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## Pastor adds to portfolio of downtown property

By MARY SCHLEY

MONACO BILLIONAIRE Patrice Pastor added to his considerable portfolio when he purchased the iconic Eastwood Building and the building just to the south of it for \$11.2 million last week, according to Monterey County records.

One of Pastor's local real estate development companies, Esperanza Carmel Commercial LLC, purchased the buildings from MDC Real Estate Investments LLC, which lists its business address as 5449 Quail Way in Carmel Valley.

The two-story, contemporary-style, heavy-timbered Eastwood Building, which the former Carmel mayor sold in 2013, is notable not just because it bears Eastwood's name, but because it was his fights with the city while trying to get the project approved that led to his successful

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## Eastwood wraps filming in New Mexico

By PAUL MILLER

HE MAY be 90 years old, but former Carmel mayor Clint Eastwood is still one of the preeminent directors in Hollywood and last week he finished principal photography for his latest project, an adventure film called "Cry Macho."

Not only is Eastwood directing the movie, he stars in it. "It's about a broken-down rodeo guy who works for a man who's terribly wealthy," Eastwood told The Pine Cone. "I play the broken-down rodeo guy."

The story involves the rich guy's ex-wife, who takes their children to Mexico to keep them away from him.

"The boss calls in his chips with the rodeo guy and sends him down to Mexico to get the kids," Eastwood said. "The film's about all the adventures he has with the kids on the way back."

### Social distancing on the set

Eastwood shot the movie entirely in Albuquerque, N.M., and said full social-distancing rules were in effect on location.

"We all wore masks all the time, except the actors when they were shooting a scene," Eastwood said. "I was a little reticent at first, but it actually worked very well."

Warner Bros., which is producing, also had an infection-prevention crew working with Eastwood, the other

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## SANTA TRADES SLED FOR SURFBOARD, HELPS SELL \$17M PEBBLE BEACH HOME

By CHRIS COUNTS

TIM ALLEN'S real estate marketing team goes to great lengths to showcase local homes for sale, even turning to the jolly man with the white beard and red suit for help.

In the latest video produced by Tim Allen Properties, Santa Claus not only lives in Pebble Beach — who with a white beard wouldn't want to live there? — but he also surfs and drives a 4-by-4 VW bus.

The video opens with resident Rachel DuVall playing a TV reporter.

"We've just received breaking news — Santa Claus is on his way to his Pebble Beach vacation home," DuVall tells viewers.

With 27,000 views on YouTube in just two weeks, it will soon be the most viewed video on Allen's channel.

The video cuts to a house that is for sale at 17 Mile Drive and Spyglass Hill Road. Next it follows Santa

## Tuck Box hit with another 'Notice of Violation'

By MARY SCHLEY



PHOTO/MICHAEL TROUTMAN, DMT IMAGING

Tuck Box owner Jeff LeTowt being served with legal papers Tuesday ordering him to stop serving diners at his restaurant — a prohibition he says is unnecessary and unconstitutional.

### Continued serving diners on premises

THE DAY after the new shutdown order took effect last Sunday night, closing numerous businesses and forcing restaurants back into serving takeout only, Monterey County deputy district attorney Emily Hickok issued a stern warning that DA Jeannine Pacioni and her lawyers will enforce the new lockdown. And on Tuesday, environmental health officials issued Tuck Box owner Jeff LeTowt a notice of violation for allowing outdoor dining at the popular restaurant.

Assistant environmental health bureau chief Ric Encarnacion told reporters Wednesday that continued violations at restaurants such as the Tuck Box would result in even harsher consequences.

"Most of the violations we see are in defiance of an order which is understood by many people," Encarnacion said. "Continued defiance will result in a permit revocation."

Encarnacion said Aloha Coffee in Monterey Wednesday had its licensed revoked after it remained open after being ordered shuttered for violating the face-covering rule.

Hickok prosecuted violators during the last major shutdown, including LeTowt, who openly defied the order by letting people dine in his Dolores Street restaurant last spring.

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## Effectiveness of county lockdown doubted

### People 'aren't complying,' Moreno says

By KELLY NIX

THE STAY-HOME order that the Monterey County Health Officer imposed early this month is not working very well to reduce the coronavirus infection rate, and the official says the primary reason is that citizens are violating it.

During a press conference Wednesday, The Pine Cone asked health officer Dr. Ed Moreno whether the four-week lockdown he issued that went into effect Dec. 13 has been effective in slowing the spread of the virus. While he didn't answer the question directly, he said restrictions intended to prevent people from different households from gathering, like the ones he imposed, generally work in reducing transmission.

However, Moreno also said that Monterey County residents are defying his strict order, and the high infection rates this month — the highest recorded since the pandemic began — reflect it.

"We believe what are seeing now is people still gathering, private gatherings, and then getting infected and bringing the virus into households," he explained. "The

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## Supes approve plan to curtail virus in Salinas

By KELLY NIX

THE MONTEREY County Board of Supervisors Monday OK'd a \$5 million outreach program that focuses on coronavirus prevention education and services for residents who live in parts of the county where most of the cases have occurred.

The five supervisors voted unanimously to dramatize

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SCREENSHOT/COURTESY TIM ALLEN PROPERTIES

Steps from an elaborate Pebble Beach home that was just listed for sale, Jolly St. Nick tries to catch a wave.