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Jason Stilwell hired by SLO

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CITY of San Luis Obispo has hired former Carmel city administrator Jason Stilwell as interim director of information technology and financial planning, paying him \$11,888 per month for "leading the 2015-17 financial plan development and implementation of key information technology initiatives," according to the contract signed by city manager Katie Lichtig and other SLO city officials Dec. 18, 2014.

Stilwell left Carmel in October 2014 following a controversial three years as city administrator, during which he hired former colleagues, fired longtime Carmel city employees and gave lucrative contracts to former cronies. Since his resignation — in which he received an additional \$150,000 to \$160,000 in pay and severance — the city has reached settlements with three of those fired workers, who were offered new jobs and given cash payouts and back pay, and has undertaken a comprehensive review of the contracts and personnel matters.

Stilwell's contract with San Luis Obispo ends June

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Workshop: Forest Theater could reopen in July

By MARY SCHLEY

ON WOOD benches that had been vacant since the Forest Theater was suddenly closed in April 2014, members of the city's planning commission and historic resources board gathered Tuesday afternoon to hear all about the plan



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

At a community meeting Tuesday afternoon, project manager Monique Wood discusses the changes needed to reopen the historic Forest Theater.

to get the historic theater reopened.

Monique Wood, project manager for Cody Anderson Wasney, the architects hired last August to design the fixes and oversee the work, made a presentation about changes needed to resolve safety and access problems at the theater.

"We identified exactly what we would need to do," she told the gathering of committee members and interested citizens, to rectify the issues that prompted the shutdown, including structural, electrical, lighting, egress and accessibility.

She said the plan is to put the project out to bid in February and begin construction in March, with the theater reopening sometime in July.

Structural and safety issues that prompted the theater's abrupt closure were only briefly mentioned at Tuesday's gathering, however. The proscenium walls — which she said are "just sitting there by the grace of God" — and light towers that could "fall in a shaker" will be reinforced, Wood said, and electrical wiring will be upgraded, though the system isn't as outdated as officials initially believed. Other than that, most of the discussion at the meeting, and most of the work to be done, will address requirements of the ADA for handicapped access, since obtaining a building permit demands compliance with accessibility laws.

"Flex seating" for disabled patrons will be

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Pig gets deported while owner fights for his return

By MARY SCHLEY

A CLASH among neighbors over a pet pig has led to the swine's relocation outside the City of Carmel while its owner gets authorization to bring Kevin Bacon back home, where the 40-pound, 14-inch swine serves as a companion animal for her son, who has Asperger's Syndrome.

The kerfuffle over the pig began late last month, when a neighbor complained to police about the animal's squealing and expressed concern over its care, according to police reports. Carmel Municipal Code section 6.08.120 states, "It is unlawful, and is declared a nuisance, for any person or persons to keep or cause to be kept any swine or barnyard fowl, with the exception of chicken hens, within the corporate limits of the city."

"The code doesn't allow us to have pigs in the city, but there is a way for her to have it, if it is a companion animal,"

Carmel Police Cmdr. Paul Tomasi said Wednesday. "Our biggest issue is, is the thing being taken care of?"

Neighbors complained that the pig was living in the backyard without food or enough water, according to Tomasi. But Brandi Faia, a longtime Carmel resident and owner of the pig in question, said the creature is her son's pet and spends most nights indoors. Allegations of an unclean pen with inade-

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Dust up over delay of Palo Corona parking plan

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER LEARNING this week that yet another hurdle stands in the way of a project to build a parking lot at 4,500-acre Palo Corona Regional Park, Monterey County Planning Commissioner Keith Vandevere couldn't hide his frustration.

"I'm just wondering, in terms of public access, why this park is being discriminated against," said Vandevere at the Jan. 14 planning commission meeting.

Earlier this month, park district officials were hopeful a plan to build a 57-vehicle parking lot would be approved at the Jan. 14 meeting. But park district general manager Rafael Payan told The Pine Cone his agency learned just a week ago that more extensive traffic studies are now required.

Without the parking lot, the park is open to the public on a limited, reservation-only basis. Vandevere — and many others, he said — would like to see it open without such restrictions as soon as possible.

"I look at the piles of letters that have come in supporting

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Calcagno retires as county supervisor, Phillips takes his seat

By KELLY NIX

LOU CALCAGNO, the "patriarch" of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, departed this week from the seat he's held for 16 years after hearing warm words from friends, coworkers and associates.

"I'm proud to [have been] part of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors for the past 16 years," Calcagno told the Jan. 13 ceremony.

The straight-shooting dairy farmer who represented North Monterey County pointed to the challenges and controversies he and the other supervisors have faced through the years, such as issues involving Natividad Medical Center and the

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PHOTO/COURTESY BRANDI FAIA

Brandi Faia's son, Ian, snuggles with his pet pig, Kevin Bacon, who had to move to Carmel Valley after a neighbor complained.



John Phillips



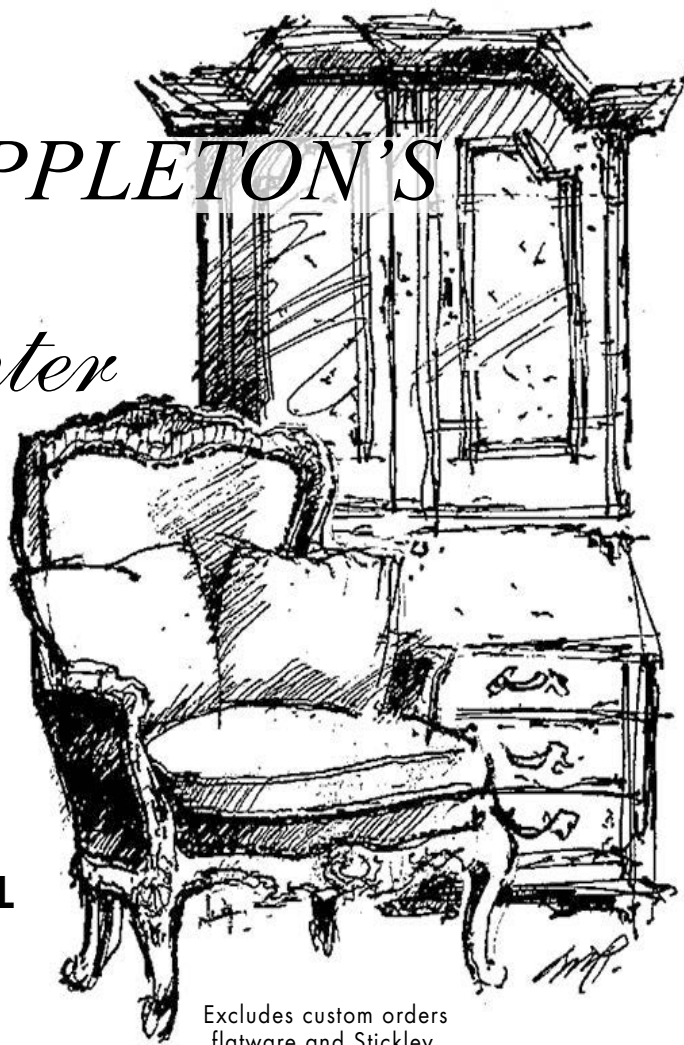
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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Beach Bear

WHEN ASKED where they got their black labrador retriever, they always say, "He found us." Driving through their relatively new neighborhood in King City, they came around a corner and noticed a small black face peeking out from behind the tire of a parked car. They stopped, got out of their car, and locked eyes with the frightened little thing wearing a seatbelt around his neck. They're hoping it had been used merely as a leash.

The pup took one look at the couple and jumped into their car, as if to say, "Let's go home." These days, home is Carmel, where the family recently relocated and is getting used to their new life by the sea.

"We named him Bear because he kind of looks like one," his person says. "We think he's a German shepherd-labrador mix. When we first met him, his head was much bigger than his body. But, with lots of attention and good food, he has begun to fill out."

Although they can only guess why, the family discovered that Bear is afraid of hoses and the water that comes from them. So they were concerned about him when planning an outing to the lake. But the moment

they got there, he raced out of the car and into the water, where he swam and swam to his heart's content.

Bear also loves to go to the beach, his family says, where the lab in him is relentless as he runs along the shoreline, splashing through the receding waters. "He is tireless," his person says. "He even wears out the German shorthaired pointers he meets, which is supposed to be practically impossible."

Back home, Bear lives among three young children, who are more than capable of giving him a run for his money.



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Activist asked to stop trash-talking desal wells to do so again Monday

By KELLY NIX

THE PENINSULA man reprimanded by California American Water for criticizing the company's planned use of slant wells for its desal plant in Marina is set to lobby against the technology again at a Monday meeting.

Cal Am says George Riley signed a legal agreement not to impede progress toward the Marina desal plant as part of a settlement of a dispute over the Monterey Peninsula's water supply.

Riley went back on his word, Cal Am contends, because he publicly challenged the use of slant wells in two public meetings and in an online commentary. In a Sept. 23, 2014, letter, Cal Am engineering manager Ian Crooks told Riley to cease making the comments or the company would be forced to take "reasonable steps" to make him stop.

Despite the caution, Riley has plans to host a Jan. 19 forum at the Unitarian Universalist Church near Carmel entitled, "Slant Wells, the Holy Grail of Ocean Intakes." In his press release announcing the forum, Riley's skepticism of slant wells is apparent. He also accuses Cal Am of lying.

"Did you know that there are no operating slant wells for ocean intakes anywhere in the world?" according to Riley's news release. "Did you know Cal Am has told the public that one is operating in Spain, but this is not true?"

'No reservation'

Riley's presentation on Monday will be done with another activist group called Public Water Now. The Cal Am-loathing group, of which Riley is a managing director, was behind last year's failed ballot attempt to take over the company and make it a government-run utility. Members of the group have touted a project proposed by businessman Nader Agha, who says he can build a cheaper and better desal plant in Moss Landing.

Cal Am spokeswoman Catherine Stedman said Wednesday the company will have a representative at Monday's presentation to hear what Riley has to say.

A defiant Riley, though, told The Pine Cone Wednesday night he is "not concerned" about breaching the terms of the contract, and said his presentation includes information about slant wells that Cal Am customers need to be aware of.

"Nearly everything I refer to has happened since the settlement agreement was signed," he said. "It is new or relevant information that neither Cal Am nor the mayors have provided to the public. Someone needs to, and I feel no reservations about doing so."

Though Riley denied he and Public Water Now oppose the use of slant wells, he said they do reject to "throwing ratepayer money into what is an experiment, since subsurface [slant] ocean intakes have never become operational in the world."

"Will we get in so deep that we must throw more money in just so we do not waste what has already been spent?" he asked.

'Violated the spirit'

But Stedman contends Riley has already "violated the spirit" of the settlement agreement, and she pointed to his effort to halt the test well that Cal Am began drilling two weeks ago in Marina.

"He has worked to prevent the slant test well from moving forward both at the California Coastal Commission [meeting in Half Moon Bay on Nov. 12, 2014] and in the court of public opinion," Stedman told The Pine Cone. "By signing the agreement, George stated his support for our approach. Now he is suggesting open ocean intakes should be pursued. It's pretty clear he doesn't take the commitments he made in the settlement agreement very seriously."

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Dog was found just where it should be

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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

Pacific Grove: Marino Pines resident has been receiving multiple calls from unknown subjects telling him that he won a million dollars. Resident did not give any of the callers his personal info and told them that he was going to contact the police. Officer called the numbers provided by the resident and was told it was a wrong number. Resident was advised to contact the PD if the phone harassment continues.

Pacific Grove: Locust Street resident reported that several pieces of jewelry had been taken from her residence over the past year. No

suspect info.

Pacific Grove: A vehicle on Arkwright was repossessed.

Pacific Grove: Officer in PGPD unit 02 tapped a private vehicle while at a stop sign on Eardley. No damage to the police vehicle and owner of private vehicle also said there was no damage to her vehicle. Owner was provided a business card in case any damage was located later.

Pacific Grove: Citizen checked into a room at Asilomar and left belongings inside. She and her husband left for a drive, and when they returned to their room, they discovered their laptop was taken. No forced entry was made.

Pacific Grove: Subject reported he was bitten by a dog that was being walked on a leash. No evidence of dog bite. Subject taken to CHOMP by ambulance per request.

Carmel area: Verbal dispute between

roommates on Rio Road.

Carmel area: Woman reported that her elderly uncle was possibly missing from an Oliver Road residence.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigated a fall on city property on Mission Street. Subject chose not to be transported to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen found a loose dog with no ID in the roadway near his residence on Forest. The dog was contained in his yard until the officer's arrival. Officer made an area check with the dog and found a person in charge of the dog. The owner information was obtained, and the dog was returned to the caretaker with a warning.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Parking placard found in the commercial district on Junipero Street; turned over to CPD for safekeeping. Held in safekeeping pending return to owner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A female customer entered a store on Dolores Street in Carmel and removed two buttons from a pair of pants and then exited the store. An area check was conducted but met with negative results.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer conducted a followup check of the conditions and water availability for the swine in a pen on Torres Street. The business card left the previous day was still at the front door. The pen had not been cleaned, even though a request was made previously. The water was half full. Additional water and food given. Business card left at front and rear doors in case the front door was not seen.

Pebble Beach: Dispatched to a residential fire on Mission Road. Resident awoke to a fire. Investigation revealed an occupant fell asleep with a lighted candle, which was the likely cause. One room partially burned, and smoke damage present. The occupants, a 72-year-old female, a 76-year-old male and a 42-year-old male, elected to stay in the home and didn't request any further assistance.

Carmel Valley: Poppy Road resident reported her adult son missing.

Big Sur: Backpack with personal property inside found on the side of Highway 1.

Carmel Valley: An anonymous Carmel Valley Road resident called to report her neighbor was yelling for help. Upon arrival, the neighbor was discovered in a situation where she was unable to care for herself due to her

being gravely disabled. She was transported to the hospital, and Adult Protective Services was notified.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle attempted to pass a transit bus that had merged on Forest and collided with the bus. No injuries.

Pacific Grove: Elderly female walked into a Lighthouse Avenue business and was confused and disoriented. She had driven to a location in town and was unsure of how to get home. The female had recently stopped by a police officer for poor driving. A priority re-exam form was issued to her and she was provided with a courtesy escort home.

Pacific Grove: Two vehicles collided on Forest Avenue. Vehicle 1 was towed at the owner's request.

Pacific Grove: On Dec. 22, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that had crossed over a double solid line, and traveled at 10 mph to 15 mph below posted speeds in the darkness. The driver stated she did not know where she was or how to get home. On Dec. 30, the officer was dispatched to contact an elderly female who appeared confused and could not find her car. She was the same person as from the traffic stop. Priority re-exam form provided.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Assisted MCSO deputies with taking a 19-year-old male burglary suspect into custody.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units responded to a report of a pig loose and unattended. Upon the officer's arrival, the pig was located a block away from the owner's residence on Torres Street. The reporting citizens were attempting to contain the animal, and shortly after, the animal's owner arrived. The owner and the officer returned the pig to the yard, which is not fenced on one side of the property. The pig escaped while the owner was in the house on the phone with the animal control officer. Approximately an hour later, the officer returned to the owner's house for a scheduled appointment for the pig to be moved to a new home. The pig was then loaded and transported out of the city.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man on Lincoln Street reported a customer slammed his door too hard and broke it. Customer contacted and offered to pay for the damage, but the business owner accepted an apology instead.

Pacific Grove: Officer observed tree branch had fallen and hit the porch area of a home on Shell. Checked for residents, but there were

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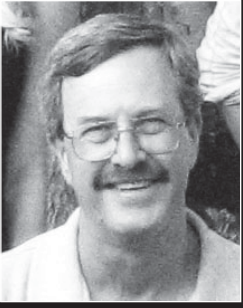
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Overheard conversation leads to \$16K computer donation to youth center

By MARY SCHLEY

A CHANCE conversation after one of Mayor Jason Burnett’s monthly breakfasts with community leaders led to a windfall for the nonprofit Carmel Youth Center, which received four brand new iMacs and a half-dozen MacBook Airs in December from an anonymous donor, according to Ernest Griffin-Ortiz, the center’s executive director. “One of our board members was talking about some of the needs at the youth center

— specifically, computers, because ours are so outdated,” he told The Pine Cone this week. “Someone overheard and said they knew someone who tried to donate to the Carmel library but was turned down.” The very next day, Griffin-Ortiz said, the would-be donor stopped by the youth center, where he gave the woman, who wants to remain anonymous, a tour and mentioned his dream of having four new iMacs to fit the spaces in the computer lab that would be perfect for them, along with laptops that kids

could sign out and use for homework or entertainment while at the center. “She said, ‘OK,’ and came back the next day with four new iMacs — the big ones, with 27-inch monitors — and six 13-inch MacBook Airs,” he said of the woman. “She showed up with the whole family. They are such sweet people who recently purchased a home in Carmel and wanted to give to the community.” And, he noted, the couple has two school-aged children who already seemed interested in hanging out at the youth center that has entertained and nurtured generations of local kids. “They initially approached the library, because they believe strongly in education,”

he explained. “Building the computer lab at the youth center is perfect for them. And it’s perfect for us, because we so needed it.” The new machines “get used nonstop,” he said, and there’s always a line of kids waiting for their turns. The computers are equipped with parental-protection software aiming to prevent users from visiting websites they shouldn’t, and the center also employs a monitor to keep an eye on them. “Software solutions are limited in how well they can do that sort of thing,” Griffin-Ortiz said. “And the kids are smart — they know how to use these machines and how to get around a lot of that stuff, but it’s harder

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Junipero Serra ‘bully’ lawsuit settled ahead of trial

By KELLY NIX

A LAWSUIT filed in 2012 alleging a 15-year-old boy was the target of lewd bullying at Junipero Serra School was settled just before a trial was to begin in the case. Victoria Napolitano alleged in the March 2012 lawsuit against the private Carmel school and the Catholic Diocese of Monterey that her son, Tyler Napolitano, had been regularly harassed by a “known bully.” The bullying, the suit alleged, got so bad that he had to transfer to a different school. While the case was set to go to trial Dec. 8, 2014, it was settled out of court days before. Court documents do not disclose how much Napolitano received in the settlement. But the documents indicate Napolitano is attending an architecture and design school in San Diego. And a few days before the suit was resolved, his attorney, David Anderson,

requested that the trial be continued to not disrupt Napolitano’s last days of classes for the quarter. Anderson also said that “the significant stress of the trial” would force Napolitano to “relive many of the horrible incidents that are the subject of this lawsuit.” According to the 2012 complaint, the victimization — characterized in the suit as a “campaign of terror” — began in February 2009, when Napolitano was in seventh grade. The “bully” allegedly made racist comments and prevented Napolitano from taking part in football and other games during lunch. The bullying became more physical, according to the suit, and the antagonist pinned Napolitano against a wall and told Napolitano, “No blacks allowed,” as he tried to enter the school’s baseball field dugout. Victoria Napolitano is African American, according to the lawsuit.

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Forty applicants vie to be Carmel city clerk

■ Frontella receives praise

By MARY SCHLEY

THIRTEEN OF the 40 applicants for the job of Carmel city clerk met the qualifications for the job, city administrator Doug Schmitz told The Pine Cone this week. The deadline for applying for the job — which has been temporarily held by Lori Frontella for the past several months — was Jan. 9.

The position pays \$98,232 to \$119,388 annually, and the clerk will “deal with a full scope of administrative responsibilities, including agenda management and reporting, supporting city council and commission meetings, preparing official minutes, developing and maintaining a robust records management system, and serving as the city’s elections official,” according to the job notice posted by the city when the application period opened last month. The city clerk also handles requests for public records.

“The applications, cover letters and curriculum vitae of those 13 are currently under review by individuals within and outside the organization,” Schmitz said.

He should begin receiving recommendations from reviewers next week and is anticipating that around a half-dozen candidates will be invited for interviews in early February, when they will speak to three different panels — one of citizens, one of government officials and one of city staff. Schmitz will also meet them one on one.

“There will be subsequent exams for the top two finalists who emerge from the interviews,” he said, and based on the outcome, an offer will be made to the top candidate after reference, credit, criminal and background checks are completed.

cil meeting, when city attorney Don Freeman provided an update on his review of several questionable contracts written by since-departed city administrator Jason Stilwell and his second-in-command, Susan Paul, who was fired, resident Carolyn Hardy praised Frontella for her diligent work.

Hardy has been assisting in the investigation, along with resident Carolina Bayne, and both have been combing through the contracts, invoices, checks and other documents, calculating how much was paid, and for what. Many of the contracts went beyond their original limits, and multiple agreements were issued to the same vendor, an apparent violation of the Carmel Municipal Code.

Hardy praised Frontella for her extensive help in compiling documents, as well as for sounding the alarm about agreements the council was about to enter.

“Her heart is in the right place, because she wants to see Carmel get on the right track,” she said. “Lori was instrumental in having two very expensive contracts pulled off the

September 2014 agenda. Because of Lori, this city has saved probably over \$100,000. The public needs to know about and the council needs to acknowledge her contributions.”

Mayor Jason Burnett said Frontella “certainly helped open my eyes and others on the council’s eyes.”

“I’m grateful to Lori, because she’s spent untold hours not just assisting them, but responding to PRA requests constantly, and providing documents to me on a moment’s notice when I needed them,” Freeman added. “I don’t think there’s been recognition in the community about what she’s done getting us on the right path.”

Frontella’s last day in city hall was set to be Jan. 15, but she learned Thursday afternoon she will be able to work another 40 hours. Since she is a retired city clerk, she cannot work in that capacity for more than 960 hours per year while collecting retirement from the state. If she were offered the job, she would have to come out of retirement, as Schmitz did when he agreed last October to become city administrator.



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Flooding concerns bring attention to unsung — but vital — sewage plant

By CHRIS COUNTS

BECAUSE THE sewage treatment plant is hidden by trees — and perhaps because it does its job so well — most people know very little about the place where what’s in their toilet goes after they flush.

But the Carmel Area Wastewater District’s facility, located along the south bank of the Carmel River between Highway 1 and Carmel River State Beach, is now on the public’s radar after district officials criticized a two-part plan to build a flood barrier along the edge of the Carmel River Lagoon and end the annual breaching of the lagoon’s sandbar. They say the two measures, particularly the second one, put the sewage treatment plant at risk of flooding.

Taking a peek inside

To give people a better idea about what the plant does — and show how critical its operations are to the quality of life in the Carmel area — those same officials this week invited The Carmel Pine Cone to tour its 15-acre property.

Leading the tour were Ken White, a former Carmel Mayor

and the current president of CAWD’s board of directors, and Barbara Buikema, the district’s general manager.

The primary function of the facility is treating sewage and other wastewater from Carmel, Pebble Beach, the mouth of Carmel Valley, and parts of the Carmel Highlands. As an added bonus, it provides about 1 million gallons of purified water each day to Pebble Beach, which uses it to irrigate its golf courses and other open spaces.

On 7 of its 15 acres, the wastewater from about 16,000 “billing sites” — which includes household wastes, commercial and industrial waste stream flows, storm water and ground water — is collected, treated and either sent to Pebble Beach or released about 600 feet offshore in Carmel Bay.

About 1.3 million gallons of wastewater pours into the facility each day. With a staff of 14 full-time employees at the controls, the water passes through primary and secondary treatment processes, in which solid matter, oil and grease either settle to the bottom or float on top, where they are removed and sent to the landfill, Buikema said. Next, special bacteria are added to the water to digest and render harmless most of the harmful bacteria, such as E. coli, wastewater con-

tains. Then, the water passes through a third treatment process known as reverse osmosis or micro-filtration, which removes dissolved solids and remaining bacteria. Only after the third process does the water leave the facility.

As the water progresses through each step of treatment processes, it becomes cleaner. By the end of the second process, when it’s collected in an open air pool, it’s clean enough to attract a half dozen ducks, who seemed quite content to dip their feet in it.

Dried waste is ‘good stuff’

After the water is treated, the plant is left with an abundance of what folks in the wastewater industry call “biosolids.”

“It looks like dirt,” Buikema suggested. “It’s solid dried waste. There’s nothing bad in there — it’s good stuff.”

While the nutrient-rich organic material would seem like an ideal resource for the agricultural industry as topsoil or fertilizer, Buikema said county regulations prohibit its use. She said Kern County allows it to be used with non-food crops like cotton, but transporting it by truck over 200 miles would leave behind too great a carbon footprint. As a result, the district ends up trucking 30 to 40 tons of biosolids each week to the landfill in Marina.

By treating and reusing so much water, the facility clearly plays a huge — if somewhat unsung — role in the Carmel area’s infrastructure. But Buikema said she would like to see the plant have an even greater impact. In particular, she wants Carmel Valley and the rest of the Carmel Highlands to get sewer systems.

“We’d love to sewer the rest of Carmel Valley,” she said. “It’s been talked about for 20 years. We’d love to sewer the Carmel Highlands. It is realistic. Property values would go up, and so would reclamation.” Currently, all the homes in these areas are on septic systems.

While district officials look to the future, much of their attention is focused on a 15-year effort to upgrade and modernize the facility, which in some form, has been operating since 1908 — six years after Carmel-by-the-Sea was founded and eight years before it was incorporated. Construction on the first phase of the project — which will cost an estimated \$15.5 million — is expected to begin this spring. “Everything wears out,” Buikema explained.

One of the project’s chief goals is to revamp the plant’s electrical system and improve the plant’s efficiency, which she described as “a massive undertaking.” “We’re trying to cut down on the amount of electricity we use,” she said.

Also in the works is a separate project that would bury a section of the pipe that carries treated water across the lagoon to the ocean. The price tag on the project, which would protect the pipe and enhance the viewshed, is about \$750,000.

Facility here to stay

Despite the plant’s proximity to the lagoon — and the tangled web of environmental politics and flood risks that surround it — district officials aren’t considering moving the facility. “We think we can be at this location for a long time,” White said of the enormous cost of relocating such an operation. “Who’s going to pay \$200 million to move the plant?”

Instead, they plan to continue their opposition to the county’s plan to stop breaching the lagoon’s sandbar when the flood risk is high — which they say would put the sewage treatment plant in danger of flooding, with untold consequences for public health and the economy.

“The county does an excellent job of managing the sandbar, and we think they should continue to it,” Buikema said.

County planning official Carl Holm told The Pine Cone last week he asked district officials for data backing up their claims, but White said that’s the county’s job.

“He’s asking us to provide hydrological models, but we don’t want to spend the ratepayers’ money,” White explained. “We feel it’s the county’s project and they should prove there won’t be any harm.”

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Pumpkin patch sued over broken leg

By KELLY NIX

A PUMPKIN patch on Rio Road is the target of a lawsuit by the parents of a 9-year-old girl they say broke her leg last October while going down a 20-foot inflatable slide at the patch.

Peter and Sidra Davi are suing Del Monte Pumpkin Patch for injuries they say occurred after she struck a “bump” on the face of the slide.

“The bump or raised obstruction,” according to the lawsuit filed Jan. 7, “caused both the [girl] and her brother to be wildly launched several feet into the air and to come into a violent and forceful collision with the face of the slide upon landing.”

Besides selling pumpkins and other items, the patch offers a chance for parents to pay a \$10 fee to let their kids play on bounce houses, slides and other play structures, according to the suit.

The girl, identified only as E.D. in the lawsuit, was taken to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula for treatment before being taken by ambulance to University of San Francisco Medical Center for a procedure under anesthesia to set her broken leg, the suit says.

As a result of the accident, the girl has

suffered severe, permanent and debilitating injuries and extreme pain, according to the complaint, filed for the Davis by Monterey attorney Charles Albert Piccuta.

The girl’s brother received an injured thumb on the slide, which had a rope ladder for kids to reach the top.

Though it isn’t mentioned in the lawsuit, Del Monte Pumpkin Patch has required parents to sign liability waivers before allowing children into the play area.

The Davis, who are seeking damages of more than \$25,000, allege product liability, negligence, manufacturing defect and a failure by the pumpkin patch owners to warn users of the “lurking dangers” of the inflatable slide.

“Del Monte Pumpkin Patch knew, or should have known, that the subject slide could propel users in the dangerous manner in which it did,” the suit says.

Also listed as defendants in the lawsuit are the unnamed manufacturer of the slide, the unnamed supplier who sold it to Del Monte Pumpkin Patch, and The Crossroads Carmel — which the lawsuit says owns the land where the pumpkin patch was located.

A phone message left Wednesday for management of the Crossroads was not returned.



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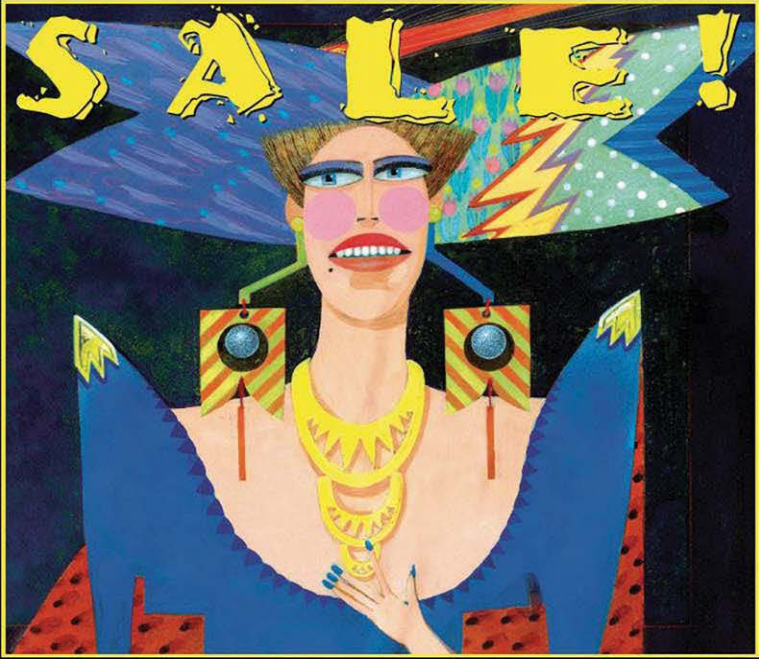


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PARKING

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this proposal, and I see the same frustration,” he told his colleagues. “The property was purchased in 2004 with many millions of dollars of public money [about \$27 million, according to a park district official] and access remains extremely limited.”

Vandevere pointed out that at nearby Point Lobos State Reserve, Garrapata State Park and other state parks along the Big Sur coast, people routinely leave their vehicles along Highway 1 and walk into the parks. He wondered why the public can’t do the same thing at Palo Corona park. But county planner Joe Sidor said a condition in the park’s interim access permit doesn’t allow for such parking.

A date certain

Commissioner Martha Diehl agreed with much of what Vandevere said.

“Keith is absolutely right,” Diehl said. “I do see the unfairness.”

But Diehl also said the public’s increasingly popular practice of parking along Highway 1 is creating a safety hazard. She described the parking situation at Soberanes Point as “scary.”

At the request of park district officials, Sidor asked the planning commission to continue the hearing to “a date unknown.” But Vandevere asked that a date be set, and Feb. 11 was agreed upon.

Park district officials did not attend the hearing, but Payan said his agency will do its “very best” to meet the deadline.

Payan also disagreed with a complaint from a nearby property owner that the park-

ing lot would increase traffic along Highway 1. Instead of adding cars to the scenic route, vehicles will simply be “redistributed” as people who would normally visit nearby state parks choose to visit Palo Corona park instead.

“It’s not like we’re opening an In-N-Out Burger that attracts a whole new cadre of users,” he said.

Even if the planning commission approves the parking plan on Feb. 11 — and it gets built this year — it will likely be at least another two years before the public can access it.

To open the lot, a section of Highway 1 near the park’s entrance will need to be restriped and repaved. But that project will cost taxpayers about \$500,000, and its benefits would be short lived because the same stretch of highway will need to be torn up as part of the Lower Carmel River Floodplain Protection and Enhancement Project, which won’t break ground until at least 2017.

Also standing in the way of the parking lot is the potential loss of a \$250,000 grant from the California Rivers Parkway Program to build it — the grant expires this year — and the threat of a lawsuit. Representing Diana Fish, who owns a 93-acre inholding surrounded by the park, attorney Christine Kemp told The Pine Cone, “a lawsuit remains an option.”

She said her client’s concerns include increased traffic along Highway 1, the effect the parking lot would have on the viewshed, the impact dogs could have on wildlife and cattle, illegal camping and the risk of wild-fire.

Payan, though, said he’s optimistic the parking lot will get approved, built, and eventually opened to the public.

“Everybody has waited so long for this project,” he added. “We’re so close.”



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THEATER

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added in a cross aisle toward the top of the seating area, along with a winding path through the trees to get them there. Earth-toned concrete aisles with steps will also be built to reduce slipping, and handrails installed along the aisles and walkways will contain small LEDs to illuminate the ground.

Wood said it was a challenge to contend with the fact that the theater is built into a hillside. Under the law, paths for wheelchairs can’t be steeper than 12 percent.

“It’s quite a lot of height for us to overcome,” she said. Also, “we have a beautiful site that’s heavily wooded, and almost every tree is protected.”

But the theater was an accident waiting to happen. “This facility was seriously at risk of a lawsuit, even from an able-bodied person,” she said.

The route for those in wheelchairs is not ideal, some attendees pointed out, since they have to cross in front of the stage to get to the path after visiting the ticket booth and concessions stand near the main entrance. Construction of the path will require removing at least a few trees.

The ADA demands providing seats that are as good as, or better than, those used by the able bodied, and Wood said the cross-aisle was the best option. (It can also be filled with folding chairs if not needed for those in wheelchairs.) If the theater were being constructed from scratch, seating for the disabled would be spread throughout the facility, but the Forest Theater’s historic status provides a little more flexibility, she said.

One attendee wondered how the wheelchair bound would escape if the hillside with the ramp caught fire, since there’s only one accessible route for the handicapped.

Pacific Repertory Theatre executive director Stephen Moorer asked for several changes to the plans, including routing the disabled pathway on the other hillside — though the architects said its steepness would require a long and meandering route, and that option was scrapped by the council last year.

Getting it done now is more important than making a lot of changes, remarked resident Donna Jett, because in 20 years, another group of people will be in charge and will change it again.

Hazmat report released

Earlier this week, project manager Andy Vanderford released his summary of the analysis of hazardous materials at the theater, including asbestos, lead paint and mold.

Asbestos, the consultant found, is non-friable, meaning it cannot be easily turned into the dust that can damage lungs, and can therefore be left in place. Asbestos was found in the conference room, roof, indoor theater seating, electrical closet and stage control booth.

The same goes for the lead paint covering many of the walls, siding and trim, as well as most of the box office. It can be left alone, except for when it’s covering parts that will be replaced.

“Almost all of the treated lumber is considered hazardous,” Vanderford continued in his summary. “Any boards

removed go to a hazardous-waste landfill.”

Arsenic and copper were also found in many parts of the theater, and will be removed when those parts are replaced.

One area of serious mold exists, too. “High levels of *Stachybotrys* (mold) were found within the costume storage area and crawlspace,” according to the analysis.

More \$\$\$ for architect

Last week, the city council unanimously approved a \$154,398 contract with Cody Anderson Wasney for the development of construction drawings for Phase I. The Palo Alto-based firm has already received \$114,530 for developing the schematic design, scope of work and estimates for removing the red tag, as well as for starting the work on a comprehensive master plan for the theater. Plans for Phase 1 have been submitted for review and plan check by the city.

“The next phase is construction documents — to take the schematics and develop more detailed documents to get permits and put it out to bid,” public services director Sharon Friedrichsen said.

Overall, Phase I is estimated at \$1,777,005, the bulk of it for construction on the immediate fixes to get the theater reopened in time to at least host a partial season this summer. That figure includes \$313,930 for “soft costs” (the architect’s fees, studies, surveys and lab testing), and \$1,463,075 for construction: \$1,152,000 for electrical, structural, exiting, lighting and accessibility; \$128,075 for replacing the stage; \$50,000 for other building costs; and \$133,000 for a 10 percent contingency.

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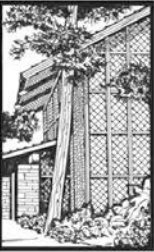


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PIG

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quate water and no food were an exaggeration, since the pig is on a special diet and is fed twice a day, she said.

“My understanding is it isn’t in every night,” Tomasi countered. “Maybe it just goes out to use the bathroom, and that’s when it’s making its noise, or maybe it’s early in the morning.” Either way, he noted, it’s waking up the neighbor. According to a Jan. 1 police log item, Kevin Bacon escaped from the yard and was found a block away by another

resident while Faia was on the phone with the animal control officer. “Approximately an hour later, I returned to the owner’s house for a scheduled appointment for the pig to be rehomed,” the officer noted in the log entry. “The pig was then loaded and transported out of the city.” The following day, another neighbor attempted to smooth things over between the neighbor who objected to the pig and the Faias. “This other neighbor said he wanted to make the [neighbor] feel happy here and make things right,” according to the Jan. 2 police log. But the man “refused to talk and shut his door on the neighbor.” Further, the resident who complained about the pig “only wants this issue resolved through official legal channels,” and he “asked police to tell neighbors to stay away from their house.” But Faia said she simply wants to meet whatever requirements the city and police department have so she can bring her pet pig back home. She’s working to build a fence on her property, too. “A neighbor who moved in two months ago decided he didn’t want to live next to a pig pen,” she said. “He went straight to the police and made it his agenda to get rid of this pet, without ever confronting me or trying to come to a resolution.”

‘A disgruntled neighbor’

Faia also condemned the neighbor for his behavior. “It is most disturbing to me that a disgruntled neighbor can misuse and hide behind police resources to serve their own agenda, carelessly tear apart a family, upset a community, take no responsibility, and then suffer no consequence for the damage caused by their actions,” she said. “I know the pig makes for an interesting story and terrific argument, but I’m hoping to shift the focus onto the neighbor’s intrusion and harm this ignorant person has caused. He’s truly creepy, and this could have been about anything he didn’t like and wanted to get rid of. He’s watching us all the time — until our fence gets built, it’s terrifying. What’s next?” She wished he had talked to her about it, instead of repeatedly complaining to the cops. “They know the pig spends most of his time inside with my son,” she said. “That pig has never spent one single night outside of the house.” Faia, a fourth-generation resident, said she has a lot of neighborhood support. “He’s a miniature pig. He’s on a special diet. That’s why we don’t have food in his pen: Because he’s fed a special diet twice a day,” she said. One of the Carmel police officers who responded to the neighbor’s call of “an animal in distress,” Cpl. Ken Shen, arrived and “found a very happy pig and had his picture taken with him,” she added. “The pig was not in distress; the pig was happy to see someone.” Tomasi said police are trying to help. “We’re just trying to mediate it,” he said. “She arranged for it to be in Carmel Valley, and she’ll work toward getting a permit to have it.” And she said she wants to work with the city in hopes of bringing her pet back home. “I need to go talk to city planning, and I want to do everything by the book,” she said. “I think a lot of people care, and a lot of people want to see that Kevin comes home. Our neighborhood is especially concerned about that.”

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Big increase for tourism in county

THE ECONOMIC impact of tourists visiting Monterey County was much greater in 2014 than the previous year, according to the Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

According to a 2014 study by the tourism bureau, its economic impact estimate exceeded \$216 million for calendar year 2014, and \$96 million for the first half of the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year, which runs from July 1 to Dec. 31, 2014.

The MCCVB credits much of the increase to the “Grab Life by the Moments” brand it adopted last year. It says the motto is the result of a “groundbreaking research study conducted in 2013 that measures the impressions, attitudes and travel behaviors of consumers.”

“Competition in the travel economy is fierce and travelers have dozens of choices

when planning a vacation or a quick getaway,” according to MCCVB’s chief marketing officer Rob O’Keefe.

The brand campaign “directly influenced” more than 195,000 tourists to choose Monterey County over other destinations, O’Keefe added.

“Encouraging, even challenging travelers to make the most of every moment in Monterey County is the point,” he said. “The campaign has clearly resonated with consumers.”

The MCCVB said there was a more than 200 percent increase in hotel reservations made through the organization’s website and more than \$7 million of “economic impact” generated by the MCCVB visitor center in Monterey where workers there “play a significant role in influencing additional overnight stays.”

Kathleen M. Eyler



Kathy passed away on January 10, 2015 with her family by her side.

Kathy was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to William and Pauline Eyler. She followed her dream and moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1978.

She will always be remembered for her caring ways and was loved and admired by the many friends she developed along the way. Kathy never met a stranger and was always ready to lend a hand to help anyone in need or to lend a shoulder to weather a storm. Her deepest passion was her love for all animals, big and small, that filled her heart with her greatest joy. The only thing bigger than her heart was her smile, which would light up any room she entered. Kathy radiated her beauty to all who were fortunate enough to meet her. She was truly a beautiful woman both inside and out.

She was very loved and will be deeply missed by her daughter, Kristi Ward (Markus Woehler); Her loving friend, Hal Blanton, and her faithful companions, Fero and Buddy, as well as all those whose hearts and lives she touched. A celebration of her life will be held on January 18, 2015 from 2:00 to 5:00 at the home of Moe and Nassime Tavakolian, at 8430 Carmel Valley Rd. in Carmel Valley.

Kathy always loved flowers but if you would like an alternative for a donation, she would be most pleased with a donation to her favorite charity, the Wounded Warrior Project at: www.woundedwarriorproject.org

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Ellen Maffit Buckley

Ellen Maffit Buckley's life ended peacefully on Monday, December 1st, in San Rafael, California. She was 81 years old. She was surrounded by her family and dear friends, many of whom are Dominican sisters of San Rafael.

Ellen Buckley was born in Carmel, California in 1933. She was the fourth child of Col. Harold Buckley and Isabelle Palms Buckley, of Los Angeles, and Isabelle Palms Buckley was the Founder of The Buckley School, in Sherman Oaks, California. As a young girl, she attended St. Victor's Catholic School in West Hollywood. As a young woman, Ellen attended Dominican Lower School and Upper School in San Rafael, California, graduating in 1950. She returned to Los Angeles for her freshman year at Marymount College. In 1951, she entered the Community and became a member of the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael and completed her college education. She earned a Master's Degree at Holy Names College in 1987.

Ellen then devoted her life to the education of young children. She taught for nearly 60 years at several Bay Area Dominican schools, as well as Junipero Serra School in Carmel, California. She was also the Co-Founder and Director of San Domenico Summer Adventure at San Domenico School. Ellen joined Junipero Serra School in 1990 and recently retired after more than two decades. She had a lifelong love affair with books and reading, which she shared with thousands and thousands of students and each of the children and grandchildren in her extended family.

Ellen was affiliated directly and indirectly with The Buckley School her entire life. Additionally, she served on the Board of Trustees from 1976-1990, concluding her tenure as Chairperson of the Board from 1988-1990. She truly believed in the guiding Buckley School principle that "college begins at two," and she wrote passionately about that issue.

Ellen led a life based on Christian principles. When she was not teaching or tutoring, she devoted herself to individuals, families, and communities who were less fortunate. Ellen had a deep, unwavering faith. She lived her life according to scripture and literally believed she should help to "... cloth those who were naked, care for those who were sick, and visit those who were in prison."

Ellen's death was preceded by the death of her sister, Mary Ann Buckley, and her sister, Isabelle Buckley Simqu, Ellen is survived by her brother, C. Peter Buckley of North Hollywood; six nieces and nephews and their spouses, Alix Simqu Merkley and Patrick Merkley, Pier Simqu McConnell and Brian McConnell, Blaise Simqu and Erin O'Connell Simqu, Kiril Simqu McKee and Greg McKee, Lisa Buckley Dowrelío and David Dowrelío, Isabelle Buckley and Charles Nasse, and Jodie Buckley O'Reardan and Finbarr O'Riordan; and 13 great nieces and nephews, with whom she shared stories, played games, and created lasting memories of friendship.

A memorial mass will be held at the Carmel Mission Basilica, 3080 Rio Road, Carmel CA 93923 on Friday, January 23rd, at 8:30 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations should be made in the name of Ellen Buckley to the Sisters of St. Dominic Retirement Fund, 1520 Grand Avenue, San Rafael, 94901.

Jean Parsons Harris

Oct. 15, 1917 – Jan. 4, 2015



Jean Parsons Harris, 97, passed away peacefully on January 4 surrounded by family after a long and active life. Jean was born October 15, 1917, in Phoenix, Arizona to her parents Marjorie Leavell Parsons and Roland Henry Parsons. In Tempe, Arizona, she attended elementary school, attended Phoenix High School, and then went on to Phoenix Junior College in the building right next door. In her early 20's she and three friends moved to Hollywood, CA, where they attended Woodbury Business School, which was located near Hollywood and Vine. While employed at Lockheed Aircraft Company in Burbank, she met Bruce R. Harris and they were married November 8, 1942. They moved to the Monterey Peninsula and resided in Seaside where they raised their family of five children in a home that Bruce and his brother built for them.

After their divorce in 1955, she supported her family by working at Beattie Motors Ford Dealership (Monterey) as their head bookkeeper, Del Monte Aviation (Monterey) as their Office Manager, Thunderbird Book Store (Barnyard, Carmel) as the bookkeeper, and at Carmel Valley Ranch (Carmel) as a bookkeeper part-time.

Jean was active in the community with Friends of the Sunset Center, The Forum as their bookkeeper, as a Hospice volunteer driver for six years, in the Carmel Valley Association and Carmel Foundation photography group. She played bridge at Pacific Meadows, Carmel Valley Ranch and Park Lane. She loved the arts and sang in the Bach Festival Chorus, regularly attended the symphony and theater, was a world-wide traveler, and participated in ballroom dancing competitions, as well as volunteering as an assistant teacher of ballroom dancing.

Jean was a founding member of the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Meadowbrook Tennis Club (Seaside).

She was an inspiration to many as a motivational speaker for Park Lane (Monterey) and a guest speaker at the Northern California Senior Tennis Association awards ceremonies.

Jean's love was tennis—the game that she and her sisters played as children on clay in the Arizona desert. After taking time to raise her family, she returned to the courts with a vengeance. She belonged to several Peninsula tennis clubs and competed locally, nationally and internationally and was a USTA tennis umpire for ten years. Jean was nationally ranked in tennis, was sponsored by Prince rackets, received national Sportsmanship awards and earned two Golden Grand Slam awards that were presented to her during the US Open Tennis Tournament in Flushing Meadows, New York (2003 and 2004). In 2010 she was inducted into the USTA Nor Cal Tennis Hall of Fame. Her greatest accomplishment of all however, was raising five children as a single mother.

Jean was predeceased by her parents Marjorie and Roland Parsons, ex-husband Bruce Harris, sisters Jo Snead and Margie Jones. She is survived by the love of her life Arnold Green; her children Marshall Harris, Judi Leavelle-King (Bill), Chris Harris (Laurie Meech), Dirk Harris (Karen), Kim Harris; four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

At Jean's request no services will be held. A celebration of her life for family and friends will be held in the summer. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the USTA NorCal Tennis Foundation, 1920 North Loop Road, Alameda, CA 94502-8081. Proceeds will be for the support of youth tennis programs throughout the NorCal section and especially in underserved communities. For online condolences visit – www.missionmortuary.com.

Father Serra to become St. Junipero

By CHRIS COUNTS

ON THURSDAY, Pope Francis told reporters he plans to canonize Junipero Serra, founder of the Carmel Mission, when he travels to the United States in September.

During an overland mission in the late 18th century to extend Spanish and Catholic influence in what was then called Alta California, Serra established the first nine of California's 21 missions, including one in Monterey in 1770. The following year, the Franciscan friar moved the mission to Carmel, where it remains a major religious and tourist attraction. The Carmel Mission was Serra's favorite, and he was buried there in 1784.

So, will Father Serra soon become known as St. Junipero?

"Assuming all this happens, yes," said Deacon Bill Ditewig of the Diocese of Monterey.

Ditewig said the process of declaring

Serra a saint "has been going on for decades." The effort aims to hold up the friar as "a model of evangelization" for his efforts to spread the word of God. But sainthood, the deacon explained, is not a declaration Serra was flawless.

"When a person is canonized, that doesn't mean the church is saying they were perfect," Ditewig said.

While the announcement led to immediate speculation that Pope Francis would visit California, the way his predecessor, John Paul II, did in 1988, when Serra was beatified, there's been nothing to formally suggest the pope is planning to come to California.

Ditewig said that decision will be left to the head of the

church.

"That would be up to him," he said. "The pope has complete discretion."

Ditewig said the pope is planning to visit Philadelphia and New York, and he may address the United Nations. The trip will mark his first papal visit to the United States.



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Men found with dozens of fake credit cards, stolen jewelry

By MARY SCHLEY

A PAIR of Los Angeles residents holding almost 70 forged credit cards were caught after they used a couple of the cards to buy a \$43,400 diamond ring from Fourtané jewelers Monday, according to Carmel police. Garik Gevorgyan, 45, and Sarkis Demirchian, 49, were found in another business nearby after employees at the Ocean Avenue jewelers phoned the police department when they discovered the credit cards were fraudulent.

Employees helped officers locate the men, who were taken into custody without incident, and police searched them and their car, finding Gevorgyan in possession of 35 different fraudulent credit cards, and Demirchian with 34, according to Chief Mike Calhoun.

Officers also found evidence they believe is connected to other commercial burglaries throughout the Monterey Peninsula and elsewhere in the state. The stolen goods were estimated to be worth more than \$5,000.

“The items were newly purchased, and with the receipts, they were able to go back and check where purchases were from,” explained Sgt. Ron Pflieger. Specifically, they were connected with crimes in Carmel, Seaside and Buttonwillow, which is in the Central Valley.

Police booked the two men into Monterey County Jail on charges of burglary, credit card fraud and identity theft, with each man held on \$20,000 bail.

The investigation is being led by newly appointed detective Jeff Watkins, who is looking for other suspects who may be connected with them. The case will be forwarded to federal authorities.



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BILLIONAIRE’S LIFE SUBJECT OF NEW PLAY

By CHRIS COUNTS

A MAN who was once acclaimed as the richest on earth is the subject of a staged reading, “The Rise and Decline of J. Paul Getty,” which will be presented Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

Written by local playwright Carol Marquart, the biographical play stars Rollie Dick, Keith Decker, Pat Horsley and Andrea McDonald.

Marquart describes Getty as “a hardboiled oil tycoon, a billionaire, an art collector and a philanthropist. He was also known as an eccentric, a miser, a hypochondriac, an absent father.”

“As the play begins, Getty is 84 years old, near death, and is in the beginning stages of writing a final memoir,” Marquart explained. “In his search for what might constitute a lasting legacy to the Getty name, the past is revisited.”

The play is Marquart’s second about a fabulously wealthy individual — her first effort was titled, “The Life and Times of William Randolph Hearst.”

The reading starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for members

of the art center, and \$12 for non-members. The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave. Call (831) 375-2208.

■ Kids sought for ‘Mulan, Jr.’

Pacific Repertory Theatre is seeking children to star in its musical production of “Mulan, Jr.,” which opens at the Golden Bough Playhouse April 10. Auditions will be offered Saturday, Feb. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. to noon.

“Mulan, Jr.” was inspired by the 1998 Disney animated film, “Mulan,” which tells the ancient story of a young woman who disguises herself as a man so she can fight with the Chinese army against the invading Huns.

Auditions are limited to two minutes total, including one song and one monologue. Accompaniment will be provided. Those auditioning are asked to bring sheet music in appropriate key.

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Joan Campbell Coffey Morris

Nov. 5, 1924 – Dec. 13, 2014



Joan was born on November 5, 1924 to Marjorie Campbell Coffey and Wilson Coffey in Eugene, Oregon. Joan was raised in Portland, Oregon and attended St. Helen’s Hall, Lincoln HS and Oregon State University. She married Dr. David A. Morris III in March of 1946 in Eugene, OR and spent 16 years in Cottage Grove where Joan was active in the community and created a very successful Christmas boutique for the Episcopal Church.

In 1966, Joan and David moved their family to Carmel Valley, CA where David opened a medical office. In 1978, Joan started her own business THE HOLLY BERRY a well-known and unique gift and Christmas shop at The Barnyard in Carmel. Her store was open for eighteen years.

She loved traveling and enjoyed extensive worldwide adventures with family and friends. Settling in Pacific Grove in 1980, she loved her community and believed buying locally was vital.

Joan became active with the Monterey Bay Republican Women Federated and for many years volunteered with Operation Yellow Ribbon of Monterey to make and ship hundreds of cards and care packages for American Troops overseas.

Although her sister, Mary Dougherty, predeceased her, Joan is survived by her youngest sister, Marjorie Major (Albert), and her children, David A. Morris IV (Debbie), Susan Wright (Richard), Carolyn Matney (Terry), Mary Ellen Miller (Douglas), and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and some remarkable friends. Joan passed at 90 years young and her wonderful sense of joie de vivre will be missed.

Respecting her wishes there will be no funeral service. A celebration of her life will be held on January 24th at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club on Wharf #2 in Monterey from 1:00 to 4:00pm.

Bruce David McBride

Nevada City — Bruce David McBride, 74, died Sunday, January 11, 2015 at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital in Grass Valley after a brief illness.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Judy McBride; his two daughters, Bonnie Beardsley of Truckee and Barbara Steinberg of Carmel; his three granddaughters; his two brothers, Clark McBride of Danville and Hugh McBride of Carnelian Bay; as well as extended family and friends.



Born in San Francisco and raised in Walnut Creek, the son of Reuben and Alice McBride, Bruce lived in several locations throughout his life, including Ripon, Tahoe City, Modesto, Carmel, and finally Nevada City.

A 1957 graduate of Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek, Bruce went on to earn a Bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Economics from UC Davis (‘61). While at UC Davis, Bruce served as head yell leader, was an active member in the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, and was involved in ROTC, and he went on to serve as an officer in the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1964.

He met Judy Hall on a blind date in the winter of 1961, and after a brief courtship, they were married in Oakland in April 1962.

Bruce was a man of many skills and talents, and he spent the majority of his career in the real estate business. He held licenses as a real estate broker, appraiser, general contractor, and inspector and worked in all these capacities. A master craftsman, Bruce enjoyed woodworking and was a fine finish carpenter. With an eye for beauty and a commitment to quality and precision, Bruce was highly respected for the quality and integrity of his work.

An avid golfer and tennis player, Bruce was also a devotee of the San Francisco 49ers. He loved jazz as well and played the string bass in a jazz quartet during college. Bruce was good-natured yet reserved, and he enjoyed spending time alone or with the company of close friends and family.

A celebration of Bruce’s life will be held on Friday, January 16 at 1:00 p.m. at the McBride’s home in Nevada City.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made in Bruce’s name to Habitat for Humanity.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M130575.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, MINHWAN LEE, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: MINHWAN LEE
Proposed name: AARON ISACC LEE

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any,

why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:
DATE: March 6, 2015
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DEPT: TBA

The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Thomas W. Willis
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Jan. 5, 2015
Clerk: Teresa A. Risi
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Notice is hereby given that a public lien sale of the following described personal property will be held at **11:15 a.m. on Wednesday January 21st, 2015.** The property is stored at **Storage Pro - 9640 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel CA., 93923.** The items to be sold are generally described as follows:

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PERMEABLE PAVERS SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will receive sealed bids at **City Hall**, located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 22, 2015, at which time bids will be opened for DEL MAR PARKING LOT PERMEABLE PAVERS SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS. Sealed bids shall be submitted to the attention of the City Clerk located at Camel-by-the-Sea City Hall.

This work consists of removing existing asphalt concrete sidewalk and driveway aprons, constructing new concrete edge restraints, grading and preparing subgrade, placing permeable crushed stone base and bedding material, installing permeable paving stone sidewalk, driveway aprons, and all other work shown on the plans.

All bids must be submitted only on forms furnished by the City. Bid forms and specifications for this project may be obtained at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and 7th Avenues between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. from the City Clerk at (831) 620-2000. The Contractor shall have the right to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to insure performance under the contract pursuant to Government Code Section 4590. All questions regarding plans and specifications should be directed to Sherman Low, Neill Engineers Corp. at (831) 624-2110.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any irregularities.

Each bid shall be in accordance with the plans and specifications adopted therefore, submitted on the proposal form furnished.

Time is of the essence on this project and bidders should review the project timeframe contained in the “Special Provisions” to insure they can meet the project timelines concerning scheduling and completion of the work.

Bids shall be in accordance with the prevailing hourly rate of per diem wages for this locality and project as determined by the State of California Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1771, which prevailing hourly rate of wages is made a part of this Notice to Bidders by reference as though fully set forth herein.

If the project requires the employment of workers in any apprenticeable craft or trade, once awarded, the contractor of subcontractors must apply to the Joint Apprenticeship Council unless already covered by local apprentice standards (California Labor Code Section 1777.5).

The Contractor shall submit with the proposal on the form supplied, a list of the names and addresses of each subcontractor and the portions of the work, which each subcontractor will do. If no such list is submitted, it will be assumed that the contractor will do all the work herein specified.

Bids must be accompanied by a ten percent (10%) bid bond payment in the form of securities, certified check, cash, cashier’s check or corporate bond.

Within ten (10) working days after acceptance and award of the bid, Contractor must provide a Performance Bond to insure performance under the contract pursuant to Government Code Section 4590.

The successful bidder and his sub-contractors must obtain a City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Business License. Proof of valid Workers’ Compensation Insurance and General Liability and Property Insurance, with limits as specified under the Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance Section of this document, shall be submitted to the City. **The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, its elected officials, agents, officers, and employees shall be specifically named, by written endorsement to the Certificate of Insurance, as additionally insured’s for this project under such insurance policy and Contractor shall provide the certification of such insurance for the term of this contract. The amount of such insurance shall be as follows: One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in aggregate.** The Certificate of Insurance shall guarantee that the issuing company shall provide to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea no less than ten (10) days prior written notice of any cancellation of the Public Liability and Property Damage Policy. All required documents, licenses and permits to include proof of all applicable insurance coverages as required by the State of California or by the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea shall be placed on file with the City Clerk before work shall commence and no later than ten (10) working days after acceptance and award of the bid.

Dated: _____
Lori Frontella, Interim City Clerk

Publication date: January 9, 16, 2015 (PC110)

CALCAGNO

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county's general plan.

"We've had some trying times, there's no doubt," he said.

But he also credited his colleagues on the board for their ability to compromise.

"I'm not leaving here with any regrets," Calcagno said. "I think we've done what we were given the mission to do. And I'm sure in the future things will move in just the way they have moved in the past."

He touted the importance of agriculture in the county, and cautioned that it should never become another Los Angeles or San Jose.

"Agriculture is primary, and our tourism industry is right behind it," he said.

"Let's keep it that way. There's no room for anything else."

Fifth District Supervisor Dave Potter praised Calcagno for his outspokenness.

"You have worn your passion on your sleeve," Potter said, "and there has never been a moment where people didn't know where you stood on an issue."

County administrator Lew Bauman said Calcagno brought a sense of agriculture, pride in business, and business acumen to the board.

"I have never met anyone with such passion for Monterey County," Bauman said.

Calcagno's successor, former Monterey County Superior Court Judge John Phillips, credited Calcagno for his knowledge of finance and the county's budget, and thanked him for his support of Rancho Cielo — the program Phillips opened in 2004 for youth who have run afoul of the law. The program would not have happened without Calcagno,

Phillips said. He also said he wouldn't have considered running for the supervisor seat without Calcagno's backing.

"Lou was one of those people who encouraged me to step up when he was stepping down," Phillips said. "I never would have done it without Lou's encouragement."

Fourth District Supervisor Jane Parker said that while they didn't always agree on issues, Calcagno "didn't make it personal." She said he would stop by her office to give her words of encouragement while she was still new to the board.

"I appreciate that ability to be strong on the issues and be cordial to your colleagues," said Parker.

First District Supervisor Fernando Armenta said he learned from Calcagno the ability to "build and maintain bridges."

"I learned that from him a long time ago," Armenta said. "That has allowed me to stay on this board for 14 years."

After he took the oath of office as the new 2nd District Supervisor, Phillips talked about the importance of Rancho Cielo in helping him get elected. Phillips defeated Ed Mitchell in the Nov. 4 election with 7,504 votes to 5,883 votes.

"Unbeknownst and unexpected to me, Rancho Cielo played a big part in the election, Phillips said. "I never would have guessed it."

Though Phillips said some people didn't know who he was, when they heard he was associated with Rancho Cielo, they remarked, "'Oh, we know that guy,'" Phillips said.

In welcoming Phillips, board chair Simon Salinas said, "We look forward to your strengths and ability to work with diverse communities."

"I look forward to working with my fellow supervisors," Phillips said. "I thank [the voters] for placing their trust in me."

One local political veteran passes the baton to another

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■ 98 Years Ago — January 18, 1917

Save the Abalone

The abalone must be preserved, protected and otherwise defended against crass commercialism. So say the highbrows of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

A petition to the State Legislature, signed by John Kenneth Turner, Fred Bechdolt and James Hopper, among others asks the state law-makers to enact legislation which will establish a three-mile limit extending it from Pt. Pinos to the Carmel River.

The petition points out that abalone fishermen are rapidly depleting the supply of abalones at Carmel, and asks for laws which will restrict the taking of more than fifteen abalones from the waters of the bay each week for each fisherman.

The signers of the petition declare that the abalone is one of the star features of the artist community. Senator Rigdon has the matter in charge in that upper house.

An Involuntary Bath

At Monterey, last Thursday, while awaiting the arrival of the noon train, “Dad” Hamilton, sitting on the wharf, endeavoring to evolve a plan to force people who owe him money to “come through,” fell into the cold waters of Monterey Bay. He was fished out by a couple of bystanders, who found him clinging to a pile (wooden). When he came to, he found himself at a sanatorium in New Monterey. He was later taken to a hospital in Salinas, and is progressing nicely.

Ford Should Worry

Last Wednesday afternoon, while out for a pleasure drive with a party of Carmel friends, the Ford car which Rev. Walter Moffatt, the rector of All Saints, was driving, took fire, as the result of the gasoline tank exploding.

Fortunately, those in the car got out without injury. Several cypress trees close to the blazing machine were badly scorched. R.J. McCabe, of Pebble Beach, near which the incident occurred, assisted in extinguishing the fire. The car can be repaired.

■ 75 Years Ago — January 19, 1940

Rewriting Law to Place City on Cash Basis

First reading was given this week to a lengthy ordinance which will have a profound effect upon the city’s tax machinery and will bring into line the tax year and fiscal year of the

city which since incorporation in 1916 has been out of step. It is a curious fact that, beginning in the haze of the early years, the city has used taxes for the year past to meet bills of the year ahead, instead, as is usual, of using current taxes to pay bills incurred during the current business year.

Now, this will all be brought into conformity — and painlessly, thanks to the ingenious legal contrivance of Attorney William Luis Hudson, to which the bulky ordinance will stand as a tribute.

There is no indication that the lay mind will readily understand the workings of this ordinance, but the effect is to make a fiscal year of 24 months, and, in that period, while collecting the same amount of taxes that would be collected under the old set-up, provide for collecting these taxes in advance of the fiscal year.

One important result of this ordinance, aside from this phase, will be to provide for collection of taxes in two installments, as now done by the county and to have these fall so as not to coincide with other tax collections, or, as now, the Christmas season when money can easily be spent in other ways.

■ 50 Years Ago — January 21, 1965

Planners Favor Temporary City Hall at Sunset

The city hall and the city’s administrative offices should be moved, on a temporary basis, to the north wing of Sunset School, after the city takes over the school on July 1, according to a recommendation approved by the Carmel Planning

Commission yesterday afternoon. This recommendation, which will be forwarded to the city council, was contained in a report of the commission’s ad hoc committee.

A second report by the same committee, also approved by the commission, stated that eventually all the city’s administrative offices should be situated in a civic center developed on the land the city owns on Junipero below Fourth; also that a new temporary police station should be constructed on the present police station site.

Another recommendation in the first ad hoc committee report approved by the commission was that the present city hall site be used for a municipal “in lieu” parking lot. Such use of the property would provide 80 of the needed 145 off-street parking spaces if the new parking ordinance now under consideration demands that all business developments be obligated to provide off-street parking or make “in lieu” payments to the city.

Were the city hall site used as a parking lot, there is a “possibility of realizing most, if not all, of its present market value (\$120,000) from the receipt of ‘in lieu’ payments,” the report adopted by the planning commission for referral to the council stated.

Beagling, Anyone?

From Kilmacthomas, Ireland, Donnan Jeffers writes that while he and his wife, Lee, find it fun to follow the local hunt by auto, their son, Lindsay has taken up “Beagling.”

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Campaign under way to have city’s bells toll daily at noon

By MARY SCHLEY

PUBLIC OFFICIALS have rung it, as have store clerks, high-profile businessmen, politicians and restaurateurs. Even a lowly journalist has been allowed to haul on the rope hanging from the Church of the Wayfarer belfry, all at the invitation of gallery owner Richard Kreitman, who resurrected the daily tradition of tolling the bell at noon last month.

“We began on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014, at the Church of the Wayfarer (Maddox Haberdasher of Robert Talbott was our first bell ringer), and we’ve continued every day since, so far always at the Wayfarer, which, as well as being conveniently and centrally located, has a generous open chapel and open bell policy,” he said. The Church of the

Wayfarer is located on Lincoln Street north of Seventh Avenue.

Kreitman encouraged the two other churches in town — All Saints’ and Carmel Presbyterian — to chime in, too, and he said there are plans to see where a person can be in town and hear all three bells ringing simultaneously.

“We’re trying to get as many different people as possible from the community to do the honors — both residents and people who work downtown — and thus far have been fairly successful,” Kreitman said a few weeks after launching the effort.

He has since formed a group of dedicated bell ringers, in hopes of never missing a day, though he’s maintaining an open invitation to others interested in giving it a try.

Hauling on the rope needs a firm down-

ward stroke and a gentle, but not absent, hand on the upswing. An ideal performance results in 12 distinct rings, which is more difficult than one would think. Novices usually allow the clapper to strike the side of the bell a second, softer time during each pull, producing a sort of echo of the main ring.

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So far, the group of “bell keepers” includes Kreitman, Maddox, resident Jonathan Sapp, Ryan Gilmore and Claudia McCottle (Chuckles Gift Shop), planning commissioner Ian Martin, resident Jim Hiller, Church of the Wayfarer Pastor Mark Bollwinkle, Father Rick Matters of All Saints’ Church, Carmel Presbyterian Church Pastor Rick Duncan, hotelier Denny LeVett, Carmel planning director Rob Mullane (who

will find a city staffer to ring it each Wednesday, according to Kreitman), restaurateur Rich Pepe and Pine Cone reporter Mary Schley.

Kreitman reminded everyone that the point of the noon bell is to let people know it’s noon — so it’s important not to be late. He himself arrived after the hour when his phone battery died, depriving him of the daily alarm he’s set.

“It turns out it’s very difficult to remember it’s noon without a reminder — which, of course, is what the noon bell is meant to be,” he said. “Hence, a suggestion: Set a daily alert in your phone/computer for noon, which will remind you to take a moment’s pause from the day and listen for the bells.”

And the bell keepers, of course, should set theirs for a little earlier.

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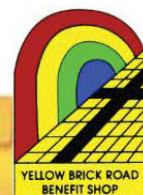
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POLICE LOG

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none on scene. Checked records for any reports of a tree falling, and there were none.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a bicycle from the carport area at an Arkwright residence. No leads.

Pacific Grove: Officer was dispatched to an Arkwright Court residence regarding a peace disturbance. Officer contacted a male who said multiple juveniles were shouting for him to fight them. He did not engage them. Contacted another subject, who told the officer the man was shouting racial slurs in the area after juveniles left. Unable to locate involved juveniles, as they had fled prior to officers’ arrival. Documentation only.

Pacific Grove: Letter received that a subject on Second Street attempted to buy firearm and was denied.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a phone call regarding an alleged spiking of a drink at a local liquor store on Grand Avenue. The female alleged she met with a male she was moderately familiar with in Monterey, then decided to come to Pacific Grove to a liquor store. She drank in the liquor store and felt “drunk” after one beer. She left her drink unattended with the male.

Carmel area: A vehicle check on Dorris Drive revealed that a 35-year-old female was in possession of heroin, methamphetamine, valium and methadone. Suspect was cited and released.

Carmel Valley: Deputies conducted a welfare check on Country Club Way.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a child custody dispute on Sleepy Hollow Drive.

NEW YEAR’S DAY

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subsequent to a traffic stop on Ocean Avenue for CVC violations, the driver was found to be in posses-

sion of less than one ounce of marijuana. The driver was cited and released from the scene.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog found by a local business on Seventh Avenue. Owner contacted, dog picked up by owner, fees paid.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported losing a mini iPad in the commercial district while shopping in Carmel yesterday at about 1400 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog jumped out of a car on San Carlos Street and ran off. Friend of owner left her contact info. At 1238 hours, someone at a local business stated the dog wandered in and lay down by the fireplace. Owner contacted and reunited.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cell phone found at the beach at Del Mar.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found debit card. Owner contacted and will pick it up at the station.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigated a burglary of a vehicle on Mission Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject lost a wallet two days ago. Was in the Gustine area, but may have lost it in Carmel.

Carmel area: An intoxicated subject was causing a peace disturbance at a local inn on Dolores Street. The inn did not wish to press charges against the subject. The 46-year-old male was contacted and transported back to his residence.

Carmel Valley: Husband and wife on Quail Meadows Drive had a verbal argument. It was non-physical, and the husband agreed to sleep at his in-laws’ residence for the remainder of the night.

Pacific Grove: Officer found a male subject walking along the road on Sinex at 0335 hours. The subject was visibly intoxicated, and although he admitted to drinking a “moderate amount” of alcohol that evening and was otherwise very cooperative, he would not provide information about where he had been drinking or who gave him the alcohol. He provided a California Driver’s License showing that he was an 18-year-old resident of Pacific Grove. He was transported to his home and turned over to his mother. Nothing further.

Pacific Grove: Officers were dispatched to an alarm at a business on Central. Building secure. Store manager believed the activation was caused by floating balloons. Alarm card left with the store staff.

Pacific Grove: Man reported a stray golf ball shattered the rear windshield of his rental vehicle as he drove past the course. None of the golfers on the golf course would admit to having hit the ball. All of the people on the golf course left, except for one unidentified person who told the driver that a golf ball came through a hole in netting. An employee from the golf course arrived and told the man that they were asking customers if any of them were involved.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to a report of a male banging loudly on an Ocean View Boulevard apartment door, demanding entry. Resident did not know the male. Officers arrived on scene and determined the male was intoxicated. The 46-year-old male was arrested and brought to the station for booking, at which time he alleged he had a medical emergency and demanded to be taken to CHOMP.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Watch found in a Torres Street parking lot.

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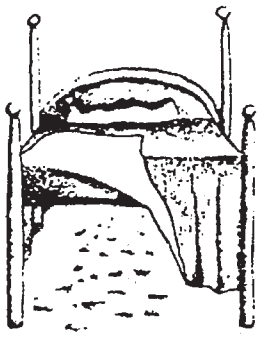
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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ongoing dispute between neighbors on Torres Street over a pig. On Jan. 1, the resident’s other neighbor came to the resident’s door to mediate the problem between the resident and the pig owner. This other neighbor said he wanted to make the resident feel happy and make things right. The resident refused to talk and shut his door on the neighbor. The resident only wants this issue resolved through official legal channels. Resident asked police to tell the neighbors to stay away from their house. Officer contacted both of resident’s neighbors and advised them of his wishes. He was re-contacted and told both neighbors were advised.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found wallet on Carmelo Street; owner contacted. Wallet picked up 1530 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a surfboard on Scenic Road.

Pacific Grove: Dispatched to an in-progress family quarrel on Syida, with family members who were all HBD.

Pacific Grove: Person wanted to surrender an old weapon. The black-powder, single-shot, muzzle-loading rifle was given to him by a former construction customer approximately 14 years ago. Records performed check of firearm serial number, which came back clear. Surrendered weapon was placed into evidence.

Pacific Grove: Man on Lighthouse Avenue reported an unknown person used his bank credit card to make electronic payments over the Internet out of state without his consent. The victim closed the account. No suspect info.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle repossession from a Forest Avenue address.

Carmel Valley: Subject made numerous calls to 911 stating unknown persons were in her house on Country Club Way. Subject has a medical appointment at 1100 hours.

Carmel area: Report of trespassing on Lower Trail. Suspect is a 21-year-old male.

Carmel Valley: Victim on Cachagua Road, a 30-year-old female, reported she had been hog tied by her 33-year-old boyfriend, and she was not free to leave.

Big Sur: Deputies and volunteers of the Monterey County Search & Rescue Team responded to a report of a hiker with a broken ankle on the Salmon Creek Trail about two miles from Highway 1. The 18-year-old female patient was transported to the hospital.

Carmel Valley: A 37-year-old male alleged that his ex-girlfriend, age 38, was communicating with him in violation of their mutual restraining order. The ex-girlfriend also went to the his residence in violation of their restraining order.

Carmel Valley: Unknown person threw a Molotov cocktail against the classroom No. 58 door during non-school hours at Tularcitos School. There was minimal damage, as the fire only slightly charred the exterior paint.

Carmel area: A 57-year-old female on Via Cazador reported unauthorized fraudulent credit card purchases totaling approximately \$2,200. The purchases were conducted in person with a duplicated credit card in the state of New Jersey.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A vehicle was stopped at 0010 hours on Eighth Avenue for CVC violations, and the driver was found to be driving on a suspended driver’s license. The driver, a 27-year-old male, was cited, and the vehicle was left on scene.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported the loss of a wallet. The subject last remembers having the wallet on Jan. 2 before noon.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a non-injury traffic collision in the residential area of Santa Lucia. Upon arrival, parties involved in the collision reported complaints of pain, and Monterey Fire Station 5 units and Carmel Fire Ambulance were requested.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer responded to a citizen report of a loose dog captured on San Antonio. Officer contacted the dog owner via the ID on the dog’s collar. The dog was returned to the owner, who was on the beach. Warning and educational information given.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found wallet on Lincoln Street turned over to CPD for safekeeping pending return to owner. Owner contacted and picked up the wallet at 1605 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Eighth Avenue for having expired registration.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported the loss of jewelry left behind in a hotel room on Camino Real. Person checked out of the hotel on Dec. 29, 2014. The person has contacted the hotel in attempts to locate the lost jewelry, to no avail.

Carmel Valley: A 66-year-old female reported numerous items were missing from her home on Country Club Way. No forced entry.

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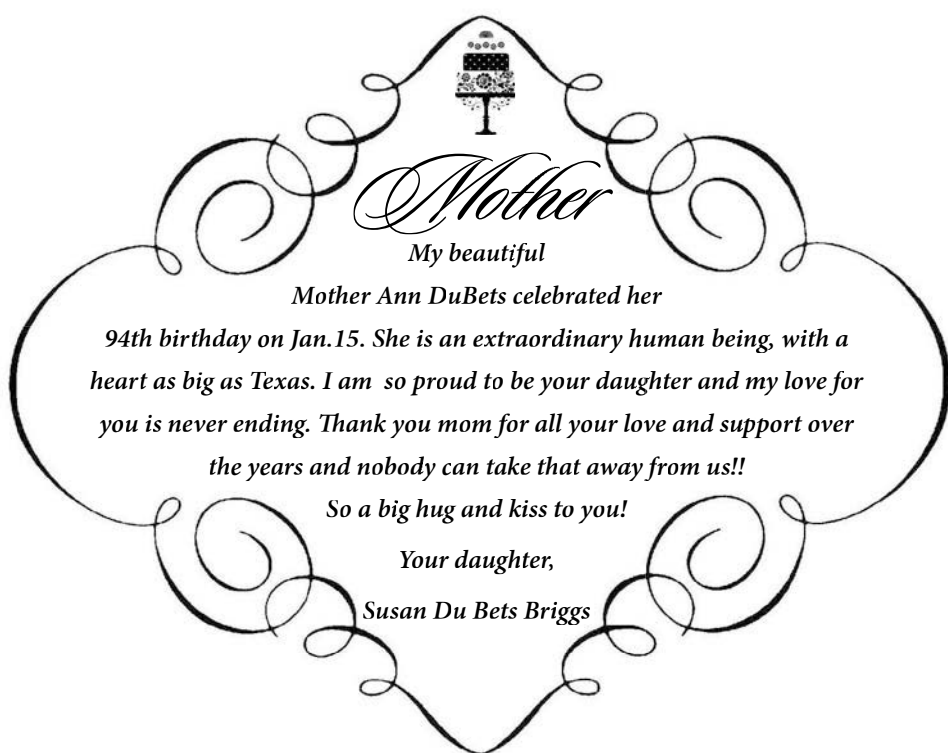


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Born on May 22nd, 1919 in Butte, Montana as the only child to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Vitt, Herb spent his formative years in Seattle where he attended Queen Anne High School and graduated from the University of Washington. He was a member of the Chi Psi Fraternity. Shortly after WWII Herb started Vitt Construction which from 1945 until 1970 would see the company completing numerous projects throughout the Western United States, as well as large scale government projects for the US Military, and Convalescent Hospitals.



In 1970 Herb retired from the construction business, and with his second wife Shirley bought a home in Pebble Beach, California. Herb spent his days enjoying the life of retired man playing tennis at the Beach Club and spending time with his close friends. One of Herbs greatest pleasures was spending time on his classic boat, an all wood 47' foot Chris Craft, which he and his family and friends spent weeks cruising through the San Juan and Gulf Island of Washington State and British Columbia.

Known for his straightforward manner, Herb was a man of few words, but also a man of generosity and silent kindness who touched the lives of all who knew him.

Herb is survived by his three children, Cathy, Carole and Tim; 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be Saturday, January 17th at 2:30 pm with viewing 1 hour prior at Mission Mortuary, 450 Camino El Estero, Monterey. Burial will follow in the San Carlos Cemetery.

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Editorial

Save the sewage plant

THROUGHOUT ALMOST all of human history, contagious diseases were what killed people — diseases such as the plague, typhus, dysentery, yellow fever and malaria.

But today, especially in the developed world, these diseases are almost nonexistent, and have been that way so long they’ve pretty much been forgotten.

Today, it’s illnesses that form inside our own bodies that kill us — things like hypertension, heart disease and cancer. In most people, these illnesses take a long time to develop, which means they die at an advanced age. But you should consider yourself lucky if you succumb to heart failure at 85 — at least you didn’t waste away from cholera when you were 25.

Indeed, from a health point of view, everybody on the earth is lucky to be alive today instead of in any previous time in history. Most people don’t see it that way — they’re too busy complaining about the cost of hospital visits, or the fact that free medical care isn’t available to as many people as they think it should be — but the truth will be evident to anybody who gives it a moment’s thought. And one thing that’s worth more than a moment’s thought is the infrastructure that silently protects us from the contagious illnesses that killed our forefathers. A good example of the vital processes and facilities that perform their tasks so well they’re taken for granted is the local sewage treatment plant.

What is a sewage treatment plant? It’s a place where bacteria-laden and disease-carrying water is made safe so it can be discharged back into the environment, including the places from which our drinking water is drawn. In other words, the sewer plant plays a key role in making sure that when you take a drink of water there’s nothing in the water that will kill you — a fact that wasn’t true for anyone during most of history, and still isn’t true today in many parts of the world.

One of our news stories last week was about the possibility that the Carmel sewage treatment plant will be flooded during a major winter storm because of measures to protect the fish in the Carmel River and its lagoon. A followup story printed this week also points out that, because the sewage plant does its job so well and is screened from view by foliage, most people don’t even know it’s there, so they probably didn’t know what to make of our story.

But they should pay attention to the sewage plant, even if they can’t see it, because it’s one of the most important facilities in the Carmel area — a place that plays an irreplaceable role in protecting everybody’s health.

Obviously, protecting the environment of the Carmel River Lagoon is important. But important enough to threaten the functioning of the sewer plant? No.

We should all thank the water treatment officials, including former Mayor Ken White, for raising the alarm about the flooding threat to the sewage treatment plant.

It’s everybody’s job to take their warning seriously, and to make sure that threat doesn’t materialize.

BEST of BATES



“Fourth tree NE of Carmelo and Eleventh ... four pine cones on ground, bark missing on two sides, one cracked lower limb”

Letters to the Editor

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The Pine Cone only accepts letters to the editor by email. Please submit your letters to mail@carmelpinecone.com

‘Trees are town’s defining characteristic’

Dear Editor,

We agree with your editorial that the city of Carmel needs better tree management. Where we disagree is on the significance of the urban forest in Carmel, the importance of challenging tree removals, and how easy it is to replace trees.

Trees are Carmel’s “defining characteristic,” and indeed the scenery. A quote from “Carmel: A Coastal Getaway, A bewitching village on the Pacific promises fairy-tale cottages and a sea of trees” in “Via” magazine:

“More beguiling than storybook cottages are the city’s trees. Some 31,000 of them form a sheltering canopy of pines, giant cypresses, and live oaks that rustle and sway with the softest breeze. Many of the largest trees in the urban forest were planted in the dunes more than 100 years ago by early

townsfolk who understood the allure of nature and art.”

It was the forest by the sea that the aesthetically sensitive artists who founded Carmel were attracted to. And it is immersion in nature that continues to calm the souls of visitors from around the world.

When it comes to challenging tree removals, all we ask is that the city apply its own tree ordinance and Forest Management Plan. If a tree is deemed a hazard, it should be removed. However, deciding whether a tree is a hazard is a complex matter and should be determined by a professional arborist who is a certified Tree Risk Assessor.

Replacing trees is not as easy as you may think. A young replacement tree is less than 1 percent of the biomass of the original tree. Truly replacing a large tree takes many decades of good tree management. In 2002, the Pebble Beach Company replaced a 70-foot tree and it cost them \$350,000.

There is a word for the slow death of a forest: ecocide. The fact is that tree by tree, extensive damage and destruction is being done to Carmel’s natural landscape and ecosystem. As guests in this forest, we all need to take part in sustaining our local treasure.

Maria Sutherland, *President Friends of Carmel Forest*

Moved here for the trees

Dear Editor,

In the book, “Creating Carmel,” the authors describe the great energy Carmel’s

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No mystery here: Kathryn Gualtieri loves history

LOCAL AUTHOR Kathryn Gualtieri loves digging into history and telling stories, and she’s been able to carve out a niche in the mystery genre doing both. Her own story took her all over California. Along the way she was married, had two children and four grandchildren, and met her second husband, Tony. They’ve been together 35 years. She traced her path to becoming a historian and novelist from her early childhood in Riverside.

She said she grew up wanting to be a teacher. Her love of history started early with frequent visits to the children’s library. She especially liked learning about local history. She earned her bachelor of arts in social science from San Diego State and then took a

digging for the truth, and Gualtieri uses her to delve into some of the issues Carmel’s faced over the years.

Starting with “Murder in the Pines,” which is about a developer who wants to build a hotel on the beach, each of her four books involved extensive research into Carmel’s history. Gualtieri looked into details as minute as how milk was delivered, but the stories are entertaining and not at all pedantic.

Jealousy and competition in the Forest Theater’s early days are featured in “Murder Takes the Stage,” while “The Laundryman’s Daughter” explores issues of racism and prejudice through the eyes of a young Chinese girl whose father was murdered.

The latest book, due out any day now, is titled, “The Missing Bohemian,” and deals with Prohibition and bootlegging.

She said she hadn’t planned to write four books, but that every time she

thought she was done with Finnegan, “She kept knocking on my door at midnight!”

In her spare time, she and her husband volunteer with Friends of the Carmel Library. She also serves on the Carmel Historic Resources Board. She added that she and Tony have been “die-hard 49ers fans since we first got married,” and that they’re also Netflix fanatics. She loves mysteries, Westerns and musicals — her favorite is “Singing in the Rain.”

She said that during her most recent drive down to Carmel, she was reflecting on the fact she’s still in good health and in a good marriage. As she passed Sand City, she saw that someone had formed a sentence on a large dune with seaweed: “Every day is a blessing.” Based on her experiences, she had to agree.

To suggest someone for this column, email emgiuliano@gmail.com.



Kathryn Gualtieri

Great Lives

By ELAINE HESSER

teaching job in San Francisco. She became one of many people researching thousands of the city’s historic businesses for an ambitious project with the Junior League of San Francisco.

The resulting book, “Here Today,” remains an important resource for anyone who wants to learn about San Francisco’s architecture and history. From the mid-1960s to 1980, Gualtieri was a member of the California Historical Resources Commission.

Then she decided to do something many would find daunting: More than 20 years after graduating from college, she earned her master’s in history from San Jose State. Her thesis, “Half Moon Bay: The Birth of a Coastside Town,” was published as a book.

After several years working for the State Historic Preservation Office for California, she and Tony moved to Capitola. They later bought a home in Carmel, but as the two prepared to move, Tony was elected to Capitola’s city council. He later served as mayor and city treasurer, and the couple now divide their time between the two villages.

Gualtieri said her love of Carmel history inspired her series of mystery novels.

She’d always loved mysteries, starting with Nancy Drew. She eventually graduated to P.D. James and Rita Mae Brown, among others. She asked herself, “Could I combine my two favorite things?” She concluded that by doing so, she “could open the door to show people the issues of the past.”

She had done some writing for The Pine Cone. At the newspaper, she met writer Ivy Weston, who was one of two role models for Nora Finnegan, the reporter-heroine of her series, set in 1920s Carmel. The other? The Pine Cone’s own Mary Schley.

Finnegan’s a no-nonsense woman. She’s bold and fiercely dedicated to

Reader feedback can cause heartburn

YOU DON’T know what a thrill it is to be known around Carmel as a humorous author, mentioned with some of the great humor writers like James Thurber and Mark Twain.

Just last week I overheard a woman at Save Mart say to her friend, “I read Larry Wilde in the Pine Cone every week, and I can tell you, he’s no James Thurber or Mark Twain.”

Like every comedian and writer, I’ve been on the receiving end of some unsettling reviews. A critic of my books once wrote, “Larry Wilde has done for literature what the Ayatollah Khomeini did for strippers in Iran.”

I’ve produced 53 books, and I’m constantly amazed at the correspondence I keep getting from enthusiastic supporters. Here’s a letter from Mrs. Carmine Cavatelli, the wife of a Chicago attorney:

“I like your joke books that poke fun at stockbrokers, bankers, doctors and CPA’s, but the jokes about attorneys are NOT funny. They make it sound like lawyers are liars and criminals who have close connections with crooked mobsters. Chicago lawyers are nice people! STOP writing those lawyer jokes. My husband says if you don’t, his friends are going to break both your legs.”

Here’s another fan letter I saved: “I’m really crazy about your joke books. You’re funnier than Jay Leno, David Letterman and Jerry Seinfeld put together. Sometimes I laugh so loud people think I’m nuts. Keep up the good work.

P.S. Sorry this letter is written in crayon, but they don’t allow us to use sharp objects in here.”

My publisher for many years was Bantam Books in New York. One year I was in the hospital. They sent me this uplifting get-well note: “Dear Larry: Sorry to learn of your illness. You’ll be happy to know that the Bantam Board of Directors wishes you a speedy recovery by a vote of 7 - 6 — with 3 abstentions.”

My Pine Cone writing gig has elicited some fascinating feedback. Here are some of the most memorable:

Dear Mr. Wilde: My wife and I enjoy your column although we’re not sure why. Maybe it’s because we’ve lived in Carmel way too long.

Dear Larry: Which comedians do you hang out with who are currently alive?

Hi Larry: You mentioned that you were the warmup act at George Washington’s farewell address. What was he like as a person? (Answer: I cannot tell a lie. His smile was a little wooden.)

Dear Larry Wilde: I notice you don’t do political jokes. Why not? (Answer: There are too many political jokes already. And most of them are in Congress.)

Dear Mr. So-Called Humorist: Your column is NOT funny! I don’t like it. My neighbors don’t like it. And last week my cockatoo, Gloria, got sick. I noticed that her cage was lined with a paper featuring YOUR COLUMN. Obviously your humor made her sick.

J.T. in Carmel Valley
P.S. My dog, Puddles, hates your column, too. I’m keeping him away from it since I can’t afford any more vet bills.

Wilde Times

By LARRY WILDE

Dear Mr. Wilde: I think your column should be nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. It would make all the other entrants look so much better.

Dear L.W.: I’ve enjoyed many wonderful columns in the Pine Cone but yours is not one of them.

Anonymous.

Dear Mr. So-Called Humorist: I hope you’re happy! My cockatoo, Gloria, died. And now my dog, Puddles, has run away. May you rot in humor hell.

J.T. in Carmel Valley

Dear Mr. Wise Guy: I can’t understand why Paul Miller gives you even one line of space in his wonderful paper. What we need are more human interest stories about dogs.

Dear Mr. So-Called Humorist/Serial Killer: First you killed my cockatoo, Gloria. Then my dog, Puddles, ran away. Now that I know how poisonous your column really is I plan on sending it to my mother-in-law.

J.T. in Carmel Valley

P.S. My boss could stand a little dose of your so-called humor, too.

Dear Larry Wilde: Oh, please! You expect us to believe that Chico and Harpo Marx actually took you to see the 49ers at Kezar Stadium? That would make you older than dirt. Who do you think you’re kidding?

Dear Mr. Wilde: You call yourself a writer? Now THAT’S a laugh!

Dear Larry: I am an aspiring comedy writer. Enclosed are 248 pages of my best material. Feel free to laugh, but if you use any of my stuff I’ll sue you for everything you’ve got.

Cordially yours,
(Name withheld for obvious reasons)

Dear Wilde: You are so right about the connection between humor and health. Last week I got sick. I read your column in my doctor’s waiting room, and I felt a lot worse.

Dear Larry: Do you know the one about the rabbi, the priest and the minister? If so, please print it, because I can’t remember the punch line.

Dear Mr. Wilde: I’ve been following your column in The Pine Cone, and I know you’ve written 53 books on humor. In case you start getting too big for your britches, just remember that the number of people who come to your funeral will depend on the weather.
(Anonymous)

Larry Wilde is a former standup comedian and author with book sales over 12 million copies. The New York Times has called him “America’s Best-Selling Humorist.” E-mail larry@larrywilde.com.

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30 and includes \$1,255 per month for family health coverage and paid holidays. It obligates him to pay the 7 percent contribution to the state public employees retirement system.

“Jason was hired on an interim basis to assist the city with high-priority projects and strategic initiatives that needed focused attention,” Lichtig told The Pine Cone Thursday. “This includes critical city-wide information technology projects, financial plan development and a strategic analysis of a sustainable organizational structure for our information technology and finance services.”

San Luis Obispo Mayor Jan Howell Marx said the council didn’t weigh in on the contract, but it has the blessing of the finance director. “We’re heading into a two-year budget cycle, so the IT area needs more hands-on attention, and the financial planning is something that we really need help in right now,” she said. “This is an administrative position — this is not something that came to city council at all. I just know about it because I’ve been informed that it happened.”

She said Stilwell’s work would be “very focused, very in-house, carrying out and implementing policies that exist.”

ACTIVIST

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Open ocean intakes are effective but are widely opposed by environmentalists and the California Coastal Commission for entraining and killing marine life. Agha’s desal proposal in Moss Landing would employ such an intake.

Though Riley concedes that “test well information is needed,” he goes on in the press release to question whether there will be an “authentic evaluation of slant well feasibility that includes life-cycle costs and the risks for an entirely new and experimental intake?”

“Did you know that state agencies have encouraged using slant wells as the environmentally superior ocean intake, if feasible?” according to Riley’s news release. “But did you know these same agencies have not specified cost as a necessary criteria for feasibility?”

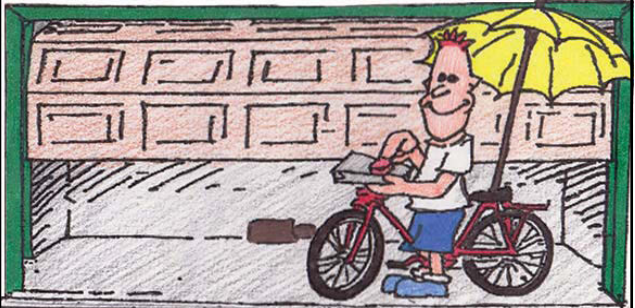
Stedman said Thursday that Riley agreed to have a Cal Am official present at Monday’s meeting to answer any questions from audience members.

He also agreed to meet with Cal Am engineering manager Ian Crooks prior to the forum.

“We’ll be interested to see if he is indeed looking to present the facts and have a discussion about slant wells on the basis of expert and informed opinion,” Stedman said.

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DONATION

From page 6A

for them to do when there’s an adult walking around the room.”

The center hosts anywhere from 45 to 50 children and teenagers every day, and many of them also take advantage of the free tutoring available there, using the laptops while they work with the instructor.

“We have a lot of kids whose parents believe in the power of education and the importance of prioritizing academics,” Griffin-Ortiz said. “So we do everything we can to promote that, as well.”

The new computers go beyond being useful; they also instill a sense of pride in the center.

“It’s had its ups and downs over the decades, but it’s been great to see its Renaissance, with kids there all the time,” he said. “It’s loud and fun and safe. This is not just a cool place to go, but we have the coolest stuff, too.”

And the donation probably prompted some sales at the Apple Store over the holidays, as kids asked their parents for computers like the new ones at the youth center, Griffin-Ortiz speculated.

“It was such a generous gift, and it’s one of those moments that you wish you could do over and over again. Donations don’t usually happen like that,” he said. “It’s \$16,000 worth of computers that just showed up based on a couple of conversations.”

More recently, another supporter wrote the center a \$25,000 check, no strings attached.

The board met Tuesday night and decided the money should be used for repairs to the downstairs game room, a surveillance-system upgrade, more free tutoring and improvements to the backyard, according to Griffin-Ortiz.

Youth center seeks volunteers for AT&T

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practice rounds beginning Feb. 9 — help generate much of the funding used to run the Carmel Youth Center, which provides volunteer workers to peddle snacks and drinks during the tournament.

That tradition has carried on for more than 65 years, and Griffin-Ortiz, has issued the call for help.

“As the tournament grows in popularity and size each year, the challenge of recruiting, managing and transporting volunteers gets greater each year as well,” he announced. As a result, the youth center must staff more than 1,000 four-hour shifts throughout the week, as pros, celebrities and amateurs compete at Pebble Beach, Spyglass Hill and the Monterey Peninsula Country Club.

Most volunteers work in the concessions tents alongside community members who have offered their time to help the CYC, many of them for years. And after they’ve put in their hours, they can enjoy golf spectating, walking the course and people watching.

The connection between the tournament and the youth center goes back to its inception. Bing Crosby, who brought his clambake tournament from Rancho Santa Fe to Pebble Beach in 1947, also opened more than 200 youth centers across the United States, with Carmel’s being the first. And of those, only Carmel’s remains, with the rest either shut down, or converted to Boys & Girls Clubs or city-run centers. Back in the days of the Crosby, youth center volunteers sold concessions out of trailers called Bingmobiles.

Volunteers must be at least 14 years old — though many are well into their 70s — and students can earn community-service credits for helping. Working at least one four-hour shift will include free admission, a free lunch, and shuttle service between the youth center and the golf courses.

To lend a hand, call (831) 624-3285 or visit www.carmel-youth.com/volunteer.

CENTURY

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Beagling, it appears, is similar to fox hunting, but the quarry becomes a hare; the hound, a beagle; and the chase is on foot. Donnan gathers that an essential part of the sport is to sit in a pub for hours discussing strategy.

The Jeffers report that, quite contrary to what they had expected in this part of Ireland, they have been swept up in an active social life. In spite of rain and cold, they are still enjoying the country tremendously.

25 Years Ago — January 18, 1990

Water Board Set to Enact Connection Limits

The time has come. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District is scheduled to enact its water connection limit urgency ordinance next Sunday night with an added trigger for stopping connections.

An annual cap of 110 acre feet of water has been added to the proposed Monterey Peninsula Water Management District ordinance that mandates the types of connections that will be prohibited and allowed. “For the past five years, the [total] permits have averaged 221 acre feet a year,” explained water board chairman Dick Heuer. “The cap is not intended to tighten or loosen restrictions. It is simply to provide an established criterion so there will be significant savings from the action.”

The water board will meet to vote on the ordinance at 7 p.m., Monday Jan. 22 at Martin Luther King High School Auditorium, 1723 Broadway, Seaside.

If approved, it will take effect that day.

—Compiled by Christopher Good



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LETTERS

From page 24A

visionary founder Frank Devendorf employed to plant a robust forest in Carmel. Your paper’s name also gives greater historical witness to the importance of the forest than the minor role you assigned it in last week’s editorial. So please allow me to seriously answer the rhetorical questions you posed on behalf of the city’s general plan (which refers to Carmel as “a village in a forest”) and the many residents who do, in fact, understand the forest as a defining characteristic of Carmel:

Editor: Sorry, but did we miss something?
Me: Yes, you did. The foremost newspaper in Carmel is named after a tree part critical to reproduction.

Editor: Do people move to Carmel because it has lots and lots of trees?

Me: Yes, they do. My parents did, and my wife and I moved back to live among trees that would be protected by our community.

Editor: Are trees what bring tourists here?

Me: Yes, trees are one of four major factors that, working seamlessly with the others, bring people here (the others being the residential character, the beach, and the commercial core).

Editor: When people tell their friends and neighbors about a trip to Carmel, are trees the first thing they mention?

Me: Some do, but others don’t. It’s similar to the way not everyone first mentions, when discussing The Pine Cone, that its editorials contain breezy rhetoric seamlessly blended with otherwise helpful content. But a lack of first mention makes it no less true.

A robust forest is an asset with incredible economic and aesthetic value. Just as minimizing its importance makes for less meaningful editorial journalism, so losing 25 to 30 percent of Carmel’s trees would make it less attractive. Without trees Carmel would look similar to other beach towns in California, but it would not be Carmel. We have a history of higher than average aesthetic standards and vocal residents trying to protect them. It would be a service to our community if you supported both.

Hans Hess, Carmel

‘Frighteningly rabid mindset’

Dear Editor,

I want to applaud you for this week’s editorial regarding trees. You are correct about their place and the phenomenon of tree worship.

I split my time between Carmel and San Leandro. During a conversation with an S.L. city arborist, he told me that, “Trees matter. People and property do not.” For my values, that is a frighteningly rabid mindset.

James Schneider, Carmel

‘Our forest is disappearing’

Dear Editor:

Your editorial decrying the “silliness” of those worried about the fate of our native Monterey pines and oaks revealed a stunning lack of understanding of Carmel’s history and its original soul. Sadly, many Carmel property owners also seem to share this attitude.

Our pines and oaks are at the very heart of Carmel’s character. Without them, Carmel is not Carmel. Ecologically, Carmel is a part of the larger native Monterey pine forest, with associated coastal prairie habitat along the ocean and coastal scrub dominated by manzanita stepping up to the village where pines and oaks dominated. The beauty of the place was transcendental. That beauty and the biodiversity of these original habitats have been extirpated over the years, but our founders, Papa Devendorf and the artists and writers whose Arts and Crafts ideals of simple, creative living and love of nature set the tone for Carmel’s future, cherished and tried to protect it against the march of so-called “progress.” Houses were subordinate to the forest and sought to “fit in”...set back, leaving room for new trees to grow and habitat for animals and birds. I think our founders would be shocked and deeply saddened by current trends. In fact one could say that Carmel has suffered a sort of “identity theft.”

My grandmother built her little 700-square-foot cottage in 1905 in the corner of her two lots to avoid tree removal, exemplifying that deep respect that many Carmelites

felt for the blessings that nature had bestowed upon them here. This is an attitude that, along with Carmel’s nature, has also been largely extirpated. Our forest is disappearing, and what is left is stressed by drought, large houses that damage root systems, over pruning and inappropriate landscaping.

For one who cherishes our native forest and who resonates with Carmel’s very special philosophical heritage, it is sad to see the changes that ignorance and greed have wrought upon this jewel of a place.

I might add that if any of us could give as much in our life as a tree does we could count our lives a success.

Linda Smith, Carmel

Trees cause trouble

Dear Editor

Where I live in Atlanta, Ga. we suffer from the same type of tree regulations as you do. As a result, when we have severe weather — thunderstorms, high winds — we have major power losses, blocked roads, injuries, and on occasion even death. Several times a year there is always a serious injury or death from a fallen tree.

If you want to remove a tree, you have to get the permission from what the locals call “The Tree Police.” If the tree is not completely dead, you then must go before a committee of city tree lovers to plead your case. I can tell you from first-hand experience these bureaucrats are more concerned with the life of a tree than that of a human. As a result, the city is now so full of trees that you can no longer see the tree through the forest. America’s founding fathers would turn in their graves if they knew such laws existed.

Ed Danko, Atlanta

Fires harm cypress

Dear Editor,

I heartily concur with some of the reasons suggested for eliminating fires on the beach. Here are a few of my own:

The “dear old ladies,” namely our beloved Monterey cypress trees, do not benefit from the smoke that rises and diffuses into the branches. These old gals love moist, cool air!

One can observe that the fires made close to the cliffs are generally attended by those who sit on the breezy ocean side. I have been in homes at Carmel Point where after 9:30 p.m. the smoke invaded the houses, indicating folks had not put out the fires, but let them burn down.

My own grandson burned his foot on a fire that had been covered over, whose embers were still smoldering.

One day on Bay View Avenue, I observed a family breaking up a pallet to carry to the beach. When I returned from my walk, there lay the remains which they carelessly left behind.

Folks also roll logs off the cliff to the sand below, oblivious to the greenery that grows on the edges.

We have a blessing in disguise here in our lovely coastal town. We need to celebrate it and enhance it. And we need to declare it to those who come! We value breathing clean air. Until you go to where these folks hail from, you can never underestimate a day of breathing clean air. How about it? Let’s go truly green and depart from the Neanderthal practice of building a fire to look at.

Carol Stollorz, Carmel

Neighbor complains about construction

Dear Editor,

Mary Schley accurately reported the city council’s hearing of my appeal regarding proposed construction on Scenic near Ninth. But it seems that an issue central to my appeal was lost during the discussions that followed the presentations. While it is obvious that homes must be renovated or built in Carmel, it is possible to mitigate construction noise, and this received virtually no consideration during the hearing. The property on Scenic and Ninth was purchased for \$4.9 million. The demolition and new construction must cost around \$1 million. Surely the owners can afford, and should be required, to take measures to limit the noise which will impact the neighborhood for a-year-and-half or longer. It is, after all, construction being performed for their benefit that will create

the disturbance.

Although it’s not in the municipal code, Carmel’s General Plan and Coastal Land Use Plan seem to mandate it: “Ensure that construction activities are managed to minimize overall noise impacts on surrounding land uses,” one policy states. Another one says the city should, “develop a system to monitor construction noise impacts on surrounding land uses.”

So, clearly, some sort of acoustic analysis should be performed before the project is approved, and noise limits should be established.

Eric Miller, the designer, made the ridiculous claim that I won’t be able to hear the construction from where I live. My home is about 150 feet from the site, so, yes, I will be able to hear it. But this further underscores the desirability of noise analysis, since it reveals that those connected with the project may underestimate the extent of noise pollution they produce.

While the serious (and well established) medical risks of noise did not get a lot of attention, much time was spent in the meeting, both by members of the community and the council members, discussing peripheral or irrelevant issues. Yes, the proposed home is designed beautifully. No, I don’t need a business license to review medical records at home. Other neighbors spoke in support of the project, but I am sure that even they would favor less, rather than more, noise, if given the choice.

All of us have a right to live in a quiet, healthy environment. Unnecessary noise violates that right. Carmel’s General plan recognizes these facts. So can someone explain to me why construction noise restrictions are not being imposed on this project, and for that matter, on all building projects in Carmel?

Steven M. Beutler, Carmel

Norman’s legacy

Dear Editor,

You printed a very good article last week about Jeff Norman, headlined, “A library within a library named for Big Sur Naturalist.”

My wife, Judy, and I knew Jeff Norman fairly well, had hiked to his cabin once to visit him, and helped lead nature hikes with him for Elder Hostel (now called Road

Scholar) groups. It is great to have a shelf honoring Jeff at the Henry Miller Library.

A number of interesting books are mentioned in the article. One book that wasn’t included but should have been and deserves to be placed on the shelf with the other books is “Images of America, Big Sur,” by Jeff Norman himself, published in 2004 by the Big Sur Historical Society. It includes many photos and descriptions of people and places from the late 19th Century through much of the 20th Century. It is very well written, and is a treasure for Judy and me to have in memory of Jeff.

Bruce Cowan, Pacific Grove

Canine center makes no sense

Dear Editor,

It is astonishing that plans for a 45-acre canine center next to Quail Lodge, a major neighborhood-busting project, should continue to go forward when the entire surrounding civic community has spoken out against it.

Virtually every public agency such as California Fish and Wildlife, California Water Resources Control Board, Monterey County Land Use Advisory Committee, National Marine Fisheries Service, as well as independent traffic studies, have objected to the canine project’s projected violations of traffic, water, noise, environmental, and community common sense.

In addition, two major residence associations, the Carmel Valley Association (approximately 600 members) and the Friends of Quail (400-plus members) have protested the intrusion of such an alien commercial operation on that site in contravention of existing zoning regulations.

As an EIR is being developed, serious attention must be paid to weighting the opinion of more than 1,000 neighboring households whose safety, welfare, health and sanctity of their property would clearly be jeopardized by the construction of this commercial entity.

This commercial operation would not only violate existing zoning usage, but would benefit no one but a small group of developers and, furthermore, create only a pitiful handful of new jobs with no real return to the larger economy.

D.C. Matuszewski, Carmel

Joelle LeGrand Hathaway

1924 - 2014



Pacific Grove- Mrs. Joelle LeGrand Hathaway at age 90, peacefully passed at home on December 27, 2014 with her son Pat (care giver for the past 30 years,) long-time family friend Inge Heidrick and her beloved cat Kissa at her bed side.

Joelle was born in Orleans, France and married first husband Pierre Charlie who was killed in the French Indo-China war, AKA Vietnam War in 1948. On August 28, 1951 Joelle married American Colonel James L. Hathaway in her home town and moved to Carmel with young son Pat in May of 1953.

Joelle was a long time cancer survivor and a paraplegic since 1969, never letting that slow her down. She learned to drive with manual controls and could often be seen in her orange Pacer (she called Pumpkin) about town. She was a long time peninsula resident active in the Alliance Francaise. She was a gourmet cook loving to gather family and friends treating them to gastronomy delight.

The family settled in Pacific Grove in 1958 after Colonel Hathaway’s retirement from the Army at Fort Ord. Joelle taught French in Carmel Wood School and she worked in the china department of Holman’s from 1960-64 in Pacific Grove. Colonel James L. Hathaway passed in 1985.

Along with both husbands, Joelle is predeceased by her mother Alice Pauline Louis in Pacific Grove in 1964.

Survived by beloved son Pat Hathaway; step-daughter Anne Hardwick Hathaway Burreson of Olympia, Washington; step-grandchildren Bob, Mollie, Laura and John Burreson and numerous great-grandchildren all of Washington State.

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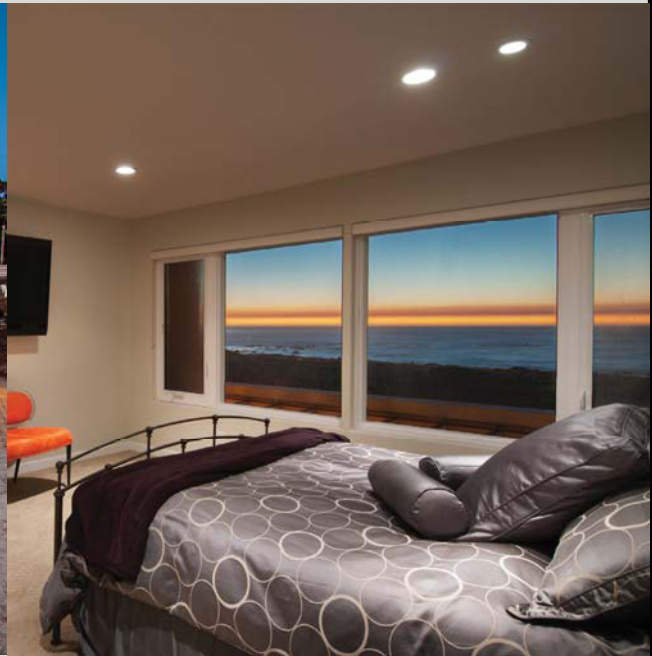


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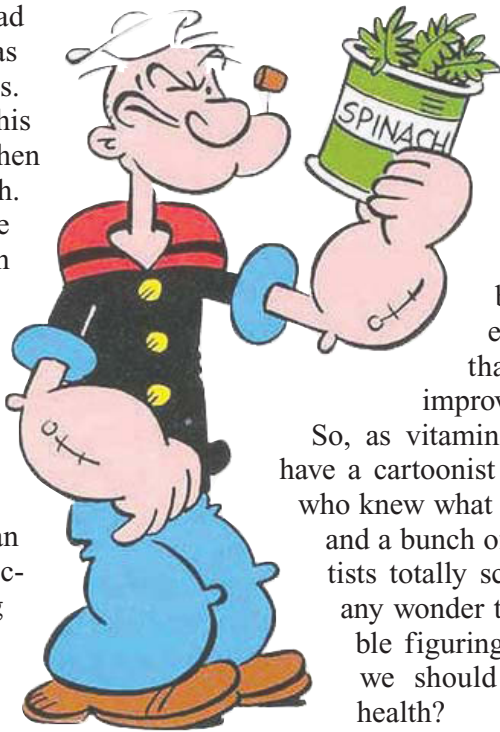
When it comes to vitamins, ask an expert — or a cartoon character

By ELAINE HESSER

IF YOU'RE of a certain age, you surely remember the Popeye cartoon show.

His speech was a little hard to understand because he always talked with a pipe clenched in his teeth, and he had a peculiar accent. Still, he was definitely one of the good guys. His impressive strength was his secret weapon — but only when he consumed a can of spinach. Why there always seemed to be a can of spinach within reach — even when he was kidnapped and tied up — was never explained. And why spinach, anyway?

Many sources wrote that Popeye's affinity for the vegetable grew from an error by late 19th century German scientists. They misplaced a decimal point when calculating the amount of iron in spinach, multiplying it by 10. The error gave the impression



that spinach was an exceptional source of iron — a notion that persisted for decades. But that wasn't why Popeye ate spinach. The Internet Journal of Criminology, among others, tracked down one line in the original Popeye comic strip where Popeye said it was the vitamin A that "makes hoomans strong and helty." He never mentioned iron. The cartoonist, E. Segar, wanted to encourage kids to eat leafy greens because there were scientific studies showing that their health would improve.

So, as vitamins and nutrition go, we have a cartoonist and fictional character who knew what they were talking about and a bunch of trained German scientists totally screwing things up. Is it any wonder the rest of us have trouble figuring out what supplements we should take to ensure good health?

The Pine Cone went straight to an expert to sort things out. Registered dietitian Leah Hopkins of Castlewood Treatment Center in Pacific Grove has more than 20 years of experience in the business, not to mention a master's degree in human nutrition and is a certified diabetes instructor.

Ideally, Hopkins said, vitamins and minerals should come from foods as part of a perfectly balanced diet, including fiber, water and calories. Unfortunately, the reality is that most diets are far from perfect — skipped meals and a lack of fruits and vegetables leave gaps. Weight loss or health regimens that exclude food groups, like low-carb, vegan, and that current darling of the fad diet world — the Paleo diet — also leave out important nutrients.

'Largely unregulated'

Hopkins went on to say that many people benefit from a basic multivitamin. She's suspicious of overly complicated and expensive routines that involve taking packets of five or six pills twice a day, however. She noted that

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vitamin supplements are largely unregulated, so consumers should be wary of claims that a particular regimen will improve things like skin and hair, or liver function. She also recommended ConsumerLab.com, a web site that provides the results of independent testing of supplements to show that they really contain the nutrients they claim to provide. The site charges a fee, but depending on how much you’re spending on vitamins, it might be a good investment.

Individual needs vary widely, so the best way to find out what supplements would be helpful is to ask your doctor. He or she can order lab tests to

check levels of vitamins and then make informed recommendations. Hopkins said that the problem with self-prescribing is that it’s possible to overdo it. At a minimum you might be wasting money, and you could even do yourself harm. One example is vitamin D. For the last few years, it’s been popular to take mega doses because studies have shown that many people are deficient in the so-called “sunshine vitamin.” Still, Hopkins said, if you take too much you could damage your liver and kidneys. Getting tested and discussing your overall lifestyle with an expert is the best way to find out what you really need.

Supplements are more effective if taken properly. Hopkins said that taking a multivitamin first thing

in the morning on an empty stomach is a bad idea. “They’re hard to digest on their own,” she said, and added that foods make it easier for your body to absorb the nutrients. B vitamins should be taken with breakfast or lunch, because they help raise energy levels and can disrupt sleep. Vitamin D, on the other hand, is best taken after dinner because the fat from the meal will help absorb it.

Finally, Hopkins reiterated, supplements are not a substitute for a healthy lifestyle. For example, while smokers can benefit from taking vitamin C, quitting would be a much better solution. “That’s the problem with taking vitamins,” she said, “People think they don’t have to eat well.”

Even Popeye knew that wasn’t true.

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DEAR IN-SHAPE: I’m totally not a morning person. I hit snooze a billion times and I still feel like I’m dragging. How do I become a more productive morning person?
- **JIM 29, CARMEL**

DEAR JIM: The snooze button was invented because most of us have a little trouble getting out of bed in the morning. However hitting the snooze actually sends your body and brain a false alarm. The more you snooze, the more confused they get which leads to morning crankiness. Try some of these things to help you get going.

Set your alarm for the time that you actually have to get up in the morning to get ready on time. Don’t leave any extra wiggle room to snooze. Try and do this consistently throughout the week. Your body needs a consistent pattern of sleeping and waking so that your inner clock can become regulated.

You may struggle with this at first, so try placing your alarm clock or cell phone on the other side of the room. This will force you to face the biggest hurdle to waking up in the morning, getting out of bed, head on. Once you are out bed, head straight to the showers and get going.

Go to bed at approximately the same time every night. You may think you’re not a morning person, but it might just be because you aren’t getting enough sleep. Make sure you are getting between 7-9 hours of sleep per night. Remember your body is creating important chemicals you need to function while you sleep.

Exercise daily. Exercise is vital to a good night’s sleep. Do some functional training exercises while you’re waiting for the coffee to brew, take a walk or run at lunchtime, or hit the free weights at In-Shape: Carmel after work. You’ll be surprised how much more quickly

you fall asleep and how much more rested you feel in the morning.

DEAR IN-SHAPE: It’s resolution time again. I know I want to lose weight, but I just don’t know how to start. There are so many diets out there. I don’t know which one to choose.
- **MADI, 43, PACIFIC GROVE**

DEAR MADI: You’re not alone. Lots of people are drawn to diet fads this time of year because they all want to get in shape for summer. Before you try a fad diet, beware as not every metabolism can handle the ups and downs that come with drastic diet changes. Fad dieting is just a short-term diet change that is not sustainable and rarely produces permanent weight loss.

Some of the more popular diet trends of late include cleanses, high-protein/low-carb, vegan and gluten free. They all involve cutting out all but a few select foods from your diet for short periods of time. Doing this can be very harmful to your health as it can affect the amount of important nutrients, fiber and/or vitamins you are getting, or it can add large amounts of fat and sugar. So it’s important to talk with your doctor before beginning any diet plan so they can help you decide which diet is best for you.

Instead of thinking about limiting your diet start by adding to it today. Drink plenty of water, eat 5-9 servings of vegetables and fruit a day, and select healthy snacks that will fill you up and satisfy you for longer periods of time. Then add regular exercise because any diet plan that doesn’t include regular exercise as a major component won’t lead to healthy, sustainable weight loss. Begin by simply adding extra steps to your day. Park further away from where you are going, take the stairs instead of the elevator, and try a free group exercise class at In-Shape: Pacific Grove.

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Replacing resolutions with themes that inspire healthy living

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

THE NO. 1 New Year's Resolution, research shows, isn't to spend more time with family, fall in love, learn something new, help others realize their dreams, eat healthier or be more active — all of which come from a positive, forward-looking perspective.

First and foremost, people resolve to lose weight,

which suggests disappointment in themselves, and even self-loathing. And those are poor motivators for positive change.

What tends to happen with a resolution based on

the idea that you're not good enough is, about two weeks into the New Year, you lose your resolve.

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Cristin DeVine says she doesn't believe in making New Year's resolutions. She believes in living a healthy lifestyle year round.

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“With New Year’s Resolutions, what people should be going for is a positive assist, not another oppressive and maybe unrealistic expectation,” says social worker Janet Thomas. “What if, instead of saying, ‘I’ve got to lose this belly or those 12 pounds,’ we tried, ‘This will be a year of motion, of parking farther away, getting up to get it myself, walking the kids home from school’?”

Thomas suggests replacing resolutions with New Year’s themes. The Year of Adventure might mean mapping out a new route to work, taking a trip, learning to SCUBA dive, exploring exotic foods, trying the tango. The Year of Order might mean making the bed, clearing out the closets, creating a new schedule or organizing our desk. Perhaps the Year of the Pause could be about stopping to notice the sunset or the fingers of fog reaching in through the trees, and maybe sitting down to read the mail, replacing a shower with a bath, taking time to call home.

“If you create a theme, when it’s time to make a

choice, you’ll have a direction to follow toward a healthy outcome,” says Thomas.

Cristin DeVine doesn’t believe in New Year’s resolutions. She believes in living a healthy lifestyle year round yet making allowances for too many carbohydrates during the holidays, so she can still feel good about herself on New Year’s Day.

“Resolutions often come from self hatred or rejection,” says DeVine, a local marriage and family therapist. “I have found that avoiding the pain of not feeling good about ourselves is worth the effort it takes to keep a healthy lifestyle. And we can avoid the quick-fix resolution lifestyle by maintaining a balanced lifestyle year round.”

‘A loving perspective’

DeVine also believes people might benefit from resolutions if they can generate them from a kind and loving perspective. “

Organisms function better in an environment of kindness,” she says. “When we make resolutions from a place of care and respect, and not the ‘no pain, no gain,’ mentality, we can be inspired by our goals.”

This is what DeVine appreciates about something called Neuromuscular Integrative Action dance — a fusion of yoga, martial arts and various dance forms which proponents say blends the “fluidity and focus of Tai Chi and yoga, the grace and spontaneity of modern dance, and the energy and explosiveness of martial arts.”

DeVine, a certified NIA instructor, finds that exercise is more inspired and more effective when we can look forward to it, as she and her students do.

“NIA is really about accepting,” she says, “about focusing less on our weight or other perceived shortcomings, and more on how to enjoy becoming our healthiest selves, with good energy and a pain-free body.”

DeVine looks at New Year’s Resolutions as an aspect of the American culture intent upon fresh starts, resolving each year to do better. “What I realize about this,” she says, “is that our psychological and emotional resolutions need as much positive practice as our physical exercises, if not more. These practices foster new behaviors, enabling us to adopt them with more self love and acceptance.

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Gospel great plays Sunset, blues-rocker back at Jack’s

FIFTY YEARS after the Staples Singers brought attention to the civil rights marches of 1965 with the landmark gospel album, “Freedom Road,” one of the group’s members, Grammy Award-winning singer **Mavis Staples**, performs Sunday, Jan. 18, at Sunset Center.

The Staple Singers, whose lineup also included Mavis’ father and three sisters, are best known for their string of soul singles in the early 1970s, which included a pair of No. 1 pop hits, “I’ll Take You There” and “Let’s Do It Again.”

Fueled in part by the success of her 2010 album, “You Are Not Alone,” which won a Grammy for Best Americana Album, Staples’ star has been on the rise for more than a decade. Her recent work with Jeff Tweedy of the alt-country band Wilco has only increased the size of her audience.

“Mavis is a consummate professional with a very long career behind her, and the fact that she’s still experimenting with her sound when she could rest on her laurels is spectacular,” said **Alex Richardson** of Sunset Center. “I think it’s

On A High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

wonderful that she’s been teaming up with Jeff Tweedy for her last couple of records. She’s able to appeal to a new adult

alternative/roots fan base, and that style of music really complements the authenticity in her vocal delivery.”

Preceding the Staples’ concert will be a Gospel Brunch in at Sunset Center’s “other venue,” Studio 105. Featuring food from Jeffrey’s Catering, Champagne and live music from singer and pianist Tom Lawson, the event begins at 1 p.m.

The performance by Staples starts at 3 p.m. Tickets to the brunch are \$30, while tickets to the concert are \$49 to \$69. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 620-2048.

■ Zydeco star gets funky in Studio 105

Nominated for a Grammy Award in 2012, zydeco musician **Andre Thierry** takes the stage Thursday, Jan. 22, in Sunset Center’s Studio 105. He’ll be backed by his band, Zydeco Magic.

Playing in a more intimate setting than Sunset’s main theater, Thierry celebrates the rich musical heritage of French Creole Louisiana. A virtuoso on accordion, he also sings, and plays guitar, bass and drums.

Richardson calls Thierry’s sound “infectious.”

“There’s a joy that comes through in his accordion playing, made all the more buoyant and engaging by the members of his band,” she added. “They get really funky, and I hope our Studio 105 show has people up and dancing.”

The show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Call (831) 620-2048.

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Andre Thierry (left) brings the music of his native Louisiana to Sunset Center’s Studio 105 Thursday. Mavis Staples (above), whose career is on a second upswing, plays Sunday in Sunset Center’s main theater.

‘The Language of Flowers’ blooms at photo show

LOOKING AT some of nature’s most exquisite handiwork, six Monterey Peninsula photographers present an exhibit, “The Language of Flowers,” at the Alvarado Gallery in the Monterey Conference Center. Featuring images by photographers **Elizabeth Murray**, **Carol Henry**, **Robin Ward**, **Chester Ng**, **Cheryl Ellis** and **Eduardo Fujii**, the show opens Friday, Jan. 16.

“Everyone loves flowers,” said Murray, a painter and author who helped restore artist Claude Monet’s legendary-garden in Giverny, France. “This is an opportunity to enjoy six different visions of flowers. Each photograph has a different take — some are quite feminine, some are masculine, and some are quite playful.”

Murray said her images of flowers are inspired, at least in part, by a quote from Buddha. “If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly our whole world would blossom,” she

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By CHRIS COUNTS

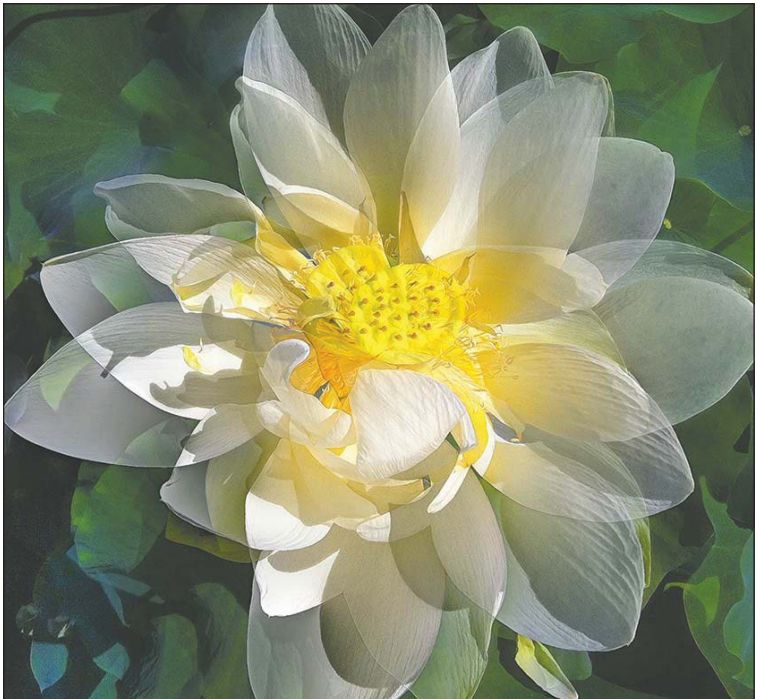
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The gallery, which is located at the top of the conference center’s escalator, hosts a reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The exhibit continues through March 8. The conference center is located at 1 Portola Plaza. Call (831) 242-8743.

■ New year, new artists in P.G.

The Pacific Grove Art Center kicked off the New Year last week by unveiling exhibits by pho-

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Elizabeth Murray’s image of a lotus flower is featured in a group exhibit of floral photographs opening Friday at the Alvarado Gallery in the Monterey Conference Center.

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Downtown Dining adds partners, Miller heads to Yosemite, Crema introduces brunch

RECOGNIZING THE talent of the people they employ while also planning for the future success of their restaurants, Tony Tollner and the other owners of Downtown Dining have given chef Cy Yontz and manager Dana Neikirk the opportunity to own shares of the business.

Yontz, executive chef at the Rio Grill, is now a part owner of that restaurant, while Neikirk has a smaller stake in all three of Downtown Dining’s operations: the Rio, Montrio and Tarpy’s.

“I’ve come to recognize that I’m surrounded by really neat, talented people, and I’ve also been reflecting on how someone paid it forward to me,” said Tollner, who first joined the company as restaurant manager of Billy Quon’s in 1983, became GM of the Rio Grill — which was opened in the place of Billy Quon’s — in 1984 and was given the chance to buy a share of the operation in 1985 by legendary restaurateur Bill Cox and his then-partners.

While he paid for his share of the company, “I didn’t make a penny for five or six years, but it changed my life,” Tollner recalled.

Cox and Tollner then opened Tarpy’s in 1992, Montrio in 1995 and Willy’s Smokehouse in 2006. (Located on Cannery

Row, Willy’s closed and has since been replaced by the Cannery Row Brewing Co.)

Cox died in 2009, leaving his shares to his kids, and Tollner has been running the show. His decision to bring Yontz and Neikirk into the fold marks the first time he’s added anyone to the ownership team since giving executive chef Tony Baker a chance to become a partner in Montrio in 2000.

Now, Yontz and Neikirk will share in the decision making about the company and its restaurants. While Yontz is a talented, creative and driven chef, Neikirk is more a Jack-of-all-trades who handles wine buying, website administration, remodel design and construction, and other projects for the company.

“I’m a real detail guy, maniacally so, but I’ve had to learn to step back and become a strategic thinker,” Tollner said. “I want these guys to learn how to strategically run a business. Not only am I teaching, but I’m also benefiting.”

Tollner and his new “senior leadership team” will be heading to Austin, Texas, later this month to attend a conference on how to “create a culture of extraordinary.”

“It’s a great way to build the leadership team — to solidify it and get us all on the same page,” he said. “It’s about being extraordinary all the time.”

They are still figuring out their new roles, but their overall goal is to make the company more successful, while Tollner also foresees being able to cut his crazy work schedule some.

“I’ve made a conscious decision that I want to create a group of people and really take our company to the next level,” he said.

■ Miller pinch hitting for Chefs’ Holidays

Mundaka chef Brandon Miller has joined the lineup of local talent heading to the 30th annual Chefs’ Holidays at The

Ahwahnee Hotel in Yosemite National Park. A regular participant in the yearly gathering of chefs at the historic and stunning hotel, Miller had planned to take a bye this year, until he

soup to nuts

By MARY SCHLEY

was asked to step in and replace a chef who had to bow out at the last minute.

As a result, he’ll be presenting a cooking demonstration during Session 3, set for Jan. 18-21, joining moderator Janice Wald Henderson and headliner Peter Armellino, chef of the Plumed Horse in Saratoga. The other demonstration chef will be Staffan Terje from Perbacco in San Francisco.

The Chefs’ Holidays were launched three decades ago to give chefs the opportunity to cook, relax and collaborate after the hubbub of the holidays while drawing visitors to the park in a typically slow time of the year. Each session includes a Meet the Chefs reception, cooking demonstrations and tastings moderated by culinary experts, a behind-the-scenes tour of the 8,000-square-foot kitchen, and a gala dinner prepared by the session’s headliner chefs in the dining room.

Other locals set to cook during the series are Sierra Mar executive chef John Cox, who will headline a session that includes Jesse Cool from the Flea Street Café in Menlo Park, Nell Newman of Newman’s Own Organics and Josey Baker from Josey Baker Bread/The Mill in S.F. Jan. 25-28, and Bernardus Lodge chef Cal Stamenov, who will headline during the Jan. 28-30 session that includes Peggy Smith and Sue Conley of Cowgirl Creamery, and “Top Chef” winner Hosea

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Tony Tollner (second from left) with (from left) Rio Grill executive chef Cy Yontz, Montrio executive chef Tony Baker and Montrio manager Dana Neikirk, who have all become part-owners of Downtown Dining’s restaurants.

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■ Crema launches brunch, ‘WB3’

Crema, at 481 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove, debuted its new weekend brunch Jan. 10, offering the lavish meal Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with dishes like chicken and waffles, a range of different Eggs Benedict combinations, and bacon-cheddar biscuits with spicy gravy and eggs. And, of course, bottomless Mimosas are available for \$15 per person.

And, starting Feb. 5, owner Tamie Aceves will launch WB3 — Wine, Beer, Bubbly & Bites. On Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, the eatery will offer charcuterie and cheese plates, slow-cooked brisket sliders, butternut squash arancini, Stone IPA chili fries, spicy wings and the daily flatbread, as well as other specials, between 4 and 7 p.m.

Crema is located at 481 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove. For more information, visit www.cremapg.com or call (831) 324-0347.

■ Joint mixer at Porter’s

The Carmel and Monterey Peninsula chambers of commerce will host a mixer at Porter’s in the Forest at Poppy Hills Golf Course Thursday, Jan. 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The cost will be \$10 for members and \$20 for nonmembers, and will allow participants to check out the restaurant’s new look and menus, which are directed over by executive chef Johnny DeVivo.

During the mixer, food stations featuring street tacos, chicken wings and bruschetta will be set up throughout the restaurant, with Mad Otter Beer and select wines available for sipping. DeVivo will hold a cooking demonstration featuring local salmon, with the winner of a drawing taking home the Catch of the Day.

Sign up at www.carmelcalifornia.org, and to bypass the Pebble Beach gate fee, tell the guard you’re attending the mixer. Poppy Hills Golf Course is located at 3200 Lopez Road.

Porter’s will also present a four-course wine dinner Thursday, Jan. 29, at 6 p.m., star-

ring the wines of Chalone, for \$70 per person, plus tax and tip. Planned in the lineup are 2012 Estate Chardonnay, 2012 Estate Grenache Rosé, 2010 Estate Pinot Noir and 2005 Estate Chenin Blanc, each paired with a special dish designed to match. To make reservations for the dinner, call (831) 622-8240.

■ PBF&W lineup announced

Despite all the legal troubles at parent company Coastal Luxury Management, this year’s Pebble Beach Food & Wine is going ahead as scheduled, and the lineup of guests and events has been announced for the April 9-12 festival taking place throughout Del Monte Forest. The lineup is impressive, as usual, with new stars joining seasoned favorites, and dinners and parties planned alongside numerous wine seminars, pairing discussions, cooking demonstrations and Grand Tastings.

Meatopia, for instance, will be “an informal evening on the beach where nationally renowned chefs play with fire as they grill, roast, broil, steam and barbecue all things MEAT,” and Beauties and their Beasts, set for Saturday night, will star four female chefs in a “tribute to whole animal cuisine,” with Jenn Louis of Lincoln PDX/Sunshine Tavern, Anita Lo of Annisa, Elizabeth Falkner, and Stephanie Izard of the girl and the goat.

“The chef lineup looks good,” said Dorothy Maras, who oversees much of the logistics of the festival. “There are a lot of fresh faces, which is a good idea, and a lot of the people who people want to see.”

For more details and to start planning, visit www.pbfw.com.

■ Hofsas House tasting for POMDR

The monthly wine tastings benefiting local charities will continue at Hofsas House, located on San Carlos Street north of Fourth Avenue in Carmel, this year, with the next “Locals’ Favorites” event set for Friday, Jan. 23, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

During that evening, guests will enjoy small bites and sip restaurateur Firok Shield’s Block 57 wines, with their \$15-per-person fee benefiting the nonprofit Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, which helps older dogs find loving homes, and rescues dogs from people who are too infirm to care for them.

Additional glasses of wine can be purchased for \$5 apiece.

Reservations are required. Call Carrie Theis at (831) 624-2745 or email her at carrie@hofsashouse.com.

■ Wine & Dine Wednesdays

Lokal restaurant in Carmel Valley Village will team up again with nearby Chesebro Wines for Wine & Dine Wednesday on Jan. 28 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Chef Brendan Jones and winemaker Mark Chesebro will collaborate on “a delicious family style wine-paired meal, complete with cooking demo.” Featured wines will be 2013 Vermentino, 2012 Mission Pinot Noir, 2011 Las Arenas and 2011 Piedras Blancas.

Only 25 seats are available, at a cost of \$60 per person. RSVP to (831) 659-2125.



Calendar

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Jan. 17 – Introduction to Buddhism for Modern Living – On Saturday Jan. 17 at 11 a.m. SGI-USA of Monterey is sponsoring an introductory meeting on Buddhism. Open to everyone. “The purpose of Buddhism, ultimately, is to transform one’s inner state of life” and become happy. For the exact location and directions call (831) 531-4454. www.SGI-USA.org.

Jan. 17 – Joan Baez Bob Dylan Tribute, featuring Nicole Dillenberg and Bald Dylan, Saturday, January 17, 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets: \$12 advance, \$15 at the door. Haute Enchilada Social Club, 7902 Moss Landing Road, Moss Landing. (831) 633-5843, www.hauteenchilada.com.

Jan. 19 - Carmel Women’s Club presents, Earthbound Farm Executive Chef How to eat healthy when cooking for one or two. Upcoming speakers, Feb. 2: "Artist's Honeymoon," Feb. 16: "Patriotic Betrayal." \$10 for guest, \$70 for a year. (831) 624-2866. 9th Ave & San Carlos.

Jan. 20 - 6:30 p.m. Carmel Chamber & FourWinds Travel want you to join them for a Travel Extravaganza. Learn from representatives about some amazing trips to take in 2015 with special early bird savings. RSVP to the chamber (831) 624-2522, x 205 or FourWinds Travel (831) 622-0800, event held at the Church of the Wayfarer.

Jan. 20, 27 & Feb. 3 - Mindful Parenting series, January 20, January 27, and February 3. All sessions start at 5:30 p.m. Explore a style of parenting that focuses on raising children with compassion and wisdom. Participants will discover helpful and practical techniques of mindfulness and positive parenting to add to their repertoire of responses. Childcare available upon request. Please register at: <http://www.allsaintscarmel.org/?p=6902>.

■ Tequila Dinner at Rio

The popular tequila dinner returns to the Rio Grill in the Crossroads for the fourth year Thursday, Jan. 29, this time featuring Patron Roca, which was just released in August 2014. Dinner will begin with a meet-and-greet at 6 p.m., followed by a four-course feast paired with cocktails and sips of Patron Roca, the company’s newest artisan Tequila.

Dinner will take place in the Santa Fe Room at the Rio Grill at a cost of \$85 per person, inclusive. To reserve, call (831) 625-5436 or visit www.riogrill.com.

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tographer Gene Anderson, basket maker Larise Baker, collage artist Ethan Estess and Painter Marte Thompson.

Anderson’s images chronicle his travels to beautiful natural places — locally as well as the Sierra and Hawaii. “Photography compels me to slow down and stop, and look closer and longer at my surroundings, to immerse myself in the subtleties of these places,” Anderson said.

Born in South Korea, and adopted by an African-American family at an early age and brought to America, Baker brings together the traditions of both cultures in her work. “My style of basket making combines my early Korean childhood weaving experiences along with the methods of the master Gullah weavers, honoring the functional art of my

African ancestors,” Baker explained. Estess uses collage to raise environmental awareness, particularly regarding marine mammals. “My intention with these works is to highlight the biodiversity of the marine mammal lineage, while drawing attention to current issues facing these animals,” Estess said.

In Thompson’s exhibit, “Bridges to Somewhere,” he pays tribute to the enduring power of creativity.

“For me, art has been my perpetual bridge through time,” Thompson added. “Paintings are my way to get from one place to another in life. I believe in their power to do that, and in that respect, art is my religion, and paintings are my prayers.”

Also new at the art center are displays by students of Pacific Grove Community High School and a painting group from the north side of Monterey Bay, Santa Cruz Oil Painters. The shows continue through Feb. 26.

The art center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave. Call (831) 375-2208.

■ The art of psychiatry

An exhibit of abstract paintings by Nancy Leigh Hillis, “The Map and the Territory,” is on display at Sunset Center’s Marjorie Evans Gallery.

A psychiatrist as well as an accomplished

painter, Hillis sees much in common between the two vocations.

“Psychiatry is considered the most vague field in medicine, as well as the most fluid and creative,” she explained. “So much of my work in psychotherapy is exploring the mysterious, unknown parts of the self.”

The show continues through the end of the month. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth.

MUSIC

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■ Live Music Jan. 16-22

Terry’s Lounge at Cypress Inn — pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Friday at 7 p.m.); **Andrea’s Fault** (jazz and blues, Saturday at 7 p.m.); singer **Andrea Carter** (“folksy jazz and jazzy folk,” Sunday at 11 a.m.); guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 5 p.m.); and singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz and pop, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh, (831) 624-3871.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (pop & jazz, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.); and pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 7 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St., (831) 625-9040.

Jack London’s Bar and Grill — singer-songwriter **Casey Frazier** (“eclectic Americana with roots in country and ’70s rock,” Friday at 7:30 p.m.); singer-songwriter **Amber Lynn Nicol** (blues-rock, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.); and Open Mic Night (Thursday at 7 p.m.). Dolores between Fifth and Sixth,

(831) 624-2336.

Barmel — **Andrea’s Fault** (jazz and blues, Sunday at 7 p.m.). San Carlos and Seventh (next to Mundaka), call (831) 626-3400.

The Fuse Lounge at Carmel Mission Inn — **The Rio Road Rockets** featuring singer and guitarist **Terry Shehorn**, bassist **Bob Langford** and drummer **Gary Machado** (classic rock, Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m.). 3665 Rio Road, (831) 624-6630.

Julia’s restaurant in Pacific Grove — **The Generation Gap** featuring guitarist **Rick Chelew** and accordionist **Elise Leavy** (Thursday at 5:30 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave., (831) 656-9533.

The Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach — **The Dottie Dodgion Trio** (jazz, Thursday at 7 p.m.); **The Jazz Trio** with pianist **Bob Phillips** (Friday at 7 p.m.); **The Jazz Trio** with pianist **Jan Deneau** (Saturday at 7 p.m.); and singer-songwriter **Bryan Diamond** (Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m.). Also, a bagpiper plays every evening at 5:45 p.m. 2700 17 Mile Drive, (831) 647-7500.

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In the heat of the moment: Dealing with your kids' behavior — and yours

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

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"We all have our vulnerabilities," says Carolyn Kelleher, a local marriage and family therapist, who also serves as the counselor at Chartwell School in Seaside.

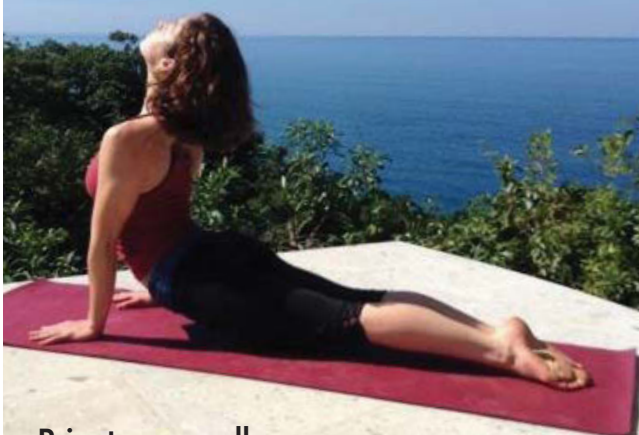
"No one likes to be disrespected, because it doesn't feel good. But how we manage that within ourselves has a tremendous impact on our children and our relationship with

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Therapist Carolyn Kelleher advises parents to "take the high road" when going through a stressful situation with a child.

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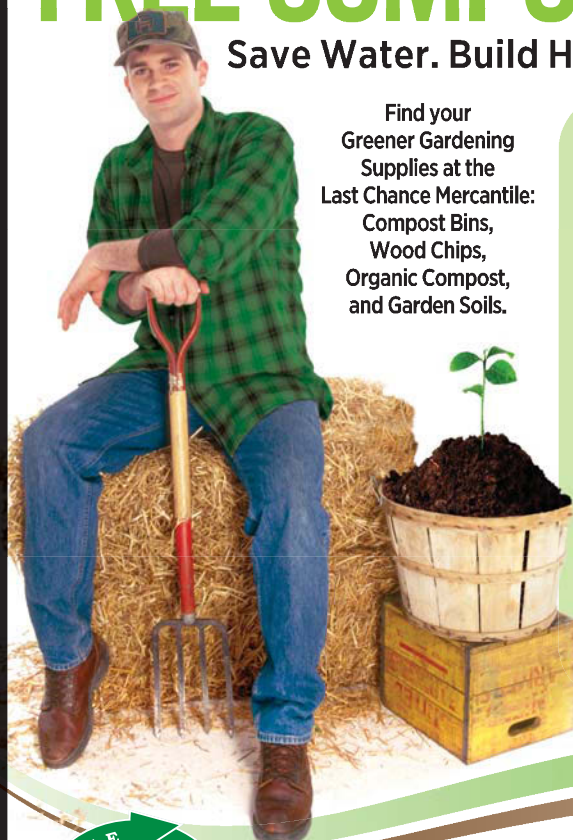
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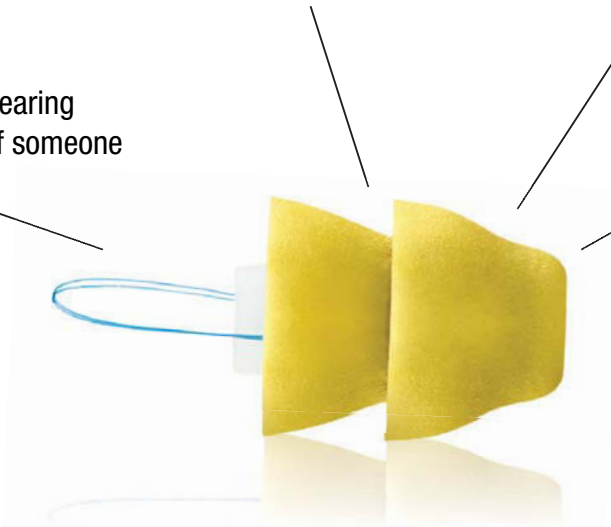


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