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Council unanimously supports Hofsas redo

By MARY SCHLEY

PLANS TO tear down a 75-plus-year-old San Carlos Street hotel and replace it can proceed, the Carmel City Council unanimously decided late last Tuesday night at the end of a lengthy meeting that included nearly an hour of debate on whether the hearing would take place at all.

In April, the planning commission unanimously approved owner Carrie Theis' proposal to demolish her family's Bavarian-themed Hofsas House and replace it with a more contemporary, Craftsman-inspired hotel designed by architect Eric Miller. The new complex will contain the same number of rooms — 38, plus two apartments — but have fewer stories on the steeply sloping lot, and the plans protect Theis' historic home on the property.

No delay

Following the commission's vote, Carmel Preservation Association founder and avowed anti-contemporary activist Neal Kruse asked the city council to overturn the approval based on numerous environmental issues. The planning commission erred, he said, because it shouldn't have allowed the project to be exempt from more extensive review.

At the July 9 meeting, Kruse said he repeatedly asked for the hearing to be rescheduled because his attorney, Zan Henson, had a court hearing in San Jose the same day, but he did not get what he believed he was entitled to.

Theis' lawyer, Tony Lombardo, argued that his client had the right to have the matter heard and suggested Henson had plenty of time to get from his early-afternoon hearing in U.S. District Court in San Jose to Carmel City Hall, especially since the Hofsas House hearing was the



PHOTO/PINE CONE FILE

The Hofsas House, located on one of the main arteries into town, can be torn down to make way for a new hotel, the city council says.

Back to the drawing board for decrepit police station

■ A saga full of twists and turns

By MARY SCHLEY

SEVEN YEARS after the discussion began, the Carmel City Council decided last Tuesday to take the police station remodel/expansion/demolition/new construction issue back to square one, again, with its 3-2 vote to look at options for remodeling and possibly expanding the 57-year-old building.

The station has not aged well and has numerous deficiencies, including a significant lack of security, no safe facilities for handling evidence like highly toxic drugs, and nowhere to interview crime victims.

Committee divided

At the July 9 meeting, Police Chief Paul Tomasi presented three options for proceeding with the project by asking Indigo, the architect hired in June 2023 for \$300,000, to provide design schematics for rehabilitating and expanding "to accommodate the pragmatic functions of a contemporary police building," to demolish it and build a new complex for CPD and the public works department at the same site, or to explore the feasibility of constructing a police station somewhere else.

"Including this option would provide an additional cost analysis for comparison of the three options and help in the consideration of a final project," he said.

In addition to the full assessment of the building it already completed, Indigo is contracted for two schematics

They may be small, but they're fierce



PHOTO/SUSAN LAMBERT

Four black-crowned night heron chicks band together after engaging in a fierce battle with an adult heron who tried to chase them from their nest. A docent was nearby to photograph the skirmish, which lasted over an hour. See page 10A.

last item on the agenda. He also said Henson could have submitted his comments in writing.

"Their attorney could have made an effort to be here," Theis said when it was her turn to speak. "My attorney had a case today, too, and he's here."

She also said a lot of work went into preparing for the hearing. "We have people here to testify, to point out that this appeal should be denied, so we do not want a postponement," she said. "It's not fair to me, my project, my team and my family."

Too late

Nearly a dozen people weighed in on both sides before the council sought clarity on the timeline and were told that Kruse and Henson had been advised June 4 that the hearing would be held July 9. They confirmed a few days later, according to staff, but then asked for the continuance June 24, the day before the required legal notice of the meeting was sent to The Pine Cone.

"This is important, because I don't like allegations that the city was unresponsive," Mayor Dave Potter said.

"June 24 is late to be postponing an item for the July agenda," councilman Jeff Baron observed.

See **HOFASAS** page 20A

RICHARDS DECIDES NOT TO SEEK REELECTION

By MARY SCHLEY

AFTER INITIALLY declaring his intent to run for election to a third four-year term, Carmel City Councilman Bobby Richards said this week he has changed his mind. Richards, who turned 60 last December, said he's worked hard his whole life so he could enjoy himself in his later years, and now it's time to do that.

"For the past eight-and-a-half years, I haven't been able to take more than two weeks off," said Richards, who's particularly fond of road trips and impromptu getaways.

"I want to be able to walk out of my house right now and drive to Utah," he said. "That's what I've worked my whole life for."

In addition to his careers in hospitality and real estate,

See **RICHARDS** page 18A

Woman, 80, killed at site locals have been warning about

■ No crosswalk at popular hiking spot

By CHRIS COUNTS

AN 80-YEAR-OLD woman who was killed Saturday crossing Highway 1 at Garrapata State Park in Big Sur has been identified as Gloria Danuta of Key Biscayne, Fla., according to the California Highway Patrol. The woman died at a spot that is a magnet for hikers who park their vehicles along the shoulder of the road and walk to four trailheads nearby. It's also a spot locals have long complained is dangerous.

The incident happened July 13 at 5:18 p.m. when a Ford F150 truck driven by Doris Lucha of Seaside collided with Johnson, who was walking across the pavement — a common activity at a site where parking is difficult and trailheads exist on both sides of the highway.

"For reasons still under investigation, a pedestrian crossed from the west shoulder onto the northbound lane of SR-1, directly in the Ford's path of travel," the CHP reported. "The Ford was unable to avoid a crash with the pedestrian. The front of the Ford struck the pedestrian, who succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene."

Hub for hikers

Lucha and a passenger she was traveling with were uninjured.

"Following the crash, Lucha remained on scene and was cooperative with the investigation," the report continued. "Alcohol and/or drugs are not believed to be a factor in this crash."

The site where the pedestrian was killed is often congested, particularly on weekends, and hikers frequently

See **KILLED** page 25A

Sheriff stopped 3 times for dangerous speeding

■ 90 mph-plus, but no tickets issued

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY Sheriff Tina Nieto was pulled over for speeding three times within eight months — and refused to identify herself in one instance — but each time, California Highway Patrol officers let her go with only a warning.

CHP dashcam footage shows officers stopping Nieto all three times in the King City area, including a daytime stop on Sept. 23, 2023, when she was pulled over in her Chevrolet SUV on the shoulder of what appears to be Highway 101.

"When you passed me, you were at 95 and then you were in and out of traffic still up to about 90," the officer says in the dashcam video provided to KION-TV, which first reported the story. The Pine Cone reviewed a portion of the footage for this article.

Despite the excessive speed, the unidentified male CHP officer decided against citing her in favor of a caution.

After learning he'd stopped the county sherriff, the



Tina Nieto

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Stubborn, sassy & sweet

Marley, an Australian shepherd/mini-Poodle mix, is 4 years old. Which tells us she was a pandemic puppy. Her person, pursuing his medical residency at Stanford, imagined a pup would help balance the demands of his day. Having grown up with Maltese poodles, he was partial to small dogs, particularly while living in a small apartment near campus.

Even today, Marley never tips the scale past 25 pounds.

"We named her Marley because it seemed to suit her personality," her person said. "She's sweet and affectionate and full of energy. And no, we didn't name her after the 2008 movie, 'Marley & Me.' I haven't watched that, having heard it's too sad."

Marley is smart and active, guided by a "working dog" mentality, particularly during her agility classes in Pacific Grove. She's also in training to become a service dog.

"My wife takes Marley to obedience classes at Primal Canine in Gilroy," her person said. "One of the only doodles in the class, she's training mostly among German shepherds. She seems to respond well to the structure and discipline. They all do."

Although Marley lives in Salinas, she has been to



Carmel Beach, where she races across the sand but becomes hesitant once she reaches the shoreline. She is willing to get her feet wet, her person said, but she's not one of those Carmel canines who runs right into the water.

What she really loves, is hiking. On weekends, she chases a Frisbee in Toro Park in Salinas, and hikes up the Carmel Mission trail or into Garland Park in Carmel Valley, her person said.

"The poodle part of her is stubborn and sassy, so sometimes she chooses not to respond to us. The Aussie side of her shows up when she starts herding, working to get the family going, her person said.

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Council OKs deal with Pacaso

By MARY SCHLEY

AVOIDING A lawsuit that could have taken years to resolve and cost taxpayers a lot of money, the Carmel City Council last week approved an agreement with Pacaso, which sells fractional shares in houses that end up essentially operating as timeshares, to label its single property in the city a legal nonconforming use and forbid the company from doing the same thing anywhere else in town.

Pacaso's sale of eight fractions of a Dolores Street home in March 2022 for \$866,000 apiece — with the understanding that each owner is entitled to use the home for a specific amount of time — led officials to revise a city ordinance banning timeshares in March 2023 to specifically outlaw such deals, and the California Coastal Commission last October approved it, despite protestations from the company and its lawyers.

But the city and Pacaso continued to fight over whether the law makes the Dolores Street house illegal, city attorney Brian Pierik said at the July 8 meeting. "There is currently a good-faith dispute between the city and Pacaso regarding whether the ownership of the Dolores home violates the code," Pierik said.

However, through negotiations, the two sides reached the resolution that he asked the council to approve.

'Lawful nonconforming'

"Under the terms of the agreement, the Dolores home will be deemed a lawful nonconforming use, sometimes referred to as 'grandfathering,' in which a use that was permitted under the law in effect at the time of a transaction may become inconsistent with subsequent changes to the city codes," he explained. If the owners decide to sell their shares, they can, but the number of fractions can't exceed eight.

The agreement also prevents Pacaso from marketing, using, selling or buying a

house or portions of one anywhere else in the city, and the company can't help others do so, either.

City councilman Jeff Baron did not support the agreement.

"I've had a significant amount of heartburn" since receiving and reviewing the staff report, he said, because he worried the deal would make the city legally vulnerable by allowing that use of the Dolores Street house to continue. "I know this will prevent Pacaso from coming into the city with new timeshares, but I believe we already have that protection in place through the timeshare ordinance," he said.

St. Helena stung

But councilwoman Karen Ferlito argued that Pacaso "doesn't play by the rules," so the agreement will help assure the company does no more business in the city.

"I would vote for this," she said.

Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov said she wished the city could have done more to protect residents near the shared house.

"We are facing the last worst option," she said, but getting into a legal battle with Pacaso is unlikely to yield better results.

"There is a litigation risk," Pierik confirmed. The City of St. Helena banned fractional sales and uses and was subsequently sued by the company in April 2021.

The suit finally settled in January with the result that the four Pacaso properties there are acknowledged as legal nonconforming uses, "and in exchange, Pacaso agreed to not purchase any more homes," Pierik said. "It's substantially similar to the agreement being proposed."

Bill Caddell, who lives across the street from the Pacaso house, praised the council for resolving the issue, even though it doesn't improve his situation.

"It's a bit frustrating to not know your neighbors," he said, but having one house grandfathered in is far better than the city being vulnerable to more.

The council OK'd the deal 4-1.

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Police & Sheriff's Log

'A long, fixed and vacant look'

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log was compiled by Mary Schley.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** No calls to report.
- Pacific Grove:** Juvenile located wandering around Arkwright Court.
- Carmel area:** Deputies conducted a welfare check on La Pradera Lane. An elderly male was found deceased.
- Pebble Beach:** Crematory ashes were found at a Larkin Road residence. Attempts to locate family were made.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Fall on city property at San Carlos and Sixth.
- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vehicle blocking a driveway on Lincoln south of Eighth was towed and stored per CVC.
- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Vehicle towed after a traffic stop at Highway 1 and Carpenter.
- Pacific Grove:** A 44-year-old male was arrested on Ocean View Boulevard for being under the influence of an intoxicating substance. He was booked into Monterey County Jail on \$3,500 bail.
- Pacific Grove:** Money was found on the ground and brought into the police department.
- Carmel area:** A male brandished a knife toward an employee at a Crossroads business.
- Carmel area:** A parking issue on 17th Avenue was documented.
- Carmel area:** Unknown subjects shot a female with a gel gun at the Crossroads.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

- Carmel-by-the-Sea:** No calls to report.
- Carmel Valley:** A 74-year-old female was arrested on Via Cazador for domestic violence.
- Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to attempted telephone fraud on Jeannette Road.
- Big Sur:** Deputies responded to a report of an individual leaving a restaurant on Highway 1 without paying their bill.
- Pacific Grove:** Ammunition surrendered at the station for destruction.

See **POLICE LOG** page 11RE in the Real Estate Section

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The gavel falls

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

July 16 — Ulyesses Bastian, 85 and a resident of Fresno, has been charged with the cold-case murders of 67-year-old George Smith and his 79-year-old mother-in-law, Eva Thompson.

In 1991, Smith and his wife, Anna, owned and lived at Smith's Restaurant, which was located on El Camino Real in Prunedale. Victim Thompson was Anna Smith's mother, who lived with the couple. On Nov. 11, 1991, Anna Smith returned home from running errands and discovered that her husband and mother had been brutally stabbed to death. Thompson, who was unable to walk, was found slain in her hospital-style bed.

Bastian, then age 52, was a former employee of Smith's Restaurant. He was considered a suspect in the initial investigation, though no arrests were made at the time. The Monterey County Sheriff's Office diligently pursued the case for decades and continued to submit and resubmit items of evidence in the case for newer and more sophisticated DNA testing. This year, an additional round of DNA testing yielded sufficient evidence to support the arrest and filing of criminal charges. Bastian was arrested without incident on July 15.

Bastian is charged with two counts of first-degree murder, with special circumstance allegations that he murdered the vic-

tims during the commission of a burglary and that he committed multiple murders. It is also alleged that he personally used a knife in the commission of the killings. If one or more of the special circumstances is found true by a jury, Bastian could potentially face the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole.

In July 2020, district attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni created a task force to investigate, solve and prosecute cold-case homicides in Monterey County. Since the creation of the cold case task force, four defendants have been convicted of cold-case murders at jury trial, three additional defendants are awaiting trial for murder, and one suspect is pending trial for a cold-case sexual assault. Three other homicides were closed due to the death or mental incompetency of the identified suspect. Four previously unidentified decedents have also been identified through DNA testing.

In January 2022, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office received a \$535,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The grant, titled "FY 2021 Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA," provides funding to support forensic testing

See **GAVEL** page 27A

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Burglars hit restaurant, take caviar

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE DUO that found an open door at Little Napoli and walked away with a few items early in the morning June 25 similarly burglarized another downtown Carmel restaurant, where they stole the ingredients for a very nice dinner.

While it wasn't reported until June 27, the crime occurred around 12:30 a.m. June 25, Carmel Police Sgt. Gerald Maldonado said, with a man and a woman finding an unlocked door at Catch restaurant on Ocean Avenue.

"The suspects then took various

consumable goods — meats, caviar and wine. An MP3 player was also taken," he said. "After a review of surveillance footage, these two suspects appear to be the same suspects who burglarized Little Napoli."

In that incident, which occurred several hours after the Catch break-in, the burglars found an unlocked door at the restaurant at Dolores and Seventh shortly before 4 a.m. June 25. The two were caught on camera entering the eatery, and they took "miscellaneous items," including a painting, Maldonado said, though none appeared to have been very expensive.

Shoplifter caught after multiple thefts

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A 67-YEAR-OLD Berkeley woman managed to steal several hundred dollars' worth of merchandise from a Carmel Plaza store but was finally caught June 30, according to Carmel Police Sgt. Gerald Maldonado.

On June 30 shortly before 2 p.m., staff from Sugar Farms Market — a store featuring items from several different vendors

— called police to report a shoplifting in progress. Officer Joe Martis arrived moments later and detained the alleged culprit, Homa Shari.

"Approximately \$400 worth of merchandise was seized and returned to the store," Maldonado said. "The suspect was also wanted in a prior \$400 theft from the store."

Shari was cited and released at the scene.

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CHP helicopter rescues four hikers

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOUR HIKERS — including two who were injured — were rescued after they were found Monday stranded on a hillside about 500 feet above the Big Sur River and about a mile inland from the lodge at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.

Video posted on Facebook by the California Highway Patrol shows one of the hikers being hoisted up to a CHP helicopter that was hovering over the gorge formed by the river.

The CHP said the hikers tried to climb down to the river from the Mount Manuel Trail, which is a potentially life-threatening

venture due to steep terrain and dense, unyielding vegetation.

According to Big Sur Fire Chief Matt Harris, the hikers — who were visiting from the San Francisco Bay area — climbed about 3 miles up the Mount Manuel Trail, then went off-trail to try and reach the river below.

Learning the hard way

But Harris said the hikers only made it about 200 feet before two of them “slipped and slid” down a gully. “One of the kids hit his head and another guy injured his knee,” he reported.

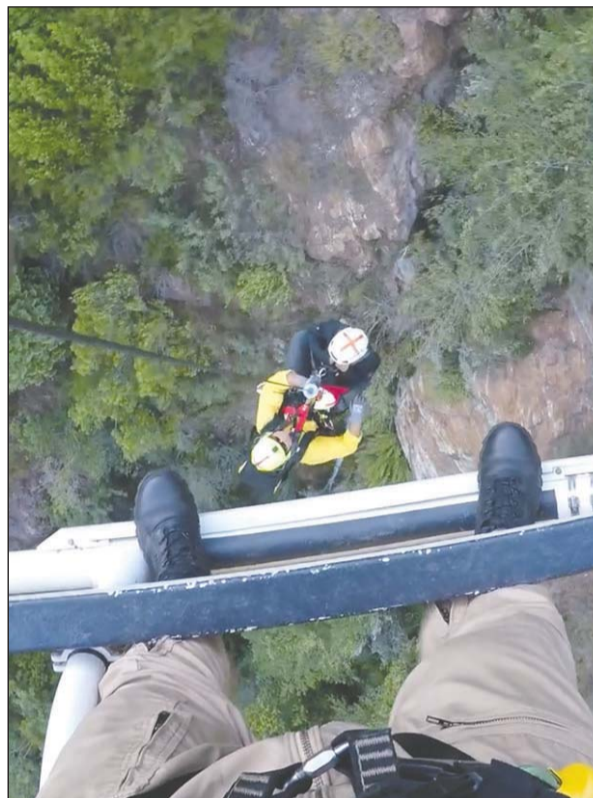
This isn’t the first time someone has learned the hard way that you can’t reach the Big Sur River from the Mount Manuel Trail.

Harris said he previously participated in a rescue that resembled this one.

The CHP helicopter made four trips to the site where the hikers were found to retrieve all of them. “All parties were extricated to the Post Ranch Inn, where they were evaluated by an ambulance crew,” the report added.

The gorge is a popular summertime swimming area located just upriver from the day use area at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. The pools in the river fill up with visitors when the weather gets warm, and medical emergencies arise from time to time, typically due to falls.

In a separate incident July 14, a CHP helicopter transported the victim of a fall from Andrew Molera State Park to Natividad Medical Center.



PHOTO/CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

A California Highway Patrol helicopter hoists a stranded hiker to safety Monday in Big Sur. In all, four hikers were rescued.

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Kitty who lost leg on the mend

By KELLY NIX

A CAT whose leg had to be amputated after she was shot in Soledad is healing well and has already been adopted, SPCA Monterey County said this week.

A citizen discovered the year-old brown tabby July 4 on Crestfield Street in the South Monterey County city with a badly injured and dangling right-front leg. Someone used a pellet gun to shoot the cat, which suffered a shattered bone.

"The pellet and small shrapnel particles were still embedded in her leg," SPCA spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser said. "Due to the extent of the injury, SPCA veterinarians had to amputate her leg."

But Brookhouser said the cat — which the animal welfare group named Libby, for Liberty — is healing well.

"Cats can adjust very quickly," she told The Pine Cone. "That evening she was already up on her feet, purring for her dinner."

Following emergency surgery, SPCA gave Libby soft bedding, fresh water,

nutritious food, and lots of love to help her heal.

"Libby came to the SPCA with no microchip, collar, or tag, but is very friendly," Brookhouser said. "No owner has come to look for her."

While Libby had been in a lot of pain, Brookhouser said she is much more comfortable now and has gone home to a family that will love her.

The SPCA is offering a \$1,000 reward leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual who shot the cat. If caught, the person could be criminally charged with animal cruelty and allowing an animal to go without care.

"We hope this reward will inspire someone to come forward with information," SPCA humane investigations officer Gio Rodriguez said. "This poor cat suffered a painful, inhumane injury. Our goal is to find the person responsible, so this never happens again."

The SPCA is asking anyone with information about the case to contact it at (831) 373-2631. All calls are confidential.



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Libby is getting along well after having had her right leg amputated. The cat, shot with a pellet gun, was found July 4 in Soledad. The X-ray shows the damage to her leg.

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How do opossums like their eggs?

By CHRIS COUNTS

PEOPLE ARE pretty particular about how their eggs are cooked, but at SPCA Monterey County, the wild animals in its care aren't nearly as choosy.

The SPCA is rehabilitating an increasing number of wild animals — and they need constant feeding.

"This time of year we go through a lot of eggs," the SPCA's Beth Brookhouser told The Pine Cone. "They are a great source of protein for many of the animals in our care."

This week, the SPCA put out the word on social media that it is need of eggs and encouraged people to make donations. They can be dropped off at the SPCA Wildlife Center at 1002 Monterey-Salinas Highway between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

"Our wildlife center is caring for raccoons, songbirds, crows and opossums, and boy, are they hungry," an announcement reads. "These wild patients are consuming between 50 and 75 eggs per day,

so we are asking for donations of chicken, duck or goose eggs — they can be slightly past the expiration date."

Sorry, no omelets

So how does an opossum like his eggs cooked? "They're not picky," said Brookhouser of the many wild animals at the SPCA that feast on eggs, but they aren't getting omelets.

"We usually hard-boil or scramble the eggs since they're easier for our wild patients to eat," Brookhouser explained.

"When we have bottle-feeding baby raccoons and we start weaning them, we will make a custard out of raccoon formula and eggs to start teaching them how to eat solid foods."

The SPCA is caretaking 140 animals at its wildlife center, including owls, skunks, hawks, finches, pigeons, swallows, gulls, kingbirds, blackbirds, snowy plovers, mockingbirds, doves, swifts, scrub jays, killdeer, coyotes, brush rabbits, jack rabbits, cottontails and quail.



Opossums get their daily protein from eggs at SPCA Monterey County's Wildlife Center. To help feed the many wild animals it cares for, the SPCA is asking people to donate eggs.

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Docent captures battle between birds

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE NATURAL world can be a serene and peaceful place, but the harsh reality of animals struggling to survive is never far away — as evidenced by a remarkable July 10 report by docent and Pebble Beach resident Susan Lambert, who volunteers at Point Lobos State Reserve.

Lambert's report starts off on an ominous note. "Things took a turn for the violent at the black-crowned night heron nest today," reads the first line.

'There was so much action'

When Lambert first came upon the nest — which is located on an offshore rock adjacent to Bird Island — it was occupied by a parent of undetermined gender, along with four hungry and noisy chicks. But the relative calm of that scene was soon shattered when another black-crowned night heron, also of unknown gender, attacked the nest. The parent tried its best to fend off the intruder but was eventually overpowered and pinned down, and chased from the nest.

"The chicks were left alone to defend against a vicious attack that went on for a long time," Lambert recounted. "They were all brave little fighters that never gave in and stuck together."

With her camera, Lambert was able to capture a series of striking images of the battle, which she said went on for over an hour. She took more than 1,300 pictures of the encounter.

"I've never taken that many photos before," said Lambert, who began photographing birds when she became a docent two years ago. "It was dramatic — there was so much action."

The intruder eventually left but soon returned to make another attack. The chicks were ready and quickly counterattacked.

"They actually pursued it out of the nest and up and down the rocks," she told The Pine Cone. "One chick went head-to-head with the attacker, who finally flew off."

Lambert never did see the chicks' parent return. But all was calm again in the nest, and soon, she watched the four chicks huddle together for a well-deserved nap. "Phew!" she added to the end of her report.

As its name suggests, black-crowned night herons are active after dark. They are also noted for being territorial and aggressive. Relatively common, the eye-catching birds can be found throughout the world.

According to the Point Lobos Founda-



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A heron defends its nest against another (lower left), while its chicks huddle behind it (upper right).

tion, Point Lobos "is graced with a very active nesting rookery near Bird Island, which offers visitors outstanding views of these birds, their nests, and the eggs and developing chicks," and can be "easily seen from Pelican Point."




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P.G. officials OK plan to make junction 'safer'

By KELLY NIX

THE PACIFIC Grove City Council Wednesday narrowly approved the development of a roundabout at a quirky five-way intersection, despite unanimous opposition from members of the public who spoke about the project, which is estimated to cost about \$8 million.

The council voted 4-3 for a roundabout at the intersection of Congress Avenue and Sunset Drive, which will require relocation of the Cedar Street access. The four council members who OK'd it, Joe Amelio, Chaps Poduri, Nick Smith and Mayor Bill Peake, said they believe it will make the intersection safer.

"I actually do think there is a danger there," Smith said. "I drive through there every day."

Similarly, Poduri said he thought the "roundabout presents the safest option for everybody."

A consultant the city hired to study options at the intersection said a roundabout would "improve safety" for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. The city said there have been 13 accidents in five years at or near the intersection.

A roundabout is the priciest option.

'Waste of money'

The project — funded in part by a portion of \$5 million raised through a 2016 ballot measure — is estimated to cost \$7.8 million. Public works director Dan Gho said the city would try to get additional money to pay for it.

The nine people who addressed the council, though, said they believe the roundabout will be a waste of money.

"I've been waiting to see statistics of actual accidents at the intersection or injuries or problems that would justify

a multimillion-dollar solution," resident Thom Akeman said, adding that he still hasn't seen the figures. "I don't think it's proven to be necessary."

Resident and former city councilman Dan Miller, who said he's driven through the intersection countless times, said a roundabout is a "waste of taxpayer money."

"You've got a problem that doesn't exist with a solution to something that doesn't exist," Miller said.

Resident Christie Thomas said "just like in our home budgets, we have to be really disciplined and honest with what is a need and what is a want."

Councilman Luke Coletti said that he requested data on the safety of a roundabout versus a four-way stop, but that he was not provided the material.

"People have said the roundabout is the safest option but have absolutely zero data to support that contention," said Coletti, who believes the cost of the project will end up being closer to \$10 million.

Councilwoman Lori McDonnell said she was concerned about the removal of trees and eminent domain issues that could arise from the city's efforts to acquire private land. She also said she wanted to see information on how the safety of pedestrians and cyclists improved with roundabouts, but it was not offered.

"I don't want the situation to get more dangerous for children," McDonnell said.

Coletti, McDonnell and councilwoman Debby Beck voted against the proposal.

The council also had the option of making the intersection a four-way stop instead of a five-way, a plan that would not have required extra tax dollars and one that some residents said they preferred.

Parade of Animals, music and much more

A PET parade in Pacific Grove next weekend kicks off two days of action-packed events, including P.G. Summer Lights, a dance party, live music and a pancake breakfast. A volunteer group composed of local high schoolers is hosting the events.

On Friday, July 26, The Pet Parade, which is open to all pets and their people, starts with a lineup at 1:30 p.m. at Caledonia Park, followed at 2 by the parade on Lighthouse Avenue and a return to Caledonia Park for popsicles provided by the post office. Participation ribbons will be handed out. Pets must be leashed or in cages.

That night, an all-ages, free dance party, "Boots and Blazers," will be held at Chautauqua Hall from 6 to 8 p.m. featuring line-dancing instruction and crafts for kids.

Pacific Grove Summer Lights festival kicks off July 27 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Lovers Point with a pancake breakfast. Tickets are \$10. From noon to 5 p.m., there will be kiddie games with prizes, face painting, cultural booths and food vendors. Music, dancing, and other entertainment will be on the Lovers Point pier until 9 p.m., closing with a "light show experience" and a performance by The Money Band.

The weekend's celebration will be facilitated by Youth Ambassadors of Pacific Grove, students in grades Nine-12 who are hosting the events. The volunteer group participates in leadership, service and public speaking opportunities and helps nonprofits. It's seeking donations, which can be made at yaopg.org.

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Suit seeks water refunds for Peninsula property owners

By KELLY NIX

A FEE that the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District has been collecting from its customers for more than a decade is the target of a new multimillion-dollar class-action lawsuit.

Monterey resident Rick Heuer is asking a judge to require the water district, a public agency, to refund more than 100,000 property owners who paid the "water supply charge," which has appeared on Peninsula customers' bills since 2012. The lawsuit was filed more than a year after Heuer and the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association prevailed in a 2021 lawsuit against the district over the fee. Heuer heads the group.

\$3.4 million

In March 2023, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Carrie Panetta ruled

that the district's continued collection of the funds violated a sunset provision in the ordinance that authorized it. The water district filed an appeal of Panetta's ruling last May and, while the appeal is being adjudicated, has continued to collect the fee, which generates about \$3.4 million annually and amounts to about 10 percent of the agency's annual budget.

In the class action suit filed June 25, Heuer argues that the water district has "violated and continues to violate" a provision of the ordinance "by imposing and collecting the charge."

"As a direct cause of the water district's violations, Heuer and the [plaintiffs] have been damaged in an amount to be proved at trial," according to the complaint, filed for Heuer by San Diego attorney Eric Benink. "Plaintiff and the class are entitled to

a refund and/or damages plus prejudgment interest."

Heuer, the sole named plaintiff in the case, is seeking a court order certifying the lawsuit as a class action and appointing him as the class representative, and "an order of refunds and/or damages in an amount to be proved at trial, plus prejudgment interest."

The lawsuit comes after the water district rejected a claim Heuer submitted to the agency Dec. 1, 2023, seeking the refunds.

Water district general manager Dave Stoldt told The Pine Cone last week that his agency had not been served with Heuer's complaint but said it is "of no value and will get no movement until the appeal is resolved."

"If the time ever comes that refunds must be made, there will be a process with claims requiring that claimant submit

proof he/she made the payment," Stoldt explained. "The period for which a refund would be made will likely have to be adjudicated, because Heuer seems to have a different period set in his mind. However, because the matter is under appeal, it may never come to that, and it is premature."

Heuer said in the lawsuit that the refund period is from one year prior to his 2023 claim up to when the lawsuit is certified by a judge.

Ongoing drama

The water supply charge has a lengthy history. In 2009, the California Public Utilities Commission determined that the water district could no longer collect the 8.325 percent user fee Cal Am added to

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COUNCIL BACKS SEARCH FOR PRIVATELY OWNED AFFORDABLE HOUSING SITES

By MARY SCHLEY

RESPONDING TO some residents' vocal opposition to the idea of 149 affordable homes on public land at Sunset Center and Vista Lobos — as envisioned in the housing element approved by the state and the Carmel City Council in the spring — council members last week decided to support a citizen-led effort to find room for those residences on private property.

The group, which calls itself Affordable Housing Alternatives, is "united by a common goal to accommodate this new housing in a way that's tailored to Carmel and in a way that retains as much local control as possible," resident Hans Buder told the council July 8.

Among its 14 members are Sunset Center executive director Beth Bowman,

mayoral candidate Dale Byrne, council candidate Bob Delves, building designer John Mandurrigo, restaurateur Rich Pepe, resident Kristi Reimers, Inns by the Sea general manager Mark Watson, and CRA board members Graeme Robertson and Tim and Nancy Twomey.

Buder, a recent addition to the CRA board and a potential city council candidate, said AHA wants to find ways to disperse affordable units throughout the city rather than concentrate them in large complexes built on city-owned parking lots.

Ideas

The committee has already developed strategies, including encouraging development of church sites, creating a hotel-to-residential redevelopment plan similar to a

program developed by Newport Beach and approved by the state, revisiting downtown sites and relying more on granny units. (The state did not count such units, known as accessory dwelling units, as affordable in the past, but it now assumes 90 percent of them will have some level of affordability, according to city councilwoman Karen Ferlito.)

"We are confident we can do this, but we have to act now," Buder said. "This is a good-faith, solution-oriented effort that has the support of the community."

That support was demonstrated by dozens of people in council chambers who stood when prompted after he was done speaking.

Representing the CRA, former Mayor Ken White said the board fully backs the AHA group's efforts to find new

opportunities for affordable housing, and Bowman said the Sunset Center board unanimously agrees.

December vote?

City councilman Bobby Richards, who served on the ad hoc committee that helped draft the housing element, thanked the group and said he hopes it succeeds and that the council will be able to vote on a draft amendment before the end of the year.

"This is a matter of local control," councilwoman Alissandra Dramov commented. "We want to do this housing, but we get to say where we're going to do it and how it fits within the character of our community."

Ferlito, who served on the committee

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Two candidates already qualify for ballot in council, mayoral race

By MARY SCHLEY

SINCE THE election filing period opened Monday, three mayoral candidates and five people vying for city council seats have pulled their papers to begin seeking signatures, two candidates have returned their petitions, and both — Dale Byrne and David O'Neil — have qualified for the ballot.

"I am the first candidate to be official," Byrne, the founder of nonprofit Carmel Cares, said after receiving notification from city clerk Nova Romero that the Monterey County Elections department had verified the signatures on his petition to run for mayor late Wednesday afternoon.

Candidates need between 20 and 30 valid signatures from registered voters in Carmel-by-the-Sea to make it onto the ballot, and no voter may sign more than one nomination paper for the same office. For the Nov. 5 race, a voter can sign one mayoral petition and two for city council, since two council members will be elected.

More people than space

Byrne, who picked up his nomination papers from city hall Monday, said he hosted a signing party at a downtown restaurant, and he returned the packet to Romero at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

"We had an event at Anton & Michel that resulted in many more supporters than we had room to sign, and there were about eight friends who I wanted to sign but were unable to attend," he said. "I chose people that I have successfully been working with

on projects over the past years, believe in my ability to lead this community and are willing to roll up their sleeves and get to work with me to make Carmel better."

Among those who signed Byrne's petition are city hall regulars Tasha Witt and Christy Hollenbeck, Scenic Road pathway volunteer steward Shirley Moon, anti-con-



Dale Byrne



David O'Neil

temporary activist Karyl Hall, Tom Parks, Donna Jett, planning commissioner Erin Allen, Keith Decker, cell-tower-opponents Bob and Allyson Kavner, O'Neil, former forest and beach commissioner Brian Sours, and Andi and Noel Carr.

"It was a very positive and fun event, and it is clear there is tremendous grassroots support for my campaign," said Byrne, who turned 70 last month and is registered with the American Independent Party, according to Monterey County Elections.

"Every day, while I am out working on projects, people come up to me on the street

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C.V. park to get outside classroom

By CHRIS COUNTS

Park has been discussed since the visitors center was renovated a decade ago.

'A community need'

Nelson told The Pine Cone the classroom will be used for educational programs offered for all ages in its biannual "Let's Go Outdoors" catalog, as well as by students from local schools, groups like the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, and perhaps others.

Besides providing space for educational

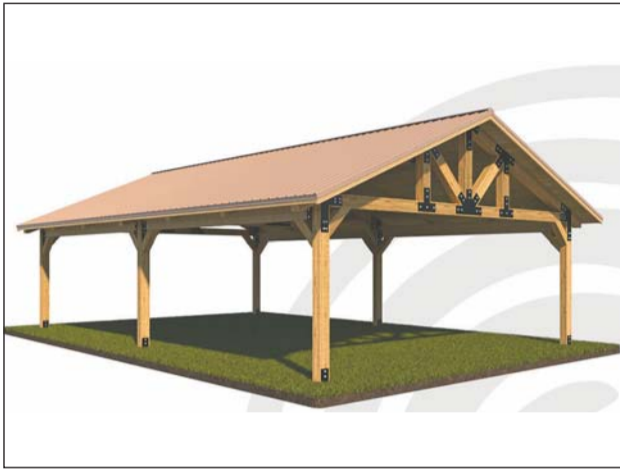
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SEEKING WAYS to bring the classroom experience just a little bit closer to nature, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District recently purchased a prefabricated outdoor classroom. Once approved and installed, it would be located adjacent to the park's existing visitors center and restrooms at Garland Ranch Regional Park in Carmel Valley.

Last year, the park district's board of directors voted to OK the purchase of the open-air classroom, which measures 24 by 36 feet. The cost was \$51,000.

"The ramada/classroom will be an open-air structure space to accommodate 35-60 participants," planning documents say. "In accordance with building code requirements, an accessible van parking space will also be constructed at the site currently used for parking near the pavilion."

According to the park district's environmental education supervisor, Jackie Nelson, the idea of installing an outdoor classroom at Garland



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If everything goes as planned, an outside classroom will be installed at Garland Ranch Regional Park in Carmel Valley by early next year.



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QUALIFIED

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and thank me for running, tell me they are going to vote for me and ask me how they can help," he said. "It is very humbling."

According to Romero, Mayor Dave Potter and city councilman Jeff Baron also pulled their papers for the mayoral race. Potter, age 74 and a Democrat, is seeking reelection, and Baron, 60 and a Democrat as well, hopes to unseat him.

Candidates wanting to qualify for the council race who have met with her and received their nomination packets include O'Neil, Sours, planning commissioner Bob Delves, business owner Danny Hala and resident Hans Buder, the founder of the Moving to Opportunity Fund, a social-impact-focused real estate investment firm.

Romero notified O'Neil, 46 and a registered Republican, on Thursday that the county registrar verified the signatures on his petition and that he qualified for the ballot. Many are the same people who signed Byrne's petition, and Byrne and wife Margaret added their signatures to his papers, as well. O'Neil's husband, William, signed both, too. Others include Nancy and Dennis Hoeft, Melanie and Harvey Billig, and Jon and Judith Wolfe.

Delves, who will turn 66 in late November, is not registered with a political party, and Hala, 26, only registered to vote in Monterey County on June 17 and also has no stated party preference. Buder, who registered here last October, is a 38-year-old Democrat. Sours, 66, also has no political party affiliation.

The filing period for the council races will end Aug. 14, while the window for the mayoral race closes Aug. 9.

HOUSING

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alongside Richards, said she wants assurance that applying for an amendment won't pose any risk of the state withdrawing its certification of the housing element.

"I don't care who talked to whom or when they talked to them, I want absolute confidence in the fact that we will not go naked, so to speak, even for a few weeks," she said, which would make the city vulnerable to the almost unregulated development occurring in cities and counties that failed to meet the state's deadline for approving their housing elements. "I do not want to surrender our certified city sites until we have absolute assurance that the new sites are viable and will be approved."

September update

Assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson said city staff will work with the group, and consult with the state and return with an update for the council in September. He predicted a rough draft of the amendment "including proof of vetted sites and programs and why they are viable," could be ready for feedback in October.

He warned that the state will require strong evidence the alternative sites are doable.

"We as a city have not produced a lot of affordable housing in the past, so our burden of proof is going to be higher," Swanson said, adding that during the last eight-year cycle of the housing element, no deed-restricted affordable units were built in the city.

"It was all market-rate housing," he said.

Dramov asked if some residents could attend city staff's meetings with state officials, but Swanson was reluctant,

"because how do you say who gets to go to that meeting?"

"I'd be happy with three or four people from the AHA group, because they're the experts — they've been researching this," she said. "I think that would be helpful, because that's where a lot of people feel this process went off the rails."

After asking Swanson to confirm that the tight timeline wouldn't overburden planning staff, councilman Jeff Baron said he would support the effort, too, and Mayor Dave Potter offered to attend the meetings with the state.

"I appreciate the professionalism," Potter said of the AHA group, and the council unanimously voted in favor of pursuing a revision to the housing plan based on its findings.

CLASSROOM

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programs, the classroom will offer ample shade for park visitors on hot days when classes aren't in session. "We know there's not enough shade out there," she conceded.

Nelson said there's long been a "community need" for an outdoor classroom at Garland park — especially since the start of the pandemic four years ago, when parks everywhere became more popular than ever.

"During Covid, people wanted to be outdoors," she explained. "There's been a heightened interest in nature."

The installation of the building, which also includes landscaping improvements, is expected to cost the park district \$110,000.

"Work is anticipated to begin in fall 2024 and be completed by early 2025," the park district added.

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Panetta touts floodplain funding

By CHRIS COUNTS and KELLY NIX

REP. JIMMY Panetta late last week joined representatives from numerous local, state and federal agencies in celebrating the successful funding of the Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Project on the Carmel River.

The ambitious \$35 million project will restore habitat on 185 acres along a 1-mile section of the river adjacent to the former Rancho Cañada golf course, which is now part of Palo Corona Park.

According to Panetta's office, the benefits of the work include "reconnecting the river with its historic floodplain to create a diverse mosaic of restored riparian and upland habitat, benefitting salmonid populations and other sensitive species by enhancing wildlife habitat and movement corridors, reducing the severity of flooding for adjacent communities, increasing climate-resilience, and creating new opportunities for public access and recreation."

'Investing \$6 million'

"Every level of government needs to play its part in the stewardship, conservation and protection of natural wonders here in California's 19th Congressional District," Panetta said. "Thanks to the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, I'm proud to ensure the federal government is investing \$6 million in local efforts like the Rancho Cañada Floodplain Restoration Project to help restore the Carmel River's watershed, ensure local water resiliency, and bolster flood-risk mitigation. This project is a testament to the

close collaboration and partnership here in Monterey County to ensure future generations can continue to enjoy the beauty of our home."

The project entails excavating about 40 acres, constructing a pedestrian bridge, removing rip rap, and improving a network of trails.

Black cottonwoods, dogwoods, willows, bullrushes, sedges and horsetails will be planted, and a temporary irrigation system will be installed to help the new trees and plants get established.

Species, too

Besides reducing the impact of flooding on nearby neighborhoods like Hacienda Carmel, the work will improve habitat for the California red-legged frog, steelhead trout and migratory birds.

"The Carmel River watershed contains over one hundred stream miles of high-quality salmonid spawning grounds, but virtually no floodplain," the California Coastal Conservancy said.

After years dedicated to acquiring the former golf course property for conservation, Panetta said funding has now been secured to start construction on the project in summer 2025.

It has received taxpayer funding from several federal and state sources, including \$10 million from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's National Coastal Resilience Fund, \$6 million from NOAA's Office for Coastal Management, \$13 million from the Wildlife Conservation Board, and \$6 million from the California State Coastal Conservancy.

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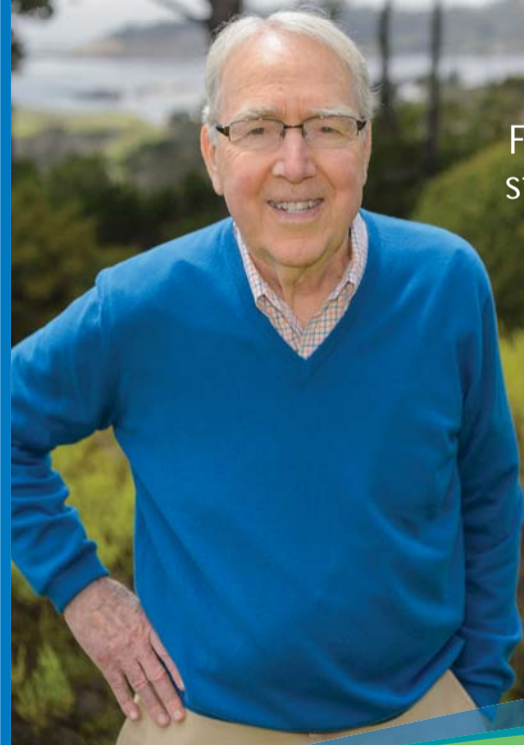
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RICHARDS

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as well as working as a driving instructor, Richards has served on the boards of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and the Carmel Innkeepers Association. He was elected to the city council in April 2016 and reelected in November 2020.

"When you're on the council, it's a job, and I'm passionate about doing a good job," he said. "I go to every ribbon cutting, every mixer and every city event. I just need some time to do some other things."

Proud

He said he's proud of his years on the council and has particularly enjoyed working with Mayor Dave Potter.

"I've learned a lot, and I'm still as passionate about the city as I've ever been," he said. "I still want to be involved."

Richards also said he's always striven to "listen to staff, the residents and my colleagues, and make sound decisions."

And now, with more free time, he might join the chamber board or the Carmel Public Library Foundation. "I'll find other ways to help the city out," he said.

Richards' first term saw conflict with then-Mayor Steve Dallas and other council members, but he has enjoyed more peaceable times since, especially alongside Potter. He said he hopes whatever iteration of the council exists following the Nov. 5 election will be a civil group that's willing to listen.

"I want to continue to share knowledge and be a sounding board," he said. "I want the council to be empathetic, to be civil, to understand that there are other points of view."

And he's looking forward to voicing his personal opinions again.

"When you're on council, I feel like you lose your personal voice a little bit," he said, because a council member's job is to represent his constituents and the community.

With his decision, the filing period for candidates that opened this week will be extended from Aug. 9 to Aug. 14.

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LEON B. HITTNER

Leon B. Hittner, a longtime resident of Pebble Beach who founded and operated the popular Antique Clock Shop in Pacific Grove, died peacefully in his home on May 28. He was 90.

Leon was born on Jan. 14, 1934, in Cornlea, NE. He was the youngest of six children born to William and Emma (Olk) Hittner. The family lived in the small rural community of Cornlea, 100 miles west of Omaha, for many years before moving to Portland, OR, in 1937, when Leon was 3.

While in Portland, Leon attended Central Catholic H.S., where he starred as a wide receiver for the school's varsity football team. He served as team captain and was named team MVP, including captain of the 1952 squad that won the Oregon state championship. Leon was later named MVP, two-time all-American, and the Outstanding Athlete of the Year for Oregon in 1953. He also was inducted into the Central Catholic H.S.'s Hall of Fame in 1953.

Leon went on to play football and compete in track & field at Oregon State. After college, Leon served 20 years in the U.S. Army, Special Forces; He retired as Lieutenant Colonel. Leon served in Korea and two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was stationed all around the world in his 20 years of service, a few places being Fort Lewis near Tacoma, WA; Fort Devens in Ayer, MA; the Presidio of San Francisco; and Fort Ord in Marina, CA, where he retired in 1978.

While in the military, Leon discovered his passion for clocks. Leon and his wife worked hard building a successful business restoring antique clocks and furniture. Over the years, he developed the skills to establish a reputation as one of the most respected and successful horologists on the Monterey Peninsula. Leon and his wife Joan founded their first retail business in 1978, starting on Lighthouse Ave in Pacific Grove, CA. Not too long after the shop then moved to the old San Carlos Hotel in Monterey. In 1987 they returned to Pacific Grove where the Antique Clock Shop thrived for over the course of 30 years, closing in 2019. During those years, Leon shared his craftsmanship with several people that were passionate and eager to learn how to fix clocks. His knowledge of the history of clocks and antiques was phenomenal. Customers truly enjoyed his extraordinary pieces. A customer once said he was yet to find another clock shop in the U.S. that compared.

Leon enjoyed playing golf with his close family and friends in his spare time. He had the opportunity to play at many of the finest courses around the Monterey Peninsula. Leon valued spending time with his family. He and his wife Joan enjoyed traveling and creating memorable family trips with their children and grandchildren. Leon was a funny, kind, hard-working man who enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren when they came to visit. He enjoyed telling bedtime stories, joking around, and playing a good trick on his grandchildren. The grandkids enjoyed treasure hunts around the clock shop and finding money on trees. Leon was an avid reader, enjoying a good novel in his free time. He was also a fan of football and golf. He always loved to watch a good game, especially those involving the 49ers, Patriots, or Chiefs.

Hittner is survived by his wife, Joan; daughters, Patricia (Michael) O'Connell Hittner of Fitchburg, MA, Kelly (Steven) Hittner-Mayer of Lee's Summit, MO, Karen (Howard) Houghton of Columbia, MO, Kathleen (William) Hittner-McConahy of Ridgefield, WA and Annalise Hittner-Flores of Pacific Grove, CA; grandchildren, Megan, Danielle and Kyle Mayer; Caleb and Keeley Houghton; Theo and Niall O'Connell; Katelyn, Patrick, and Molly McConahy; and Michelle and Salvatore Flores. He was also a "favorite uncle" to many loving nieces and nephews. He was incredibly close with his devoted caregivers, including Eduardo Santeliz, who cared for him for over three years, and Geraldine, Rose, Raquel, Julia, Amanda and Valerie.

He is predeceased by his parents, William and Emma of Portland, OR; his three brothers, Ivan Hittner, of Portland, OR, William Hittner of Portland, OR and Glenn Hittner of San Clemente, CA; and his two sisters, Sis — Eunice Hittner of Dubuque, IA and Leila (Hittner) McGraw of Vancouver, WA.

Leon was laid to rest at San Carlos Cemetery in Monterey, CA. A service and Memorial Mass will be held on July 20, 2024, in Portland, OR. A reception at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland will follow.



SHERIFF

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office said, “No worries, we’re just going to obviously give you a warning,” according to the KION transcript. “But make sure you slow down a little bit and just be more cognizant.”

Nieto, a career law enforcement officer who was elected Monterey County Sheriff in 2022, was driving her personal vehicle when she was stopped.

On March 7, less than six months later, dashcam footage shows the same CHP officer talking to Nieto at a gas station after he again pulled her over for speeding.

“The reason why I stopped you was for your speed of 95” mph, the officer told Nieto, who was again driving a Chevrolet SUV. “And then when you passed my partner, you were still at 92.”

“All right,” Nieto says, before making other remarks that were unintelligible on the video.

The officer then asked the sheriff — who was driving a sheriff’s office vehicle — if she was “running Code 3,” or responding to an emergency with lights and sirens, before she was stopped.

“They haven’t upgraded my vehicle yet,” Nieto told the officer. While the CHP lawman said he would not issue her a speeding ticket, he warned her.

“This is the second time I stopped you for your speed,” he said. “I don’t know what it’s going to take to slow down. But next time, if you are obviously speeding and you’re not going to an emergency, it’s going to be a little different, OK?”

He also told her to slow down so “everyone else on the road” could get to their destinations “safely.”

Didn’t learn?

The warning didn’t seem to make a big impression on Nieto, because she was stopped again for speeding in May, about two months later. This time, Nieto was curt with the officer and refused to identify herself.

“I stopped you for the speed, OK?” the CHP officer told her. “Do you have your license, registration and insurance?”

“I’m not giving it to you. Get your supervisor,” said a defiant Nieto.

The highway cop again politely asked the sheriff to provide her personal information, but Nieto insisted on speaking to his boss.

“You won’t identify yourself at all?” the officer asked. “No,” Nieto responded, saying she would only identify herself to the supervisor.

The boss showed up and Nieto was once again let go with no ticket. On the way back to his patrol vehicle, the officer told his superior that he was almost done writing a ticket for Nieto before he arrived.

KION reported that Nieto told a reporter that she was in a company vehicle during the second two traffic stops. However, there were no markings on the vehicle indicating it belonged to the sheriff’s office.

The Pine Cone posed numerous questions to the CHP,

including why the supervisor opted not to ticket Nieto after she was caught speeding two prior times. While the agency didn’t answer that question and others, King City area CHP Sgt. Thomas Horne said that officers “maintain their own discretion when deciding to issue either a citation or verbal warning on all traffic stops.”

The Pine Cone also reached out to Nieto directly to ask why she was speeding, where she was going when stopped, if she’d been under the influence of drugs or alcohol during the times she was pulled over, why she refused to identify herself to the officer during the third stop, and other questions, but she did not respond.

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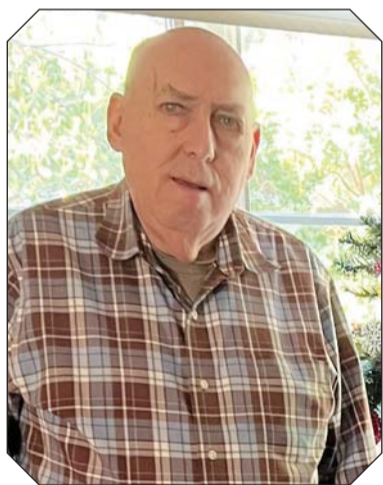
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William was born in Santa Monica on July 5, 1952, and lived in Brentwood until 2017 when he then moved to Carmel-by-the-Sea. He had many friends here and loved to entertain all as he was the life of the party with his many lively conversations. He was especially fond of cats and rabbits. William is survived by his sister, Cathy Tiffany and her long-time companion, Tom Michaels; niece, Karen Dwyer; cousin, Chris Brown with wife, Pam Brown, of Santa Barbara; and their two daughters, Chelsea and Noelle Brown.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Spencer. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A special thank you to the wonderful and kind staff at the Cottages of Carmel and VNA Hospice.

DOUGLAS CAMPBELL

July 13, 1949 – July 20, 2023

It was one year ago this week that our family suffered the loss of our beloved Douglas Steven Campbell. His unexpected passing was a tragedy to all who knew him. We still grieve and wish to honor his memory.

Douglas was a calming and kind presence to those around him. He was a solitary person but when he allowed you into his inner circle, his friendship was loyal and enduring.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Joanna Campbell, as well as his three children, Adam, Emily and Zach Campbell. His son, Josh Campbell, passed away in September of 2023. He also leaves behind his stepchildren, Jason Knopinski, Dru Mattimoe and Gerard Mattimoe, along with his grandchildren, Ian and George Mattimoe.

Douglas made you feel special when you were with him. He had the dearest heart and whether he was grilling on the barbecue, watching sports on television, or just talking about life, he was present and caring. He was an unapologetic conservative and always had a nonjudgmental listening ear. Also an artist, Douglas explored the world through oil painting. Carmel was his canvas and he often said he lived in the most beautiful place on Earth. It’s where he routinely walked Bogie, Lollipop and Bonbon, his treasured pups, until his physical pain prevented it.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, Douglas was the second of the four children of Doris and Ben Campbell. He was a loving brother to and is survived by his sisters, Cindy Campbell Swafford and Becky Campbell Owens; brothers-in-law, Marvin Swafford and Jimmy Owens; his nieces, Angi Marshall and Heather Carruth; and nephew, Ryan Tate. His younger brother, Ben, predeceased him.

Douglas was a naturally gifted athlete. After graduating from Fairmont East High School in Kettering, Ohio, he was awarded a full football scholarship to Kent State. He attended for only a short time but he chose to leave and enlist in the Marines after learning that his brother-in-law, Marvin Swafford, was wounded in Vietnam. He was eventually deployed to Vietnam himself but was gravely injured close to his 21st birthday. Medically discharged, he was awarded a Purple Heart medal, a National Defense Service medal, a Vietnam Service medal and a Vietnam Campaign medal. Though he was proud to have served the country he loved, it came with great sacrifice. It was a war of disappointment to many veterans and his experience there, however brief, completely changed the trajectory of his life’s path.

After a long recovery, in 1976, he graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., where Julia Child handed him his diploma. He was hired by Hyatt Corporation and began his 35 year career with them in Monterey, though he spent many of those early years as an opening chef at other Hyatt properties throughout the country. At his request, he landed permanently back at the Hyatt Monterey as executive sous chef. He wanted to raise his children on the Monterey Peninsula. And here was where he met his future wife, Joanna, in 1996. Douglas spent many mornings awakening before sunrise to prepare banquet meals for the hotel’s multiple convention groups. His children always admired his dedication to the job and his strong work ethic.

Douglas was no stranger to emotional difficulties and bravely battled PTSD because of his Vietnam experience. We didn’t fully realize the depth of his depression and pain. He hid it well, and today we have a better understanding of his struggle. Hopefully his passing can be a reminder to others, especially veterans, that they are not alone and need not fight in silence. Our family would like to extend our thanks to Jack Murphy of the Department of Veterans Affairs Office in Marina who compassionately provided much needed support after Douglas’ passing and to Detective James Day for his kindness and sensitivity.

Douglas was interred at the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery in Seaside on October 20, 2023, with full military Honors. He now rests peacefully among his comrades-in-arms. It’s close to Laguna Seca where, if the wind blows just right, he just might hear the sound of his beloved Indy cars racing around the track. So many friends and family traveled from far and wide to honor him and we pray that he was with us and aware of how special he was to all of them.

Douglas Steven Campbell, we love and miss you every day. We’re certain you are enjoying the great beyond, driving fast, blasting the Rolling Stones’ “Beast of Burden” and, most importantly, watching over all of us. It was a privilege to know you, dear man. God bless, until we meet again ...

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HOFASAS

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“When something gets appealed, it’s incumbent on us to hear it as soon as possible,” councilman Bobby Richards said.

They voted 4-1 to proceed, with councilwoman Alisandra Dramov dissenting. Just before the actual Hofsas House hearing began around 9:45 p.m. following several other items, Dramov said she wasn’t feeling well and left.

Exempt or not?

Because the new hotel would be built on land in an already developed area, the planning commission determined it would not need to undergo extensive environmental review as required by the California Environmental Quality Act, and much of principal planner Marnie Waffle’s presentation was focused on explaining CEQA in relation to the project. She said the proposal is also categorically exempt because it involves the replacement and reconstruction of a hotel.

“It’s the same site, with the same number of rooms, and the same purpose and capacity,” she said.

Waffle also noted that concerns about traffic, truck trips, parking, noise, dust, any hazardous materials and other potential environmental impacts of construction will be mitigated and handled under a required construction management plan and rules imposed by agencies enforcing air quality, runoff, pollution and other issues. Noise is also mitigated by limiting construction hours, which are stated in the municipal code.

“These are things that are required for every development project,” she said. Waffle recommended the council back the planning commission’s decision and deny

Kruse’s appeal.

Kruse argued that the city must take the cumulative impacts on the environment of several different projects into account. He pointed to Patrice Pastor’s impending mixed-use developments at Dolores and Fifth and Dolores and Seventh, whatever the new owners of the Svendsgaard’s Inn might do — and the 349 residential units anticipated, but not planned or permitted, in the city’s recently approved housing element.

The city “incorrectly assumed there’s no potential for adverse impacts,” he said. “Cumulative analysis is required, but it wasn’t done.”

He accused city officials of “ignoring CEQA” and said a full environmental impact report should be required.

Assisting Kruse in the appeal, Chuck Najarian said the city is “essentially not playing by the rules.”

“You shouldn’t be exempting projects from CEQA that have potential adverse impacts,” he said. “Mr. Kruse identified the potential for significant adverse impacts in spades, and that triggers an environmental impact report.”

‘Stopping progress’

Lombardo said Kruse’s appeal “is about stopping progress,” and he defended the city’s conclusion that the project is categorically exempt from further CEQA review. He further argued a 2015 California Supreme Court decision protects applicants from having their projects railroaded by opponents using environmental law to do so.

“Of course this project is going to cause traffic and noise,” he said. “Those are uses and impacts the State of California will accept without requiring an EIR.”

He also said the burden of proof is on Kruse.

“You saw the list of terribles that could or may occur — although I would argue none of them has a basis in reality,” Lombardo told the council. “But you have to prove there is something unusual about those impacts in that location,

and the appellant has provided no evidence.”

As for potential cumulative impact based on the prediction that every potential residence mentioned in the housing element will be built, “clearly, that’s an absurd assumption,” Lombardo said.

Carmel Preservation Association co-founder Karyl Hall, who has also publicly stated she doesn’t like the proposal, said she and other Dolores residents will be heavily impacted by construction activities, and she listed many projects underway in her neighborhood.

“The EIR should take all of these into account,” she said.

Several other speakers agreed with Kruse’s take and said the plans require further environmental review, while supporters argued for letting it proceed.

“The project will bring benefits for us all, despite the impacts,” nearby resident David Gomez said.

Carolyn Hardy accused Kruse and his colleagues of using CEQA “against a project that they have publicly stated they just don’t like,” and she said they failed to prove their case.

“The issues are already remedied in the conditions of approval,” she said.

Resident Melanie Billig said she was concerned about how the city is applying CEQA in general.

Walter Wagner, meanwhile, had no such concerns, saying the new hotel fits the definition of infill development and is consistent with the zoning.

“It’s an environmentally benign project,” he said. “It’s taking out an old hotel and putting in a new one that will be much better.”

‘Not easy’

Contractor Dan Silverie, who will be doing the construction and has handled a lot of other projects in the city, said there are a lot of steps to be taken to ensure the process has the fewest impacts on the neighborhood and surrounding streets as possible.

“It’s not an easy job, but it’s a job we’re well qualified for, and we’re looking forward to doing this project,” he said.

Inns by the Sea GM Mark Watson, whose company oversees several hotels and recently sold the Svendsgaard’s Inn next door to Hofsas House, said he supports Theis’ vision and condemned the sole dissenter at the planning commission meeting for challenging that vote.

“An appeal filed despite this overwhelming endorsement seems destructive and counterproductive,” he said, adding that Theis and her team worked closely with neighbors to solicit feedback and that Waffle’s report addressed the concerns raised in the appeal.

Resident Kristi Reimers said she’d like to see the city

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ARNO HANS HANEL, M.D.

January 9, 1935 - July 14, 2024

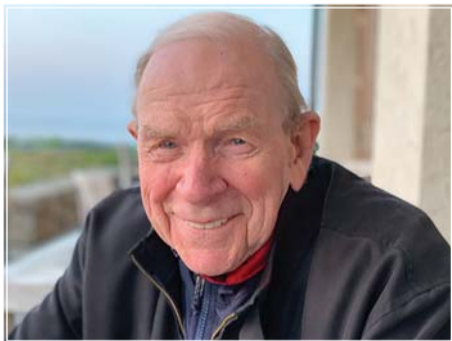
Arno led a life of service for both his family and his community. He was born at Holy Cross Hospital in Chicago, Illinois to Hans and Ida Hanel, who would later be known and loved as Oma and Opa by Arno’s family and friends. He graduated from the University of Chicago’s Medical School in 1960, and during a tour with the U.S. Army in Germany, he welcomed his eldest child, Brian Hans, in 1963. Upon returning to the states, he did a pediatric internship at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital and completed his medical training with a residency in anesthesiology at Stanford Hospital, where he welcomed his eldest daughter, Heida Elizabeth, in 1966. One final move brought them to the Monterey Peninsula, where Arno practiced as an anesthesiologist at CHOMP for 50 years, during which time he became known and loved by colleagues and patients alike for his deft management of both routine procedures and surgical emergencies. Carmel became his home for life, and it was here that he met and fell in love with his wife, Linda Hanel, and welcomed his youngest child, Andrea Dora, in 1979.



Arno’s love of family endured throughout his life, and he insisted that his parents move to Carmel to enjoy their retirement and share their time with their grandchildren. When outside the hospital, he could be found skiing the slopes, meticulously tending to his small fleet of cars, or walking the coast of Carmel with his beloved dogs, Dylan and Misty. Arno represented many things to many people. He was known by his colleagues in medicine as a stalwart moral compass who loved nothing more than to help his team bring babies into the world. For his children and grandchildren, he was a dependable protector and provider — a giant of a man whose tall stature and firm demeanor belied a devilishly playful streak, a deep and booming belly laugh, and a bear hug that warmed hearts and cracked bones. Most of all, Arno Hanel was a force for good in the world, fighting all his life to hold everything and everyone together for as long as he could, and encouraging us all to do the same.

Arno is survived by his wife of 48 years, Linda; and his three children, Brian (Hilary) Hanel, Heida Shaw, and Andrea Cahill. In addition he is survived by his grandchildren, Kate (Jack), Alex (Austin), Dylan and Becca Hanel, Ben and Adam Shaw, and Audrey Cahill; and his first great-grandchild, Eliza (Hanel) Sharp. Additional family members include sister-in-law, Martha Jane Varble; niece, Cathy (Pete) Swainson; and godchild, Nic (Hanna) Swainson. He is preceded in death by his son-in-law, Steven Shaw; and grandchild, baby Isaac Shaw.

Special thanks to Dr. Gina Heal and Arno’s care team led by Oliver Ramirez. A celebration of life will be held at a later time. Any remembrance could be made to the charity of your choice.



HEAD AND NECK PAIN

A CHIROPRACTIC MESSAGE from Dr. Steven MacDonald, D.C.

Dr. MacDonald’s specialty is the Cervical Spine and Skull alignment. The skull and the cervical spine (Cranial-Cervical segment) must be in alignment to keep the rest of the body in balance. This section of the spine houses and protects the most important area of the central nervous system—the brain and brainstem. There are also so many life forces housed here, often called the mouth of God where the skull meets the cervical spine. The nervous system, Cerebral spinal fluid, circulatory system must be able to flow freely here to keep us healthy. Head and neck injuries and stress can misalign this area and interfere with these systems. Old and new injuries can hurt this spinal alignment and then be the cause of many of the symptoms people have today and distort posture later in life. Headaches can occur, balance problems, middle ear problems, neck and shoulder pain, mid and low back pain, poor memory, brain fog, blurred vision, speech, mood, depression, numbness and tingling, constipation, Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue. Cranial-Cervical misalignment can hurt every system in the body. It’s not something to take lightly.

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require an EIR “for any large project” in town.

After public comment closed, Theis pointed out that she didn’t ask for any additional rooms on the hotel property “because I didn’t want to push the envelope.”

“I wanted to do everything in the box,” she said. “I don’t appreciate that people don’t understand that.”

Regardless, Kruse predicted “a period of construction hell” once the Hofsas House project begins and said it could impact tourism and even cause businesses on Dolores to close.

Assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson told the council that staff did not err in finding the Hofsas project exempt from further CEQA review. “CEQA was not skipped in doing this,” he said.

No errors

Council members spent little time discussing the issue, finding no issues with the planning department’s review of the project and the commission’s approval.

“I didn’t hear that anything was in error in claiming those exemptions,” councilman Jeff Baron said. “I understand people don’t like that.”

He said Kruse and his lawyer failed to prove their case. “We’re left with no valid reasons to say yes to the appeal,” he said.

Mayor Dave Potter agreed. “This is a significant improvement” over existing conditions, he said, with less mass and bulk and lower building heights.

“There’s been a lot of input in the process,” he said.

Councilman Bobby Richards agreed.

“I can’t approve this appeal, because I don’t see what the planning commission and staff did wrong,” he said. Richards also noted that the new property will be ADA accessible, while the Hofsas House is not.

“I think you guys have said it all,” commented councilwoman Karen Ferlito. “I think this will be a great addition to the city when it’s finished.”

The council unanimously voted, with Dramov absent, to deny Kruse’s appeal and uphold the planning commission’s approval of the Hofsas House project.

Corey Kathleen Paoletti

Corey Kathleen Paoletti joined the angels on April 18, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Corey was born on July 14, 1991, in San Jose, California to Clancy and Susan D’Angelo. She was raised on the Monterey Peninsula, graduating from Forest Grove, Junipero Serra School and, in 2009, Pacific Grove High School. The middle of three daughters, she was spunky, loud and always laughing. Blessed with a giving, unselfish heart and a wonderful sense of humor, she had a way of welcoming everyone she met.



Corey followed her parents’ footsteps when attending California State University, Chico. There she fell in love with the city, became the captain of the ultimate frisbee team, and most importantly found her calling to be a nurse. She graduated from the Chico State School of Nursing in 2014 and moved back to her hometown to begin her career. For nearly 10 years, she worked as a nurse on Main West at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. Corey truly loved her job. Her kind nature, sincerity and bubbly personality changed the lives of all the patients and coworkers who came into contact with her.

In 2016, Corey met her husband, Jacob Paoletti, while playing softball in Monterey. They fell in love quickly and seamlessly integrated each other into their lives. Corey found her second calling as a mother after welcoming their daughter, Jamie Joy, in 2021. She loved being a mom, celebrating each milestone and being present for the big and small moments.

She will be fondly remembered for her kindness, her infectious laugh and devotion to her family, friends and patients — it was simply a joy to be in her orbit. Corey is survived by her husband, Jacob; and daughter, Jamie Joy; as well as her parents, her sisters, Lia and Claire; brother-in-law, Chris Simmons; her niece, Annie, nephew, Sam; parents-in-law, Jim and Emma Paoletti and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Her family would like to thank Dr. Nancy Rubin and the Montage Palliative Care team for their compassionate care.

A celebration of her life is planned for 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 2nd at St. Angela’s Catholic Church, 362 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove, CA. A reception will follow immediately in the parish hall.

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DAWNA MARIA ZULLO

Dawna passed away at the wonderful Westland House on July 8, 2024, at age 82. She would want to thank the nurses at CHOMP and Westland House for their compassionate care in her final days.

Dawna was born on Los Angeles on Feb. 20, 1942. She spent a life well lived starting by excelling in school and graduating early. She worked as a go-go dancer to pay for her masters degrees in animal husbandry and education at USC. Then she worked briefly for the Sheriff’s Dept. in Los Angeles County. Dawna enlisted in the U.S. Army and her career lasted 27 years doing covert actions all over the world. She was chosen to teach covert actions to the CIA. She retired in 1996 as a Lt. Colonel.

Dawna always loved animals and was a proud member of PETA since its beginning. She enjoyed volunteering at the S.P.C.A. of Monterey County. She communicated with animals and was able to get their birth names such as, Jedediah Butter Bean, Bucket Carlisle and Turtle Malays. She was a loving giving person. She donated her body to science so there will be no funeral.

Dawna is survived by her sister, Kathy Godbe; and her two daughters, Shannon Willingham and Carrie Kelley. Dawna and Kathy lived in Carmel about nine years.

Any donations can be made in her name to the charity of your choice.

CRAIG MACDONALD — HISTORIAN, JOURNALIST, AUTHOR

September 26, 1949 • July 9, 2024

There are few places on Earth Craig MacDonald loved more than Carmel. The Bay Area-born-and-bred Pulitzer Prize nominee, author, newspaper/magazine writer and editor, nationally-syndicated columnist, television producer, band leader, promoter of the 1984 Olympics and America’s Cup, and keynote speaker at universities and national conferences, visited Monterey Bay area too many times to count with his family growing up in San Jose. When he met the girl of his dreams in Orange County where he worked for Pacific Bell, he was delighted she said “yes” to his proposal and request that they tie the knot in California’s most romantic city, Carmel-by-the-Sea! They were married at Church of the Wayfarer in November 1980 and were together for more than 43 years.



Happiest with his role as a father to son, Chris, and husband to photojournalist Debbie Stock, the fourth generation writer/editor for newspapers and magazines loved playing tennis, taking walks and sharing rounds of golf with his family when visiting Carmel. And, he especially enjoyed co-authoring historical and travel articles about the destination with his wife.

Craig, whose college teammate became the NBA’s first Slam Dunk Champion, coached his son’s National Junior Basketball Leagues’ championship team and Christian Youth baseball team. He also loved to speak on both journalism and history and give back while doing so.

The Army veteran who trained at Fort Ord was on the President’s Advisory Board at Cal State Fullerton and set up the first SeniorNet (in the Los Angeles/Orange County/Inland Empire) at the college’s Ruby Gerontology Center. The Pacific Bell Computing Center taught seniors how to use computers to communicate with grandchildren and others around the world as well as do business. He also showed members of Congress how easy it was to use the French Minitel computing system that helped lead to the first major overhaul of the Telecommunications Act in nearly 62 years.

For years, he spoke at universities, museums, national, state and historical conferences as well as many non-profits. Often, in lieu of pay for his speeches, Rotary Clubs donated polio shots to countries like Afghanistan, museums gave wheelchairs for use in African nations, and both Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs donated books to local libraries.

He inspired through his history and religious talks with one of his favorite lectures about his great-, great-, great-, great-grandfather, the Rev. James Caldwell, who he paid homage to in his book, “The Rebel Reverend: An American Revolution Hero.” A champion for “Unsung Heroes,” Craig also researched and wrote about Jessie Benton Fremont who “saved Yosemite,” and a female stagecoach driver from Salinas who was the subject of his widely acclaimed book, “Cockeyed Charley Parkhurst— The West’s Most Unusual Stagecoach.”

He encouraged others. The Phi Kappa Phi graduate of San Jose State, a member of Phi Alpha Theta (the national history honor society), wrote 24 books, including the best-selling “Old West Christmas— Tales With a Twist,” which he co-authored with his father, Franklin MacDonald, an English professor at San Jose State University. It was selected as the California State Library’s “Book of the Week.” Everyone in his family growing up were published authors and athletes, including his mother who was a fourth generation San Franciscan, and his sister who taught in the San Jose school system.

Craig passed away at the age of 74 and died close to home at Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach after nine years of treatment for multiple myeloma cancer — an incurable, rare blood disorder with a 35 percent higher rate of diagnosis for veterans who served at Fort Ord than the general U.S. population. Proud, patriotic and passionate about serving his country, Craig MacDonald never complained about his illness or pain, but preferred to inspire others with messages of hope for a bright future.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie; son, Chris; and beloved friend and caregiver, Jannina Turado. His ashes will be scattered at sea with an ocean cruise at sunset planned in his memory. Craig’s wish would be that you do a kind deed for someone else, be it donating to your favorite charity or holding a door open for another person and giving them a smile.

Editorial

Assassins and their motives

WHILE AS of this writing very little is known about what may have motivated 20-year-old Thomas Crooks to try to murder Donald Trump in Pennsylvania on Saturday, a little background about the people who have killed or tried to kill presidents throughout the history of this country may be helpful in understanding the news about Crooks when it comes. In a time when demagoguery and rabble-rousing are much more commonplace in the public arena than fact-finding and objective analysis, even a cursory look at the archives can provide important context for current events.

Let's start with the fact that some assassinations and attempted assassinations, beginning with the murder of Abraham Lincoln in 1865, have had clear political purposes, while others, such as the shooting of Ronald Reagan in 1981, seem to have been the work of the mentally deranged. Keep that in mind next time you see someone ranting on social media about how Crooks must have acted because he believed all the left-wing propaganda about Trump being a threat to "our democracy," or (alternatively) that he might have tried to kill the Republican nominee because he wasn't conservative enough.

Lincoln, a Republican abolitionist from Illinois, was the first president killed in office. He was gunned down April 14, 1865, in Ford's Theater in Washington D.C. by John Wilkes Booth, a Confederate Democrat who despised Lincoln, not only for ending slavery, but for leading the United States to victory in the Civil War. Motive for the attack: ideology/politics.

The second president killed in office was Republican James Garfield, who died Sept. 19, 1881, after being shot in a Washington D.C. train station by Charles Guiteau, who, after fervently supporting Garfield in the 1880 election, expected to be rewarded with a cushy government job. When he was rebuffed, he developed a delusional desire to kill the president, which he did. Motive: personal grievance/insanity.

Next was Pres. William McKinley, a Republican shot at close range in Buffalo, N.Y., on Sept. 5, 1901. His killer was Leon Czolgosz, an anarchist who wanted to destroy capitalism and lift what he saw as the oppression of the working class, not only in the United States, but around the world. Motive: ideology/politics.

The most recent president killed in office was John Kennedy, a Democrat who was shot while in a motorcade in Dallas, Texas, by Lee Harvey Oswald, a communist who tried to obtain citizenship in the Soviet Union and may have been angered not only by what he saw as American imperialism during the Cold War, but, more specifically, by Kennedy's attempts to overthrow Cuban dictator Fidel Castro. Motive: ideology/politics.

He never became president, but Kennedy's brother, Robert, also a Democrat, was assassinated in June 1968 during a heated presidential campaign. His killer was Sirhan Sirhan, a Palestinian Arab and anti-Zionist who was angered by Robert Kennedy's support for Israel during the 1967 Six Day War, when the young Jewish nation improbably captured Jerusalem and the West Bank from Jordan and the Gaza Strip from Egypt. Motive: ideology/politics.

Pres. Ronald Reagan, a Republican, was very nearly killed outside a Washington D.C. hotel on March 30, 1981, just a few weeks after he took office. His assailant, John Hinckley, acted out of a desire to impress the actress Jodie Foster, who was 19 years old at the time. Motive: insanity.

Other presidents who've been the targets of unsuccessful assassination attempts include Andrew Jackson (his attacker was probably insane), Teddy Roosevelt (also insanity), Franklin Roosevelt (ideology/politics), Harry Truman (ideology/politics) and Gerald Ford (twice, both times for ideological/political reasons).

While these capsule summaries by no means tell the whole stories, and the motivations, and even the identities, of presidential killers and would-be killers can be debated, our point remains the same: While Crooks may have tried to kill Trump because he objected to the former president's politics, he may also have acted because he was just plain crazy.

BEST of BATES



Letters to the Editor

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Late-night decision

Depending on stories of missed packages and internet hook-up troubles, Karen Ferlito, Jeff Baron and Bobby Richards have used their position of power to dodge a vote for its citizenry. Fast-tracking a plan, they voted to destroy a 100-year-old tradition and instructed the city attorney to change the ordinance that will ultimately lead to the closing of our beloved post office.

Ferlito said, "Don't worry about if our post office closes," failing to think forward about what will happen to our local post office after house numbers go up and there is no longer a need for citizens to pay for a P.O. box. The postal service has closed 85,000 locations so far due to low-performance numbers, and you can bet your bottom dollar it will end its lease when the money dries up. Carmel-by-the-Sea will either see "gang mailboxes" or street

delivery via a mailbox, with yes, your home number plastered all over it.

To compound her stance, Ferlito said, "This is not up for a vote! Lives depend on this!" Not so fast. When the facts are examined, our fabulous emergency services response time in Carmel beats the national average by a long shot. The National Library of Medicine said the national average is seven minutes, while in Carmel, it's 3.5 minutes.

This is an Amazon issue, plain and simple. But wait, this is why we have a local post office.

Carolyn White, Carmel

No say? Dear Editor,

Last week's city council meeting ended at midnight. During the course of seven-and-a-half hours, five people — four, after one city council member went home feeling ill — made major decisions that will affect Carmel for years to come. One decision in particular that clearly showed strong support — both for and against — should have been placed on November's ballot. Addresses. One of Carmel's unique characteristics is its lack of street addresses. It seems our city council members have now spoken for all of us and we as residents have no say at all.

Lindamarie Rosier, Carmel

Smoke and mirrors Dear Editor,

The city and some residents believe the state can enforce the authoritarian

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How did she get into wine? There was this house in Belgium ...

MARTA KRAFTZECK is a Monterey native who was the first woman winemaker in this county. "I feel very fortunate because I fell in love with something at a very young age and got to pursue it as a life passion. And I don't think everybody gets to do that." She spoke fondly of the people she's met and the things she's been able to accomplish, then looked back, literally, to where it all began.

"I was born in the old Monterey hospital," Kraftzeck said, pointing toward

to come home to Monterey, but "nobody would hire me for vineyard manager positions because I was a woman," she said. In 1983, she got a job at Monterey Peninsula Winery — on the property where Tarry's is — as the assistant winemaker and soon was promoted to winemaker.

Demystifying things

In 1989, she got an offer from Chateau Julien in Carmel Valley to be its winemaker and worked there for 20 years. Kraftzeck was the only woman in the local industry until the early 2000s, but it didn't bother her. "They treated me like one of the guys, but they all knew my name," she said.

Kraftzeck has a wealth of knowledge and has enjoyed teaching about wine, too. "One day, Peter Meckel, the founder of Hidden Valley in Carmel, called me up — I was just down the street at Chateau Julien — and asked if I wanted to teach a class" for a group of visitors, she said. "I just fell in love with teaching. I loved seeing the light bulb go on and demystifying wine for people, because for the longest time, people felt like you had to wear a certain type of clothes or be at a certain type of restaurant to enjoy it."

Kraftzeck became certified through the Society of Wine Educators, "which made me focus on the worldwide side of wine, not just production," she explained. "When I finished that, I decided to become a certified sommelier."

Like weeds

She noted that Monterey County's wine industry has changed significantly in the last 50 years. "A lot of grapes were planted in Monterey County in the 1970s," she said. Farmers put grapevines in fertile ground, "and the vines

grew like weeds." But the leafy canopy that developed meant the fruit grew in the shade, which wasn't great for their varietal of choice, cabernet.

"It developed an herbaceous quality that came from vigorous vines, and from fruit being shaded. It was a learning experience, but we learned to grow cooler-climate grapes here, like pinot noir and chardonnay," she said.

In 2009, Kraftzeck joined Scheid Family Vineyards as head winemaker and has been there ever since. She said her experience working for small wineries was helpful. "I knew how to drive a tractor and take a pump apart," she said.

She tells people that her job is "industrially creative," explaining, "When you're fermenting something in the cellar, it's something alive. It's not like I'm mixing concrete. It's not formulaic. I'm going to

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Great Lives

By SALLY BAHO

downtown from her home — the same house she grew up in that her father, a general contractor, built on Spaghetti Hill, the old Sicilian neighborhood above Colton Hall. She and her brother were adopted, and, she said, "I always felt like that was a gift. They really wanted me."

Kraftzeck went to Monterey public schools and Monterey Peninsula College before transferring to UC Santa Cruz, where she earned her bachelor's degree in



PHOTO/EUSABETH FALL PHOTOGRAPHY

Winemaker Marta Kraftzeck became "one of the guys" among Monterey County vintners 41 years ago.

biology.

"The year I graduated college, my mom passed away, so I decided to travel," she said. She and her boyfriend went to Casablanca to start, but by the time they got to Greece, they had broken up.

"He flew home, and I stayed," she said with a smile. She met a Belgian couple who were on their way to Guatemala and offered to let her stay at their house just outside of Brussels.

On to Fresno

"I made friends with their friends, who invited me to go to the south of France to pick grapes," she recalled. "I fell in love with the perennial aspect of grapes. What you did every year affected how they would turn out," Kraftzeck said. Her passion for wine was uncorked.

She attended UC Davis' master's program in viticulture and went to work for the Fresno County Farm Advisors. She wanted

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LEARNING TO CELEBRATE LIFE AGAIN IN THE HUNDRED-ACRE WOOD

A BIG window in Studio 3 at the Pacific Grove Art Center brightens the world of Pacia Platzek, whose life was in a dark place until she accidentally rediscovered her childhood passion.

At 70, she's an artist again, crafting wool and felt into indescribably cuddly critters, creatures and cartoon stars, including the "Winnie the Pooh" characters her son adored as a toddler.

She's happy once more, a transformation she doesn't take for granted.

healing process came from rediscovering art, an epiphany sparked by her daughter, Calypso, a middle-school science teacher in Santa Cruz and the mother of Platzek's two granddaughters.

"She showed me some little things her girls had made out of felt, and she helped me make a soft, little ball for my hat," she remembered. "And then, at Christmastime, when she needed decorations for her outdoor tree, we sat at her table and made felt Christmas ornaments. I was hooked."

In 2018, Platzek accommodated her newfound love for crafting by renting a space at the Pacific Grove Art Center, which she uses as a personal studio, gallery and venue to sell her

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Forest Platzek, the younger of her two children, was 37 in 2017 when he died after a lengthy struggle with multiple health challenges, several surgeries, and an addiction to painkilling medications prescribed by physicians throughout his ordeal. He was 87 percent disabled by the time his life ended. The official cause of death was an overdose of opiates.

Platzek believes her son, a former U.S. Navy radar technician, became afflicted with his maladies after serving aboard the USS Bremerton, a submarine that leaked nuclear waste.

Mysterious kidney stones

Two of his shipmates struggled with the same rare health problems, including mysterious stones in both kidneys that required multiple surgeries, and complications that included malignant hypothermia, a genetic reaction to anesthesia that affects 1 in 100,000 people.

Pacia and her husband, Gary Buck, were vacationing in Italy when they received the devastating news of his death via text mes-

creations.

And on the second Sunday of every month, Platzek teaches a three-hour felting workshop to adults and kids in the same room.

A self-described "Navy brat," Platzek spent her earliest years in Hawaii, entered kindergarten in Maryland, then attended first and second grade in Pacific Grove while her father, Eugene Platzek, served as an engineer and cryptologist at the Naval Postgraduate School.

Full-circle coincidence

"I studied ballet from age 6 to 18, the first couple of years in P.G.," she said. "All these years later, I found out they teach ballet right across the hall from my studio at Pacific Grove Art Center. The ballet instructor, Mei Liu, showed me an old photograph and I realized her mother had been my teacher when I was 6. How amazing is that?"

Other stops for the globetrotting Platzeks included Japan, San Francisco, Maryland and Virginia, where she finished high school.

Through the years, her interest in art was encouraged by her mother, Kathryn, and a grandmother who lived in the Santa Cruz mountains — both artists.

Her dad also was a loving supporter.

"When I was 6 or 7, we were driving along 17 Mile Drive one day after church," Platzek remembered. "My dad looked at me in the back seat, saw the picture I was drawing and bought it from me for 25 cents.

"Then he said, 'You just sold your first picture. Now you're an artist!' That moment has stayed in my heart ever since," she reminisced.

Drafting and engineering

She was the first female at her Virginia high school to beg out of the all-girl sewing class and enroll instead in drafting, where the rest of her classmates were boys.

Inspired by that experience and her dad's engineering background, she earned college degrees in engineering technology, surveying technology and computer-aided drafting, all of which contributed to careers she enjoyed during her professional life.

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PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Pacific Grove artist Pacia Platzek found healing in the creatures she learned to make from wool and felt after her son died in 2017.

sage. They immediately flew home to Ann Arbor, Mich.

"It was horrible ... so horrible," remembered Platzek, whose grief was crippling. "All I could do when I got home was read the 'Winnie the Pooh' books I always read to Forest when he was young. I read those to him every single night.

"It was the only thing that gave me comfort, and I've got those books memorized today."

Platzek found additional relief at the Wholehearted Chorus, a local singing group where she's still a member.

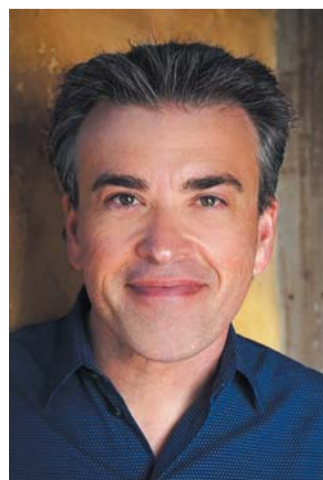
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POLICE

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work on a plan, and which has met with consultants many times and held several public meetings and workshops on the topic, was divided. Mayor Dave Potter favored the first and second options, while councilman Jeff Baron was interested in pursuing the third.

Riling people up

The few residents who spoke at the meeting argued for remodeling. David O'Neil, who is running for city council, suggested CPD staff could remain on site while a remodel is underway and that it would be much less expensive than building a new station.

"I don't know whether it would be easier to remodel or rebuild," commented Baron, who has said he'll run for mayor, but either way, the police department will have to be temporarily housed somewhere else. "It's not reasonable to rehabilitate and expand and keep the police department there at the same time."

He also said looking into the feasibility of a new

station somewhere else, such as Vista Lobos, would be informative.

"I think exploration is the best way to flesh out the requirements — what we can live with and what we can live without," he said.

"I don't think it's worth going ahead and riling up the community over the Vista Lobos site," countered Potter, who will seek reelection.

Councilwoman Alissandra Dramov preferred the remodel option. "And if they need more space, they can explore the area over the plaza" that connects the station and public works, she said.

"In Carmel, we have a history of fixing historic buildings," she said. "We don't tear them down. I certainly think we could really rehabilitate and fix this one up."

"I think we would be penny-wise and pound-foolish to not do at least two of these," councilwoman Karen Ferlito commented. "I have visited the police department enough that I don't believe it can be rehabilitated to meet the needs of the next 50 to 75 years, and I think it's unconscionable to think we could keep the employees on site while we're doing this."

She also argued for further considering the Vista Lobos site.

"The idea that we can make a silk purse out of this stinky pig is just not possible," she said.

Councilman Bobby Richards, who has been on the council for eight years and has participated in the discussion since it began, said a remodel and expansion is the best option. He also said he's one of the few who actually likes the building.

"It's entirely possible that option will be better," Baron conceded. "But how will we know if we don't have a comparable?"



PHOTO/PINE CONE FILE

The Carmel Police station on Junipero Street has been the subject of a long-running debate about how to improve it.

In a remodel, you always discover things you didn't know that will be very expensive to patch and fix," Ferlito said. "Right now, we have conjecture that it will be easier to fix."

Deja vu

Addressing the station's numerous deficiencies has been on the to-do list since May 2017, with the then-city council subsequently allocating \$250,000 for a renovation design.

That August, the city hired Kasavan Architects for \$122,815 to draw up plans for a slight expansion that would include a larger dispatch room, a new property

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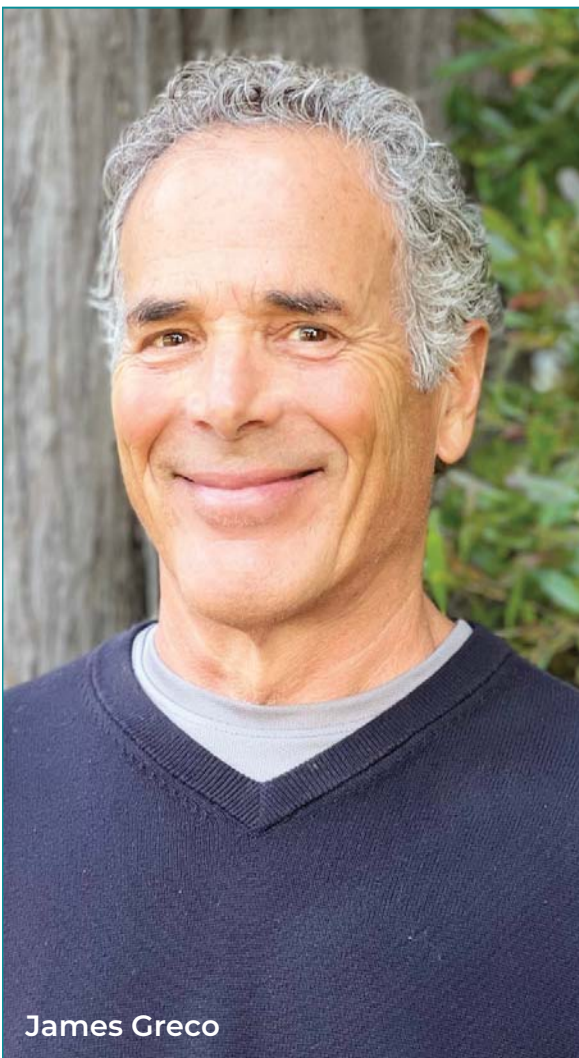


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STATION

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room, an area for processing evidence and a utility room. Four months later, the council approved a design expected to cost \$1.75 million. The plan didn't require any excavation and was a blend of two of the four design options presented a month earlier. In April 2018, a divided city council increased

WATER

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customers' bills and which was remitted to the water district. The fee, which the district had been collecting since 1983, amounted to about \$3.7 million, or about half of the water district's annual revenues at the time.

Facing a deficit, the water district decided to replace the user fee with the water supply charge, despite facing overwhelming community opposition to the idea that resulted in more than 10,000 protest letters.

In 2016, however, the California Supreme Court overruled the Public Utilities Commission's 2009 ruling and allowed the water district's old user fee to go back into effect.

But instead of modifying or eliminating the water supply charge — which was spelled out in the sunset provision — the water district continued to collect both fees, which the Monterey taxpayers group argued violated the district ordinance and amounted to "double dipping."

The sunset provision was debated by the two parties, and Panetta addressed it extensively in her ruling, including a sentence stating that the district shall not collect the water supply charge "to the extent alternative funds are available via a charge collected" on Cal Am bills.

Needed \$\$ for other uses

But the water district maintained the revenue from the user fee was not "available" because the revenue funded "other costs, including those related to mitigation and conservation, and those required to pay off loans the district took out for its water supply projects," such as aquifer storage and the Pure Water Monterey reclamation facilities.

The judge said that the district's funds "are still very much present, accessible and usable, even if the district has, for the time being, chosen to commit those funds elsewhere."

The water district estimates it will collect an estimated \$10 million from both the user fee and water supply charge for fiscal year 2024-2025, Heuer said.

Kasavan's pay by \$74,534, and that same month, the historic resources board declared the station was not historic. At that hearing, Tomasi described the building as "an absolute mess."

Four months after that, the council tweaked the design and sent it back to the planning commission, which had approved it in June.

Emergency repairs

But in June 2019, the council scaled the project back to solely focus on the interior, with the majority arguing that any expansion would be little more than a band-aid on a complex that needs a full-scale master plan and an overhaul.

At the time recently elected to the council, Baron suggested moving the police station altogether. "An expansion would be a golden band-aid," Richards said then. "I can't imagine adding onto that building."

In November 2019, the plans were declared ready to go out to bid. But then the Covid pandemic hit, and all capital improvement projects were shelved due to economic uncertainty.

KILLED

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dodge traffic — there's no crosswalk — to reach nearby trailheads. At recent public hearings, locals warned that the site is one of the most dangerous for pedestrians along the coast.

The accident upset many in Big Sur, including county planning commissioner Martha Diehl, who told The Pine Cone she is "beyond angry" that the pedestrian was killed.

"I've been raising the concern for years and years," Diehl said. "This is one case where I'm sick to my stomach to be right."

The planning commissioner and longtime Big Sur resident suggested that Caltrans and California State Parks need "to take immediate substantial action to resolve this issue." "I am so over the fact that everybody thinks this is somebody else's problem," she said.

Diehl conceded that the California Coastal Commission might object to any measure that reduces public access.

"Let's see what they have to say," she added. "Public access isn't any good if you're dead."

Marcus Foster of Keep Big Sur Wild has long warned of the risks that exist at Highway 1 and Soberanes Creek,

In February 2022, Baron asked why the project hadn't been brought back for funding, and a month later, the city council reallocated the \$2 million "to make a facility that is Carmel worthy."

Ten months later, however, the council ditched the remodel project again when Kasavan quit after being paid \$200,000 for its design work.

In March 2023, the city solicited proposals from firms specializing in police station projects, which led to the hiring of Indigo/Hammond+Playle Architects three months later.

The 2023-2024 budget allocated \$3,239,000 for the project, \$759,020 of which has been spent or committed so far. In addition to the Indigo contract, the city hired 4Leaf Project Management for \$129,780 — and on Monday approved another \$150,000 for the consultant.

Emergency work undertaken in the interim included the essential renovation of the dispatch room (\$16,000) and repairing electrical panels (\$54,000), electrical equipment in dispatch (\$41,360), the security system (\$28,730), IT cabling (\$20,650), steel fire doors (\$5,000) and roof leaks (\$3,500), according to Tomasi's report.

which he calls the "most dangerous location" along the scenic route in Big Sur for motorists and pedestrians.

"It's a nightmare driving through there, especially on weekends," he said.

Foster contends that State parks has created safety risks by expanding recreational development on the west side of Highway 1. He said the improvements, which can be seen by passing motorists, entice drivers to stop — even though there isn't safe adequate parking for them. "According to the Big Sur Land Use Plan, existing facilities shall not be expanded unless standard and adequate and safe parking is met," Foster said.

Pileup near Rocky Creek

A day earlier, a pileup near Rocky Creek Bridge damaged four vehicles, but nobody was injured, CHP officer Saul Perez told The Pine Cone.

The highway patrol is urging motorists to be vigilant when driving anywhere — and particularly along narrow and winding Highway 1 in Big Sur.

"The CHP wants to remind drivers to slow down in areas where you are likely to find people walking, such as near bus stops, schools, parks, and playgrounds," the report added. "Additionally, pedestrians should always be aware of your surroundings and watch for vehicles when crossing a street or stepping off a curb."

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“builder’s remedy” on private property owners, commandeer the city’s land-use authority, and build whatever housing they want to cram into Carmel. But, of course, they can’t, unless the property owners agree or they gut the Constitution.

All the state can do is force the builder’s remedy on vacant or unused public lands, but in order to do that, the land must be designated as “surplus” pursuant to the Surplus Land Act, which the city has never done. The parking lots are the city’s only public lands, aside from parks and related green belts, without structures already on them, but they haven’t been ruled surplus, and they aren’t because they are heavily utilized. Now the city decided to take the

lots off the table, but only if they can cram in more housing elsewhere.

The state can’t commandeer the city’s land use authority either, because private property is the only affordable housing option in Carmel, and the state can’t force their one-size-fits-all housing on private property owners. At only 1 square mile, and with no surplus public lands, private property is the only option. So, there’s nothing to commandeer and no legal authority to impose what they want. Why not, then, simply identify possible housing opportunities on private property that they can’t dictate or control and be done with it? Any facilitation beyond that is detrimental unless you think Carmel will benefit from 349 more units, 700 more residents, 349 more cars taking up limited parking spaces, greater density, and all the associated negative effects.

The city has been consistently violating CEQA, so it’s not surprising they did so again by adopting a negative

declaration for the housing element. They did the same thing with the Hofsas House and rejected the appeal of the permit last week when it was clearly pointed out. They are “exempting” large commercial projects from CEQA and have created an official Carmel CEQA-free zone and a citywide construction nightmare for years to come. It doesn’t matter that our own municipal code says CEQA is “intended to protect and assure that citizens of the community contribute to the preservation and the enhancement of the environment.”

Chuck Najarian, Carmel

Winter camping?

Dear Editor,

It’s simple, really. When the weather is inclement, many people forgo the camping experience. With “glamping” and installation of luxury “tents,” guests are invited to be amongst the redwoods year round. They will feel a false sense of safety. There’s a reason the falling redwood branches are called widow-makers. A flimsy wood-and-canvas roof will do nothing to save those who pay heedily for the experience of being in nature. Who will be responsible when storms cause death or injury? You can’t simply blame nature.

Big Sur has sadly lost its soul. With few rental units available and numerous short-term rentals, those who work in the area have very limited housing options. Thank goodness for folks like Marcus Foster of Keep Big Sur Wild and Patte Kronlund of Community Association of Big Sur who keep ringing the bell for sanity and much-needed preservation.

Barry Edwards, Carmel

Byrne endorsed

Dear Editor,

As a proud resident of Carmel Valley and daily visitor to Carmel-by-the-Sea, and as a keen observer of the developments in our beloved city, I am thrilled to endorse Dale Byrne for mayor. Dale is a true community champion whose tireless efforts and impactful initiatives have significantly enhanced the beauty and functionality of our city.

Dale Byrne’s track record speaks for itself. As the founder of the nonprofit organization Carmel Cares, Dale has been instrumental in the last few years raising and channeling tens of thousands of dollars into publicly visible repairs and enhancements throughout the city. His commitment to improving our community is evident in every project undertaken by Carmel Cares. Whether it’s refurbishing public spaces, maintaining our charming streetscapes or ensuring the preservation of our unique aesthetic, Dale’s influence is unmistakable.

What sets Dale apart is his hands-on approach and his ability to galvanize others. He embodies the spirit of a dedicated citizen willing to roll up his sleeves and “get things done.” His impeccable project management skills and unwavering dedication have made him a true motivator, inspiring countless volunteers to join his mission to beautify Carmel-by-the-Sea.

In these times, we need a leader who not only understands the intricacies of our city’s needs but also has the proven ability to mobilize resources and people to address them.

Dale’s extensive experience in business, executive-level leadership and project management, coupled with his genuine passion for our community, make him the ideal candidate for mayor.

I am confident that under Dale Byrne’s leadership, Carmel-by-the-Sea will continue to thrive, preserving its unique charm while embracing necessary improvements. Let’s elect a mayor who has consistently demonstrated his “make it happen now” DNA and his love for our city through action and dedication. Dale Byrne has my wholehearted support, and I urge you to join me in supporting his candidacy as the next mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Brian Steckler, Carmel Valley

Baron for mayor

Dear Editor,

We endorse Jeff Baron for mayor of Carmel for the following reasons:

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He has been on the city council for six years, is a pragmatic thinker and treats the residents with respect and compassion!

He has consistently been the voice for Carmel residents on the council and takes the time to find out who the residents of Carmel are and how he can represent them.

Jeff also holds regular office hours throughout the year where all are invited to discuss things Carmel. He cares about the Carmel environment and the integrity of its eclectic style.

Besides, Jeff is a nice guy and pours an excellent cup of joe.

Jeff Baron for mayor of Carmel.

Chris and Karen Mack, Carmel

Likes Potter

Dear Editor,

When deciding who should be mayor of our unique village, we need to keep in mind that longevity, environmental sensitivity, administrative experience and an understanding of local culture matter the most to residents.

Grateful as we are for the Carmel Cares cleanup and much-needed restoration of our iconic Forest Theater, we really must elect officials experienced in governance.

Recent migrants to Carmel have anxiously sought to be involved in local government. Some have shown startling entitlement by employing tree crews to improve their scenic views and clear vines and vegetation (which prevent bluff erosion and should be untouched). They pull out native wildflowers along the path that they believe to be weeds, attempt to remove "unsightly" driftwood and seaweed from the winter beach, and have decorated public spaces in our unpretentious town with garish, incompatible holiday decorations.

It would behoove newcomers who want to run for office to quietly listen and observe for a few years. Potential candidates would do well to go the library and study the origins of Carmel so they at least have the baseline knowledge of our ecosystem and native history that even our local kids have.

Dave Potter has local government expertise no other candidate can come close to. Dave is sensitive to the culture of preservation that is dearly important to Carmelites. An incomparable knowledge of the entire region, decades of close ties with residents and business owners, relationships with leaders in outside agencies, and long-time effective stewardship set Dave miles apart from other hopefuls this year.

Most residents and visitors agree that Carmel-by-the-Sea is perfect as it is, and that we are all caretakers of its legacy. A vote for Dave Potter for mayor is a vote for the calm, unselfish and competent leadership that is essential for our village and its surrounding neighborhoods.

Carol Vincent, Carmel

O'Neil for council

Dear Editor,

I endorse David O'Neil for city council. As a full-time resident for the last 30 years and a mother of three, I have seen firsthand what works and what doesn't in our town. For the last few years, David has dedicated his time to

Carmel, volunteering with neighbors, friends and community groups. He brings a unique combination of passion and dedication to serving others.

I met David when he reached out and volunteered to assist with a memorial service for a prominent Carmel couple who passed away. David's immediate response was, "What do you need? How can I help? Tell me where and when." We had never met before the call, but that

didn't matter to him. He was there to help. This is the approachable and ready-to-serve person David O'Neil is. David is eager to listen to the concerns of Carmel citizens; he has the time, experience and resources to dedicate himself full-time to the position of council member.

I look forward to his enthusiasm and ideas.

My vote is David O'Neil for city council.

Jennifer Holmes, Carmel

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take these grapes and make the best thing possible with them." She has also continued to indulge her passion for teaching and making wine culture more accessible, happily presenting classes to wine club members on topics from blind tastings to food pairings.

When she's not on the job, Kraftzeck, 69, has continued her passion for world travel, including several trips to Spain, twice for climate-change conferences. She also loves to take history classes at MPC, gardening, and taking her puppy for walks. Meanwhile, the seasons turn, the grapes are harvested, and the fine wines just keep coming.

GAVEL

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and investigative activities in the prosecution of cold cases where DNA from a suspect has been identified. Funding from the U.S. Department of Justice grant enabled the cold case task force to seek justice in this case.

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The Carmel Pine Cone

Section 2

Selflessness and humility wrapped up in 257 pounds of determination

J.T. BYRNE seems like the kind of guy who would help a friend move ... on Super Bowl Sunday ... into a third-story apartment with a broken elevator. The only higher praise, from one dude to another, might be this label: "great teammate."

In a sports culture overpopulated with end-zone dancers, bat flippers, and posers who hold up their jersey numbers for the crowd to worship after a slam-dunk, the 2021 Carmel High alumnus quietly embraces selflessness and humility — the main ingredients in that "great teammate" recipe.

As he prepares for his junior year of eligibility as an NCAA Division I football player at UC Berkeley, Byrne won't expect to hear his name over the P.A. system on game day with any frequency or read about himself in

get a little bit better each day".

In sports, and in life, that's what defines a great teammate.

Few athletes in local history stack up with the Bunyanesque legacy Byrne left behind at Carmel High, where, by the end of his junior year, he was rated as one of the top 50 high school tight ends in the country. He was all-county, all-league, and small-school all-state. He also played wide receiver, quarterback, linebacker, and defensive end for the Padres and was all-league, all-county, and a league MVP in basketball and a key contributor on the Padres baseball team as pitcher and third baseman.

Taking the ball away

His college football suitors included Army, Cornell, San Diego State and San Jose State, but Byrne chose nationally ranked Oregon State, the only PAC 12 Conference team that offered him a scholarship.

In Carmel, from childhood through high school, teammates in every sport looked to put the ball in Byrne's hands when the game was on the line. When he became a college freshman, his coaches essentially took the ball away.

As a 6-foot-5, 215-pound high school standout, he was a man playing against boys. But at Oregon State?

"I was a feather!" remembered Byrne. "I still have some old video clips in my phone from my first fall camp at Oregon State, absolutely getting my butt kicked. I called home and said, 'Y'know, Pops, I'm

not even sure I'm playing the right sport!"

Tom Byrne, once a backup quarterback at Notre Dame, laughed hard, then did what fathers do.

"He said, 'I wasn't going to warn you, because I wanted to go there with confidence,'" J.T. recounted. "But it's normal, dude. You're gonna be OK."

OSU coaches advised Byrne to take a "redshirt" season — spend his freshman year building his body, learning the plays, improving his fundamentals in an all-new role blocking for the running backs and protecting the passer, while watching from the sidelines as a non-roster player.

New body for a new year

In 2022, his first year on the active roster, he showed up with an all-new, 247-pound physique, and appeared in nine games, always off the bench, often as a special-teams

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

postgame articles. Blockers are the blue-collar workers of the sport. They operate in the shadows, assigned to make quarterbacks, running backs, and receivers into household names. But the offense doesn't move an inch without them.

On preseason depth charts, Byrne isn't listed among Cal's top three tight ends and expects to be playing off the bench for the third year in a row. But while "backup" status is never the aspiration of a former high school supernova, Byrne remains volcanically enthusiastic and positive. He's proud to be a spoke in the wheel while working relentlessly to become much more.

Whatever's needed

"Honestly, I just want to do whatever is needed, and everything I can, to help this team win," he said. "I plan to be as prepared as I can to play any role here, whether that be in the run game, the pass game, or on one of the special teams. My focus is to control what I can control and try to



PHOTOS/COURTESY J.T. BYRNE

A standout receiver at Carmel High, J.T. Byrne's job in college is to help the running backs and quarterbacks make headlines as a blocker. The 6-foot-5 Byrne was "a feather" at 215 pounds when he left Carmel High. He plans to play at 257 pounds this season at UC Berkeley.



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player. He never caught a pass and achieved no reportable statistics for the Beavers, who went 10-3, including a 30-3 victory over Florida in the Las Vegas Bowl.

“Coming off the bench definitely humbles you,” he said. “It makes you sit back and reevaluate things. As a younger player, you obviously want to try to control as much as you possibly can, but the more you try to be in control, the less you usually get from the outcome you want.”

At season’s end, Byrne entered the NCAA’s transfer portal and moved closer to home — UC Berkeley —



J.T. Byrne enjoys being a role model to youngsters as well as freshmen experiencing some of the trials he endured during his first season of NCAA Division I college football.

where he appeared in all 14 games (none as a starter) as a blocking tight end and special-teams player in the fall of 2023, his sophomore year.

“The talent here at tight end is really deep, with dudes who have come in as transfers and also some younger guys,” he said. “But it’s great, because everybody is supportive, and we’re all pushing each other to get better.”

“In my mind, it’s not so much about competing against each other — I feel like we’re competing against the other 12 teams on our schedule,” said Byrne, the great teammate.

The onetime 215-pound “feather” plans to play at 257 pounds after another rugged offseason of strength-training and workouts.

And, by the way, the high school playmaker intends to be ready if the coaches decide to call his number as a receiver for the first time in his college career.

“I’ve just been trying to run more efficient pass routes and sharpen up my cuts,” he said.

‘The Old Man’

Byrne’s nose-to-the-grindstone work ethic and a tendency to be a clean-living homebody afterward often attract ribbing from his teammates.

“I got nicknamed ‘The Old Man,’ because I get my work in, then go home, cook my dinner and put on the Giants game,” he said. “My teammates are going out somewhere, and they’re like, ‘You’re watching baseball and eating a steak at 6 p.m.? What the heck are you doing, you old man?’”

Byrne, the great teammate, also has become somewhat of a “redshirt whisperer” to younger players who are struggling to accept their own transition from the spotlight to the shadows. He’s been there, done that.

“I say, ‘Listen, dude, you want to keep those video clips of the player you were as a freshman, so you can compare them to the player you became as a fifth-year senior,’” he said. “If playing in the NFL is your dream, you realistically might only need one great year of film.”

Academically, Byrne is a senior majoring in political economy, with plans to pursue a master’s degree next year and cash in his final season of athletic eligibility — the benefit of that redshirt year he spent at OSU an 18-year-old “feather.”

Room with a view

“I’m loving it here. It’s so beautiful. The weather’s been perfect, and I’m set up in a house in the Oakland Hills with a view of the Golden Gate Bridge from my bedroom. Life is good!” said Byrne, whose girlfriend, Chloe Brown, is an L.A. model who played NCAA volleyball at the University of Miami and the University of Oregon.

The Golden Bears — brand-new members of the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2024 — open their 12-game season at 2 p.m. on Aug. 31 with a non-conference home game against UC Davis.

ACC showdowns on their schedule include home dates with Miami (Oct. 5), North Carolina State (Oct. 29), Syracuse (Nov. 16) and Stanford (Nov. 23), and road trips to Florida State, Pittsburgh, Wake Forest and Southern Methodist.

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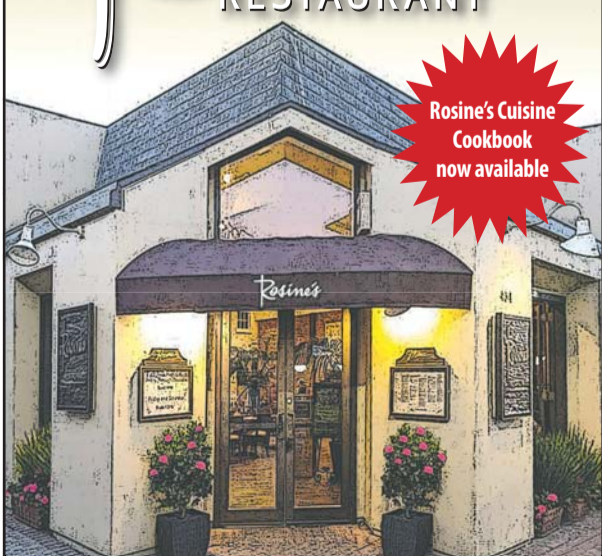
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of the band's three No. 1 hits — "Last Train to Clarksville," "I'm a Believer" and "Day-dream Believer."

More recently, Dolenz has recorded solo albums celebrating the music of his Monkees bandmate and one-time Carmel Valley resident, Michael Nesmith.

Dolenz is also an actor with numerous credits for his work in films, television and on stage.

Tickets start at \$44.50. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.



The lead singer for the Monkees and the only surviving member of the band, Micky Dolenz takes the stage Saturday, 7 p.m., at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

television fame — singer **Micky Dolenz** plays Saturday, 7 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

Besides being the Monkees' drummer during its heyday in the late 1960s, Dolenz sang lead vocals on each



A singer and guitarist with Mississippi roots, Jason Eady performs Saturday, 7 p.m., at the Sand Box in Sand City.

■ Groove-based country

Digging deep into his Mississippi roots, country singer and guitarist **Jason Eady** will showcase songs from his latest record Saturday, 7 p.m., at the Sand Box in Sand City. Titled "Mississippi," the LP came out last year. "There was a groove-based sound that I grew up with in Mississippi that has always been a part of what I do, but with this record I wanted to bring that to the forefront," said Eady, who lives in Texas.

Tickets are \$40 for general admission and \$25 for students and active military. The Sand Box is located at 440 Ortiz Ave. For more details, visit sandboxsandcity.com.

■ Jammin' in the garden

Pianist **Bob Phillips** and a group of his musical friends present a Cherry Jam in the Garden July 21, 3 p.m., at the Cherry Center for the Arts. "Join us Sunday as we honor **Denny and Nance Hoeft**, and **Jeffrey Houseman**, for their tireless work transforming the Cherry grounds," the center's **Robert Reese** announced.

Scheid Vineyards will pour wine. Tickets are \$50. The event is a fundraiser for the center, which is located at Fourth and Guadalupe. For more information, call (831) 624-7491 or visit carlcherrycenter.org.

■ Live music July 19-25

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FOOD & WINE

Drinks at Woody's, tours at Bernardus, and good low-buzz wines

WITH THE long-sought acquisition of a full liquor license completed last month, Tim Wood and Chris Caul are now offering cocktails and other liquor at their Woody's location at Del Mesa Carmel. The duo also announced summer hours at the spot, which they opened in the retirement complex a year ago and say is the perfect place to meet between mid-valley and Carmel-by-the-Sea.

"They've been wanting us to get full liquor here, and that finally happened," Caul said, adding that the bar area of the large restaurant will be updated with new fixtures and other necessities.

"It's just going to get a little bigger," he said, and they're already seeing a positive response to their broader offerings.

"People are coming for a drink and then dinner with wine," Wood said. "It's like the old days at Will's Fargo — it's a restaurant for the locals," he added, referring to a longtime Carmel Valley Village institution that no longer exists.

Well stocked

Wood also said a lot of Del Mesa Carmel residents are thrilled to have a place where they can pop over for a drink. "We're fully stocked," he added. "For two guys who like booze, there's definitely a lot of selections."

Caul said the cocktail list has some locally inspired

Soup to Nuts

drinks and is similar in concept to the airport restaurant's lineup.

"There's nothing that's really elaborate," he said. Caul is working on a cocktail incorporating elderberry and Gray Whale gin, as well as a gin margarita, and Wood has a few tricks up his sleeve, too.

For instance, he's making a from-scratch hard lemonade based on a non-alcoholic version a teacher from his childhood used to make. Wood's grown-up version includes vodka and locally grown citrus.

"I think we forget to tell people about some of the fun stuff we do," he said.

The food and drink menus will grow based on feedback



Now that Woody's at Del Mesa has a liquor license, folks can enjoy cocktails on the patio (left), or in the bar or dining area.

from regulars, and in addition to the bar area and dining room, Woody's at Del Mesa has a spacious heated patio where dogs are allowed.

"It's coming together, and we want to celebrate," Wood said.

To that end, Woody's joined the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and is planning on having a ribbon cutting soon.

Summer hours at Woody's at Del Mesa, which is open Wednesday through Sunday, are 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for lunch and 4:30 to 8ish for dinner.

"If in doubt, give us a shout," Wood said. "It's a neighborhood place, so you kind of have to treat it like that."

By now, everyone working the gate at Del Mesa is familiar with people driving up just to have lunch or dinner.

"Just tell them at the gate that you're going to Woody's," Wood said. "It really is beautiful, I'm really happy there's actually a summer here, and this is a nice spot. It's very tranquil and there's not a lot of hustle. It's very relaxing — it's like a Woody's refuge."

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■ Better together

De Tierra Vineyards owner Jeff Meacham is touting a

new perk for wine club members. He said the Friends of De Tierra card will provide them with "access to a curated selection of experiences that reflect the heart and soul of our picturesque town." By partnering with more than a dozen local businesses, including restaurants like Seventh & Dolores and Yafa, wine tours, art galleries and many others, Meacham hopes to bring members "closer to the charm and excellence of our vibrant community." Visit detierra.com for details.

■ Bees and sabers

At the intersection of Laureles Grade and Carmel Valley Road, Bernardus Lodge's 28-acre grounds include 9 dedicated to the esteemed Ingrid's Vineyard, which produces sought-after chardonnays and pinot noirs, and about 2.5 acres dedicated to executive chef Christian Ojeda's garden.

If you'd like to see the source of some of the organic herbs, vegetables and fresh-picked roses you'll find on the tables in the hotel's Lucia Bar and Restaurant, you can sign up for one of the Saturday tours currently scheduled through the end of August.

The chef, along with horticulturist Mark Marino, will walk visitors through the garden and provide info and

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Also, the lodge is observing its silver anniversary all year long with Champagne toasts on the 25th of each month from 4 to 4:30 p.m. But they're not just popping a cork or two — they're going at it like members of Napoleon's cavalry, who would

celebrate victories by using their sabers to open the bubbly. It's a technique that — we're told — isn't difficult to master, but we'd just as soon leave it in the hands of the professionals. If you're in the area, stop by, watch the show, have a free celebratory sip and maybe, as the chef would no doubt recommend, stay for dinner.

■ A trend to toast

Popular American wine trends have come and gone like women's hats, often to the dismay of connoisseurs and the delight of everyone else. Some, like white zinfandel, introduced by Sutter Home in 1975, were hugely successful, not to mention the wine coolers of Bartles & Jaymes. Wine spritzers have recently reemerged, but their market share is still comparatively small.

With recent fads like "Dry January" and "Sober October," the industry is hoping to alleviate some people's concerns about over-consumption by making lower-alcohol wines. For inspiration, producers turned to 19th-century German winemaker Carl Jung (not the psychiatrist), who removed alcohol from his family's wines to make them more appealing to health-conscious drinkers, but lost many of the wonderful flavors and nuances in the process. (Nevertheless, the family's products remain quite popular in 25 countries to this day.)

Two local wineries have entered the fray, with much better results: Scheid Vineyards' Sunny with a Chance of Flowers and Talbott's Luminous

Chardonnay.

The Scheid family jumped in after seeing Europeans — especially those in the north — start to turn toward wines with a little less oomph. After a couple of years of research and practice, the team at Scheid came up with a process that reduced alcohol without stripping away flavor. According to CEO Scott Scheid, "The key to making great low-alcohol

wine is to first make a full-fledged wine that we would enjoy drinking and then just gently remove the alcohol. We're talking about 30 or 40 percent of the alcohol, not all of it, to get it down around 9 percent." As a bonus, the wines have zero sugar.

Sunny with a Chance of Flowers has three white varietals, two reds and two

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A happy wine club member shows off her Friends of La Tierra card, which promises discounts and specials at restaurants, galleries and other spots around town.



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rosés — one still and one sparkling. Consumers can try a “starter set” of six bottles at sunnywines.com/collections/our-wines. Unsurprisingly, the chardonnay and rosé we’ve sampled are fairly acidic, but work well with food or as light aperitifs that, true to the label, evoke sunny days on the patio. The rosé has a particularly nice hint of strawberry. The sparkling wine is \$20, and the rest are priced at \$17.

Talbott’s 2023 Luminous Chardonnay has 9.5 percent alcohol and 85 calories. Winemaker Kamee Knutson said the grapes are hand-harvested from the label’s famous Sleepy Hollow vineyard. The wine was aged in stainless steel and the result, according to Knutson, “is a fun, flirty, and food-friendly chardonnay meant to be

sipped in the sun.” Find it at the tasting room or at talbotvineyards.com.

Party on Center Street

Taking place Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m., Summer on Center Street brings together merchants along the namesake thoroughfare to “highlight the unique businesses and community of Carmel Valley,” organizers say. Guests can enjoy local food items and tastings from Tira Nanza Winery while visiting Olivia & Daisy Books, Mirth Kitchen, Leonoff Studios & Gallery, and many more. Planned activities include interactive art, as well as glass-blowing demonstrations. Live music and DJs will add to the festive mood.

The event is free, with reservations available at Eventbrite.com.

Mary Schley, Roxanne Langer and Elaine Hesser contributed to this week’s column.



This summer, executive chef Christian Ojeda and horticulturist Mark Marino are taking visitors on complimentary tours of the garden at Bernardus Lodge that provides many of Lucia restaurant’s herbs, veggies and cut flowers.

ARTIST

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In 2000, she met Gary Buck at a contra dance at the Aromas Grange, then saw him again at Monterey’s YMCA.

“He invited me to go out for coffee and we haven’t been apart since,” she said of her husband of 20 years, a native of England who holds a Ph.D. in linguistics and is a former director of testing at the Defense Language Institute and the University of Michigan.

For the past 21 years, Platzek and Buck have been co-owners of Lidget Green Inc., an international consulting business specializing in education administrative programs.

The business still has clients, but they’re otherwise retired.

“Art and singing have mostly been my

full-time things since we moved to Pacific Grove in 2018, and I feel so blessed, so fortunate, so lucky to live in such a beautiful and inspiring place,” she said.

Platzek is entirely self-taught. Much of her knowledge was gleaned from a small library of reference books in her studio and from instructional videos she found on the internet.

Her art is part of a multifaceted exhibition that runs through Aug. 29 at Pacific Grove Art Center, 568 Lighthouse Ave.

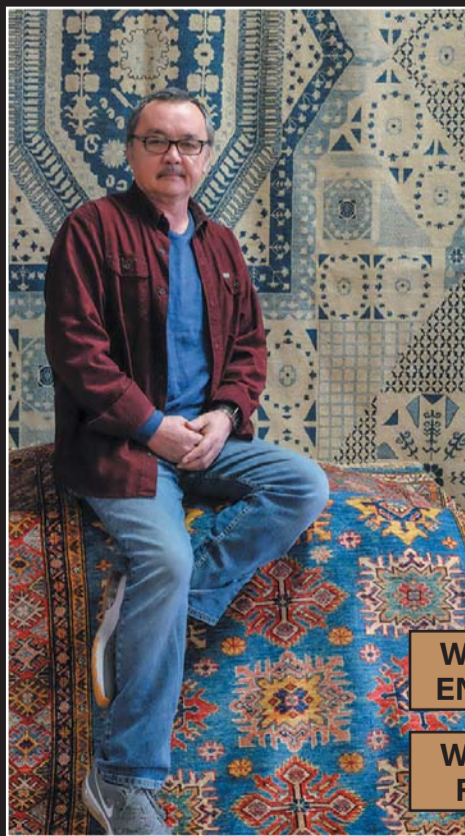
Platzek welcomes visitors Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 3 p.m., in Studio 3, where her art is available for purchase.

For information about Platzek’s upcoming felting workshops, visit her new website at heartfeltcreations.art. Images of her work can be viewed at facebook.com/singforlight.

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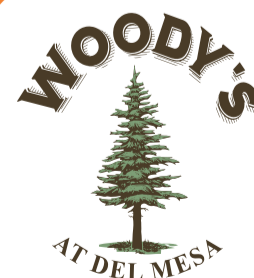


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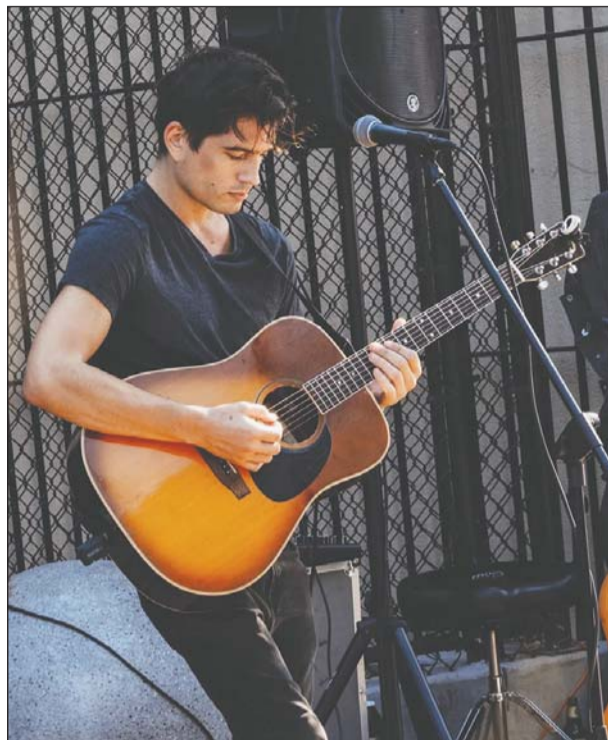
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Barmel — singer and guitarist **Tony Burciaga** (Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Chris Jamez** (Wednesday at 7 p.m.). In Carmel Square on San Carlos just north of Seventh.



Singer and multi-instrumentalist Casey Wickstrom plays Friday, 6 p.m., at the Terrace Lounge in Pebble Beach

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Big Sur River Inn — flutist **Tim Jackson** (jazz, Sunday at 12:30 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

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Carmel Plaza — **Scarlet** (rock, Friday at 5 p.m.). Ocean and Mission.

Carmel Valley Library — **Reverie Trio** (classical, Saturday at 3:30 p.m.). The event is free. 65 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Cibo restaurant in Monterey — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (bluegrass and jazz, Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and singer and pianist **Scotty Wright** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

Cuz's Sportsman's Club in Seaside — **Vinyl Revival**

(rock, Friday at 8:30 p.m.). 594 Broadway.

Cypress Inn — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 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.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, Carmel.

Deja Blue in Seaside — singer and guitarist **Alvon Johnson** (blues, Saturday at 4 p.m.), **Wrockinfoose** (r&b and blues, Sunday at 3 p.m.). 500 Broadway.

Estéban Restaurant in Monterey — guitarist **Catherine Broz** (Spanish music, Friday and Thursday at 5 p.m.). 700 Munras Ave.

Folktales Winery in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Friday at 4 p.m.), **The Monterey Jazz Festival Regional All-Stars** (Sunday at 11 a.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

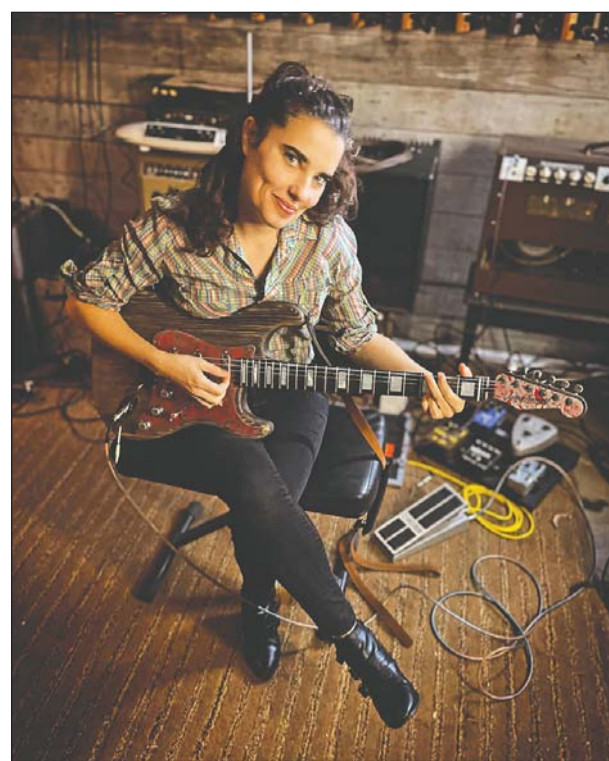
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Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault Duo** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 5 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

Il Vecchio Restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Cena Jazz Trio** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 210 Central Ave.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Latin music,



Singer and guitarist Kris Angelis plays Friday, 6 p.m., at Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen in Monterey.

Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Juice 'n' Java in Pacific Grove — electric banjoist **Sam Wallace** (Friday at 4:30 p.m.), Open Mic (Friday at 7 p.m., sign up by 5:30 p.m.), **The David Morwood Trio** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Zach Westfall Duo** (jazz, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 599 Lighthouse Ave.

Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.) **Andrea's Fault Duo** ("folky stuff mixed with surprises,"

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July 20 – Venture Gallery is celebrating 35 years of bringing world class art to the Monterey Peninsula. A wine and chocolate reception will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. at the gallery 260 Alvarado Mall. Monterey Mayor Tylller Williamson will attend the event. For more information contact Dorothy Stonely, (408) 768-2660.

July 20 – Galante Family Winery 30-year celebration is set for noon to 3 p.m. at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, 104 W. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley. There will be tastings of 100 wines from 30 years, mouth-watering barbecue, specials, music and surprises. Limited tickets are available at www.galantevineyards.com or (831) 624-3800

July 26 – Sounds of the Islands with Timo. Join Madonna Gardens for a fun happy hour and concert 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Be transported to paradise with Timo performing on the steel drums. We'll have tropical refreshments too – call (831) 800-1673 to RSVP.

July 27 – Carmel Valley Guys Classic and blessing of the cars to benefit Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula and the charities it supports. Event, set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, 4590 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, will offer games, prizes, barbecue lunch, music, collectible memorabilia, silent auction and voting

for favorite car. Featuring the Wayne Rainey and Robb Talbot Motorcycle Collection. To register or sponsor, contact Carolyn or Richard at cm_gray@msn.com or (831) 659-1469.

July 27 – Jones & Terwilliger Galleries host a reception for Dutch artist Ton Dubbeldam, 1 to 4 p.m. In his 40-year career as a painter, Ton Dubbeldam developed his own style with a combination of realism, impressionism, pointillism and luminism. New collection features more than 20 paintings. Jones & Terwilliger is on Sixth between San Carlos and Dolores, Carmel-by-the-Sea. (831) 626-9100

Every Friday enjoy the "Summer Music Series" at Asilomar Conference Grounds from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Each week a new artist is featured along with wine, beer and handheld food offerings perfect for a summer evening.

July 28 – St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church: Soprano Molly Quinn and Organist Benjamin Sheen will present a recital of sacred songs, arias and chants and theater music at 3 p.m. Reception with the artists follows. \$25 at the door. Students and under 18 free. 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel Valley. stdcv.org.

Aug. 1 – The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) presents a lecture / dinner titled "Navigating the Geopolitical Impact of Artificial Intelligence," by Russell Wald of the Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence, at the Hilton Garden Inn at 1000 Aguajito Road in Monterey. Event information and registration at www.wacmb.org.

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VENTURE GALLERY TURNS 35, SCULPTOR'S SAND CITY SHOW SET TO CLOSE

MONTEREY MAYOR Tyller Williamson will be among those who are anticipated to attend Venture Gallery's 35th anniversary celebration, which is set for Saturday at 4 p.m. The gallery is located at 260 Alvarado St.

"We're rolling out the red carpet for a spectacular evening of art, wine and chocolates," announced artist Edi Matsumoto. "Mingle with artists, discover their inspirations, and engage in lively conversations about art."

Matsumoto said it's hard to believe the gallery has been operating for so long. "Over the decades, our artists and their creations have evolved, but the joy and

contributing to a meaningful mission."

Also at Venture Gallery, a show by painter Dorothy Stonely, "A Painted Symphony," is on display through the end of the month.

A native of Rhode Island, Stonley now has a studio that looks out over Monterey Bay.

"No matter where I am, my mind is always painting," Stonley said. "I see the world not in objects but in colors."

■ Artist visits from Africa

A member of a family in Zimbabwe that's famous for its skill at sculpting stone, sculptor Agnes Nyanhongo will be the guest of honor Sunday at a reception from 1-3 p.m. at Gallery Sur.

Last month, Nyanhongo visited Montgomery, Ala., for the unveiling of her sculpture, "Keeping the Freedom."

At Gallery Sur Sunday, the artist will share new pieces that were recently shipped from her homeland. She's been showing her art in Carmel since the 1990s, and at Gallery Sur since 2011. "We are excited to celebrate the installation of this important commission by Agnes in America, and the unveiling of five new sculptures at Gallery

Sur by this world-renowned artist," gallery director Rohana Schiavo said.

The gallery is located on Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln.

at many juried shows. He devotes himself full time to his art."

The gallery is located at 613 Ortiz Ave.

■ John Chappell retrospective

Sculptor John Chappell has a retrospective show of his art on display at Sylvan Gallery in Sand City — and your last chance to see it is Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

A recently retired ceramic tile contractor, Chappell is a member of the Carmel Valley Art Association. Many locals know his art from Johnny's Garden, a gallery he once operated at the north end of The Barnyard shopping center.

"In between tile jobs, he has always kept busy in his home studio throwing pots and creating sculptures," his partner, Lisa Husby, told The Pine Cone. "His work has been shown at Ventana Inn, Coast Gallery, Mary Titus Gallery, numerous local shops and



Sculptor Agnes Nyanhongo of Zimbabwe stands next to one of her most recent pieces, "Keeping the Freedom."

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

wonder of experiencing great art have remained constant," she said.

The gathering is also a fundraiser for Art Abilities, a nonprofit "dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities through creative expression."

"Our celebration also supports a noble cause," Matsumoto added. "By attending, you're not only celebrating art, but also

PUBLIC NOTICES

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S/Jasmine Romero
Date signed: July 12, 2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on July 8, 2024.

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CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA SUMMARY NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its meeting of Tuesday, June 4, 2024, the City Council conducted the introduction and first reading, and at its meeting of Tuesday, July 9, 2024, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2024-001:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA ADDING CHAPTER 8.30 TO TITLE 8 OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING A POLICY RELATED TO USE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE BY THE CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA POLICE DEPARTMENT

AYES: Council Members Baron, Dramov, Ferlito, Richards, Mayor Potter. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None. This Ordinance was enacted and will go into effect thirty (30) days from the date of its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available in the Clerk Clerk's Office, Monte Verde, between Ocean and 7th Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA, 93921. If you wish to challenge the action of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea City Hall at, or prior to, the public hearing.

/s/ Nova Romero, MMC, City Clerk
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Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rachel Williams** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

La Playa Hotel — guitarist **Javier Sanchez** (Latin American music, Thursday at 5 p.m.). Bud's Bar, Camino Real and Eighth, Carmel.

The Links Club — **Squid Brain** ("bubble-grunge," Friday at 7 p.m.), **Blue Fire** (classic rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.), Singer-Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Lucy's on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove — singer and guitarist **Brad "Guitar" Wilson** (rock and blues, Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The Dan Cioper Band** (rock, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

Marriott Hotel in Monterey — percussionist **Marcie Chapa** (Saturday at 8:30 p.m.). In Characters Bar, 350 Calle Principal.

Massa Tasting Room in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Sunday at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — **The Brian Stock Quartet** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

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.

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa — pianist **Peter Cor** (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 5 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Monday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Tamas Marius** (jazz, Tuesday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Wednesday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Thursday at 5 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

Pearl Hour in Monterey — **The Zach Westfall Group** (jazz, Sunday at 8 p.m.), **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz, Wednesday at 8 p.m.). 214 Lighthouse Ave.

Puma Road at Portola Plaza in Monterey — singer and guitarist **Kristen Gradwohl** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Joyce Sampson** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** and bassist **Zach Westfall** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — **The Rogue Roosters** (rock and blues, Friday at 8 p.m.), **Lighthouse** (rock, country and blues, Saturday at 8 p.m.), **Blind Pass** (rock, Sunday at 4 p.m.), **Snake Oil Road Show** ("alt-acoustic," Thursday at 7 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

The Sardine Factory in Monterey — singer and guitarist **David Conley** (pop and rock, Friday and Saturday, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St.

The Inn at Spanish Bay — guitarist **Stu Heydon** and pianist **Michael Martinez** (blues, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 2700 17-Mile Drive.

Sly McFly's — **Everyday People** ("classic Latin rock with an old-school funk twist," Friday at 9 p.m.), **The New Wave Band** (rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist **Scott Fenton** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dave "Nomad" Miller** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.



Singer and guitarist Dan Cioper (above) and his band play Sunday, 2 p.m., at Lucy's on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove.

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet** (Friday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

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 David and Catherine Sebastiani to Nina Harrison
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Lincoln Street, NW corner of Eighth Avenue — \$3,200,000
 Deborah Storre to Kshire Property Investments LLC
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23865 Fairfield Place — \$3,365,000
 Susan and Jeffrey Polo to William and Barbara Lia
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Guadalupe Street, 4 NE of Third Avenue — \$3,770,000
 James and Stacie Gillespie to Paul and Deborah Bermel
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8 Black Mountain Trail, Carmel Valley — \$7,100,000

Carmelo Street, 2 NW of 10th — \$9,250,000
 Susan Prest to Loguivy de la Mer LLC
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26327 Scenic Road — \$15,000,000
 Dale Skeen and Jomei Chang to Peridot & Sapphire LLC
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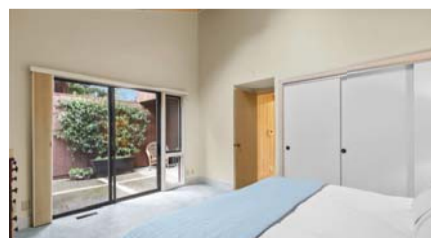
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POLICE LOG

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SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Pacific Grove: A 20-year-old male on Ocean View Boulevard reported he was under the influence of illicit drugs, alcohol and possibly experiencing suicidal thoughts. A records check revealed he had an outstanding felony warrant. The subject was apprehended after a foot pursuit and booked on charges of probation violation, obstructing/resisting an officer, providing false identification and other charges.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle towed from Grand Avenue for expired registration over six months.

Pacific Grove: PGPD responded to a medical call with Monterey Fire Department and ambulance on 10th Street. The subject was found to be deceased.

Pacific Grove: Subject was contacted and found to have an outstanding felony warrant for failure to appear in court. The 20-year-old male was transported to Monterey County Jail.

Pebble Beach: During a dispute between a client and a contractor at a property on Sun-

ridge Road, the 70-year-old male client pointed a handgun at the contractor and told him to leave his property. Prosecution desired.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Multiple instances of shoplifting at a business at Carmel Plaza. Suspect apprehended, property returned to store.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Junipero was marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Report of a disturbance on Ocean View Boulevard.

Pacific Grove: A violation of a protective order occurred at Ocean View Boulevard and Asilomar Avenue. A 29-year-old male was arrested.

Pebble Beach: A male was admonished not to return to private property on Congress.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of an at-risk missing person on Lake Place.

MONDAY, JULY 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a neighbor dispute on Monte Verde south of Seventh. Despite previous attempts at a resolution (including a police response to the residence), one resident is concerned that the dispute

seems to be escalating and will continue. The resident also feels as though the dispute and actions taken were retaliatory after a disagreement over routine communication.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for a lost wallet at Carmel Beach.

Pacific Grove: Report of a theft from a vehicle at Acropolis and Ocean View.

Pacific Grove: Damage to a city-owned mural on the Recreation Trail.

Pacific Grove: Outside assist for Monterey on Benito Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Report of a bicyclist colliding with a pedestrian on the bike path near Ocean View and 13th.

Carmel area: Theft reported on Pradera Road.

Carmel Valley: A civil standby was requested at Calle de los Ositos.

TUESDAY, JULY 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 98-year-old female on First east of Dolores passed away by natural causes.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Victim's wallet was stolen while he was at a downtown establishment on San Carlos south of Ocean. Credit cards were used at a local retail store.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Peace disturbance at San Carlos and Seventh with one female

presenting a long fixed and vacant look at another.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report taken for a found wallet at Carmel Beach.

Pacific Grove: Officers dispatched to a hit-and-run collision. The 27-year-old male suspect was located on Del Monte Avenue in Monterey and arrested for various charges, including obstruction, possession/manufacture/sale of metal knuckles, hit-and-run with property damage and DUI.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Junipero was marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Commercial burglary on Asilomar Avenue.

Pebble Beach: Report of financial abuse involving a Mission Road resident.

Carmel Valley: Report of neglect of an East Carmel Valley Road resident.

Big Sur: Subject on Highway 1 reported finding a missing goat deceased with suspicious circumstances as to cause of death.

Carmel Valley: Report of mental abuse at a mid-valley location.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 50-year-old male driver was stopped at Randall and Ocean at

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GERVASE

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important, too. In the Sleep Cheap Motel in Alpena, Mich., I was in room 212 and a train ran through 214. Even the "Magic Fingers" bed couldn't lull me to sleep.

Another essential item was a "Janie dry stick spot remover." Works great when you

spill something on your necktie or shirt, which I tried assiduously not to do. Being on the road often meant a fast-food lunch. Usually, I was traveling between towns during lunch hour. I would stop at the golden arches for a Quarter Pounder with no pickles, ketchup, or mustard to slide out of the bun.

Then I stuck my tie in my shirt and shrouded my upper body with enough paper napkins to cover an aircraft carrier

before chowing down.

My Dopp kit is made of top-grain leather, has a waterproof lining, opens wide, stays open, and closes snug and flat so it doesn't take up much room. When driving from town to town, I kept it next to me on the front seat so I could reach into it for a breath mint, or if I needed a Band-Aid or comb for a quick grooming before my next stop.

Same old bag

Later in my sales career, I worked for a company where traveling meant flying to big cities with major hotels that provided bathroom amenities. The Dopp kit went with me to Mexico, Canada, Bermuda, the Bahamas, most of the major cities in the

United States, countless small towns, and even to Europe.

The luggage has been replaced, but not the Dopp kit. It is a small but significant piece of travel gear, a little repository of memories from La Porte, Ind., to Porto, Portugal. The leather is well worn from countless journeys, and there is still the slight scent of the aftershave I spilled in it. It is scuffed and scratched, but every scuff mark tells a story of countless miles. It is a witness to the transient, yet significant, moments that defined my life on the road. In its simplicity it gave me the feeling that no matter how far I roamed, I was taking a little bit of home with me.

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SHERIFF

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1300 hours for a cell phone violation and false DMV registration. Driver was found in violation of DUI probation with a blood alcohol level. In-field cite and release.

Pacific Grove: At approximately 2048 hours, a vehicle check was conducted on Sunset Drive for penal code and municipal code violations. It was determined the passenger in the vehicle was on searchable probation and had two warrants for domestic violence for his arrest. The passenger, a 26-year-old male, was transported and booked for the two warrants into Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Trailer on Junipero marked as abandoned.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Kenet Place marked as abandoned.

Pacific Grove: Complaint of excessive dog barking and unsanitary conditions at a residence on Cypress Avenue.

Carmel Valley: Male was displaying amorous activity by himself in front of a 19-year-old female on a public beach off Paso Hondo.

Carmel Valley: Report of a stolen water tank from a Cachagua Road property.

Carmel Valley: Subject on Esquiline Road was contacted and provided with a courtesy transport to a location in the City of Monterey.

Pebble Beach: Report of a missing person at a residence on Oxen Trail.

Carmel area: Theft reported on Dolores Street.

Carmel Valley: Subject wanted to report probable previous employee, a 24-year-old male who was recently terminated, on site at a Carmel Valley Road location sitting in a vehicle and wearing a ski mask.

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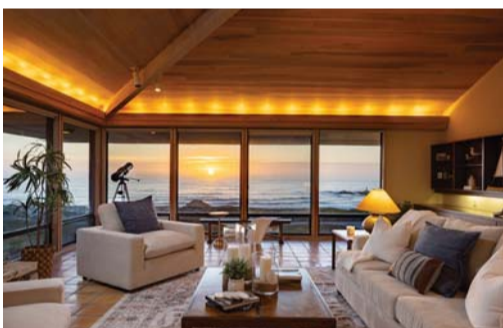
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