time soap opera "Falcon Crest" was filmed on the property, and fans frequently overran the place.

Vita spent more than a decade as Spring Mountain's general manager and winemaker and had opportunities to partner again with Williams and other esteemed wineries. But a particularly special piece of land had attracted his attention in 1987, and weekends away from Napa became more frequent.

"I had plenty of job offers, but we were going to have kids, and there was an obvious lure to living on the ranch," said Vita of his family's historic Big Sur property.

109 acres in Big Sur

Around 1910, Vita's maternal grandfather had left the Midwest and arrived in the Salinas Valley, where his dream seemed dead on arrival when he learned the price of farmland. Sensing his desperation, a county official mentioned there was plenty of land — cheap, because it was extraordinarily rugged — along the county's southern coast. A multiple-day horseback journey was required to access Grimes Ranch, where, decades later, Vita and his siblings would spend entire summer days waiting for a single car to drive down Highway 1 so they could throw eggs at it.

"We were four hellions running around there," Vita said, laughing.

The original 109 acres had been divided into thirds among his mother and her two sisters, but 30 would be plenty for the Vitas, even with two rambunctious boys. Vita and his wife, Diana — who studied enology at Cornell and has worked at Calera Vineyards in Hollister — made the ranch their permanent home in 1994.

That year, Jack Galante had approached Vita about transforming his own family ranch in Cachagua into a winery. Carmel Valley had gotten its appellation a decade before, but had yet to earn its foothold.

"I thought, 'This could be fun, starting something from the ground up,'" Vita said of the effort to transform the 700-acre property, including cave-digging and building a production facility.

He'd already formed his consulting business in 1992 to assist wineries at all life stages. Getting a new operation up and running is an occasional feat for Vita, but most of his energy is devoted to helping longtime clients put their stamp on what he considers "the most exciting" wine region.

The Vitas are incredibly fastidious. Their obsession can also be credited to the uniqueness of Monterey County's appellations — especially the Santa Lucia Highlands — which are blessed with a cool marine layer that slows ripening to give fruit a greater depth of character.

Vita has worked with numerous proteges over the years, passing on his masterful sense of taste: how to detect the smallest fluctuations in yeast, whether grapes were treated too harshly in the pressing, and so on. His most invaluable student is his youngest son, Chris, 35, who also attended UC Davis and continued his winemaking training in New Zealand before partnering with his dad.

Working with the seasons isn't such a bad way to do family business, especially once fall harvest — a 90-day marathon, when 12-hour days and nighttime harvests warp one's sense of time — is in the rearview. Any chance they get, the Vitas head out for fly fishing, climbing and hiking trips, though coming home to the ranch every day is a reward in itself.

"I love the cyclical aspect of this work — there's heart to it," Vita said.

LETTERS

From page 26A

How much will desal cost?

Dear Editor,

The recent Pine Cone story about the cost of Cal Am's desalination project omitted a critical fact. In its application, Cal Am showed the California Public Utilities Commission that its proposed desalination plant would raise our water bills by 88%.

This is beyond belief when our water is already among the most expensive in the country. Currently, 5,000 gallons a month from Cal Am costs about $161.49, or $1,938 a year.

To put that in perspective, consider the newly released Food & Water Watch report on the cost of water across the country. The organization evaluated the 500 largest water systems, both public and private, using a standard measurement of 60,000 gallons a year — 5,000 gallons a month — which is the average national household use. The most expensive water in the study cost $1,416 a year. Compare that with the $1,938 we already pay. Now raise that by 88%. Does anyone take Cal Am seriously when it says it is concerned about affordability?

The Monterey Peninsula was not included in the Food & Water Watch report this time because our population dropped to 92,450, below the study's cutoff of 98,000. Still, the report gives us a national benchmark for water costs. Our costs have shot into the stratosphere.

It would be one thing if we needed this desalination plant, but we don't. Pure Water Monterey has already provided a new water supply that will last through decades of growth.

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Melodie Chrislock, *Monterey*

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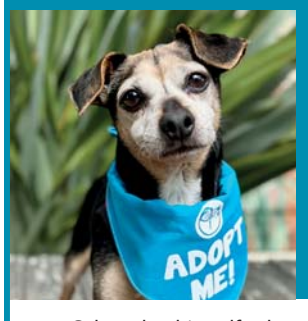
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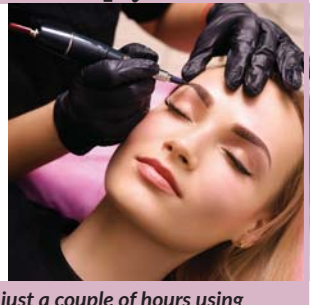
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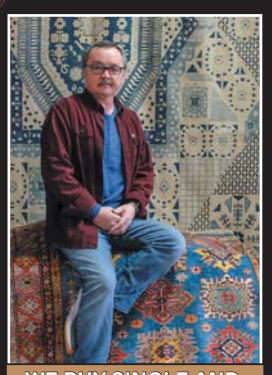
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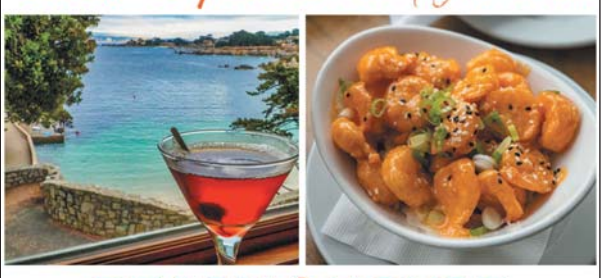
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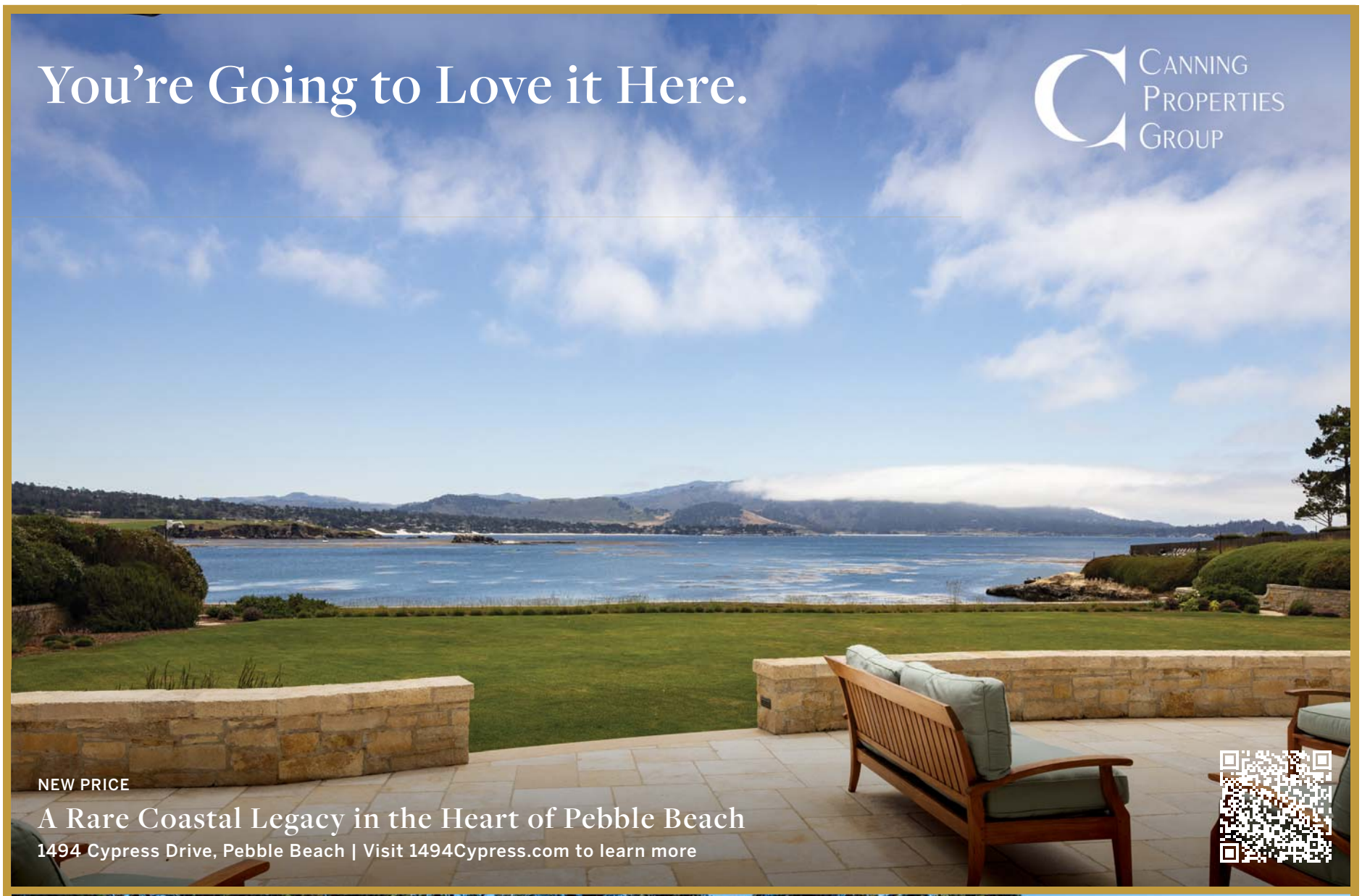


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PENINSULA BUSINESSES

Local brewers talk about suds, exotic fruit, and community

By LISA LAPIN

FOR EVAN Loewy, running the taproom at Other Brother Beer, a craft brewery and pub in downtown Seaside, is pure joy. It's the idea of being embedded in the community, serving quality beer — 15 different pours — and watching people come together to enjoy it.

For Jeffrey Vitalich, making small-batch craft beer with atypical fresh ingredients is a labor of love. At his self-described "mom-and-pop" taproom in Carmel's Barnyard, he is the owner, server, event coordinator and supply manager all in one.

But his role as master brewer for Hidden Hills Brewing & Blending makes it all worthwhile.

"I'm here 24/7. It's grueling, but I love it," Vitalich said. "Talking to everyone, that's what drives me. I can address their questions, like talking to the chef at a restaurant. I can explain the intricate details about why I created what I did and how it came about — a more personable approach. It brings the 'craft' back into craft beer."

Loewy and Vitalich, both 38-year-old millennials, are part of a wave of young craft brewery founders making their mark on the Monterey Peninsula. They are giving the region one more claim to fame — a place where award-winning specialty craft beer is made.

Secret spot

Other Brother Beer Co. launched in Seaside in 2019. The classic brewpub on Broadway serves smash burgers, tater tots and donut holes to complement its dizzying array of lagers, pale ales, pilsners, IPAs and stouts, with some slushies and wine for good measure.

Microbrewery Hidden Hills began in 2021, first as Carmel Craft and then as Hidden Hills "after everyone started calling us this hidden gem," Vitalich said. "We don't put a lot of money into marketing, and we were known as this secret spot, so we went with that." Hidden Hills makes two unique barrels at a time, and they go fast at $8 a pint. Food is bring-your-own, or customers can order from Allegro Pizzeria next door.



Other Brother Beer Co. in Seaside was launched in 2019. Brewing and serving quality beer and food has kept its crew busy ever since.

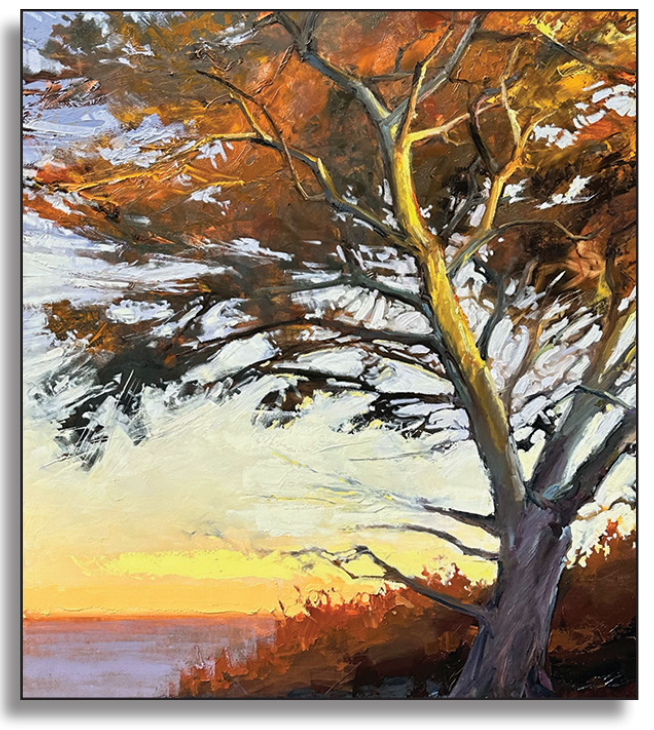
Hops & Fog Brewing Co. is the newest locally made beer entry, opening its downtown Pacific Grove brewpub and restaurant in a converted laundromat last year. Founder Mike Durrant, a longtime Pacific Grove resident and award-winning homebrewer, decided to blend his business skills with his love of brewing. Tapas and pizza pies are on the Hops & Fog menu, in addition to tap beers with names like GusGus Goose golden ale and Rip Van Winkle IPA.

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Teaching anyone to fish is the family business

By LILY PATTERSON



The Chubasco is the largest vessel operated by J&M Sportfishing and Discovery Whale Watch, and every expedition is narrated by a naturalist.

IN HIS recollection of a dozen years helming the Chubasco, Capt. J.J. Rasler has docked empty-handed only three times.

"When it comes to rockfish and lingcod, if we bring in fewer than five per person, I'm upset," Rasler said.

Sport fishing is a game of glory and guts. It's a genuine adventure, but how does someone with little to no experience get a taste of Monterey Bay's rich waters, let alone reel in a week's worth of seafood?

The cheapest option is to find a friend with a boat, of course, but shelling out $140 for a day with J&M Sport Fishing is a solid deal. Fishing trips can be booked online, often on a whim, though a few days' advance booking is recommended. Coffee and cocoa are complimentary, and gear is available to rent. The crew — most of whom have been gutting fish since they could hold a knife — are the seafaring equivalent of kindergarten teachers, taking care of all the dirty work down to filleting the day's catch, which they suggest bringing to Café Fina for a fresh-catch meal deal.

The restaurant's just around the corner from where the fishing charter and its sister company, Discovery Whale Watch, have been stationed since 2017.

'Wharf rat'

Interviewing the crew felt a little like walking into someone's family room on a Sunday afternoon. They finished each other's sentences, passed around snacks and Diet Cokes, and didn't seem to mind that an outsider was scrambling to keep up with all the first-name-only mentions. Except for general manager Sophie Darling, the core group has been running on Wharf No. 1 since they were kids. Who needs a last name?

The first sport fishing enterprise in Monterey was established by J&M owner Mathew Arcoleo's great-grandfather. It's still around and has since added whale-watching to its repertoire, while the former Frank's Fishing Trips — established by Arcoleo's grandfather and father — was purchased by the Shake family in 1974 and eventually became Princess Monterey Whale Watching Tours.

Though he'd grown up a "wharf rat," Arcoleo went on to work in tech in the San Francisco Bay area. Around 2016, he caught wind that one of his dad's old wharf neighbors, Randy's Fishing Trips & Whale Watching, was up for sale. Arcoleo had always entertained the idea of picking up the family line of work, and through his daughter, Brooke, he found a co-investor.

They purchased Randy's and decided to distinguish their sport fishing and whale-watching operations with fresh monikers — J&M and Discovery.

Capt. Rasler — whose father was a local salmon fisherman — was well-known on the wharf by the time he was 14 and started working for Princess owner Benji Shake, who encouraged him to get his captain's license. Rasler piloted for the Sea Goddess and Sanctuary whale-watching outfits in Moss Landing before coming aboard for J&M and Discovery, where he's captained since the ribbon-cutting in spring 2017.

Exhausting work

His vessel, the Chubasco, is the largest in the fleet and is generally dedicated to sport fishing trips. Rasler apparently loves the work, despite summer days that stretch 12 to 14 hours and the exhausting work of untangling lines and tracking fish counts.

The boat's capacity is 40, but actual headcounts hover around 20 or fewer for the sake of comfort, safety and a

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PENINSULA BUSINESSES

When real estate is all in the family

By ELAINE HESSER

THE REAL estate business on the Monterey Peninsula is often a family affair. There isn't space to do justice to all the multigenerational teams and borderline dynasties around here, but the sheer number of them does raise an interesting question.

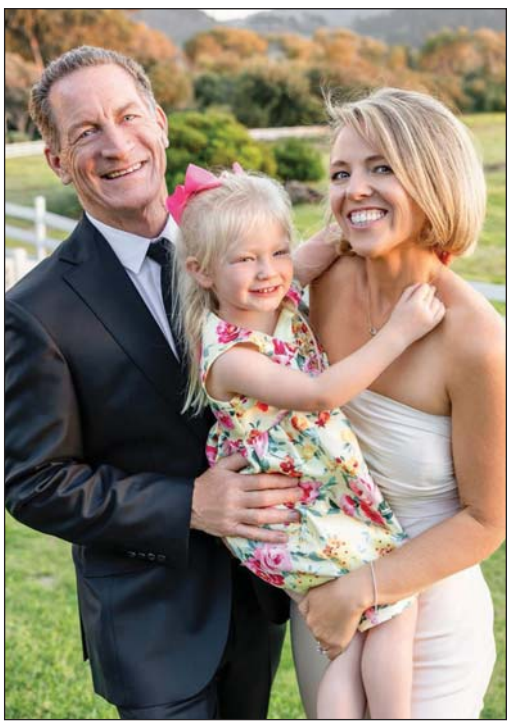
What's it like to bring up children in a high-powered competitive enterprise that has no set hours and often muscles its way into the weekends, evenings and holidays that most people think of as family time?

Some local real estate moms and dads talked to The Pine Cone about the subject.

Newlyweds Ben and Shannon (Highfield) Beesley are the parents of 3-year-old Addison, "our first and only child," said Ben, whose mother was also a longtime local realtor.

Addison has more frequent-flier miles than a lot of adults, as Mom and Dad have brought her along on more than a dozen trips already.

"She loves hotels and loves room service," said Shannon. The couple — who met while working at Keller Williams — include their daughter in all sorts of activities.



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Newlyweds Ben and Shannon Beesley are shown with their daughter, Addison.

Exploring options

Ben's a deeply rooted local, born at Community Hospital and baptized at Carmel Mission. He loves this area and emcees Carmel-by-the-Sea's Christmas tree lighting, where Addison's been on the stage with him for the last two years.

And at the wedding, well, "I'm a crier," Ben said. When the tears started flowing during the ceremony, "Addie was in the front row, and she walked up and handed me a tissue."

The couple said they can be flexible with their schedules, and Shannon has somehow also found time to graduate from Monterey College of Law and pass the California State Bar. She's continuing to work in real estate as she considers the options a law license opens up.

Addie is exploring her options, too. She's into gymnastics and swimming.

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In art and in history, context is everything

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

POSSESSED OF a keen eye and a clear sense of color and composition, Carmel native Shelley Aliotti was pursuing a successful career in computer graphics in the Carmel Valley home where she and her husband, John, had raised their family. Yet increasingly, she was leaning into fine-art compositions.

John, who traveled regularly for his career in tech sales, had two reasons for proposing they open an art gallery. His wife's mastery of fine-art painting paralleled her computer graphics skills but wasn't visible in the community. And, since her clients were constantly coming to the house, he felt there should be a delineation between home and business.

Feeding her soul

"Shelley has mainly painted in acrylics, and she's always had a great eye and ability to reproduce what she sees," he said. John believes that when Shelley married her graphics and fine art career in digital paintings, she brought together her abilities in design and photography.

Shelley, the daughter and sister of architects, seems to have inherited the eye for design. She creates color-saturated realism using a computer rather than physical paint on canvas.

"Digital painting is the way I share my view of the area I love and the settings I explore while traveling, both of which feed my soul," she said.

The Aliottis opened a small gallery on Center Street, and Shelley invited friends to exhibit their artwork, too. Their stable of artists grew, as did their presence in the community. After a few moves, they settled at 8 Del Fino Place, where what had begun as a small studio became The Carmel Valley Art Association Gallery, a salon-meets-studio-meets-social hub that features more than 40 artists. And, because it is next door to Café Rustica, a longtime locals' favorite, diners often wander into the gallery to peruse the art while awaiting a table.

"We believe a community needs a local art gallery just like a community needs a church," John said. "We feel fortunate — as we've maintained this gallery for more than 20 years — that we have artists who have remained with us and have proven to be the right mix for us."

Part of the inspiration, he says, is the magnificent beauty of this area. Part of it is the artists who know how to manifest it on canvas. And the rest is the collaborative heart of creators who have found their home at the Carmel Valley Art Association.

"Linda Elling, for example, who serves as president of the Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association, can drop an easel anywhere and turn out a great inspired painting," John said. "Tom Hawley, a former attorney, is a wonderful artist who creates magnificent skies and shorelines. Carlaine Willis came to us as an oil painter yet decided to take felting to another dimension and now creates wool 'paintings.' We have such an interesting collective of established artists."

Among them, he said, are Jean Baczuk, Will Bullas, John Chappell, Sam Johnston, Mary Masten, J.N. Swanston and many others. "You just have to pay a visit. It's worth the ride."

Context for village people

The Carmel Valley Art Association is not the only compelling spot waiting to introduce residents and guests to the neighborhood. Less than half a mile west of the Carmel Valley Art Association, the Carmel Valley Historical Society, whose motto is "Dedicated to the Future of our Past," was established in 1987 with a commitment to preserving the Valley's rich history.



Shelley Aliotti opened the Carmel Valley Art Association gallery with her husband, John.

Jeff Ohlson has served as vice president and historian for the Historical Society since 2015. His wife, Cherie Ohlson, serves as co-president with Jane Chaney.

"When it's a small society, you take on multiple roles," he said. "I've also written a dozen Carmel Valley history books,

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A trip down memory lane led to a haven for crafters

By SALLY BAHO

THE HOT Spot Studio Monterey on Alvarado Street is a one-stop shop for crafting. From making candles to building gnome and fairy gardens, there is something to tickle most anyone's fancy. The walls of the spacious studio are lined with wooden shelves filled with ceramics, and the potted plant at the entrance has a whimsical gnome garden at its base. Magic is made here.

Owner Mary Markham opened the franchise in September 2025 because she couldn't find a place to do "paint your own pottery," an activity she grew up loving in Santa Cruz. It's a little different from the Peninsula's other pottery studios in that customers don't start from a ball of clay but instead paint ready-made pieces with the studio's glazes and leave them to be fired in the kiln.

Pilates and pottery

As a young mom looking for community, she yearned for a space where she could spend time with her kids and other moms and their children while crafting. She also wanted to offer something the community needed. The studio has been a hit since it launched.

"I opened it with kids in mind," Markham said. "I thought it was going to be kids all the time."

But she has been pleasantly surprised by the wide range of customers the studio attracts. The first birthday party held at the studio was for an 80-year-old. Over the past year Markham has had bachelorette parties, corporate team-building activities, birthday parties, date nights and so much more. Her customers include teenagers, college students, couples, mothers and daughters enjoying girls' nights, and grandparents with their grandkids.

She also hosts events with local businesses, like "Pilates and Pottery" in partnership with Pacific Flow Yoga, where

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A search for the type of crafts she enjoyed as a kid inspired Mary Markham to open the Hot Spot in downtown Monterey.







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Crossroads offers shopping — and community

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

DRIVE INTO the expansive parking lot of The Crossroads Carmel shopping center and make the left turn onto Crossroads Boulevard. There you will encounter a small village of locally owned and operated boutiques and other small businesses that have created a culture and sense of community befitting a Hallmark movie.

Clustered toward the end of the lane are, among others, Suds 'N Scissors dog- and cat-grooming salon and pet boutique, Sweet Reba's bakery, River House Books, and Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co. Imagine the sense of community fostered among such boutique businesses, particularly by customers who gather at the tables provided by the plaza or queue up to order sweet treats, cappuccinos or mochas.

Talk about one-stop shopping — you can drop off your dog at Suds 'N Scissors and then pick up a new novel by a local author at River House Books. Stop at Sweet Reba's for coffee cake muffins, oatmeal cranberry cookies, or cinnamon donut muffins to pair with a caramel apple cold brew from Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co. As people sip, nosh and wait for their pampered pups, they find themselves chatting with other like-minded shoppers.



Running errands should be fun.

Meet the makers

Reba Wilson, owner of Sweet Reba's, grew up baking with her grandmother, a talent she refined through the tutelage of celebrated local bakers and by baking themed cakes for her sons. She later confirmed her cred with a star turn on Food Network's "Cake Wars." Yet it is the baking she does for the local community that has folks pressing their noses to the windows of her shop.

"We'd considered opening our bakery on the corner, at the other end of the street," said Wilson. "But at this end, we saw people congregating and chatting over coffee. We knew we'd always be busy down here among shops that create a community experience."

Her setup was an unexpected gift of the Covid constraints, Wilson said. Since she could only serve food to go, she decided to feature everything in the windows and sell through the doorway.

"To this day, we have 100 to 120 people per day wandering by our display windows and making their choices before coming to the door to make their purchase."

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quality experience, Rasler said.

"The majority of the time, it's just myself and one deckhand. We get a lot of novices, so we're teaching people how to fish," Rasler said.

Darling, meanwhile, gained her sea legs as a Santa Cruz-based marine biologist. She studied California sea lions for 15 years and had spent a good deal of time in Monterey Bay before a friend — Discovery's head naturalist, Isaiah Foulks — recruited her in 2022.

"Our people, our character" is a concept that brought Darling into the fold, and what "makes us stand out," she said. "We get a lot of people shouting that out in reviews."

Arcoleo is helped in the endeavor by his wife, Carrie, and their son, Corey, who's a deckhand and assists marketing and social media specialist Amanda Ureña.



The boat charter run by Mathew Arcoleo (center) and his wife, Carrie, has maintained a tight crew of four captains — including J.J. Rasler (far right) — and general manager Sophie Darling (third from left).

Salmon, crabs

Their success isn't measured by the pound but by repeat bookings, along with stars on Google. Social media is also critical for a whale-watching business, Darling said. The other charters on the wharf aren't necessarily rivals — the captains are always talking among themselves, Rasler said — but it says something that even their competitors are reposting Discovery's amusing TikToks.

"One of our captains, Danny, has a huge presence online, and Amanda takes beautiful photos. So many people tell us 'The reason I'm here is your social media,'" Darling said.

They're running boats year-round, but demand varies month to month. The increasingly unpredictable nature of fishing seasons can be the most frustrating part of operations, because the catches that draw the biggest crowds are also the most stringently regulated. Wild salmon season was open for all of five days last year, and it was just announced that Dungeness crab season won't be opening until next year — to Rasler's disappointment, since he used to take the crew out crabbing on Thanksgiving.

He and the other captains are willing to work with the changing currents. Rasler has been looking into "pop-up" crab pots — a new, whale-safe technology that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is allowing during spring season closures — so the charter can bring back its hit "Crabs and Dabs" trip.

Those who prefer to sit back and spectate can hop on a whale-watching tour, with departures at 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. daily. Late spring through fall is the best time to spot humpbacks, and show-stopping killer whales drop in for a few weeks at either end, but other species appear year-round, not to mention Monterey Bay's native kingdom of marine life. The odds are good, though never guaranteed, and trips without a whale sighting — incredibly rare — are fully refunded.

But for those who relish the thought of their hands going numb trying to reel in a 30-pound lingcod, J&M offers the thrill with little investment.

Strange creatures

In fact, Rasler said, on any given day, up to half his passengers are experienced fishermen who would rather pay a hundred dollars to fish with an experienced captain whenever they feel like it than sink their savings into boat slip fees and costly diesel.

During the bluefin season, trips might run 12 hours. But the fishing charter company's bread and butter are rockfish and lingcod, which bite from Big Sur to Fisherman's Wharf. So long as Mother Nature isn't toying with the tides — "There are weeks in winter where we cancel more days than we don't, and captains do their best to make those calls the day before," Darling said — the odds are pretty great.

Lately, she added, warm El Niño currents have been attracting some strange creatures close to shore. "They caught two barracuda on one of our rockfish trips the other day — one of those fun, weird little curveballs we get. Monterey Bay is amazing that way," Darling said.

In addition to four-hour (seasonal) and eight-hour (year-round) fishing expeditions, J&M/Discovery boats are available for private charter, corporate retreats, birthday parties and more, as well as a special ashes-scattering route to Lovers' Point.

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While she dabbled in ballet, she's taking a break, telling her parents, "Maybe I try it when I'm 4."

She's a popular attendee at chamber of commerce events, and Shannon said she and Ben often take her along on house showings. "She has gotten to be a very good helper, and loves to walk around and look at houses. We also make sure we bring enough snacks and some little activity for her to keep her entertained," said Mom.

Hitching a ride

Zach and Isabel Brooksher of Carmel Realty's Heinrich Brooksher team met as students at Cal State Monterey Bay and work together, although Isabel focuses primarily on raising 3-year-old Emmy.

"She's still on our team — realtors still ask her for advice," Brooksher said of his wife, who also has her license and is listed on the group's website as client care manager.

Brooksher was a server at Pasadera when he met Ben and Carole Heinrich in 2015 and started working on a part-time assignment that's grown into a fruitful career.

"Real estate is actually fantastic" for his family, he said. "I get to spend a lot of time with my daughter and wife. I do work hard, but I'm definitely a family man."

They enjoy adventures like hikes and nature walks. Emmy — who scrupulously avoids the paparazzi — is "obsessed with bikes," her dad said. She alternates between pedaling her first bicycle and hitching a ride on a passenger seat while her parents do the work. Either way, all three of them enjoy riding from Monterey to Pacific Grove on the rec trail and then having lunch together.

But Brooksher doesn't harbor any illusions about what it takes to remain

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Peter and Nyssa Boggs (top) and Isabel and Zach Brooksher (above) are raising kids amid the busy world of real estate.

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craft beer destination," said Loewy. "Now we're becoming a real brewing destination. People come here and they hit all of us — Other Brother, Hidden Hills, and now Hops & Fog in Pacific Grove. But our base is still local people, from every part of the community."

The trend was kicked off in 2014 by Alvarado Street Brewery, founded by the Hill family in downtown Monterey, where it makes beer and serves food. The business now includes spots in Carmel Plaza and Salinas, and its new Castroville production and tasting facility opened earlier this month.

Alvarado Street still qualifies as a small, regional brewery for competitions, and it has accumulated dozens of medals at contests like the Great American Beer Festival and the World Beer Cup.

'This is it'

According to Loewy, even with its success, Alvarado Street also hasn't forgotten its community roots and is a strong supporter of its local brethren.

"It might seem counterintuitive, because we have the same customers, but it's a really collaborative industry," Loewy said. "Yeast pitches are the most expensive thing in brewing. And Alvarado will give us a yeast pitch. They've lent us jams, helped us with hops. Coming from a more cutthroat marketing world, I am always amazed by it."

In case you're wondering, giving someone a pitch is like sharing a treasured sourdough starter — it gets fermentation going — and jams are fruit blends added to beer for flavor.

Other Brother was the brainchild of Michael Nevares, a Russian linguist who was looking for a business opportunity after leaving the military. Nevares recruited Loewy, a local marketing professional from the skateboarding industry, who helped him round out a business plan. "We made it bigger," said Loewy, who now co-owns the establishment with local hospitality professional Justin DiMauro.

Other Brother earned a bronze medal last year at the World Beer Cup, a prestigious competition considered the "Olympics" of brewing. It was the work of head brewer Kevin Brown. "If you've ever seen a grown man cry happy tears, well, we did," Loewy said.

Being grounded in community is all-important to local brewers. The name, Other Brother, means extended family, "chosen family, family in the sense of friendship, and friends that feel like family," Loewy said.

This winter, Other Brother will host holiday markets for local makers, and it's a popular spot for local fundraisers.

Hidden Hills has become a location for local organizations to gather as well, and it often hosts wedding events, memorial gatherings and other get-togethers. Most recently, a group of Carmel High School alumni celebrated their 30th reunion in the taproom.

Jeffrey Vitalich co-owns Hidden Hills with his brother Joseph. Both are graduates of Monterey High School. "My dad went to the Naval Postgraduate School, and my family loved this place so much we said, 'This is it, this is where we are going to settle,'" Vitalich said.

Filipino style

Vitalich holds a degree in industrial engineering from Cal State East Bay, but brewing has been his longtime passion. He began at Gordon Biersch Brewery in San Jose "and I worked my way back here," Vitalich said, buying out another beer license to start his own place.

The most popular beers at Hidden Hills are those drawn from Vitalich's Filipino heritage, he said. "Fruit and sour beers have become a popular option for those that don't enjoy the hoppiness and bitterness of most beers. It's like a smoothie almost."

Top sellers have been Calamango, a sour ale made from mango and calamansi, a Philippine citrus fruit, and Ubechata, a combination of horchata and ube beverages in a rice lager made with sweet yam, cinnamon, vanilla and milk sugar.

Producing just two barrels (that's four kegs) at a time, Hidden Hills is the smallest of the local breweries. Vitalich is looking to increase production slightly to be able to supply beer to other local pubs "for the people who can't make it to Carmel," he said.

His mainstay customers tend to be local, from Carmel and Carmel Valley. They come to watch sports and for the Monday afternoon happy hours.



Jeffrey Vitalich is the owner and master brewer at Hidden Hills Brewing & Blending.

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which we have at the historical society. My first couple of books explored the Carmel Valley Volunteer Firefighters' history, yet my most accomplished effort is the history of Carmel Valley ranches and ranching. In the old days, it was pretty much all about farming and ranching."

The first meeting of the Carmel Valley Historical Society took place after Dick Heuer, then publisher of the Carmel Valley Sun newspaper, ran an editorial stating the need for a local history society, said Ohlson.

There's something to be said for a guy who understands that the history of a place is its foundation.

During his career, Ohlson, a retired Boeing engineer, wrote several design histories. He said that history — a longtime passion — is fleeting. If you don't get it down, you'll lose it. And those who come along later will never know.

"Children come into the society, look at my exhibits and actually learn something they take with them," he said. "If you remember old typewriters, we have a 1930s one that kids are amazed by. They want to know what it is and if and how it works. They pound on the keys like we all used to."

Every artifact, he said, has an explanatory label, making

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Kat Moya, a lifelong reader, learned of River House Books (purchased in 2018 by Scott and Jennifer Lund of Lula's Chocolates) through Leadership Carmel. Participating in the leadership development program was Moya's way of affirming her goal to live and work here. Two years ago, she joined the shop's management team.

Community of bookworms

"I came to River House Books with a community-event mentality," Moya said. "I started a book club and began working on more robust local author events. Some are held in the store, while others have been hosted places like Spanish Bay, Santa Catalina School, and Stillwater Club, where we did a panel with renowned authors Michael Connelly and Rick Jackson."

Moya said the bookshop is a draw for all sorts of people.

"I think The Crossroads and River House are uniquely designed to serve not just visitors, who express that they find a sense of belonging here, but also members of our local community who come in to get their newspapers and magazines and to check for the bestsellers of the month. We are part of a shopping village that caters to everyone."

Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co., established in 1994, was acquired by Janet and Dean McAthie in 2001 and certified organic two years later.

"We see Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co. as a beloved local gathering place," Janet McAthie said. "If you're planning to meet a friend, this is where you go, to enjoy locally roasted, delicious coffee, on a nice outdoor patio. You can also get a dog-friendly puppuccino — whipped cream — for your dog's post-grooming reward."

As part of the roasting company's seasonal menu, while the weather is still warm, folks are ordering iced coffee drinks. Yet, with the rise of the fall season, customers are queuing up for a pistachio white mocha, a banana bread latte, or the seasonal favorite, a pumpkin pie latte, said McAthie.

"A lot of coffee klatches have been meeting on the patio just outside the roasting company for many years," McAthie said. "And they've been served by our incredible crew. Anticipating what our regulars want, they often have their order before people even get up to the register. Because it's so friendly to locals, we call this our 'darling store' among our three locations."

Egg salad love

Patrons of Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co. can also order burritos, breakfast sandwiches, pastries from the popular local bread bakery Ad Astra, and quiches from Patisserie Bechler, a beloved Pacific Grove bakery.

"One of our most popular offerings is our egg salad sandwich," said McAthie. "It's a hearty, simple sandwich people just love. One couple comes in regularly to get their coffee and split one. How sweet is that?"

Once Fido has finished his grooming session, his person might take a last sip of coffee and then collect him from Suds 'N Scissors. Some folks head home, while others return with their pup to pass a little more time on the patio with a fresh cup of coffee and a puppuccino.



Todd Harris owns Suds 'N Scissors.

"Suds 'N Scissors has been here for 40 years, 30 of them at The Crossroads," said owner and operator Todd Harris, who became a professional all-breed dog show handler at 16. Now a member of Del Monte Kennel Club, he's renowned for grooming — particularly poodles.

"For many of my clients, I'm grooming their second, third, or fourth generation of dogs," he said. He said he treats all pups like they're champions about to enter the competition ring. He calls it "kind of a 'from-shelter-to-show' aesthetic."

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CRAFTY *from page 40A*

participants do a 50-minute Pilates class in the studio followed by a relaxed, hands-on pottery painting session. There is also the "Matcha and Pottery Painting" event in partnership with Matcha By-the-Sea, where participants paint a chawan, a Japanese ceramic bowl used to prepare and drink matcha, learn how to make the popular green tea, and of course enjoy a freshly whisked cup of matcha.

Picasso, that rogue

The Hot Spot Studio Monterey has six stations, each equipped with everything you need to create a treasure: pottery painting, candle making, canvas painting, mosaics, slime making, and gnome and fairy garden building.

Paint-your-own pottery is the studio's specialty. You can choose from bowls, cups, dishes, butter dishes, spoon rests, picture frames, vases, toothbrush holders and more. There are even fun figurines for the young — and young at heart — as well as piggy banks and Christmas ornaments.

The finished pieces make great gifts, with options that vary throughout the year. There are "I Heart Mom" cups for Mother's Day, along with other holiday-specific ceramics.

At the canvas painting station, you can use stencils, go rogue à la Picasso, or do anything in between while applying acrylics to one of several sizes of canvas.

"Everything is very interactive," Markham said.

That goes for the mosaic station too, where you pick a board and decorate it by inlaying small pieces of tile.

There is a bit more guidance at the candle-making station because of the hot wax, but you still get to design a candle of your choosing, starting with the shape, color and scent. Staff members then help melt and pour the wax.

To build a garden for your favorite gnome or fairy — or perhaps to attract them — choose a pot, fill it with dirt, add a succulent and decorate with little figurines like mushrooms and gnomes. And then there is the slime station, which is a big hit with the kiddos, who make the oozy stuff in a variety of colors and textures.



Mary Markham

Many people come in saying "I'm not an artist," or "I haven't done something like this in forever," but the enthusiasm for creating kicks in quickly almost every time.

To Markham's delight, the space has also become a local social hub with many repeat customers. "We're here for people who want to come create," she said — or just hang out.

Customers only pay for what they make. There is no time limit, and the studio space is large and accommodating. You can even bring your own food and drinks, including adult beverages.

The Hot Spot Studio is located at 458 Alvarado St. and is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Projects cost an average of $30 to $36, and everything goes home with you that day except the pottery. That's ready for pickup one week after painting, or you can pay a "rush fire fee" to get it sooner. Learn more at thehotspotstudios.com/monterey-ca.

KIDS *from page 43A*

successful in the competitive Peninsula market.

"I work really hard when I work, and I try to stay very, very present when I'm with Emmy," he explained. His parents live locally and his mom's part of the real estate team. "She helps a lot" with Emmy, "and my dad does, too," he said.

She doesn't come to showings yet, but "She attends our client parties, which is always fun," Brooksher noted. "Our clients have watched her grow over the years. I take her on work errands sometimes if I need to run to a house for something."

'My everything'

Coldwell Banker agent Peter Boggs' home is all boys, all the time — except, of course, for his wife, Nyssa, who stays home with their two sons, ages 18 months and 4 years.

"She's my everything — so strong — I can't imagine life without my wife," he said. They were friends for a decade before falling in love. "It's cool to marry your best friend," said Boggs.

They've found that the traditional model of working dad and stay-at-home mom works best for them.

"Nyssa calls it 'the golden blink,'" said Boggs of the years before children go off to school. His wife doesn't want to miss any of it, and Boggs wants to share in that as much as possible.

"When I come home, I'm a father and a husband," he said. "We try to sit down and have dinner every night. My mom and dad (also realtors, with their own local agency) were pretty adamant about dinner."

He said he plans to be at the boys' events and activities as they grow up, too. The ability to make his own schedule is important, although he said everyone understands that there will be occasions when family time must be interrupted. But he greatly prefers to focus on one world at a time.

"I want to give everybody the best of me — when I'm with family, I'm with them. When I'm with a client, I'm with a client," he said. Boggs sometimes takes his older son on job-related outings, too.

Whether they're along for the ride, showing up at community events or just enjoying their parents' company, the kids are part of a long line of Peninsula professionals who have found ways to manage a challenging work-life balance.

MUSEUM *from page 44A*

the historical society educational as well as cultural.

Imagine yourself as a visitor, Ohlson said. As you walk through the door, you are greeted by docents, who will show you the exhibits and answer your questions. You can sit on an authentic Western saddle or pat a grizzly bear — and, if you're really brave, stick your hand in her mouth. Ohlson believes the female grizzly was taken down in Northern California somewhere around 1920 or 1922, when they became extinct in the state.

"People come from all over the world, carrying a lot of curiosity about Carmel Valley history," Ohlson said. "The typical tourist, if I can assume I know, comes here and does some wine tasting, then grabs a bite to eat, goes for a walk in the park, and then stops by our history center museum, where we have a really great docent corps. This can make for a lovely day and a genuine Carmel Valley experience."





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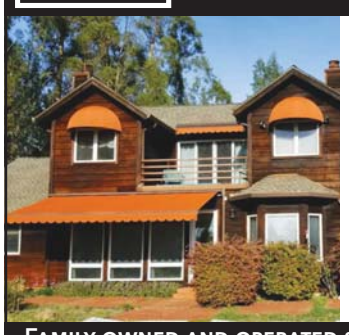


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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed on 17 Mile Drive for registration that expired more than six months ago.

Pacific Grove: Woman on Grand Avenue reportedly wanted to kill herself with a gun. She was transported to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula on a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Union and Caledonia for registration that expired more than six months ago.

Pacific Grove: Officer responded to the 1200 block of Forest Avenue for a report of two subjects involved in a possible physical domestic violence altercation. Contact was made with a man and a woman who confirmed the altercation was verbal. Both were released without incident.

Monterey: Fighting or challenging another person to fight in a public place reported at Pearl and Tyler.

Monterey: Fighting or challenging another person to fight in a public place reported on Skyline Drive.

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

Monterey: Theft of less than $950 from an elder or dependent adult and theft by forged or invalid access card from a victim on Hellam Street.

Monterey: Misdemeanor bench warrant for failure to appear reported on Alvarado Street.

Monterey: A 19-year-old man was arrested on Madison Street on a felony warrant from another jurisdiction.

Monterey: A 38-year-old man on Alvarado Street was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant from another jurisdiction.

Seaside: Seaside police arrested a 28-year-old man in connection with an investigation involving attempted murder, multiple felony domestic violence charges and multiple alleged violations of a domestic violence restraining order. During a two-week investigation, the officer uncovered evidence of multiple incidents in which the suspect allegedly strangled the victim to the point of unconsciousness. The victim is pregnant with the suspect's child. As the investigation progressed, the suspect fled to Fresno. With the assistance of Fresno County Probation and the Fresno Police Department, the suspect was located and arrested in Fresno.

Following his arrest, the man was transferred to the custody of the Seaside Police Department and transported back to Monterey County.

See **LOG** *page 12RE*

Former tasting room to become private dining room, apartment

By MARY SCHLEY

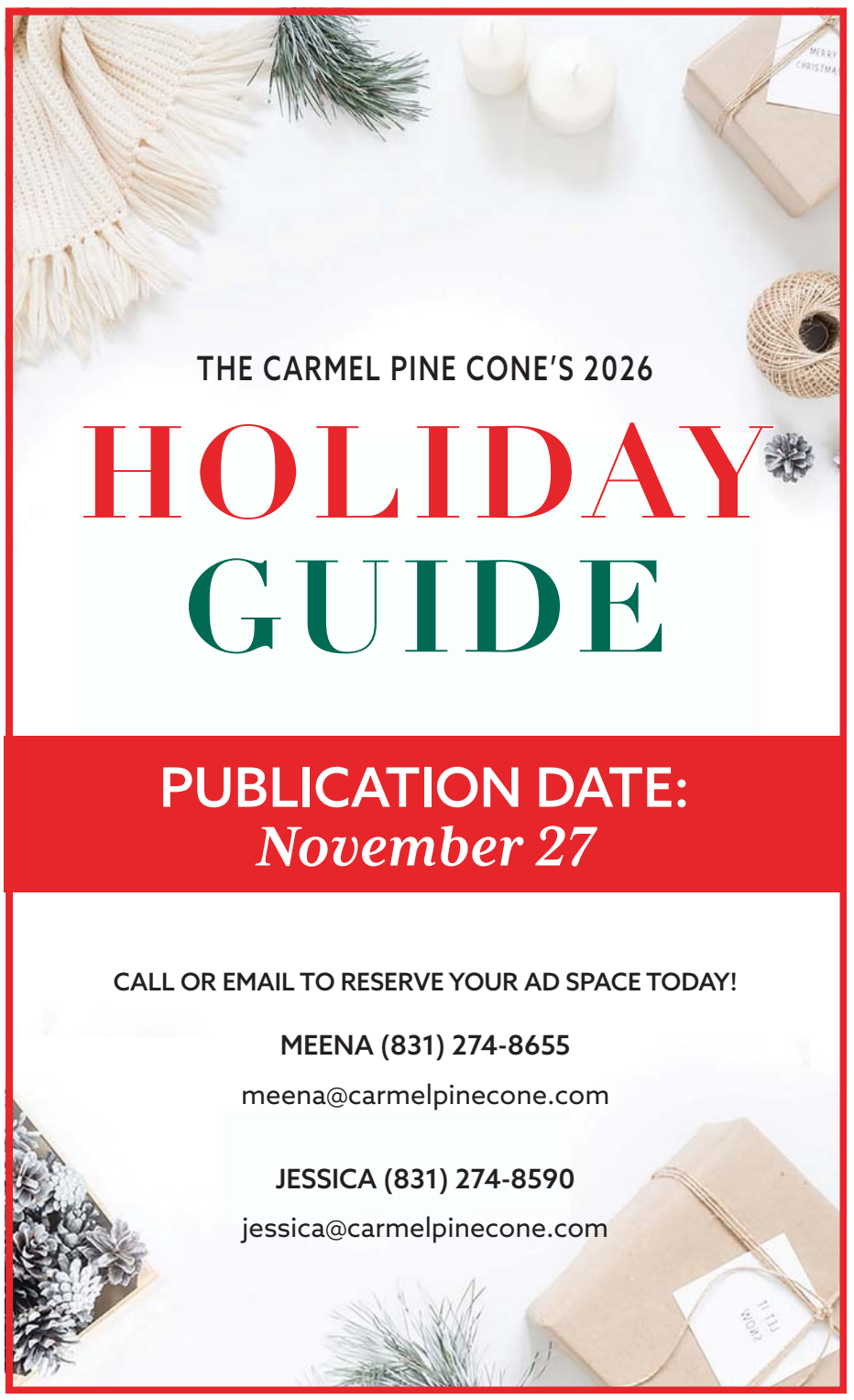
THE VACANT Talbott Vineyards tasting room — which obtained minor notoriety for being the city's only wine-tasting venue with city-approved outdoor seating when it opened in 2021 — will become a studio apartment and a private dining room for the adjacent Pocket restaurant, according to the City of Carmel's building department. The tasting room has been vacant, other than its occasional use for restaurant seating, since Talbott owner E&J Gallo shut it down in March.

The complex is owned by Clayton resident Kent Ipsen, who applied in July to turn the tasting room into a small apartment and private dining room. Building permit technician Sullivan Carey-Lang said the change is not increasing the restaurant's overall number of seats. The planning and building department issued the permits Oct. 30.

The alterations, which Ipsen valued at $40,000, will add a fourth apartment to the property he bought in summer 2017 for $3,325,000 and completely overhauled to accommodate The Pocket restaurant, Talbott's tasting room and two apartments, which later became three. Although project architect Adam Jeselnick said at the 2018 planning commission hearing when the project received approval that the owner and his family would live in the upstairs apartment and probably rent out the lower one, Ipsen subsequently obtained short-term-rental permits for all three units.

Short-lived

The ability to get those permits was short-lived, however, as the city council in early 2020 banned vacation rentals of fewer than 30 days in the commercial districts, assigning them the same restrictions as those that have been imposed on short-term rentals in the residential area for decades. While the three Lincoln Lane short-term rentals are among the 39 approved before the ban and were grandfathered in, Ipsen will not be allowed to let out the new studio apartment on the same terms.





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PUBLIC NOTICES

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. 20262021
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CENTRAL COAST COOL RIDES, 26545 CARMEL RANCHO BLVD, CARMEL, CA 93923
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
LIBERTY EV LLC, 320 HONEY CT, GILROY, CA 95020
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)

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262101
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SOL VIDA, 26365 CARMEL RANCHO BLVD, SUITE C, CARMEL, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
JHL BRANDS LLC, 26365 CARMEL RANCHO BLVD, SUITE C, CARMEL, CA 93923.
This business is conducted by: a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Not Applicable.
S/ Jack Cassady, Manager
Date signed: Nov. 3, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 3, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 1117)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262115
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JEREMY CARTER INSURANCE AGENCY, 327 7th Ave., Carmel, CA 93921.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
JEREMY P. CARTER, PO Box 2585, Carmel, CA 93921.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 16, 2026.
S/Jeremy Carter
Date signed: Nov. 5, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 5, 2026.
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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.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262076
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SMART MOTION, 26135 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Suite E104, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
KADRIA MILARI, 608 Scott St., Sand City, CA 93955.
THOMAS McCULLOUGH, 608 Scott St., Sand City, CA 93955.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 27, 2026.
S/Thomas McCullough
Date signed: Oct. 27, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 2, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 2026 (PC 1123)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262060
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CARMEL VALLEY DIGITAL DETOX, 27497 Schulte Road, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
EARTH MILK MOON, INC., 27497 Schulte Road, Carmel, CA 93923.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Not Applicable.
S/ Krista Tarantino, Chief Executive Officer
Date signed: Oct. 27, 2026
This statement was filed with the Monterey County Clerk on Oct. 27, 2026.
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)

THANKSGIVING WEEK DEADLINES:
Legals must be submitted by
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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)

REQUEST FOR INTEREST

Monterey Regional Airport
Legacy Terminal Building Space Reuse

Monterey Peninsula Airport District is seeking information from qualified responders ("Respondent") regarding ideas/concepts for the reuse or redevelopment of identified areas within the existing terminal building at Monterey Regional Airport (MRY) ("Legacy Terminal") once air carrier operations move to the passenger terminal facility currently under construction ("Replacement Terminal") Ideas/concepts for reuse or redevelopment must be compliant with applicable federal, state, and local regulations including FAA grant assurances.

Through this RFI, the District seeks to gather input on capabilities, innovative strategies, development approaches, and uses of available space, in whole or in part, ("Premises") in the Legacy Terminal that align with District's long-term vision.

Monterey Regional Airport is a federal grant funded facility, obligated to the Federal Aviation Administration's ("FAA") Grant Assurances. The FAA, as a condition of its receipt of grant funds, requires that the Airport maintain a fee and rental structure for the facilities which will allow the Airport to be as self-sustaining as possible.

All information pertaining to this solicitation can be found on the District website at https://montereyairport.specialdistrict.org/legal-notices.
Proposal due date is December 15, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Publication dates: Nov. 13, 2026 (PC1118)

CYPRESS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
AMENDING THE FINAL BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. the Cypress Fire Protection District, Board of Directors will meet at the Carmel Mission Inn located at 3665 Rio Road, Carmel to consider adoption of an Amended Final Budget for fiscal year 2026-27 that ends on June 30, 2027.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the final budget was adopted September 24, 2026 and is available for inspection at the District's fire station located at 3775 Rio Road, Carmel between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any District resident may appear and be heard regarding the increase, decrease, or omission of any item on the budget or for the inclusion of any additional items.

DATED: October 21, 2026
Leslie Baek
Secretary of the Board

Publication dates: Nov. 6 & 13, 2026 (PC1101)

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:
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Monterey, CA 93940
(831) 275-1002

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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This Week

Live Music,
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Choral group plays at P.G. church, string trio visits Sunset Center

PERFORMING CHORAL music in all its flavors and colors — and celebrating the opening of its 15th season — Aria Women's Choir presents a concert Saturday, 3 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

Choir founder and conductor **Seán Boulware** will lead the ensemble, which will be accompanied by pianist **Jon-Mark Hurley.**

Titled "Where Mercy Dwells: Sacred Songs for Women's Voices," the program includes classic choral works by Hildegard von Bingen, Giovanni Palestrina and Claudio Monteverdi, as well as contemporary pieces by Susan LaBarr, Mark Hayes and Mark A. Miller.

"The program connects centuries of sacred choral tradition," the choral group said. "The music explores compassion, peace, forgiveness and hope — the selections trace themes of faith, resilience and the search for mercy through the distinctive sound of women's voices."

Tickets start at $25, with discounts for seniors, veterans, active military and their families, and students. The church is at 915 Sunset Drive in Pacific Grove. Visit ariamonterey.org.



Infusing classical music with Americana, Time for Three plays Sunday, 3 p.m., at Sunset Center.

■ Fresh sound

An unconventional string trio that pushes its sound way beyond the boundaries of classical music, Grammy-winning **Time for Three** performs Sunday, 3 p.m., at Sunset Center.

Founded in Philadelphia more than two decades ago, the trio showcases the talents of singers and violinists **Nicolas Kendall** and **Charles Yang**, and singer and double bassist **Ranaan Meyer**. Kendall and Meyer were students together at the Curtis Institute of Music.

According to the Carmel Music Society, the trio "defies convention, merging classical, Americana and singer-songwriter traditions into a singular, remarkable sound that captivates audiences worldwide."

"Their collaborations with top composers and artists, appearances with major orchestras and conductors, commitment to encouraging the next generation of musicians, and relentless pursuit of creative boundary-pushing have solidified them as one of the most exceptional groups on the scene today," said the local music group, which is celebrating its 100th season.

Tickets start at $45. Sunset Center is at 908 San Carlos Street. The website is carmelmusic.org.



Raas Leela Kirtana, which features sitar player Miles Tanner, plays Wednesday at The Center for Spiritual Awakening in Pacific Grove.

Live music, Nov. 13-19

■ Big Sur

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

■ Carmel

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Saturday at 9 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** leads Open

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IN ADDITION to the usual roundup of Thanksgiving offerings at local restaurants, there's a benefit for the Food Bank and an anniversary party for a local coffee roaster. Elbow your way to the buffet of news and enjoy.

■ Feed the Soul

A fundraiser that kicked off in 2023 has quickly grown into a highly popular effort that's generated hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Food Bank for Monterey County. The fourth annual Feed the Soul Charity Celebration returns to The Pocket restaurant in downtown Carmel Dec. 11 from 5 to 9 p.m., offering the perfect chance to celebrate the holiday season while benefiting others.

Last year's event raised $230,000 for the nonprofit distributor of food to those in need and the organizations that support it — an accomplishment made possible by the generosity of guests, sponsors, local partners and supporters.

The list of sponsors and participants is impressive, with local wineries and restaurants, suppliers, liquor distributors, distillers, hotels, purveyors and other businesses pitching in.

Feed the Soul is a strolling dinner that features "a mouthwatering selection of food, wine and liquor from local vendors," with 100% of the proceeds directly benefiting the food bank's efforts to combat hunger.

Soup to Nuts

"This is more than just a night out — it's a chance to make a real difference," organizers say.

Tickets are $200 apiece. The Pocket is at 544 Lincoln St. Visit thepocketcarmel.com/fts.

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On Dec. 11, The Pocket restaurant in downtown Carmel will host the fourth annual Feed the Soul Charity Celebration, a strolling dinner to raise money for the Food Bank for Monterey County.

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The Golden Cup

Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Company is celebrating more than three decades in business and recent Golden Pine Cone awards for Best Coffee and Best Coffeehouse with "The Golden Cup: 32 Years of Craft & Community" at its three locations Saturday, Nov. 14.

The coffeehouse in The Barnyard shopping center will host from 1 to 3 p.m., while those on Ocean Avenue in downtown Carmel and at The Crossroads will host from 1 to 4 p.m.

"Guests can expect a warm, refined atmosphere with live acoustic music, a Golden Cup complimentary pour-over tasting of fair-trade organic Ethiopia Sidama Mokonissa, drink specials on the company's Foglifter blend and best-selling Fogbreaker latte featuring the company's signature organic Cone Peak Espresso, complimentary sweet treats and quiet recognition of both longtime customers and the staff who have made the milestone possible," said co-owner Janet McAthie.

Casey Frazier will perform live at The Crossroads and Stu Heydon at The Barnyard, while music at the Ocean Avenue location is to be announced.

"These awards belong to our customers and our team," she continued. "For 32 years we've focused on roasting organic coffee with care and creating a place where people feel at home. The Golden Cup is simply our way of saying, 'Thank you,' with a great cup and the people who matter most."

Thanksgiving without the pots and pans

Thanksgiving is Nov. 26, and local restaurants are preparing everything from traditional turkey dinners with all the trimmings to elaborate multicourse feasts. Whether you'd rather enjoy a leisurely restaurant meal or bring a professionally prepared dinner home, there's something out there for you.

Shearwater's holiday menu

Shearwater Tavern at the Carmel Mission Inn, 3665 Rio Road, is offering an à la carte Thanksgiving menu that gives diners plenty of choices beyond the traditional bird.

The requisite turkey dinner ($38) comes with mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce and country gravy, while prime rib ($55) is accompanied by potato purée, haricots verts, baby carrots, horseradish cream and au jus. Other entrées include bavette steak, seared sea bass, grilled salmon, and spinach and ricotta ravioli with roasted apples, sage and pancetta.

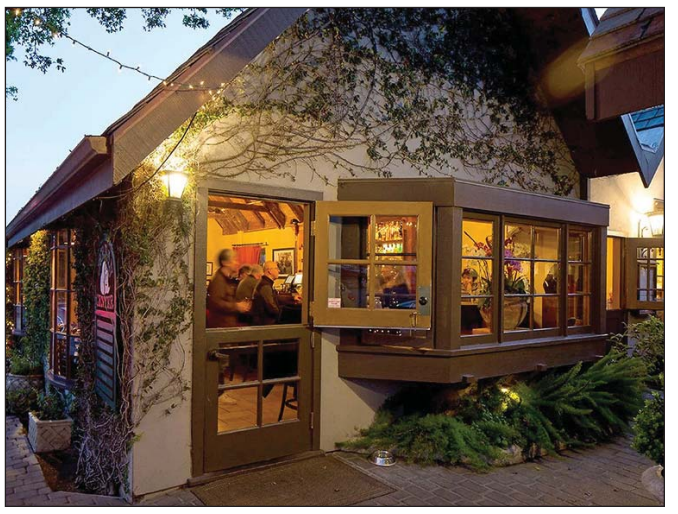
Starters range from $15 to $18 and include pear salad, Parker House rolls and two kinds of soup. They'll also have a 50% discount on bottles of wine priced at $90 or more. Visit shearwatertavern.com for more information.

Grasing's, here or at home

Chef Kurt Grasing's namesake restaurant at 483 Sixth Ave. is offering an elegant sit-down dinner and complete meals to take home.

The three-course prix fixe feast will be served from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. for $99.50 per person, or $49.95 for children 12 and younger, plus tax and gratuity. Among the starters are squash bisque, mushroom and onion tart and creamy lemon and artichoke risotto. For the main event, try herb-roasted turkey with sausage and cornbread stuffing, cranberry relish and giblet gravy, Chilean sea bass, veal osso buco, or ricotta gnocchi. A filet mignon is available for an additional $19.

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Grasing's restaurant on Sixth Avenue is offering a prix fixe Thanksgiving dinner in house as well as to go. Takeaway options include dinner for eight with turkey and filet mignon for four.

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Save room for Basque cheesecake with cherries jubilee, croissant-pecan bread pudding with hot buttered rum sauce, apple tart or classic pumpkin pie with toasted meringue.

If you don't want to get all gussied up, order a turkey dinner for eight, featuring a 14- to 16-pound herb-roasted turkey, butternut squash soup, whipped potatoes, cornbread stuffing with sausage and sage, green beans with pancetta, roasted Brussels sprouts, cranberry relish, gravy, rolls and apple-raisin fruit crisp. The bill comes to $400 plus tax.

A filet mignon dinner for four is priced at $260 plus tax, featuring roast prime beef tenderloin and most of the same side dishes. Other à la carte items are also available.

Takeout orders must be placed by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, with pickup Thanksgiving Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Or, you can have it delivered between noon and 2 p.m. for $45 in Carmel-by-the-Sea or $60 in specified Monterey Peninsula and Carmel Valley areas.

Call (831) 624-6562 for reservations or orders, or visit grasings.com.

Cozy up to Fandango's fireplaces

Fandango, 223 17th St. in Pacific Grove, is preparing a $105 (plus tax and gratuity) prix fixe meal of traditional holiday favorites and a few alternatives for those who aren't in the mood for turkey.

From 1 to 7:30 p.m., diners can start with kalamata olives, followed by spinach salad with chopped bacon and grated hard-boiled egg. Of course, there's turkey with chestnut-sage stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and vegetables. Other options include a 12-ounce New York steak with red wine and mushroom demi-glace, grilled fresh salmon, honey-glazed baked ham or tortellini maison in basil cream sauce. Traditional holiday desserts

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Fandango's charming European-inspired interior seems like a lovely place to enjoy a sit-down Thanksgiving dinner with friends and family. In addition to turkey, there will be ham, salmon and more.





FOOD

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complete the meal.

For more information or reservations, visit fandangorestaurant.com or call (831) 372-3456.

Brunch at the ranch

Carmel Valley Ranch at 1 Old Ranch Road has a Thanksgiving brunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's priced at $145 for adults and $50 for kids ages 6-12, not including tax or gratuity. Those 5 and younger eat free. Menu details were scarce, but note that there will be "seasonal favorites, comforting classics, and delicious holiday-inspired dishes." Required reservations can be made at OpenTable.com.



Factory-made (in a great way)

The Sardine Factory, 701 Wave St. in Monterey, has been making local diners happy since 1968. Settle into its old-school elegance for a four-course Thanksgiving dinner from noon to 8 p.m., beginning with butternut squash bisque topped with crème fraîche and fresh chives.

A fall harvest salad follows, featuring mixed greens, candied pecans, toasted pumpkin seeds, dried cranberries and more. Up next is slow-roasted turkey with sage and sausage dressing, gravy, cranberry-orange relish, mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, green beans and baby carrots.



Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Company is celebrating its two Golden Pine Cone awards and 32 years in business with "The Golden Cup" at all three locations, including this spot in the Crossroads shopping center.

For dessert, there's cherries jubilee, traditional pumpkin pie with toasted walnuts and Chantilly cream, or flourless chocolate cake with fresh raspberries and crème anglaise.

The meal is $73 for adults, $69 for seniors 62 and older, $39 for children younger than 12 and free for children younger than 5. A limited à la carte menu and children's menu will also be available.

Reservations can be made at sardinefactory.com or by calling (831) 373-3775.

Landings and departures

Chef Tim Wood and the crew at Woody's at the Airport in Monterey are preparing Thanksgiving dinner for dine-in guests and those who'd rather eat at home.

The menu begins with Palermo Bakery dinner rolls and Swank Farms butternut squash soup, followed by apple cider-brined Diestel turkey, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, balsamic-glazed Brussels sprouts, caramelized shallot green beans and cranberry sauce. Dessert is pumpkin pie, apple pie or a little of both with whipped cream.

Dinner is $54 per person, plus tax and applicable charges. Takeout orders carry an additional 15% service charge for packing and organization and must be placed by Nov. 24. Pickup is Thanksgiving Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

And diners needn't worry about going hungry. The restaurant promises "Chef Tim" portions, with leftovers to spare.

For more information, reservations or takeout orders, call (831) 373-1232.

Meatery to go

The Seaside butcher shop at 1534 Fremont Blvd. has a solid menu of prepared and ready-to-cook items for your table. The deadline is Nov. 18, and pickup is Nov. 24 and 25. Main dish options sold by weight include prime rib and boneless ham, and you can get a whole roast turkey or an uncooked bird to make at home. Prices range from $58.50 for 3 pounds of cooked, pre-sliced turkey to nearly $600 for an oven-ready standing rib roast that will feed 10 to 14 people.

Plenty of plain and fancy sides are on offer, including roasted Brussels sprouts with tomato bacon jam, and whipped sweet potato soufflé with goat cheese. An oven-ready turkey dinner with all the trimmings is $295, and you can get an oven-ready tray with a feast for one person for $46. All orders must be placed through the website at themeateryseaside.com.

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





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MUSIC

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Mic (Wednesday at 8 p.m.). In Carmel Square at 688 San Carlos St.

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

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **T.J. Kuenster** (jazz, in the Sunset Lounge Friday at 6 p.m. and in the hotel's ballroom Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Javier Sanchez** (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.

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 — The Money Band Duo (pop and rock, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **Yvetta & The House of Sol** (rock, funk and blues, 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

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Nov. 14 – Come and enjoy our 16th Annual Craft Fair featuring 19 vendors from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Nov. 15 if rain), at 1150 Pico Ave. in Pacific Grove. They'll be selling a large variety of hand made crafts. A cookie and cider sale will benefit **Hitchcock Animal Road Services of Monterey County & Salinas**

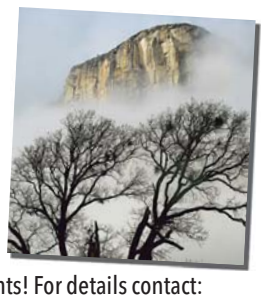
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Nov. 16 – Sugar Plums Dancing – Jennifer Watts, board president, **Monterey Peninsula Ballet Theatre** and **Candis Badgley Carlson, Youth Music Monterey Programs** executive director, with participation from students, will regale the membership with the sights and sounds of the holiday season. Carmel Woman's Club, 907 San Carlos St., 93921, Carmel-by-the-Sea. 2 p.m. Open to the public. $10 guests/members free. www.carmelwomansclubca.org

Nov. 17 – The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) presents a luncheon lecture at the Monterey Marriott. Our speaker will be **Gen. (ret.) John Abizaid** whose topic is **"Tectonic Change: America's Role in the New Middle Eastern Order."** Please find event registration and information at http://www.wacmb.org



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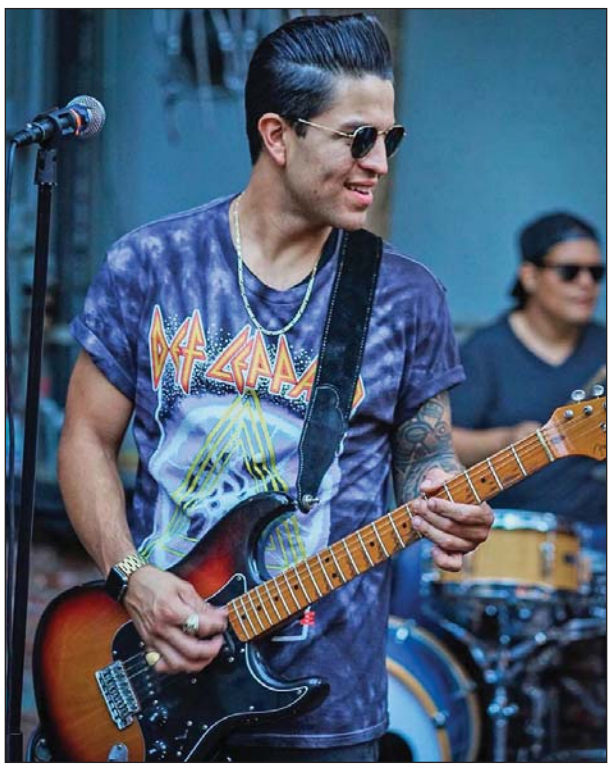
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Albatross Ridge — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (jazz, Tuesday at 6 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

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

InterContinental 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.

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Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist **Steve Mann** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Cortes** (Tuesday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Jewel Arianna** (Wednesday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

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

Puma Road at Portola Plaza — singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Saturday at 5 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl Astrup** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

The Salty Seal — **Soultry** ("country meets soul," Saturday at 7 p.m.), Open Mic Night (Thursday at 8 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

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.

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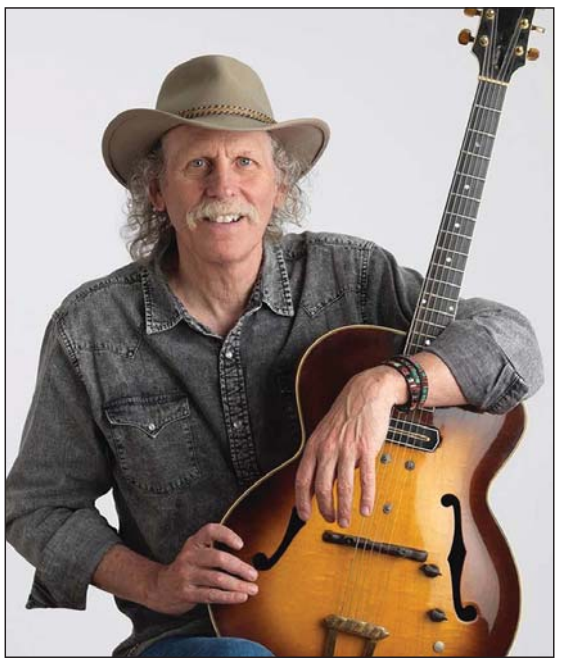
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■ Pacific Grove

The Center for Spiritual Awakening — Raas Leela Kirtana (sacred music, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.). 522 Central Ave. Tickets are $39.

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

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

P.G.'s Meetinghouse — The New Wave Band (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Bruce Forman** and keyboardist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Saturday at 11 a.m.), **The David Morwood Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 7 p.m.), singer and pianist **Dorian Young** (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.

Pacific Grove Art Center — Hootenanny ("bi-monthly community singalong and open jam," Saturday at 7 p.m.). 568 Lighthouse Ave.

Pop & Hiss — West Coast Cure (pop and rock, Sunday at 6 p.m.), **Ricketts Folly** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 215 Forest Ave.

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

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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 **Casey Frazier** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Sabelle** (Saturday at 5 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge, 1700 17 Mile Drive.

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

■ Seaside

Deja Blue — The Al James Band (R&B and rock, Saturday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Isaiah** (Sunday at 4 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

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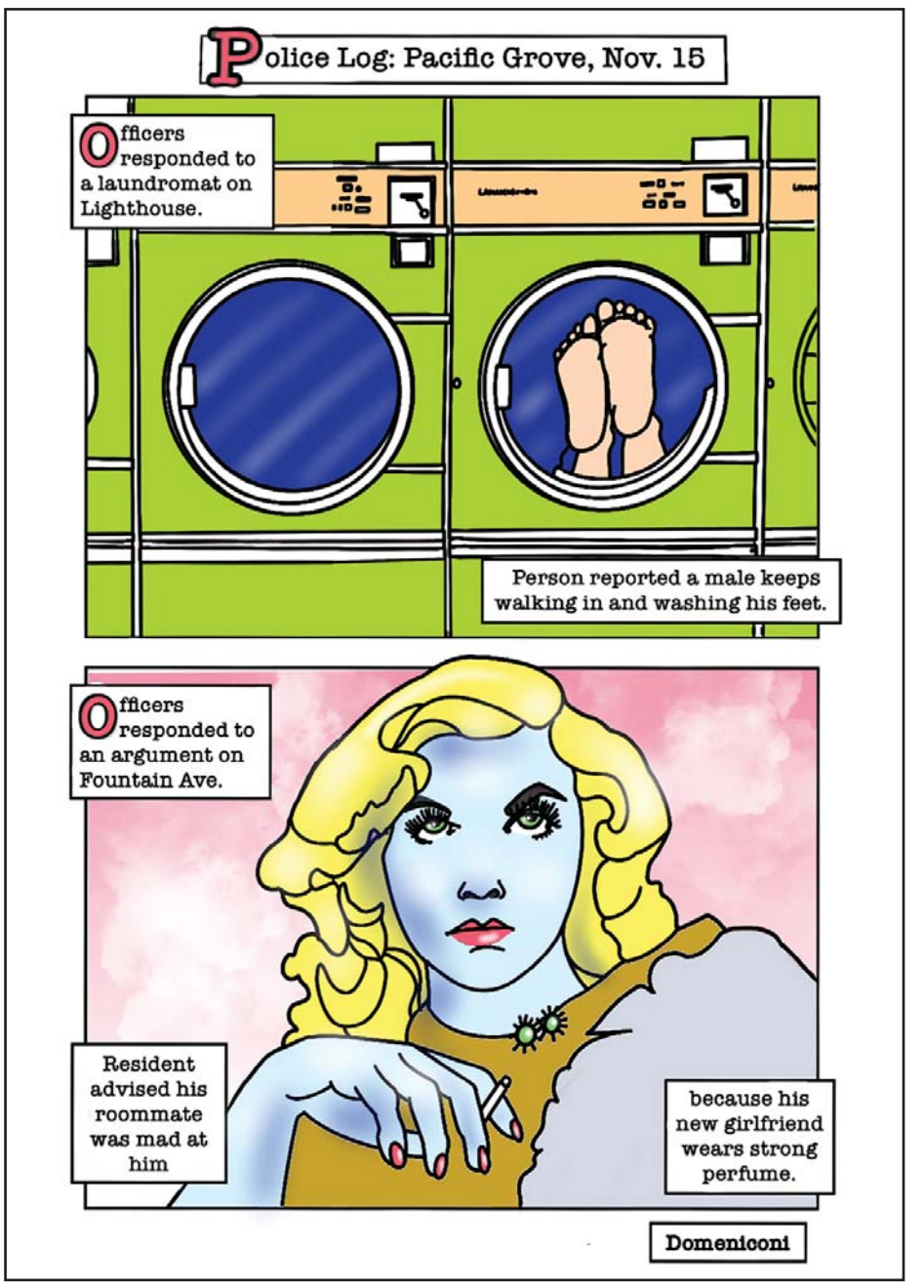
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ARTIST

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became smitten with the beauty and intricacies of plant life while visiting an exhibit at the Filoli Center in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

She returned 35 years later to enroll in Filoli's botanical art certificate program and now specializes in botanical and nature paintings, mostly watercolors.

"I have a strong interest in carnivorous plants," said Goldstone, who nurtures several in her Marina home. "They're from various regions of the world. Some are tropical — some grow here in the United States.

"I don't feed them — they catch what they catch," she said of her bug-eating greenery.

Frigid waters

Frances Krebs (Oct. 16, 2026) of Carmel Valley suffered a bad break to her right wrist a while back, an injury that required a lengthy recovery.

"I assumed I'd get the cast removed and be good to go, but I couldn't do anything with that hand. I went through a year of occupational therapy," remembered Krebs, who has a beautiful piece on her wall — finished in about two hours — that she painted left-handed.

Justin Barrett (March 13, 2026) became a jade hunter at age 17, snorkeling, scuba diving, and frequently freediving (diving on a single breath with only a mask and a weight belt) in the frigid waters and strong currents of Big Sur.

But his interest in earthy things that might be millenniums old began at a much younger age for the Peninsula jade artist, now in his mid-40s.

As a 7-year-old, he dug "a giant pit" in his backyard, hoping to uncover fossils.

"Our neighbor was an archaeologist who, I think, was peppering the sides of my hole with actual fossils that I would find, so I had a whole little museum of rocks and shells in a corner of my room," Barrett reflected.

Russian-born watercolorist **Tamara Selyangina** (March 20, 2026), a Monterey artist, grew up in Eastern Siberia but never attempted to create art until she was pursuing her master's degree in psychology in Germany.

Now retired, she cannot imagine a life without art.

"I love doing plein air painting — it's such a different feeling — all the butterflies, sounds of birds, the colors you see in nature. It's all just amazing to me," said Selyangina, who came to Monterey in 2007 to work at the Defense Language Institute. "I am so thankful to God, or the universe, or whoever that I have this wonderful hobby."

Georgia Hamilton (Feb. 13, 2026) recalls being mesmerized as a child by a collection of glass art her father purchased in Japan — an interest that got another nudge in 1997, when she watched glassblowers creating their magic in Southern California.

Black tutus

After a family friend gave her his equipment and materials for stained-glass artwork — a grinder, a glass cutter, and scraps — she had herself a hobby.

"I got books from the library, watched YouTube videos and started educating myself," said Hamilton, who creates and teaches glass art in a dedicated studio in her Pacific Grove garage. "It was so fascinating, and there was so much to learn, that I realized it was going to take me the rest of my life to figure it out."

New Zealand native **Susan McKendry** (Feb. 20, 2026), a ceramic artist in Carmel Valley, had artsy parents, including a mom who designed costumes for the New Zealand Ballet and Shakespearean productions.

"I remember black tutus all over our house," said McKendry, a costume designer today for Pacific Repertory Theater.

As a ceramicist, McKendry savors her time at the throwing wheel and is excited by surprises that come out of her 2,400-degree wood-firing kiln.

"That's part of the fun," she said.

Monterey plein air artist **Suzanne Elliott** (May 8, 2026) endured the heat and humidity of her birthplace — the southeastern African nation of Malawi — keeping her eyes peeled for hyenas, leopards and other native creatures.

"The hyenas would come pretty much every night. I'd hear them outside, cackling, and they terrified me," she remembered. "When I was 5 or 6, I'd crawl down the corridor to the bathroom at night underneath the windows so I didn't have to look out and see them."

Elliott was 16 when her father moved the family to the far-more-pleasant Seychelles Islands, and 40 when she took her first painting class. That was in San Jose, where she was working as a mortgage broker.

"I enjoy the adventure of plein air painting, and I love the immediacy," she said. "There has never been a time when I haven't felt better after I've been outside painting than I did before. It's always uplifting."

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667 Santa Rita Street — $3,000,000
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534 Aguajito Road — $3,550,000
Lanette Penna to Aaron and Jame Monroe
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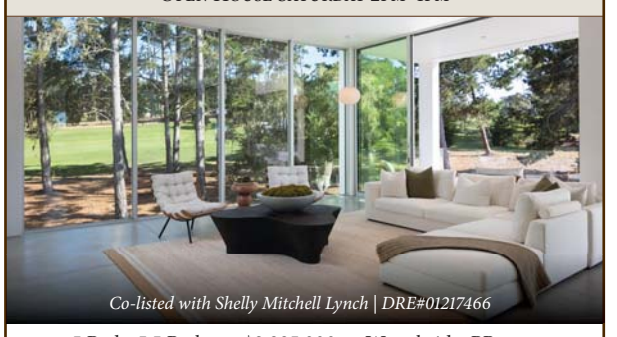
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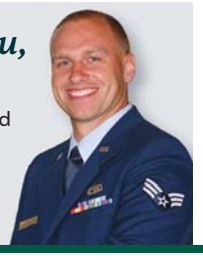
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159 Del Mesa Carmel — $1,405,000
Anne Freeman to Gabrielle Fiorentino
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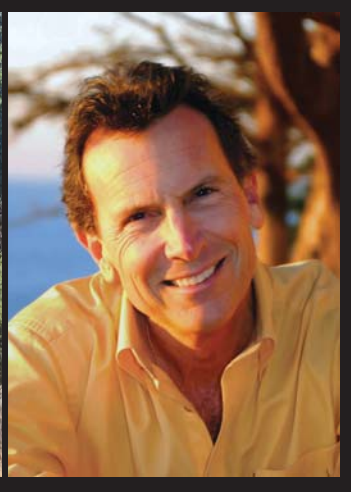
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A curmudgeon without a complaint is like a rooster without a dawn

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

IT SEEMS the older people get, the more they complain about diminishing faculties. They move slower, acquire a fear of falling, tire more easily, eat less and lose interest in causes they were once avid about. I join them in their complaints, while realizing that I'm running out of things to complain about. That is a serious flaw in a curmudgeon.

I've given up on Safeway's decision to remove handles from its grocery bags. Lucky is right up the street, and its bags have handles, but I keep going back to Safeway because of one of its employees. In the meantime, I carry my groceries like a man hauling firewood.

Purchasing air

I'm through complaining about Yahoo, too, which is not the same as being quiet about it. It took a classic email format and turned it into something designed by a toddler with a box of crayons and a free afternoon. It would be too complicated to switch providers, so I live with the dismissive replies to my complaints. Mandy from customer care apologizes for my frustration with the new format, soothingly telling me to pound sand.

So what is left? How about shrinkflation? How many ounces are there in a pound of coffee? Not 16, yet we still call it a pound of coffee. Cans once held a full pound. Many now hold 12 ounces or so and wear the same label with a straight face. Containers of many other grocery products are the same size as ever, with less inside. You almost have to turn a cereal box completely over before any snaps and crackles pop out of it.

Potato chip bags are puffed up like a politician at a ribbon-cutting, and when you open one, you discover you mostly bought air and good intentions. Toilet paper rolls are now labeled "mega" and "super" and are the size of dinner rolls — and they last about as long. The peanut butter jar has a dent in the bottom the size of a fist, which I assume is there for structural reasons and not to hide the missing peanuts.

Sneaky shrinkflation

What galls me is the sneakiness. A price increase is honest. It walks up to your front door and says, "I'm here to take your money." Shrinkflation slips in through the back window. The package stays the same, the price stays almost the same, and the only thing that changes is what you get. You are charged full fare for a shorter ride, and the company is counting on you not to notice or, worse, not to care.

Which, I realize, is also a fair description of getting older. The container looks the same: same hat, same grin, same name on the mailbox. Yet check it out and there is less. Less stamina, less patience for stairs. I'm losing stature, too. I used to be an inch or two taller, which makes me, in the language of the grocery industry, a reduced-size product at the same price.

So here's my answer. There is plenty left to complain

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GERVASE

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about, and complaining is the point. The people who stop complaining are not the contented ones. They are the ones who have stopped checking the weight on the package, stopped turning over the cereal box, stopped caring whether anyone is shortchanging them. A good grumble means you still believe things ought to be better, and that you are still in the store.

Which brings me back to Safeway, and to Alejandro.

Red-handled cart

Alejandro is the sweetest supermarket employee anywhere and the closest thing to the beloved Thelma Howard, who for years hugged us into Costco. If he sees me when he is outside lassoing stray carts, he stops and brings me one of the smaller red-handled carts that I prefer. If he sees me inside, he asks if I need help. And he really can help, because he knows exactly where every item in that store is, including the things I could not name if you paid me. He has never once made me feel like an old man asking for directions, though I am exactly that.

Lucky's bags have handles. Alejandro has something better. In a world where everyone is quietly taking a little off the top, he is the one person who keeps adding. He adds a cart to my morning, a hand to my search for the horseradish and a hello to a day that might not otherwise have contained one. Nothing about him has shrunk.

So let the handles go. Let Yahoo keep its crayons. I will keep my red-handled cart, my friend in the aisle and my right to hold a potato chip bag up to the light and announce to no one in particular that it is a scandal. Somebody has to, and with Alejandro around, I will keep showing up to complain about it.

And on the day I truly run out of things to complain about, somebody should check my pulse. Until then, Mandy can pound sand.

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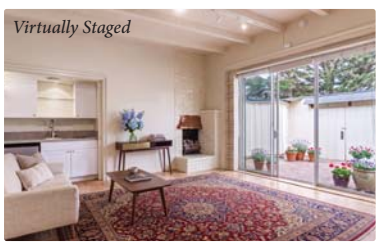
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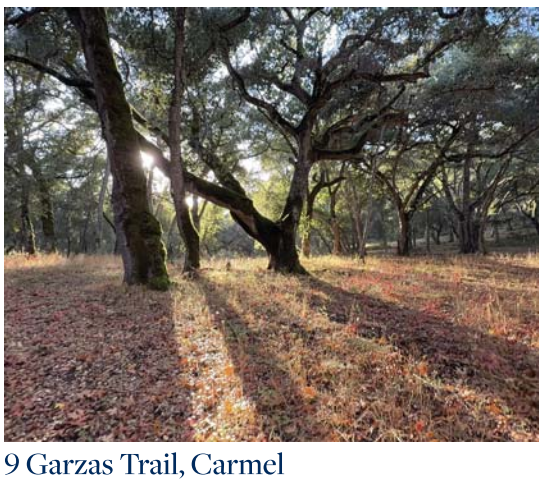
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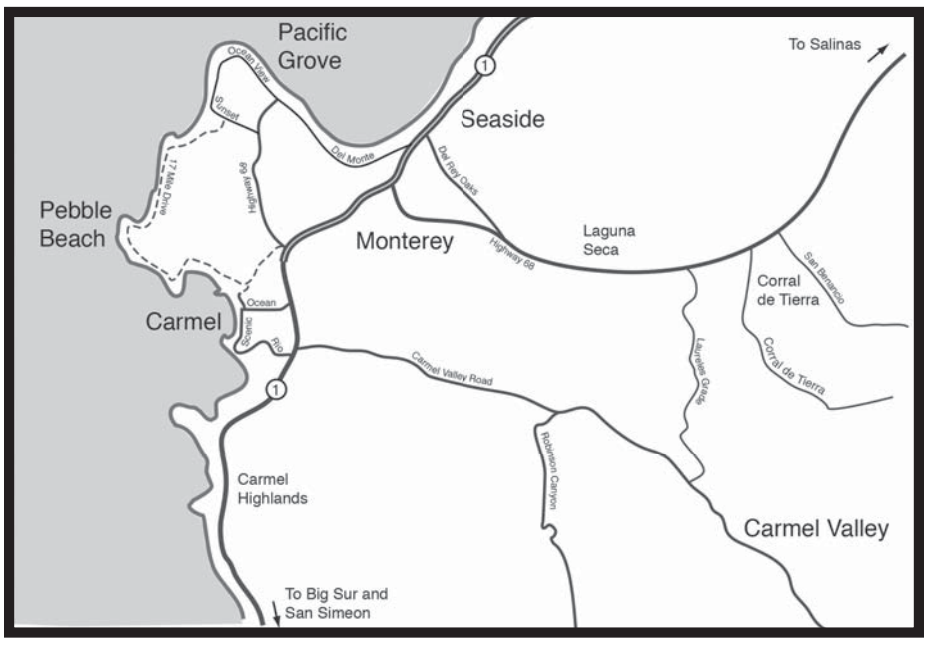


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$595,000 0bd 1ba Su 1-3
253 Hacienda Carmel — Carmel
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$725,000 2bd 2ba Sa 1-3
203 Hacienda Carmel — Carmel
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$899,000 2bd 2ba Su 2-4
20 Del Mesa Carmel — Carmel
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$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
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$1,150,000 2bd 2.5ba Sa Su 12-2
3850 Rio Rd 47 — Carmel
David Lyng Real Estate — 915-8292

$1,175,000 2bd 2ba Sa 12-3
137 Del Mesa — Carmel
Monterey Coast Realty — 236-2940

$1,285,000 3bd 2ba Su 12-2
37 Del Mesa Carmel — Carmel
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$1,395,000 3bd 2ba Sa 11-2
25415 Via Cicindela — Carmel
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$1,495,000 2bd 3ba Sa 1-3
9903 Club Place Lane — Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 737-0046

$1,500,000 1bd 1ba Sa 11-1 Su 2-4
96 Corona Way — Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 915-8989

$1,600,000 3bd 2ba Sa 1-3
26085 Carmel Hills Dr — Carmel
Team Beesley — 236-6876

$1,750,000 3bd 2.5+ba Sa 12-4
25315 Flanders Dr — Carmel
Coldwell Banker Realty — 241-1264 / 277-0622

$1,895,000 3bd 2ba Sa Su 1-3
25190 Canyon Drive — Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 601-3320



$2,549,000 3bd 2ba Sa 11-2 Su 1-3
24571 Portola Avenue — Carmel
Carmel Realty Company — 303-502-6477 / 594-8767

$2,695,000 3bd 2.5ba Sa 12-3
229 Carpenter — Carmel
Compass — 238-1380

$3,200,000 4bd 2.5ba Sa Su 1-3
24400 S. San Luis Ave. — Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 277-3371

$3,595,000 2bd 2.5ba Sa Su 1-4
7086 Valley Greens Cir — Carmel
Coldwell Banker Realty — 206-0129

$3,995,000 4bd 2.5ba Sa 1-3 Su 11-2
23 Mentone Road — Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 238-2101 / 402-5877

$4,250,000 3bd 2ba Sa 11-2
571 Monte Verde Street — Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 277-9250

$4,475,000 3bd 2ba Sa 1-3
5th Avenue 2NW of Lincoln — Carmel
Compass — 262-7768

$4,495,000 4bd 4ba Su 1-3
3369 Trevis Way — Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 404-401-8647

$5,195,000 4bd 3.5ba Sa Su 12-3
231 Spindrift Road — Carmel
Monterey Coast Realty — 460-6864

$5,600,000 5bd 5ba Sa 12-2 Su 12-3
26219 Atherton Place — Carmel
Carmel Realty Company — 915-8153 / 884-3868

$6,195,000 3bd 4ba Sa 1-3
2486 17th Avenue — Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 760-5126

$6,795,000 3bd 2.5ba Sa Su 1-4
Carmelo 2 SW of 9th — Carmel
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$1,249,000 3bd 2.5ba Sa 11-1
134 Laurel Dr — Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Realty — 277-0622

$1,260,000 3bd 2ba Sa 11-2
471 Country Club Drive — Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 402-5877

$1,649,000 3bd 2ba Su 1-3
4 Paso Del Rio — Carmel Valley
Monterey Coast Realty — 277-5821

$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

$1,999,000 4bd 4ba Sa 1-3
15286 Via La Gitana — Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 238-7559

$2,200,000 4bd 4ba Sa 2-4
26245 Rinconada — Carmel Valley
Compass — 236-5290

$2,740,000 4bd 2.5ba Sa 12-2
31499 Via Las Rosas — Carmel Valley
The Agency — 293-4878

$3,995,000 5bd 5ba Su 12-2
7 San Clemente — Carmel Valley
Compass — 236-5290

$4,350,000 4bd 3.5ba Su 1-3
25 Miramonte Rd — Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Realty — 917-3966

$4,895,000 4bd 3.5ba Sa 12-3 Su 1-3
7053 Valley Green Circle — Carmel Valley
Professional Realty Inc — 238-7449

CORRAL DE TIERRA

$2,149,000 4bd 3ba Su 1-3
28951 Falcon Ridge — Corral de Tierra
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 915-2800

DEL REY OAKS

$499,000 1bd 1ba Fr 3-5
121 Quail Run Court — Del Rey Oaks
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 917-1631

$1,079,500 4bd 3ba Su 1:30-3:30
32 Carlton Drive — Del Rey Oaks
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 915-1004

GILROY

$2,150,000 3bd 2.5ba Sa 1-4 Su 11-2
3540 Godfrey Ave — Gilroy
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 915-0265

MARINA

$575,000 2bd 2ba Su 1-3
3095 Marina Drive 49 — Marina
Monterey Coast Realty — 717-7959

$849,000 3bd 2ba Sa 11-1
3216 Vista Del Camino — Marina
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 917-9886

$890,000 4bd 2ba Sa Su 12-2
119 Brookside Place — Marina
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$959,000 3bd 3ba Sa 1-3
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$1,195,161 3bd 2ba Sa Su 1-3
263 Santa Lucia Lane — Marina
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$1,285,505 4bd 3ba Sa Su 1-3
254 Santa Lucia Lane — Marina
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$1,349,000 4bd 3ba Sa 3-5
479 Palisade Drive — Marina
Monterey Coast Realty — 277-6728

$1,375,000 4bd 2.5ba Sa Su 1-3
257 Santa Lucia Lane — Marina
Monterey Coast Realty — 277-6728

$1,399,458 4bd 3ba Sa Su 1-3
255 Santa Lucia Lane — Marina
Monterey Coast Realty — 277-6728

$2,335,000 4bd 3.5ba Sa 1-3
2409 Schooner Avenue — Marina
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 293-3668

$950,000 3bd 2ba Sa 1-3
18015 McDowell Street — Marina, East Garrison
Monterey Coast Realty — 277-6728

$1,089,000 4bd 2.5ba Sa 11-2
16406 Garrison Dr — Marina, East Garrison
Compass — 238-2022

$1,150,000 4bd 3.5ba Sa 10-12
18551 McClellan Circle — Marina, East Garrison
Monterey Coast Realty — 277-6728

MONTEREY

$545,000 1bd 1ba Sa Su 12-3
300 Glenwood Cir 198 — Monterey
Coldwell Banker Realty — 601-8424

$779,000 3bd 2ba Sa Su 12-3
1360 Josselyn Canyon Road #40 — Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 588-2154

$849,000 2bd 1ba Sa Su 1-4
642 Cypress Street — Monterey
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$995,000 2bd 1ba Sa 11-2
471 Pine Street — Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 521-3131

$1,100,000 3bd 2.5ba Sa 1-3
1360 Josselyn Canyon Road 43 — Monterey
Monterey Coast Realty — 717-7959

$1,233,000 2bd 2ba Su 2-4
537 Larkin Street — Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 318-3808

$1,395,888 4bd 3.5ba Sa 10-12
10148 Blue Larkspur Ln — Monterey
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams — 595-9242

$1,450,000 3bd 3ba Sa 10-12, 1-3 Su 1-3
890 Fountain Ave — Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 293-3668 / 200-5007

$1,897,000 4bd 3ba Sa 12-3 Su 12:30-2:30
10601 Hidden Mesa Pl — Monterey
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams — 241-1598

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11530 Spur Road — Monterey
Carmel Realty Company — 241-1434

MOSS LANDING

$2,250,000 2bd 2ba Su 1-3
274 Monterey Dunes Way — Moss Landing
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PACIFIC GROVE

$1,100,000 2bd 2ba Su 1-3
226 Walnut Street — Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 402-2017

$1,195,000 2bd 2ba Fr 1-4 Sa Su 11-1:30
1205 Lincoln Ave — Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 402-2884

$1,279,000 2bd 1ba Fr 3-5 Sa 12-3
315 Cypress Avenue — Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 238-8116

$1,399,000 3bd 2ba Fr 3-5 Sa 2-4 Su 11-1
950 Syida Drive — Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 915-8989

$1,795,000 2bd 1ba Su 11-1
963 Crest Ave — Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Realty — 917-7029

$1,800,000 3bd 3.5ba Sa 1-3
917 Fountain Avenue — Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 402-2017

$1,850,000 4bd 3ba Sa Su 12-2
979 Syida Dr — Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Realty — 717-7815

$1,898,000 3bd 2ba Sa 2-4 Su 12-3
707 Walnut Street — Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 917-9886

$1,995,000 5bd 4ba Su 12-2
114 Carmel Avenue — Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 521-0680

$5,690,000 4bd 3.5ba Sa 1-3
1273 Surf Avenue — Pacific Grove
Carmel Realty Company — 277-5544

PEBBLE BEACH

$885,000 2bd 2ba Sa 12-2
21 Shepherds Knoll — Pebble Beach
Compass — 236-5290

$925,000 2bd 2ba Sa 12-2
75 Ocean Pines — Pebble Beach
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$1,349,000 3bd 2ba Sa 1-3
84 Ocean Pines Ln — Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Realty — 917-3966

$1,998,000 3bd 2.5ba Fr 1-4 Sa 12-4 Su 12-2
4035 Sunset Lane — Pebble Beach
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 238-4462 / 915-6391

$7,920,000 4bd 3.5ba Sa 12-2 Su 11-1
3978 Ronda Road — Pebble Beach
Compass — 236-5290

$8,275,000 3bd 2.5ba Sa 2:30-4:30 Su 2-4
1651 Crespi Lane — Pebble Beach
Compass — 236-5290

$8,995,000 5bd 5.5ba Sa 2-4
3159 Stevenson Drive — Pebble Beach
Carmel Realty Company — 521-4855

$11,495,000 4bd 4ba Sa 1-3
1031 The Old Drive — Pebble Beach
Carmel Realty Company — 277-5544

SALINAS

$685,000 3bd 2ba Sa 11-1 Su 1-3
534 Rochex Avenue — Salinas
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$799,000 4bd 2ba Fr 4-6 Sa 12:30-2:30 Su 11:30-1:30
69 Geil St — Salinas
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams — 867-1188

$1,150,000 4bd 3ba Sa 12-2:30
14390 Mountain Quail Road — Salinas
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 236-7251

$1,150,000 4bd 3ba Su 2-4
7710 Fallen Leaf Lane — Salinas
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 915-0233

$1,469,000 3bd 2.5ba Sa Su 12-2
10 Paseo Segundo — Salinas
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams — 261-6468

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$750,000 2bd 1ba Sa 1-3
450 Ortiz Ave — Sand City
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 915-1004

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$875,000 3bd 2.5ba Sa Su 12-2
1273 Darwin Street — Seaside
Sotheby's Int'l RE — 925-216-0647

$1,099,000 3bd 2ba Fr 12-2 Sa Su 1-3
1976 Luzern St — Seaside
The Ruiz Group, Keller Williams — 595-9242

$1,329,000 3bd 2.5ba Su 1-3
4305 Peninsula Point Dr — Seaside
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$1,349,991 5bd 3.5ba Su 11-1
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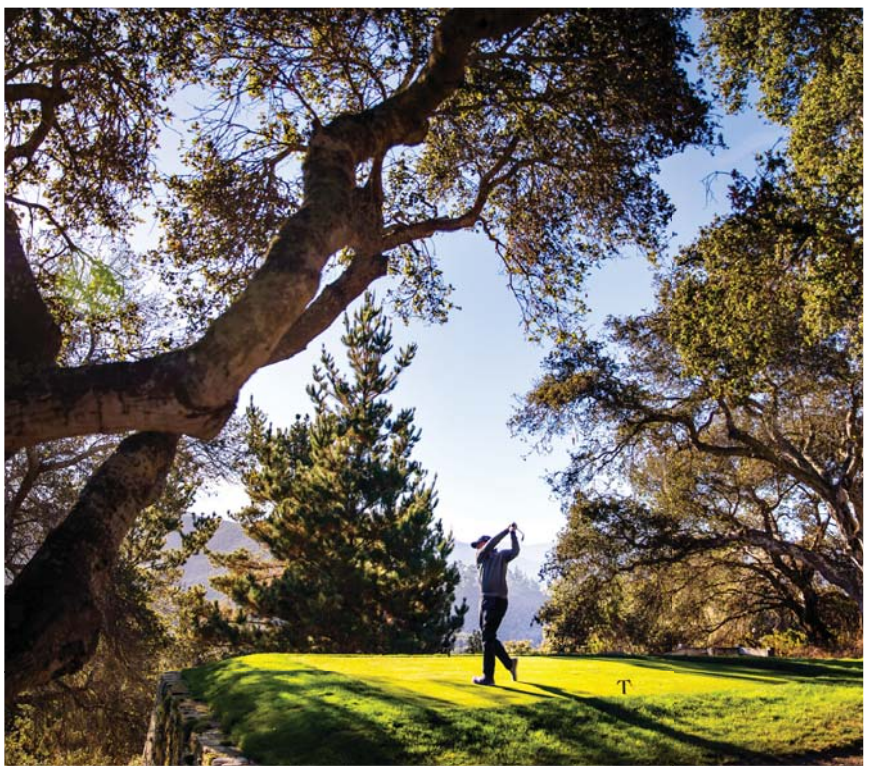
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Monte Verde and Eighth for having false tabs.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious circumstances at Ocean and San Carlos. Report documenting an online purchase of jewelry that appears to be fraudulent. The bank is confirming the disputed transaction claim, and the report was filed because the transaction likely was fraudulent. The location of the transaction is still being determined, and it may fall under the jurisdiction of a police department in Michigan.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found wallet at Lincoln and Ocean Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Out-of-jurisdiction courtesy report of an alleged sexual assault. The alleged assault occurred out of state, and the report was forwarded to detectives.

Pacific Grove: Animal bite report on Central Avenue received from the Monterey County Health Department.

Pacific Grove: Animal bite report on Ransford Avenue received from the Monterey County Health Department.

Pacific Grove: Officers responded to the 1100 block of Forest Avenue regarding theft from a business.

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County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
Petr Kotala, 25680 Tierra Grande Drive, Carmel, CA 93923.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Oct. 16, 2026.
S/ Petr Kotala
Date signed: Oct. 16, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 16, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261990
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LAREYNAS SUPERMARKET, 10750 Merritt St., Castroville, CA 95012.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ABDASALAM ABDO SAEED, 1221 San Gabriel Ct., Watsonville, CA 95076.
RAMZEE ALGHAILI MURSHID, 15 Plum St., Watsonville, CA 95076.
This business is conducted by a general partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 2, 2021.
S/Abdasalam Abdo Saeed
Date signed: Oct. 16, 2026
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 20262025
Filing type: ABANDONMENT:
County of Filing: Monterey
Date of Original Filing: Feb. 11, 2025
File No.: 20250304
The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
ALL SEASONS HEATING & COOLING, 1173 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ZACHARY BRIAN HUMASON, P.O. Box 2127, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
This business is conducted by an individual.
S/Zachary Brian Humason
Date: Oct. 22, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262027
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ALL SEASONS HEATING & COOLING, 1173 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
JOEL G. MAGALLON, 1173 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 22, 2026.
S/Joel Magallon
Date signed: Oct. 22, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262023
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
TINTICOS, 5200 Coe Avenue, Apt. 1173, Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ANDREA PEÑA PEREZ, 5200 Coe Avenue, Apt. 1173, Seaside, CA 93955.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 22, 2026.
S/Andrea Peña Perez
Date signed: Oct. 22, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261983
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
VALLEY DOGS, 924 Larkin St., Apt. 101, Salinas, CA 93907.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ELIAZ CERNA-AGUILAR.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Eliaz Cerna-Aguilar
Date signed: Oct. 15, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 15, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261818
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ANGELES Y QUERUBINES DAYCARE, 38 Las Lomas Dr. #C, Royal Oaks, CA 95076.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ARACELI CARDOSO, 38 Las Lomas Dr. #C, Royal Oaks, CA 95076.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Not Applicable.
S/Araceli Cardoso
Date signed: Sept. 13, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 18, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 1051)

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

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

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

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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262057
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CARMEL SPEECH THERAPY, 3785 Via Nona Marie, Suite 104, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
CARMEL SPEECH THERAPY, INC., 140 W. Franklin St., Suite 203 #151, Monterey, CA 93940.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 11, 2026.
S/Kayla Piorkowski, CEO
Date: Oct. 27, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 27, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026. (PC 1102)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262067
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
VARCELLE, 20 Russell Rd., Spc. 55, Salinas, CA 93906.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
NATAN MONROY CASTILLO, 20 Russell Rd., Spc. 55, Salinas, CA 93906.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Natan Monroy Castillo
Date signed: Oct. 29, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 29, 2026.
Publication Dates: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (PC 1105)

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

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

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 26CV005739

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, BRANDON JENNINGS THANEPAHN-TROSKY, aka BRANDON JENNINGS THANEPAHN, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A.Present name:
BRANDON JENNINGS THANEPAHN-TROSKY, aka BRANDON JENNINGS THANEPAHN
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)

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116 10th Street — $1,300,000
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451 Dela Vina Avenue unit 107 — $520,000
Lucilla Luo to Christine Kessel
APN: 013-331-023

2969 Highway 68 unit D5 — $550,000
John Manly to Zeledon Properties LLC
APN: 259-022-061

2969 Highway 68 unit D6 — $550,000
Vince and Melissa Finaldi to Zeledon Properties LLC
APN: 259-022-062

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Jagdishwar and Sudeshina Nand to Derrick Ledesma
APN: 013-103-023

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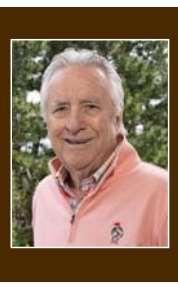


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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261926
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Huezo Ink Creations, 255 E Bolivar St. SPC 121, Salinas, CA 93906
County of Monterey
Registrant(s):
Pablo Adolfo Gonzalez, 255 E Bolivar St. SPC 121, Salinas, CA 93906
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/ Pablo Adolfo Gonzalez
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on [FileDate].
10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13/26
CNS-4078997#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 1023)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261927
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MB AUTO RENTALS AND SALES, 1206 La Salle Ave Spc 8A, Seaside, CA 93955
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
MONTEREY BAY AUTO RENTALS LLC, 351 SAN FELIPE RD STE 101 #1005, HOLLISTER, CA 95023
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
MONTEREY BAY AUTO RENTALS LLC
S/ Vidal Ballesteros, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/07/2026.
10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13/26
CNS-4081569#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 1024)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261977
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE JOINT MARINA, 234 RESERVATION ROAD, MARINA, CA 93933
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
FLAVORS OF MARINA INC., 234 RESERVATION ROAD, MARINA, CA 93933
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by: a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Aug. 1, 2026.
S/ Harkamalpreet Gill, Chief Executive Officer
Date signed: Oct. 14, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 14, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 23, 30. Nov. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 1027)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261973
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SALTY SOUL SANCTUARY, 526 OCEAN AVE STE 304, CARMEL BY THE SEA, CA 93921
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
SALTY SOUL SANCTUARY LLC, 86 VIA VENTURA, MONTEREY, CA 93940
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by: a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Not Applicable.
S/ Kyle Hoff, Managing Member
Date signed: Oct. 14, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 14, 2026.Publication Dates: Oct. 23, 30. Nov. 6, 13, 2026. (PC 1028)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261918
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
GROCERY OUTLET OF SALINAS, 1415 N Main Street, Salinas, CA 93906
County of MONTEREY
Registrant(s):
THE3BEEZ LLC, 1415 N Main Street, Salinas, CA 93906
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
THE3BEEZ LLC
S/ TRENT BLANKENSHIP, MANAGING MEMBER,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 10/06/2026.
10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13/26
CNS-4082710#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 1029)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261901
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
FILIPINO INDIAN SUPERMARKET, 1914 FREMONT BLVD, SEASIDE, CA 93955
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
BIBS VENTURES LLC, 1914 FREMONT ST, SEASIDE, CA 93955
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by: a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 10/01/2026.
S/ Salvador Ornelas, Member
Date signed: Oct. 5, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 5, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 23, 30. Nov. 6, 13, 2026. (PC 1030)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261980
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LOVE ONES HOME CARE, 510 Paradise Rd., Salinas, CA 93907.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
DIEGO RODRIGUEZ GONZALEZ, P.O. Box 584, Seaside, CA 93955.
JANNET JUVENTINA RODRIGUEZ
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Jannet Rodriguez
Date signed: Oct. 15, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 15, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 1031)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261894
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SAVE DEL MESA CARMEL, 43 Del Mesa Carmel, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
JAMES EDWARD ROBINSON.
CHARMIAN HILARY ROBINSON.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 2, 2026.
S/James E. Robinson
Date signed: Oct. 2, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 2, 2026
Publication Dates: Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 1032)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261828
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
EC LAWN AND GARDEN, 59 Martines Rd., Salinas, CA 93907.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
CYNTHIA DE LA ROSA ALDERETE, 59 Martines Rd., Salinas, CA 93907.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Not Applicable.
S/Cynthia Alderete
Date signed: Sept. 22, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 22, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 1033)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261965
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ROADRAGE WORKS, 315 Vincent Pl., Salinas, CA 93907.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
RAYMOND CHARLES ASH, 315 Vincent Pl., Salinas, CA 93907.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 14, 2026.
S/Raymond Ash
Date signed: Oct. 14, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 14, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 1035)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261758
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ESQUIVEL TAX CPA, 32 E. Alisal, Suite 206, Salinas, CA 93901.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
VICTOR ALFONSO ESQUIVEL
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2026.
S/Victor Esquivel
Date signed: Sept. 9, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 9, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 1038)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261968
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
EL PRIMO WESTERN WEAR, 828 E. Alisal St., Salinas, CA 93905.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
EL PRIMO WESTERN WEAR INC., 489 Arcadia Way, Salinas, CA 93906.
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 2001.
S/Margarita Servin, Secretary
Date: Oct. 13, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 14, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 1036)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262001
Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
AURORA CLEANING SERVICES, 13900 Monte Del-Oro, Space 67, Castroville, CA 95012.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
FATIMA CASTILLA BENITEZ
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 13, 2024.
S/Fatima Castilla Benitez
Date signed: Oct. 19, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 19, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 1040)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20261807
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE VALLEY LANDSCAPING LLC, 348 Brittlebush St., Soledad, CA 93960.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
THE VALLEY LANDSCAPING LLC, 348 Brittlebush St., Soledad, CA 93960.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 17, 2026.
S/Christian Guzman
Date: Sept. 17, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 17, 2026.
Publication Dates: Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2026 (PC 1041)

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20262015
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JHONATAN SP PAINTING, 1203 Grandhaven St., Salinas, CA 93905.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
JHONATAN SANTOS PEREZ, S.E. Beach St., PMB #119, Watsonville, CA 95076.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 29, 2026.
S/Jhonatan Santos Perez
Date signed: Oct. 21, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 21, 2026
Publication Dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2026 (PC 1044)

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TSG No.: 92861541 TS No.: CA2600295053 APN: 011-462-032-000 Property Address: 108 SEAFOAM AVENUE MONTEREY, CA 93940 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/21/2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12/01/2026 at 10:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 02/01/2021, as Instrument No. 2021007145, in book , page , , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of MONTEREY County, State of California. Executed by: IRENE G. MINJARES, TRUSTEE OF THE IRENE G. MINJARES, TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 1989, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) Main Entrance Monterey County Administration Building, 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas CA 93901 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 011-462-032-000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 108 SEAFOAM AVENUE, MONTEREY, CA 93940 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $ 525,084.33. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 or visit this internet website www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA2600295053 Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 855-976-3916, or visit this internet website https://www.auction.com/sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case CA2600295053 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. First American Title Insurance Company 4795 Regent Blvd, Mail Code 1011-F Irving, TX 75063 Date: FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 800-280-2832NPP0496630 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 11/06/2026, 11/13/2026, 11/20/2026

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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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DEEDS

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Pacific Grove (con't)

Alice Clatterbuck to James Donlon and Christina Lucido
APN: 006-495-010

1209 Funston Avenue — $1,423,000
Andrew and Mandi Ackerman to Laura Mullen and Lucky Dog Trust
APN: 007-565-013

441 Pine Avenue — $1,900,000
Ada Koch to Marcy Holeton
APN: 006-491-002

Pebble Beach

27 Shepherds Knoll Drive — $1,360,000
OVW Holdings LLC to Richard and Cecelia Stirm
APN: 008-253-001

3017 Forest Way — $1,825,000
Brian and Angelic Roeder to Anhthu Do and Mike Hang
APN: 007-682-008



13101 Corte de Encanto, Highway 68 — $2,575,000



3017 Forest Way, Pebble Beach — $1,825,000

Seaside

1189 Phoenix Avenue — $607,500
Ramesh Lal to Edgardo and Jessica Espinola
APN: 012-071-011

4 Louvaine Court — $630,000
Walter Thompson to Joanna Gilman
APN: 012-622-006

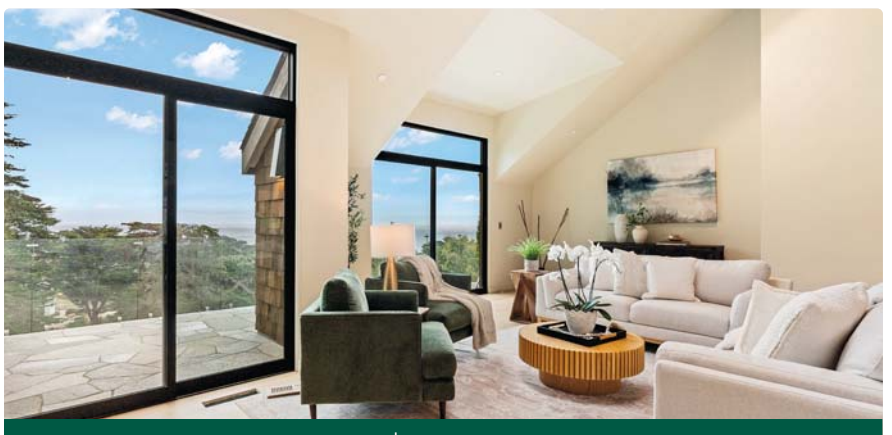
1929 Del Monte Blvd. — $960,000
Allecia Garrett and Barbara Russell to Alan Daoud
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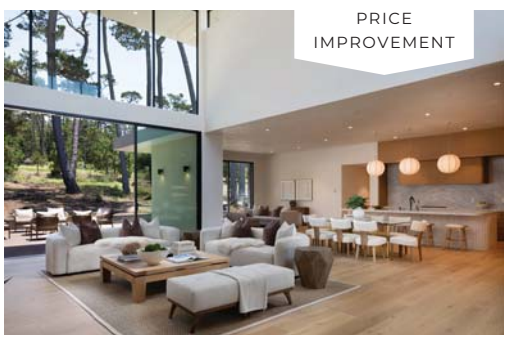
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