

Wharf 2 headed for makeover after car mishaps

Big holes in old decking

By KELLY NIX

SEVERAL GAPS in the nearly 100-year-old Fisherman's Wharf No. 2 and other defects that a consultant determined pose an "immediate threat" to the public will get a nearly \$1 million fix, the Monterey City Council decided Tuesday night.

The council OK'd hiring a contractor to repair a roughly 12-inch diameter hole that was caused last August when a



Steel plates like this one have been placed to cover dangerous holes in the decking on Monterey's Wharf No. 2

First mention — On the field or track, one big Hill

By ELAINE HESSER and CAROL DELENA

 $\mathbf{R}_{\mathrm{ACING}}$ LEGEND Phil Hill first appeared in The Pine Cone's pages on April 10, 1953, in advance of the 4th annual Pebble Beach Sports Car Road Races on April 18 and 19. For the first time, the event had expanded to two days

On Sunday afternoon, the paper said, the highlight of the weekend would be "a grueling 100-mile race which will bring out the best of both cars and drivers." It went on to add, "Phil Hill, always a top contender for driving honors, will pilot his 2.9 Ferrari" around the 2.1-mile track in Del Monte Forest. A lifelong resident of Santa Monica, Hill was just a few days shy of his 26th birthday.

Two weeks later, several students from Carmel High School contributed to the paper in what was then its annual School Edition, and senior Alston Chase trumpeted the 1953 champion. "Phil Hill of Santa Monica, driving one

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car drove along the pier about 520 feet from shore.

"The hole was caused when a vehicle's wheel punched through the asphalt and wood decking," Monterey public works director Andrea Renny told The Pine Cone before the council meeting.

The decking and asphalt were weathered and in need of maintenance at the time.

"The asphalt surface was cracked which allowed water intrusion," Renny explained. "Over time, the wood began to rot in localized areas.'

'Threat'

City crews last year covered the foot-long hole and others with steel plates as temporary repairs. Monterey also hired a consultant to do a structural assessment of Wharf 2. What the firm concluded was unsettling.

"The assessment report acknowledges that the defects pose an immediate threat to the safety of the public and the Wharf 2 structure and states that repairs should be performed as soon as possible," according to the report given

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Fed intervention over swastika graffiti at CHS

By MARY SCHLEY

NEARLY THREE years after a community member reported to the federal government that Carmel Unified School District officials weren't doing enough to curb antisemitic hate, the school board last month agreed to a lengthy list of demands by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights to address racism and harassment on its campuses.

While the complaint that led to federal intervention is nearly 3 years old, it's unknown whether there have been any more recent incidents of antisemitism in Carmel schools, especially at a time when the country has been roiled by anti-Israel protests in the wake of the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas attack and the war in Gaza that followed. Questions on the subject went unanswered this week.

At the July 24 school board meeting, district superintendent Sharon Ofek said that on Dec. 21, 2021, the federal civil rights office received a complaint from "a

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Homeowners get OK for permanent use of public right of way

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL City Council on Tuesday narrowly voted to allow a couple to keep using more than 1,000 square feet of public property around their lot, even though their request met almost none of the standards required for approval.

When the planning commission in May approved Tony and Bernice Das' application to demolish a 2,301-squarefoot house, merge two lots and build a new 2,466-squarefoot, one-story house with a 478-square-foot garage at the northeast corner of Perry Newberry and Sterling Way, it required them to remove walls, stairs, railings and fencing that had been constructed in the public right of way years ago without approval.

At the council's Aug. 6 meeting, representing the Texas couple, architect Anatoly Ostretsov asked for permission to keep those encroachments, since they've been there for a long time and the neighbors like them.

"We thought less disturbance to the established ground

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This low stone wall is built on public property and should therefore be removed, according to the city's planning department, but the council decided otherwise

Scams targeting elderly net thieves \$97,000 by going to multiple branches and making smaller with-

By MARY SCHLEY

A CARMEL couple was bilked out of \$40,000 by online fraudsters last Thursday, according to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office. The scam is

drawals so as not to raise bank employees' suspicion of fraudulent activity, Rosas said. "They were then instructed to package the money and

wait for a person to come to their residence



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Phil Hill being congratulated by Maurine Church Coburn, third wife of S.F.B. Morse, upon winning Best of Show at the 1955 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

the latest in a string of similar thefts that have seen the elderly victims lose nearly \$100,000 total and resulted in one arrest last month.

"Since May, our office has received multiple reports of incidents in which victims, all senior citizens, received messages via email or pop-up messages on their computers," Cmdr. Andy Rosas said. "In one case, a victim began receiving audio instructions to enter information into his computer. Other instances asked victims to contact a reputable software company regarding suspected fraudulent activity to personal bank accounts."

In each case, the victim ended up speaking with someone who pretended to be an employee of the Federal Trade Commission or a bank.

"Victims were instructed to go to their banks and withdraw sums of money ranging from \$10,000 to \$40,000"



Yang Liu

to pick up the package," he continued. "In all four reported incidents, a person arrived at the victim's residence, picked up the money and got away."

Double-dipping

But when one of the alleged thieves decided to take a second run at a Pebble Beach resident who had already paid a significant sum last month, sheriff's deputies were there to arrest him.

The 91-year-old male Broncho Road resident was first contacted on July 12, when he received an email that appeared to be from a well-known company, according to Cmdr. Joseph Banuelos.

"The email stated the victim's financial information had been fraudulently

obtained and directed the victim to call a phone number

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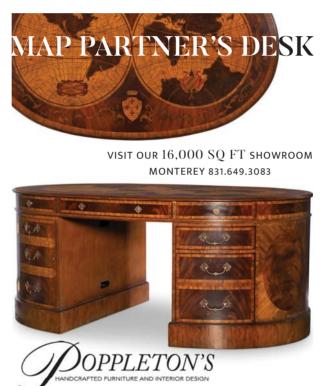
After rescuing a litter of newborn golden retrievers, she kept and raised two of them, Jenny and Jeff. She traveled across America with them, falling more in love with her country and her canines along the way. Years later, with both dogs dearly departed, she longed for another golden.

Realizing she had matured along with Jenny and Jeff, she wondered if she would have enough time and energy to raise another puppy. After some calculations, she decided she could outlast another pup. These are, after all, her "golden years," right?

She contacted a Sacramento breeder who had one remaining male, a beautiful boy with a handsome head, big paws and a magnificent ruff around his neck. He also had a small cowlick on his muzzle, which ended his show career before it started.

Deciding a breed developed in Scotland warranted a Scottish name, and considering how attractive she found Richard Dean Anderson's "MacGyver" (1985-1992), she gave her handsome dog that name and brought him home to Carmel Woods.

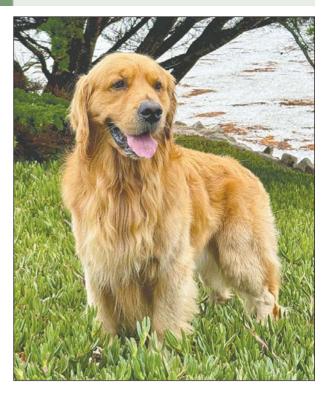
"MacGyver was the kind of puppy you wanted to throw your arms around and cuddle," she said. "Yet I found him a little unnerving because he seemed perfect. He was housetrained within a week, walked per-







By Lisa Crawford Watson



fectly on a leash and stayed in my unfenced front yard with me. Plus, he unfurled the toilet paper only once."

MacGyver also was perfect at Carmel Beach until he reached 9 months and began stealing balls. He got over that after his person bought a Chukit and let him race after his own. Although he's a great retriever, he still hasn't caught onto the concept of giving the ball back.

Now two-and-a-half, he's becoming an even gooder boy, particularly after having been blessed by Jane Goodall during her 90th birthday visit to Carmel Beach.

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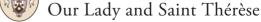
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Taxpayers to incur big costs after sewer board backtracks

tax billing back

to paper bills in

the mail

By KELLY NIX

OFFICIALS FROM sewer district Monterey One Water said last week that the agency is in the process of reinstating paper billing after board members decided

to scrap the long-anticipated plan to collect customers' fees via their property tax bills. Going back to the old From property method won't be cheap, however.

For about a year-and-ahalf, Monterey One Water and its board of directors have discussed adding customers' wastewater treatment fees to their property

taxes, a move it said would be more efficient, save about \$400,000 annually and decrease the number of liens on customers' homes due to unpaid fees. In an initial vote in February, directors unanimously approved the change.

But during a June 24 public hearing, the 10-member Monterey One board of directors voted to scrap the plan and resurrect mail billing.

While only two board members -Alexis Garcia-Arrazola from Seaside and Anthony Rocha from Salinas — voted to go back to paper billing, their votes were weighted and worth more since the areas they represent have higher populations. The effort to go to property tax billing failed the two-thirds requirement.

'Burden'

The agency had expected to start collecting fees via property tax rolls on July 1 but recently sent mailers informing customers that there would be no change in billing.

Garcia-Arrazola and Rocha seemed to be swayed by complaints from some

customers that going to property tax billing would be a financial burden because it would mean covering two larger payments per year instead of smaller installments every two months. Other customers said they simply didn't like the change. About 800 people sent letters

opposing tax billing.

Rocha made the argument that, even though the total paid per year would be the same, saving money to pay sewer bills twice a year isn't realistic for many residents.

"Because what could happen is, your tire could pop when you're driving and suddenly you have a \$300 expense you didn't account for that month," Rocha said at the June meeting.

Expensive reversal

However, bringing back the traditional billing method is going to be costly to taxpayers and will run more than \$600,000, according to a report by Monterey One Water director of external affairs Mike McCullough during a July 29 meeting.

McCullough explained to the board that Monterey One employees have been "busy putting things back in place," and that there was "a long list of items we had to re-implement."

For instance, Monterey One had to establish a new annual contract with the billing vendor it previously told it would no longer need after July 1, which will cost taxpayers \$250,000. It also spent \$65,000 to re-implement customer pay stations around town, \$30,000 to print statements, \$30,000 in a direct mail notice informing customers of the change in billing and

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Shady tree trimming reported

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.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Pacific Grove: Runaway juvenile missing from a residence on Montecito Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party heard a baby crying and a woman speaking with a harsh tone in the area of Mission and Seventh. The resident has been hearing this for the last two months but is not able to articulate the exact location.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject requested advice on how to deal with potential fraud-ulent emails.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of an assault among multiple males on East Carmel Valley Road.

MONDAY, JULY 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Alleged vandalism after a dispute/verbal altercation over a parking space at Junipero and Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A male was report-

ed to be looking into unoccupied vehicles at Mesa and Atherton at 1324 hours. The caller provided a description. Officer was on patrol and located a male matching the description and detained him. A records check showed the 34-year-old male had an outstanding warrant for brandishing a weapon and assault out of Marin County. A search of the subject's property located a methamphetamine smoking pipe. He admitted he had smoked methamphetamine earlier in the day. Marin County would not extradite, so the officer released the subject with a promise-to-appear citation for the warrant and for possession of a methamphetamine pipe.

Pacific Grove: Subject was threatening people at the intersection of Sunset Drive and Congress Avenue. The 30-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication and probation violation and booked into the Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Vehicles on Pacific Avenue, Monterey and Junipero avenues, and Jewell Avenue were marked for 72-hour parking.

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The gavel falls

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

July 26 — Max Joseph Steiner, 38, was convicted in Monterey Superior Court of Penal Code § 242, battery.

On Oct. 12, 2023, 13-year-old Jane Doe 1, the victim, was on Scribble Hill sand dune in Sand City, CA with her older sister and sisterin-law, Jane Does 2 and 3. The dune is located along the coastal bike path that parallels highway 1 and is a frequent location where messages are constructed for viewing from the highway. That evening, Does 1, 2, and 3 had constructed a sign with the ice plant on the dune expressing the political message, "Free Gaza."

Steiner was riding his bike along the bike path, viewed the sign, stopped and engaged in a verbal altercation about the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Steiner went up the dune and tore apart the "Free Gaza" message they had constructed.

The altercation later turned physical with Steiner grabbing 13-year-old Doe 1 and re-

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moving her phone. Doe 1 was filming the incident. Steiner threw her phone, which was later retrieved. Doe 2 called 911 to report the crime. Steiner left on his bike and was not on the scene when police arrived.

Sand City Police Department officer Dave DeCouer interviewed Does 1, 2 and 3 at the scene, and later conducted an investigative interview with Steiner. Steiner was arraigned in court on Jan. 16, 2024.

The victims, Does 1, 2, and 3, testified in court and were assisted by victim witness assistance program manager Alma Sanchez and district attorney investigator Alicia Cox.

Upon rendering of the verdict, Steiner was remanded into custody at the Monterey County Jail. Victims of the crime are afforded the right under the California Victim's Bill of Rights, Marsy's Law, to provide victim impact statements prior to sentencing. The maximum sentence for a misdemeanor battery is 180 days.

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Ouestions due weeks beforehand

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH THREE candidates for mayor and four people (so far) vying for two city council seats, the Carmel Residents Association will host its 18th Candidates Forum with contenders Sept. 17, and the Carmel Chamber of Commerce will do the same a week later.

Each will have its own bent.

"This is the CRA's must-see event for all residents to get to know the 2024 candidates for our city council," organizers of that group's forum explained. "This event is brought to you by residents for residents.'

"The Carmel Chamber of Commerce is a business membership group, so candidate questions should address our business community and related issues," chamber executive director Kati Enea said in her announcement of the forum. "We avoid personal matters."

Woman's Club hosts

Board president Graeme Robertson will set the stage at the Carmel Residents Association's forum and introduce Pine Cone editor/publisher Paul Miller, who will be moderator. Questions will be curated from member submissions and the board of directors, and best efforts will be made "to address significant items of residents" overall interest." Candidates will not see the questions in advance.

"The candidates we vote into office

will make important decisions that affect residents, you, your family and our community," the CRA said. "With upcoming

significant work on our police station, housing element, ADUs, forest master plan, etc., these candidates are not lacking significant issues relevant to our village and all of us for years elections in to come. And your questions are critical to this process."

To cover as much ground

as possible, the Q&A will wrap up with a "lightning round" in which candidates simply give a thumbs up or thumbs down in response to various issues.

Questions are due by Sept. 1 and should be emailed to info@carmelresidents.org or left in a voicemail message at (650) 740-3477.

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The forum will be held at the Carmel

Woman's Club on San Carlos at Ninth across from Sunset Center Sept. 17, with doors opening at 5 p.m. and the Q&A with council candidates starting at 5:30. After a break for refreshments, the mayoral candidates will get their turn. Seventy minutes will be allocated for each panel, and the evening will wrap up with a bit of socializing. Find more information at carmelresidents.org.

On Sept. 24, the Carmel Chamber of Commerce will host its candidate forum

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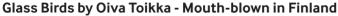


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m HEN}$ A woman vacationing in a home at Santa Fe and Sixth let her longhaired Chihuahua mix out in the backyard early the morning of July 25, she and the pooch ended up with leg wounds following a raccoon encounter.

"Late at night, she let the dog out to go to the bathroom, and the dog went after a raccoon," Carmel Police animal control officer Cindi Mitchell said. "The owner tried to separate the two animals and get her dog back in the house, and in the process, her dog was bitten and she was bitten."

Fortunately, neither sustained any 'massive injuries," she said, just broken skin, each on the left leg.

The attack occurred at around 1:30 a.m., and the woman promptly took her pup to the vet for treatment and an extra rabies shot.

"After getting care for her dog and a booster, she went to the hospital and got care there and started the process of getting the rabies vaccine," Mitchell said. The regimen calls for injecting the first

dose straight into the injured area, followed by a series of shots in the arm, for a total of five, according to Mitchell.

"I've had them," she said, after she was bitten through a Kevlar glove by an injured

Chamber offers Concours shuttles

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CARMEL Chamber of Commerce will run shuttles to and from the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance Sunday, Aug. 18, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The buses allow spectators to avoid having to deal with traffic and parking in Del Monte Forest, and unlimited rides are available to anyone who wants to make the trip more than once.

Wristbands are \$40 each for unlimited rides from Ocean Avenue in front of Carmel Plaza to Pebble Beach, one-way tickets are \$20, and kids under 12 can shuttle for free. Passes can be purchased online or from the Carmel Visitor Center in the plaza before Concours Sunday, or at the shuttle stop on the day of the show. For more information and to purchase online, go to carmelchamber.org and click on the 'events" tab.

cat that tourists had tried to rescue by putting it in their car, where it immediately hid

"They came to the police department

Afterward, Mitchell opted for the rabies

shots as a precaution, since there's no

way to test a live animal for the virus. "I

didn't want to take any chances," she said.

"I should be vaccinated, anyway, since I catch bats in houses and that sort of thing."

Quarantine The woman and her Chihuahua mix are

on their way back to Texas, where the dog

will have to be kept away from other peo-

a six-month quarantine," Mitchell said.

"That's another reason to keep all your

this week and learned both are doing well.

life — including in our yards — in this beautiful natural area," she said. "I suggest

putting your dog on a leash so you can grab

them and pull them back, turn on the lights

and make a little noise" when going out

into the yard at night. "Sometimes we let

"If the dog's not vaccinated, then it's

She said she followed up with the pair

"Not everybody realizes we have wild-

ple and animals for 30 days.

animals vaccinated."

our guard down," she said.

and wanted someone to get the cat out and care for it, and the cat didn't want to get

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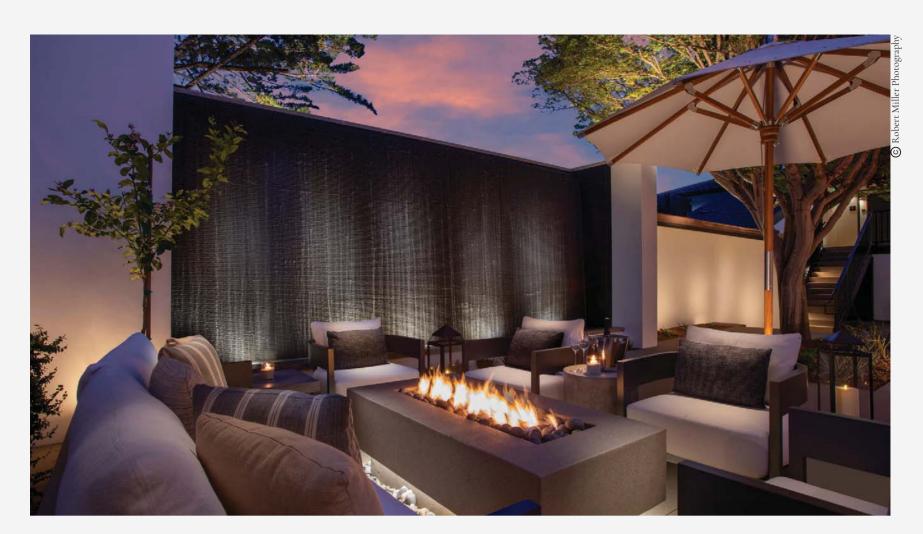


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Poker rally to raise \$\$ for firefighters

By CHRIS COUNTS

BRINGING TOGETHER a love of cars, an affection for card games and a critical need to raise money for a volunteer fire brigade in Big Sur, the Central Coast Poker Rally returns Monday. And there are still a few spots left for contestants — visit centralcoastpokerrally.com to if there's room left in your car's class. Registration is \$400 for a car, a driver and a passenger, and includes brunch and dinner.

Participants — who will be driving Ferraris, Porches, Corvettes, Lotuses, Vipers and other distinctive vehicles — will visit five checkpoints throughout the Monterey Peninsula and draw a playing card from each site. The stops include Allegro Pizzeria at The Barnyard (for brunch), the Bird Rock Vista Point, Embassy Suites in Seaside (which is hosting the Automobilia Collectors Expo), Weather Tech Raceway and Bayonet and Black Horse golf course (for dinner, live music by the Money Band, live and silent auctions, and prizes).

Custom painting

At the end of the day, drivers will compare their cards to see who has the best poker hand. The grand prize is a custom painting of the winner's car by noted car artist Kelly Telfer — and the image will be featured on next year's commemorative rally poster.

"This marks our 4th year, and we are proud to offer the community a day filled with adventure, culminating in charitable giving," co-organizer Marsha Taylor told The Pine Cone.

Proceeds raised from the rally will

purchase essential breathing devices for the Mid-Coast Volunteer Fire Brigade, which provides emergency services along the northern portion of the Big Sur Coast.

"Our mission is to provide essential equipment for the brave men and women volunteers of the Mid Coast Fire Brigade," Taylor explained. "Fire Chief Cheryl Goetz, a fifth-generation firefighter, leads these dedicated individuals who are in dire need of self-contained breathing apparatuses, which cost thousands of dollars each. Our goal this year is to raise enough funds to provide this lifesaving equipment to our local heroes."

Goetz said she and her fellow firefighters are thrilled by the support from the rally.

"It's amazing," she said. "I can't believe we are lucky enough to be the recipient."

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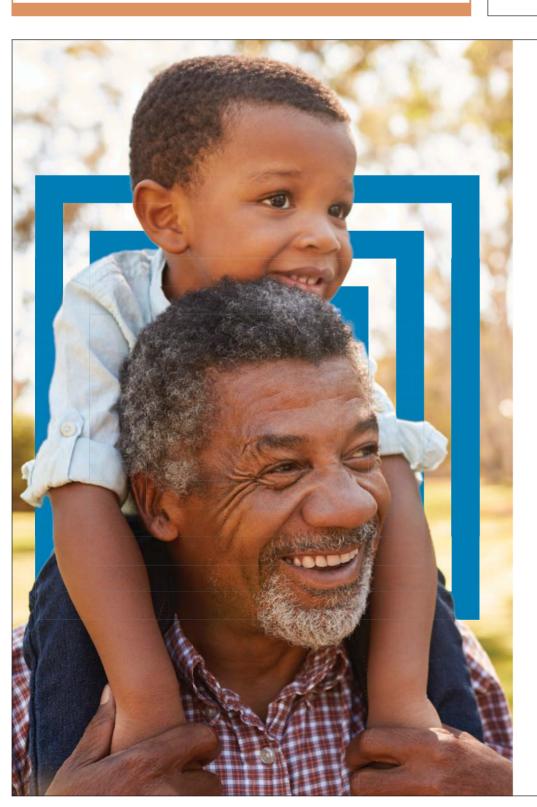
The fire chief reported that the breathing apparatus each volunteer requires, which includes a harness and a tank that can store 45 minutes of oxygen, costs just over \$18,000. The fire brigade has about a dozen active firefighters.

Goetz said new breathing gear is very much needed. "We are at the point where parts are becoming unavailable" to maintain the old equipment, she explained. "There is a life expectancy on a bottle that holds the compressed air we breathe."

The fire chief also noted that the fire brigade's old tanks only held about 30 minutes of oxygen. "Having that extra 15 minutes of air is critical," she added.

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POTTER SECURES SPOT ON BALLOT

By MARY SCHLEY

A VERITABLE who's who of Carmelites signed incumbent Mayor Dave Potter's nomination papers, which he returned to city clerk Nova Romero Monday and had certified by the Monterey County Elections department that same day.

While signatures on a petition seeking to get someone or something onto a ballot don't necessarily imply endorsement, some Carmel candidates have prized securing the signatures of well-known residents, public officials and

others who are important to them. When he decided to **Prized**

run for city council in 2010, for instance, Jason Burnett, who was elected to that office and later became mayor, made a big deal out of the fact he'd netted the signatures of former may-

ors Jean Grace, Ken White and Charlotte Townsend.

Potter said last week that he hadn't yet returned his papers because he was waiting on a few people who had been out of town.

Registered voters

Among the registered voters whose signatures appear on the papers he returned Aug. 5 are city councilman Bobby Richards, former mayors Ken White and Sue McCloud, former councilwoman Victoria Beach and council candidate Hans Buder.

Longtime resident Sarah Berling, McCloud's sister and a member of the forest and beach commission, also signed, as did Carmel Residents Association board members Nancy and Tim Twomey and CRA board president Graeme Roberton.

Of course, Potter's wife, CRA board member and Portola Hotel managing director Janine Chicourrat, autographed his nomination paper.

She was joined by longtime builder Chris Tescher and John Turner, general manager of the InterContinental hotel on Cannery Row. Hotel executive Mary Crowe, who works for the company that owns La Playa and Hotel Carmel, signed, too, along with Vinz Koller and journalist and author Eric Schlosser.

Out of time

Because Potter is running again, the filing period for mayoral candidates closes at 5 p.m. Aug. 9. But since Richards is not seeking another city council term, the filing period for that office remains open until close of business

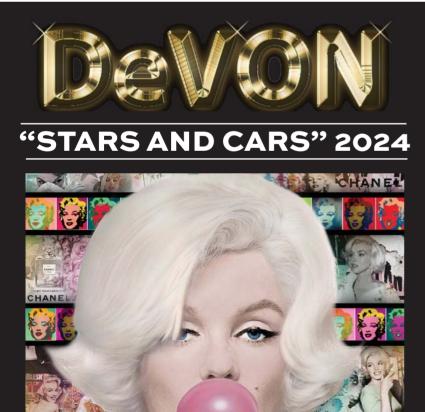
Aug. 14. Karen Ferlito, whose four-year term is

ending, has made no indication she plans to run again, and Romero said Thursday that if she were, she'd have to pick up her paperwork and get her 20 to 30 signatures validated by the county before the end of the day Aug. 9.

As it stands, no other candidates have emerged since Dale Byrne and Jeff Baron, who are also running for mayor, and Danny Hala, David O'Neil, Bob Delves and Buder, who are seeking election to the city council, qualified for the ballot.

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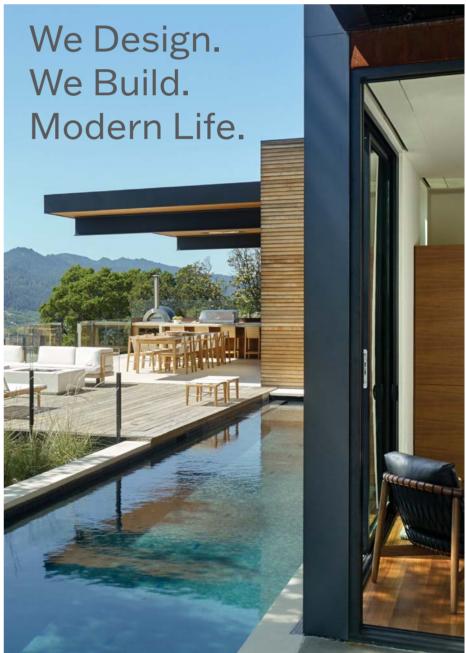


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Pickleball-v.-neighbors fight is back

By MARY SCHLEY

WHEN THE topic of pickleball arises, it's impossible to stop people from talking about how great it is, the Carmel City Council learned Tuesday, when it

asked the forest and beach commission to work on a policy balancing use of the Forest Hill courts with the needs of the surrounding residents.

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commission and have a discussion with them at the staff level about creating a policy harmonizing the court uses, pickleball and tennis, with the surrounding residential uses," assistant city administrator Brandon Swanson said. "What we're not here today seeking from council is any discussion on the merits of pickleball or tennis or anything like that.'

After the forest and beach commission decided in September 2021 to add striping to a second tennis court at Forest Hill Park to allow more pickleball play, complaints from neighbors about the popular game's noise escalated.

"Due to the type of ball that is used and the fast-paced nature of the game," Swanson said in his report, pickleball "is louder than tennis and has been a source of concern for people living adjacent to courts in most cities where it is played."

Days and times

Many of those cities, including Pacific Grove, limit pickleball hours. In P.G. the courts can be used Tuesdays, Thursdays

people who are not as affectionate about pickleball, and they have that discussion

rather than for the council to have to hear

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and Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. in

the winter and until 7 p.m. in the summer.

being asked to direct staff and the forest and

beach commission to explore the develop-

ment of a more formal policy for the ten-

nis courts at Forest Hill Park," Swanson

said. "The goal of the policy would be to

balance the pickleball and tennis activities

with the needs of those living near Forest Hill Park to have some quiet enjoyment of

The commission could be asked to

develop the policy without input from the city council, since it's in charge of man-

aging the city's parks, but if it reaches the

level of an ordinance, the council would

commission has a very robust public pro-

cess, so they get pickleball proponents and

"We want to ensure the forest and beach

their neighborhood."

have to OK it.

'With all of this in mind, council is





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Meet Lauri Eberhart, the woman behind the new Laguna Seca

By MARY SCHLEY

HISTORY WAS made Aug. 1 when control of the Laguna Seca Recreation Area and its storied racetrack was officially assumed by the nonprofit Friends of Laguna Seca, and at a special ceremony during the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, the Friends group's new CEO, Lauri Eberhart, will be there to mark the occasion.

By then, she'll have been a Pebble Beach resident for about a week.

A lifelong passion

Like many who are passionate about cars and motorsports, Eberhart grew up around them.

"My dad took me to the track a lot when was little," she said. Her home course was Michigan International Speedway, then owned by Roger Penske and where her mother was the controller.

"In high school, my job was working as assistant to the media director - I did credentials," she said. "I met a lot of neat media folks and people in racing. I've worked at racetracks since I was 15.

Eberhart was driven enough to make her love of racing her living.

"I'm fortunate to have a career in motorsports," she said from her home in Charlotte, N.C. "I'm passionate about it."

Eberhart has spent the past three decades in Charlotte, where she ran the day-to-day operations of Charlotte Motor Speedway for three years and then served as general counsel of Speedway Motorsports and the track for a dozen-plus more.

She is a founding member of Apollo Sports and Entertainment Law Group, which specializes in complex deals involving sports teams and leagues, celebrities and their estates, media and entertainment companies, motorsports, professional

athletes, music publishers, authors and other high-profile clientele, according to the firm.

With her legal expertise and experience in motorsports and speedway management, Eberhart successfully carved out a niche for herself. Licensed to practice law



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Lauri Eberhart has packed up her life on the other side of the country and moved to the Peninsula to take the helm at the Friends of Laguna Seca.

in Michigan and North Carolina, she has participated in the negotiation, structuring and closing of prominent sports corporate transactions valued at more than \$5 billion, in addition to advising on hundreds of significant motorsports events.

"There are not a lot of people who have that skill," she said.

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Vintage car poster show starts Sunday

August 9, 2024

By CHRIS COUNTS

 $F_{AST CARS}$, fine art and a nostalgic look at days gone by meet when Tony Singer of Carmel Valley presents a pop-up display and sale of vintage auto posters next week at the Crossroads shopping center.

Coinciding with Car Week, the event will feature about four dozen posters for sale dating as far back as 1895, and as recent as the 1960s. Featuring dazzling artwork, each captures the style of the era.

'It's been an amazing ride'

Singer got his start collecting auto posters in the late 1960s. He was about 20 at the time and attending the University of



PHOTO/TONY SINGER

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Vintage auto posters in a pop-up show opening Sunday range from the late 19th century through the 1960s

Denver. A local Porsche dealer was giving away posters celebrating a victorious race, and Singer was soon collecting them.

"They got me inspired and started me on this path," he recalled. "It's been an amazing ride.'

For Singer, the posters combine his affection for automobiles and art. "I always had this love of cars, and I have been a painter since elementary school," he explained.

In 1971, Singer bought his first Porsche, and the following year, he moved back to his native New York to work in the printing industry — which he did for a quarter-century.

In 1980, Singer started Vintage Auto Posters, which he calls the "world's preem-

inent resource for the finest quality, guaranteed original vintage automobile posters." He noted that all of his posters "are professionally archival linen-mounted, ensuring their conservation, preservation and presentation."

Vintage auto posters can sell for hundreds - and even thousands - of dollars. An official event poster for the 1956 Mille Miglia race, for instance, goes for more than \$7,000, while a striking BMW motorcycle poster from the late 1920s has a price tag that exceeds \$11,000. Yet his website offers posters for just about every budget.

An expert opinion

Singer is a member of the International Vintage Poster Dealers Association, which adheres to strict guidelines to ensure the authenticity of the posters they offer for sale. The marketplace is flooded with copies of old posters, including many

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Take a 5 minute shower • Turn off the faucet when brushing Save water at every turn

By KELLY NIX

THE PACIFIC Grove City Council this week began the process of imposing harsher penalties on operators of illegal short-term rentals.

Council members Wednesday night voted unanimously to amend P.G.'s Municipal Code to increase the amount in fines on those who violate such vacation rental rules, including having more guests per a home than the city allows.

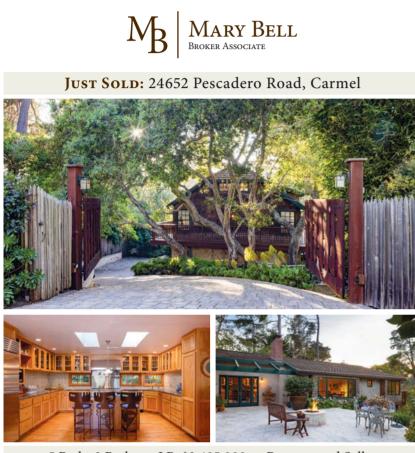
"What we are proposing is to increase the maximum penalty for health and safety infractions in accordance with state law," Councilman Luke Coletti, who brought the item to the council, said at the meeting.

For example, the city's Municipal Code limits overnight occupants 18 and older to two people per bedroom plus one additional guest, while the number of daytime guests is capped at one-and-one-half times the maximum number of occupants allowed to stay overnight. But homeowners don't always comply.

"City code enforcement efforts indicate some lawful short-term rentals are being advertised for occupancies in excess of this limit, which poses a threat to public health and safety," according to Coletti's report to the council.

Big money

The new P.G. ordinance follows a bill signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom in late 2021 that authorized cities and counties to increase monetary penalties for violations of vacation rentals — defined as those



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rented for 30 days are less — which pose a risk to public health or safety.

A first violation, according to the bill, allows a maximum fine of \$1,500, while a second violation within one year allows a penalty of up to \$2,500. Third or subsequent violations within the first year of a first violation would cost as much as \$5,000.

"These higher fines for health and safety violations make it more difficult to be a scofflaw," Coletti told The Pine Cone before Wednesday's meeting.

Other examples of health and safety violations — which will be listed in the

ordinance — include operating an STR without a valid permit, failure to adhere to parking requirements and to observe quiet hours, outdoor amplified sound, and operation of a prohibited event or gathering.

The increased monetary penalties will be applicable to operators of vacation rentals in P.G.'s coastal zone and commercial districts, which the city allows, as well as those who operate such rentals in residential neighborhoods, which are not allowed.

More than 57 percent of Pacific Grove residents in 2018 approved Measure M, which called for limiting short term rentals in residential neighborhoods outside the coastal zone.

A draft ordinance will be brought back to council within 60 days for approval.





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and forestry is better, but we'll gladly do whatever you decide," he said.

The city received eight form letters from residents in the neighborhood asking the council to let a short stone wall and other encroachments remain, arguing they are more attractive than the asphalt berm the city would install in the wall's place and that discarding the stone and other materials would be wasteful.

Fails checklist

But associate planner Evan Kort said the encroachments, which enclose 1,236 square feet of public property, don't meet the standards necessary for approval. Specifically, he said, the owners must show a justifiable need for the encroachments — which they did not — and the walls and other features built in the public right of way have to be consistent with the general plan and city ordinances.

'The city has adopted clear standards that guide the treatment of the right of way that are described and adopted in the general plan, zoning code and residential design guidelines," he said. "The proposed encroachment is contrary to the policy direction, design objectives and standards of the zoning code."

Not requiring the Dases to remove the walls, fencing and stairs would deprive the public of use of the property, according to Kort, but if that's what the council decides to do, the owners could be required to compensate the city for taking over use of the land.

While the council is typically loathe to let residents do that, three members were unconcerned about allowing the Dases to continue using the land.

"Most of the time. I would agree with the staff report. but this time, I'm going to disagree," Mayor Dave Potter said. "I don't think there's any improvement by taking back the right of way.'

Councilman Bobby Richards said he'd rather see the low stone wall remain than replace it with a rolled asphalt berm that might not handle drainage as well.

"I'm not convinced a berm would work there," he said. He also speculated the wall protects a nearby oak tree, and he said if it were removed, people might be tempted to park in an area that could create a pinch point on the street.

"I support the homeowners and the surrounding neighbors who are in support of granting the permanent encroachment permit," commented councilwoman Alissandra Dramov. "I agree that it fits the neighborhood character."

'Especially egregious'

Councilwoman Karen Ferlito, however, said letting the walls, fencing and other encroachments remain would contravene the city's ongoing efforts to get rid of nonconformities whenever possible.

'We have struggled long and hard in this city about removing illegal encroachments, and if we don't keep doing that when they come up, we will never achieve our goals," she said. "This is the stuff we've been trying to get rid of for years."

She also strenuously objected to essentially giving more than 1,200 square feet of public property to the couple for their private use.

Councilman Jeff Baron said Kort clearly explained why the encroachments don't comply with the city's general plan and municipal code.

"I find especially egregious the encroachment which actually claims public space for a private yard," he said, referring to part of the southeast corner of the property

that's enclosed by a 6-foot-tall brick wall. "It turns an 8,000-square-foot lot into an 8,170-square-foot lot. I'm definitely a 'no' on this."

After further discussion, Potter made a motion to approve the encroachments — minus the fence and brick wall, the removal of which will return 166 square feet of land to the public.

It passed 3-2, with Baron and Ferlito dissenting.

"That's a terrible thing to do," Ferlito commented after the vote. "Why do we have design guidelines at all?"

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to the city council.

There are several other holes and spots on the wharf that have deteriorated in the past few years, and those will be fixed, too.

The poor condition of the asphalt indicates its surface is no longer protecting the timbers from moisture, and the top of the wooden deck cannot be visually inspected "until the top asphalt layer is removed," the report says.

"The scope and limits of the project may change during construction once staff can visually inspect the timber deck and assess the extent of the repairs necessary," city staffers said.

Popular spot

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Businesses and services on Wharf 2, or the municipal wharf, include five wholesale fish companies, a commercial abalone farm, public restrooms, snack bar, restaurants, boat hoist and the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club.

It has also long been a popular spot for fishing, viewing the boats in the harbor and observing the sea lions that noisily and comically perch on the lower cross-members of the pier. "The victim agreed to cooperate in hopes of clearing his name and withdrew a large amount of cash from his bank," Banuelos said. "A suspect arrived at the victim's residence posing as a federal agent and collected the money from the victim."

A few days later, the thief called the elderly man to demand more money and again threatened him with arrest if he didn't follow through. This time, however, the resident alerted the sheriff's office.

No info

The suspect — later identified as 34-year-old Alhambra resident Yang Liu — drove to the Pebble Beach home expecting to collect money but was arrested shortly after he arrived, according to Banuelos. Liu was booked into Monterey County Jail on charges of theft by false pretenses, theft from an elderly victim and conspiracy to commit a felony. Liu, who is no longer in custody, was arraigned July 25 and pleaded not guilty. Another hearing in Monterey County Superior Court was set for this week. In the most recent case, an Ocean Avenue couple was bilked out of \$40,000, according to the sheriff's office. The 80-year-old female and 81-year-old male fell prey to an online scam and could provide little to no information

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to investigators regarding who was responsible. Rosas warned residents to speak with their older friends and relatives about the risks of such schemes and to advise them what to look for. "Fraud suspects will tell you not to notify law enforcement and to not hang up the phone," he said. "Do not listen to them. Hang up and call law enforcement to report the incident. No reputable bank or law enforcement agency will ever ask you to withdraw money from your bank account and have it ready for pickup at your house."

He also said that if someone suspects fraud, it likely is. "Do not call numbers provided by text message, pop-up message or email," he said. "No reputable bank will ever tell you not to speak to law enforcement."



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New at Gallery Sur: Couple explores the cosmos through painting, photography

WO ARTISTS who are married, painter Monica Johnson and astrophotographer Gary Lopez, create dazzling imagery with striking similarities — despite the fact they work in very different mediums.

On Saturday, Gallery Sur welcomes a show by both artists. Titled "Inner Space/ Outer Space," the exhibit offers viewers opportunities to explore "portals to places and feelings that are otherwise out of reach."

As an abstract artist, Johnson is able to

Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

"find beauty in the way that everything is connected," she said. "My art is an exploration of these connections and the complex rhythms that exist within simplicity."

When she's painting, Johnson unleashes her imagination. "Each brushstroke and mark on the canvas is an opportunity for me to push the boundaries of what is possible, to experiment with different techniques and materials, and to follow my own intuition and inspiration," she said.

Seeking beauty and drama

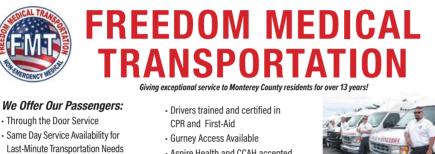
Lopez, on the other hand, said his creative approach wasn't even possible - or at least affordable — until the past decade.

The photographer had been inspired by the idea of capturing the nighttime sky since his youth. In recent years, advances

in technology have made it possible for him to make award-winning images that resemble abstract paintings. Like his wife, Lopez is

drawn to the idea that everything is connected. His art offers viewers a window to "see and feel"

their connection to the universe. "Astrophotography is a medium for revealing the beauty and drama that are captured in the ancient light of the cosmos," said Lopez, who built an observatory in his Monterey backyard to further



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his photography.

Located on Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln, the gallery will have an artists' reception Aug. 10 at 4 p.m.

'Personal, Yet Universal'

Gallery Mar Carmel owner Thomas Cushman is thrilled to welcome an exhibit, "Personal, Yet Universal," to his new location on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

The show features the works of a pair of painters, America Martin and Hunt Slonem, who will be on hand for a public reception Friday at 5 p.m.

Martin "blends Central and South American indigenous artistic styles with classical Western art traditions," while Slonem embraces "a distinct neo-expressionist style.'

"We are so pleased to announce our biggest exhibition of 2024," Cushman said. "Both of these artists have nurtured a very personal interpretation of the world, and from that created a visual celebration for the rest of us to explore and experience. This artwork proves that there is still room in this world for a shared appreciation of beauty and passion, joy and reverence."

Gallery turns 97

Carmel's latest Art Walk, which showcases 16 downtown galleries that are either artist-owned or represent local artists, is set for Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. The event is free.

Highlights include Carmel Art Association's 97th birthday celebration, which will feature cake, live music by the Rick Forchino Combo and a fundraising raffle for miniature paintings. Also, the Jennifer Perlmutter Gallery hosts a performance by singer and guitarist Anne Sibley at 5:30 p.m.

"Pick up a map at any of the participating galleries and be sure to follow the blue lanterns during the walk," suggested Joaquin Turner, whose gallery is part of the event. "Each gallery will have a lantern displayed out front to help you along your self-guided tour."

Other participants include Gallery North, Gallery Sur and Aaron Chang Gallery.

Besides marking its 97th turn around the sun and unveiling its annual Miniature Artworks Raffle, the CAA welcomes shows by painter Johnny Apodaca ("Made in Italy"), and a group of artists it represents ("Longtime Friends").

The Carmel Art Association is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

Two pop-up shows

Two painters, Cristian Korn and Vasken Bedirian, have pop-up shows Thursday at Galerie Milmar de Sparkice. The gallery



Pictured here at work in her studio, painter Monica Johnson has a show opening Saturday at Gallery Sur.

hosts a public reception for both artists at 6 p.m.

Korn, who was born in Argentina but lives in Germany, is an abstract painter who favors vibrant colors, lush brushwork and bold compositions. The display marks Korn's sixth solo show at the gallery.

Bedirian, who lives in Pebble Beach, uses an abstracted style to capture race cars in motion.

The gallery, which recently changed its name from Galerie Milmar, has been located on San Carlos between Fifth and Sixth for 27 years. Visit gallerymilmar. com.



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of his best races, won the coveted Del Monte Trophy last Sunday before an estimated 15,000 rain-dampened fans." Hill — who won the first Pebble Beach Road Race in 1950 behind the wheel of a Jaguar — upset driver Bill Pollack, winner of the Del Monte Trophy in '51 and '52. The Pine Cone's exciting account read, "Steering his 12-cylinder car at an average speed of 75 miles per hour, Hill lapped Pollack and arrived at the finish line nearly two full min-



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Phil Hill took first place in the first Pebble Beach Road Race in 1950. He returned and won several more, including in 1955, when he also took first place in the Concours d'Elegance.

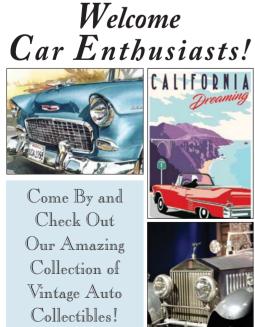
utes ahead of the second-place man, Bill Spear of Palm Beach. Fla.'

Two months after his Pebble Beach win, Hill drove in his first 24 Hours of Le Mans, but he wouldn't score his first trophy there until 1958.

The Pine Cone next turned its attention to Hill on April 15, 1955, in its preview of that year's Pebble Beach races. The following week — again, coincidentally the annual "school issue" — high school senior Paul Fratessa reported that the Del Monte Trophy race was "a runaway for Phil







Hill and his Ferrari Monza." He lapped every car in the race except second-place Sterling Edwards. Hill's 1931 Pierce-Arrow won Best of Show at Concours, as well.

By 1969, The Pine Cone was referring to Hill as an "internationally known race driver" - and that was no hyperbole. He had distinguished himself as a Formula 1 driver with teams ranging from Maserati and Ferrari, to Lotus and McLaren, and had won races in Argentina, Germany, Italy, Sweden and the United States, in addition to his French victories.

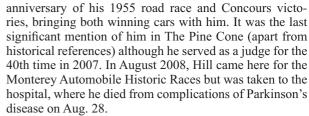
He was returning to Pebble Beach as a judge for what was known in that era as the Gwenn Graham Concours d'Elegance. "In addition to judging, Hill will enter his 1931 supercharged 4.5-liter Bentley which he purchased from Amherst Villiers two years ago," the paper added.

Orchid Packard

In 1973, described as an "ex-racer," Hill took home a Concours award for Best in Class with his 1912 Packard 30 Seven-Passenger Tourer. In 1976, he got back on the track, this time at Laguna Seca for the 3rd annual Monterey Historic Automobile races in September, where he won the Class A Pre-War Race with a 1938 Talbot Lago Coupe. Then the 49-year-old finished second in the day's feature race in a 1955 Jaguar D-Type.

The Concours had been moved to August and in 1977, Hill entered a car he'd been restoring for three years — an orchid-and-purple 1927 Packard convertible sedan with an 8-cylinder engine and room for passengers. It was one of only two cars that would be first-timers on the show field that year, The Pine Cone noted. Hill served as class judge for European classics, as well. He continued for many years as a competitor in the historic races and a Concours judge, and was honored with a special tribute in 1983.

In 2005, Hill returned to Pebble Beach for the 50th



His name, however, lives on in the Phil Hill Cup, awarded to the most significant race car at the Concours, and the Phil Hill Scholarships, established in 2009, funded by the Pebble Beach Co. Foundation and awarded to students of auto design.





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community member" accusing the district of discriminating against Jewish students by subjecting them to harassment "when drawings of swastikas were found on the Carmel High School campus and the district failed to respond in a reasonable, timely and effective manner."

The resident, who was not named, also said officials retaliated by threatening to arrest her if she attended a district tree lighting that year.

Ofek said the feds did little with the case for nearly two years but then sent multiple requests for more information in March. "These data were gathered and shared over a period of several weeks at the end of the 2023-2024 school year," she said.

Investigators subsequently found no merit in the allegation about the tree lighting, but they were concerned about how school officials handled the antisemitic graffiti and asked that the district obligate itself to taking numerous steps to "resolve the violations and the compliance" issues.

Worklist

At the meeting, Ofek told the board there is no tolerance in Carmel schools for any type of discrimination, harassment or bullying, "and every employee should be working toward making sure we don't have these issues."

"It's something we need to take seriously and always have on our minds in terms of how it impacts our student experience," she said.

The complaint predates Ofek, having been made when Ted Knight was superintendent during a tumultuous time at CUSD, when several employees sued the district over allegations of sexual harassment and retaliation, and former CHS principal Jon Lyons was fired in February 2023 by Knight and the school board for allegedly mishandling such issues at the school. Six months later, amid complaints,

August 9, 2024

Knight was paid \$770,000 by taxpayers to resign. (Antisemitism had nothing to do with those cases, however.)

According to the 15-page agreement with the Office of Civil Rights regarding the incident with the swastikas, the district must review "incidents of harassment based on race, color and national origin, including shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics," at Carmel High during the past three school years and determine what further action, if any, is needed to equitably resolve them. The list is being compiled based on information from the civil rights office and other data.

CUSD will have 60 days to review the cases and then 30 days to take whatever further actions are necessary.

At the 90-day mark, the district will have to submit to the feds a summary of the review completed for each incident and how it was conducted, "a determination regarding whether student(s) experienced a hostile environment as a result of the incident(s)," and a description of corrective steps that were taken, along with the names and job titles of the employees responsible for them.

If the federal civil rights office finds any flaws and determines more needs to be done, district officials will have 60 days to remedy them.

Policies and procedures

More broadly, harassment policies and procedures must be reviewed and revised 'to ensure that the district adequately addresses the Title VI prohibition on discrimination, including harassment, based on race, color, and national origin.'

At a minimum, the documents have to explain every school's "duty to respond promptly and effectively to actual and constructive notice that harassment on these bases is creating a hostile educational environment for students, including by stopping the harassment, preventing its recurrence, eliminating the hostile environment, and remedying its effects, as appropriate."

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Employees will have to promptly report all incidents they witness or have had reported to them, and students will be encouraged to immediately tell someone in authority about any type of harassment. The district will investigate all allegations, regardless of whether a formal complaint is filed.

The policies and procedures must also "expressly prohibit retaliation, define retaliation, provide examples of retaliation and identify consequences for retaliation."

And all district students, parents and staff will have access to the rules and processes covering harassment and how complaints are handled.

Just to ensure everyone gets the message, the district will also have to release a written statement "setting forth the district's commitment to a harassment-free environment" and provide an overview of the laws prohibiting such a behavior, as well as its processes for dealing with such incidents. Meticulous records must be kept, as well.

Annual "climate surveys" disseminated to students and others in the school community will seek information on the prevalence of harassment, people's willingness to report it, the responses they've gotten, and suggestions for reducing such harassment.

The results will be analyzed and used to improve the district's policies and procedures accordingly.

Lots of training

The agreement also covers training for all administrators, faculty and staff, along with the OCR's approval of training materials and methods, and specialized training for investigators.

Finally, within 30 calendar days of the end of the 2024-2025 school year, and again the following year, the district will have to inform the feds of every report or complaint of harassment based on race, color or national origin.

"Everyone needs to know how to report

something, and our people need to know what to do when something is reported," Ofek said at the meeting. "We'll also be making sure parents and students have that information as well."

She noted that complying with the agreement will take a lot of work, the cost of which is unknown.

"There is a rigid timeline for each item," she said.

Nobody from the public wished to comment on the deal, and board members had little to say about it, either, before they unanimously approved it.

Change

After the meeting, Shel Lyons, a former CUSD parent who in 2021 unsuccessfully sued the district in U.S. District Court over perceived bias against Jewish students and their families relating to holiday decorations and celebrations, said she was not involved in the complaint to the Office of Civil Rights, but that she hopes it means the district has turned a corner.

"While I did make multiple complaints to the district, those were not mine that I recognized, although I did recognize some of them from other parents," she said. "I am grateful for the dedicated efforts by the U.S. Department of Education staff, who properly acknowledged and validated students, staff and teachers who were subject to past discrimination."

In 2021, she had told The Pine Cone that the Anti-Defamation League, which fights antisemitism, "has been futilely trying to educate CUSD on issues of bigotry and hatred for over three years, but CUSD has rejected every single suggestion made by ADL, myself and other families."

This week, she said she hopes that will change.

"I am hopeful that these findings will spark a positive and immediate change in our beautiful schools and community, and that the district will contact and collaborate with the Anti-Defamation League, starting today, to ensure that our campuses cultivate a culture of inclusion for all students of all races, cultures and backgrounds for this coming school year," she said.



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Michael Antoncich IV, affectionately known as "Mikey" to his friends and community, passed away on July 29, 2024. Born on January 10, 1968, at CHOMP, Mikey's heart and soul were deeply rooted in the Monterey Peninsula.

After spending his youth in Berkeley, CA, Mikey returned to Carmel, where he embraced his love for cars, his friends and the beautiful surroundings of Carmel and Pebble Beach, especially Stillwater Cove, the residence of his



beloved grandmother, Camilla Jenkins.

Mikey co-owned the award-winning detail shop Monterey Vintage Motorsports with his business partner, Ti Titus. His dedication and passion for cars were evident in his work, and Car Week was a highlight of his career, reflecting his commitment to the automotive world.

Mikey is survived by his mother, Pamela Canfield Grossman; his sister, Cam Sutter; and his exwife, Liv Nilsson Houghton. A celebration of Mikey's life will be held in the near future.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to programs that support people with addictions. Our family would like to thank Judy Franco for her support of Mike.

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BRUCE COWAN

Bruce Cowan, age 84, died on 11/7/23 from complications of Alzheimer's. He was born on 2/11/39 in Denver. Bruce earned a B.S. in entomology from USU in Logan, UT and worked in that field. He earned an M.S. in entomology at OSU in Corvallis, OR, where he met his future wife, Judy, whom he married in 1964. While there he discovered his fondness for plants and took some botany and horticulture courses.



Bruce and Judy [aka Juce and Brudy] spent a year in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Remembering a wonderful trip to CA when he was 10, Bruce led the move to the Monterey Peninsula 1968. Bruce was hired as a groundskeeper at Asilomar State Park.

After leaving Asilomar, he started his own business, Environmental Landscape

Service. He encouraged his clients to choose native and/ or drought-tolerant plants for their landscapes. For more than 20 years he wrote a column for the Monterey Herald on the subject. He did everything from picking up litter to writing botanical reports for clients who needed to know if they had rare or endangered plants on their properties. After retiring, Bruce did volunteer gardening at the Civic Center in PG, upper Congress, Community Center on Junipero, PG Cemetery thicket, Museum of Natural History, plus the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Hostel in Monterey. He was a member of the Open Space Advisory Committee for the Del Monte Forest in Pebble Beach for more than 30 years, where he was able to help save a piece of forest. Bruce was a wonderful person with a great sense of humor; we miss him terribly.

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By CHRIS COUNTS

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"The Wizard of Oz" captivated audiences upon its film release in 1939, introducing them to the wonders of Technicolor and showcasing the talents of young singer and actress Judy Garland. Today it stands as one of the most influential of all films ever produced, and perhaps the most popular.

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MICHALEA LEE CAROZZA 3/22/69 * 5/4/2024

Michaela Lee Carozza was born in Seattle, Washington to Lee and Stephanie (Isenberg) Carozza. She entered this world four minutes after her identical twin sister, Cara. The twins would not live long in the State of Washington. Their parents separated shortly after their birth and Lee moved to Carmel, California to open a restaurant. Michaela and her sister would join him a few years later. Michaela loved being at her Dad's Crepe Carmel restaurant at the Cypress Inn. There was no shortage of jobs to keep a young girl busy, but Michaela's favorite one was hostess. She loved meeting the customers and telling them stories. She was a natural actress.



An opportunity on the other side of Monterey Bay would take the family to Soquel and a new restaurant in Capitola. Michaela and her sister attended the Montessori school in Capitola and Michaela's love of storytelling blossomed. A change in custody would bring Michaela and Cara back to the Monterey Peninsula where they would live with their mother, Stephanie, and step-father, Richard, in Pacific Grove for the remainder of their childhood. Stephanie worked at the Harrison Memorial Library in Carmel. Michaela developed a deep love of reading during this time of her life, often spending her after-school hours at the library waiting for her mom to get off work.

Stephanie always kept Michaela and her sister busy during the summer months, enrolling them in camps and local theater productions. Michaela's abilities as an actress excelled and she would continue to participate in theater productions all the way through high school. The camps, which frequently were sleepover camps, sparked a life-long love affair between Michaela and Mother Earth. Nature was her church and she was a passionate recycler and composter as well as a gifted gardener.

After high school, Michaela would attend Fresno State University. She earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Fresno State.

She began her career in Massachusetts where her fiancée had grown up. Her first job was at Analog Devices as a technical writer. She also wrote a novel and published a number of short stories. She was diligent about journaling, using it as part of her spiritual practice. She liked to write letters and her cards always included heartfelt sentiments. She was a talented writer.

Bruce is survived by his wife of 59 years, Judy; brother, Roger/Vesna of Serbia; brother, Don/Anita of Silver Spring MD; two nephews and a niece; brother-in-law Doug, and many friends.

Donations in Bruce's name may be made to the CA Native Plant Society, PG Museum of Natural History, Del Monte Forest Foundation, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Alzheimer's Association, or charity of donor's choice. Thank you. Once her son Matthew arrived, she focused all her talents and passions into being a full-time mom. Her children were her biggest joy and she loved them fiercely. Once Matthew and his sister Sarah became more independent, she sought out a part-time job. As luck would have it, a job was available at one of her favorite childhood places, the Harrison Memorial Library. She would work there in a number of positions for nearly 15 years. Her last position was in the children's department — a job she described as her dream job.

Michaela also channeled her skills as a hostess into her own business, Valley Eden. Valley Eden was her and her partner Micha's short-term rental on their property in Carmel Valley. If you ever had the privilege to stay at Valley Eden, then you have been blessed. It was a magical place and the hundreds of positive reviews it received testify to this. In addition to being excellent hosts, Michaela and Micha were parents to many fur babies of the feline persuasion.

Michaela is survived by her partner, Micha Bassett; her son, Matthew Galley; and daughter, Sarah Galley; her mother and stepfather, Stephanie and Richard Pearce; her stepmother, Linda Howe Garriz; her sister and brother-in-law, Cara Carozza and Richard Tripps; her niece, Caroline Swartz and nephews, Spencer Swartz, Richard Tripps and Andrew Tripps. She was predeceased in death by her father, Lee Carozza, AKA Lino Garriz. She will be missed terribly, but never forgotten and always remembered for her joy, kindness and beautiful spirit.

Donations in her memory can be made to Animal Friends Rescue Project.

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EBERHART From page 12A

Eberhart's first visit to Laguna Seca was in 2016, when the Friends of Laguna Seca made its initial bid to secure a concession agreement with Monterey County to take over operations of the track and recreation area. She was assisting as a consultant and was the group's presumptive CEO.

She said she was there for the historic races.

"It's a cool event. It's got a cool vibe. It's very unique," she recalled. "I consulted on that original bid, and the county chose to go a different way."

Instead of signing a contract with FLS, supervisors voted to retain control of Laguna Seca and keep the now-defunct Sports Car Racing Association of the Monterey Peninsula in charge. Despite that disappointing outcome, Eberhart made a point of maintaining contact with the people she'd met and worked with during the effort.

"The motorsports community is small, so I kept in touch," she said.

In 2019, the county approved a management contract with John Narigi of A&D Narigi, and he took the reins.

Then, last summer, after months of work and negotiations in closed session with Narigi and representatives of the Friends of Laguna Seca, a deal was inked between the nonprofit and the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. It required the Friends to raise an initial \$6 million to put toward operations and capital improvements before the concession agreement would be in force.

In May, the Friends of Laguna Seca announced Eberhart had been named the group's CEO. She said A&D Narigi will remain in charge of day-to-day operations.

On Aug. 1, the group announced it had succeeded in the initial raise and was officially in charge of the Laguna Seca Recreation Area. Provided certain conditions are met, the contract, which shifts the responsibility for all operations, maintenance and capital work to FLS, will run for 55 years and result in a \$50 million-plus investment in the property.

Milestones

The fact the former Monterey Historic Automobile Races — now known as the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion — is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year is auspicious.

"And you know the speedway was built in 1957, so it's

a neat demarcation point for Friends and the next 55 years with this concession agreement," she said. "This 2024 effort has been the result of teamwork among all parties the county, A&D and Friends — and the community really being behind this effort. It's people working together who want to see some positive change."

Eberhart said she and her husband are packing up their North Carolina home and that she planned to arrive at their new residence in Pebble Beach Aug. 7 — days before the onset of the craziness that is Car Week.

"It will be just in time for the excitement," she said.

Top 10 in the world

Eberhart is looking forward to reacquainting herself with Laguna Seca and getting to work on building the plans for short-term and long-term renovations and improvements throughout its 437 acres.

"There's a lot of deferred maintenance and infrastructure that Friends will be investing in in order to build amenities out there," she said.

And everything will be done with the importance of the area — and the reverence it engenders — in mind.

"It's an amazing place. There's nothing else like it in motorsports," she said. "It's a beautiful piece of property and a loved and adored racing course."

Eberhart mentioned its No. 6 ranking on a June list of the 10 Best Race Tracks in the World. Laguna Seca, the only raceway in the United States to make the list, is joined by Germany's fabled Nürburgring, Spa-Franchorchamps in Belgium, Japan's Suzuka, the Circuit de la Sarthe that becomes part of the famous 24 Hours of Le Mans race in France each year, Mount Panorama (better known as Bathurst after a nearby Australian city), the world-famous Circuit de Monaco, Monza (the "Temple of Speed") in Italy, England's Silverstone and Interlagos in Brazil.

"It's a worldwide icon," she said. "I was so impressed with the facility, and I continue to be."

She also said fans and organizers across the globe took note when Monterey County and Narigi undertook the massive effort to replace the start-finish bridge and resurface the track — the total tab for which was in excess of \$18.4 million - in 2023.

"People in the motorsports community noticed the local effort to improve the facility," she said. "With this transition, Friends can bring a lot to the table to restore, revitalize and re-envision the raceway and the entire recreation area."

HARRISON HILBERT February 10, 1942 – June 22, 2024

arrison "H" Stanley Hilbert was born February 10, 1942, in Carmel, California to Harry C. and Dorothy Benson Hilbert. H grew up in Carmel, graduating from Carmel High School in 1960 where he played football and was voted MVP of his senior year's undefeated team.



H joined the U.S. Army in 1960 serving along the Korean DMZ with the First Cavalry Division for 16 months and discharged as a sergeant in 1963. In 1964, H moved to Pocatello, Idaho, enrolling at Idaho State University (ISU), majoring in recreational leadership that reflected his love for climbing mountains in remote regions of the world and involvement with the Sierra Club's mountaineering section. In the summers of 1968 and 1969, H served as an instructor for Outward Bound, strengthening his commitment to a career in outdoor recreation education.

After graduating in 1970, H organized ISU's Outdoor Program in cooperation with the ISU Student Union, seeking to help others experience the rich range of outdoor activities available around Pocatello, including backcountry skiing, river running, backpacking, rock/ice climbing and caving. ISU's Outdoor Program was among the

earliest to offer outdoor education in a university setting, serving as a model for other schools. To broaden his mountaineering and outdoor education knowledge, H spent a month at the Scottish National Mountaineering Center in the Cairngorms Mountains in 1973.

In addition to getting started on the critical work of planning, Eberhart said a top priority for her is getting out into the community and meeting locals. "I'm passionate about motorsports, passionate about this project, and passionate about being a good neighbor," she said.



SUSAN WILLIAMS MILLER

Susan Williams Miller, of Wake Robin, Vermont, died as light came up, Monday, June 17, 2024. She was 97 years old. Her's would be described by the Chinese as a happy death; a deserved transition after a life of grace. She was with family and caring staff.

The family invites you to view pictures, full obituary, and to share your pictures and memories by visiting www.awrfh.com.



Judith (Judy) Ann Babbitt

Judith (Judy) Ann Babbitt passed away peacefully on July 12, 2024, surrounded by family at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula at age 84. Judy was born on January 21, 1940, in Boston, Massachusetts and adopted by Walter and Gertrude Sherman. She is survived by three loving daughters, Stacey Kuciauskas and former son-in-law Arunas Kuciauskas, Dana (Robert) Edgull and Jill (Dean) Babbitt; and five grandchildren, Trevor, Ash, Skyler, Isaiah and Harlan. Judy was preceded in death by her husband, Almon W. Babbitt IV, her parents and her granddaughter, Isabella Rose.

Judy was raised on the East Coast and she would proudly tell new acquaintances that she was from Boston. Her family enjoyed vacationing at Cape Cod along with her cousin Joan, Aunt Gretchen and Uncle Guy Bailey. Judy graduated from Laselle Junior College for women in Arbodale, MA where she majored in retail. She met the love of her life, Almon (AI), in New York and they were married in 1960. They moved out West, first to San Francisco and later to Toro Park (Salinas, CA) where they raised their family, made lifelong friends and created many memories. They moved to Carmelby-the-Sea in 1987 where they explored the beach and the Big Sur coast, socialized with friends, engaged in community events, and frequented local restaurants to partake in festive happy hours. Judy made deep and lasting connections with friends she met in her neighborhood and many considered her family. Judy was a fun-loving woman with a dry sense of humor who would make strangers and friends alike laugh with her funny comments. Judy enjoyed family gatherings and spending time with her daughters and grandchildren. She loved her cats and enjoyed their companionship throughout her life. Judy was truly one-of-a-kind and she will be greatly missed. Please join us for a celebration of life from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, August 25 in Salinas. Email Jill at sacredloveguide@gmail.com for directions.

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Over many decades, H joined like-minded outdoor enthusiasts on adventures in the Sierra, Cascades, Andes, Alaskan and Rocky mountain ranges and on many river floats. H also spent time in Yosemite Parks on environmental projects.

H left ISU's Outdoor Program in 1981 to become a full-time river and fishing guide, working major western waterways, including Idaho's Salmon River, Washington's Olympic Peninsula, California's Klamath River and on many fabled Montana trout streams, often accompanied by one of his black Labrador retrievers.

Outdoor recreation/education was H's passion, and he often remarked that his mates in those adventures taught him about himself and the environment, just as he shared such insight with them.

Harrison is survived by nephew, David and his wife Denise; his sister-in-law, Janet; grand-niece, Aubry; and grand-nephew, Hayden and his wife Samantha and their baby Adalynne. He was preceded in death by his younger brother, Clayton Hilbert.

He passed away on June 22, 2024, at the Veterans Home in Pocatello, Idaho after suffering from cancer.

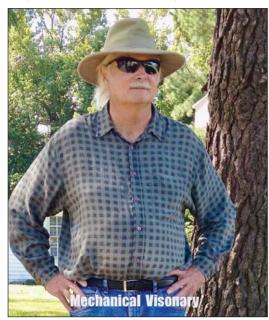
Gifts in memory of H may be made to the Idaho State University Foundation with a goal of establishing a new endowment fund in his name to support the ISU Outdoor Adventure Center. To contribute to this fund please go to isu.edu/hilbert. For assistance making a gift, call ISU Foundation Services at 208-282-3470.

A celebration of H's life will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. August 24, 2024, at Las Palmas Ranch in Salinas. Please RSVP by calling Denise at 831-594-6681 for details and directions.

MICHAEL G. PATTON

December 28, 1948 - May 29, 2024 Monterey County

Michael G. Patton, 75 years young, was born on North Island Naval Base, San Diego, California, the son of the late Loretta and Charles Patton of the Monterey Peninsula; the brother of Penny B. Patton of Williamsburg, Virginia; uncle of Elizabeth B. Kilgore of Williamsburg, Virginia and Robert M. Bruce of Darien, Connecticut; great-uncle of Nick, Abby, Will, Zack, Charlie, Teddy, Poppy, Jack; and the lifelong friend of former wife, Stephanie Bennett of Mount Shasta, California.



Michael graduated from Seaside High School in 1967, studied drafting and design at Monterey Peninsula College, then founded Design Consultants where he pursued his vision of organic architecture in residential design from Big Sur to San Francisco, uniquely employing glass, metal and carbon fiber. These eye-defying mechanical implementations can be found in many public spaces like the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Pebble Beach, Post Ranch Inn at Big Sur and Esalen.

Michael was a loyal San Francisco Giants fan and member of the Sports Car Club of America. His long-time presence at Laguna Seca as marshaller and corner worker also included a stint as a circuit race driver. Michael's "Patton Formula Vee" car won multiple regional, state and national championships together with driver and owner of Brent Milner Racing behind the wheel and Michael in the paddock. Moving from the track to the street, Michael designed

and built his own fiberglass-bodied McClaren-style sports car in the 1990s using components from Porsches and other makes.

Forever drawn to nature, Michael hiked every trail in Monterey County and was a regular at Soberanes, Point Lobos and Garland Ranch. Michael completed the Big Sur Marathon twice and surfed longboards in the days before wetsuits. He took time off to fly fish with friends and explored California backroads on his white Harley Davidson.

As an amateur astronomer, he traveled far and wide to experience celestial events with family and friends, sharing his quest for the great unknown. A talented photographer, Michael took many gallerylevel photographs capturing the "spirit of this place," spending many hours lost on Monterey County backroads looking for just the right angle and light. Michael always said, "Why would you ever want to live anywhere else?"

From the beginning of Michael's renaissance-like life, he sought to share visions with remarkable, creative, talented friends and colleagues. Family and close friends alike witnessed Michael's resilience in overcoming physical challenges with the recurring mantra of, "Take it to the limit — one more time." His quiet, infallible determination continues to inspire.

Fall 2024 there will be a gathering of family and friends. Please reach out at MichaelPattonHD80ci@gmail.com for an invitation. If you would like to join us in helping conserve the essence of the Monterey County natural environment he loved and found joy in, contributions may be made with checks payable to Ventana Chapter Sierra Club, P.O. Box 5667, Carmel, CA 93921-5667.

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FORUM From page 5A

from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Church of the Wayfarer on Lincoln south of Ocean.

"As we prepare for the big night, we want to give you a chance to participate," Enea said, inviting members to send up to three questions for consideration.

She asked that inquiries be aimed toward the business community and related issues and that they be framed in a way that all candidates can answer. Questions will be anonymous and will be kept confidential until the night of the forum.

The evening's format will be the same as the CRA's, with doors opening at 5 p.m., council candidates onstage at 5:30, a break in the middle, and then mayoral candidates up for questioning, with each session running 70 minutes.

Submissions are due Aug. 21 and can be emailed to execdir@carmelchamber.org. They'll be vetted by the government affairs committee. For more information, visit carmelchamber.org.



Janet P. Hanson

Janet Hanson passed away peacefully on July 22, 2024, at the age of 95 surrounded by loved ones. A longtime resident of Seaside, she was known affectionately as Grandma to her grandchildren, GG to her great-grandchildren, Mrs. Hanson to her kindergarten students and Jan to her friends. She leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness and service.

Janet's vibrant life was a testament to her deep commitment to family, faith and community. A dedicated educator, she spent more than 25 years teaching at Del Rey Woods Elementary School. A devout member of Faith Lutheran Church, Janet found solace and joy in her faith.

She and her late husband, Robert (Bob) Hanson, enjoyed many memorable adventures together throughout their 45 years of marriage, from square dancing and traveling in their motorhome to taking cruises around the world. Their home was where love was expressed through family togetherness, tradition and the sharing of food. After Bob's passing in 1994, Janet continued to embrace her love of travel, classical music, reading and writing, and delighting in line dancing.

Janet is survived by her sister, Marlene; and brother, Gary (Mary); four children, Michael (Lee), Juli Reynolds (Tom), Jeri Duffy (Patrick) and Doug (Judy); grandchildren, Nicole, Michelle, Mickey, Jamie, Traci, Billy and Bobby;



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A memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. on Aug. 31st at Faith Lutheran Church, 1467 Hilby Ave., Seaside with reception following to celebrate her remarkable life. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Faith Lutheran Church.

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PICKLEBALL

From page 10A

it," city administrator Chip Rerig emphasized at the Aug. 6 meeting.

Nonetheless, more than a half-dozen pickleball supporters — some residents and some not — including a man who said he is a "USA Pickleball Ambassador," stood up to talk about how great it is, how much fun it is, the health benefits, its rapidly escalating popularity and other aspects. A couple of them said they strive to be good stewards by taking care of the courts.

One woman who lives outside the city said people shouldn't buy houses near parks if they don't want to hear the sounds of kids and others playing and argued the trees around the courts muffle the noise. "The sound is not that loud," she said.

Three residents explained they feel otherwise. Kimberly Edwards, who bought her house at Junipero and Vista in 2012, told the council she chose that neighborhood because "it was quiet and peaceful and tranquil, and I did occasionally play tennis."

"The courts weren't used all that much," she said, but "in the last few years, I feel like the neighborhood has been invaded by pickleballers." Edwards said she'd like to see some kind of compromise.

On point

Only Nancy Twomey, a board member of the Carmel Residents Association, stuck squarely with the subject Rerig and Swanson wanted discussed.

"I don't live anywhere in the neighborhood," she said. "But my suggestion is that this rolls to the forest and beach commission as the next place for a deep-dive discussion that work is indeed recommended to manage the sound."

Forest and beach commissioner Kelly Brezoczky said she heard everyone's comments and that the commission would be happy to take up the matter.

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"Good luck," said Mayor Dave Potter, evoking laughter from the audience.

Councilman Bobby Richards thanked commenters for being respectful and friendly to each other, and councilwoman Alissandra Dramov said she was fine with the forest and beach commission developing a pickleball policy.

"I'm sort of on the fence with being OK with sending it to forest and beach and having them be the last word," councilman Jeff Baron said, but in the end, he voted along with the rest of the council to have commissioners deal with it.

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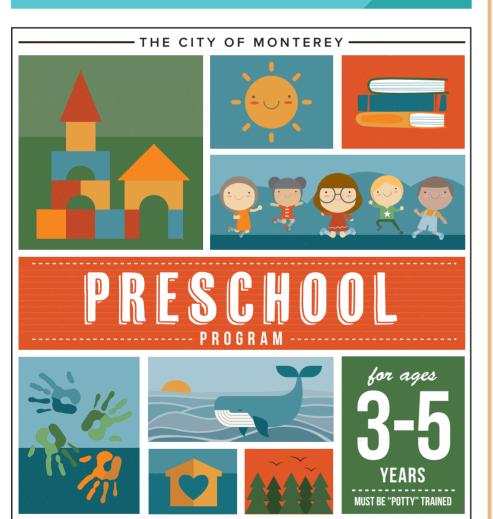
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Linda Marie Minorini Kaufman

Linda Marie Minorini Kaufman, 81, renowned for her genuine, warm smile, affectionate laughter, and quick, charming wit, passed away on Monday, July 22, surrounded by loved ones in her Carmel Valley home, where she had lived for more than 50 years.

In Linda's home, there was always room at the dining room table for friends and neighbors, who often coincidentally dropped by at mealtime, due to Linda's exceptional culinary skills and hospitable nature. Deeply rooted in and connected to her Italian heritage, lasagna and spaghetti were among her specialties but tacos and chicken a la king were other fan favorites. She was also renowned for her baked goods and her delicious fresh-squeezed lemonade, made from lemons picked from her own tree.



Linda was among the warmest and

welcoming of people — both inside and outside the home. She had close connections with relatives, friends, neighbors on Panetta Road as well as co-workers and women in bowling and bunco groups. Her calm and accepting nature made her very approachable, and she often found herself wondering why strangers would share their life stories with her, whether in the grocery store or out on errands.

She was the epitome of a devoted mother and grandmother, known as Mimi Linda to her grandchildren. She took immense pride in their lives and accomplishments. Present at the births of her grandchildren, she often reminded them of the special moment she witnessed during their arrivals. She remembered every detail of their lives, attended games, school performances, sleepovers and spent as much time with them as possible. Linda enriched her children and grandchildren's lives in countless ways, leaving an indelible mark on them. She kept organized folders for cards and art projects that each of her children and grandchildren created over the years.

As the eldest of three children, Linda was the de facto babysitter and often traveled several blocks with her siblings in tow for treats at the local soft serve ice cream shop. Like many young girls in the 1950s, Linda was a big fan of Elvis Presley and later bought her first album by another favorite artist of that era, Johnny Mathis.

Linda attended Highland Park High School and graduated from Holy Family Academy in 1960. She attended Northern Illinois University and later, took various courses at Monterey Peninsula College including art, painting and stained glass.

Linda was the first person born at the Lake Forest Hospital on Nov. 2, 1942, and grew up in nearby Highland Park, Illinois. She was the guest of honor at a Baby Alumni party some years later and featured in a newspaper article in advance of the event.

In 1962, Linda relocated from Illinois to the West Coast, where she married her late ex-husband, Warren Alden Kaufman, and gave birth to her first child, William Sante Kaufman. The trio lived in the Bay Area communities of Canyon and Berkeley before moving to Carmel Valley in 1970. In 1971,



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Christopher Noel Kaufman was born and in 1973, Lisa Belle (Kaufman) Marsh was born.

Inwardly and quietly strong and tenacious, Linda survived some harrowing life experiences in the most graceful way including: a near-death car accident, breast cancer and a stroke.

She is survived by her children, William Sante Kaufman, Christopher Noel Kaufman and Lisa Belle (Kaufman) Marsh and Jon Marsh; grandchildren, Billy Alden Kaufman, Lilli Belle Marsh, Beauden Alexander Marsh and Everleigh Elizabeth Marsh; and siblings, Valerie Ann Feltman and Sam Theodore Minorini.

Linda is preceded in death by Warren Alden Kaufman, parents Mary Louise Minorini and Sante "Sam" Anthony Minorini.

A memorial service is planned for 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Carmel Valley Trail & Saddle Club, 399 E. Garzas Road, Carmel Valley, California

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Editorial

The Chronicle strikes again

ALMOST 30 years ago, the Hearst corporation tried to build a 650-room hotel on the edge of a vast piece of property it owns near Hearst Castle - a plan that was met with a great outcry among environmentalists and activists. So impassioned was the opposition, when the California Coastal Commission met to consider the hotel proposal, a crowd of 300 packed the hearing room while at least 1,500 more followed the proceedings on TV monitors set up outside the room and in a nearby shopping center.

But it wasn't just the public that was alarmed. More than a dozen reporters from all around the country attended the hearing, too, and most of them were there to lend a hand to the "stop Hearst" crowd, even going so far as to report blatantly false "facts" - the most egregious one being the assertion, first penned by a reporter with the San Francisco Chronicle and then repeated practically everywhere, that the land where Hearst wanted to build a hotel was "one of the last remaining undeveloped stretches of the California coastline." Apparently it wasn't a job requirement at the Chronicle in those days to be aware of even the most basic facts about California, such as that almost everything from San Francisco to the Oregon border is barely developed, and so are the stretches from Pacifica to Santa Cruz and Aptos to Marina, the Big Sur coast, Vandenberg Air Force Base, and big swaths of land from Oxnard to Malibu and San Clemente to Oceanside. Truly, most of the California coast is basically undeveloped.

The reporters covering the Hearst hotel plan didn't care, though. They were too busy promoting a political cause - and they succeeded. A few years later, Hearst dropped the hotel idea.

Jump ahead another few years, and Hearst bought the Chronicle, which is owned by Hearst Communications even today. After the experience of being lied about by the Chronicle when it tried to build a hotel, you'd think Hearst, a veteran media company, would have learned its lesson and imposed a "facts only" policy at the San Francisco newspaper.

But apparently the company didn't, because just in the last few months, the Chronicle has published stories containing utter falsehoods about Carmel and Patrice Pastor.

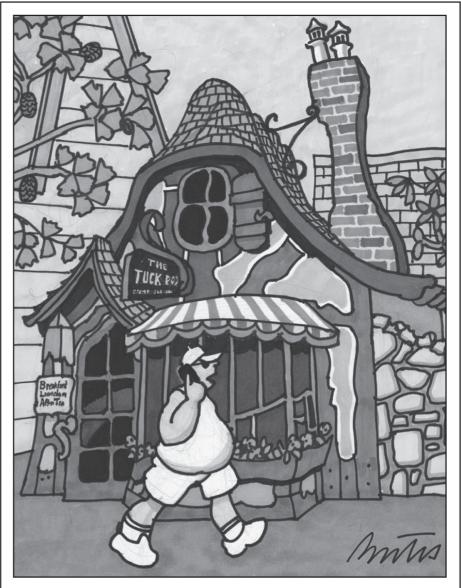
The first, as we documented in our Feb. 23 editorial, was the Chronicle's assertion that Pastor has "quietly" bought a lot of property here, and that "Carmel is being handed over to one person who's doing what he wants to do." As we noted, Pastor has only "quietly" bought a lot of property in Carmel if you haven't been paying any attention. Not only have Pastor's real estate acquisitions been extensively covered in this newspaper, so have his development plans, which have also been the subject of numerous public hearings in front of all the usual city boards and commissions.

Which brings us to the Chronicle's most recent falsehoods. In a story published last week about Pastor's failure to get approval for a project he wants to build near Seventh and Dolores, the Chronicle said this:

"The result [of the hearing] was the planning commission's unanimous request for Pastor to do something he's avoided for much of the past nine years of acquiring properties in Carmel: go back to the drawing board. And while the decision represents a shift away from a trend of letting Pastor have his way, tensions have been rising over the past several months."

Those sentences are wrong, wrong, wrong. Patrice Pastor has been sent back to the drawing board over and over again, not only at Seventh and Dolores, but The Pit, the home he built on Scenic, and the Frank Lloyd Wright House. The only development project he had a fairly easy time getting through the permit process was the Carmel Beach Hotel, and that was because he didn't change it much.

BEST of BATES



"Hello, sweetheart. Do me a favor. Go online and see if there's a MacDonald's in Carmel-by-the-Sea."



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I made a big mistake... Dear Editor,

I feel just awful that I mistakenly registered my husband Dale and myself with the "American Independent Party." I thought I was registering as "independent" and had no idea that I made this mistake until we saw the article announcing Dale's candidacy for mayor in The Carmel Pine Cone and started getting hurtful comments from people that didn't make any sense to us. Then some friends made us aware that we were registered as American Independent Party and that this party was started in the 1960s by George Wallace, who had extreme racist views. Neither Dale nor I have ever had views like this. We love everyone in our community and are greatly saddened by this error.

as an independent in California.

My only hope is that this community will not hold my mistake against Dale as he runs for mayor in our beloved Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Margaret Byrne, Carmel

'Wholehearted endorsement' **Dear Editor**,

As a former longtime member of the Carmel City Council, I offer my wholehearted endorsement of David O'Neil for one of the seats on that important body. Although this endorsement will necessarily fall short of what I genuinely wish to convey, I will express what is in my heart: David is a special person in so many ways. Alongside his husband and their fantastic dog (though not necessarily in that order), David has already contributed immensely to Carmel and its character. His insight into the political and social issues we face, and his understanding and commitment to improving our community, are evident in everything he does.

David is a strong supporter of the Carmel Residents Association, he contributes time to Meals on Wheels, he works as a volunteer with the Carmel Police Department, and he does important work with our local SPCA. Beyond his volunteer work, David O'Neil has shown a remarkable understanding of the intricacies of Carmel. He has studied our extensive governing and land-use documents, and he has done a yeoman's job preparing himself to address the complex issues we face on government mandates.

The Chronicle (owned by Hearst) is doing the same thing to Patrice Pastor it did, under prior ownership, to Hearst in the late 1990s. Their false stories do a lot of damage. They should be ashamed.

As soon as I realized the mistake, it was immediately corrected. Both Dale and I are now registered as "no party preference," which I now know is the way you register

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DID YOU watch "The Jetsons" as a kid? Are you a Baby Boomer or Gen X-er who's still griping about not having a flying car? Well, Pebble Beach resident Sarasina Tuchen — whose dog is named Astro, like his Jetson family counterpart - has been working on that.

Her bio on the networking website LinkedIn describes Tuchen as an "investor, advisor, board member, national expert and recovering public servant." At 57, she celebrated her retirement in June from 21 years of government service. That followed 14 years in the dot-com world of Silicon Val-



PHOTO/COURTESY SARASINA TUCHEN

Sarasina Tuchen, an expert in the field of advanced air mobility, recently retired after 21 years of government service - but she hasn't stopped working to improve transportation.

lev. She last worked with the U.S. Department of Transportation as a national expert and senior scientist in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, where, among other things, she led the Advanced Air Mobility interagency working group.

Rocket scientist

Tuchen's mind makes rapid-fire connections between ground transportation and air travel, between manufacturers

and public agencies, and between the opportunities made possible by emerging technologies and the need for infrastructure to keep up with them. When she explains her work and her

drive for improving transportation — specifically short-haul aviation — it's helpful to be sitting down and mentally grounded, because her energy and passion for the topic feel like a rocket shot into orbit.

That's appropriate for someone who was the DOT's only representative ever to have an office at NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View, where she worked with that agency's scientists on automation to "increase airspace capacity and efficiency."

See LIVES next page Moreover, her dad was, in her words, "a

rocket scientist."

Her parents immigrated from Indonesia in 1968, when Tuchen was an infant. She explained that her father, a material science and mechanical engineering professor, had what were considered "highly specialized skills" and was recruited by the U.S. government to conduct solid rocket fuel research at the University of Utah.

Maybe one day...

He attended graduate school at Purdue University, which influenced Tuchen's decision to go there as an undergraduate.

She noted that even in the late 1980s, women only made up about 10 percent of her graduating class in electrical engineering. "It was a mixed reception," she recalled. "But, I knew we had to be friends," she said.

When she finished her bachelor's degree, she was recruited by Booz Allen Hamilton, a government contractor in Ft. Meade, Md. After a little over a year, however, Tuchen left to pursue her Master of Science degree in engineering at Stanford University. She was employed there briefly, until, she said, "I got tired of being poor," working as a research assistant. She did, however, discover the Monterey Peninsula and decide that it wouldn't be a bad place to live — one day.

Rapid evolution

In 2003, after 10 years split between two tech companies, The Analytic Sciences Corporation and Digitas Inc., she learned of an opportunity to work on NextGen, the DOT's

multibillion-dollar air traffic modernization effort. The group's goal, according the agency, is to lay the groundwork for innovations to "produce significant benefits for FAA and airspace users, including reduced airspace congestion and fuel savings."

Two decades later, Tuchen reflected, what was then considered "NextGen" is rapidly becoming "last gen," as the nation moves into what she considers the third generation of air transportation. "The first era, that was the Wright Brothers," she

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By ELAINE HESSER

explained, followed by the introduction of commercial jet flight after World War II. Those were the airplanes and traffic patterns that inspired NextGen as the skies in the United States became more crowded in the 1990s and early 2000s.

The third wave of air travel, Tuchen said, will be sustainable and automated. Planes will be electric, or hybrid with traditional engines for improved range, or fueled by hydrogen cells, significant

Celebrating the essence of nature

A CURIOUS thing happened to Mari Kloeppel the other day as she stood at her easel, immersed in intimate concentration on the image of a bobcat she was painting for an upcoming exhibition at Winfield Gallery.

"His tail wagged, right in front of me," said the artist, who specializes in intricate, soulful animal renderings. "It's happened before — a peripheral-vision kind of thing - and it's like, 'Oh, I'm getting it. I'm capturing it ... he's really here.'

"They start moving in front of me. Sometimes they blink ... I'm not hallucinating," she said. "I'm just deep into my work and starting to capture that essence or soul that I'm trying to depict. It is always

Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

a great sign that the painting is nearing completion.'

The bobcat, serene but alert as he gazes over his right shoulder, is one of two renderings Kloeppel will exhibit at Winfield's monthlong multi-artist show planned for an unspecified date later this year.

The other is a formidable buck lounging comfortably, his six-point rack silhouetted against rays of sunlight.

"When they're in rutting season, they'll mate here on our property. They're macho and tough, so full of virility at that time of year. But when the does are off to themselves and the day closes, the bucks are very quiet and relaxed," said Kloeppel, who lives on a Royal Oaks ranch, minutes from Elkhorn Slough, with her husband, fellow artist and custom frame-maker Klaus Kloeppel.

'Capturing their soul'

She paints creatures large and small, wild and domestic, four-legged or feathered, always from personal observation, studying directly from life rather than relying heavily on photographic references.

"It doesn't matter if it's a bobcat or a - I need to be able to watch the horse



animal myself, with my own eyes," said Kloeppel. "I created the position of the buck after watching them recline in the bushes behind my art studio. And I knew what I wanted to do with the bobcat painting after observing them on our property - and growing up with them."

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Energy and essence

The remarkable details in her work are secondary to capturing the energy and the essence of each individual animal.

"It's not just a buck. I want to capture the soul of that particular buck," she said.

"While Kloeppel's technique is traditional, her approach to painting animals is not," wrote Scott Shields, associate

director and chief curator of Sacramento's Crocker Museum, in the catalogue for her 2009 one-person show. "That her animals are beautiful is nothing new to art history, but these animals

also are heroic. These are portraits."

Kloeppel was 6 years old when she moved with her family from San Jose to 40 acres of bare land between Aromas and San Juan Bautista, where her father raised black Angus cattle and she and her two siblings rode a handful of adopted horses.

"The five of us lived in a single-wide mobile home - two bedrooms, one bath - for many years while we were building our house," she remembered.

Young Kloeppel immediately loved her rural surroundings, embracing the physicality of the farm lifestyle.

"As a family, we worked with the cattle and horses, and we all helped build the house and ranch. I've been using skill saws, table saws and chainsaws since I was a little girl," said Kloeppel. As a college student, she used those chainsaw skills to cut down trees and clear brush as a ranger's aide.

"My dad taught my sister and me that there's nothing a man can do that a woman can't, period. Just be careful," she said.

Enamored with nature

She was enamored with nature, packing up her sketch pad and riding into the

hills with her pony and frequently sleeping outdoors on a blanket, stargazing until she dozed off.

Kloeppel was artistic throughout her school years, ultimately receiving the Bank of America Art Award as a senior at Hollister High School, from which she graduated with honors.

She moved on to Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich., then Gavilan College (one year each), studied in England for a semester at Sheffield University, and then, in 1985, graduated with distinction from San Jose State, earning a bachelor's degree in fine art/painting.

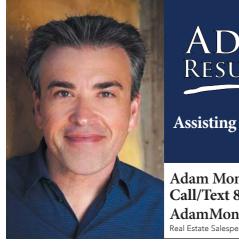
Kloeppel worked eight ars in Morgan Hill as a professional horse trainer at an Arabian horse ranch to finance her art education, an experience that inspired

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Winfield Gallery artist and local environmental activist Mari Kloeppel specializes in portraits of wild and domestic animals that she observes on her property near Elkhorn Slough.

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because hydrogen is one of the most common elements on Earth, and the fuel cells' only waste product is water.

She said she's particularly interested in aviation for urban and rural areas, taking advantage thousands of general aviation airports — most of them underutilized across the United States. Tuchen imagines someone taking public transportation to a nearby airstrip, climbing aboard an electric plane and taking a hop from, say, Sacramento to Big Sur.

As someone who's read a few Pine Cone stories describing how South Coast residents feel about aircraft, this reporter's eyebrows shot up reflexively at the thought. What about the noise?

Tuchen explained that unlike drones (some of which sound like flying food processors), electric airplanes are in the 50-to-60 decibel range. Yale University's comparison chart says that's approximately the same as the sound produced by normal conversation, a business office or a household refrigerator.

She gets really jazzed when she starts talking about getting representatives from 22 government agencies together at Joby Aviation in Marina to see what the new technologies can mean. Joby is housed on the former Ft. Ord's airfield and has worked with NASA, Toyota, the Air Force and Uber Elevate as it develops aircraft that might one day be hailed much like a rideshare service.

Flying cars

Although she's officially retired, Tuchen has no intention of disconnecting from the exciting world of air technology. She's on the board of several organizations, including a company called ASKA, on whose website (flyaska.com) you can see a flying car that's roughly the size of an SUV.

In addition, she joined the board of

Monterey Bay Drone, Automation, and Robotics Technology, which aims to "drive economic development, workforce training, and innovation throughout the Monterey Bay region and beyond," using those new technologies, the group's website says.

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Future air travel will be almost fully automated, she believes. Although pilots will still be on board, training them will be much simpler. Not long ago, she said, the Air Force did an experiment where they trained 40 experienced pilots and 40 people with no aviation experience on simulators for one of the new aircraft, and after four tries, they were all at the same level of proficiency.

Challenges ahead

She also admired Joby's program of training farmworkers to help build the new tech, offering a better future and creating a pool of potential employees who already live nearby.

Tribal governments are expressing interest in new forms of air transportation, too. Many Native Americans "live in food deserts and have an aging population," with limited access to healthcare — problems the smaller aircraft could help minimize, she said.

There are, of course, many challenges, and Tuchen wants to help take them on, like having the new class of aircraft certified by the FAA, getting production going on a large enough scale to make them widely available, and making sure there's infrastructure, like places to charge electric airplanes.

Most recently, she volunteered for the board of Rancho Cielo and will start work with the alternative education program early next year.

She does, however, hope to be able to play a little more golf and maybe take some yoga classes. And, of course, take Astro on his walks.

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He has an extensive background in commercial and residential construction, development and planning. His expertise in these and other related fields, both here and abroad, has provided him with a thorough understanding of the various challenges posed by urban development and infrastructure.

He has devoted countless hours to the preservation of classic properties and will be an important advocate for Carmel as it deals with the challenges that it faces from government agencies that challenge our city's character.

Gerard Rose, Carmel

'Some people are doers' Dear Editor,

Some people are talkers and others are doers. Some people are very modest about their achievements, while others are the first to blow their own horns. Our society rewards the gregarious personality, and yet, it is often the more restrained personality that is quietly getting the job done

There are people who pretend to be genuine and others who couldn't be disingenuous if they tried. There are people who think that they are leaders because they have the power of a position, and there are others who use the power of inspiring others to earn admiration and loyalty leaders. There are some people who enter politics for their egos or their personal agendas, while others want to listen to the community to create a vision for how it can be improved.

Bob Delves will probably be the last person to tell you about all that he accomplished as a former mayor and councilman of a small town in Colorado. You may not even know that he's been a Carmel planning commissioner for four years and that he is adept at financial analysis. He may not tell you that determination runs silent but runs deep within him. He is a deft listener, uses common sense and has no personal agenda or desire to be "important" in the eyes of the public.

Only vote for Bob Delves for city council if you want a refreshing and genuine leader who will hear your concerns about Carmel-by-the-Sea and will sincerely dedicate his time to develop and implement sensible, actionable solutions. But don't expect him to brag about it.

Shirley Moon, *Carmel*

Talking about addresses Dear Editor,

The topic of house numbers in Carmel sparks concerns about history and traditions but also brings out some people's emotions and fear. And there is no debate that the health and safety of our villagers remains essential. There is also no debate that non-standard addressing brings some inconveniences and, conversely, our village life includes dramatic advantages which compel many of us to call it home.

There is near-universal support for retaining our post office in town — especially given the preference for many for Post Office Box mail delivery. However, we



haven't explored the many risks of losing our post office, including the lease renewal timing and significant lack of maintenance.

The address topic was raised at multiple city council sessions over the last two-plus years, all limited by the non-interactive three-minute public comments, leaving citizens without answers to many of their questions.

In recent times, there hasn't been an ad hoc community workshop on this topic - a place where there could be open discussion on the issues, challenges, alternatives, implications, rollout/timing and costs, unbound by the three-minute limits. There has never been a setting where

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we could refute the misinformation (examples: I can't get a passport, I can't get a new California ID, I can't get a new financial engagement).

There hasn't been a session where alternatives to standard addressing have been completely considered and where we could work through the challenges of our current (or an adjusted) approach could be explored.

If our council wants to consider changing a 108-year tradition without a community workshop where all details, facts and considerations can be on the table and discussed, that is not a wise path.

Nancy Ann Twomey, Carmel

Speeding issues Dear Editor,

I read with some distaste about the recent speeding issues with the good Sheriff Tina Nieto. I look at a couple areas of concern regarding these three known incidents. First of all, a review of the dash-cam video of the CHP patrol vehicle makes it clear that all three stops involved the same vehicle. It is a vehicle with exempt plates, associated with a government vehicle. This means that the sheriff was in effect using a vehicle purchased by the citizens of Monterey County, and on two of those stops, she was probably being paid in her official capacity with public funds.

Driving in an unsafe manner (which caused her to be



\$240,000 to waive customer late-payment fees.

"Waiving penalty fees for late payment for two billing cycles (four months) will be offered to offset any customer confusion from contradictory messaging received," last week's report to the Monterey One board said.

"The total impact, so to speak, is roughly a little over \$1 million," McCullough said. "And that does not include any staff time" or other administrative costs.

There could also be a change to Monterey One's bond rating, since rating agencies look more favorably on entities that tack bills onto property taxes because there's a better chance customers will pay.

"It sounds like our ratepayers are going to be paying more due to this decision," Monterey Mayor and board member Tyller Williamson said last week.

Monterey One Water general manager Paul Sciuto

stopped by CHP), not only speeding but cutting in and out of traffic, would expose her to great liability had she caused an accident with another vehicle. Actually, it would have exposed the County of Monterey to liability via civil and possibly criminal action since this is a county vehicle. No one should buy the story that officers responding to a call for service are sometimes stopped for speeding. Sheriff's deputies are usually in marked cars with appropriate emergency lights and sirens. She wasn't and didn't need to be.

I noticed in her bio sheet that she was a command officer for the Los Angeles Police Department. She also has been appointed to several law-enforcement-related commissions and has lectured at police supervisory classes. All of that and much more beg the question: What would her response have been had one of her underlings been caught up in similar situations that befell the good Sheriff Nieto? I would imagine that she would have signed off on a healthy suspension, if not a termination.

Police officers must set the standards and good driving practices as an example for others to follow. Stopping at stop signs, stopping for red lights, and, yes, not driving 27 mph over the posted speed limit. Next time, Tina, get ready to sign the citation and take your lumps, just like everyone else.

Your actions were dishonest and unethical and should be addressed.

David Byers, San Jose

Carpool lane Dear Editor,

The MST surf bus line project will have a disastrous

explained that the agency's rates need to cover its entire budget, including capital expenditures, operations and management, and salaries and benefits.

"When we see any increase in any of those costs, it's covered by our ratepayers," he said.

Tarnished reputation?

Ron Stefani, a board member who represents the City of Castroville, said the added costs of going back to paper, the old billing method, will impact the economically disadvantaged residents of his town because their rates could increase.

"I was looking forward to some savings on their rates by going to property-tax billing," Stefani said. "Our community was all for it."

Williamson said Monterey One Water is "hurting financially" and suggested that the billing decision could impact its "reputation" among ratepayers.

"I think there were already enough issues in our relationship with the public, and I think this is going to further put us in the hole," the Monterey mayor said. effect on our dunes, which are the second most important dune complex in California according to a recent coastal commission staff report. They recommend a carpool lane as a viable option and so do many other Peninsula residents.

A carpool lane on Highway 1 would solve the problem, without the need to lay down 6 miles of toxic asphalt which will heat up our already too hot sanctuary, cut down 91 trees that produce 91 tons of greenhouse gases a year, or tear up a mile of railroad tracks, killing any hope to bring the train back to Monterey because they would have to remove the MST surf bus line.

As the coastal commission states in its analysis, utilizing what's available and doesn't cause harm is the best solution. There is available grant money to do such projects with the Biden Infrastructure program. All TAMC has to do is write up a grant proposal.

I believe this is a project to promote development of the dunes because according to state law, the only way they can develop those dunes is to have a mass transit system in place.

> Lorna Moffat, Monterey

Roundabout bad idea **Dear Editor**,

The Pacific Grove City Council's slim approval of the proposed \$10 million roundabout, across from the P.G. High School property is a bad idea. Roundabouts expedite the flow and speed of vehicular traffic. All roundabouts are not safer for pedestrians or bikes anytime, day or night.

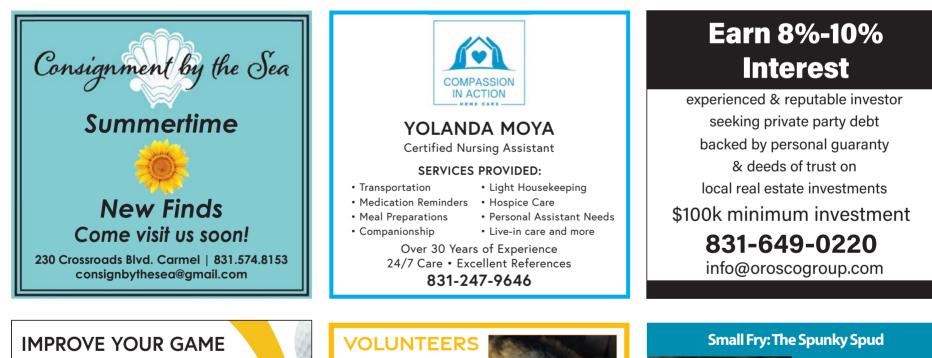
Unlike with the roundabout near Highway 1, schoolchildren and adult pedestrians will be present and find this to be a hazard. The current configuration with the stop signs and crosswalks is a much safer and less expensive option.

Vince Tuminello, Pacific Grove

Puffins prosper Dear Editor,

A letter in last week's Pine Cone makes the blanket, alarming claim that climate change is "devastating all bird populations." A unique personal experience just last month showed us otherwise. We were fortunate to be able to see first-hand the thriving numbers of puffins, both in the Pacific Ocean in Southeast Alaska and in the Atlantic Ocean in Maine. Puffins on both coasts have made dramatic comebacks from overhunting for their plumage last century and now are celebrated as having abundant and healthy populations. Large-scale wind machines will only serve to slice and dice the number of these and other species of birds. There also is strong evidence that they kill Atlantic whales. Save the birds. Save the whales. Save our oceans. Stop industrial wind farms.

Tom Packer, Carmel



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her to apply to veterinary school at UC Davis.

But her life was about to take a dramatic turn.

In 1986, while riding alone in the hills near the ranch, her training horse tripped in a field, somersaulted and landed on top of her, critically injuring her. A co-worker found her later in the day.

Following months of recovery and rehabilitation, Kloeppel suffered life-threatening complications from a drug used to complete diagnostic images, leaving her temporarily blind and paralyzed.

Medical intervention saved her again, and she made a full recovery. But the traumatic experience led to "a profound epiphany," Kloeppel said.

"I quickly resolved to abandon my plan for vet school and chose instead to immerse myself in my art, focusing entirely on celebrating nature and the animal kingdom," she said.

Love at first date

In 1989, she met Klaus Kloeppel, a native of Germany, when he visited the Morgan Hill ranch where she was working as a horse trainer. They were in love by the end of their first date and were married the following year at a courthouse in Sonderborg, Denmark.

"I had just been accepted to the graduate department of California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland but decided to move to Germany to be with Klaus," she said.

While living in Mainz, Mari Kloeppel entered graduate school at Gutenberg University, pursuing her evolving interest in representational art. But she left after just one semester, returning to California after her father was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer.

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Protecting Elkhorn Slough

Her dad, given 10 months to live, survived seven years, during which the Kloeppels settled near Elkhorn Slough, the tidal salt marsh and wildlife sanctuary that became an intense new obsession.

"It got into my soul, this area. It's just so interesting with the saltwater coming in," she said. "Seven miles inland, you get sharks, seals, otters, and all of the migrating birds. It really got into me."

The Kloeppels became activists, and in 1999, they founded Friends, Artists and Neighbors of Elkhorn Slough, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting the slough and other environmentally sensitive areas of the county from inappropriate development.

"I am so grateful to be living in this beautiful area, and it is my honor to help protect it through activism and by creating paintings and drawings of the wild native animals that call this place home."

Kloeppel's art has been exclusively represented by Chris Winfield and the Winfield Gallery since 1999, which she characterizes as "one of the most rewarding experiences of my life."

"Chris is a consummate professional," she said. "He's also a mentor who encourages his artists and provides a sense of trust and joy in the way he markets and supports our work."

Kloeppel's art can be seen at Winfield Gallery (Dolores Street between Ocean and Seventh) and can be viewed at winfieldgallery.com.

Editor's note: A different, older story was reprinted with Kloeppel's photo last week. We apologize for the error.

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Playing cornerback is 90 percent mental, and the other half is physical

WITHOUT A soaring amount of confidence, a human simply isn't capable of doing what Evan Johnson does at the highest level of college football.

The 2022 Stevenson School graduate is about to begin his third season at Brigham Young University, an NCAA Division I school, where he aspires to earn a starting spot at the most intense and vulnerable position on the defensive side of the football.

Johnson is a cornerback — the tightrope walker of a football team and a position where any mistake, large or small, can result in a five-alarm fire.

"I always say that you could have the best game or practice of your life, but one bad play will be the one people will remember," said Johnson, who covers wide

Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

receivers — the greyhounds of the offense with blazing speed, gnat-like quickness, deviously cagey, kangaroo leaping ability, superglue fingertips ... and some of them stand 6-foot-3 or taller.

'I'm gonna find a way'

"What's going on in my head as I'm lining up against a guy is, 'I'm gonna win. No matter what you do, and how you do it, I'm gonna find a way," Johnson said.

A lot can go wrong. Zig when you should have zagged, blink at the wrong time, stumble, lose focus, get faked out

... and consequences can be dire. Sometimes you chase your guy all the way to the end zone.

Consider, too, that the receiver knows the play, the pattern he's going to run, the moves he's about to bust. The cornerback can only anticipate, read body language, react and keep up. Grab the greyhound, or bump into him while the pass is in the air, and a guy in a striped shirt might levy a costly penalty.

Preparation is key

"Preparation is the biggest thing," Johnson said. "It's about noticing little things in the receiver's alignment and tendencies. It's about anticipation.

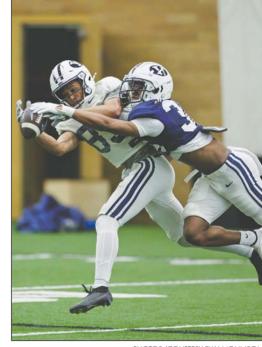
It's about feeling prepared enough to get in their face thinking, 'I am gonna kick your ass.'''

It's about self-belief, much of which, for Johnson, comes from being the son of Monterey native Ron Johnson, who played five NFL

seasons (1985-89) as a wide receiver for the Philadelphia Eagles, and the younger brother of Wesley Johnson, six years older than Evan, a BYU graduate assistant who coaches (drum roll) cornerbacks.

"My dad just reminds me that I'm capable of doing this — that I'm playing Division I football for a reason: I belong here," said the 20-year-old Johnson, who also was recruited by Arizona State, Bos-





PHOTOS/COURTESY EVAN JOHNSON

Life is good for Evan Johnson as he begins the 2024 season at BYU, where his goal is to become the starter for the Cougars at right cornerback. Preparation, self-belief, and an "I'm going to beat you" attitude are mantras for Johnson (blue jersey at right) who plays one of football's most difficult positions.

ton College, Colorado, Vanderbilt, Fresno State and San Jose State.

"When you're being recruited out of high school, coaches will sell you the dream — they'll tell you you're going to be a starter and all this and that. So I came to BYU with really high expectations, then wound up on the scout team (a practice squad that mimics the style of the next opponent). That's hard on your confidence," he said.

"It was humbling for me, because I was the most confident guy in high school. Finding out there are people who are better than you can make you doubt yourself."

As an 18-year-old "true freshman" at BYU, he became a redshirt, a non-roster player who spent the full season devel-

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oping his skills and 150-pound body, never appearing in a game, but without burning a season of NCAA athletic eligibility.

Last fall, he saw action for the first time, appearing in four of the team's 12 games and making two tackles.

This season, after two years of hard work in the Cougars' weight room, the 6-foot Johnson weighs a solid 182 pounds, and his speed has dramatically improved.

"The strength coaches here built me up perfectly," he said. "Our previous strength staff was sort of old-school, so we did a lot of heavy lifting, which got me very strong. Our new staff has us on a program that's more about explosiveness.

"I feel like I'm the fastest I've ever been in my life — and I was pretty fast before."

Stevenson's fleetest

Johnson, in fact, is the fastest athlete in the history of Stevenson School (founded in 1908 and a college prep school since 1936), with a 10.41-second time in the 100meter dash and a 21.49 in the 200. He was the Central Coast Section champion in both events as a junior and senior.

His fastest time in the 40-yard dash, he said, is 4.31 seconds — essentially the blink of an eye behind the fastest time ever recorded by college football player, 4.21 seconds.

Johnson has been as high as No. 2 on the Cougars' depth chart at the right cornerback position, but is listed No. 4 at the outset of this fall's training camp, which began July 31.

That's because three more experienced cornerbacks transferred to BYU during the offseason: senior Jakob Robinson came from Utah State, redshirt-junior Mory Bamba transferred from a junior college in Florida, and redshirt-junior Jayden Dunlap moved to BYU from Cerritos College in Norwalk, a suburb of Los Angeles.

"That wasn't a shot to my confidence — not at all — because I understand that coaches want people who have played, people with experience," Johnson said. "It just brings more competition, more opportunity to learn.

Ongoing education

"I'm not a guy who played cornerback all my life — I played offense — so I'm still learning the ins and outs of my position. But with everything I've learned since I came here, not only from the coaches but from my teammates, I feel like I could coach cornerbacks right now."

Being able to seek the counsel of his older brother, the assistant cornerbacks coach, when he has questions or needs clarification, is a helpful luxury.

Meanwhile, opening training camp as the No. 4 cornerback behind the three transfer students is not an issue in the mind of this self-believer.

"If you ask me what I expect my role to be on this team in 2024, I'm going to tell you I expect to be the starter," he said. "My time to prove myself and show that I have the ability to start is right now. I just need to do my thing, play the way I know I can play."



In the long term, the former Stevenson star has even bigger aspirations. He envisions the possibility of playing in the NFL when his college career is over.

"I want to make it to the next level. I want to buy cars for my parents (Ron and Lynn) and my brother. I want to buy my mom and dad a house," he said. "Hey, I'm playing

at the D-1 level right now. I'm way too close to give up on that dream."

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A business major at BYU, Johnson achieved honor-roll status last spring.

The Carmel Pine Cone

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'I belong here,' says Stevenson alum Evan Johnson, echoing confidence instilled by his dad, a former NFL receiver, and his big brother, who coaches cornerbacks at BYU, where Johnson plays today.

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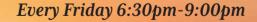
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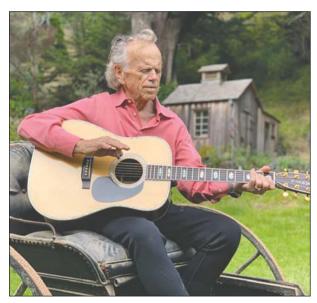
WHEN CARMEL hosts its monthly Art Walk Saturday showcasing artist-owned galleries, Monterey-based singer and guitarist Anne Sibley will play at the Jennifer Perlmutter Gallery at 5:30 p.m. The performance is free.

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

The New England native plays a mix of folk, bluegrass and country.

"She is magical and I'm a huge fan," painter and gal-



A founding member of the Beach Boys, singer Alan Jardine plays Sunday at the Henry Miller Library in Big Sur.

lery owner Jennifer Perlmutter told The Pine Cone.

Sibley often performs with her husband, singer and guitarist Pete Sibley. Both are familiar faces on local stages.

The gallery, which features Perlmutter's striking abstract paintings, is on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

More 'Festival of the Winds'

The Festival of the Winds at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley continues this week with a concert Friday at 7:30 p.m. Performers include "17 of America's finest young woodwind players," along with "five master teachers," the festival said. All are in town for "for two weeks of intensive learning, rehearsal, and performances."

The program includes Ruth Crawford-Seeger's Suite for Wind Quintet, Mozart's Quintet for Piano and Winds in E-flat major, K. 452, Jean Francaix's Wind Quintet No. 1, and Carl Reinecke's Octet in B-flat major, Op. 216.

Tickets are \$15. Concerts are also set for

Aug. 12 and Aug. 16. Hidden Valley is located at Carmel Valley and Ford Roads. For more details, visit hiddenvalleymusic.org.

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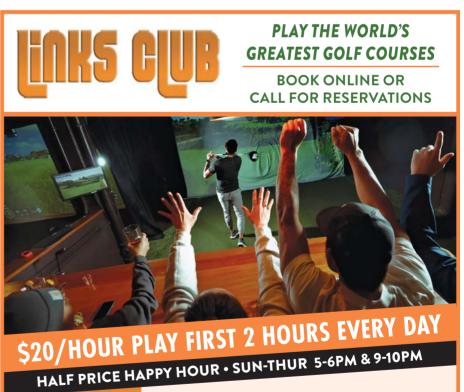
singer and multi-instrumentalist Rory Lynch (Friday at 6:30 p.m.). 800 Asilomar Ave.

Barmel — singer and guitarist Kyle Kovalik (Sunday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist Chris Jamez (Thursday at 7 p.m.). In Carmel Square on San Carlos just north of Seventh.

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WHAT IN the world is a tea bar? Think "saloon meets tea room" — or visit Gold Leaf Spice and Teas Carmel, a business located inside Aabha Indian Cuisine in the Barnyard shopping center. Lea Johnson and her husband, attorney Aaron John-

Soup to Nuts

son, are second-generation owners of Gold Leaf, and they're excited about the soft opening in progress at its new spot.

The company was founded by Lea's mom, Terri Madrid, in 2009, and the shop on Gabilan Street in Oldtown Salinas has a large, devoted following. Madrid explained that the idea of a tea bar came to her in a dream. No extended pinkies or stately cer-

emonies — just somewhere to gather, mingle and relax without alcohol.

She and her husband, Tom, experimented with hundreds of teas and dozens of spices, quickly attracting foodies on the lookout for new trends, and cooks who preferred to buy cinnamon, nutmeg and the like in small quantities so they'd always be fresh.

Big menu

The Salinas bar's first space was so tiny, "we had to suck in our stomachs to get by each other," recalled Johnson with a laugh. Within a few years, it moved next door to its present location, a larger room with more shelves and seating — almost all built by Tom. Johnson took over when her parents retired a couple of years ago.

The shop's substantial tea menu rivals many restaurants' wine lists in size and variety, and everyone who works there is

well-informed and eager to educate consumers about the subtleties of the ancient beverage. There are more than 85 varieties available in Carmel, selected from over

300 at the Salinas store, including many blends created by staff and customers. All are brewed to order and can be served hot or iced.

Johnson said she's still trying to figure out what will sell best around here, so, "if you don't see something you want, just

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The Red Ferrari Spritz is one of several car-themed cocktails on offer at the Old Fisherman's Grotto in Monterey. The soupedup version of the classic Aperol Spritz uses Veuve Clicquot.



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ask." Seventy spices are available, and most can be purchased in quantities from a half-ounce to a pound.

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"People can bring in their containers and we'll refill them," Johnson said. The business also prepacks loose teas and spices in sealed, compostable bags in sizes from a half-ounce to 2 ounces, available in the shops as well as online at goldleafspiceandteas.com.

Good water = good tea

Johnson said that Aabha's owners were regulars at the Salinas location, and when they asked if she'd be interested in the space — which once housed the restaurant's bar — she was delighted. Its new interior is inviting and

LUNCH 11-2:30, DINNER 4:30-8ISH

casual — and, Johnson hopes, a place where lots of locals and visitors will want to spend some time.

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It's usually open from "9:30-ish" until 3:30 or 4:30 on Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and later on Fridays and Saturdays, she said. "I want people to have tea by the fire pits" on the patio she shares with the restaurant.

Although the shop's not fussy, Johnson takes tea quite seriously. Early on, she and her mom tried numerous types of water — tap, distilled, various brands of bottled — to decide which made the best brew. They finally arrived at a reverse osmosis filtering system.

Gold Leaf doesn't sell food, but "I want to be a good neighbor," Johnson said, and just as she does in Salinas, she's encouraging customers to bring in snacks and dishes from neighboring eateries to enjoy with their drinks.

She hopes to be able to suggest pairings with local

restaurant and bakery offerings, starting with Aabha's naans and samosas, and she wants to hold classes and private parties built around the shop's products.

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Mostly, she wants people to come in and have fun. "Now more than ever, there's a need for people to reconnect. More people are coming out and wanting to chat," she said. And the business motto, "Enter as strangers and leave as friends," is more than just words.

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Aaron and Lea Johnson (top) own Gold Leaf Spice and Teas Carmel in the Barnyard. The shop boasts a wide array of teas brewed to order and loose teas and spices available in bulk.



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The business, headquartered in Gonza-

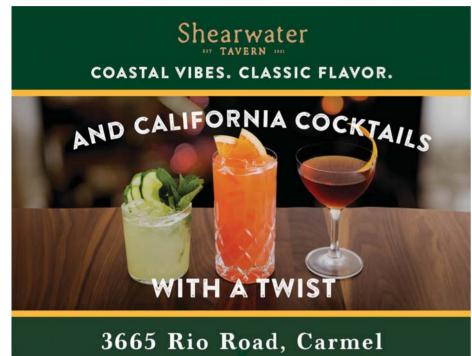
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2021 and learned the art of distillation from founder Craig Pakish. Steven, the managing director, had been living in London for 10 years when the opportunity presented itself — alongside Brexit and the pandemic — but he dove in anyway.

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Cabaret singer Barbara Brussell performs Thursday, 8 p.m., at Wave Street Studios in Monterey.

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 — The Joint Chiefs (r&b and soul, Saturday at 4 p.m.), singer **Minor Williams**, guitarist **Carl Lockett**, bassist **David Daniel** and drummer **Leon Joyce Jr.** (jazz, 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.

Folktale Winery in Carmel Valley — **The Al James Duo** (r&b and blues, Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Saturday at 2 p.m.), **The Monterey Jazz Festival Regional All-Stars** (Sunday at 11 a.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Golden State Theatre in Monterey — **Y&T** (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.). Tickets start at \$46. 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

Gusto Pasta and Pizza in Seaside — mandolinist **David Holodiloff** and violinist **Elijjah McCuller** (jazz, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.). 1901 Fremont Blvd.

The Henry Miller Library in Big Sur — The Big Sur Congregation with singer Al Jardine of the Beach Boys, Big Survivors, and others (Sunday at noon). 48603 Highand Thursday at 7 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel — singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Friday at 5 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, 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.). 110 Central Ave.

Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey — guitarist John Sherry (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Zack Freitas (Saturday at 9 a.m.), guitarist Terrence Farrell (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Juice 'n' and Java in Pacific Grove — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Bronwyn** (Friday at 4:30 p.m.), Open Mic (Friday at 7 p.m., sign up by 5:30 p.m.), **The** Zach Westfall Trio (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), mandolinist David Holodiloff and violinist Elijjah McCuller (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," 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 music, Thursday at 5 p.m.). Bud's Bar, Camino Real and Eighth, Carmel.

The Links Club — **Vinyl Revival** (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.), **The Bubba Pickens Band** (bluegrass, Saturday at 7 p.m.), Singer-Songwriter Showcase (Tuesday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

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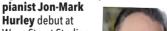
Every Friday enjoy the "Summer Music Series" at Asilomar Conference Grounds from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Each week a new artist is featured along with wine, beer and handheld food offerings perfect for a summer evening.

Aug. 9-15 – Baum & Blume: local's get-away spot during Car Week! Lunch served on the Patio, Thurs.-Sat. (reservations required), gourmet dinners to take home, fun shopping in our gift & fashion boutique! Open 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. Baum & Blume and The Carriage House, 4 El Caminito Road, Carmel Valley (831) 659-0400.

Aug. 9, 12 & 16 – Festival of the Winds free concert series: Seventeen of America's finest young woodwind players and five master teachers gather at Hidden Valley for two weeks of intensive learning, rehearsal and performances. All performances start at 7:30 p.m.; doors open at 7 p.m. No advance reservation required. The theater is at 104 West Carmel Valley Road, near Ford Road, Carmel Valley Village. Watch the Summer Games at Monterey's favorite sports bar, Peter B's Brewpub! Catch all the action on 18 HDTVs with friends and fellow sports enthusiasts. Indulge in delicious food and refreshing drinks in a lively atmosphere, making Peter B's the perfect spot to catch the games. Check out peterbsbrewpub.com.

Aug. 10 – Chamisal Tennis & Fitness Club 50th Anniversary Celebration, 1 to 6 p.m. at the club,185 Robley Road, Salinas, CA 93908 (Corral De Tierra). Free to public. RSVPs preferred. Call (831) 484-1135

Aug. 15 - Cabaret singer Barbara Brussell with singer/



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

SPIRITS From previous page

Phantom of the Grotto

Old Fisherman's Grotto on Monterey's Fisherman's Wharf is offering several auto-themed drink specials. The Little Red Corvette features Tito's Vodka with Sugar Island Rum, black raspberry and sweet-and-sour mix, while the Rolls-Royce Phantom Martini combines Casamigos Mezcal with Citronge orange liqueur and fresh lime. The Red Ferrari Spritz features Veuve Clicquot Champagne, Aperol Aperitivo and Angostura bitters. We can feel those engines purring already.

Elaine Hesser and Sally Baho contributed to this week's column.

Aug. 10 - The National Steinbeck Center is celebrating

the start of Car Week

with a classic car show

for the whole family from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the 100 Block of Main Street in

Salinas. At 1 p.m. our guest speaker, Clay Jenkinson from Listening to America

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Aug. 21 – St. Mary's kicks off next Celtic Concert Series with fan favorites, The Weeds and Adam Hendey. Order tickets to the 7 p.m. show at www.celticsociety.org.

Sept. 6-8 – Don't miss the 91st Festa Italia at the Custom House Plaza in Monterey. All ages are welcome at this free festive event. Enjoy three days of authentic and delicious Italian cuisine, live music, dancing, bocce tournament, calamari cooking demo, crafts, Italian-themed merchandise, fun and friendship. www.festaitaliamonterey.org

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The Lodge at Pebble Beach — Andrea's Fault Duo (jazz and pop, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist Rory Lynch (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist Reija Massey (pop, rock and country (Thursday at 6 p.m.). In the Terrace Lounge at 1700 17 Mile Drive.

Lucy's on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove — The Next Blues Band (Saturday at 2 p.m.), The Brad Wilson Band (rock and blues, Sunday at 2 p.m.). 1120 Lighthouse Ave.

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

Melville Tavern in Monterey — singer and guitarist Wade Egan (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 484 Washington St.

Midici Pizza in Monterey — Janice's Jazz Jam with keyboardist Gary Meek, bassist Joe Dolister and drummer Andy Weis (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), The Stu Reynolds Saxtet with guitarist Adam Astrup, bassist Steve Uccello and drummer Mike Shannon (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist Maddaline



Featuring a trio of local musicians with deep local roots, Hounds of Heaven takes the stage at Wave Street Studios in Monterey Friday at 7 p.m.

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 Gary Meek (jazz, Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist Scott Brown (jazz and pop, Saturday at 5 p.m.), pianist Martan Mann (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer and guitarist Adrea Castiano (Monday and Wednesday at 5 p.m.), singer and pianist Reija Massey (pop, rock and country), Tuesday 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.

Salty Seal Pub in Monterey — Burnin' Vernon (rock and blues, Friday at 8 p.m.), The Wharf Rats (rock, Saturday at 8 p.m.), Santa Cruda (reggae and hip-hop, Sunday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist Dan Frechette (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.

Sly McFly's - mandolinist Dave Holodiloff (jazz, Friday at 3 p.m., Everyday People ("classic Latin rock with an old school twist," Friday at 9 p.m.), Back Together Again (r&b and funk, Saturday at 9 p.m.), The Stingrays

(classic rock, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.), The Long Distance Flyers (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

Trailside Cafe in Carmel Valley — singer and guitarist Cisco Jim (country, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist Brad Wilson (rock and blues, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place

Twisted Roots Vineyard tasting room in Carmel Valley — singer and multi-instrumentalist Rory Lynch (Sunday at 1 p.m.). 12 Del Fino Place.

Wave Street Studios in Monterey Hounds of Heaven, singer and guitarist Tom Faia and singer Kate Miller kick off the Music in the Studio series (Friday at 7 p.m., tickets start at \$10.), singer Barbara Brussell presents "Love is in the Air" (cabaret show, Thursday at 8 p.m., tickets start at \$25). 774 Wave St. wavestreetstudios.com

Wild Fish restaurant in Pacific Grove —



Singer and guitarist Rory Lynch has a busy week ahead, with solo performances in Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach and Carmel Valley.

The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet (Friday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

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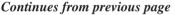
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